

At Home In Old Homestead

By Irene Barth

Jay and Ken Humm celebrated their 22 wedding anniversary March 19 in Topinka's Country House.

Also on the anniversary list are Isobel and Lee North, who on March 18 celebrated their 24th. Dinner at the Top of the Flame with yours truly and spouse marked the occasion.

AFTER TWO DAYS IN New York City seeing sights such as the United Nations Building, Rockefeller Center, Central Park and Dinah Shore at the Waldorf, Rose and Art Gruent-wald embarked on a cruise to San Juan and St. Thomas, Puerto Rico.

Their ship was met in San Juan by Irene and Joe Larsen, who were also vacationing there. Irene and the three girls had joined Joe, who was on a business trip, for some fun and sun.

Irene reports a broken toe didn't slow her down much, and they enjoyed a side trip to the Palm Forest, a Government Preserve. They were there to observe the results of the oil slick which came in on the beach when an oil tanker broke up of shore. They also explored with native food and found the "El Convento" restaurant in "old" San Juan most delectable.

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WEARIN' OF THE GREEN - Two members of the Farmington Association of Educational Secretaries have fun as a St. Patrick's Day Party which the group hosted for the residents of The Pine and Convalescent Home in Farmington. Serving cake and ice cream are (from left) Jean Lutzen of the reading specialist department and Bea Maatalla, secretary at the Larkshire Elementary School. Once a week, members of the secretaries' organization visit the home.

Teachers Petition FEA About Hiring Policies

Farmington's teachers have filed petitions calling for the establishment of a districtwide policy of teacher employment as the first priority in the negotiations of the Farmington Education Association for the 1968-1969 master contract.

The petitions read:

"No new teacher shall be employed by the board for a regular teaching assignment who does not have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, and a provisional or permanent certificate."

"The employment of teachers by individual contracts based on special certificates is to be permitted only in cases of absolute necessity or where the teacher has outstanding credentials and the association shall be so notified in each instance and the board shall indicate the extent to which they endeavored to fill the position with a fully certificated person."

"No substitute teacher shall be employed by the board for more than 90 days per school year, who possesses less than a provisional or permanent certificate."

A TOTAL of 300 of the district's 647 classroom teachers signed the petition.

LeRoy Barimann, director of personnel for the schools, said that all of the district teachers have college degrees and either provisional or permanent certificates.

Permanent teaching certificates are granted by the state after a teacher has some experience. Provisional certificates are given to recent college graduates or personnel whose return to the teaching field after a period of time.

The FEA action is in line with the groups' stated aim that this year's priorities deal with educational procedures and policies rather than economic issues.

All Signs Present, As Spring Comes

The roads are a muck of mud so Spring must be here.

Then too, Mrs. Wilbur Buchin, 33566 Rhonswood, Farmington, spotted the first robin Tuesday morning in her front yard.

Officially Spring arrived at 8:22 a.m. Wednesday when the sun entered Aries.

Doris McMillan, staff member at Cranbrook Institute of Science, says that this means the moment when the two imaginary lines of the celestial equator and ecliptic intersect.

Because the earth doesn't circle the sun in exactly 365 days, giving us an extra day or Leap Year every four years, the balmy season arrived on March 20 this year instead of March 21.

Whichever day, it won't be long before the drone of the lawn mower will be heard in the land.

150 Youngsters Busy Building Bird Houses

Farmington's feathered friends will have well this year, thanks to the Farmington Kiwanis Club and its bird house contest.

The contest is in full swing with 100 to 150 boys and girls from Scout troops and most of the schools busy peering over plans, flexing paint brushes and sawing lumber.

Most of the lumber the young builders got for nothing from the H.S. Smith Lumber Co., 28575 Grand River, Bob Van Every, of the company, happens to be Kiwanis president.

He will furnish lumber for a bird house project to any boy or girl who wants some. A parent must accompany the child to the store.

Plans for the bird homes were selected by Hartley Thornton, Farmington naturalist, and Neil Travers, a Farmington resident who is an officer of the Detroit Audubon Society.

Continuation of the contest will be at 10 a.m. April 6 when the bird houses will be judged at Botstord Inn, Judging will be done by a Michigan conservation officer.

The public will benefit from the effort of these boys and girls, as well as the birds. The houses will all be for sale at a nominal charge. The Kiwanis will use the proceeds for underprivileged boys and girls in the area.

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