

Women on the GO!

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Women's Editor

A policeman's lot, to paraphrase the old song, is a busy and interesting one. But also a frequently misunderstood one.

For, after about 12 years in police work, Mrs. Lee Heithier of the Livonia police force still comes frequently against the idea that a policeman's job is to punish and that just a chat with an officer can go on a juvenile "record."

"Our work is to protect and to help," she wants it known. "But do you know that some parents, even in an area like ours, still threaten to call the police when their children misbehave."

Lee's work as a woman member of the force is specifically in cases in which crimes or "non-crimes" are committed against women, girls, and boys under seven. The non-crimes include such cases as missing persons and neglect cases.

She may investigate the whereabouts of a girl missing from her home, check into theft reports or question persons accused of morals offenses.

"When we have to question



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children, we need parents' cooperation," she said. "The parent is always present, but he should let the child answer for himself."

In connection with the need for parental cooperation to help police help the offenders, she cited two similar cases. Livonia officers handled in recent months.

In both, teenage boys were questioned about indecent exposure. One, advised by an attorney not to talk to offi-



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cers, refused to say anything from eventually was taken into Juvenile Court and referred to Hawthorn Center.

The mother of the other boy gave full cooperation and a quick counseling referral was made, so the boy received help and was able to respond almost immediately.

Lee is greatly concerned over crime trends of recent years—particularly one statistic that shows 25,000 major felonies over half of those committed in Michigan last year, committed by persons under 17 years of age.

"Parents have got to do a better job of teaching their children respect," she said. "That means respect for themselves, for those committed in Michigan last year, committed by persons under 17 years of age."

"And parents should know their children's friends and know their families too. They should know where their children are and what they are doing all the time."

Lee in private life is Mrs. Eldon Heithier, mother of 14-year-old Spike and nine-year-old Candy. She attended Wayne State University and was on the Detroit Police Force ten years, leaving when she was sergeant.

She thinks police work requires emotional maturity and plenty of physical stamina. "I'm on call 24 hours a day and have been called out on cases in the middle of the night," she said.

She would like to see more counselors on duty, in particular for juveniles, and police counselors on duty in the high schools and junior highs. This has been tried with success in several cities, including Flint, she said.

Lee also feels much concern over recent interpretations of law which in recent years "protect the criminal but do not protect the victim."

"Today the criminal is protected by 'due process' but the victim and the rest of society is not," this policeman believes. "The citizen should realize that if this trend continues without protection of the law."



CONNIE DEE SCHELL

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle E. Schell, of Redford Township, announce the engagement of their daughter, Connie Dee, to Mr. Robert E. Tober, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Tober, also of Redford Township. Both are graduates of Redford Union High School. The fiancee bridegroom is stationed with the Signal Corps at Fort Monmouth, N.J. No wedding date has been set.

Secretaries Will Hear Of Libraries

Avram Rosenthal, acting city librarian for Livonia, will speak on "Your Library—How Is It Stacked?" at the Feb. 28 meeting of the Town and Country Chapter of the National Secretaries Association.

The meeting will be held at Hillside Inn in Plymouth. Plans were announced by Mrs. Helen E. Ellmore, chapter president, secretary to James W. Atwood, president of Unistrut Corporation.

Mrs. Ellmore said her chapter is one of the 575 NSA chapters in the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada, participating in NSA's Fifth Annual Program of the Year, this year being conducted in cooperation with the American Library Association.

The objective of the program, scheduled for the month of February, is to concentrate attention on the importance of well stocked and staffed libraries to the business community.

The meeting will cover the resources and best use of libraries in Livonia.

All secretaries are invited to attend this meeting as well as members of the Future Secretaries Association and reservations may be made by telephoning Mrs. Mildred Reynolds, C.P.S., telephone number 322-2080.

Livonia Irish Society Will Hunt Queen

The prettiest colleen in town is the object of a search by the Irish Society of Livonia.

The society wants her to reign as queen of its Fifth Annual Coronation Ball, to be held St. Patrick's night, March 17, at the UAW Hall on Plymouth Road.

On that night the Irish queen and her court will highlight an evening of modern Irish dancing and singing. Chairman for the event will be an Irish native, Joe Menton.

Girls interested in being queen must be at least 16 years of age and of Irish origin, or descent, and unmarried.

If selected as Miss Ireland of Livonia, she must agree not take part in any commercial or other appearances without the full consent of the Irish Society of Livonia.

The judging of the queen contestants will be held at a luncheon, March 11.

Collens interested in becoming queen may fill out a coupon on this page of The Observer or call Mrs. Rose Francis, 464-1054 or Mrs. L. Higgins, GA 2-2005.

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THE RICHARD CUMMINS FAMILY of Scenic Avenue in Livonia posed for a picture beside the pool at their Miami Beach resort during a recent Florida vacation. Left to right are Christine, two; Cummins, Debra, seven, and Mrs. Cummins. Cummins is owner of the Dun Rovin Country Club on Haggerty Road.

Organize Childhood Education Unit

Parents, teachers, community workers, and others interested in the education and well-being of children from ages two to 12 are organizing a Livonia branch of the Association of Childhood Education in Livonia.

According to Nancy Newman, assistant principal of the Tyler school, the school at 32401 Pembroke will be host for the initial meeting to be held Thursday, Feb. 16, at 4:15 in the afternoon.

Members from the Southern Oakland County Branch, Wayne County Branch, the State ACE and ACE International will explain the purposes of ACE and how it functions. A complete display of the Southern Oakland County Branch ACEI publications will be on exhibit.

ACE State Vice-President Minnie Zitelk, Miss Doris Lachman of Farmington, Mrs. Leola Stevens of Birmingham, and Mrs. Ruth Varner, of the ACEI, will be present to answer questions.

The Association for Childhood Education International, founded in 1892, is a non-profit professional organization with more than 102,000 members. Its major objectives are:

Daughters of Isabella Schedule Social Meeting

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