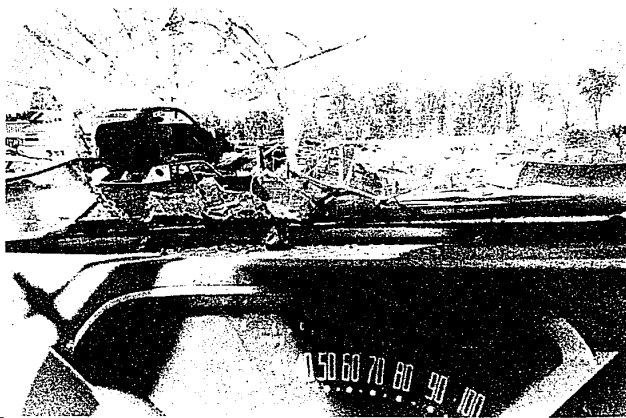




Tracy Markham (left), an employee at Grand Haggerty Towing and Auto, salvages a good tire from a rusty old junk car that will soon be scrapped. At right: a birds-eye view through a shattered windshield at the field of 600 junk cars, some piled on top of each other. (Staff photos by Randy Borst)



It's junk city Scrapyard is final stop for old cars

By MARY GNIEWEK
Like a cemetery with rows of headstones, hundreds of rusty old cars are parked in idle columns on a five-acre

lot that borders Haggerty road north of Grand River. The Grand Haggerty Towing and Auto Co. in Farmington Hills is a final

resting stop for dead cars. Stripped of all reusable parts, the frames are put out to pasture. Eventually, the metal will be

crushed and used again. The compressed car, which weighed 3,000 pounds before the process will end up, half the size of a football.

"I feel we do a good business for the community we are in," says Tom King, who co-owns the auto scrapyard with his brother, Bill.

The two turn a profitable retail business selling parts they salvage from the wrecks they tow onto their property.

"We charge one tenth to one half the price of new parts," King said.

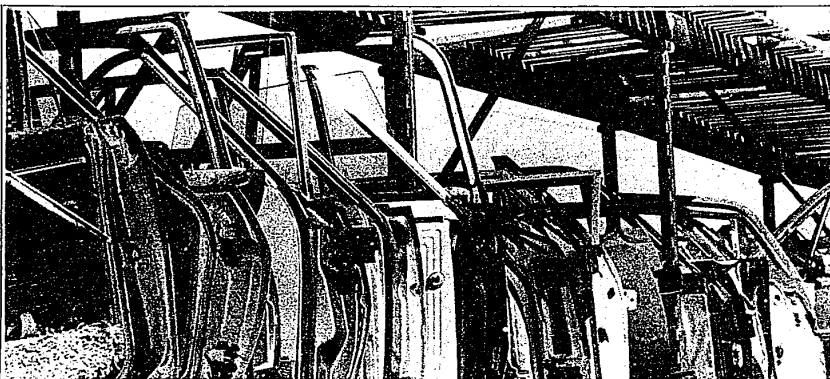
"Dealers don't carry parts for a lot of older cars people still drive. So they come here to find them."

All sales are made inside a barn adjoining the yard. It is stocked with rows of radiators, wheels, brake drums, motors and tires which hang from the ceiling.

"The insurance company won't allow people to pull things off the cars. They could get hurt out there," he said, nodding toward the wheel-less cars. Others are also minus front hoods, doors and windshields.

A LARGE STOP sign tells customers not to walk through the yard. Three German shepherd guard dogs make sure they don't.

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Car door row

Hundreds of car doors, some minus windows, handles, or inside frame hang from high racks like meat in a butcher's freezer. The doors are warehoused and sold like other reusable auto parts at Grand Haggerty, an auto junkyard in Farmington Hills. Plate glass windows are cheaper when they're recycled.

THE INSIDE * ANGLE

By LOUISE OKRUTSKY

CONGRATULATIONS to Farmington for being placed in the Keep Michigan Beautiful Hall of Fame. The official presentation of the award will be on Oct. 23 in the Lansing Hospitality Inn. Farmington will receive the honor because it has received numerous awards from KMB for local projects. Angles congratulates all the Farmington green thumbs who help make the city a prettier place. IA gives them a bouquet any gardener could dig: ♦♦♦♦♦.

