

New Jail Now Being Built

The challenges of designing a jail facility are many. An environment conducive to rehabilitation of inmates, protection of the public and economical construction are among the primary factors.

The \$8 million Oakland County Law Enforcement Complex, designed by Giffels & Rossetti, Inc., is now under construction in Pontiac. It is scheduled for completion in September 1971.

The new facility, which will house 470 inmates, will replace the overcrowded Oakland County Jail, constructed in Pontiac over 40 years ago. Gone is the old, expensive concept of multi-story cell blocks facing an outside wall to achieve natural lighting and ventilation through barred windows. Replacing it is a

scheme of single-story cell blocks, receiving natural light from unbarred, overhead skylights, which are inaccessible and impenetrable. Alarm systems add additional security.

OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL Improvements include reduction of noise by use of precast cell partitions (rather than steel plates) and piped-in music or special broadcasts. This same communication system permits monitoring of noise levels within cell blocks, so that disturbances are immediately pinpointed. The communication network also includes closed-circuit TV at critical points, an integral part of the total security system.

Donald J. Giffels, chief

project director, said that wherever possible throughout the facility, security cladding has followed the traditional steel bars in permit better observation of inmates, providing a degree of openness to the inmates. In this design, use of bars is limited to a few design of

the grille has been adopted, providing much better vision.

Prisoner safety was an important consideration in the jail design. Fire and smoke detection systems permit immediate response to release inmates to outside yards, within security walls.



TODAY'S NEWS—The Farmington Historical Society's float in Saturday's festival parade stressed the theme: "Today's News is Tomorrow's History." (Event photo)

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Elevate Livonia Men

Two Livonia men have been promoted by Detroit Diesel Engine Division of General Motors Corp.

Norman R. DeMaestri, a former resident on Country Club Dr. in Livonia who has now moved to Chicago, has been elevated to manager of the division's Chicago regional office. DeMaestri is a retired U.S. Air Force major who joined the division in 1956.

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