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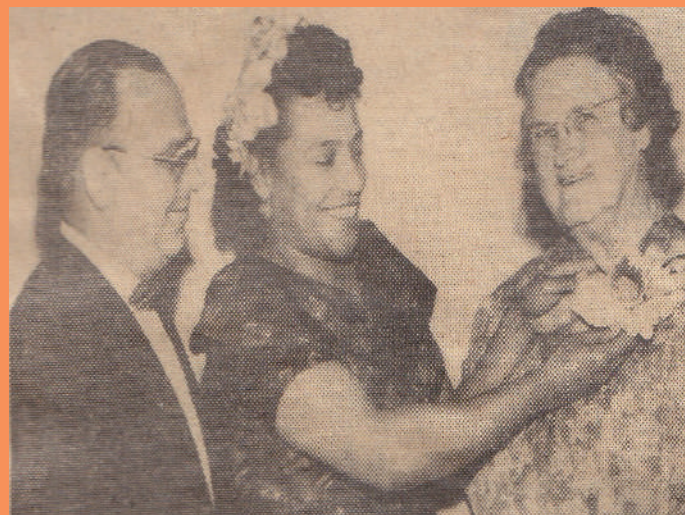
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National Y.W.C.A. Week

Observance at the New Bedford Y.W.C.A. recognizes its members. Featuring a program of classical, popular and sacred songs by the Castinettes. Left to right are Edna Zola, Jean Coury, Phyllis Conforth, Roberta Carbonaro, June Hastings, Alice Sherman, Jean Rogers and Kay Castino, Director. Mrs. Thomas W. Farnsworth is hospitality chairman for the meeting.

from *The Standard Times*, April 25, 1960



Honored for Work-Miss Dorothea C. Collins, Right.

Miss Dorothea C. Collins was honored at a testimonial banquet yesterday afternoon in the Y.W.C.A. She was presented with a handbag containing a gift of money. Former pupils of hers at the Portuguese Mission, now adults, presented her with this gift. The Reverend and Mrs. William H. Moseley and former teachers at the mission were guests.

from *The Standard Times*, June 21, 1960



Annual Mothers Tea Held by the Polish Women's Club at Y.W.C.A.

One hundred guests attended the annual Mothers Tea of the Polish Women's Business and Professional Club at the Y.W.C.A. Past presidents of the Polish Women's Business and Professional Club were honored. From left to right, Mrs. Edward L. Piwowarczyk, Miss Helena Szydlowski, Miss Sophia K. Smietana and Mrs. David C. Sherman. Amongst other guests that attended were, the oldest mother at the tea, Mrs. Peter Lada, 76, who shared honors with the youngest mother, Mrs. Robert Cyr, 26.

from *The Standard Times*, May 28, 1961

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Even the carriage trade finds a welcome at the YWCA. Cared for in the nursery by Mrs. Robert W. Cook while mothers attend Homemakers Holiday classes are, left to right, Kraljic, Kathy Martin, John Kraljic, Madeline Brun, Leo B. Karen Karalekas and William Karalekas.

YWCA Offers Well-Rounded Program for all Ages

Even the young children have a place at the Y.W.C.A. Cared for in the nursery by Mrs. Robert W. Cook while mothers attend Homemakers Holiday classes. From left to right, Ann Kraljic, Kathy Martin, John Kraljic, Madeline Brun, Leo Brun, Karen Karalekas and William Karalekas.

from *The Standard Times*, April 24, 1960



Pictured above: Standing, Miss Doris E. Hopkins, Executive Director of the YWCA, admires the brushwork of art from students of Miss Patricia Wright. Left to right are Barbara Lomba, Juanita Costa and Jacqueline Tenters.



Pictured Above: Sports club members ready for shuffle board, left photo, are Geraldine Gomes, Miss Irene Duprey, Center, club leader, and Francine Duarte.
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Y.W.C.A. Celebrates their 50th Anniversary.

