



AGES OF 87 to 94 are represented by those donning the hats of the gay nineties. They are (from left) Mrs. Amelia Rassel, Mrs. Albertine Horn and Miss Loretta O'Leary.

Needed --- One Piano For 'Auld Lang Syne'

By FRAN MAIER

A home without a piano? A musical program without music? Never! That seems to be the thought of the elderly ladies at the Villa Franca on West Long Lake road, Bloomfield Township.

A cheerful home with a gay atmosphere houses 20 elderly ladies who have expressed their desire to hear a musical program . . . going back to the days when they were young.

Three of the ladies have donated hats of the gay 90's era and are ready to do their bit for the program, however, the lack of a piano is hindering plans. They would greatly appreciate a piano for the home which is in good usable condition. Several have been donated

in the past, but had to be tossed almost before they arrived . . . they were really relics and beyond working condition or repair.

MRS. Frederick W. Lines, 910 Lakeside, Birmingham, chairman of music in hospitals and homes, for the Birmingham Musical, is handling all arrangements for this program.

Three of the ladies who are more than anxious to participate are between the ages of 87 and 94.

Home From Denver
They are Mrs. Amelia Rassel, the only surviving member of a family of 12 children, who was born and raised in Toledo. She has been at the home for two years and stated that in her guitar playing days, her favorite tune was "Spanish Fandangos."
A harpist for many years in St. Mary's Academy in Windsor was Mrs. Albertine Horn. She lived on Ouellette avenue, which was named after her grandfather, Vetal Ouellette, owner of the property which ran from the ferry to the driving park. She was the very first to register at the home three years ago.
Miss Loretta O'Leary never learned to play a musical instrument but she loved to dance. A native of Wichita, Kans., with five brothers and three sisters . . . the need for sewing was cause for Miss O'Leary becoming a dressmaker.
DATE for the musical event is tentative—pending the arrival of a piano.



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