



BUSY AT WORK collecting books for Farmington Branch's 15th Annual AAUW Used Book Sale to take place at Livonia Mall, September 28, 29, and 30, are Book Sale Chairman Mrs. Gerald Heater, and Branch president, Mrs. Ernest Gaston.

AAUW Book Sale Set Sept. 28-30

The Farmington Branch of the American Association of University Women will hold its 15th Annual Used Book Sale in the Livonia Mall Thursday through Saturday, Sept. 28 to 30, from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Book sale chairman is Mrs. Gerald Heater and the co-chairman is Mrs. John Allen. Most of the proceeds from the sale goes to a special fund which provides fellowship assistance to talented women scholars, both in the U.S. and abroad, who are studying for doctoral degrees.

Committee heads for the book sale project include: Publicity—Mrs. Joseph D. Hovanecian. Sorting and Mixing books—Mrs. Thomas Czabak. Storage of books—Mrs. R.M. Grinager, and Mrs. David Mills. Art and Posters—Mrs. Richard Frankel, and Mrs. Glenn Teutcl.

Livonia GOP Women Meet
James O'Neill, Republican member of the Michigan Board of Education, will speak before the Livonia Republican Women's Federation at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 28, in the Encore Restaurant in Wonderland Shopping Center.

A Dutch treat luncheon will precede the talk. The speaker will discuss the proposed 12-month school year, teacher strikes and salaries.

Newcomers Set Show
Kays of Plymouth will present fall styles for the Plymouth Newcomers Club fashion show on Thursday, Oct. 5. There will be a hospitality hour at 11:30 a.m., followed by a buffet luncheon. Tickets may be obtained from Jo Ellen Odum, 453-5913, or Carole Zeman, 453-6434, for Lakeside, June Emerson, 455-0718, for Midtown, Ellen Louis, 453-3038, for Riverdale and Salem Square, Ellen Swabon, 455-0285, for New England Village, and Beryl Brandt, 455-0458, for Southwest. Tickets must be purchased by noon of Oct. 2, and none will be sold at the door. Baby-sitting arrangements also must be made by noon, Oct. 2, with Nona McFall, 453-7767.

Women on the GO!

By Margaret Miller

"There's so much fulfillment to this job—you hardly know where to start." That's how Mrs. June Sears describes her work as home economist for the Michigan Cooperative Extension Service. There's the contact she has with women in family living study groups all over the area. There's the chance to get into the Detroit inner city—to Twelfth Street—and find some meeting ground with the women of the economically down families there. And there's the opportunity, she has found, to lead the women of comfortable suburbs into some work with families living in this area whose lives are bogged down with poverty and adverse circumstances.

June Sears finds just about all aspects of this many-sided work fascinating. She points out that the extension service has been in existence since 1914 when it was established by an act of the U.S. Congress, and functions through Michigan State University because that's the state's land grant college. HER WORK is with the Family Living section of the service, one of five in the extension program that also includes 4-H, Marketing, Education and Agriculture.

She leads a program in which 79 study groups, with a membership of some 900 Wayne County women, meet monthly to study a range of subjects that over the coming year will cover teenage morality, financing a home, conflict in marriage, better communications, money and marriage, people of India, selecting wallpaper and paint, selection of care of floor and lawn and gardening.

She trains leaders in each of these areas, and they take the ideas back to their own groups. "The purpose of these groups is continuing study for the women—helping them keep their minds open for new ideas in all the fields," Mrs. Sears said. "We aren't interested in craft work or time fillers—the idea is the development of skill and knowledge."

MANY OF these groups are carrying their knowledge beyond their own homes by going to destitute families in the area. "I've taken them to meet the women in these homes," said June. "As they get to know them, we can understand



MRS. JUNE SEARS

better the circumstances that can drag down, and then they can help with ideas shared as well as supplies."

When she first joined the extension service four and a half years ago, Mrs. Sears did considerable work with women in the low-income housing projects in Detroit.

"I'd form study groups by starting, maybe, with a weight-control club," she said. "From there we could go to discussions on food, and then good nutrition, and then attractive clothing and personal cleanliness."

She said she tries to "build in an insight-to develop need to learn."

June will carry this philosophy to a new project—classes to be conducted in the Twelfth Street area.

"This is the area everyone is watching," she said, "and this is where we must make some progress."

MRS. SEARS also does some work with 4-H programs, gives talks before other women's groups and cooperates with the Oakland County extension service in similar programs.

Sometimes she works in time for her husband, Dick, and junior high twins, Gretta Renelle and Garry Renard, and their Detroit home. The couple also has a son, Gregory Richard, and a daughter, Gretchen Rochelle studying at Eastern Michigan University.

"It's a good thing I have a home economics background," she said, "because I need to know a lot of shortcuts."

June has two degrees in family living from Wayne State University, earning them after her family moved to the scene. They share her new with a few hundred other fortunate women.

Fencing Club Set For 'Y'

Fencing is coming to the Northwest branch of the YWCA in a big way this fall. Because of continuing interest in the sport by "Y" members, the Northwest branch is offering for the first time a regular "Fencing Club." It will meet for two hours, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., on Thursdays for 10 weeks, beginning September 28.

Those interested may learn more by calling 767-8500. AS ALWAYS, fencing classes for children will be offered as part of the "Y" Saturday morning sessions for young people at Henry Ford High School.

