

The Distaff Side...

By Jerry Wendt, Women's Editor



Picture windows look out on the lawn. Well dressed people are enjoying a leisurely lunch at attractively appointed tables. Hi-Fi music plays in the background.

The roomy lounge contains colored TV sets, a record player, and the latest papers and magazines. Looks like an expensive resort hotel, but it isn't. It is the Martin Luther Memorial Home at South Lyon, for older people who still enjoy life but find the details of running their business and homes too troublesome.

Despite the fact that our nation is a great melting pot, each race retains some outstanding characteristics of its heritage.

For the Irish, it is freedom; for the French, it is the "flair" in life. The majority of people at the Martin Luther Home are of German and Lutheran origin, although there are others here.

The German table is a gourmet's delight and a calorie counter's nemesis. Food is not only substantial, but rich. Our editor gained 18 pounds the first term at Valparaiso University, a German Lutheran University.

Recently we lunched at the Martin Luther Home with administrator Leona Westendorf, and recreational director Nora Schroeder.

Everything to make people happy had been taken into consideration. The silver and glassware had a high "glitzen" (German term). The menu was delicious.

Home-made noodles with king-sized meatballs and sauce, fresh garden peas, tossed salad, home-made bread and rolls (still warm from the oven). For dessert there was perfectly elegant pie with flaky crust, and a cream filling, topped with large strawberries.

During the meal we had an opportunity to talk to the two women who have contributed so much of themselves to make this a bright, happy place.

Mrs. Westendorf was the daughter of Pastor G. F. Wacker, who had the Lutheran Parish in Pigeon. She married Pastor S. E. Westendorf, who was in charge of the Lutheran Church at Monroe.

She was in charge of nurses at St. Luke's in Bay City when she received the invitation to the M.L.M.H. Fortunately, she decided in one day to go, and now the administration lies in her hands. She is on duty virtually 24 hours a day.

Mrs. Schroeder is a warm, congenial person with sparkling brown eyes. It is her job to plan the social activities and to keep the morale of the home at high level. We would say she is doing a wonderful job.

During our tour we saw the individual rooms of the guests. All have wall-to-wall carpeting, large closets, and fully tiled baths. Husbands and wives are not separated and some are still enjoying years of companionship there.

We were much impressed with how busy and active everyone was. This is definitely part of Nora's program.

"This is their home," she said. "When they are entertained, we encourage them to entertain in return. Right now many of the residents are preparing for the South Lyon sidewalk sale."

"Their chief delight is bingo. They love to get together and vie for the prizes. They also enjoy 'sing-a-longs' which are reminiscent of the beloved oldtime music halls.

Sometimes a German band accompanies them to their delight. One unexpected source of entertainment has been a nearby railroad train which daily loads and unloads in full sight. The men love to 'armchair engineer' the job.

Nora enjoys the residents so much that on her day off she usually takes some into town with her for dinner.

The chief aim of the management, according to Nora, is not to make residents feel that this is a curtailing of their activities but simply a different home for them.

How well they have succeeded was illustrated when, just as we were leaving, a lady arrived who had spent two weeks visiting her children.

After greeting her friends who asked her if she had had a pleasant time, she said, "Yes, I really enjoyed myself," but she added looking around her with a contented sigh, "It's so good to be back home."



RESPONSIBLE FOR THE cheerful atmosphere of the Martin Luther Memorial Home in South Lyon are administrator Leona Westendorf, and recreational director Nora Schroeder. The painting on the wall is by John Sells of Plymouth, who is busy reading a showing of his paintings for the Sidewalk Sale to take place in the fall.



KEEPING UP A LIFETIME habit of reading his Bible daily is Jacob Weiss, of Farmington, a resident of the Martin Luther Memorial Home. This Bible is a German version of the one written in the 1600s, and was given to him by a friend.



GETTING READY TO DANCE their prize winning version of the Highland Fling are left to right: Ann Margaret Plomer, and her sister Janey. They are the daughters of the Harold Plomers of Redford Township.

Sister Wins Gold Medal For Highland Fling

Ann Margaret Plomer won a gold medal for First Place in dancing the Highland Fling in the Novice Class at the St. Andrew's Society Annual Dance Competitions at Bob-Lo Island on Thursday, August 18. It was the first time she had danced in a competition and taking a 1st Prize was an unexpected thrill. Ann Margaret is 11 years old and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Plomer, 9191 Brady Ave., Redford Twp. She and her younger sister, Janey, 7 years old, have been taking Highland Dance lessons at the Sheila McMillan School of Dance in Dearborn for a year and a half. Although Janey didn't win a medal this time, she did well for her age by dancing her way into the Finals, competing against her big sister.

Cloudy Tea Too Cold

Cloudiness in ice tea is caused when iced tea reaches a certain degree of coldness. Do not refrigerate tea. Instead, after making it, keep it at room temperature and pour over ice cubes when you serve.

Grace Alumnae To Meet Sept. 13

The Grace Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association's first meeting of the coming year will be held at the Grace Northwest on Myers Rd. Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 8 p.m. Faye Wampler, Class of 1951 is president.

A doll dressed as a student nurse is needed for the D.D.M.N.A. to represent Grace. Please contact Nancy Jones, 12640 Warren, Detroit 48213. Drop her card to let her know you plan to present a doll. The doll should be 12"-18" tall. The best doll will receive a prize of \$15.

B'nai B'rith Holds

Rummage Sale Aug. 30 Centennial Chapter B'nai B'rith Women will hold their annual rummage sale on Tuesday, Aug. 30 from 9 a.m.

until 3 p.m. at the Canadian Legion Hall, 1651 Livernois near 9 Mile Road in Ferndale.

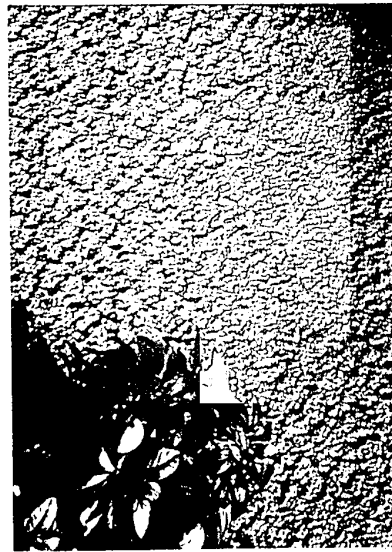
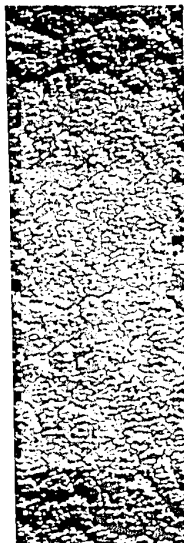
The committee on the revision of the Old By-Laws will present the changes to bring Alumnae up to today's trend.

Ann Callahan will be the hostess. Please come and bring a classmate.

Dill Dressing

Save the liquid from dill pickles to make salad dressing for cole slaw or ham salad. Beat 2 egg yolks with 1/4 cup of dill pickle liquid. Mix together 1 teaspoon of dry mustard, 1/4 teaspoon of salt, and a dash of cayenne, and stir it into yolk mixture. Gradually beat in 1 cup of salad oil. Makes about 1 1/2 cups.

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