The 50th anniversary of the New Bedford YWCA is observed by New Bedford YWCA directors, past, present and future at cake cutting ceremonies at the YWCA. From left , Mrs. Erma Deboer, to be the new director in September; Miss Doris E. Hopkins, present director; Miss Joy E. Colvin, director from 1941 to 1957; Miss Doris Frizzell, director from 1937 to 1941; Miss Essie Maguire, director from 1932 to 1937 and Miss Ruth R. Hawkins, from 1913 to 1927.

from The Standard Times, May 21, 1961

Unfamiliar, perhaps, is the view of the familiar YWCA building at Spring and Pleasant streets. The new building replaced frame houses that had been remodeled for YWCA use.

from The Standard Times, June 25, 1960



The Flag that Flew Over Capitol

The flag that flew over Washington was presented during July 4th holiday weekend to Mrs. Edward T. Sears, left, president of the New Bedford YWCA, by U.S. Representative Hastings Keith. Watching are Miss Sandra G. Balestracci, New Bedford's "Miss Independence Day", and Midshipman Michael O'Donnell from the destroyer Willard Keith. Crew of the Willard Keith and the submarine Piper attended a dance in thier honor at the YWCA.

from The Standard Times, July 30, 1961

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Here to celebrate 50 years of Service

Burning of the YWCA mortgage was a highlight of the organization's half century here; Mrs. Leslie Greeley, a past YWCA President, lights a match to the document, held by Mrs. Andrew G. Pierce, another past president, as Mrs. George Sistare, YWCA President at the time, stands by to assist.



Above are day campers at the YWCA, roasting frankfurters at the open grill in back of the YWCA. Left to right the campers are Kathleen Hanson, 8; Cheryl Plate, 8; Ann Baveas, 8; Marianne Pease, 8; and Michael Baumann, 8. from *The Standard Times*, August 6, 1960



Pictured above "Mom and Tot" swimming class, at the YWCA pool, where the youngsters get accustomed to the water at an early age. This is indeed a safe and fine introduction to being-at-home in the water. from *The Standard Times*, April 30, 1961



Pictured above is a YWCA teen cooking class picking up some pointers in making cookies. Classes like these are among the popular favorites at the YWCA. from *The Standard Times*, April 30, 1961

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a century of leadership



Mrs. Laurence G. Hill
President



Mrs. Archie D. Marvel
President



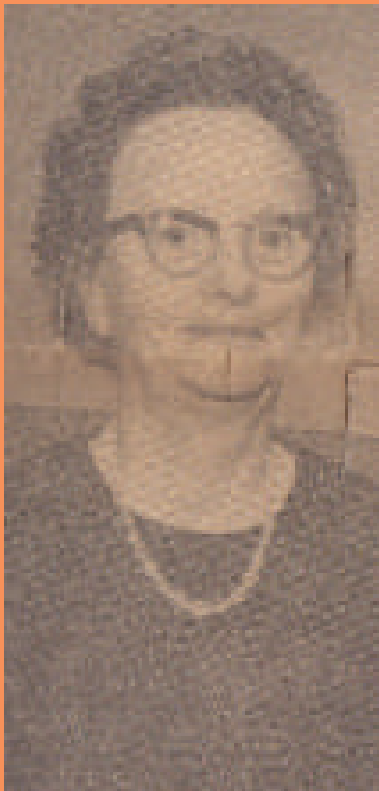
Miss Joy Colvin
Former Executive
Director of the YWCA



Mrs. Louise C. Sawyer
YWCA Program
Coordinator



Marjorie Jenney
Board President
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Miss Doris Hopkins
Executive Director of the
YWCA



Officers of the His N' Her Club of the YWCA are shown at their installation and third annual Banquet held at the Randevous Place in North Dartmouth. Left to right are Mrs. Theresa Breault, Secretary; Maurice G. Lauzon, President; Mrs. Norma LeBeau, Treasurer, and Maurice Burke, Vice President. Miss Jean Bruce, Young Adult Director of the YWCA, was installing officer.
from *The Standard Times*, April 24, 1960

