

## Women On The Go

By MARGARET MILLER

# She Likes This Area's Clubwomen

Club women in Observerland, says one of them who is in position to know, are loyal supporters of their organizations and especially hard workers.

"They're really nice people here," believes Mrs. Nahantel Banks, of Redford Township. Grace Banks has a varied club background that gives authority to her opinion.

She's been member and officer in enough organizations in this area to give her thorough knowledge of their capabilities, and last month she completed two years as president of the Federation of Women's Clubs of Metropolitan Detroit.

IT WAS REALLY a six-year hitch as a top officer in the group that represents 81 women's organizations from all parts of the metropolitan area.

There were two years as second vice president, two as first vice president and then the two as president. And now that it's completed, Grace Banks says:

"It was really an interesting experience. I'd do it again."

One of the best parts, she says in looking back, was the support of her Kenwood Women's Club, which she served as president before going on to Federation office.

"I don't think I ever went to a Federation board meeting without one of the women here with me," she said, "and they backed me up all the way."

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ONE PIECE of unfinished business Mrs. Banks left as she completed her Federation term was location of a new club building. The Federation house at Second and Hancock must soon be torn down for Wayne State University expansion, but so far no suitable new headquarters has been found.

A small incident of her term in office was a message exchange with Lady Bird Johnson. The occasion was the "Earth Kitt" incident at a White House luncheon, and Grace Banks telegraphed Mrs.

Johnson that she considered the singer's remarks "an insult to every decent, respectable American."

IN A PERSONAL reply, the First Lady wrote: "My disappointment was that the purpose of the luncheon, to discuss how citizens can work constructively to battle crime, was obscured. Every American is deeply concerned about our problems in Vietnam. However, we cannot ignore the work to be done at home."

Grace Banks will continue as a board member with the Federation, and she also will be vice chairman of the Detroit Children's Book Fair in the fall.

Closer to home, she is the new president of the Lola Valley Business and Professional Women's Club. A charter member of that organization, she said she accepted the presidency this year when fellow members told her: "You've been president of everything else—it's time to be a BPW president."

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SHE ALSO HOPES to have a bit more time to spend in her home, and maybe even find a spot for the new organ that husband Nate recently presented to her. Grace is a professional musician and plays piano in Detroit area nightclubs until two years ago. She still provides accompaniment occasionally for charity performances.

Grace and Nate Banks moved to Redford Township from Lincoln Park in 1950. Grace joined the Redford Township Garden Club that same year—later she was president, naturally—and the next year she became a member of the Kenwood club.

SHE ALSO is chairman of the 18th District Wayne County Democratic Women's Committee, and has been president of the Detroit Mailers' Women's Auxiliary #4, honorary president of the Women's Association

for the Detroit Symphony and matron of Kindness Chapter #23, Order of Eastern Star. A charter member of both the Redford Township Music Society and RT Friends of the Library, she also has served on the township Boys' Club board. In the metropolitan area, she has been associated with the Women's Association of Goodwill Industries, the Salvation Army auxiliary, the Detroit Historical and Genealogical Societies and the Detroit Federation of Musicians #5.

Recently she was named to the National Association of Parliamentarians, and will be a charter member of the organization's new Michigan group.

Grace Banks doesn't even miss many meetings of this assortment of organizations. And while attending them, she reports their doings and takes some pictures for THE

### OBSERVER.

The Banks are parents of three daughters, Isabelle, who will be a senior at Redford Union High School in the fall, Betty, now Mrs. Philip Clark and a resident of Detroit, and Joan Sharon, who is Mrs. Donald R. Smith and lives near Cleveland, O., with her husband and two children, Craig and Cheryl.

THIS CLUBWOMAN saw a definite change in women's clubs and their members during her years of activity. "They seem more interested in service projects now," she said, "and in working with their hands. The Kenwood club's recent work in making things for the Plymouth State Home is an example."

Whatever their program, none can have a busier member than Grace Banks.



MRS. GRACE BANKS

## Busy Newlyweds

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Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, was moved ahead.

"Everything changed over all right except the place where we had planned to hold the reception," Susan said, "But they let us hold it in the church hall, hand and all."

A HIGHLIGHT of the reception was a traditional dark Scottish wedding cake, baked by Mrs. Jessie Potter, of Redford Township, whose son Ken was "big brother" to Jim when he pledged the WSU chapter of Delta Chi fraternity.

Susan, a Kappa Delta, has been substituting in Livonia during her final quarter at Wayne State, and school ended in time to give her a few days for final wedding preparations.

No such free time was in the cards for Jim.

His last-quarter teaching was in Detroit, so he went back to his classroom after the wedding and is finishing this week.

Then there were the WSU commencement exercises Tuesday evening, when both received their diplomas.

IN BETWEEN putting away wedding presents and packing for their two-year hitch in the Caribbean, they've been finding a little time to study for the assignment in Ian Fleming's book on Jamaica.

"We expect to be working with the school system there," Susan said, "Jim probably will be helping coordinate schools and training teachers."

Susan, a home economics major who specialized in textile and clothing merchandising, figures her work in Jamaica will have more to do with the nutrition aspects of home ec.

"But we'll know more about that after we go there Aug. 28," she said.

In any case, their marriage is off to a fast start.

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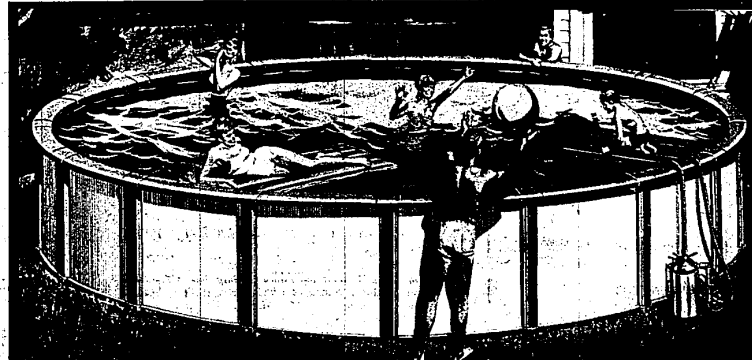
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