

Plymouth AAUW Women Scrutinize Lotions, Diapers

Members of the Plymouth branch of the American Association of University Women are searching the Observerland area this month for good used books for their 17th annual book sale, to be held April 29 through May 1 at Westland Center.

Mrs. John Lodge, chairman, said good books, paperbacks, magazines, sheet music and records in usable condition are still needed.

Large collection boxes have been placed in the Duning-Hough Library in Plymouth, and in the Schoecraft College Library. Anyone interested in having books picked up at their home, may contact Mrs. Lodge, 15026 Ashburndale, Livonia, or Mrs. John Culotta, 1711 Nantucket, Plymouth.

AAUW members have

been collecting, sorting and marking books since early last fall and now have nearly 10,000 books ready for their three-day sale.

Proceeds from the sale will be donated by the Plymouth branch to the National AAUW Fellowship Fund, which awards stipends, scholarships, and fellowship grants to outstanding American and foreign women for doctoral study and post-doctoral research.

IN ADDITION to their national contribution, the group sponsors two full-tuition scholarships for area women at Schoolcraft Community College and one scholarship at the University of Michigan's Center for Continuing Education for a mature woman in undergraduate studies.

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Special Writer

Husbands! Watch It!
While you are at work, your wife is holding hands with strange men!

Well, maybe not all the wives of all you husbands, but some 150 Observerland fellows had better keep their eyes open.

Their wives are participating in a survey being conducted locally by one of the major cleaning product firms, and as part of that, holding hands with a Detroit dermatologist and a representative of the firm.

TO BE PERFECTLY honest, we must admit the hand-holding does take place under a microscope, while the gentlemen are examining the condition of the participant's hands.

That in itself is enough to take any romance out of the situation. Is there a housewife alive who would not feel self-conscious about having the pores of her hands scrutinized?

Most of us have manicures that look like they were created by the garbage disposal, and just know the good doctor is going to find remnants of baby's breakfast as he peers between our fingers.

If this isn't going to be a romantic situation, I am going to examine these men's hands just as much as they

examine mine. The doctor's hands were much softer than the company representative's. If he is going around holding hands, perhaps he should use his company's products more frequently.

FOR THE MEMBERS of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First United Methodist Church in Garden City, scene of the survey, the project is a novel way of raising funds, as the firm pays for each participant completing the survey.

For the rest of us, it is an interesting experience, and for inveterate free-loaders such as this reporter, a chance to garner some free goodies.

Not just any old housewife is eligible for this survey, however. You must "qualify." The test is easy to pass. The gals must regularly wash, without rubber gloves, at least one sinkful of dishes a day. Despite the popularity of automatic dishwashers, some 30 per cent of American women would probably pass this test with flying colors.

THE SURVEY is conducted in three one-hour sessions at two-week intervals. During the first session the seven company representatives present pass out questionnaires to be completed containing such questions as

age, number of family members and educational level. The gals were also quizzed on which dishwashing product they are currently using and why, do they use hand lotions, and do they use rubber gloves when washing floors and woodwork.

That last question must have caused some chucks. Ours can't be the only home where handprints on the walls are an integral part of the decor, and the thought of removing them causes shudders.

DISHWASHING soap and dandruff shampoo were dandered at the first session. The shampoo was packaged and labeled exactly as it is in the

grocery stores, but the dishwashing products were in containers bearing no markings except a small label listing the name of the firm and a code letter.

The company provided plain, brown paper bags to carry the items in. I felt I was smuggling some sort of contraband into my home, with all the mystery surrounding the dishwashing products.

SINCE SEVERAL different dishwashing soaps were given, comments made at the second session were interesting to note. "Mine made me sneeze." "My hands feel like sandpaper. I

hope they give me something better this time." "This is the greatest stuff I have ever had, I wonder what it is in."

That last statement may contain a comment on the extent to which women have been influenced by advertising.

Most of us received plain white powders or liquids which smelled exactly like soap. This woman's liquid was a pale pink, and smelled good enough to dab behind the ears.

After telling all -- was this product better or worse than what you were using previously, what effect did it have on your hands, what is your opinion of this product

in general -- we got to hold hands again with our men friends.

A different dishwashing product was issued for a second two week trial period, and a tube of toothpaste. Is this to lighten our smiles so we can dazzle those fellas?

THOSE OF US who have tots in diapers were invited to participate in a simultaneous survey on disposable diapers. Sounds great, right? No diapers to wash for the next two weeks.

The only catch is that we are required to answer 10 questions at each diaper change.

I can see us all now, pen in one hand, bare bottom in the other, trying to decide between a three and a four on the skin wetness grade, and judging whether the clothing is acceptably or unacceptably wet.

Around here, if the little one isn't dripping, he is acceptable.

At the final session, we again analyze the state of our dishes, and relinquish possession of our diaper diaries. Too bad. Maybe it would have been a best-seller.

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Among those helping them celebrate their 50th anniversary were their two sons and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson of Farmington and Dr. and Mrs. Fred L. Thompson of St. Clair Shores. The couple have eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Redford Union Plans Reunion

The 1946 graduating class of Redford Union High School will hold a 25th anniversary reunion Saturday, May 1, at 7 p.m. in the Botsford Inn, Farmington. Dinner will be followed by dancing with music by the Rhythmairs. Tickets at \$12 per person are available from Mrs. Patrick Barry, 25043 Curtis, Redford Township.

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