The policy was adopted by the board last August after the mention of Jesus Christ in both the benediction and invocation at Andover High School's June 11 commencement drew complaints from some members of the audience.

Administrator June Hamilton, who drasted the new rules with a committee's assistance, said the Bloomfield Hills School District is becoming an "international community."

ternational community.

"More and more people are moving in of different religions," she said, including persons of the Jewish, Moolem, Hindu, Chaldean and Greek Ortho-

THE FIRST of the five rules prohibits what oc-curred last spring. Ceremonies, prayer overeferences of a.p. religious nature — including benedictions and invocations — are prohibited at school-spon-sored events such as banquets, commencements, assemblies study programs.

The second rule is a modification of one the district aircady had in place: music, art, literature and drama activities with a religious theme are permitted in classrooms and public performances when they have instructional value, don't conflict with the policy is fined and are approved in advance by the building principal.

Rules three and four are new. Teachers may explain the meaning of religious bolidays, but they are respondible for presenting their meanings accrately. Teachers may also display religious synthesis to their classrooms — such as the Nativity scene and menorah — only when they're presenting an overview of many religious (The district has previously followed: Teachers and administrators may not schedule tests, reviews, field trips, after-school activities, board of education meetings, or similar events on major religious bolidays.

HAMILTON WILL meet with religious leaders in the community so they may identify when thee major holidays occur. A list of those dates will be presented to all principals.

School, for example, its normally in session the first day of Hamukath, a major Jewish holiday.

Until the protest in June over the mention of Jesus Crist's name, the Bloomfield Hills School District had no policy mandating respect for religious preferences.

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It had some rules, which a few of the new ones resemble, but those rules were violated by the presenters of the Andover commencement.

Supt. Fred Thorin, who investigated the locident at the time, said the violation was unintentional.

Road is beautified

would be assessed \$2 a front foot, Costick said. Most parcels range from a minimum of 20 feet to 790 feet, with most averaging 120 to 150 feet.

ALTHOUGH a tree will not be placed on each owner's property, "we felt everyone would benefit overall," Costick said. That's why all property owners along the two-mile stretch will be assessed.

Some property owners, however, are not pleased with that plan.

Sam Hayman, a Hunter's Grove condominium owner, for instance, believes the condominiums aboutd be exempt from the assessment district.

"In my estimation, it is the most beautiful 400 feet along Orchard Lake," Hayman said, referring

to the landscaped lawn and trees facing the tho-

to the lanaceapeu nawn and troughtare.

Runter's Grove resident, Vicki Barnett, said, "We should talk first about improving safety on the road." She referred to the volume of traffic as well as the inside lanes often putting motorists in a head-on type of traffic pattern.

"I THINK you are right," Costick replied. "Or-chard Lake Road is becoming a concern to us."

Oakland County will be improving the traffic sig-nals at the 12 Mile and Orchard Lake Road inter-section as a step toward improving the traffic prob-lem, Costick said. The timing of the lighth will be one of the major improvements, he added.

He said also that care will be taken to plant the trees in places that will not obstruct a motorist's view.

Intersection resurfaced

By next summer, motorists won't have to drive to the roadside to avoid bumps and potholes near the Orchard Lake Road and 11 Mile intersection.

Farmington Hills officials recently received word that the Oakiand County Road Commission will get to work in the spring resurfacing Orchard Lake Road at 11 Mile. Resurfacing will extend 600

feet both north and south of 11 Mile. The intersection also will be restripped.

Federal money will pay 75 percent of the \$40,900 road improvement. The county road commission will pick up the remainder.

Because Orchard Lake Road is under the county's jurisdiction, Farmington Hills does not have to share in the project's cost.

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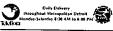
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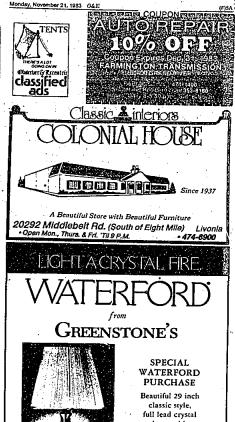
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