

Husbands proud behind scenes

When a wife takes the limelight, does the husband feel like a shaky shadow? According to Oakland County Commissioners Lillian V. Moffitt and Mary M. Dearborn, not at all.

In fact, the husbands get right in there, helping wives achieve victory and accepting lifestyle changes once they do.

"My husband is the most cooperative and helpful person in my campaign," said Mrs. Moffitt. "I think he's the most understanding husband in the world."

Said Mary Dearborn: "He's involved because he's here. He wasn't out ringing doorbells, he really doesn't have the time. But he has always been alert and supportive."

Abba Shapiro enjoys the challenge of being married to the candidate for the 46th District Recorder's Court judgeship.

"I met Regina when she was in law school and I was studying to be an accountant," he said.

"I felt that a professional wife would keep me on my toes and that I would aspire to higher goals."

Shapiro encouraged his wife to run for the judgeship because he knew this had always been her goal. "I'd urge her on, and I enjoyed watching her efforts toward attaining her goal," he said.

Working together has always been a feature of the Shapiro marriage of 17 years.

"Sunday mornings I make breakfast, and I've also made dinners," he said.

"I see little change taking place if Regina wins. Perhaps we will become more involved with different groups in the community and become more outgoing socially," Shapiro said.

"At no time do I think I'm better than Regina, or Regina is better than me. I certainly wouldn't feel less of a man if she became judge. I would be very proud."

Albert Holtz acted as campaign manager for his wife's bid to win the nomination for a judge in the 47th District Court.

"Yes, I encouraged her to run," he said. "I stuffed envelopes and licked stamps and lined up people who I knew would help us. I used to be a newspaperman so I think I know what a good ad looks like, and I think that helped."

Square dance lessons set

Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission announces the opening of the Square Dancing, beginners level. Dancing will be held at Waterford-Oaks Activity Center, 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford Township.

Wayne Ball, square-dance caller and instructor, will handle the 10-week series beginning at 8 p.m. Monday, September 28.

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"Even though Judy and I maintain a mutual responsibility now towards our children, I think I'm going to have to assume more of that responsibility than I do now."

"We work well together, and I've stayed home before when she had to go to the office. I don't think of it as a hardship. I want to spend more time with the kids."

Marvin Schaeffer can not see that his life will be changed at all if his wife Margaret wins her bid

to become a district judge for the newly created 47th Judicial District.

"She is a member now of the Workman Compensation Appeal Board, and travels to Lansing three days a week for that. I can't see any monumental change. When she's hearing oral arguments there it's under much the same conditions as what she'd be having if she were in court," he said.

The electrical engineer continues, "I've always encouraged her to do whatever it is she wished to do and she's always been active. Most of our married life she has worked as a lawyer."

William McNamee, whose wife

Ruth has been in politics for years in Birmingham, says, "I have consistently not taken a managerial position (in her campaigns). She has her own capabilities and interests and I have been of most help, I believe, by being supportive, rather than being a manager."

If she is successful in her bid for the 63rd District House of Representatives seat, Mrs. McNamee will be traveling.

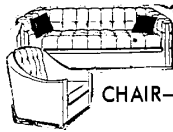
There will certainly be some difficulties caused by her time and obligations in Lansing. We would hope that she would be set up with a place to stay in Lansing so that I, on occasion, would be able to go to Lansing, as well as having her travel to Birmingham."

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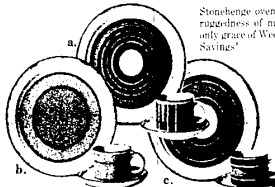
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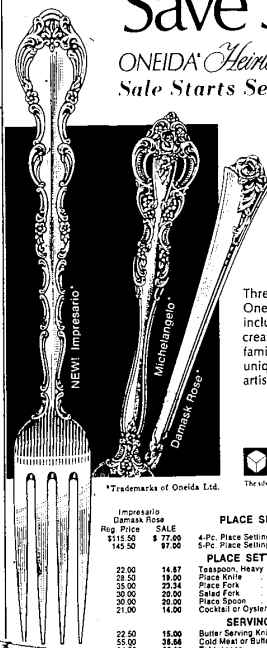
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