

Go Back To School? Get A Job? Clinic Guides Women

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Nearly 80 women who want to know more about both the world of business and their own potential are participating in a clinic at the Northwest YWCA.

There has already been one drop-out from Project Self-start.

"She dropped up--to a job," explained Christian Currie, of the "Y" staff. "I think the first day's conference gave her self-confidence just the push it needed."

THE WOMEN come from all over the area for the full-day Monday clinics that began Nov. 6 and will continue two more weeks. They vary from high school dropouts to college graduates, but all have in common the wish to learn the best use of their time at this stage of their lives.

In this, they received some valuable advice last week from Helen E. Kean, dean of women at the University of Detroit, and other experts, and more aspects of the question will be considered by future speakers.

To keep a continuity in the sessions, Miss Currie asked that women plan to attend all three sessions and not start late.

"But if interest warrants, we may be able to have another clinic in the future," she said. "We hope women interested will call No. 7-8500 and leave their names."

WOMEN TAKING part in the first Project Self Start had assorted reasons for doing so.

"I've been trying to decide whether I want to go back to work," said Mrs. Paul Christensen, of Farmington. "And in looking through help wanted ads, I saw one for a figure analyst. I didn't even know what that was--times have changed since I held a job."

Mrs. Harry Clark, of Livonia, said she wanted to attend the clinic "to learn what is needed," if she should decide to return to work.

Said Mrs. Glenn Knight, of Westland:

"This came just at the right time for me. I haven't worked for 20 years, but my children can be on their own more now."

A widow of about a year, Mrs. Walter Hrysay, of Detroit, said her home was "rather lonely," and she thought she was ready for outside work. Her children are grown.

MISS KEAN made it clear that, while she believed a woman should always keep her mind growing, she certainly didn't believe that all should hold outside jobs.

"Probably for about a third of you it would be the right move to go to work," she asserted.

"Unless you have the full support of your husband and your children, my advice to you is to stay home."

But she advised continuing education for three other reasons--to keep up a bit with today's "knowledge explosion," for personal satisfaction in

Stores Hire For Season

The Christmas shopping season will bring about a 24 per cent increase in hiring during the next three months, and 82 per cent of the nation's retail department stores plan to add employees during the fourth quarter of 1967.

Analysis of the 25 major industries surveyed shows that, besides the large percentage of department stores forecasting increases, there were no sizable numbers predicting added employment in other businesses.

Sixty-five per cent of respondents expect employment to remain at present levels, while six per cent expect a decrease. Five per cent said they could give no valid predictions at this time.

Membership Tea Set By Garden Club

Household Gardens Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association will have a membership tea at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14 at the club house on Hubbard at West Chicago. Mrs. Everett Given is Chairman.

Mrs. Fred Muller will speak on "Happy Holidays." Mrs. Muller is a member of Garden Study Club of Northwest Detroit and Detroit Branch of the National Farm and Garden Association.

Mrs. Given and her business for the day will serve tea and refreshments to the guests following the meeting.

"turning the mind," and to prepare for volunteer work.

She advised that any woman without a high school diploma get one, for her own and her family's satisfaction, even if she didn't intend to continue study.

In choosing a field for study or work, Miss Kean said, there is a value in aptitude tests.

"But checking the great wealth of material in our libraries is even better," she added. "You can learn as much about various careers by reading books about them as you can by saying to a tester, 'Tell me what I should do.'"

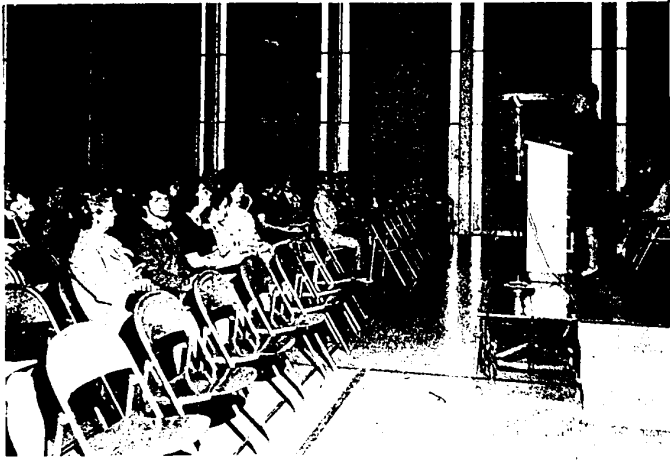
TO THOSE WHO do go into the business world, she advised:

"Find the kind of work into which you fit well. BECAUSE you are a woman, rather than in spite of it. Go into the job with the idea of developing the qualities that made you a woman to start with."

"The world has a great need for excellence."



CONSULTATION TIME--Mrs. Phyllis Liedkiewicz, of Farmington, and Mrs. George Coombs, of Livonia, attended the YWCA Project Self Start and found a moment for individual consultation with Dean Helen Kean. Other speakers and consultants in later sessions will give specific advice on further schooling and job possibilities.



ADVICE FROM AN EXPERT-- Dean of Women Helen Kean of the University of Detroit has started a clinic that is being sponsored by the Northwest YWCA for women interested in returning to school or the business world. Miss Kean told some 80 women the best way to pick up the threads of their educations is to find their best place in the employment picture. The clinic, titled Project Self Start, will continue for two more Mondays at the "Y" building on Grand River.

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