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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MRS. FORD

EVENT: Girl Scout Council Presidents photo

-Tuesday, October 28, 1975
-2:00 p.m.
-South Portico

2:00 p.m. Mrs. Ford will be escorted by Susan Porter to the Diplomatic Reception Room to meet:

Mrs. William Ittman, Outgoing National President
Gloria Scott, Incoming National President
Sue Shirey, Girl Scout from Portage, Michigan
Kathleen Ross, National Representative

(The 285 Girl Scout Council Presidents will be at the South Portico steps and balcony.)

2:01 p.m. Mrs. Ford and four guests will walk straight out the Diplomatic Reception Room to the edge of the grass.

Mrs. Ittmann will present to Mrs. Ford (and help her pin it on) a pin to signify her Honorary Presidency of Girl Scouts of America. Mrs. Ford will simply thank her for the pin and the honor of this association (no microphone).

Sue Shirey, 17 year old Girl Scout from Portage, Michigan, will present Mrs. Ford with a Bicentennial Quilt made by Michigan's 17 Girl Scout Councils.

2:03 p.m. Mrs. Ford will turn and wave to the group assembled on the steps and balcony and return to Residence.

NOTE: -Press photographers only.

-Following this photo, the group will rejoin the 2700 Girl Scouts who will be touring the White House this afternoon.

susan porter
October 28, 1975



BACKGROUND:

Honorary Presidency. First Ladies, beginning with Mrs. Woodrow Wilson in 1917, have traditionally served as Honorary National President of Girl Scouts of the United States. The pin which will be presented--the Girl Scout trefoil--symbolizes this affiliation.

The Quilt. The quilt, which will be presented to you by Sue Shirey, 17 year old Scout from Portage, Michigan, was made by Cadette and Senior Scouts and adults from Michigan's 17 Girl Scout Councils. Sue Shirey helped to make the quilt; she is a youth delegate to the 40th national convention meeting in Washington at the Sheraton Park Hotel, October 26-29th. The quilt's motif is the state of Michigan. Its pieces, each in the shape of one of the 17 Councils, were put together by Godfrey Wanke, a retired Port Huron tailor. Hand quilting was done by the girls and adults at a "Trails to '76" Girl Scout encampment in September.

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For immediate release
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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Mrs. Ford will have a photo taken today with 285 Girl Scout Council Presidents in Washington for the 40th national convention of the Girl Scout National Council. The session will be at 2 p. m. at the White House.

She will also receive a Bicentennial quilt made by Michigan's 17 Girl Scout councils. Presenting the quilt is Sue Shirey, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Shirey, Portage, Mich.

Also attending: Mrs. William McLeod Ittman, president, Girl Scouts of the USA; Mrs. William L. Cutts, member of the Girl Scout National Board; Mrs. Elizabeth Jamison, president, and Mrs. Ester Pickles, executive director, Waterways Girl Scout Council, Port Huron, Mich.

The Council Presidents will join 3,000 girl scouts after the photo session for a tour of the White House.

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Press pickup: 2:45 p. m. in the press lobby



MICHIGAN GIRL SCOUTS PRESENT BICENTENNIAL
QUILT TO FIRST LADY

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 28 . . . Betty Ford, America's first lady, received a warm and colorful Bicentennial gift from the Girl Scouts of Michigan Tuesday.

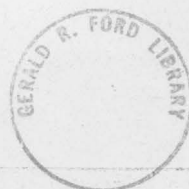
The gift--a quilt, made by Cadette and Senior Scouts and adults from Michigan's 17 Girl Scout councils--was presented to Mrs. Ford by Sue Shirey, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Shirey, 8222 Oakside, Portage, Mich.

Miss Shirey, who helped make the quilt at a "Trails to '76" Girl Scout encampment in September, is a youthful delegate to the 40th National convention of the Girl Scout National Council, being held Oct. 26-29 in the Sheraton-Park Hotel.

The quilt's motif is the state of Michigan. Its pieces, each in the shape of one of the 17 councils, were put together by Godfrey Wanek, a retired Port Huron tailor. Hand quilting was done by Girls and adults at the encampment, under the direction of Mrs. Donna Benedict, Wayland, Mich., an adult volunteer from Glowing Embers Girl Scout Council.

Among those attending the presentation at p.m. at the White House were Mrs. William McLeod Ittmann, president, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.; Mrs. William L. Cutts, St. Paul, Minn., member of the Girl Scout National Board; and Mrs. Elizabeth Jamison, president, and Mrs. Ester Pickles, executive director, Waterways Girl Scout Council, Port Huron, Mich.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Bed Opers 6
Kathy Ross
3 Photos.

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Scott - Pres.

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Jameson - Pres. *Waterbury*
Cutter - *Ex. Cmte*
Pickles - Ex. Dir. *Natl Bed Opers*

Susan Shirley } ^{Atterway} Mi. Council

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WASHINGTON

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Handwritten signature and scribbles

Kathy

Mike Fovall

3 Photos
Kathy Pass
Red Pass
Gt. Guests 12
Council Pass. 28

300 East 62
300 East 62

Signature
Seating - 1st
Seating - 2nd

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Pickets - 24
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