

Livonia Playing Host This Week to 155 Foreign Touring AFS Students

Livonia is playing host during the coming week to 155 foreign exchange students from all corners of the world. Four high schools — Bentley, Franklin, Stevenson and Clarenceville — are participating in the American Field Service program that provides two-week bus tours for teenagers from foreign lands who have spent the last school year studying in this country. The students, coming in busloads ranging from 36 to 42 teenagers in each, will be entertained in more than 100 Livonia families — some take more than one — for three-day stays.

All are heading eventually to New York, where they will embark sometime this month for their homelands after a year's absence.

The short stays in Livonia, planned by AFS leaders, include visits to the Ford Motor Co. assembly plant and Greenfield Village, get-togethers for all the families from each school, and plenty of time for the students and their host families to get acquainted.

Each busload is making several stops to give the foreign visitors a chance to know a number of American families before returning home.

The first busload, with 40 students to visit Stevenson High School families, arrives this afternoon and will be greeted by Livonia Mayor Harvey Moelke.

The teens in this group have spent the year in the area of Iowa, Nebraska and

South Dakota. Mrs. Arthur Schan, in charge of arrangements said the group would leave July 7.

Coming in tomorrow are busloads of AFS students to visit Bentley High School and Clarenceville. The 42 arriving to visit Bentley families have been in the central New York state area, and the busload from Clarenceville comes from Connecticut. Mrs. Donald D. Friedrichs heads the Bentley program and Mrs. Beverly Frechette the one at Clarenceville.

They will leave July 9. The Franklin visitors, 36 strong, will be here from Saturday, July 8, to Tuesday, July 11.

The bus will arrive from Yarmouth, Maine, where the 21 boys and 15 girls will assemble after a year in various New England high schools from which they have just graduated. They've attended schools in Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire.

They come from 22 countries, from Australia to Ur-

uguay — including: Austria, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Malaysia, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Uganda and the United Kingdom.

They were house guests in American homes during the year of study.

To give the party an opportunity to see more of America, the Franklin chapter invited them to Livonia to visit

in homes with children of their own ages. The program is under guidance of Mrs. Nancy Shaughnessy, 9816 Berwick, and Mrs. Janet Campbell, 29455 Robert Drive, as co-chairmen.

There will be a tour of the Ford Rouge plant and a talent show at Franklin on Monday.

Some of the students will appear in native dress, tell of life at home and speak in their native tongues.

The visitors carry names easy and hard to pronounce, or spell, but all are eager to know and see more of America, and Americans.

The Franklin chapter has one visiting student this year. The city has three chapters of the American Field Service, which has headquarters in New York and through which exchange students are obtained.

Each chapter must raise \$700 before it can apply for a student.



MRS. PATRICK O'BRIEN (seated), the new president of the Livonia City Women's Club, is shown with members of her executive board. They are, from left, Mrs. George Burmeister, Mrs. James Bertetto, Mrs. Keith McDonald, and Mrs. Lewis Vawter.

Mrs. O'Brien President Of Livonia Women's Club

Mrs. Patrick O'Brien is the new president of the Livonia City Women's Club.

She will serve during the 1967-68 year with Mrs. George Burmeister, first vice-president; Mrs. James Bertetto, second vice-president; Mrs. Lewis Vawter, recording secretary; Mrs. Harold Hovkala, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Keith McDonald, treasurer; and Mrs. Claude Stevens, parliamentarian.

Standing committees include: membership, Mrs. Wilford Okerstrom; program, Mrs. James Bartlett; inspiration, Mrs. Howard Cossin; publicity, Mrs. John Van Zengst; card party chairman, Mrs. Jack Rhodes; co-chairman, Mrs. Charles Weiss. Others are: remembrance, Mrs. George Ramden; hospitality, Mrs. Harold Gibson; ways and means, Mrs. George Burmeister; nonhanging chairman, Mrs. Earl Bruce; tea hostess, Mrs. William

Barnes; special activities, Mrs. Earl Westphal; transportation, Mrs. Leslie Burrell; and advisory committee, Mrs. Burdette Clark; Mrs. Clayton Burns; Mrs. Claude Stevens; and Mrs. John Van Lier.

Regular meetings of the club, which are held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, will begin on Thursday, Oct. 19, 1967. Ladies interested in joining an afternoon club may call Mrs. Okerstrom at 421-2423.

Mr. Reeber Is Wed June 28

Edmund C. Reeber, of Doris Avenue, Livonia, was married June 28, to Elinora J. Dowler, of Malachi, Fla. Justice of the Peace Randall Kohler performed the ceremony in his Redford Township office.

Teacher Says Thanks

Families around here are interested in international understanding and more than willing to help out a teacher in a large class.

That's the conclusion of John Hopkins, Plymouth High School French teacher who appeared in last week's Observer for help in locating families who would like to have a French exchange student live with them for a time.

"My telephone hardly stopped ringing the afternoon the paper came out," Hopkins reported, "and at this point I have about 40 families lined up."

Hopkins thought the response all the more remarkable because the story mistakenly stated that the students would be here eight months. Actually the time is eight weeks, he said, "and a lot of the families were disappointed when I told them that."

