

10 Good Citizens Are Honored By DAR Chapters



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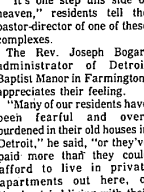
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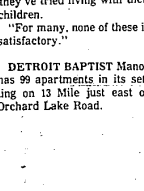
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LESLIE FLACK



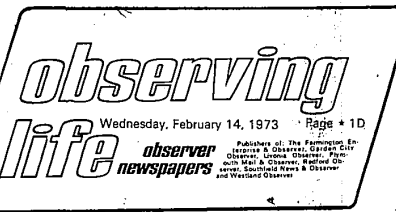
MARY LEY



BONNIE SHUSTER



COLLEEN MILLIGAN



Ten senior girls in Observerland high schools are being honored this month as "good citizens for 1973" by chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

All are receiving pins and certificates denoting their selection by the students and faculty of their high schools on the basis of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

All will compete at the state level for an award from the Michigan DAR.

Luncheons honoring the girls and their mothers are being given during February by local DAR chapters—Three Flags, Quakertown, John Sackett and Sarah Ann Cochran.

These chapters also are presenting Good Citizen awards to girls from other high schools in the metropolitan area as well as to several outstate areas as far away as Marquette and Negaunee in the Upper Peninsula.

SUE FINKBNER of Farmington High School and Michele Orians of North Farmington were honored by the DAR Three Flags chapter.

Miss Finkbner is president of her senior class and also is Pep Club and girls' choir president. She has been active

four years in debate and has served on the student council and class councils.

Other activities include United Nations Association, forensics and crew work in dramatics and girls' sports. She is a member of the National Honor Society and was a representative to Wolverine Girls' State.

She plans to study pre-law at Michigan State University.

Miss Orians, secretary of the North Farmington senior class, has held office in class boards for two years. She is a member of the National Honor Society and yearbook staff as well as the Marauders and Bucket Brigade.

Bonnie Shuster of Harrison High School is receiving her award today from the Quakertown chapter of DAR.

Miss Shuster is a National Merit Scholarship finalist and stands fourth in her class scholastically. She is senior class secretary and president of the Harrison choir. She also served as student director of the school play, "The Miracle Worker."

A representative to Wolverine Girls' State, she also has received the National Council of Teachers of English award.

THE JOHN SACKETT chapter of the DAR presented

part-time job and plans to study social work at Michigan State University.

RECEIVING awards from the DAR Sarah Ann Cochran chapter were Diana Lyon of Garden City West High School, Lee Ann Fournier of Garden City East and Colleen Milligan of Ladywood.

Miss Lyon has been in student government at West for three years, serving as president of her junior class and treasurer of her senior class. She is a member of the National Honor Society and treasurer of the school's American Field Service chapter, as well as belonging to the Spanish and Aquamade clubs.

She has been active in the school's Drug Abuse Rejection Through Education chapter and has headed teen drives for ALSAC and United Foundation drives. Miss Lyon plans to study pharmacy at the University of Michigan or Michigan State.

Miss Fournier has a four-year scholarship to Wayne State University and will begin her studies there in April.

At Garden City East she is secretary of her senior class and was class vice president

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Middle-Income Range

Churches Provide Retiree Homes

By MARGARET MILLER

Many senior citizens who don't qualify for low-cost municipal retirement housing are finding green pastures in church built middle-income residences in Observerland.

"It's one step this side of heaven," residents tell the pastor-director of one of these complexes.

The Rev. Joseph Bogar, administrator of Detroit Baptist Manor in Farmington, appreciates their feeling.

"Many of our residents have been fearful and overburdened in their old houses in Detroit," he said, "or they've paid more than they could afford to live in private apartments out here, or they've tried living with their children."

"For many, none of these is satisfactory."

Trinity Park Apartments comprises 40 living units at 1866 Middle Belt, Livonia, adjacent to Trinity Baptist Church.

Like Livonia's McNamara Towers and Plymouth's Tenthredine Creek Manor, these non-profit residences have grateful occupants and long waiting lists. About 200 retirees would like to move into Trinity Park, and there are 700 names on the Detroit Baptist Manor waiting list.

Both Rev. Bogar and the Rev. Lyle Adams, who serves as administrator of Trinity Park as well as pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, cite the increasing need for such housing.

Their respective church organizations, both say, are moving toward more building of retirement residences.

AND BOTH are watching developments in the proposal of another Livonia church, Mt. Hope Congregation, to bring a

third non-profit, middle-income retirement home to the area.

Mt. Hope, located at 30330 Schoolcraft, is seeking rezoning on adjacent vacant land available to the church. It has met determined resistance from owners of nearby homes because it proposed two-story units so that more could be constructed on the land available.

Thomas Chenot, church member and attorney, said a proposal for some one-story and some two-story units, a combination that would add up to 82 apartments needed for approval of funds from the Michigan Housing Authority, would be presented when the matter again comes before the Livonia City Council Feb. 19.

"I've had more calls than I can count from retirees who heard about our proposal and want to get on our waiting list," he said. "We don't have a waiting list, but we certainly recognize the need."

BOTH RESIDENCES were funded through the Federal Housing Administration. Although planned as middle-income residences—with income ceilings of \$5,500 for single persons and \$6,800 for couples—both have about 20 per cent low-income residents.

These pay lower rents than the \$115 single and \$125 double charged by Trinity and the \$101 to \$155 range in Baptist Manor. The difference in rent is federally subsidized. Otherwise, the two complexes are self-sustaining financially, though non-profit.

Both draw residents from all over the Detroit area. A wide mixture of religious beliefs are represented.

Trinity Park has one-bedroom apartments with overhanging roofs that provide a patio. There are open spaces for grass and flowers between the apartments, and a large community room for social gatherings and occasional hymn-sings.

Baptist Manor provides studio or one- or two-bedroom apartments. Besides space for social gatherings, there is a ceramics room, a sewing room and even a well-equipped tool room.

"One of our gentlemen brought the tools with him and spends a great deal of his time here," Rev. Bogar said. "Others are able to use them, too, if they demonstrate their competence in that area."

BOTH REV. Adams and Rev. Bogar said the church associations behind their respective projects decided on them after a realization there was a growing need for such housing among the increasing senior population.

"The church should have been involved in this sort of thing long ago," Rev. Bogar said. "This is making the Gospel real."

Both said the units had been carefully planned to go with the surrounding area and were substantially constructed. Present apartment developments are all one-story, but Rev. Bogar said plans for some future developments by the American Baptist Churches of Metropolitan Detroit may involve two-story construction.

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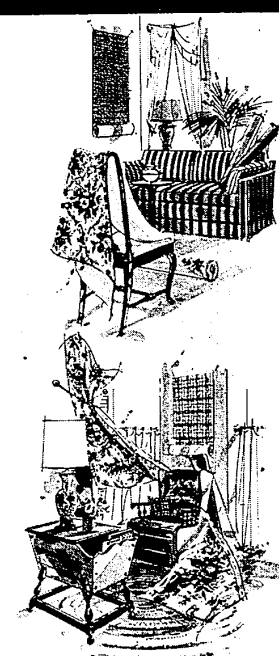
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