

The Observer

# Women

## m. m. memos

"I need my baby picture for the school party," our youngest told me, and I was off on a foraging trip into the past.

The going wasn't particularly smooth when I opened our huge drawer of pictures and pulled out the big box I thought might contain the desired one.

In the first place, our girls looked so much alike as babies that the only way to be certain which is which is by background walls or furniture or clothing on parents or baby.

And anyway, as is the case in any family, we simply didn't take as many pictures of our cobbles gal as we did of the early arrivals.

Most that I did find showed her as a baby with three bigger blondes, and that would have been a dead giveaway in the classroom party guessing game.

I also wound up making a few detours on the picture-hunting trip. One almost-forgotten shot I found showed one of the girls with a doll neatly balanced on her head. We'd never be able to snap that one again.

There were some old wedding and pre-wedding pictures to be studied and saved to show young friends and relatives we receive at Christmas.

Finally my search was rewarded when I turned up a smiling baby in a blue dress lying on a gold blanket. There was no question that it was our youngest - I remember the day we took it.

She carried it happily to school for the display and guessing. As for her mother, she resolved she'd somehow find time soon to put memories in better order for future searches.

-Margaret Miller

## Quaker Sets Talk

Carlyle G. Davidson, Detroit teacher and a member of the Detroit Society of Friends, will speak on the Quakers in Michigan at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, in Quaker Acres, Seven Mile just west of Farmington Road.

The Livonia Historical Society will host the meeting in

the historic building that began as a Quaker meeting house and now is owned by the City of Livonia and used as the society's headquarters. Davidson will pay particular attention in his talk to the activities of Quakers in the Livonia area during the last half of the 18th century.

## Bloodmobile Is Coming

A Red Cross bloodmobile will be at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia, on Friday, Feb. 27, from 2 to 8 p.m.

Area residents are urged to express their humanitarian concern by contributing one pint of blood during the month of February. Persons in good health can donate blood every

eight weeks, but not more than five times per year. At the same time, donors can build up a group account or replace blood used by a friend or relative.

For an appointment to donate, call the Northwest Regional Red Cross office at 422-2787.



**PUSS AND FRIENDS** - These members of the Plymouth branch of the American Association of University Women will present "Puss in Boots" as their annual Children's Theater offering at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, and at 9:30 and 11 a.m. and 1 and 2:30 p.m. in the Plymouth High School auditorium. Proceeds from the 50-cent tickets, available by calling Mrs. David Cunningham, 453-6272, go to the AAUW Fellowship fund for higher education for women. Featured here are, seated from left, Mrs. W.A. Fisher as Puss, Mrs. William Gratch as the Princess and Mrs. John Anderson as Christopher. Standing are Mrs. Glenn Davis, left, as the enchantress and Mrs. Ernest Morano as the King. (Observer photo)

## Family Counselor Says

# 'It's Your Own Life—Enrich It'

By MARGARET MILLER

"You have the right - even the responsibility - to take steps to enrich your own life, even though your husband and children must help bear the cost."

The advice comes from Mrs. Lucille Cantoni, a lady who serves as director of Family Life Education in the Family Services of Metropolitan Detroit and who in her own life has traveled the road of the working mother.

It was offered to about 100 women who attended the third annual Project Self-Start that opened at the Northwest YWCA Monday. The workshop provides information for women considering employment after years in the home.

"IF YOU are going to take a job or do more volunteer work," Mrs. Cantoni told the women, "you must accept the fact it's going to be painful to your husband and children."

"Your husband has up to now been the only wage-earner. Your children will have to accept more responsibilities at home because you can't do all the housekeeping and hold a job too."

"Talk to them about it. Get their negative as well as their positive feelings into the open. Then, if you feel that for you it isn't enough to be somebody's wife and somebody's mother, make your decision and stick to it and know that it's all right."

MRS. CANTONI answered questions from a new divorcee wondering whether to work, from a mother whose children bickered over added household chores, from the daughter of an aged father who made heavy demands on her time.

"You see how many ways the question is asked," she said, "but basically it's the same - do I have the right to do what I want to do now that home responsibilities are less demanding?"

"Yes, you do have the right, because in enriching your life, your own life you are giving more to your family."

Mrs. Cantoni told the women that mother going to work can upset family balance, and children may "use all kinds of tricks" to restore that balance.

