

Crime Rise Seen In Local Figures

The number of major crimes reported for the first six months of 1968 is up 22 per cent over the same period a year ago in Farmington Township and 14 per cent in the City of Farmington, according to reports from the respective police agencies.

without threat of injury and without breaking into a building, Police Chief Robert F. Deadman explained.

There were 177 reported larcenies of property valued at over \$50 in Farmington from January to June, 1968. Twenty eight of these cases have been solved, \$0 for.

Farmington Township police agree with Deadman. "Our department, as are most police departments, is a service agency and much of our time is spent providing services for the community," Farmington Township Police Chief Irving H. Yakes said.

"It's very hard to pinpoint the exact activities of a patrolman or detective on any given day."

and other police statistics between the city and township, police officials said.

Nationally, the seven major crimes (murders, rapes, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, auto theft) reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation have increased 21 per cent for suburban areas.

There were no murders or rapes reported during the first half-year. One robbery and 38 burglaries were reported in the city. Seven assaults and 18 auto thefts were filed.

Auto theft increased by 100 per cent in the township -- 48 cases have been reported. No murders were reported in the township, but five assaults were reported. Burglaries numbered 241.

Both Deadman and Yakes are referring to the so-called lesser crimes and cut-out-of-tree activities that take valuable police time.

One crime showing a significant increase in the Farmington area is malicious destruction of property.

"The economy and many social characteristics of a community have a great effect on the crime rate of a community."

SPECIFICALLY, the number of murders, rapes, robberies, assaults, burglaries and auto thefts did not increase in the city, but larcenies increased by more than 21 per cent.

Also, there has been no significant increase in the number of murders, rapes, robberies and burglaries in the township, but assault, larceny and auto thefts have increased.

"OF COURSE, any major crime in any city is important to that city," Chief Deadman said, "but a department's real work can be seen in crimes not reported in the FBI statistics."

City police had 1,985 offenses or bookings reported during the first half-year, but only 238 were in the nature of a major crime.

It is up more than 35 per cent in the city and 51 per cent in the township.

The amount of commercial sales versus the amount of residential areas as well as the per capita income of the residents will have an effect on the appearance of statistics on crime."

Larceny is taking property

said that eight assaults were

not reported in the FBI statistics,"

One high ranking township police officer who asked not to be identified said:

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PLYMOUTH — Greater Plymouth governmental and civic leaders voted unanimously to perpetuate and expand their study of governmental consolidation after hearing a report on the feasibility of such a move. According to the report given before the third annual Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Leadership Conference, to unify Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth into one it would have cost an area tax rate of \$8.82 per \$1,000 in state equalized valuation in 1968-67.

LIVONIA — Property home owners, in a special school election, narrowly approved renewal of seven mills for school operating expenses, but soundly defeated the addition of four extra mills for future use by more than a 3 to 1 margin.

LIVONIA — The City Council has approved a \$225,000 supplement for senior citizens housing through a general obligation bond issue. However, final action has been postponed until more can be learned about a new turnkey type of construction and financing that may afford larger quarters for less money.

WESTLAND — The City Council received a proposed paving program Monday which would, if completed, cost more than \$9.7 million. City administrators hope that the program, which would include paving, sidewalks and adequate drainage, could start by next July.

GARDEN CITY — An examination scheduled last week for Dr. Alan Menkes of Garden City has been adjourned until Oct. 28. Dr. Menkes, an osteopath at Ziegler Osteopathic Hospital in Detroit, has been charged in the shooting of a Detroit man on the John Lodge freeway. Presiding judge will be Recorder's Judge Samuel H. Olsen.

GARDEN CITY — A financial report submitted to Garden City Council showed the city experienced a \$74,450 deficit when the year being audited ended last March 31.

REDFORD — Nine witnesses watched in horror as Phyllis R. Watton, 38, a mother of five was shot to death by her husband Denys, who then turned the gun on himself.

Rood Earns Star



CLEAN-UP — Members of Farmington Township Auxiliary Fire Department No. 4 polish up their fire truck in preparation for the Farmington Fire Prevention Parade down Grand River on Saturday, Oct. 5.

Pfc. Raymond C. Rood, 22, 21200 Parker, Farmington, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device for valor for his bravery in helping to defend Vung Chu Mountain in Vietnam while it was under attack by an enemy force on Aug. 12.

The Army citation received by Rood's mother, Mrs. Jack Hasendorfer, of Bloomfield Hills, and his father, George Rood, of the Farmington address, states that the medal was awarded for "exceptional valorous action."

Assigned as a medic to Company B, 41st Signal Battalion, Rood was on duty with another soldier in a bunker at 1:15 a.m. on the night of the enemy attack.

