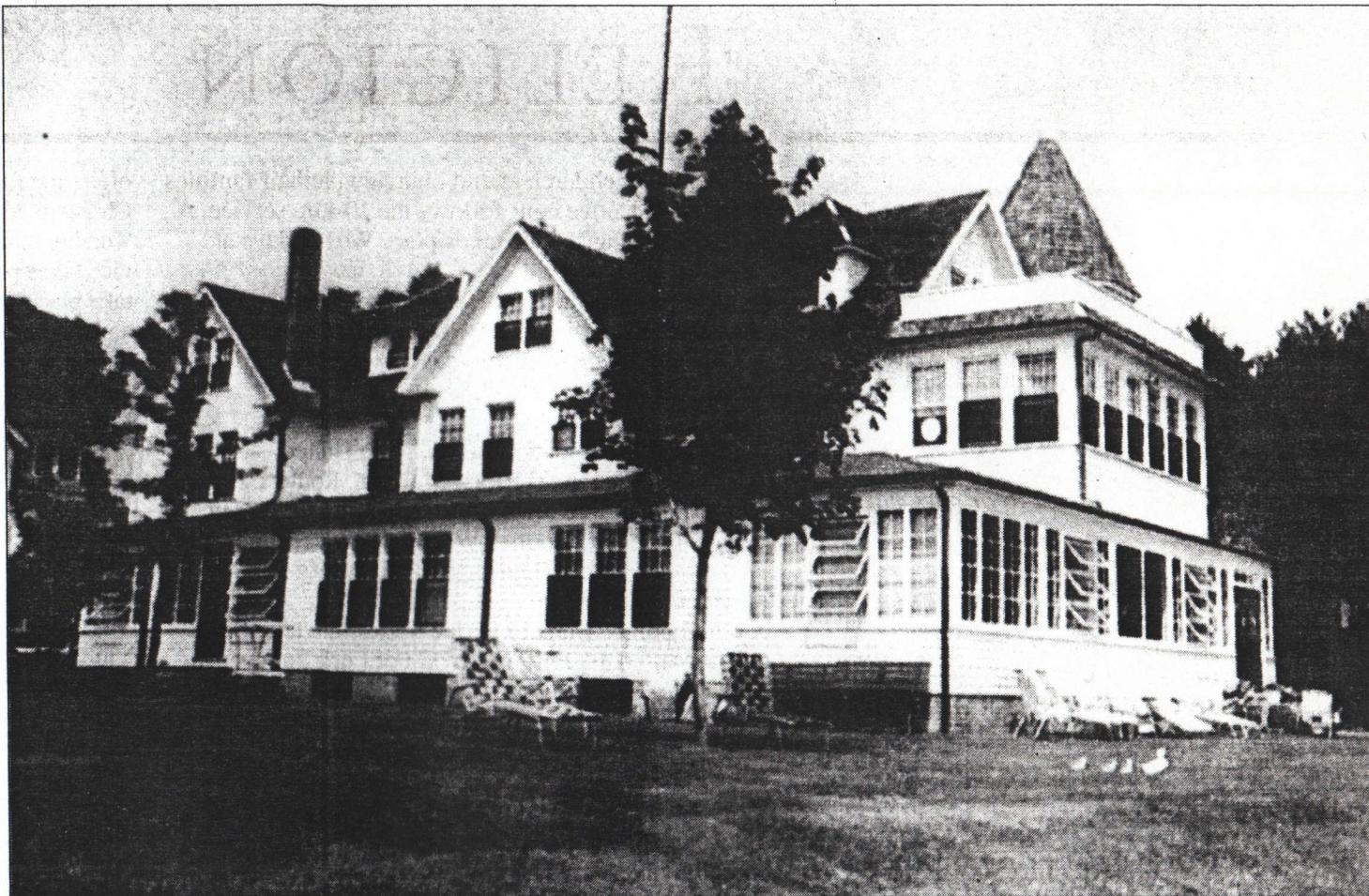


John Glenn visits Branford

On July 19, 1962 Lieutenant Colonel John Glenn and his family came to Branford to spend a few days at the home of his attorney C. Leo DeOrsey of 2 Spring Rock Road in Pine Orchard. Glenn was the first man to orbit the earth on February 20, 1962 and was one of the most admired people in the world. During his visit here, John Glenn met with representatives of the *Branford Review* and signed autographs for the neighborhood children. After a three day visit of swimming and relaxing at the DeOrsey waterfront home, the Glenn family drove to Hyannis Port on Cape Cod to meet with Attorney General Robert Kennedy.

C. Leo DeOrsey was a tax attorney and financial advisor who made his summer home in Branford. He represented Arthur Godfrey, Edward R. Murrow and the original seven astronauts. John Glenn made a subsequent visit to Branford in 1963 as did astronauts Alan Shepard, Scott Carpenter



Postcard by Earl Colter of the DeOrsey house at 2 Spring Rock Road in Pine Orchard.

and Walter Shirra. Also visiting that summer was Edward R. Murrow, Director of the United States

Information Agency. C. Leo DeOrsey died April 1965 at the age of 61. He was acting president of the Washington Redskins football team at the time of his death.

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Tomasso in North Branford. Fisk established the Branford Steam Railroad which is still being used today to transport trap rock from the plant in North Branford to the docks in Pine Orchard.

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