

The Observer

Women

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A Livonia lady who signs herself "Mrs. Fed Up" wrote recently in a metropolitan paper that she thinks "it's an insult to the intelligence of the American wife for the television networks to feed us nothing but football, football, football every time you tune in the set at this time of year."

It may be that she expressed the sentiments of many women as the grid season stretched on, and on, and on.

But I don't count myself among them, even though our television screen shows so many football games that our youngest has asked at concerts when the halftime was coming.

If the man of our house or almost any of the girls are home, the football game is likely to be turned on. We don't even leave at halftime—in our band-oriented household there's almost as much interest in band formations as in plays called by the quarterback.

I certainly can't complain about any program that gives so much pleasure to so many members of the family.

And if I don't have time or inclination to watch every play of every game, there's no reason I can't enjoy some time in front of the television with the others.

Now the big finale of the grid season is history and we're ready for more between-season hockey, basketball and baseball with an occasional televised golf and tennis match.

The gang likes those games too, and I can't say I find my intelligence very severely insulted. If I may watch more games, I may sometime even get smart enough to figure out the plays.

—Margaret Miller

LWV Seeks Consensus On Policy

The Provisional League of Women Voters of Plymouth and Northville will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, in the Waterman Campus Center of Schoolcraft Community College.

The members will seek a consensus on foreign economic policy. Questions that will be considered during the discussion are:

What should be the objectives of U.S. development assistance policies?

In view of these objectives and in the context of establishing sound and effective development aid programs, how do you view the following:

Military aid and supporting assistance.

The blend of multilateral and bilateral aid?

The issue of effectiveness and efficiency?

The ability of the U.S. economy to meet the 1% GNP target?

What priority would you assign and how would you evaluate the newer emphasis on development, e.g. population planning, expanded agricultural production, social and civic development and education?

Schoolcraft College is located on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads in Livonia. The Waterman Center is at the north end of the campus.

Moms Meet

The Western Wayne County Mothers of Twins Club will meet at 8 p.m. Jan. 19 in the Guaranty Federal Savings and Loan Association, Telegraph at Cherry Hill. A speaker from the American Cancer Society will be present, and a film will be shown.

FINISH REFRESHER COURSE

Two Livonia women were among 23 graduate nurses who recently completed a refresher course designed by Oakland Community College to update the training of registered nurses. The program is funded by the federal Manpower Development Training Act, and the clinical practice was conducted at William Beaumont Hospital. Shown here are from left, Mrs. Sylvia Berggren, instructor in the registered nurse refresher program, Loretta Baczor of Dearborn Heights, and the Farmington residents, Hilda Harrison, 32220 Nottingham Knoll, and Shirley Conger, 28816 Greencastle.



Hardy Drivers Keep Buses Going

Stormy winter mornings with their zero temperatures and snowcovered cars and streets are all in a day's work for dozens of women in Overland.

They are the school bus drivers who throughout the area begin long before dawn and battle the worst weatherman has to offer to get children to school.

Many, like Mrs. Lorene Harrison of Garden City, have been drivers a number of years and wouldn't consider trading jobs.

Mrs. Harrison, who has 10 years behind the wheel, began driving a school bus just after the youngest of her three children finished high school. Now she has seven grandchildren attending Garden City schools, and one of them occasionally hops on a high school bus she drives.

"When I first started," she recalled, "I mentioned to my supervisor that it seemed strange not to be getting any children off to school in the morning. He said I was really getting hundreds off to school."

MRS. HARRISON now gets her bus started at 6:45 each morning, but she can remember a time, before Garden City West High opened, when the city's only high school was on double shift, and she picked up her first students at 6 a.m. She's been pretty lucky, she figures, to have had no serious driving problems in 10 years

of piloting school buses.

ANOTHER 10-YEAR veteran of driving, Mrs. Obeldien Patsch of Livonia, had one harrowing experience on a snowy afternoon a few years back.

"I was driving on Five Mile," she said, "and the car coming from the other direction went off the road. I had a full load of children, and I knew the other car would hit my bus."

"Fortunately, it hit the door and no one was hurt."

Mrs. Patsch said that when the roads are snowy or icy, she'd rather be in a school bus than in her own car. "The bus is heavier and you feel safer," she explained.

MRS. MARIE LeBLANC of Redford Township, also a Livonia driver, agreed. "You're sitting high in the bus and you can see very well," she said. "When you go home and get in your own car, you don't feel as secure. Besides, other drivers watch out for a school bus and are especially careful."

Mrs. Patsch and Mrs. LeBlanc agreed one of the least pleasant parts of the job is getting the bus warmed-up in the morning.

"The children don't like a cold bus, and we don't either," Mrs. LeBlanc said.

"We come in at least half an hour early to get the bus started," Mrs. Patsch added. "We clear all the snow and then start the motor. If it doesn't start, we look for a mechanic,

who probably is busy with some other bus."

SEVERAL LAYERS of clothing are the answer to the early morning chill, said Mrs. Sandy Nelson, who drives a Farmington school bus for five years and now is secretary in the Farmington Board of Education transportation office.

"You get all bundled up to start the morning," Mrs. Nelson said. "Then you sit huddled up and shivering. Finally the heat gets going and you can start to peel."

