

WORLD OF WOMEN

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JOLLY STRAWMEN and rare old fashioned toys will help set the theme for the Antique Mart that is to be just one of the attractions in the Plymouth Fall Festival Sept. 8 to 10. The Mart, considered by antique buffs to be one of the top ones in this part of the country, is sponsored by the Legato group of the Plymouth Symphony League at Grange Hall and the Community Center Building throughout the festival. Mrs. Charles Miller is general chairman, with assistance from Mrs. W. R. Augustine and Mrs. Richard Newton. Last year the Mart drew more than 2,000 visitors from 12 states and as far away as Scotland.



Dearborn 'Y' Classes Begin Sept. 20

The fall schedule of classes in the Western Wayne County YWCA, 1034 Monroe Boulevard, Dearborn, has been announced.

Ten-week courses will be given on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 20, with a luncheon and class preview launching the program Sept. 6.

Class subjects include painting and sketching, beginning and advanced bridge,

and gymnastics. There will be workshops in porcelain flower making, candle making, holiday decoration, centerpieces, gift ideas and cooling, packing and traveling tips and makeup and hair care.

Nursery care will be available on Wednesdays for preschool and kindergarten children. The kick-off luncheon will

feature a display of porcelain flowers. Its cost is 75 cents and reservations must be made by Sept. 6.

Membership in the YWCA is required for the classes, and women interested in more information or luncheon reservations may call the Western Wayne Y, LO 1-4110.

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Back From Bolivia

Peace Corps Volunteer Keeps Busy

Peace Corps volunteer Sally Fedus, of Plymouth, can look both back and forward as she views her service to the corps in undeveloped nations.

Sally, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Fedus of Lilley Road, has just finished two years work with the Aymara Indians in Bolivia, and next month heads for Washington to prepare for appointment as a member of the Peace Corps staff in the Philippine Islands.

"I'm to go for interviews about Sept. 16," she said, "and there will have to be security clearance again and some more indoctrination and training."

"But if all goes as scheduled, I'll be leaving for the Philippines the middle of October as administrative assistant to Arthur W. Purcell, the Peace Corps director in the Philippines."

Purcell formerly was in charge of the programs in Bolivia, and Sally worked as his assistant in La Paz for the last few months of her stay there.

Before that, her work was in the tiny Indian village of Puerto Perez as part of the Bolivian government's National Program for Rural Community Development. "The volunteers went out in teams of two to the different villages," Sally explained. "In each one, we worked with a trained villager. First, we'd take a survey of the number of residents, the work they did, and the village's facilities—like whether or not there was a telephone or telegraph."

"When we got to know the people a bit, we had them tell us about projects they'd like, such as literacy classes or building schools. Then a detailed plans would be set up."

She said the villages paid more than half the cost of the projects, often contributing their share in labor, or adobe bricks, or in the case of Puerto Perez, gravel from the side of Lake Titicaca. "We were supposed to be strictly resource people, with the villagers doing the actual directing and teaching," Sally said. "But we learned that this didn't always work out well, particularly in the case of the village that wanted a literacy class and had only one resident who was even slightly literate."

"So we often wound up doing the teaching or supervising ourselves."

Sally said the Indians she worked with had been slaves as recently as 1852, and now on their own with several parcels of land given them by the government "they just don't have much confidence in their

ability to make decisions." "A big part of the Peace Corps workers' job," she said, "was to get them to trust us and learn to trust their own judgment."

Sally said volleyball games were one of the important "in" with the Indians.

"We'd set up a court and play," she said, "and after a while they would come and watch and we could start getting acquainted. Before long they were working with the villagers and conducting recreation programs so everyone could learn to play volleyball."

Other programs in Bolivia, besides the community development she was concerned with, included teaching health instruction to reduce tuberculosis, and one program in which a few volunteers go into the villages and teach the sheep raisers that it's possible to shear a sheep without butchering it.

Michigan University, she went to Puerto Rico for two months to learn language, history, and things like rock climbing, long endurance in water and distance hiking. There was more of the same the next summer in New Mexico before she headed for Bolivia.

"It was a good thing we had it," she said. "I would never have believed I could walk five miles a day, but I often did at Puerto Perez. And just after we got there, we had to walk 12 miles, in one day."

Sally's mother, Doris Fedus, who teaches in the Rosedale School in Livonia, joined her for some South American travel both last summer and after she completed her Bolivia service this year. They then visited Mexico and California before flying back home.

Sally is a graduate of Bentley High School, Livonia.

Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Metcalf, of Garden City, announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Ann, to Daniel Red Quinn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Quinn, of Dearborn Heights. The bride-elect is a graduate of Garden City East High School and attends Michigan State University. Her fiancé holds two degrees from Wayne State University and is studying at MSU while teaching in Garden City public schools. A Nov. 18 wedding is planned.



BETWEEN ASSIGNMENTS with the United States Peace Corps, Sally Fedus, of Plymouth, shows some of the souvenirs she brought back from her two-year stay in the mountains of Bolivia. She wears an alpaca sweater made there; and shows one of the striped woolen blankets the Indian women wear and a native musical instrument.

-- m. m. memos --

It's been some months since much has been heard of Batman and Robin.

In our house, at least, they've been pretty much supplanted by The Monkees in the affections of the youngest set.

But we became aware of the great influence of the television hero and his Boy Wonder sidekick when our almost-six-year-old bought her first grade books for school.

Included was a volume we hadn't seen with other first-graders in the family—a pint-sized dictionary.

And listed under Z were a few words that never would have appeared in the old days—Zap, Zing, Zip, Zoom and ZOWIE.

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