



BRRRI! IT'S COLD -- It could be stage fright, but it's more likely the temperature. Sally Patterson of Livonia is one of the many little girls who will be performing this weekend in Ford Ice Rink, Livonia, in "Four Seasons on Ice." She is all dressed for the number "White Christmas."

Livonia's Ice Show Is A First

It's too late to avoid the last minute rush. It's time to just rush to get your tickets for Livonia's first and possibly the country's biggest amateur ice show this weekend.

Tickets are sold out for Friday night and Sunday afternoon performances in Livonia's Ford Ice Arena, Farmington and Lyndon Rds. However, some are still available for Saturday afternoon at 2, and Saturday evening, at 7:30.

They are \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children, and are on sale at the arena.

The 600 amateurs in the show, from all of Observantland and Northville as well, are ready for their final dress rehearsal Thursday evening. Friday it's on with the show, titled "Four Seasons on Ice."

It is composed of 19 numbers and will run about two hours.

Among the soloists will be Marie Mazur in "Teddy Bear's Picnic," Brett Nagy in "Talk to the Animals," Cherry Johnson in "Autumn Leaves," Debbie Ellis in "White Christmas," Fred Hartt in "Santa Claus Comes to Town," Hyman Shenkman in "Big Spender," Barbara Thacker in "Here Comes Peter Cottontail," Barbara Deedee Daniels in "Pony Tail Ballet."

The show has been planned and put together by Livonia's six skating instructors, Bev Griffin, Sondra Morrill, Audrey Battenfield, Beverly Swan, Dawn Lyle and Nancy Goldston.

Al Butler and Bill Revell are looking after lighting, and Ford Rink will be glamorized with chandeliers for the show.

Larry Smith and Larry Zilch are in charge of floodlights and Jim Patterson and Bob Gamache will keep track of props, including one huge St. Bernard.

The show is sponsored by the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department.



BOOMPS A DAISY -- This is the title of the number in which these girls will be appearing in Livonia's "Four Seasons on Ice" this weekend. Left to right are Pam Griffin of Livonia, Jannie and Cindy Morrill of Redford Town-

ship, Janice McDonald of Livonia, Janice Brynn of Farmington and Sandy Griffin of Livonia. The show will be in Ford Ice Arena, Farmington Road and Lyndon. Some tickets are still available.



Margaret Mead Speaks In Detroit

Noted anthropologist, author and lecturer, Margaret Mead, will speak at The Merrill-Palmer Institute, New York City, is a prolific writer and lecturer on the current student scene. In "The So-Called Student Calm," the lecture will be in the Institute's Knapp Building, 71 E. Ferry. It is open to the public and there is no admission charge.

Dr. Mead is coordinating her Merrill-Palmer visit with another engagement. She will be keynote speaker at the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation convention. She will speak at the convention Friday morning.

Dr. Mead has received many honors including a Citation from The Merrill-Palmer Institute in 1960 for her outstanding contributions to the field of human development.

Her visit is another 50th Anniversary presentation of the Institute.

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Kids Are 'Right On'

By MARGARET MILLER
Women's Editor

"Right on, and God bless you."

The speaker was Mother Charlezetta Waddles of Perpetual Mission fame, and she was talking to the seventh and eighth grade students at Pearson Junior High School in Redford Township last week.

Mother Waddles had just been surprised--maybe astounded--with a better word--with checks totaling \$468 from Pearson students for her work among the needy in the inner city.

It was by far the largest amount of many gifts she had received from schools, said Mother Waddles, who has decided to reinstate free meals from the kitchen of her Perpetual Mission, 3700 Gratiot.

Gifts like these, particularly from young people, have made the kitchen re-opening possible, Mother Waddles added.

"IT ISN'T that the older people don't help--they do a lot," she told the assembled students. "But our hope is in youth. It's because of youth that our perpetual mission is working again."

"So when you hear about the things Mother Waddles is doing, you know you're a part of it."

"You're doing your own good thing."



\$468 SMILES were the order of the day when Pearson Junior High students in Redford Township presented soup kitchen money to Mother Waddles. With the famed helper of the needy are Jeff Garden, left, and Dorothy Lentz. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

THE STORY of Mother Waddles and Pearson Junior High goes back about a month.

Mrs. Mary Baldwin, who teaches English and social sciences to seventh and eighth graders, said one of her students mentioned that Mother Waddles had visited her church to speak just after the decision was made to stop the free meals because of lack of funds.

Miss Baldwin asked her eighth grade Section 85 if the students would like to find out more about the mission. They would and they did, by visiting Mother Waddles on her home grounds.

After the need was known, the kids of Section 85 went into action. They staged a social and a canned goods collection. Students brought contributions. And on three mornings, Miss Baldwin's students sold doughnuts and hot chocolate to raise funds.

The victory assembly was scheduled last Wednesday.

WHEN THE PRESENTATIONS were made, Jeff Garden of the Student Council stepped to the microphone first.

He explained that Section 85 had come to the council asking authorization to raise money for Mother Waddles.

"And we on the council were so interested we decided to give \$50," he added.

Mother Waddles accepted the check with thanks and sat down. "I thought that was all," she explained later.

Then Dorothy Lentz, treasurer of Section 85, called her back and presented a check for \$418, proceeds from all the money raisers.

"Oh, wow!" was all Mother Waddles could say.

Then were thanks again all around and the band played, appropriately enough, "I'll Do Anything," as the students headed back to classes.

Could be the kids' memories of the day will be as perpetual as Mother Waddles' mission.

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Wonder how we'd all look without our legs and feet. I'm sure the men wouldn't approve, but the idea really appeals to one who tries to keep a family clothed.

No problem from the skirt up. It's those lower appendages that defeat me.

First the leg coverings. Not the neat white anklets I used to buy in large quantities, because no self-respecting member of the now generation would be caught dead in them.

What's needed today to cover a family of eight girl-legs is an endless supply of pantyhose or tights--but not the thick, practical ones, please.

Occasionally knee socks can be considered. But it's an immutable law that when you buy a pair of knee socks in just the right color one immediately gets lost. My collection of matless socks is the greatest extant, but still I won't throw them out because the other might show up.

There are enough red ones alone to outfit the whole Boston baseball team.

Then there are shoes. Buying enough to go around and keeping them in proper repair is a monumental task. Add picking them up in every room and waiting out the search when it's time to go out, and you're ready to follow the Chinese custom of foot-binding.

There are slippers--supposed to be used when shoes are off, but they never can be found.

And boots. But that's really too painful a subject to discuss in these muddy spring days that follow the snowy winter ones. By now the do-I-HAVE-to-wear-boots question has been done to death.

Maybe the long skirts appearing on the scene are the answer. Add bare feet and we'll have a really practical fashion.

—Margaret Miller

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