



IT COMES NATURALLY - Mrs Ora Moore, who has been serving cookies and cupcakes to several generations of children, cuts a piece of cake for one of the young guests at her 85th birthday party. That's Mark Person getting the cake. Others, from left, are Danny Durham, Jella Jones, James Jones, Tommy Jones, and Doroum Bischof. (Observer photo by Craig Gaffield)

### From All The Kids

## A Happy 85th For Granny

Granny was 85 last Thursday, and about 50 children in her neighborhood came by to help her celebrate. It seemed the natural thing to do. The kids had been dropping by to see Granny -- more formally known as Mrs. Ora L. Moore of Livonia -- for a good many of these 85 years. "I must have been born to be a mother," beamed Mrs. Moore as she looked around at all the young guests enjoying sandwiches and cake and punch. "I've been helping raise children most of my life."

The party was arranged by Mrs. Moore's daughter, Livonia teacher Mrs. Florence Davis. She had some help from mothers of the kids who live on Puritan Avenue. "When the word got around that I was having all the children, everyone wanted to do something," Mrs. Davis said.

Moore recalled, "Then my son was killed after he had children and we raised the grandchildren."

She proudly points to the picture of her grandson, Dr. Jerry Moore of the Ford Hospital staff. She also mentions with pride that she has five great-grandchildren, four girls and a boy, and one more due in November and we don't know what that will be."

MRS. MOORE chuckles at the memory of "Dr. Jerry" when he used to come in from school. "He'd stop in the kitchen where I had a tray of cupcakes, and hold out one arm," she said. "Then he'd line up the cupcakes, starting at the shoulder and all along the arm. 'Somehow he got outside without dropping them, and there would be a whole circle of friends waiting for the cupcakes.'"

AT 85, Mrs. Moore still loves traveling and excitement. She was back in Alabama for a few weeks last fall. "I almost had to go," she said, "it was my niece's birthday. "And I've told my daughter that when school's out next June I want that car all ciled up so we can get going. I don't want to stay home all the time-- I may not have too many years left for travel."

MRS. MOORE bustled among her guests, helping serve refreshments and stopping to talk to every young visitor. No one could persuade her to sit down. The youngsters started leaving. "Bye, Granny," they all called.

"I've asked her if she minds being called granny," Florence Davis said. "She said she didn't at all--it sounded so homey."

The mothers were leaving too. "Don't do any flying without a plane," admonished one. "You couldn't be quite sure the advice would be heeded."

### m. m. memos

The weather still is hot and we have a glorious week at the lake ahead of us. But the signs of fall are not to be mistaken.

One was the football that showed up at the club swimming pool last week. Up to then it had been beach balls.

Bathing suits still line the bathtub, but occasionally they get dried out. The business of getting ready for school makes us miss a day of swimming.

There's still the scent of chlorine in the small ones' hair, but the perfume of creme rinse is covering it more often.

The stores, of course, are crammed with school equipment. Just try to find a replacement bathing cap.

Instead of grass clippings being tracked in from the lawn, we find a few yellow leaves.

The weeds still are rampant, but somehow pulling them doesn't seem quite as important. The flowers still are pretty, but we don't seem to pick as many bouquets as earlier in the summer.

The leisurely projects that we had all summer to do suddenly are on a top-priority basis. We're at that where-has-the-summer-gone stage.

It's just evaporated, that's where, and I can't say I approve. I'm glad there's still that week at the lake.

—Margaret Miller

## Avoid Forcing Tots To Gain Early Skill

"Forcing children to do things before they are physically, mentally, socially or emotionally ready may actually slow them in learning," says Dr. Margaret Jacobson, family life specialist at Michigan State University.

She suggests before beginning toilet training, a mother should ask herself what she expects to accomplish. Is it to teach the child to use the toilet and at the right time or is the aim simply to cut down on wet diapers?

Readiness can be determined by the child's interest, his cooperation and the ability of his bladder to hold urine for a period of time.

### MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM FULK

## Fulks Celebrate 50 Years

Renewal of their marriage vows and an open house at Nardin Park United Methodist Church highlighted 50th anniversary celebrations for Mr. and Mrs. William Fulk of 2169 Tule, Farmington, Sunday, Aug. 3. Their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Mills of Detroit hosted the festivities and Dr. Verne S. Mumbulo, a former minister of Nardin Park Church, officiated.

### The Observer

## Women

### Campus Crusade CWC Topic

Mrs. Gladys Dickelman, a leader in the Campus Crusade movement, will be speaker for the Thursday, Aug. 28 meeting of the Christian Women's Club in the Plymouth and Westland areas.

