



Farmington's Mrs. Stidwell Is Great For Beginnings

"I haven't counted recently," Leona Stidwell, widowed last summer, really doesn't have time to do much counting. Besides her scout post, she's currently heading the program for Youth For Understanding in the Farmington area, an interest that began in 1965 when son Dave went to Europe with a Youth For Understanding group.

SHE THOUGHT THE PROGRAM so worthwhile after his experience that she helped form a committee to bring students from foreign countries to study in Farmington schools.

This year, as head of the movement for Farmington, she's delighted to count 14 Youth For Understanding visitors living with Farmington families for the year and attending Farmington High, North Farmington, Our Lady of Sorrows and Mercy.

Leona Stidwell's main service to her church—First Methodist of Farmington—is conducting a youth membership class for two 10-week sessions in the year, but a few years ago she was instrumental in a big "beginning" there, the formation of the Women's Society of Christian Service from the former Ladies Aid Society.

THEN YOU COULD NAME her active involvement in the Farmington Friends of the Lib-

rary (she played a big part in the library's move from the town hall to its present location) and the Farmington Parent-Teacher Association Council (she was one of its organizers) and even the Farmington Glen Aquatic Club (she was a charter member and helped on the original membership committee).

"It seems that most of the activities that have interested me have involved young people," Leona said, "I guess I just find youngsters more fun than playing bridge."

LEONA AND HER FAMILY watched the progress of the Longacre elementary school practically from the ground up when it was built ten years ago.

Before that, Dave and Kathy had been used to two other Farmington schools, and their mother figures "it hadn't hurt them a bit—the different contacts were really very good for them."

But when they were installed in their school "home" at Longacre, Leona spent a year helping out at the school because principal Larry Gagon was also teaching sixth grade.

Then came organization of a very active Longacre PTA, and eventually the start of the council.

"I served in several offices on the council after that," she said, "but never took the pres-

idency—I always seemed to be involved in some other activity."

THE WORK with the Friends of the Library involved helping with a millage issue to finance the move to the building on Farmington road that had formerly been occupied by the U.S. Post Office.

Her part in the launching of the swimming club was a matter of saving a lot of driving, she said. The family had belonged to Kendallwood club, so the younger Stidwells would have a place to swim in the summer, and their mother was very glad to help organize a closer-to-home pool.

THE YEARS of chauffeuring youngsters to swimming pools produced a champion swimmer in the family. Kathy has been winning speed swimming races at a great pace in the last few years, and this spring vacation will go to Pittsburgh to compete in the women's national Amateur Athletic Union championships.

Kathy also plans next fall to enter the University of Michigan—where she hopes to swim some more and prepare to teach physical education.

Dave, after two years at Oakland University, now is in New York doing research for a publishing firm.

Women On The Go

By MARGARET MILLER

Western YWCA Begins Women's Camping Class

How to enjoy your vacation while camping is the aim of a new class being offered by the Western Wayne County YWCA. The new class, Camping for Women, is one of five being offered at the spring term of Livonia Homemakers' Holiday. Other classes are Golf for Beginners, Gardening and Flower Arranging, Painting and Sketching and Slimmastics.

All classes except golf instruction will be at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Chicago and Hubbard. Most classes will start on March 27.

GOLF FOR BEGINNERS, which starts in April, will be at Hawthorne Valley Country Club. There will be three indoor classes and three outdoor classes. Instruction will be in the morning.

Camping for women will also start in April. The course will cover ways to camp, equipment needed, how to entertain children, packing for camping and cooking.

THE EIGHT-WEEK CLASS on painting and sketching will be taught by Mrs. Isabel Rix. Mrs. Dixie Bjarnson will teach the eight-week slimastics class. Nursery service is provided

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