

How Can Schoolcraft College Help YOU?

You're an Observerland homemaker, wanting to stretch your horizons a bit.

Or you're an employed woman, wanting to increase your on-the-job proficiency or gain skills that could lead to promotion.

You're thinking of returning to college or employment after years of staying home.

Or perhaps you're a high school junior or senior, puzzling over the which-college decision.

If you fit into these categories or many others, you're one of the reasons-for-being for Schoolcraft College's Citizens Advisory Committee on the Career Needs of Women.

Made up of women in the five school districts that Schoolcraft serves and coordinated by SC director of admissions Barbara Geil, the committee seeks to increase the ways that the school can serve the needs of women in this area.

"Women are here in the community really more than men," said Miss Geil in explaining the beginnings of the advisory group.

"They're here all day, rather than just evenings and weekends, and so there are many more hours when the college could serve them.

"But as we looked at the school a couple of years ago, it seemed that men were using more Schoolcraft services than women. And last fall's 38 per cent figure for women enrolled in various courses was the highest yet."

So the idea developed, Miss Geil added, that for women in the community Schoolcraft was "not providing much service and not getting the word out on what was available."

That was why, about a year ago, Miss Geil and others on the administrative staff polled women's organizations such as American Association of University Women, League of Women Voters, Business and Professional Women and church and garden groups.



MRS. LAURA CALLOW (left) of Livonia, Mrs. Madeline Cox of Garden City and Barbara Geil, Schoolcraft administrator, look over resource material for the Citizens Advisory Committee on Career Needs of Women. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

Out of the survey came a group of women — "pretty much a cross-section in this community," says Miss Geil — who agreed to serve on the advisory committee.

Livonia and Clarenceville district members are Mrs. Dorothy Blacklock, Mrs. Laura Callow, Mrs. Beverly Chiasson, Mrs. Mary Dumas, Mrs. Denise Radtke, Mrs. Joyce Squires and Mrs. Sally Wassman.

From the Garden City School District come Mrs. Madeline Cox, Mrs.

Marie Mack, Mrs. Virginia Vincent, Mrs. Winifred Wiacek, Mrs. Vera Kay and Mrs. Vivian Chamberlain.

Plymouth is represented by Mrs. Jane Moehle, Mrs. Alta Olson, Mrs. Helene Settles, Mrs. Richard Tobin, Mrs. Joan Voytas and Mrs. Terry West. Northville members are Mrs. Jean Day, Mrs. Jean Federspill, Mrs. Charlene Van Hine and Mrs. Fay Tellam.

The committee's first year results have included much planning and

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Psychologist Guest Plymouth's Cathie Has A Dream For Town Hall

Dr. J. Clayton Lafferty, psychologist and consultant, is Northville Town Hall speaker for Thursday, March 9.

He will offer a program of self-analysis and evaluation at 11 a.m. in the auditorium of Northville High School, Sheldon at Eight Mile, and also will be guest at a celebrity luncheon in the Farmington Holiday Inn, 10 Mile west of Grand River. Luncheon reservations may be made by writing Northville Town Hall, Box 53, Northville, or calling Mrs. John Frew, 965 Novi Street, Northville.



DR. CLAY LAFFERTY

Her 'Cold' Was Named Jonathon

Mrs. Mary Lou Kopchia, Westland mother of five, hadn't been feeling well along about the middle of February.

"I had a bad cold, and I thought it had settled in my kidneys," she said.

But the cold in the kidneys turned out to be tiny Jonathon Paul Kopchia, born Feb. 17 to a mother who had no idea she was pregnant.

Mrs. Kopchia, whose children range in age from 19 to 11, was sure she was through having children and had been taking birth control pills for several years.

She said her medication had been changed during the last year, but that she had not seen her physician, Dr. Kenneth Carbon of Garden City, for six months.

"He was surprised, too," Mrs. Kopchia said. The baby was born in Annapolis Hospital and weighed two pounds, eight ounces at birth. His weight dropped to two pounds, two ounces, but he was reported holding his own Monday, Mrs. Kopchia said.

The mother said she had had no reason to suspect she was pregnant and had not felt life. She went bowling the night of Feb. 16, she said, and the contractions started after she returned home.

"THEN I knew exactly what was the matter," she said.

Her husband, Joseph, a former major league baseball player, was "pretty shocked" by the birth and encountered amazement and disbelief when he started telephoning relatives.

"We found it hard to believe ourselves," his wife said.

By MARGARET MILLER
Women's Editor

Cathie Walker looks ahead to what could be a new sort of world for young mothers and their small children.

She sees communities with more day care centers, more counseling service for families and more drop-in centers for mothers and children — like the one she heads in Plymouth.

And the dream isn't so fantastic for this attractive and resourceful mother of three who is Plymouth's 1972 "woman of the year."

SHE NEEDS to look just a little way back into her own life to see how much can be accomplished when there's determination and some old-fashioned neighborliness and cooperation.

Cathie Walker's story is a real success story if you count as success the overcoming of tremendous obstacles and moving on to a productive place in the community. To start it, you go back just a couple of years, to see a frightened young woman, deserted and left on her own to raise two small sons and a baby daughter, needing Aid to Dependent Children just to feed her small ones and desperate and bitter because she felt the folks in her own town had turned their back on her.

It was a depressing time, to say the very least, and Cathie credits the Plymouth Family Service counseling with pulling her out of the depths.

BUT JUST REGAINING her own self-respect wasn't enough. She wanted to help others in rough circumstances, and when oldest son Alex started kindergarten at Starkweather School, she became room mother chairman and started working with families that had problem children.

Mrs. Walker was convinced that the thing that would help young mothers out of their feelings of isolation would be a center where they could get together.

Mrs. Ruth Abell, who had taken over as Family Service head, thought so too. They

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drop-in center for mothers and tots was in operation.

Mothers of varied financial status came and found the fellowship good. Children who started out occupying lonely corners began to bloom and mingle with the others.

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CATHIE WALKER when she was honored as Plymouth's Woman of the Year. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)



Rock Registration

Rock bands and voter registration forms will go together in a drive at Schoolcraft College beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, March 10. The League of Women voters of Plymouth - Northville will provide registrars to sign up students to the accompaniment of music from "The Up," "Cat's Paw," "1st Century," and "Blackwood Drake."

Also on hand for registration with a beat will be Harvey Oushinski, WABX disc jockey; John Sinclair of the Rainbow Peoples Party, Livonia Mayor Edward McNamara and Dr. C. Nelson Grote, Schoolcraft president.

Another voter service — offered by LWV groups from Plymouth - Northville and Livonia together with the Jaycees and Schoolcraft — is a program titled "The New Voter."

The series of video tapes

presenting major presidential candidates answering Tuesday's, with the public questions of concern to new voters will be shown beginning March 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. at high schools during the latter portion of the week.

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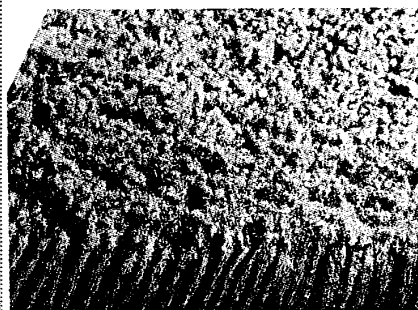


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