

Group Aims To Start Center For Retarded

An activities center for retarded young adults not involved in other programs is a major aim this year for the Northwest Communities Association for Retarded Children.

"There are many retardates over 21 who spend all their time at home with little to occupy them," said Mrs. Barbara Moore of Redford Township, current president of the association.

"We're hoping to set up a center that would give them a place to go occasionally and some definite activities that they could look forward to."

Parents of retarded children and others interested may learn more about the proposed center and the association when the group meets at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, in the Cooper School Annex, Middle Belt and Joy.

The speaker for that meeting will be Robert P. Pangburn, assistant executive director for the Michigan Association for Retarded Children.

MRS. MOORE said the projected center would have to be one that could be inexpensively run - possibly in a church location - and added that volunteer help on the part of teens or perhaps senior citizens would be needed.

While sheltered workshops can take care of some retardates, Mrs. Moore said

there are many in this area who are not part of any program.

Families of such persons or those who would be willing to help in the establishment of a center are invited to contact the Northwest Communities Association, P.O. Box 2555.

THE ASSOCIATION, which serves Redford Township, Plymouth, Garden City, Livonia and Northville, also is giving high priority this year to developing a residential living situation for certain adult retardates and to pushing for Michigan legislation to make special education programs mandatory for all handicapped children.

The residential center, she said, would provide a supervised home for mentally retarded persons who are able to hold jobs.

"The idea has been tried successfully," she said, "and it's our hope to get one established in this area. Such homes are good for all concerned. They give the retardates a pleasant living situation, take them out from community support and make taxpayers of them."

"The ideal home would be for about 16 residents. The only one near here has 20, and there are at least 30 on a waiting list."

The association currently is raising funds through sale of Christmas Cards, and those interested in a bulletin showing the variety available may write to the post office box.

ALSO PLANNED is a dance from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday Nov. 13, in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 8600 Haller, Livonia.

A ticket price of \$7.50 will cover a buffet dinner and beer and set ups, and proceeds will go to the association's projects.

The group meets regularly at 8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Cooper School Annex, Middle Belt and Joy, Livonia.

All parents of retarded children are invited to attend.



PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY LEAGUE members view some of the items to go on sale in the league's first bazaar Saturday, Nov. 13. From left are Sharon Walker, bazaar chairman; Linda Leavitt, holding her son, Brian; Pat Rhinehart, and Diane McCann, league president. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

Symphony League Sets Sale

"Deck the Halls" will be the theme of a Christmas bazaar scheduled Saturday, Nov. 13, by the Plymouth Symphony League to raise funds for the orchestra.

The sale will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Plymouth Community Credit Union, Maple and Harvey.

It's a first for the Symphony League, and all groups within the organization are contributing sale items.

Included among the booths will be a potpourri of one-of-a-kind boutique items. There also will be Christmas decorations, including burlap wreaths, and knitted items, most of them the work of the Senior Citizens of Plymouth.

A candy and baked goods sale will be part of the bazaar.

Also on sale will be the second printing of the Plymouth Symphony League's centennial cookbook, "Medley of Menus," first issued in 1967.

300 Women To Visit Loch Rio

The Women's Club of Michigan Federation of Women's Clubs. Each fall, every federated club in the state collects from its members gifts of food, flannel articles, cosmetics and money for the girls at Loch Rio. These items will be presented Saturday.

Some 300 club women from all over Michigan are expected to attend. Mrs. Robert E. Willette is president of the hostess club, and Mrs. Ronald Wood and Mrs. Bert Goodwillier are representatives to Loch Rio for the club.

Kathy Lampi Weds Thomas Yuchasz

Brightmoor Tabernacle in Detroit was the scene of the recent marriage of Kathy Lampi and Thomas Yuchasz, both of Redford Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lampi of Lennane Avenue and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Yuchasz of Ross Drive are the couple's parents.

The Rev. Wayne Benson officiated.

The bride's gown was white organza with leg-of-mutton sleeves and her elbow-length veil fell from a floral headpiece.

Her attendants wore deep purple gowns and carried nosegays of African violets.

Kirsten Lampi was maid of honor for her sister and the bridesmaids were Kathy Yuchasz, Andrei Averill, Cindy Treganza, Debbie Triola and Sandra Smyth. Rhonda Hitchcock was flower girl.

Assisting the bridegroom were Randy Rattai as best man and Jerry Yuchasz, Bob Klemmer, Randy Ferguson, Larry Vedder, David Seppanen as ushers. Ben Lampi was junior usher and Peter Hendrickson was ring bearer.

The couple greeted 250 guests at a dinner reception in the church before leaving on a Mackinac Island honeymoon.



MRS. THOMAS YUCHASZ (Kathy Lampi)

Kirk Rowland Wed In East

Kirk Joseph Rowland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Rowland of Plymouth, claimed Christine Henn Adams as his bride in an Oct. 16 ceremony in the Congregational Church of Woodbridge, Conn.

The bride, who has been living in Ann Arbor, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Henn of Woodbridge. Her small daughter, Joanne Adams, was flower girl for the ceremony.

The Rev. George Milne officiated.

GIVEN IN MARRIAGE by her father, the bride wore a long gown of white crepe and ruby red velvet and carried a nosegay of pink, red and white flowers.

Mrs. Robert Resneck of Fort Dix, N.J., was matron of honor and wore deep green velvet. Joanne's dress was ruby red velvet with white eyelet trim.

Kent Rowland of Plymouth was best man for his brother. The ushers were the bride's brothers, Dr. Albert E. Henn and Frank T. Henn.

THE COUPLE greeted guests at a reception in the home of the bride's parents before leaving for a Cape Cod honeymoon.

They will live in Ypsilanti and will be honored by a reception to be given by the bridegroom's parents in Plymouth Sunday, Nov. 7.

The new Mrs. Rowland is a graduate of the University of Vermont. Her husband graduated from Plymouth High School in 1962 and attended Henry Ford Community College.

He is employed by Howard Cooper Volkswagen in Ann Arbor.

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