The movement was founded in California with the purpose of bringing Christian leadership to campuses. Also on the program will be a talk on cake decorating by

Laura Davidson and special music. The meeting will be held from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in a Plymouth restaurant. Reservations must be made before Tuesday, Aug. 26, by calling 453-6222. The group holds regular luncheons the fourth Thursday of each month.



MRS. GLADYS DICKELMAN

### Miss Torchy Is Sought For Drive

"Miss Torchy" might come from Oberlin.

The search is on for the young lady to symbolize the multi-million-dollar Torch Drive during the six-week fall campaign for funds to operate some 200 health and community services in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Miss Torchy will be selected from among the thousands of attractive young women employed by major Detroit area companies. She must be at least 19 and not more than 25 years old, and never married.

An official UP representative during the Oct. 14 to Nov. 6 and drive Miss Torchy will appear on radio and television, at meetings and rallies. She will receive an automobile for use during the campaign, a gasoline credit card, a wardrobe, a course at Patricia Stevens Finishing School and a silver charm bracelet with a TF torch charm. Entries must reach United Foundation Headquarters, 1528 Woodward, Detroit 48226, before Sept. 2.

Many of the 150 leading United Foundation chapters or firms which conduct their own internal Torch Drives are circulating posters and letters announcing the contest for Miss Torchy.

Posters featuring the current Miss Torchy, Nancy Horsch, of Roseville and 1968 finalist Wanda McClary, Yvonne McKesson and Carolyn Mages, all of Detroit and Susan Krall of Dearborn Heights, announce the 1969 competition.

Jack D. Bernhardt, senior vice president of J. Walter Thompson Co. is special events chairman for the 1969 drive and Richard E. Forbes, director of advertising for Chrysler Corp. is Miss Torchy committee chairman.

### Groom's Lament

Things can get pretty hectic before a wedding! But imagine being a prospective bridegroom and having your wallet and identification stolen the day before you're due to go with the girl of your dreams to get the license!

That's the fix Gary Purrece, fiance of Marlene Roberta Dietrich of Redford Township, found himself in Monday.

Ordered by Uncle Sam to have a pre-induction physical exam, the Oak Park youth was at Fort Wayne "on government business" when some unromantic soul "lifted" his wallet.

With New York City as their honeymoon destination after their wedding next Saturday morning downtown in St. Aloysius Church, the young couple just might manage minus Gary's driver's license.

But replacing the other papers could well mean a busier-than-average week before the wedding for these Wayne State University students.

## Clubs May Hear Continuum Talks

"Color Your Middle Years Orange, Not Blue," is one of the topics offered club groups this year by the Speaker's Bureau of the Continuum Center of Women.

Speakers from the center, a part of the Division of Continuing Education at Oakland University, addressed more than 4,000 persons last year, telling of various aspects of the experimental agency sponsored by the Kellogg Foundation and serving the needs of adult women.

The center said its speakers can present talks at nominal cost to both male and female audiences on the situation of American Women, women in education, volunteer service and employment, the psychology of women and the work of the center.

One program offered is a tape of an interview on radio station WEXL titled "Women's Role in Our Complex Society." Another is a film with a commentator, "Women without Husbands."

Others include "The Code as a Mature Woman," "Do You Hear a Different Drummer?" "Can You Live Your Grandmother's Life?" "New Frontiers in Volunteer Service," "15 Housewifery Out of Date?" and "The Empty Nest."

Groups interested in hearing one of the continuum speakers are invited to call the center at Oakland University, 338-7211, extension 2146.

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### 'Y' Opens For Fall

Registration for Northwest Branch YWCA Classes will open at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3, in the branch at 25940 Grand River.

Coffee will be served. Programs offered for the fall include a variety of classes in the Ladies' Day Out program which is held three days a week with nursery services provided.

Evening classes and programs for men and women include skill areas in sports, crafts, dance, bridge and special interest subjects.

Teens and sub-teens have a choice of activities from ballet to swimming to learning to drive with many classes in the Saturday recreation program from which to choose.

The YWCA program begins the week of Sept. 22. Early registration is recommended and schedules may be obtained by calling KE 7-8500.

### Shoemakers Are Feted

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Shoemaker of 20011 Parkville, Livonia, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, Aug. 3, with a dinner reception for 125 guests in the VFW hall in Redford Township.

It was also the 25th anniversary of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles George of Southfield.

Their other daughter, Mrs. Andrew Baur of Livonia, and her husband helped host the affair. Among the out-of-town guests were Mrs. Shoemaker's sister, Mrs. Ludwig Bichler of Boston who came with her husband to join in the reunion.

The Shoemakers have lived in the Redford and Livonia area since 1925 and are active in the Clarenceville Methodist Church where they were also honored with a recent celebration. Shoemaker is a retired Ford Motor Co. employe.

### Here's Valerie

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