

Help Save a Child's Life — Support 'Coffee Cakes for Child Research'

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Women's Editor

The parents wait, too heart-sick to speak, while behind the closed doors a silent battle for life wages. On one side are all the skill and knowledge the medical profession can muster and on the other side is the deadly killer to mankind known as "The White Creeper." The White Creeper has many aliases and all of them are fatal. Leukemia, nephritis, anyone of the childhood killers are part of his make-up.

When the doors open, the tiny form may be released to the family for a few short months but the White Creeper doesn't care; for he never misses. Once he has stepped a victim, there is no stopping him.

It is not pleasant to write of stark grief and death but there is one ray of hope and a small hand of determined women, may with your help, deal the death blow to this child killer.

There is no greater agony than releasing a loved child to

the White Creeper. The remaining few minutes, weeks, days, counted and treasured like jewels. The imperceptible slipping away of strength. To be told at Thanksgiving time that a perfectly well appearing child, happy and interested in Scout Work, will never see another spring; then to go through the Christmas holidays trying not to think ahead. And then the trips to the hospital, the last hours, and finally on a St. Valentine's Day early morning

sun stealing into an empty room.

One of the worst things is the feeling of hopelessness. One mother, after the first shock of the fatal diagnosis, set herself to work with an almost super-human will to try and finance funds for research. Mrs. Joanne Carr began to work for the Child Research Center of Michigan in 1959 when her son David began treatment there for leukemia.

She became devoted to the program of basic research in

childhood diseases and she noted there was need for volunteer help in some areas of the program at the Center. A group of her friends and some of the mothers who had suffered or who were suffering a similar fate rallied around her and the Child Research Center League was formed in 1960.

So far as is known, this organization is the only volunteer unit supporting basic research in pediatrics.

In six years the League has expanded to a membership of

hundreds of interested persons. From its various fund-raising projects it has been able to contribute over \$75,000 to the research Center in this short time.

The wife of a Southfield High School mathematics instructor, Joanne has three sons, ages 6, 12, and 14. Her son, David, died in 1964.

The work of these women goes on and on.

Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11 "Coffee Cakes for Child Research" will go on sale at all

Awrey home delivery truck routes. This marks the third year that this unusual venture in fund-raising will have been held.

The special coffee cake this year will be the popular Toasted Pecan Butter Cake. As before, the cakes will be specially packaged and brightly marked with the insignia of the Child Research Center. Customers will be able to find them quickly in the bakery and know that their purchases are helping in an important effort in medical research. Proceeds will go to the Child Research Center.

She Is A Graduate
Patricia S. Salisbury of 31746 Staman Circle, Farmington, was graduated from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa. June 5. She received a bachelor of arts degree in English Literature. She was one of a class of 251 seniors from 18 states and two foreign countries at the 103rd commencement of the college.

Pastor Wietelmann Named President

Timothy Lutheran Church of Livonia, has had one of its members elected to the office of Michigan District President at the annual convention in Port Clinton, O., in May.

Rev. Robert Wietelmann, who has served as the assistant to the president for the past five years, was elected on the third ballot which was then declared unanimous.

Rev. Wietelmann was born August 15, in Zanesville, O. He was graduated from the seminary at Capital University in Columbus, O., in 1946. He served as pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church from 1947 until 1961 when he was called to be the assistant to Dr. Norman Menter, whom he now succeeds after 20 years as head of the district.

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