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Mrs. Ford Charms GOP Women

Chicago (UPI) - Betty Ford charmed 100 Illinois Republican women at a fund-raising reception Tuesday but the event was marred by a tiff between two candidates for the State Legislature.

Mrs. Ford, dressed in a beige, fur-trimmed suit, radiated smiles for more than an hour while she posed for pictures with 14 women candidates.

Mrs. Ford told the 650 Republican women the Nation needs talented women in public office and "even my husband agrees with this." "It's important to elect qualified women to represent us in public office," she said. "Our country needs this talent and it needs us to support it."

The luncheon theme was "You've Come a Long Way, Baby," and Mrs. Ford said she's still "out of breath" from the long way she's traveled in the last 10 months. In 10 months, from the wife of Gerald Ford, House Minority Leader, to the wife of Mr. President -- "Wow," she said. Mrs. Ford smiled as she told the women, "Even my husband agrees that talented women are needed in public office. Remember, he's also come a long way," she said. "And he appreciates those of you who have made a similar journey."

President to Campaign in Oklahoma

Oklahoma City (UPI) - Sen. Henry Bellmon (R, Okla.) announced Tuesday that President Ford will make a political campaign visit to Oklahoma City Oct. 22 on a trip that will also take the President to Tennessee and Ohio. The visit will be "political" but not a fund-raising event.

Drinan Can Run

Boston (UPI) - Rep. Robert Drinan (D, Mass.) a Jesuit priest and one of Congress' most liberal members, has Church permission to remain in politics, contrary to a series of published reports, his superiors announced Tuesday.

"As his present religious superior, I have granted Father Drinan my permission to carry out his work as a member of the United States House of Representatives," said Rev. Richard Cleary, S.J., Regional Provincial of the Society of Jesus.

Amnesty: Reasoner said the first 20 deserters were processed through the President's amnesty program Monday. Seventy-five deserters reported to Camp Atterbury, Ind. An expatriate group said it will hold demonstrators against the program in the U.S.

Crime: Reasoner said FBI Director Clarence Kelley reported that serious crime in the U.S. is increasing at a 15 per cent annual rate.

Gold: Ron Miller at Fort Knox reported "to no one's particular surprise, the gold's still there" at Fort Knox. It was reopened to the view of outsiders for the first time since President Franklin D. Roosevelt had visited there.

CBS EVENING NEWS

Senator Kennedy: Roger Mudd said "for the second time in two years" Senator Kennedy withdrew as a presidential candidate. Kennedy issued "what was virtually a Sherman statement," but which applied only to 1976.

David Culhane reported that "no one denies the urgency of Kennedy family problems." But some political observers think Kennedy may also believe "this is a bad year for any Democrat against incumbent Ford." In other words, Kennedy may also be biding his time, Culhane said.

Mudd said Kennedy's withdrawal was a big boost for other Democratic presidential candidates. Senator Walter Mondale (D. Minn) said (on film) that it will be easier for him to conduct a successful campaign. Sen. Henry Jackson (D. Wash) said (on film) that he will now step up his campaign.

Richard Nixon: Foster Davis said Mr. Nixon will be in the hospital about a week for extensive treatments, including anti-coagulents. Davis said the unsettled question is just how ill Mr. Nixon is, whether he is too sick to testify at the Watergate coverup trial. If his doctor says he is, "the likelihood is that Judge Sirica will want that opinion endorsed by court-appointed doctors," said Davis.

Mrs. Ford - Nixon: Mudd said Mrs. Ford on her way to Chicago said the President has occasionally spoken by telephone to Mr. Nixon, but not on a regular basis. Phil Jones reported that Deputy Press Secretary John Hushen last week said that to his knowledge President Ford had not been

in touch with anyone at San Clemente. But, the White House "is telling a somewhat different story" following Mrs. Ford's disclosure, Jones said. Hushen now admits that Nixon called President Ford last Tuesday night. The conversation lasted about 10 minutes, Jones said. According to Hushen, Nixon wanted to talk about foreign policy in general. Also, Mr. Nixon expressed his support of Secretary of State Kissinger.

