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HIGH HONOR—George R. DeCourcy, along with two Boy Scouts, shows the Silver Beover award he recently received for distinguished service to boyhood. The Clinton Valley Council of the Boys Scouts of America presented the award, the high-est honor a local council can confer. (Evert photo)

## FARMINGTON The opening day parade and decremony for 900 young baseball players will be at noon Saturday, May 16.

The parade, featuring players from South Farmington Baseball for Boys will assemble on Oakland just north of the Masonic Temple in downtown Farmington.

The parade group will travel east on Grand River to Warner, north on Warner to Shiawassee, then east on Shiawassee to the City Park at Power and Shiawassee.

The parade will be led by a police escort. It will be followed by a color guard, a band, cars carrying city and league officials, and players from the teams.

The ceremony in the city park will be highlighted by a speech by Farmington Mayor Wilbur Brotherton, who wil



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## Local Scoutmaster Wins A Silver Beaver Award

Courey. Many people help to make secuting a success.

IN ADDITION to the Silver Beaver award. DeCourey previously received two other scouting thorows.

The Scouter Award was given to him in 1981, for three consecutive years of service as a scoutinaster. In 1984, he earned the Scouter Key, which is awarded for three more years of- working as a scout-master.

years of working as a scout-master.

The DeCourcy family is a scouting family, with two sons who are Eagle Scouts, a daugh-ter who is a Girl Scout and a wife, Farrell, who attends many scouting functions.

growth, financial affairs and DeCourcy is a project engi-

By VICTOR OMELCZENKO

As the energetic scuumaster of Troop 116 in Farmington from 1989-1988. George R. DeCourcy canoed through the Canadian wilds and camped out in temperatures 18 below zero. Recently he received the Silver Beaver award, the highest hanor a local Box Scout council can bestow upon scouters.

ters.
He lives at 32770 Briarcrest

Knoll.

BUT SUCCESSPULLY coping with nature was not the only reason DeCourcy was honored. His inovernett with scouting dates back to his days as Box Scout. In addition to his role as a Box Scout. In addition to his role as the control of the Citation Valley Council of the Box Scouts of America in 1968.

Aithough the president's term lasts only two years, DeCourcy was asked to remain for an additional term. "But when December 31 are scouting gear." said Decourcy. "Any man who's had a taste of scouting really ever gets it out of his blood." The Siver Beaver award is based on service to youth throughout the ordinative, so many control of the services of the service

areas as well.

DeCOURCY HAS been the vice president of the North Farminguin Baseball League, which involves over 1,000 boys, first of the North Farminguin Baseball Leagues, and the Polymer of the Poly

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"We try to make scouting axialiable to all boys," said DecOurcy. The council serves most of Okahad and Macomb counties, including 33 townships and 52 cities and villages in which over one million persons reside.

Over 3,700 volunteers DecOurcy is also one offer their help. "No one man makes a tropp," said DecCourcy. "Many people help to make scotting a success." Willoway Day Camp

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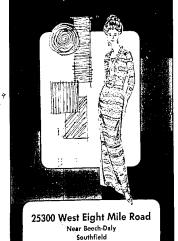
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