

CHAT ROOM



Nora Dolan

Center honors senior veterans with program

Americans have always looked to the future. Planning for next week, next month or next year, we rarely dwell on the past, but rather look ahead to tomorrow. But each year in November, we pause to look back, to reflect with pride and profound gratitude on the achievements of our nation's veterans. The service and sacrifice of these millions of courageous men and women is a gleaming thread that weaves, unbroken, through the fabric of American history.

Veterans Day 1997, proclamation by President Bill Clinton

With the publicity surrounding Steven Spielberg's gritty drama, "Saving Private Ryan," starring Tom Hanks, I feel a tremendous amount of pride as our senior division prepares to honor all the "Private Ryans" living within the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Last November at our inaugural "Stars and Stripes Forever" celebration, we gathered 300 seniors on the first Friday of November to remember the war years and celebrate the days that are going by all too quickly for those of that era. We received so many thank you's from these grateful folks.

One senior wrote afterwards, "I

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Cook collection documents early years

An interest in family genealogy led local pioneer Robert Cook to research the history of Farmington. His work is available at the community library.



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SPECIAL WRITER

In the history room of the Farmington Community Library is the Cook collection. The collection has information about families who settled in Farmington before 1900.

Collecting information about local families was the hobby of Robert Cook (1908-82).

His daughter, Judy Cook, who served three terms as a Farmington historical commissioner and is still an active volunteer at the Farmington Historical Museum, recalls trips her family took when she was a child.

They stopped at cemeteries where her dad collected material from the tombstones for his genealogical collection.

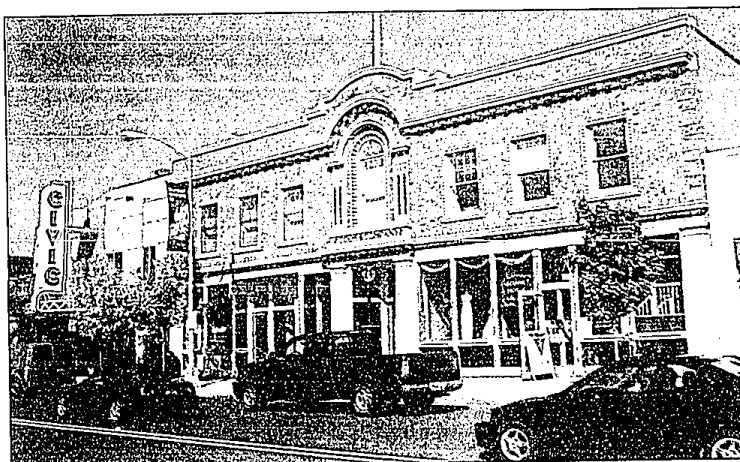
Bob Cook started collecting information after he married Mildred Adams in 1933.

According to a 1976 interview, Robert Cook started researching his mother's family. That information only went back three generations. Then Bob concentrated on the maternal sides of the family, researching the Thayer and Lapham families.

The Laphams were his mother's father's family and the Thayers were his mother's family. Both were Farmington pioneer families.

Because Farmington was a small town soon Farmington families were interrelated. Robert Cook's research soon covered almost all the pioneer families.

Cook's father, Fred Cook, had started the collection with a variety of clippings of local families and events.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRUSHER

Cook Building: Still an elegant addition to the downtown Farmington landscape, the Cook Building once housed Fred Cook's general store, circa 1891. Customers could buy dry goods, hardware and groceries there.

He was probably interested in his friends and customers.

Fred Cook with various business associates owned and operated a general store in Farmington.

The store was on Grand River in the Cook Building. It started in business in 1891 and sold dry goods, hardware and groceries.

The Cooks were active in community life in Farmington. Anna Cook, Robert's mother, was a member of the original township library board. She was a member of the Eastern Star,

Farmington Women's Club and the Women's Christian Temperance Union. She also sang in the choir of the First United Methodist Church where she was an involved member.

By the time Robert Cook graduated from Farmington High School and from the University of Michigan with an engineering degree, the business community was changing.

General stores as such were outdated. Bob Cook no doubt anticipated changes in the business climate while attending the university.

He went to work as an engineer at Ford Motor Co., but enjoyed his hobby of genealogy.

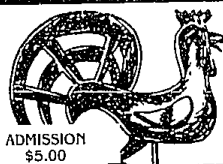
Robert and Mildred Cook made their home in Farmington. Robert Cook like his father before him lived his entire life in Farmington.

Mildred Adams Cook, Bob Cook's high school sweetheart and wife, worked in township government.

