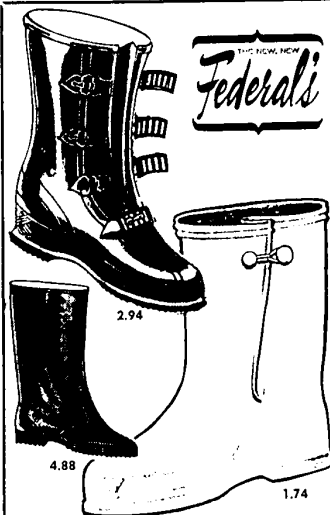


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**FARMINGTON MUSICIAN**—Mrs. Elenora Skillman, of Farmington, will be accompanist for soprano Ann Marie Obressa in the concert that Mu Phi Epsilon, international professional music sorority, has scheduled at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, in the International Institute, 111 E. Kirby, Detroit. Tickets may be obtained at the door or

by calling Mrs. Arnold Czarnecki, 382-6510. Mrs. Skillman, a music graduate of Wayne State University and a member of the sorority, is the wife of James Skillman, a member of the Farmington Township Board of Trustees. She's shown here seated at her grand piano.

## Granny's Herbs Used In Modern Medicine

There is nothing new under the sun.  
Dr. C. Howard Ross, past president of the American Medical Writers' Association, proved that last week speaking before the Plymouth Women's Club on "Granny's Herbs and the Witch Doctor."  
"I would like to pay respect to the wisdom of the old ladies who lived in the English villages centuries ago," began Dr. Ross. "The old lady outlived the old man and became a reservoir of what was good and what was bad in the treatment of disease. Behind every granny's cottage one would find a 'plunder room' filled with dried herbs," explained Dr. Ross as he set the stage for the fascinating tale of herbs and their role in modern medicine.  
Dr. Ross's lively narrative illustrated how "witches brew" but the jack pot only once in 500 times. "If you were to pile up all the grannies and shake them up a bit, there would be quite a bit of useless residue down below," he chuckled.  
Four thousand years ago on the isles north of France, in the ancient times of grannies, druids and witches, willow twigs were boiled and strained through goat's wool. This brew was then administered to the old people of the village to ease their painful joints.  
Dr. Ross told the story of a shop-stee granny, who, in

17-3 suggested 20 herbs for the treatment of 2,000 patients suffering from heart malady. The first 18 herbs failed. But herb number 19 was fox-glove, which grows under hedges in almost every county of England.  
It was as successful then as it is today in its modern form. Twentieth century heart patients call it digitalis.  
Dr. Ross introduced his audience to the wonders of mistletoe for blood pressure, purple myrtle for heart, moose lily for boils and dandelion for consumption. He left no doubt in anyone's mind that the herbs used in ancient times by grannies, witches and witchdoctors are the forerunners of modern medicine.



## Who's Got The Button?

Buttons will be used for flower arrangements and small gardens in a demonstration before the Rosedale Gardens Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the club house, 5611 Hubbard, Livonia.

The guest speaker will be Mrs. E.A. Linder, of Birmingham. Her topic will be "Buttons Do Grow."

## Group Formed To Aid Neurotics

A Detroit chapter of Neurotics Anonymous has begun regular meetings at 3 p.m. on Sundays in the G.A.R. Building at 1842 Grand River, Detroit. The group, which seeks to help individuals from emotional illness to recover and maintain their health, is free

## m. m. memos

A while back, my first-grader brought home from school a fascinating missive.

"Now that your last little chick is in school all day," it read, "wouldn't you like to perform an outstanding service to your community by driving a school bus? It's a lot easier than you think, and the district is several drivers shy."

I thank the school district, but I must decline. Even if I were not busy supplying Memos and other information to this newspaper, I fear that's one job that is not for me.

I've seen the frantic look in the eyes of the kindergarten driver the first day of school, when she has two wee ones left over at the end of her route. One lives "in the house on the corner" and the other "in a brick house."

I've appreciated the patience of the drivers who must have made umpteen trips to Upland Hills farm and still turn in the enthusiasm for their young charges every time.

And in the midst of a late fall downpour, I marveled at the fortitude of a gallant lady who braved expressway rush-hour traffic, steaming windows and screaming seventh-graders—and kept her equanimity all the way home.

I'm not made of such stern stuff. My admiration for school drivers is boundless, but I can't be one of them.

## Roosevelt PTA Will Discuss Report Cards

Roosevelt School PTA in Livonia will shake February doldrums with a lively panel discussion on report cards at its regular meeting Feb. 8 at 8 p.m.

Panelists will be Dr. Henry Heuser, Dr. Paul Johnson, Paul Winkler, of radio station WTAK and Mrs. Penny Duprey, music instructor and mother of two Roosevelt youngsters.

The panel discussion is entitled "A Report to Parents."

## Feted At Party

Councilman Robert Nash, of Livonia, will be honored at a dinner dance Saturday, Feb. 10, in the Danish Club of Detroit, 2271 Grand River.

## Widowed Invited To Conference

The Naim Conference for widows and widowers, which will be held at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, in St. Barnabas Church, East Detroit. The conference is sponsored by the family bureau of the Archdiocese of Detroit, and persons interested may call Stephanie Naim, PR. 8-0255.

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