

1st Miss Farmington Meets Festival Queen

Two charming ladies met in the Enterprise office on Monday after the current Queen of the Festival had completed her royal duties and could stop long enough to contemplate all of the exciting things that had happened since her crowning moment last Thursday evening.

Queen Deborah Mann was introduced to the original Miss Farmington, the former Miss Grace Gillis now Mrs. Howard Middlewood of Livonia.

Gala Days were held in Farmington back in the 20's sponsored by the Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion. They featured such events as greased pig races, baseball games, rolling pin throwing contests and Christmas exhibitions.

On August 29, 1928 "Farmington Day" was held at Edgewater Park in conjunction with the Gala Days of that year. It was sponsored by the Exchange Club of which Arthur Lamb was president. By majority decision, Miss Grace Gillis was judged Farmington's most popular girl and thus became Miss Farmington. She was awarded a silver loving cup.

Grace was living with her sister at the time and recovering

from a serious auto accident. She subsequently worked at Stan Smith's drug store where she met Howard Middlewood whom she later married. They have two sons.

Festival days have replaced Gala Days but the queen is still a requisite of the proceedings. Taking stock of her activities during festival time, Debbie said she had originally hoped just to be one of the ten finalists, but words could not describe the actual feeling of being the winner.

She attended just about every concession and activity during the three festival days and like every mundane mortal's her feet got tired from so much walking in high heels. One thing that delighted her was having her bouquet of carnations and roses constantly refreshed with fresh flowers by the florist.

Debbie particularly enjoyed meeting all the honorees and festival celebrities at the Saturday morning reception before the parade. She also thought it was fun zipping out to the airport at midnight on Friday to meet the "Lost in Space" girl, Maria Kristen, though this cut

her sleeping time down to about five hours that night.

The 1966 queen was secretary of her senior class at North Farmington High School last year and won a departmental award in mathematics as well as a co-op award. As part of the co-op program, she has been working as secretary to attorney Albert Herzog.

In the fall, Deborah plans to attend Albion where she will major in math. She is interested in missionary work and has been president of her Methodist Youth Fellowship group at Orchard Church.

To get to Europe during her junior year is one of Debbie's ambitions, but she realizes that she will have to study hard at college. During her freshman year she intends to devote most of her time to study, but by the following year hopes that she may be able to hold a job as well.

This year's queen was awarded a prize of \$150. Her two maids of honor, Barbara Balsom and Margaret Bogas received \$25 each. The three girls had not met before as they attended different schools.



WHEN ROYALTY MEETS, here is the attractive result. The first Miss Farmington (1928) now Mrs. Howard Middlewood of Livonia is photographed with Miss Farmington Founders Festival of 1966, Deborah Mann. They are indeed two queens who deserve the title.

JUDGED TOPS in poise, personality and appearance, the Farmington Founders Festival Queen, Miss Deborah Mann; first runner-up (left), Miss Barbara Balsom; and

second runner-up, Miss Margaret Bogas, smile at the cheering crowd just after the announcement of their winnins.



ALL LINED UP with their best feet forward were the ten finalists in the Miss Farmington Founders Festival contest. Posing just after the judging at Botsford Inn were (L to R)

Judy Woods, Debora Ann Halperin, Sue Himmelsbach, Sharon Gaspas, Barbara Shotwell, Deborah Mann, Margaret Bogas, Vayle Lorlon, Barbara Balsom, and Betsy Birney.

Mary Lenz Wins Tribute From Red Cross Chapter

Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross "honored its own" Mrs. Fred Lenz on July 29. Mrs. Lenz is a Farmington resident and lives at 21620 Hamilton.

Their statement of tribute read as follows: The name of Mary Lenz as we know her stands high in Red Cross activities in and about Farmington and today we join hands with the Farmington Chapter of Commerce to "Honor Our Own."

Mrs. Fred Lenz joined the volunteer ranks of Red Cross in 1939. Rolling bandages and making surgical dressings was her role before World War II. She has been an active Red Crosser ever since.

Mary served as Chairman of Volunteers for Fund Raising in the pre-United Foundation for the United States. She and her dedicated committee worked many long, hard hours in the interest of Red Cross and the Farmington community.

The start of the Red Cross Blood Program found Mrs. Lenz

responding to a community need and she accepted the position and responsibility as chairman. Her was the task of obtaining sponsors for bloodmobiles as well as volunteers to operate the mobiles. Every bloodmobile in Farmington found Mrs. Lenz actively interested in its success.

Today, physical limitations do not interfere with Mary's interest in the blood program as her telephone keeps her in touch with fellow Red Cross volunteers and staff members.

The American Red Cross Twenty Year Service Pin was awarded to Mrs. Lenz in November of 1959.

Therefore . . . We, of the Southeastern Michigan Chapter, American Red Cross, "Honor Our Own," Mrs. Fred Lenz. One who surely has demonstrated that the welfare of Farmington and its people are of great concern to her.

S. F. Leahy
Chapter Chairman



PERCHED ON THE RAILING of the Bob-Le boat in 1928, the first Miss Farmington displays those dimples which undoubtedly helped to win her that title. At the time she was Miss Grace Gillis; now she is Mrs. Howard Middlewood of Livonia.

