

What's It Like To Be Blind? 'Frightening'

By MARGARET MILLER
Women's Editor

Blindness comes in many ways. From birth. Gradually. Suddenly.

For the most fortunate, it comes temporarily. When that happens, it leaves behind a new appreciation for the life problems of those who

cannot see and, even more important, a tremendous gratitude for the priceless gift of sight.

Week, instituted by Lions Clubs across the country to aid and appreciate the blind, she tells the story of her recent short-term loss of sight and her great thanks for its return.

Her story follows: "It was strictly a greedy motivation that got me into it. I had been to Hawaii and came back with a tan that I wanted

to keep until the Michigan sunshine could help it along. "So I used a sun lamp, and wanting to kill two birds with one stone, I decided to read the Sunday paper while under the lamp. I knew very well I should put the goggles on—I had used them before—but this time I just defied the instructions.

"It was six hours later that I began to realize what I had done, and the time that followed that was the most painful and most frightening experience of my life.

"The first 24 hours were terrible, because it was Sunday and after hospital emergency room treatment I had to wait to see a specialist. The pain was unbearable and the uncertainty about what damage had been done was worse.



Beta Sigs Celebrate 39 Years

The Detroit chapters of Beta Sigma Phi sorority will celebrate the 39th anniversary of the organization at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, at a banquet in the Raleigh House in Southfield.

Mercy Nun Heads Study

Sister Mary Clare, chairman of the English department at Our Lady of Mercy High School in Farmington, has been appointed to the Committee on Lecture Alternatives in the English Classroom for the Michigan Council of Teachers of English (MCTE).

Spring Brides-To-Be



MARGARET HODAPP



MARY SOROKA



TERRO JO KROPP



SUSAN PETERS

HAVE A TASTE -- Joseph Agosta's ready to sample his cooking as Sgt. Siegel (far left) prepares a taco during a Thompson-Brown sponsored luncheon. Co-workers Rose Shannahan of Farmington and Lillian Grade of Livonia watch for the chef's reaction.

Secretaries Have Day Each Month

Secretaries' Day comes every month for the "right-hand" girls employed by Thompson-Brown Co. of Farmington.

When about 25 secretaries in the developer-builder-real estate firm gathered for a large and beefy lunch on the official Secretaries' Day, April 22, it was the second such occasion in a new plan instituted by the company.

Office manager Joseph Agosta explained that the company felt the secretaries and clerical help might be getting a bit short-changed in the scheme of things.

Welcome Mark

Mrs. and Mrs. Lee Reiterman, 18297 MacArthur, Redford Township, announce the birth of a son, Mark Lee, on March 6.



DEBRA JOHNS



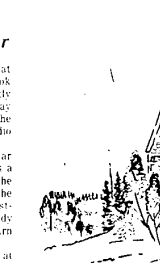
SANDRA FRASEK



VICKI GAGNON

Mrs. Edna Arn Receives Honor

Mrs. Edna Arn, secretary at Clareneville's Westbrook School, was honored recently on National Secretary's Day (April 22) as secretary of the day by Dick Purian of radio station WXYZ.



League Plans Open House

The Wayne County Branch of the League for the Handicapped will hold open house from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, in the C. Building at Wayne County General Hospital.

Wabeek Mansion Picked As League Show House

The Planned Parenthood League hopes that there will be a steady stream of traffic down Long Lake Rd. next month when it opens its second annual Designer's Show House.

The League has chosen Wabeek Estate between Franklin and Middle Belt in Bloomfield Township for refurbishing by 12 prominent designers.

The main home of the rambling estate was designed and built in the early 1920s for the late Sen. James Couzens. The 800-acre property is presently owned by the Chrysler Realty Corp., who will subdivide it into a residential development.

Designers' Show House will be open during the week from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and each Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. May 4 through May 24.

In addition to decorating the rooms in the grand old mansion there will be boutiques and an art gallery with gourmet cooking demonstrations in the gantry and craftsmen working in the tables.

Such subjects as rug hooking, wood restorations, china painting and furniture painting will be demonstrated by experts in each field.

Tickets are \$2.50 and available from all J.L. Hudson's stores, or by calling Mrs. Robert Webster, 644-7085, or Mrs. J. Hunter Nissen, 8218119. Admission to the gate is \$3 per person.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Johns of Westmoreland Avenue, Farmington, announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra Anne, to Wayne Kelbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Kelbert of Hugo Avenue, Farmington. The bride-elect is a 1969 graduate of Farmington High School and her fiance graduated from Clareneville High School in 1968. Both are students at the Cincinnati Bible Seminary. They plan a fall wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. William Grove Frasek of Salem Avenue, Redford Township, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Lee, to Roland C. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman H. Smith of Winter Park, Fla., formerly of Redford Township. Both are graduates of Thurston High School, the bride-elect in 1968 and her fiance in 1967. The prospective bridegroom is a student at Seminole Junior College in Florida. A June 12 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Schik of West Chicago, Ill., announce the engagement of their daughter, Vicki L., to Russell Holt, son of Walter E. Holt of Kentucky Court, Livonia. Both are graduates of Franklin High School and the bride-elect is employed as a nurse's aide. They plan to marry in September.

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