



Showing it off: Dick Pryor, a member of the Farmington Hills Historical Commission, displays some of items at City Hall.

## Old household items give taste of history

Household items of the past century and current historical publications are now on display until June 31 at the Farmington Hills City Hall in the Historical Commission display case. Prepared by Dick Pryor, a commission member, the display suggests the need to make an inventory and label common and rare historical items in each household.

Also, it promotes the sale of 14 publications now available from the commission at City Hall or local book and gift stores.

Included in the display are a top-of-the-stove toaster, a square nail, a shoe button book, a small box in which pills were sold, 1938 presidential campaign buttons, an arrowhead, a "Hawk-Eye" camera (circa 1930), and a hand hair-cutting shaver.

A sample tray is displayed which was made for the first production plastic (bakelite) for use in Bell telephones. This plastic was developed by Ralph William Pryor, a chemical research engineer at Western Electric in Chicago, circa 1926.

Two unusual books are also on view: a first edition of "Ladle" by Gene Stratton-Porter, published in 1913, and an Old Testament printed in German and English with more than 160 fine quality woodcuts, published in 1883.

Commission publication price lists and order forms are available at the City Hall and where publications are sold. For more information, phone Dick Pryor, 626-8510.

## OBITUARIES

**THELMA L. LEONARD**  
Mrs. Leonard, 88, of Farmington Hills died May 16.

Born in Wauson, Ohio, Mrs. Leonard was a member of the Eastern Star, Victoria Chapel. She was retired from the Anti-Cruelty Society.

Survivors include her sons, Richard and Dr. William Leonard; stepdaughter, Evelyn Whaley; one sister; seven grandchildren and six stepgrandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Services were May 19 at the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Detroit.

Memorials may be made to the

Anti-Cruelty Society, 13669 Jca. Campau, Detroit 48212.

**JOSEPH NORMAN CAUFFIEL**  
Mr. Cauffiel, 85, of Farmington Hills died May 25.

Born in Pennsylvania, Mr. Cauffiel owned Cauffiel Well Drilling for 40 years. He was past president of Well Drillers Association.

Survivors include his wife, Agatha; son, Randall; sisters, Mary, Lynn and Ann; brothers, Edward, John and Lester.

Services were May 27 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

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