

Area potholes 'worst ever'

"The worst ever." That's what the Oakland County Road Commission is saying about potholes in paved roads and roughness in unpaved roads this spring.

"Motorists are advised to use caution on all roads the remainder of March and early April during the frost-out period," said John L. Grubba, managing director of the O.C.R.C.

Cost of patching potholes will exceed the usual average of \$1.3 million. "We've already spent that much doing potholes during the winter," said Grubba, citing two reasons:

"One factor is that many of our roads have deteriorated seriously in the last few years because we haven't had the funding to do reconstruction work, such as surfacing, at a sufficient pace. Cracks in deteriorated pavement are invitations for water — which freezes, breaks the edges and leaves potholes.

The other factor is the amount of rainfall and early ground freeze last fall. There were 20-odd days of rain in November, during which temperatures plummeted. As a result, the ground was already saturated when it froze and water was left on the surface. Now that is compounded by snow cover and spring rains."

No subsidy for townships' deputies

By Tim Richard
Staff writer

Oakland County commissioners rejected a move to shift an estimated \$200,000 of the sheriff's road patrol costs from townships to the county budget.

Commissioner Ralph Nelson, R-Rochester, lost 14-13 on his effort to amend the budget to help the townships. He sought to reduce the rate charged per officer by almost \$2,500, from \$53,732 to \$51,278.

"If the townships want deputies, they should pay for them," said Commissioner James Doyon, D-Madison Heights, who voted against the measure.

"TAXPAYERS from the municipalities pay twice," said Doyon, referring to city taxes for local police and county taxes for the Sheriff's Department. His district includes the cities of Troy and Royal Oak.

"West Bloomfield has its own police force. Whatever we have, we pay for," added Commissioner Thomas Law, R-West Bloomfield.

"I'm against subsidies," said Commissioner Betty Fortino, D-Waterford. "Several years ago, we decided to eliminate subsidies very gradually. In Waterford, we have a specific millage for police. Some of the rural townships pay only one or 1.5 mills total."

Commissioners argued for 45 minutes over

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whether cities or townships get more county services that others don't get before rejecting Nelson's amendment.

SUPPORTING the township subsidy were these Observer & Eccentric area commissioners, all Republicans: Marilyn Gosling of Bloomfield Hills, William Hasberger of Bir-

mingham, John McDonald of Farmington, David Moffitt of Bloomfield Township, John Olson of Huntington Woods (district includes a corner of Southfield), and Roy Rewald of Rochester.

Opposed were the board's seven Democrats, including Doyon, Larry Pernick and Alex Perloff of Southfield; and Republicans Susan Kuhn of Clawson (district includes part of Troy), Law of West Bloomfield, Nancy McConnell of Bloomfield Hills, and Robert Page of Birmingham (district includes part of Troy).

After the amendment was turned down, the board approved the contract 26-1. Total cost for 71 officers will be about \$4 million.

Ford gift helps Oakland U. computerize

Oakland University is buying a \$100,000 minicomputer to establish a statistics laboratory, with a financial boost from Ford Motor Co.

The OU board of trustees last week approved the purchase, thanking Ford for a commitment of \$100,000.

President Joseph Champagne said Ford was of great assistance to OU's department of mathematical sciences as it developed a major thrust in applied statistics.

THE LABORATORY will be used to teach applied statistics to both graduates and under-

graduates, faculty members said. It also will be used in the design of graphic software.

Finally, the lab will be used for research in the running of statistical simulations.

OU faculty members have two multi-year contracts with the No. 2 auto maker and a grant program, Champagne said.

One contract is for OU to provide research and instructional services of statistical quality control for the company's engine division. The other is with the company's computer-aided design systems department.

Ford agreed to make a \$225,000 grant over three years.

OU will match \$100,000 of the grant to es-

tablish the new laboratory. The remaining \$125,000 is for the support of full-time faculty members in applied statistics.

IN OTHER business, the OU board of trustees:

- Changed the name of the School of Economics and Management, formed in 1969, to the School of Business Administration. The university reported a substantial growth in the demand for business-related courses and for majors in business fields.

- In 1985, OU officials said, some 16 percent of all undergraduates with declared majors had chosen such business fields as pre-man-

agement, accounting, finance, human resources management and marketing. The master of business administration program was the second largest graduate program on campus.

- Raised room and board rates for resident students by 1.98 percent for the 1986-87 fiscal year beginning in the fall. Trustees cited the cost of insurance and costs of replacing high-temperature hot-water lines.

- The increase amounts to \$53 for the fall and winter semesters. The new fee of \$2,785 includes a \$20 flat fee for laundry and 19 meals per week.

Tornado sirens to be sounded

March 23-29 is Tornado Safety Week in Oakland County, an area whose western portions lie in the path of Michigan's tornado belt.

At 1:30 p.m. next Thursday, March 27, the county's division of emergency medical services will sound the siren system. County Executive Daniel T. Murphy said.

At any other time, the siren — a steady, three-minute blast — would mean a tornado has been sighted. Oakland has 137 sirens in its system.

Murphy said next week's test will enable residents to develop and practice take-cover plans. "It is especially important right now to practice what to do in case a tornado is sighted because most tornadoes occur in the southern portion of Michigan during April, May, June and July," he said.

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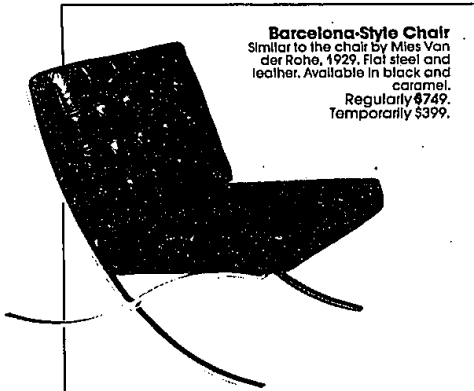
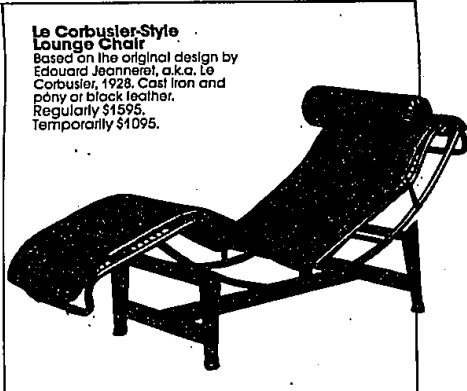

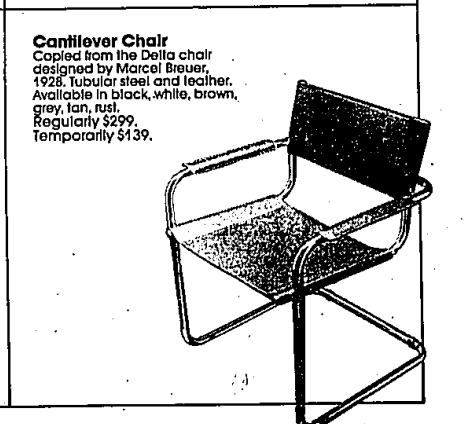
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