

Holko Changes Image

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Some of the things Holko has done to improve the professionalism and abilities of Farmington Township officers is the initiation of a training program to give all policemen adequate training in all areas of police work.

The program has been well-received by the officers, Holko reported.

IN THE area of firearms training, the department has one of the best combat pistol shooting teams in the state with numerous trophies to show for it.

Equipment has been bought and put to use to improve the performances of the officers on duty.

These include walkie-talkies and guard shields in patrol cars, which are also now mounted with flood lights.

In addition, Holko has realigned the patrol divisions in the community to allow officers to concentrate on high crime rate areas.

Administratively, Holko and the police officers association have negotiated a new three-year contract with the township board for the first time in the community's history.

The sergeants - lieutenants association is also asking for a three-year contract - a feature which will make it easier for the department to make the transition into possible city incorporation.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE and training improvements

have boosted the morale of the men who patrol the community.

Miss Harris said that there were four officers who had written resignation letters last fall and just waiting to see if Holko "would be a 'yes man' or a police chief."

The attitudes have improved so much, she said, that there would be a "mass exodus" of officers from the township if Holko ever left the position.

THERE is also an absence of conflicts and distrust among bureaus and within the patrol division, she added.

Now, there are more college-trained and college graduates in the department, showing an interest among the men to become professionals in their field.

About 95 per cent of the patrolmen and corporals are enrolled in college classes, compared to only 45 per cent before Holko arrived in town.

There are also four college graduates in the 46-man police force, contrasted with only one in past years.

Another improvement has been in the area of press relations with local newspapers - who are now invited to weekly press conferences in Holko's office.

This is similar to his responsibilities in Westland where he was in charge of press relations for the 85-man department.

Durfee Ends Navy Basic

Navy Fireman Russell T. Durfee, son of Mr. Donald Durfee, 28924 List Ave., Farmington, graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center in Orlando.

He is a former student of Clarenceville High.



FARMINGTON WOMEN Mrs. James A. Lanigan (center) and Miss Marilyn Mitchell (right) met recently at Camp Oakland for a United Foundation training session in preparation for the 1972 Torch Drive. With them (left) is Mrs. Paul Borman, residential campaign chairman for Oakland County.

DR. RICHARD J. WLODYGA, Warren, partner in the Warren Eye Clinic, 38945 W. 10 Mile Rd., Farmington, was recently elected president of the Michigan Lions Eye Bank, at the Michigan Lions Convention in Lansing.



Area Student Joins Summer Study Group

FARMINGTON A Farmington girl will be among 31 students from Northern Illinois University spending six weeks this summer in Switzerland studying European civilization.

Wendi Zamler, 32044 Olde Franklin Drive, will receive six semester credit hours after completing her studies in the humanities and fine arts at Lugano, Switzerland.

The program is part of an experiment to set up a permanent summer overseas campus.

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Community College buildings across I-96.

The college is expected to be a heavy user of the new facility, and there is even a foot bridge across the expressway between the campus and the library.

A typing room, a conference room, tape recorders, record players are all part of the facilities.

Currently there is an art exhibit of OCC student work in the basement, and an exhibit of Farmington photographer Joe Clark in the auditorium.

But that first book... It was "A Model Book of Railroadng."



KARL A. REICHARDT, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Reichardt of 30105 Valley-side Dr., Farmington, was among 43 students to receive a doctor of veterinary medicine degree in recent commencement ceremonies at Michigan State University. Dr. Reichardt, who received the B.S. degree from MSU in animal husbandry, was president of the collegiate chapter of the American Veterinary Medicine Association and class vice president. The recipient of the Ingham County Kennel Club award, he intends to begin small animal practice.

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