

Lennon To Sing At Lunch

The Women of North Farmington will open their new season with a Sept. 25 luncheon to be held at the Glen Oaks Country Club.

Paul Lennon, nationally known performer, will be entertained. Lennon has appeared at many clubs, including Detroit's Roosterball, and worked with many fine and outstanding talents, such as the Supremes, Herb Alpert and Danny Thomas.

Preceding his appearance at Glen Oaks, he will emcee the show at Cobo Hall that is being hosted by the Farmington Jaycees.

Bob DuRant, arranger and composer who heads his own band, will accompany Lennon and play for the ladies throughout the afternoon.

The meeting will be open to friends of members. Reservations may be made by calling Mary Jane Curme, 474-2808, by Sept. 20.

Meeting Set On Adoptions

Adoption of children of minority races will be the topic for a meeting sponsored by the Council on Adoptable Children at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, in the council chamber of the Plymouth City Hall.

Council spokesmen said interested parents in the entire Observer area are invited.

Mrs. Fran Obidzinski, of the Wayne County Department of Social Services, will discuss the pros of children that adoption agencies can place in adoptive homes, as well as the current policies on adoption.

Also scheduled is a slide presentation by members of the council on minority group children who have been adopted in Ann Arbor.

WORLD of WOMEN



PERFECTING THEIR GOVERNMENTAL background are 13 ladywood senior and junior students. Washington Workshop participants met with Congressman Jack McDonald (R) of

the 19th District. From left: Mary Worniak, Denise Zlotucha, Vicki Gillis, Congressman McDonald, Sister Martin Ann, CSSF, Mary Ann Sarna, Judi Carravallah and Alicia Nalezcz.

Marriage Matters Youth, False Expectations Bring Marriage Failure

By DR. ALFRED I. PRINCE

Dr. Prince is associate professor of sociology at Eastern Washington State College, where he directs the undergraduate social work program. He is an experienced family and marriage counselor and has done extensive research into family problems.

Why do so many marriages end in separation and divorce? Why are so many others rocked by constant conflict and quarreling? What are some of the chief hazards to marriage and family success?

One major hazard to marital happiness is marrying too young. The average at which young people marry in the United States has been declining for the last half century. In 1890, the typical bridegroom was 26 years of age; his bride was 22. In 1960, the typical bridegroom was 22, the typical bride 20.

TODAY, MORE than half of all girls have married by the time they reach 20. Over half of all males who marry do so before their 22nd birthday. Thus, at the age when young people reach their maturity, half of them are already married.

There are many reasons why the age of marriage is low in the United States. Certainly going steady at a young age motivates early marriage. To this one must add the factor of the country's economic growth which makes it relatively easy for young people to find jobs so that a period of saving before marriage is not regarded as important as it was a century ago.

Some of these marrying youngsters also are able to receive financial help from their parents. In addition, some marry young to escape intolerable home conditions.

It must be remembered, too, that many of these early marriages are forced because of pregnancy. In fact, between

one-third to one-half of all early teen-marriages involve premarital pregnancy.

YOUTHFUL MARRIAGES, of course, do not automatically fail. Some do and some are successful. But too many early marriages, because of the immaturity of the couple and other reasons, do not have a good chance for success.

Accumulation of research data shows clearly that the younger the age at marriage, the higher the divorce rate, indeed, about half of all divorces in our country involve those who married before their 20th year.

One investigator found that the divorce rate of women married before age 18 was three times as high as for women who married between ages 22-24.

Another study revealed that when both partners were 16 or younger at the time of marriage, the divorce rate was 400 per cent higher than for marriages where the husbands were 20-26 and the wives 22-24.

ANOTHER HAZARD to marital success is intermarriage or considerable and significant differences between mates in such factors as religion, race, cultural background, and economic level. These unions are considered mixed marriages from a sociological point of view.

Although many do succeed, studies show that the chances of a successful marriage are decreased when lines of religion, race, ethnic and social class are crossed. Wide gaps between marriage partners in these areas can create special problems and extra hazards.

Unrealistic expectations of what marriage can bring in the form of interpersonal fulfillment plus undue emphasis on the romantic motif can also jeopardize a marriage.

The dream of romantic ecstasy, effortlessly sustained in

marriage," writes one authority, "has supplanted in our time the old quest for the philosopher's stone, which, it was believed would transform base metal into gold."

MARRIAGE is a rewarding relationship. But it cannot insure complete happiness. It is not the passport for all our problems. What marriage delivers is strictly dependent on what husband and wife bring to it in terms of enlightened understanding and sustained effort.

Husbands and wives who hoped to find paradise in the married state, comments one authority, "put the blame on their partners. At the same time they have made a mistaken choice. Sometimes, no doubt, they have. But at least as often they have asked more than was reasonable of an average human being."

LASTLY, the importance of parenthood as a binding force in marriage has often been underestimated. A child can intensify the attachment husband and wife to each other and deepen their mutual regard and affection.

Children in the home can contribute to parents an increase in the range and complexity of family interaction, an expansion of family interests, emotional satisfactions of lifelong duration, and insight into the true meaning of life.

This is not to imply that having children is the way to insure marital happiness or to solidify a marriage. Most married couples do, in fact, have children -- eight out of every ten couples.

However, whether parenthood will be a binding force in marriage will depend, in large measure, on whether the couple's premarital relationship is characterized by love and understanding. If this situation is not present, then in all likelihood, the net impact of parenthood will be negative.

