



### Exchange Club names officers

The Farmington Exchange Club elected new officers recently. James B. Stevens, past president, handed over the gavel to Harry Locke. Other new officers were: James Wibby, first vice president; Robert Deadman, second vice president; Edmond Dodson, third vice president; Herb Henry, secretary; and John Chapman, treasurer. (Evert photo)

## Bus contract expires

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other places where they can get more money.

"It takes a lot of time to replace drivers, it takes time to train them. We don't like to lose them, but of course they're going to leave if they don't get more money."

"In the long run the school district is going to lose more drivers, and they're not going to be able to replace them."

Coleman said the district cannot meet all the bus drivers demands this year, but has offered to write some of them into a three-year contract for the next two years.

THE DISTRICT he said, has agreed to give them some additional insurance coverage and the extra holiday after Thanksgiving next year.

"We are trying to be fair," "We are trying to work with the money we have available. Even after the mileage defeat the school board did not go back on the offer it had made to the bus drivers, earlier this summer."

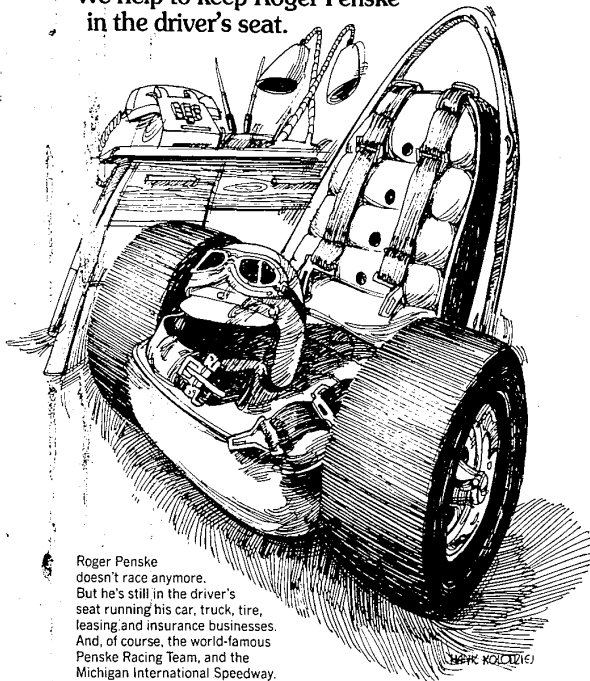
"They were the ones that escalated their demands. We had been bargaining since March to get as far as we were, and they escalate. We do want a settlement, but we also want to be fair to both sides."

Mrs. Van Wicklin said, "There has been some talk among the drivers about a strike. We are trying to keep that from happening."

"We are hoping to get this settled so there isn't a strike. However, we the bus drivers are tired of being treated like second class citizens. We do not have an easy job."

"If the district wants good, safe drivers, it will have to pay for them."

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