

Spotlight on Women



BEVERLY LeBLANC

Mr. and Mrs. George A. LeBlanc of Merriam Avenue, Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Beverly, to Gregory Paul Hrbal, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hrbal of Hathaway Avenue, Livonia. Both are 1969 graduates of Franklin High School and the prospective bridegroom is employed by Firestone Stores in Livonia. They will be married in April.



WANDA VANTASSEL

Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Vantassel of Merriam Road, Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Wanda, to James Bely, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bely of Allen Park. The bride-elect is a graduate of Clarenceville High School and her fiancé is employed by the Ford Motor Co. They plan to be married April 22.



JUDITH STEWART

Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Stewart of Houghton Street, Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Judith Lynn, to Sgt. Cliff W. Terry, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Terry of Stonehouse Street, Livonia. Miss Stewart is a graduate of Stevenson High School and is employed at Woodland Lanes. Her fiancé is stationed in Germany with the U.S. Army. An April 7 wedding is planned.



PAMELA HAGGERTY

Mrs. Charles Haggerty of Aubrey Avenue, Redford Township, announces the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Susan, to Thomas Grish, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cass Grish of Clearwater, Fla., formerly of Detroit. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Providence Hospital School of Nursing and employed by Providence Hospital. Her fiancé attended Wayne State University and is employed by Sinai Hospital. An April wedding is planned.



PAMELA SMUTEK

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest V. Smutek of Birmingham, formerly of Farmington, announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Kay, to Bruce G. Kuller of Grand Rapids, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kuller of New Port Richey, Fla. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Providence Hospital School of Nursing and employed by Providence Hospital. Her fiancé is a 1971 graduate of Michigan Technological University at Houghton. He was affiliated with Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering fraternity, and Chi Epsilon, an honorary in civil engineering. He is employed by Williams & Works Consulting Engineers in Grand Rapids and is a member of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers and the American Society of Civil Engineers. A summer wedding is planned.



BARBARA MAYVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Mayville Jr. of Roycroft Street, Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Catherine, to Douglas Raymond Greening, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Greening of Lexington Drive, Plymouth. The bride-to-be is a 1968 graduate of Stevenson High School and employed as a department manager for A.C.E., Inc., in Plymouth. Her fiancé is a 1967 graduate of Plymouth High School. He is currently enrolled in the electro-medical technology program at Schoolcraft College and is employed by Allied Supermarkets, Inc. The couple plan to be married April 29.

Dr. and Mrs. John T. Karaphillis of Clearwater, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Tula Evangeline, to Stephen Thomas Economy, son of Mr. Thomas G. Economy of Park Avenue, Livonia, and the late Mr. Economy. The bride-elect is a graduate of Queens College in Charlotte, N.C., and Florida State University. Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan and employed by the Michigan Bell Telephone Co. as sales manager in data communications. He is a member of the Engineering Society of Detroit and president of Nottingham West Homeowners Association. The couple plans to marry May 6 in Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Clearwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Hatty of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Jean, to Joseph D. Kondziola of Royal Oak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Kondziola of Bay City. The bride-elect is a graduate of St. Theresa High School in Detroit and attended the University of Detroit and Wayne State University. Her fiancé has a degree in engineering from the University of Michigan. A fall wedding is planned.



SUSAN ROBERTS

Mr. and Mrs. Mickey D. Roberts of Raleigh Road, Farmington, announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Marie, to Kenneth Allen Rittmuller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Rittmuller of Itasca, Ill. The bride-elect is a 1970 graduate of North Farmington High School and is employed as a secretary by Columbia Pictures. Her fiancé attended the University of South Carolina and was a captain with the Green Berets in Vietnam. He is a district manager for 7-Eleven Food Stores. A fall wedding is planned.

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Plymouth Quilting Bee

Pioneer Craft Gets New Life

Quilting, that womanly art of pioneer America, is getting a revival in Plymouth these days.

And the ladies attending the modern-day bees feel a bit like pioneers themselves. They had to do some real trail-blazing before they were able to set up a class.

Mrs. Thelma Cupler, Plymouth dressmaking and tailoring instructor who took over the class because "I had done some quilting years ago as a hobby," notes an updating in the craft and thinks its popularity may increase.

"WHAT THE WOMEN I'm teaching are doing isn't what I expected," she said. "They are creating their own designs and getting lovely results. But the quilting part will be the same."

