

Mrs. Ryder

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ALTHOUGH RETIRED, Mrs. Ryder is extremely active.
 It's no wonder she was nominated by the Sunshine Unit, because she rescued it. As a

newly elected president, she built its membership from eight to 65, with eight new members to join in September.
 Mrs. Ryder serves on the Historical Commission of Livonia and is president of the Historical Society. She also is an expert on the history of the Newburg United Methodist Church of Livonia, which was organized in 1834.

She is parliamentarian of the Rotary Annex; vice president of Fidelity-Sunday school classes; chairman of her church's Sarah Lydia Circle, which sews cancer pads and works at weddings and funerals; and chairman of the church's records committee.

Mrs. Ryder is also a member of Eastern Star No. 115; the White Shrine of Jerusalem; the American Legion Auxiliaries; and vice president of World War I Auxiliary of Plymouth. She is also a charter member of the Livonia Business and Professional Women's Club.

The nominating group also called Mrs. Ryder "the Perle Mesta" of Livonia, since she is also known for hosting picnics by various civic and fraternal groups.



By MARGARET MILLER
 Women's Editor

You might call Mrs. Russell Magraw Plymouth's "Fair Lady."

She spent last week overseeing many of the goings-on at the Wayne County 4-H Fair in Belleville.

This week she's in East Lansing, attending the Youth Exploration Days, the name given the 4-H show at a state level on the Michigan State University campus.

And next week it will be on to the Michigan State Fair, where Janet Magraw will be working with a group of girls putting on several dress reviews of home-sewn fashions.

ALL THESE FAIRS took plenty of previous preparation for this busy lady whose family has one of the few cattle-raising operations left in this part of Michigan.

In charge of the Exhibits Building at the 4-H County Fair, she could be found there almost any time in the two weeks before the fair opened.

It was the first time the huge, metal-roofed structure had been used for the display of 4-H Club work that included all projects except animal displays.

"We put 17 gallons of paint on this floor," she said. "That's quite a project with sponge mops."

MRS. MAGRAW and her committee also lined the walls with pegboard to provide space to hang literally hundreds of projects entered in the home arts and craft divisions.

Then they hauled in several tiny evergreen dug from the woods and potted, to add some atmosphere to the exhibit hall.

Women on the Go

It's A Busy Time For Our Fair Lady



MRS. JANET MAGRAW
 (Observer photo)

Mrs. Magraw headed the monumental task of seeing that each entry was catalogued, and awarded a Blue, Red or White ribbon.

She also brought in a few of her own antiques, appliques and chair caning projects, and encouraged other adults connected with 4-H to add some entries to give more variety to the show.

And among activities she supervised in her spare moments at the county fair was the choice of two junior 4-H leaders to receive special awards for their efforts.

JANET MAGRAW's connection with the four "H's," that stand for Home, Heart, Health and Hand, is of 23 years standing.

"And they've been having the 4-H fair out here just 24 years," she said.

She and her husband encouraged their three sons, Jim, David and Robert, in many animal entries over the years they were in 4-H groups.

AND FOR ABOUT 15 YEARS, Mrs. Magraw has been serving as a leader of 4-

H group in the Plymouth area. "I have a really great bunch of kids," she said. "They all call me 'George.'" That, she explained, is because she once entered an essay contest. As a result, her charge dubbed "George" Eliot after the woman author. They then shortened it to "George."

Her group meets about once a month, and its members also come to visit when they need some help on various 4-H projects. "I don't believe in making them come to extra meetings for each sort of project," Mrs. Magraw said. "Kids today are too busy for that."

Their leader, however, finds time to serve on the Michigan 4-H Council as well as playing a big role in assorted fairs.

THE 1970 STATE FAIR activities Janet Magraw has been long before the fair opening.

She worked with other fair officials to help expand the division open to junior contestants. Photography and several new craft divisions were added this year.

"We're trying for more junior entries from all over the state," she said. "We hope to see that part of the State Fair bigger this year."

The dress review, making its debut, this year from August 28 to 30, also will be a major place at the Hartley home, 8006 Tavistock Court, Plymouth.

Girls from five counties, about 30 of them from this area, will model the outfits they have made in three separate shows in the Community Arts Building.

Most of them are 4-H members, Mrs. Magraw said. A lot of the clothes to be modeled were entered earlier in the county show.



MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR MADGWICK

Parents Of 14 Mark 50th

About 65 relatives and friends joined in a Plymouth party to wish Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Madgwick a happy 50th wedding anniversary Sunday.

