

# Historic home lauded by Hills beautifiers

The house once known as Philbrick Tavern has been cited by Farmington Hills Beautification Commission in its program of recognizing properties in which special efforts have been made to keep the building and grounds attractive.

The historic landmark, built in 1827 by Nathan and Minerva Philbrick at 26007 Power Road, is now owned by Dr. and Mrs. LeRoy J. Juliano.

The tavern was once used for early town meetings and as a stopping place on the Detroit-Lansing stagecoach route. It was known for the abundance and excellence of its entertainment while its owner simultaneously served as justice of the peace for the area.

History has it that the building later was one of the last stops on the Underground Railroad for slave traffic en route to Canada and freedom.

A tunnel is believed to lead from the basement to the field to the north, but no evidence exists today to prove the legend.

THE HOUSE was built with massive hardwood beams held together by wooden pegs, and these are still visible in the family room and attic.

Flooring in the dining room is still one-and-one-quarter inch thick, but in the main traffic areas it has worn down to about half an inch.

Lumber for the building is assumed to have come from the property itself as land was being cleared for farming, and though some of the carpentry work seems crude it has nevertheless withstood 153 years of Michigan weather.



Once known as Philbrick Tavern, the home on the corner of 11 Mile and Powers roads is now owned by the LeRoy Juliano family. Its owners have been lauded by the Farmington Hills Beautification Commission for their efforts in keeping the historic property attractive. (Staff photo by Randy Bors)

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### Time Sharing

## Vacation ownerships offer world of travel

By LORRAINE MCCLISH

Farmington Hills residents Pat and Don Graham, both with extensive backgrounds in real estate, are now in the business of selling vacations.

"What condos were to the '70s is what Time Sharing Vacations will be to the '80s," said Graham, who with his wife are the representatives of Platinum Vacations for Detroit's west and northwest suburbs.

"We expect it to be a \$2-billion industry because it's the best thing going now for controlling vacation costs," he said.

"And it's about the only thing now moving in real estate," Mrs. Graham added. "Buying a vacation home

outright has been priced right out of the question for most people now and vacation costs keep climbing.

"Time Sharing is a one-time investment that can be passed onto your heirs as even their hedge against inflation," she said.

THE PLATINUM vacation is a vacation-ownership in one condo unit in one resort for a specific period of time that runs from \$850 to \$7,500, predicated on the size of the unit, its location and the season.

The owner chooses the resort and weeks of the year he or she will own the unit from the 450 resorts that are affiliated with Resort Condominiums International (RCI).

RCI acts as a trading network for the vacation-owners.

The network is designed to provide exchange services for owners of similar resort condo units that are located in most of the 50 states, Europe, the Caribbean, the Mediterranean, Mexico, Hawaii, Australia and Canada.

"You can spend your week or two every year at your own place or you can trade with any of the other owners through RCI," Graham said.

"If you get tired of your place at the beach, you can go to the mountains or the Bahamas or four Europe, but you can still retain your own vacation home for the next year if you choose."

"We even have a castle in Ireland that's on the exchange list now," Mrs. Graham said.

which can be sold or passed on as a leisure-time legacy.

"There is a small maintenance fee that covers everything you'll need for your vacation, including linens. You can move in with as little as your toothbrush," Graham said.

Vacation owners who buy through the Platinum Group automatically become RCI members. Membership provides discounted Hertz car rental cards, and a quarterly directory that keeps the exchange-minded updated on what's happening in worldwide travel.

Prospective vacation owners are offered inspection trips to shop for their resort and their condo unit. These are three- or four-day visits to RCI resorts that include flight, ground transportation, all meals, tours of the resort as well as the surrounding terrain for highly discounted prices.



DON GRAHAM



PAT GRAHAM

"Or, you can bank your space and add it to next year's vacation."

The Grahams are working out of their home now while simultaneously

shopping for an office in town and looking for a staff.

They will take inquiries by calling 474-7835.

AT LAST COUNT, Graham added, RCI had a track record of fulfilling 85 percent of the requests made for exchanges.

The couple are convinced that the concept offers the Time Sharing owner a lifestyle which is fast slipping out of reach, mainly because it is a one-time purchase. The owner holds a deed

"THE FLEXIBILITY here is almost unlimited," Graham said.

"You can build an asset with your vacation dollar, increase your vacation lifestyle for a fraction of the cost, sublet, exchange, sell, give a gift or maintain as a business benefit."

## 4-part marriage seminar to be led by Rev. Ritter

The YWCA of Western Wayne County will offer a four-week marriage seminar led by the Rev. William Ritter, formerly of Newburg Methodist Church in Livonia. The Rev. Ritter, who has an outstanding reputation as a

marriage-discussion leader, is now the pastor at Nardin Park Methodist Church in Farmington.

The seminar will be given from 7:30-9 p.m. in the Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia at the corner

of West Chicago and Hubbard beginning on Wednesday, Jan. 28, and continue through the first three Wednesday evenings of February.

The seminar is designed to provide a relaxed atmosphere in which individuals

and couples can explore their feelings about marriage in today's society.

Cost is \$20 per couple or \$15 per individual. To register, call Leslie Frederick at the Y, 561-4110.

## Concert band, orchestra calls young musicians

Music students in the sixth through eighth grades are invited to join the Farmington Hills Youth Concert Band and String Orchestra, which offers an opportunity to play in ensemble and get acquainted with the best musical literature available.

The band and orchestra are sponsored by Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department.

Rehearsals run from 4-5 p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 21 in Shawwassee Recreation Center, 30415 Shawwassee Road. Fee for the 10-week winter session is \$12.50.

"It is highly recommended that students be concurrently participating in music lessons," said Jeff Farland of the parks and recreation department.

"This is not a replacement for an instructional lesson program."

All participants must furnish their own instruments except percussionists; these instruments will be provided. All

music and related equipment will be provided.

Registrations will be taken between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays in Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation office, in Farmington City Hall, 31555 11 Mile Road.



EDITH EDDY

### Edith Eddy is 100

Family and friends of Edith Eddy brought flowers and a cake to serve 100 for the party that celebrated the 100th birthday of the Oak Hill Nursing Home resident.

Mrs. Eddy was born Jan. 3, 1881, in a town that is now known as Kingston, Ontario.

A highlight of the afternoon was a communion service given by friends from St. Andrew Episcopal Church in Livonia, but the entertainment was furnished by Mrs. Eddy herself.

She entertained her guest with stories of her life on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation in Montana and how she taught the Indians there to observe Christmas.

Her husband was a superintendent for the reservation and she taught school there for nine years. She has out-

lived both of her sons, who were born on the reservation.

Among the guests were her daughter-in-law Elizabeth Eddy, a Farmington resident and nurse at Oak Hill, who planned the afternoon celebration; and her grandson, Brian Eddy, a student at Longacre Elementary School.

Two granddaughters and four great-grandchildren were also among the celebrators.

Mrs. Eddy carries on an active correspondence with friends in her home church, another called St. Andrew, in Paradise, Pa., where she lived before coming to Michigan.

She is a life member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Paradise, Pa.

On Jan. 3, Mrs. Eddy joined the ranks of an estimated 11,000 persons nationally who are over 100 years old.

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