

Pre-School Classes Set

Pre-school and kindergarten programs for four and five-year-olds will be offered Mondays through Fridays from 9 to 11:30 a.m. or from 1 to 3:30 p.m. July 6 through July 31 at Marygrove College.

Emphasis is on self help, independence and self guidance with supervised play and constructive activities.

Fee is \$50. This includes materials and supplies.

Call or write Marygrove College, 662-8000, 8425 W. McNichols Rd., Detroit, 48221.

Motts Celebrate Anniversary

Mr and Mrs P. L. Mott of Terrence Drive, Livonia, are having a beloved celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary Monday, June 8, with a quiet gathering of friends and relatives at their home. The anniversary date was May 29.

Mr Mott was born near the turn of the century in Springwells Township, now part of Dearborn. Mr Mott entered construction work at an early age, and built many of the

homes and shops in Detroit's industrial area.

In 1920, he married Bessie Tiedler, who had come with her parents to Detroit from Indianapolis, Ind. In 1950 they purchased several building sites in the then new city of Livonia, on Terrence Drive. These were picturesque ravine sites on Bell Creek. They built themselves a hillside home with a small private pond surrounded by a flowing fountain, creating a cascade over a series of stone pools, and brick-walled, terraced gardens, all under tall oak and beech trees.

There they pursued their interest in wildlife, pheasants, cardinals, ducks and trees, flowers and shrubbery. For several years they kept peacocks, which frequently started passers-by.

Although they have no children, the Motts helped their friends and relatives, the Donald Pieves and the DeForest Exvaldens, build tennis courts and horse stables in the Bell Creek Valley for the enjoyment of young people of the neighborhood.

They will give up their home this summer and resettle in smaller quarters in Florida.

Volunteers Get Thanks

Seventy volunteers were honored at Northville State Hospital's annual volunteer recognition day. Dr. Richard D. Budd, medical superintendent, thanked the volunteers for their many services to the patients.

Mrs. Carrie Peebles, an active volunteer with Detroit Receiving Hospital's Service League for many years, spoke of the many contributions today's volunteers can make to their communities.

Interest group discussions provided an excellent opportunity for the volunteers to share information and become better acquainted. Mrs. Jean Bachelder, the hospital's volunteer services coordinator, commented that these in attendance represented 30 groups and 65 individual volunteers.

Deaf Students Plan Festival

The Lutheran School for the Deaf will hold its 97th anniversary closing festival Sunday, June 14, in the campus grove at 6861 E. Nevada, Detroit.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will begin the day with a roast beef dinner from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and a program will follow.

Camp Wathana Has Unit On Indian Lore

Detroit Area Camp Fire Girls will introduce an authentic Indian lore unit to their resident camp program this summer at Camp Wathana, near Holly.

Under the leadership of Ben Landford, camp program director, girls will learn about cultural activities of many North American Indian tribes, learn authentic Indian handicrafts and prepare foods, Indian style.

Landford, who lives in Inkster, has spent most of his life

studying American Indian culture and has one of the most extensive, private collections of Indian history, craft, clothing and hand crafts in the country.

INDIAN LORE is just one program available to girls attending Camp Wathana, including horseback riding, canoeing, swimming, and special counselor-in-training sessions for high school girls.

Summer resident camping at Wathana is open to all girls, six to 18 years of age, whether or not they are Camp Fire Girls. Wathana's 1970 summer resident sessions begin June 22 and continue through August.

Those interested should contact Camp Fire Girls Detroit Area Council, 633-2670.

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Women on the Go

Women Join Efforts To Save Old Woods



By MARGARET MILLER Women's Editor



MRS. ROBERT KING, (left) MRS. WILLIAM LINDHOUT... and the woods.

Two hopeful ladies who love both community and nature are embarked on a tough conservation project.

They are Mrs. Robert B. King and Mrs. William P. Lindhout, both of Livonia, and their aim is to find out if there's any way to keep new apartments from replacing about 30 acres of beech-maple forest.

The tract of woodland loved by Babe King and Bebe Lindhout is located between Six and Seven Mile Woods and east of Haggerty. It is adjacent to Schoolcraft Community College and is used by its biology classes.

It was described by Dr. James R. Wells, botanist from the Cranbrook Institute of Science, as "truly amazing."

"I don't know where I could go to find anything like this - it's rare because of its antiquity."

A SCRAMBLE through the thick woods affords the opportunity to gaze upward through bright green leaves to tree-tops more than 100 feet up, to examine fine specimens of trillium, jack-in-the-pulpit, wild ginger and witch hazel, to try to separate and identify the calls of the birds that make the tract their home.

Mrs. King, Mrs. Lindout, Wells, Schoolcraft officials and others interested met last week with Frank Volk, owner of the land he plans to use for a new apartment complex.

Volk indicated at that session he would be willing to sell the property for a fair price, so the two women are working on the next step - to find a way to make the purchase and possibly another piece of property for those apartments.

The meeting really came about because of the meeting of miss Babe King and Bebe Lindhout experience through the pages of The Observer Newspapers.

BABE KING, who has grown sons and has long been active in the Livonia Town Hall program, wrote a letter to this newspaper thanking SCCC's botany faculty for a non-credit natural history class and extolling the beauty of the woodland class offered.

"It filled me with breath-taking vistas of wildflowers and ferns," she wrote. "Not since childhood have I seen hillsides massed with trillium in bloom. All this treasure inside a city of over 100,000 people!"

And commenting on the proposed apartments, she added: "Isn't there anything citizens can do to preserve a woodland spot as exquisite as

outstanding specimen - not only for the generation to follow? Why can't Livonia have beautiful nature centers scattered throughout its 36 square miles, rather than apartments?"

When the area was rezoned to permit apartment building, Bebe said, she and her architect husband had battled the change without success.

"People used to get a glazed look when I talked about saving the woods," she related. "Then I saw that letter and felt there might be more interest."

Bebe Lindhout's newspaper letter called the woods "an

They will venture any predictions on the outcome of their effort.

They agree, of course, with Dr. Wells statement that "the owner should not be expected to show altruism to the extent of giving up the property. But the question of how to acquire it opens many possibilities.

There might be a way to get a loan from a state or national conservation group. Dr. Wells told them.

Mrs. King thought possibly the Livonia School District might acquire the site, as was done in Plymouth when that school district took over Miller Woods late in 1968.

At any rate, these 300-year-old beech trees and all their woodland neighbors now have some determined defenders.

EVERY DAY LADIES DAY RAY CONLON BUICK-POPEL

3rd Daughter Plymouth Grad Is New Father

Mr. and Mrs. John Byrne Martin of Plymouth announced the birth of a daughter, Erin Kathleen, May 13, in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. She is the second sister at home. Kristin Suzanne and Lisa Anne.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Higdon of Detroit. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John J. Martin of Southfield, and a paternal great-grandmother, Mrs. John Martin, lives in Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. William James Jones of Mundelein, Ill., announce the birth of a son, William Banning, May 15 at Lake Forest.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Martin R. Jones of Plymouth and Mrs. Constance Maranto of Norridge, Ill.

The baby's father, a Plymouth High School graduate, has just been appointed an assistant attorney in charge of drug

abuse for the state of Illinois. He received his law degree from John Marshall Law School, Chicago, and a degree in pharmacy from Ferris State College, Big Rapids.

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