The couple, parents of 14 sons and daughters, also had congratulations from President Richard M. Nixon and Mrs. Nixon, Gov. William Milliken and Mayor Roman Gribbs of Detroit.

The Madgwicks, married in Gelman Lutheran Church in Detroit Aug. 19, 1920, and longtime Detroit Residents, recently moved to Plymouth to live with their daughter, Mrs. Pat Hartley, and her family.

THE CELEBRATION took place at the Hartley home, 8006 Tavistock Court, Plymouth.

Eleven of the couple's children are still living. They include Mrs. Frances Ponis and Dale Madgwick of Redford Township; James Madgwick, Michael Madgwick and Mrs. Shirley Bell of Livonia; Mrs. Hartley of Plymouth; John Madgwick of Farmington; Thomas Madgwick of Garden City; George Madgwick of Detroit; David Madgwick of Birmingham; and William Madgwick of California.

ANOTHER SON, Arthur, was killed in world War II, and two children died as infants.

There also are 31 grand children and four great-grandchildren.

The older Madgwick is a retired Ford Motor Co. worker.

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 But most, she and other salespeople agreed, seemed to be stitching their skirts just a bit longer than the ones they made last year.

Homes Needed

Several students from foreign countries recently arrived in the Detroit area to participate in the Youth For Understanding program, are in need of homes for the coming school year.

"We had a few more cancellations than we counted on," said a spokesman for the exchange program.
 Families in Observerland who could offer a home to a visitor for the year may learn more of the program by calling Mrs. Mary Rogers, 311-2223, or Mrs. Wesley Orr, 427-2056.

Mrs. Mesh To Direct UF Drive

A Livonia resident, Mrs. Peter G. Mesh, has been appointed a division chairman for the 1970 Torch Drive residential campaign.

A part-time bus driver for the Livonia Board of Education, Mrs. Mesh will direct house-to-house solicitations in south Livonia. She will immediately begin to enlist, train and assign the many volunteers needed during the 22nd annual United Foundation campaign.

The drive will be held Oct. 13 through Nov. 3 to benefit nearly 200 health and community services in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties.

Mrs. Mesh has worked in the Torch Drive for 20 years, and served as an area chairman last year. "I continued to volunteer because I could see the benefits of the UF through the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts," Mrs. Mesh said.

She has a daughter, Faith, 18, and a son, David, 12, who have participated in the UF-supported scouting programs. Her husband is employed by Gar Wood Industries.

The goal for the fall campaign will be announced early in September after the UF board of directors reviews recommendations of the goal and allocations committee.



MRS. LAWRENCE GROFF
 (Donna Jean Hosman)

Historic Church Scene Of Rites

The historic First Congregational Church of Wayne was scene of the nuptial vows of Donna Jean Hosman and Lawrence Groff in an evening ceremony Saturday, Aug. 8, just four days before the church was destroyed by fire.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Donald Hosman of Belleville, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Groff of Cortland Ave., Farmington, are parents of the bridegroom.

The ceremony was performed by Navy Chaplain Robert Coapman, long-time friend of the bride who came from Brunswick, Maine, for the occasion. The bride's brother, Rodney Hosman, read a sonnet from the works of Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

sister of the bride and matron of honor, carried yellow daisies, and the bouquets of the bridesmaids, Janet Groff, sister of the bridegroom; Mary Ann Sammut of Westland and Christine Nault of Romulus, were white daisies.

Paula Brendtke, three-year-old niece of the bride, carried yellow daisies in a small white basket for her duties as flower girl.

ASSISTING the bridegroom were Gary Arnold, fraternal brother from Grand Lodge, as best man, and ushers Marvin Gayfield of Dover, N. J., Alan Ray of Thomasboro, Ill., Robert Donovan and Eric Henriksen of Farmington, and Rodney Hosman, brother of the bride.

Mrs. Hosman chose a mint green organ and taffeta ensemble for the occasion and Mrs. Groff was in peach chiffon.

A RECEPTION for 250 guests in Roma Hall, Livonia, followed the rites. The couple planned to honeymoon in the East and will live in Stow, Ohio, where the bridegroom is employed by Firestone.

The new Mrs. Groff is a graduate of Belleville High School and attended Central Michigan University and Michigan Technological University. Her husband graduated from Farmington High School in 1965 and from Michigan Tech in June, 1970. He is a member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity.

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An estimated 840,000 Michigan citizens have "kicked the smoking habit."

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Mrs. Greene Leads Singers

Mrs. William Greene of Farmington will direct the South Oakland County Suburbanette Chapter of Sweet Adelines in its Christmas show to be presented Saturday, Dec. 5, at a location to be announced later.

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