Asked if there was any talk about the pardon, Hushen said "there was not a specific discussion of the pardon, but at the beginning of the call, Mr. Nixon made a brief, off-hand reference to public reaction to the pardon," said Jones. Asked what he meant by off-hand reference, Hushen said he would have to receive further guidance to answer. So far, said Jones, CBS has received no further elaboration. //

Jenner - Nixon Tapes: Mudd said Albert Jenner, former Republican Counsel for the House Judiciary impeachment investigation, said there are still more Watergate surprises on tapes subpoenaed by Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski.

Fred Graham said "some of the most damaging conversations obtained by the prosecutors" occurred between President Nixon and H.R. Haldeman in late April, 1973. In a conversation on April 25, Haldeman had just listened to a conversation of Mr. Nixon and John Dean of March 21 "and Haldeman repeated much of that conversation."

Haldeman reminded Nixon that he did discuss clemency and money for the convicted Watergate wire-tappers, Graham said. Mr. Nixon considered denying Dean's story, said Graham -- it would be his word against the President's. But Haldeman cautioned that Dean may have made notes or secretly taped the talk. He suggested that Mr. Nixon explain that he was only probing, seeking information from Dean.

The President was concerned that the White House taping system might come to light, Graham said. He told Haldeman not to tell John Ehrlichman or anyone else about it, and said if it is discovered he will say that only national security conversations were recorded.

Graham said Haldeman expressed concern that Jeb Magruder might be telling the prosecutors the truth. Nixon said "Magruder is supposed to lie like hell," to which Haldeman said, "Yeah, but I'm not sure he is now."

'KING CAUCUS':



RULE BY THE FEW

by

John N. Erlenborn, M.C.

President Gerald Ford has warned that a veto-proof Congress might lead to a legislative dictatorship. His remark has been dismissed in some quarters as exaggeration and humbug, **but it shouldn't be.**

The majority in the House of Representatives have been conducting some of the House's most important work in secret. We of the minority have been trying to call this to the people's attention, but with little success, so far. As a result, the realignment of committees, a major reform, has been gutted.

The major reform is a realignment of the House committee structure. As a result of a 282 to 91 vote, a bipartisan committee, headed by Representative Richard Bolling, D-Mo., was appointed with great fanfare by Speaker Carl Albert in January of last year.

The Bolling committee recommended unanimously on March 19 of this year that there be a marked change in committee jurisdictions, and that each Representative be limited to one committee. Its proposal was expected to be explained and digested for a while, then sent to the Rules Committee and on to the House.

This one, however, went to the Democratic Caucus, which has no standing in the House. If we do get a legislative dictatorship, this Caucus will be the enforcer in our branch of Congress. By a vote of 111 to 95, it sent the official Bolling Committee report to an unofficial committee made up wholly of Democrats.

It was a secret vote in a secret meeting from which all outsiders were excluded. No individual vote records were maintained.

After the secret session, we Republicans tried to get the House to overrule the Democratic Caucus, and to send this major reform to the Rules Committee. We lost by a 242 to 163 vote.

What have we learned?

The realignment of committees was to Speaker Albert's big reform contribution. In the crunch, however, he looked the other way. So did Representative Bolling.

We know that Representatives who were outraged by executive secrecy are quite ready to practice legislative secrecy and, as quietly as possible, to defend that practice.

The Democrats in the House meekly submit to a minority of their colleagues (111 to 247). By their control of the Caucus, these 111 can control the House -- not all the time, of course, but often enough to make us uncomfortable.

We have learned that, in areas where the Caucus holds sway, the House is more likely to distort than to reflect the will of the American people.

BETTY FORD A PROFILE OF COURAGE



The new First Lady appeared in Chicago Sept. 24 for a luncheon sponsored by Republican Women Power, Illinois Style! The event's theme was, "You've come a long way baby."



Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Hope McCormick, GOP national committee-woman for Illinois, are engrossed in conversation.

