

Foreign students take a look at Farmington

By MARY GNIEWEK

Frank Johansson and Annika Koistinen melt anonymously into the crowd at North Farmington High School.

The two seniors spent Thursday afternoon making paper tissue flowers for a float to be used in the homecoming parade.

But come next summer when most of their fellow grads will be preparing for college or jobs, they'll head back home to Finland and complete two more years of high school.

"We don't get credit for this," Johansson, 17, said. "In Finland right now, we would be juniors. So when we go back, we'll have to complete our junior and senior years."

He and Miss Koistinen, also 17, are here under Youth for Understanding, the largest high school exchange program in operation.

Some 5,000 foreign students come to the U.S. as part of the program each year and half as many U.S. students go abroad.

North Farmington also has one Japanese and one Norwegian exchange student this year. Farmington Harrison has one and Farmington High three.

Though no North Farmington students are studying abroad now, senior Sue Gronewy spent the summer in Australia under the Music Youth International program.

She was at the exchange club meeting Thursday which drew together foreign students with those who would like to study and live temporarily in another country.

"I SPENT A month travelling around Australia. I loved it," said Miss Gronewy, a singer who plays flute and piano. "You find from talking with others and observing that the American lifestyle is a lot more hectic."

The two Finnish students agreed. "School here goes so fast. At home, we have 15-minute breaks between classes. And we don't have the same classes every day, so it's different," said Miss Koistinen.

She lives in Espoo, which is 10 miles

from Helsinki, the nation's capital. "In Finland, students don't move from class to class. The teachers move. We have time to get up and go to the store or whatever," said Johansson, who lives in Helsinki.

"Five minutes between classes here is especially difficult after gym class when you want to shower."

Both students are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Pilo of West Bloomfield, a family which is also playing host to a Swedish youth attending Cranbrook school this semester.

The visitors have been to Detroit's Renaissance Center, camping at Hig-

gins Lake, on a tour of the Ford Motor Company, to a soccer game at the Pontiac Silverdome, and to a summer cottage in Oscoda.

"The distances here are too far. I always need to depend on someone for a ride," said Johansson. "At home, I ride the bus four or five times a day. In Finland, no one under 18 can drive."

BOTH SAID they came here to learn more about the American way of life and to become more independent of their families.

"It's a great experience," Johansson said. "Even if it would be disappoint-

ing, you would still learn.

"I think it helps for world peace. To see the news from other viewpoints gives you a more universal attitude."

Miss Koistinen is considering a medical career, and Johansson wants to prepare for something in hotel or restaurant management. Both are enthusiastic about spending a year travelling before settling into careers.

Their idea was echoed by other students at the club meeting.

"I think anyone who works in government should have to travel," added Sue Gronewy. "You gain a better understanding of things that way."

Obituaries

MAUDE E. WIANDT

Mrs. Wiandt, 94, of Farmington Hills, died Sept. 18 in Brae Burn Inc., of Bloomfield Hills.

A native of Ohio, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include: daughters, Mrs. Pearl Berves of Farmington Hills, and Mrs. Helen Daller of Birmingham; brother, Earl Werich of Ohio; sister, Mrs. Olive Lockhardt of Ohio; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were Sept. 21 in Vasu, Rodgers & Connel Funeral Home in Royal Oak. Burial was in Roseland Park, Berkeley. The Rev. Oliver Nelson officiated.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Michigan Heart Fund.

ESTHER M. ROWE

Mrs. Rowe, 73, of Farmington Hills, died Sept. 19 in Mt. Carmel Hospital, Detroit.

Survivors include: son, Richard; daughters, Mrs. Marilyn Conrad, Mrs. Arlene Colletta, and Mrs. Royal Steele; brothers, Herman and Fred Schultz; 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were Sept. 21 in Neely Funeral Home, Inc. of Livonia. Dr. Wilbert D. Gough conducted the service. Cremation was at Evergreen Crematory.

GUY W. O'ROURKE

Mr. O'Rourke, 67, of Inkster, died

Sept. 23 at home.

