



PLAY ACTIVITIES that Observer photographer Bob Woodring caught in the Mt. Hope Cooperative Nursery in Livonia could be duplicated in nurseries all over the area. At the left, Britt Daniels of Garden City tries sponge painting. Center, Lisa Burchfield, Livonia, concentrates on an artistic masterpiece. Above, it's balance beam time for Marc Bacon of Livonia.

## Co-op Nurseries Begin Roundup

The calendar may say it's time to think spring, but cooperative nurseries in Observeland would like to have parents think fall. That's because these groups now are preparing their lists of members and making plans for their 1972-73 years. A few have lists almost complete, but all are accepting new applications because experience has shown that vacancies often turn up in September.

**COOPERATIVE NURSERIES** are what the name implies - organizations that require participation by all families involved. Tuition is lower than in regular nurseries and day care centers because mothers take turns assisting the trained teachers in charge of each session. Most mothers have found the required two or three days a month required of them turns out to be a plus - they can keep in closer touch with the nursery program and have a special time for their nursery school child.

Cooperative nursery school membership also requires attendance at regular meetings, usually monthly, at which the business of the nursery is transacted.

**COOPERATION** also extends into such areas as carpools and care of equipment, and fathers frequently get into the act with paint-up sessions and by repairing equipment. Nurseries accept children

who will be three or four by Dec. 1, 1972, and most also accept five - year - olds who have not yet started kindergarten. Most separate the children by age; a few prefer not to do so.

**THESE ARE** the cooperative nursery schools serving Observeland families:

**BULMAN NURSERY, INC.** - Has three classes, two for four - year - olds and one for three - year - olds. All meet twice a week in the John Knox house of St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Five Mile west of Inkster, Livonia. Call Mrs. Richard LaBurn, 17562 Rexwood, Livonia.

**FAMILY LIFE NURSERY** - Has two classes, one for four - year - olds and one for three - year - olds. Both meet twice a week in North Congregation Church, Lahser and Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Call Mrs. John Buff, 29534 Westbrook, Southfield.

**FARMINGTON COOPERATIVE NURSERY** - This nursery meets now in the North Farmington Baptist Church, 13 Mile and Orchard Lake Road, but will move in the fall to Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23615 Powers, Farmington. It has two classes, with three - year - olds meeting twice a week and four - year - olds three times a week. An open house for parents interested in mem-

bership is scheduled from 8 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, in North Farmington Baptist. Call Mrs. Fredrick Molner, 23021 Glenmore Heights, Farmington.

**GARDEN CITY COOPERATIVE NURSERY, INC.** - Has four classes, all meeting twice a week in the Garden City Presbyterian Church, Middle Belt and Ford. Three - year - olds have one session, meeting in the morning, and four - year - olds are scheduled in one morning and two afternoon sessions. The nursery will hold an open house for parents only from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, May 1, at the church. Call Mrs. Robert Marcotte, 6829 Mansfield, Garden City, or Mrs. John

Warington, 29104 Hennepin, Garden City.

**HENRY CLAY PRESCHOOL NURSERY** - A new nursery started a month ago for four - year - olds in the district of Henry Clay Elementary School, in the Six Mile - Levan area of Livonia. The class meets three mornings a week at the school. Children from outside the district will be accepted next fall if there are openings. Call Mrs. Richard Hansen, 16739 Renwick, Livonia.

**LATHRUP COOPERATIVE NURSERY** - The only cooperative in the area scheduled five mornings a week. Children both three and four years of age are ac-

cepted. The nursery meets in a house at 11 Mile and Evergreen, Southfield. Call Mrs. Richard Barnaby, 21212 West Nine Mile, Southfield.

**LIVONIA NURSERY, INC.** - Has three classes, one for three - year - olds meeting two mornings a week, and two for four - year - olds, meeting two mornings or two afternoons a week in Rosedale Gardens United Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. Call Mrs. Sherwin Collins, 11027 Mayfield, Livonia.

**MAYFAIR NURSERY** - Has four classes meeting in Orchard United Methodist Church, 14 Mile and Farmington Road, Farmington.

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## 2 Town Halls Set

Joan Fontaine and Nila Magidoff are spotlighted in area town hall appearances Wednesday, March 15.

Miss Fontaine, noted actress, will make an earlier-than-planned visit to the Farmington Town Hall. Originally scheduled as the fourth speaker in the series, she was unable to keep her April date and will come next week.

