

Looking back

New column helps tell story of community

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special writer

History as a subject will usually get a bad name. From our experiences in school, our textbook history courses stressed dates, wars, governments and insignificant events.

On television quiz programs, history is treated as a subject for the trivial-minded. On commercial television, history forms just the blueprint for producers to display violence, sex and action.

Why then a column on history? Why does the Farmington Observer use such valuable space for things of the past?

In our youth-oriented, yuppie-dominated society, history still holds its own, it still has a place. Whether it be to prevent repeating disasters, to dis-

footprints in history

cover our roots or to add dimension to our lives, history still has a dominant role to be played. Even Henry Ford knew that.

This monthly column will focus on Michigan and Farmington history. Our state will be celebrating its 150th birthday next year and the time is ripe to look at the events and people who spiced up her past.

FARMINGTON HISTORY, with all its charm, will also be emphasized. Our state will be celebrating its 150th birthday next year and the time is ripe to look at the events and people who spiced up her past.

Perhaps a telling or retelling of our past will put today into proper focus. The burning issues of preserving buildings, establishing natural roads and utilizing a park appear in this paper frequently.

This space will not be used for rabid editorials or for criticizing local groups or policies. Instead, we want to focus on such topics as schools, churches, transportation, inns, organizations and, especially, people.

Guest writers will fill this space frequently. Excerpts from books and essays, the trials of keeping up an historic home and the listing of historic events will all be seen here. Stay tuned.

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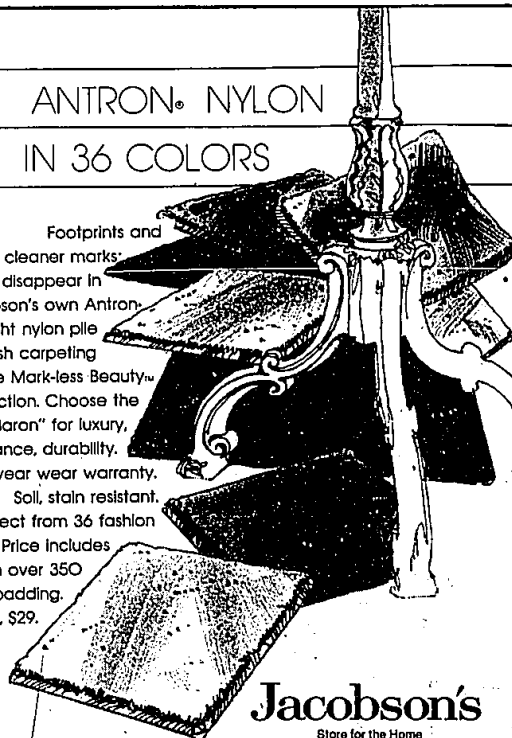
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