

Love Is A Child's Smile

(Photos by Margaret Gilstrap, Plymouth State Home)



KATE HERMESMEYER with Sandra



SUE DAHLER with Jack



JILL SCHMIDT with Rebecca and Rickie

Love can be holding a couple of retarded children on your lap and reading them a story.

Service can be playing with a blind youngster, or pushing a wheelchair in the special kind of bowling or basketball you find at the Plymouth State Home and Training School.

Certainly devotion is taking time out of a busy teen life to do these things - and many more - and doing them week after week to pile up a total of 200 or more hours.

So, for their love, service and devotion, eight Observerland teens who have contributed some 2,500 hours of assistance are receiving the thanks of the Plymouth State Home in a program Sunday, Dec. 6.

They'll get service pins denoting 200 or 500 hours given to the young residents of the home.

AT THE SAME TIME, the home will honor 10 women from this area who have contributed an amazing total of 6,000 hours of service.

Those honored, all members of the Plymouth State Home and Training School Auxiliary, will receive their pins from Dr. Homer F. Weir, superintendent of the institution, who has called the volunteer program "a vital part of our effort to help the mentally-retarded children we serve."

"All youngsters need love and attention to prosper," Dr. Weir added.

"We depend on the enthusiasm of our teens and the

devotion of all our volunteers to provide these invaluable "extras." * * *

THREE TEENS receive awards denoting 500 hours of service.

They are Sue Dahler, 32248 Allen, Livonia; Sue Bogart, 9630 Gold Arbor, Plymouth, and Jill Schmidt, 1311 Hart-sough, Plymouth.

Receiving pins for 200 hours' service in a calendar year are Sharon Coyle, 215 Garling, Plymouth; Mary Egan, 1453 Ross, Plymouth; Denise Jarratt, 1496 Pez-nan, Plymouth; Sue Plym-hoff, 17498 Stamwich, Livonia, and Kate Hermesmeyer, 2879 Malvern, Westland.

The adults receiving pins included Mrs. Frank Henderson, 401 Sunset, Plymouth, who has given 2,000 hours of service, and Mrs. Thomas Turner, 1381 Linden, Plym-outh, with 1,000 hours.

Pins for 500 hours will go to Mrs. Robert Cavanaugh, 28244 Cowan, Westland; Mrs. Kenneth MacCallum, 9089 Grayfield, Redford Town-ship; Mrs. Frederick Gurian, 20021 Weyher, Livonia, and Mrs. J.P. Torrence, 292 Pacific, Plymouth.

Those being honored for 200 hours of service are Mrs. George Henshaw, 47751 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth; Mrs. Marvin Hofmeyer, 5738 Tower Rd., Plymouth; Mrs. David Sutherland, 49493 South Dr., Plymouth; Mrs. Harold David, 30207 West-field, Plymouth, and Mrs. Ernest Cyr, 26222 Student, Redford Township.

BESIDES THE VOLUNTEERS receiving service award pins, many others will be given certificates denoting 12 months of continuous service.

Teens receiving certificates include:

Plymouth - Jorja Conn, Karin Daro, Ann Drouillard, Debbie George, Lynda Gibbons, Susan Hohbaum, Mary Les, Donna Leggett, James Lyttle, Roxanne Mc-Turner, Kathleen Meier, Marilyn Miller, Barbara Nel-son, Mary Reddington, Dave Signon, Tammy Tallmadge, Beckie Tormohlen, Janet Van Scott and Carol Voytas.

Farmington - Rose Marie Lambert. Garden City - Helma Rice and Mavis Romppainen. Livonia - Helen Gallagher.

Redford Township - Mary Brimhall, Margaret Gardner, Maureen Harte, Helen McKinon, Esther Mattison and Dorothy Peterson.

THE TEENS receiving pins represent a variety of schools and interests but share, besides their faithful service, a desire to find their

future careers in fields related to the work they are doing in the Plymouth State Home.

Mary Egan, Plymouth High senior who is a cheer-leader and was chairman of her junior prom, is planning to study special education at St. Bonaventure University in New York. A member of the auxiliary since June of 1968, she helps children learn to swim, bowl and roller skate in the home's recreation program.

Sue Bogart, the only college student in the group, is beginning work on an occupational therapy career at Schoolcraft Community Col-lege. A graduate of Plymouth High, she works in the home's recreation program.

