



CARDINAL VISITS — George Cardinal Flahiff of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Sister Rose Eleanor, of the Dominican Order in West Palm Beach,

Fla., paid a Farmington visit to their cousin Mrs. Westcott Peterson and her husband. (Event photo)

# Cardinal Flahiff Visits His Farmington Cousin

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

"Six lovely hours — the most marvelous time of my life," Mrs. Westcott Peterson of 23255 Prospect, Farmington, glows when she says this.

In fact, Mrs. Peterson still hasn't quite recovered from those "six lovely hours" she spent last week with a very special guest.

The special guest was her second cousin, something most people have.

BUT MOST PEOPLE'S second cousin is not a prince of the Roman Catholic Church.

The second cousin in Mrs. Peterson's case is George Cardinal Flahiff, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

And cardinals of the church do not ordinarily pay visits to private homes.

Permission was given for Cardinal Flahiff to visit Mrs. Peterson because he had been a guest speaker in Adrian, Mich., at the chapter meeting of the Dominican nuns. Another cousin, Sister Rose Eleanor, is a member of the order in West



PRETTY PICTURE — Debbie McGowan, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold McGowan of 23611 Bicking, Farmington, has been chosen to represent 72,500 Michigan war veterans as Miss American Legion of 1969. A cheerleader at Farmington High School, the new queen is a junior member of Legion Auxiliary 346. (Event photo)

Palm Beach and was in Adrian for the meeting.

AND THAT'S HOW IT happened: that the cardinal could pay his visit to the Petersons on a happy occasion instead of a funeral, for which permission to visit is sometimes given.

Cardinal Flahiff was greeted by Mayor Pro Tem John Allen and was welcomed by his old friend Msgr. Thomas Beahan of Our Lady of Sorrows.

He was also greeted by more than 50 relatives and all the children living near the Petersons.

Mrs. Peterson says her cousin has a special place in his heart for children and blessed all those who came to see him.

SHE SAYS she was concerned beforehand over what one talks about to a prince of the church, but the cardinal proved to be easy to converse with and conversational at lunch and the big buffet dinner centered on the family, gold and the sort of things relatives talk about.

## Mrs. Smith Is Appointed Board Trustee

For the second time, Mrs. William H. (Patricia) Smith has been appointed to fill an un-

## Bunnies Will Not Multiply

A staffer from The Farmington Enterprise & Observer received a bit of sex education Monday afternoon by checking out a complaint concerning two rabbits in the backyard of a Farmington residence.

THE STORY begins Aug. 4 when Mr. and Mrs. James Love of 36951 Heatherton in Chatham Hills Subdivision attended the Farmington City Council meeting to complain about the two rabbits next door.

The rabbits belong to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Marino of 36939 Heatherton. The Loves complained their neighbors were raising the rabbits for food rather than as pets.

They asked the council to adopt an ordinance to eliminate commercial rabbit raising in the city. The Loves also complained of the odor from the rabbits.

MRS. MARINO then informed The Enterprise & Observer that she is not raising rabbits for commercial reasons but only as pets. For proof, she invited a reporter to come out and see the bunnies.

The reporter discovered that both rabbits were males, making it difficult to venture far commercially without at least the addition of a third bunny—preferably female type.

The guest greeted everybody with a big hug and a kiss, according to Mrs. Peterson, and nobody seemed to miss his ring as Catholics used to do.

In fact, the ecclesiastic gentleman relaxed formality to the point of taking off his clergyman's jacket and spent those "six lovely hours," in shirt sleeves, in Mrs. Peterson's home.

Monday evening, trustees present at the Board of Education meeting unanimously approved the appointment of Mrs. Smith to the seat on the board vacated by Dr. Sanford Bloomberg, who moved to North Hampton, Mass. Trustee Gary Lichtman was absent from the meeting.

Board President Richard H. Peters said Mrs. Smith, who served by appointment from Aug. 27, 1968 until defeated in the June election, would accept the post. However, she did not attend the meeting.

Peters said that by the appointment, Mrs. Smith will serve until the next general election.

The mother of three children, Mrs. Smith narrowly missed election to the board in June. She lost by nine votes in a bid for a four-year term.

Mrs. Smith is a past president of the Farmington League of Women Voters, The University of Colorado graduate and her husband have lived in Farmington for eight years.

Crossing between intersections was responsible for 40 per cent of the pedestrian deaths in 1968, according to annual figures. More than 9,600 pedestrians were blamed for their own deaths last year.

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## Corner Of Heritage

# Scouts Clean Historic Farmington Cemetery

Thanks to the efforts of two Boy Scouts, a little corner of Farmington's heritage looks better today than it did at the beginning of the summer.

The heritage corner is the historic East Farmington Cemetery on 12 Mile between Inkster and Middle belt.

The cemetery dates back to the early 1800's.

It had fallen into disrepair, overgrown with grass and weeds; the antique headstones tumbled into disarray.

THEN SCOUTS Tim Trout, 16, and Bill Schlesing, 14, of Troop 263, sponsored by the Kenbrook PTA, happened by. The boys were looking for a service project to earn Eagle Scout rank.

And being Scouts, they were disturbed at seeing a link with Farmington's past in a state of deterioration.

So they hauled lawnmowers over to the cemetery, and rakes, and paint, and clippers, and shrub shears.

They spent over 150 hours this summer restoring the site

to some of its original beauty. BUT NOW the boys' parents — Mr. and Mrs. George Trout of 29200 Westmont and Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Schlesing of 31616

13 Mile — are wondering who is going to keep the old cemetery looking beautiful.

The Enterprise and Observer discussed it with Township Supervisor Curtis Hall.

Hall says that he was driving around the township one day and stopped by Farmington's three old cemeteries — this one and West and North Farmington Cemeteries.

HE SAID that although the west and north cemeteries were in better condition, all three needed care. The township had been allocating funds for their care, but further action was needed so he presented a proposition for their upkeep to the township board.

The township attorney investigated the legality of the township contributing funds to private enterprises, as the cemeteries are. It was discovered that any contribution of funds on the part of the township was in violation of the law.

NORTH FARMINGTON and West Farmington's cemeteries still have associations that see to their upkeep.

In the case of old East Farmington Cemetery, association members have either all died or have moved away.

According to Hall, it would take enabling legislation on the part of the state to allow these

heritage sites to become public property.

Says Hall, "It poses a real problem that's got to have to be solved someday."

THE ONLY SOLUTION at present seems to be for more Boy Scouts to come along like Tim and Bill who care about things of bygone days.



GOOD DEED — Eagle Scout hopefuls, Tim Trout and Bill Schlesing, apply a long-needed coat of fresh paint to the fence around East Farmington Cemetery on 12 Mile between Inkster and Middle Belt. (Event photo)

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