

Livonia Artist Wins 2 Prizes

Larry Kazak, of Livonia, won two awards for steel sculpture works in the annual exhibition of selected works from adult art classes of the Bloomfield Art Association.

The exhibition of 80 works including paintings, drawings, lithography, sculpture, weaving and pottery, will be on display at 1515 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham, from June 25 to Aug. 6.

Kazak's stainless steel sculpture entitled "Dandelion" took second prize in the show, and he won honorable mention for a sculpture called "Torso."

The first-prize winner was a drawing, "Detroit Symphony," by Audrey Hurlburt, of Birmingham.

Teens Ford to Teach

Teena A. Ford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert R. Ford, of MacIntyre, Livonia, has graduated from Eastern Michigan University. She plans to teach third grade at Monroe School in September.

A 1963 graduate of Bentley High School, she is a member of Kappa Delta Pi and Delta Zeta Society.

Women on the GO!

By Margaret Miller

Everyone knows what the head of a school cafeteria sees, in a city like Livonia, does during the school year. She makes out the hot lunch menus, of course. The ones that are so widely consulted that thousands of homes fall apart at the seams on Monday morning if for some reason *The Observer* fails to print them.

But now, with vacation here and daily menus and scores of administrative chores put aside for a month or so, Mrs. Geraldine Tobin remains one of the busiest ladies around.

This week she is at Mt. Pleasant, where the Michigan School Food Service Association is holding its 19th annual convention on the campus of Central Michigan University.

As president-elect of the organization, taking office at this session, she has had a major share in the planning of a program that included entertainment by Father Joseph Dustin, known as the

beni-playing priest, and an address by Dr. John Perryman, head of the national school food service organization.

Then, at the beginning of August, Mrs. Tobin has been asked to speak at Dallas for the convention of the American School Food Service on "Disposables."

Gerry Tobin is well qualified to talk on that subject, for the use of throw-away equipment in school cafeterias, in order to save time and money and increase general efficiency, is a matter to which she's devoted plenty of attention.

Livonia school cafeterias use paper plates and serving dishes and plastic utensils wherever possible. The system also furnishes white plastic aprons—they cost eight cents each compared to a 15-cent laundry fee—for lunch-room attendants who don't have to be near hot stoves.

"And when someone comes up with a paper uniform for less than 50 cents, we'll buy it," says Gerry Tobin.

Back in Livonia later in the summer, there will be the work of completing plans to package complete hot lunches in foil and paper containers for new schools so that the existing expensive kitchens can be put to more efficient use.

"We're not putting kitchens in the new Livonia schools," Mrs. Tobin explained. "They cost up to \$100,000, and so we're going to do more with the idea of shipping prepared hot lunches from the kitchens we already have."

A unique vending machine, she added, serves hot lunches at Bentley High School. It's the only spot in the world, she said, that vends a complete Type-A lunch in one coin operation. Type-A is a standard set by the federal government, which supplies funds for school lunches only if its nutritional requirements are met.

Gerry Tobin is entirely in accord with the theme of her state convention that "school lunches are an educational experience."

In planning the menus for

the more than 1,500,000 Type-A lunches that will be served in Livonia next year, she likes to use tricky names for familiar foods.

"The idea is to get the children to ask questions so they know more about foods and nutrition," she said. "And I firmly believe they are better off with a hot lunch, so I sometimes jazz up the names a bit to get more of them to buy it."

Experimentation in the food program, looking for new ways to cook and serve, is very much part of Mrs. Tobin's background.

A graduate of St. Xavier College in Chicago, the oldest women's Catholic college in America, and of the University of Chicago, where she studied foods and nutrition and institutional management, she worked for a time in children's hospitals.

During World War II she worked in two experimental food programs, one at the University of Illinois where research was done to determine what foods keep the human body warmest, and one with the Army Quartermasters' Subsistence, Research and Development program, studying fresh and canned meats.

Mrs. Tobin said she went into school cafeteria work partly to have more time in the summer with husband George, a former Notre Dame football star and now teacher and grid coach in a Detroit high school, and their seven children, Mary Margaret, 20; Mike, 19; Timmy, 17; Mark, 16; Geraldine, 14; Joanne, 12; and Paula, 8, born after her mother joined the Livonia school system.

And does a nutrition expert with a big family practice her theories in all their home eating?

"We'll put it this way," says Gerry Tobin. "If their food isn't up to what it should be from a nutrition standpoint, I at least feel guilty about it."

Which makes her not so different from the mothers in all those homes where her menus are read so carefully.

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Peggy Stevens of Livonia Joins Sorority at EMU

Peggy Stevens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Schoenberg, of Orangelawn Avenue, Livonia, has been initiated into the Gamma Sigma Chapter of Delta Zeta Sorority at Eastern Michigan University. She is a 1966 graduate of Franklin High School and is a freshman at EMU, majoring in art education.

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