

# Join County Group?

By SUE SHAUGHNESSY

Members of the Farmington Township Road Association will be asked to vote on a proposal to affiliate with the Oakland County Homeowners and Taxpayers Association at the Dec. 17 meeting of the group.

William Hutton, president of the road group, told The Enterprise & Observer that the board of directors voted to put the question to the general membership last week.

"The move is in response to an invitation by Mr. Swindler (Glen Swindler has been an organizing force in the county group) to become an associate member of the homeowners group," Hutton said.

"An associate membership means we will receive the homeowners' mailings and can make whatever use we wish of them."

THE OAKLAND County Homeowners and Taxpayers Association was originally formed to fight the purchase of additional airport facilities by Oakland County.

County GOP sources privately term the group as being drawn from the anti-Romney forces in the county.

The homeowners' membership turned out in force for the public hearing on the 1969 county budget. The group specifically objected to any taxes being levied above the 15-mill limitation to finance the county's building program.

Locally, the road association has been formed to try to improve Farmington Township roads, especially those in the south end of the township.

Township officials privately react to the group as a Democratic pressure group. The group contends that it is non-partisan, but it is a fact many of the active Democrats in the area are also active in the road association.

Hutton was a Democratic candidate for Farmington Township trustee during the last election.

THERE is some feeling among the membership of the road association that the group should broaden its political base and not become tied to either one of the political parties.

The Oakland County group has been at war with the members of the existing 87-member County Board of Supervisors for some time. During the recent election, the group made endorsements among the candidates for the county offices.

Endorsements for the Farmington candidates went to Republican Christian Powell and Democrat Gerald Friedman, Powell and the current chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Delos Hamilton, won election as the Farmington representatives.

DRIVER IGNORANCE The Insurance Information Institute notes that one third of the nation's 18,000 high schools have no driver education classes although substantial auto insurance premium discounts are available to parents of students given driver education.

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**A BAG OF BOODIES** — Valerie Eslyn takes a turn at trying to break the pinata last Saturday at the end of the French and Spanish language classes in Highmeadow School. Breaking the pinata is a Mexican custom at children's parties. When the pinata breaks everyone shares in the scramble for candy, balloons and prizes. Saturday morning lessons in Spanish, French and German will be conducted in January in the Ten Mile School. Applications will be sent home through the elementary schools early in January. (Photo by Evert)

## Farmington Socially Speaking

By KATHY ZISKA  
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There are other columns in the paper that deal with scouting news but it seems only fair to mention, when you notice special efforts put forth, Mrs. Rita Biardi of Meadowview.

Gil Scout leader of Troop 681 and Co-Leader, Mrs. Barbara Duke of 13 Mile, deserve a word of recognition for their special efforts and interest.

An early evening hayride was planned by the leader and co-leader for the end of November. It just so happened that this particular week, Mrs. Biardi was down with the flu but so the hayride was transferred to Dec. 6.

There are 22, lovely, lively, pre-teen young ladies in the troop so it isn't an easy task to plan or change plans for any event. There were 20 that attended the hayride, which seems like a remarkable acceptance of the project.

On Jan. 24, Mrs. Biardi and Mrs. Duke, plan a train ride with the troop to the State Capitol to meet with the Governor as an educational project. Each girl shares expenses.

THE YEARLY Ridgewood Subdivision Dinner-Dance was held recently at the Bonnie Brook Country Club. Mrs. Bob McCarthy, chairman of the event, and Mrs. George Reimold, co-chairman, report that guests enjoyed the evening. John Hurley of Ridgewood Drive is the subdivision president.

Mrs. Charles (Nanna) Kapernaros from Belleville, Ill., is spending several weeks at the home of her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kapernaros of Foxgrove.

We had to put Nanna in parentheses as hardly anyone knows what her first name is but when you speak of "Nanna", everyone knows that you are speaking of Mrs. Charles Kapernaros.

That Detroit Review Club is

having a busy month. They completed their Annual Bridge Party and Fashion Show Dec. 2 and a week later, Dec. 10, the members attended the annual Christmas Party at the Women's City Club Auditorium.

The group heard the first performance of soloist Karen Sutherland, soprano from Windsor. Miss Sutherland competed and won first prize at the 1968 Chatham Festival and is now a member of the double quartet of the Metropolitan Methodist Church.

Accompanying Miss Sutherland on the piano was James A. Hunt, organist and head of the voice department in the Farmington Schools. He is minister of music at the Metropolitan Methodist Church.

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Watzke, who is director of the Michigan MARS program, told The Enterprise & Observer overseas personnel can telephone friends and relatives

through the MARS network. "The telephone messages have to originate overseas," Watzke said, "and they're free if the overseas radio operator can locate another operator in the recipient's telephone district."

Watzke said if the overseas operator could not reach a local amateur radio station, the next nearest would be located.

"Then, there would be the long distance charge from the nearest operator to the recipient," he said.

Watzke said there are more than 20 amateur operators in the Detroit area who participate in the MARS program.

More than 60,000 messages were sent or received from southern Michigan amateur stations last Christmas, he said.

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