

# Carol Otwell Tapped

Carol Otwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Otwell, W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, was tapped for Mortar Board at Western Michigan University



CAROL OTWELL

during the annual Spring Breakfast held Saturday, April 6, 1968.

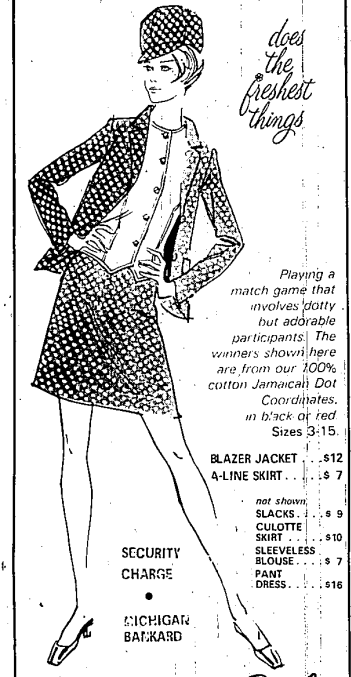
Carol was chosen along with 20 other junior women out of her class which includes approximately 5,500 women.

Mortar Board is a national honor society for senior college women and the new members were chosen on the basis of scholarship, leadership, and service to the university.

Carol is a junior in secondary education with an English major and a French minor. She is a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority and holds membership in Alpha Lambda Delta and Kappa Delta Pi honoraries, and she has been on the dean's list every semester but one.

Miss Otwell is a 1965 graduate of Plymouth High School and wrote for The Observer as the Plymouth High reporter.

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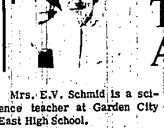
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# Women On The Go This GC Teacher Is A Kentucky Colonel



Mrs. J.V. Schmidt is a science teacher at Garden City East High School.

She's also the foster mother of more than a score of young persons now scattered around the country.

And she has still another claim to fame—she's a Kentucky Colonel. That's an honor well known in the Blue Grass state, and it is attained by few Northerners and fewer women.



MRS. GERALDINE SCHMIDT

RIGHT NOW GERALDINE Schmidt and her husband have no foster children living with them.

"We're taking a breather," she said, explaining that the teenage girl who lived with them until recently now is back with her family but still enjoys visiting.

The Schmidts manage to keep in touch with most of the young people who have spent anywhere from three weeks to five years in their home.

Letters from one of the boys now comes from Vietnam.

"And a lot of the correspondence now consists of wedding invitations and birth announcements," Mrs. Schmidt said.

"He was a boy who had been caught stealing and was turned over to us by the court."

"But one night there was a drug store break-in, and the police asked us to check whether he was home. We were amazed and disappointed to find his bed empty and a window open."

"I'm afraid we've lost track of him."

THE SCHMIDTS never have worked through any foster parent agency.

"The children just seemed to come to us from various sources," said Geraldine Schmidt.

One of the first were referred to them by a judge friend who thought their home would provide just the right atmosphere needed by a particular youngster who was having difficulties.

SEVERAL of the Schmidts' foster children have been with them in their present Livonia home, and some were part of the family when they lived in Louisville, Ky.

"That, of course, was where Mrs. Schmidt attained her rank of colonel."

"I wasn't working then, so besides caring for children I got into all sorts of community projects," she said.

It was indeed a good atmosphere. Later it was right for others.

"Some people collect stray animals," said Mrs. Schmidt. "We collect stray kids."

But the recommendation was genuine, and Geraldine Schmidt later was commissioned a colonel by the governor of Kentucky "for service to community, city, state and nation."

SHE EMPHASIZED that they never took in a youngster without the complete approval of their own two daughters, now both married.

"Our home was their home first," she said, "and they had to be in it with us."

She also said they never took any support money for foster sons and daughters.

"They've always felt that they wanted to be entirely on their own in the matter of making decisions and taking stands for guiding their young charges. Most stayed until they were ready for some sort of school or employment."

NEARLY always the Schmidts could feel their decisions were generally right—and the foster children have let them know they agreed.

"But we did lose one," said Geraldine Schmidt regretfully.

IN THE MIDST of all the civic activity, Mrs. Schmidt received a call one day informing her she was recommended for appointment to the honorary organization of Kentucky Colonels.

"I thought it was a joke at first," she said, "I guess I'd figured all colonels had beards."

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# Sweet Adelines Vie In Temple

Barbershop singing is not devoted solely to male of the species. The girls are expert at the art also.

In fact there is an international organization known as the Sweet Adelines, who gather for the purpose of barbershop harmony.

Sweet Adelines from Ohio, Canada and Michigan will attend the 13th annual Convention of Northern Region #2, April 19 through 21 in Detroit's Masonic Temple.

Hosts of the convention are the members of the South Oakland Chapter which includes members from throughout Ohio.

The hosts of the convention go to the winner of the previous year.

THE COMPLETE schedule of the regional meeting is: Friday, April 19, beginning at 8 p.m., quartet competition; Saturday, April 20, beginning at 1 p.m., chorus competition; and Saturday, April 20, 8:30 p.m., the show "Fiesta."

Tickets for the competitions are priced at \$2, while the admission to the Saturday night show is \$2.50. An afterglow will follow the program Saturday evening. Admission to this is \$2.50.

All these events are open to the public.

Chairman of the meeting is Jill Turley of Farmington, while Rose Mary Clisda of Farmington is co-chairman.

Local members of the South Oakland chapter include Chas. Weigle of Farmington and Lorrie McAllister of Livonia.

Members of Farmington are: Sue Arabian, Ann Courville, Adelaide Duff, Nancy Gilbert, Marion Greene, Joyce Latta, Marlene McFadden, Gloria Newlin, Marilyn Olson, Donna Rickert, Jan Saunders and Jill Turley.



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