

# County Defends Local Road Maintenance



**SWORN IN** — Donald C. Harms was sponsored by his father, Herbert, in Oakland County Circuit Court Judge James Thorburn's Court when he was admitted to practice before the State Bar of Michigan.

The beleaguered Oakland County Road Commission has fired a defensive shot at its critics in a letter mailed to all townships in the county. Recently the road commission has come under increasing fire because of the condition of the local roads. Agrop has been formed, calling itself WIAAR for "Why Have Aweil Roads" in the northwestern corner of the county.

In its three page letter to the members of the Farmington Township Board the commission outlines its case.

Farmington Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall told the Board that the letter was compiled to state the commission's position in the light of the WIAAR group.

"I personally deplore the state of the roads," Hall asserted, "but I would be the last

to throw stones at the road Commission. They just don't have the funds to do the job. However, I personally feel that the county is losing ground each year on the local road situation.

THE COMMISSION asserts to its letter that:

"From time to time proposals are made to take part of the gas-weight tax collected by the state and return a portion of it to townships for maintenance activities or more recently for the purpose of providing the township's share of 'matching' on local road construction. Naturally, such proposals have 'some merit' but they are few 'facts of life' that must be considered."

"The legislature has recently determined that only 34 per cent

of the gas-weight tax will be used for county roads (a decrease of one per cent) so it is highly unlikely that any part of the gas-weight taxes the townships might receive would come from what the legislature has determined the cities and state should receive. It is much more probable that if the townships were to get a small portion of the funds that it would come from funds already coming to the county road commission for county roads.

"Secondly, the legislature has decreed that 75 per cent of the funds received in the counties is for 'primary' road maintenance and improvement and with the great need for better access to freeways, work locations, shopping centers, recreation and so forth it is very

unlikely that any more funds can be taken away from this county road primary system. In fact, in Oakland County we are already annually using about 10 per cent of the funds received by the counties for our 'primary' road funds on 'local' road maintenance and construction.

"In 1967, the Oakland County Road Commission received \$1,100,000 for all local road maintenance and construction of a 1,725 mile local road system for an average of only \$640 per mile. We spent approximately \$1,700,000 and made up the difference by transferring some primary road funds as mentioned above. We expect to receive less than \$1,200,000 for local roads in 1968 and about \$1,400,000 in 1969.

"There are 167.5 miles of

local roads in Farmington Township for which we receive approximately \$117,535.60 per year with which to pay for all maintenance and construction."

IN AN OUTLINE of its basic costs, the commission asserts that:

"One grader and operator are necessary for every 50 to 75 miles of gravel road at an annual cost of more than \$20,000.

"One dump truck and driver is needed for every 30 to 50 miles of road at an annual cost of more than \$18,000.

"Supervision costs at least \$50 per mile per year.

"Adequate preparation of a road for paving and a two and a half by twenty-two foot bitum-

inous aggregate pavement will average over \$100,000 per mile. "Gravel delivered on the roads costs from \$2 to \$3 per cubic yard and costs about \$685 per mile to add one inch of gravel.

"Ditching costs from 50 cents to \$1 per cubic foot and that is only on one side of the road.

"Pavement repair or replacement costs about \$3 to \$7 per square yard.

"Calcium chloride costs at least \$350 per mile per year.

"Such things as tree trimming and removal, grass mowing, signs, roadside cleanup, engineering and administration are also stable cost items that cannot be avoided.

"All costs are going up over five per cent each year."

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Still a bit of news on the past holiday, The Don Dubois family, of Fernhill, had quite a time. First their son, Bruce, was home from military school for about two weeks. And after a family celebration on Christmas, the whole gang took off for Traverse City to play at their cabin and a week's skiing at Holiday and a visit with Don's parents who make their home in Traverse City.

Another family from K-L went south for a long vacation. Florida was their destination. It was the Randall family of Quail Hollow.

Had a note from the Gates family. You will remember that Mr. Gates is with Burroughs and was transferred to Brazil and from all reports they should be settled in their home in San Paulo, Brazil. (That's the way they spell it in South America).

THE ST. FABIAN'S Women Council held a meeting in the social hall Jan. 8. Jot down Jan. 23 on your calendar, for on that date the Woodale P.T.A. will sponsor a pancake supper.

THE WOMEN of North Farmington will meet Jan. 23 and

the program for the evening is entitled "A Night to Remember on Forest."

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### ASSETS

Cash, balances with other banks, and  
cash items in process of collection \$ 1,369,197.96  
United States Government obligations 2,023,025.47  
Securities of Federal agencies  
and corporations 774,543.75  
Other Securities 15,750.00  
Loans and discounts 5,800,383.19  
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other  
assets representing bank premises 365,673.19  
Other assets, including \$0 (None) direct  
lease financing 27,571.54  
**TOTAL ASSETS 10,376,145.10**

### LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals,  
partnerships, and corporations 2,763,321.10  
Time and savings deposits of individuals,  
partnerships, and corporations 5,284,869.93  
Deposits of United States Government 60,678.25  
Deposits of States and political subdivisions 1,076,182.77  
Certified and officers' checks, etc. 115,872.56  
**TOTAL DEPOSITS \$9,306,924.61**  
(a) Total demand deposits \$3,276,374.68  
(b) Total time and savings deposits \$6,030,599.93  
Other liabilities, including \$0 (None)  
mortgages and other liens on bank  
premises and other real estate 297,315.18  
**TOTAL LIABILITIES 9,604,239.79**

### CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

(c) Common Stock - total par value 375,000.00  
No. shares authorized 47,500  
No. shares outstanding 37,500  
Surplus 150,000.00  
Undivided profits 46,905.31  
Reserves 200,000.00  
**TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS 771,905.31**  
**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS 10,376,145.10**

### MEMORANDA

Average of total deposits for the 15  
calendar days ending with call date 9,152,310.63  
Average of total loans for the 15  
calendar days ending with call date 5,794,749.14  
Loans as shown above are after deduction of  
valuation reserves of 3,500.66  
Securities carried at \$473,521.77 in the above state-  
ment of December 30, 1967, are pledged to secure public  
deposits including deposits of \$95,380.20 of the Treasurer,  
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Louis J. Lavigne, President, of the above-named bank  
do hereby declare that this report of condition is true and  
correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
/s/ Louis J. Lavigne

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