

# Volunteers

This column describing volunteer needs in Oakland County is co-sponsored by the Junior League of Birmingham and the Oakland County Volunteer Bureau.

Inquiries regarding volunteer needs listed here should be made to the Oakland County Volunteer Bureau, 642-7272. Requests for volunteer listings should also be made through the Volunteer Bureau.

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS NURSING CENTER**, Bloomfield Hills, needs adult volunteers to assist with crafts, feeding, outdoor

projects, transportation within the building, especially beauty shop appointments Monday through Friday, and informal entertainment. Workers will be needed to assist with an ice cream social to be held in September. Volunteers are needed to provide outside transportation for doctor's appointments, etc. Training is provided as needed by the service director and nurses. Hours are flexible.

**BIRTH RIGHT**, Royal Oak,

helps any woman who finds herself with an unplanned pregnancy. It provides a link to whatever services she might need to continue her pregnancy, including medical, financial and counseling. Volunteers work a three-hour shift in the office each week assisting clients. Training is provided. The office is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL**, Southfield, will be needing new volunteers to work in all areas of the hospital this fall. Volunteers

work through either the American Red Cross or the Our Lady of Providence League doing non-patient contact jobs such as gift shop, information desk, clerical; limited patient contact jobs such as admitting, delivering mail and menus, or special work assisting technicians on the floors.

Basic orientation of five to six hours will be given for all new volunteers in September and on-the-job training will be provided. A minimum four-hour shift each week is required.

## Breast lumps ruled 'benign' may not be

Those "benign" lumps many women have in their breasts may not be so innocent after all, according to Dr. Evelyn N. Rivera, professor of zoology and cancer researcher at Michigan State University.

Dr. Rivera holds a three-year research grant from the National Institutes of Health for studying the transformation of "hyperplastic" tissue into "neoplastic" or cancerous tissue.

Hyperplastic tissue is believed to be an intermediate between normal and malignant tissue, Dr. Rivera says,

combining some of the properties of both tissue types.

**OFTEN NOTICED** as a lump in the breast, hyperplastic tissue while not cancerous, may contain malignant cells that have not expressed their malignant characteristics.

Tissue transplant experiments in mice show that hyperplastic tissues become cancerous more frequently than transplants of normal tissues, she said, but cancers in laboratory animals are somewhat different than cancers in humans and therefore results

of animal experiments demand careful study and cautious interpretation.

However, statistics show that women with hyperplastic lesions show a greater frequency of breast cancer than women without them, she added.


**DURING THE NEXT** three years, Dr. Rivera will study the transition of hyperplastic tissue to malignant tissue in rats treated with a chemical cancer producing agent.

Because hyperplastic tissue comes in many forms, one of her first problems will be development and culture

of several stable lines of hyperplastic tissue so that she can experiment on homogeneous tissue types.

Dr. Rivera is studying the relationship between tissue form and cancer production potential. If strong relationships can be established, it may eventually be possible to accurately assess the chances of a human breast cancer arising from a particular tissue type.

With this information, cancer could be prevented, in some cases, by removing the dangerous tissue before it became malignant.



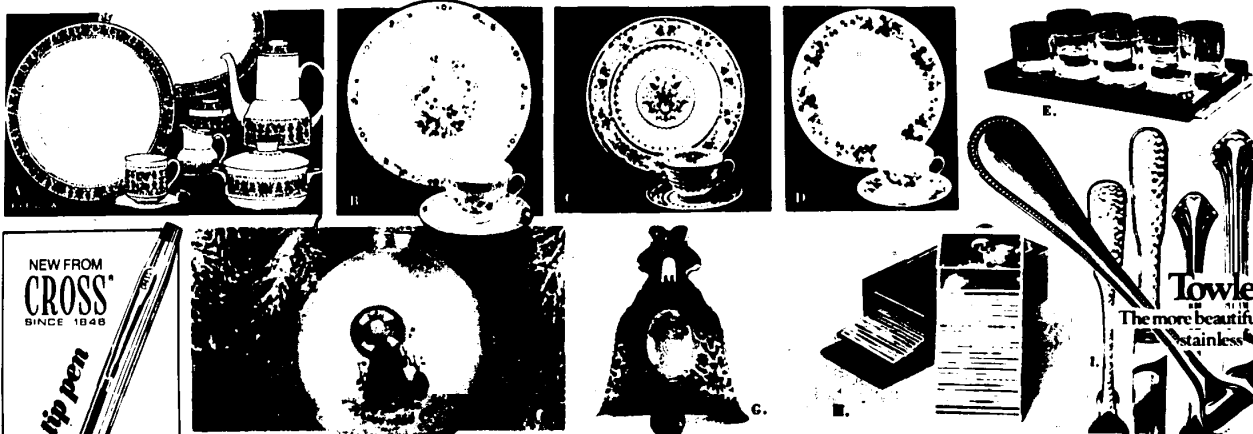
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