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"Women Look at the World," a mini-discussion series, will begin Tuesday, Nov. 27, in the Oakland branch YWCA, 839 Crooks, Clawson.
 Discussions will be held at 9:15 a.m. for three Tuesdays. A panel on the YWCA movement titled "The Power and the Glory is in We," will open the series.
 The Dec. 4 speaker will be Mrs. Rosa Parks, the woman who started the bus boycott that began the civil rights movement, and on Dec. 11 Mrs. Dorothy Golze will show slides on Yugoslavia. Baby sitting is available.

Fight For 'The Decent,' Urges Visiting Writer

By MARGARET MILLER

Marjorie Holmes, a tiny woman with a big zeal for "the decent, the good," believes women can be a bigger force in battling pornography and obscene films.

Addressing the Livonia Town Hall last week, the four-foot 10-inch Washington Star columnist and author said she also objects to today's sex education in schools.

"But I think it should be in the home and I am against the way it is being taught in some schools."

"In our zeal to overcome puritanism and to protect our children, we've crammed some terrible stuff down their throats."

Miss Holmes, in private life Mrs. Lynn Mighell, said that during children's elementary school years we should "answer their questions, of course, but not try to cram in a lot of information they're not ready for."

Teaching children "the facts of life" at home and being knowledgeable about school sex education programs were just two of the means the speaker recommended for helping society reestablish moral values.

She also suggested joining Citizens for Decent Literature, based in the Carver Towers in Cleveland, a group that she said has been in the forefront of fighting against obscenity.

"And you can boycott obscene movies and censor your children's movie fare—I did," she said.

"You can write to your congressman to protest bulk postage rates for pornography. High postage has put some good magazines out of business, yet we receive filth under bulk rates."



MARJORIE HOLMES (right), Livonia Town Hall lecturer, shows her latest book to Mrs. Jean Formosa of Livonia (Observer photo by Bob Woodring).

Miss Holmes pointed out that she had written a magazine article 10 years ago, predicting that objectionable films then being made would find their way into homes by means of the TV screen.

"That's happening now," she said, "and there's really no way to censoring your children's viewing every moment of the day."

In her talk in the Terrace Theater, Miss Holmes described the writing of several of her books.

Representatives of two Livonia book stores that advertise in the Town Hall program, Dicksons at 33493 W. Seven Mile, and Alpha at 32011 Plymouth, were on hand to sell copies of the books for autographing.

Miss Holmes said two of her best sellers, "I've Got To Talk to Somebody, God," and "What Am I, God?" are based on the "conversational prayers" she has inserted over the years in her newspaper column "Love and Laughter."

"I wrote the first of these prayers while peeling potatoes one day," she said, "and it brought such response that I kept writing them."

The book "Two from Galilee" is the love story of Mary and Joseph, she said. "I started thinking about them one Christmas when in church I sat near the manger scene and could smell the hay." She said it took seven years to find a publisher, but she was glad of the wait because the country moral climate is now better ready to receive such a book.

Miss Holmes also wrote a book of advice for teen-agers girls, "Nobody Else Will Listen," and her most recent publication is a nostalgic, "You and I Yesterday," written because "although you can't go home again we can go back a few pages."

Asked about her family, the speaker said both her daughters danced professionally. The older one, now married, was with a ballet company, she said, and the younger one does belly-dancing in a night club.

"She's a very spiritual girl and has her life well coordinated," she added. "I saw her dance and it is beautiful. The club owner told me she lends refinement to the club."

with the adult study commission. A continental breakfast will be served. Members of the community are invited. There is no charge.

Mrs. Goldstein received her bachelor's degree from Hunter College in New York City and a master's in social work from Wayne State University. She has worked in hospitals and family agencies for 20 years as a case worker, case work supervisor and field work instructor of graduate students.

LWV Shows Film Nov. 30

The West Bloomfield Farmington area League of Women Voters will show the film "Nothing But a Man" on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 29 and 30 in "J" building on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College, 1495 ac Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington Hills.

The film will be shown at 8 p.m. and refreshments will be served. Tickets can be purchased from Mrs. Jane Clements, 24581 Creekside, Farmington Hills, or Mrs. Barbara Kurko, 28333 Bayberry, Farmington Hills.

The film is the story of a black man's attempt to make a living in the south. It stars Ivan Dixon and Abbey Lincoln.

Seniors Hear Patent Talk

Senior Citizens of Grand River Baptist of Livonia will hear patent attorney Mike Sutton speak on "Patents: an Investor's Fantasy, Folly For Fortune" on Friday, Nov. 23.

A potluck lunch will begin at 12 noon with table service and beverages provided. The meeting is scheduled in the church's fellowship hall, 34500 W. Six Mile, Livonia.

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NHS Asks Gifts For Forgotten For Christmas

Observer area residents willing to share Christmas joy can brighten the lives of otherwise forgotten Northville State Hospital patients.

NHS community relations director Louis J. Schult said gifts can be forwarded to indigent patients or those whose family and friends seldom visit.

"Each year at this time we receive inquiries from citizens asking how they may remember indigent patients," he said.

"Presently our nursing staff members and our family care coordinator are sharing with us names of those patients whom we do not anticipate will be receiving gifts."

"Each patient will indicate two or three Christmas wishes, and we will relay these slips, along with letters of instruction, to any interested individual or group."

Schult said the majority of the hospital patients would be going home for Christmas or receiving gifts from families, but a few are overlooked each year.

Among these, he added, are some patients who have left the hospital and are living in the community.

NOW Plans Festival

A Festival of women's music and art is planned by the National Organization for Women Wednesday, Dec. 5 in St. John Presbyterian Church, 1961 E. Lafayette, at St. Aubin, Detroit. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m.

An exhibition of painting, prints, crafts, and sculpture

PWP Meets

Single parents in Plymouth, Livonia, Northville and Novi may attend a meeting of Parents Without Partners on Friday, Nov. 23, at 8 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main.

will be displayed, along with booths offering boutique items for sale.

Entertainment will be given by the Street Corner Society of East Lansing.

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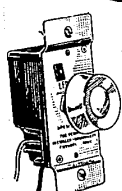
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