



BIRTHDAY BABIES celebrated their first birthday parties along with the city of Westland on Tuesday, May 16, the anniversary date of the community's incorporation. Mayor Thomas H. Brown, who took office May 16, 1966, admires three of the babies, who, along with their parents, were hosted at a special birthday party Tuesday night at the Wayne Ford Civic League Hall. The babies are (left to right) Kelly Leigh Pax, Kurt Brian Smith, and John Peter Charron, being held by their mothers, Mrs. James Pax, Mrs. Roger Smith, and Mrs. Leonard Charron.

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Women on the GO!

By Margaret Miller

Huge packing boxes full of books line the corridors of the Livonia public schools library center.

Clerks are busy with the various phases of preparing books for the library shelves. And in her pleasant office in the Board of Education building, Viola Fitch directs a school library setup so well-organized and efficient that it is studied by library people from all around.

Recently Wayne State University recorded the complete workings of the Livonia system on a film. It will be cut to three-classroom-lecture length to show to library science students at WSU.

Miss Fitch's pride in Livonia's system shows even as she points to the somewhat-in-the-way stacks of book-filled boxes.

"We've had such a fine budget this year," she explains, "that we work all the time but can't keep up with processing all the books we've been able to buy."

Miss Fitch, officially coordinator of instructional materials services for the Livonia schools, finds great satisfaction in the organizational system that lets her handle her complicated administrative chores with assurance of backing by her superiors and confidence in her assistants.

Her department includes not only the books purchased by Livonia schools—other than classroom texts—but the multitude of films, other visual aids such as display cards, and language laboratory machines.

By use of computers and a well-planned system, her department has cut the cost of preparing new books for the school libraries to 52 cents a book.

The addition of new books to library shelves starts with separate monthly meetings of elementary, junior high and



LIBRARIAN VIOLA FITCH is responsible for thousands of books in the Livonia school libraries, but "Peter Rabbit" is still one of her favorites.

senior high librarians. They consider at these meetings books already reviewed by librarians, teachers and sometimes the children.

"We find the youngsters are sometimes the best reviewers, give us a fresh perspective," Miss Fitch said. "At the monthly meetings we talk the books over and decide which should be on a list the schools can use for ordering," she added.

Her assistant, George Bagaris, took up the description. "The list then can be made up in minutes by computer, since each book has a punched card of its own."

"With that order list, the librarian in each school can then instantly, again using punched computer cards, which books they want to order. And when that's completed we can again determine, in minutes, the total number of books to be ordered and the total cost."

These same computer cards then are used in the library files, and duplicating machines are used for making the informational material to be placed in each book—all saving hours of typing time and cost.

Viola Fitch, who had a lot to do with working out the time and money-saving operation, is a librarian with many years' experience.

Her 37 years behind a library desk include time as superintendent of school libraries in Kalamazoo and head librarian at Pontiac Central High School. She also has worked as a junior high librarian and spent four years in the library of the Children's Museum at Brooklyn, N.Y.

Administrative work is more demanding "and I miss working directly with the children," she admits. But the satisfactions are great in the present job that she has held for five years.

She remembers the time

There was a controversy over the Salinger book "Catcher in the Rye." "I got backing right down the line" when our policy for selecting books, Miss Fitch says, "and I couldn't have been more proud of Livonia's school board."

One might suspect the school board feels the same.

Open Pairs Set for May 26 Bridge Meet

The Mayfair Duplicate Bridge Club will hold its annual Open Pairs tournament, at 8 p.m. Friday, May 26. The event will celebrate the completion of three years in business for the Mayfair games, and will be a Championship game, with trophies and extra points awarded, and refreshments served.

Reservations may be made at MA 6-2109 up to 5 p.m. the day of the tournament.

The Mayfair games are held weekly on Tuesday and Friday evenings at 32003 Northwestern, above the Northwest Bowling Lanes, and on Thursday evenings at the Birmingham YMCA, 400 E. Lincoln.

Master point nights for these games are regularly held on the first Friday of the month, and on the second Tuesday and the second Thursday of the month. There will be no game on the evening of Memorial Day, May 30.

Lola Valley Flower Show Set for June 10

The Lola Valley Garden Club will hold its annual flower show, "Pleasant Viewing," June 10, from 2 to 9 p.m. at the Livonia Mall.

General Chairmen are Mrs. Clarence Moore and Mrs. Edward Schenk.

Entries will be divided into three sections, one for floral arrangements and compositions, one for flowers including roses, iris, bulbs, peonies, flowering shrubs and perennials and biennials, and one section for potted plants, dish gardens, African violets and terrariums.

The public is invited to make entries from 8 to 11 a.m.

No exhibitor may enter more than one exhibit in any one class, and all specimens must be grown by exhibitor.

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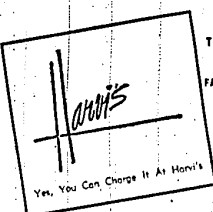
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