

local news

By MARIE LONG GR 4-3114

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Skidmore and son Christopher, age nine months, of Kalamazoo spent the holiday with her parents, the Glen Cargills of Macomb, Farmington.

Mrs. Kim Skidmore is the former Kimberly Cargill who graduated from Farmington High School. Her husband spent two years in Vietnam and so is just finishing his college degree in accounting.

AIRMAN Sgt. Greg Hohler and wife Sue arrived home on leave Jan. 8, from Taipei, Taiwan, for a few days visit with her parents, the Robert Friellings of Farmington Rd.

and his father, Edward Hohler of Oakland Ave., Farmington. They arrived home via Tokyo and Seattle and left Jan. 22 for Ft. Meade, Md., where he expects to be stationed for the next 22 months. They are both graduates of Farmington High School. He graduated from Michigan State University and his wife graduated from Western Michigan University.

Mrs. Muriel Jacobson of State St. arrived home Jan. 9 after a two month's visit with friends and relatives in Seattle.

THE F.L. CROSBY family

on State St. recently spent two weeks skiing and visiting relatives at Tahoe and Seattle.

Mrs. Mildred White of Oakland Ave. recently visited her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wood of Bay City.

Dr. and Mrs. Elizer Monge and family of Farmington recently enjoyed a vacation for three weeks in South America.

Mrs. James Williams and children James, Dewey and Kelley Ann of Hackettstown, N.J., spent New Year's week with her parents, the R.D. Altenuis of Cass Ave. Husband James flew in on the weekend to spend New Year's Day and left on a business trip to California the following Monday.

Joan and Bill Long and sons Michael, Jim and Gordon spent the weekend in Farmington visiting their parents and his brother's family in Westland. Joan has entered University Hospital in Ann Arbor for foot surgery this week and the rest of the family is back home in Mio.

THE PIONEER Golden Age Club, which meets in St. Alexander Catholic Church social hall on Shiawassee the second and fourth Wednesdays, elected these new officers: Mrs. Gladys Maxwell, president; Luther Duell, vice president; Mrs. Mabel Shellhorn, treasurer; and Mrs. Betty Shellhorn, secretary.

Dave Goldman Resigns

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Goldman is the most valuable man we have in the village."

William Toth, village resident opposed to the rezoning says Smolek is quite upset because the objections of residents were publicized and that Smolek fired Krandle and Abbott because of their involvement in the protest.

ON MONDAY, a response was made by Fred C. Wardle, a member of the Detroit law firm asking for the rezoning and a Farmington Township resident.

Wardle hand-delivered a letter Monday afternoon to the Farmington Enterprise & Observer taking exception with statements reported in the Jan. 22 edition.

Wardle claims the council did not deny rezoning in May and the Jan. 11 action was the first official action taken. "...on Jan. 11, 1972, the village council for the first and only time acted on this matter and voted to reverse," says Wardle. "I must emphasize that the first action taken on this matter by the village council was on Jan. 11, 1972. The village council did not, as reported, vote against rezoning this property in May of 1971."

Mrs. Alice Toth, village clerk, had reported that the council voted May 11 to deny the rezoning request. Attorney Goldman also states the rezoning request was denied in May by the council. Replying to Wardle's claim, Goldman simply states:

"He's mistaken." The May 11 council denial was reported in the May 15 edition of the Farmington Enterprise & Observer. In the rezoning eight months, Wardle never made contact with this paper about that report.

"THE COUNCIL had many good reasons to act favorably on this rezoning request," Wardle said Monday, "not the least of which is the fact that a high-speed expressway will soon border this property."

Wardle adds the rezoning was in the best interests of the entire village and predicted vindication for those council members "who refused to bow to the threats of a vociferous minority of people who had no personal interest in this matter."

The Jan. 11 vote was, in favor, Smolek, Dr. Richard Quevy and William Ortman; opposed, Alvin Albertson and David Marlin. Quevy had switched his vote between May and January.

CONTACTED late Monday, Smolek said he fired Abbott and Krandle because they were spreading inaccurate information and were divisive.

Smolek said Goldman has been misdirecting the council by claiming he could successfully defend the lawsuit against the village and by stating the request had been previously denied by the council.

Last May, councilmen thought they were acting properly by denying the rezoning while sitting as a zoning board of appeals, Smolek said.

A couple of months ago, he adds, it was discovered the action was improper and minutes will show the denial was made at a meeting of the zoning board. Goldman was wrong, Smolek says, in telling the developers that council

had denied the rezoning request. There is nothing in the law requiring a second hearing, Smolek says, and adding is said about any time limit between holding a hearing and voting on the rezoning petition.

Smolek said that two months ago, he asked Goldman for reasons why a second hearing was required and never was given any reference in statute.

"Morally, if we had the time, I would have favored a second hearing. But we had to decide if we would defend the lawsuit or approve the rezoning. There were no new arguments to be heard. The council has been discussing this for many months, and everyone's had their say."

Wardle filed the lawsuit, Smolek explained, because the developers were running out of patience and wanted some action to be taken by the council.

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Recipients of the 1971 scholarships were Steve Kemp of Farmington High and Sharon Jernigan of North Farmington High. Both are now students at Michigan State University.

"Each wrote the council this fall to relate favorable scholastic progress and again thank the PTAs for the help the grant gave in starting college," says Mrs. William Makinen, council president.

Two scholarships have been awarded annually, one each to Farmington High and North Farmington High. Because Farmington Schools' third high school, Harrison, will graduate its first class this year, the PTA Council hopes to award a scholarship to a Harrison student. Proceeds from the movie benefit will go towards a Harrison scholarship.

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Teeples attended Central Michigan University where he majored in business administration. He joined the U.S. Army and volunteered for the airborne service.

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