Class of '85

Six graduates mark a 1st for Clarenceville School District

or me past eight years.
"There have always been about 30 residents who were enrolled in the classes," said Rose Morgan, activities director for the home, "For the first six who made it, there is much to celebrate because we are so proud of them."

ARMSTRONG is a native of Tennessee and one of nine children. She left the rural school she attended there to care for her alling father and, when he died, moved to Pontiac to help keep house for her sister. Later, she lived for a while in Lansing with her nelce. She never married and nover worked outside of her house. She has lived in Farmington Nursing Home since 1977 and said attending school classes there was one of her greatest pleasures.

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OFSANKO is an Illinois native but moved to Detroit when she was 8. She left school after completing the Illi grade to work with LaSalle Wine and Champagne Inc., where she stayed for 22 years.

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During that time, she was one of the first women in the state to win a court case for working women. In her court hattle, she was supported by her union as well as a professional women's club.

as well as a professional women's club. When Ofsanko's son was a student in Clareneeville's first sebool, on Eight Mille between Grand River and Middle-belt, she became active in the school's Mothers Club, forerunner to the PTA. She was instrumental in many fund-raisers that helped to provide dental work for students here in the '30s and early '40s. Often, those Mothers Club meetings were hosted by her in her Farmington Township home.
Ofsanko's son graduated from Wayne State University, earned both a master's degree and a doctorate and is now personnel manager for Southern California Edison Co.

DOMANSKI is a native of Detroit, attended St. Stanislaus Elementary School for eight years and Northeastern High School for three years.

She was employed with Colonial Laundry, where she assembled boxes, until her marriage to an engineer in 1936. Her husband died after 30 years of marriage, when he was 51.

Domanski has two sons and five grandchildren. She is a ballroom dancer, a swimmer and a gardener whose expertise is with roses.

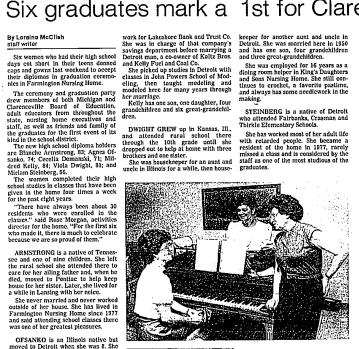
KELLY GREW up in Chicago, where she attended St. James Parochial School through elementary grades and some high school until she went to

keeper for another aunt and uncle in Detroit. She was married here in 1950 and has one son, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was employed for 16 years as a dining room helper in King's Daughters and Sons Nursing Home. She still continues to crochet, a favorite pastlme, and always has some needlework in the making.

STEINBERG is a native of Detroit who attended Fairbanks, Crasman and Thirkle Elementary Schools.

She has worked most of her adult life with retarded people. She became a resident of the home in 1977, rarely missed a class and is considered by the staff as one of the most studious of the raduates.





Music is the subject for the conference between Diane Troxtel (above left) Judy Rutila and Rose Morgan. Troxtel is director of the 23-momber choir from Marian Oakland-West which sang at the after-graduation party. Rutile is a teacher for adults in Clarenceville School District. Morgan is activities director for Farmington Nursing Home who fought for funds to keep the high school completion courses going when school budgets got tight. At right, Rose Govig, coordinator of adult education for Clarencevilleschools, directs the graduates and speakers in rehearsals for the ceremony.



10 receive diplomas at Oak Hill

Following on the heels of Clarenceville School District's first graduation exercises in a nursil home are active of Scotland.

Marilyn Hodges is 39, theyoungest of reddents of Gok Hill Nursing Home will receive their diplomas in ceremonies that begin at 2 pm. Saturday, June 8, in the home on Grand River and Gill Road.

The graduates are Anna Baker, born
74 years ago in Tennesse; Madeline
Barret, a 92-year-old from Pennsylvanies will need to see the second of the secon

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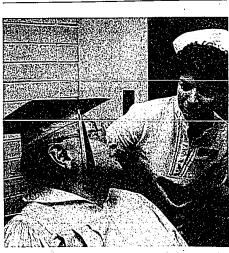
Marilyn Hodges is 39, theyoungest of the graduates, and the only one of her class who will not be included in the ceremonies. She has chosen instead to receive her diploma with Clarenceville High School's class of '89.

Graduate Anna Shepper analyse of 's and 's Others from the annex who have earned their diplomas through the Clarenceville district's high school completion classes are Jean Gasparotto, age 68 and a native of Italy, Lucille Johnson, 85 years old and a native of Illinois; and Stelin Quashnock, 82 years old and a native of Pennsylvania.

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Farmington Nursing Home's new diploma holders are Cecella Domanski (at left) Mildred Kelly, Mirlam Steinberg, Viola Dwight,



Agnes Ofsanko wrote and delivered the speech on behalf of the graduates, which in essence was a thank-you to both educators and nursing home staff that brought the high school completion classes into Fermington Nursing Home. The 74-year-old graduate is with nurse Joanne Neu.