Home In Old Homestead

One recent Saturday, good neighbors Bill and Mary Checketts packed 11 young Homesteaders into their cars and headed for Will-O-Way Children's Theater where they all saw a production of "The Land of the Dragon," and were quite spellbound with it. It seemed to us that just keeping track of that many wigglers would make it a dramatic (or traumatic) afternoon, but Mary said no. They all behaved like little angels. Therefore, the following may step up and be fitted for business: Greg, Eric, and Diane Checketts, Leslie and Beth Babin, Beth Gaiser, Pam, Paula and Kim Antczak, Julie Garveda, Holly Hard, and Kevin Brunt.

On July 29, David Laude Kull, son of the David E. Kull of Quakerstown Lane look unto himself a bride. Her name was Mary Charlene Wetzel, and she is the daughter of the John J. Wetzel of Newberry Place. The ceremony took place at St. Paul's on the Lake and was followed by a reception at the Gros Pointe War Memorial Center. Following a trip to northern Michigan, the couple will make their home in Redford Township.

ANNIVERSARIES WERE CELEBRATED by the Antczaks and the Quines with dinner at O Sole Mio and the Vineyards, respectively. Others who couldn't be reached by phone at time of writing but also chatted up another year so legends, Salyards, Oddos, and merit congratulations are: Halgren, Salyards, Oddos, and Halgren.

New residents in the very first residence to be built in the subdivision (formerly belonged to Shobes) are Richard and Rita Weglars with their three cute little nippers, Richard, 8, Paul, 4, and Darice, 2. They are very enthusiastic about their new location.

Over on Old Homestead Drive, the Bulmans have moved into the very newest home to be built, and a lovely one it is, too. Grace is president of the very active Hill and Dale Garden Club, and Fred was last year's Little League president, so they are really doers. Their children are Rick, 11, and Lynne, 3, and their cats are Sukey and Shadow.

There were 17 for a cookout at the Howes' for Donna Jean's birthday which started off with a morning of horseback riding with the Weston girls. The

family recently returned from a three week visit to California where they swam in the Pacific, saw Disneyland, stopped to see just about all the famous sights along the way such as Las Vegas, and the Grand Canyon taking nine straight days to get there so they wouldn't miss anything important. No sooner were they home than away they went for a week in Allegheny. They are finding it hard to settle down again.

MASSEYS HAVE JUST RETURNED from Sag's Lake where Linda celebrated her seventh birthday and both kids did so much swimming they almost sprouted fins.

Craig had a marvelous vacation in Maine where they stayed in a cottage on the ocean, the Joe Craigs, that is.

Mary Ellen Griffin had what may prove to be her last Old Homestead birthday party as her daddy has been transferred to Cleveland and they expect to move there in the fall. They will certainly be missed by their neighbors. Sharing the fun and games with Mary Ellen were Val and Brad Craig, Janice Craig, Cindy Johnson, Tom Wendy and Jaymee Shuler.

Other birthdays we hope were happy which fell in July: Pat Latimer, John Oliver, Tom Shuler, John Christie, Carolyn Ziegler, Rick Lorenz, Cathy Coling, Pam Campbell, Paul Tedoli, Craig and John McMillan.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

MARIE LONG

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Our neighbor and friend, Charles L. Sills, passed away a little over a week ago. He had been a resident of Grand River Ave. for the past 23 years and before that lived on Shawnesse for six years. Mr. Sills formerly worked for the Ford Motor Co. for 40 years, before retiring nine years ago. His hobby was flowers and he loved the neighborhood children. On his long walks, they would accompany him. He and Mrs. Sills returned home from a delightful vacation out West recently. They toured up and down the coast and spent some time with Mrs. Sills' sister, Lucille Langley and her husband in Phoenix, Ariz.

Mr. Sills was a cousin of silent movie star, the late Milton Sills. In her teen years Mrs. Sills played in several movies. Their daughter, Mrs. Erva Sills Campbell of Kaysville, Ontario and her son Glenn are currently staying with Mrs. Sills.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Banks of Los Angeles, Calif., are happy to announce the birth of a daughter, Julie Denise, born July 4 and weighing six pounds, eight ounces. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Antoine Bonel of Detroit. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Banks of Cloverdale Ave. Mrs. Banks is the former Jeannine Bonel.

Dr. Richard Goulet, his wife Pat, and little son Joseph have now moved to Ann Arbor where they have purchased a home. Dick will be on the staff at St. Joseph's hospital there.

Dick's parents, the Joseph-Goulets reside on Warner and Pat live in Livonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis King and family of Oakland Ave. enjoyed a four and a half week trailer trip. They visited an aunt of Mrs. King's in Centralla, Ill., then drove on to Iowa. F.N.M., visited the Grand Canyon, Zion and Bryce Canyons; Salt Lake City, Utah; Boise, Idaho; Portland, Oregon; on to the west coast, to Washington state and Port Angeles. This was an educational experience for the King boys. They drove home on Route 10 to Michigan which always looks good to returning travelers.

Mrs. Mary Mekjian of Wilmarth Ave. returned home last week from New Providence Hospital. She looks very good and is receiving a long line thanks to wonderful medical care.

A big block welcome was planned for Tom Grinnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Grinnell of 34012 Moore Dr. as he returned home last week after being in Vietnam for a year. There were flags, drums beating, and a general hubbub as everyone said welcome home to a soldier neighbor.



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