He wants to thank all the folks who responded, and let them know he'll follow up with more details as soon as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Preyer, of N. Harvey Street, Plymouth, announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Susan, to James E. Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hope Robertson of Chubb Road, Northville. The bridegroom-elect recently returned from service with the U.S. armed forces in Vietnam. An August wedding is planned.

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Livonia Woman Turns a Parachute Into Wedding Finery for Two Local Brides

The white nylon parachute traveled from Okinawa to this country in the gear of a young aerial photographer home on emergency leave just after World War II ended.

It bloomed into bridal finery when his youngest sister announced plans to marry and fine materials weren't available. There had been a war on, remember?

And last Saturday, July 1, it made another trip from the aisle on a second young bride, daughter of the first.

The occasion was the wedding of 18-year-old Carrie Lynn Harrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harrell of Brighton, Mich., to George Steffen, of Ypsilanti, in the Free Methodist Church at Ann Arbor.

It stirred up many memories for Carrie Lynn's family, on hand four-generation strong, and particularly for her mother and three Livonia residents, Mrs. Carrie Holmes, her son, George Holmes, and her daughter, Mrs. Fred T. Wilson. All live on Schoolcraft.

It was George Holmes who brought the parachute along when, in January, 1946, he was sent to the bedside of his seriously ill mother. And it was Laura Wilson who thought of the firm white material when, after Mrs. Holmes was better, sister Barbara Holmes announced she wanted to marry as soon as Fred Harrell was discharged from service.

Mrs. Wilson used about a third of the parachute for the wedding gown. Part of the rip cord edged the oval neckline and trimmed the skirt.

"It cost ten cents to make," she remembers. "I spent that for a spool of thread."

The purchased thread had yellowed a bit in the 21 years that passed before Carrie Lynn's wedding, but the nylon was still gleaming white. Mrs. Wilson added rows of pearls along the bias parachute seams in the skirt "to change it a little for another bride."

It was the first time the family had seen the dress on a bride, for the Harrells were married in Georgia.

Mrs. Wilson's daughter, Mrs. Adelaide Fulmer, was matron of honor. She made

her dress after the refitting of the bridal gown was complete.

At the wedding were Mrs. Holmes, her sons and daughters, and the Harrells' other eight children, including Fred Harrell Jr. and his wife and small daughter Kimberly Lynn.

"I told him I wanted her there even if she did fuss," said Mrs. Harrell. "She made it four gaspers."

Besides, Kimberly Lynn had to have a look at the wedding gown she might wear some day.



MRS. FRED T. WILSON (left) and her daughter Carrie Lynn Harrell, who made the gown from a parachute for her wedding.

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Singleton Group Sets Dinner Meet

The Dearborn-Livonia Singletons will hold their first dinner meeting since they were officially organized as chapter of the United States Singletons at 6:30 tomorrow at a restaurant at 23955 Michigan.

The evening will start with a social hour, followed by dinner, a business meeting, and a program.

The Singletons is the only national service organization limited in membership to unmarried men and women between the ages of 25-45. Men must have an income of at least \$5,000 and women \$3,600. There are now 20 chapters located in 15 states.

Chapters engage in civic and welfare activities with a well-rounded social program. The Dearborn-Livonia Chapter encourages membership from the Western Suburbs of the Greater Detroit Area.

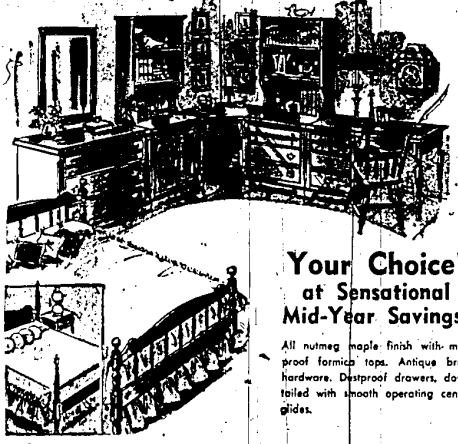
The Ninth National Convention was recently held in Cincinnati, Ohio. Those eligible and interested in attending the dinner meeting to learn more about the Singletons may call either, Charlotte Bowser at KE 4-9828 or Susie Alviani at LO 3-9382.

Rita Rickrode, R. Henry Wed

Rita Rickrode, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rickrode, of Farmington Road, Farmington, became the bride of Robert J. Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Henry of Warren, in Orchard Lake Saturday, June 16.

The newlyweds honeymooned on Mackinac Island.

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PENELOPE RUSSELL

Mrs. Lillie Russell, of Wayne Road, Westland, and Charles Russell announce the engagement of their daughter, Penelope Ann, to Alvin Broughton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Broughton, of Detroit. An Oct. 6 wedding is planned in the Central Avenue Baptist Church in Detroit.

New Officers Installed By Redford Jaycee Auxiliary

Nancy Hawley was installed as president of the Redford Jaycee Auxiliary in a recent ribbon ceremony conducted by past president Joan Jeter.

Others who took office at the dinner meeting were Marge Cole, vice president; Arlene Prey, secretary; Barb Kelsey, treasurer; and Diane Ford, Jean Handy, Dottie Buckler, Maxine Martin, and Audrey Schorr, directors.

Outgoing president Phyllis Krathwohl, presided at the dinner and gave out the annual awards. Winners included Diane Williamson, outstanding chairman for a single project; Naomi Devitt, outstanding chairman for a standing committee; Ruth

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