

YW Offers Mrs. Getz Is Tutoring New Chairman

The Oakland YWCA is offering tutoring for elementary age children. Classes will meet Monday afternoons at the YW, 839 S. Crooks Road, Clawson.

To register, call Pam Cummings at the Y. Classes will be tutored by Anita Niser, who will be assisted by aides. The fee will be \$15 for 10 weeks. First and second graders will meet from 3:45 to 4:15 p.m.; third and fourth graders from 4:15 to 4:45 p.m. and fifth and sixth graders from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m.

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Women on the Go Hearts Are Trumps For Plymouth Mother

By MARGARET MILLER
Women's Editor

Hearts stand for love - anyone who's ever mailed a Valentine or scribbled a sentimental note will tell you that. For Mrs. Harold Guenther of Plymouth, who surrounds herself with many hearts, they symbolize a special kind of family love. Geneva Guenther collects heart-shaped objects and loves bright red, though she insists most sincerely that "I don't approve of collecting at all" and that she was once a "basic navy" type. BUT HER LIFE up to now has brought her to the heart motif - she wears a gold ring with a tiny heart attached and with her invariably red dresses she often tied about her throat a couple of embroidered red felt hearts sent to her by a friend. For kicks, her sunglasses sport red, heart-shaped rims. In her 159-year-old home, where shades of red and white



GENEVA GUENTHER and some of her hearts (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

dominate the decor, you can see heart-shaped trivets on the kitchen wall. A lover of antiques, she includes among her hearts a wall sconce, a cake server and a toilet paper holder, all with hearts cut out. There's a sample of hobo art made from cigar boxes and decorated with hearts, of course. She also has an old ice-skate, found by a young friend who was going through piles of old metal for the junk sculpture he makes, and a wooden shredder with a heart carved in the top. "There's a washboard like that, too," Mrs. Guenther said. "I think it's interesting that the men in frontier times carved hearts in the implements their wives used for working." GENEVA GUENTHER did a bit of research into the heart as a symbol for a paper she prepared for the Plymouth Antique Club a while back. She pointed out then that the shape appears in ancient culture and in every modern one from the Renaissance on, but not in the classical art of the Persians, Greeks and Romans. "This I can readily understand," she wrote then. "for it seems to me that the heart was the expression of the 'little man,' the simple soul, the jack-of-all-trades. In the fashioning of purely utilitarian objects, he reflected his own artistic craving." She researched the heart as a symbol of faith in Pennsylvania Dutch art and as sentimental messengers in Victorian Valentines. She touched on the many forms it has taken in decorative art, from moustache cups to wheel spokes. Then she pointed out that "this folderol didn't have a blessed thing to do with the

Al-Anon Rally Planned Feb. 20

The 12th annual rally for Al-Anon, an organization for relatives of alcoholics, will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, in the grand ballroom of the Veterans Memorial Building, 151 W. Jefferson, Detroit. All interested persons are invited.

Guest speaker will be Father Fred, an Al-Anon priest from New Jersey who has been interested in alcoholism for 25 years and for most of that time has been affiliated with the organization. The Al-Anon family groups are made up of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience to solve their common problem of living with an alcoholic. Members believe alcoholism is an illness that can be arrested and that changed family attitudes often can aid recovery. Al-Anon has no membership dues and is self-supporting through voluntary contributions.

The purpose of the rally is to reach more people in need of Al-Anon help. Persons in professional fields that deal with alcoholism are invited to attend so that they may better understand the group's purpose.

Born Dec. 25?
An international club for people born on Christmas Day is seeking new members in the Observer area.
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