

### today's hot line

**REDFORD**—The Wayne County Health Department has added fuel to the township's fight to prevent development of homes on flood plain lots adjacent to the 32 homes which were flooded out during June's flash flood. Its director advised that issuance of permits would contribute to a serious health hazard.

**REDFORD**—Township employees are reportedly seeking an amendment to civil service regulations which would allow them to appoint a member to the commission, who would in turn have equal authority with the township board appointee to appoint a third member.

**PLYMOUTH**—Officials at Eastern Michigan University to tighten code on standards for student behavior following murder of Joan Schell, Plymouth junior who was second victim in little more than a year.

**PLYMOUTH**—Grieved father says it was mother's instinct she has shown since childhood that caused murdered daughter to go hitchhiking to keep date in Ann Arbor.

**PLYMOUTH**—City administration agrees to assume financial responsibility for construction of proposed ice arena as permanent memorial of Centennial.

**LIVONIA**—A Fourth of July fire thought to have been set by children playing near one of Livonia's two new indoor ice-skating rinks has set construction on the rink back from six to eight weeks and left damages totaling at least \$10,000. The fire began in a pile of prefabricated wooden roofing sections at the rink site at Henry Ruff and West Chicago shortly after 9 p.m. July 4.

**LIVONIA**—Negotiations have resumed this week between the Livonia Board of Education and the Livonia Education Association, representing the district's 1,600 school teachers. The talks were interrupted recently by a convention in Texas requiring the attendance of LEA delegates.

**WESTLAND**—The Wayne Community School Board and a teacher who is also head of a reactivated citizens' committee clashed Monday over the ethical and legal points of board members taking their wives to school conferences and conventions at the public's expense. The board admitted the practice but added that the teacher has vindictive motives.

**WESTLAND**—Circuit Court trial has been ordered in the child abuse case involving two small sisters. Charged with the beatings is a 23-year-old woman who has been a housekeeper and babysitter for the pair since their mother died earlier this year.

**GARDEN CITY**—State Senator William Faust told the Chamber of Commerce that new changes can be expected in the next session of the state legislature, possibly in the areas of tax reform and additional school aid.

**GARDEN CITY**—Patrolman Al Treutler was cleared on the charge that he had placed against him by Police Chief Robert Behrendt. The Civil Service Commission ordered a suspension of 12 days without pay and the loss of six vacation days for the officer.

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### NEW FILM STAR?

Got a new son or a new grandson in the family—and a new projector to screen his performances?

The old projector is just collecting dust, and some other baby's parents would surely like it. Why not advertise it in an Observer Twin Action Want Ad? Just dial GA-20900.



# Township: 'Stop Or Frisk'

Farmington Township officials adopted a local ordinance Monday night which will be called a "stop and frisk" measure even though the primary opponent objects to the term.

Trustee Earl E. Oppenhausser introduced the ordinance and cited the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling upholding such laws.

Calling "stop and frisk" a

"misnomer", Oppenhausser pointed to the fact that the Detroit City Council had recently adopted such an ordinance.

(In Livonia the mayor is pushing for a similar ordinance, while the council has been reluctant to adopt the measure.)

ACTUALLY the ordinance, which was unanimously adopted by the Township Board, carries the unflattering title of:

"An ordinance to define, in

accordance with judicially established guidelines, the limited rights of a police officer to detain, interrogate and search suspicious-acting persons; to describe acceptable methods of conducting such actions; and to require the reporting of the same to the chief of police of this township."

The title details the contents of the ordinance, which will become effective immediately upon publication.

Under the new local measure police are given the power to "temporarily detain" any person for "purposes of questioning" and investigating "possible criminal conduct."

Whenever this happens the police are empowered to search a person for any hidden weapons and the officer is required to make a written report to the chief of police.

Oppenhausser told the board that what was included in the ordinance was simply the guidelines laid down by the Supreme Court.

EARLY in June the Supreme Court upheld a stop and frisk law in the State of Ohio. The case involved the action of a policeman who had stopped an individual after seeing him walk back and forth in front of a

jewelry store several times.

Farmington Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall told the board that "if somebody thought I had done something wrong and pulled me over in the line of duty and wasn't harassing me I would have no objection."

"There is a violent objection to this type of law from some people," Hall concluded, "but I feel that most law-abiding citizens don't object."

## Urge Road Tax

The Farmington Township Board voted Monday night to support the county-wide millage proposal for road improvement and maintenance.

