

today's hot line

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late news

Neal Muccino Killed In Crash

Neal Muccino, 15, 2886 Lorkay, Farmington, was killed Friday morning in a car crash that injured three other North Farmington High School students and hospitalized two other men.

The car in which Muccino was riding spun and collided with another car on 14 Mile west of Haggerty while passing a Farmington school bus en route to the vocational training center in Walled Lake.

Paul Bacon, 17, 28828, Kendallwood, and Kenneth Barry, 28750 Lorkay, were also passengers in the car driven by Richard Young, 17, 28755 Lorkay. Bacon and Barry missed the bus and were being driven to class at Walled Lake, according to a spokesman from North Farmington.

Young, Barry and Bacon were all treated and released at Pontiac General Hospital.

The two men in the other car, Donald Natsch, 50, Union Lake, and Richard Boyle, 33, Walled Lake, were reported in fair condition at the hospital.

Neighbors Planning Shovel Attack On Impassable Roads



WALK PROCEEDS--Displaying the shoe leather that raised the money, the three local recipients of approximately \$3,600 in proceeds from last summer's "Walk For Mankind" accept checks from Jaycee President Dave Hammond.

Jack Peuler represented Farmington Area Advisory Council, Mrs. Claire Orians the Youth Employment Service, and Mrs. Alberta Taylor the Farmington Community Center. (Photo by Fran Evert)

By DAN McCOSH

More than 100 Farmington Township residents agreed Monday to attempt literally to dig themselves out of the mud. Muddy conditions annually plague the dirt roads in their neighborhood.

The area is bounded by Grand River, Eight Mile, and the Farmington city limits.

Informally dubbing it "Operation Shovel," residents plan block-by-block repair of culverts and digging and repair of ditches currently ineffective at draining water from the local roads.

NEARLY EVERY street in the area was represented at the meeting Wednesday in Township Hall, despite the heavy afternoon snowfall.

Two main conclusions were reached at the meeting: (1) Improving the drains would help dry out the roads and probably make them passable; and (2) it was worth the \$200-plus savings per house to actually dig the ditches themselves.

Barbara Seabolt, 21604 Parker; Sally Krause, 21420 Parker; and Joanne Wright, 21651 Robison, organized the meeting and appointed "captains" for each street to direct the ditching effort.

A complete list of the street captains will be available later.

SUPERVISOR ROBERT McConnell, who presented a picture of the county and township's position on the roads in the area, outlined work which would be necessary before the work could begin in the spring.

He asked for a list of blocked culverts in the area, and a list of addresses where new culverts would be necessary.

The county has volunteered to do the necessary engineering work, staking out the ditches and finding the proper depth.

The county will also help clean out blocked, but

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Special Conference

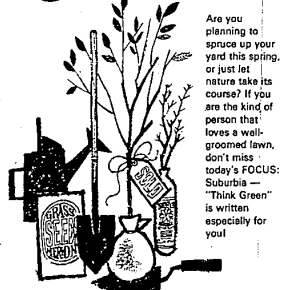
An international conference of teachers and parents of children with learning disabilities has been organized with the aid of some Farmington women. We have the story on: Page 2A

Young Musicians

Young musicians are planning a busy weekend, with concerts set by both the Livonia Youth Symphony and Farmington's Glockenspiels. Another young Livonia musician will be featured in a concert next weekend. Page 7A

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FOCUS: Suburbia



Are you planning to spruce up your yard this spring, or just let nature take its course? If you are the kind of person that loves a well-groomed lawn, don't miss today's FOCUS: Suburbia — "Think Green" is written especially for you!

YES Report Answers Youth Program Critics

A rebuttal to charges levied by the Farmington Township Board recently against the Youth Employment Service came from the YES steering committee.

YES was criticized heavily by Trustee Frederick Lichtman. He questioned the director's qualifications and opposed a \$28,000 budget proposal for the coming year.

The steering committee includes representatives from the four major sources of funding for the program: the Chamber of Commerce, Farmington Township, the school district and City of Farmington.

THE STEERING committee, which met Tuesday to give Director Claire Orians a vote of confidence, said:

"Qualifications of the director were presented to the funding sources and the director representatives of these boards.

"The director has a bachelor of philosophy degree with majors in psychology and sociology from the University of Detroit, post-graduate work at Wayne State University, and studies at Cranbrook Institute of Human Resources.

"She was affiliated with Oakland University's Continuum Center for five years, a teacher in the Redford school system and a social worker with the Children's Aid Society.

"She was selected by the steering committee from 29 available applicants as the best qualified."

LICHTMAN HAD charged Mrs. Orians with "trying to create the biggest job of all" during the township board session.

He asked for more information on the age groups

being served, the kinds of jobs being placed, and definitions of classifications used on the agency's monthly report.

The YES committee report indicated "temporary part-time," which accounted for approximately 40 per cent of the jobs found, was "less than an eight-hour day with a specified termination date."

Full time work accounted for about 20 per cent of the jobs found.

to the first six months, program."

1,000 applied at the office, with approximately 500 being placed, according to the report. The main age groups served were from 15-18 years.

In reply to Lichtman's statement that the director had been "recruiting in junior high schools," the report said:

"Our only contact with the junior highs was to help the Jaycees encourage youngsters to participate in the Walk for Mankind which raised some funds for the program."

Ad Valorem Tax Proposed

Farmington Township Supervisor Robert McConnell indicated Wednesday he favored a township-wide assessment to pay for a master storm drainage system.

Speaking at a meeting of residents of the southeast corner of the township, he said he expected to present a proposal to the Township Board Monday to adopt a policy of paying for the major storm drains on an ad-valorem basis.

He also indicated a petition to the county to initiate the massive construction project could be ready by the middle of March.

THE MASTER storm drainage plan was presented to the township board two weeks ago. It outlines all the drains

that would be necessary to serve the township when it is eventually built up.

At that meeting, McConnell indicated first priority was to attempt to get the state to enlarge drains under the proposed Northwestern expressway, since that project was due to begin soon.

At Wednesday's meeting, he said the low area in the southeast section would be the second priority, since most surface water in the township drains in that general direction.

An ad-valorem tax would mean each section of the plan, as it is completed, would be levied against each resident of the township.

An alternative would be assessing only the benefiting areas as the pipe is completed.



CHOIR CONCERT--The Harrison and Farmington High concert choirs will perform at a combined concert Thursday, at 8 p.m. in the Harrison auditorium. Also performing will be two

Harrison's bands and the orchestra. Tickets, at \$1.25 and 75 cents, are available from performers. (Evert photo)