

We Helped Cupid Aim His Darts

There's a touch of Cupid in everyone, including newspaper editors.

So the women's editor of this particular newspaper can't help feeling a bit of extra satisfaction over the romantic story that unfolded in Observerland just in time for Valentine's Day.

It was back on Feb. 8, 1970, that our editor (who also happens to be church editor) published a story about a week of revival meetings in Farmington, complete with pictures of two handsome gentlemen.

They were Evangelist Billy Walker, leader of the meetings, and his musical assistant, David Edwards, who would be soloist.

AMONG THE READERS of that story was a pretty girl named Irma Toney, who lived near Faith Baptist

Church, scene of the revivals.

Looking at Dave Edwards' picture, she decided he was bound to be an interesting young man and determined to go to the meeting after her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alden K. Toney, recommended Billy Walker as a speaker.

"I met Dave that night," Irma related later, "and he came over to talk to me for a while after the meeting."

And her mother reported that "she announced to the family on the way home that that boy would be our future son-in-law."

Irma went to the meetings for the rest of the week. "But it took him three or four weeks to call me for a date," she added.

THEY BECAME better acquainted last summer

when Irma took a leave from her employment with two osteopathic doctors to serve as counselor at the Hiawatha Youth Camp, run by Billy Walker in Upper Michigan.

Dave was music director at the camp, and before the summer was over he had asked Irma to be his wife.

So last week Mrs. Toney visited the office of the Farmington Enterprise and Observer to announce that "Mr. and Mrs. Alden K. Toney of Appleton Drive, Farmington, announce the engagement of their daughter, Irma, to David Edwards of Southgate, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Edwards of Jackson."

Irma supplied the rest of the details, that she's a graduate of Southfield High School and the State College of Beauty Culture and that Dave graduated from the Moody Bible Institute after



IRMA TONEY AND DAVE EDWARDS glance through a recent copy of the newspaper that helped bring them together. (Evert photo)

Detroit Bible College and Eastern Michigan University and is music coordinator of the Billy Walker Evangelistic

Association.

And, most important, that they'll be married May 22 in the Gilead Baptist Church in

Allen Park with Billy Walker assisting her pastor, the Rev. Thomas Downs, in performing the ceremony.

Sometimes Cupid aims his arrows right out of a newspaper page.

--Margaret Miller

Spotlight on Women

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One of the advantages of living in the area where you grew up is that you can occasionally renew old friendships.

So I decided that after several years it was time to get together a group of feminine friends, mostly from high school days.

"What are you all going to DO?" asked my 12-year-old as I telephoned invitations.

"Just talk, I guess," I told her.

"You mean, uh, GAB?" she wanted to know.

"It's the generation gab," explained her older sister.

As I anticipated, we had little trouble finding conversational topics. We admired the pictures displayed by the only grandmother among us and discussed college selections.

We heard with delight the report on a twice-widowed father who had just taken his third wife, and sympathized with those whose parents hadn't found such neat solutions to widowhood.

We went into the troubles of inner-city schools and the educational system and society in general.

"Let me know if you get anything solved," said the first guest to leave.

Later, when everyone had gone, I decided it had been a good gathering and thought "the girls" had had a good time.

Miss 15 still shook her head in amused wonderment.

"Well personally," said she, "I don't see much point to it without 'the boys.'"

Y Has New Self-Start Series

A workshop designed for the woman who is thinking about putting her energies to work in a new area will begin Monday, Feb. 15, in the Northwest Branch YWCA, 2540 Grand River, Redford Township.

Entitled "Project Self-Start," its purpose is to provide information on the wide

variety of opportunities open to the mature woman who feels she has time to invest outside the home. Possibilities for further education and training, community service and employment will be covered.

The program, which runs for three consecutive Mondays, is offered free of charge to all interested

women. The sessions run from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; participants may either bring a sack lunch or order a sandwich from the YWCA Kitchen.

HELEN E. KEAN, dean of student affairs at the University of Detroit, will open the program with an address entitled "Today's Woman Pre-

pares for Tomorrow." Miss Kean was speaker at the YWCA's original Project Self-Start in 1967.

