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By MARGARET MILLER
Women's Editor

Women on the Go

Busy Chairman's Aim Is Helping Many Children



MRS. NORMA RINGQUIST (Evert photo)

The dining table in Mrs. Ronald Ringquist's Farmington home overflows these days with schedules, letters, pictures and floor plans.

She doesn't mind at all, because all the papers concern Norma Ringquist's work in planning the 1971 Annual Conference of the Michigan Association for Children with Learning Disabilities, coming up Friday and Saturday, Oct. 15 and 16.

And Mrs. Ringquist is willing to undertake whatever work is necessary to tell the story of children with special learning problems to some of the people these youngsters encounter on their way through school.

THE CONFERENCE — the Saturday sessions to be held in Farmington's new Harrison High School — is designed for teachers, administrators, advisors and school board members as well as interested parents, Mrs. Ringquist said.

"We're focusing more on secondary schools — junior and senior high," she added, "because our children who have been getting some extra support in the elementary grades now are moving on and they still need this support."

Just what are these "supports"? And the Michigan Association for Children with Learning Disabilities? And the disabilities themselves? Norma Ringquist's glad to explain.

"Children of normal and even superior intelligence sometimes have certain areas in which their learning is blocked," she said. "It might be a visual problem — or one of hearing. Sometimes memory — a child simply cannot follow a set of directions. Sometimes the difficulty is in the reasoning process, or motor development."

"It's been estimated that 20 per cent of children in school have some sort of disability. And teachers who are sensitive to the problems often can spot them and help."

AS AN EXAMPLE, she suggested the child who simply cannot learn the difference between right and left. "A teacher who understands this can say the word each time she points to the direc-

tion," Mrs. Ringquist said. All sorts of ideas in this area will be available during the conference to be held Friday morning in Royalty House, Warren, Friday afternoon in Raleigh House in Southfield and from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, in Harrison High.

Two noted experts in the field, Dr. Sol Gordon of Syracuse University and Denis J. Johnson of Northwestern University, will be speaking, and numerous workshops are planned.

MRS. RINGQUIST is president of the Farmington chapter of the MACLD, which, in addition to helping with work on the ambitious conference, is trying in other ways to carry the story of children with learning problems to the whole community.

Visits to all PTA groups, a continuing gymnasium program for those with motor problems and a one-to-one volunteer tutoring program are among the current activities arranged by her "fantastic" executive board. To understand the difficulties faced by some of these children, Mrs. Ringquist said you might think of all the things you need to know when you cross an intersection at dusk.

"You need to recognize colors, and judge speeds, and see clearly and move quickly," she pointed out. "If you're missing any of these abilities, you may not make it."

FORMERLY A VOLUNTEER with the blind and retarded in the Plymouth State Home, Mrs. Ringquist said she had been active in the Farmington chapter of the MACLD since its organization because her daughter had experienced some learning problems.

"For most of who are involved," she said, "it took a while to get to the bottom of the problem. We think at first we can just make sure the child concentrates, or give him extra help, or wait for him to outgrow his problem."

"But when we accept the situation, the association is a place where we can meet

other parents like us, and it lifts quite a load."

MANY CHILDREN diagnosed as learning-disabled are able to continue through school and even go to college, Mrs. Ringquist said, although she feels there should be more emphasis on vocational training for many others.

Help for these children, she said, is badly needed because, unlike her charges in the Plymouth home, "These kids know what they can't do and what they have to do, and the realization can be the most demoralizing thing that can happen to a child."

She also pointed out that changes to help them would be expensive to school systems, and suggested that some opposition comes from people opposed to any change.

"But there's one thing we should remember," Norma Ringquist concluded.

"People who are successful — and that includes most living in this area — are likely to feel that if they made it through the schools of their day, anyone can do it."

"The trouble is we don't hear from those who had difficulty because they did not become successes. Someone must speak for them too."

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State Questers To Meet Oct. 13

Mrs. Orville T. Loper of Des Moines, Iowa, will be a guest at the state convention of Michigan Questers Wednesday, Oct. 13, in the Hilton Hotel, Ann Arbor. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. Mrs. Loper is Quester national president. She will be accompanied by Mrs. Glenn Dugger, national membership chairman.

The theme for the day will be "Early Michigan Homesteads." Richard Frank, an architect and noted authority on historical buildings in Michigan, will discuss "Historic Preservation — What It Is and Its Relevance." He will also show slides.

FRANK IS ON the board of advisors of the National Trust for Historical Preservation and the Ann Arbor Historical Foundation Board of Trustees. Mrs. William Paratore,

Michigan State president, will announce the names of members who serve on a "Blue Ribbon Committee," which has been compiling information during the summer for a restoration project to be undertaken by all Michigan Questers. This will be the first project of this sort for the state organization.

The two hostess chapters, Ann Arbor and Jacksonburg, will give demonstrations of early arts and crafts. Mrs. Joseph Pickel of Ann Arbor will act as chairman. Theme for the day will be carried out with table centerpieces in the form of replicas of Early New England salt box houses.

Questers is a national organization which educates by research and study and contributes to the preservation of historical sites. There is a membership of more than 1,000 in the state in 66 chapters.

MRS. ROSE L. GREENBERG of Farmington has been named a new member of the Sinai Hospital Board of Directors. Founding treasurer and past president of the hospital's Women's Guild, she also has served as president of the Michigan Association of Hospital Auxiliaries. In addition, she is a board member of Temple Israel and has served in various capacities with the Jewish Welfare Federation.