



Turkey tail points found in south east part of Farmington Hills.



# Naturalists study for the joy of it

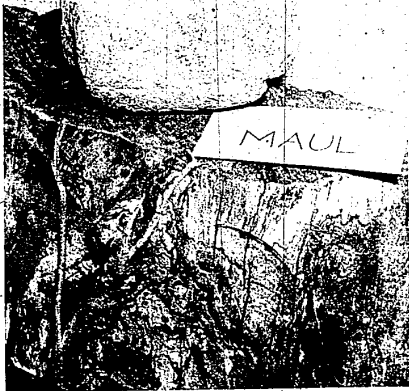
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The showcase of Indian artifacts now on display in the Farmington Public Library on 12 Mile Rd. is a joint effort of the Farmington Area Naturalists and the Farmington Historical Society which will remain in the library through June. It comes to the library as an outgrowth of the first in a series given by the Naturalists. "The Natural History of the Farmington Area" that will continue on the fourth Monday of each month in the Farmington Community Center concluding Sept. 23. Paul Schriber and Dr. Robert Douglass set the pace for the series in February and the artifacts collection began. "We got some from members, but a great many came from residents who called to tell us what they had. But all of them are from the

Farmington area," Eleanor Douglass said. THE NATURALISTS was founded four years ago to bring people together who were interested in knowing and enjoying nature, and fostering its preservation. "It is strictly for enjoyment" Mrs. Douglass said. "We have a lot of intelligent people (among us) but most of us just plain like the out-of-doors, and we learn a great deal from one another." Age is no factor. "We are all ages," she said, "and we are not a militant conservation organization. We do not actively collect papers or bottles." The series that is going on now, in observance of the city's sesquicentennial celebration, carries the same format as the regular meetings. The program consists of a talk beginning at 8

p.m., then a break for refreshments and conversation, then an informal member participation session. During the participation session, members and guests may show slides or specimens, discuss or ask questions about any topic regarding nature that is of interest to them. Past programs have covered butterflies, fossils, spelunking, birds, wildflowers, and trout fishing. COMING UP in June is a talk by Harley Thornton on "Fish, Amphibians and Reptiles in Farmington." Thornton is a resident of Farmington who was honored by the state legislature a few years ago as the outstanding nature educator of the year. He is an interpretive naturalist for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. In July the speakers will be Reta

and Joseph Dodd, talking on "Bird Life in the Farmington Area." The Dodds are past directors of the Detroit Audubon Society. The speaker for August has not yet been chosen, but the topic, scheduled is "Mammals of Farmington." A panel will take over the September meeting with the subject "Impact of Man on Nature in Farmington." HOPE FOR THE future is that by the end of the series, a pamphlet will be put together on the natural history of the Farmington area. There is no charge for any of the series talks, and they are all open to the public. Eleanor Douglass is president of the Naturalists. Her vice president is Carolyn McQuiggan. Dick Ewing serves as secretary and Ace Eichinger as treasurer.



# Nursing Home Week celebration

Residents, volunteers and staff at the Farmington Nursing Home kicked up their heels this week to stage a fun fashion show in celebration of Nursing Home Week.

While the women were showing off a series of fashions that ran from the early 1900s to the present, the men were planning a stag party for themselves.

Then, in mid-week, about 40 of the residents took off for a luncheon and afternoon of activities at Northbrook Presbyterian Church. It is the fifth year they've been invited by the women of the church who had corsages ready for their guests.

The Livonia Boy Scouts, from Troop 1382, provided entertainment on Thursday and are planning regular weekend visitations to the home.

An on-going program, arranged by the North Farmington Kiwanis Club brings movies to the home every other Tuesday night.

Mildred Hug is activity director for the home, located at 30405 Folsom Rd.



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