# Unit seeks to educate residents

By JUDY OWEN
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—
It happens again and again.
It deeen't make any difference which community it is.
A home left unattended for a few hours or weeks is broken into and valuables ranging from television sets to antiques are stolen.
Sometimes the owner is lucky and the items are recovered, but often they are not believed they hope will help thwart break-ins and prevent the loss of the new crime prenneman operamical many personneman o

Armed with a slide show, a number of brochures and a scaled-down door to demonstrate different types of locks, Aparauch is meeting with various homeowner associations in the township to put the crime prevention unit into action

The theme of the program is to cripple crime's triangle, which in-

cludes the victim, desire and opportunity. the address is clearly visible from the street.

HE SAID HE HOPES the new program will lead to better rela-tions between police and the resi-dents by helping residents develop expertise in preventing the burgla-ries and shoplifting. Many of his tips are common sense.

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IN COMMERCIAL businesses, often the placement of a cash register can help prevent a robbery. "Get the advertising off the windows ot the police can see the safe," he advised. "We can suggest things that will make it foolproof," he said. Proper locks, lighting, clear visibility, and watchful neighbors can all play a role. As a part of the program, officers will tour both the inside and outside of a resident's home to check for places that are not as secure as they might be.

OFFICERS will inspect locks windows, doors, and point out dense overgrowth which could shield a persons attempt to break in

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Another integral part of the three-pronged program is Operation Identification, which has been offered by police departments and civic groups in the area for a number of years.

"Many persons aren't aware they can borrow an engraver from the township police department for a three-day period," Aparauch said.

To assist residents in engraving driver's license numbers on valuables, the police plan to have a police cadet on hand.

"OPERATION Identification is a proven deterrent," he said.
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Aparauch cautioned that police would like to be she to be certain that a resident has compiled with the Operation Identification engraving requirements before a sticker showing he has participated is issued. "Such stickers are generally displayed in a front door or window of a home."

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Aparauch said he would like to see a township ordinance adopted to incorporate such things as requirements for clearly visible street numbers, and the filing of plans for multiple dwellings and school buildings.

"I WOULD like to see requirements set up that would give residents a break in injurance rates," he said.

he said. Aparauch said he believes if residents would be more observant of happenings in their neighborhood, many break-ins could be prevented.

The majority of break-ins occur in the daytime, he said. Residents should watch for unfamiliar trucks or cars in the area and re-port them to the police.



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# Schools observe Michigan Week exercise. Each clue to a city name contains both historical and geographical clues and cometimes additional word clues, according to Dennis Klender, eighth grade team department chairman at Covington. Clues are as obvious as "city with the same name as this school" to the more obscure "in 1874 there was a proposal to allow women to vote. The male voters turned it down soundly. Two women in Michigan voted anyway. One was Miss Mary Wilson from this town." The word clue on this one is the giveaway—"don't fight over this stream, just eat your cereal."

BIRMINGHAM — A classroom road rally, colonial crafts, Maypole dancing, a balloon launch and parent visits are a few of the ways that Michigan Week will be observed in the Birmingham schools.

served in the Birmingham schools. Michigan Week activities in the schools are not confined to Education Day (Thursday, May 23) alone, according to Ron Miller, Walnut Lake School principal and general chairman of Education Day.

Classroom visits and open houses in the schools will vary from school to school and are not scheduled for all schools, he said. Pierce School children, celebrating the school's 50th year, will participate in a variety of activities during Michigan! Week including Maypole dancing at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at the Hunter House, Southfield at Maple.

FIFTH GRADERS from Pierce will demonstrate children's art crafts of early days at 4 p.m. Tues-day through Friday at the Hunter House. Crafts to be demonstrated include drop spindle needlework and woodcarving

and woodcarving Pierce School also will have a float in Saturday's parade. Every child at the school is participating

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12:45 p.m. Monday on the village green.
Helium-filled balloons for all 255 children will be provided by the Franklin Community Association. Each balloon will have a post-card attached to it asking the finder to notify the school of the time and location of finding. Covington Junior High eighth graders will participate in the fourth annual Michigan Week road rally and scavehger hunt Tuesday.

THE PURPOSE of the road rally is to inform students of some interesting and historical facts about Michigan and to test their problem-solving and map-reading skills.

Stills. And the still work in teams of two and will be given 39 clues of names of cities in Michigan, including Birmingham.

Winning teams will be named in each of the eight rooms participating and an overall winning team from the entitle eighth grade will be chosen. Prizes will be Petoskey stones, white pine trees and Michigan Week Buttons.

THE STUDENTS will have a total of 108 minutes to do the

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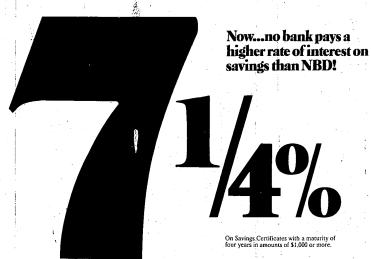
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