

Garden City Church Honors Helpful Lady

A Garden City lady who has spent 40+ plus years in that community helping its residents was a surprised guest of honor at an 81st birthday party Saturday night.

Mrs. Florence LaFever thought she was going to a Christmas party at the Garden City Free Methodist Church, Maplewood Park.

Then she spotted her sons and daughters and several grandchildren there and realized the reason for the party was her 81st birthday.

"I surely was surprised," she said.



MRS. FLORENCE LA FEVER

Confused About Toys? These Hints May Help

There's a bumper crop of new toys this Christmas. Colorful clever-looking toys and games are everywhere, so it's no wonder that a parent or a grandparent may wonder just WHAT toy to select.

Kids are more sophisticated today and there are larger toy selections than ever.

However, kids will be kids, just as they were when they were toddlers. "astronaut" became a household word. And the rules for selecting a good item remain the same, agree three firms, which have taken the games children play very seriously for many, many years.

CHILD GUIDANCE TOYS. Tinkertoy and Plait and Malt all agree that the ideal toy or game should encourage the child to use his imagination. It should involve him rather than make him a spectator, give parents a chance for participation, and if the toy is educational, it should definitely be fun, too.

And naturally, it should be safe, durable and reasonably priced.

Finally, all three companies recommend close examination of the packaging. The picture on the box should depict the toy and its actions accurately, and the age span for the toy should be listed. "But remember that children develop at different rates," they warn. So don't be disturbed if your three-year-old isn't interested in a toy specified for his age group.

You can't go wrong with a good musical toy with lots of action, especially not when it sneaks in some information, such as color matching, form fitting and musical notes, of course.

IS THERE a child who doesn't love animals? Of course not. And again this is an area full of opportunity to build in some learning. Keyzo is a zoo complete with a key. When the key is turned wild animals charge out of their cages. When it's time to

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late husband, Napoleon, were among the original residents of Garden City. They moved to the area in the 1920s when, as she remembers, "it was mostly cornfields and haystacks."

The garage they built at the corner of Kiddle Belt and Ford Road, when Ford was a mud road in 1924, was one of the first businesses in Garden City.

They had to sell the business during the depression, and the building was used for a wholesale store and now is a laundromat.

After the sale, Mr. LaFever

worked as a machinist. He died in 1957.

"Garden City has been a good place to live," said Mrs. LaFever, looking back over the years. "I wouldn't want to live anywhere else."

MRS. LAFEVER was one of the group that helped found the Free Methodist Church in a small frame building at Inkster and Ford Roads. The congregation moved later to its present quarters. She taught a junior high Sunday Class in the church for years, and many of her former students still keep in close touch.

Her children are Mrs. Hazel Kovski of Garden City, Mrs. Lucille Stone of Monroe, LeLand LaFever of Farmington, Clifford LaFever of California and David LaFever of Taylor. There also are 18 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

Now in her 80s, Mrs. LaFever says she drives "only when I have to."

"BUT SHE still visits people and helps them," said daughter Hazel, "and she tithes her Social Security income to give to the needy."

Receiving her church friends' congratulations and gifts as well, Mrs. LaFever said she felt sure that what she had been able to do had been with "God's help."

"And if I didn't have a bad leg," she quipped, "I'd still be going strong."

return them, the child must match colors.

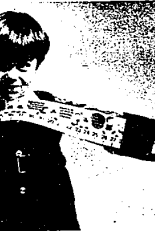
Kids never tire of building toys. Tinkertoy, which has been appealing to the imagination of children for more than 30 years, is as strong as ever. And try to keep Dad off the floor while all that tinkering is going on.

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They Renew Vows On Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Berna Chamberlain, who have lived at 8330 Fremont, Westland, for the last 25 years, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Dec. 18.

They renewed their vows in Bethel Assembly of God on Middle Belt Road, Livonia, in a ceremony performed by the Rev. Jacob Traub. Melch Hall sang "Whither Thou Goest" and Roger Thomason played the organ. Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain's seven children stood with their parents during the ceremony.

A dinner followed in the Dula Party Room, on Grand River, Redford Township. Some 150 guests attended.

Berna and Opal Chamberlain's children are Roy Chamberlain of Livonia; Juanita Forrest of Wyandotte; Maude Bligham of Port Richey, Florida; Claude

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Senior Scouts Are Named To Council

Six senior Scouts, all high school students, have been appointed members of the board of directors of the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council.

Included are Linda Bartalsky of Plymouth and Laura Patterson of Westland.

THE APPOINTMENTS were made as part of a reorganization of the volunteer and professional staff of the council to place new emphasis on teen-age troops. All will serve for one year.

"We are eager to hear the ideas and opinions of these young women as our council expands our program with senior high and college students," said Mrs. James Kennedy, council president.

To implement new programs coming from the council, Sue Imel, a field director of the Wayne-Westland and Ann Arbor

Montessori School Opens

Applications for children between the ages of 2½ and five are being accepted by the newly organized Dearborn Heights Montessori Center in Christus Victor Lutheran Church, 25335 Ford Road.

The school, licensed by the state as a non-profit nursery school, will offer Montessori pre-school education under the leadership of Mignon Fernando, who comes from

Glassmires Have Daughter

Airman 1c Charles Robert Glassmire announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Stephanie Lynn, at Homestead, Fla., where the father is serving with the U.S. Air Force.

Mrs. Glassmire is the former Nancy Heiss, and she and her husband both are graduates of Stevenson High School. The baby's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Glassmire of Livonia and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Heiss Jr., also of Livonia.

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