

Retiring School Bus Boss Proud Of His Record

By W.W. EDGAR

FARMINGTON

The wild roar of the motors at the Indianapolis 500-mile race has been music to his ears.

He has coped with the odors and problems of famed "Gasoline Alley."

But the fondest memories John Gresehover, retiring superintendent of transportation for the Farmington school system, will take with him when he leaves his post next month will be of the fleet of yellow buses that take the

children to and from school each day.

"MY PROUDEST memory," he said, while leaning back in his chair and casting his eyes on the large fleet outside, "will be the fact that in the 18 years that I have been in charge we haven't had a serious accident."

"Many were the times that I've awakened at 4 o'clock in the morning during the winter and got out in the ice and snow to survey the roads to determine if the buses could make it in safety."

"And in that time we've transported as many as 8,900 youngsters a day with nothing more serious than the ordinary bumps you get in a parking lot."

FOR THE GREATER part of his 65 years John has been connected in some manner with the automobile industry.

Born and reared in Redford he at one time had a Studebaker agency. After holding that for 10 years, he became a supervisor for the Fruehauf Trailer Co.

"When Fruehauf decided to move its operations to

Cleveland," he said, "I didn't go along, instead, I came to Farmington in 1959 - and I've never regretted it."

On a five-acre plot in Farmington, he is looking forward to enjoying his hobby of gardening and traveling.

"The wife and I were in Honolulu several years ago," he continued, "and that experience has given us the urge to travel some more."

Then, with a smile, he continued, "But I'll still raise

berries and do some gardening."

John never was an official mechanic at the Indianapolis races even though he spent much time in "Gasoline Alley" and the pits.

"They were just friendly

visits with one of my friends, Al Miller, the Detroit race driver who once was considered one of the leading drivers in the '500."

"I just helped out a little as a friend - but never was officially employed as a race mechanic. I spent a lot of time with fellows like Al and his brother, Chet, Wilbur Shaw and Louie Meyer."

"I was down there again this year, but things have changed so much - and today much of the work is just a changing of parts."

that during his regime with the school fleet he never has had to send a bus to a garage for repairs.

"We've done the work right here."

He and his wife, Edith, have been married for 42 years and are the parents of three children - two girls and a boy. One of the girls, Judy is quite an equestrian, and is a familiar figure in all parades in Farmington.

"She just loves horses," her Dad said, with a chuckle, "but my interest always has been with automobiles."

And he'll leave behind a great record when he goes into retirement next month.



STILL HANDY with a wrench is John Gresehover, longtime transportation superintendent of the Farmington School system, who will retire next month after 18 years service. His proudest memory is that the district didn't have a serious accident in all the years he was in charge. (Photo by Ralph Evert)

What To Do If Your Dog Is Heartworm Victim

What is Heartworm Disease? Heartworms are scientifically known as *Dirofilaria immitis*. The adult worm is 10-14 inches long and lives in the blood stream, primarily in the right chamber of the heart. They may, however, migrate to the lungs, liver and other vital organs.

How is Heartworm Disease Transmitted? Mosquitoes spread the disease by transferring the larval form of the worm from an infected dog to a non-infected one.

Is the Disease Prevalent? From February through December, 1971, nearly 1400 dogs were examined in the Farmington area for heartworms. We found the incidence of infection in the Farmington area to be one out of every four dogs that sleep outside exposed to mosquitoes. One out of every 60 dogs that sleep inside with minimal exposure to mosquitoes showed the disease.

What are the Signs of Heartworm Disease? In the early stages, most dogs are non-symptomatic. As the condition progresses, dogs may tire easily, lose condition, and exhibit weight loss or a low grade cough. In the terminal stages, the animal exhibits respiratory distress, heart failure and death.

How is the Disease Diagnosed? A blood test run in our office to detect the presence of the larvae circulating in the blood stream is highly effective in diagnosing the disease. Dogs six months of age or older should be checked at least once a year, preferably during the months

of April and May, however any month is satisfactory.

Can the Disease be treated? Early diagnosis and prompt treatment before the dog becomes heavily infected and shows clinical symptoms is most important. In advanced cases showing the above symptoms due to massive numbers of worms, the treatment is much more severe and may even result in the death of the patient.

Can the Disease be Prevented? Dogs that spend considerable time outdoors exposed to mosquitoes should receive an oral prophylactic treatment which prevents the larvae that have been injected into the dog by the mosquito from maturing into adult worms, and the disease is thus prevented.

The medication which may be given either directly or in the food is available as a

tablet (1/4 tablet per 40 lbs. body weight per day) or a liquid (1cc. per 20 lbs. body weight per day). The treatment should be started the first of May and continued through November. It is important that it be given every day.

Owners of house pets which are rarely exposed to mosquitoes, may not feel it necessary to give the daily oral medication. Dogs not receiving the oral preventative should be sprayed with insect repellents such as OFF or PARABOMB as an aid in preventing mosquito bites when they are outdoors during evening hours.

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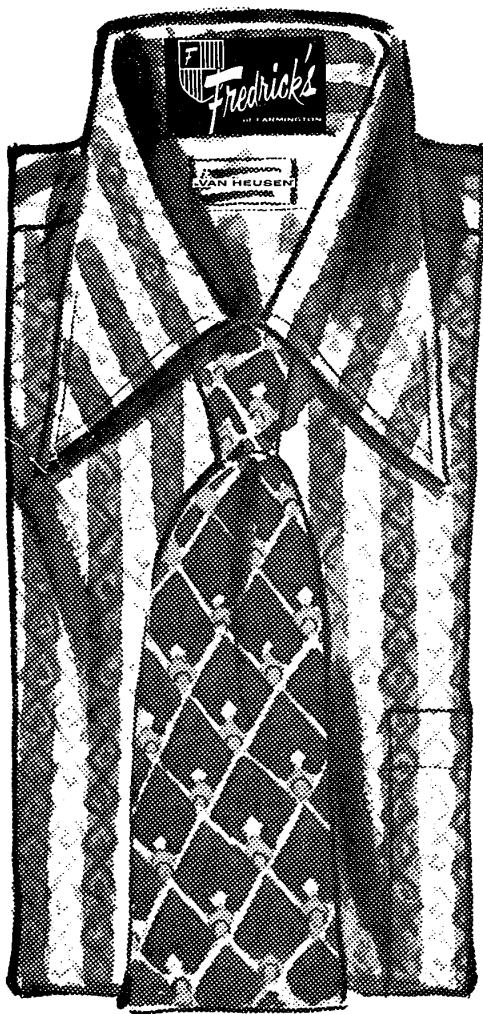
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This nationally recognized competition, now in its 15th year, cites high school seniors for excellence in English and recommends them to colleges and universities for admission and financial aid.

Students are nominated for Achievement Awards by their high school English departments and are selected for Awards by state judging committees

Break Ground For New Offices

Groundbreaking ceremonies will be held Thursday June 15 at 11 A.M. in Quakertown Center in Farmington for the Center's first general office building. The 30,000 square foot Quakertown Plaza is the first of two matched, colonial style, low rise buildings planned for that site. It will be ready for occupancy this fall.

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