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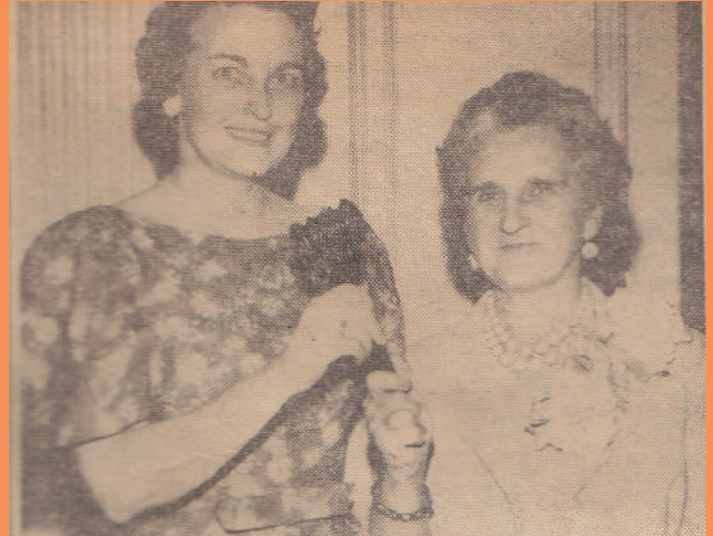
Y.W.C.A. Seat Officers

Officers of Wives and Mothers Society, installed by Miss Doris E. Hopkins, Executive Director of the YWCA, center, included Mrs. Leslie A. Rose, left, President, and Mrs. Ernest L. Berube, Vice-President, right.



Christmas Tree Bazaar of the Polish Womens's Business and Professional Club. Mrs. Alvin Bodzioch, left, is chairman of the Polish Womens's Business and Professional Club. Mrs. Richard M. Sylvia, right, is general chairman.

from *The Standard Times*, November 27, 1961



Newly elected President of the YWCA, Mrs. Edward T. Sears, right, accepts gavel from Mrs. Laurence G. Hill, outgoing President.

from *The Standard Times*, June 14, 1960



Mrs. Charles A. Peterson, chairman of the Young Adult Program Committee of the YWCA, installs Donald Couto, right, President of the Double YWCA Club at the 13th annual banquet at the Harbor Beach Lodge, Mattapoisett.

from *The Standard Times*, January 27, 1960

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Girls Win Sewing Contest

Miss Kathleen Magagna, 15, left, and Miss Peggy O'Neil were winners in the Singer Sewing Machine Center's Young Style Makers 1960's Contests. Miss Kathleen Magagna was 1st prize winner of the teen division, and Miss Peggy O'Neil was the winner of the 'tween division of the contest.

from *The Standard Times*, September 7, 1960



YW Teen Plan Two Day Yule Fair

Patricia Silveira, Evelyn Golenski and Janice Affonseca, left to right, show off some of the items to be sold at the traditional YW-Teen Christmas Bazaar at the YWCA.

from *The Standard Times*, December 12, 1960



Teens Meet

Shown with Mrs. Rosali Brewster, Teen-Age Program Director, right, are the officers of the QTs club at the YWCA here: from left, Evelyn Golenski, Vice President; Annette Genereux, Treasurer, and Patricia Silveira President.

from *The Standard Times*, October 22, 1961

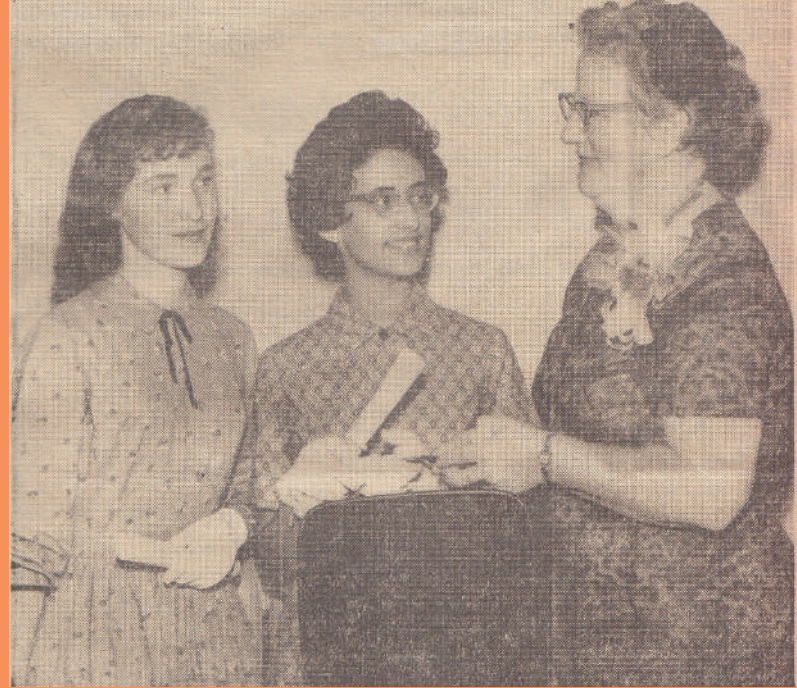
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Preparing For Bazaar

