

# Couple crusade for solidarity in marriage

Freedom without any feelings of individual responsibility endangers families and societies.

That's the message Fred and Jill Renich will carry to the Family Life Today conference Monday and Tuesday at Mercy Center in Farmington Hills.

Both are speakers for Christian conferences.

Taking a look at the changing Christian family, they point out that the roles of husband, wife, parent and child have changed within the last 10 years.

Shifts within society have helped to create those changes, according to Renich.

"Much of the change is due to a shift in a society that is basically affluent and has an amazing amount of free time. Women are no longer saddled with the physical work load they had. When I was a boy, my mother worked from early in the morning to late at night," he said.

While men and women discover more time with which to do the things they want, wives are faced with the task of juggling home, husband, children and a career.

**WOMEN** should examine their situation before deciding the meaning of their new free time, according to Mrs. Renich, narrator of the WEXL radio show, "Between Us Women."

"There should be a freedom to express themselves with the gifts that they have. But freedom comes from within and fits within a framework of her responsibilities," she said.

Each decision that is made involves other persons, Renich added. Allocation of family responsibilities should involve husband and wife.

"It's her responsibility to undertake a mutually agreed upon share of the responsibility of raising a family," he said.

Stereotyped ideas of sharing the

responsibilities of raising a family can be costly to both parties.

"The parents are charged with the responsibility of preparing a child to accept his or her position in the world," Renich said.

Handling freedom through shared responsibilities can make the task easier for all.

"It doesn't matter who does what. We play it by ear," said Mrs. Renich from her experience of 34 years of marriage.

**THEIR** daughter, Jan, follows the same pattern in her family.

"Their freedom is curtailed by their responsibility to their daughter, to each other and their professional obligations," said Renich of his daughter's family.

In the Renich family, the tasks were shared but they agreed that he would make the final decisions. It's worked well, according to Mrs. Renich.

"We talk everything over and see it

from my point which is different from his," she said.

"We do what we feel is right. The results are always good and sometimes better than we expected," she said.

Sharing freedom in a responsible manner is crucial to society, according to Renich.

"Previous eras in history have shown the decline of a great civilization is preceded by the development of a self-seeking group. Everyone is put for what they could get," he said.

**"WATERGATE**, a breakdown in integrity in public office and the growth of an economic bureaucracy have ramifications which show their initial implications within the family," he said.

Rome, Greece and Britain are examples of civilizations which manifested their decline in this way, according to Renich.



Jill and Fred Renich tour the country discussing the importance of the family unit and how persons must take on responsibilities to make a family work properly.

## Foreign language makes comeback

By LYNN ORR

The travails of Juanita and Pablo or Hans and Ingrid can seem trivial to students coping with the intricacies of learning a foreign language.

But the message of a symposium at Farmington High School last week was carried to language students throughout the district: Learning a foreign language is worth the effort.

"I know of no better way to broaden your horizons, to use a cliché, than to learn another language," Dr. Ursula Haas told about 400 junior high and high school students in the FHS auditorium. Dr. Haas, a Wayne State University German professor, was one of seven speakers who addressed the topic of Career Opportunities in Foreign Languages.

"You learn about the culture, civilization, history, literature, and music as well," she emphasized.

In addition, studies indicate that students who study a foreign language gain greater facility in their native tongues.

While statistics reveal that many American high school students are dropping foreign languages from their studies, Farmington students enrolling in foreign languages is increasing.

**THAT'S** a fact that pleases Farmington School District Supt. Lewis Schulman, who admits to being "very high" on languages.

"I support them for the intellectual experience, to add another dimension to the students' world," he says.

The turnout at the symposium last week included students from all the junior highs and high schools in the district who are studying foreign languages. And that number of students is up from a year ago by some 200 students. Even though many universities no longer require foreign language study of their students, district officials believe in the value of learning a foreign language and hope to preserve classes within the district.

Lynn Nutter, assistant superintendent of secondary education, is pleased with statistics that show an increase from the 1976-77 school year.

At North Farmington High School alone, 260 students are enrolled in Spanish classes; 130 in French; and 121 in German. 61 students more than the previous year.

At Farmington High School, the only school offering Latin and Greek, 60 students are enrolled in the classical

languages, nearly doubling the figure enrolled last year.

In the junior highs, Spanish and French are offered at Dunckel and Power, while Warner and East programs include German and language orientation as well as the Romance languages.

**THE PURPOSE** of the seminar was to encourage students in their studies by exposing them to the career opportunities available to those who can communicate in other languages.

A good grasp of at least one Romance language is important for all journalists, said Ed Reingold, "Time" magazine Detroit Bureau Chief. Reingold, who has worked in Africa and the far East, advised students interested in journalism to continue foreign language study.

"You can't take a chance on ball park estimates of what's being said," he emphasized. "News and TV stations are more and more calling on people who cover the news to know the language."

The growing emphasis on ethnic populations creates a demand for non-journalists as well as foreign correspondents who can communicate in a language other than English, he said.

Travel agents who have a good knowledge of foreign languages are at a premium, says Marie Esch, instructor for the American Travel Schools.

"Especially the ethnic agencies or those working with ethnic populations insist that their agents can speak, read, write and even type the language," she says. Tour escorts must have fluency in the language of the country, she adds.

Howard Shubert, marketing director of AAA Language Services, Inc., believes knowledge of foreign languages will be further emphasized in the years ahead. He looks for translators and keyboard operators to work at writing aids in another language as well as business cards and other printed material.

Richard Mendell, passenger service manager for North Central Airlines; Inspector Tom Pritchard of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service; and Sgt. John King of the U.S. Armed Forces rounded out the group of speakers.

