

Club Meets

The Livonia Town Club will meet at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, in the Livonia Porterhouse Restaurant, 32826 Five Mile Road. This is a social meeting with a silent auction of white elephants and baked goods planned.

Turkey Profits

Gross U.S. income from turkeys in 1968 was \$414.6 million, down 10% from 1967.



OPERA WORKERS — Mrs. Charles Fuss (left) and Mrs. John O'Brien (center), both of Livonia, chatted with Mrs. Richard Kelly of Detroit at the 1970 opera luncheon. The local women will aid plans for the Metropolitan Opera Co. Detroit visit in May.

Local Women To Aid 1970 Opera Season

Observerland opera lovers are preparing to help welcome the Metropolitan Opera Co. to Detroit for its 12th annual visit May 25 to May 30.

Local members of the Detroit Grand Opera Association attended a recent kickoff luncheon for the group's 27th opera season, and heard from association president Mrs. Ernest A. Jones of Bloomfield Hills, Francis Robinson, assistant manager of the Metropolitan, and Dr. David Dichiera, Oakland University producer of "Overture of Opera."

Dr. Dichiera will produce excerpts of the New York company's Detroit offerings for staging in this area and others around metropolitan Detroit.

ROBINSON told the 320 women gathered that the 1970 season would include "The Magic Flute" and "Norma," both new to Detroit audiences, and "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Pagliacci," which have not been on tour for a number of years.

"In spite of last year's

strike," he said, "we will offer you an outstanding season."

Mrs. Jones urged the women's committee to pay special attention to the building of future opera audiences by staging, "Let's give some thought to new audiences. How can young people have any opinion or appreciation of opera if they have never attended a performance?"

"This May and the seasons ahead, why don't you share your love of opera with the young people you know?"

Mrs. Jones also congratulated the women's committee for increasing its fund-raising and program advertising activities to help support the association's sponsorship of the Metropolitan season.

As in past seasons, the opening night will be a benefit performance, the beneficiaries being the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Founders Society of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Girl Scout Cookies Feature New Flavor

The annual cookie sale of the Girl Scouts of Metropolitan Detroit will introduce a new cookie. The sale is scheduled March 6 through 15.

The cookie, "Frostie," replaces the almond swirl.

In addition to the new flavor, the long-time favorites, chocolate mint, peanut butter patissier, shortbread, and chocolate-vanilla sandwich will be available.

Because of certain local ordinances and the policy of the Girl Scouts, girls, for their safety, are not permitted to sell door-to-door. Parents, leaders, relatives and friends of Girl Scouts sell their cookies.

However, Girl Scouts are permitted to sell at cookie booths in approved neighborhood stores and other places of business when accompanied by an adult.

The cookie sale, authorized by United Foundation officials, provides funds for approved activities not included in the Torch Drive allocation. A major portion of the money is used for the maintenance and development of three year-round camps.

LOCAL MANAGERS for the sale are:

LIVONIA: Mrs. Joseph J. Soltesz, Mrs. Emmitt Reed; Mrs. Fred Sergeichik; Mrs. James Freeman; Mrs. Arthur Cameron; Mrs. Ewald Schroeder, Mrs. Gordon G. Townsend; Mrs. Henry Spitzig; and Mrs. Michael McGarry.

GARDEN CITY: Mrs. Serge Darrigrande; Mrs. John G. Santo Jr.; Mrs. Thomas Cahill; and Mrs. Jack Heath.

WESTLAND: Mrs. Richard Grabowski; Mrs. Anthony Paul; Mrs. S. J. Cieply.

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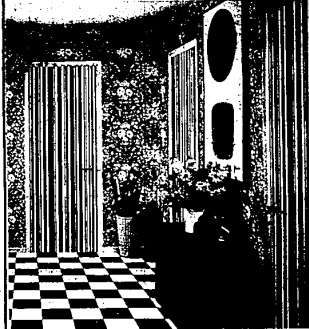
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'Woman's Liberation Is No Joke,' Says Oakland Professor

How does a man react to the idea of the liberated woman? A debate held recently at Oakland University gave one man a chance to air his views.

"Women's liberation is no joke," said Harvey Burdick, a professor of psychology at Oakland.

Instead of giving the typical sarcastic or humorous responses of most males when broached with the subject, Prof. Burdick's remarks reflected a concern about the movement. In explaining why men are afraid of the liberation movement, he stated that in our society men are forced to be masculine and dominant, and are punished if they are not.

Since men have learned this so strongly, any threat to their masculine role brings fear and retaliation on their part. "Men are not about to give up their masculine role, or even share it," Burdick said.

DR. CAROL ANDREAS, a sociology professor at Oakland and one of the leaders of the Women's Liberation Coalition, represented the feminist side. The coalition was recently formed as a coordinating organization for all feminist groups seeking to abolish men's superiority. But, as Dr. Andreas states, the goal is not to achieve power over men, but to work with men on an equal basis.

Dr. Andreas believes that many women have succumbed to a "slave" type of mentality, living their lives through their husbands and existing solely for their families. Even if a woman is not resigned to this situation, she still has other problems to cope with. Limited job opportunities, inferior salaries and subordinate positions are some of the wrongs feminists feel must be righted.

The feminist movement was organized for the purpose of combating all this. It has gained momentum in recent years due to the great number of single women who are not tied down and have been confronted with the problems of being considered "inferior." Women have become concerned with important issues like civil rights and anti-war demonstrations, and even in these situations, they have been relegated to subordinate positions.

AS ITS IMMEDIATE goals, the coalition is calling for abortion laws repeal, establishment of day care centers for children, and is supporting strikes by women at different companies where inequality exists.

The idea of a day care center is often balked at by men who feel that a woman's place is in the home with her children. Burdick felt that "the method of raising children depends on the norm of the society—if the majority do it, it becomes legitimate."

A male child psychologist in the audience at the debate pointed out that children can be raised in a group setting without psychological harm if it is properly supervised, and in some cases, a day care center might be better than the actual family itself.

In concluding, both Dr. Andreas and Prof. Burdick agreed that if sex roles were more equalized, many of the frustrations which come from trying to fulfill the masculine or feminine roles would be eliminated. The problem how, Dr. Andreas feels, is in making people—both women and men—aware that these old-fashioned barriers exist and that they must be torn down.

Here's Carole

Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. May of Livonia announce the birth of a daughter, Carole Jennifer, on Jan. 6.

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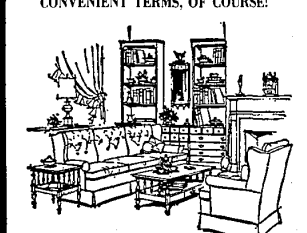


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