Community Service Opportunities, and suggestions on how to prepare for employment tests, will also be covered on the first day.

THE SECOND DAY of the workshop, Feb. 22, will include information on "Employment Opportunities," "Good Grooming for the Office," and "Education and Training Opportunities." On March 1, the final day the women will meet in small groups to discuss "Vocational Interest Categories" with

representatives from various fields, and also receive application and interview tips.

Mrs. June Shada, another popular community speaker, will close the program with her talk on "The Wonderful World of Women."

Advance registration is required for participation in Project Self-Start.

To register, send your name, address and phone number to: "Self-Start," Northwest Branch YWCA, 2540 Grand River, Detroit, 48240. Call the YWCA at KE 7-8500 for further information.

The YWCA is a Torch Drive Agency.

Livonian Named Secretaries' Head

Hilda Connors, 9224 Woodring, Livonia, has been elected president of the Detroit chapter of Executives' Secretaries, Inc. (ESI).

She has been an executive secretary at the Jam Handy Organization for 28 years and was appointed to represent Jam Handy in ESI when the Detroit chapter was formed in March of 1968.

The installation of officers and directors for 1971 took place at The Recess Jan. 20. Currently Miss Connors is secretary to Russell B. Robins, executive vice president of Jam Handy. Robins, who was guest speaker at the ESI installation dinner said he was grateful for the honor bestowed on Miss Connors.

... without whose understand-

ing and help my daily business life might just possibly be a succession of daily disasters.

Founded in 1938, ESI now has more than 50 chapters in major cities throughout the U.S. and Canada.



HILDA CONNORS



WE'RE OFF -- Four recognizable principals from the Plymouth AAUW Children's theater production of "The Wizard of Oz" are, from left, Mrs. David Van Hine as the Cowardly Lion, Mrs. David Cunningham as the Tin Woodsman, Mrs. Juergen Badendieck as the Scarecrow, and Mrs. Fred Andres as Dorothy. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

AAUW Players Head For Yellow Brick Road

For the 11th consecutive year, the amateur thespians of the Plymouth branch of the American Association of University Women will bring live theatre to Observerland youngsters through their annual children's play.

This year's production will be the childhood classic, "The Wizard of Oz," and will be presented on Friday, Feb. 19, and Saturday, Feb. 20, in the Plymouth Central School auditorium. Friday evening's performance will be at 7 p.m. and Saturday curtain times will be 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2:30 p.m.

A special benefit performance will be presented for children of Our Lady of Providence, Wayne County Child Development Center, and the Plymouth State Home on Thursday, Feb. 18.

TICKETS for the three-act play, aimed at a four to 10-year-old audience, will be available through the Plymouth public and parochial school systems on Feb. 9, 10, and 11, and at Melody House, 770 Penman, after Feb. 10. Tickets are 50 cents for both children and adults.

Livonia residents may contact Livonia ticket chairmen, Mrs. Clarence Clemons, 421-6766 or Mrs. Michael Malmer, 464-0675, for further information. Plymouth ticket chairmen are Mrs. John Haas and Mrs. Richard Fritz. Ticket chairman for the Northville area is Mrs. Douglas Smith, 349-4687.

"THE WIZARD OF OZ" is being directed by Mrs. Robert Dwyer and Mrs. John Anderson is the producer.

Business manager for the production is Mrs. B.W. Seord, assisted by Mrs. Richard Rusche.

Scenery will be designed by Sue Moco, assisted by Mrs. Phillip Settles. Costuming is under the direction of Mrs. William A. Riley, assisted by Mrs. J.R. Steele. Other committee chairmen are: Mrs. Richard Albee, music; Mrs. Jerry Voyey, props; Sheila Yorgen, sound effects; Mrs. Joseph Uhl, make-up; Mrs. James Knowles, typist; Mrs. P. Vincent and Mrs. Richard Kirchgatter, ushers; Mrs. Alan Wakenhut, publicity; Mrs. Louis Barretta, Irene Truesdale, and Mrs. Frank Waldeck, posters; Mrs. Elmer Totten, Mrs. Kenneth Thomas, and Mrs. David Danes, luncheon.

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