

EMU Orients 6 From F'ton

FARMINGTON Six Farmington students who will enroll as freshmen at Eastern Michigan University this fall attended a six-day orientation session there recently.

They are: James Devlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Devlin of 29762 Old Bedford; Gordon Duda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Duda of 30207 Piperslane; Dennis MacDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. William MacDonald of 22571 Powers; Robert McLeod, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent McLeod of 7401 Finnegan; Curtis Olsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Olsen, 28041 9-Mile Road; and David Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Peterson of 29515 Foxgrove Road.



WINNERS of the car in the annual Elks Club contest during the Farmington Fall Festival were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lindberg (center) of Farmington. Bill O'Connor, exalted ruler of the Elks, and James Harris, chairman of the ox roast committee, present the car keys. (Evert photo)



FARMINGTON ROTARIANS recently hosted their district governor, Dr. Donald McGregor of Brighton who made his official annual visit to the club which meets each Tuesday noon in the Botsford Inn. McGregor is a public health dentist and serves the J. W. Maxey Boys Home.

Knack Honored

FARMINGTON Jeffrey Knack of 32318 W. 12 Mile, Farmington, has been named to the spring quarter dean's list at the University of Cincinnati.

ATTENDS CAMP--Harrison High School marching band twirlers recently attending the Smith-Walbridge Camp at Syracuse, Ind., are (from left) Cathy Seaman, Meredith Tine and Marilee Mills. During the week camp, the participants received instructions from twirling experts.

Board Speaks Out On Millage

FARMINGTON Whether the pendulum swings for or against a 3.5 mill tax increase proposal going before Farmington voters August 22, the Farmington Board of Education wants taxpayers to "know how we feel," according to board president Richard H. Peters. The board voted unanimously recently to come before voters a second time in a "desperate attempt to save quality education in Farmington," Supt. Roderick J. Smith said.

A previous attempt to pass a 4.5 mill tax hike for a four-year period failed by a 2,974-4,329 vote June 14. Even if the 3.5 mill (\$3.50 per \$1,000 equalized valuation) increase passes for one year, it will mean bringing the proposal up for reconsideration next year if the State Legislature fails to take the burden of funding education off the property tax.

PETERS, newly-elected board president and senior member in the group, has two children in the Farmington school system who will "suffer along with everyone else" should the millage proposal be squashed, he said.

He said he feels students will suffer most from cutbacks in reading specialists and library services. "I've always felt that if a child can read, he can do well in school. Everything is based on that ability to read," Peters added. He remembered back to 1955 when he and his family moved to Farmington. "That was the beginning of an explosive population growth that didn't taper off until 1967-68. Schools were on double session then, but it wasn't long before building and curriculum growth caught up with the population because the community was truly concerned about having a good educational system," he said.

"Art and music are of great concern to me too," Peters added. "You know, it's much easier to start cutting back programs than it is to seek a positive solution."

EXTRA-CURRICULAR program cuts were high on the list of disappointments for Mrs. Kathryn Stirling, too. Mrs. Stirling, one of two female board members and the mother of a high school senior, said, "You bet I'm concerned!"

"Without these programs, Farmington is not offering its students a total education," she went on. "Some of the greatest advantages of these programs are intangible. For

example, the sense of self identity and belonging a student achieves through participation in these areas is absolutely vital in the 13-18 year-old student. It is very important for young people to have pride in themselves and their school."

"Athletics require great self-discipline and certainly encourage a sense of responsibility and team effort. It's a very competitive world our young people live in, and

it's necessary for them to learn respect for the other person and to get along together."

"You know, we hear so much criticism of teenage youth from older people—long hair, drugs, no respect for law and order or adults, and on and on. Well, I'm proud of Farmington's youth. Let's see that we in Farmington don't lose their respect by letting them down when they need us."

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