

# Postage Problem To Brides

Couples making wedding plans are warned to be sure their invitations and announcements carry sufficient postage.

More incidents of returning such mail because of insufficient postage have occurred this year, said Mrs. Virginia Buckston of the U.S. Post Office in Livonia.

One ounce is the limit for eight cent postage, she said, and it has to be enforced strictly.

"I think the invitations are getting a bit heavier," Mrs. Buckston said. "People have a little more money to spend, and they are getting heavier stock paper."

Whenever possible, she said, the post office gets in touch with the sender of the invitations so that more postage can be added.

"But sometimes the return address is out of town and there's nothing to do but mark them 'postage due,'" she explained.

If there is any doubt, the post office branches will be glad to weigh the bridal mail to determine how much postage is needed.

# YWCA Plans Program For Retarded Children

In these days of more travel and more leisure time for many, there are some families who never take a prolonged vacation or go far from home.

They are the families that include a retarded child, and parents of such children find they rarely can be far away from their situation.

The problem of helping trainable none-the-less retarded children and their families find some enjoyable experiences during long summer months is being tackled this year by the YWCA of Western Wayne County.

**UNDER THE LEADERSHIP** of Mrs. J. R. Naumes, special projects chairman, is launching a summer program designed to provide creative leisure time activity for trainable children from 14 school districts enrolled during school months in the Wayne County Regional program at Norris school, 3127 Fairview Road, Wayne. At the same time parents will be freed for a few hours from the burden of wondering what to do for or with their "special" child.

The program is called VEP, for Very Exceptional Persons. Although it began Wednesday, July 7, volunteers still are needed to meet each Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

The first volunteers had special orientation under the direction of Mary Lou Durbin, special education teacher. Others joining the program will get on-the-job orientation.

Children are divided into three age groups, five to seven, eight and nine and 10 to 16. They enjoy games, crafts, recreation and snacks, all designed to permit achievement for the trainable child.

Special services teachers are working on a volunteer basis to help teens and adults to give a morning each week to make the program possible.

Miss Durbin and Mrs. Naumes both point out that learning what to expect from the children is the most important aspect of orientation. Experience will come from



By MARGARET MILLER

# Women on the Go She's Been A Visiting Nurse For 40 Years

When Mrs. Nora Stage began her nursing training in the mid 1920s, she traveled 50 miles from her home area to Grace Hospital in Detroit.

"It was a pretty long distance and I didn't go back home for quite a few weeks," she recalls.

But in recent years she's put in that amount of travel nearly every day as a visiting nurse in the cities and townships of Plymouth and Northville.

"They keep saying I'm going out west," Mrs. Stage said of her fellow workers in the Dearborn headquarters of the Visiting Nurse Association.

MRS. STAGE has just retired after 40 years of service to the Visiting Nurse Association.

During that time she worked in three district offices and was responsible for the association's industrial nursing for a time and also served a period of mental health nursing.

Her territory included Livonia when the area was mainly rural, and she also worked in Garden City before taking over Plymouth and Northville service eight years ago.

She joined the Visiting Nurse Association a few months after graduating from the (Garce) Hospital School of Nursing.

"That first summer I had a few calls for private duty I had a hard time paying room and board," she remembers.

Nurses were not in as great demand before the days of hospitalization plans, so the young nurse was pleased to find the steady work of a visiting nurse.

Her saddest cases, she said, have been several in which she cared for young mothers who were incurably ill.

Fifteen years ago, when Mrs. Stage completed a quarter century of service, the association honored her with a citation that read:

"Mrs. Stage's quiet, dignified yet warm and friendly manner makes her highly appreciated by patients and their families who rely man of the personnel with confidence on her nursing, mittee of the VNA board of skills and practical, trustes."

Mrs. Stage, moving to a new citation was read mobile home in Highland, during her recent retirement plans to pursue such interests-dinner in the Hillside Inn in as workweek and church-Plymouth.

"These qualities have continued to endure to The retirement party, she patients and co-workers for said, provided a very nice, another 15 years," stated climax' to a very rewarding Henry K. Wallstigm, chair-career.



MRS. NORA STAGE (Observer-photo)

# Alumnae Award 7 Prizes

First prize of \$50 was awarded to Jan Christiansen and Kitty McIntyre for the bridge tournament sponsored by the Birmingham Alumnae Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta.

