

# Sharkey named managing editor

Nick Sharkey, 36, has been appointed managing editor of Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, effective immediately. He was previously editor of the Birmingham-Bloomfield edition of The Eccentric.

"Nick was selected from an excellent group of candidates from throughout the country," said O&E General Manager John Reddy, who made the appointment. "The fact that he has been with Suburban Communications Corp. since 1971 gives him a rich background."

"Running an editorial department serving 12 newspapers with five offices in a suburban setting is a complex and demanding job. Our entire management team has confidence that Nick and the excellent editorial staff working with him will continue to deliver the quality our readers expect."



**NICK SHARKEY**  
A rich background

**SHARKEY, WHO** is married and has three children, joined the company in 1971 as editor of the East Lansing Towne Courier. From 1973-75 he was editor of the Southfield Eccentric and since 1975 has been editor of the Birmingham-Bloomfield edition of The Eccentric.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1969-71 as an information officer in Saigon, Vietnam and Fort Jackson, S.C., emerging with the rank of captain. As managing editor, Sharkey will be responsible for the appointment of community editors (including his own replacement in Birmingham-Bloomfield), the departmental budget, and the overseeing of staff activities to make sure they meet the needs of their communities, Reddy said.

The group includes the Birmingham-Bloomfield, West Bloomfield and Troy editions of The Eccentric, the Rochester Eccentric and the Southfield Eccen-

tric, and the Observers in Canton, Farmington, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford and Westland.

Sharkey succeeds Tom Rioridan, who resigned last month to enter the printing business.

Sharkey earned a B.A. in English from the University of Dayton and two masters degrees — in journalism and business administration — both from Michigan State University.

He began his newspaper career in 1960 as a mailboy for the Dayton Daily News.

As a college student, he was editor of the University of Dayton Flyer News, a reporter for the Towne Courier and a graduate assistant at the Michigan State News.

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# Road funds down for most local units

Gasoline and weight tax revenues, the main money source for state and local highway and transportation systems are down this year.

The revenues declined again in the last quarter of 1980 compared with the same period in 1979, according to the Michigan Department of Transportation.

The 83 county road commissions collected 8 percent less for the October-December period in 1980 than the previous year.

The Oakland County Road Commission received \$4.4 million last quarter, 10 percent or \$433,000 less than the same period in 1979.

public transportation systems was down 9 percent last quarter, a slight improvement from an 11 percent decline in the previous quarter.

Here are fourth-quarter receipts for cities and villages in Oakland County (followed by 1979 fourth quarter figures in parentheses):  
Beverly Hills \$53,981 (62,314).  
Bingham Farms \$3,242 (3,530).  
Bloomfield Hills \$24,172 (24,306).  
Farmington \$45,241 (44,730).  
Farmington Hills \$315,736 (305,942).  
Franklin \$15,722 (17,884).  
Lathrup Village \$23,491 (24,692).  
Orchard Lake Village \$9,493 (8,478).  
Rochester \$29,992 (30,599).  
Southfield \$393,076 (391,988).  
Troy \$329,652 (240,333).

There was no immediate explanation of why the two Farmingtons, Orchard Lake, Southfield and Troy came up with more money rather than less.

Statewide, gasoline tax proceeds decreased 9 percent for the period. Weight taxes, or license plate fees, were down 7.5 percent.

Net income for distribution to the state, counties, local governments and

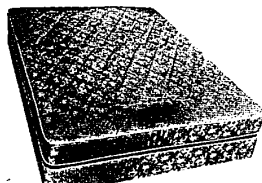
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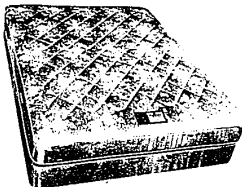
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