The newly-formed club is intended to be educational, informative and informal, according to Bart Madsen, who will return as instructor.

"Fencing is a very enjoyable sport, and also a very demanding one," said Madsen. "Once the basic movements are learned, the novice fencer finds himself challenged by an exciting and stimulating sports experience that, if pursued, can be rewarding."

PROSPECTIVE club members need only willingness to learn and ability to "put up with a few sore muscles for a while" he added. Dress will be slacks, tennis shoes, and shirt or blouse.

There will be no demand that members of the club, which is co-educational, attend all two hours every week. "This is a club, and those signing up will be responsible for their own attendance."

Soroptimists To Sell Work Of Homebound

The Soroptimist Club of Dearborn will present an annual show and sale of hand-crafted articles made by Michigan's disabled homebound persons at Hudson's Westland auditorium the week of Oct. 2-7, during regular shopping hours.

Featured in this year's show will be a Christmas Corner, giving Detroit area residents the opportunity to view and select unusual Christmas gifts and decorations. Other items in the show will include hand-knits, hand-wrought jewelry, decoupage, loomed weaving, hand-painted china and many other items.

The sale will benefit the Michigan Handicrafters, a craft program sponsored by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Education, State of Michigan.

The Michigan Handicrafters program gives persons who are homebound because of severe disability an opportunity to earn money by producing quality hand-crafted items in their homes.

Season Opens
The Plymouth Pannellianic Association will hold its first meeting of the season in the home of Mrs. Kenneth Huling, 12519 Beacon Hill Court on Monday, Oct. 2.

All who have been members of "College Soroptimists" are welcome. Women planning to attend are asked to call Mrs. Robert Peterson, 453-6454, or Mrs. Raymond Jackson, 453-3920.

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It's college football time again, and to lots of former students that means time for a special kind of fun—the Saturday picnics near the Ann Arbor and East Lansing stadiums.

We've long enjoyed the outings on the golf course at Ann Arbor. You can eat lunch by the stream, and collect a few pine cones and watch some future gridgers toss around a football while mini-skirted future coeds watch and admire.

But we've never seen the likes of an incident described by a friend. He's one of those usually-reliable sources, so we'll take his word for it.

On one football Saturday in Ann Arbor, swears our source, a chauffeur-driven limousine pulled in and several well-dressed fellows got out. They made small talk while the chauffeur set up a table with linen cloth, silver and china and candlesticks. He put on contents of an elegant hamper, and they sat down.

At that point our chauffeur uncorked a bottle of champagne and lit some candles! There were plenty of well-laden picnic tables at Ann Arbor last Saturday, but the only bottles we saw contained pop and beer. And nary a candlestick. Peasants!

Drive Begins To Organize Nurses

The Michigan Nurses Association this week is distributing a pamphlet to over 40,000 active and inactive registered nurses throughout the state, asking them to "Stand Up, Move Up, Sign Up" for improved Economic Security.

This is the beginning of a movement that ultimately will result in the negotiation of collective bargaining agreements between registered nurses and health agencies and hospital employers throughout Michigan.

"In the spiraling increases of wages and living costs, the registered professional nurses have been forgotten," says Jessie Pergrin, R.N., President of MNA.

"A RESULT is that fewer people have been attracted to nursing as a career. The nurses now active, are spread entirely too thin. They are being required to work to the point of exhaustion to provide patient care. It is now routine to work extended hours."

"Surely, sooner or later, unless adequate nursing personnel becomes available, there is bound to be a health crisis because of the lack of professionally qualified nurses."

MNA, during the next few months, will be seeking recognition as the bargaining agent for local registered nurses in hospitals and public employment under the amended Hutchinson Act and the Bondini Trial Act. "This is a community problem," says Miss Pergrin, "not an employee versus management situation."

"The nurses are part of the community leadership in health services. The nurses are professionals. The nurses and their employers must work together with community leadership, to solve this serious problem in the care of the sick and injured."

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Delta Zeta Groups Meet

Two Delta Zeta sorority Oakland County alumnae groups will begin their seasons with early October meetings.

Group I will meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 4, at the home of Mrs. Robert Boper, 935 Hickory Hills Drive, Bloomfield Hills, with Mrs. Roloff speaking on her work in teaching deaf children of preschool age. More information is available from Mrs. Claude B. Rumble Jr., 622-7012.

A salad supper and evening of games is planned by Group II at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 3, at the home of Mrs. Carl Koellist, 4801 Ardor Place, Royal Oak, Mrs. Richard Kyrro, 284-4198, is chairman.

Beta Sigma Phi's Meet

Mrs. Robert Hall, of Livonia, took over her new duties as president of Zeta Epsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority at the group's recent September model meeting.

Many facets of Beta Sigma Phi were presented by Mrs. Raymond Peron, vice-president, to the following guests: Mrs. Mark Rudman, Mrs. William Chapp, Mrs. Sally Beachamp, Mrs. Elsie Christie of Livonia and Mrs. Frank Wiley, Dearborn Heights, Mrs. Barbara Everett, Mrs. Lorraine Beeson, Detroit.

Plans were finalized to attend the Beta Sigma Phi state convention at the Statler on Hilltop Hotel, Detroit on Oct. 27 to 29.