



IT WAS PHILLIP SILLS' 62nd birthday, and his wife Faye and 34 young people from the Plymouth State Home and Training School helped make it a happy one.

Women on the GO!

By Margaret Miller

How would you arrange a celebration for a very special husband on his 62nd birthday?

A rousing party with lots of friends gathering around? Dinner for two at a quiet spot with candlelight?

Faye Sills of Farmington did it with a party for her husband and 34 young residents of the Plymouth State Home and Training School.

They all met at the youngsters when they visited

previously, and greeted them with pleasure as she and the other waitresses served up the food.

No one could doubt that the Sills are good friends of these mentally-retarded young people. They've been taking them to their home regularly, and a few months ago entertained some of them for

pancakes to celebrate Faye's birthday. They've also taken them to their home for many occasions.

"This is what we like to do," explained Phillip. "We have had a good life and raised our family (five grandchildren now) and for the last 15 years have spent more and more time with these wonderful children."

They bought a house in Farmington because it was close to the former Michigan Children's Home, and when that closed and the children moved to the newly-opened Plymouth Home about seven years ago, they started making regular trips there.

Phillip is retired now, though he works some in his brother's tool and die shop. Faye is partially blind, but gets to the home whenever she can find transportation.

"When her sight became worse a few years ago," her husband said, "she really threw herself into this work."

It's with her husband's complete approval and support.

"Not all angels are in heaven," he beamed as he looked around the cheerful room. "I'm married to one."

St. Mel's Lists Party To Finance Marionettes

The Farmington Shawnee School PTA will sponsor a card party Friday, Jan. 20, from 8 to 11 p.m. at the school. Tickets may be purchased at the door for 75 cents, and proceeds will be used to put on a professional madonette show for all grades at the school.

Of course, the boys and girls sang "Happy Birthday" and said grace before the pies of pancakes and steaming cups of hot chocolate were brought in.

Here the most important person in the celebration was Mrs. Judy Kittle, head waitress at Uncle John's. She had worked with some of these



THEY'RE TOPS is the art of losing weight. Two newly crowned queens of Take Off Pounds Sensibly area chapters are pictured here. At the left, last year's Garden City chapter queen, Bonnie Roberts, presents a trophy to Evelyn Kacmark. At the right, Livonia Slimettes queen Lillian Paulson, who lost 37½ pounds last year, is crowned by last year's queen Dorothy Tesary. The Slimettes recently elected Barbara Stewart as leader and Donna Nott as co-leader. For more information, call 565-5381 about the Garden City club and 422-8280 about the Livonia club.

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LaLeche League Offers Mothers Help

Some woman-to-woman help for mothers who wish to breast-feed their babies is being offered in two series of meetings sponsored by area chapters of LaLeche League.

Each series will consist of four meetings and will cover such matters as advantages of breast feeding, means of overcoming difficulties, the family in relationship to the baby, and nutrition and weaning.

One series, under the auspices of the League's combined Garden City, Dearborn and Redford Township Chapter will begin at 8:30 p.m. Jan. 19 at 28427 Florence, Garden City.

Subsequent meetings in that series will be held on the fourth Thursday of February, March and April, and all will be in the charge of the chapter's leaders, Mrs. Ellen Hubbard, a registered nurse, and Mrs. Judy Kelevin. They can be reached for more information at GA 7-8735 or KE 2-6428.

A LaLeche League chapter in Farmington is interested in Mrs. Wilford Scheldendbrand, Mrs. Gerald R. Miller, and Mrs. Carol Matthews, will hold sessions at 8 p.m. Feb. 9, March 9, April 13, and May 11. A chapter in Livonia is asking to call 476-4985, 476-3834 or 349-4349 for further information.

LaLeche league is an international, non-sectarian and non-profit group. Its title means literally "The Milk" and is taken from a Spanish title of the Mother of Christ — "Nuestra Señora de la Leche y Buen Parto," in English, "Our Lady of Happy Delivery and Pleasant Milk."

The league was founded in the Chicago area about ten years ago and now has more than 400 chapters, including 11 in the metropolitan Detroit area.

Leaders said the organization began when one mother who had successfully nursed a baby helped another who wanted to do so, and that is still the basic approach. Although the League has medical consultants in its Franklin Park, Ill., headquarters, no medical advice is offered.

Explained one of the local leaders: "We just want to help women who want to nurse their babies have a pleasant and satisfying experience."



JUDITH SUMARA

Mrs. and Mr. Walter Sumara of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Judith Kay, to Robert C. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis of Outer Drive in Dearborn. The bride-elect attended Schoolcraft College and her fiancé is a student of Albion College and a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. No wedding date has been set.



STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES from five Livonia high schools joined forces recently to plan March of Dimes activities in the schools. At the meeting were seated (from left) Cincy Borowski, Ladywood; Cathie Rich, Clarenceville; Rogi Moran, Ladywood; and Chris Roberts, Franklin. Standing (from left): Russell Ulrey, Clarenceville; Lyn Lore, Bentley; Don Mooradian, Franklin; Lebbie Ursitti, Stevenson; Mrs. Louis Pearlman, March of Dimes School coordinator.

Students Set Dimes Fund Activities

Varied activities, including a teen dance and a peanut sale, are underway in Livonia schools in support of the March of Dimes campaign.

Plans were mapped last week as representatives of Bentley, Franklin, Stevenson, Clarenceville and Ladywood High Schools met at Bentley High.

The date for the Second Annual Teen Dance is set for Sunday, Jan. 29, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 39050 Schoolcraft.

Music will be furnished by several popular teen bands and chaperones will be present. The donation will be \$1, and more information is available from Diane Gustin, 464-1434, or Mrs. Louis Pearlman, March of Dimes school activities coordinator.

Skating Party Jan. 21

Local Beta Sigma Phi members and their husbands will have a skating party Saturday, Jan. 21, meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Potter, 31240 Westfield, Livonia. They will return later to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ranson Hennells, 614 S. Evergreen, Plymouth, for refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Murdoch will conduct a program on "Let's Talk Radio and Television."

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Bryant Students, Parents See 'Human Growth' Film

A program on "Human Growth" will be held at Livonia Bryant Junior High School on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 8 p.m. All students and parents are invited to attend the meeting which is jointly sponsored by the Bryant staff and the P.T.A.

Separate film strips will be shown to boys and girls with the parents also attending. During the question and answer period for students only, parents will meet in the cafeteria for their own program.

In that session "The Role of the Parent in Sex Education" will be discussed by Dr. Owen Morgan, Director of the Skillman Center Program, Merrill-Palmer Institute, Detroit. Dr. Donald Wood, Bryant counselor, will moderate the parents' program.

Miss Mildred Konlande, Associate Professor of the College of Nursing, Wayne State University, will direct the program for the girls with Mrs. Judy Matthews, Bryant counselor, acting as moderator. The boys' program will be

led by Dr. Joseph J. Molto, Professor of Special Education and Occupational Therapy, College of Education at Eastern Michigan University.

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