

Northwestern Opposition Grows

WEST BLOOMFIELD A citizens' group has put the state, county and local township governments on notice that it wants to review any information bearing on plans to extend Northwestern Highway through Oakland County.

The request has been made by Concerned Citizens for West Bloomfield (CCWB), a lobbying group which recently helped stop location of a regional center in West Bloomfield planned by The

Taubman Co. of Southfield.

The CCWB also asked Attorney General Frank Kelley to make sure that all legal requirements are met before the project proceeds.

"Now that federal require-

ments call for citizen participation," says Mrs. Diane Davis, secretary of CCWB, "in whether a highway will be built and where it seems very important to us that there be the widest possible dissemination of information

about highway planning and highest possible discussion of it."

In a letter to Gov. Milliken, dated July 23, she said West Bloomfield residents were "concerned to learn that the State Highway Dept. has

reaffirmed its decision to extend Northwestern Highway through out township without waiting for completion" of the environmental impact statement.

"We fail to see any logic in the highway commission

making its decision first and its study last," says Mrs. Davis.

The governor, the day before the letter was mailed, had already decided to order a halt on any further purchases of right-of-way along Northwestern until the environmental impact study is completed.

"Because we believe that the highway extension has the potential for a substantial alteration of the basic character of our community," she continued, "we want to make sure the project not be undertaken without a prior determination of a public need which can be met in no other way."

The CCWB's position is that, if such a need is established, the benefits should be expected to justify all costs including social, environmental and economic.

The letter to Milliken urged that the moratorium on obtaining right-of-way be continued until a public hearing is held on the impact study.



GREETINGS FROM NETHERLANDS — Mayor Robert McConnell accepts a plaque from Inspector William Draisma, of the Hilversum Police Band from the Netherlands on its tour of the mid-west. Attending the ceremony were (from left) Floyd Cairns, acting city manager of Farmington Hills; Mayor McConnell; Frances Evans, police officer; Lt. William Kelly, Officer McKewitz, Sgt. Charles Archambeau and Inspector Draisma. (Evert photo)

Farmington Loses Pioneer

FARMINGTON With the death of Clara G. Wixom July 23, Farmington

lost a pioneer resident well known throughout the community.

She was married to the late Perry Wixom, after studying in the college that now is Central Michigan University, she taught in Farmington's old Fairview school, riding her bicycle there each day.

She was married to the late Perry Wixom, also a member of a large pioneer family which gave its name to the town west of Farmington.

They had five children. The family lived for a time on a farm in Farmington Township and later moved into the city.

For the last 25 years of her life, Mrs. Wixom and her son, Ralph, had a home on Grand River near Warner.

Other members of their family are Kenneth Wixom of Howell, and Russell Wixom, and Mrs. Dorothy Smith of Farmington and Mrs. Adeline Jamieson of Farmington Hills.

There also are nine grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.



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BEST PET IN SHOW — "Droopy," basket breed, Jeff Fisher, 2770 Heartstone, Farmington.

SMALLEST PET: first place, Kristin Hines, shaggy-haired, "Duffy"; second place, Pam Sack, poodle dog, "Peggy"; third place, Kelly Seng, Shih Tzu dog, "Sue the Tiger Cat."

TEEN CLASS — TWO MOST EVENLY MATCHED PETS: first place, Pam Sack Hines, "Shady and Odeon"; second place, Sherry Walker, mice, "Trist and Daisie"; third place, Dale Browning, ducks, "State and Seal."

LARGEST PET: first place, Fred Morrison, dog, "Duke"; second place, Debbie Drayton, great Dane, "Pasha"; third place, Kim Johnson, Great Dane, "Bambi."

PET WITH WAGGING TAIL: first place, Philly Smith, dog, "Peggy"; second place, Linda Shady, Labrador retriever, "Bobby"; third place, Nicole Harward, dog, "Cody."

BEST TRAINED PET: first place, Diane McCarthy, Shetland, "Lassie"; second place, Barbara Bell, poodle, "Peggy"; third place, Barbara Bell, poodle, "Peggy."

PET WITH BUSIEST TAIL: first place, John Savan, dog, "Tiger"; second place, Gretchen Koch, domestic long hair, "Ginger"; third place, Barbara Bell, poodle, "Peggy."

FURRIEST LOOKING PET: first place, Therese Jacquette, Poodle/Poodle, "Cici"; second place, Sandra Sumner, standard Poodle, "Ginger"; third place, Kim Oyster, dog, "Wilbur."

FATTEST PET: first place, Jeff Fisher, basket breed, "Droopy"; second place, Kurt Poinstener, Cocker Spaniel, "Bobbie"; third place, Jeffery Mahoney, dog, "Meg."

SENIOR PET: first place, Ron Kaler, Airedale, "Herman"; second place, Rick Boggs, male, "Speedy"; third place, Sue Gorman, cat, "Chandler."

OLDEST PET: first place, Lee Ash Myers, terrier, "Alexander"; second place, David McConna, Pidgeon, "Pete"; third place, Jim England, dog, "Cody."

BEST CARED FOR CAT PET: first place, Mary Morris, poodle, "Ginger"; second place, Billy Johnson, guinea pig, "Miss Zippi."

SMALLEST FULL GROWN PET: first place, Andrea Porter, hermit crab, "Hermit"; second place, Kim Billis, Airedale, "Pete"; third place, Rick Arnold, cheetah, "Moby Dick."

MOST UNUSUAL PET: first place, Pam Johnson, Poodle/Sheep Bear, "Rookie"; second place, Pam Demas, insect, "Julia"; third place, Nancy May, albino rat, "Wilbur."

MOST ORIGINAL COSTUME — PET AND OWNER: first place, Max Thompson, Rottweiler, "Albert"; second place, Laurel Lovitch, bulldog, "Taurus Duke"; third place, John Pfeiffer, German Shepherd, "Hans."

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