

# Spreen Pleads For Support

By DAN McCOSH

FARMINGTON "We have problems." Oakland County Sheriff Johannes Spreen told the Farmington Chamber of Commerce at its "eye opener" breakfast recently.

Spreen aired administrative problems in the department since he took over the office, saying he wanted to "get out there and fight crime, not just run the jail."

He said "politicians," mainly Republican county commissioners, have been turning down his requests for more manpower. They took the brunt of his assault.

"I'm not a politician, I'm a police officer," he said, adding, "It might have been better if I was a Republican."

Spreen defeated long-time undersheriff Les Hazen, who was supported by retiring Republican Frank Irons, during the last election. He was one of few Democrats

who fared well in Oakland County.

He hoped to enlarge the department to provide administrative support and training for local police forces, as well as patrolling those parts of the county that lack a local force.

But he said the commissioners have not been receptive to his requests for more manpower and money.

He said it is currently not possible to keep a man of

sergeant rank or better at the county jail on weekends.

As another example, he said the "lein machine," a computer which gives out past criminal records to the patrol, was often shut down because no one was available to relieve the girl operating it.

"The commissioners think they can get by with 'coolie labor,'" the sheriff said.

He was referring to the approval of several "turnkeys"

for the jail recently approved for his budget.

Aside from his efforts to get more money, Spreen told the chamber of commerce in Oakland County has been increasing over the past five years at a greater rate than in Detroit.

He also said, "I'm not an advocate of gun control, at least not as soft-headed liberals see it." He said he was in favor of "getting the guns out of the hands of criminals."



JOHANNES SPREEN (left), Oakland County's new sheriff, talks with another man with a new job, William Flattery, president of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce. (Evert photo).

# Local Eagles Recognized

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FARMINGTON Eagle scouts are rare - about one of 100 scouts makes the highest rank.

But you couldn't have guessed in last week at a dinner honoring eagles from the Clinton Valley Council. There were 114 boys at Oakland University for the annual affair, and Farmington had the strongest showing.

Troop 389, with Frank Drayton scoutmaster, had no less than 11 eagles out of the 90-member troop. The rest of the Farmington delegation brought up the total to 25 who had earned the honor last year.

Troop 389 was singled out to lead the colors ceremony as a result.

How does a troop generate so much interest in scouting.

Scoutmaster Drayton immediately gave most of the credit to last year's leader, Douglas Welborn.

"He really was the one who got all the kids motivated," Drayton said. Among the boys were Welborn's two sons, Kerry and Scott.

Drayton added scouting has seen a lot of changes, and last year was the first for the new program which emphasized "city skills" along with the more traditional woodcraft.

The size of the troop also helped. "But you can't expect 90 boys to come to a meeting without making a little noise," Drayton said, implying organization has become a real art.

The dinner featured retiring General George H. Wilson, finishing a term as general chairman of the Clinton Valley Council.

Dr. Tom Haggal, a minister from High Point, N.C., spoke to the scouts.

The dinner was the end of a day which saw the scouts touring local businesses which represented their career interests.

Sponsors showed them a day at work and then escorted the scouts to the dinner.

Noting most of the scouts would be to doctors or lawyers, Toastmaster Terrence E. Monaghan said, "I only see one farmer in the list-it looks like he's going to be the richest one of all."



COLORS CEREMONY at the dinner was conducted by Troop 389 members Michael Benjamin, Kerry Welborn and David Fleisher.

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# Center Funds Are Low

FARMINGTON Mrs. Alberta Taylor, center director.

The Farmington Community Center has received only \$7,000 in donations so far, well short of the \$25,000 needed for next year's operations.

A month-long fund drive, based mainly on letters of solicitation sent out through the community, is the main source of money for the year's activities, according to

Ms. Alberta Taylor, center director.

No tax money goes into the operation of the center, which is the base for many community activities. A full schedule of classes and meetings keep the center busy from dawn to dusk.

