

78-year-old restores home 3 assaulted by hitchhiker

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employed offering secretarial service in three different Detroit office buildings.

When she married, her husband had a large farm near Pinckney.

"That's chickens -- that's what I decided I wanted to do. Imagine me, born and raised in Manhattan, raising chickens. Well, I dressed and drew the chickens, and sold eggs all over town."

"That's slavery. Seven days a week! You can't neglect chickens even for one day."

She wants to turn a series of articles she did into a book, entitled "So, you want to be a farmer."

She has started a second book about New York's east side.

An autographed portrait of Jimmy Durante hangs on her dining room wall.

"We were kids on the same street in New York City. My father had a cigar store, and his father had the barber shop across the street. Jim-

my had a stroke a while back and he's in a wheelchair. It's a shame, he's a wonderful person. When he started coming to the Elmwood, I got back in touch with him. He's done a lot of good in this world."

She recalls with a mischievous smile the days when her parents owned a restaurant on 14th St. in New York's theater district. "I've seen everything. There were the women. As kids we called them 'painted ladies.'"

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I didn't find out until later what they really were."

For Mrs. Fink, it's been a long, sometimes hard, but always interesting road to the white house on Shiawassee. She walks to the window to see Peppy in the dog pen outside, points to where she will plant vegetables next spring and then walks back to her rocker.

"I just love it here. I believe God is helping us. If we turn to God, He will help."

Gas attendant killed Saturday

A gas station attendant from Farmington was shot to death in Southfield Saturday in that city's second murder of the new year. Patrick Kelly Rowland, 21, was shot in the chest and body while servicing a car at the South 8 Mile at about 2 a.m.

When Southfield police officers arrived, Kelly was lying on the ground near the gas pumps. The Southfield Fire Dept. life support unit re-

Assistant fire chief retires

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Howard McCracken has retired after 15 years of service as assistant chief at Farmington Hills Fire Station Four, which serves the northwest area of the city.

He has served at the station since its opening. He will remain active as a volunteer firefighter.

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Price is set for Powers Rd.

Property owners on Powers Rd. will pay approximately \$14.50 per front foot for paving the street.

The assessment roll had a public hearing Monday before the city council, with no objections to the paving project.

Dick Cook, a Powers resident, questioned the drainage of the proposed project. The road surface will be lowered several inches, which engineers say will keep the water from running down the sidewalk, currently a problem for several homes in the neighborhood.

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When Lawrence Zygal, of Centerline, slowed to pick up the young hitchhiker on I-696 near Orchard Lake Rd., he was unaware the youth was already suspected of stealing a car in Novi from another unwary traveler.

Almost as soon as Zygal had stopped, the hitchhiker attempted to pull him from behind the wheel and take the car. With the aid of his wife, who beat the assailant on the head, he fended off the attack.

While Zygal was reporting the incident to the Farmington Hills police, the youth allegedly jumped in front of a pickup truck driven by Theodore Russell, of Lansing, forcing it to a stop.

The hitchhiker jumped in the back of the truck, and threw a trailer hitch through the back window. When the two men in the truck jumped out of the cab, he tried to get

John Haller is promoted

John M. Haller of Farmington has been promoted to the rank of radioman 3 aboard the heavy cruiser USS Newport News where he is stationed. The vessel is homeported in Norfolk, Va.

Haller is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John I. Haller of 26610 Rosehill.

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