Considering physical therapy as a career are Sue Plym-hoff, a member of the sophomore class council at Stevenson High School, Den-ise Jarratt, ninth-grader at Plymouth Central School, and Jill Schmidt, Plymouth high junior.

Miss Plymhoff has worked in the physically handicapped program since June, 1969.

and is planning to attend Michigan State University.

Miss Jarratt has served 200 hours since January of this year, helping feed and play with the retarded children in the physically handi-capped program. Miss Schmidt, a volunteer since April, 1968, who has served both in the infirmary and habilitation programs, also sings in her high school choir and chorus and plans to at-tend Madonna College.

Relations club. She also loves to read, collect stamps and teach Sunday school. A vol-unteer since October, 1968, she works with blind retarded children and is thinking of a career in social work.

The Plymouth State Home and Training School is one of nine operated by the Michi-gan State Dept. of Mental Health.

Since its establishment in 1958, its facilities have been expanded to house 1,250 resi-dents and serve an extensive out-patient program.

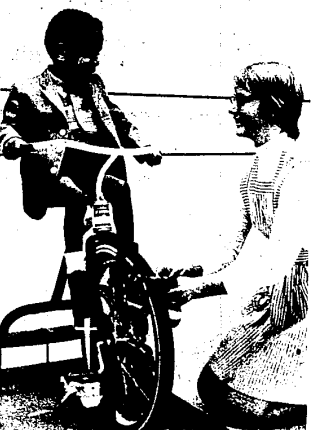
Its 300-member auxiliary was organized in April of 1961 to provide volunteer service to the institution and its pa-

tients. The auxiliary is de-voted to personal service in eight program areas.

Mrs. Virginia Mellhargie, heading volunteer services at the home, said the original group of ten volunteers num-ber only 20, but 225 have been service through October of this year.

"There is a turnover as some go on to college and some drop out for other rea-sons," she said, "so with 1,250 residents we always need more volunteers."

Those interested in either the teen or adult service pro-grams may call Mrs. Mc-Ilhargie at 453-1500, extension 253.



DENISE JARRATT with Tony

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This is the season when every mail brings one of those mail order house gift catalogues.

I don't know why we happen to be on all their mailing lists, since our orders are practically non-existent, but they do make fascinating reading.

Thumbing through one of this year's crop, for instance, I'm advised that for a mere \$6.95 I can have a melody phone that will play a cheerful tune (choice of 20 including "Around the World in 80 Days" or "Tavern in the Town") to entertain my conversationalist if I'm called away from the telephone.

This I won't inflict on any of my friends, but wouldn't it be fun to cut off a telephone sales pitch?

Then there's a set of scissors with one's initials engraved. "No more wandering scissors," says the ad. But how do initials prevent wander-ing?

Another item I won't order is an electric chicken hatcher. Very educational, I'm sure, but a little too much livestock for me.

I've tried grapefruit spoons and they don't work for me, and I don't believe any home calculator would keep my household expenses in line. Pass those up, too.

Then I spot a surprising item - a solid brass spittoon. I might have known, it's "adaptable as a planter."

There's a cat teapot. No, I don't really want to pour my tea through a cat paw. And I won't give up my trusty toothpick in favor of a sterling silver initialed cake-tester.

Guess this is another no-order year. But keep those catalogues coming - the season wouldn't be complete without them.

Margaret Miller



MARY EGAN with Kim



It's 50 Years For Abe Johnsons

Married 50 years on Nov. 18, longtime Farmington residents Mr. and Mrs. Abe L. Johnson were honored by a surprise open house three days before their golden anniversary.

The party was held in the Northville home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Taggart. Also on hand were two other children and their mates, Mr. and Mrs. B.N. Johnson of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Mr. and Mrs. Olyn Henderson of Cheboygan.

The Johnsons also are the parents of the late Keith

Johnson whose memorial award is given each year to the outstanding senior at Farmington High School.

There also are seven grandsons and one grand-daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson make their home at 22529 Power. Mr. Johnson managed a Kroger store in Farmington for 19 years and had an independent grocery on Grand River for 13 years. He returned 13 years ago.

He is a native of Worthington, Minn., and he and his wife, the former Gretelle Williams, both grew up in Lawton, Mich.

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