



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT SUMPTION

# Open House Marks Sumptions' 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sumption, 4055 Grotfendson Road, Plymouth, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Feb. 21, with an open house in the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Anthony, 18324 Golfview, Livonia.

One of the guests planning to attend is Mrs. Bessie Sumption, Robert Sumption's 88-year-old mother, who will fly from her home in Boca Raton, Fla., for the festivities.

The Sumptions were married in South Bend, Ind., and have lived most of their married life in Detroit and Plymouth. Sumption is a retired Ford Motor Co. employe.

They have one daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Anthony, and five grandchildren, Ronald and Steven Meyers and Stephan, Larry and Janet Anthony.

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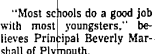
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# Women on the Go She's The Head Lady In New Kind Of School

By MARGARET MILLER Women's Editor



"Most schools do a good job with most youngsters," believes Principal Beverly Marshall of Plymouth.

But some children seem to be left out. And even with the easiest-to-teach children -- couldn't we find ways to bring them out better?"

That's what Mrs. Marshall and her creative staff of teachers are trying to do in the Isbister Elementary School, one of the newest in the Plymouth system and just completing its first year.

Their innovations make an impressive list and keep the new school really bustling with busy children.

New ideas like a club program, which gives an hour a week to child-approved activities like sewing and knitting and singing and model cars.

Or a landscape plan that is being worked out to incorporate the ideas of the school's kindergarten to fifth graders.

Or parent group meetings that are planned as family fun. Or report cards that go out a few at a time.

ALL ARE PART of a philosophy that Beverly Marshall has evolved over a number of years in just about every phase of education.

Currently a resident of Dearborn Heights, she is a graduate of the University of Michigan and earned her master's degree in curriculum development at Wayne State University. She has had about five years of classroom teaching experience, mostly in Maryland, and was elementary supervisor in Garden City and a member of the University of Toledo school of education staff before assuming her present job.

"I think we do some things in a different way from many schools," she said.

"We try to work more with children as human beings -- to realize that when two little boys fight, it does something to them and to their ability to learn."

"We organize them into ability groups, but the emphasis is on the idea that maybe some



BEVERLY MARSHALL

children can do better than others, but the important thing is that each do well."

TEAM TEACHING is an integral part of the Isbister system, and the five fourth and fifth grade classes follow pretty much the same program, using an outline that changes every two years.

"What the children in different grades study can be the same," Mrs. Marshall pointed out, "but what they learn can be different. The children know how many years they've been in school, but sometimes they forget their grade and we do, too."

For the fourth and fifth graders, the school day includes independent work on special projects related to study and lectures that are made to as many as 150 students gathered in a single hall.

"We don't use textbooks as such," the principal said. "Or rather, we use many textbooks. We never have more than 15 copies of a single book.

children suggested, we will be about to have a pool with a bridge going across to a wooded section at the corner of the playground. We'll have the "jumping-off places" and the jogging trail the children want, too.

"We hope to get just a start this year so the current fifth graders can have a part in it, and then make the rest a continuing program."

THE CONCEPT of parent reporting and parent group meetings, says Mrs. Marshall, is being worked out on a "need" basis.

Rather, there's a paragraph-long written report on each child in the fields of his unit, work, language arts, math and social behavior, and these are sent home a few each week.

By the end of the school year there will be two on each child.

Beverly Marshall's dislike of conventional report cards goes back a long way.

"Some children can get self-satisfied too soon," she said. "I remember that as a child I knew how to get As easily. But the trouble is that you know you're not all that good, and you keep wondering when someone else is going to find it out."

PARENT-TEACHER group meetings are held for specific purposes -- like explaining that continual reporting system and for family sociability at each grade level, like the third grade circus that is coming soon.

Beverly Marshall paused in her description of the new school to glance out the window at a small boy returning from recess.

"We're very proud of that boy," she said, "and we're quite worried that he's leaving today because his family must move. He hated everyone when he came here. By trying to understand, we've helped him get interested in school."

"He's working and progressing now -- I just wish we could keep him a little longer."

# Women Of Wayne Alumnae Offer 1970-71 Scholarships

Women of Wayne Alumni will accept scholarship applications during the next few weeks from women planning to attend Wayne State University on a part-time basis during the 1970-71 school year.

To qualify, applicants must be between the ages of 25 and 54 and must be admitted as a two-year student at the university.

The deadline for filing applications is May 15.

The alumnae group has for several years been granting scholarships to mature women who wish to begin or complete their educations and because

of family situations cannot do so on a full time basis.

WOMEN OF WAYNE also supports a loan fund for women enrolled as full time students and this year established a child care center on the campus to provide a nursery program for children of student parents.

Two of the women who received scholarship grants for the 1969-70 school year were Mrs. Fayanne Kaufman of Huntington Woods, an art teacher at Dunckel Junior High School in Farmington, and Mrs. Leona Barnhart,

18290 Brady, Redford Township.

Mrs. Kaufman, a widowed mother of three sons, used the grant to work for her master's degree in art education, and this year has given special attention to a film project to depict the humanitarian approach to art.

She also was recipient of the WSU Alumni association scholarship in 1968.

Mrs. Barnhart, mother of three young children, had left college when she married and used her grant to work toward an education degree, which she hopes to complete in June.

Besides her studies and home responsibilities, she is president of the Keeler School Mother's Club this year and recording secretary of the Redford Township Music Society.



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# Easter Seal Parents Plan Feb. 28 Dance

More help for crippled children in need of special therapy will be provided through a dance scheduled at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, in the Electrical Workers Hall, 1200 Sixth, at the Lodge Expressway Howard East.

In the group, parents of crippled children give each other mutual help through discussion of their problems. They also put on benefits like this Second Annual Kickoff Dance for the 1970 Easter Seal campaign, to provide for extra activities at the Detroit Society for Crippled Children, 17330 Schaefer, Detroit.

# Big Band Sound Set For Dance

The Glen Miller Orchestra will provide the music for the Jewish War Veterans Diamond Jubilee Ball on Saturday, March 28, in the Light Guard Armory, 4400 East Eight Mile Road, Detroit.

Heading arrangements for the dance is Mrs. Warren T. Strong, of Livonia, whose husband is president of the parents' group. The Strongs have a five-year-old son who has cerebral palsy and has been treated at the society's therapy center since 1967.

Tickets for the ball are priced at \$2.50 advance sale and may be ordered from the Michigan Department of the Organization at 255-4743. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$3.

Tickets for the dance are \$5 and include music, refreshments and a few surprises. They can be reserved by calling the Easter Seal Society, UN 1-6331.

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