

# County Development Bill Backed In Senate

By JACKIE KLEIN

PONTIAC Oakland County may soon be able to flex its financial muscles and play friendly neighborhood loan company to local communities.

A proposed County Area Development Bill, aimed at using counties' uncommitted bonding capacity to meet social needs, has been introduced by Sen. Harvey Lodge (R-Waterford) and referred to the Senate Committee on Municipalities and Elections.

Cosponsors of the bill are Sen. Carl D. Pursell (R-Flymouth), Sen. Oscar Bouwma (R-Muskegon) and Sen. Harry DeMaso (R-Battle Creek).

If enacted by the State Legislature, the plan would allow communities to fund development projects at lower interest rates by tapping counties' bonding capacity. In Oakland's case, \$370 million of its \$500 million bonding capacity, which may be pledged as credit, is available.

**THE PLAN WAS** conceived by Oakland Planning Director George Skrubb and endorsed by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners last fall. It would involve both development of new areas and redevelopment of old ones.

Local citizens would be able to initiate referendums against any area development project they oppose.

The county has been using its bonding capacity for sewers, water, drains and roads, Skrubb said. The proposed plan would provide for communities to use the credit to solve unmet social problems.

Listed among "unmet social needs" are township hall renewal, senior citizen housing, rapid transit, open space acquisition, central business district renewal, hospital development, employment training centers, mental health facilities, historical sites, fire stations and recreation and educational facilities and industrial development and housing.

**COMMUNITIES** would be responsible for repaying

bonds issued, but the county could be held liable if payments fall behind. Under the proposal, local government, the county or private industry could initiate a project.

It must be approved by local planning commissions, city councils and the Oakland County Board of Commissioners for implementation.

Southfield City Planner Donald Gross has indicated the plan would have merit for the city as an aid to provide senior citizen housing, a police-outlet facility and other needed services and to redevelop the Eight Mile industrial area.

Oakland County Commission Chairman Lawrence Perick (D-Southfield) said the plan could provide a revenue producing senior citizens' development for the city, eliminate federal tape in a number of needed projects, and provide for facilities, generally acquired through voted bond issues, at lower interest rates.



**JEFFREY HUMBLE, 15** of 23031 Maple, Farmington, was awarded the eagle rank, highest in scouting, by Troop 45 of the First United Methodist Church, Farmington. A ninth grade student at Farmington Junior High, Jeffrey, 15, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Humble. He earned 26 merit badges, and his service project was a cleanup of city hall grounds.

# Oakland's Lament Road Fund: \$20 A Car

**PONTIAC** The Oakland County Road Commission receives only about \$20 per car to spend on county roads, according to Commission vice-chairman Frazer Staman.

Staman says his conclusion is based on the fact that there are about 500,000 cars and trucks registered in the county and the Road Commission's revenue from the state's motor vehicle highway fund is \$10 million.

"Dividing the number of registered vehicles by the revenue yields \$20 per car," Staman says. "By law, the revenue must be spent according to a formula of 75 per cent to primary roads and 25 per cent to local roads."

**STAMAN ARGUES** that of all counties, Oakland receives the lowest rate of return from the motor vehicle fund. Revenue returned from the fund is based on many factors, including mileage and population, he says.

"For each dollar the Oakland County resident puts into the fund, only 40 cents is returned for expenditure on all roads in the county, including those under city jurisdiction," he says.

"If I tell a county resident how little we receive to spend on local roads, somewhere around \$5 per car, they hardly believe me."

To maintain the 2,500-mile county road system with limited funds, the road commission has been forced to seek additional finances, says Staman. The three-man commission and staff has been working hard on a current transportation bill which has passed the Michigan House, he says.

**THE BILL**, now before the Senate Roads Committee, would provide Oakland County with a possible \$4 million in added funds, says Staman.

In the meantime, the commission has sought

federal matching funds available through the "TOPICS" program.

"We must still operate on a day to day basis, year in and year out with our regular income from money returned to the motor vehicle fund. It is impossible to provide good roads at the rate of \$20 per car, and I think county residents should realize this."



**THANKS GIVEN** — Farmington Township Supervisor Earl Teeple (left) presents a key to the township to Major Gen. John L. Boros, commander of the 70th Division (Training), U.S. Army Reserve headquartered in Livonia, for the division's efforts in helping to clean up Farmington Township Park. The project, launched during "Army Reserve Community Month," involved soldiers and residents including Farmington Jaycees who spent a weekend to remove debris and clear nature trails.

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## CMU Honors 40 Residents

**FARMINGTON** Among the 3,650 students to be named to the academic honors list at Central Michigan University are 40 Farmington residents, including eight who made straight "A's" for the winter semester.

To be eligible, a student must have a cumulative grade average of "B" or better for his entire college career. The straight "A" students were based upon winter semester grades without regard to cumulative averages.

**MAKING THE list** were: Jerri Bowers, 3324 Kirby, sophomore; Anne Brown, 22215 Violet, junior, (A); Gary Carr, 30355 Glennauer, junior; and Elizabeth Coffman, 32811 Heartstone, senior;

John Combes, 35249 Caryn, sophomore; Vicki Crane, 22914 Farmington Rd., senior; Nan Cummings, 34009 State St., junior (A); Norman DeCourcy, 32770 Briarcrest, senior; and Mary Dombrowski, 21625 Hamilton, sophomore;

Annette Flake, 30121 Fiddlers Green, sophomore (A); Kathryn Fluegel, 27415 Engleside, sophomore; Ronald Flutor, 30073 Wicklow, senior (A); Richard Fuelling, 27276 Bramwell, sophomore; Patricia Frasure, 32383 Farmersville, senior (A); and Debi Groza, 31129 Sturbridge, sophomore;

ALSO Keith Heimforth, 32375 Bonnet Hill, freshman; Linda Horneck, 26541 Greythorne, sophomore; William Junke, 3075 Britany Hill, senior (A); Susan Kirk, 37101 Jefferson Ct., senior; Charlotte Knight, 28851 Glencastle Dr., junior; and Robin Lemon, 23461 Glencroft Lane, junior;

John Lofquist, 29351 Medburn, senior (A); Beverly Long, 32280 W. 12 Mile Rd., junior; Jerry Makinen, 33717 Colony Park, sophomore; Michael McCoy, 32460 Nottingham, senior; Kathryn McFadden, 32121 Baintree, junior; Stephen McGregor, 31772 Folkstone, senior; April McKinnian, 34078 Gloucester Circle, sophomore;

Sharon Peterson, 28250 Thorny Brae, junior; Vicki Saliba, 31912 Old Franklin, senior (A); Linell Shipley, 32303 Bonnet Hill Rd., senior; Pamela Shook, 21161 Handall, senior; Karen Smith, 32940 Briarcrest, sophomore; and Susan Stegless, 32744 Biddestone, senior;

Maureen Sullivan, 25077 Lyncastle Lane, senior; Betty Urban, 23816 Farmington Rd., senior; Susan Webb, 29439 Kinkside, junior; Linda Weiss, 29743 Highmeadow, senior; James White, 26470 Greythorne, sophomore; and Debra McGovern, 23611 Bicking Ct., sophomore.

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