

Clarenceville mom makes graduate list

BY SUSAN ROSIEK

High School. He is currently studying at Detroit College of Law.

Mildred Kaipio, mother of eight, has attended a lot of high school graduations, but none as special as last week's ceremony at Clarenceville.

This time it was Mrs. Kaipio's turn to collect the high school diploma which eluded her years ago.

Mrs. Kaipio, who comes from a family of 16 children, quit school and went to work when she was 15.

"After that, I never got a chance to go back (to school). I got married and raised my children. They are my jewels," says Mrs. Kaipio.

It was a proud Kaipio clan which joined the parents of other Clarenceville grads at last week's commencement exercises.

"After graduating eight kids from high school, putting sons through college and even law school, I decided it was time for mother to get her high school diploma," said the energetic Livonia woman.

Six of her children graduated from Clarenceville High School while two others earned diplomas from Taylor Center High School. Two of her daughters were homecoming queens at Clarenceville. As a parent, Mrs. Kaipio was active in PTA and the athletic and band booster clubs. Her youngest son, Tom, 24, is a graduate of Clarenceville

MRS. KAIPIO attended night classes for five years, four night a week. Besides that, she worked during the day, stayed active in the Apostolic Lutheran Church in Southfield and continued helping local senior citizens with their shopping and housework.

Mrs. Kaipio also remained an ardent booster of the Clarenceville wrestling team, attending meets and cheering on the Trojan matmen.

The Livonia mother and grandmother of 15 children also proved to be a good student.

"I guess I had a 'B' average. I always got A's and B's. I never got a C or anything below," said Mrs. Kaipio.

Her favorite subject was English. She especially liked an independent study course she took this year on the Middle East.

Getting the diploma, however, wasn't easy. In 1973, Mrs. Kaipio was in St. Mary's Hospital for 3 1/2 months with a liver ailment. According to her daughter-in-law, Diane, "the doctors didn't think they could do anything for her and just gave up."

But Mrs. Kaipio bounced back. She says she feels fine now.



Mildred Kaipio accepts congratulations from Carolyn Collins. Joining Mrs. Kaipio is her son Tom. (Staff photo by Bill Bresler)

Serves as intern

Karre Slafkin, a junior in Journalism at the University of Michigan, has been selected as the 1980 public relations summer intern at Anthony Franco Inc., the Detroit-based public relations consulting firm.

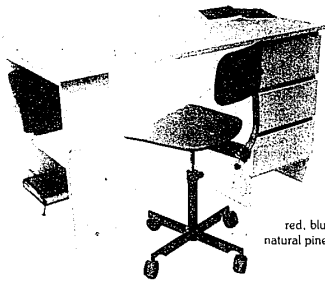
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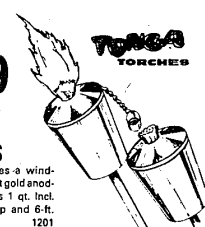
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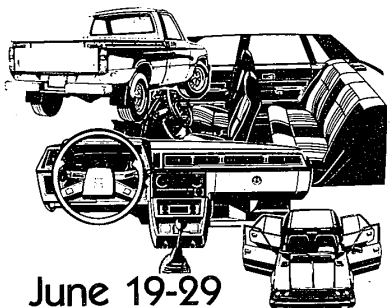
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