Members of the Cool Teens prepare for the Christmas Bazaar by cutting up old Christmas cards to make gift tags. Shown with Miss Brewster; from left are Jean Potter, Kathy Bailey, Miss Brewster and Muriel Tremblay.

from *The Standard Times*, October 22, 1961



Winners of the Summer Sewing Contest

Winners of the Summer Sewing Machine Company Contest are Miss Madeleine Gaudrea, left, and Miss Rose Ann Cruz, Center, who are being congratulated by Mrs. Dorothy R. Carney, sewing instructor.

from *The Standard Times*, September 3, 1961



Attend Smith College Tea

Brief talks on college activities were given by Smith College students, Miss Wallis-Ann Miller, left; Mrs. Laura Pires, center, and Miss Dana Greenfield at the annual tea for students, prospective students and their mothers held by Smith College Club of Southeastern Massachusetts, at the YWCA.

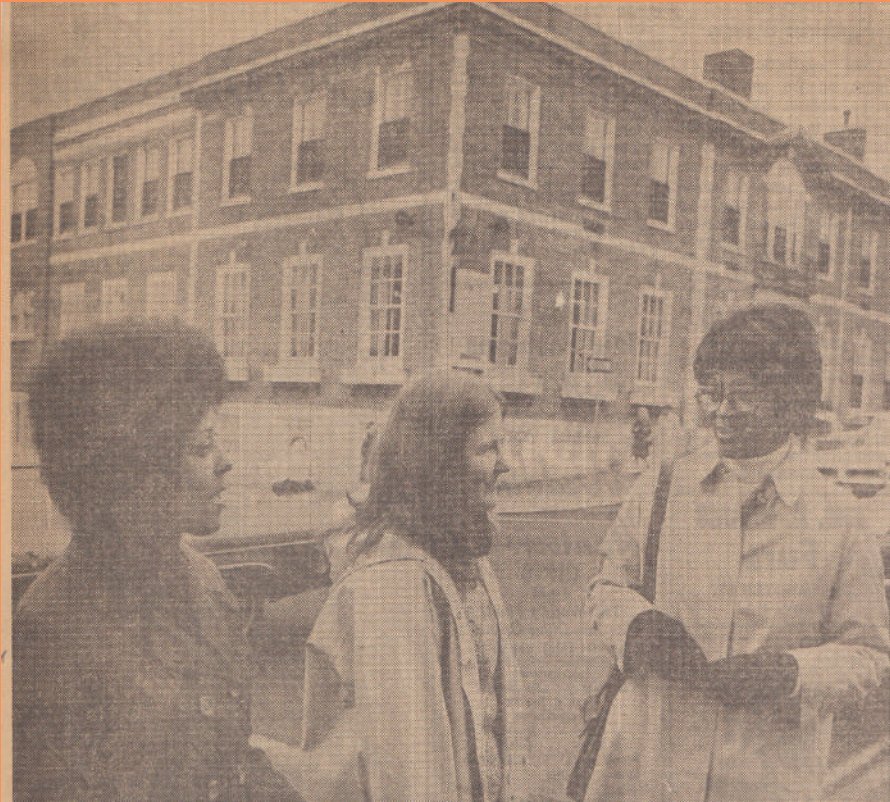
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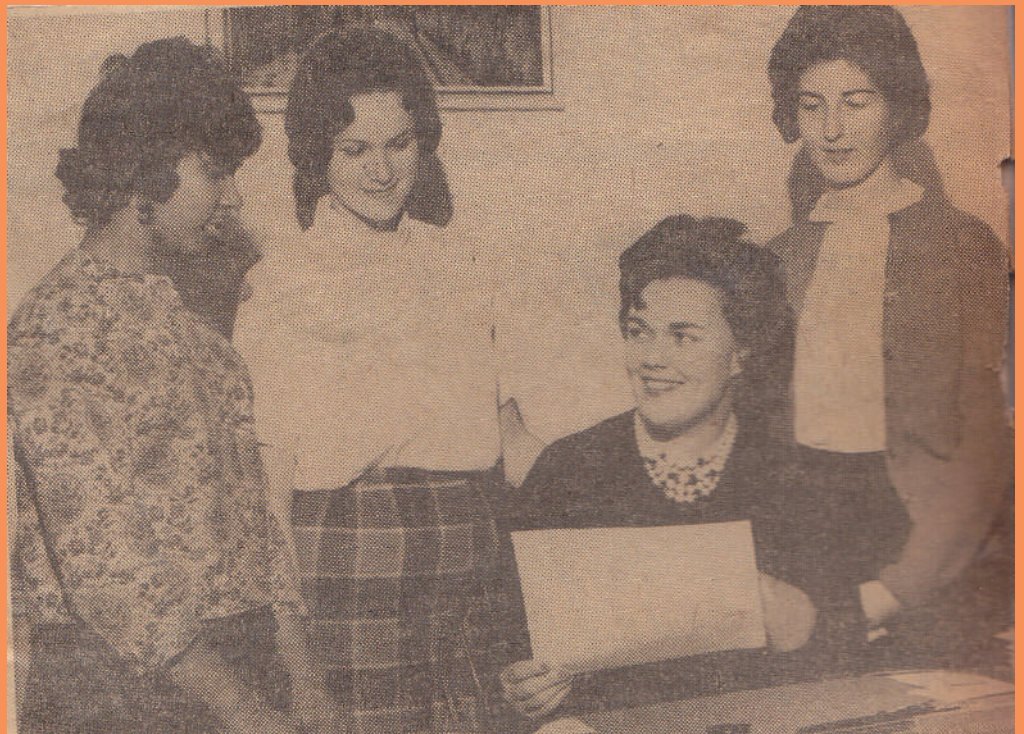


Mrs. Barbara Teixeira, right, Chairman of the YWCA Audit for Action Committee, Garcia M. Hillman, left, and Margaret M. Neenan discuss the upcoming National Convention which will be held in San Diego the end of March. Voting delegates attending will be Miss Jean Campbell, Executive Director, Mrs. Louise C. Sawyer and Mrs. Clarence W. Whitaker. Miss Margaret Neehan, Student at Bishop Stang High School, will also attend as a visiting delegate. Mrs. Teixeira stated "Our members at the 25th National Convention voted to thrust our collective power toward the elimination of racism wherever it exists and by any necessary means". Plans include the auditing of membership, nominating facilities, finance, staff, economic power, program and volunteer leadership.

from The Standard Times, March 4, 1963

From left, Arlene Gonsalves of the Co-Ed Club, Evelyn Golenski and Ann Figureido of the QT's; seated is Miss Astrid Tollefsen, YWCA's Adult-Teen Program Director. Five young women representing the New Bedford YWCA will attend a World Fellowship Observance in the National Cathedral, Washington D.C. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, distinguished clergyman will speak on the theme, "You Belong Together." This event lays stress on the international aspect of the YWCA which, today, is at home to more than 70 nations.

