

# Alcoholism Is Called Environmental Problem

Alcoholism is placed in the perspective of an environmental problem rather than the tragedy of an individual or family in a seminar now in progress in the Northwest YWCA in Redford Township.

The descriptive term is that of John Parker, representative of the National Council on Alcoholism in the Detroit area, who is conducting the six meetings under the general title of "Reflections in a Glass."

Four Monday morning sessions remain in the series.

The subject at 10 a.m. Oct. 25 will be "On Come On - Have Another."

On Nov. 1, Parker will consider alcoholic women in a talk entitled "The Hidden Woman - The Hidden Disease."

The topic Nov. 8 will be "How To Run Your Party," and the series will conclude Nov. 15 with "Help!"

THE SERIES, Parker said, takes an in-depth look at the whole problem of alcoholism, with a special emphasis on the cocktail party and its place in the American scene.

The presentation here, he said, grew out of a couple of well-received sessions last season and is the most ambitious he has undertaken.

"People do realize now that alcoholism is a disease," he said, "and they do try to get help."

"But because of the stigma still attached to alcoholism our thinking is too rigid to get the right help."

He labels "useless home remedies" such actions as pouring liquor down the drain, doling out money in small amounts, trying to fill up an alcoholic's time and suggesting that if he really cared for his loved ones he would stop drinking.

OF ENTERTAINING in this country today, Parker said: "We're not temperance-oriented. The feeling still prevails that if you don't drink you don't have a good time. We must learn that a person has the right to decide whether or not he wishes to drink, and to avoid pressure if he chooses not to do so - for whatever reason."

Parker said he would include in the session on parties some ideas on cooking with wine and its possible implications for alcoholics.

In spite of all that's heard today about youth and drugs, Parker said alcohol still is the No. 1 drug problem on college campuses as well as for society in general.

"We tend to overreact to drugs that young people are abusing, or even using," he said. "But alcohol abuse is the top problem, because it's available and it continues to do the job."

Parker said the Council on Alcoholism staff sends speakers to schools as well as adult groups to "try to erase the stigma of alcoholism and help people understand it."



LAURA SCHMIDT



SHARON COUGHLIN



JANET SHEEDY

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schrader of Angling Road, Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Mae Schmidt, to Francis Joseph Anderson Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Joseph Anderson Sr. of Minock Drive, Redford Township. The bride-elect is a 1971 graduate of Clarenceville High School and employed by Cunningham Drug Stores. A Nov. 27 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Keiran Coughlin of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Rose, to Curtis Robert Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson of Cheboygan, Mich. The bride-elect is a 1971 graduate of Clarenceville High School and her fiancé graduated from Cheboygan High School in 1969. A Nov. 12 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore A. Sheedy of Parkview Drive, Plymouth, announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet Kay, to Gerald Scott Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Johnston of North Territorial Road, Plymouth. The bride-to-be is a 1968 graduate of Plymouth High School and employed by Consumer Power Co. Her fiancé graduated from Plymouth High in 1966 and is a Ford Motor Co. die-maker. A November wedding is planned.

MRS. BRIAN L. REBNEY  
(Kaye Ardeth Milton)

## Gardeners Set Brighton Trip

An afternoon field trip to the Brighton Stone Co. is planned by members of the Mayflower Garden Club for their meeting Thursday, Oct. 28, in the home of Mrs. Robert Erdelyi, 9110 Rucker, Plymouth.

Jane McKenny will be co-hostess. The morning will be spent on a general workshop beginning at 10 a.m.

## Mrs. Carlin To Talk To Regents

Mrs. Leslie O. Carlin will address the Past Regents' Club of Metropolitan Detroit, Daughters of the American Revolution, at a meeting Monday, Oct. 25, in Redford Presbyterian Church, 17226 Redford, Detroit.

Mrs. Carlin is Michigan state regent and past regent of Isabella Chapter, Mt. Pleasant.

Sharing the speakers' table as the club celebrates its 25th year will be Mrs. Walter Kleinert, past regent of Piety Hill Chapter, honorary state regent, vice-president general NSDAR, and national chairman of the flag of the U.S.; Mrs. Clarence W. Wacker, past regent of Piety Hill, honorary state regent and past vice-president general NSDAR; Mrs. Roy V. Barnes, past regent of Ezra Parker Chapter, and honorary state regent; Mrs. James Easton, past regent of Three Flags Chapter and state first vice-regent; Mrs. Walter Fysh, past regent of John Sackett Chapter and state chaplain; Mrs. A. Richard Meacham, past regent of Ezra Parker Chapter and state recording secretary; and Mrs. Milton Hopkins.

Officers of the club are Mrs. Orvis L. Henke, president; Mrs. Hopkins, secretary; and Mrs. Conrad Bloom.

Mrs. Henke is also regent of the newly-organized Quakertown Chapter of Farmington and state honor roll chairman.



SUSAN BARRINGER has been named home adviser for Crowley's. Miss Barringer majored in interior decoration at Eastern Michigan University, where she graduated with honors. She will be available for help with home decorating problems either at the Livonia store or in the customer's home.

## Rebneys Married In East Lansing

Kaye Ardeth Milton and Brian L. Rebney were united in marriage in a ceremony Sunday, Sept. 12, in Eastminster Presbyterian Church in East Lansing.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bond Milton of Garden City. Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Rebney of Minnetonka, Minn., formerly of Lapeer, are parents of the bridegroom.

Officiating for the ceremony was Dr. W. Fred Graham of Justin Morrill College of Michigan State University. The bride is a 1971 graduate of the college.

## Daughter Witch Is Speaker

Lydamie the witch, daughter of Gundella the witch, will be special guest at the meeting of the Women of North Farmington at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26, in the North Farmington Baptist Church.

The group also plans an auction of attic treasures during the meeting. The church is located at 32500 W. 13 Mile.

## New Lamaze Class Planned

The Lamaze Childbirth Preparation Association will begin a new series of classes for expectant parents in Plymouth on Oct. 25.

Couples interested should call Mrs. Alan Woodworth, 171 Blunk, Plymouth.

## VFW Home Will Benefit

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Veterans of the Foreign Wars, Cpl. Edward J. Bova Post 6586, will hold a card party Oct. 27, at the post, 35420 Ford Road, Westland.

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