

# Farmington Socially Speaking

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This is the time of year when thoughts wander to owning a villa in the sun. Frank and Prudy Tomchak of Summerwood aren't dreamers — they're Doers!

They do own a villa on Acapulco Bay and recently spent two weeks in 88 degree temperatures. Their daughter, Debbie, and her friend, Laura Svoboda, also of Summerwood, accompanied them. Both young ladies are juniors at Harrison High School.

Debbie and Laura were tense at the risk involved for the divers at El Mirador. The divers stand on a cliff approximately 150 feet above a channel. They dive into a narrow crevice between rocks which is only filled with water when the waves are on an inward rush. The divers and the waves must meet at a perfect time; otherwise there is no encore.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN SHERIDAN of Loomis Rd., returned from Staten Island, N.Y., where they visited their first grandchild, Dawn Marie, born Nov. 16. Of course, they also visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sheridan. The senior Sheridans have traveled the states extensively — when Gary, at that time a lieutenant in the Navy, was married in Hawaii; their son Dan's marriage in Baltimore, and a visit to their daughter Diane in California.

Their children are all graduates of Farmington High School.

The Palmer Bissell family was in town to attend the wedding of Marcella Elaine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert R. Neal of Rockshire Drive, to Robert Worth Kuseh. Marge Bissell got a ball rolling back in 1957, when she lived in the Kendallwoods. For the now Hill and Dale Garden Club of Farmington which is 13 years old and federated for the past 12 years.

Don't know which of the Bissell daughters, Amy Lou or Marbeth, was a pupil of Mrs. Neal's in the third grade class in Bond School. So Mrs. Neal was delighted to see the two young ladies. The Bissells live in Palatine, Ill.

OTHER ILLINOIS guests attending were Neal's sister, Mrs. James Patterson, her husband, Dr. James E. Patterson, a geography professor at ISU, and two of their children, Neal and Janet. The Neal's son, Major Jim Neal, who teaches in the Air Force Academy, was home on leave.

Neal's father, Dr. Roland Neal, flew in from Springfield, Mo., where he headed Drury College's Chemistry Dept. for 34 years. The bride's devoted aunt, Mrs. Harry Bolenski, flew in from Tucson (Mrs. Neal's sister). Former Ferndale neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Hayers, came in from Colorado Springs.

With so many out-of-town friends, Mrs. Neal states that their house was one happy, busy place for days.



GOODFELLOW DRESS -- Mrs. Kenneth D. Gallinger fastens the neck of the dress on her daughter, Kay. The dress, made by Marie Hoetzer, will be fashioned by Kay in Longacre Elementary School Dec. 14 and then will be given by the Farmington Goodfellows as part of their Christmas distribution. (Ever photo)

## Elks Collect Toys

Members of the Farmington Elks Lodge in cooperation with the U.S. Marine Officers Reserve Assn. have for many years conducted their Toys for Tots program in conjunction with the Farmington Goodfellows in the spirit that no child should be without a Christmas.

The sponsoring organizations have annually received thousands of toys to be given out to needy children.

Chairmen of this year's Toys for Tots drive is Bill Gardner who will be assisted by Bill O'Connor and Ron Spjeldel. Past exalted ruler Harold Dettlinger will be the Elks representative on the Goodfellows Board of Directors.

Toys for Tots containers are located at many strategic points throughout the City and Township of Farmington, as well as in front of the Elks Lodge. School children will play an

important role in bringing their discarded toys to school on Dec. 11th to participate in the program.

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# When Will Clark Exam Be?

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 ligence is sufficient for a manslaughter conviction.

AVERY WEISWASSER, assistant Wayne County prosecutor, says the pre-trial exam has been rescheduled for Dec. 10 and will be held if prison doctors allow Clark to attend.

Clark was being removed from Jackson on Dec. 3, says Weiswasser, when he threw himself to the ground and complained of having a heart attack.

Prison doctors administered an EKG, which showed

the doctor had not had a heart attack. But blood count tests showed Clark was very anemic.

After further testing, doctors discovered Clark was suffering from a bleeding ulcer and determined his condition was too serious for him to leave Jackson for the examination. Clark has had trouble with an ulcer.

Weiswasser says the prosecution wants to hold the examination as soon as possible so testimony can be taken from Mrs. Bowerbank's mother, Mrs. Winster, the witness stand to testify on

Hannah was discovered dead

by Clark in her Detroit home.

MRS. WINSTER'S testimony can be taken without Clark present only under emergency conditions, says Weiswasser.

The testimony could be taken without the doctor, he explained, if the prosecution can indicate the attack was of Clark's own creation. In that case, the exam could be held with Clark's attorney, James E. Wells, present.

The prosecution is expected to call scientists to the witness stand to testify on the alleged presence of so-

dium pentothal in Mrs. Bowerbank's brain as reported in the autopsy report.

The toxicology experts not only must establish the presence of sodium pentothal but also establish that the drug was the cause of death.

Mrs. Bowerbank's body was exhumed almost two years after her death upon the request of the Farmington Township Detective's Bureau. State Police discovered traces of sodium pentothal on her brain.

However, blood tests could not be taken because of the two-year span between death

and the exhumation. The difficulty of scientifically proving that sodium pentothal was the cause of death is seen as the real challenge facing the prosecution.

Clark signed Hannah Bowerbank's death certificate and attributed cause of death to a heart attack. The doctor also signed the death certificate for Mrs. Neil.

Clark was arraigned Nov. 25 on the Bowerbank manslaughter charge and entered a plea of innocence before Detroit Recorder's Court Judge James McNally.

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