MRS. PENNY CRUSE of Livonia began driving a school bus four years ago because her mother, Mrs. Ollie Guhrrie of Livonia, recommended the work. They form one of three mother-daughter combinations among Livonia drivers.

Mrs. Cruse said her worst moment as a driver took place at Mt. Holly ski resort, where she had driver with a group of high school students.

"I was new on the job and I left the bus in neutral," she said. "I got out of the bus and looked around to see it rolling downhill. Fortunately another driver was there, too, and he managed to catch it and get it into gear."

Each winter brings a few times that a bus gets stalled in snow on the sidestreets, Mrs. Cruse added.

Her solution for that one is simple. "I find out which of the children live the closest," she said, "and send them home for snow shovels to dig out."



READY FOR WINTER RUN -- Three ladies who have been driving Garden City school buses a total of 26 years pause for a moment before one of the district's buses before a snowy morning trip. From left are Mrs. Germaine Banks, who has been driving since 1962, Mrs. Lorene Harrison, driving since 1959, and Mrs. Adonna Moore, a driver since 1962.

(Observer photo)

CARE Chief Speaks Jan. 15

Susan Whittemore, chief representative of CARE in Michigan, will speak to the members of the Suburban Junior Chapter of the Dearborn Women's Club during the group's Jan. 15 business meeting.

The meeting begins at 8 p.m. in the home of Janet Weir, 6491 Oakman Blvd., Detroit.

The group will attend a benefit performance of "Hello Dolly" Jan. 18 in the Americana Theatre. Curtain time is 8:15 p.m. Proceeds from the benefit will be donated to the second unit of Girlstown in Belleville.

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Livonia Town Hall Presents Cleveland Amory

Cleveland Amory, known as the top social historian in the country, will be the first of the 1970 Town Hall speakers in Overland.

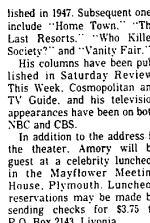
He will be guest for the third Livonia Town Hall lecture, scheduled at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, in the Terrace Theater, 3940 Plymouth, Livonia.

Amory has won fame as a writer and columnist for several publications as well as in television appearances.

The first of his books of witty social commentary was "The Proper Bostonians," published in 1947. Subsequent ones include "Home Town," "The Last Resorts," "Who Killed Society?" and "Vanity Fair."

His columns have been published in Saturday Review, This Week, Cosmopolitan and TV Guide, and his television appearances have been on both NBC and CBS.

In addition to the address in the theater, Amory will be guest at a celebrity luncheon in the Mayflower Meeting House, Plymouth. Luncheon reservations may be made by sending checks for \$3.75 to P.O. Box 2143, Livonia.



Cleveland Amory

Winter Term

YWCA Classes Starting

bar class how to make high fashion belts, vests, pillows, wall hangings and trims. She also will share the patterns she has created in this newly-popular art.

MRS. REICARD also is teaching creative stitching, which covers instructions on basic embroidery stitches so students can create their own wall hangings, pictures, linens, purses and pillows. The instructor is a graduate home economist.

Also in the creative field is decoupage taught by Corine Pierce. The beginners' class on Tuesday mornings will include learning basic skills and covering wooden boxes, purses and plaques.

An advanced class, covering wall with glass pearl and lamps will be scheduled if there is sufficient interest.

Other daytime traditions continuing this semester at the YW include beginning, intermediate and advanced bridge, knitting and Bishop sewing I and II.

A supervised nursery for pre-schoolers will be available for mothers participating in morning activities.

FEATURED in the evening program is an intermediate course on bridge for couples. Marguerite Whelpley is the instructor.

Evening schedules also feature Yoga, with lectures and practice on the Par East philosophy of physical fitness through relaxation, concentration and breathing.

In addition, there is an early evening swim class followed by an hour of exercise in a Tuesday program designed for working women. Folk guitar night on Wednesdays is for all beginners and intermediates regardless of age and sex.

Saturday afternoon swimming includes all levels of instruction from tiny tot water adjustment to junior and senior lifesaving.

Homemakers holiday held each Wednesday in Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Livonia, includes a schedule of basic art, decorative crafts, bridge and a lecture series in-

cluding varied areas like drug abuse, suburban transportation, national policy and home art.

Nursery care also is available for that series.

All courses require YWCA membership, which costs \$3.50 a year and carry an additional fee. Full details on time schedules and fees are available by calling the Western Wayne YWCA business office, LO 1-4110.

The YWCA of Western Wayne County is a participating member of the United Foundation and the United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit.

Piano Duets OnProgram

The Detroit Alumnae chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon, international music society, will meet at 8 p.m., Monday, Jan. 19, in the home of Mrs. James Davis, 134 N. Oxford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The musical program following a short business meeting will consist of piano duets by Mrs. Archie Brown of Birmingham and Mrs. Charles Woodin of Franklin, and vocal solos by Mrs. Roy Hand of Detroit, accompanied by Mrs. John Kassarjian of Detroit.

Mrs. John L. Brack of Farmington is president of the Detroit Alumnae chapter. All members of Mu Phi Epsilon living in the Detroit Metropolitan area are cordially invited to attend.

Frozen Breakfasts

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