

Women On The Go

By MARGARET MILLER

'Remember When?' Is Theme

Mrs. Rena Lamb and Mrs. Marion Nelson have neighbors in old Farmington for a long time.

If you put together the time each has lived where Oakland and Warner streets come together, you'd have nearly a hundred years.

Mrs. Lamb, a native of the area, and her husband, Arthur, became Oakland street residents in 1911. Mrs. Allen Nelson is a comparative newcomer—she's been in the home on Warner just over 40 years.

Between them they've watched a lot of Farmington history, and they talked about some of it recently in a chat in the Lamb house.

THE BRICK HOME that was the scene of the reminiscing isn't the one where Arthur and Rena Lamb took up residence some 57 years ago.

That was an older frame home that now stands next door. "We lived in the old house on the corner lot until 1911," recalled Mrs. Lamb.

Then her husband, a local builder as well as former mayor of Farmington, decided to build a new brick home and moved the frame onto the lot next door for Mrs. Lamb's mother.

"The day they raised the old house and moved it I was canning in the kitchen," she remembered. "I just went ahead and finished."

MRS. LAMB, whose husband served 16 years on the Oakland County Board of Supervisors and was Farmington's mayor from 1929 to 1933, likes to tell of his activities in organizing the first school band in the town.

"He always said if he ever got on the school board he'd get a hand started," she said. "When that happened, one of the Lamb's two daughters, Viola,



REMEMBERING — Mrs. Arthur Lamb (left) and Mrs. Allen Nelson look over some Lamb family photos.

was in school. Her father remembered there had been a Grange Band that met over Fred Warner's store a number of years before.

Arthur Lamb took up the tale. "I went around and gathered up the instruments the men had used. All but the drummer were willing to give them to the school. When I finished we had five pieces, and that was the first school band here."

MRS. NELSON, widow of leading Farmington citizen W. Allen Nelson, has been a close student of the history of her adopted town over the years

said. "They used to go to visit Mrs. Phoebe Ross and chop wood and spade for her while she told them about her childhood days when the Indians went down Sulwassee."

Her youngsters also learned a lot from a map picked up from someone's trash pile years ago, Mrs. Nelson related. "At first they were going to use it for a tent," she added, "but when we looked at it carefully we decided it dated back to about the 1830's or 40's. It showed the harness maker and the daguerrotype shops, so it must have been old."

MRS. LAMB and Mrs. Nelson talked about early days in Farmington High School.

"Arthur's brother was the first high school teacher, and there were four boys in the graduating class his first year," Mrs. Lamb said.

Mrs. Nelson remembered there were 47 in the class when the last of their children graduated.

Mrs. Lamb thought back to how she used to ride into Detroit with her father over the old plank road that was Grand River when she was a little girl. "Blumpey-blumpey," she described it.

BOTH RECALLED the "gooey mess" that Warner and Oakland used to be when it rained. The children used to lose more boots.

Mrs. Nelson said when she first came to Farmington, coal was delivered by horse-drawn wagon, and Mrs. Lamb remembered the milkman who ladled milk from a huge can into each family's container.

Mrs. Nelson thought of the family's old Model T Ford that is buried in the valley that runs behind Warner.

"The owners of that spot needed some fill," she explained. "But it was buried with love. It took us lots of places."

The two ladies agreed that while they never have done much "neighboring" they've always known each other as dependable friends. A town-turned-city that likes to remember things of them that way, too.

Minister Will Address Livonia PWP Group

Members of the Livonia Parents Without Partners will hear a talk tonight by a minister who has been there.

The Rev. Carl Bell, scheduled to speak at 8:30 p.m. in the Nativity Church of Christ, West Chicago at Henry Ruff, is a former member of PWP. So is his wife.

The minister, now director of the social service and family life departments of the Metropolitan Detroit Council of Churches, will speak on "Feelings and Emotions Between the Sexes."

with dancing and sing-along, on Saturday, Oct. 12, and dance lessons beginning Sunday, Oct. 13. There also will be pinocle and bridge games on alternate Tuesday evenings.

A CHILDREN'S Halloween costume party is set for Sunday, Oct. 20.

Any parent single because of death, divorce, separation or unmarried status is eligible for membership in the PWP. Those in this area who are interested may write to Livonia Chapter 130, Box 2295, Livonia, 48150.

THE ORGANIZATION'S second meeting this month will be on drug addiction, and teens and parents both will be invited. The session, set Oct. 23 in the Nativity Church, will feature a program put on by the Detroit Teen Challenge organization and a film titled "Youth and a Fix."

Plan Series For Divorced

Norman N. Robbins, president of the Michigan Inter-Professional Association on Marriage, Divorce, and the Family, Inc., announces a new lecture series for the divorced persons or persons in the process of obtaining a divorce. The Adjustment to Divorce lecture series will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 22124 Garrison Ave., at Mt. Pleasant, Dearborn, at 7:30 p.m. on four successive Mondays, beginning Oct. 14 and ending Nov. 4. A fee of \$10 per person will be charged, and scholarships are available upon request or need.

The instructor for the series will be Dr. A. Thomas Capps of the Merrill Palmer Institute. Dr. Capps is a clinical member of the Merrill Palmer Therapeutic Pre-School project. He is primarily engaged as a psychotherapist and he has interned at the Merrill Palmer Institute.

The adjustment to divorce course was established to present essential information to persons about to be divorced or who have been divorced regarding child rearing, remarriage, child support, the working parent, step-parents, visitations and other matters. For pre-registration write to Adjustment to Divorce, 1701 Ford Building, Detroit, 48226, or telephone 963-8840.

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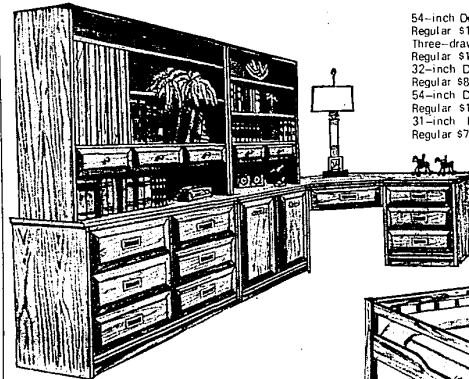
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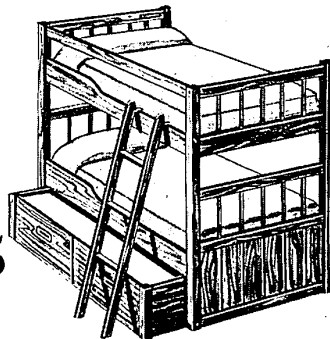
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