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'Participation' Is LWV Goal

Busy Women Mark League Week

Dozens of women in the Observer area are in league to bring about a better-informed citizenry.

There, of course, is the League of Women Voters, and active chapters in Livonia and Farmington are marking League Week, Sept. 15 to 22.

Activities of the League in these parts are as varied as the energetic women who make up its ranks, but all are aimed at improved government.

TO LOOK at just a few of the projects of the last year-- The Livonia LWV, now 106 members strong, published a booklet based on a study of the Livonia school system, it's titled "Tomorrow's Leaders Go to School Today," and it has been purchased by the school administration, for recruitment of teachers, and by PTA councils, real estate firms and many individuals.

Farmington's chapter has initiated a welcome hour for new citizens who take their oaths in Oakland County. After the court ceremony, the League members serve coffee and present a citizen's handbook.

TWO MEMBERS of the Livonia League, Mrs. Mary Lou Lively and Mrs. Esther Friedrichs, conduct a nursery school one day each week in the inner city.

Farmington's Mrs. Richard Gould is serving as a member of the New Detroit Committee and will report on her work at a joint meeting with the Southfield LWV Sept. 25 in the Southfield Civic Center.

Livonia LWV members are conducting September meetings on their study of city government in their home community.

Last year they joined in full force with the Michigan League of Women Voters in its drive for petitions to bring about some specific court reforms.

MRS. RICHARD PETERS, of the Farmington chapter, compiled a minutely-documented

report on "The Problem of Poverty in Oakland County and Meeting the Needs of the Disadvantaged." The League published her report.

Farmington members also have been active in helping Girl Scouts earn citizenship badges. Both groups, which have members all across the area, have sponsored candidates nights during election campaigns, so residents can be better informed on would-be office-holders in their areas.

The Farmington group currently stands at 40 members, and is in the midst of a membership drive with hopes to double its ranks. It also is beginning a finance drive for financial support from local businesses.

All women of voting age are eligible for membership in the League of Women Voters. The nonpartisan LWV has as its stated purpose "to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government."

These communities can see how the aims work out.



FINANCE DRIVE — Mrs. S. Grabowski and Mrs. F. Leblang prepare letters to be mailed for the Farmington League of Women Voters annual fund drive.



INNER-CITY PROJECT — Mary Lou Lively, of the Livonia LWV, with some of the youngsters in the central city nursery she helps conduct once a week.

Classes Set For Nurses

The St. Mary Hospital, of Livonia, will begin a nurse refresher course on Tuesday Oct. 22.

The classes will be conducted two days per week for eight weeks. The hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Nurses interested in the course are requested to make an appointment for an interview. They may call Mrs. W. Gustaf at GA 7-4800, for the appointment.



FIRST LADY TO SPEAK — Mrs. Lenore Romney will be guest speaker in a kickoff luncheon set by the Livonia Federation of Republican Women at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, in the Bonnie Brook Country Club. GOP Congressman Jack McDonald will introduce Mrs. Romney.

m. m. memos

We were initiated last year to a brave new method of teaching reading, writin' and spellin'.

A note came home with our then first-grader, explaining that the small fry in her room would be writing stories as soon as they could print letters.

We shouldn't worry about spelling in these stories, we were assured. Developing creative little minds was much more important.

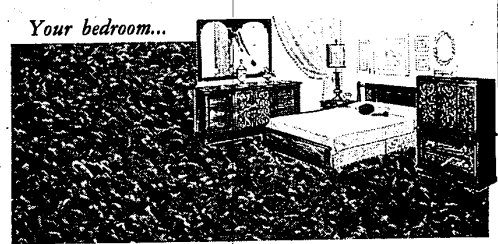
So we relaxed and thoroughly enjoyed the epics that the creative little mind in our family produced. Like "Once a pona time I was a littal prsin and I was sooo smral somone stepd on me and i dinit lif hply evr ajdr." That translates to "Once upon a time I was a little person and I was so small someone stepped on me and I didn't live happily ever after."

Also there was a story about a hoped-for vacation trip to "Calafnrna" to see "Trosor-consoqsis." To the uninitiated, that's California and Truth or Consequences.

But we didn't know how seriously our smallest took her unorthodox spelling until late summer when we made a vacation stop at a roadside park table.

"This table is mashed," she announced. "How's that again?" we asked. "It says right here, M-S-H-D. Mashed."

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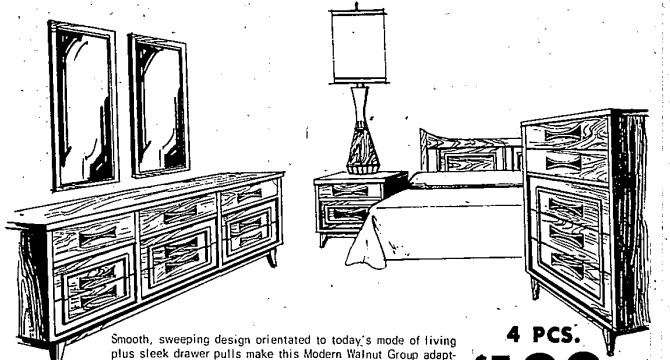
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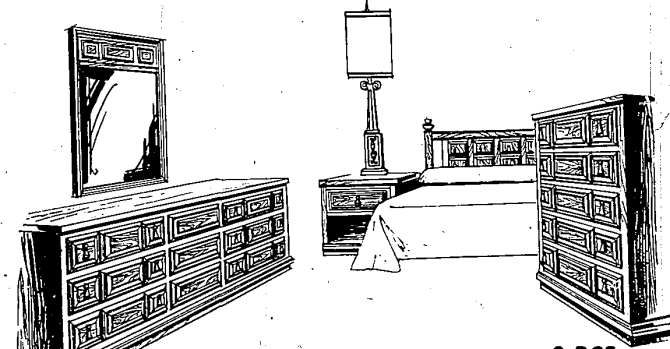
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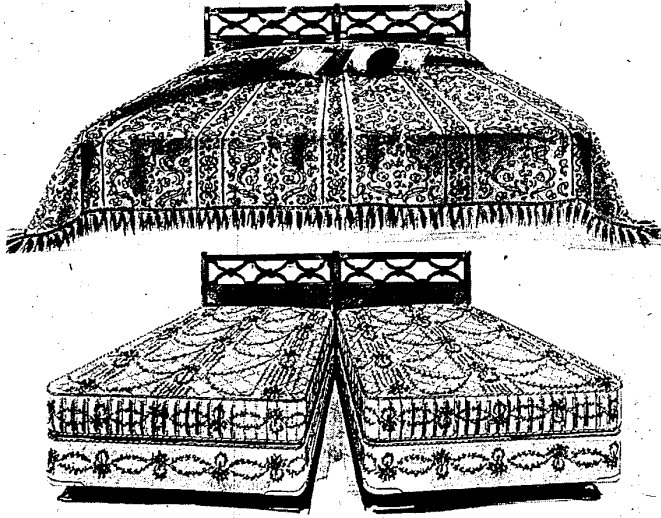


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