

Mrs. Zingelmann dies at age 97

FARMINGTON — An on-looker to nearly a century of change in Farmington and whose life was gripped by personal tragedy, Mrs. Jennie G. Zingelmann, has died just 20 days short of her 98th birthday. Mrs. Zingelmann, who spent her last two years in a nursing home, was born in what was then the Village of Farmington at the site where Himmelbach's Restaurant stood for many years on Grand River Ave. The location is now a parking lot.

With the exception of a few years in Cleveland, Ohio, after her marriage, she passed her life in the Farmington area.

It was during her Cleveland years that Mrs. Zingelmann experienced what was likely her greatest grief. Two of her three children died in the tragic Cleveland School fire there in the early part of this century. Her husband died 22 years ago and her only remaining child, George, died three weeks later.

Mrs. Zingelmann died Feb. 3. The Rev. Thomas Scherger of St. Paul Lutheran Church where she was a longtime member officiated at services in the Heene - Sundquist Funeral Home. Burial was in North Farmington Cemetery.

A memorial service was held the evening before by Farmington Chapter 239, Order of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Zingelmann was a charter member.

She also was a charter member of the Farmington Historical Society. Mrs. Zingelmann's father, Josiah M. Cox, moved his family to a farm when she was three years old. Before then he was a postal employee.

She attended elementary school at Noble School, which later P became the Farmington School District's special education education headquarters.

She graduated from Farmington High School in 1892 and taught for a year before marrying Willi Zingelmann on her birthday in 1896. Mrs. Zingelmann was a correspondent for the Farmington Enterprise for a number of years.



MRS. JENNIE ZINGELMANN, who died last week just short of her 98th birthday, is shown as she looked last year looking through an album of memories.

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cussion," Mrs. Purbrick said. "We talked it over with the girls and said, 'Let's go.'"

The daughters are Susan, 17, and Carol, 15. One of Purbrick's proudest moments was when the New York City police department presented him its "honor legion" citation.

"It was the first time it had been presented outside America," Purbrick said. "There was a big ceremony at the Yard and the American ambassador was there."

The family moved to this

country in 1968, settling first in Cleveland, Ohio. They came on a permanent resident visa and acquired American citizenship the first moment they were eligible.

The family arrived in Cleveland with "four packing cases and our clothes," Mrs. Purbrick said.

"Everyone was lovely to us. I never found anyone who was sarcastic or nasty. They always were friendly, even to complete strangers."

After Purbrick's transfer to Michigan and taking up residence on 12 Mile Rd. in Farmington Hills, Purbrick dropped by to meet Safety Director Ron Holko.

Holko mentioned that he had an opening for a dispatcher, Purbrick told him about his wife. She applied and got the job.

"The accent threw them at first, sometimes," she laughed. "But both Tony and I learned to speak more slowly and distinctly."

She had little trouble adjusting to police work in this country," Mrs. Purbrick said. The laws of both countries are similar and so are the crimes, with the single exception of armed robberies, which are more prevalent here than abroad.

And police, everywhere, "speak the same language," she said.

Mrs. Purbrick is high on policemen.

"They're like doctors and nurses," she said. "They have to be terribly dedicated and very humane. They have all my admiration. It doesn't matter what they are asked to do or what the weather is like or what conditions are, they respond immediately."

She called her work "exacting but satisfying."

"You feel you've helped somebody," she explained.

Randy Styes in basic

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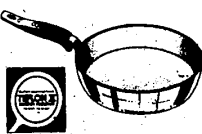
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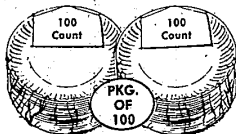


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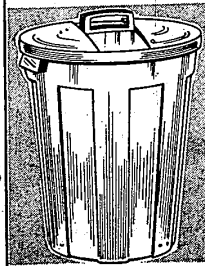


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