

For Livonians

# Anniversary Is On Ice

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gorges of Livonia celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Tuesday by going skating.

It seemed the natural thing to do—they've been spending many happy hours on the ice for all of their 50 years of marriage.

In fact, until a year ago, they skied regularly too.



MR. AND MRS. EDWARD GORGES enjoy a turn around the Ford ice rink in Livonia to mark their 50th wedding anniversary. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

"We've given our skis away, though," Mrs. Caroline Gorges said. "We thought it was a little too risky."

At rinks in Livonia's Ford Recreation Center to wish them a happy 50th anniversary were managers of the rink, many friends they've made in 36 years in Livonia and even Mayor Edward McNamara.

One of their fellow skaters brought a sheet cake, and the City of Livonia furnished coffee.

Later, at the couple's home at 19030 Merriman, there was more celebrating in honor of Mr. Gorges' 76th birthday, also Sept. 28.

And next Sunday, Oct. 3, the couple will be honored by an open house in their home. Hosts for the occasion will be a niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gazda of Livonia.

Mrs. Gorges, born in Canada, has been skating since she was a small child and interested her husband in the sport after they were married in St. Boniface Catholic Church in Detroit, Sept. 28, 1921.

Their home on Merriman was one of the first along the small dirt road, and Mrs. Gorges has taught many young neighbors to skate when the puddles there froze over in the winter.

They've also skated in many of the famed rinks in the country, including Rockefeller Center, and they were among the first Livonians to use the Ford rink when it opened about three years ago. Since then they've been there for most free skating periods.

In the summer they always have a garden full of flowers. When this year's dry weather curtailed gardening, Mr. Gorges decided to paint their house. He's just about finished.

The couple's only child, Virginia, died eight years ago.

Three nieces and two nephews and their families will be coming from Canada for the open house, and Mr. and Mrs. Gorges also have congratulatory telegrams from Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and John Munroe, minister of national health and welfare.

Enough to put any 50th anniversary on ice.

## Virginia Graham Opens Farmington Town Hall Series

Virginia Graham, television star who insists she's usually known as What's-her-name, will be the first town hall speaker in this area this fall, opening the Farmington series at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, in the Northland Theater, Southfield.

Miss Graham, whose show "Girl Talk" has been a show feature for seven years, leads off a Farmington Town Hall series that also will include appearances by TV panelist Kitty Carlisle, actress Joan Fontaine and interior designer Carlton Varney.

The series, sponsored for the fourth year by the Soroptimist Club of Farmington, also will present the speakers in an informal setting in celebrity luncheons, to be held this year at Vladimir's Restaurant on Grand River west of Middle Belt in Farmington.

Tickets for the series are priced at \$10 and may be ordered through the Farmington Community Center or by sending a check to the Soroptimist Club of Farmington, Box 504, Farmington, 48024.

Season tickets also will be on sale at the Nolan Theater, 15600 J. L. Hudson Drive, before Virginia Graham's talk.

Luncheon tickets are \$5, and reservations should be made by Friday, Oct. 1, by calling the Farmington Community Center or Soroptimist President, Shirley Hatfield, at the Farmington Board of Education.

MISS GRAHAM, who delighted a Northville Town Hall audience in this area two years ago, is expected to cover a wide range of topics that could go all the way from fashion to LSD. Besides her television show, she is author of an autobiography, "There Goes What's Her Name."

Miss Carlisle, panelist on the television show "To Tell the Truth" and seen recently in Detroit as star of the Moss



VIRGINIA GRAHAM

Hart comedy "Light Up the Sky," will be the next Farmington Town Hall guest, appearing Thursday, Nov. 4.

Her talk also will take place at the Northland theater and will be followed by a Vladimir's luncheon, as will the lectures by the internationally-known designer Varney on March 15 and Miss Fontaine April 20.

Program chairman for the Farmington Town Hall 1971-72 series is Mrs. Edwin Oglesby of Farmington.

## m. m. memos

A cleaned-up kitchen cupboard and a creative cook got together for a wild Sunday supper at our house recently.

The cupboard, you see, hadn't been shoveled out in heaven knows when, so it yielded all sorts of forgotten goodies. Namely:

- Two cans of sardines (left over from a couple of Christmases ago, I think).
- A can of smoked frog legs (bought in a whimsical moment).
- A jar of cocktail onions (I'll be darned if I can remember the where or when or why).
- A canned baby octopus (I know about THAT one—it was a most original Mother's Day present I never worked up the nerve to open).

Anyway, our creative cook decided that here were the makings of a truly different pizza. She would use the traditional tomato and cheese base and arrange sardines and frog legs and onions for a new taste treat with a baby octopus in the center.

The meal preparation started well and we were beginning to anticipate a pretty good supper.

Suddenly from the kitchen came a blood-curdling shriek.

"Take it away—get it out of here," the cook begged, pointing to an opened can. It contained, of course, that fine specimen of octopus.

I have to admit that my reaction—after one look—was to stuff the critter back into the can and get the lid back on quickly.

Maybe sometime I'll try tasting that delicacy. Some OTHER time.

But the pizza sans octopus was delicious.

—Margaret Miller



## Learning Disability Conference Topic

"Success for All Children" is the title of the 1971 annual conference of the Michigan Assn. for Children with Learning Disabilities, scheduled Oct. 13 to 15.

Harrison High School in Farmington will be the scene of the conference's third day. Early sessions are planned in Royalty House in Warren and Raleigh House in Southfield. In conjunction with the activities at Harrison, the MACLD Farmington chapter is cooperating with local Parent-Teacher organizations in a special fall membership drive. The group also has a Livonia-Redford chapter in this area.

THE GROUP'S objective is to enlist support of all parents whose children are of normal ability but still experiencing learning problems. Dr. Sol Gordon, professor of family and child development

at Syracuse University, and Doris J. Johnson, assistant professor in learning disabilities at Northwestern University, are featured speakers for the three-day session.

Both will participate in the activities at Harrison.

MISS JOHNSON will talk on "Elementary School Problems and Solutions" during a morning session, and Dr. Gordon's discussion during the afternoon will deal with "Practical Problems and Practical Solutions for the Learning Disabled Adolescent."

Those interested in attending the conference or learning more about the MACLD are invited to contact the Farmington chapter, 32520 Sprucewood, or the Livonia-Redford group, 11327 Seminole, Detroit, 48239.

## Y Squaws, Papooses Ready For Pow Wows

New registrations will begin soon for the Livonia Family Y's fast-growing Indian Maiden program.

The big thing about the program, its members point out, is that mothers go with their daughters in the five-to-nine age bracket, and both generations have to be represented.

The organization thus helps a busy mother give special attention to a young daughter—or maybe two—and find some relaxation for herself.

Indian Maiden organization

meetings are planned from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 11, in the Livonia Family Y, 14255 Stark, and at the same time Wednesday, Oct. 13, in Whitman Junior High School. Both are in Livonia.

Informational flyers will be circulated in lower grades of most Livonia elementary schools before then, and girls and mothers from other communities also are welcome to join in the program. Those interested may telephone the Family Y, 4255 Stark.

INDIANS MAIDENS are divided into tribes, each including about seven mothers and their daughters. They plan together evening activities—games, songs and crafts—and refreshments. The little Maidens serve the refreshments and act as hostesses.

Special outings like trips to museums and skating rinks also are part of the programs, and the Maidens get together for campouts at the Y Camp Obeyeshe.

The tribes in their colorful Indian dresses also are regular marchers in Livonia's Memorial Day parade.



MRS. MARY PULICK of Livonia and her daughter Mary Jo -- both active Indian Maidens (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

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