

obituaries

WILFRED S. BLAKE

Mr. Blake, 70, formerly of Farmington, died Sept. 22 in Dorvin Nursing Home.

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., Mr. Blake was a retired area manager for Ford Motor Credit Corp.

Survivors include his niece, Barbara Blake, and his friend, John R. Gilker.

Services were at the graveside. Burial was in Port Republic Cemetery, Port Republic, N.J. Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

HELEN E. TURNER

Mrs. Turner, 54, formerly of Farmington Hills, died Sept. 26 in Toltree Memorial Hospital, West Branch, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, Howard; sons, John and Howard; daughters, Patricia, Cynthia Miller and Barbara; sister, Janet Kerr; four grandchildren.

Services were Sept. 30 at the Steuwer Funeral Home, Prudenville, Mich. Burial was in Crestview Cemetery, Mich.

SHARON JOAN HEIKKINEN

Mrs. Heikkinen, 50, of Topinabee,

Mich., formerly of Farmington, died Sept. 26 in Ford Hospital, West Bloomfield.

Mrs. Heikkinen was manager of apartments.

Survivors include her husband, Wesley; son, Richard Pringle; a daughter, Deborah Triplett; mother, Edna Westrick; sisters, Carolyn McCulley and Geraldine Tilley; four grandchildren.

Services were Sept. 30 at the Eckler Funeral Home, Indian River, Mich., with the Rev. Steven Weinberger officiating. Burial was in Burt-Mullett Cemetery, Topinabee, Mich. Arrangements were made by the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

VIOLA O. GILDEMEISTER

Mrs. Gildemeister, 85, of Farmington died Sept. 29.

Mrs. Gildemeister was born in the family owned Owen House on the corner of Grand River and Farmington Road. She graduated from Farmington High School in 1919. Mrs. Gildemeister was a member of Salem Church Women's Guild and a Past Worthy Matron and life member of OES Chapter 239.

Survivors include her daughter, Sally

Dix; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were Oct. 3 at Salem United Church of Christ with the Rev. Lee Tyler and the Rev. Carl Schultz officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Arrangements were made by the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

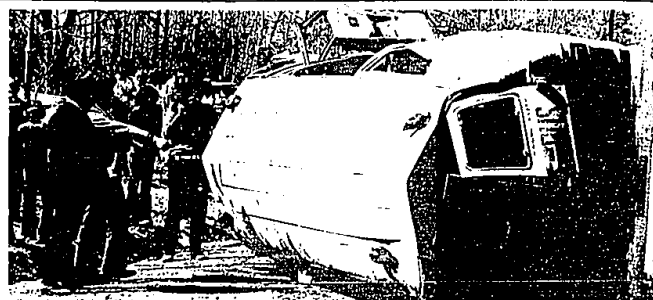
URBAN O. ST. GERMAINE

Mr. St. Germaine, 62, of Farmington died Oct. 2 in Harper Hospital, Detroit.

Mr. St. Germaine was a purchasing agent for the Board of Education.

Survivors include his sons, Gerard, David and Christopher; daughters, Michelle Bibik, Denise Arden and Jeanine; three brothers and three sisters; three grandchildren.

Services were Oct. 5 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, Mass. was celebrated at St. Gerald Catholic Church with the Rev. Maurice Decker and the Rev. Joseph Rinaldi officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorials may be made to St. Louis Center for Exceptional Boys, Chelsea, Mich.



Although they have good safety records, school-buses are the target of a seat belt drive spear-headed by parents and others who believe passengers would be safer if belted in.

Districts talk seat-belt use on buses

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two to three times greater than those that were unbelted.

Rochester schools are four weeks in to a 10-week pilot study with belts. It purchased the four buses to add to its fleet of 60 vehicles. Special education buses already have seat belts. "After 10 weeks the board will make an evaluation whether to purchase new buses," said Carol Holderbaum, supervisor of transportation.

The pilot study began at the urging of parents like Ann Williams, whose son, Michael, escaped injury in a 1984 bus accident. A special education student, he was the only pas-

senger and was strapped in at the time.

She raised her voice in contradiction of the Canadian test crashes saying the officials didn't use life-like dummies and that the dummies were too soft.

"WE DON'T feel the Canadian test reports were accurate," Williams said. "They only presented the head-on crash when most bus accidents are when a bus slides into a ditch and overturns."

But bus driver Ayers argues: "There is less injury without belts due to compartmentalization."

The logic isn't there for seatbelts, Hubley said. "We don't classify it as a need."

"The old buses floors aren't designed for upward pressure and the seat belt may come up," Hubley added. "I would hate to pretend the bus is safer (with seat belts)."

Among the questions being posed in the State Legislature is who would pay for the seatbelts if the state decided to mandate them.

As of now there is no state requirement for the experimental belts. The state Board of Education isn't recommending them, nor are the Michigan State Police.

Still, parents like Williams won't be swayed. "I think every child should have the chance to have his or her life saved by a seatbelt like mine did," Williams said.

ACLU probes house-party law

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SINCE THE ordinance went into effect June 10, Farmington Hills Police have cited three residents — two 18-year-olds and a 17-year-old — in two separate incidents for alleged violation of the ordinance.

In August, District Judge Michael Hand of Farmington handed down the following sentence to one of the 18-year-olds and his 17-year-old brothers — a 10-day suspended sentence, a \$50 fine, and a one-year unsupervised probation.

The legal paperwork has not been completed regarding the other 18-year-old's alleged violation, Dwyer said.

In both incidents, the parents of the young people were not cited for violating the ordinance even though the parties were on their private property. Chief Dwyer said if the parents had been at home and had knowledge of the parties, they too could have been cited. But in both cases, the parents were out of town and unaware the parties were taking place.

Conviction under the ordinance includes a penalty of up to \$500 and 30 days in the county jail for the first violation. For subsequent convictions, the penalty increases to up to \$500 and 90 days imprisonment.



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