

Lee Earns Top Money For Ideas

FARMINGTON

Do you ever have ideas that you're sure are worth a bundle, if only there were someone to make use of them?

A Farmington man recently had one such idea that won him \$10,000 under the General Motors suggestion plan.

N. Donald Lee, a life-long Farmington resident, has earned nearly \$50,000 for 50 awards under the plan.

A STENCIL REPAIRMAN. Lee works in the quality control department of the Fisher Body Plant in Livonia.

Lee has worked for GM for nearly 27 years, and is presently responsible for repairing and revising stencils in the cutting room at the plant. The Livonia plant produces interior trim sets for most GM cars.

The suggestion resulted in a "considerable savings" in material for GM. "With my suggestion it has earned nearly \$50,000 for 50 awards under the plan," explained Lee.

LEE SAID in the process used at the Livonia plant, material is laid on a cutting table.

A stencil is placed over the material, and a blue powder is poured over. When the stencil is removed, traces of the powder remain. Along these traces the material is then cut.

"I had a little time, so I rearranged the parts and shortened the stencils," said Lee as he explained how he arrived at his suggestion. "I have a few more suggestions pending in the area of saving material."



D. NORMAN LEE, who has considerably supplemented his earnings with payments from the GM bonus suggestion plan, is shown in the stencil cutting room of the Fisher Body Plant on Plymouth Rd., Livonia. (Evert photo)

Citizens School Millage Boosters Pick Leaders

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Farmington residents Richard Crudele and Emma Makinen named co-chairmen of the Farmington citizens for better schools committee when the group completed its organizational meetings this past week.

The committee has welded together an organization of about 40 citizens, Farmington Schools staff and student leaders who are completing preparations and expanding the organization with citizen volunteers to conduct a grass roots information campaign about the April 24 school millage election.

THE GROUP picked "Be a Better Believer" for its campaign slogan, and "Let's Put First Things First" as the campaign theme.

"We chose 'Let's Put First Things First' for the campaign theme because after all the rhetoric and data is cleared away, the real issue is a better education for our children," Crudele said.

"Be a Better Believer" is our slogan to stimulate our fellow citizens into wanting to know the real facts about Farmington's schools," Crudele added, "rather than listening to splintering negative biases. We feel people would rather be for something than against."

Co-chairman Mrs. Makinen, also Farmington PTA Council president, pointed out "With the money raised from our candle sale, we hope to dig out the real answers to questions the community is asking and get these answers to voters in an election information campaign."

Crudele and Robert Chesley, a member of the better school committee, pointed out that no campaign would be launched by them to raise funds to continue school programs if the millage election failed.

It was Crudele and Chesley who last year led the drive to secure funds to continue this year's school athletic program and extracurricular activities after the millage was defeated last summer.

"There won't be any new attempt to raise money for athletics," Chesley told those attending a recent organization meeting. "Our drive was meant to be a one-time thing. Now it's time all the people shouldered the load."

Crudele bolstered this with: "In no way could we expect the people who dug hard to contribute, to treat a repeat performance with the same urgency."

COMMENTING on recent statements and attempts by President Nixon prohibiting court ordered school bussing

to achieve racial balance, Crudele said:

This should help dampen our opposition's attempts to use bussing as a highly emotional tool to cloud and confuse the real issue, i.e. putting a stop to the crippling effects of an austerity budget on a good education program for our children.

"We expect the John Birchers, the anti-school, anti-

most everything groups to raise the specter of bussing and other innaginated horrors to scare and confuse voters into defeating the millage," he said. "We already know these forces have formed a coalition and plan to hold a rally for this purpose shortly before the April 24 election," he said.

"The community should know this and be prepared to view these attempts for what they are," Crudele stated.

Frank and Bob say:



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Army To Clean Up Park

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Township is this effort, including contact with the U.S. Army Reserve.

Junk cars, rubbish, health problems and other items are being zeroed in for action.

Supervisor Earl Teeplees has met several times with willing workers to formulate plans for

including the clean up of the Township Park area along Orchard Lake near 13 Mile.

"All in all, it looks like we will go into summer with a

clean slate," quips Teeplees.

IMPROVEMENT of the park will be accomplished with the assistance of the U.S. Army Reserve.

The unit will descend on the Township Park early in the morning of April 8 with about 50 men, equipment and vehicles.

The reserve unit reportedly will bring its own medicines station, trucks and chain saw.

The commitment was made when a member of the Farmington Jaycees informed Teeplees the Army Reserve were looking for a community service project and contacts were immediately made.

Reserve officers who inspected the park agreed that the woods and surrounding property would make a fine area for a walk, color tour, or just communing with nature.

But there is a lot of downed timber at the site which must be removed.

"The Jaycees, doing their usual good job of coordination, will make April 8 a fine day," predicted Teeplees.

"The beginning of the day will see the Army, in a new role of public service to communities, working with other civic-minded citizens. The end of the day should see the park greatly improved for the enjoyment of all persons."

The hope is that by the end of the day a valuable experience will have been gained and a thing of beauty created. Down timbers will be cut into fireplace lengths and trucked to the Farmington Community Center to be sold to local residents with the funds going to the Center. We are not planning to cut any standing timber."

The Farmington Civil Air Patrol is scheduled to participate with the Jaycees Auxiliary in preparation and serving of meals to the men on duty.

The Jaycees will be working

with the soldiers and have planned a social get-together afterwards.

TEEPLES also has been meeting with owners, managers and operators of establishments in the Township Shopping Center on Orchard Lake near 14 Mile to discuss maintenance and improvements.

Before the meeting, copies of the township's shopping center ordinance was sent operators to allow their legal staffs to become familiar with the laws regarding proper maintenance of the centers in the township.

Operators agreed with Teeplees to do several things, including: formation of a merchants association for betterment of conditions and preservation of pleasant shopping conditions; and to establish a system of self-policing and monthly meetings of operators to discuss common problems and find solutions.

Also, elimination of storage of discarded wooden fish and produce shipping boxes in the rear area of the stores; placement of additional rubbish containers in front of the stores; and discussions of establishing fire routes.

Teeplees says shoppers will patronize a clean, well-run operation and added that shopping centers need not be ugly. "Our ordinances must be complied with to prevent blight. Cheerful compliance is a better way to go rather than a court appearance."

During the past winter, Teeplees has met with other center operators and promises to continue these meetings throughout the spring with extra efforts planned for the May Cleanup program.

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