

obituaries

RAYMOND EMERSON MELVIN

Mr. Melvin, 74, of Farmington Hills, died Jan. 30 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia.

Mr. Melvin, who was born in Illinois, was employed by the Chrysler Corp. Plymouth plant and later worked as heating and refrigeration engineer for Children's Hospital in Detroit. From 1945 to 1947 he was chief engineer at

the Vickers Eight Mile Road plant. For a short time he was an inspector for the city of Livonia, and for 18 years he was a licensed heating and refrigeration engineer for Farmington and Farmington Hills, retiring in 1970. He was a member of the Modern Temple of Detroit, Greater Farmington Shrine Club, Masonic Lodge, Elks, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Detroit, Order of the Eastern Star and the National

Rifle Association.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Lee; son, Robert; two brothers, three sisters and four grandchildren.

Services were held Feb. 3 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Charles Fox of St. John Lutheran Church officiating. Memorials may be made to Michigan Cancer Foundation.

NORMA JEAN DIAMOND

Mrs. Diamond, 53, of Farmington died Jan. 30.

Mrs. Diamond was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband, Chuck; daughter, Mary; mother, Helen Anton; sisters, Rita Borys and Evelyn Siemiec.

Services were at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, Mass. was said at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church with the Rev. Edward Belczak officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

IRENE HELEN SEGRAVES

Mrs. Segraves, 68, of West Branch died Jan. 30 in Providence Hospital. Mrs. Segraves worked for R.L. Polk Co.

Conference eyes sex equality

Michigan Division AAUW (American Association of University Women) and Schoolcraft College will sponsor a Sex Equity Conference in cooperation with PEER (Project on Equal Education Rights).

This conference, open to the public, is scheduled for Saturday, March 17, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia from 9 am to 1 pm. The cost for the conference is \$4 per person. For more information, contact Ida Copeland 682-8946 or Donna Roach 689-8240.

Jo Jacobs, coordinator of sex equity for the Michigan Department of Education, will deliver the keynote address, "Sex Equity, Is It Really?"

Those attending will have the opportunity to choose two of three sessions dealing with sex equity in the areas of "government, business and education". The format for each session will be a panel of prominent Michigan women who will discuss the past, present and future of sex equity.

Survivors include her husband, George; daughters, Elaine Slowik, Geraldine Obrenski and Rita Wolny; brothers, Tony and Leonard Brunk; sisters, Celia Grable, Eleanor Yustis and Bernice Polasecki; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Services were at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, Mass. was said at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church with the Rev. Edward Belczak officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.

THOMAS ARTHUR RICHARDS

Mr. Richards, 58, of Farmington Hills died Feb. 1 in Detroit Osteopathic Hospital.

Mr. Richards was a procedure writer for Burroughs. He was a member of Ferndale Lodge F&AM 508.

Survivors include his wife, Betty; sons, David and Garry; mother, Mrs. Isabella Richards; sister, Betty Jane Westphal.

Services were at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with

the Rev. Gerald Fisher of Clarenceville Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia.

EDNA J. NAGEL

Mrs. Nagel, 79, of Farmington died Feb. 1 in Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.

Born in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Nagel was a homemaker.

Survivors include her daughters, Barbara Stewart, Marilyn Francis and Patricia Klepach; eight grandchildren.

Services were Feb. 4 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Nancy Woycik of Orchard United Methodist Church officiating. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.



Convention chief addresses chamber

William McLaughlin, president of the Metropolitan Detroit Convention and Visitors Bureau will be the main speaker at this week's Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce.

The luncheon will begin at 12:30 p.m. Cash bar will precede the luncheon at noon. Those interested in attending should make reservations by calling Joann Soronen at 474-3440.

Named president of the convention bureau in 1981, McLaughlin has served as director of the Michigan Department of Commerce for two years. Prior to that he was chairman of the Mich-

igan Republican Party from 1969 to 1979.

In 1979 he received the bureau's Renaissance Spirit Award for his contributions to convention business in Metropolitan Detroit.

In 1980, he was instrumental in landing the Republican National Convention for Detroit, as well as Super Bowl XVI, which was at the Pontiac Silverdome in January of 1982.

He served on the executive committee of the Civic Host Committee for the Republican National Convention and the steering committee of the Michigan Host Committee for the 1982 Super Bowl.



William McLaughlin

Coping with disability discussed at library

Persons interested in learning how to live with disabilities are invited to the Farmington Hills Library at 7 p.m. on Feb. 16 to hear two experts on the subject.

The library is at 32737 Twelve Mile. The program is free.

Speaking will be Pamela Berryman, a rehabilitation teacher of the adult blind for the Greater Society for the Blind. Also speaking will be Susan Odgers, educational consultant and a doctoral student in counseling at Wayne State University. The program will last until 9 p.m.

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