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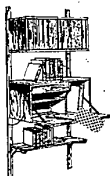
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Women who feel their minds may be bogging down in the routine of housekeeping and family care should talk to Redford Township's Mrs. John Bialek.

She's the vice president of two busy organizations, the South Redford Civic Association and the Redford Township Council of Civic Associations.

In this twin capacity, Merrey Bialek writes letters, arranges meetings, sets up working committees, all in the interest of keeping her community the kind of home territory its residents want.

CONVERSING with her, you know she takes her responsibilities seriously and is determined to do something constructive through them.

But ask the question "How did you get into this activity?" and you find a woman who knows very well that accepting responsibility is a two-way thing.

Merrey Bialek is fully aware that giving herself to civic association work is one of the best things that ever happened to her.

THE "WHY" of her entree into the South Redford Civic Association was a report several years ago that there were plans to locate an incineration plant at the end of the street where she lives.

"I felt we just had to do something," Mrs. Bialek said, "so I made up petitions and collected 1,000 signatures."

The move was successful, and Redford Township Supervisor Adrick Bellaire made sure Merrey was one of the

Engineers' Wives To Hear Attorney

The November luncheon meeting of the Society of Engineers' Wives will be held Wednesday, Nov. 13, in the Rackham Memorial Building, Detroit, at 12 noon.

The guest speaker will be Richard D. Grauer, patent attorney. His talk will deal with those phases of the law, covering patents and copyrights.

The group also scheduled a Christmas decorating workshop at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, in the Engineering Society of Detroit, 100 Parkview, Detroit. Mrs. Barbara Vaughn and Mrs. Frank Gudun, both of Livonia, took part in hostessing.

Women On The Go

BY MARGARET MILLER

Merrey Finds Days Short



MERREY BIALEK

first to know the proposed location had been changed.

BUT THAT action was just part of a big change that was taking place for Mrs. Bialek.

With her son and daughter in school all day and husband John putting in long hours in the grocery business in Taylor, she found home life a bit humdrum and took a job as a saleswoman.

Then, about the same time, she became involved in a discussion group in St. John Bosco Catholic Church.

That experience proved a bit of a shock.

"We were supposed to go around the table, each outlining our thoughts on the subject being discussed," Merrey recalled.

"My mind just went blank," she added, "I couldn't say anything then, or even later when I started thinking about it. I had once been an assistant buyer in one of the big Detroit stores, and I'd been to Wayne State and I found now I just couldn't think. My mind was getting dull."

MERREY'S SOLUTION, along with the civic association work, was enrolling in a public speaking course at Henry Ford Community College.

"That really activated my brain," she said.

From there in, it was a matter of more involvement in all kinds of community matters, and that meant more reading to be capable of intelligent involvement.

Daughter, Like Mother, Will Be Mrs. Andrews

Laura Elizabeth Hunt, formerly of Livonia, plans to follow her mother's example and become Mrs. Herbert Vernon Andrews.

Her mother, the former Mrs. Joanne Hunt, was married in July to Herbert Vernon Andrews Sr.

Next spring Laura will become the bride of Herbert Vernon Andrews Jr.

"It all came about quite naturally," explained the senior Mrs. Andrews.

A DEPARTMENT store employee, she met her present husband through son Gary, now 17, after a former marriage had ended in divorce and the family was still living on Frederick Street in Livonia.

At that time Laura, was a student at Michigan State University.

"I brought her home from Lansing to meet Herb and his family," she added. Laura and Herb Jr. obviously hit it off well.

The elder Andrews, an employee of the Ford Motor Co., had been a widower for 12 years. He has made his home in Dearborn with another son, Victor. His new wife and Gary Hunt joined him there after the marriage. Another son of Mrs. Andrews, 15-year-old Richard, lives with his father.

"We have organized confusion," commented Mrs. Andrews.

THE FAMILY'S bride-to-be currently is living with her grandmother in Detroit and is employed by the Detroit News. She's a graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia.

Her fiancé (or step-brother?) has his own apartment and is employed by the Kolander Engineering Co., Clawson. He is a graduate of Fordson High and served two years in the U.S. Army, stationed in Fort Sill, Okla., and later in Stuttgart, Germany.

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Dr. Neva Scrimshaw, head of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, spoke on "Early Malnutrition and Central Nervous System Function."

Dr. Charles E. Smith, special assistant for Urban Education to the U.S. Commissioner of Education, spoke on "Helping or Hindering Learning: Opportunities for Children from Low-Income Families."

A lot of her work for the civic groups is telephoning, done mostly in the evening after Johnny Michael, 12, and Roseanne, 10, are in bed.

THE MOST recent project was arranging candidates nights for the council to give Redford Township voters a chance to be better informed. The civic associations and the council, she pointed out, are strictly non-partisan and aimed at giving all residents a voice in what goes on in their home communities.

She's sure Charles Beall, president of the South Redford Association, and Edward Voles, who heads the council, would echo her idea that more women should become involved in such groups.

"People should realize," she said, "that all that goes on in a community affects all its residents."

"The work we do is important, because even if we don't get what we want, we still know that we've done the best we can. Also, getting involved often helps residents see that something that seems wrong really is right when viewed from different angles."

"And I've learned that when I want something said or done, I had better take care of it myself, because no one else will."

Any way you look at it, Merrey Bialek is sure, getting involved is a good idea.

Law Dance Set

The Livonia Bar Association and the Lawyers Wives of Livonia will give their annual dinner dance at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, in the Sherwood Inn, Livonia.

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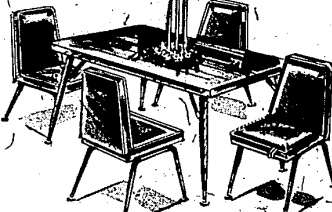
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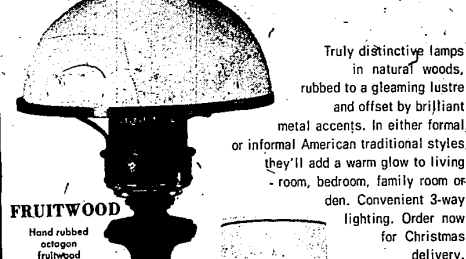
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