

BPW Sets Legislative Clinic

What's going on in Michigan is the theme of a legislative clinic scheduled by the Michigan Federation of Business and Professional Women beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, in Kellough Center on the Michigan State University Campus.

The clinic is offered Michigan BPW clubs to help members be better informed about laws and law-making in the state.

Study areas will include highway safety, courts, education, health services, urban affairs and retirement.

Several members of the Michigan Legislature will participate as speakers.

Rep. Charles E. Chamberlain, (R-East Lansing) will be luncheon speaker, taking the topic "What's New in Washington?"

A distinguished visitor will be Theresa Staal, national vice president of the BPW.

Reservations may be made by writing to the Michigan Legislative Clinic, 2120 Marguerite, Lansing.

Southeastern Sets Reunion

Members of the 1959 graduating class of Detroit Southeastern graduating class are invited to attend a reunion in Buckingham Hall, St. Clair Shores, on Nov. 1.

Those interested in participating may call Frank Koory, TU 9-3010.

Sorority Trades Yule Decor Ideas

Members of the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority Alumnae Association will trade Christmas ideas at their meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, in the home of Mrs. Richard Clarke, 2927 Spring Hill, Southfield.



By MARGARET MILLER Women's Editor

Women on the Go Co-op Nursery Teacher Turns To Inner City Kids



PRE-SCHOOL TEACHER-Livonian Pat Morrill finds inner-city small ones have lots in common with the cooperative nursery youngsters she used to teach.

It's a long way from a cooperative nursery school in the suburbs to an inner-city Head Start type program. Or maybe not so far.

Mrs. Arthur Morrill of Livonia has made the journey and is sure it's one she wouldn't have missed.

For eight years Pat Morrill, mother of three, was teacher at the Livonia Nursery, Inc., a program for three and four-year-olds in this area.

Now she works with 20 preschoolers from the most deprived families in the Sill School district on 30th Street in Detroit.

And though there are many differences in what she teaches and how she teaches it, she finds children of all economic groups fascinating little beings and their parents much alike in a fierce devotion to them.

"THIS IS much harder work," Pat said, "but there's nothing like the satisfaction that comes when you see a child light up—literally light up."

In a cooperative nursery, as hundreds of mothers in Observantland know, the program is aimed at helping children be more independent and learn to play with other children.

It's a much more basic sort of teaching in the Pre-School and Parent Education Program, the name given to the school-year equivalent of the summer program known as Head Start.

"For most of these children, it's the first time anyone talked to them in sentences," Pat said.

"What they learn at home is stay out of the way, and if you don't understand something, keep quiet."

WHAT PAT WANTS for her 20 small charges is some chance to know small success-

es. Then, she said, "maybe they can get to feel comfortable with the idea of 'I don't know.'"

One of those mini-successes came recently when Pat showed the children a picture of an apron. Most had never seen one, and no one knew the word for it. But one little boy thought hard and came up with cooking-in-the-house dress. That was the kind of moment

that gave his teacher a lot of satisfaction.

"It's then that the child can begin to like school and feel good about himself," she explained.

BUT PAT MORRILL and other teachers in the pre-school program aren't aiming their teaching at the small ones alone. It's a matter of working to involve the family and community, too.

Pat's pupils come to school in the morning. In the afternoon she works with their families, in a parents' meeting once a week and on a more individual basis the rest of the time.

That part of the job isn't always easy.

"These people are mostly from the South, and their relationship with school up to this point hasn't been a pleasant one.

"They just don't trust social workers, they don't know and those they may consider dogooders. It takes me a while to convince them I'm not coming to visit to tell them to clean up."

"It's a big moment the first time I'm invited to sit down."

PAT'S KEY to getting to know these families is letting the mothers know, "I'm a person who really cares about the children and about them."

That's what eventually brings them around, she said, because their affection for their children and interest in their welfare is as great as any you could find in more affluent families.

"The children come to school clean and quite well dressed," she added. "Then I visit the home and find it almost bare of furniture. They've put just about everything they have on the children's backs. I guess we would too."

Once confidence is won, she said, she finds herself helping

in all sorts of ways, like making a dental appointment for a small charge or getting birth control material to his mother.

"These people have had too much of being told to go to clinics," she said. "The direct action is better."

Pat's days at Sill School hold far more accomplishment because of the help of two aides from the neighborhood.

"The program tries to get mothers of the children involved," she said. "If they are not available, they are other women in the immediate area."

The aides start at \$1.75 an hour and get regular raises. They are invaluable to the teacher, and their very presence is a help in making the program acceptable to the community.

SO FAR, PAT has had no problem with racial intolerance.

"I'm sure the children don't even know I'm white," she said. And her words to their mothers at first meeting are:

"I'm not black. But I'm a mother, I'm a woman, and I have problems just as you do."

She said the children teach her some African chants, and she teaches them at lunchtime to use a fork and spoon.

"My feeling is that, for now at least, they are going to live in school and in the neighborhood within the framework of middle-class white society, so they had better know its rules," she said.

WHAT ARE the results of the program?

"So far, studies have been made only of the Head Start program," Pat said. "We know that children given this help are more alert, more relaxed when they get to regular grade school. Just like cooperative nursery children.

"And tests with children in my class show their mental age went up a whole year in three months. But how long they retain the advantage is something we don't know yet."



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Ladies Buy Nylons In Supermarkets

If your wife explains that \$1.99 expenditure on her supermarket shopping list as "Ugly Ducklings," don't expect to see them served for Sunday dinner with orange sauce.

To your wife and daughter, they're a new kind of hosiery with a "Memory" that makes them fit everybody.

A businessman might take special interest in them because they typify the reasons behind the biggest boom in the hosiery industry since the introduction of nylon.

Last year's record 103,800,000 dozen pairs represents a whopping 18 1/2 percent increase over 1962—all the more spectacular because it followed a decade

of sales dormancy. And a one-third sales jump is projected for 1969 over 1968.

TWO MAJOR trends are helping to revitalize U.S. hosiery sales:

—Muskets. They're the hosiery industry's best friend. Women now are buying an average of 24 pairs of stockings a year. And muskies also helped capture an ever-growing share of the market for pantyhose (stockings which go all the way to the waist.)

—Supermarkets are the second big trend. Hosiery sales in supermarkets were so low in 1965 that they weren't even considered in national totals. Last year, for the first time, more women bought their stockings in supermarkets than in major department stores.

THOSE Jubilee Products' Ugly Ducklings your wife bought, in between the soap cakes and the cabbage, tell the story:

"—They're a new kind of stocking which solves fitting problems which have been plaguing the industry for years.

—They're pantyhose, and they come in fashion colors. Gone are the days when the shopper had a choice akin to Henry Ford's black cars—one color, dubbed "supermarket beige."

—And the new stockings are being introduced at Kroger Food Stores in this area, rather than in the more traditional fashion outlets.

Goblins Howl

Halloween parties are planned Thursday and Friday, Oct. 30 and 31, in the North Livonia Nursery, Inc., meeting in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Livonia.

Three-year-old goblins, witches and angels will celebrate Thursday morning and the four-year-olds will have parties Friday.

Parents who want information on the nursery may call Mrs. Jean Clemente, 425-5468.



NEW CAPTAIN - Barbara A. Green, former Livonian and junior member of the John Sackett chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, recently was promoted to the rank of captain in the Army Nurse Corps. She is in charge of the pediatric clinic at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas.

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