

Pam Clifford Is VFW Queen

Pam Clifford, a junior at Farmington Senior High, has been named Miss VFW Americanism Queen of 1971 in Farmington.

Miss Clifford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Clifford of 23064 Violet, Farmington, was crowned at the annual queen ceremony held in the VFW Hall by Farmington VFW Post 4033.

She was crowned by Cathy Courtney, 1970 VFW queen, and presented a U.S. savings bond by ladies auxiliary president Mrs. Irene Staub. The post commander presented her with a bouquet of red roses.

At the same ceremony, Miss Virginia Forgett was named Miss VFW Liberty Bell for 1971 and given a transistor radio from the post.

Miss Courtney, outgoing queen, said she was proud to represent Farmington VFW Post 4033 during 1970 and enjoyed riding on the Bell float designed by Gary Staub and built by youth from the post.

Dave Butzky, float engineer for the 1971 Memorial Day Parade, says this year's float will be even better but won't reveal the design yet.



IMPROMPTU LAKE — What appears to be a lake is actually Kenwood St. in southern Farmington Township. A neighborhood self-help program is being organized by Supervisor Earl Teeples and it is hoped relief drainage can be accomplished.

Teeples, Neighborhood Join To Empty Kenwood 'Lake'

A neighborhood self-help program being organized may, if successful, relieve a serious drainage problem which has existed for some time in southern Farmington Township.

A storm drainage block has resulted for some time in an annual "unnatural lake" on Kenwood St. near Eight Mile in the township.

Supervisor Earl Teeples, for the past couple of months, has been working

with residents and businessmen with the "lakeside property" to seek a solution.

After a request to the township board failed to materialize, Teeples explains, residents and merchants began meeting to find a way to drain the large volume of water which covered Kenwood St.

Teeples has received commitments for donations of material and residents are willing to do the work so the

project can be done without much expense if the county will inspect and approve the completed project.

Carlismo Concrete Pipe Co. on Eight Mile has agreed to donate large concrete pipes, Teeples says, and the Piedmont Concrete Company has agreed to supply as much as 2,000 yards of fill. The Oakland County Road Commission has approved the fill, Teeples adds.

persons were not in a financial condition to accept another special assessment.

"Many were on limited income. They felt that not only they, but others in this area, would use Kenwood and therefore should also contribute. None came forth. Something had to be done."

Teeples arranged a meeting with residents and county road officials with a tour of the troubled area taken afterwards. Cooperation between the road commission and the county DPW, Teeples says, resulted in the pumping out of the lake and discovery and removal of silt deposits in the drain.

The neighborhood workers include the owner of Elmer

the Welder shop on Kenwood, Vern Noble of Eight Mile Lumber Co., John Carlismo of Carlismo Concrete Pipe Co., and Bill Wright, a resident.

The present timetable, the supervisor says, is: get permission from the road commission for residents to do the work; coordinate efforts and schedule arrival of equipment; install catch basins and manholes.

Honor Knuth

Miss Constance J. Knuth, a junior from 24616 Adams, Farmington, has been named to the dean's list at Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania

EFFORTS ARE now being made by Fred Harris of Farmington Township, recently appointed an Oakland County road commissioner, to coordinate procedures to relieve the problem and repair the roadway.

"It is hoped that the efforts will be fruitful and that Kenwood will once again become a route for travel in Farmington Township," says Teeples, "and not a health and safety hazard to the citizens."

In September 1969, the county road commission drew up plans to improve Kenwood St. The improvement was requested because of flooding conditions with water collecting as deep as four feet.

Apparently, the water did not drain, Teeples explains, because a 24-inch crock drain built 17 years ago became blocked and no longer drains the roadway.

PART OF the problem, he adds, is that the crock was allowed to be installed on private property and county officials are reluctant to work on private property.

About a month ago, Teeples introduced a proposal to the township board asking the township to participate in the improvement project with the county, as outlined in October 1970 by the road commission.

The proposal was tabled because most trustees felt residents along Kenwood should contribute financially before the township should match funds.

LETTERS WERE sent out to all residents along Kenwood, Teeples said, and the answers indicated most of the

JC Card Party Is April 28

The Farmington Area Jaycee Auxiliary will present a benefit card party April 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Farmington Elks Lodge at 23666 Orchard Lake Rd. just south of 10 Mile.

served and a number of prizes offered.

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