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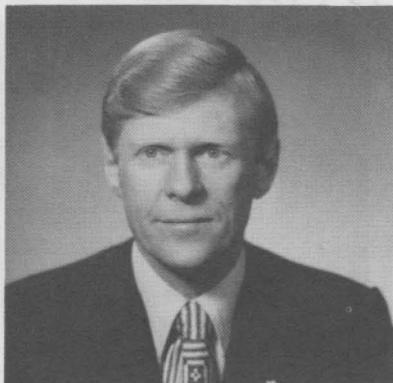
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HARRY PAGE FOR STATE TREASURER

"I pledge that I will place the Office of State Treasurer on a business basis and not attempt to be all things to all people which is historically the pattern of operation of the Democrat office holder."



Harry Page's feeling is that the funds entrusted for safe keeping and investment by the State Treasurer should be placed in lending institutions for temporary use on the basis of a bidding program.

--Page proposes the state be divided into regions for competitive bidding. Regions may be based upon existing political divisions or ones specifically designed to insure investment opportunities in all areas of the state. Also, there shall be two, perhaps three, categories based upon size and assets of the lending institutions. This will prevent large metropolitan lending institutions from bidding against small rural lending institutions for the use of state funds.

--Page is critical of programs arbitrarily offering a set amount of money to institutions without bids.

--Page favors social programs, but is critical of such programs being a part of a criteria established by the incumbent State Treasurer to determine eligibility for using state funds. He feels that such programs should be locally initiated with local stimuli. Social programs should be considered through legislative process on the state level if local response is inadequate.

--Page opposes the so-called Red-Line Practices, which has been alleged to exist in urban areas where a rapid ethnic change in population has occurred. He favors a program of incentive for lending institutions that prove they are lending money for both business and personal loans in areas such as described immediately above, and will work toward proposals in this area.

--Page made complete financial disclosures of contributors and expenditures on two occasions (Dec. 6, 1973 and Apr. 25, 1974). He pledged another complete disclosure after Oct. 1, 1974 and after Nov. 5, 1974, challenged his opponent to do likewise.

--Page has pledged to work diligently for a balanced budget and to oppose deficit spending.

--Page pledged monthly news releases of all personal expense accounts after assuming office.

--Page pledges to appoint an Administrative Review Board on a bi-partisan basis composed of representatives of labor, management, education, farming, news media, banking, and others to annually review the operation of the Office of State Treasurer. This Board shall release its findings to the public and to the administration of the Treasurer's Office simultaneously.

--Page pledges the appointment of a black administrator in the top echelon of the administration.

--Page pledges the appointment of a woman administrator in the top echelon of the administration.

--Page pledges to support program leading to full funding of the Illinois Teachers' Retirement Program, as well as other state-supported retirement programs. He feels that a program not designed for full funding is a moral violation to the rights of those contributing to such a plan.

On Dec. 6, 1973, at a Capitol Press Conference in Springfield, Harry Page pledged the "exertion of total influence of the Office of State Treasurer for the full funding of the Illinois Teachers' Retirement System." Page continued by saying, "The teachers of Illinois have been treated as pawns by the State Government long enough. It's time that legislative and executive action be taken to assure an equitable and solvent pension system for the teachers in this state."

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N. Y. DAILY NEWS,

Betty Finds Politigals Have a Shunny Side

By ANN WOOD

Chief of The News Washington Bureau

Chicago, Sept. 24—First lady Betty Ford starred at a fund-raising reception and luncheon for Republican women candidates today and inadvertently found herself in the

Metropolitan



Tribune Photo by Michael Budrys

First Lady Betty Ford is greeted by Lt. Col. William McQuade as she arrived at O'Hare International Airport Monday.

Mrs. Ford arrives here to aid women candidates

By Eleanor Randolph

WITH ALMOST no fanfare and a motorcade that stopped for red lights, First Lady Betty Ford arrived in Chicago Mon-

"I always plug for ERA," the President's wife told reporters flying with her on the old prop-jet used by her husband when he was Vice President.

The ERA has been considered

going on.

"You don't just leave Washington and go out to California and be left without a word," she explained.

Woman President?: 'Why not?'

