

# Two Honored For Vietnam Deeds

High school chums and now ex-Army buddies Sp/4 Ronald Duprey and Sgt. Dave Littleton are now swapping war stories. They recently returned from a year's tour of duty in Vietnam and Korea, carrying multiple honors.

Ronald, 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Duprey, of 28074 Elba, Redford Township, was attached to the 25th Medical Battalion in Vietnam.

Dave, 22, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Littleton, of 14812 Seminole, was with Army Intelligence based at Taizon in Korea.

Both boys were graduated from Redford Union High School in 1964. Ron was president of that class. Both went into the Army at the same time in



SP/4 RONALD DUPREY  
Home From War

June 1966 and arrived home within two days of each other. Ron came back first on March

15, followed by Dave's arrival on St. Patrick's Day.

Dave, admits his stories aren't nearly as exciting as Ron's because he wasn't in combat. But a year in another country still makes for some interesting conversations as the two compare notes on impressions of the Far East.

AS FOR RON, there was plenty of excitement as evidenced by awards of the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and Combat Medical Badge given to him while in Vietnam.

This unit, like Dave's, also won the Presidential Citation and the Meritorious Unit Citation.

The Purple Heart came in connection with rescue work during "Operation Dust-Off" at Cu Chi last July. Under heavy mortar attack, Ron dispatched helicopters to pick up the wounded, setting an unofficial record of 13 minutes per rescue.

The Bronze Star came after "Operation Yellowstone" last December through February at Katum, three miles from the Cambodian border.

The Combat Medical Badge followed work in the field during enemy attack last November. When U.S. forces were attempting to secure an air strip at Songtee.

With their Army service out of the way, the two friends are looking to the future—and finishing college. Both (naturally) have selected Wayne University.

## Strike Enters 2d Month

The strike of 200 hourly employees against the Star Cutter Co., in Farmington Township, entered its second month this week with no indication that there has been any progress in contract negotiations.

A bargaining session was held April 3, the 31st day of the walkout, between representatives of management and Local 985 of the United Auto Workers, AFL-CIO, after which company president Norman Lawton said, "Little was accomplished."

This was only the second return to the bargaining table since the strike began, and was called by officials of the State Labor Mediation Board.

Lawton said, "The outlook for an early settlement doesn't look very good."

No further meetings are currently scheduled.

The strike started March 4 after members of the U.A.W. local had rejected by unanimous vote a company proposal for a three-year contract. Bargainers still are far apart both on economic and non-economic issues.

The company, located at 34500 Grand River, is Farmington Township's largest single employer. Its monthly payroll is in excess of \$200,000, officials have stated.

## 7 Bid To Widen Farmington Rd.

Widening of Farmington Rd., between Eight and Nine Mile Rds., brought bids from seven contractors this week, the lowest being for \$456,949, according to an announcement from the Oakland County Road Commission.

Less than two weeks ago an official engineering estimate of the project's cost had been pegged at \$440,000.

The road commission has taken no action on the bids which were opened Wednesday, but City Manager John D. Dipas said he expects the low figure of the Sterling Garrett Co. of Walled Lake to be accepted. The second lowest bid was for \$468,169.

City council approval also

will be necessary, and work is expected to start in late spring to permit completion of the widening job by Oct. 15.

In addition to the mile of paving to make Farmington Rd. a four-lane thoroughfare, the project includes installation of curbs and gutters to provide proper drainage.

Also included are turning lanes at the southern approach to Nine Mile Rd. and the northern approach to Eight Mile Rd.

The City of Farmington will pay 25 per cent of the project's total cost, as will the county. Federal funds available to the county will be used to cover the other 50 per cent.

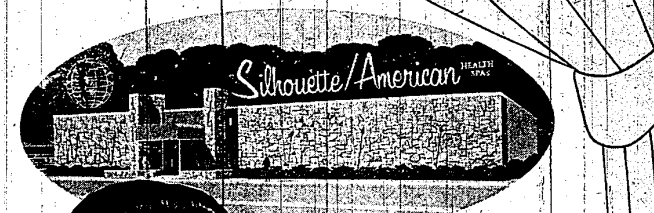
## CMU Honors

Among 49 undergraduates at Central Michigan University who have been selected for membership in Phi Kappa Phi, a national honorary scholastic society, is a senior from Farmington, Mark Gaylord, of 29944 Minglewood.

A 3.5 academic average for the entire collegiate career is necessary for membership. Gaylord is majoring in biology.

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