

# WORLD OF WOMEN

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## Symphony Season Ends On Triumphant Note



**THE GRAND FINALE** for the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra season Saturday evening was a fine program that featured violinist Emily Austin and baritone Nat Sibbold as soloists and ended with a sing-along for the 300 or more music lovers present at the Plymouth High School auditorium. Above, conductor Wayne Dunlap puts the orchestra through a final rehearsal while Sibbold (lower right) relaxes between numbers. At left, Mrs. Paul Rick, who worked out the circus theme decorations, chats at intermission with her husband, son Douglas and daughter Michelle. At lower left, Detroiters Mr. and Mrs. John Donahue, regular attenders at Plymouth pops concerts, visit with their hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barbour of Plymouth.



## Livonia Group Attends LWV State Meet

Five Livonia women will be attending the 10th Biennial Convention of the League of Women Voters of Michigan in Traverse City May 23-25.

Mrs. John Federspill, Livonia President, will lead the group that also includes Mrs. Robert Hughes, state item chairman, and Mrs. James Callow, first vice president and voters service chairman. Mrs. William Dayton, second vice president and membership chairman, and Mrs. Ferl Thomas, national items chairman.

About 550 Michigan women will be at the session. Principal speaker will be Edward L. Cushman, Executive Vice President of Wayne State University and former Vice President of American Voters, whose topic is "The Quadruple Revolution." Cushman will consider responsibilities of various levels of government, a subject of special interest to the League, a non-partisan, national organization whose purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

He has served at many levels of government from national to local and is currently Chairman of the Detroit City Commission on Community Relations.

Business of the convention will be adoption of a budget, election of officers, and selection of a state program for the coming two years. Delegates next week will be considering adoption of a study based on an analysis and evaluation of the financing of public education in Michigan through grade 12.

The Livonia LWV campaigned for the \$23,000,000 school bond issue which was passed in the special election last fall by local voters. The League's interest in this issue came as a result of its studies of school needs in Livonia. Membership in the LWV is open to any woman 21 years of age, and Mrs. William Dayton, 427-9433, will furnish further information about the organization.

## Gentleman Girl Scout Troop Leader Gets Assist from Cooperative Fathers

An amazing guy who has been going it alone in a crowd of Girl Scout femininity will get some moral support this weekend.

That's when Fred J. Monroy, of Farmington, will lead his Cadette troop—and their fathers—on a canoe trip along the Au Sable River. In years of canoe trips, Monroy knows every turn of Michigan's famed river. He also well versed in the scouting program—Boy Scouting, that is.

And if his feminine junior high charges now give him any moments of uncertainty, one in Cadette Troop 317 has ever suspected his.

Monroy has been a Boy Scout leader in Farmington for years. He still is. He's also taught leadership training courses in Scouting for long time. He still does.

But last fall, Mrs. Elise Schaeffer, neighborhood chairman, tried unsuccessfully to find a leader for a group of junior high Girl Scouts.

**YWCA WIL Preview Trip**

A preview of the YWCA's Mediterranean-Greek Isles Cruise leaving Detroit July 13 will be given at the Downtown YWCA Building, 2330 Witherell, on Monday night, May 22 at 7:30 p.m.

The 18-day tour will return to Detroit July 30, except for individuals adding the optional four-day trip to Lisbon and Madrid. The all-expense cost is \$874 with the Spanish addition priced at just \$60.

Typical of the YWCA trips are the pre-trip meetings such as this, and the experienced YW staff guides who make the entire trip with the group. Tour guides for this cruise will be Mrs. Mildred Brennan of Northern Branch and Mrs. Sophia Lindgren, Northwest Branch.

Open to women, men, couples and teenagers with parents, all are welcomed to this informational meeting.

"So I told her," Monroy said, "if it didn't sound too crazy, I'd take them until we found someone."

That was months ago, and it's hard now to say who's having the most fun—the versatile scout leader or his 33 enthusiastic charges.

He finds the girls interesting and attentive, both at meetings and on the two camping trips so far.

"They're right there, eager and asking questions about whatever I set out to explain," he said. "I think they are easy to interest because they're so courteous."

Mrs. Jud Getzfrid, his co-leader, reports that "these girls are getting more basic Scouting information than most, because Fred knows more about Scouting than anyone around."

"He's so interesting to listen to," she added, "I usually forget the paper work I'm supposed to do."

As for the girls, they are absolutely convinced theirs is the best Cadette troop ever.