A native of Georgia, he was employed by the Chrysler Corp.

Survivors include: wife, Katie M.; daughter, Mrs. Linda Putney of Gregory, Mich.; sister, Mrs. Cora Burke of Georgia; brother, Warren, of Georgia; and two grandchildren.

Services were Sept. 26 in Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington by Rev. J.K. Hoffmaster. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

AGNES ELIZABETH KEILHACKER

Mrs. Keilhacker, 66, of Farmington, died Sept. 23 in Ford Hospital, Detroit.

Survivors include: husband, Clarence A.; daughters, Mrs. Barbara A. Vandorn of West Bloomfield, Andrea L. of Farmington; son, Richard A. of Canton Township; mother, Mrs. Mattie F. Tarran of Livonia; sisters, Mrs. Eleanor Hickey of Dayton, Ohio, and Mrs. Doris Johnson of Livonia; brothers, William Tarran of Sebring, Fla., and Robert Tarran of Rochester and five grandchildren.

Services were Sept. 26 in Thayer-Rock Funeral Home by Dr. Bartlett Hess of Ward United Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Park.

JOSEPH L. BARNES

Mr. Barnes, 75, of Farmington, died Sept. 25 in Mt. Carmel Hospital, Detroit.

Before his retirement in 1967, he was the manager of the Fennell-Fairfield branch of the Detroit Bank and Trust

for 25 years. He worked for DBT for 43 years. He was a member of the Catholic Central Dads Club, the Boy Scouts and the Kiwanis.

Survivors include: wife, Mary E.; daughters, Mrs. Mary Ann Williams, and Mrs. Peggy Moran; son, Robert E.; and 18 grandchildren.

Services were Sept. 28 in Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi and in Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church, Farmington.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Fr. Joseph G. Barnes C.S.B. Memorial Fund, Catholic Central High School, 14200 Breakfast Drive, Detroit, 48239.

JOHN T. KEEGAN

Mr. Keegan, 71, of Farmington Hills, died Sept. 25.

He was a member of Hope Lutheran Church.

Survivors include: wife, Hope; sons, Keith Burke, Pat Keegan; sister, Mrs. Delores Barber and five grandchildren.

Services were Sept. 28 at McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

ANN BUCHER

Mrs. Bucher, 68, of Farmington died Sept. 20.

She was a secretary with a real estate firm.

Survivors include: husband, Raymond; daughters, Mrs. Joyce King of Farmington Hills; sons, Robert L., and J. Phillip and four grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by Ross B. Northrup and Son Funeral Home, Detroit. There were no services.

Masons gear up for convocation

Wayne E. Turton, Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons of Michigan, will preside at the 131st grand chapter convocation to be held at Valley Plaza Convention Center in Midland Oct. 4-6.

Residing with his wife and children in Farmington Hills, he is active in the Northville and Farmington Masonic bodies. He served as High Priest of Union Chapter No. 55, Royal Arch Masons in 1968, and now holds offices of conductor of the council of Northville No. 30, royal and select masters, tiler of crusader council No. 142, allied Masonic degrees and senechal of Prince Edwin York Rite College No. 8.

He is past master of Farmington Lodge No. 151, free and accepted Masons and holds membership in Northville Commandery No. 39, knights templar, valley of Detroit, ancient accepted Scottish rite, Farmington chapter No. 239, order of the Eastern Star, and Trinity Shrine No. 44, White Shrine of Jerusalem.

He holds the honorary legion of honor of the Order of DeMolay and was elected last August to receive the highest honor in York Rite Masonry, the Order of the Purple Cross.

The October convocation will conclude eight years of his service as an elected officer in the Grand Chapter of Michigan Royal Arch Masons with a banquet on Friday evening. It will be attended by more than 400 Royal Arch Masons representatives from the various Masonic districts in Michigan and officers from Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and New York.

Installation of new officers will take place on Saturday, Oct. 6.

Turton's future plans include continued active participation in Royal Arch Masonry Historical Research and fulfilling the appointed office of executive director of the district deputy instructor system for the Michigan Grand Chapter.



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