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**PWP Plans Series
On 'Summer Of '42**

Parents Without Partners, Inc., is presenting a discussion and lecture series entitled "Summer of '42," beginning

Jan. 21. The series is being sponsored by members of the Southfield-Lathrup and Detroit-Dearborn chapters. The course will be led by Mary and John Paonessa, who have recently had articles on human sexuality included in a book entitled "Causes of Behavior," published by the University of Pennsylvania.

Paonessa is a certified marriage and family counselor. Mrs. Paonessa is completing her degree in family life education and teaching at the Continuum Center, Oakland University.

The first lecture will introduce the topic, its scope, and family participation. It will be in the Southfield Civic Center, Evergreen at 10 1/2 Mile, at 8:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 21. It will also be given Jan. 28, at 8:30 p.m. in Evergreen Village Presbyterian Church, Evergreen and W. Chicago.

The second lecture and discussion is to be for the family, and children and teens will be invited. It will be Sunday, Feb. 6, at 3 p.m. in Evergreen Church.

Gardeners Get Packing Tips

Ann Arndsen of Plymouth will give a talk and demonstration on packing at the Jan. 18 meeting of the Livonia Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association. She is with American Air Lines. The meeting will be in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia. The business meeting begins at 11 a.m. and the program at 1 p.m.



By MARGARET MILLER
Women's Editor

**Women on the Go
She'd Like To Introduce
Plymouth's Beautiful People**

Diane Carlson of Plymouth spends a lot of her time these days with "some of the most beautiful and mature and thoughtful kids you could know."

She just wishes more of her community could see them that way.

Mrs. Dale Carlson is known as "Meg" to the staff and the young people of "Our House," operated in downtown Plymouth by the Council of Community Concerns. "That's because the kids who come here couldn't quite be comfortable calling me Diane," she explained, "and Mrs. Carlson was much too formal."

"So we made Meg out of my first name, Marguerite. And it's funny, my own sons use it too when we're at the house. At home they go right back to Mother."

"OUR HOUSE" and Plymouth Youth, Inc., in the former Observer Newspapers building fill completely different roles, Mrs. Carlson said, adding that the youth center is a place for recreation and fun.

"But this house," she explained, leading the way through the old building that's getting a bit - by bit refurbishing at the hands of its young users, "is a place for the kids who have the courage to admit they have problems they need to talk about."

"We started with a drug information telephone - Buzz - and the program at 1 p.m. But it's really become more

than that, because we soon realized that drugs are only the symptom of what's troubling our kids. "I guess you'd call it a problem center."

INVOLVED in its operation, she said, are some 50 adults and young people, all of whom have had a minimum of seven training classes in helping in time of crisis.

What goes on there, any afternoon or evening, is relaxed "rapping," listening to records, watching television and talking over problems when needed. There also is a place for a person on an LSD trip or suffering from an overdose.

"And we've helped on one withdrawal from heroin," Mrs. Carlson related. "The responsibility rest of the kids showed them was fabulous. We think that young woman is going to make it - and when we see a positive step like that, we get so excited."

Diane Carlson's involvement in the Council of Community Concerns began a little over a year ago. Because the Carlsons have four youngsters of their own, ranging in ages from 18 to 10, she was one of the concerned citizens who attended a meeting in the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

OUT OF THAT SESSION grew plans for a drug phone line.

"We began training to operate it, and it was kind of



DIANE CARLSON (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

nip and tuck for a while - the kids were leading the adults. They freaked us, too, trying us out, I think. But as I came to know them better I realized I'd never known such beauty or maturity."

The group was "eager, excited and frightened" when opened in February, at first from the Methodist church. Later, with the help of Plymouth Rotarians, Kiwanis and Soroptimists, came the move to the building known as Our House and the beginnings of the problem center as it now is evolving.

FOR BOTH adults and kids, Mrs. Carlson said, there have been great satisfactions and some problems. The main difficulty is lack of community acceptance.

"At Halloween," she remembered sadly, "the kids were so excited and they were

prepared with big bags of candy. But they looked out the window and watched mothers leading their children around the house.

"And we had an open house for the business community and the school people. Very few showed. In fact, there were only a few parents of the kids involved here."

DIANE CARLSON thinks that's a tragedy.

"I know their dress and appearance is awful," she said. "And some of their language still makes the hair on the back of my neck stand up."

"But they are wonderful kids and they need someone who will listen to them. I'm proud - no, that's the wrong word, make it grateful - that I can be a person like that. "If others could just look beyond their long hair..."

**Adelines
Seek New
Members**

The Metro "D" chapter of Sweet Adelines, Inc., will hold an open house for prospective members in the Garden City Pool building, 6500 Middle Belt, from 8 to 10:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 13.

All Garden City women interested in joining the chapter are invited to attend. Mrs. Clarice Archer is the new president.

Mrs. Ann Wickman will give a talk on the chapter's plans for the coming year. She is membership chairman. Refreshments will be served.

Chorus and quartet members will model their costumes and present a program of songs demonstrating four-part harmony, barbershop style.

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The contest is open to single girls, 18 to 25 years of age from any community in the metropolitan Detroit area. They should send a recent photograph, measurements, name, address and telephone number to Miss Autorama Contest, c/o Promotions, Inc., 1917 E. Nine Mile, St. Clair Shores.

A scholarship at John Robert Powers School, cash and other prizes go to the winner of the contest. A scholarship to Mr. Ar-

Meets Jan. 18

Xi Delta Epsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will meet Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 8:15 p.m., in the home of Mrs. Joseph Toth, 2300 Cambridge, Trenton.

Here's Holly

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Thompson of Prattville, Ala., formerly of Plymouth, announce the birth of a daughter, Holly Corinne, on Dec. 30. Mrs. Thompson is the former Nancy Canning.

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