

Nostalgic trip stops in town . . .

By DIANE HUBEL

FARMINGTON — Owners of Model T Fords from all over the country attended a dinner at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills recently.

The antique auto owners were in the area as part of the annual rally of the Model T Club of America. The rally, called Dearborn II, centered around many attractions in the area connected with the Ford family, including Greenfield Village, a Ford factory, and the Botsford Inn.

The Inn which was owned by the Fords until the 1950's was the site of a dinner for club members on the final day of the rally.

FARMINGTON RESIDENT, Elmer Rohn, was among the Model T owners who participated in the rally. Rohn, who owns two Model T cars was not able to attend the dinner at the Inn because he had taken his 1934 Packard to the Antique Auto Club of America's rally in Niagara Falls.

Rohn said he had always been interested in old cars but did not actually begin restoring them until his son was old enough to work on them too.

"When my son began to show an interest in old cars I just thought it would be a good hobby for the family to share," Rohn said.

Rohn did participate in the first two day activities which included visits to several sites in the area connected with the Ford family and the Model T.

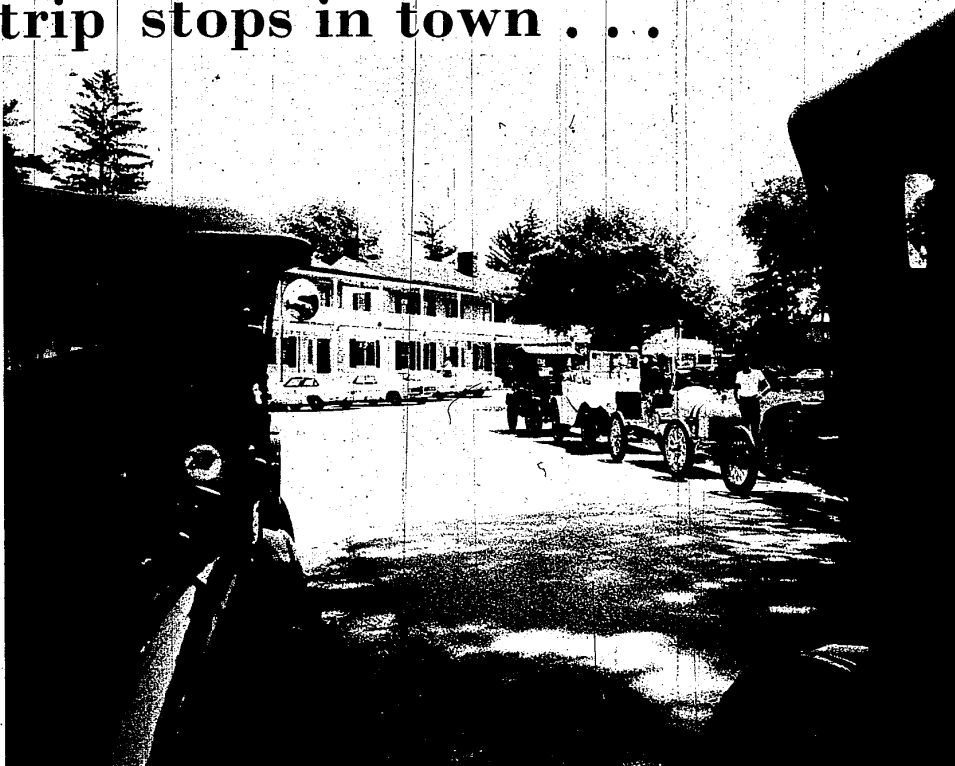
THEY TOURED Greenfield Village and the Highland Park Auto plant. The group was one of the last groups to tour the Highland Park Plant which is being phased out of manufacturing.

The club was able to see many of the original buildings during that tour.

Randy Mason, assistant curator of transportation for Greenfield Village said, the rally was intended solely as a fun weekend. The cars were never judged or entered in any competition.