JUST BEFORE the enemy forces attacked with small arms, grenades, stiches, charges and rockets, Rood and the other man flipped a coin to see who would go for coffee. Rood lost the toss and had left the bunker when the enemy hit.

Because no enemy action was expected, Rood was out of the bunker on his way for the coffee without a flak jacket or his helmet when the barrage began. His bunker mate was killed during the attack.

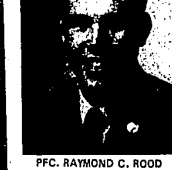
Rood was given the medal for saving the life of another man who was wounded 65 times. He gave that man medical aid, stopping his bleeding and gave the soldier fire cover until a helicopter could come in and carry the wounded man out.

Rood carried out the mission with complete disregard for the fact that his own wrist was broken in two places.

In a letter sent home after the action, Rood said, "I just did my job -- no more."

MRS. HASENDORFER says that her son has wanted to be a doctor since he was 12 years old. He was a pre-med student at Schoolcraft College and would have completed his studies to become a doctor but flunked German and was drafted.

Rood's brother, Douglas, 20, is also in the Army. Both young men attended Clarenceville High School.



PFC. RAYMOND C. ROOD

Fire Prevention Parade Marches On Saturday

Everybody loves a parade. And the annual Fire Prevention Parade down Grand River on Saturday will have all the hoopla—fire engines, old and new, colorful clowns, floats, tooling bands and celebrities.

Fifteen communities will send equipment to the parade, including an antique Stanley Steamer from the 1870's, Model A fire trucks and a 1928 Mack truck.

Bands from Farmington schools will play for the marchers and auxiliary city firemen Al Schultz and Ken Abler will perform clown antics along the way.

Parade Marshal will be Louis Suter of South Lyon, state Fireman of the Year. He is a member of the South Lyon fire department, an instructor at the University of Michigan fire school and saved a life last year at a fire scene.

Lending to the fun will be the Masonic Keystone Kops with their educated automobile and mini-bikes. During ceremonies at City Hall, Congressman Jack McDonald will read a presidential proclamation on Fire Prevention Week.

Some people, like this reporter, came not knowing what to expect. A crowd estimated at more than 1,500 turned out for Denny McLain Day, Sept. 28, at the Demery Shopping Center, in Farmington Township.

Detroit Man Dies In Crash 1,500 Turn Out To Greet Denny McLain

An 81-year-old Detroit man was killed at noon Friday when his car went out of control on I-690 west of Middle Belt Rd. William Semkow, a retired tool and die worker, was dead on arrival at Borgstrom General Hospital at 12:30 p.m.

Denny McLain. Some people came expecting the Super Man among the Super Tigers.

Some people came expecting a young athlete whose prowess has tripled his next year's baseball salary.

It appeared that his car rapidly gained speed just before leaving the highway, according to the police.

Semkow was under treatment for a heart ailment, police said. No other persons were involved in the accident.

Some people came expecting a young athlete whose prowess has tripled his next year's baseball salary. He didn't make that. Fifteen hundred people came to see Denny McLain.

Learning Center Dedication Set In Farmington

The Learning Resources Center on the Farmington Township campus of Oakland Community College will be dedicated Sunday, Oct. 6, at 4 p.m.

The invocation will be offered by the Rt. Rev. Richard S. Emrich, bishop, Episcopal diocese of Michigan.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be honored at the dedication.

Michigan Congressman John Conyers, Jr. will deliver the dedication message in behalf of Mrs. King, who is unable to attend the event.

Ron Lee of 23775 Whittaker, Farmington, president of the Orchard Ridge Student Government, will deliver the welcoming address.

Following the dedication, refreshments will be served inside the center and student guides will conduct tours of the campus grounds.

The architectural firm of Giffles & Rosetti has donated the outdoor dedicatory building signs and John Jon Lockard, of Ann Arbor, a black artist who was commissioned to paint a portrait of the late Dr. King, will present it at the dedicatory ceremony.

Orchard Ridge Campus is located at 27055 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington, between Farmington and Orchard Lake Rds. The public is invited to the ceremonies.

Rubin To Speak

Irving J. Rubin, director of the Detroit Regional Transportation and Land Use Study (TALUS), will be the featured speaker at the quarterly meeting of the Farmington Board of Commerce.

TALUS seeks to provide an updated and comprehensive plan for public and private development in southeastern Michigan.

The luncheon meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 10, at 12 noon in the Salem Church.

Tickets priced at \$8.75 for the luncheon may be purchased at the Board of Commerce office in the Masonic Temple.



LITTLE TIGERS — Kevin Sternick, whose Tiger uniform had over-sized "17" on the back of the shirt, gave the real "17" Denny McLain a travel alarm clock from the township.

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