They had one daughter, Judy.

As part of his hobby, Bob wrote letters to relatives and friends in New

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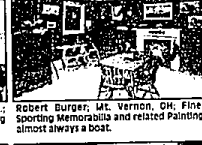
Right To The Moon Alice; Cooks Falls, N.Y.; Vintage Clothing and Fine Urns.



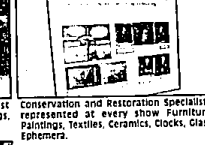
Larry and Debi Schildt; Mohnton, PA; 18th and 19th Century Furniture and Accessories.



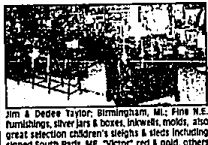
Gold Ribbon Enterprises; Ann Arbor, MI; Stuffed Animals, Antique Dolls, Toy Sewing Machines, Drafting Sets, Slide Rules.



Robert Burger; Mt. Vernon, OH; Finest Sporting Memorabilia and related Paintings, almost always a boat.



Conservation and Restoration Specialists; represented at every show Furniture, Paintings, Textiles, Ceramics, Clocks, Glass, Pottery.



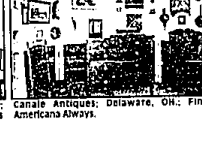
Jim & Debra Taylor; Birmingham, MI; Fine R.E. furnishings, silver jars & boxes, inkwells, mugs, also great selection children's slights & slits including signed South Park, ME, "Victor" red & gold, others decorated w/mons, birds & puppets.



Susan Van Der Veer; Toledo, OH; 19th Century Porcelain & Silver, Dec. Access. Jewelry, Furnishings.



American Eagle; Harrison Township, MI; American and English Formal Furnishings and Accessories.



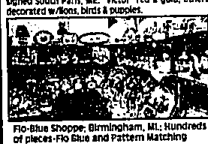
Canale Antiques; Delaware, OH; Fine Americana Always.



Robert and Gail Fischer; Albion, N.Y.; Pure American Country Furnishings and Accessories, Cherry and Pine, Some Paint.



Midwest Quilt; Columbus, OH; Quilts Galore!



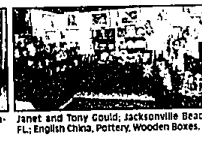
Flo-Blue Shoppe; Birmingham, MI; Hundreds of places Flo Blue and Pattern Matching



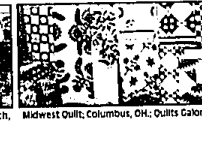
Second Generation "Burger Brother's Photo 1986 - Now grown up and doing their first Ann Arbor



Thatcher Coetz; Coetzville, MI; Americana-Furnishings, Painting and Accessories.



Janet and Tony Gould; Jacksonville Beach, FL; English Chino, Pottery, Wooden Boxes.



Stoney Creek Antiques; R. Meyers; Valparaiso, IN; 18th and 19th Century Furnishings and Accessories.



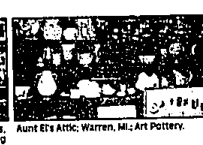
Bill and Bunny Nolt; Worthington, OH; Early Furnishings and Accessories including Textiles.



The Millstone; Elginburg, ONT; Pictorial Hooked Rug



John and Mary Ann Morscher; Columbus, OH; Early Architectural Hardware including Knobs, Hinges, Drawer Pulls, Hooks, also Authentic Print Shop Memorabilia.



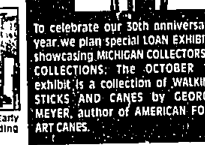
Aunt Et's Attic; Warren, MI; Art Pottery.



Button and Veeber; Ann Arbor, MI; Rich Collection of Hand Colored and Historic Maps of Upper Midwest, books and Prints.



Arlos and Ritchie; Saline, MI; Fine Selection Wedgewood, Moorcroft, Charlotte Rhoad, Torguay, Murano Glass.



V & A Antiques; Al Schink; Highland, IN; 18th and 19th Century Antique Ivory, Netique, Patch and Snuff Boxes, Anything Old and interesting

loan exhibits



To celebrate our 30th anniversary year, we plan special LOAN EXHIBITS showcasing MICHIGAN COLLECTORS' COLLECTIONS. The OCTOBER 18 exhibit is a collection of WALKING STICKS AND CANES by GEORGE MEYER, author of AMERICAN FOLK ART CANES.

LAST SHOW OF SEASON:

NOVEMBER 8TH
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