

# Safety Pattern Set For Yates Cider Mill

A voluntary joint effort by public and private agencies has brought a new safety pattern for thousands of visitors at historic Yates Cider Mill and adjacent state Bloomer Park, in Oakland County.

Public protection involves both a New York Central Railroad track running through the area and hazards from motor traffic on Avon Road, near the Dequindre intersection, according to Peter B. Spivak, Chairman of the Michigan Public Service Commission.

The State park, affectionately known as "Old Bloomer No. 2," is the Rochester-Utica Recreation Area.

Named by Spivak as participating in the cooperative safety effort were New York Central Railroad; Charles M. Posey, operator of Yates Cider Mill; the Oakland County Road Commission; the Oakland County Sheriff's Department; Parks Division of

Clinton River which separates part of the cider mill area from the state park. But legal technicalities prevented any single agency from exercising jurisdiction in reducing hazards in the area.

"The PSC, served only as a catalytic agent in bringing for five consecutive Wednesdays at the same time and location.

The five one-hour lessons will include Child Care, First Aid, Safety and Sitter Responsibility, and a qualified baby sitters. The auxiliary offers the clinic again because of popularity and because the need for such qualified baby sitters increases each year.

The first session will be on October 19 at 7:30 at the Farmington Junior High School cafeteria on Thomas Street. The clinic will run

all of the parties of interest together and offering suggestions," said Spivak. "This was accomplished in a meeting last November called by Otto P. Senechal, Director of our Railroad Division. As of last week, opening of the cider season, basic safety devices already were installed and further improvement is underway." Spivak noted that modern flashing-light signals, especially designed for a curved downhill highway approach,

had been installed earlier in 1965 at the NYC-Avon Road grade crossing by specific order of the PSC. "But from that point on," he said, "official jurisdiction of the PSC was largely exhausted. The protection of pedestrians in the area, on some days numbering into the thousands, became a matter of mediation, requiring not only voluntary cooperation but the expenditure of money by those invited to the conference."

Recommended safety provisions were:  
1.—Erection of hundreds of feet of six-foot, chain link fence along the railroad right-of-way, separating it both from the cider mill property and from the state park. This fence, with "L's" running to the river bank, made it possible for any but the most deliberately athletic to reach the railroad track.  
2.—Building of a pedestrian ramp between the Yates mill building and the parking lot

across the NYC track, channeling pedestrians by the track without entry into the traveled portion of Avon Road.  
3.—Extension of guard rails along Avon Road, separating pedestrian traffic from motor vehicles on the highway.  
4.—Construction of a pedestrian bridge over the river between two sections of the state park, removing need and incentive for walking the railroad track and trestle.

The Clinton River at the point of Yates Mills, powered by water in the crushing of apples since 1862, is a reminder of the Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal. This was begun with much fanfare in 1838 to form a transportation route from Lake St. Clair to Lake Michigan at approximately the same time drained interest from canal development and the Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal was never extended beyond Rochester.

## "Parents By The Hour"

The Farmington Jaycee Auxiliary is again offering a Free babysitting clinic, entitled, "Parents By The Hour." This clinic is to train girls and boys from Junior High and up to be well qualified baby sitters. The auxiliary offers the clinic again because of popularity and because the need for such qualified baby sitters increases each year.

## Y Aids Teen Drivers

Another series of teen age drivers education is beginning on October 17. The classes are being announced by the Farmington Area YMCA for teenagers who are interested in learning how to drive. The classes will be taught by state certified instructors and will be for 15, 16 and 17 year olds.

Classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Northwestern YMCA, located on Leisner Road at Seven Mile Road. The course will run for seven and one-half weeks beginning on Monday, October 17. During this course, 30 hours will be spent in classroom sessions,

## Nardin Park Plans Series Of Lectures

The Nardin Park Methodist Church, on West Eleven Mile Road in Farmington, is planning a series of three lectures with outstanding speakers. Each of these programs will be preceded by a dinner at 7:00 P.M., served by the ladies of the church at a cost of \$1.50 a person. A question and answer period will follow each of the talks. Reservations are necessary for the dinners and can be made by calling the Nardin Park Church Office, 476-8810. Nursery and program will be available for youngsters through the 6th grade.



COLLECTING THE SPOILS—Here are some of the winners in the annual March of Dimes Tournament at Morey's Golf and Country Club. Standing (left to right) are: Don Eskine, Pontiac; Tom Sarkisian, Paul Shvedel and Tom Guzik, Sealed in the front row are two birds Richert.

## March of Dimes Names Golf Tourney Winners

Mrs. Rose Charman, of Lake; John Davis, Pontiac, County Sheriff's Department; Tex Ellison, Rochester, Tournament Chairman, Michigan Publix Golf Association; Roy Iceberg, Birmingham, President Michigan Publix Golf Association; Al Kalline, County Campaign Director; Mrs. G. Frank, Langford, Dearborn Heights, President Women's Metropolitan Golf Association; Louis O. Michot, Pontiac, Chairman, Oakland County Chapter March of Dimes; JIM Newhouse, Franklin, member Oakland County Chapter Executive Board; and Mrs. Dorothy Thompson, Birmingham, WXYZ Radio-TV, Southfield.

They topped a field of more than 1,000 men and women who participated, not only in the golf event, but in the never ending struggle against birth defects. The monies raised from the tournament aid toward financing the fight against the crippling disease in Oakland County. In a national survey it has been shown that one of each 10 families is the victim of this largestcrippler of children.

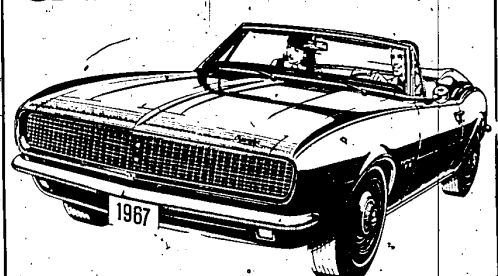
Two birth defected children — Dickie Kraft, of Pontiac, and Johnnie Richert, of Hazel Park — were on hand to help distribute trophies to the following winners:

**WOMEN**  
1st—Mrs. Rose Charman, Southfield, 101-26-73;  
2nd—Mrs. Rex Kerkel, Detroit, 94-19-77;  
3rd—Mrs. Everett Guzik, Pontiac, 84-4-78;  
4th—Mrs. Joan Stover, Allen Park, 94-14-88.

**MEN**  
1st—James Johnson, Pontiac, 74-6-64;  
2nd—Don Eskine, Pontiac, 74-6-48;  
3rd—Garry Pope, Pontiac, 30-10-72;  
4th—Warren Evans, Southfield, 84-11-71;  
5th—Tom Sarkisian, Southfield, 78-6-72.

The March of Dimes Golf Committee consisted of Ed Morey, Chairman, Union

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The East High School P.T.S.A. of Garden City will open the new school year at 8 p.m. next Monday with an introduction of teachers and a short business meeting to discuss the programs planned for the P.T.S.A. district this year.

Earl Bridge, P.T.S.A. president, said that all parents are urged to attend the meeting, which will be followed by serving of refreshments.



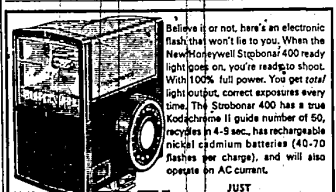
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