

## Wool Fashions To Be Shown

Miss Wool of America, Gail Heinemann will be featured during fabulous fabric week, the Firstman Woolen Fashion Show, at J.J. Hudson Stores throughout the area.

The Westland Show will be Thursday, Sept. 17, at 2 p.m., in the Mall.

Carol McCormick, fashion and merchandise director for

the Miss Wool of America national program, will be guest commentator.

The downtown store will have a Sewing Festival in the third floor fabric department the week of Sept. 21 to 23. Thirty-one manufacturers will be represented. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Round-Up Nets Tons Of Glass

People in Plymouth do care about cleaning up their environment. And in the cities near Plymouth, they care, too. By 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, area residents had brought in more than 24,000 pounds of glass to the Glass Round-Up, sponsored by the Plymouth American Association of University Women, and glass was still coming in. Figuring five bottles to the pound, that equals 120,000 bottles and jars carried to the Owen-Illinois Glass Company for recycling. The round-up was part of the Plymouth Fall Festival.

The largest single contribution came in Saturday. The Rick Manner family of Lilly Road brought 24 feed sacks filled with more than 800 pounds of glass. On Sunday the Kenneth Zeeb family brought in 422 pounds of glass collected from families in their neighborhood.

ELEVEN YEAR-OLD Cynthia Carroll brought 38 pounds all the way from Orchard Lake.

She had been saving bottles since May, and when her Dad told her he wasn't sure she'd be paid for her efforts, her comment was, "It's pretty sad when you have to be paid for everything you do." Cynthia refused the one-fourth

cent per pound she could have received from the Glass Round-Up. However, her Dad is paying her the going rate himself.

The bottles and jars contributed came in a variety of shapes and sizes. Saturday and early Sunday, a flea market table was set up and fancy decanters, canning jars, and old glassware were sold to the interested public.

SOME PEOPLE brought returnable bottles along with the non-returnables. These were given to Mrs. M. H. Evans, who uses the money from bottle deposits to buy clothing for the St. Joseph's Indian School in Chamberlain, S.D.

Mrs. Joseph Uhl, chairman of the Glass Round-Up, praised the work of the AAUW members and their husbands who helped with the project. And she especially commended the teenage members of PCP who were on hand all the working hours of the Round-Up. "We simply couldn't have done it without the kids," she said. "They showed us that they are really concerned about bettering their environment, and they worked very hard to do something about it in their own community."



By MARGARET MILLER  
Women's Editor

When Livonia celebrated its 20th birthday last week, no one had a better right to help blow out the candles than Mrs. Juanita Hillas.

That's because she has been watching the young city all the way — from its rural township days when less than 8,000 people lived there to its present status as a huge suburban city of 118,000.

What's more, she was on hand in its moments of conception and for the election that gave it birth.

Juanita Hillas first came to Livonia as a young working girl, driving out from north-west Detroit over some pretty difficult roads each day to work as a secretary to realtor Harry Wolfe Sr.

WHEN SHE MARRIED Paul Hillas in 1948, they chose Livonia for their home. Their daughter, Sue, was born and grew up in Livonia. And after her husband's death when Sue was three, Mrs. Hillas went to work for the young city, soon taking over as deputy city clerk.

In recent years, she has been employed by the Livonia Board of Education, thus adding another dimension to her view of the community.

It was 1941 and wartime when Mrs. Hillas first started coming to Livonia to work. The area was mainly farms

## Women on the Go

### Livonia's Birthday Brings Back Memories

then. "Just a few brick houses," she remembers.

She was put in charge of a share-the-ride program so people out in this farmland could take defense jobs in the city.

"I arranged to have them meet on corners," she said. "There were a lot of times the cars got stuck — the roads were pretty bad."

HER OFFICE also helped collect clothes for war orphans then. One Christmas she recalls from the war time days.

"We had a little tree in the office," Mrs. Hillas said. "On Christmas eve we heard from the Goodfellows that there was a family in the Seven Mile and Inkster area that had nothing for the holiday."

"Two of us took the tree over — I remember I held it outside the car by putting my arm through the window. The family there was so pleased. They had no gifts at all — the father had carved a wooden gun for his son and was making a doll cradle for his little girl. We found a doll to put in."

THE FIRST step toward making Livonia Township into the city of Livonia took place in the real estate office, she remembers. William Brashner, township attorney, had come to discuss the fact that there was a move afoot to incorporate a small section of the area where the future race track and a Fisher body plant would be located.

"The two men decided something should be done right away or the schools and children in the rest of the area would be out of luck," she said.

So that was when incorporation petitions were out and started the move that soon made young Livonia the second-biggest city in the state in the matter of area.

AS A YOUNG MARRIED



JUANITA HILLAS

Juanita Hillas found Livonia a pleasant place to live.

There weren't many places to shop at first — people mostly went to Plymouth or Redford for clothing. But not far from her home there was the Old Dutch Mill grocery store, operated by Clyde Bentley, brother of George Bentley for whom the high school is named.

"People came there from all around," she remembered.

There were only a few subdivisions then, Mrs. Hillas recalled, and a new fire department.

One memorable Sunday the department showed off some of its new equipment by burning down an old farmhouse. There was a party atmosphere for everyone.

WHEN SHE WENT BACK to office work, one of Mrs. Hillas' first jobs was typing envelopes for petitions to get Livonia a post office.

Named deputy city clerk under Marie Clark, she served in that post until 1964 when Mrs. Clark was defeated for re-election.

Moving over to the Board of

Education office at the invitation of Roland Upton, she now is secretary to administrative assistant Henry Gudith. And in that capacity, she feels she may be in again on a big forward step for Livonia in the upcoming school vote.

"The proposals for a vocational school and camp program constitute a very forward-looking program," she said. "I hope Livonians will give it their careful consideration."

SHE HAS NOTICED the need for vocational training for women in a night school class she teaches called ABC Steno-script.

One other aspect of Mrs. Hillas' years in Livonia was the horse barn she and Sue operated for several years.

"I bought her a horse when she was about 11 and it was the best babysitter I could have found," she said. Sue is now an expert rider as well as an art student at Wayne State University.

Looking back, Juanita Hillas sees a young city in a truly amazing growth pattern. She can't help wondering what the next 20 years will bring.

## Plymouth AAUW Hears 'Prospectus'

The Plymouth branch of the American Association of Uni-

versity Women will hold its first meeting of the 1970-71 season Thursday, Sept. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in Plymouth Junior High West, Sheldon Rd.

"AAUW — Prospectus for Progress" is the theme of the meeting, which will feature as guest speaker Mrs. Paul (Meg) Brown, a well-known state and national AAUW board member.

Mrs. Brown, who has testified as an AAUW spokesman before both houses of the Michigan Legislature on sex education, educational reform and new financing of public education, will update the purpose and objectives of AAUW's current education and legislative programs for local members.

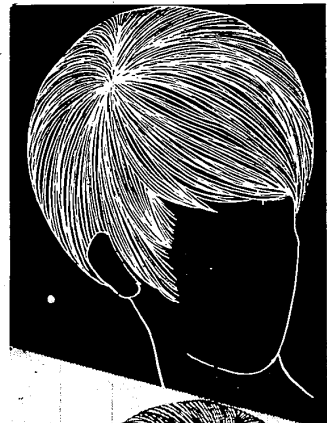
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