ANGLES ALSO notes that Farmington Mayor Richard Tupper was chosen to attend the KMB festivities. IA notes he was chosen for that duty in abstentia by other council members. Angles prefers to be generous and believe that the members who were present were being gracious and giving Richard a treat.

MOTHERS OF NURSERY school aged children: Family Life Co-op Nursery has begun its fall schedule of activities with special events for children and parents. Creative arts, field trips and a flexible curriculum. Parents attend monthly meetings with speakers and discussions and assist in the nursery.

There are several openings for 3- and 4-year-olds. The 3-year-olds attend class on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Tuition is \$16.50 per month. Four-year-olds attend Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings with a tuition of \$24.75 per month.

The nursery is located at the North Congregational Church, 26725 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. It is non-sectarian, non-profit and state-licensed. Car pools and babysitting are available. For more information call Karen Cleveland at 352-9222 or Bonnie Lynch at 559-8649.

IT'S REUNION TIME AT BOYSVILLE Alumni of the high school which Boysville operated in the '60's are invited to a class reunion on Nov. 3 at Mercy Center in Farmington Hills. Alumni of the residential facility for boys in Clinton from 1949-69 are invited. About 4,000 boys passed through its doors during this period.

Alumni who are interested should call Brother Gregoire Bleau at 836-4013 or Chuck Brominski (class of 1969) at 278-1049. Boysville was founded in 1948 by Edward Cardinal Mooney in collaboration with the Michigan Knights of Columbus. This is its 31st year of existence.

BRODHEAD Farmington Hills VFW did their bit for Jerry's Kids on Labor Day weekend. At a dance to raise money for muscular dystrophy there were two winners of the teen marathon. Kim Piller and Barb Finkbeiner proved their ability at dancing almost all night. Both of the light-footed contestants live in Redford. The other winning couple, Marylin Cadeau and Shelly Mitchell live in

Detroit. Poster child Kevin Murray and his brother Kurt helped run the auction and the teen and adult dances.

AIN'T SHE OR HE SWEET? If you really think so, send in his or her name to the Kiwanis Club No. 1 Sweetest Day Happiness Awards contest. Nominations should be mailed before Oct. 7 to Detroit Sweetest Day Committee, Kiwanis Club No. 1, Suite 501, 28555 Evergreen, Southfield 48076. Ten winners will receive the Sweetest Day Happiness Awards which will recognize the efforts they made to help others through volunteer work.

Last year's winners include a Southfield man who risked his life to pull two girls out of a flaming car after an accident. He spends time raising funds to combat muscular dystrophy. A Detroit woman who has a severe heart condition rides a city bus at least once a week to perform work for World Medical Relief. She has been doing this for 17 years.

ALL THOSE interested in retaining the Prayer Book of 1928 in the Anglican Church are invited to attend the Service of the Holy Eucharist in the House Chapel of Dorothy Keysmith, 34235 Cortland, Farmington. Service will begin at 7 p.m. Sept. 26. The Rev. David Sprunk of the Church of the Epiphany in Howell will be the celebrant.

YOU CAN WAVE at SEMTA buses all you want after Oct. 1 and it won't help. They're not stopping for mere a mere wave anymore. Beginning in October the buses will stop only at designated red and white bus stop signs. Passengers will no longer be able to flag a SEMTA bus between signs.

However, just as in English grammar, there are exceptions to the rule. If a passenger is in an area where there isn't a SEMTA bus sign, they will be able to flag down the bus at the corner. The bus will stop and pick up the passenger at the far side of the nearest intersection. If passengers are running late and hurrying to the bus stop, the drivers are instructed to drive to the nearest bus stop and wait for the passenger after they have signalled. (The trick is getting the driver to notice your signal. IA will conduct arm flapping classes this fall.) Handicapped persons will be able to get on and off a bus between stop signs as long as a safe and convenient stop area is available. For further information call the SEMTA Information Center at 862-5515 or toll-free, 1-800-462-5161. If you want to have a bus stop placed in your area, send the suggestion to Bus Stop, P.O. Box 333, Detroit, 48231.

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