from The Standard Times, November 11, 1962



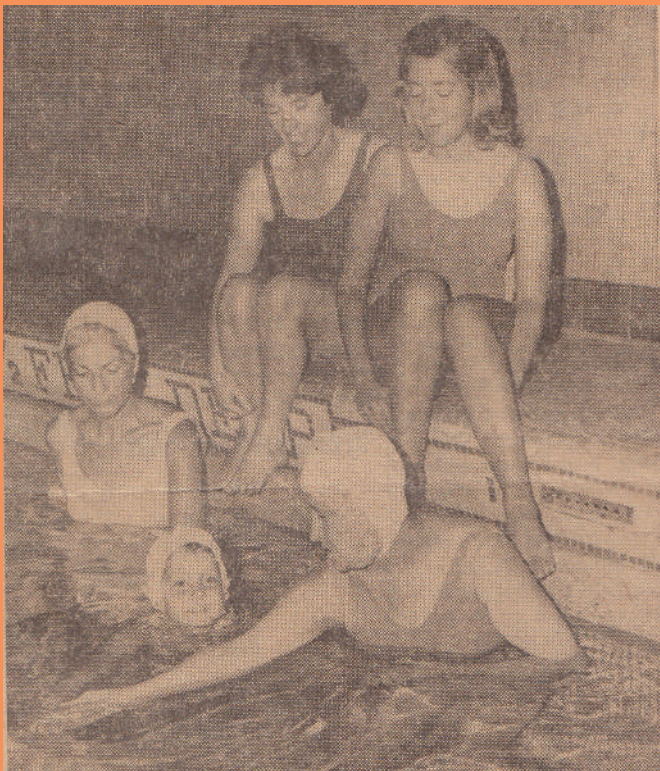
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Home-Cooked Foods and Various Gifts Prepared

Nearly 100 YW-Teens will take part in the preparations for the 1961 Christmas Bazaar to be held at the YW. They are members of the QT's 9th to 12th grade girls' club; the Cool Teens 6th to 8th grade girls; the Junior and Senior Sports Clubs, and the South End Club. They will be guided by Miss Rosalie Brewster, Teen-Age Program Advisor, and the teen-age program committee of which Mrs. J. Richard Early is chairman. Food will be a large part of the items for sale at the Bazaar. Cakes, cookies, brownies and baked beans will be sold.

from *The Standard Times*, December 3, 1961



Swimming instruction and recreational swimming are offered to women and girls of every age bracket. Mrs. Genevieve Townley, instructor, is shown in the water preparing to teach youngsters how to swim.

from *The Standard Times*, September 23, 1962



Teen Conference Planning: "The Art of Being Feminine" a YWCA sponsored teen-agers conference will cover topics such as personal popularity as well as pre-marital counseling.

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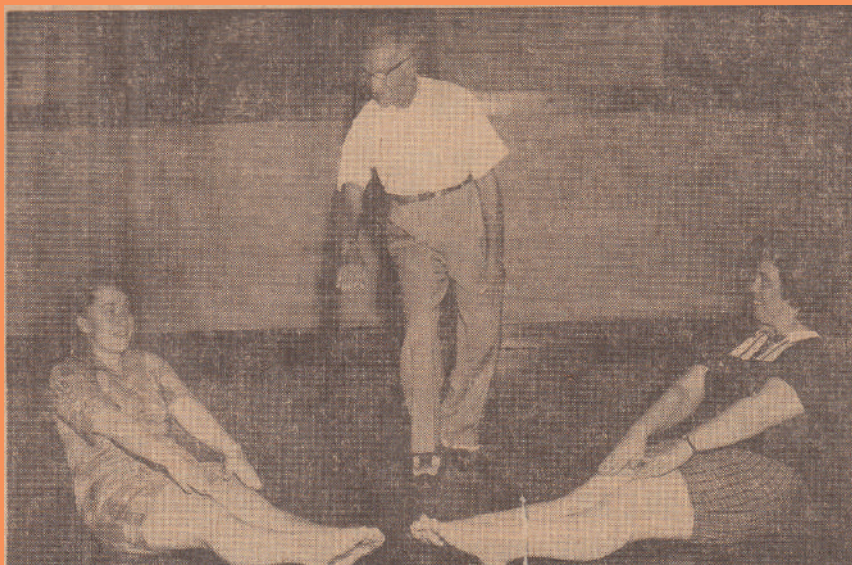
Dr. Eunice Harriet Avery will present an illustrated lecture on "Africa's many faces," at the YWCA. The color slides to be shown were taken on Dr. Avery's trip to 19 capital cities in Africa. Dr. Avery was an eyewitness when many young Egyptians were introduced to calisthenics, dancing and horsemanship at the opening of the first stadium in Egypt's northern provinces.

