



Ron Holland (right), head football coach at North Farmington, and Clayton Graham (second from right), principal at North, joined Kiwanians from nine other clubs, including Farmington's, in promoting the Fellowship of Christian Athletes during the Lola Valley Kiwanis Club of Redford Township's annual coaches dinner. With Graham and Holland at the head table were Orrie Munding (standing), president of the Lola Valley club, Bob Heppner, FCA president Morley Fraser and Charles Goulding, superintendent of Flat Rock schools. (Photo by Blain Roral)

# Farmington to maintain Grand River

The City of Farmington will continue to bear the cost of maintaining a section of Farmington Road between Grand River and Eight Mile, the city council has decided.

The council reached its decision Monday after considering the implications of returning the road's maintenance to Oakland County, as other communities have done recently.

"The county wants it back," City Mgr. Robert Deadman told council members. "If you give up full maintenance, however, we'll never get it back from them."

FARMINGTON RECEIVES \$4,950 per mile, or \$8,415, from Oakland County to maintain the 1.7 mile section of road. The city paid \$10,972 for maintenance last year, and the cost is expected to rise in the years ahead.

It spent the \$2,557 in non-reimbursable funds for sweeping, drain cleaning, snow and ice removal, and patching.

Deadman explained that snow and ice removal alone costs the city between \$1,000-\$1,500, approximately half this year's expenditure.

"At some point in time, it might become financially prohibitive to maintain it," contended Councilman Bill Hartsock, but the council agreed that turning over a major traffic artery to the county might result in lack of service.

"IF WE DON'T do it, is it going to get done?" queried Mayor John Richardson.

"We believe that the city's main purpose in entering into this contract was to insure our residents of good maintenance on this critical artery," said Deadman. "Even though the city would have to bear some of the cost of maintaining Farmington Road over and above the funds provided in the maintenance agreement, we could assure our citizens of good service."

Troy has returned maintenance of all roads to Oakland county with the exception of snow and ice removal.

## Dems to meet Thursday night

The Farmington Area Democratic Club will meet at 8 p.m. in the Civic Center Office Building, Eleven Mile and Orchard Lake Road, tonight.

The program for the evening will be a presentation by the League of Women Voters on the Emergency Medical Service.

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