Most of the classes are self-supporting, but building remodeling and maintenance

still mean the center does not completely pay for itself.

"If we made the fees completely self-supporting, they would start to exclude some members of the community, and we don't want that," she said.

Fund-raisers expect their efforts to peak by the end of March, with donations continuing through April.

# Park Sale Takes Turn

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Opperthausen made the announcement.

Moehliman said while the committee was opposed to the sale, they took no position on senior citizen housing.

He urged the township, if it did complete the sale, to earmark funds for more park acquisitions.

Opperthausen then suggested appointing Moehliman, Mrs. Cox, Robert Beauchamp and Betty Frankel, all members of the parks committee, to an official "parks commission." In addition, help in the names of Mrs. Grace Richardson and Dr. Jack Lynch.

The newly-appointed commission now has the authority to decide whether or not to sell the land.

Opperthausen presented the case for the housing project, beginning by reading a letter from the Department of Housing and Urban Development saying funds from that agency were dead "until further notice."

The housing commission

has proposed building a project under the Michigan State Housing Authority (MSHA), which gives a developer low-interest financing through the sale of bonds. The developer then runs the project under a "limited dividend" agreement with the township.

"The developer made a diligent search for other suitable land," Opperthausen said. He added the sale would not only be a boon to senior citizen housing, but a boon to parks and recreation.

"He said more acreage on a "more suitable location" could be purchased with the money from the sale.

A long series of spokesmen representing most of the ecology groups in the township spoke in opposition, bringing frequent applause from the audience.

A group of about 10 grey-haired ladies in the front row did not applaud. "If someone doesn't look after our welfare, we will be on welfare," one said.

With the decision in the

hands of the new commission, Trustee Fred Lichtman left them with the suggestion they approach the school board for land, some of which has been considered for sale recently.

**REGISTRATION NOTICE**

FOR

**SPECIAL ELECTION**

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 1973

To the Qualified Electors of the Township of Farmington, (All Precincts) County of Oakland, State of Michigan

Notice is hereby given that conformity with the Michigan Election Law, 1972, requires that all voters who are registered in the Township of Farmington, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, and who are qualified to vote in the special election, must appear in person at the registration office to register for the special election. It is the duty of every voter to register for the special election. It is the duty of every voter to register for the special election. It is the duty of every voter to register for the special election.

Register at the registration office, 215 W. Main Street, Farmington, Michigan, on Friday, April 6, 1973, from 8 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m.

Friday, April 6, 1973 - Last Day

From 8 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m.

The Fifth Friday preceding said Election

As provided by Section 201, Act No. 116, Public Act of 1972, As Amended.

FOR THE TOWNSHIP CLERK

FLOYD A. CAIRNS, Township Clerk

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# Mercy High Plans Play

FARMINGTON The "wild west" of the early 1800s will be recreated at Mercy High School when "Annie Get Your Gun" is presented March 30, 31 and April 1.

The Friday and Saturday performances will begin at 8:15 p.m. and the Sunday show at 7:30 p.m.

Jim Hallman, 2884 Raleigh Road, is cast as Buffalo Bill. Debi Casby, 23219 Branchester, is in the ensemble.

Ron Ruffing, 26277 Kiltarton, who played a major role in "Our Town," is cast as Mac. Katie Donnelly, 33750 Altaloma, is stage manager.

Another leading role is taken by Deirdre Yambor, 29984 Club House Lane.

The musical comedy cast includes many students from the Farmington area.

Among them are Jim Rennell, 25814 Beecham; Judy Valjak, 23269 Wyckshire; Amy Sullivan, 25977 Lyncastile; Debbie Carey, 32517 Nottingwood; Julie Brandon, 23385 Lyncastile Lane; Patricia Wierate, 26225 Middle Belt; Katie Coleman, 37710 Wendy Lee Road.

Tickets are priced at \$2 pre-sale and \$2.50 at the door. The school is at 28000 W. 11 Mile at Middle Belt.



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