

## McCosh's Column

### Is It Worth Wet Feet?

The quarter-a-shot car wash was supposed to be the answer.

A couple of minutes with the squirting metal wand and you not only saved yourself a half-hour wait while your car was hauled through the whirling brushes, but you saved a buck seventy-five to boot.

It never worked out like it was supposed to. The quarter car washes shake you down, like a mechanical bully after a kid's lunch money.

They don't run long enough, to begin with, so you end up feeding a couple of extra coins in just to get the suds off the whitewall.

Regardless, I am a loyal customer, waiting in line behind a bunch of teenagers getting ready for Saturday night. I tell myself I am just trying to keep up the value of the car, keeping ahead of salt rot, but mainly I'm cheap.

Last week, my wife tried one for the first time. She made the usual beginner's mistake.

She picked out a line where the guy in front

was not only getting ready for a Saturday night date, he was trying to do a super job without damaging his \$125-a-pair, alligator boots with the high heels and blunt toes.

The fastidious ballet took a little time. He did extend the courtesy of letting her have the last minute or so of his wash water, a benevolent gesture that is a class thing to do among the car wash Incrowd.

But when the time ran out, my wife innocently left the wash wand on the floor when she went to put in another quarter.

The hose became a leaping, twisting thing, swinging all around the car a couple of times before it was subdued.

By then she ran out of time again. Whereupon the gentleman behind her, a true man of the car wash world, came to her aid.

"Let me show you how it's done," he said, "Do you want soap or rinses?"

"Soap," she said. He slammed the side of the coin box with a subtle twist of the wrist, a kind of backhand stroke level with the floor.

The thing responded by contentedly squirting out the usual five minutes.

Maybe there's still hope for us humans in a world of machines after all.

## Soccer Team Is Organized

A Farmington team in the Michigan Youth Soccer League will be discussed at a meeting of youngsters and their parents to be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 8 in Longacre School, 34850 Arundel Dr. Boys from eight through 12 years of age are being urged to take part. In charge of the organizational effort is Armando Tavian of 34135 Freedom Dr. Games would be played during the summer and a soccer film will be shown Thursday.

## Police Sign

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The arrangement will give each man on the 20-member force an average \$2,700 raise. The agreement is within the guidelines established by the Federal Wage Stabilization Board by keeping the raises at an average of five per cent a year, according to City Manager Robert Deudman.

The maximum salary after three years of service will go from \$13,850 in July 1973 to a maximum of \$15,250 beginning July of 1975.

Police sergeants will receive a \$750 raise each of those three years and go from a maximum salary, after three years duty, of \$14,550 to \$15,450.

The three-year spread between starting wage and top wage for officers presently employed, will continue.

The city and association agreed to establish a new five-year spread between starting wage and top wage for those officers employed after January 1973.

Also mapped out were fringe benefits for the next three years. Beginning in July 1973, the duty disability will be increased from 12 to 15 weeks. An officer's work week will be reduced from the present 42-hour week to a 40-hour week over the three-year period.

An officer called back to work from vacation will be compensated at the rate of time and one-half of his salary for a period not to exceed one day. The officers called back will also receive credit for the first day worked towards future vacation time.

Also included in the first

year fringes is a provision for time and one-half compensation for court time and stand-by pay of \$10 per day.

Benefits beginning July 1974 will include a uniform maintenance allowance, to be determined by the actual increase in the cost of uniforms, and a life insurance increase from \$5,000 to \$7,000.

Educational compensation will be increased beginning July of 1974. Each compensation category will receive a \$50 raise, making the minimum \$150 and the maximum \$450 for a 15-week semester.

The third-year benefit is the increase of minimum life insurance from \$7,500 to \$10,000.



PLANNING THE CONCERT featuring the junior high school bands of Farmington on March 9, at 8 p.m. in the Power Junior High are (from left) conductors Larry Detter, O.E. Dunckel;

Donald Ross, Farmington Junior; Dale Green, East; and Richard Cardecia, Power. (Evert photo)

## Junior Highs Plan Concert

FARMINGTON If you like band concert music, Friday will be your lucky day.

Farmington School District will present its sixth annual Festival of Bands concert, Friday, March 9, in the Power Junior High School gymnasium at 6 p.m.

Tickets will be available at the door and are currently available from participating students and their schools. Prices are \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students. Featured will be the four junior high school concert bands, individually and "en masse," totaling more than 200 musicians.

The concert bands are: Power Junior High, conducted by Richard Cardecia; O.E. Dunckel, conducted by Larry Detter; East, conducted by Dale Green; and Farmington Junior, conducted by Donald Ross.

Among pieces to be performed are "The High School Cadet March" by John Phillip

Sousa and "The Great Gate," by Modest Petrovich Moussorgsky. Michael Rasmussen, English instructor in North Farmington, will be master of ceremonies.

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## Farmington Rd. Zoning Is Tabled By Council

By STEVE BARNABY

FARMINGTON

The continuing saga of Gary Jackson, his house, and his neighbors continued Monday night before the Farmington City Council.

After hearing a zoning request and neighbors' objections, the council tabled the

request for further investigation.

The proposal was previously denied by the planning commission.

Jackson, 21718 Farmington, maintains he can't sell his house as a single-family unit and wants the structure rezoned to a multi-family so that he may sell it to Tartaglia and Sons, a firm which already has built the Kensington Manor apartments to the north.

Jackson's neighbors, from the Little Farms Subdivision, Farmington and Nine Mile, want to see the house remain a family unit. They say that, if changed, it will decrease their property value and invade their privacy.

In the last two years, Jackson said, he has listed his house with at least three real estate agencies and attempted to sell his house for anywhere from \$30,000 to \$36,000. It has been appraised for \$36,900. Tartaglia is offering to buy it for \$33,000.

Last December, Jackson appeared before the council to have his assessment lowered in hopes of drawing a few customers. The council dropped his assessment from \$13,000 to \$12,000, but Jackson maintains it did no good.

Larry Maughan, of the local homeowners' association, expressed apprehension at having a multi-family dwelling erected.

"I sympathize with Mr. Jackson's problem. But if he asked an equitable price for the property, he could sell it. When neighbors look out their back windows, all they can see is the Kensington mon-

ster. We don't need another one," said Maughan.

He also said a multi-family structure would increase flow of traffic where children crossed to school.

One concerned little Farms resident expressed fear that apartment dwellers would be looking in her bedroom and bathroom.

The hearing closed with Councilman John Richardson requesting time to investigate the real estate efforts to sell the property.

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## Letters To The Editor

### Band Thanks Fund-Raisers

EDITOR:

Please accept my thanks on behalf of the instrumental music students and their parents for the publicity you gave us on our recent fund-raising activity. Band Day at McDonalds.

We received over \$1,200 which is a good start on badly needed uniforms.

Your kind consideration in this matter helped make it a success.

HARRY R. WILLIAMS  
President,  
Farmington High School  
Music Patron

### Help Needed For Dystrophy

EDITOR:

Our Muscular Dystrophy Club at Harrison High School is basically concerned with raising money for those stricken with muscular dystrophy.

On March 17 volunteers from coast-to-coast will be in shopping centers with canisters and "Shamrocks for Dystrophy" tags. Money collected will aid Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America continue its special summer camp.

We need more student volunteers to work on the tag day between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. If you can help, call John O'Hourke in the Muscular Dystrophy Assn. headquarters in Ferndale. He is the director.

We would greatly appreciate any help.

LINDA SCHECHTER  
President, Muscular Dystrophy Club,  
Harrison High School

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