

Farmington Woman Finds Happiness In Volunteer Service for Children

By JOY STINSON

How many stories have been written about the volunteer worker who has given a lifetime of service to those not so fortunate? Each of these women has her own story to tell us as to why she has devoted hundreds of hours helping in hospitals and homes or working on charity projects and drives. Most of these women say they feel they are so fortunate themselves that they have a strong need to help others who have not been equally blessed with good health, a happy home or average mental capabilities.

This is the story of a woman slightly different from the usual volunteer worker. Similarly, Mrs. Philip Sils of Farmington feels she has been blessed. So, for years she has devoted a good portion of her time to helping others. Because of her great love for children, much of her work has been with the young who are handicapped.

Presently she is devoting all her energies to physical therapy for the children at the Plymouth State Home and Training School for mentally retarded children.

Here the image of the familiar volunteer worker ends. Mrs. Sils is almost totally blind. You'd never guess that she



Mrs. Philip Sils sells a baby outfit for the benefit of the Plymouth State Home.

can distinguish only light from dark when she goes about her work. Every Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until noon, you'll find her in front of the Farmington Savings and Loan selling the nationally known Cherry dale candy to benefit the Plymouth State Home.

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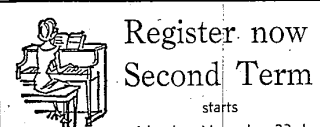
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Madeline Rice

Mrs. Dawn Rice, 15536 Lexington, Redford Township, announces the engagement of her daughter, Madeline Dawn to Thomas Corey Saylor of Deerfield, Michigan. Madeline is a graduate of Redford Union High School, attended Eastern Michigan University and is now employed by the U. of M. Personnel Division in Ann Arbor. Mr. Saylor is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and is now a teacher-coach in the Hudson Michigan Junior High School. The marriage will be solemnized Saturday, December 12, at a candle-light ceremony at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church of Livonia.

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Her volunteer work has been interrupted only once. Although her eyes were slowly failing, seven-and-a-half years ago, Mrs. Sils went almost totally blind.

"I woke up one morning and longer could see," she said. "They immediately took me to a hospital."

In almost a four months stay, she underwent three eye operations for a detached retina. They did not restore her sight.

Since that time she has had only slight vision in one eye, being able to distinguish light from dark objects. And, it is feared that even that may eventually be lost.

"One year ago the diagnosis was told to Mrs. Sils—cancer of the eye.

"But the cancer actually was discovered long ago and I'm still okay. My husband had cancer back in 1946 and he also is fine today, so you see we are very fortunate," she said.

Even though this bare minimum of sight may fail, Mrs. Sils still lives in hope. She bases her strong will on her belief that "We are all God's children and he will take care of us."

"As long as the children pray for me—and they do—I'm sure this bit of sight will stay."

Four years ago—shortly after moving to Farmington—Mrs. Sils became interested in the Plymouth State Home after taking a tour of their building. At that time, the facilities were located in Farmington. In 1960 they moved to a larger 230-acre site in Northville right on the Plymouth border. They took the name of Plymouth so not to be confused with the Northville State Home.

Presently there are 800 patients at the Home ranging in age from a few months to 20 years. However, when facilities are expanded—hopefully by 1970—the home will be able to handle 1,800 to 2,500 patients from every age group, according to William Boyd, community relations director of the Home.

Eventually they will take all types of retarded from the very serious to the trainable and educable.

For these goals of expansion, Mrs. Sils has worked diligently. "When she is not at the Home, she is busy in the community doing any type of project necessary and spreading the word about the needs of mentally retarded children," Boyd says of one of his best workers.

With the loss of her eyesight, instead of slowing down her volunteer pace, she has stepped it up.

Blindness has caused few problems for her. In fact, she has adapted in a way that seems to be reserved for those blind since birth. "I can't see as fine as I used to," she says. "And, have to beg for a ride to the hospital. Although, someone is always there to help me out, particularly my daughter."

"My husband says if the work means that much to me, I should take a cab." But with the amount of time she spends at the home, cab fares would cause a considerable drop in the budget.

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JC Auxiliary Babysitting Clinic Graduates 19

Nineteen Redford Township girls ages 12-18 received their "Babysitting Certificates" after completing an examination Tuesday evening, Oct. 27, 1964. This brought the Redford Jaycee Auxiliary's Babysitting Clinic to a climax with refreshments of punch and assorted tea cookies at the end of this last session.

The clinic was held in the community room of the Redford Police Station, initiated in the township by the auxiliary last year, it consisted of five weekly sessions.

The series of educational talks began with State Trooper Kaiser from the 7 Mile-Grand River Post on Sept. 29. He gave an interesting and informative demonstration of "Mouth to Mouth Resuscitation."

On Oct. 6, Miss Joan Rider and Mrs. Delores Ray of the Wayne County Health Department gave a talk on "Infant Care."

The Livonia Jaycee Auxiliary gave their speech on "Accidental Poisoning" Oct. 13. They also offer the "Accidental Poisoning Clinic" to their Livonia community throughout the year.

On Oct. 20, Mr. Jerry Montgomery, exec. director of the Greater Detroit Safety Council, delivered into the high rate of accidents in our homes. His topic showed via discursive film how to prevent such accidents by simple everyday precautions.

Mrs. Robert Hawley, chairman, announced the second clinic to be offered will be given in March. Further information will be released at that time as to the exact dates.

Auxiliary members assisting in this community service project are Mrs. Roy Jarvis, Mrs. Bob Collier, Mrs. Jim Reardon, Mrs. Ken Keley, Mrs. Don Scott, and Mrs. Bud McArthur. Mrs. John Krathwohl was director in charge.

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Five Win Mum Plants At Dinner

Five door prizes of mum plants were awarded at the VFW Smorgasbord Nov. 8. The winners were: Wes Hoffman; N. McCracken; Gary Krumm; Bill Fletcher; and Kurt Erickson.

Approximately 700 diners were served by the Plymouth VFW Auxiliary at the Post Home on Lilly Rd.

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