A request for a one mill tax (\$1 for each \$1,000 of assessed valuation) for a five year period faces Oakland County voters during the Aug. 6 primary.

Members of the board voted unanimously to support the measure only after they convinced themselves that a remote possibility existed for the funds to be used on primary road maintenance.

THE TOWNSHIP action follows the adoption of a resolution of support by the County Board of Supervisors. However, the local road organization has gone on record opposing the millage because no relief is in sight for local roads.

Trustee Thomas Nolan told the board that he didn't think much money would be left over after the primary road needs were met.

Nolan cautioned that he didn't want the public to be "misled" about the possibility of funds being used for local road maintenance.

In a cover letter, however, the three members of the Oakland County Road Commission asserted that:

"We pledge to spend funds raised by the special levy in each community within the limits of that same community so that each will receive its fair share. Selection of individual improvements will be made after reviewing the needs and wishes of each community. It may be desirable in your township to budget some of the millage revenue to local road maintenance and construction."

IF PASSED it is estimated that the road millage would help the county to meet approximately half of its road construction and maintenance needs over the next five years.

The road commissioners estimated that if the millage is not approved the county will need only one-sixth of its funds.

**Plan 3rd Workshop**

New Horizons, Inc., which maintains a sheltered workshop in Farmington and another in Madison Heights, is making plans to establish a third facility to serve the mentally retarded in north Oakland County.

At this time, the committee is soliciting the aid and assistance of professional, community and civic-minded persons to promote the northern Oakland New Horizons.



**KNUDDLING DOWN**—The ancient and honorable sport of marble shooting finds these two able practitioners carrying on a tradition that has passed from generation to generation. Steven Buccy (left) of 32520 W. Wayburn, takes dead aim at Gary, awaits his turn at the rim of the circle. How better could they while away a summer day?

## Key Founders Festival Jobs Bring Volunteers

A good conductor blends all the sounds from the musical instruments together in order to achieve just the right balance for a finely tuned musical concert.

It's a delicate and difficult job to blend all the various elements in just the right proportions.

**FARMINGTON** Founders Festival Chairman Ron Holland wasn't feeling some empathy for the conductors these days because his task is somewhat similar.

The three-day festival is organized and staged by a series of committees.

These committees are all comprised of volunteers, who spend most of their time earning a living in other pursuits. Each event has a committee. It's up to the general chairman and the executive com-

mittee to mesh all the events together into the three-day program.

Planning for the next festival starts as soon as the current one ends.

In fact, a critique session is held at the conclusion of the festival and notes are kept. These ideas and suggestions are passed on to the next committee.

SOME of the committees are small—one person and some are extensive. The parade committee, for example, has a system of sub-committees in order to stage the hour-long Festival highlight.

Committee members working on this year's Festival are: Miss Founders Festival Pageant, Mrs. Stella DiCicco and Anthony Reda; Signs and Bumper Stickers, Tom Zeddes; Publicity and Promotion, Frank

McGuire and Mary Checketts; Concessions, Omar Sanderson; Teen Activities, Fred Fredrick; Special Doings Coordinators, Jack Cotton and Richard Habicht; and Dignitaries, Delos Hamlin, John Dhan and Tony Guyer.

General chairman for the parade are Bud Reasume and Mrs. Janet Dicks. The parade committee members are: Bill Dicks, route; Louis Gilson and Harry McKenzie, decoration of floats and cars; Paul Barber, bands; Charles Sheer, antique cars; Sylvia Cabell and Mr. and Mrs. Keaton, judges; and Philip H. Power, presentation of parade trophies.

This year's Festival is scheduled for July 25, 26 and 27.

## Schools Keep All Principals

All 18 of the principals of Farmington elementary schools were reappointed to the same assignments for 1968-69 by the board of education Monday night.

In addition, the board decided to return James Gelger as principal of Farmington High School and Clayton Graham as principal of North Farmington High School.

Principals of the four junior high schools, Power being the newest to open, will include Alton Bennett, Darby Daulton, Donald Keen and Robert Brown, the latter drawing the Power assignment.

Board spokesmen said it is the first time in many years that there has been absolutely no turnover in elementary or secondary school administration.

**JOHN WASHBURN III**, newly elected board president, announced "committee personnel for the coming year Monday and gave a chairmanship role to every one of his colleagues except Gary Lichtman, the newcomer who unseated extreasurer George Hahstall in the June 10 election.

