

State Police Open Safety Check Drive in Farmington Area

Michigan State Police officers began the new state vehicle inspection program Monday, March 27, in the East Lansing, Farmington and Jackson districts.



MUDDY PLAYFIELDS sent these kids to their Lake Pointe subdivision streets to take part in the great rite of spring—playing baseball. Craig Kasher at bat, Brad Pank catching and Craig Dostle as umpire were just three of many enjoying a vacation from school and the balmy weather.



KITE FLYING climate was available this week as late March winds sent many youths to the five and ten stores for kite and string. Susan Penrice and Patti McKinley launch their kites as they enjoy a full week off from school.

Hundreds Start Search For \$1,000 Check

Eager treasure-seekers will start searching today for a \$1,000 check secretly buried somewhere in Livonia. The check, issued by Wonderland Center, is buried in a metal container on vacant property near a well-known Livonia landmark. Upon its discovery, and presentation to Wonderland officials, it will be signed. To aid the search, Wonderland has prepared 10,000 maps of the "Island of Livonia." Cut into 42 separate pieces, the maps are available at Wonderland stores. A single map-piece can be obtained at each of 42 stores in the Plymouth-Middlebelt road shopping complex. Additional clues to the whereabouts of the check can be obtained by calling

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As additional supplies arrive the program will get underway throughout the remainder of the state. Lt. Matt P. Hrebec, of the safety and traffic division, is in charge of the program.

Each of the 39 State Police posts will have several locations where the check lanes, authorized by the Michigan Legislature last year, may be set up. There is no plan to make specific advance announcements on the vehicle check sites, but the initial inspection is being conducted in the general areas of the district posts at East Lansing, Detroit and Jackson.

Four or five officers in each of the eight State Police districts will work the inspection lanes and each individual inspection is expected to be completed in about seven minutes.

Motor vehicle items to be checked include steering, tires, brakes, lights, turn signals, horn, exhaust system, windshield washers and wipers and glass area. Driver and car credentials also will be checked.

Vehicles approved will be provided with a display sign. If not approved, the store and owners of vehicles failing the test will have opportunity to correct defects and resubmit the vehicle for inspection. If then approved, the sticker of certification will be affixed. Motorists will have opportunity to present their vehicles for re-inspection at participating law enforcement agencies convenient to them. Motorists who fail to correct defects will be subject to penalty.

Inspection locations have been selected where road shoulder width or adequate off roadway areas will provide the least hazard to passing traffic. Cars will not be stopped in such numbers that a grouping of them would jeopardize other moving traffic. Signs will be placed at sufficient distances in advance of the inspection sites to caution approaching drivers. Moving traffic will be under officer surveillance.

The temporary check lane authority, which became effective March 10, also permits city, village and county law enforcement officials to set up similar check lane programs in their respective jurisdictions with the approval and supervision of the State Police.

At the end of the day, 98 cars had been checked at Farmington, and 21 tickets issued. At Lansing, 87 cars were checked and 29 tickets issued. At Jackson, 28 cars were tested at Jackson and 21 tickets issued.

With numerous signs announcing the Farmington inspection lane, motorists had little trouble understanding what was happening. The problem, patrolmen said, was that too many drivers were volunteering for inspection, mostly ones with newer cars. Unable to turn volunteers away and determined not to delay them, troopers were forced to wave off some autos they would have liked to inspect.

"We'll spend a lot of time checking nice, new autos," a trooper predicted. The system was simple. Cars to be inspected were lined up in the rear, others were detoured around.

One by one, the cars were given over. Drivers who passed received a yellow sticker for the upper center of the front windshield. The less fortunate were directed to see Farmington Justice Robert Nelson.

One driver, William Hoback of North Farmington, flunked because his headlights were improperly aligned. He had them repaired at a Farmington garage and surprised troopers by returning an hour later. He received his sticker.

Another driver, Carol Griffin, 19, of Farmington, was cited for no registration or proof of insurance.

But she did have the tickets voided, troopers noted, by presenting proof of either to any State Police post. The policy also extends to drivers ticketed for carrying no operator's license, of which she was.



SCHOLASTIC HONORARY OFFICERS— Newly elected officers of the Schoolcraft College Omicron Iota chapter of Phi Theta Kappa honorary scholastic society for two-year colleges, are from left, Lynda D. Herndon, Detroit, treasurer; Steven D. Moore, 32276 Valley View Cr., Farmington, council member; William J. Pfeiffer, Detroit, president; Thomas J. Doyle, 4193 Blackburn, Livonia, vice-president; and Linda M. Antonelli, 9171 Westmore, Livonia, secretary. Dr. Ralph Atchley, chemistry instructor, is faculty advisor for the chapter.

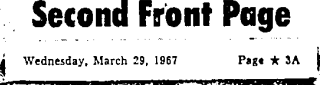
SC Sets Orientation Program For June High School Grads

A new freshman orientation program for June graduates of Schoolcraft College district high schools has been announced by Dean of Students Edward V. McNally.

Starting June 19 and continuing through July 29, approximately 1,400 June graduates who have already been accepted for entrance in the fall, will keep appointments for a one-day orientation and counseling session on campus.

Using the small-group technique, college counselors, each assisted by a sophomore student, will meet with 10 to 12 incoming freshmen in the day-long sessions. McNally said scheduling calls for a maximum of 80 freshmen on campus each day.

"In past years counselors have gone into the individual high schools during May for sessions with students who had been accepted at Schoolcraft. Then the entire freshman class came to campus during the pre-registration period for an orientation session," he said.



Rev. Vaughan

Jazz Pianist Priest Heads Penn Bill

Father Thomas Vaughn, an Episcopal minister from Midland, has a second job. He 'moonlights' as a jazz pianist.

No amateur, Fr. Vaughn has recorded two records for RCA, made numerous night club and television appearances, and was the hit of the Newport Jazz Festival last July.

He will be in Plymouth April 13, 14, 15 for three performances at the Penn Theatre. Tickets are available at the Melody House.

Sponsored by the Plymouth Youth Council, the concerts begin at 8:30 p.m.

Vaughn has made a name for himself quickly, having appeared on the Mike Douglas Show, the Gary Moore Show, Today, Tonight, Merv Griffin and others. His third record was just released, recorded live at Detroit's Baker's Keyboard Lounge.

Baker's was the setting for the "discovery" of Fr. Vaughn. Jazz impresario George Wein was in the audience when the young priest was asked to sit in during one of the jam sessions of the Gene Krupa Quartet. Wein was impressed, invited him for his professional debut to New York and the Village Gate.

Clever Calculator Clever Calculator—A Wayne housewife notified Wonderland officials that she had found \$1,000 buried in Livonia. The note said L represents \$0, IV is four and V is five in Roman numerals. Consequently, she deduced that the first three letters in Livonia (Liv) were equal to 1,000, representing \$1,000 "buried" in the word Livonia. Clever deducting—but unfortunately, the \$1,000 check is actually buried in the ground somewhere within the city limits of Livonia.

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Becomes Radio Expert Army Private Richard A. Radowick, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Radowick, 11332 Deering, Livonia, has completed a radio operator course at Ft. Jackson, S.C.

"We feel this new approach will greatly improve our services to the new student and make him feel more at home and at ease on campus," McNally said.