

After 60 Years...

It's Still A Music World For The Badalamentis

Sixty years of marriage and music have been the fortunate lot of the Carlo Badalamenti of Garden City.

At 85, Carlo no longer bows his bass violin fiddle or blows his tuba, and arthritis has kept Catherine Badalamenti from the lovely chords she used to find on the piano.

But Carlo continues to work with his son, Joseph, in their basement instrument repair shop and both enjoy remembering his years with the Detroit Symphony, the Detroit Opera House orchestra, the Belle Isle band and Catherine's years of training fine young musicians.

AND ON OCT. 24, just six days after the couple marked 60 years of marriage, they joined their daughter and her husband and a niece and her husband in a triple anniversary celebration during a

party for family and friends in the Chicago Road House in Dearborn.

Oct. 18 marked 24 years of marriage for Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cornair, who live next door to the Badalamentis in Garden City, and two years for Mr. and Mrs. James Girard of Plymouth.

Carlo and Catherine Badalamenti were married in Louisville, Ky., and came to Detroit two years later.

HE JOINED the Detroit Symphony in 1915, and has proud memories of playing under the baton of Ossip Gabrilowitsch.

"But the symphony didn't pay very much, and I had three children, so I left and joined the orchestra that played at the Detroit Opera House," he said.

There also were many concerts as a tuba player for

the Belle Isle band that ended only six years ago.

THE REPAIR BUSINESS was a sideline for many years, but now is a full-time endeavor that keeps the elder Badalamenti and his son busy nine hours a day. Another son, Carlos, helps on a part time basis, and Mrs. Badalamenti helps by answering the telephone.

Carlo also has done a bit of inventing in his day—devices to make instruments easier to hold and a folding coat hanger.

The couple's friend and physician of many years, Dr. W.E. Johnston of Detroit, made the toasts at the anniversary party.

And the well-wishers agreed they would be smart to bet on Carlo and Catherine for another 60 years.



CARLO AND CATHERINE BADALAMENTI in their instrument repair shop. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring).



ROMEY AND DORA WOOD pose behind their studio camera (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

And A Life Of Pictures For The Romey Woods

One of the things Plymouth photographer Romey Wood did to mark the passage of 60 years in his marriage was take an anniversary picture of himself with his wife, Dora.

He did it by the method that's time-honored by photographers—he set a delayed exposure and then ran around to pose on the other side of the camera.

Only trouble is, he hasn't had time to print the pictures.

Parties to celebrate the 60th anniversary and plenty of other photographic work in the studio that has been a Plymouth institution since 1886 have taken up all his time.

They were honored with a family party Sunday, Oct. 24, at the home of their nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Wood of Plymouth, and friends also have been anxious to take note of the big occasion.

DORA AND ROMEY WOOD ("It's really Romeo," his wife explained, "but he never liked that name") have lived in Plymouth since just past the turn of the century and were married Oct. 26, 1911.

They were the first couple married by the Rev. Benjamin Farber, a newly-ordained young minister who had come to Plymouth to head the Presbyterian church, Mrs. Wood remembered.

Mr. Wood opened his photographic studio in 1908 and has recorded with his camera a good many events important in Plymouth history. A lot of his pictures are property of the Plymouth Historical Society, of which the Woods are active members, and they'll hang in the new historical museum when it is constructed.

DURING BOTH world wars, Mr. Wood took many in-

dustrial pictures and until recent years Wood's Studio on Ann Arbor Trail handled many weddings and social events.

"I leave those to the young fellows now," this photographer said.

But with Mrs. Wood's assistance, he's still ready to give one-day service on business like passport photos, and he continues to add to the list of hundreds of studio portraits in his files.

Photographer Wood likes to mix his own chemicals for developing and continues to do oil retouching in preference to using color film.

When using commercially mixed chemicals and color film, he explained, "I can't get the results."

No problem, though, in mixing ingredients for a long and happy marriage. There, the Woods definitely "get the results."

Going Strong

Recycling Center Celebrates

A mighty "youngster" in Redford Township, just six months old, already has handled 115 tons of glass, 90 tons of paper and 13 tons of glass.

