

Mrs. Skillman Isn't Left Behind

Mrs. James Skillman and her township trustee husband are a good example of a happy marriage built on compatibility. The Skillmans share a deep love of music—classical, modern, whatever, as long as it's music.

A grand piano is the focal point in the Skillman home at 28235 Forestbrook Ct., although Mrs. Skillman thinks the man of the house who studied the instrument for 19 years, doesn't play it enough these days.

MRS. SKILLMAN's life is bound by music because she taught music in Detroit schools before she was married 14 years ago and today is a substitute teacher of music one day a week.

Daughter Ann, almost 13, is taking piano lessons and son, Robbie, 10, is studying the trumpet.

Another common love the Skillmans share is for skiing. The lady of the house showed her wisdom by learning to ski soon after she was married.

"Jim skied with all his

bachelor friends before I met him and it was either ski or get left behind. Our interest in skiing goes back 14 years when the sport was in its infancy."

The Skillmans, an masseur/ski at Boyne during the season and father and mother ski at Aspen when they can get away.

THEIR CHOICE of a Siberian Husky dog as a pet might have something to do with the family love of winter sports.

"Nikki" came to live with the family a few months ago and dearly loves to romp around the Skillman home site, which is deeply wooded and drops to a small stream at the back.

The home's rural setting was almost ruined when 1-896 was cut through a neighboring meadow and Mrs. Skillman misses the cows and horses that used to peek over the fence.

Although her husband was an established attorney before she met him on a blind date, Mrs. Skillman has never seen him at work in a courtroom.

Skillman is the son of the late and well-known Recorder's Court Judge W. McKay Skillman, who was the youngest judge to be appointed to the Recorder's bench.

THE TRUSTEE is serving an interim term on the Township Board and his wife won't commit herself on whether he'll stand for election to the post when his term expires.

She says he isn't interested in politics because, "He was

raised with politics for so many years. He saw all its headaches too much when he was a youngster."

Mrs. Skillman's own interest in politics has led to her membership in the Republican Women's Organization of Farmington.

And she is just as adroit at avoiding prediction of who will be the next president as she is at avoiding saying whether or not her husband will run in the next township election.



MUSICAL FAMILY: The family of Township Trustee James Skillman share a common interest in music. Daughter Ann, pictured, does not take piano lessons from her mother, but Mrs. Skillman spends one day a week teaching Detroit school children to love music as much as her family does.

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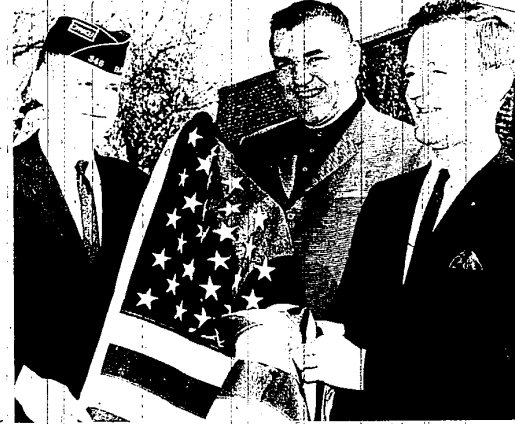
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NEW FLAG FOR CITY HALL — A replacement for the tattered Stars and Stripes which has been flying from the Farmington City Hall staff has been presented by American Legion Post 346. Representing the Legion in the presentation ceremony was Arnold F. McGovern, post commander. Accepting for the city were Mayor Wilbur V. Brotherton (right) and City Manager John D. Dinan.

Precautions Listed For Tornado Emergency

To inform residents on precautions now that the tornado season is with us, the Oakland County Office of Civil Defense has issued a reminder that a new term has been introduced to alert the public to the possible development of a twister.

The alert "tornado warning" is familiar, but added now is the "loss foreboding designation

"tornado watch." A "tornado watch" is issued by the U.S. Weather Bureau when conditions are such that a tornado may materialize in a designated area.

RADIO and television will keep listeners advised of the situation.

Authorities advise that on hearing a "tornado watch," persons should remain calm, make preparations to go to shelter and not call the weather bureau for information.

In case of a "tornado warning" broadcast if a tornado is sighted in the area persons in a home should go to the south west corner of the basement, taking along a flashlight, shovel and a battery-operated radio. If the home has no basement, it is best to lie flat on the floor, away from windows.

If a tornado is sighted while driving an automobile in open country, try to maneuver at right angles to its path. If there is no time to escape, lie flat in the nearest depression such as a ditch or ravine.

CHILDREN will be kept in school in the event of a tornado alert.

If a person is caught in a public building, he should stand against an inside wall on a lower floor.

Those at home should not turn gas and electricity off at the meter or main switch. Gas and electric appliances should be turned off, except radio or television, but do not turn off gas pilot lights. Only when a twister hits should the main gas valve be turned off.

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Janet Lam Is Capped For Mortar Board

Janet Lam, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Conrad Lam, 28130 Westbrook, Farmington, was capped April 20 for Mortar Board, top honorary for women, at DePauw University.

To be capped, a student must have superior scholarship, leadership and service to the campus community.

A graduate of Farmington High School, Miss Lam is majoring in religion at DePauw. She has been an officer in her residence hall, is in her junior year and is now a member of the women's dormitory counseling staff. She recently led a group of DePauw students in a week-long seminar on juvenile delinquency held in New York.

Dinner Dance

The Nite Out Club of Farmington, a dinner-dance group made up of area residents, still has tickets available for its dance on May 11 in the Holiday Inn of Dearborn.

The event will feature supper and dancing to the music of the Don Francis Trio. Charge for both is \$17 per couple. Those interested may call Mrs. Ford, GR. 6-3657, or Mrs. Lewis, 476-0756.

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