

The Gerings Celebrate 50th Anniversary
 Mr. and Mrs. William Gering, of 14572 Hix, Livonia, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 23 with a dinner party for 170 guests in Roma Hall. The guest list included friends from Cleveland.

Refresher Class Offered Nurses
 A second session of a 240-hour course designed to update inactive registered nurses will be offered by Oakland Community College starting April 22, with clinical practice in William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.
 The course includes diagnostic and therapeutic measures used in the care of adult medical-surgical patients. Classes are conducted Monday-Thursday from 5:30-10:30 p.m., and include theory and clinical practice.
 Inactive registered nurses who are interested in returning to active duty and would like to enroll for future courses are encouraged to contact their local MESC office, if they saw.



Livonia's Mrs. William O. Anderson used to sit at her breakfast table and look beyond her well-kept backyard to the pile of trash behind her neighbor's garage.
 She didn't care for what she saw.
 Nor did she like the debris that, sometimes accumulated near other homes in the neighborhood, the old junkies parked about, the papers often scattered near schoolyards.
 "So instead of smoldering about it, I decided to do something," she said.
 Now Sofia Anderson is head of the "Keep Livonia Beautiful" committee and the city's representative to the Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan.
 IN THIS CAPACITY, she's done a great deal to make her community a better-looking place to live. She thinks it's a better place, too.
 "A person who learns to be clean in his home and business has self-respect and pride and respect for the rights and property of others," Mrs. Anderson said. "Because of this, he just has to be a better person to have in the community."
 The "Keep Livonia Beautiful" committee has been in operation about five years and Sofia Anderson has headed it for three.
 Under her leadership, schools have vied in cleanup and fix-up programs, youth groups have planted thousands of bulbs and picked up probably millions of scraps of litter, auxiliary policemen have towed off junk cars, and businesses and industries have scrubbed up to put on a good front.

Women On The Go
 Her Happiness Is A Beautiful City



SOFIA ANDERSON and daughter Jill work on a home beautification project.

The budding conservationists will get instructions for planting and will be able to watch the seedlings develop. "And even when the little trees die, we hope the kids will have an interest kindred so that they'll go out and try again," Sofia said.
 The plantings are to take place during Arbor Week, April 21-27.
 FOR THREE YEARS, Sofia Anderson has gone in February to the national "Keep America Beautiful" in Washington. There local groups from all over the country present detailed scrapbooks of their year's projects and exchange ideas and information.
 "It's amazing how enthusiastic you become there," Mrs. Anderson said.
 Back home, she's led an assortment of beautification programs, and is delighted with the response she has had.
 FOR EXAMPLE, there was the Girl Scout Cadette troop, that took some paint presented by the Taft and Botsford School PTA's and turned the playground equipment into a riot of color.
 And the Boy Scouts at the Garfield school who made their own pickup sticks and cleaned up the area around the school.
 Then there were the 300 Camp Fire Girls who planted 2,400 tulip bulbs in an hour in a border along the edge of Ford Field.
 And the Brownies who lugged grocery bags full of litter from the grounds of their school.
 An annual competition provides a plaque each year to the business, the industry, the school, the gas station, the professional building and the restaurant in Livonia that does the best job of clean up and beautification. A citation goes to the runner-up in each category.
 AND BESIDES THESE more or less official projects, Sofia Anderson conducts her own beautification drive on a year-long basis.
 "I don't hesitate to stop at a home or business where I see piles of litter that have stayed a long time," she said, "if I find many people cooperate, if the idea is presented diplomatically."
 Those who don't are reported to the city sanitation department, or to the building department of the police. The same treatment is given those in the area about whom complaints are made.

Northwest 'Y' Spring Classes Have Openings

Registrations for new classes for men and women in golf, basic square dancing, music-art appreciation, powder-puff mechanics (team loo), art and self-defense for women, still are open at the Northwest YWCA, 25940 Grand River.
 Golf will include 10 weeks of instruction for beginners and those requiring refresher tips, and is scheduled for daytime and evening hours, under the direction of Tom King, golf pro.
 Basic square dance instruction by Owen Turner, will be geared toward the beginner. Interested single individuals as well as couples may register. Classes will be held at 9 p.m. on Wednesday evening beginning April 10 and will run for eight weeks.
 A MUSIC-ART appreciation class has been added to the YWCA Ladies Day Out program on Thursday afternoons from 1 to 2:30 p.m., with Ruth Jones heading the course.
 Mrs. Jones will also be preparing a class in color study on Monday afternoons. It will be directed toward designers and decorators as well as artists. Acrylics will be used. The course begins on April 1.

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