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33425 Grand River, Farmington

Paul M. Chandler, Founder

Mrs. Shriver to Speak at Observer Exchange Student Dinner

Mrs. Sargent Shriver, wife of the Peace Corps director and sister of the late President John F. Kennedy, will be the guest of honor at "The Observer Newspapers" annual dinner honoring foreign exchange students in western Wayne and Oakland Counties.

The dinner will be held the week after Thanksgiving, on Thursday, Dec. 2, in the Mayflower Room

of Plymouth's Mayflower Hotel. All foreign exchange students now studying in Livonia, Redford Township, Plymouth, Farmington, Garden City and Nankin; their American "parents" and teenage "brothers and sisters" will be invited to attend. Local American Field Service and Youth for Understanding program chairmen will also be guests.

Mrs. Shriver, the former Eunice Kennedy, will be

introduced by U.S. Congressman Weston Vivian, who represents Michigan's Second Congressional District. Observer publisher Mrs. Myra Chandler, is in charge of arrangements, and Observer staff members, along with Paul Lutzeler, community relations director for Livonia Public Schools, are assisting.

The dinner is the second such event sponsored by The Observer Newspapers. The first was held during Brotherhood week last Feb. The idea for such an event was originally conceived by The Observer's late publisher, former State Rep. Paul Chandler. The newspaper staff carried out his plans following his death, and Mrs. George Romney was the guest speaker at the first dinner.

Again this year, chefs at the Mayflower will recreate the original Thanksgiving Feast of America's first Pilgrims for the dinner—everything from Hot Spiced Cider and Pumpkin Soup to Roast Turkey and Goose.

Vote 'Yes' All the Way for Schools

Farmington Couple Safe After Tragedy

Lawrence and Evelyn Peterson returned to their home at 24935 Lakeland in Farmington Tuesday. They were among the survivors of the ill-fated cruise ship, Yarmouth Castle, which sank enroute to Nassau, the Bahamas.

They had lived through a



LOOKING AT A photograph of her mother, Mrs. Felix Polan of 1003 Seminole, Redford Township, anxiously awaits the arrival of her parents from Florida. Lawrence and Evelyn Peterson of Farmington Township were among the survivors of the cruise ship Yarmouth Castle which burned and sank in the Caribbean last weekend.

Meeting to Form Commission Dec. 2

A joint meeting between the Farmington City Council, the Farmington Township Board, the Farmington School Board, the Clogrenville School Board, and the Board of Directors of the Farmington Human Relations Council has been set for Dec. 2 to discuss the creation of a bilateral City-Township Human Relations Commission.

The meeting will begin at 8:30 p.m. at the Farmington High School.

In a letter to the Farmington City Council, the Human Relations Council expressed its belief that "official action would publicly express the attitude of the community towards the promotion of good-will among all present and future citizens, foster mutual understanding, harmony and respect, and discourage discrimination."

The commission would be composed of representatives from the City; the Township; the two school districts; the clergy; the Chamber of Commerce; the Jaycees; the service clubs; and the high schools.

Its area of jurisdiction would include four main points:

- Examine and recommend solutions to the problems of the socially and economically deprived and minority groups;
- Act as a Counseling, Conciliation and Mediation Board for complaints and problems;
- Sponsor general educational programs throughout the schools and the general community; and
- Maintain close cooperation with Public Safety Departments and the local realtors.

Not Guilty Plea Entered

William D. Sleeper of 20819 Pearl, the 17 year old Farmington Township youth who is accused of having stabbed to death his next door neighbor, 80 year old Mrs. Ethel Van Wicklin stood mute at his arraignment on a charge of first-degree murder.

then until early that evening, Mrs. Felix Polan of 1003 Seminole, Redford Township, did not know the fate of her mother and step-father Mr. and Mrs. Peterson.

The Petersons had gone to Florida by car with their cousins, the Oliver Saterlees of Taylor. The Saterlees would be driving back in four weeks. The Petersons planned to fly back after a two week vacation.

For Mr. Peterson, a 55 year old employee of the Farmington School system, these were his first rides on sea since the 1940s. Before going aboard the Yarmouth Castle, the two couples had toured Florida by car.

At 7:30 p.m. there was a telegram. Mrs. Polan was tense with fear as she opened it. Three hours later there was a cheerful call from Mrs. Peterson. "Yes ought to see us. We're still in our pajamas," she told her daughter. Neither she nor Mr. Peterson had had calls to make, so Mrs. Peterson's was by necessity limited to three minutes.

The ship's company had booked all of the survivors into a Miami Hotel, where they were being held by the Red Cross. Her fellow survivors all had calls to make, so Mrs. Peterson's was by necessity limited to three minutes.

When she called again Sunday morning she had another progress report. The Salvation Army had distributed clothing, and they were no longer afraid in pajamas.

The Petersons returned with one special nightmare. They were on the same lifeboat as Mrs. Angeline Miller of Detroit, whose husband, Edward, was lost at sea.

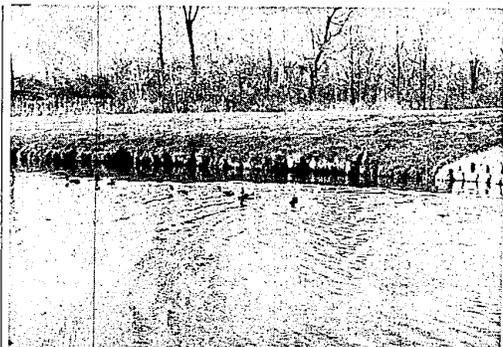
City Council Donates \$500

The Farmington City Council voted Monday night to donate \$500 to the Board of Commerce to assist in providing Christmas decorations for the City.

