

Can You Spare Time To Mail A Card To A Little Girl?

By Sue Shaughnessy
On Oct. 10, Bethnie Ann Rice of Clio, Michigan celebrated her second birthday complete with a cake and candles. Nothing unusual about this you say? No except for the fact that the doctors tell her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Rice, that this will be the last birthday celebration she will have.

The child has metachromatic leucodystrophy, a very rare disease which attacks the nervous system.

Because of this disease

Bethnie has never been able to walk, but can prop herself up for a short time. In the later stages of the disease she will be completely immobile.

Her mother has a hard time keeping her only daughter amused and says that Bethnie does enjoy receiving greeting cards and holds them in her hands to examine the pictures.

Mrs. Rice describes her two year old as "a bright child whose lack of activity irritates her." The family,

which includes two sons, Daniel, 5, and seven month old baby, tries to entertain her, but nothing holds Bethnie's attention for very long.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gorte of 33935 Hathaway, Livonia, Mrs. Rice's aunt and uncle, thought that area children and residents might like to mail cards to Bethnie at 1402 Lake Rd., Clio.

Mrs. Gorte also suggested that any small toys or objects which the baby would be able to hold in her hands to amuse herself would be helpful. The Gortes phone number is GA 2-0924 if anyone has any suggestions.

The Rices, according to Mrs. Gorte, have extremely heavy medical expenses which makes it impossible for the family to purchase these articles.

Two sons have died of the same disease and hospital expenses from an auto accident at the time of their marriage have kept the Rices from ever catching up. No agency has been able to help defray the costs, but the Veterans



IF MRS. MICHIGAN approves of a cookbook it must be good because, after all, she represents all the domestic engineers in the entire State of Michigan. And she did give her whole-hearted approval to the Sacred Heart League "Our Best to You" cookbook last week when the members presented her with one.

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Halloween Hayride For Springland Club

The Springland's Women's Club Farmington is having a vied to jump on the haywagon Halloween hayride on Friday and join your "dingy" night Oct. 30 at Apache Riding hors for an hour's ride under the Stables 19505 Farmington Rd. harvest moon. A prize will be The wagon leaves at 9 p.m. given for the best costume, how sharp and the price is \$2 per ever casual wear is acceptable. couple. Hostess for the evening After the hayride there will be in Mrs. Don Parmelee, 30940 a campfire and a wailer road, Runnymede Rd., Co-hostess, if the weather permits. Come Mrs. Larry Thomas. Please call to the warming hut (30940) Run the hostess for reservations, neymede Rd.) later for dancing, food and chatter.

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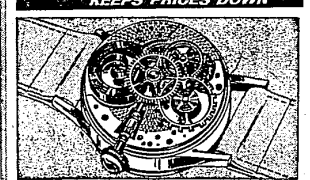
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For further information on purchasing the two dollar package for the pre-schooler on your Christmas list call Jeannette Long, KE 3-3073.



NANCY LOU BRAIN

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Brain of Birmingham announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Lou, to James D. Mullis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mullis, of Farmington. Nancy is a graduate of Birmingham High School and is currently employed by a C.P.A. firm in Birmingham. Her fiancé is a graduate of the Wayne State University school of business administration and is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha. He is currently director of research and sales development for WXYZ-TV. A Nov. 27 wedding is planned.

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Plymouth B & PW Membership Tea

The Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club Inc. will hold a membership tea in the Jacob Room of the Hillside Inn on Sunday, Nov. 1, from 3 to 5 p.m.

All women in the area, who work in business or professions, are invited to attend and hear the BPW aims, goals and plans for the coming year.

The purpose of the tea is twofold: (1) To acquaint working women with the club's purposes and action program which is developed in three major areas,

personal development, civic participation and world affairs. Opportunities are provided members for leadership experience, community awareness, legislative knowledge, and a greater knowledge of current events.

The second goal is to give more women an opportunity to become members of an organization which is devoted entirely and actively to the interests and needs of all employed women.

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Philanthropic chairman, Mrs. John M. Lay of Livonia, will report on the progress of the fund to purchase an auditorium for the Detroit Hearing Center to use in its testing program. Delta Zeta social service projects, both national and local, are in the field of aid to the deaf or hard of hearing.

In addition to Mrs. Lay, members from this area who plan to attend the luncheon meeting are Mrs. Edward P. Schultz and Mrs. Joseph Ditzky of Livonia.

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