

Missionaries help bring families closer together

By LORAIN McCLISH

Sister Gines and Sister Wall are the two missionaries who are now serving the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Farmington area.

"Girls are not necessarily encouraged to become missionaries," Sister Wall said, "but for the boys, that's a part of their calling. It's very common for very young boys to have a piggy bank marked specifically for money to be saved for the time they will go out on a mission, but for us, it was a choice."

Sister Gines added, "Every member of our church is a missionary because we're a mission church, but out of the 180 who are now working in the Detroit area, only 17 of us are sisters."

Both have interrupted their schooling to spend 18 months away from their native Utah and are totally self-supporting.

They have made a covenant to adhere to some very strict standards, they keep records, file planning schedules with the Dearborn-Michigan Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day

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Saints, do not date and check in by 9:30 p.m. every night.

"We also keep a daily journal," Sister Gines said, "just for ourselves. We mark down all of our experiences and it's amazing how much that helps us see how much we've grown."

THE YOUNG women knock on doors with a two-fold format.

They ask to be invited in to explain a family program called "Shared Home Evenings" and, or, will talk about the restoration of the gospel of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to the "investigators."

"The investigators," they said, are people who might be interested in investigating another religion.

"Shared Home Evenings" are shared with those of all religions, and was described by Sister Wall as "helping the family become closer, uniting members in a once-a-week get-together to discuss problems, enjoy one another, get along, develop talents, look for the good, love one another."

"It gives them time to learn to trust and love one another and if you have that you don't need anything else."

"There is no religion connected with

these evenings," Sister Gines said. "We do this as a service for all families because we are a family oriented church. We believe in the strength of the family."

"The shared evenings makes the whole of society a better place to live," she said.

BOTH OF THE missionaries will be planning careers for themselves when their 18 months of service has been completed, but their main goals in life are to be married and raise a family in the church.

Of the time she has spent in Michigan as a missionary, Sister Wall said, "We share talents, learn to work with other people, adapt to new people. It is a growing process that will help prepare us for the rest of our lives."

"And we love the investigators, those who want to know more about the Mormons. We want to let them know what we have, because when they learn what we have, they want it."

The young women will take calls at their new Farmington residence, 476-4107.



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Still time for adventuring on the last of summer's days

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They used to be called outings, but with the gasoline problem we now face, a change of name and perhaps change of distance seems likely.

Probably a more apt term for these now-shortened summertime trips would be nearings. But we'll content ourselves with adventuring.

Whatever the name, the objectives remain the same. These excursions are opportunities to widen horizons. They can be a chance to see parts of our environment and ways of living that the children normally do not have any occasion to see.

As you and your children move from home to your destination, be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to point out different types of housing, neighborhood conditions, factory or business districts, schools and universities, and landmarks or historical sites.

Becoming familiar and comfortable with our greater living area can enhance our sense of pride as well as provide for some very interesting adventures. Here is a week's worth of these mini-junkies:

MONDAY: Drayton Plains Nature Center, 515 Edmore Road, Drayton Plains.

Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Telephone 7-674-2119.

Admission: free.

About 137 acres of marked trails take you into Clinton River country. This area is basically undisturbed land, preserved so that city dwellers can have a peaceful and natural setting to observe ecological systems. There is even a trail for the blind in addition to the self-guided walking trails for sighted visitors.

There is a nature center building which houses two owls, a red-tailed hawk and a skunk, in addition to some stuffed specimens and other bits of forest memorabilia.

For small fees, the center conducts two interesting programs. For \$1 candies, rope, and musket balls can be made by the children in the Log Cabin Program. The Indian crafts program introduces the participants to Indian artifacts and includes a movie. It costs 75 cents.

TUESDAY: Royal Oak Farmers Market, 316 E. Eleven Mile, Royal Oak.

Summer hours are: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Friday; 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free but take money. You won't be able to resist buying something.

Since 1928 the building on Eleven Mile has been used by area farmers. All produce and all plant life sold here has been grown in Michigan. In fact, if the farmer didn't grow it himself, he can't sell it.

Look for a gentleman known as Old Man Petrie, who has been selling here for years. He'll tell you some of the history of the market. On Sunday, they switch over to a flea market. About 85 dealers sell everything from tools and chess sets to beer cans, books, dolls, coins. This is the original shopping mall.

WEDNESDAY: Maybury Urban State Park, located on Eight Mile near Beck.

Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Telephone: 1-347-8390. Admission: There is a park entrance fee of \$2 or show an annual park permit.

Here is a chance to go to a real working farm. The look, smell and feel of a farm surrounds you. There are horses, cows, sheep, goats, pigs, rabbits, chicken, even a donkey for the jaded urban dweller.

Look for the farmer. He might be shearing sheep, milking the cow, or planting whatever is in season. Be sure to enter the chicken house where, besides chickens, you can find an observation beehive.

THURSDAY: Detroit Police Mounted Division, 22000 Bethune, near John R, Detroit.

Hours: Morning is best, but call ahead to be sure of the exact time.

This may prove to be one of the more interesting adventures you do. In addition to seeing the actual horses and police officers, you may also be treated to a visit with the saddle maker and the blacksmith.

The officers are delighted to have visitors to their unusual headquarters. Near Rouge Park there is another

mounted division location, without the saddlery and blacksmith, but with a park for a picnic lunch. In Detroit, lunch at Hart Plaza afterwards.

FRIDAY: Fort Wayne Military Museum, 6853 West Jefferson near Cavalry.

Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday; 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Admission: Adults \$1. Senior citizens and children 12-18, 50 cents. Children 11 and under 25 cents. This is a real fort built to protect the

citizens of Detroit in the days when automobiles weren't even traversing Pontiac Trail. The barracks houses the exhibit of early military Detroit.

Aug. 3-5 is a Civil War living history weekend.

SATURDAY: In case of rain during your week of outings, here's an inside adventure of an historical nature.

The Southfield Historical Museum known as "The Berg," 26040 Berg Road, north of Civic Center Dr. Southfield.

Hours: 2-5 p.m. Saturday and Sun-

day. Phone: 354-4711. Admission: free.

The museum is located in a house dating to 1850 and houses artifacts from the Southfield, such as tools, photos, clothing, furniture.

When you visit the museum be sure to take along cans, bottles, and newspapers. There is a well-run recycling center on the same site and is also an interesting place to visit.

SUNDAY: Belle Isle. These two words should say it all. There is so much to do on Belle Isle that it really takes more than one day

to see it all. If you plan well, a full day's adventuring will satisfy.

There is plenty of picnic space, so be sure to bring a lunch complete with drinks. You can rent bicycles and canoes on the island for two slightly different perspectives of its beauty.

Be sure to visit the aquarium and the conservatory right next to it. The children's zoo isn't available this summer because it is being renovated. However, there is a very interesting nature center where you can sometimes catch a glimpse of the many deer that live on the island.



Visiting a nearby attraction, like the Maybury Urban State Park farm located on Eight Mile near Beck Road in Northville Township, is one of the fun ways to spend a summer day. Lisa Girard, 6, of Garden City, and her 2-year-old sis-

ter Tara found that out on a recent adventuring. Pat Valance, who works at the farm, let Tara get a close look at one of the lambs. (Staff photo by Art Emanuel)