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IT'S A BUSY TIME at the John Hacker home in Farmington with two new granddaughters. Shown are Mrs. Dennis Blue holding daughter Luanne, Mrs. Hacker, and Mrs. Ronald Hacker with her daughter, Ronda Kae.

## Two New Babies Keep Grandma Busy

When Mr. and Mrs. John Hacker, of Farmington, became grandparents, they didn't precisely ease into the job.

Their first two grandchildren, both girls, were born just three days apart at the Northwest Grace Hospital this month and stayed in the same nursery.

They visited not one, but two, young mothers in their across-the-hall hospital rooms.

And then both babies and mothers came home to Grandma's for a pleasant stay at the Hackers' comfortable home at 26742 Westmeath until the two mothers had their doctor's permission to take complete charge of their offspring.

That apostrophe is in the right place — both mothers had the same doctor, of course.

The first baby to arrive was Luanne Carlene Blue, who was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Blue, the former Dorothy Hacker, on Feb. 6.

On Feb. 9, Mr. and Mrs. Hacker were standing by the hospital nursery window, admiring Luanne, when another newborn was wheeled in.

It was Ronda Kae Hacker, tiny daughter of the Hackers' son, Ronald, and his wife, the former Ina Tallman.

Mrs. Hacker had planned from the start to have both mothers stay with her un-

til they could be on their own.

"I was so sure they wouldn't both be here at once, they couldn't possibly arrive at the same time," she said.

But they did, and the Hacker home is definitely not a place of bedlam.

"The babies are both so good," marveled Grandma.

"And one is being nursed, so there's just one formula to make. And we have diaper service for both. We certainly did have that deliveryman confused."

It's a rare moment when both babies are awake but Grandma makes the most of his opportunities to take pictures. One prize snap he took is of Mrs. Hacker's mother, Mrs. Sophia DePolly, of 31215 Five Mile, Livonia, holding great-grandchildren numbers 29 and 30.

Luanne and her parents soon will return to their home at 26305 Middlebelt, in the same subdivision, and Ronda and her family will head for their home at 28850 Six Mile. They soon will move to Plymouth, where Hacker is manager of the Eckles Oil Co. plant.

Grandma wouldn't have missed any of this for the world. "But I told them next time they'd better plan better," she said.

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## Livonia Kindergarten Teacher Joins in Memorable Conference

What makes a good teacher? Enthusiasm, for one thing — both in and out of the classroom.

A sense of humor. And, most important, an abiding respect for every child as a total personality not just a mind to be stuffed with facts.

These were some of the conclusions that came out of a most remarkable symposium in which one of Livonia's rather remarkable teachers took part.

Mrs. Alice Marks, who teaches kindergarten at the Randolph School, said the symposium which took place in November at Tucson, Ariz., was one of the highlights of her career and will long be an inspiration to her.

The experience began, Mrs. Marks said, when a letter asked her to join a group of 12 outstanding teachers from around the country for a weekend discussion on classroom prospective at Tucson.

"My first reaction was to wonder who was sponsoring the symposium and why in the world I had been chosen," she said.

A little long distance research revealed that the man behind the symposium was Murray Eisner, vice president of Westab and Montag corporations, which produce school supplies.

Eisner, she learned, had asked Dr. Richard I. Miller of the University of Kentucky education department to select a cross-section of leading teachers from around the country to discuss teaching methods and objectives.

"And they asked me because Dr. Miller needed a kindergarten teacher and a first-year teacher and had happened to hear tape recordings



MRS. ALICE MARKS

I made while serving as a research person in an experiment two educators did on kindergarten art work," Mrs. Marks said.

"As a starter," she recalled, "each of us was asked to write a paper, telling why we were teaching, our satisfactions and frustrations, what we need to be better teachers and our three greatest personal challenges."

"And when we got to Tucson, the truly amazing thing

about the conference was the search person in an experiment we just stated them differently."

This was particularly interesting, Mrs. Marks felt, because the teachers involved came from all over the nation and all types of schools. There was a man who taught in Harlem, a woman from a private school in Atlanta, representatives of large and small schools in the West and on the Eastern seaboard, a teacher from a country-type, all-Negro school in Alabama.

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