First Lady Betty Ford (left) arrives at the Conrad Hilton Hotel Tuesday with Hope McCormick, national GOP committee-woman from Illinois. Before addressing 700 women at the "Republican Women Power" luncheon, Mrs. Ford was asked, "Will we have a women President?" "Why not," she replied. The event was slightly marred by a squabble between candidates for state representative from the 26th District. Brenda E. Perry complained she was "excluded" from the luncheon while her opponent Susan Catania was an invited guest. (Sun-Times Photo by Jerry Tomaselli)



First Lady 'home' with plug for ERA

By Diane Monk

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Mme. Vava Chagall, wife of



First Lady Betty Ford waves to the crowd that greeted her when she arrived at O'Hare Airport Monday. Mrs. Ford, a native Chicagoan, will speak to a Republican luncheon meeting Tuesday. (Daily News Photo/Perry Riddle)

artist Marc Chagall, who is in Chicago putting finishing touches on an outdoor mosaic, is among those invited to sit at the head table with Mrs. Ford

and various local political figures.

Mrs. Ford is scheduled to leave Chicago shortly after the luncheon.

she arrived on a military plane with a traveling press

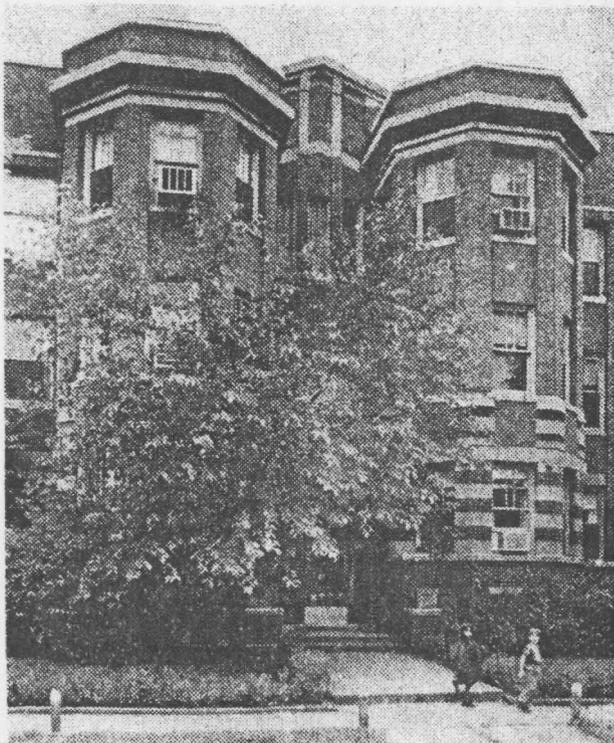
Mme. Vava Chagall, wife of

Her old neighborhood here spruces up for Betty Ford

By Henry Hanson

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Brick six-flat at 1252-54 W. Columbia in Chicago's East Rogers Park where First Lady Betty Ford spent her childhood 55 years ago. (Daily News Photo/Charles Krejcsi)

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Gatecrasher Supports Mrs. Ford

Chicago Tribune News Service
CHICAGO — Betty Ford
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she felt badly about being

proponent of women's
rights and has spoken out
on the subject in the past.

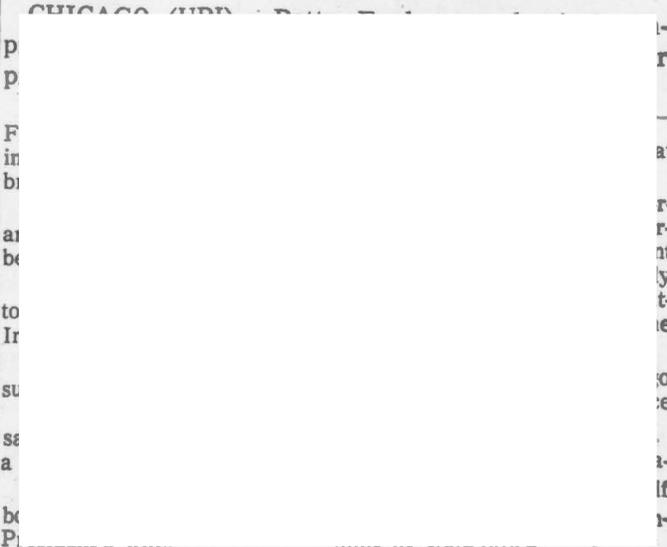


Mrs. Brenda Pery, a black Mrs. Ford is a known

Youngstown Daily Indicator 9/24/74 p. 21

Betty Ford Says She's Wife First

By JUDY FRIE



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Amerykanka Polskiego Pochodzenia Kandydatką Do Rady Powiatowej



