



More than one way

Who needs a shovel when you can have a nice snow tractor? That what seems to be on the mind of Glenn Duncan of Farmington Hills as he plows snow at the First Baptist Church in Farmington where he is a custodian and a member of the congregation. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

Car air conditioning needs warm-up

Snow in the summer seems as unlikely as air conditioning in the winter. Yet, with 80 percent of all new cars coming equipped with air conditioners, thinking about their care is as important in the winter as it is in the summer. Though winter seems cold enough without worrying about turning on your car's air conditioning system, the Automotive Information Council (AIC) of Southfield warns motorists to do just that. Unless the air conditioning system is checked periodically, damage to this expensive accessory can result. Freon, the chemical refrigerant, can leak from the seals. By running the air conditioner for only five minutes once a month in the winter, this problem can be avoided, the AIC says.

Motorists also should check the level of freon in the system to insure that it is properly charged. This is accom-

plished by finding the small sight glass. Often difficult to find because of accumulations of grime, it is located on the line leading to the evaporator. With the air conditioner operating at fast idle, check the sight glass for a continuous stream of cloudy bubbles. A charge of freon is necessary if these are spotted.

However, the AIC warns, freon is extremely dangerous. Improper handling can result in severe frostbite, injury to the eyes, and, at the least, damage to the car's system. Therefore, though a car owner can recharge the air conditioning system with freon himself, it is advised that this be done by an authorized service facility.

Protect your costly investment by giving the air conditioning system in your car some seasonal care, the AIC advises.

New coordinator

Karen M. Stewart of Southfield has been promoted to public relations coordinator for the Michigan Credit Union League. Ms. Stewart is a 1972 graduate of Farmington High School and a graduate of Central Michigan University.



Howard promoted

William A. Howard of Farmington has been named supply and distribution manager of Ford Parts and Service Division, Ford Motor Co. He joined Ford in 1949 after graduation from the University of Michigan.



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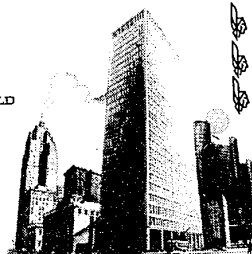
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