The whole thing began, explained Mrs. Nora Stark of Plymouth, with the antique bed that she and her husband, Joel, retail advertising manager for Observer Newspapers, purchased.

"It needed a quilt for a spread, and I wanted to make one, but I didn't know how," Mrs. Stark said.

She called colleges in the area to see if quilting was taught in the art or home economics courses. It wasn't. She tried several fabric stores. No leads.

THEN ARRIVED a listing of adult education courses offered in Plymouth schools. There was no quilting course, of course, but there was a note that other classes might be offered if 10 or more people were interested in them.

Mrs. Stark called the Plymouth schools' adult education division just about the time Mrs. Cupler, a fairly new Plymouth resident, had called to see if the division needed teachers.

She had done some quilting, so the class was arranged.

The women now are working on the top parts of their quilts, and they don't look much like the patchwork designs of the frontier women or the stylized appliques that have been popular over the years.

One is an original design in

applique. Mrs. Stark is creating a puff quilt, with each piece in the top stuffed for a raised effect.

They soon reach the stage of adding the batting center and the bottom section of the quilts and joining them together by the handstitching process that's called quilting. "That's

the hard part," Mrs. Stark said.

IN ADDITION to instruction in making quilts, the women have been getting a course in embroidery stitches in the classes in Mrs. Cupler's home at 1085 Lyndon, Plymouth.

Mrs. Stark has a lot of other ideas for the quilting process. "Pot - holders and aprons

are two of them," she said, "and I'm planning to make a full-length skirt for a table. Those of us in the class feel we're being pioneers in what to us, is an exciting new kind of handwork."



MRS. NORA STARK works on the patchwork puff pillow she's making to go on an antique bed. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

Club To Discuss Plans For Artrain

Mrs. Gae McCord will speak and show slides about Artrain at a meeting of the Western Suburban Junior Woman's Club at 8 p.m., Monday, March 13, in Sword of the Spirit Lutheran Church, 34563 Seven Mile, Livonia.

Artrain will arrive in Plymouth April 15, and some members of the club have volunteered to act as guides during its six-week stay. Fine arts will be the theme for the evening and members have been asked to bring handmade handicraft items.

Northwest Unit Plans Meeting

Mrs. Laura Hess of the Wayne County Department of social services will be guest speaker at a meeting of the Northwest Communities Association for Retarded Children.

The meeting will be held at 8

Plymouth Club Will Hold Fashion Show

The Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club will hold its spring fashion show at 8 p.m., Thursday, March 16, in the auditorium of the Westland Shopping Center, Wayne and Warren Roads, Westland.

Tickets will be sold at the door for \$2.50 each. Refreshments will be served. Irene S. Boltz is general chairman of the event. Millie Blackford and Robert Fitzner will be the commentators and Patricia Hann will do the coiffures.

Models from the BPW group include Velma Bartel, Sandra Bissey, Irene S. Boltz, Sandra Davis, Connie Fitzner, Geraldine Fortney, Marian Johnston, Lois McAllister, Lauretta McGhee, Janet Richwine, Grace Rix and Louise Spence.

Cooley Class Plans Reunion

The Cooley High School class of 1952 is planning a reunion and looking for graduates who live in this area. Those who would like to be included in plans for the Detroit school's 20-year reunion are asked to call Mrs. Thomas Ford (formerly Gretchen Glick), 21056 Robinwood, Farmington.

Delta Zetas Plan Election

The Detroit Metropolitan alumnae of Delta Zeta

Rosedale Branch To Meet

The Rosedale Gardens Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association will hear a report on the homemakers' conference college week for women held recently at Michigan State University at its regular meeting Tuesday, March 14.

Members will meet at 12 noon for a luncheon in the Clubhouse, 9611 Hubbard, at W. Chicago, Livonia. Mrs. Faye Stoll and Mrs. Gail Briscoe of Lapeer will present the conference report. Their attendance was sponsored by the branch, which has received a certificate of recognition for the MSU extension service. Members are reminded to bring their own table service and a guest.

Alpha Xi Delta Unit To Meet

The Western Wayne County Alumnae Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta will meet at 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 14, in the home of Nadia Alkateeb, 25819 Arden Park Drive, Farmington.

Planning for the sixth province convention to be held April 14-16 in Ypsilanti will head the program for the evening. There will also be installation of officers. All area alumnae are invited to attend. Anyone wishing directions, may contact Phyllis Cummings, 3409 State Street, Farmington.

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