

Television executive

Hills resident heads UF committee

By FELICA KOBYLANSKI

Don F. DeGroot, vice president of The Evening News Association's broadcast division and former general manager of the WWJ radio and television stations, has been named media group chairman for the United Foundation's 1975 Torch Drive.

DeGroot has been a resident of Farmington Hills since 1949.

"I was out there when it was called Farmington Township and when Orchard Lake Road was just wide enough for Model T Fords," he said. DeGroot has been with the United Foundation since its beginning in 1949. "I've been on the PR committee and currently, the advisory committee," DeGroot said. In 1971 he was the Torch Drive's television committee chairman.

As media group chairman, DeGroot is responsible for production of a documentary to be aired by local stations in late September. The 30-minute color film will employ this year's campaign theme: "People who need, need people who care."

DeGroot will also have overall responsibility for creating, producing and scheduling public service announcements and TV spots promoting the 1975 Drive.

Two weeks ago, DeGroot appointed his assistant, Peter Kizer, of Bloomfield Hills as the new general manager of the WWJ station so that he could devote full time to his position as vice president of the Evening News Association's broadcast division.

As vice president, DeGroot oversees operations of the Evening News Association stations in Mobile, Ala. (WALA), Tucson, Ariz. (KOJD) and the WWJ station in Detroit. "We also will soon have a Channel 4 station out in Oklahoma City," DeGroot said. DeGroot, who is originally from Flint, has been active in broadcasting since 1930. In 1941 he became program manager for WWJ radio. He then worked at stations in Flint and Baltimore before rejoining WWJ as program manager in 1949.

Other positions DeGroot held with

the station include public affairs manager, station manager, assistant general manager and general manager.

DeGroot is a member of the Detroit Press Club, Detroit Athletic Club, and the Detroit Chamber of Commerce and is a former president of both the Michigan Association of Broadcasters and the Michigan Associated Press Broadcasters Association.

DeGroot has also been active locally. He was president of the Farmington Kiwanis Club in 1966 and was the first president of the Farmington area Community House Association.

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Farmington students with straight As are Donna Armstrong, Colleen Gallagher, John Hoedl and David Turton. Christy Heintzman of Farmington Hills also received all As.

Other Farmington students who made the dean's list are Kathryn Beery, Deborah Benden, Douglas Carvell, Deborah Clark and Margaret Clarke. Donna Crawford, Suzanne Darling, Kathryn Eckert and Jacqueline Ellens.

Vincent Evans, Jeanne French, Leslie Fry, Deborah Godfrey and Richard Guirlinger.

Arlene Hall, Annette Humm, Sherry Humm, Claudia Kalney and Linda Karagocian.

Christine Kernen, Susan McHugh, Jayne Murphy, Wanda Peterman and Barbara Reid.

Brenda Scaglione, Dale Shakrko, Janet Skrovan, Laura Stewart and Ellen Tune.

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