



CLAIREANN SCHWEHR rereads her engraved invitation to a presidential inauguration. (Evert photo)

Inauguration, Workshop Fill Visit To Capital

By MARGARET MILLER

Some grass roots political activity, a student workshop and a helping hand from Sen. Robert Griffin combined to carry a Farmington High School senior to this weekend's inauguration excitement in Washington.

Claireann Schwehr, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Schwehr, flew to the nation's capital yesterday, armed with a camera, an engraved invitation to attend the inauguration of President Richard Nixon and an inquiring mind ready to take in the whole scene.

When she returns to classes Jan. 29, she'll be able to report on the inauguration ball and a couple of other special events in addition to Saturday's big ceremony.

She'll also have attended a week of specialized study in governmental functions along with high school and college students from all over the country.

THE STUDY is sponsored by "Washington Workshops, a non-partisan organization for

students, and it was the original reason for Claire's travels.

But that's getting ahead of a story of a busy young lady whose family has long been interested in Republican politics.

"I had done a lot of ringing doorbells, passing out handbills and addressing mailers for all Republican candidates in the last election," said Claire.

She also had studied international relations last year with Thomas Peace of the Farmington High faculty, and she is president of the FHS United Nations Association.

So she was interested in the information Peace received about the Washington Workshop. She applied for a place and was accepted.

"THERE WAS a choice of several workshops," Claire said, and I picked the one that runs from Jan. 21 to 18 because I thought it might give me a chance to hear Mr. Nixon address Congress."

Then she started thinking about the possibility of getting to Washington early and found it was possible to stay a couple of extra days on the campus of Mt. Vernon College, where the workshop sessions will be centered.

She had written to Sen. Griffin that she planned to be in Washington, saying: "I hoped to talk with him. After learning she could arrive early, she called his office to see if it might be possible to see a bit of inauguration proceedings."

"And then it snowballed," she said.

she said. "Two days after I called, I received an engraved invitation to the inauguration by special delivery."

"Then came invitations to the inauguration ball, the Youth Ball, the parade, a concert in the John F. Kennedy Center for the Arts and a salute to American Heritage in the Concordia Auditorium."

"There's really no way I can thank the senator enough for the interest he has shown."

BETWEEN semester finals taken a week early—Claire managed to pack a Victorian ball gown and a good supply of film and on-the-go clothes for a busy week.

She'll have plenty of activity, too, when she gets back. Already, scheduled is a talk before a Republican women's group in Farmington, and in March she'll attend her second Great Lakes invitational model United Nations with other members of the Farmington High UN Association. It will be held in the Ramada Inn in Ann Arbor.

Claire, who has visited Italy and England in recent years, has her future pretty well mapped, too. She plans to earn a BA in science in the Mercy College school of nursing.

"I've always been interested in medicine, so after that I'll decide whether I want to go on to medical school," she said. "Or, if I decided not to get a medical degree, I may go on to law."

"In any case, I know I want to keep on traveling and meeting people."

She's getting a good sample this week.

'Life Planning' Program To Be Outlined At OU

Women from throughout the metropolitan area will meet at Oakland University on Sunday, Jan. 21, for a free program designed to introduce them to winter and spring courses offered by the Continuum Center, Oakland University, Rochester.

The "Investigation into the Continuum Center" will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Meadow Book Clubhouse on Adams Road at the east end of the campus.

Among the trained group leaders will be Phyllis Yates of Livonia, Dedo Nowak of Farmington and Charlotte Meyer of Norville. The three recently graduated as paraprofessional counselors after 50 hours' training at the center.

THEY WILL help give participants a preview of the new two-stage program called "Life Planning for Women," as well as information about programs designed for other members of the family.

The first stage explores a woman's present life style and future goals. Graduates then may choose a second-stage course in personal growth or career development.

Stage one programs will be held from 12 to 3 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 23-Feb. 8, in Northwest Unitarian Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield and from 12 to 3 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 29-Feb. 14, in St. Paul United Church, 31654 Mound Road, Warren.

Two West Bloomfield programs will be Tuesday and Thursday afternoons starting Feb. 27, and Monday nights starting March 5 in the Church of Our Savior, 6635 Middle Belt. A Monday and Wednesday afternoon program begins March 26 at OU.

THE CENTER is planning a communication workshop for teenagers from 7 to 10 p.m., Thursdays, in Meadow Brook Clubhouse. The program is designed to help teach teenagers to communicate more constructively.

CEW Plans Conversation

Women who manage to combine jobs and classroom work will get together for a conversation in the Michigan League, Ann Arbor, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24.



MRS. DEDO NOWAK

"Persons Alone," a course dealing with the problems of people left alone by death or divorce, will begin Feb. 6 in West Bloomfield.

Four additional courses will be given in February in the clubhouse. An eight-week course in "Transactional Analysis" will begin Feb. 1

and a "Refresher Course in Fight - Training for Couples" will begin Feb. 21.

A drama workshop and a behavioral laboratory called "Significance of the Individual" will begin Feb. 23.

March programs include "The Creative Problem-Solving Process," "Learning to Communicate on Your Feet." A teen weekend encounter, is scheduled March 18.

An eight-week session of yoga and a two-day workshop called "Getting It Together with Yourself and Others" will be held in May.



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Resort fashions will be featured in a fashion show and luncheon scheduled at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, by Suburban Hills Chapter of Women's American ORT.

The event will take place in the Somerset Mall auditorium. Members will model the fashions, and a salad bar luncheon will be served. Funds raised will go to the ORT vocational program. Tickets are \$1 and will be sold at the door.

Farmington Club To Meet

The Women of North Farmington will meet for luncheon on Wednesday, Jan. 24, in Danny's Gin Mill, located on Grand River in Farmington.

The meeting will begin with cocktails at 11 a.m.

Reservations must be made with Phyllis Kleinke, 33586 Hunters Point, or Jo Ann Takai, 29916 Muirland Drive. Members and guests are welcome.



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