

# Operation Shovel Running Into Bureaucratic Snags

By JAN WILLIAMS

FARMINGTON Getting it straight from the horse's mouth doesn't always assure accuracy, as the Farmington Township ditch digging team has discovered.

"Telling people they'll do things, then not following through, is a thing the county's noted for," says Mrs. Barbara Seabolt, ditch digging project coordinator.

The project, dubbed "Operation Shovel," was begun last February by township residents. Its purpose was to dig ditches, replace culverts and repair streets in the township's south end, which

is annually plagued by muddy conditions.

According to Mrs. Seabolt, the county had originally offered to replace any culvert that needed replacement. The county also said it would build up the roads with slag and gravel at no cost after residents had completed their work.

"Now they're saying they'll only replace the hard-ship cases," Mrs. Seabolt says. "A lot of people are upset about it, but we're not going to argue. We're pressed for time."

Farmington Township will become the City of Farmington Hills July 1. There-

after, the residents of the former township will be liable for all costs for the project.

"The county is now offering to put the culverts in at a cost to the township of \$50 per culvert," Mrs. Seabolt says. "It's a horrible price. This is supposed to be a non-profit organization."

Mrs. Seabolt says she is going to stress that every culvert possible be put in. "Whatever we get is better than nothing."

She said Township Supervisor Robert McConnell is doing everything possible to help the project.

"He's not getting us 100

per cent cooperation, but we're up to residents on each block to decide whether they wanted to do the digging themselves or hire someone else. The county offered to do it at a cost of \$150 per foot.

Mrs. Seabolt says she is now "trying to get people digging behind" and get the digging done.

The digging has to be done on or before June 25 in order for the gravel to be put on the roads.

The roads included in the project are Colfax, Dunkin', Hungo, Landy, Osmas, Whitlock, Parker, Powers, Robinson, Ruth, Sunnydale, Mayfield and Ambeth.

Total cost for each resident was estimated at \$53.94, which included \$49.94 for each culvert, a \$2 tax and \$2 permit fee.

Seabolt says the township has offered to provide 120 tons of gravel per mile, which will amount to approximately one inch of gravel on the roads.

The majority of township residents affected feel they're getting a raw deal. But according to Mrs. Seabolt, Supervisor McConnell says he won't let July 1 come around until the project's finished.

## Former Jaycee Dies Suddenly

FARMINGTON Glen N. Kennedy Jr., past president of the Farmington Jaycees who died of a sudden heart attack, was buried Saturday in Glen Eden Cemetery.

Kennedy, 38, was stricken at his cabin in Rose City where he was owner of Kennedy Wood Products. He had moved there about two months ago while retaining his Farmington residence at 26345 Grand River.

West Branch Lodge No. 2061, Loyal Order of Moose.

Funeral services were held at Trinity Episcopal Church of Farmington with the Rev. John K. Hooper officiating.

Survivors are three daughters, Karen, Audrey and Lynne all of Farmington; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen N. Kennedy Sr. of Farmington; his grandmother, Mrs. Mary K. Kennedy Westland, and a brother, Gaylord T. of Farmington.

He also was a member of

Sewer Gets New Hearing

FARMINGTON A public hearing to study the need for a sewer for Rhinwood St. was held without action by the Farmington Township board Monday night.

Following a lengthy discussion, the board tabled action to June 25 after a petition against the sewer was presented by a number of the residents in the area.

McConnell said \$7.3 per cent of the residents had favored the sewer. However, the names on the new petition would be confirmed.

McConnell explained Monday's session was strictly a "necessity hearing" and no action was expected at that time.

He told the petitioners they would be heard as to why they oppose the sewer at the June 25 meeting.



WILLIAM LUTES, 23830 Beacon Drive, is one of those graduates who earn degrees while raising a family. He received a BS in industrial management at a special breakfast for graduates of Lawrence Institute of Technology, Southfield, recently. He is congratulated by his wife, Mildred, and his daughter Elizabeth.

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