Monroy puts in many seven-day weeks at the Ford Motor Co. transmission plant, but still manages to work in his Scout activities.

He told the fathers gathered last week for briefing on the canoe trip that he'd be up at Grayling early to put up the tents.

The Monroys are a scouting family. His wife also has a Girl Scout troop, and two sons have been through the Boy Scout program. One now is with the Army in Thailand. Young Betsy is in her dad's troop, and Bonnie will be a cadette next year.

"I know it sounds corny," says Monroy, "but I just happen to believe that the movement is the greatest thing that's happened to kids."

Some Farmington kids don't have to look for one of the best reasons.

## Mu Phi Epistolians Have Musical Evening

Members of the Detroit Alumnae Chapter of Mu Phi Epistolian Music Sorority met at the home of Mrs. S. W. Curtis of Redford Township this week.

Mrs. John Kassarjian of Taylor performed on the piano, and the winners of the Clara Ellen Starr award and patrons award winners also were heard.

Mrs. William Wooster spoke on the 20th Century American composer, Virgil Thompson.



**GIRL SCOUT LEADER** Fred J. Monroy, her dad, Culver McCoy, of Pleasant Valley (left) goes over plans for his troop's canoe drive, Farmington, trip this weekend with Sally McCoy and

## U.S. Honors Redford's Marjorie Gibbs, Food Expert

Mrs. Marjorie Gibbs, Redford Township resident who was teaching Detroit area mothers how to make the most of meager food budgets before "anti-poverty" work was in vogue, received a superior service award from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington yesterday.

Mrs. Gibbs is a consumer marketing information agent for the Cooperative Extension Service. She is director of an educational program designed to make Detroit area consumers better shoppers, and to promote understanding of the food industry.

Her award is one of six won by Extension workers throughout the nation.

It was presented "For responsive leadership in bringing autonomous interests of the food industry together, providing new resources for



**MRS. MARJORIE GIBBS**

consumer education in the Detroit metropolitan area, and professional leadership in her specialized task."

Mrs. Gibbs, an attractive, slender blonde, has worked extensively since 1960 in Detroit's central low-income area, developing educational materials and classes on food buying and meal planning.

Her materials have since been adopted for use in the TAAAP (Total Action Against Poverty) program.

Dr. William McKee, vice president of the Merrill-Palmer Institute, says of her work, "Mrs. Gibbs has engaged in pioneering a program for inner-city families. Her work in existing and training volunteer home economists to help mothers

in food buying and meal planning long preceded the present anti-poverty efforts. It was a 'grass-roots' program to meet a community need."

Robert Murray, A & P Stores central western division sales director, says, "One of the main reasons food market boycotts have not gotten anywhere in Detroit is due to Marjorie Gibbs in explaining food prices."

One of her many projects involved the organization of a group of about 400 Detroit area women she calls "Informed Food Shoppers." They meet regularly to keep up on what's new in the food industry.

Her work has made Mrs. Gibbs an authority on food marketing. In October, 1965, she testified before the National Commission on Food Marketing in Washington, D.C., outlining her educational program for Detroit area consumers.

In 1962, she was cited by the Central Business District Association as one of Detroit's "Top Ten Working Women."

She and her husband, James, operator of a Detroit insurance agency, live at 9186 Arnold Avenue in Redford Township.

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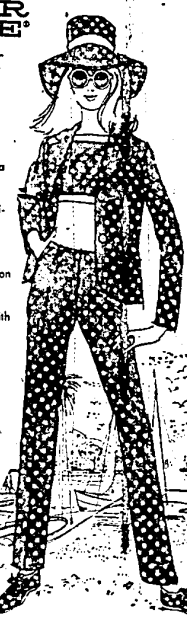
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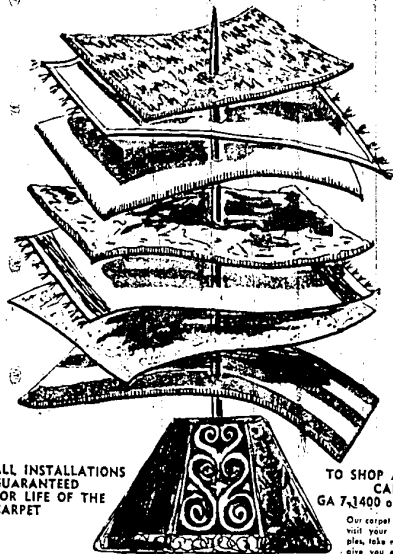


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