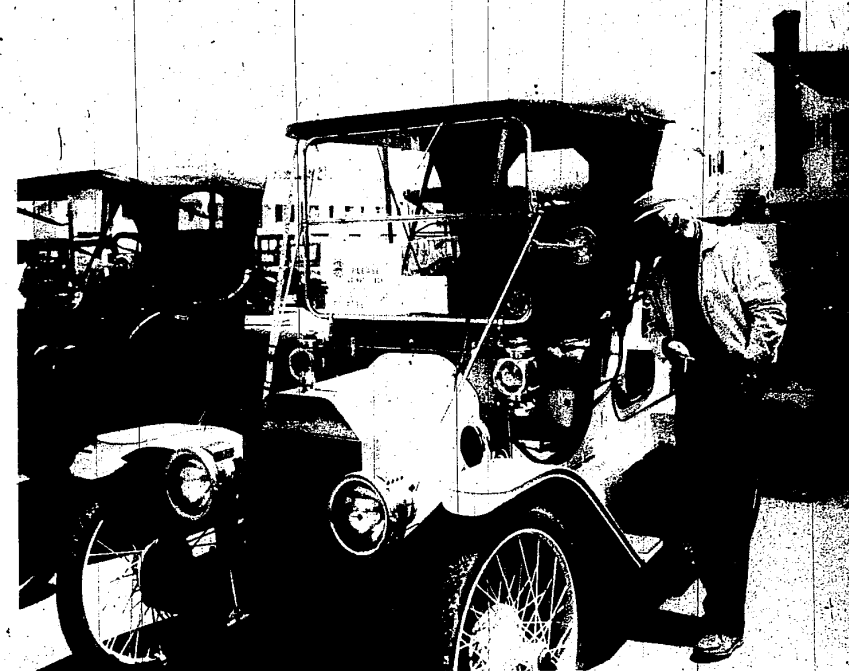
In addition to the tours the group heard a lecture by David Lewis, a professor at the University of Michigan and a noted Ford historian.

Model T owners from all over the country attended the rally. There were club members from as far away as California and Texas. Many of these people drove their Model T's all the way across the country rather than having them shipped.



Model T car owners from all over the country attended the dinner at the Botsford Inn.

Photos by Ralph Evert



Bill Watson, Botsford apartment resident, looks over a 1909 Model T which was driven to Michigan from California.

Teachers' poll indicates 'no' on busing

By DIANE HUBEL

FARMINGTON—A recent poll of the membership of the Farmington Education Association indicated that the majority of the members oppose any forced cross district busing plan.

The poll which was conducted in all the schools during the last week of school indicated that 519 members oppose any form of forced busing while 31 support it.

THE RESULTS of the poll were released during the last week in June. It was during this time that the United States Supreme Court was expected to hand down its decision on the Roth cross district busing case.

That case will decide whether suburban Detroit children can be bused into the city to achieve a racial balance in the schools.

The Court, however did not hand down a ruling on that case on June 26, the last day of the session.

Roger Allen, executive director of the Farmington Education Association, said the poll was conducted at the request of the membership as a reaction to what they consider the busing stand of the National Education Association.

The poll served a two-fold purpose. A ten said, "First, the Farmington association wanted to go on record as opposing any form of forced cross district busing. Letters have been sent to the Michigan Education Association

and the national association stating the results of the poll.

"The other purpose was to let the members of the community know that despite the stand of the NEA the Farmington Association does not support forced busing."

"IN THE ABSENCE of any proof that there is a correlation between quality education and a totally desegregated school, many of the members of the FEA felt that the liabilities of the program outweighed any good which might be accomplished.

Allen said the NEA has supported cross district busing as one acceptable alternative to segregated schools for a long time.

He said policy stands of the national association are made by an assembly, which is made up of members from all 50 states. As a rule it is the assembly which votes on matters and not the individual member.

"The NEA represents all 50 states," Allen said. "Many of them do not feel as strongly about busing as the people of Michigan do."

"When you are dealing with a question which is purely academic your reaction may be different than it is when you are dealing with a practical reality."

"I'm sure not too many people in Michigan felt too strongly about busing when it was just an issue in Alabama."

FYA summer teen center is opening

FARMINGTON — A summer teen center at William Grace Elementary School, 29040 Shawassee, opens Monday, July 8.

"We will offer crafts, activities, sports and field trips," Jim Miner, director of the center said.

The center will be open five days a week, from 3-10 p.m. It is expected to serve mainly residents of the immediate neighborhood, but is open to all Farmington teens, according to Miner.

Weekly dances will be held, starting at 7 p.m., featuring local rock groups.

The center is a function of the Farmington Youth Assistance (FYA), funded by United Community Services and local contributions.

A four-man staff, including Miner, Tom Gorman, Judy Orians and Patricia Raper will be working at the center.

Nine young people working for the Neighborhood Youth Corps will also be assisting.

The center hours will be split according to age groups, Miner said. The 13-15 year-olds will be from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., with 15-17 year-olds activities in the evening, from 7-10 p.m.

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