

To Hear Public On Bus Laws

State representatives will come to Oakland County Thursday, Sept. 26, to hear the public's views on the current school bus laws.

A public hearing by a special House Committee will begin at 10 a.m. in the County Courthouse in Pontiac.

Members of the committee are: William V. Weber (R-Kalamazoo), chairman; Clifford H. Smart (R-Walled Lake); Robert Traxler (D-Bay City); James Tierney (D-Garden City); and Hal W. Ziegler (R-Jackson).

"THE SCHOOL bus guidelines come from the horse-drawn school bus era," Weber said in announcing the hearing. "They were designed to encourage the formation of consolidated or rural Agricultural High School Districts."

"The law worked well for many years before the population explosion, the urbanization of the countryside, and the reorganization of the schools resulting in the joining of more and more rural school districts into larger districts. But now

it appears there is need for a change."

Weber said that charges of discrimination in busing must be investigated. "It has been alleged that current busing laws are discriminatory in that a student living two or three miles from the school must get there on his or her own because they live within the city limits. But in other cases those a mile and a half from the school but outside the city, may ride free and in comfort in a publicly financed bus."

"I hope that the committee will be able to secure legislation that will bring the school bus transportation law from the age of mud roads and horse-drawn busses to today's era of freeways and high-speed traffic. Above all, new laws must eliminate discrimination resulting from consolidation and changes in population patterns," Weber said.

He added that he hopes the committee will be able to secure sufficient information so that a new formula will be worked out which will be fair to all school districts even though it may result in less state bus aid per pupil.

THE COMMITTEE will consider the state subsidy, possible revisions necessary in the transportation act, possible involvement of the intermediate school district and an examination of the administrative rules.

Under the current state law a subsidy is returned to the school districts for transportation expenses. Both private and public school children are entitled to the transportation if it is provided by the district.

During the 1967-1968 school year the Farmington schools provided transportation for 6,129 children. The state subsidy paid approximately half of the district's \$236,045 budget.

Nurse Trains

Army nurse (second lieutenant) Gayle A. Humm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Humm, 3950 Lyman, Farmington, has completed a Nurse Corps officer basic course at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam, Houston, Tex. She received her B.A. degree from Western Michigan University this year.

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A HERO'S FUNERAL — Military pallbearers carry the body of William F. Pepper from the funeral home Friday following services for the 25-year-old Marine who died Aug. 30 in Vietnam. The Marine Corporal was the son of Dr. and Mrs. James N. Pepper, formerly of Farmington.

City-Township Action Needed In Bel-Aire

Immediate relief from the possibility of flooded basements in Bel-Aire Hills subdivision is not possible, according to a report made to the Farmington City Council Monday by City Manager John Dinan.

Dinan told the Council that initial meetings with the Oakland County Drain Commissioner revealed that any drain improvements within the area should be through joint action by the city and the township.

The City Manager's report said in part: "The existing water course that runs southeasterly from Eleven Mile to Ten Mile Rds. crossing Ten Mile West of Broadview is not a County drain but a natural water course and any improvements are to be made, it would require obtaining necessary drain easements for construction and installation of drain enclosures and be an expense to this project."

Joint city-township action to relieve the possibility of flooding would involve the township's proposed master plan for storm water drainage, Dinan said. "The master plan will be based on drainage priorities within the township, as well as the Bel-Aire area," Dinan said. "In analyzing the results of a joint meeting with the Oakland County Drain Commissioner and Township officials, this particular drainage district will not receive a very high priority because there is limited development in this particular area of the township and no sanitary sewer is available for connection on the Ten Mile Rd. area."

City action is pending final reports on the sewer conditions within Bel-Aire. Progress reports are expected at each council meeting, while the final report is expected in six weeks, Dinan said. "The best approach at this time would be for the city to develop some type of retention area north of Ten Mile Road in the nature valley area within the township so that these waters could be retained and storm-water could be retained and pumped through our Bel-Aire storm systems during normal flows," Dinan said. The city manager said that pending drain water would require leasing or buying properties from township owners. Expenses for major Bel-Aire improvements would be paid by the city, he said.

local news happenings

MARIE LONG GE. 4-5114

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Cyclist Hurt

A Detroit youth was injured Thursday when his motorcycle collided with an auto at noon at Nine Mile Rd. and Grand River. Walter W. Garrett, 20, was treated and released at Botsford General Hospital after he was struck by a car that failed to yield the right of way. Farmington police said, Chad Atney of Southfield, was making a left turn from Grand River on to Nine Mile.

community calendar

BLUE STAR MOTHERS
Sept. 19 at 1 p.m., The Blue Star Mothers will hold a business meeting in Wheeler Street fire hall.

COMMUNITY FUND TRAINING MEETING
A mass training meeting for neighborhood chairmen for the United Community Fund house-to-house drive will be held at 8 p.m. Sept. 19 in Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

WWI VETERANS APPLE BLOSSOM SALE
Sept. 20 and 21, Members of Barracks 1152 Veterans of World War I will hold their annual apple blossom sale to assist aged veterans.

JACK LOWTHER LEAGUE FOOTBALL GAMES
Sept. 21 at 12 noon, The Rockets will play in Hazel Park; the Missiles will play in Dearborn.

TEN MILE PTA
Sept. 23 from 7 to 9 p.m., Ten Mile PTA will hold an open house in the school.

FARMINGTON AREA PTA COUNCIL
Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m., Farmington Area PTA Council will hold a workshop in East Junior High School, 25000 Middle Belt, Farmington.

BOND PTA SPAGHETTI DINNER
Sept. 27 from 6 to 8 p.m., Bond PTA will hold a spaghetti dinner in the school gymnasium. Admission for children 75 cents, adults, \$1.25, families \$4.50.

Council Sets Deadline

Application should be made this month by Boy Scouts and Explorers who wish to join the Clinton Valley Council Scout contingent to the National Scout Jamboree next July 16-22.

The jamboree for 40,000 Scouts and leaders will be held at Farmington State Park, Idaho. The Clinton Valley contingent will include 59 Scouts and Explorers and five adult leaders.

To be eligible for the jamboree, Boy Scouts must have been 12 years old on or before Sept. 1, 1968, and Explorers must have been registered as a Scout or Explorer on July 1, 1968. A Scout or Explorer who has reached his 18th birthday before July 1, 1969, will not be eligible.

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