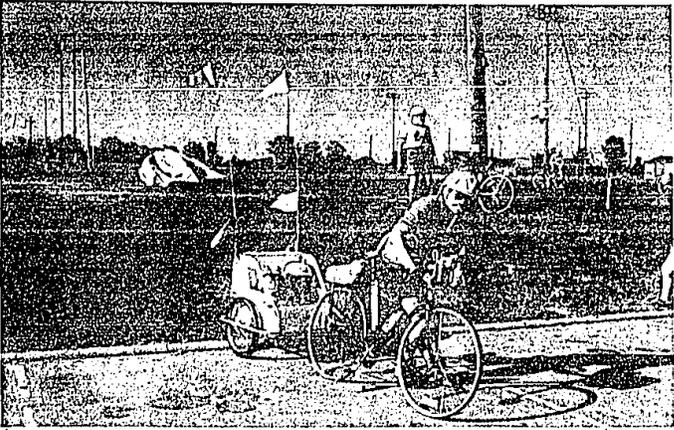


# Two-wheeling it across state



Dick Szubeczak of Redford Township pulls his helmeted twin daughters, Kate and Susan, in a cart known as a bugger.



Walter Bothwell of Farmington Hills takes a break and studies the official tour map to see where the road leads next.

Start with 750 bicycle enthusiasts, toddlers to senior citizens. Provide them with maps, give them six days to pedal across Michigan (from South Haven in the west to Mount Clemens in the east), covering 46 to 66 miles each day.

Add almost-perfect June weather for the entire trip, provide the bikers camping space, low-cost meals, bicycle-repair facilities and occasional evening entertainment.

All these elements were present for the third-annual PALM (Pedal Across Lower Michigan) outing in June.

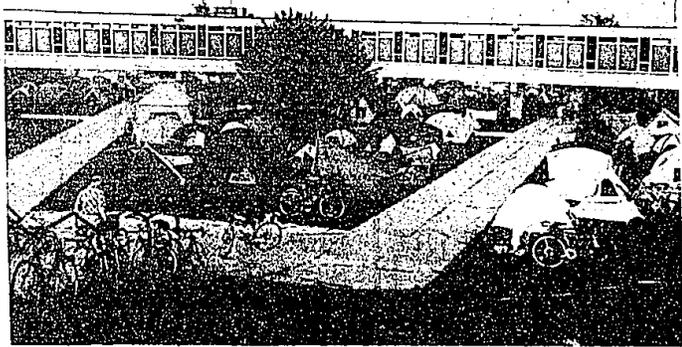
After the journey, bikers were sporting tans (including strange patterns on their hands where the gloves didn't cover) and reading sore rear ends ("The agony of de-seat," as one rider put it).

But the riders also had made new friends, gained new confidence and stockpiled lots of great memories.

For more information about other organized biking activities, contact the Farmington Hills Parks and recreation Department at 474-6115. For additional information about the PALM ride, write PALM, P.O. Box 7161, Ann Arbor 48107.



A table loaded with fruit at the Mount Clemens railroad station welcomed the PALM bicyclists at the end of the journey.



More than 700 bicyclists on the PALM trip bed down on the grounds of Rochester Hills School.

## memory lane

Memories, memories... have we got the memories. And we'd like to share them with you. Using local newspaper files, we're dishing up generous slices of life in the Farmington community from 40, 30, 20 and 10 years ago.

**AUG. 3, 1944** — NED L. WALKER, manager of the Michigan Bell Telephone office in Farmington, was promoted to the position of public office manager in Lansing. John R. MacLachlan, manager of the Plymouth telephone office for the past seven years, was appointed to manage the Farmington office.

"SADNESS CAME to Farmington this week with the unexpected and shocking news which told of the death of Mrs. Marian Cairns. Marian had been an employee of the Telephone Company for a long while, and was always one of the most pleasant of persons. We'll miss not hearing her cheery greeting. Our sympathy goes to her family, and to her husband Bob Cairns, who has been in the Aleutian area for many months."

**CLASSIFIED AD:** "FOR SALE — Fresh cow calf, \$100.00. Corner 12 Mile and Haggerty." Another classified: "WANTED — Ride to Rouge Plant, Gate 4, daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Phone 9920."

"TAKE CARE of your tires," advised an advertisement for Caltitt Hi-Speed Service at Grand River and Grace in Farmington. "You have to pamper your tires these days because the tires have now must last longer. Let us check your tires, brakes, battery, lubrication."

