

# Greenfield Village Historical Monument

In 35 years, the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village has become one of the nation's top tourist attractions. Located in Dearborn near the Ford Rouge Plant, 15 miles from downtown Detroit, the outdoor village covers 260 acres and the nearby indoor museum an additional 100.

Founded in 1929 by automotive pioneer Henry Ford, both are non-profit, educational institutions dedicated to the preservation and display of historical and technological, educational and artistic Americana.

The museum is divided into several sections, including American decorative arts, transportation, power and agriculture.

The decorative arts collection includes furniture, clocks, pewter, textiles, ceramics, glass and silver. The latter includes pieces by Revolutionary patriot Paul Revere. A pair of shoes worn by Abraham Lincoln's home in Springfield, Illinois, is among the furniture.

Nearby is a street of 23 early American shops. Included here are those showing how candles, drugs, guns, hats, locks and toys were made by hand.

The 9½-acre main gallery of the museum includes agricultural implements, steam engines, airplanes, five engines, tractors, 200 early automobiles, buggies and 12 steam locomotives, including a huge 600-ton Allegheny of 1941.

In the village, there are nearly 100 famous homes and workshops, transported from their original foundations elsewhere in the United States and reconstructed here. Thousands of miles of travel would have been required to visit them in their original settings. Many of them, moreover, have disappeared by now and hence lost to history.

The homes, many containing original furniture, include those of Henry Ford, George Washington Carver, William Holmes McGuffey, the Wright Brothers and Noah Webster. There also is the Plymouth House from Massachusetts, one of the oldest homes in America.

Reminiscence of the times when village greens were the centers of communities, a similar area at Greenfield Village is surrounded by historic buildings including the Logan County, Illinois, courthouse where Lincoln once practiced law. The chair in which he was seated in Ford's theater in Washington when he was assassinated may be seen there.

Nearby is Menlo Park, a group of buildings associated with inventor Thomas A. Edison during the years he perfected the incandescent lamp. Most of Edison's inventions are displayed in his restored laboratory, a two-story clapboard structure.

A blacksmith, weaver, potter, cooper and glassblower are among the oldtime craftsmen who carry on their bygone trades daily.

On a quiet, circular lagoon at the end of the village, the colorful sternwheeler, "Sawnee," puts around carrying visitors during the summer.

The museum and village are open to the public daily for the year round.

# Back To School Tips from AMA

School days are almost here again for millions of American youngsters.

The reopening of school is an exciting occasion for all pupils, but it is a particularly big experience for the 3 and 6-year-olds who are entering kindergarten or primary school for the first time.

The American Medical Association recommends a thorough medical examination for the child who is starting to school for the first time. Your doctor will know what to do. His examination will cover all aspects of your child's health, and will encompass hearing (to make certain he can hear the teacher) and vision (to make sure he can see the blackboard). It is better if this examination can be made, and booster immunization given, a few weeks before school starts.

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Physicians recommend physical checkups for school children. Most doctors feel that four or five thorough examinations during the school years are sufficient. These usually are spaced at the start of the first school year, about the fourth grade, about the seventh grade, at the ninth or tenth grade and upon graduation. And, of course, if any untoward symptoms arise at any time, a visit to the doctor is in order. A thorough examination also is important if your child is participating in school athletics.

In the excitement of the first few days of school, the very small child, may forget all of the safety warnings you've been teaching him. Each parent could be sure the child knows how to cross intersections and streets en route to and from school. He should know that crossing roads are there for his protection, and obey them. He should know about proper deportment on the school bus. He should know the rules of bicycle safety.

Give careful thought to your child's entire schedule during the school year. Does he have plenty of time to rest? That he play at things he selects, and not something that you or a teacher select for him. Does he have time to just sit and dream, if he wants to?

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# Flu Bug Losing War To Medical Research



ANN ARBOR—The "flu bug" is fighting a losing battle, according to a University of Michigan physician, who claims the future looks promising for Americans who want more effective — and less expensive — protection against influenza.

Scientists have reason to be encouraged about the results of research on two new types of vaccines against the "flu," said Dr. Fred M. Davenport of the U-M School of Public Health.

More than 10 years' experience with influenza vaccines suspended in mineral oil has shown that they give a high antibody level — and hence protection—which lasts "at least eight to nine years after a single dose," he said.

The oil-base vaccines can be produced more cheaply than the vaccines marketed for mass use today, Dr. Davenport remarked. They also minimize the immediate reactions some people experience after receiving a "flu shot."

"The results of extensive follow-up studies involving large populations attest to the safety of the product," he noted.

Since it seems likely that this type of vaccine will eliminate the requirement for annual re-vaccination, its adoption in the United States could mean better protection for some 50 million persons who need it most.

The results of tests on water-based vaccines composed of chemically purified viral fragments will be available soon, the U-M doctor said. He added that preliminary testing showed that these vaccines also produced excellent antibody levels and abolished the fever which often develops after "flu shots" are given.

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# New TB Classes Being Formed

A series of breathing improvement classes sponsored by the TB and Health Society of Wayne County in cooperation with Oakwood Outdoor Drive and Sinai Hospitals and the Rehabilitation Institute, have been completed and new classes are being formed.

At present, there are openings for the next class at Sinai Hospital as well as at the Rehabilitation Institute. These classes begin this month.

Physicians have cooperated fully in referring their patients to the various centers where classes are being conducted. Some of the centers are now conducting their third class.

The establishment of the breathing classes highlighted the 1954 Respiratory Disease Symptom Alert conducted by the TB and Health Society. The classes are designed to help patients who have chronic ventilatory problems due to emphysema, chronic bronchitis or asthma.

Eligibility of patients will be determined by the physician supervising the program at each center and patients will be assigned in the order in which they are referred by their own physicians to the TB and Health Society.

Forms for this purpose are available upon request at the Society office, 150 East Elizabeth (WO 1-1697).

"Patients must be over 35, ambulatory and able to take care of their everyday minimal needs. Those with significant heart disease or terminal disease are excluded."

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