

Livonia Ready To Start Building Fire Stations

Livonia's plans for new fire stations and equipment, authorized by voters last fall in the approval of a \$1,600,000 bond issue, are taking form.

Emmett Leith Receives Award

BEDFORD, MASS., -- University of Michigan Prof. Emmett Leith was presented with the Daedalian Minuteman Award at a luncheon held here on Saturday Jan. 20.

He resides at 14450 Oxford in Plymouth.

Daedalian Minuteman Wing flight captain and base commander Henry Dittman, an Air Force colonel, presented the award in recognition of "an individual who we feel has made the most outstanding contribution in the field of electronics."

Leith is assistant head of the radar and optics laboratory at U-M's Willow Run Laboratories. His work has been in the areas of radar, microwaves, synthetic aperture radar systems, communication theory, data processing, and coherent optical systems.

Leith and a Willow Run research colleague, Juris Ustunelis, are responsible for the renewed national interest in holography (lensless photography).

The Daedallians are a group of Armed Forces pilots or their sons. Their membership includes the present Air Force commanders and the Air Force chief of staff. The group carries on educational, scientific, and charitable work.

The trophy symbolizing the award will be on permanent display in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington.

Computer Pegs Cost Of Roads

Michigan's 83 county road commissions have united to set up the nation's first computerized system to tabulate local road costs, according to Robert Scott, Alpena, whose Scott Engineering Company assists the County Road Association of Michigan in developing efficiency studies.

The cost accounting system, developed in cooperation with the State Treasury Department, gives county road commissions valuable data to help them better manage local road operations.

One of the benefits of the cost accounting analysis is to enable commissions to establish accurate equipment charges, Scott said. Michigan's county road commissions now spend approximately \$30 million or 21 per cent of annual income for replacement, maintenance, and operation of some 17,000 pieces of road equipment.

STUDIES SHOW The value of county road equipment has gone up 41 per cent since 1959 but increased efficiency has held cost of direct repairs to a gain of only five per cent. However, analysis shows also that countries have been under such pressure for new road construction that adequate reserves have not been set aside for future equipment replacement, Scott said.

THE MICHIGAN computer program already has become a model unmatched by any other state. Data fed into computers is supplied voluntarily by each county road department.

Ford Sales Set Record

Ford Division set sales records in new cars and new trucks for the Feb. 21-29 period, during which total sales were 60 per cent higher than in 1967.

Ford dealers sold 58,600 cars, up 58 per cent over the corresponding 1967 period, and 21,138 trucks, 63 per cent more than a year ago. The combined total of 79,738 was almost 30,000 units greater than the 49,790 sold in the same 1967 period, which had one less selling day.

The Legal Department to proceed immediately with the bond requirements for the total amount.

THE MAYOR reported to Council that he had asked Safety Director Donald Nicholson and Fire Chief Calvin Rob-

erts, soon after the bonds were voted, to prepare a site and spending program. Several months were required to do the preliminary planning, Moelke said.

Recommendation that the whole amount be raised by bond sale soon, and the money invested in the proposed program, was a step toward beating the rising costs of land, labor, materials and equipment, the mayor said.

"AFTER CAREFUL study and review," the mayor wrote the Council, "it was determined that all the equipment, sites and buildings approved under the bond issue should be requested immediately, rather than on a piecemeal basis which undoubtedly would result in higher acquisition costs."

"The exact locations of some of the sites have not been determined, but this issue will

be resolved before the bond proceeds are available."

Sites recommended were 200 feet at Middle Belt and Five Mile at \$40,000; 200 feet on Newburgh Road north of Five Mile, at \$20,000; and 200 feet on Newburgh north of Seven Mile at \$20,000, for a total of \$80,000.

PRIORITY was given to a fire station on Plymouth Road, west of Newburgh, on city-owned property. The 8,800 square feet would cost \$204,000, with dormitory bedding and furnishings estimated at \$5,000. The cost total includes site development and bedding.

