

# Residential burglaries on decrease

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Residential burglaries in Farmington have decreased 24 percent for the first six months of 1984 as compared to the same time period in 1983, according to a police operations report.

The report indicates the number of crimes reported for the first six months of 1984 as compared to the same time period last year. The study was submitted to the Farmington City

Council by G. Robert Selfert, the city's director of public safety.

"It is part-year data, and significant changes can occur at any time," Selfert cautioned when asked about the report.

The reports are done to inform the council and the public "what is going on" in the community, said Selfert.

"A more detailed report is given at the end of the year when we can look at the whole year and not just a part of it, as we do here," Selfert explained.

Total larcenies — including shoplift-

ing, larceny from motor vehicles, bicycle thefts and building larcenies — have decreased 11.3 percent from 150 last year to 133 this year.

The value of property stolen due to larcenies decreased \$11,875 from \$42,821 in 1983 to \$30,946 in 1984.

THE VALUE of property stolen due to burglaries increased, however, rising from \$38,851 last year to \$55,902 in 1984.

"A lot of crimes fluctuate seasonally," said Selfert, making it difficult to estimate whether or not overall crime will increase or decrease this year as compared to last year.

Arrests for driving under the influence of alcohol increased substantially from 113 arrests in 1983 to 142 arrests

in 1984. Liquor law violations also increased from 14 arrests for the first six months of 1983 to 21 arrests in the first six months of 1984.

This crackdown on drunk driving is attributed to a combination of legislation, enhanced police officer training and increased enforcement said Selfert.

There have not been any reports of murder or negligent manslaughter so far this year, and there were no reported murders in the city of Farmington during 1983.

Reports of assault and battery decreased from 25 last year to 22 this year to date.

Aggravated assault with a weapon also decreased from four last year to three this year to date.

## Republican meet

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One was Indiana delegate James T. Neal's plan to award 1,016 delegates on the basis of the Republican vote in the three previous presidential elections.

The second was May's proposal to allot four delegates from each congress-

sional district instead of the current three — a reform that would have prompted many districts to elect equal numbers of men and women delegates.

"We were voted down," May said. "We lost it fair and square and didn't raise a stink about it."

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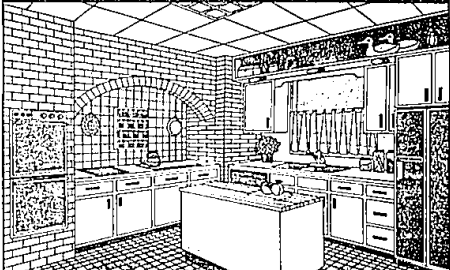
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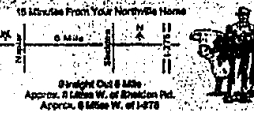
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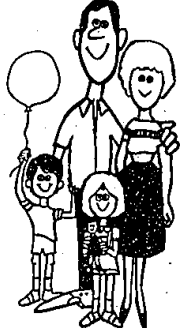
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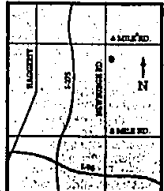
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