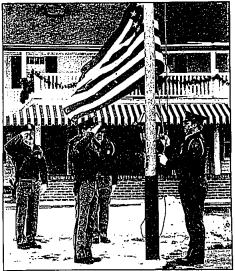
Flag-raising kicks off Botsford Inn salute



Officers (from left) Gary Mailloux, Gilbert Kohla, Brian DeGrande and Don Fradette, part of the Farmington Hills Police Department honor guard that raised the old-time American flag above the

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The American Legion, the Farming-ton Community Band Brass Ensemble and the Farmington Hills Police Department honor guard assisted Anhut with raising the 25-star flag, a duplicate of the one that flew over the inn in 1835.

1836.
"We chose to begin our sesquicentennial anniversary by unfurling Old Glory because it is a symbol of our courty
and of the love and respect we have for
it and for the protection it provides,"
Anhut said.

ANHUT ADDED: "We hope it will be an enduring symbol throughout the year ahead of the pride and deep appreciation we feel toward the heritage passed on to us by the early settlers of Farmington and Farmington Hills. They left their homes and came here to hew out a new one in the wilderness. "They built the roads, the bridges and the places-of rest for weary travelers, one that was to remain for 15 decades — the Botsford Inn. Even then,

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men traveling long distances through the forest knew by the flag whether they were meeting friends or fee." In introducing Anhut, Farmington Hills Mayor Joe Alkatebe pointed to the city's "rich hertiage" and sald, "We're quite proud to have the Bots-ford as one of the richer histories of our nast."

past."
Akkateeb also read congratulatory letters from Gov. James Blanchard and U.S. Congressman William Broomfield.
The inn originally was a stagecoach stop on the Old Post Road (now Grand River) between Lansing and Detroit,

FORD'S ZEAL for historic preserva-FORD'S ZEAL for historic preserva-tion was demonstrated when he pre-vented the inn from being demolished during the widening of Grand River. Under his supervision, the inn was moved 300 feet back from the road and scrupulously renovated. Ford operated the inn until his death in 1948. Anhul Holels Co. bought the inn in 1951, after Clara's death.

Roofing

Dormers
 Family Rooms
 Rec Rooms

With an eye toward maintaining the inn's rustle charm, Anhut made 13 major additions to the original structure. It now has 11 meeting banquet rooms and 75 lodging rooms, a restaurant, tennis courts and a garden courtyard.

Touches of Americana and five wood-burning fireplaces mark the inte-rior. Many of the furniture pieces were brought from Henry Ford's Fairlane Estate in Dearborn.

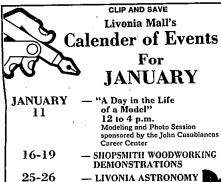
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