

Regional Roundup

SALARIES FOR JUDGES

Salaries for Troy's two municipal judges have become a problem with the filing date for election just five days away. The two presiding judges have requested salary increases or assurance of such increases before filing for reelection.

Although the city council appears willing to make the adjustments it has been advised that the wage hikes would be illegal under the current city charter. The council may seek changes in its city charter to make wage hikes possible and may seek to expand the court to three judges as a result of the dispute.

JAIL SUICIDE

A 30-year-old Detroit man being held in the Southfield jail was found hanged in his cell Saturday afternoon. Police said Nathaniel Price had fashioned a noose from a blanket in his cell and that his death was an apparent suicide. Price's body was discovered at 7:30 p.m. Saturday by an officer who had come to take the suspect to court for his arraignment. The suspect had been arrested just 12 hours earlier, along with another Detroit man, on charges of armed robbery of \$400 from the Howard Johnson's Motor Inn on Ten Mile and Northwestern. Police said jail cells are monitored by a listening device and cell

checks every half-hour by an officer. An immediate investigation by the Southfield chief of police and the Oakland County medical examiner's office revealed no criminal negligence on the part of the police, police said. Price's death is the third suicide by a prisoner in the 22-year history of the police department.

CLEAR MESSAGE

On a sub-zero Monday night, almost 200 West Bloomfield School District residents turned out to give the school board a clear message: build a new school.

The board conducted a public hearing on the possibility of elementary school redistricting to relieve overcrowding at one school.

Most heated comments came from parents who don't want their children transferred to the district's oldest school, Roosevelt in Keego Harbor.

STOP SPENDING

Former Orchard Lake Mayor Robert Carter read about his two-page letter Monday which asked the city council to stop spending money for litigation and to hold public hearings on each lawsuit facing the city.

At present, the city is involved in at least seven suits.



Abandoned

This intelligent German shepherd, about 1½ years old, literally has been left out in the cold by its former owners. The Birmingham Humane Society believes the dog will make a fine pet. Interested persons can call the society at 852-7821.

OCRC passes road program

The Board of County Road Commissioners of Oakland County has approved an \$805,000 supplemental road improvement program and authorized the Oakland County Road Commission to pay its \$250,000 share of the program's cost.

Passed Jan. 8, the road program would, according to John R. Gnaou, Jr., vice chairman of the road board, extend the 1973-74 gravel road reconstruction program by rebuilding an additional 100 miles of substandard gravel roads with three inches of new gravel. He said it would also provide safety improvements by:

- Installing demand-sensitive automatic signal timing devices to operate traffic lights at four of the county's high-accident intersections.

- Adding pedestrian signals to existing traffic lights at six school crossings.

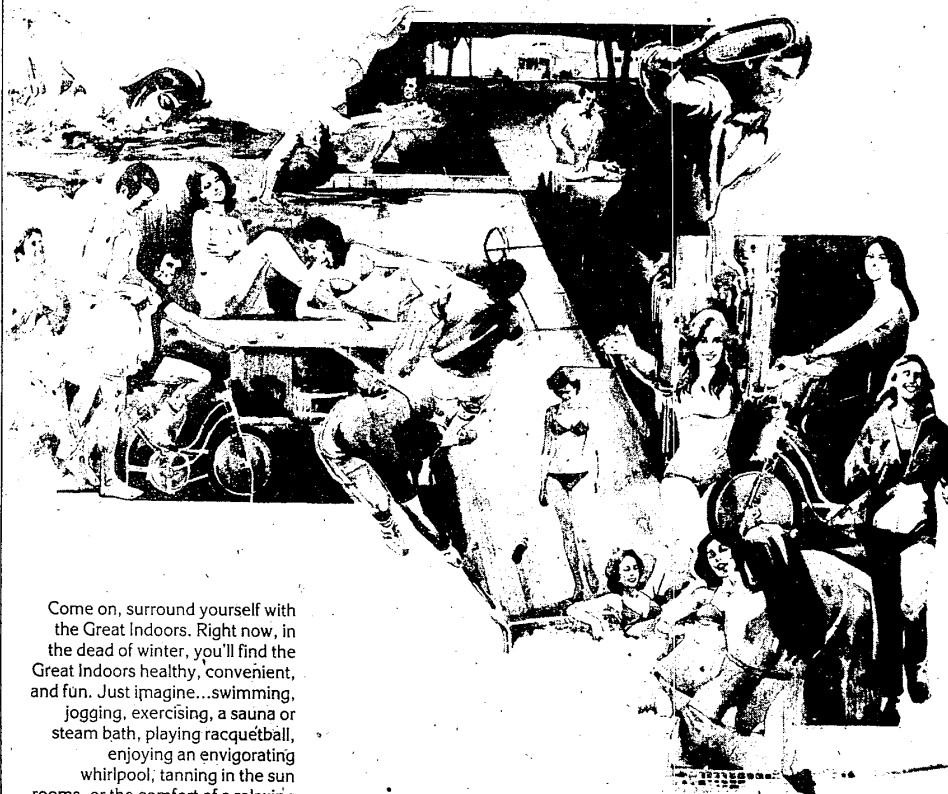
- Adding pedestrian signals to existing traffic lights at eight other locations.

- Upgrading traffic lights at 31 locations to federal recommendations by replacing 8-inch lenses with 12-inch lenses.

- Completing installation of 25-mile-per-hour speed limit signs in 132 school zones throughout the county.

- Replacing painted left-turn lane markings at 22 locations and center line markings on seven road segments with long-lasting thermo-plastic markings.

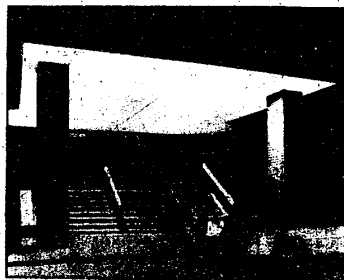
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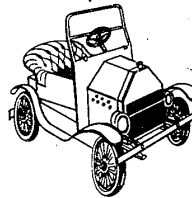


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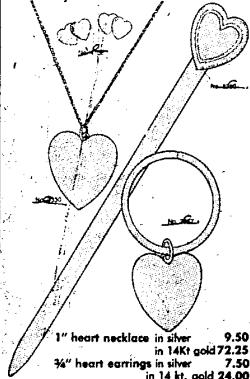
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