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The St. Clare Nursery School, operated by St. Clare Catholic Church in Farmington, is accepting applications for its third season which will begin in September.

Parents interested in enrolling children three to five years of age may call the church, 29200 10 Mile.

The school year begins Sept. 14, with classes meeting Tuesday and Thursday mornings and afternoons. The program includes music, opportunities to work with varied craft media, group play and chances for experiences like making ice cream, butter and bread.

Program directors are Gloria Stonisch and Judi Schlamann, both of Farmington.

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Family Y Brings Feeling
Of Belonging, Dinwoodie Says

Helping families put down roots has been one of Don Dinwoodie's major aims in his five years as community program director for the Livonia Family Y.

Now, with the program here well established, Don and Margot Dinwoodie and their three young sons are off to put down some roots of their own in the Rocky Mountains.

"We've dreamed for years of living in a small town, and we have to find out if it will come up to our hopes," said Dinwoodie, who will leave Livonia July 30 to begin the work of starting a new Family Y in Longmont, Colo.

HE WILL WORK with the YMCA organization of Boulder, Colo., to establish a Y to serve several communities in the St. Vrain valley.

In Colorado, as in Livonia, Don's aim will be to tailor a program to fit the needs of a community.

When leaders in Livonia started thinking about a Y, and when Don started organizing it, the feeling was that Livonia had many aspects of a transient community.

"For many newcomers," he explained "the need was for a visible organization—one that would transcend religious, educational and neighborhood divisions and give them a feeling of belonging to a community."

Studies made early in the process of organizing the Family Y indicated the greatest needs were for activities for physical fitness facilities for the business community and programs for the young family—the one with pre-schoolers and elementary school children.

"So these were the guidelines we used to develop our programs," Dinwoodie said.

"We still are following them. If you use a program as a tool to serve the needs of a community, you get a lot of response."

THE RESPONSE at the Family Y in Livonia has been a constant mushrooming and branching out of initial programs and the developing of some 300 volunteer leaders to assist in activities that now draw some 5,000 participants from all over the Observer area.

It also included the building of a new center at 14255 Stark, a building Dinwoodie describes as "another tool to meet the community's needs."

"One of the first things we did was organize clubs in the junior high schools," he said. "These automatically became



DON AND MARGOT DINWOODIE and their sons, Stuart (left) David and William.

high school clubs as the teen grew older, and we now have groups in all the high schools.

"These programs also have led to our Awareness House to help with the drug program, and parent-teen communication panels."

Then there were the Indian Guides programs for young boys and their fathers.

"These met in the homes," Don said, "because this was one of our aims—to take the program to the community."

A natural progression was to Indian Princess groups for mothers and daughters, then to Big Buddy and Big Sister programs and an Adventure program for older sons and fathers and to Family Y day camps.

A recent addition, parent effectiveness training, was brought in "to teach parents to be parents so they can enjoy their kids rather than make mistakes that have to be undone," Dinwoodie said.

THE FAMILY Y chose its name deliberately, he added, to get away from the idea of YMCA as opposed to YWCA and to show that "we serve as many women as men."

Now, with the first five years completed, more studies are being made to determine whether this area's needs are still basically the same.

It's Dinwoodie's hunch that they are. "Until the community reaches a saturation point in home construction," he said, "there will continue to be many new families in the

Livonian Heads
Alma Sororities

Patricia A. Buckman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Buckman, 32493 Washington, Livonia, will head the Alma College Panhellenic Council for the coming school year.

Miss Buckman, a graduate of Franklin High School, is a junior majoring in education and a member of Alpha Theta sorority.

Fashions
To Be Shown

Fashion shows featuring "Show and Go" styles from Vogue and Butterick patterns are scheduled in J. L. Hudson Co. fabric departments next week.

The shows, including a wide variety of styles from daytime dressing to loungewear, will come to the Northland store at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, and to Westland at the same hours Saturday, Aug. 7.

Among the outfits to be featured will be a reversible lamb and navy suede coat and an ankle-length skirt in muted heather stripes with a bolero.

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