

Council Discusses County Programs

The Farmington City Council met informally with the city's representative to county government last week to discuss the efforts of the Oakland County Road Commission to receive some of the general fund for road maintenance and construction.

The City's Supervisor Deloe Hamlin, who also serves as chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, outlined the county's proposed five-year capital improvement plans.

He never directly discussed the road problem other than to agree that the roads do need work, Hamlin pointed out the needs of the county and observed that there just isn't enough money to go around.

lature has approved an increase in the gas and weight tax.

The council has gone on record supporting the road commission's plea for additional funds. The townships, which depend upon the county for road maintenance, are united behind the road commission's stand.

IN ANSWER to Councilman Ralph Yoder's question if the road commission could give some funds, Hamlin replied "I think they might be open for a compromise on this."

Hamlin agreed that the road commission did have a serious problem, but observed that the demand for county services was rising each year as the population grows.

ITEMS INCLUDED in the county's five year capital improvement program would total \$31 million with the county share of the costs being \$21 million.

According to Hamlin, the most critical of these needs are:

A new county jail (county share \$4,611,500); a children's school for the wards of the county (\$1,299,000 in the first phase and \$1,676,500 in the second phase); airport improvement (\$6,355,500) which Hamlin termed "essential for the economic growth of the area"; and an addition to the existing county courthouse (\$3,500,000).

The current county budget is \$21 million per year. This figure does not include the income tax rebate which is an estimated \$1.2 million more to county coffers.

County portion of the 15 mill allocation has been 5.4 over the past few years, Hamlin said that with the pressing needs of the schools, he did not foresee a rise for the county fund in this allocation level.

MEMBERS OF THE County Road Commission met with the council in the fall to ask their help in obtaining an annual fund.

The road commissioners said that they were requesting \$1 million per year from the county so that the county will receive from the state income tax revenue. Presently the only funds the road commission receives is the county rebate on the state gasoline and weight tax.

Since then, the State Legis-

Financial problems of the county road commission have been so acute that Farmington Township voted it \$40,000 to help ease its current burden.

Recently the State Highway Commission allocated \$407,000 to the county road program.

The reason for the urgent county need this year is the heavy snow and ice clearing work required last winter and the necessary repair of the roads because of the spring breakup.

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A NEW KIWANIAN -- Farmington Superintendent of Schools Roderick J. Smith (right) was formally initiated in the North Farmington Kiwanis this week by President Harold Larson. The North Farmington Kiwanis is the new name for the group that used to be called the Kendallwood Kiwanis.

'Sound Of Music' Opens Thursday

Everything is all set for the opening of the Farmington High School production of "The Sound of Music" Thursday, Dec. 14 in the Farmington Junior High auditorium.

Curtain time for the 125-member cast is at 8:30 p.m. Additional performances are also scheduled for Dec. 15 and 16. Everything is all set except the finances.

IN ORDER to produce the show, the school was forced to pay a royalty. This plus the other inevitable expenses of a theatrical production brought the total tab up to \$2,200.

The budget will be met through ticket sales.

Appearing in the role of Mother Abbess will be Diane Franja Bauer, a graduate of Farmington High. Mrs. Bauer has appeared in leading roles in the University of Michigan productions of "Oklahoma," "Carousel," and "Princess Ida."

She sang at the Kiwanis International Convention in Miami Beach before an audience of 15,000.

Most of the rest of the cast is drawn from the student body at FHS.

HOWEVER, the adults have been active in the production.

Costumes for the nuns posed some problems until the faculty at nearby Our Lady of Sorrows High School in Farmington offered their services.

With such expert help, the costumes were easily completed.

The Surrows nuns also contributed their services in coaching the nuns in the cast on the proper manner of singing the chants of the abbey.

With all this help Producer William Feucht and Director Lee Peol are certain that the expense of the show can be met.

Feucht observed that tickets could be purchased at the door.

Farmington Junior High is located at Warner and Thomas Sts., just north of Grand River and east of Farmington Rd.

Army Promotes Farmington Men

Two Farmington residents have been promoted to Army private pay grade E-2 upon completion of their combat training at Fort Knox, Ky., Nov. 9.

They are Pvt. Roy K. Williams, Jr., 18, son of the senior Roy K. Williams, 22935 Hayden, and Pvt. Bruce W. Segur, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Segur, 28660 Grayfield.

Junior Troop 750 Is Busy Helping Santa

By JUDY ZAHLER 474-7408

Santa has many willing and cheerful helpers in Junior Troop 750 which meets at the Methodist Church in Farmington. Mrs. Monroy and Mrs. Gagnon

co-leaders. The girls have been bringing used dolls to the troop meetings and they are now in the process of refurbishing and dressing them for distribution by the Elks Club during the holidays. They have also been busy making cloth dogs and other stuffed animals which they will also turn over to the Elks.

The girls made water-proof ornaments and took part in the tree-trimming ceremony Dec. 6.

course taught by Mrs. Sally Rousseaux.

They are learning how to outfit and use a good first-aid kit and the basic principle of first-aid which is--call a doctor and make the patient as comfortable as possible until the doctor gets there.

But in case of emergency--about which they are concerned--they are learning to treat shock, wounds, poisoning, burns, artificial respiration and the transporting of injured persons.

As part of their Christmas project the Scouts are making Christmas candles for their parents and eight of the girls are dressing dolls for the Good-fours. Also in the planning is a camping trip to Narrin some time in January.

If there are any girls in the neighborhood who would like to be a Scout in this troop (the requirements are that they must be 15 years of age or in the tenth grade) please contact either Mrs. Wilson 474-8394 or Mrs. Socali 474-5642.

No Flu Epidemic

Although the Farmington community has not been hit by an epidemic of Asian flu, local medical authorities say safeguards should be taken against the disease. It is very widespread throughout the state and in the metropolitan area.

There is virus infection making the rounds in city and township. Doctors say it is not the flu, but has some of the same symptoms, including respiratory infection, bronchitis and sneezing. The aches and pains of flu are not present, however.

The virus infection is highly contagious and should be treated by a physician.

Although absenteeism has been high in schools in Livonia, Farmington schools have not had any marked increase.

Local doctors say residents should get protection against the flu before an epidemic takes over. They recommend two flu shots, one followed by another eight weeks later. Shots cannot be taken once the disease is contracted.

SENIOR TROOP 804 is just getting organized but it is really a go-go troop thanks to the efforts of the senior advisors, Mrs. Socali and Mrs. Willson.

This was a Cadette troop that is now being transformed into a Senior Troop and two of the patrols are Cadettes who will be Seniors in the near future.

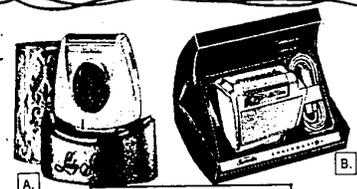
Just recently the Scouts went around to the houses in the Kimberley and Lincolnshire subdivisions and collected soap to send to the villagers in Vietnam. They have already shipped 50 pounds of soap to Vietnam and hope to send a lot more.

As far as the girls are concerned the only thing that is keeping them from sending out soap by the ton is the cost of shipping it--\$6 for 50 pounds.

The Cadette patrols are working on Emergency Preparedness and in conjunction with this they are in the process of taking a five-week first-aid

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