

Mother Gets Her Wish In Death

FARMINGTON Robert McKenna, of Farmington, had to go to a lot of trouble to get what he feels is a proper funeral for his mother. He finally succeeded.

McKenna's mother, Mrs. Anne E. McKenna, of St. Clair Shores, died recently at the age of 80. She was an Army nurse in World War I, and it was her wish to have a military funeral.

Tuesday she was buried with full military rites thanks to her son and the Dearborn Allied War Veterans Council.

McKENNA and the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home of Farmington had a difficult time arranging for the military funeral, according to a representative of the funeral home. Military personnel to perform at funerals are in demand because of Vietnam war deaths.

McKenna said he asked several American Legion posts for help including the Ragan-Lide Post of which his mother was a member and founder. A spokesman for the post told him it hadn't provided attendants for a military funeral in three years and that it would be almost impossible to arrange military rites for his mother.

Most Legion posts don't have a sufficient number of honor guard teams set up to handle all the requests for military funerals, McKenna said. He hopes one result of his struggle to fulfill his mother's wish for a military funeral will be the forming of more teams for the rites.

Finally a plea for help brought assistance. Dearborn Mayor Orville Hubbard, among others, arranged for the Dearborn veterans group to provide an honor guard for a requiem mass in St. Christopher Catholic Church in Detroit and a rifle squad and bugler at the cemetery.

MRS. McKenna entered the Army Nurse Corps in 1918 and served in France from December 1918 to July of the next year. She met her future husband, Daniel C. McKenna, in a hospital in France.

After coming to Detroit, Mrs. McKenna was a founding member of the Army Nurses Ragan-Lide American Legion Post. She worked as a nurse for many years at Deaconess Hospital and the receiving branch of Detroit General Hospital.

She died Jan. 2 in Moroun Nursing Home in Detroit. She was buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield after the services at St. Christopher.

Survivors besides her son, Robert, of Farmington, include daughters, Mrs. Shirley Bryant of Detroit and Mrs. Bobbie James of St. Clair Shores; sisters, Miss Isabelle Cooney and Miss Cecelia Cooney, both of Fort Erie, Canada; Mrs. Henry Moore of Detroit and Mrs. Fred Slaper of Buffalo, N.Y.; and 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

County Gets \$311,093 For Roads

Oakland County will receive \$311,093 out of the state's share of a federal highway grant according to an announcement from the State Highway Commission.

The Michigan counties and the Department of State Highways have been allotted nearly \$10.7 million in Federal Aid Society highway money for the fiscal year.

This amount is \$70,000 less than was received during the current fiscal year. The reason for the reduction is the fact that the increase in Michigan's county road mileage was not as great as the increase in the national average.

How much of the county grant will be spent in the Farmington area has not yet been decided.

Peg Brown Wins Position

FARMINGTON Miss Peg Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Brown of 22315 Violet, Farmington, has been elected secretary to the student body of Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant.

She is a junior majoring in history.

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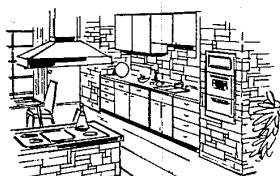
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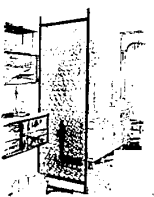
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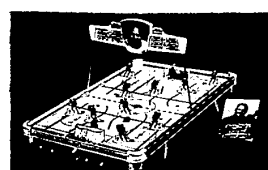
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