

Jack R. Schuler Dies In Crash

FARMINGTON Federal Aviation Administration investigators are looking into the cause of a private plane crash Wednesday evening which took the lives of Jack R. Schuler, 33, of Farmington Township, and his father.

The father, Dr. Jack E. Schuler, 55, a Fort Lauderdale, Fla., physician, was piloting the twin-engine Piper Aztec when it crashed in a heavy fog into a woody marsh 4 1/2 miles southwest of Metropolitan Airport and one mile south of New Boston in western Wayne County's Huron Township.

THE PLANE missed by only 50 yards the home of Norman Petrimoux, whose wife and five children were inside.

County Budget Is Approved

By JACKIE KLEIN

PONTIAC Oakland County's \$44.5 million 1973 budget, approved by the board of commissioners Thursday, is up 7.7 per cent over last year's \$39.7 million.

Total projected salaries of \$29.7 million account for 66.7 per cent of the budget with \$8.5 million financed from other sources and \$639 by the public employment program.

THE BUDGET calls for 2,597 county jobs, including 31 new positions. Commission Vice Chairman Alex Perinoff (D-Southfield) strenuously objected to two newly created jobs paying \$13,000 each.

"A citizens' services co-ordinator and an insurance and safety co-ordinator simply aren't required. We're being co-ordinated to death with too many jobs. They're strangling us to death."

Salary increases total \$1 million and fall within the 5.5 per cent federal guidelines. Most county employees received four per cent pay hikes. Fringe benefit improvements total \$270,000.

Commissioners and county employees will receive 13 cents per mile for the first 600 miles, 11 cents per mile for the next 400, and 9 cents per mile over 1,000 miles for the use of their cars for county business.

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The current rate is 13 cents per mile for the first 400 miles, 11 cents per mile for the next 400, nine cents per mile for the next 200, and seven cents per mile over 1,000 miles.

The cost of the increase is \$3,800. Commissioners will receive no salary hike over their current \$6,200 and bp to \$3,500 annually for meetings attended.

FEDERALLY shared revenues for 1972-73 are expected to net \$3.9 million for Oakland County.

A total of \$600,000 will be allocated for drains, county indigent hospitalization, and payments to state institutions for care of county patients.

About \$2.8 million will be committed to Children's Village. With \$1.4 million in 1974 and \$1 million in 1975 federal revenues, construction of the facility can be started in 1973 at an interest savings of about \$5 million to taxpayers.

The county-allocated rate of 5.26 mills will provide increased revenues of \$1.5 million. Of the total tax collections of \$28.3 million, \$1.3 million will be paid to the Huron-Clinton Park Authority. Funds for the county's 1973 building program total \$5.4 million.

Growth Plan Concept OK'd By OC Board

PONTIAC Oakland County commissioners have decided to approve the concept of the county growth plan recommended by the county planning commission.

The board declined to adopt the plan, however, when it voted Thursday to approve the concept.

The resolution submitted by the local and regional affairs committee, chaired by Joseph L. Barakat, asked that the plan be approved in concept and that "This Board of Commissioners recommends same to the succeeding Board of Commissioners for its early consideration and adoption."

That last phrase, however, was deleted at the board's request before the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

The gist of the action would have been for the current lame-duck board to approve the plan in concept and state in writing its willingness to let the new board adopt the plan.

The result will be the same. It will be up to the new board to decide whether to vote on adopting the plan. Apparently, the old board didn't want to appear presumptuous in writing and declare in resolution form what the new board will do.

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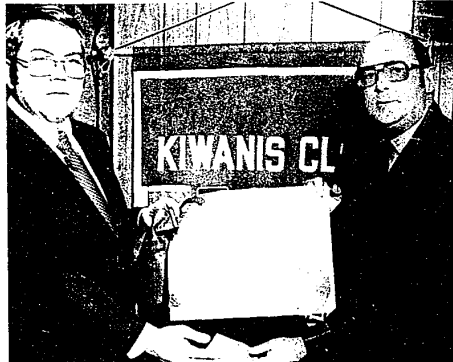
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ED DEWAR (left) of the North Farmington Kiwanis Club presents \$500 to Bruce Habermahl, chairman of the Goodfellows Newspaper sale in Farmington. This year's Goodfellow drive collected more than \$5,500 to give needy families in Farmington a merry Christmas. (Event photo)

Collection Is Changed

FARMINGTON Because of the upcoming holiday, the director of public services of Farmington City announces a special schedule for refuse pick-up.

All refuse pick-ups scheduled for Monday, Christmas Day, are re-scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 26. Refuse pick-up scheduled for Monday, New Year's Day, are re-scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1973.

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2 Graduate Cum Laude

FARMINGTON Two Farmington students graduated cum laude from Western Michigan University at fall commencement exercises.

They are Dale Alfred General, 30033 Beaconsfield, and Joanne Sue Kavakian, 29075 Summerwood.

To receive the cum laude degree, a candidate must have achieved a 3.5 to 3.69 grade point average out of a possible four points.

Hall Named For Welch

Welch Hall, on the campus of Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, is named after Adolph Strong Welch, Eastern's first president. Welch served from 1857 to 1865. He later became the first United States Senator from Florida after the Civil War.

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