

Mercy Has Program For Police

Mercy College of Detroit, 8200 W. Outer Drive, has announced plans to expand its offerings in the area of law enforcement.

According to program coordinator Donald T. Balasky, approximately 500 law enforcement officers will participate in the program during the forthcoming academic year which begins Sept. 8. This represents a substantial increase when compared to the 100 police officers enrolled in Mercy's lone course in Police Patrol Administration last spring. The course was taught during the evening by former Detroit Police Commissioner Johannes F. Spreen.

Since that time the college received numerous inquiries indicating a definite need to expand course offerings.

Balasky attributes increased demands for law enforcement courses to the fact that the public is focusing on higher educational requirements for policemen and to the provision of federal aid which makes it possible for qualified in-service law enforcement personnel to attend college on a tuition free basis.

Care has been taken to staff the law enforcement courses with an experienced professional staff. "In-service policemen want to develop skills which will make them better policemen or who are frequently in contact with policemen," Balasky stated.

The Mercy College staff in the area of law enforcement includes Johannes F. Spreen, Rhio Marchand, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office; and Walter Thomson, Professor of Sociology. Fall evening courses in Police Administration include: "Applied Psychology for Policemen," "Criminology," "Police Patrol Administration Concepts and Procedures," and "Criminal Evidence." In addition over 30 additional credit courses in a variety of fields are offered during the evening.

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By MARGARET MILLER
Women's Editor

Women on the Go
Difficulties Can't Daunt This Traveler

What do you do when fate seems determined to rob you of a long-cherished plan?

When your first trip to Europe, dreamed of for years, planned and plotted with care, looms ahead like a nightmare instead of a delight because of crippling arthritis?

When, four days before it's time to go, you are just leaving the hospital after therapy?

If you are Mrs. Leona Edgar of Livonia, you juggle your crutches and your medication and you board that plane, pushing any misgivings you may have to the back of your mind.

And when you finish your visit to England and the continent, you realize that you have not only enjoyed a great experience but also have given inspiration to others.

LEONA EDGAR, wife of this newspaper's roving editor, W.W. Edgar, had been in on the ground-floor planning of the visit of some 50 Plymouth residents and friends to Plymouth, England in July.

The trip was set up in response to an invitation from officials of the English city who came to Michigan's Plymouth for the centennial celebration three years ago.

Eddie Edgar was a prime mover of the project. But as the departure time drew near, his wife was finding her arthritis right knee more and more painful. She spent more than two weeks in St. Mary Hospital came home, and returned again for more therapy in the week before the trip began.

Her physician had given his approval for her to travel, however, so she boarded the plane in a wheelchair and joined the crowd.

"We had planned it so long, I just felt I couldn't miss it," Mrs. Edgar said later. "We've done a lot of traveling—Bermuda, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Honolulu, the Canadian Rockies and all over the United States. But neither of us had ever been to Europe."

ONCE STARTED, Mrs. Edgar found she could keep up with the more able-bodied travelers. She could enjoy to the full the five days in Plymouth, the stay in London and the visits to France, Germany, Switzerland and Holland missing a project only a couple of times.

"I wasn't able to walk through Westminster Abbey," she recalled. "It was just too crowded. And when the bus took us to the palace at Versailles, I'd never been able to get across those brick walks with my crutches."

Highlights of the trip Mrs. Edgar remembered best were the hospitality of Plymouth friends, the impressiveness of London, the beauty of the Swiss Alps and a beautiful trip through the canals of Amsterdam.

She was particularly pleased when the Lord Mayor of Plymouth, England, asked her to travel to the banquet hall with him on the occasion of the final dinner during the visit.

"I sat with him at dinner and found him just a delightful person," she added.

TACKLING a difficult situation was nothing new for a lady who has been a mainstay to several Livonia groups in the 32 years the Edgars have made their home there.

Employed in business most of her life, she worked in the brokerage and later, during World War II, for Detroit Diesel, where she was in personnel and was responsible for hiring many of the women production line workers.

She also managed a small printing business in Lansing for eight years, making regular commuting trips.

A CHARTER MEMBER of the Livonia Business and Professional Women's organization, she served as its corresponding secretary and later was legislative chairman and

contact chairman for the state BPW.

In the capacity of state committee chairman, she worked to support Michigan's Equal Pay for Equal Work legislation and was on hand when Gov. John Swainson signed it into law in 1962.

She also started "The Crier," a newsletter that the Livonia BPW still is sending out to members.

Other activities for Leona Edgar include service to the March of Dimes, work on the St. Mary Hospital Guild and church work in St. Matthew United Methodist, including eight years of singing in the choir.

ONE ROOM of the Edgar's comfortable home is devoted to the many trophies Eddie

has been awarded for his years writing and editing news. But Leona has her trophy room too.

On one wall of a sun porch hangs a five foot, one inch bull dolphin she hooked during a trip to Florida 11 years ago.

"It's almost as long as I am," she said, "and Eddie thought we should have it stuffed and mounted."

Now resting up after her strenuous trip that was worth every bit of effort it took, Mrs. Edgar couldn't help being pleased when she read a letter sent the Observer by a fellow-traveler Bruce Richard last week.

"She displayed a cheerfulness that inspired us all," he wrote. "No complaints—just smiles. A wonderful lady."



LEONA EDGAR at dinner in London.

Something For Everyone
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It's not an "old ladies club" and it's not limited to rural women. The Family Living Program of the Cooperative Extension Service is open to all women of all ages, urban, suburban and rural.

This year's program has been planned with the young homemaker, young in spirit as well as young in years, in mind. The basic procedure of the program is to train a few people to train others bringing the resources of Michigan State University to a larger number of people.

The program is a cooperative venture in the University and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is set up with study groups of interested women. There are 45 groups in Wayne County according to Mrs. Judith Bednar, extension home economist.

A STUDY GROUP can be any size and meet at whatever time is convenient for its members. It is up to the discretion of each study group how the information from the leader training meetings is presented. For some it might be a one meeting program while others might wish to spread it over several meetings.

How do you join a study group? You might get together a group of neighbors or friends

who are interested in the program and start a new group. If you prefer you might join an existing group.

Either way, Mrs. Bednar at the extension office is ready to help. The number to call is 721-6550.

WAYNE COUNTY has a council composed of homemakers from all the study groups. This group will be headed by its newly elected officers: Mrs. Charles Hansing, St. Clair Shores President; Mrs. James Balmer, Trenton, First Vice-president; Mrs. Robert DeRemer, Taylor; Second vice-president; Mrs. Richard Kazmier, Redford Township, Secretary; and Mrs. Homer Benoit, Plymouth, Treasurer.

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All of the events are free.

Showing the work of talented and creative Detroiters, the festival will include music, symphonic, rock, folk, jazz, gospel, chamber, blues, and country, drama, dance, fashion shows and exhibits.

Important also will be film programs for children and adults. Silent films will be shown nightly outdoors on the Wayne State University Mall. The great comedians of yesteryear will be seen in the comedy series in Upper Deltou.

Children's films will be presented in the Explorer's Room of the Detroit Public Library, Aug. 22 and 29, at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

Exhibit areas include the WSU Community Arts Gallery, Strum Hall at the Detroit Public Library, and the Tison Gallery.

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