

# Industrial Owner Is Local Torch Leader

FARMINGTON Mrs. George W. McNeal, a 74-year-old Detroit woman who is vice-president and consultant of a Farmington company manufacturing aircraft parts, is a living example of the theme for this year's festival — "Yesterday's Achievements, Tomorrow's Goals."

Mrs. McNeal owns Precise Tool Co. at 3343 Grand River, Farmington, with her son George who is company president.

SHE ALSO raises chinchillas, collects antiques and for the 20th year has accepted a leadership post in the Torch Drive residential campaign. She learned the "highly technical" operation of Precise Tool Co. during a 20-year business partnership with her husband. After his

death several years ago, their son assumed the presidency and she continued as vice president.

She is resuming her Torch Drive position as region chairman despite two major and recent setbacks. In March, she fell in her westside Detroit home and ruptured two vertebrae. That same month her son underwent an operation for lung cancer.

Mrs. McNeal has served several stints as regional chairman in the United Foundation residential campaign. She moved up after years at the area and district level and in the community business solicitations.

HER CURRENT post involves enlisting, training and organizing hundreds of other volunteers to conduct the door-to-door canvass in the west Woodward area. Though still recuperating from her fall, she spends two to three days a week in her Farmington office and at home attends the daily needs of some 50 chinchillas housed in the basement.

"Each requires a daily bath — not in water but in fine blue powder from Stone Mountain, Georgia — and a handful of rabbit pellets made of alfalfa hay and eight or ten other ingredients," Mrs. McNeal said.

And most important, according to Mrs. McNeal, is caution in handling the chinchillas.

"They must be in good condition to sell," she said. "Falls, bruises and broken bones can ruin the pelts."

"They also require fresh water and such dietary delicacies as dandelions, grape leaves, and dried weeds," she added.

MRS. McNEAL has been raising chinchillas for the New York fur market since 1953



MRS. MC NEAL

when she acquired her first pair at a parish bazaar at St. Cecilia's.

"I purchased another unrelated pair for polygamous breeding and soon was raising them by the hundreds," she said.

The small animals breed three times annually and after a 112-day gestation period produce one to four babies.

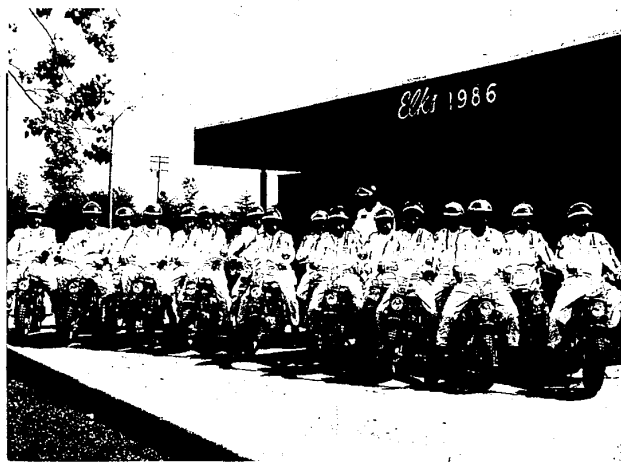
Because chinchillas require a cool climate, Mrs. McNeal houses her brood in wire cages in the basement, where she has kept as many as 125 at a time.

UPSTAIRS is a fine collection of antiques, many of which Mrs. McNeal says she inherited. Others are finds from antique shops she visits whenever traveling.

"My specialties are mustache cups, carnival glass and cut glass bowls, pitchers and candy dishes in sunburst and pineapple patterns," she says.

Mrs. McNeal is a 14-year volunteer with the Michigan Cancer Foundation and is active in her church, St. Cecilia's, and the Detroit Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women.

She is a board member of the League of Catholic Women and belongs to St. Joseph's Auxiliary of Little Sisters of the Poor and the Catholic Study Club.



ELKS CYCLE TEAM — Farmington Elks Lodge 1986 has formed a motorized drill team which will make its second local appearance for Saturday's Founders Festival Parade. The group, the only known Elks cycle drill team in Michigan, recently performed for the Elks State Convention in Bay City. The team's instructor is Jim Townsend of the Detroit Police Department who also instructs the Detroit Mos-

lem Temple's cycle team. Members of the Farmington Elks team include Frank Joseph, John Hullett, Bill Orman, Fred Menke, Jr., Irvin Melville, Tom Baldwin, commander, Wes Kruger, Jim Brodel, Fred Menke, Russ Gilbert, George McCarthy, George Smader, Bill Mahon, Chuck Conn, Chuck Young, Al Schneider, Gene Anderson, Chuck Searly and Paul Payne. (Evert photo)

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Michigan State Police officers made 33,173 arrests in May, 27876 for traffic and motor vehicle offenses and 3,297 on criminal offenses, according to the department's monthly activity report.

In addition, 988 juvenile traffic offenders were arrested and 1,023 delinquent

minors apprehended. Troopers assisted 5,903 motorists, investigated 11,719 cars, issued 45,912 oral warnings to drivers, and made 22,057 property and 2,510 liquor inspections.

Department vehicles traveled 2,300,741 miles, of which 1,173,901 were on traffic

patrol and the remainder of criminal and other complaints.

In accordance with the implied consent law, breath tests for suspected drunk driving were administered by state, county and local officers to 2,105 drivers. There were 1,727 ratings of intoxication, 283 of impaired driving, and 95 indicating little or no intoxicant effect. There were 473 test refusals.

The identification section received 20,658 sets of fingerprints, of which 12,740 were criminal and 7,918 noncriminal. One wanted person was identified.

Of 2,192 applicants for permits to carry concealed weapons, 155 were identified with criminal records through their fingerprints.

### He Predicts Hot Colds

Sore throats and summer colds go hand in hand with cold drinks and cool nights.

Dr. James S. Feurig, director of Michigan State University's Health Center,

warns that iced drinks used to beat the heat and cool summer nights tend to slow blood circulation in throat membranes and lower resistance to germs.

### Promote Zullo

Don F. Zullo of Farmington has been named assistant manager in charge of marketing activities for Michigan Control, States Division,

western region, of Four Roses Distillers Co. The appointment was announced by Dominic V. D'Amico, division manager.

## Pick 7 For Girls' State

FARMINGTON The Groves-Walker American Legion Auxiliary 346 of Farmington has selected seven girls to attend the Wolverine Girls State at Eastern Michigan University June 13-20.

Selected from Farmington Senior High are: Laurie Breisch of 22865 Hayden, sponsored by the City of Farmington; and Toni Thomas of 32856 Glenview, sponsored by the Farmington Area Jaycee Auxiliary.

Alternates are Dianne Deering of 30003 Fink and Margaret Gargarian of 25468 Ridgewood.

From North Farmington High are: Gail Altenburg of 32422 Sprucewood and Dianne Mather of 32443 Nottingwood, both sponsored by the North Farmington Kiwanis.

Alternates are Sharon Hamlett and Pamela Shaw.

## Area Deaths

VIRGINIA M. SCOTT — Services for Mrs. Scott, 58863 West 12 Mile, Farmington Township, were held July 12 in Henry's Funeral Home, Farmington, with Rev. Earl E. Brown of First Church of Christ, Farmington officiating. Burial was in Forest Hill Cemetery, Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Scott, wife of Fred N. Scott II, died July 8 at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, after an extended illness.

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