

Y sets 7th clinic

The Northwest branch YWCA will begin its seventh self-start clinic Monday, Feb. 25, at 9:30 a.m. in its building at 2590 Grand River, Redford Township.

The program, in three Monday sessions, is designed to provide ideas on employment, education and volunteer work for women interested in investing time outside the home.

Lee Santivan, former employment adviser with the Oakland University Continuum Center and more recently a management trainer, will be speaker for the opening session.

Her talk will draw upon concepts of Transactional Analysis and will be titled "Women - Fairy Tales or Reality."

The second session, on March 4, will be conducted by a panel of experts who will consider employment opportunities in specific fields and give tips on assessing one's image and taking tests.

The closing session March 11, to be titled "Value Clarification," will be conducted by Mrs. Sam Florek and other members of the Schoolcraft College counseling department.

It is intended to help each woman decide which choice is best for her.

The fee for the three-session workshop is \$150, and the usual YW membership fee requirement will not apply. The deadline for registration, by calling the YW, is Feb. 21.



GOV. WILLIAM MILLIKEN will be the honoree at a community wide dinner Wednesday, Feb. 13 in the grand ballroom of Cobo Hall sponsored by Histadrut's Public Service Council and the American Trade Union Council for Histadrut.

Proceeds of the \$50-a-plate dinner will go to the scholarship fund of the Histadrut's Afro-Asian Institute in Israel. Dinner reservations may be made through the council's office at 2855 Middle Belt Rd., Farmington.

Low income families could benefit by welfare proposal

A plan to benefit low-income Americans, regardless of whether they work, whether they have children or whether the family head is male or female, is being prepared by U.S. Rep. Martha Griffiths (D-Detroit).

The congresswoman outlined her ideas on "The Family, Poverty and Welfare Programs" in a recent appearance in Southfield before the Michigan Inter-professional Association on Marriage, Divorce and the Family.



MARTHA GRIFFITHS

she stated. "The fatherless family, whether black or white, is not."

And, she added, there is no question that welfare itself has contributed to the rise of fatherless families.

"As you know, two-parent families are largely excluded from Aid For Dependent Children," she stated. "I have often said that the ways and means committee, which handles welfare legislation, should be called the committee against marriage."

Rep. Griffiths, citing many changes in American family life that she said have brought "total confusion" in the past decade, said there is one family-structure fact that seems to stand out.

"The two-parent family, whether black or white, is making economic progress,"

net only \$4,500 after taxes.

The plan she proposes, she added, would permit family heads to work and still receive some benefits and thus encourage families to stay together.

It also, she said, has two design features "that I believe deserve careful consideration."

The first is "that benefits for an adult should be higher than for a child," and the second is that "benefits at some point should rise only by a token amount for additional children."

"People that have limited the size of their families for economic reasons should not be taxed excessively to pay for larger ones," she stated.

Rep. Griffiths also said the problems of families being raised by women alone are compounded by the fact that many jobs available to women are low-paying and they are "increasingly reluctant" to take them.

One solution, she added, "is to create bureaucratic sanctions requiring them to work, but this strategy has not been very successful in the past."

"Another, more positive strategy," she said, "is to vigorously attack sex discrimination in employment, in training, and in education. I support this. For years, I have fought for the Equal Rights Amendment, and soon it will be a reality."

"Some of us will like men to open doors for us. Others may want to open their own doors. But none of us wants the door closed in her face."

Committee preparing for 1974 opera season

The Metropolitan Opera Company's annual visit to Detroit will be one month earlier than in previous years, April 29 - May 4.

Henry Ledyard, vice president and general manager of the Detroit Grand Opera Assn., sponsor of the Metropolitan season, told members of the women's committee of the Grand Opera Assn. this week, "The Metropolitan's week at the Masonic Temple promises to be one of the most exciting seasons ever."

"Three of the seven operas are new productions, and the week will feature such world-renowned artists as Marilyn Horne and Joan Sutherland."

The new productions will be Rossini's "L'italiana in Algeri," with Marilyn Horne; Verdi's "I Vespri Siciliani," with Christina Deutekom and Franco Tagliavini; and Offenbach's "Les Contes d'Hoffmann" with Joan Sutherland.

The mail of tickets is being handled by the women's committee, and those wishing to purchase tickets should send a request for ticket information, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope, to the Detroit Grand Opera Assn., 20 East Jefferson Ave., Detroit 48226.

The committee is also in the midst of a membership drive in an effort to continue the Met's annual performances in Detroit.

Bringing in new members and their annual \$5 membership fee are hoped to raise several thousand dollars each year to help defray the continued rising costs associated with bringing the Met to Detroit and the increasing operating expenses connected with the committee's programs.

"Dues-paying members," said Mrs. Elliott M. Estes, general chairman of the 1974 opera season, "will receive for the first time a membership directory, which will include a complete listing of fellow members as well as timely information about opera, the Detroit Grand Opera Assn., and the many programs of the women's committee."

The Detroit Grand Opera Assn. is trying to raise an additional \$66,000 to contribute to the Met's performances in Detroit. Last year the Met lost more than \$1 million on its touring operation, and the \$66,000 is intended to help alleviate the Met's tour deficit this year.

The operas and principal performers for the Met's spring visit here are:

April 29: (opening night benefit performance) "L'italiana in Algeri," with Marilyn Horne, Shirley Levo, Theodore Uppman, Fernando Corena, and Gabor Olivos conducting.

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MRS. MARTEL GOMMON, of Farmington Hills, was one of the 300 members and guests who attended the annual luncheon of the women's committee of the Detroit Grand Opera Assn., in the Detroit Institute of Arts. She stopped to chat with Henry Ledyard, vice president and general manager of the Detroit Grand Opera Assn. about the performances coming to the Detroit Masonic Temple April 29 - May 4.

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