from The Standard Times, April 19, 1962



From left is Mrs. Harold Conforth Jr.; watching as she demonstrates "what not to do in a job interview" are Mrs. William L. Jenney, the Rev. Sydney Adams, Executive Director of the Interchurch Council, and Mrs. Louise Sawyer, Program Coordinator at the YWCA. The "Shall I Take a Job?" forum is designed to answer the many questions asked by women considering entering, or re-entering the labor force.

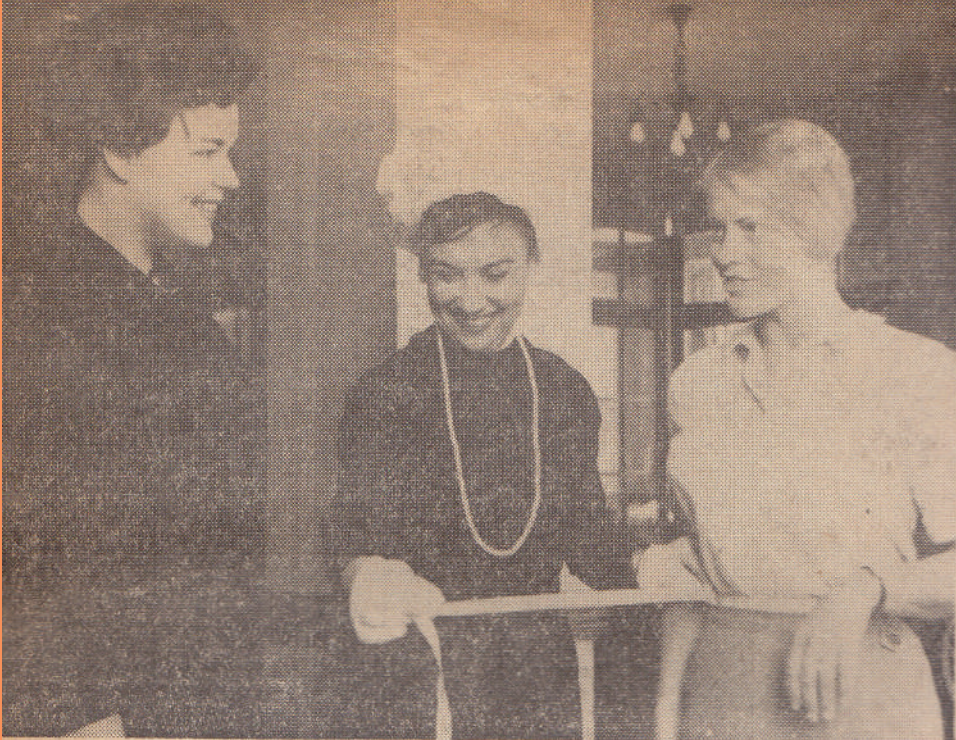
from The Standard Times, May 6, 1962



Exercise session are being held during Home-Makers Holiday. Taught by William Biren; his two pupils are, left, Mrs. Anthony Nobrega Jr. and Mrs. Florian Soza. Exercises are designed to improve muscle tone, and increase physical fitness.

from The Standard Times, September 23, 1962

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Mrs. Vivian Worman, center, will be the instructor for a six week course in charm, grooming and makeup at the YWCA. Figure control will be among her topics. While Miss Astrid Tollefsen, left, watches, Mrs. Worman measures Miss Rosalie Brewster. Mrs. Vivian Worman, Boston model, fashion commentator, couturier, radio and TV personality and woman who has taught innumerable fledgling airline stewardesses will teach six weeks of charm school at the YWCA. Teen-agers and young women are urged to attend. This is the third year that Mrs. Worman has taught such classes.
from *The Standard Times*, April 29, 1962



