

Out In The Paperwork Wilderness

Why does a log cabin have such a significant place in the symbolism of American history?

It mean humble origins, of course. Today a politician would better refer to his birth in a two bedroom as the local died of the end bestos - sided bungatow which his parents brought on a hard contract.

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which his parents brought on aland contract, But more significantly, a log cabin embodied the old American ideals of independence, self - determination and the cooperative spirt of the American pioneer.

But what would happen is someone tried to build a log cabin today?

I think I found out.

Whereupon I ventured into the paperwork wilderness which had to be cleared away before work could be the forest on the site of an ancient homestead.

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A building inspector materialized at the first sign of activity, obviously ill at ease at the non - professional atmosphere.

gage company.

They flatly did not believe me when I said I was going to build it myself.

Never coming out and ac-tually questioning my integri-ty, they gave the distinct feeling they thought this was There followed three trips to city hall, finally ending scandal, and they weren't gowith enough information in ing to be fooled again.

After signing and co-signing my way through the underbrush, I was left with the impression mortgage companies think the dwellings and other structures they finance begin and and with the presented. After two days, a recognizable garage stands behind the house, minus a few essentials like a roof and door.

We were hanging around, feeling a little like a Currier and lives print "Bright the district the standard prints and lives are the standard the

end with their paperwork. Red tape they understand - surveyor's tape, never.

One of the most incred-ulous looks I have ever seen was on the lady who tipped up her glasses and said, "You are going to BUILD I'T YOURSELF?"

After seven days fighting the paper tigers, actual con-struction got under way.

feeling a little like a Currier and Ives print "Raising the Garage," when a Irlend of mine in the building business wandered by. Mistaking my friends for a professional crew, he took me aside and said: "Usually those guys get a garage like that up in a day."

Daniel Boone would have stugged him.

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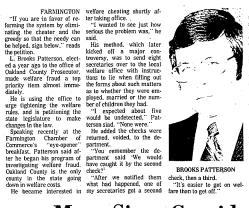
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Patterson Attacks Welfare Fraud At Chamber Breakfast land County Commissioner Lew Coy, who represents the northwest corner of Farm-ington, said, "We're with Brooks 100 per cent, but it's really not the county's re-sponsibility. "The county is responsible for only the first 30 days. Those are all state employes at the department of social services." FARMINGTON welfare cheating shortly af-



ratorium on prosecutions, stating anyone who began restitution on fraudulent claims would not be prose-

cuted.

"In the first month, 43 people came in, a total savings of \$70,000." he said.

During his 'test' of the system, he said he was most upset at the lack of scruliny. "They didn't ask for a cutiny the crificate when the girls said they had so many children."

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Sad they had so many chindren."
Patterson feels the problem is widespread. He estimates 20 per cent of the states \$1.4 billion social service budget is "wasta."
He said \$84 million is spent annually on welfare in Oakland County.
After Patterson's comments were received by the chamber of commerce audience with applause, Oakland County.



More Signs Considered

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The Farmington City Council waded deeper into interpretation of the new sign ordinance Monday, tabling a
request for bigger signs on
the World Wide Shopping
Center, and approving a free
- standing sign for the Bur-

Closed Dec. 25-26

ger Chef at Warner and Grand River.

A request for a variance from Ward Sign Co., asking for permission to install am signs on Burger Chef framerers was tabled differ because the council was tabled after the council was told several other signs in the center

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Name been coming in almost weekly since the city adopted a more stringent sign or blarger Chef framerers was given permission to replace the present sign to replace the present sign was tabled after the council was told several other signs in the center

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City Offices

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The Farmington Hills
Council re-appointed three
members to the planning
commission Monday.
Stella Strye, Edgar Raedle
and Charles Owen were
named.

Planners

Change Hours

The Farmington city of-fices will be closed Dec. 24 and 25; Dec. 31, and Jan. 1, for the holidays. City offices will be in normal operation the day after each holiday.

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