

200 beds sought Resource center needs donations

By LINDA TAYLOR

When the economy's down, so are donations.

At least that's how the Furniture Resource Center volunteers from Birmingham-Bloomfield have viewed the current slump. The women, who run the furniture clearing house for Pontiac's needy, said they have a waiting list of 200 people who need beds. Some of them now sleep on the floor.

"Donations are definitely down," said Pat Maddock of Sylvan Lake, executive director of the center and its only paid worker, as she talked with others at the group's annual tea for volunteers held Friday at the Bloomfield Vil-

lage home of Mrs. Jack Maxwell, group president.

The resource center receives donations primarily from the Birmingham-Bloomfield area given free of charge to persons living in Pontiac, who have been referred to the center by a social agency.

Mrs. Maddock said there is also a need for 160 tables that can be used for dining.

THE GROUP, founded by Mrs. James Neff of Birmingham in 1968, also needs chairs, refrigerators, gas stoves, washers, dryers, dressers, chests, cribs and pieces of carpet.

All donated items must be in working condition.

According to William J. MacAdam, a volunteer, the group has adopted the slogan of "don't replace junk with junk." She explained that hard feelings can often result toward "do-good" volunteers who give "junk" to the needy.

She added that during the current economic situation, people who might normally make a dona-

tion of used furniture are keeping it for possible future use. Dressers, for example, are often moved to the basement or garage and used as a storage cabinet rather than being donated.

Mrs. MacAdam said the best donations are currently coming from churches. The group was originally founded by women representing the major churches of the area, and most people learn about the center through church bulletin boards or newsletters, she said.

"It's a situation of a community with resources helping a community without resources," she added, "and church related people seem to have a special feeling for the needy."

Donations of furniture and money have also traditionally come from such groups as the Village Women's Club, the Bloomfield Hills Rotary Club and individuals.

All donations are tax deductible. Donations are picked up by volunteer trucking crews each Saturday. Clients make arrangements for pick-up of articles assigned to them and a special delivery is arranged for severe hardship cases once a month.

Roy Wragby of Birmingham is in charge of volunteer trucking. Members of the U.S. Army Reserve also help truck donations.

To help raise funds, members of the group will also man a booth at the upcoming Village Fair in Birmingham. Proceeds will go toward purchase of mattress covers for used mattresses given to the center.

The center office, at 1730 N. Perry Street in Pontiac, is open from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. Arrangements for Saturday pickup of donations may be made by calling the center office, listed in the telephone directory.

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First woman heads alums

Mrs. Norris A. Host of 551 Overbrook Road, Bloomfield Hills, has become the first woman ever elected to the presidency of the University of Michigan Alumni Association.

Mrs. Host, who holds two degrees from U-M, was elected at the recent annual meeting of the alumni association in Ann Arbor.

As president of the alumni association, Mrs. Host is the top officer of the nation's largest alumni body. Michigan has some 280,000 living alumni, more than any other institution of higher learning in the country.

Mrs. Host has long been active in U-M alumni affairs, having served as vice president of the association's board of directors and, in a term just completed, as treasurer. She has twice been elected to board membership.

In 1966, the alumni association conferred upon Mrs. Host its Distinguished Alumni Service Award.

League to install officers

Mrs. Leo Ordín of Southfield will be installed as president of the League of Jewish Women's Organizations on Thursday (May 22) in a program at B'nai David Synagogue, Southfield.

Included in the afternoon's program will be a panel taking a retrospective look at Detroit Jewry. Panelists Dr. Shimaya Kleinman, Dr. Irving Edgar, Mrs. Golda Krolick and Mrs. Harry Jackson will speak on a personal level both in Yiddish and English.

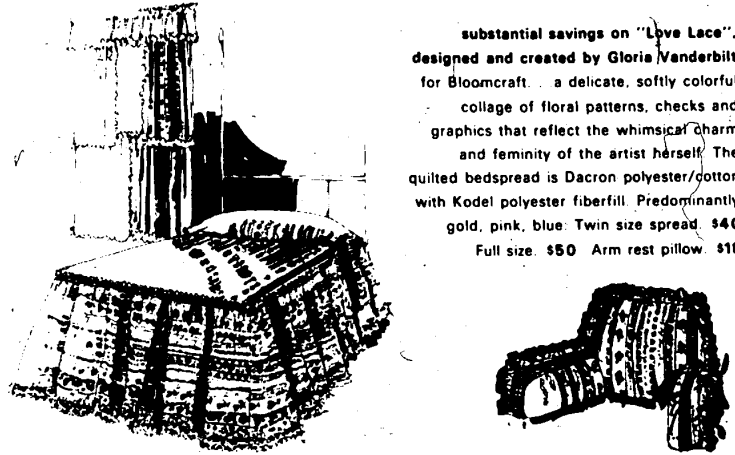
Mrs. George Rubin will be moderator.

Mrs. Howard B. Appelman, former president of the league, will install the following officers: Mrs. Ordín, president; Mrs. Elliott Schubiner, Mrs. Martin Cole, Mrs. Sander Klein and Mrs. Henry Schore, vice presidents; Mrs. Esther Rosenbaum, treasurer; Mrs. Israel Weiner, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Marcus Sheiman and Mrs. Saul Chudnow, secretaries to the president.

Mrs. Martin Oppenheim and Mrs. Sidney Cohen will be mailing secretaries; Mrs. George Rubin, parliamentarian; Mrs. Charles Kesler, historian; and Mrs. Aaron Shifman, advisor.

Mrs. Aaron Shifman is current president of the league.

Luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided.



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ORT sets installation of officers

Michigan Region, Women's American ORT, will hold its 28th annual installation of officers at Temple Beth El in Birmingham Wednesday, Mrs. Donald Thal of Birmingham will be the installing officer.

Luncheon will follow with Mrs. Herbert Pomerantz delivering the invocation. Mrs. Terry Podolsky is chairman of the day.

The following officers will be installed:

From Southfield: Mrs. Fred Walters, president; Mrs. Arnold Smith, chairman of the executive committee; Mrs. Ronald Harris, section coordinator; Mrs. David Brasch, treasurer; Mrs. Albert Blais, recording secretary, and Mrs. Seymour Rubenstein, corresponding secretary.

Mrs. Jack Rubin from Birmingham will be installed as vice president with Mrs. Joel Mahler of Bloomfield Hills as section coordinator and Mrs. Sheldon Weisberg of Farmington, vice president.

To be installed from West Bloomfield are Mrs. Morris Hoffman, financial secretary; Mrs. Martin Hart, section coordinator; Mrs. Michael Jacobson and Mrs. Stephen Brown, vice presidents.

A planning conference will follow the luncheon.

Singles to dance

The Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit will host an evening for singles Friday, May 30, at Northland Inn, Southfield. Dancing to the music of Chavelles Combo will be from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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