Awards were made at a meeting held in the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club.

The \$40 second prize went to Emily Anderson and Betty Allread, and third prize of \$30 went to Arlyne Seay and Pat Kirby.

Winners in the afternoon group were Georgia Boyer and Shirley Robertson, and Vivian Mitchell and Leslie Allen. The honors in the evening group went to Miriam Stansell and Betty Steele and Sharon Ferday and Mary Davidson.

Mrs. George Seay was chairman of the annual event, which included a luncheon and awarding of prizes followed by an afternoon of bridge.

Play will resume in September and is not restricted to sorority members. All women living in the north area who would like to join are welcome, by calling Mrs. Grady Robertson, 489 Berrypatch Lane, Pontiac, or Mrs. Gerald Jehle, 1467 Wiltshire, Berkley.

# YW Plans Campout For Girls

A primitive camping weekend is planned by the Oakland Branch YWCA, a Torch Fund Agency for girls entering grades four, five and six, at Camp Cavell on July 16, 17 and 18.

There are still a few openings in the program. Those wishing to join are asked to call Mrs. Peg Bishop at the Y, 839 S. Crooks Rd., Clawson.

The girls will leave the Oakland branch at 8:30 a.m. by chartered bus and return Sunday by 5 p.m. They will cook all their meals over open fires and sleep in tents.

There will be swimming in Lake Huron, hiking in the woods, tennis, archery and nature projects.

The staff of the summer Y-Land program will serve as counselors under the supervision of Mrs. Bishop.

Those attending must pay yearly YWCA membership dues of \$2.50. A \$10 activity fee will include transportation, food and program costs.



# Teen Sewing Classes Set

Teens are invited to "express yourself...learn to sew" this summer in classes at Hudson's sewing centers. Classes will begin July 20 at all Hudson's stores, including Northland and Westland.

Registrations should be made now in the pattern departments.

The regular sewing course will consist of six two-hour lessons, meeting once a week. Cost is \$15.

There will also be a hot pants course with three two-hour lessons beginning Thursday, July 1.

HUNTER GREEN SUEDE that laces into assorted separates is featured in one of the many make - it - yourself kits in Crowley's new "Crafty Woman" department. The cost is \$28 for the vest and \$15 for the "short-johns," and the model is Sally Ann Stretton. Miss Michigan World.

# New Department Has Craft Kits

Women long on taste but short on handcraft know-how will be able to create their own designer fashions with kits offered in a newly-opened shop in Crowley's Livonia Mall store.

"The Crafty Woman" carries a wide variety of craft kits as well as plenty of kits for ready-to-stitch fashion items.

A summer handbag that goes together in white straw and colored flowers, jewelry to assemble from shells and wood, macrame projects and leather and suede to lace into belts, vests, hot pants and handbags are included in the first set of kits.

The other group - requiring a sewing machine but little other equipment or knowledge - features peasant dresses and blouses, patio skirts, pants, tunics and dresses of many kinds. Some are designer fashions, and all include all needed notions.

Prices for the make-it-yourself kits vary widely, with designer styles and suede pre-cut at the top of the scale and junior and misses sizes are included.



THE NEW QUAKERTOWN chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was inaugurated recently in Farmington. Among those on hand were Mrs. Orvis L. Henke, left, state officer who led organization of the new chapter.

Mrs. Leslie O. Carlin, state regent from Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. Walter A. Klenhart of Birmingham, vice president; and Mrs. Harry Stultz Jr. of Farmington, hostess for the first meeting. (Evert photo)

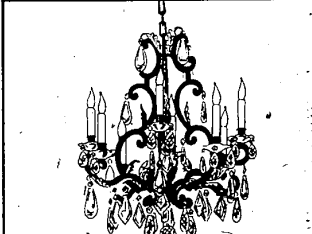
# Keep Your Salads Cool

"For salad lettuce so crisp it crackles, place a plastic bag of salad greens in the freezer a few minutes before serving."

That's one of many helpful hints offered in "Salad Greens," a new brochure available free from the Michigan State University consumer marketing service.

The six-page folder also contains information on selecting, buying and caring for salad greens. Three pages are devoted to drawings of iceberg, bibb and leaf lettuce, and other greens, along with advice on how to identify each.

Single copies of "Salad Greens" are available at county Extension Service offices, or from the Michigan State University bulletin office, Box 231, East Lansing, 48823.



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