Carlton Varney, interior designer who was to have been here in March, instead will speak April 20.

Miss Fontaine's talk at 11 a.m. in the Northland Theater in Southfield will be followed by a celebrity luncheon in Vladimir's, Farmington restaurant. Luncheon tickets are \$5 and may be reserved by calling the Farmington Community Center or writing Farmington Town Hall, Box 504. Reservations must be received by 12 noon Monday, March 13.

Nila Magidoff, a native of Russia, will make a return visit to the Livonia Town Hall when she speaks in the Terrace Theater, 30400 Plymouth, Livonia, at 10:30 a.m.

Remembered for her talk several years ago about early years in this country and her marriage to correspondent Robert Magidoff, she will speak this time about a recent tour of Russia in a rented car.

Tickets for the Livonia Town Hall Celebrity Luncheon in the Mayflower Meeting House, Plymouth, may be reserved by calling the telephone number on the back of the season tickets.



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## m. m. memos

One of the many church bulletins I read on my job stated shortly after Feb. 2 that "the groundhogs have done whatever groundhogs are supposed to do."

Just what they are supposed to do is a matter that always puzzled me.

I've understood that if the critters see their shadow, they retire for another six weeks and we can forget about an early spring.

"But if they see their shadow, it means it's a sunny day," our youngest commented during the annual discussion this year, "so why doesn't that mean spring is coming soon?"

I couldn't answer that one, but when the day of the groundhog passed in cloudiness, we wondered if we might dare hope for an end to winter soon. (No, make that I wondered—she really didn't care much because she likes skating and sliding better than I like icy walks and slushy and slippery roads.)

But a few days ago I began to think I could believe in groundhogs. For the first time ever in February, I spotted a robin.

And that brought to mind another superstition and another problem. It's supposed to be good luck if you see spring's first robin in a tree instead of on the ground, so what does it mean if you see your first on a utility wire?

Probably that I should make light of all the old wives' tales and wait out the winter as I always do.

—MARGARET MILLER

ALAN ELLIOTT and Kathleen Doyle thumb through a World Almanac to find the spot in Ireland where they'll be living after their marriage March 10. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

## Ireland Will Be Home For Livonia Colleen

By MARGARET MILLER

Women's Editor Consider, if you've a mind for things appropriate at St. Patrick's time of year, a pretty girl named Kathleen Doyle becoming a bride on March 10, just a week before the good saint's day.

Add the fact that the wedding will take place in St. Michael Catholic Church in Livonia, that Kathleen's grandfather immigrated from Ireland and that she hopes to have a few shamrocks tucked into her bridal bouquet when she marries Alan Elliott.

It would add up to a good Irish story - even if you didn't add the fact that Kathy and Alan are planning to make Ireland their home.

THEY'VE THOUGHT IT OVER carefully and decided that the good life for them is to be found in Ireland's County Wexford, taking over the farm that has been in Kathy's family for generations.

Kathy already knows the farm. She spent four months last summer visiting her "very young-at-heart" great-

uncle, Tim Doyle, and felt at home there from the very beginning.

Alan, who says "people call me Buster," feels he knows it too, from the descriptions and diagrams Kathy sent home. Their plan is to accept Tim Doyle's invitation to share the farm home. They'll head for Ireland in August and they plan to get some beef cattle and a few crops going on the farm. Eventually, they also want to open a shop to sell local craft work in the nearby town of Wexford, which gets many tourist visitors.

Kathy made some contacts with Wexford artisans while in Ireland last summer, and is sure a shop would be a profitable enterprise.

**LIFE ON THE FARM** - where there's no indoor plumbing or central heating and the nearest telephone is a couple of miles away - represents big changes for both.

Kathy lived most of her life in Livonia and graduated from Stevenson High. Buster grew up in Sarnia, Ont., where both

are making their home now. But it's the difference in values that makes them want to try the new life.

"I can live better with the values of the Irish people," Kathy explained. "Here there is constant pressure to make more money, to get a better job, to keep up with others. Some people like that. I don't but I don't know how to avoid it here."

"I can be myself better in Ireland."

Buster, who spent some time on a relative's farm, knows they both have a lot to learn but feels they can make it in Ireland.

After the wedding, they intend to keep their jobs for a while - Kathy is working as a waitress in Port Huron and Buster is employed by a construction company in Sarnia - to save enough to give the farm its start.

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