

Press, quilt, gown dress up museum collection

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Some new items from the old days have been added at the Farmington Historical Museum. A community quilt, a wedding dress and a printing press were recently donated.

The quilt, donated by Farmington resident Emily Sisson, was part of a money-making project for Salem Church of Christ.

"People paid a dime in 1907 to get their names on it," said museum curator Richard Carvell.

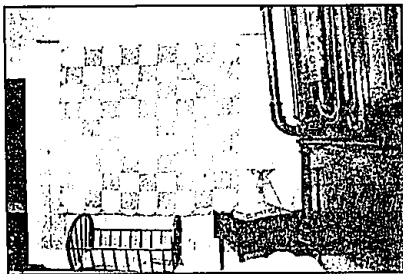
A wedding dress of silk and velvet now adorns the museum, thanks to Shirley Stadler, who formerly served on the Farmington Hills Planning Commission and the Farmington Historical Commission.

The silk used to make Rosalie Ruby's wedding dress was brought back by her father, Amador Ruby, from California during the gold-rush days, Stadler said. Rosalie Ruby was Stadler's great-grandmother.

Rosalie Ruby and Charles Parkhurst were wed Sept. 6, 1868.

"The dress is mauve-to-silver in color, all handmade and trimmed in burgundy velvet," Stadler said.

The dress accentuated Ruby's small waist.



On the wall: A newly acquired quilt, made in Farmington in 1907, hangs in the Farmington Museum.

The third contribution is a 1911 Pearl printing press donated by Bernie Riegner of Northville.

"It was the workhorse of the industry in those days," Riegner said.

Riegner obtained the machine, which does letter press printing, after Raymond Sewald, a Dearborn neighbor, died.

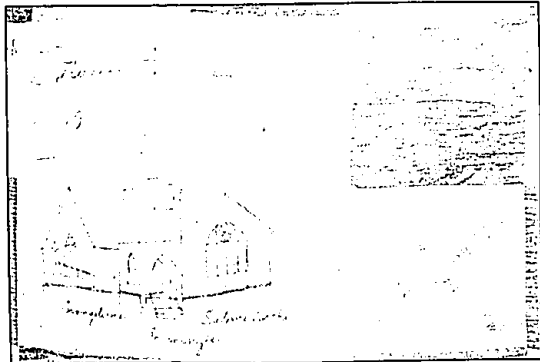
Riegner, who owns Riegner & Associates, a Southfield marketing and advertising firm, kept the printing press in the lobby of his Southfield office until now.

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Contrasting eras: Richard and Clare Carvell show off an 1868 wedding dress, recently donated to the Farmington Historical Museum. The wedding dress on the dummy at right is from the 1920s.

In detail: The quilt's center shows Farmington's Salem Church and some familiar family names.



Free soft drinks on tap for DADs in new program

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Hey, DAD, have a soft drink on the house... and help your alcohol-drinking friends get home safely.

The holidays are a perfect time to — a new program in Farmington Families in Action's commitment to community education on substance abuse.

FFIA officials say they believe some people will continue to drink to excess, regardless of education and awareness.

DAD program is designed to encourage local restaurants, bars and taverns to provide free soft drinks of choice to a designated driver among a group of customers.

It is supported by the Farmington Public Safety Department, Farmington Hills Police Department and the 47th District Court, backers say.

"This idea definitely isn't a new one, having been raised at various times during the holiday season over the last few years," said Nancy Smith, FFIA fundraising chairman.

"FFIA hopes to encourage busi-

nesses to maintain such a program year-round in an effort to make our streets safer."

DAD was kicked off in October with nine members of the local Class C licensed establishments participating.

When entering a establishment, look for a plaque identifying the business as a DAD participant. When a server comes to take your order, identify a party member as the DAD person.

He or she will be given a designated driver button to wear and be served free soft drinks for the evening.

"The city of Farmington has 100 percent participation," said Magistrate Jim Brady of the 47th

District Court. "The Hills has 60 percent participation."

Some Hills businesses have yet to be contacted, he said. These establishments have joined forces with FFIA:

St. Francis K of C, Peacock Cafe & Grill, Mulligan's, Clancy's Bar & Grill, Pizza Hut, (on 10 Mile), Roosevelt's Billiards Bar & Grill, Macaroni Grill, Marmaduke's, Wing Hong Restaurants, New Mandarin Garden, Dunleavy's Pub & Grill, Botsford Inn, Hunan Palace, Players Billiards — Bar & Grill, Cowley's Old Village Inn, American Legion Post 1346, Drakesbite Lanes, Vladimiro's, Sitar Restaurant, Brass Pointe, Chirion Hotel, Anita's Kitchen, Nippon Kai, Roman Terrace II, Chili's, Shalimar, Steamer's Seafood Grill, Bel-Aire Lanes, Metropolitan Music Cafe, Mr. Sports, Rustic Pub, The Great Wall, Marco Dining and Pages' Food & Spirits.

Always ask if a business is participating in DAD, Smith said. "If not (participating), suggest that you think it is a good idea and tell them to contact FFIA at 851-8565," Smith said. "You can make a difference."

der 30, but added that those under age should face some penalty as well. Some patrons are sensitive about their age, but restaurants have to follow through, Winstead said.

Sheila Robinson, assistant manager of Buddy's Pizza on Northwestern, said the stings are useful because they add authority to management's warnings about selling to underage patrons. Buddy's was also cited last year.

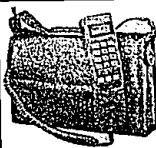
"I think we try to be especially careful all the time," she said. "But it's important for them to know that someone is going to try it."

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lani, in 1985 made it clear that underage drinking and driving was a serious public concern, Dwyer said.

"At that time, certain establishments were wide open," he said. "Kids knew where to go to buy alcohol."

Dwyer said the stings have made an impact, with fewer alcohol-related deaths over the seven-year period.

In June, five of 25 off-premise (stores) checked were in violation. But in December 1992 10 out of 45 establishments were in violation.

It's not because they're lax,