



REGISTERING FOR CLASSES at Madonna College as the first male student is William Siebert, 10225 Garfield, Livonia.

Police In Two States Continue Hunt for Slayer of Young Wife

An 18-year-old beauty operator was buried Monday while police in two states continue their search for her estranged husband who shot her while she was at work in Farmington Township.

Dead is Sharon Merlo, who lived with her parents Mr. and Mrs. George Kamen at 19340 Gaylord, Redford Township.

Farmington Township Chief of Police, Irving H. Yakes said that John Merlo, 25, entered the Crest Beauty Salon at 27432 West Eight Mile Rd., Farmington, at about 10:35 a.m. Friday, Jan. 6.

Merlo motioned for his wife to come to the back room and according to Mrs. Martha Stanfield, owner of the shop, the pair talked for about five minutes. When Mrs. Merlo returned to the main room of the shop she started to work on the hair of a customer, Mrs. Lois Whitaker. Merlo came out of the back room and fired a number of shots at his wife, according to the witnesses. Six women and a five-year-old boy were present at the time of the shooting. Police have withheld the names of the witnesses. Mrs. Stanfield and another beauty operator, Andrea Murphy, 18, fled into the back room, while one of the customers called the Livonia Police Department. The Livonia force then notified the Farmington Township Police of the shooting.

Mrs. Merlo was dead on arrival at Boisford General Hospital.

The Merlos were separated and Mrs. Merlo was seeking a divorce at the time of the shooting. The pair have a three-month-old son, Jeff, who was living with his mother in Redford Township.

Capt. Edwin Glez of the Redford Township Police force told The Observer that the family had contacted them Dec. 14 and reported that Merlo had threatened to shoot his wife, baby and an unnamed boyfriend of his wife.

The Farmington Township have notified forces throughout Michigan and Ohio to be on the alert for the husband.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Merlo of 1114 Harrison, Niles, Ohio, Merlo had started to work Dec. 27 at the Reactive Metals Co. in Niles, as a mill worker. He gave his parents' address as his at this time.

Police described the car Merlo escaped in as a tan 1966 Plymouth.

Farmington Township Justice of the Peace Byron Walters issued a murder warrant for Merlo after Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor Jack Bain issued an order for the warrant.

Completes Training
Airman Apprentice Robert G. Sellers Jr., USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Sellers, Livonia, has completed 28 days of intensive training in the recruit phase of the Navy's "Four to Ten-Month" active duty program and was graduated from the Naval Air Reserve Training Unit at Memphis.

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Kalamazoo Newsman Named Enterprise Editor

Tim Richard, former business editor of the Kalamazoo Gazette, has been named editor of The Farmington Observer and The Observer Newspaper Group.

A native of Northwest Detroit, Richard, 31, holds a BA and MBA from the University of Michigan. He is a graduate of Detroit's Redford High School.

Richard has been business editor of The Gazette since 1962. From 1959

Enterprise by Philip H. Power, publisher of The Enterprise, The Plymouth Mail, and The Observer Newspaper Group.

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GI Bill Opens All-Girl College to Males for First Time.

Men Attending Madonna Classes?

Madonna College which has been conducted by the Felician Sisters as a girls school ever since its inception may shortly become a co-educational institution.

Sister Mary Laurina, Dean of Students, announced last week that a switch to a co-educational school was being studied and that the decision would be made following a survey that is being undertaken to determine the interest in such a change.

"We are set up in the state for a co-educational school," she said, "and the change-over would be little trouble."

Possibility of switching to a co-educational school is being inspired by the number of men applying for admittance to the evening classes, according to Madonna officials.

Some of the men are taking special work to fit them for higher positions in their chosen work and others, among them some with military service, are looking toward new careers.

"The fact that these men have registered for studies has been most inspiring," Sister Laurina stated, "And if the survey shows a distinct need, we will most certainly make the switch."

The Madonna Dean also pointed out that January 15 was the last day to file for student aid for next fall under the terms of the law enacted last year and she confessed a wish for a heavy demand for Madonna College entrants.

"We have no way of knowing at the moment just how many students will apply for this aid," she said, "Because you can apply for the aid before making a final choice of your school."

Last year, 70 of our 89 freshmen were in the student grant program," she explained, "But these 70 girls already were enrolled in the school. This year it will be different and we won't know until almost the last minute just how many there will be."

It has been learned that only about 25 per cent of the \$2,000,000 fund established by the state has been used thus far and Sister Laurina feels that, in most cases, the program is not understood.

"I believe," she said, "that the term, effective income, is pursuing the under the terms of the bill any student is eligible for the state aid if the 'effective income' of the family is \$10,000 or less."

"I rather imagine many feel that this terminology means families with an over-all income of \$10,000. This is not the case... but it is confusing."

Effective income, under the terms of the bill, means the family income after tax deductions are made for dependents, family expenses, etc. and this is quite a difference.

For those who may be interested, application forms for the state aid can be obtained at Madonna College and they should be applied for as soon as possible.

Madonna College, in its new buildings, is equipped to handle 1,000 students and at the moment little more than 250 use the dormitory facilities.

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Meet Your Carrier

Mark Belcher, 14, of 31553 Marblehead, Farmington, has been a carrier for the Observer Newspapers in the Farmington area for more than two years. He is a ninth grader at Our Lady of Sorrows High School where he is a member of the Audio Visual Club at the school.

Mark plans to enlist in the United States Air Force when he completes his high school course.

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Clarenceville Lists New Schedule For Classes

Clarenceville Schools will adopt a new time schedule effective with the start of the second semester on Jan. 30.

The speaker at the John Glenn High School and the Wayne Memorial High School, both in the Wayne Community School District, was Calvin Click, 24, who is on a 30-day speaking tour in the state.

A spokesman for the school district said that Click's schedule yesterday included appearances at Franklin Junior High School in Wayne, before the Wayne Kiwanis Club.

Click, who plans to re-enlist in the Peace Corps for another two-year term, took part in the program of Michigan and national cooperation in sponsoring 150 schools in Tanzania.

The Peace Corpsman, is from Johnson City, Tenn., and graduated in 1964 from Eastern Tennessee State College.

That was the announcement of Supt. David McDowell who indicated the School Board had voted to lengthen the daily schedule of the elementary schools by a half-hour and Junior high sessions will drop to seven classes of 47 minutes each.

The new starting times are:

School Session Elementary 8:30-9:15 Junior High 9:15-10:00 Senior High 10:00-10:45

The Board has been studying the changes for some time but had to wait until Supt. McDowell received a report as to whether it would be feasible from a transportation viewpoint.

After much discussion between principals and transportation officials, it was decided the bus schedules could be changed and still maintain service without a major increase in costs.

With that information at hand, the Board of Education approved the starting time changes.

For the past four years, the elementary school day in Clarenceville has been approximately five hours.

The elementary school principals indicated that 5 1/4 hours appeared to be the optimum day.

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