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Goodfellow Project Takes Precious Time

Her Love Goes Into Christmas Dolls

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Spare time is one thing Mrs. Angela Bailey, of Farmington, doesn't have.

Angie, as she is known, holds down two jobs to support her four teenage children.

But there is one thing for which Mrs. Bailey makes time. This is her yearly project to dress Goodfellow dolls.

MRS. BAILEY has been making clothes for the dolls for five years, five dolls a year for a total of 25.

With her jobs as secretary and as attendant at a laundromat, it takes precious minutes of Mrs. Bailey's free time to create outfits for the dolls, carry out the ideas and find the materials to make the outfits.

Mrs. Bailey has a theory about this — perhaps not a theory, but a philosophy: "I can't do anything financially for those in need, so this is one way to give of myself."

"We live in a rich community where so many people are willing to donate their money, but not of their time...

they are interested only in their own."

BUT MRS. BAILEY believes her Goodfellow project has benefited her children — Susan, 16; Kathy, 14; Mike, 12, and John, 10 — as well as herself.

"There was a time when we had it pretty rough going," she explains, "and I wanted them to realize that no matter how tough we had it, there were others who were worse off."

Goodfellow dolls are a Bailey family project. Even the Bailey boys get in on it, John because he is a member of the Farmington Police Department that delivers Goodfellow Christmas packages, and Mike just because he is interested.

This year, Susan and Kathy are improving their knitting technique by fashioning doll clothes out of yarn.

IMPROVISATION is the key to the Bailey-dress-design-for-dolls.

This year, the mother of the family is trying to work out a means of making dolly stretch pants.

"I've got my eye on my daughter's stretch nylons," she comments. "They ought to work great."

The Baileys always turn out at least two outfits for each doll, sort of like matchmates. Mrs. Bailey, who understands little girls, wants the tots who are given Goodfellow dolls to be able to change the dolls' clothes.

MRS. BAILEY has some tips for women who dress the dolls: "She says there's nothing better than the tops of men's white work socks for the underwear — just tuck on some lace. Stay away from fancy trims — little girls aren't too careful about how they handle the playthings and trimming gets ripped.

Make all the clothes washable — little fingers get sticky.

IN PAST YEARS, the Baileys have turned out dolls dressed in leopard coats with matching tams and as cheerleaders complete with sweaters embroidered with F's for Farmington High.

This year they are considering Hippie outfits, which will take some of the Bailey improvisation.

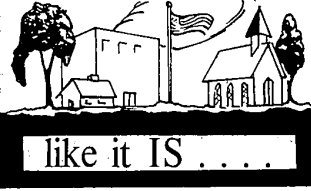
All of this effort is time put to good advantage as far as Mrs. Bailey is concerned: "I feel we were put on earth to help others and now my children have learned that," says Angie, her voice glowing with warmth.



TOY TIME — Tiny Christopher Feys is proof that even little boys love dolls. Showing the Goodfellow doll to the baby is John Bailey whose mother dressed it. Bailey is one of the Farmington policemen who deliver Goodfellow dolls.



BUSY TIME — It's Goodfellow doll time again for Mrs. Angela Bailey, of Farmington, and her children, Mike and Kathy. Mrs. Bailey has dressed Goodfellow dolls for five years and has outfitted a total of 25 dolls for Farmington needy children.



DURING A RECENT classroom discussion in one of Farmington's high schools a teacher challenged the remark by a student that he could obtain marijuana in a matter of a few hours.

In response to the student the teacher laid his money on the desk and the student was back in an hour and a half with the pot.

Farmington city and township police are hesitant to talk about their work in tracking down drug sources in Farmington because of difficulties in making arrests.

The law enforcement officials, however, all agree that there is a problem in Farmington.

S. Jerome Bronson, Oakland County Prosecutor, has a special task force to assist local police in curbing drug traffic.

EARLY IN OCTOBER, Oakland County Probate Judge Eugene Arthur Moore wrote to each school superintendent in the county. He said:

"I am writing you both as a citizen and as a Probate Judge. Unfortunately, the number of cases coming to my attention regarding drug abuse and particularly the use of marijuana is increasing at an alarming rate.

"Three years ago this type of case was almost unheard of. Last year we had 33 referrals specifically for drug abuse. This year to date we have had 41. In addition to this, in many other cases brought to the Juvenile Court because of other problems, such as school incorrigibility, home incorrigibility, car theft, etc., in the course of investigation, it is discovered the youngster is also involved with drugs."



BOO! — The wide eyes of these children testify to the spookiness of the house Farmington Area Jaycees are haunting this week. The mysterious abode is on the south side of Grand River between Drake and Halstead, Farmington.



SAFETY IN NUMBERS — seems to be the motto of the hundreds of persons who lined up to tour the Farmington Area Jaycees' haunted house last Sunday. More than 1,714 persons toured the house Sunday, coming from as far

away as Romulus and Dearborn. The house, on the south side of Grand River between Drake and Halstead, Farmington will be open for tours through Oct. 31.

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