Also recommended was a repair and maintenance shop, 60 by 40 feet, costing \$48,000. The department does its own mechanical work, major and minor, lubrication, etc. The furnishings, costing \$15,000, would include a heavy-duty

hoist, hydraulic equipment, an air compressor and complete set of tools.

To provide proper facilities for training personnel, the department recommends a four-story tower costing \$22,000; a six inch water main from Plymouth Road to the rear of the station with hydrant; a 3,000-gallon water pit constructed for pump and engineering training; and paving of training area, \$49,000; five 1,000 gallon pumps, fully equipped, at \$30,000 each, or \$150,000; three snorkels, \$5 or 100 feet at \$85,000 each, or \$255,000; four two-way base radios at \$800 each; nine two-way mobile radios at \$800 each; 11,000 feet of hose at \$21,500.

With plans calling for the Fire Department to provide rescue and ambulance service, Nicholson recommended purchase of three rescue units equipped to transport injured

to hospitals. Two would replace present units. They would cost \$12,000 each, or \$24,000.

A HEAVY-DUTY generator lighting unit, to provide electricity from fire department headquarters in case of power failure, would cost \$4,800. A gas pump and 3,000 gallon tank at headquarters would cost \$4,000, and landscaping there would be \$17,000.

PRIORITY No. 2, at Middle Belt and Seven Mile, a 6,800 square foot station on city owned property, would cost \$204,000, with \$5,000 for furnishings.

An additional inspector and car in the Fire Prevention Bureau is asked.

PRIORITY No. 3 calls for a 6,000 square foot station at Newburgh and Five Mile, costing \$180,000, plus \$5,000 for furniture.

The No. 4 priority is a station at Seven Mile and Newburgh also 6,000 square feet and costing \$180,000 with \$5,000 in furnishings.

Architect fees for the proposed stations are estimated at \$63,000, or seven per cent of the total.

The voters authorized the

Wayne Out County Teachers Credit Union has elected Dominic Paris, a teacher at Franklin High School, Livonia as the president, and Robert Juhke, principal at Bulman Elementary School, Redford Union as vice president. Secretary is Garnet Hoover, a teacher at Jackson Elementary School, Livonia, and treasurer is Leslie G. Lee of Northville, who has been treasurer for 14 years. Other members of the board are: Frank Rice, Garden

Picks Livonian City, John Jasper, Allen Park, and Marshall Everett, Redford Union. Dr. Romeo Phillips was elected to the Supervisory Committee and is the Personnel Director for the Institute Board of Education, and Deanna Anama was elected to the Credit Committee from the office staff.

The credit union has grown from 27 members to 6,649 members, with assets of almost \$5 million. Since October, 1966 it has operated from its new building at 5973 Middlebelt.

Traffic Up On Big Span At Mackinac

ST. IGNACE--Good driving weather, coupled with increased winter sports activity, raised February Mackinac Bridge traffic and revenue to the highest ever recorded for the second month of the year, the Mackinac Bridge Authority reports.

Prentiss M. Brown, Bridge Authority chairman, said 32,367 vehicles crossed the bridge, an increase of 8.9 percent compared with February, 1967, and nearly double the 16,684 vehicles crossing the span, an increase of six percent over February, 1967.

James E. Brophy, Bridge Authority Chairman, said the number of vehicles was the highest for a February since the bridge was opened in 1922.

"A portion of the increase can be attributed to the extra Leap Year Day, but there has also been a noticeable increase in truck traffic this winter," he said.

International Bridge traffic was up nine percent in January.

February

Road Toll Shows Hike

Michigan traffic deaths in February numbered 124, an increase of 19 or 18 per cent over 105 for the same month a year ago, according to State Police provisional figures.

The February toll was one less than the average of 125 for the five years 1963-67.

IT BROUGHT the accumulated deaths for the first two months to 249, which was 12 or five per cent more than 236 for the same period in 1967. The two-month total this year included February's extra day which provisionally is charged with only one death, however.

Delayed death reports will increase somewhat the totals for February and the first two-month period.

Meanwhile, more complete records show that the death count for all of 1967 has increased to 2,129, which is 173 below the all-time high of 2,326 recorded in 1965.

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