

Widows and Divorcees Conference

You can't sweep heartaches under the rug. Pulling down the shade doesn't blot out despair.

If your life has been shattered by death or divorce, just how do you pick up the pieces?

Because a "husbandless home" is an ever increasing problem in America today, Oakland University's Continuing Education Division has designed a special conference May 21 to focus the attention of widows and divorcees upon themselves and each other, their common meeting ground of "aloneness" and their similarities and differences. They know loneliness, frustration and grief, and for them there are no easy answers. Months of candid "give and take" in planning sessions of widows and divorcees preceded the scheduling of this program on the University campus. Growing out of the expressed need of women who had attended previous conferences and were dissatisfied with the lack of emphasis on their particular needs, this new all-day program has been designed by just such women.

The widows and divorcees who invested time, sensitivity and a perceptive awareness of self throughout the planning sessions soon discovered that there were four stages which they had all experienced, or were currently undergoing, as the result of the abrupt loss of a husband.

First was the disaster itself, a state of grief, guilt, anger, insecurity, and the initial shock of being alone.

Next, there was a convalescence; then a transition period where each woman attempted to cope with the situation, to deal with the major problems of the children, where to live, money or the lack of it, and social life.

Professionals, chosen for their insight and experience, will explore the crisis of divorce and widowhood and present some practical solutions at the Saturday, May 21 conference from 8:30 a. m. to 4 p. m. in the Oakland Center.

Plymouth W.S.C.S. To Meet May 24

Mrs. Dwight Struthers will present her program on President's Wives of the 1850-1900 era at the First Ladies Tea and Musical to be given by the Woman's Society of Christian Service on May 24 at 1 p. m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Methodist Church, Plymouth.

Mrs. Robert R. Smith is General Chairman of the event. Mrs. Robert Spaulding will present the music and tea table decorations will be done by Mrs. A. D. Johanson and Mrs. Robert Rosbali.

Mrs. Ken Leader and Mrs. Charles Wells have charge of the tea with Mrs. Sam Dibble, Jr., in charge of general decoration and Mrs. Maurice Fry ticket chairman and Mrs. Charles Childs handling publicity.

Tickets may be obtained by calling 455-0444 or at the Church Office. Nursery care will be available.



PLYMOUTH SOROPTIMIST PRESIDENT, Mrs. Carl Caplin endorses a check for \$500 while (left to right) Mrs. Elroy Merchant, Mrs. Edward Artley, and Mrs. Leo Trotter look on. The check will be given to the Sheltered Workshop and is the proceeds from the club's projects including the knit show last fall at the Mayflower Meeting House. The club is anticipating another such event this year on Oct. 13.

Over 125 Plymouth Women Attend Symphony Home Tour

Over 125 women visited the five homes opened for the Plymouth Symphony League's Home Tour last Thursday afternoon.

Braving the cold May drizzle and muddy country roads (a year ago the temperature was in the 80s on four days) there was much to admire and inspire.

Everyone seemed to have a favorite. For many it was the James Taylor Cape God with its lovely family heirlooms and spacious dining room.

The Seymour Lavish home drew raves for the fine view from every window and the truly beautiful interior.

Cararra marble floors and stairway, monkey pod wood furniture in the Hawaiian recreation room and exotic decor made Dr. Ford Sutherland's home outstanding.

Fine pieces of pewter and models and pictures of racing cars add charm to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Newton's home. Their family-room addition has a personality that no "model home" decorator could achieve. The table set with china decorated with blue eagles on red placed mats was just right.

The feeling of being a part of the great outdoors has been created by the William Hardins with lofty ceilings, window walls and an outside balcony overlooking a pond. Their blending of the contemporary with the traditional has a particularly pleasing results.

Franklin Knolls Women's Club to Install Officers June 9

The Franklin Knolls Women's Club met at the church of St. Columba's on Middlebelt on May 18.

Desert was prepared and served by Mrs. Richard Cartwright and her committee Mrs. Jack Baker, Mrs. Edward Hiers, Mrs. Bruce Sterling, Mrs. Jack Threkefeld, Mrs. Robert Johnson.

A film was shown on the Installation Luncheon of the previous year and narrated by Mrs. Lee Brooks.

Mrs. Elmer Lell has made reservations for the Installation Luncheon at Pine Knob on June 9.

Eric Norris, a graduate from the Royal Academy of Music in London and representing Grinnell, is invited to entertain at the organ at the program.

Mrs. Jo Grum is handling the ticket reservations. Members are urged to contact her at NIA.

Mental Health Series

Studies in mental and emotional health are being conducted on Wednesday evenings at 7:45 p. m. by Pastor Raymond Bayne of the Southfield Community Church, 2122 Indian between Beech and Inkster, North of Eight Mile.

Text of the course is "Struggle for Peace" by Dr. Henry Brandt, Christian psychologist and counsellor. Class sessions include discussion of the chapters of this book and of personal problems as related to these chapters.

The tensions and pressures of the modern world have affected Christians as well as non-Christians. This course is intended to lead each Christian into a personal experience of the abundant life which Jesus said He came to bring. Such a life is possible through applying the principles of inter-personal relationships and personal attitudes which He taught. The public is welcome to the studies.

Sarah Smith Elected B&PW President

At a meeting Tuesday, May 10, at the Hillside Inn, the Livonia Business and Professional Women's Club elected Sarah Smith as president for the 1966-67 season.

Other officers are Florence Davis, first vice-president; Madeline Leedom, second vice-

president; Minerva Hill, recording secretary and Caroline Jones Park Motel-Poolside. The officers' fashions will be installed at the next gentry Ward Store and the monthly meeting on June 14 members will model.

Tickets may be obtained by the calling Opal Imeson, GA-72430; or Barty Reddy, GR-42407; or from any member fashion show to be staged on of the Club.

Tuesday, May 31, at 7 p. m., at 10, at the Hillside Inn, the Livonia Business and Professional Women's Club elected Sarah Smith as president for the 1966-67 season.

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