

# Spotlight on Women

## Antique Dealers Stress Variety For Fall Festival

By ELINOR GRAHAM

Geranium sales, theater parties, cook book sales and afternoon bridge parties (with dessert, of course) — the Plymouth Symphony League had tried them all. Then, eight years ago, they planned an antique mart.

With thousands of visitors in town for the Plymouth Fall Festival, they had a built-in patronage. The problem was wooing customers to a show, and finding a place to have it.

The festival activities are centered in Kellogg Park, a triangular "town square" in downtown Plymouth. The only building large enough to house a show was the Masonic Temple, but the Kiwanians' pancake dinner, a mainstay of the festival, was held there.

THE ONLY SOLUTION was to use two buildings on a side street near the park, the Grange building and the Community building.

There was room for 21 booths in both buildings — not

many compared to the large commercial shows with more than 100 dealers. The League decided to make up for quantity with quality. Dealers were carefully selected with an eye to their specialties. The best in glassware, primitives, lamps, jewelry, furniture, Shaker items, clocks and china were invited to the show.

Then they planned the decorations. Hours of painting, sewing and even saving plywood followed. Colonial skirts and caps were made for all hostesses and ticket sellers. It may be a small show but it was going to be attractive.

THERE WAS some pessimism. "How can they charge people to go in to buy something?" was the typical male reaction. "It's like Wendell Lent charging me a dollar to get into his store to buy a shirt."

But the people flocked to the show and the dealers were smiling. It was a buying crowd

as well as a "just looking" crowd.

Moneywise it was the league's most successful project...it has become an annual event.

THIS YEAR'S three-day mart opens at noon on Friday, Sept. 10 and closes at 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12. On Friday and Saturday, the closing hour is 10 p.m.

Many of the old favorites will be back: Eleanor Lowell of Northville with her primitives and fine collection of pioneer day tools; Irene McNamara of Ann Arbor with her wide selection of furniture and accessories; the Morrisons with their wooden wares; Peggy Harding of Farmington with her "Cane n' Stain" booth; and the Englers of Redford Township with their "Iron Eagle" display of furniture, ironware, trunks and lamps.

Dealer chairmen Jane Moehle and Joanne Hulce are enthusiastic about three new



GETTING IN THE MOOD — for the ninth annual Plymouth Symphony League Antique Mart are Mrs. Ernest Moran, mart chairman, and her 10-month-old son Ernest III. The show runs Sept. 10, 11 and 12, during the Plymouth Fall Festival. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

additions to this year's show. They are: Werbel's "Oriental Antiques" of Ann Arbor featuring carved ivories and cloisonne; "Sandwich Shop Antiques" which specializes in Sandwich and Flint glass; and Marie Pottinger of Pontiac with her "Century Furniture."

THE LADIES and gen-

lemen of the Grange will be serving lunches with homemade pies, cookies, salads and sandwiches all three days.

For those with heartier appetites there is a fish fry, a pancake dinner, a roast beef dinner and the Rotary Club's big chicken barbecue on Sunday, all served just half a block away in Kellogg park.

## m. m. memos

Every summer, this western suburbia reminds me of the land where "you can't get there from here."

Its byways are pretty complicated and tangled in any case, except, of course, for the ones I know. But in the fair months, its highways defy description.

Driving around Observerland, I've squeezed past so many sewer pipes, ducked around so many "Road Closed" signs and bumped across so many routes for "local traffic only" that I begin to believe my decision to reach a certain destination inevitably starts road construction there.

The first summer I drove regularly from Farmington to Plymouth I had to work out four different routes. Every time my car learned the way home, they tore up the road again.

In the years since, there's always been some roadblock to go around regularly. This year, of course, the tearing up is right at our office front door.

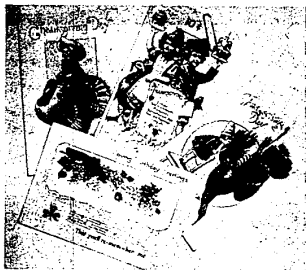
Last week, heading for a certain spot in Plymouth, I was given directions by a long-time resident. Her map was perfect, but every road I tried to use to follow it was torn asunder.

Some summer, driving through Observerland is going to be a breeze. And won't it be dull?

—Margaret Miller

## Scott Arrives

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour E. Maternal grandparents are Forbush of Livonia, announce Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Mitchem the birth of their first son, of Plymouth and paternal Scott Edward, on Aug. 11 in St. grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Seymour H. Forbush of sisters, Lynette and Cheryl. Port Hope, Mich.



## Big Supply Of Blood Needed For Brothers

A large quantity of blood, the only lifeline for two Westland brothers, is being sought in a special drive by the Knights of Columbus in Observerland.

The blood is needed for regular transfusions for Sam Calleja, 21, and his nine-year-old brother, John, two of the five children of Anthony and Carmen Calleja, 7874 Terri Drive.

Both have Mediterranean Anemia, a fatal disease that causes the bones to deteriorate. The only treatment is regular transfusions of packed red cells from whole blood. Sam must have one every 40 days and John every 90 days.

IN ORDER to get a big supply of blood for the boys—hopefully enough to last a year—the K of C District 22 has arranged to have a blood mobile at the Father Daniel Lord Hall, 39050 Schoolcraft, Livonia, from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7.

"We hope that people of all faiths will join in giving blood to help this family," said District Deputy Clarence Jenneman, 15320 Loveland, Livonia.

Appointments to give blood during that time may be made by calling the Jenneman residence. The boys' father, a Detroit barber, is a member of the Father Lord Council. Other K of C councils participating in the drive are the St. Francis Council of Farmington, the Cardinal Mooney Council of

WIDE RANGE IN PRICES — Turn-of-the-century postcards at 10 cents apiece and a Tiffany lamp at \$2,000 show the wide range in price tags at the Plymouth antique mart which opens Sept. 10. The lamp will be in Bart Isaacson's booth in the Grange Hall. (Observer photo)



SAM AND JOHN CALLEJA, Westland brothers stricken with fatal Mediterranean anemia, share an interest in tropical fish.

special stretcher from one of the railroads to take Sam to the hospital in a station wagon. The Oddfellows in this area donated a hospital bed for Sam, and the Metropolitan Club of Livonia has provided money for hobby equipment.

The need for blood has been so great that in recent years the family has had trouble getting enough. The K of C

## 4 Elected To Easter Seal Board

Four area residents were elected to serve on the board of directors for the newly constituted Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults Inc.

Serving on the board will be Mrs. Mary Brown of Plymouth, Joseph L. Fleisher of Redford Township, John R. Vincent of Westland, and Walter Russell, also of Redford Township.

The society will be based on the Easter Seal Society of Western Wayne County which has offered services to physically handicapped children and adults since 1934.

## Refresher Course Set

St. Mary Hospital, Five Mile and Levan, Livonia, is offering a refresher course for inactive registered nurses interested in returning to work.

Offered as a community service, it will begin Oct. 19, and end Dec. 2.

Nurses interested in the course must make an appointment for an interview by Oct. 1. Contact Mrs. Linda Kline at the hospital Monday through Friday for an appointment.

## It's A Boy

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jay Kubik of Westland announce the birth of a son, Thomas Jacob, Aug. 12, in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor.

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