

# Foundation Volunteer Worker Gives Capsule View Of Huge Endeavor

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## LOCAL NUCLEUS

In this community of ours there is a nucleus of people giving their time, energy and support to the children at Pontiac State Hospital.

These people are devoted to their work and have a very real sense of the problems and conflicts burdening the emotionally disturbed child. For the child to

know he has friends is probably one of the most heartening hopes he could be given.

There are many ways through which volunteers have contributed their services for this cause. First of all, there is the administrative board of the Foundation for Emotionally Disturbed Children at Pontiac State Hospital, which is made up of interested people in the community, all giving their time and knowledge without

thought of financial reimbursement.

MRS. LOUIS J. COLOMBO, JR., 3635 Lahser Road, Bloomfield Hills, is president; John C. Emery, Jr., 132 Waterfall Lane, Birmingham, is vice president; Mrs. Russell J. Cameron, 32275 Birmingham Road, Birmingham is treasurer; Mrs. Harry G. Denberger, Pontiac, is recording secretary and Mrs. Anthony G. DeLorenzo, 3280 Brady, Bloomfield Hills is corresponding secretary. Dr. Walter Obenaus, Mrs. Philip J. Monaghan, Kenneth L. Raymond, Mrs. Robert Taylor, John H. Steward, Betty Lou DeGroot, Mrs. Keith Jenkins and Dr. James M. McHugh are members of the board.

Dr. McHugh was instrumental in organizing a meeting of interested community representatives to study the problems presented in forming a working body to serve the specific needs of the children admitted to Pontiac State Hospital. Shortly after this meeting, the Foundation for Emotionally Disturbed Children was officially incorporated on Sept. 20, 1956.

Financial support from the community is essential to the program. The Foundation is supported by contributions from both individuals and groups. The Village Woman's Club and North Woodward Alumnae of Kappa Kappa Gamma have regularly given contributions each year. This year, according to Mrs. John C. Siegemund, Jr., 315 Hupp Cross Road, Birmingham, all proceeds from the 1962-63 Kappa Bridge Tournament will be turned over to the Foundation.

Two years ago the Foundation bought money to buy a bus. Through the help of the Birmingham Junior League, its objective was realized. Today the children have the bus and have been able to go to museums, concerts, ball games, picnics and churches because of it.

At present there are 90 children to care for at the hospital, and the number is expected to increase. Adequate accommodations are needed to alleviate crowded conditions, more attendants are needed and more teachers trained in the special problems of emotionally disturbed children are required. The Foundation has given scholarships to teachers to enable them to continue their education in this field at Wayne State University.

SOME OF the children at Fairlawn School, which is the hospital school, have progressed enough to enable them to enter public school. While living at the hospital and still in its charge, a fee must be paid for each child attending public school.

People volunteering their time and talents for the welfare of the children is something the Foundation, hospital officials and

## MISS HYMAN

MR. AND MRS. PAUL HYMAN of Yarmouth Road, Bloomfield Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter, Hope Elizabeth, to Lt. Francis William Dempsey, USA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Dempsey of Chicago, Ill.

Hope is a graduate of Immaculata High School and Michigan State University. She is affiliated with Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, for which she served as president.

Lt. Dempsey is a graduate of Loyola University High School

## MISS MacMILLAN

and John Carroll University, attended DePaul Law School, and is presently stationed near Stuttgart, Germany.

LILLIAN TERRY MacMILLAN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel G. MacMillan of Bronxville, N. Y., will be married in June to David R. Muhltner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Muhltner of Birmingham.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Dana Hall and attended Skidmore College. Her fiancé is a senior at Dartmouth.

## MISS PETERSON

AT A SMALL FAMILY dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Peterson announced the engagement of their daughter, Christine, to Alexander Muir Duffield, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Muir Duffield of Stony Creek Farm, Rochester, Mich.

Christine is attending Oakland University and her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon. The couple plans a June wedding.

and some new equipment. In cold weather it is rarely used because of lack of heat, but in spite of this an Arts and Crafts program is continued and the children respond to the ideas and help offered by Mrs. Peyton A. Craner, 122 Catalina, Birmingham, and Mrs. J. Denton Anderson, 760 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Mrs. Mayford L. Rourke, 5505 Raven Road, Birmingham, has found a means of communication with the more seriously handicapped children through her work in art therapy.

There is a greenhouse in which the children work under the guidance of volunteers. Mrs. J. R. Alexander, 5411 Lane Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, is chairman for the group working in this field. For the emotionally disturbed child to feel he is giving something of himself for someone else is sometimes hard to accomplish, but to see these children put on a performance for hospital officials, volunteers, and other patients is a heart warming experience. Mrs. Arthur C. Henrie, 1818 Melbourne, Birmingham, is director in charge of the children's plays, and they present at least two a year.

## PARTY TALK

What child does not like a party? The children at Pontiac State Hospital are not exceptions, in fact they probably look forward to it more than most. Each year there are two Christmas parties for the two groups of children as well as 10 birthday and seasonal parties throughout the year. Cookies and cakes are made, presents assembled and wrapped and decorations put forth in readiness to make these affairs memorable and enjoyable for the boys and girls.

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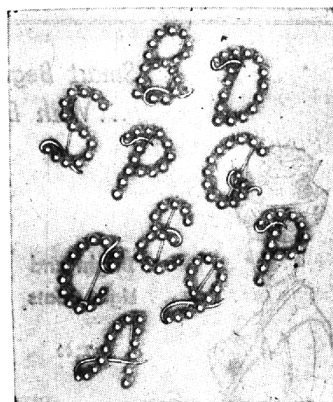
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Detroit North Suburban Chapter alumnae of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority will meet at 8:15 p.m., April 9, at the home of Mrs. Charles Starr, Southfield. Co-hostess for the evening is Mrs. Brian Millington.

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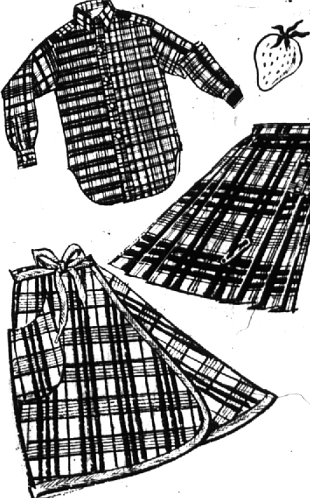
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