



**PEANUT PLATOON** — Louis Gilson, leader of the Farmington Kiwanis Peanut Platoon, sells a bag of peanuts to his former boss — Dr. Roderick Smith, supt. of schools. Gilson, a retired special education instructor, issues a challenge on who will sell the most peanuts to Dr. Smith who also is a member of the North Farmington Kiwanis Club. Farmington Kiwanis will hold its Peanut Sale on Sept. 26, 27 with proceeds used to aid needy children. (Evert photo)

## Petitioners Opposing Apartment Construction

A drive to gather 1,000 signatures opposing further apartment zoning in the City of Farmington is one-third completed, according to the Farmington Citizens Association (FCA).

The FCA contends the city has more than enough multi-family housing now with 3,500 units now built or planned within the less than three square miles of the city or on its borders with the township.

IN A NEWS release, an FCA spokesman says denser population leads to traffic, education and shopping problems.

Nearly all Farmington residents questioned were very unhappy with recent developments in Farmington, Marge Williams of the FCA comments.

Communication is a prime problem in the city, she continues, and a "watch dog" committee has been formed to sit in on all city council and planning commission meetings and to keep neighborhoods informed on plans and changes which would affect their areas.

"We formed the group to prove that the old cliché, 'you can't fight city hall,' was a fallacy and we did find that we could fight city hall but, even better, we could work with city hall once we had established a good base of communication and understanding," the FCA member says.

DON WILLIAMS of the FCA says the group's officers played some role in the recent action of the city council in placing a 90-day moratorium on building permits in the central business district.

In addition, the FCA has offered its help to the planning commission's downtown redevelopment committee.

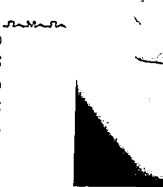
In reply, Richard Tupper of the planning commission says a planning consultant from Driker Associates recommends a methodical approach using sound planning practices along with total involvement.

Permanent officers will be elected and by-laws adopted at the next general meeting Oct. 6.

Richard Reda

Is Commissioned

Richard Reda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Reda of 28248 Brookhill, Farmington, has been commissioned a second lieutenant following graduation from Officers Candidate School at Fort Sill, Okla. He is a graduate of Our Lady of Sorrows High School and the University of Detroit.



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## Hall Issues Report On Building Gripes

**FARMINGTON**  
Farmington Township Supervisor Curtis Hall reported his findings Monday night of a study conducted concerning problems township homeowners have had with builders.

Hall said the study was conducted by a builder with experience in custom homes. The individual is filling in for Building Inspector Paul Snover who is on vacation and will not return until mid-October.

Hall said an inspection of the files by the former builder showed that violations of the building code were handled quickly.

HALL COMMENTED that 90-95 per cent of the problems in the building department fell into two areas.

One was when the department issued a temporary occupancy permit after receiving a statement signed by the owner and builder.

The other problem area, explained Hall, was when the owner moved in without closing and without an occupancy permit.

Hall explained that homeowners' complaints involved the degree of craftsmanship and not the building code. He asserted there were no code violations but situations involving bad faith, in some cases, between builder and owner.

Hall reported a new procedure will be implemented by the building department which may help solve some of the problems.

UNDER THE NEW procedure before the township issues a temporary occupancy permit will first obtain a list of items to be repaired and how the repair will be accomplished.

Once the builder and purchaser agree the repairs have been completed, the township will issue the temporary occupancy permit and the owner may move into his new home.

"We really don't have the law on our side to insist upon correction of faulty craftsmanship," Hall told residents at the meeting.

Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan commented: "We have a right to assume people are adults and will check out things when they buy a \$40,000 house."

Hall added: "The only way the owner can protect himself is not to move in until he is satisfied with the house."

BRENNAN explained all codes are minimum and the building code contained the minimum restrictions needed for public welfare and safety.

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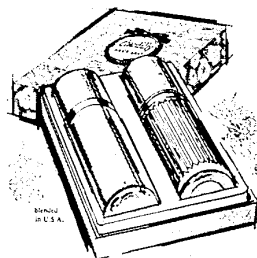
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