NA ZDJĘCIU — Betty Ford (z prawej) żona prezydenta Forda z Mary McDonald, kandydatką Partii Republikańskiej do Rady Powiatowej. Pani Ford wygłosiła główne przemówienie, na lunchu dla 14 kandydatek republikańskich, podczas swej wizyty w Chicago, w końcu ubiegłego miesiąca.

Mary McDonald, z Lincolnwood, Ill., kandydatka Partii Republikańskiej do Rady Powiatu Cook spoza Chicago, otrzymała w wyborach

przeciw wprowadzeniu podatku powiatowego.

Mary Mix McDonald Amerykanka polskiego pochodzenia w piątym pokoleniu jest

potrzebuje członka o takich kwalifikacjach”.

Jedną z głównych trosk p. McDonald jest sprawa opieki lekarskiej — dziedzina w której Rada Powiatowa może dokonać wielu ulepszeń. Kan-

Arrives for visit here

First Lady tells of Nixon calls to Ford

By Peggy Constantine

First Lady Betty Ford said Monday that

press corps until Tuesday when she addresses a luncheon for 14 Republican women running

Her press secretary, Helen Smith, said, however, that Nixon's bedroom has become

white house. "I think it's just beautiful."



First a wife and mother

Mrs. Betty Ford, as she stepped from plane at O'Hare Airport Monday. She later told Kup she thinks of herself as a wife and mother, rather than as the First Lady. (Sun-Times Photo by Larry Graff)

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Kup's column

KUPCINET

The Weekend PickUp: Latest graffito in Washington reads, "Pump more money into the economy—confirm Nelson Rockefeller!" . . . Here's a hearty welcome "home" to the First Lady, Chicago-born **Betty Ford**. She checks into the Conrad Hilton on Monday afternoon and addresses a Republican women's luncheon Tuesday. Mrs. Ford was born in the old Lake View Hospital, now Columbus, and as a child lived at 1254 W. Columbia. As a former dancer (**Martha Graham** troupe), Mrs. Ford plans to make the arts one of her prime White House interests.



BETTY FORD

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The public Betty Ford: Candor cloaked in charm

By Nancy Randolph

Washington

"I'll have to continue saying what I think," Mrs. Ford said at the White House Friday afternoon. "I simply do not have the ability to circumvent a question without being very obvious."

ham's concert group in New York City where she lived in Greenwich Village.

So, Betty Bloomer had her

For the same trip two weeks ago, however, she fretted openly about a pair of gloves left accidentally behind on a White House table.

BETTY FORD backs abortion ["because the Supreme Court is the law of the land"]. But the First Lady told the Greeks Friday afternoon that she considers her family "our most important asset."

Is she somehow bridging the gap between the wife who lets her husband make her decisions and the career woman who makes most of her own?

"Well, I hope so," she began in her timid way Friday afternoon. Then she laughed, realized perhaps that she wasn't living up to her new reputation for openness, and answered more directly.

"I think you could say that is true."

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sn't offend anybody and doesn't say School of Dance in Vermont.
hing.

From there she joined Martha Gra-

Crushed into a corner, Mrs. Ford still smiles

MME. CHAGALL is holding onto her drink with both hands, mostly contemplating her ice cubes, and occasionally peeking rather than chancing a full eyelids-open stare at the clamoring horde around her.

Oo-la-la.

Betty Ford, the President's wife, is in the northeast corner of the Conrad Hilton's Beverly Room completely surrounded. There are photographers, political candidates, women in

hats and highball chairs mob.

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"Well," says one, "she certainly

does have a beautiful smile."

"Yes, she certainly does,"

says the other. "She looks like

a million dollars."

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Someone has handed Mme. Chagall a campaign brochure.

