# Scrubbed and dressed

## Throw away dolls on the garage sale table are readied for another home

T LEAST one quarter of Wynn Potter's spacious basement in filled with dolls and stuffed animals is varying states of disrepair, quantifier of various fabrics and trins waiting to be made into doil colthing are large economy-sized boxes of Whisk and

cooncray-area onces of wansk and Woolite.

It's two textshop for the year-round hobby of the Livonia woman who gave Farmington Goodfellows and the season of the Cooperation of the Coop

mhis — wen to reliable fellows.
"I might live in Livonia now, but my heart is in Farmington. I lived in downtown Farmington for about 20 years and many, many of my friends—there."

are there."

All of the dolls and stuffed animals Potter collects throughout the year to wash up, fluff v and dress up; are not far from throw-aways when she picks them up on the ga-

They all get hats, some kind of booties or shoe's to cover their feet, a bow in the hair, something to make them look dressed up.'

-- Wynn Potter

rage sale, rummage sale or flea market tables. Potter said she's gotten to be very adept at being able to pick up a doli and know just what it's going to need to look good. "And it doesn't get given away un-til it looks very good," she said.

POTTER HAS always enjoyed dressing dolls. She never had any children of her own to dress them for, so she would often have a doll and an entire wardrobe ready as a surprise when a youngster would visit her.

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Off on on she would buy 10 or 12
undressed dolls to outilt and give to
work or gendraled me, "who we
would be to the to the control of the control
"And then I discovered garage
sales and I just kept buying and buying and it was prefty clear that I was
going to have to find an outlet for
them. I guess I asked the right people who could use them."

The right people in this case were friends she knew who belong to a senior adult group which meets to sew every Tuesday moraling in First United Methodist Church of Farm-

sew every Tuesday morning in First United Methodist Church of Farmington.

"They make laprobes, quilt, make baby clothes, knit slippers, scarfs, mittens, that are distributed to several different sources, as well as the Farmington Goodiellows and Farmington Goodiellows were happy to get my dolls; "she said.

"Potter never Joined the sewing group because it wasn't creative enough for her, she said.
"I often get asked for a pattern, but I've never owned a pattern, or made a pattern, or copied one of the outflist I've made for another doil. So to two are ever even a little bit slike," she said.

"When my doll is all scrubbed up and looks like new I go into my bag of materials and trims and start cutling to fit."

THE SEWING machine is always open and the ironing board is always up in Potter's workshop. Her free-band cutting is generally done on her lap while she's watching television.

gave some thought to taking classes in doll repair but never got around to it.

"The trims, the finishing touches, takes the most time to make an old doll look brand new," she said, "They all get hats, some kind of bootles or Club.



Poco Y Mas storytellers like Vasquez and Elizabeth Kerli kowake encourage their audiences to become involved in their

# Community Center hosts story tellers

Poco Y Mas ("a little and more") stbrytellers will estertain the eatire family at Farmington Community center withcree Tales Family content withcree Tales Family extended by the Family content of the Community esterations, contact the community esterations, and the community center is a non-profit independent organization at the two women team who make up Poco Y Mas. Specializing in Michigan legends, they will tell huselgan myths, local legends and tales, and traditional stories and poems at Winterty Tales.

tel's Tales.
"Our performances are unique be-"Our performances are unique be-cause we encourage the audience to become actively involved in the show," said Kerlikorske. "By doing this, we make storytelling an acces-sible art form for the audience. We show them that they can easily put or their own shows."

Poco Y Mas are currently on the Michigan Council for the Arts New Initiative for the Arts Performing Artist roster. Their presentation at Winter's Tales is brought in part by MCA.



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## **Robbie Burns Night** marks 35th year for Presbyterians

Members of First Presbyterian Church of Farmington celebrate the 35th anniversary of the church with "Robbie Burns Night."

The event begins at 7 p.m. Sunday in the sanctuary of the church on Farmington Road and 11 Mile. It is open without charge to anyone who has even a tinge of Scottish blood and all those who wish they did.

"Comin' Through the Rye" and "Auld Lang Syne" are the most well-known peems by the Scottish poet that have been set to music. The well known as well as the lesser known will be sung by Jonathan Swift, a Scottish tenor, for the anniversary celebration.

Burns was born in a two-room hovel in Ayr, Scotland, in 1759. He was an avid reader of the best of English literature, self-taught, known throughout his life as "Rob-ble" and thought of as "a warm-hearted good of" boy."

The Poet Laureate of Scotland was acknowledged as a great poet in his own time. Before his death at 37, more than 100 of his poems had been set to music.

Switt was born in Glasgow and studied at the Paris Conservatory of Music. He has performed throughout Europe, Australia and the United States. He is now a member of Pic-colo Opera Company.

## The first 10 Amendments

The Bill of Rights are the first 10 Daughters of the American Revolu-Amendments to the United States constitution and describe the funda-mental rights and liberties of each citten. The Quakertown Chapter



### 90-year-old surprised

More than 100 family members and friends surprised Myrtle Schweizer with a party to celebrate the 90th birthday in Salem United Church of Christ, planned by her grandchlidern and great grandchlidern. One of those friends was Herman Rossow, 92, the only remaining class mate of her school days. Schweizer was horn Dec. 21 1888. class mate of her school days. Class mate of her school days. Schweizer was born Dec. 31, 1898, and has lived in Farmington for 69 years. She is the widow of the late John Schweizer, and mother to three sons, all deceased. She has 11 grand-children, 16 great-grandchildren and two great-grand-children.





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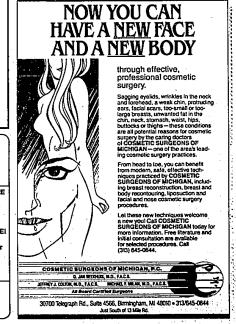
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