Richard Peters will serve as chairman of the building committee, Dr. Sanford Bloomberg, chairman of curriculum, Leland Clifford, of the safety committee, George Otis, of finance, and Herbert Neal of the site committee.

Lichtman's only solace was being appointed to membership on the curriculum and finance committees.

A major development Monday was the signing of two labor contracts—one covering the wage and fringe benefits for bus drivers during the coming school year and the other pertaining to the conditions applying to secretaries.

In addition to officials of the board, the pacts were signed

## Trio File In Appeals Race

Three candidates have filed for one new seat on the Second District bench of the Michigan Court of Appeals.

They are: S. Jerome Bronson of Oak Park; Robert J. Danhoff of East Lansing; and John F. Foley of Birmingham.

Two candidates for the six year term will be chosen in the nonpartisan primary Aug. 6 with a runoff scheduled for the November election.

The Second District of the court includes Oakland County in its territory.

Bronson is currently Oakland County Prosecutor, Foley is commissioner of the court and was an attorney and hearing officer for the Michigan office of the National Labor Relations Board.

by Mrs. Dorothy Peppe and Mrs. Mary Bernad, representing the bus drivers, and by Mildred Lake and Jean Lutzen as representatives of the secretarial group.

IT ALSO was decided by the board to purchase four portable classrooms for use at Shawassee School for a total of \$48,232.

They will be completely equipped for utilities when they are installed, and the price is comparable to that paid for the six portables which will be in use next fall at Farmington High School.

## Escape Fire By Jumping

A young Farmington married couple escaped injury when they leaped from their second floor bedroom early Saturday morning to flee the intense heat and dense smoke of a fire which started in a television set left on throughout the night.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pyle, occupying the upper floor of a two-family dwelling at 32301 Orchard St., said they were awakened by the heat and an explosion shortly after 6 a.m.

An investigation by the Public Safety Department indicated the explosion came when the television set's picture tube blew up.

Thirteen officers responded to the call shortly after dawn and the fire, which had spread up the walls, was extinguished within 10 minutes. However, the entire second floor interior was scorched and covered with black soot.

When the first unit of four officers arrived on the scene, dense smoke was emerging from the roof. The Pyles already had made their leap to safety.

Pyle told investigators he "was positive" he had turned the television set off upon returning between 10 and 10:30 p.m. the previous evening. However, the investigation indicated otherwise.

Public Safety Director Robert F. Deadman praised the quick work of the officers for having prevented what possibly could have been a fire which would have inflicted far greater damage.

He also took occasion to warn householders of the dangers of leaving television sets and all electrical units operating when they are unattended.

Fires stemming from television sets occur several times a year, said Deadman, and often when viewers fall asleep with the set still in operation.

## Strike Costs \$1 Million Per Month

Residential, industrial and commercial construction has been dealt a blow evaluated at worth more than \$1 million per month in Farmington city and township alone since the start of the building strike May 1, it was revealed this week.

During the two months of May and June, 1967, the two governments issued permits for new home and business construction worth \$3,200,783.

The figure fell to \$1,059,117 for the same period of 1968, a drop of \$2,141,666.

In the city of Farmington, the first two permits for residential construc-

tion which have been issued since April were granted Monday, July 8.

IN THE TOWNSHIP, 26 new houses were approved during the May-June span last year but only 23 this spring.

In fact, expectation of the strike made itself felt even in April in the township when value of new homes for which permits were issued fell from \$1,397,780 in 1967 to \$431,648 this year.

The following statistics pinpoint the effect which the construction strike has had on local economy:

Permits for new dwellings issued by the city and township during the first six months of 1968: 176; during the first six months of 1967, 251.

Valuation of those 1968 homes: \$6,135,739; valuation of the homes covered in the six-month report for 1967: \$6,583,045.

**VALUATION** of business and industrial permits issued from January through June in 1968: \$765,130; valuation for the same type of permits granted for the first six months of 1967: \$1,344,520.

Both governments were off to

potential record breaking years judging from the building permit activity of January, February and March, when the pace ran far ahead of the corresponding period of 1967. However, the roof fell in as the date of the threatened strike approached and then materialized.

Township statistics show that even swimming pool installation has dropped from 21 in the first six months a year ago to 14 in 1968. All other categories of construction have met the same fate and an upswing appears to depend entirely upon conclusion of the work stoppage.