

YWCA Plans 3rd Session

A third session of summer programs for young people will begin July 26 at the Oakland Branch YWCA, 839 S. Crooks Rd., Clawson.

Y-Landers is for boys and girls in grades two to six, and Kiddy Kamp is for boys and girls ages four to six.

The YW will also have a special week of primitive camping for girls going into grades four, five and six on July 16, 17 and 18 at Camp Cavell, north of Fort Huron. To register, call the YW.

Dahlia Society To Hold Picnic

Members of the South eastern Michigan Dahlia Society will hold their annual picnic Sunday, July 18, at 2:30 p.m., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shelley, 4016 Culver, Dearborn Heights.

Plans for the fall show will be discussed, and schedules will be given out by the chairman, Walter Sprague.



MEMBERS OF Livonia's Town and Country Chapter of the National Secretaries Association (International) are among the 1,400 expected to register for the 26th annual convention of the association July 13 through 17 in San Francisco. From left are Eve Mouliso of Livonia, CPS, membership chairman; Louise Watson of Westland, chapter president; and Mary Langert of Westland.

NSA Holds Convention In West

Among the 1,400 members expected at the 26th annual convention of the National Secretaries Association (International) in the San Francisco Hilton Hotel, July 13 to 17, are five members of the Town and Country Chapter of Livonia.

The delegate will be Louise Watson of Westland, chapter president. The alternate delegate will be Eve Mouliso, CPS, of Livonia, membership chairman.

Accompanying them will be Mary Langert of Westland, Helen Cunningham of Southfield and Beatrice Costa of Detroit.

"Knowledge is a Treasure: Practice is the Key," a quotation from Thomas Fuller, 17th century English scholar, writer and preacher, is the theme of the convention. The presiding officer will be Mrs. Phyllis Bauer, CPS, NSA international president.

The association has 28,000

members in 650 chapters throughout the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico. Affiliate chapters are also located in Mexico, Panama, Costa Rica, Trinidad, Jamaica, the Bahamas, Venezuela, Argentina, Peru, Finland, Germany, Thailand, Korea and Australia.

New Elastic Bleachable

Anidex, a new man-made, elastic fiber, has been added to the list of generic "family" names of fibers approved by the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act.

Esner Stenzen, University of Illinois extension textiles and clothing specialist, points out that anidex is the first new generic classification concerning clothing and household fabrics to be added since the act went into effect in 1960.

Anidex can be combined successfully in blends with both natural and synthetic fibers without changing the characteristic look and feel of

the basic fiber. Anidex contributes properties of stretch and recovery to blended fabrics. The primary, current uses for this new fiber include hosiery, knit and woven outer wear, lingerie and knit and woven upholstery.

Anidex-unlike spandex, the forerunner in man-made elastic fibers—can withstand chlorine bleaching, machine washing and tumble drying at normal settings, if the fibers which anidex is blended can undergo such treatment.

At present, only one textile company produces anidex: Look for it under the trade name of ANIM 8.



By MARGARET MILLER

Mrs. Anne Harbison of Westland believes people truly concerned about good education should be willing to work for it.

So this spring she ran for a place on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education.

SHE BELIEVES that to be knowledgeable about a school system it is necessary to be acquainted with all its parts.

So during the election campaign she made it her business to visit more than 20 schools that didn't happen to be the ones her four sons had attended.

And she believes that an elected official should concentrate on areas where changes are possible.

So, this newly-elected member of the school board is refusing to waste time and energy beating trying to change methods of financing schools and thinking instead about ways to help the schools do a better job.

"I want to make a good system better," she says. Anne Harbison said she discussed the matter thoughtfully with her husband, Matthew, before deciding to try for a place on the school board.

"I felt I had something to offer in that capacity," she said. "With boys from elementary to college age, I know something about the workings of the schools at all levels."

"Also, I majored in education and taught in the state of New York, so I feel I'm more aware of classroom aims and procedures than the average mother."

"And as a woman not employed outside my home, I have some time to give to studying the school system and helping find ways to improve it."

In seeking the position, Mrs. Harbison decided that she had

Women on the Go She Wants To Make A Good System Better

a close acquaintance with five of the Wayne-Westland system's 33 schools, but didn't know much about the others.

"So I decided to visit each one, not in a critical spirit but asking the principals and teachers to tell me what was best in their school."

THE RESPONSE she received, Mrs. Harbison reported later, was one of surprise and pleasure. "Some of the educators told me they had never known a board member, let alone a candidate, take that kind of interest," she said.

The move also paid dividends in her campaign. She became better known, and she found herself invited to attend such functions as end-of-the-year concerts and programs.

"I made a point of going and meeting the parents there," she said. "I felt they were the concerned parents I wanted to reach."

Such "campaigning," plus efforts of the cross-section of people in the community she has worked with, brought her to the seat she sought, and already she is busy filling her new role as she sees it — becoming as well informed as possible about what schools are doing and what they could do better.

Interested in the possibility of a vocational education center for her area, she was glad to spend a day touring the Genesee Valley Skill Center.

"It gave me many exciting ideas," she said. "So many of our young people are not college-bound, and I think we should be doing more to meet the needs of all."

ANNE HARBISON realizes as much as anyone that a new way must be found to finance public education.

"And I think it should be done by income tax — I don't



MRS. ANNE HARBISON (Observer photo)

believe in gambling and I would not feel comfortable having an education system supported by a lottery."

But, she thinks, that matter really is up to the state legislators and out of the hands of the school board.

Instead, she'd rather think of ways to make the present system more effective.

"I've asked many of the young people who come to our house what they might have learned in high school to make them better prepared for living," she said.

"And they've told me a lot. I think we could learn a great

deal by getting our information from the end product of the school system — the graduates."

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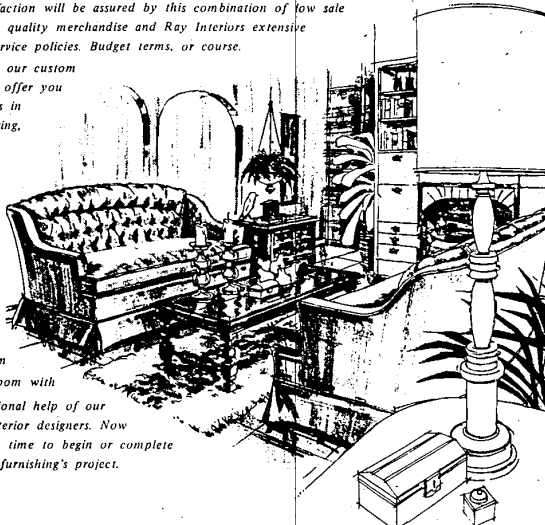
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