First Lady boosts candidates on visit

By Ellen Warren

First Lady Betty Ford, a

MRS. FORD also displayed a willingness to field tough questions, although few were

national committeewoman from Illinois and honorary

Always surrounded by a crush of reporters, photographers and admirers.

Asked if all the attention bothered her, she answered with another question: "What's a crowd?"

Hope McCormick, Republican

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Charm on troubled water

Mrs. Ford keeps peace at party here

By Eleanor Randolph | makes no difference to us,'
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You've come a long way, baby.



Tribune Photo by Michael Budrys

First Lady Betty Ford speaking to Republican women at the Conrad Hilton hotel Tuesday: "I can say that I have come a long way."

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Ford, wife of the President, was surrounded by a crowd at the Republican women's fund-raising luncheon Tuesday at the Conrad Hilton but the crush didn't seem to bother her.

Betty Ford charms GOP women here

Patricia Moore

When Betty Ford entered a crowded VIP reception that preceded the Republican women candidates for state and local offices,

Mrs. Ford spoke less than five minutes in a slightly halting voice that, Washington reporters said, is characteristic of her. She told the women candidates for state and local offices,



You've come a long way, baby

Mrs. Ford admitted that the "... long way, baby" theme of the luncheon applied to her personally. "I'm still out of breath from the last 10 months," she told the 650 women. (Photos by Fred Stein)

Mary McDonald, who is expected to win as a GOP candidate for the Cook County board in the suburbs, is unhappy that the United States Republican Fund is giving zero dollars to the Women Power committee. The 14 candidates are to split proceeds from Tuesday's luncheon, estimated at \$8,000.

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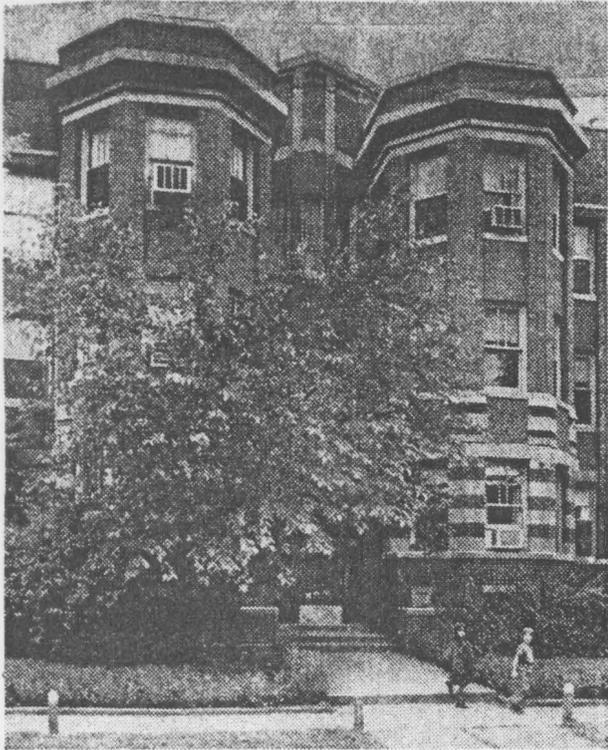
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Brick six-flat at 1252-54 W. Columbia in Chicago's East Rogers Park where First Lady Betty Ford spent her childhood 55 years ago. (Daily News Photo/Charles Krejcsi)

That old six-flat still alive and well

By Henry Hanson

The 400 Theater around the corner is showing art films.

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Welcome for First Lady

First Lady Betty Ford is greeted by Mrs. Elizabeth Hamacher, Republican candidate for Lake County prosecutor, as she arrives at Conrad Hilton Hotel Tuesday for luncheon honoring GOP women candidates in the state and county elections. Stories on Page 3. (Daily News Photo/Fred Sista)

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Far North resident

Mrs. Ford once wee Chicagoan

BY HOWARD S. MARKS

THE THREE-STORY apartment building at 1252 W. Columbia Av. [6750 North] looks like just another typical Chicago apartment building.

Stephenson Bloomer, 42, and Hortense Neahr Bloom, 32, moved into the newly completed Columbia Avenue building.

MRS. ROTMAN was not beyond boasting about her tenants in the East Rogers Park

