

# Teeples Assumes Office As Supervisor

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IT WASN'T UNTIL Teeples turned 40 and had a family to raise that he decided to enter the University of Detroit to study pre-law. "That was unbelievable," he smiles. "I took the usual freshman courses with a great bunch of kids. They used to call me 'the Hat' because I was the only one who wore one. I was also the oldest member of every class and got the job of speaking up to ask for postponement of tests and extensions on papers."

Earl said he has always been a bookworm ("not the obnoxious kind") and found

classes with students half his age "very rewarding." He still corresponds with some of his old professors.

Any visit to the Teeples house is full of interruptions from phone or doorbell, as was this interview. One phone call, Earl said, from a woman with suicidal tendencies who just wanted someone to talk to. "A few minutes of solace can really help sometimes," he said, "she phones here every few days."

He is known throughout the township for his work with juveniles and just recently

received a letter from two Jackson prison inmates thanking him for his help and concern.

THE TEEPLES' BARN has seen countless rock parties, hayrides and folk singing sessions.

"I used to take the kids to the subdivision near here for hayrides," Earl said. During the blizzards of 1965-66 Earl attacked a plow to his tractor and plowed all the roads in his area of the township.

Still "police work is a great place to do good for

large numbers of people," he said.

TEEPLES WORKED for several years as a private policeman in Detroit before working at Franklin Knolls Subdivision.

He joined the Farmington Township police force in 1956, boosting the total number of officers at that time to four—including Russ Conway, now Lt. in the Michigan State Police, Irving Yake, chief of police.

"It was all farmland then, and the police headquarters was one small cubicle in the old township hall, now the

Masonic Temple on Grand River and Farmington Road," Teeples remembered.

"The supervisor then, Eric Blanchard, wore overalls and suspenders and doubled as assessor."

Earl foresees a few changes in the township over the next few years, including the establishment of a speaker's bureau, he said, "along with a special hard-hitting force to wipe out some of the big crime areas of the township."

"Places that need attention, like Section 36, should be helped, too. Nobody has

been down there during the past 12 years to see what the problems are. They have really been neglected," he said.

Relaxed in khaki slacks, sweatshirt and boots, familiar garb around the house, he spoke intensely of a "fight the night" plan for poorly lighted sections of the township which would basically involve everyone turning on their porch lights until street lights can be installed.

"People also have to help themselves," he added.

"With proper growth and planning by sincere people

who realize we're all in the same community to live and be happy, I can foresee a great community."

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## local news

Joan DeClarke, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell DeClarke of Traverse City who lived in Kendallwood for over eight years, was crowned Traverse Bay Area Junior Miss of 1971 last Saturday night.

Miss DeClarke, selected from a field of 16 finalists, received her crown from the 1970 Junior Miss, Patricia Shumsky whose reign ended with Saturday's ceremony. The new Junior Miss now becomes eligible to take part in a regional contest from which finalists will be selected to compete in Michigan's Junior Miss Pageant in Pontiac in January.

Michigan's Junior Miss will represent the state in the National Junior Miss Pageant at Mobile, Ala. in the spring.

Miss DeClarke is a senior at St. Francis High School.

She received a scholarship plus numerous gifts from local merchants for winning the local competition.

While living on Old Forge Lane in Kendallwood, Joan attended Mercy High School. Joan has a brother Charles. Her many friends and neighbors will be glad to hear about Joan's selection.

ROY, formerly of Coigate St., died on Nov. 11 after an extended illness at New Grace Hospital. She is survived by husband Adalbert; daughters, Mrs. Beatrice Hoffman of California and Mrs. Jean Lockridge of Farmington; son Leonard Karmhout of Detroit; sisters, Mrs. Esther Mecker of Farmington and Mrs. Grace Schaller of Fenton; brother Melvin Shriner of Detroit; four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral services were held in the Desmond-McInnis Funeral Home on Woodward St. on Nov. 14. Burial was at Grand Haven.

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MRS. DEAN (Linda) HURD celebrated her birthday in the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Esther Nelson of Farmington, on Nov. 14.

Linda's husband, Dean and boys, Michael and David, were present to help celebrate. Also present was her mother, Mrs. Alex Nagy of Moore Dr., Alta Loma.

Alex Nagy was unable to attend because he was attending a Fathers' Day event at Kalamazoo College for Linda's sister Nancy. The birthday party was a success with four generations present to enjoy the cake and ice cream.

Sam Meklam of Wilmarth St., Farmington spent the weekend in Beaumont Hospital for diagnostic tests. Sam is missing part of his leg in the north Farmington area of the township. He is currently assigned to the Wilshire Division of the Los Angeles Police Department.

ALBERT P. HERZOG SR., of 12 Mile Rd. is convalescing after being ill at his home in the Kendallwood Apartments.

We miss Bert at the Drop-in Center because he and Mrs. Herzog are excellent bridge and pinocle players. We will miss them when they leave for Florida where they spend their winters.

Their son, Albert Jr., is an attorney who has offices on Farmington Rd.

We wish Mrs. Lucille Dickerson of Grand River Ave. a speedy recovery after her recent illness.

Mrs. Laura (Nambout)


STANLEY J. SECOSKY JR., a native of Farmington and graduate of Our Lady of Sorrows High School, has graduated from the Los Angeles Police Academy.

Secosky was one of 74 men graduating from the LA Academy on Oct. 30 after completing 20 weeks of intensive police training.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley F. Secosky who now live in Orchard Lake. He spent most of his life in the north Farmington area of the township. He is currently assigned to the Wilshire Division of the Los Angeles Police Department.

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Marine Maj. Ronald G. Kropp, son of Mrs. R.J. Luteromser of 33354 Kings Lane, Farmington, has reported on the return trip to the Fighter Attack Squadron-312 at the Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C.

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Dick and Marie France got back Tuesday from a delightful vacation in Bermuda. On Nov. 7 they flew to New York, boarded the cruise ship Vancomia which reached Bermuda on Monday.

They enjoyed golfing, swimming, playing tennis. Dick even rode a motor bike, and, of course, they toured the island. Marie is black as the ace of spades but more than willing to move right down there. However, they did fly back the 17th.

DON and VENETTA Marin have had a recent trip to Italy - that wonderful country.

They went over with a tour the latter part of October and enjoyed Rome, Florence, and Pisa. Their plane landed at Shannon Airport on the return trip so they also had 1 1/2 hours in Ireland.

PAUL IS HOME again! Five weeks to the day I took him to Ford Hospital I brought him home again.

He is still confined to the house but more than happy to see all Wood Creekers. It is nice to hear to come here than go down town. If I am not at home the front door is on the latch - a very warm welcome awaits each and every one of you.

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## Floral Park News

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jelfers of 22752 Lilac were hosts to a family reunion recently.

Attending were: Mr. and Mrs. P.H. Baese of Fort Collins, Colo. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baese of Harvard, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Schmidt of Clear Lake, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. William Gallagher of Kalamazoo; and Lt. Col. John M. Hays of Selfridge Field. In all, 42 guests were present. The event was held in the American Legion Hall.

Recent newcomers to Floral Park are Mr. and Mrs. Stewart (Bud) Reuffer and their two youngsters. They are in the home at 23187 Hawthorne. The youngsters are Tammy, 8, and Chris, 6. They formerly were in Lansing. Reuffer is employed by Michigan Bell.

Mrs. Leona Hardman of Lantana, Fla., enjoyed a two months vacation recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Jones of 23119 Floral. She is Mrs. Jones' sister-in-law.

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