



MRS. LOU MURRAY of Redford Township is program chairman for a Come As You Are fashion show that will kick off the 1971 membership drive for the Northwest YWCA. The Show, which will display a wide variety of "in" clothes from Harvi's of Farmington, is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. Monday, May 3, following a salad smorgasbord in the YW building, 25940 Grand River. Tickets may be reserved by calling the Northwest YWCA.



By MARGARET MILLER

Women on the Go Theater Group Gives Life New Meaning

Mrs. John Tournaud of Farmington thinks she has a sure cure for those age-40 doldrums that seem to plague many women she knows. "Get involved - really involved - in an activity that interests you and you won't have time for sitting around and being depressed," says the lady who knows from experience that her prescription works.

For Marion Tournaud, that activity is participation in the Livonia-Redford Theatre Guild, and at the close of her busiest year with the group she can say enthusiastically: "I love this guild so much I'd like all the women around here to know what a great boost an activity like this can be."

MRS. TOURNAUD has been president of the guild for the past year, and this week she's also helping put finishing touches on the weekend performance of "Waltz of the Toreadors." She's serving as assistant director for the Jean Anouilh comedy "The Americans." "As president I have the job of overseeing everything in all the plays for the year," she said, "and probably I shouldn't be taking such an active part in this production. "But, you know, I just can't bear not to be down there every night to see what's going on."

Marion Tournaud is well aware that every woman's outlet isn't going to be a theater group, although she thinks it's an ideal one because there's such a variety of activity besides acting and

because "you meet so many creative people." But she does feel strongly that every woman whose children are older should follow her own interests to make her life exciting.

"I USED TO THINK it was a lot of baloney when people told me you slow down about the age of 40," she said. "But it's true, and I've seen it in so many women it's frightening. "And I know it was beginning to happen to me - but the Theater Guild made the difference."

Marion Tournaud didn't go the route of a full time job, because she felt she should be "first a mother" to Louise, now 21, John Neal, 18, and Robert, 15. Husband John, now in a business partnership, agreed she shouldn't be employed, but he was all for having her follow up an interest like the Guild. "I've always wanted my husband to feel free to pursue his own interests like hunting and fishing," Marion said, "and I know he's a happy man. He wants the same sort of fulfillment for me."

IN CHOOSING the theater, this suburbanite returned to a love of long-standing. "I used to be in drama groups," she said. "In fact, I was first on stage when I was nine years old."

"But the high school I attended in Hartford, Conn., had a fantastic art department, so that was the direction I took." Then, years later, a neighbor in Farmington who acted regularly with the Livonia-



MARION TOURNAUD

Redford Guild suggested that Marion come down to paint scenery.

Right there on the scene, she found the stage had its old lure, and she decided to prove herself as an actress as well.

One chance on stage came this spring as Mother Goose in the Guild's children's theater production, and Marion's favorite moment was when a tiny girl in the audience confided after one performance: "I've got your book."

RIGHT NOW she figures she's getting invaluable experience working with Jim Wotring who is directing "Toreadors," to be performed in Bentley High School at 8:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 29 and 30, and Saturday, May 1.

Next season, hopefully, more chance to get on stage. But regardless of her role, Marion Tournaud will remain a loyal and active member of the Guild. It's been her ally in proving that "if you want anything out of life you can go out and work to get it."

Redford Reunion

In an effort to bridge the gap, 25 years in this case, the January, 1946 class of Redford High School in Detroit will use any surplus funds earned at their 25th reunion to sponsor a series of assemblies for current Redford students.

They will feature alumni and students who will "rap" about opportunities in various businesses, professions and social services. The reunion dinner-dance

will be held Saturday evening, May 1, at Glen Oaks Golf and Country Club, 30500 W. 13 Mile Rd., Farmington.

Tickets and reservations may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Neil McCue, 1000 Satterlee Rd., Bloomfield Hills, or Bob Bogan at The Community House, 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham.

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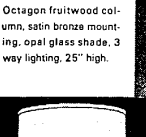
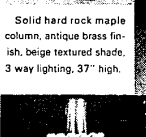
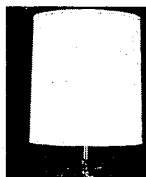
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YWCA Tours Go To Jamaica, Europe

Jamaica, Stratford, Eastern Europe and the Smoky Mountains are destinations for YWCA trips scheduled for the remainder of 1971.

Dates and destinations were announced by the trip committee of the Metropolitan YW.

A Jamaica holiday is scheduled June 28 to July 5, with stays in fashionable new Kingston and Ocho Rios. Among many activities will be a visit to one of the largest plantations and rafting on the Rio Grande.

ONE-DAY jaunts by motorcoach to the Summer Stratford Shakespearean Festival are planned for Saturday in July and August. "Much Ado About Nothing" will be the production July 24, and "Macbeth" is scheduled Aug. 21. Transportation, tickets and dinner are included in the package price.

The summer feature trip is a three-week vacation tour of Eastern Europe and will include touring countries of Russia, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Romania and Yugoslavia. The dates are July 19 to Aug. 9. Because passport and visas are a necessity, time for registration is limited.

FINALLY, a fall color tour into the Smokies is scheduled Oct. 15 to 17. The group will take the scenic route through the Bluegrass country of Kentucky into the Land of Daniel Boone - through narrow valleys, Cumberland Gap and the Great Smoky Mountain National Park.

A pre-trip meeting for Jamaica and Eastern Europe will be held Sunday, May 2, in the Northwest YWCA, 25940 Grand River. Jamaica trippers will meet at 2 p.m. and Eastern Europe enthusiasts at 3 p.m. Details on itineraries, are available by calling The Metropolitan YWCA, 2320 Witherell, Detroit.

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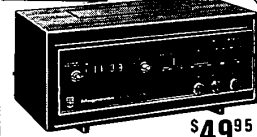
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