"If you or I go to France, then we become the foreigners," Mendell said. Knowing the language helps break that gap, he emphasized.

## Farmington sailors on European cruise

The combined Navy exercises "National Week XXIV" and "Sardinia '78" included three Farmington participants among the multi-national participants.

Navy Quartermaster 3C Michael J. Grommes, Navy Fireman Rct. Walter J. Humberger, and Navy Operations Spec. Seaman David K. Shelton were among those participating in the Mediterranean maneuvers.

Grommes, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Grommes of 3215 Old Timber Road, Farmington Hills, is a 1972 graduate of North Farmington High School. He joined the Navy in October 1974. He serves as a crewmember aboard the destroyer USS Manley, homeported in Mayport, Fla.

Humberger is the son of Rose E. Humberger of Farmington and is serving as a crewmember aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Joseph Daniels, homeported in Norfolk, Va. He joined the Navy in March 1976.

Shelton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack R. Shelton, 2212 Hawthorne, Farmington, and is serving as a crewmember aboard the destroyer USS Bigelow, homeported in Mayport, Fla. A 1973 graduate of Farmington High, he joined the Navy in July 1976.

The multi-national maneuvers began in the Ionian Sea with "National Week XXIV." Elements of the U.S. Sixth Fleet joined units from Italy, Germany, Canada, and the United Kingdom for simulated combat operations, emphasizing antisubmarine and air defense, amphibious warfare, and logistic support at sea.

## THE INSIDE \* ANGLE

**THE FARMINGTON** Historical Society has a bevy of activities on its list for the coming month. At 8 p.m. Wednesday, **ROBERT CAIN** of the Peninsular Machine Co., will speak on Development of Machines and Tools. His company was awarded a Centennial Certificate in October 1976 by the Michigan Historical Society for businesses in the state that have been in continuous existence for a century or longer.

The Society will sponsor a seminar on from 10 a.m. to noon, April 8, on the maintenance of historical homes. It will be conducted at the city library. Panelists will include **JAY HARRISON**, the city's building inspector, **MARY FOLBERG**, of Village Design, speaking on interior design, **DICK SADOWSKI**, a finish carpenter, and **NANCY LEONARD**, who will talk on wall stenciling.

The seminar is open to the public free of charge. For information, call **CINDY WILE** at 477-4328 or **BILL VANWAGNEN** at 474-5460.

**YET ANOTHER** class reunion is planned in the area. This time the Farmington High School class of 1943 is planning its 35th reunion to be on April 22 at Botsford Inn. For reservations and further information, contact **JOYCE HABERMAHL** at 476-1334.

**A CHUCKHOLE** nightmare recently was experienced by the residents along Twelve Mile between Haggerty and Halsted. After an entire section of the road caved in, road crews had taken down a fence. In the meantime, **ED PALACKY'S** cows decided to take advantage of their new freedom and wandered along Twelve Mile. Palacky spent the night rounding up his herd. Ah, the glories of the rural life.

**AN ARTICLE** on Mensa, the high IQ group, which ran in our paper last week, appears to have interested some of our brainier readers. Unfortunately, the address to which inquiries should be submitted was incomplete. Here's the correct address: American Mensa Selection Agency, Suite 1R, 1701 W. Third Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11223.

**HEY SPORTS FANS**, WWJ-TV will begin its third consecutive year of exclusive Detroit Tiger baseball coverage with a pre-season game broadcast at 8 p.m., April 3. The Tigers will play the Cincinnati Reds. Detroit's answer for a sportscasting team will be composed of none other than **JOE PELLIGRINO**, **GEORGE KELL**, and **AL KALINE**. That reminds me. Remember when bags of potato chips had a tag on them which said the bag contained Alkaline and kids used to think it had something to do with our very own baseball star?

**DICK HEADLEE**, chief executive officer of Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co. of America, based in Farmington Hills, will be the guest speaker at the North Oakland Chamber of Commerce at 6 p.m., March 30. He will speak at the Sheraton Pontiac-Bloomfield Motor Inn, 1001 Woodward, Pontiac. Fee is \$7.50 per person. For reservations, call 333-6148.

**GUBERNATORIAL** politics will unfold another chapter in the Farmington area as State Sen. **PATRICK McCULLOUGH** (D-DeARBORN) will speak before AFSCME local 458 at 11 a.m., April 1, in Shiawassee Elementary School, 38415 Shiawassee, Farmington.

**THANKS TO OUR** stalwart legislators in Lansing, those persons whose driver's licenses have been denied, revoked or suspended for medical reasons may return license plates and tabs for refunds under a bill that has just been passed in the House and Senate. The bill also permits surviving spouses to return plates and tabs for refund.

**SPEAKING OF DRIVING**, the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (whoever they are) says that driver education supporters are the targets again of challenges and critics, but are firing back. First, the insurance institute for Highway Safety contends that driver education for teenagers actually increases the highway death toll. It contends that driver education does no good for 16- and 17-year-olds and sends them out on the highways to be involved in fatal crashes earlier than they otherwise would. The IIHS argues these young drivers otherwise wouldn't be licensed until they were a year or two older.

**DREAMERS LISTEN UP**. Whether your most coveted dream trifles getting invited to the White House or becoming a newspaper columnist (some folks are masochists) a recently published book can assist you to make these or 100 other of your secret daydreams come true. "How to Get Invited to the White House," author **JAMES HUME** tells you how to stop envying and start being envied. You may find Hume's book so entertaining that you'll want to share it with your friends. But before you do, double check the tactics in his chapter on "How to Lend Books and Get Them Back."

**LEFTHANDERS** take heart in this world filled with a majority of persons who are right handed. **LEONARDO DA VINCI** was left-handed.

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