To celebrate, the youngster will give away a few hundred trees this weekend.

The celebrant is, of course, the township's Recycling Center, which opened last spring near the public service building on the east side of Beech Daly north of Plymouth.

The only center in this area that offers ecology minded residents a one-stop place to take glass, cans and newspapers, it is making preparations now to go on into the winter months.

The adult and teen volunteers who have manned the center on weekends since last spring want to show their appreciation for the many tons of recycled materials that have been brought to the huge bins.

So from Nov. 5 to 7, a seedling tree—white or red pine or Norway spruce—will be presented to each person bringing bags of bottles or cans or bound piles of newspapers to the center.

PERHAPS MORE remarkable than the consumption record of the center are the statistics on the volunteers who man it.

In the six months, the center has been open about 390 hours and has compiled some 1900 man hours. More than 500 people have helped.

IT IS THE supervision and the willingness of volunteers that have made the center continue in operation when many others have had to close, said Mrs. Betty Shaw, one of the original founders of the center.

To thank all the young and not-quite-so-young volunteers, the recycling center committee of the Redford Township Beautification and Improvement Commission held a special appreciation meeting last Thursday.

Ecology flags were presented to Thurston High School and Marshall, Pierce, Pearson and Hilbert Junior Highs in appreciation for the work students from these schools have done.

Redford Union, already possessor of a flag because its students had been on the job from the beginning, received instead a book on ecology.

St. Agatha High School, which sent volunteers to the center for the first time last weekend, will be awarded an ecology flag soon.

BESIDES VOLUNTEERS from the schools, the center has drawn young people from Boy and Girl Scout troops and members from the Redford Rotary, who supply adults for the fourth Sunday of each month.

Supervisor Bill Robbins and Trustee Dan Christie also have taken their turns by the bins.

that would contaminate recycled glass.

Cans are sorted for National Can Co. and flattened. Paper is stacked for the Fishman Paper Co. of Detroit.

Mrs. Shaw said the clear glass bins fill in about two weeks, the colored ones in four

weeks and paper goes out about every four weeks.

LOOKING AHEAD to winter, the center has started closing at 5 p.m. instead of 6 because it gets dark earlier. Opening time is 3 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Some sort of gravel or asphalt also will be added to

the center when things start to get muddy.

"But the center definitely will remain open all year," Mrs. Shaw said. "We want to do all we can to help preserve our resources by reusing materials. And we want the people of this area to know we appreciate their efforts to help."



YOUNG VOLUNTEERS keep things humming each weekend at the Redford Township Recycling Station (Observer photo by Maurie Walker)



Women's Clinic Theme Is Personal Development

Observerland women may participate in a day packed with ideas for reaching their top potential in the Personal Development Clinic scheduled on the Schoolcraft College campus from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6.

A talk by Mrs. Isabelle S. Streidl of Washington on opportunities for women and a wide variety of workshops will highlight the day's activities.

Mrs. Streidl is chief of Economic Status and Opportunities of the Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor.

She will be keynote speaker for the noon luncheon.

THE CLINIC, expected to attract participants from all over the state, is sponsored by the college in cooperation with Business and Professional

Women's clubs of Livonia and West Detroit.

Among the workshops to be offered in the morning and afternoon will be a capsule version of a Schoolcraft College course on Women's Human Potential.

The two BPW clubs have announced that any profits from the clinic will be used to finance scholarships for women interested in taking that course, designed to help them decide the best use of their time and energy outside the home.

THE FEE for the day, including continental breakfast and lunch, will be \$7.50.

Reservations are being accepted by Mrs. Edward Milligan, 1615 Burton Court, Livonia, and Mrs. Peter Ventura, 16632 Surrey, Livonia.

A fashion show of styles from Harvi's will highlight the morning, and a display of arts and crafts will be shown throughout the day.

Workshops, in addition to one on women's human potential will be concerned with public speaking, flower arranging, interior decorating, macrame, self-defense, and returning to the working world. Women may participate in two or three of the workshops.

MRS. STREIDL, in addition to speaking for the clinic, will hold sessions with Schoolcraft College leaders during the weekend as the school conducts an in-depth study of educational, social and career needs of women.

She will have consultations

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