**SHORT ITEM:** "The Ely family reunion was held at the Frank Bachelor home with fifty guests present. When the roll was taken, it was discovered that 14 boys and girls were in the armed services."

**AUG. 5, 1954** — "DUST-LAYING operations were conducted by the city of Farmington recently. Treated were the city parking lot, Skiawaukee Road and the streets in the Floral Park subdivision.

**PREDICTIONS OF A** light voter turnout in the Farmington area proved accurate as only 19.3 percent of the registered voters in the city and township voted to the polls Aug. 3 in the biennial primary election.

A NINE-MONTH-OLD baby and a woman were treated in Redford Receiving Hospital Aug. 1 after being bitten by a rat in their home in the 21000 block of Orchard Lake Road. The rat was killed and turned over to county health authorities.

**DANCER'S DEPARTMENT** store in Farmington advertised "back to school values" such as boys Band-Aids with zipper fronts for \$1.79, and girls "crispe-soled" saddle shoes for \$3.95.

"Boy Pop" showed an ad for a Detroit appliance store. "Did you ever buy a \$4.99 set of sweater wash clothes up a stairway that's 66 miles high? Well, he does each year of her miserable life with you."

How about taking the strain and pain away by having Haas Electric install an automatic dryer yet this week? She'll love you for it."

**THE BLAKESLEE** Cards became Farmington Little League champions July 31 by whipping the State Bank Tigers, 4-2, in the title game. Winning pitcher Cliff Simons helped his own cause by smacking a home run over the left-field fence in the fifth inning.

**CITY OFFICIALS** announced that the overall water shortage is much less severe, although the situation hasn't improved enough to lift the restrictions on outside usage.

**AUG. 6, 1964** — FARMINGTON'S CITY Council authorized city Manager John Dinan to investigate the cost of placing a traffic light at Farmington Road and Alta Loma. The light also would regulate traffic at Farmington Road and Orchard Street, just north of Alta Loma. Councilman Henry Forest said the light was needed because of heavy traffic in the area.

**TWO OF THE** best hitters on the Farmington American Legion sandlot baseball team were John Kraft, a senior at North Farmington High School, and Jim Actelli, a June graduate of the same high school. Kraft led the team with a .410 average, and Actelli followed with a .346 average. The team won the District 18 championship.

**GROUND BREAKING** ceremonies were held Aug. 2 for the St. Gerald's Catholic Church in Farmington. City Councilman Pete Peterson and Henry Forest took part in the ceremonies, as did City Manager John Dinan.

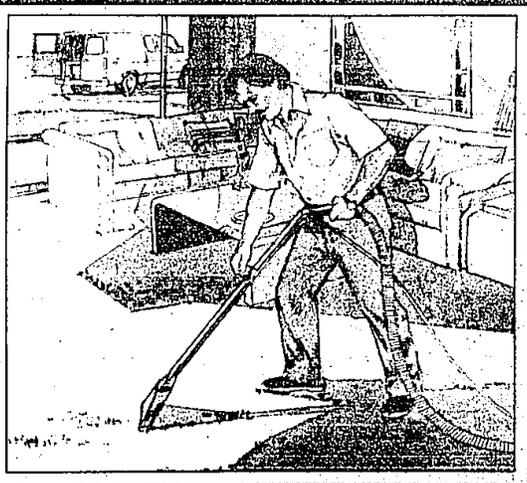
**AUG. 5, 1974** — WITH THE 1974-75 school year beginning in three weeks, the Farmington Board of Education was to have met Aug. 6 to consider budget cuts. The cuts are necessary to offset the \$1.75 revenue loss resulting from voter rejection July 30 of four additional mills. "We will be discussing necessary cuts in personnel and programs," said Supt. M. Van Ameringen. "Improvements won't be made, and we will have to cut into existing programs. We have an obligation to do the best with the money available for the boys and girls of the school district."

**THE NEW FARMINGTON** Republican Club was to have held a corn roast on the night of Aug. 8 at Farmington City Park. Mayor Frederick Lichtman of Farmington Hills and Farmington Mayor Ralph Voder were to have been on hand to meet visitors. The club asked \$1 donations from adults.

**LINCOLN PARK'S** American Legion baseball team clobbered Farmington, 13-3, Aug. 3 in a Connie Mack Tournament game played at Lincoln Park High School. The game was halted after six innings because of an American Legion 18-run mercy rule. Farmington starter Jim Green worked four innings, allowing seven runs on seven hits. The loss left Farmington with an 8-3 record.

## home show and sale

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