Winter soldiers continue their fight for needy

With the wind-chill factor reaching 7 below, the Salvation Army bellringers were outside ringing their chimes for your dime. A three-man shift from the Harbor Light Center works outside Northland Center and a fourth man, Frank Barnsteit, relieves them when they want to warm up with a coffee at the coney island.

Like they do every Christmas sea-son, the Salvation Army is sending troops out to collect dwartients from shoppers in an effort to remember the lonely, the needy, the desperate and the little children too young to under-stand those terms. Locally, the goal is to collect \$32,000 in the Christmas drive.

to collect NALIMON in the four beliringers at Only one of the four beliringers at Northland Monday is an actual soldier in the Salvation Army, meaning a church member. But all four of the men said they've been helped by the Army in the past when no one else was around.

Army," said bellringer Bill Rasppana of Detroit.

Like two other bellringers on duty at Northland, Ranppana is an alcoholic. Or, as be puts it, "I'm a stone alty," Rasppana dired out at the Salvation Army's Harbor Light treatment center on Cass Ave, four years ago, He said he stumbled into the place when he got tired of going boom. I was sitting there, going crazy,"

And while he never joined the Salvation Army, he said he'll never forget the help he received from the organization.

THE SALVATION Army don't care who they help," Rasppana said between rings of the bell. "Call them transients, drunks, whores, whatever you want to call them. They get help when nobody else wants to deal with them. But other people are pretty well off and they get help like temporary boxing when the house is burned."

Dave Smith, the only "soldier" in the bunch, calls the Salvation Army

"the only home I got, the Army never turned me down."
He works on various projects run by the Salvation Army and keeps up the chapel at Harbor Light where he lives in a resident hotel.
"A couple years ago there was a flood in St. Clair Stores," Smith says. "People was washed out from their homes for a while. The Salvation Army helped those people find shelter and served them hot food, coffee and obuginates in the meantime.

"I was proud to be in the Salvation Army. I was proud to have my name on the rolls. I got my article of war at home. It's just like a citizenship certificate. I've always been proud of it. I'm well respected with it." Smith stops to theak a teenager for plunking a coin in the kettle plunking as one in the kettle home, and "a bad crowd," took their homes! out. A marriage that failed, boose, and "a bad crowd," took their boose, and "a bad crowd," took their old. Seven years ago he said he realized he needed help.

"It said to my wife at the time, we got to do better than this." It took Smith another five years to be accepted into the Salvation Army as a soldier in the Christian cause. "They gave me clothes, food, a warm place to sleep," Smith said. "They've always been helping me and a whole lot of people." The Harbor Light Center of Detroit is also soliciting for donations in front of Kmart at Tel-Twelve Mail.

The South Oakland County Salvation

Army, headquartered on 3015 Main, Royal Oak, has bellringers stationed at 13 different locations in the county., Major Albert Rowland of the South Okkland Salvation Army said of the 13 collection kettles, Oakland Mall cus-tomers donate the most money while Somerset Mall shoppers contribute the least.

The beliringers collected \$6,819.13 since Thanksgiving, Rowland said Tuesday.

New CETA policy jeopardizes jobs

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the American Federation of State,
County and Muncipal Employees
(AFSCME.) While the Hills contract
with AFSCME discusses layofs in conrection with a reduction in available
jobs, the proposed CETA regulations
don't eliminate the positions.
ThE regulations eliminate the eligibility of the person presently holding
the job for that position.
To complicate the matter for the
Hills, some CETA employes have
more seniority than persons whose
paychecks come from the city's general fund, Miller said.
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The city's contract with AFSCME expires on June 30, 1979, one day before the county wants municipalities to begin looking at CETA employees with more than 18 months on the job.

IN FARMINGTON, City Mgr. Rob-rt Deadman anticipates taking some ETA employees onto the general and payroll. Farmington's CETA

employees include an administrative assistant, one public safety officer and Department of Public Works employees. Of 82 Farmington manicipal employees, eight are paid through CETA. The DPW stands to be the most affected by the new ruling, according to Deadman. While the city expects to pick up some of the CETA employees, other persons will be referred to Oakland County manpower organizations so they can be placed in industry jobs. Farmington doesn't plan to layoff workers, but plans to place some of them in new jobs outside of city employment. Like Farmington Hills, the union contract's discussion of layoffs will continue to place the some of the contract language is that some of the contract language is utilities. The property of the contract language is undeilible.

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Like the Hills, Deadman said he kept in mind that CETA might one day end or be altered.

"We always thought the program would grind to a halt someday," he said.

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Playing dates and location, entry fee, rules and regulations, and other information will be discussed during a fee for further information please constant the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department during office bours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 474-8115

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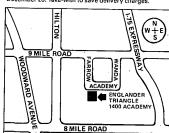
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