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A century of living

Two residents of The Greenery in Farmington — Frieda Smith (left) and Ethel Orr — celebrated their 100 birthdays recently. They were born within a week of each other in 1891. Orr was born Sept. 7 in Brockway, Mich., and moved to Detroit when in her teens. She was a store clerk most of her working life and was an avid bowler, rolling

a 198 game while in her 80s. Smith, whose birthday is Sept. 14, was born in Germany and was one of 15 children. She came to the United States in 1905 then to Detroit and married Frank Smith in 1919. They had no children. Orr and Smith celebrated their century marks with a recent party at The Greenery.

Genealogical Society helps in state indexing

The Farmington Genealogical Society is participating in a major indexing project being undertaken jointly by the Michigan Department of Public Health, Office of the State Registrar, and the Michigan Genealogical Council, a federation of 80 genealogical societies with the state.

When completed, the project will produce a printed index to all Michigan deaths from 1897, first year of official registration, through 1897, a total of over 500,000 entries.

Adopted by the Council in 1988 as a long range Sequelcentennial project, the venture combines the efforts of volunteer transcribers with the work of state agency staff members.

The joint effort is designed to produce a compiled index which will facilitate the location of specific records by staff members, genealogists, historians and the general public. The index will also reduce further use and deterioration of original heavy-Michigan Death Ledgers.

Margaret Walker, founding member and past president of the Farmington Genealogical Society and past president of the Michigan Genealogical Council, is coordinating the efforts of more than 50 local society project chairpersons and approximately 600 individual transcribers.

Rebecca Davis is serving as liaison for the Farmington society, handling packets of transcription materials and photocopies of ledger pages assigned to local members.

A PRINTOUT of entries transcribed during the pilot program covering the year 1897-98 was published recently, and a reference copy has been placed in the Local History Room at the Downtown Library.

The overall project has now advanced through the transcription of the 1875 Death Ledger, a total of approximately 100,000.

Researchers will discover that compliance with state registration tended to be scattered, especially during the earliest years.

Some Michigan deaths will still need to be determined by references in church-and-Bible records, local county or township reports, obituaries, census mortality schedules or delayed registrations, including other sources.

The Farmington Genealogical Society has resumed regular activities Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. The meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Farmington Branch Library on Liberty Street.

She enters a convent

Theresa Leurck, daughter of Frank and Judy Leurck of Clinton, Miss., entered the Franciscan Convent of Our Lady of the Angels, Irondale, Ala., on Sept. 8.

Leurck, a resident of Farmington, has been employed by the Pro Golf Shop in Redford for 12 years. She is a 1984 graduate of Novi High School and has been attending Madonna University.

Concert set for church

Jim and Shirley Tubbs will be in concert at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Hagerty, north of Eight Mile at 1-275 on at 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29.

The Tubbs have traveled throughout the United States in a full-time concert schedule as a songwriting/singing duo.

As graduates of Olivet University, Jim began a career in business management, and Shirley in engineering physics. However, they decided to start a music ministry and began traveling in the spring of 1984.

Their 1985 debut album entitled "His Way," and their 1989 release entitled, "A Road In The Night," combine a softer inspirational sound with lyrics that encourage perseverance.

Their songs are currently being performed by several solo and group artists throughout the United States and Canada. Their three daughters, Evie, 12, Marcie, 9, and Jamie, 6, travel with them, and often sing as well.

A kind heart influences many of writer's actions

Dear Ms. Green,

I regularly read your graphology column in the Observer, and I would like very much to have you analyze my handwriting. I am female, 38 years old and right handed. This is the style I most often use, though I also like to print. I am most comfortable using a medium point pen, and I like to write with a padding of some paper. I do not like the feel of a pen scratching along on a single sheet of paper. I'm not especially fond of writing on unlined paper.

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Detroit



graphology

Lorene Green

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The spacing of the handwriting and printing skills are very similar and suggest good organizational skills.

We are examining the handwriting of a traditional young woman. She is gentle and a kind heart often influences her thinking and actions.

She feels her experiences deeply, be they sad or happy ones. Empathy is quickly seen here. Not only can she feel for and with another, but is also prepared to lend a helping hand. Although basically a serious young woman, a tad of humor is here to ingratiate her to others.

Our writer is unpretentious and a little reserved as she relates to others. Seemingly, she has developed objectivity at the expense of spontaneity. If she needs to be directly involved with crowds or large groups of people, she may find it unsettling.

She will travel the extra mile to get along amiably with others. She is inclined to flow with the tide and not make waves. Her friends have been exposed to her loyalty. And she probably has friendships of long standing.

A strong need for approval from others cannot be missed. Usually, her behavior conforms to what she feels is good and proper. I do not see her taking big risks.

Persons in positions of authority are treated with respect. She needs guide lines to follow and adheres to the rules. Feelings of "should" and "should not" often influence her decisions.

At times, I think she might like to be more independent and creative, but feels a need to conform to the standards so firmly ingrained in her formative years.

Feelings of responsibility and conscientiousness are ever present. She is self-disciplined and is not reluctant to become involved in hard work to achieve her goals. She is systematic, thorough, handles details well and is not satisfied with a job that does not meet her high standards. She likes to complete a task before starting on the next one. And she is fortunate to be blessed with the vitality to carry out her work.

Her thinking is well organized and logical. She makes plans and then implements the planning. When everything is running along smoothly, she is at her best. And when things do not go according to the planning, she can become quite upset.

Home and family are important to her. Seemingly, she perceives some deprivation from the female who nurtured her.

This is a woman of innately good taste. Her aesthetic sense conditions all she does. She has also been exposed to culture. And at many times before, printers often have art talent.

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clubs in action

TRI-COUNTY SINGLES meets from 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. today at the Ramada Inn Airport, 1394 and Merriam, Romulus. Casual or dressy attire. No jeans. For more information call the hotline, 842-7422.

WEST SIDE SINGLES meets from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Sept. 20, at Roma's of Livonia, Schoolcraft and Inkster. Dressy attire. No jeans. For more information call the hotline at 562-3169.

FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONALS meets for volleyball at 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays at Macquethall Farmington, Nine Mile west of Farmington Road. A burger and movie night is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at Mr. Joe's, 26077 12 Mile Road, east of Northwestern Highway. For information 478-9181.

DELTA PHI EPSILON SORORITY meets at noon Saturday, Sept. 21, at Peking House, 215 S. Washington, Royal Oak. RSVP at 258-6786.

THE SATELLITE members of the Ezra Parker Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet for a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, at the home of Mrs. Robert Beach, 31139 Downing Place, Beverly Hills. State

regent Mrs. John Collins is speaker. For more information call 543-4652.

THE FARMINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, at the Farmington Community Library, Liberty and State in downtown Farmington. Tom Shawver, public information specialist for Michigan Department of Transportation will speak on "History of the County Highways in Michigan."

Crafters wanted for fall show

Gill Elementary School, 21195 Gill Road, Farmington Hills, is seeking crafters for the Harvest and Holiday Show on Saturday, Nov. 16. For more information, call Judy at 474-8391 or Nancy at 474-7357.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Holiday Craft Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, 20805 Middlebelt Road, is now renting tables. For more information, call Barb at 478-0841.

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