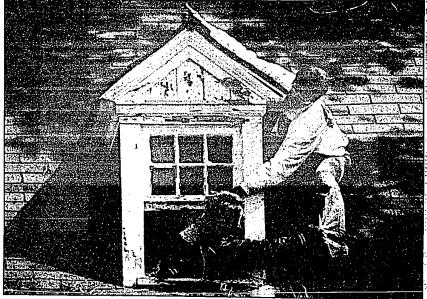


Crowded roads: Traffic was rather heavy on Farmington Road last Wednesday when a



Mastermind: Al Edenton, who

master-minded

Up on the roof: Gary Olszewski helps his friend Wayne Elliott back through a second-floor window after the two removed tree branches from the roof.

'Moving history' sparks interest, fallen live wire

BY BILL COUTANT STAFF WRITER

The stretch of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile was like a parade route, complete with kids, pets, parents with video cameras, a beautiful sunny day

Out the door:

The house is visible looking through the basement doorframe of the original struc-



and even some fireworks.

The fireworks, in the form of a power line that fell at the corner of Farmington and 10 Mile, were the unwanted part of some "moving history" Wednesday, as the historic Kirby White House was

done. 5.000-square-foot house, built in 1929, made at tight fit as it traveled down the road behind a powerful track. Of course, utility lines that crossed the route had to dealt with. "If you can roise it (utility line), you roise it." said Tim Strong, a Michigan Bell spileing technician working about 200 feet sheed of the moving house. "But most of these lines have to be lowered. It (the house) is just too tall." "We've been watching this

"We've been watching this project, walting for the move," said Linda Pelowski, who lives in the area. "It's kind of nice to see them take care of this historic hears."

Gloria Diehr, who had worked in the house when it was used by the church as offices, classrooms and a library, said watching the move brought back fond memo-

taken — very slowly — from its original site next to the First Presbyterian Church at 11 Mile to its new "home" on the property of Wayne and Cindy Elliott.

"It was like a smooth boat launch," Elliott said. "We even had the champagne."

Said Bob Mittig, a friend of the Elliotts, as he watched the operation, "It was nothing 200,000 Egyptian slaves couldn't have done."



the house moving operation, has been in the busi-ness more than 40 years. He moved the firestone Farm into Greenfield Village in the 1970s.

"I'm grateful that they're age."
I'm grateful that they're age. The first aid Dierh, a Farmington Hills resident. "It was fun to work in that house. The children used to have their Halloween parties in the basement. They'd put up cobwebs and really have a good time. And they'd try to unscrew the light bulbs in the chandeller. You know how kids are."
Ken Glide was among those preserving the moment on film. "I'm filming for a documentary for the historie commission for cable," he said.
They are considered that they are the said. They are cold another Katle and 9-year-old son Karl, the event was perfect for a family field trip.

"The kids used to go to Sunday school there," Carol Maus said.
"This is something they won't church." said Phil

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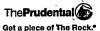
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