YWCA officials, Mrs William L. Jenney, left, and Mrs. Edward T. Sears, enjoy refreshments following annual election of officers. Mrs Jenney succeeds Mrs. Sears as YWCA President.
from *The Standard Times*, June 17, 1962



Mrs. Beatrice "Trix" Whalen is Acting Pool Director at the YWCA. In her native England "Trix" won her first English title at the age of 12. She went on to win the same race four more times. At the Tailteann Games held in Dublin, she won four gold medals. She swam in European and Empire Games and was runnerup for the Olympics. She hopes to implement more competitive swimming in this area, between school teams for example.
from *The Standard Times*, October 1, 1962

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Auto First Aid course given by the YWCA for feminine auto owners. Robert Pelletier of Pelletier's Garage is the instructor of the course which covers four weeks of basic principles and two weeks of practical instruction. This course is designed to give drivers the knowledge they need to keep their cars properly maintained. From left are Mr. Pelletier, Mrs. Louise Sawyer, class Program Director of the YWCA and Miss Etta Mellor.

from *The Standard Times*, September 23, 1962

Prepare United Funds Benefit Dance

Making decorations for a square dance next Saturday night at Acushnet Grange are these members of the YWCA Young Adult group, sponsors of the affair which will benefit the United Fund. From left are Carl Couto, Vice President; Miss Margaret Thomas, president, and airman 3rd class Ronnie McCartney of Winnsboro, La., and Otis Air Force Base. George Gray will be the caller at the dance and refreshments will be served.

from *The Standard Times*, November 12, 1961



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Clubs at YWCA Hold Dance at Stevenson's

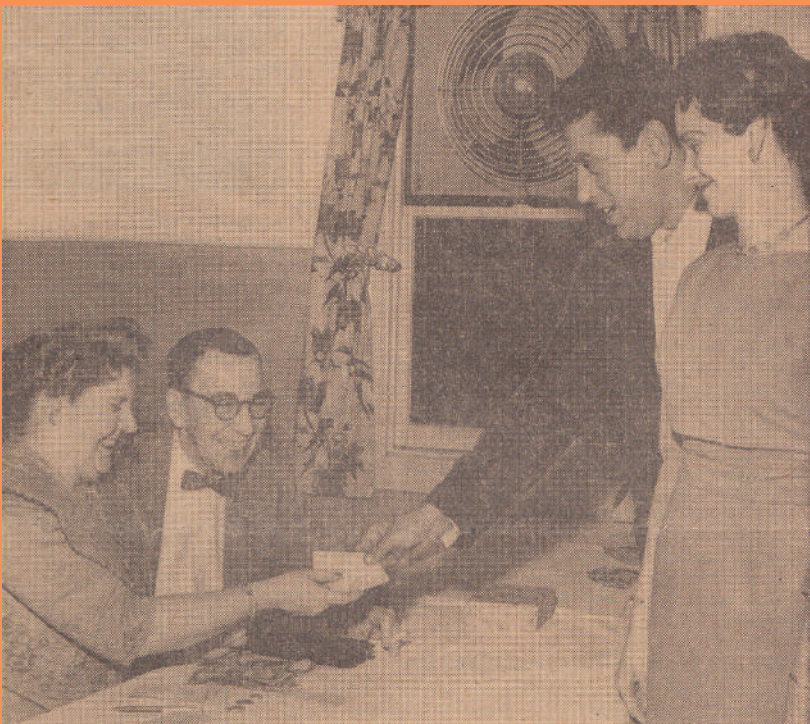


Pictured above from left, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Lauzon and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie A. Rose. Mrs. Rose is head of the wives and Mothers Club at the YWCA.

Below, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Pratt were guests at the dance for which Ray Besse's Orchestra played for dancing from 8 until midnight.



Mrs. Roland La Plante and Edwin Bargiel, seated, were chairmen of tickets for the successful affair. They received tickets from Mr. and Mrs. Rosario Brian of Blackstone.



from The Standard Times, November 13, 1960

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