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By MARGARET MILLER  
Women's Editor

**Women on the Go**

**Art Gets Her Top Priority**



GAE McCORD (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

If Plymouth's Gae McCord had her way, knowledge of the arts would come in major proportions into every child's education.

In fact, art should be a part of everyone's life, says this member of the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

"With the increased leisure, it's just as important as anything else taught in the schools," she adds.

MRS. DENVER McCORD's particular part in the work of a most unusual art council is promotion of performing arts in the Plymouth schools and community.

To that end, she now devotes a room of her spacious home and many hours of her busy days, and still keeps the enthusiasm of a first-night theater goer.

"Last year, when we had 'Rumpelstiltskin' in a marionette show, I could repeat most of the lines in the show," Mrs. McCord said.

"I just couldn't bear to have a performance in an elementary school go on without me. I just loved watching the marionettes and the children's reactions to them."

THIS YEAR the performing arts end of the community council work has been expanded, and Gae McCord is out to her ears in the details of bringing no less than eight professional presentations, in addition to some local talent shows, to the students of Plymouth at all grade levels. In early February, her work has been with "Passion Through," a presentation of folk ballads, spirituals and blues by black performers from the Detroit Institute of Arts.

That's for youngsters in the sixth through ninth grades, and high school students are being bussed in, too. Earlier there were special shows geared to the kindergarten through third grade, and before February is over Mrs. McCord will be deep in the details of bringing in a fun review of American history titled "This Was America" for the fourth and fifth graders.

SHE AND HER COMMITTEE of more than a dozen women have several more groups coming before the end of the year and also have brought to the schools several local women who play recorders and a drama by students from Junior High West.

In the works are plans to start a creative hour the kind that uses all sorts of household materials to make interesting noises—and the

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Mrs. Joan Suda will speak on nursery school philosophy at the monthly meeting of the Bulman Nursery, Inc., at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, in St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster, Livonia.

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beginnings of a junior drama group for students in the middle schools—sixth through ninth grades.

And all this, Gae McCord is quick to point out, is just a portion of the work of the Art Council that sponsors art galleries in the schools for elementary youngsters, afternoons of art, art and craft classes and a whole string of related activities.

It's truly amazing to me," she said. "That this whole thing has come into



MRS. MARK A. DeWULF (Livonia)

**Franklin Grads Married**

Diana Ann Frost and Mark A. DeWulf, both members of the Franklin High School graduating class of 1970, were united in marriage in an evening ceremony Feb. 6 in the Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Livonia.

The Rev. William Lovick officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Frost of Westmore Avenue, Livonia, are the bride's parents, and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Faye DeWulf of Liberty Avenue, Westland.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white lace empire gown with chiffon sleeves.

Diana Frost was maid of honor for her sister, and Cindy Reinelein was bridesmaid. Both wore royal blue velvet empire gowns with light blue satin trim.

Assisting the bridegroom were Ken Grate as best man and Ernie Craine, Jerry Frost and Steve DeWulf as ushers.

The couple greeted 120 guests in a church hall reception following the ceremony. They will live in Westland.

being in just a little over a year. The women who work on the council are really fantastic, and I have to mention especially Jo Hulse, the chairman, and my assistants, Charlene Tobin and my daughter, Marty."

WHILE PASSING OUT compliments, this busy promoter also had one for husband Denver, "who listens to me even though it must get dull when I talk all the time about these projects."

Like all worthwhile programs, Mrs. McCord points out, this one needs more volunteers. And whether women would like to work with introducing paintings or sculpture to school children or work with her in the performing arts section or try their hand at some other activity, they can be trained to do a competent job.

Everybody connected with the council seems to get more and more enthusiastic," she added.

And that has to be what art appreciation is all about.

**Local Secretary On SS Hope Staff**

Edith Ann McKenna, a medical secretary from Plymouth, is aboard the hospital ship S.S. Hope, now anchored at Kingston, Jamaica, and beginning its second decade of service.

Miss McKenna, who has worked in the University of Michigan school of dentistry department of periodontics, is a member of the ship's staff who work side-by-side with Jamaicans in bringing medicine and treatment to the island.

The medical and auxiliary personnel from this country work for several months on a volunteer basis.

This trip, ninth for the floating hospital that is sailed from Baltimore Jan. 8, is the

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