

Scrapbooks Hold Years' Memories

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Women's Editor

More than a score of carefully pasted scrapbooks hold nearly a century of memories for Mrs. George Houghton of Farmington.

Isabella Houghton, who marks her 50th birthday with a family dinner Saturday, March 27, started saving the ingredients for those books back in 1893, the year she began married life in the farmland that now is north-west Detroit.

Even before that she had saved some tangible memo-

ries, like "name cards" that she and schoolmates exchanged. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philander Sweet, she grew up in a house on Church Street in Greenfield Township, now Hubbell Avenue in Detroit.

ALONG WITH SAVING things like the cards, Mrs. Houghton liked to clip newspapers and magazines.

"I cut out lovely poems and pictures and stories about events," she says.

There also were small items that might be printed about family members and

friends, as well as programs from doings of groups like the National Farm and Garden Association of Detroit, which Isabella Houghton joined shortly after it was organized. She now is an honorary life member.

"My husband used to say if I once had something, I still had it," Mrs. Houghton laughs.

FOR YEARS, as the Houghtons farmed several pieces of land in this area and watched two sons and a daughter grow up, she kept her horde in a big suitcase.

The clippings piled up as the years went on. In 1943 the Houghtons celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, and Mrs. Houghton died in 1948.

It was about 20 years ago that the daughter of the family, Mrs. Grace Stucky of Farmington, gave her mother a scrapbook and Mrs. Houghton started pasting.

SHE MADE BOOKS to keep for herself and to give Mrs. Stucky and her two sons, Lester O. Houghton of Farmington and Raymond G. Houghton of Zephyrhills, Florida.

There also are scrapbooks for each of six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

One of the clippings from recent years came from a Detroit paper and told about Israel Evans, who was George Washington's favorite chaplain.

"My great-great-grandfather was named Israel Evans and fought in that war," Mrs. Houghton said, "but we hadn't known until then that he was with George Washington."

Mrs. Houghton also had a great-grandfather who told of experiences in the Civil War, and her mother's uncle was David Evans, one of the early bishops of the Mormon Church in Utah.

AND A STORY and picture she saw a few months ago in THE OBSERVER should find its way into a scrapbook. It was about Mrs. Annie Heintzman, who also is 95 years old and lives in Livonia.

"I knew her when we were little girls," Mrs. Miller, "Sunday School," Mrs. Houghton remembers.

After reading that story, Mrs. Houghton and Mrs. Heintzman talked on the telephone, and the families hope to arrange a visit later.

Isabella Houghton, who moved to Farmington 11 years ago to live with Mrs. Stucky, has lived to see two of her children celebrate 50th wedding anniversaries.

Her longevity doesn't surprise her, because her father lived to the age of 84 and her mother and a sister reached 90.

"But she's outdone them all," said Mrs. Stucky.

Hoping to be on hand for the birthday party is a granddaughter, Mrs. Paul Higgs, who lives in Texas.

MRS. HOUGHTON'S eyeight has failed in recent years, so instead of making scrapbooks she watches television "when I can find something worth looking at."

She hasn't been able to work on a book for the ninth great-grandchild, due in July.

"But that baby still will have an enviable legacy from a great-grandmother who has lived by one of her favorites among the poems she pasted in her books:

"A man is as great as the love he bears,

As great as the happiness he shares.

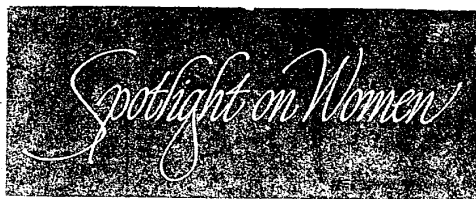
He's as great as the help he gives,

And as great as the life he lives."

Association Plans Classes

The Lamaze Childbirth Association will begin a series of six classes for expectant parents Monday, April 19, in Plymouth. Those interested in registering should call Mrs. Alan Woodworth.

