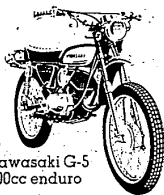


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The road which serves two schools is nearly impassable.

## Muddy roads again

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they explained, to keep cars from running into the knee-deep mud at the intersection.

THE BARRICADE, complete with flashing lights, couldn't stop cars - but it did serve as a warning. Most residents were parking at the party store on Farmington Road and hiking in, said Mrs. Nancy Allen.

Mrs. Allen, 27, of 21174 Flanders, has taken a philosophical outlook on the whole situation. "It's good entertainment. We make bets on who can get out," she said. She added that it is also great for social purposes because "everybody gets out in the spring" to rake their lawns, comment on the mud and perhaps dig little drainage ditches of their own.

But the mud is also a possible danger. "If my five-year-old daughter falls in she can't get out," Mrs. Allen said. "There's no bottom to it."

"The scary thing is, if there's an emergency, they can't get a vehicle in. There's a fire hydrant next to my house," next to the mired road.

According to Wanda Maki, 15, of 21177 Flanders, the roads have needed repair for as long as she can remember. "Even digging ditches would help," she said.

Wanda said there were ditches in the neighborhood once, but road graders and muddy spring weather have

reduced them to shallow depressions along the roadsides.

Mrs. Allen said she called the city, complaining about the roads, but she didn't get much response.

"They were very polite and very nice and they promised that they would do something," she said. That was the last she heard from them.

ROADS in other sections of the area also suffered from the rains last week. Old Rd. near Flanders was rough, but passable because of the number of rocks dumped on the road.

Radcliff Road, north of Eight Mile Road and between the two trailer parks almost disappeared into a swampy-looking quagmire.

Kenwood, just north of Eight Mile Road, was closed off with black and white sawhorses and flashing lights.

FARMINGTON HILLS city manager George Marjors quickly admits that the city has problems in the southeast section, but he just as quickly pointed out that the situation is being taken care of.

Back in the township days, the Oakland County Road Commission provided the township with \$200,000 a year for road maintenance. Today, for the new city of Farmington Hills, the state provides \$800,000 for roads, Marjors said.

Farmington Hills got the first check last November, but during the winter

"you can't do anything but plowing," Marjors noted.

The city plans to buy road grading and ditch digging equipment as soon as possible, he said.

Also, on Feb. 25, the Farmington Hills city council passed a resolution as the first step toward petitioning the Oakland County Drain Commission to build a massive storm drain system in the southeast section of the city.

THE DRAIN SYSTEM is necessary in that area, Marjors said, because it is the oldest and the flattest area in Farmington Hills.

Just how soon the drain can be built will depend in part on the Farmington City Council and the drain commission, who must both approve the project.

Marjors said the drain could be completed in about a year. It's projected cost is close to \$1 million.

THE CITY manager also commented on residents' fears of impassable roads blocking emergency vehicles.

He said the police patrols keep a constant check of what roads are and are not passable. This information is passed on to emergency vehicles and they are rerouted to better roads.

Fire trucks are also equipped with 1,200 foot hoses, so if one hydrant is not usable another one can be within reach.

## Roger Walker seeks 64th house seat

Roger Walker, Oakland University instructor and realtor-owner of the Farmington Realty Co., became the first to throw his hat in the ring for the announcement of the retirement of State Rep. Raymond Baker.

The 64th district encompasses the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills, as well as the western edge of Southfield.

Walker is a former Farmington Jaycee.

HE IS a former chairman of the public affairs committee of the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce, past president of Kiwanis, former member of the board of directors of the United Foundation, and former member of the reception committee

of the Detroit Economic Club.

Currently he is a member of the Farmington Elks, Farmington Exchange Club, Farmington Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis and is president of the Warner Farms Homeowners Assn.

He is also president of the Farmington Civic Bowling League.

A graduate of Farmington High, Walker attended Eastern Michigan University, the University of Michigan, and City College of New York.

A former captain in the U.S. Army Signal Corps, Walker served in the Asiatic-Pacific theater in World War II.

Married and the father of two children, he resides at 2290 Manning, Farmington.



ROGER WALKER

## Richard Kozlow talks to artists

Richard Kozlow, highly-acclaimed Farmington artist, will discuss his current works at the Farmington Artist Club meeting Wednesday, March 13.

The session will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Farmington Public Library on 12 Mile Rd.

Kozlow has been a painter and commercial artist. In 1960, he turned his full attention to painting.

He is regarded as one of the nation's outstanding landscape artists. Kozlow has exhibited in the United States and abroad and is represented in many museums and private collections.

## Soccer anyone?

Registration for a summer soccer program in Farmington will be held at 7:30 p.m. on March 14 at Longacre Elementary school, 34850 Arundel. Boys from eight to 15 years of age are encouraged to register.

The program will field five teams, including one entry in the Michigan Youth Soccer League, which sponsors teams in the metropolitan area. A fee of \$5 per player will be charged. Additional information may be obtained by calling Armando Tavani at 477-8404.

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