Board action came after the Board of Commerce explained that new fixtures were being purchased to fasten to the Edison poles for the hanging of the decorations.

The Board voted to match a previous donation by the Township Board of \$500 to the Board of Commerce. Last year the Council donated \$750 toward the project.

In other action the Council: Authorized City Manager John Dinan to proceed with plans to improve the Shawwassee-Farmington Rd. Station by installing lights, erect snow fencing and benches and enter into a contract for snow removal; Paid the Stolaruk Paving Co. \$21,372 for a 90 percent completion of its three paving contracts; Granted authorization to the Seventh Day Adventist Church to solicit funds for charity in the City from Dec. 1 to Jan. 31; and Instructed the Mayor and the Clerk to enter into contract with Sleeper to pave Nine Mile Rd. from Farmington Rd. east to the 196 Ramp.



SOME DUCKS PREFER Farmington Township Roland Mutschell at 25339 Westmoreland all to Florida even in the winter. Between a dozen year. This picture was taken at the Mutschells and 80 Mallards can be found swimming in a pond on Sunday.

Oppose Brookdale Rezoning at Council Public Hearing

A public hearing was held on the controversial 91 unit apartment project in the Brookdale Subdivision before the City Council Monday night.

It was characterized by the presentation of a petition opposing the necessary rezoning of the land signed by 63 residents of the area and loud objections from residents.

As the project would be built on the flood plain the residents were concerned about the safety of the residents of the area plus the possibility that such construction would cause basement flooding in the City.

City manager John Dinan told the group that in the case of

a flood the residents would be warned by the Public Safety Department to move their cars (the area underneath the building) and that the engineers had examined the development and its surrounding open areas so that

no problems would arise. The flood plains would continue to function he assured the residents.

Councilman John A. Allen told the group that his petition had, in effect, made necessary another affirmative vote for the

rezoning to pass the Council. Under the terms of the zoning ordinance, if 60 percent of the property owners abutting the rezoned property protest then the variance would require 75 percent vote of the Council for approval.



BOOKS WILL BE PURCHASED with the \$100 donation to the Farmington Library by the Alta left, Tom Czubak, president of the Board of Loma Homeowners' Association that was made Trustees, Russ Milligan, treasurer of the Alta last weekend. Mary F. Allison, secretary of the Loma group, and Bob Fink, president of the Board of Trustees, examines some of Homeowners' Association, look on.

Farmington Junior Miss To Be Chosen Saturday

Seven high school coeds will compete for the title of "Farmington Junior Miss" at the annual Farmington Jaycees Junior Miss Pageant Nov. 27 at the Farmington Junior High School. The event begins at 8 p.m. Entered in the annual contest are: Bonnie Britton, a \$250 scholarship toward

Susan Cob, Altrienne Hickey and Carolyn Kilka from North Farmington High School; and Our Lady of Sorrows students Kati DeMattia, Kathy Randolph and Stella Stegauer. All are in their senior year. The winner will receive a \$250 scholarship toward

their college education. The scholarship is co-sponsored by Bill Root Chevrolet and the Farmington Jaycees. Tickets to the pageant are available at local stores, from any Jaycee member and will be sold at the door Saturday evening.

4-1 Margin On Proposals

By JOY STINSON

Three special school election proposals were given overwhelming approval by the voters of the Farmington Public School District Monday.

Passage of the three propositions calls for the issuing of \$6,100,000 in bonds for building and site improvement; renewal of three mills of operating tax which expires in 1966, and an exchange of four mills from the present debt retirement levy to the operating levy. None of these propositions will raise the present tax rate of 32.5 mills (\$32.50 per \$1,000 of the State Equalized Valuation).

This support given to the School Board means that the district will be able to keep

pace with their estimated growth of 1,000 new students per year through 1970. They also will have funds to meet rising costs in salaries, construction and operation.

Fifteen percent of the 18,651 qualified voters turned out to cast their ballots under wet, damp skies.

The bond issue passed by a four to one margin. Renewal of three mills for operation was by a five to one landslide. The operating millage increase proposition, which takes funds from debt retirement rather than raising the tax rate, passed at a margin of slightly less than four to one.

The bond proposition totals according to precincts were as follows:

	Yes	No
Precinct 1	557	184
Precinct 2	577	174
Precinct 3	419	75
Precinct 4	485	123
TOTAL	2229	559

Renewal of the operating three mill operating tax totals were as follows:

	Yes	No
Precinct 1	621	146
Precinct 2	769	185
Precinct 3	421	71
Precinct 4	506	106
TOTAL	2317	468

Totals for the operating millage increase proposition (exchange of four mills from debt

28-Year-Old Electrocuted in Township

A 28-year-old construction worker was electrocuted Tuesday while working on a new home construction area just off Shawwassee near Truck Rd. in Farmington Township.

Pronounced dead on arrival at Botsford General Hospital was Deatle Eugene Mellon of 2201 Corners Ave., Madison Heights.

Officer John Williams of the Farmington Township Police, who investigated the 11:25 a.m. call with Detective William Kelly, said that Mellon was working with a crane when the boom of the vehicle struck some 220-volt electric wires.

Mellon is survived by a wife and two small children.

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