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Cancer Group Fetes Workers

The Michigan Cancer Foundation will have a tea on Sept. 18, from 1 to 3 p.m., in the Trough Memorial Library, 173 N. Main, Plymouth, to honor all those who have worked with the foundation or are interested in doing so.

"This will also give workers an opportunity to visit the offices which have been moved from the west side of the building to the more spacious rooms vacated by the Family Social Service," Mrs. Louis Dely, chairman of the Plymouth branch, said.

Mrs. Dely also invited all residents to donate worn white or pastel sheets or other white goods to be used for dressings. These may be left at the office Monday through Friday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Anyone interested in volunteering two hours of time to work in the office may call the foundation at 453-3010 from 1 to 3 p.m. for further information.

North Dakota Picnic Planned

The annual North Dakota Picnic will be held at the Arvon Pavilion, Ludlow St., Rochester, on Sept. 15 at 1 p.m. Each person should bring a dish to pass and table service. Beverages will be furnished.

Holiday Decoration Classes To Begin

Christmas may be three months off, but for those who want to make their own decorations the time is now.

The Western Wayne County YWCA is offering a Christmas workshop series as part of the Livonia Homemakers Holiday classes, which start later this month.

Registration for all Homemakers Holiday classes, which also include painting and sketching, Danish system of exercise, and ceramics, will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, in Room 200 of the Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Livonia. All classes will be presented in 10-week sessions on consecutive Wednesdays.

TWO HIGHLY qualified teachers, Mrs. Tammy Duthie and Mrs. Lou Montgomery, will be conducting the Christmas Workshop Series.

Mrs. Duthie, who has sold her decorations to several

stores will instruct class members in creating a variety of Christmas decorations. These include door, wall, tree and table decorations. Materials for decorations can be ordered in kits, with prices for kits ranging between one and two dollars.

Mrs. Montgomery, a floral designer, will instruct two classes in the workshop series. One class will be devoted to making a Thanksgiving centerpiece and the other class to making an unusual Christmas table decoration.

A FORMER head buyer and floral designer for the E.J. Korvette stores, Mrs. Montgomery is currently teaching flower arranging at Emerson Junior High School for the Adult Education Department of Livonia.

Mrs. Montgomery began her studies in floral design as a student in Japan. She now resides in Taylor.

MRS. DUTHIE's experience in arts and crafts dates back to her Cub Scout Den Mother days. Finding teaching her Cub Scouts a rewarding experience, the Livonia resident began teaching adults creative holiday designs.

Mrs. Duthie's instruction to friends at her home soon grew from a handful to eighty classes, and to date past students number in the hundreds.

Her success is based upon her ability to teach and, as she says, "The thrill I get seeing others create something that pleases them." She is sought out to demonstrate her talents by many organizations in the Livonia area.

Yuletide services for children two through six years of age will be available to all class members at a nominal fee.

Mission Work Topic For BPW

The Plymouth Business and Professional Women will meet on Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. at Hillside Inn.

Guest speakers for the evening will be Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Fitch who spent their recent summer vacation in Mexico doing dental missionary work. They will tell of their work there.

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VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE — Mrs. Diana K. Sowder and daughter, Robin, of Sleepy Hollow Lane, Livonia, enjoy a visit with Captain Charles S. Reilly, of the SS Independence, while enroute to the Caribbean on a beachcomber cruise.

EOS To Meet

Plymouth's Order of Eastern Star Chapter #115, will hold its annual Advanced Officers' night on Tuesday, Sept. 17. Laverne Frizzell and Charles Mastro will act as worthy matron and patron. Carolyn Sursaw will serve as Associate Matron, and Louise Bradley as Conductress.

Do you plan to stain a fence, or the house siding? Some colors weather better than others. In wood tones, yellow-brown, gray-brown and black-brown stains are preferable to the red-browns, which often turn purplish.

NOW FORMING LADIES' BOWLING LEAGUE Any Average Starts Wed., Sept. 18, 9:15 p.m. For Information Call FARMINGTON LANES 32315 Grand River GR 4-0610

Ward Memorial Begins Three-Service Schedule

Ward Memorial Presbyterian Church, Six Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia, will begin conducting three worship services Sunday, Sept. 15.

They are scheduled at 9, 10:15 and 11:30 a.m. with nursery care provided during each service.

As a part of the expansion to three worship services, Sunday School classes are to be held during each of the worship service periods for children of all age groups.

Children's Church, a regular worship service geared to the age level of the children, is conducted during the 10:15 reg-

ular adult worship service. There are four children's churches offered, for toddlers, kindergartners, primary and junior-age children.

Dr. Bartlett L. Hess, pastor of the church, said the expansion of the church services is necessary to accommodate the growth in attendance, and to use the church facilities to their maximum. Plans are on the drawing-board for construction of a new church sanctuary and additional educational facilities.

Those in the community without a church home are invited to worship at Ward Memorial.

The New Temple REFORM JEWISH Registration and Beginning of RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLASSES Sunday, September 15 9:30 - 12 Noon EAGLE SCHOOL 14 Mile at Middlebelt Farmington Ernst J. Conrad, Rabbi For Further Information Call 646-5534

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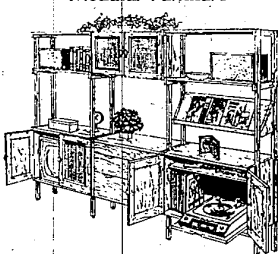
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