The classes prepare both parents for the birth of their child through a film of birth, lectures and exercise programs.



LINDA DIXON



CAROL TUTHILL



AMY FEDOR

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew R. Dixon of Mercedes Avenue, Redford Township, announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Louise, to Allan J. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Smith of Tawas, Mich., formerly of Farmington. The bride-to-be is a 1966 graduate of Thurston High School and attended Adrian College. Her fiancé graduated from North Farmington High School in 1965 and from the General Motors Institute in 1970. He was affiliated with Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. Both are employed by Detroit Diesel-Allison. A May 16 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis O. Tuthill of Whitmore Lake announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol, of Plymouth, to John Larry Osterling, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Osterling of Five Points Road, Redford Township. The bride-elect is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University, where she belonged to Kappa Delta Pi honorary sorority, and is teaching in Tinkham Elementary School in Wayne County. Her fiancé, a graduate of Adrian College and a member of Theta Chi fraternity, is employed by the Ann Arbor Bank. The wedding date is June 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas N. Hauland of Ann Street, Plymouth, announce the engagement of Mrs. Hauland's sister, Amy Jean Fedor, to Thomas Richard Griffiths, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Griffiths of Robinwood Drive, Plymouth. The bride-elect is a sophomore at Schoolcraft Community College, majoring in physical education. Her fiancé graduated from Plymouth High School and is a senior at Eastern Michigan University. A summer wedding is planned.

Service Stresses Natural Tresses

A new kind of beauty shop — where the natural look for hair is the keynote — is being opened in the Korvette department store, Telegraph and West Chicago, Redford Township.

"Hair Thing" is its name, and the store said its policies include no appointments, no teasing, no sprays, no rollers, no sitting under the dryer, and no tipping.

HAIR CUTTERS are trained to give each customer the kind of cut she wants — down to the waist or shaped into a sleek skull shape.

A precision cut, a thorough shampoo and conditioner, if needed, begin the professional service.

Then comes the quick service of a setting with hot rollers to shape the hair in record time, and a jiffy brush-out. Regular rollers may be used in the mini-salon, though, when particularly limp or unruly hair require them.

TIPPING is discouraged, and customers sign themselves in at a large "register" panel. Thus it's possible to stop in the morning and sign for a particular time slot later in the day or come in whenever a quick hair-do is needed.

Prices range from \$3.50 to \$4 for a hair treatment or hot roller set to \$9 for a long hair cut, shampoo and blowout. A cut is \$5.



THE NATURAL LOOK—The natural look for hair is accented in a new beauty shop opening in the Korvette department store, Telegraph and West Chicago, Redford Township. Hair cutters are trained to give the natural look to either long or short hair as shown.

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MRS. DAVID R. NEAL
(Karen Sue White)

Karen White Wed To David Neal

Nardin United Park Methodist Church in Farmington was the setting for the wedding of Karen Sue White and David R. Neal on March 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. White of Greyhorne Avenue, Farmington, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert R. Neal of Rockshire Avenue, Farmington, are parents of the couple.

The Rev. William Mervier officiated, and Mrs. Robert Kusch, sister of the bridegroom, was soloist.

THE BRIDE, given in marriage by her father, wore a white net gown with lace trim on the bodice and sleeves and a white picture hat with net panels. She carried white carnations with pink ribbons.

Nancy Weedon, her only attendant, wore a chiffon gown in blue and lavender print and carried lavender carnations and blue star flowers.

WILLIAM STRABEL was best man and the ushers were James Neal, brother of the bridegroom, and William Tait.

Both mothers wore pastel dresses. Mrs. White was in pale green and Mrs. Neal in pink.

The couple greeted 100 guests in a church parlor reception before leaving for a short honeymoon in western Michigan. They will live in Kalamazoo, where the bridegroom is a senior at Western Michigan University. Both are graduates of North Farmington High School.

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