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**AWARD-WINNERS.** Left to right, first row, the Keanes are Margaret Ellen, 6; Anthony Joseph, 9; Richard Patrick, 12; Rose Marie, 3; Vincent Donald, 4; Therese Michelle, 2; William Michael, 13; Kathleen

Free Press Photo by WALLY STEIGER  
Ruth, 10; John Paul, 8, and Martin Edward, 7. In the second row are Mary Angela, 17; Thomas III, 15; Dr. Thomas Keane, 44; Mrs. Betty Keane, 38, and Barbara Ann, 14. They're from Temperance.



# Keanes (All 15) Are Organized

## Temperance Family Shares Duties in 21-Room House

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There is a big, 21-room house in the middle of tiny Temperance, Mich., that has four bathrooms—and organization.

Both are needed.

They are needed because Dr. Thomas J. Keane, 44, and his attractive wife, Betty, 38, have a lot of blond, blue-eyed children.

Thirteen to be exact.

The Keane children—all of them from poised Mary Angela, 17, to personable Therese Marie, 2—came to Detroit in two station wagons Sunday.

Pop and mom came in another car.

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**THEY'RE HERE**—in six rooms at the Statler-Hilton Hotel—to pick up a couple of awards.

The family, en masse, will be honored Monday as the "pediatric family of the year" by the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians.

Mrs. Keane, solo, will be honored Monday as the "mother of the year" by the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

The groups begin their first combined convention Monday.

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**THE FOUR** bathrooms in the Keane household operate on a "first-come, first-served" basis.

The rest of the activities are organized.

Ask them.

"I'm babies," says Barbara Ann, 14, who smilingly describes herself as the "official" and "mostest" babysitter.

"I'm night dishes," says Mary Angela, who usually wades through the swamp of soap suds to get to the heap

of suppertime plates and saucers.

"I'm day dishes," says Mrs. Keane, who always gets stuck with them when 10 of her 13 helpers desert her for one schoolhouse or another.

It works out.

Dr. Keane, meanwhile, claims he knows only the names of his sons and daughters. No ages.

"I just can't keep them straight," he says.

We oan—or hope we can. There are Mary Angela; Thomas J., III, 15; Barbara Ann; William Michael, 13; Richard Patrick, 12; Kathleen Ruth, 10; Anthony Joseph, 9; John Paul, 8; Martin Edward, 7; Margaret Ellen, 6; Vincent Donald, 4; Rose Marie, 3, and Therese Michelle.

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**MRS. KEANE** says all she has to buy when she runs down to the corner grocery to get dinner are:

Six chickens, 12 pounds of potatoes, four packages of frozen peas, two heads of cauliflower, two heads of lettuce, two gallons of ice cream, two cakes, two gallons of milk and two loaves of bread.

**The Keanes** drink 74 quarts of milk a week.

They all go to church—but not together. Some member of the Keane family is present at all three Sunday masses at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Temperance.

The three eldest sons are altar boys. Dr. Keane is the organist. Thomas III is in the boys choir. Mary Angela, Barbara Ann and Kathleen are in the girls choir.