"My own daughter had her first grade teacher convinced she went home to an empty house every day," she said, "whereas actually her father was usually there. I was often

home in the afternoon and there was a full time maid she adored."

"You shouldn't get mad at children for trying these tricks," she added, "but you should never let them make your decisions for you."

MRS. CANTONI titled her talk "The Second Identity Crisis," and in it compared the wife and mother whose home responsibilities have diminished with the teen first seeking to be an individual.

"Both are asking 'who am I?'" she said.

The adolescent, she added, has lived up to that stage of life with a concept of "me" as reflected in the eyes of others.

"But then he reaches the point of choosing the kind of person he will be," she said. He does this in terms of the large groups with which he identifies and the small circle of friends with whom he shares his life.

"He may take the easy way out in establishing identity by rebelling against everything or conforming too much to the wishes of others. When this happens, there's often some unfinished business left over in adulthood!"

**FOR MANY WOMEN**, Mrs. Cantoni went on, the search for identity is solved with "the degree of MIS."

"Then you are George's wife, and pretty soon you're Susie's mother," she said. "And that's enough for a while because of the incessant demands of the preschool years."

"But we have to realize that while we have about 20 years as a mother, we also have 20 to 30 years as a non-mother, and because men tend to die earlier, maybe five or 10 years as a non-wife."

"Being a wife and mother is good, but for many it isn't enough. Our eggs are undernourished."

**AT THIS POINT**, Mrs. Cantoni said, the second identity search begins for many women.

"But this time it can be made with greater wisdom and understanding," she added, "and it must be made taking



**SELF-STARTERS** - Looking over course material at the Northwest YWCA third annual Self-Start program got underway were Mrs. A.L. Raitwell of Redford Township, one of the women enrolled, opening speaker Lucille

Cantoni, Northwest YW past president Bebe Lindhout of Livonia, and Mrs. William Titus of Farmington Township, also an enrollee.

(Observer photo)

into consideration the feelings and needs of husband and children."

She urged moving slowly toward any new position in life.

"Most of us," she added, "are in the wonderful position of not having to get a job. It's an exciting opportunity to discover 'Who Am I' in a new time of life."

But when the decision is made, she pointed out, it's completely legitimate to insist on family cooperation because mother's life needs enrichment whether or not the family needs the money she can earn.

MRS. CANTONI'S TALK led off the YWCA vocational opportunities clinic, which will continue the next two Mondays at 2660 Grand River.

The afternoon session Feb. 18 included talks on education and training opportunities from Mrs. Judy Broderick of the Detroit College of Business, Raymond M. Guick of the Wayne State University Southfield Extension Center, Mrs. Doris Martin of Grace Hospital School of Nursing, Dr. Robert Smith of the University Center for Adult Educa-



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## She's Queen Of The Road

A tiny woman who loves to travel is the metropolitan area's Queen of the Road for 1970.

Audrey Muncester, who moved last week from 2843 Joy, Westland, to Holly, was honored in a special ceremony Tuesday evening at the Detroit Camper and Trailer Travel Show at the Detroit Artillery Armory.

Being on the move is part of her life.

In each of the last six years, Miss Muncester and her 81-year-old father, Thomas, have traveled more than 8,000 miles in their travel trailer. They usually travel for about four months and in 1969 logged 8,000 miles.

**THOMAS MUNCESTER** was named the show's King of the Road in 1968.

His daughter is the third successive Queen of the Road from Oakville.

Previous winners were Betty Kingball of Plymouth in 1967 and Marge Schulkins of Farmington in 1966.

The new queen is known by her friends in the Wolverine Drifters Club as "Little Audrey."

## Singer, Mission Head Guests CWC Men's Night

Marty Karl, former entertainer and now of the Harbour Rescue Mission in Hamilton, Ont., will be the speaker for the Men's Night of the Christian Women's Club in Lofy's Restaurant, Plymouth, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26.

Karl formerly was with the Mariners Quartet, inter-club group that sang four years in the U.S. Coast Guard, entertained at the first inaugural ball of President Dwight D. Eisenhower and later appeared with television personality Arthur Godfrey.

Today he is executive director of the Harbour Rescue Mission, which includes a hostel for homeless men, a rehabilitation program for alcoholics and other destitutes, a family center and a women's and children's shelter called Inasmuch House.

The mission also includes a family assistance center, a workshop program and a Christian Life Counseling Service.

Reservations must be made by Feb. 23 by calling Mrs. A. E. Van Ornum, GL 3-6228.