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Photographic coverage and results of the International Pigeon Derby held in Farmington Thursday are reported inside along with numerous stories and pictures on the Founders Festival which begins Thursday.

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Recall Analysis

Can workers seeking recall of Farmington school trustees get the question on the Aug. 23 millage ballot? That question is examined inside in an analysis story plus the question of whether the recall movement can succeed.

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Just For Teens

A Teen Center has begun operation in Farmington and Farmington Township has received state approval of a recreation grant which could lead to establishment of a permanent teen center. Details are inside.

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upcoming

A thorough preview of all the exciting events and activities of the 1971 Founders Festival will be given this coming Wednesday in the special Festival edition to be provided for Farmington Enterprise & Observer readers.

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TODAY



WINDOWS BROKEN — The force of the explosion broke several window panes of the Independence Green apartment building Clift

was living in and shook window panes as far away as city hall and township hall. (Evert photo)



EMPTIED TRUNK — The force of the dynamite explosion Thursday morning emptied the trunk of the 1971 Cadillac owned by James Clift of Independence Green, Farmington Town-

ship. Police believe the bomber used four-six sticks of dynamite for the blast. Clift's face is shown above in front of the car. (Evert photo)

Unionist's Auto Is Bombed

An automobile owned by a Farmington resident who is a Teamsters Union official was bombed early Thursday morning at Independence Green apartment complex.

No one was injured as most apartment residents were asleep when the explosion occurred at about 3:50 a.m.

DESTROYED BY THE BLAST was a 1971 four-door Cadillac owned by James Clift of 24588 Lincoln Ct., Independence Green Apartments, Farmington Township.

Clift, a union representative for Teamsters Local 337 of Detroit, says that he has no known enemies and had not received any threats.

The shock from the explosion broke an estimated 17 windows in the nearby apartment building and the noise was heard throughout the area, waking many residents from a sound sleep.

INVESTIGATORS from the Michigan State Police Crime Laboratory in Plymouth, on the scene early Thursday with township police, believe that between four and six sticks of dynamite were used.

It is not known at this point if the bombers had any motives or just picked Clift's car by chance.

It was such a large explosion that city police report the window panes shook in city hall at Grand River and Liberty. Township Police Chief Irving Yakes said the window panes also shook in the township hall at 11 Mile and Orchard Lake.

The explosion was heard by township patrolmen as far away as the vicinity of 8 Mile and Farmington Rd.

The incident is still under investigation by township detectives and state police.



IMPACT—The sticks of dynamite used in Thursday morning's car bombing at Independence Green were placed underneath the auto owned by Farmington resident James Clift. Force of the impact can be seen by the hole in the pavement right next to the wheel. (Evert photo)

Citizens Earn Honors For Heroic Actions

Seven persons were recently awarded Citizen Citations by Farmington Township for bravery and good citizenship.

The presentations were made prior to a township board meeting by Supervisor Earl Teeple.

Recipients include Bert Davis of Detroit and these Farmington residents: Dr. A. Scharchilli, Dr. Richard Horsch, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wolf, Ralph Eselman, Durk Moore and Mrs. Elizabeth LaFrance.

DAVIS RECEIVED a citation for aiding police in the apprehension of a criminal involved in a conspiracy to commit murder.

He had been offered \$1,000 to murder a key witness and cooperated with police who obtained arrest and sentencing of three persons involved in the conspiracy. Mr. and Mrs. Wolff had spotted a breaking and entering in progress of a gas station at 9 Mile and Middle Belt in the township.

While one called police, the other watched what was going on across the street at about 3 a.m. and when police arrived pointed out one suspect who was hiding at the station.

DR. SCARCHILLI left an office full of patients to come to the scene of an accident on Grand River at I-96.

A wrecker had overturned on its driver and the doctor crawled underneath the wrecker to administer first aid and save the man's life. The doctor's own life was endangered because a great deal of gasoline had been spilled around the truck and on the driver.

Moore was honored because he found a brief case containing valuable papers and turned it in to township police. Eselman's observation and cooperation with police led to the arrest of a subject wanted for breaking and entering.

MRS. LaFRANCE, a bus driver for Farmington Schools, was honored for physically confronting a child molester to save one of her passengers.

A five-year-old girl had gotten off her bus and after pulling away she noticed through her rear-view mirror that the child hadn't crossed the street yet. She stopped and noticed a child molester had picked up the young girl in his van. Mrs. LaFrance went back to the van, pushed the man aside and took the girl away. The man was convicted for molesting in Redford Township.

Doctor Horsch was cited for leaving his vehicle at the scene of a pedestrian accident to give first aid. A 14-year-old

girl had been struck by a car on 14 Mile west of Orchard Lake. Although the girl eventually died, police say she never would have made it to the hospital had not Dr. Horsch given first aid at the scene.

THE CITIZEN citations were presented July 12. On

School Bd. Opposes County Money For Sports Stadium

The Farmington Board of Education has voted formal opposition to the use of Oakland County funds for a sports stadium, claiming the deal means shortchanging the schools.

"The county keeps spending funds for all kinds of things we have to go to the voters for," Supt. Roderick Smith complained. "Then it comes back to the tax allocation board saying it is broke and the board takes money from the schools—and gives it to the county."

THIS YEAR the county tax allocation board reduced the schools allocated millage from 8.43 mills to 8.33 mills

Thursday, July 28, a dinner will be held in the Botsford Inn to honor 14 township police officers who have been awarded citations for service above the call of duty.

Among those being so honored will be: former detective sergeant Earl

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Those transferred to North Farmington would be youngsters who would normally enter there the following year.

IN OTHER actions: The board approved renewal of membership in Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of Studies, Inc., at a \$1,500 fee.

Supt. Smith told the board that school negotiators depend heavily on materials from the bureau's office of collective negotiations in conducting bargaining with teacher and other unions.

He added that part of set up portable classrooms to accommodate them at Dunckel, whichever is more feasible.

The board also approved a Detroit Edison Co. request that its workers be permitted housing in Farmington Junior High and or Farmington Junior High in the event of an extreme emergency.

"The kind of emergency Detroit Edison means is one that would totally disable the community," Business Administrator William Prisk reported. "The workmen would be needed to re-establish the community."

The company would provide its own beds and other needs, move them in and out, and pay any costs, Prisk said.