

Road Plans Are Made For The Year 2,000

Southeastern Michigan is rapidly changing from a rural and semi-rural area to an urban area. Current projections show that population will increase by more than 50 percent and that Oakland County will be completely urbanized by 1960.

This growth, coupled with a disproportionately small increase in money for road construction and maintenance, leads to a familiar syndrome of roadway inadequacy.

As more people move into an area, roads become more and more crowded and the need for an improved highway network becomes compelling. At the same time property values usually skyrocket.

Both these conditions result in greatly inflated right-of-way costs; which, in turn, boost the cost of construction. The end result is that fewer new roads can be built and the existing system becomes even more crowded.

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The plan actually depicts a roadway system that would be required in the future; it

shows how much right-of-way will be needed and where. Oakland County's plan has been incorporated into the Inter-County Highway Commission master plan which covers all the Detroit area counties.

If realized, this plan should result in a highway system capable of handling the traffic load expected in the year 2000.

4 Elected At Boys State

Four Farmington youths were elected to offices at the recent American Legion Wolverine Boys State at Michigan State University.

The boys, their sponsors and the officers they held include: C. Randy Cleveland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cleveland, 31841 Rocky Crest, American Legion, city councilman, Adams City; Greg Hurst, son of Mr. and Mrs. Newton L. Hurst, 36946 Hawthorn, Groves Walk or Post 346, member of civil rights commission; Thomas Raestie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raestie of 29272 Lochmoor, chief of police, Johnson City; Robert Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Brown, of 35929 Quakerborn Lane, general secretary to the governor.

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Unfortunately the road commission does not have the authority to implement this plan.

Currently each municipality or local unit of government has the right to enforce its own zoning and set-back ordinances. Neither the Oakland County Road Commission nor the Inter-County Highway Commission

Jail Trio

FARMINGTON Three Farmington men have been sentenced to spend two weekends in city jail after being arrested for loitering at Greene's drive-in parking lot.

Farmington District Judge Michael Hand sentenced the following two weekends in jail plus \$25 fines: Richard E. McClure, 20, of 30254 Fiddlers Green; Ronald C. Faber, 20, of 32851 Heathstone; and Jerry L. Thompson, 20, of 21770 Orchard Lake.

The three were arrested May 11 after being warned by city police to leave. They refused to move and were charged with loitering.

Judge Hand convinced them of loitering on July 1 and handed down the sentence.

Boys Burn Auto

FARMINGTON Three Farmington juveniles, ages 8-9, completely destroyed a 1967 Chevrolet Impala Tuesday by tossing a smoke bomb type firecracker into the auto. The smoke bomb started a fire which burned out the entire inside of the auto. The fire was put out by volunteers from Farmington Township Fire Station 2.

The boys were apprehended by Township Police and turned over to the juvenile officer.

In Swim Show

Connie J. Shook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Shook, 22440 Frederick, Farmington, was one of the featured swimmers in the Wittenberg University's synchronized swimming club's recent annual aquatic show. She is a freshman student.

Local News

By MARIE LONG
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TWO YOUNG GALS from Holly Hill Farms are leaving early in the morning on July Fourth for a five-week vacation in England.

Phyllis, 18, and Lois, 16, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. James Clements of 29601 Sugar Spring Rd., Farmington Two, will be making the trip with the Tartan Club.

The trip is a graduation gift for Phyllis who graduated from North Farmington last month. Lois will be a junior at North Farmington this fall.

THE ROBERT Hammond family of 22108 Gill, Farmington, recently visited the American Museum of Atomic Energy in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

The museum, which features demonstrations on peaceful uses of the atom, is the first such institution in the nation devoted to nuclear science.

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tion seek to usurp this authority but rather to offer standardized guidelines so that municipalities could prevent outsiders and developers from building within future right-of-way.

Some cities and villages may feel that they can preserve a certain rustic atmosphere or prevent the influx of additional traffic if they refuse to adopt these guidelines. Such opinions seem valid now but they are short-sighted at best, says Sol Lohmstrom, commission chairman.

As Oakland County's population grows traffic pressure will mount and these areas will no longer be quaint stretches of road, but dangerously congested bottle-necks.

"By providing for the future now we all can avoid the costly and time-consuming problems such as were recently experienced in the routing of I-696," noted Paul McGovern who is vice chairman of both the Oakland County Board of Road Commissioners and the Inter-County Highway Commissions as well as a delegate in TALLUS representing the Oakland County Board of Supervisors.

McGOVERN LISTS six good reasons for townships, cities and villages to adopt the guidelines set forth in the Inter-County master plan:

1. New roads can be built

and old ones widened with a minimum of hardship and inconvenience to property owners and occupants.

2. Lives would be saved for motoring would be safer as the highway facilities are expanded.

3. Property values would be retained or increased after highways are improved.

4. Taxpayers would save money through lower right-of-way costs.

5. Physical, historical and natural resources would be conserved by preventing the necessity for demolition of buildings.

6. Right-of-way property would be available for the construction of sidewalks, thus increasing pedestrian safety.

Right-of-way requirements according to the master plan are as follows: on local roads, 85 feet of right-of-way; on primary roads, 120 feet of right-of-way; on expressways, 204 feet of right-of-way; and on limited access freeways, 250 or more feet of right-of-way.

"These requirements," said McGovern, "were established through a cooperative effort of township, county, inter-county, and state agencies. They are consistent and compatible with all adjoining communities, making it possible for a total highway system to be developed in southeastern Michigan—but only if local governmental agencies are willing to cooperate in the effort."



CHARITON - In appreciation of their contribution to the safety and welfare of the 8,000 students they transport daily, Charlie Haas, Kiwanis president; (at right) presents an award of merit to Farmington school bus drivers. Accepting on behalf of the drivers are (from left) Mrs. Clara Simpson, assistant bus supervisor, Mrs. Sandra Nelson, transportation secretary, Mrs. Charlotte VanWicklin, president of the Farmington Bus Drivers' Club, and John Greshover, bus supervisor. (Evert photo)

Digest Of Academic Affairs From Students Who Study

On Dean's List

Vicki S. Miller, 34021 Northwick, Farmington, has been named to the dean's list at the University of Illinois at Urbana.

Otto A Master

Norman Otto of 32490 Nottingham Knoll, Farmington, has been awarded a master of science degree at the University of Illinois.

Gets Special M.A.

Richard Hollatz, 29740 Ardron Park, Farmington, has been awarded a master of science administration at Michigan State University after completing a special program for middle management and senior business executives.

Pledges TKE

Clifford R. Eslyn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Eslyn, 28779 Bannockburn, Farmington, has pledged The Kappa Epsilon fraternity at Adrian College. A graduate of North Farmington High School, he is a freshman majoring in English.

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Jann Atchison Elected At MSU

Jann Atchison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Atchison of 33911 Macomb, Farmington, recently was elected house manager of Alpha Delta Pi sorority at Michigan State University.

Miss Atchison is also pledge trainer and will hold both offices until December. She is a sophomore majoring in retailing.

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