

PTA In Area Begins Anti-Smoking Campaign

A problem of growing concern among parents—smoking by young teens and their even younger brothers and sisters—is getting action from the Parent Teacher Association in the area.

Representatives of PTA's in District 2 will meet at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at Edsel Ford High School in Dearborn for a workshop to help local groups initiate anti-smoking programs.

District 2 includes PTA organizations in all of Wayne County outside Metropolitan Detroit.

A SIMILAR MEETING was held Nov. 4 for South Oakland PTA groups.

Mrs. Carol Comstock, of Farmington, said that meeting included talks by several health authorities. Delegates also saw several films that might be suitable for use in local meetings.

"We'll now make the material available, and it will be up to the various school PTA groups to use it as they wish," she said.

The campaign is now being aimed at elementary school organizations, Mrs. Comstock added, because research now indicates that warnings to junior high pupils about the hazards of smoking may already be too late.

MRS. WALTER NEVILL, director of District 2, said local units were being urged to initiate programs at the younger level because it was felt that children in the elementary grades are beginning to express independence and should know of the adverse effects smoking can have.

She said the PTA has campaigned for 20 years against smoking by young people.

"Many people do not know it," she added, "but there is an old Michigan law still in effect that calls for schools to teach the bad effect of smoking."

"This usually is done in classes in physiology or natural science at the senior high school level, which in our modern and fast-paced life is too late for our children."

THE MEETING at Edsel Ford High is open to the public and free.

Dr. George Pickett, Wayne County General Hospital, will keynote the assembly on the physical effects of smoking on health while Dr. Saul Levine, Lafayette Clinic, will discourse on the psychological and social motivations of the smoking habit among young people.

Dr. Levine's panel members will include a school social worker and a school athletic coach.

Various health agencies vitally concerned with the smoking habit and its effect on health, including the Michigan Council on Smoking and Health and the Wayne County Council on Health and Smoking, are cooperating with the Michigan PTA by supplying literature, exhibits and personnel available as speakers.

Each PTA unit represented at the meeting will receive a kit filled with material and information vital to programming their individual smoking and health projects.

Women To Join In Farewell

Members of eight women's clubs in this area will join in the gala farewell to the Federation of Women's Clubs of Metropolitan Detroit at the Metropolitan Club, 2 for its clubhouse at 4811 Second, Detroit.

The historic old building will be torn down soon to make way for further expansion of the Wayne State University campus.

Federation officers are looking around the area for a site suitable for a new clubhouse.

MRS. NATHANIEL BANKS, of Redford Township, a member of the Kenwood Woman's Club, is the current president of the federation.

Other area clubs represented are the Farmington Town Club, the Garden City Women's Club, the Livonia City Women's Club, the Northville Women's Club, the Redford Suburban League, Redford Woman's Club, and Westwood Hills Woman's Club.

THE FAREWELL evening at the Second Avenue house will include a catered buffet dinner at 7 p.m., dancing in the ballroom with an orchestra from the Detroit Federation of Musicians, and movies and cards.

For information or tickets, women interested may call KE 2-7345 or 534-2768.

Thanksgiving Musicales Set

The Farmington Musicales will hold its Thanksgiving program at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, in the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, Eleven Mile and Farmington Roads.

As a member of the Michigan and National Federations of Music Clubs, the Musicales will recognize Federation Day, acquainting its members, old and new, with the functions and goals of the state and national organizations.

The program will feature soloists Mrs. Karen Kelly, contralto, and Mrs. Carolee McDaniel, organist. They will present religious and operatic selections in honor of the Thanksgiving season.

Program chairman will be Mrs. Richard Cass, Mrs. Paul Nixtine will serve as tea chairman.

Rosedale Plans Turkey Dance

Rosedale Gardens Civic Association has scheduled a Turkey Go-Go dance for Nov. 18 as the social activity of the month.

The event will be held in the club house on Hubbard Road. Dress is casual and hosts are Jim and Marilyn Hall, GA 1-8656.

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FEDERATION OFFICERS HONORED—Mrs. Nathaniel Banks, of Redford Township, president of the Federation of Women's Clubs of Metropolitan Detroit, stands between two other federation officers during a recent reception at the organization's Detroit clubhouse. Also pictured are Mrs. Herbert Norris, of Dearborn Heights, first vice president, and Mrs. John Fetzer, of Grosse Pointe Park, second vice president.

Funds Sought For Chapels For Patients

At Northville

Leaders of five communities are joining in an effort to provide religious facilities which doctors believe may aid in the rehabilitation of Northville State Hospital patients.

The aim is to raise \$30,000 for three chapels for Catholic, Protestant and Jewish patients.

Besides the small synagogue and sanctuaries, offices are planned for chaplains of the three faiths, and there will be a common meeting and storage room and a conference room.

For the past 15 years, Northville state hospital has had no facilities for religious services. The chaplains have conducted services in a teaching auditorium.

Dr. E.G. Yafashkin, medical superintendent, believes these sanctuaries will help the hospital in its treatment of the mental patients.

cover if worship facilities could be provided.

Because of the many needs of the hospital, the state is unable to finance the building of the chapels.

So the Northville State Hospital Chapel Committee has mailed letters to all churches and leading businesses in the community to raise the money necessary to remodel a section of the hospital into a three chapel complex.

Although the campaign is barely off the ground several pledges have been made. Jewish Women's organization has pledged \$6,000, and the Redford Suburban League \$700.

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Area Women Attend Girl Scout Conference

Many women from the Observer Area will be among the 1,000 representatives at the Girl Scout Conference held in Chicago today.

The three-day conference's theme, "The Challenge of Leadership," is designed to help troop leaders, board members and others concerned, develop a high quality Girl Scout program.

Mrs. Holton R. Price, National Girl Scout President and Sister Ann Ida Gannon, president of Mundelein College, will be featured as guest speakers.

Mrs. Kenneth Hulsing, Mrs. George T. Bauer, Mrs. David Mather, and Mrs. A. Pichia, are Plymouth delegates to the conference.

Mrs. Charles Wiklins and Mrs. Harry Wright will represent Livonia.

Visits Florida

Mrs. Ada Coates, of Stamford Avenue, Livonia, recently visited the state-owned Ringling Museums while vacationing at Sarasota, Fla.

m. m. memos

One of the most pleasant parts of the women's editor's job is handling the pictures of all the pretty girls around here who are about to be married.

For the most part, I know them only as a smiling face on a wallet-sized photo, but I enjoy piecing together the romantic bits of information their announcements contain.

Like the one that came recently from a lovely young lady who was homecoming queen at her college last year. She's marrying the football coach, and what a stir that romance must have caused on campus.

Then there's another recent bride-elect I'd like to meet sometime.

She brought her picture to one of The Observer offices and asked, in passing, when it would be published.

In a week or so, my co-worker told her. And she asked if her mother wanted to know the date so she could get lots of extra copies to send to relatives.

"It's not that," our young lady explained. "I'm a teacher, and it's my sixth grade class that's getting me down. They see my fiance drive me to school every day, and I just have to get them some proof that I'm not married."

Ah, these precocious sixth-graders!

DAR Sees Police Film

A film on police work entitled "To Protect and Serve" will be viewed by the Sarah Ann Cochran Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the Nov. 20 meeting in the home of Mrs. Robert Willoughby.

Mrs. Ann Holmes, of Birmingham, will narrate and conduct a question and answer period.

The film, which draws on the files of J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI, Adlai Stevenson and the U.S. Department of Justice, relates the history of law enforcement, how police help citizens and how their work is hindered.

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