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today's hot line

It's A Bill . . .

City planners got a shock Monday night when they examined the long-range program for improving roads in the city. For a price tag on the proposed plans turn to . . .

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Takes Office

A new city treasurer takes office Friday. Staff Writer Elizabeth Wisman visited with the new city official. For her report see . . .

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Wallace, Locally

George Wallace's third party candidacy was expected by the political pundits to cut into Hubert Humphrey's blue collar labor support. But did he really do it in the Overland suburbs? Our six local editors pulled together some election statistics and arrived at some conclusions that defy conventional political wisdom.

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A Heart-Warmer

There's a heart-warming story about a Clarenceville lady who took care of her elderly mother until the mother died. Alone, the lady has made a hobby of adopting children of different races and nations under a Foster Parents program. You'll be touched by her generosity.

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High Fashion Here

A young Farmington mother is designing and creating custom garments in the manner of Paris and New York fashion houses. See Margaret Miller's "Women on the Go."

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upcoming

FIREMEN'S TECHNIQUES have changed a lot through the years, and suburban chiefs say the big change was introduced by the U.S. Navy in World War II. Roving Editor W. W. Edgar has a fascinating tale to tell—with pictures—for anyone who has ever watched a fire engine. Watch the Sunday edition.

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Santa's BEST HELPER the 'Gift Spotter' IS COMING NOV. 20

WATCH THE WANT-AD SECTION FOR OBSERVER-LADY'S LARGEST HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE A THREE WEEK RUN DEC. 16.

Pay Hike Set For Trustees

By DAVID SARTIN

The Farmington Township Board approved raises approximating \$200 per year per trustee for the newly elected township trustees Monday night.

Trustees-elect Mrs. Margaret Schaefer, Charles Williams and Frederick Lichtman and Trustee Thomas R. Nolan, who is filling out a full term, will receive \$1,200 per year salary, effective Jan. 1, 1969. Trustees Nolan, James Skillman, Peter Klop, and Earl Opperhauser now receive \$25 per official meeting, which is going to total between \$350 to \$1,000 this year, according to

Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall.

Salaries of Supervisor Hall, Clerk Floyd Cairns and Treasurer Mrs. Elise Avery were not raised. Those officials are paid \$16,750, \$11,000 and \$10,000 respectively.

Mrs. Avery voted against the trustees' raise and incumbent Nolan abstained.

PREVIOUS TO the vote, Mrs. Avery said she had researched surrounding township's trustees' salaries. She cited Waterford, Commerce, Novi, Southfield, Royal Oak, West Bloomfield, Bloomfield and Pontiac

townships as areas where trustees receive between \$10 to \$25 per meeting.

"I think \$25 per meeting is being within reason," Mrs. Avery said. "And over that -- well, I don't think we are that rich."

In approving the raise, Trustee James Skillman said, "The amount of outside work is heavy."

"If someone is worried about salaried trustees who do not show up for meetings, we could establish an arbitrary figure to cover absences."

IN OTHER township board

action, approval was granted for a fund transferring program to finance an extension of the Grand River Sewer Arm assessment district.

The extension of the district will include 114 lots bordered by a triangle between Freedom, Nine Mile and generally west of Grand River.

"We are buying (sewer) capacity in that area," said Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan.

Farmington Township will pay \$16,543 to the Oakland County Department of Public

Works for sewer capacity in the district.

"The township will recover the money by \$200 connection charges for the lots in the expansion area that will use the Grand River Arm," Brennan said.

THE BOARD approved expenditure of approximately \$850 for winter jackets for township volunteer firemen.

The fireman have found a gasoline distributor who will partially finance the jackets, providing the firemen purchase a certain amount of spark plugs, according to Hall.

"I don't know what the jacket-spark plug formula is," Hall said, "but the township will not be buying spark plugs under the agreement."

FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD agreed to spend no more than \$1,000 to help build a police firing range on StarCutter property near the Grand River plant.

Approximately \$850 is to be blacktop the range, Hall said.

Labor and building materials for the range will be donated, Hall said.



TIME OUT — Members of the Farmington DeMolay and Job's Daughters pitched in to clean up the yard at the Kendallview Nursing

Home Sunday. Mary Ballinger and Alan Fleming found time for an old-fashioned leaf-throwing contest though.



CLEANING UP — Dave and Tom Turton helped the Farmington DeMolay clean up the yard at the Kendallview Nursing Home Sunday. The DeMolay members took on the service project for the nursing home on 12 Mile Rd. (Observer photos)

\$1,175,000 Loan Approved For Schools

By SUE SHAUGHNESSY

Farmington public schools will borrow \$1,175,000 from the National Bank of Detroit in order to help meet the Nov. 15 \$410,000 payroll.

Authorization to borrow the funds for a short term loan at an interest rate of 3.2 percent came Monday night, but not until after the Board of Education members expressed some displeasure at the means of taking the bids.

The loan was secured as an advance on the state aid payment due in the first quarter of 1969 and is to be repaid by March 1. Total interest cost on the loan is estimated at \$12,000.

NEED FOR the district to borrow arose with the lack of surplus funds which had carried the schools over in past years. Borrowing funds in anticipation of state aid payments is a relatively routine matter for school districts.

Three quotations on the loan were returned by banks.

Two of the bids came from the Livonia National Bank. One of these proposals quoted an interest rate at 3.55 per cent and the other 3.35 per cent with the stipulation that the school district transfer its commercial account to the Livonia firm.

Administration members said that the Bloomfield Bank, the Detroit Bank and Trust and the Commonwealth Bank had all been contacted. Dr. D'Esperick J. Smith, superintendent of schools, said that these banks had been contacted on the basis of business done with the schools.

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All were treated and released from Boston General Hospital in the early hours of Nov. 9.

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WAMPLER and a passenger were injured, police said, but the extent of their injuries are not known.

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TRUSTEE LELAND Clifford told the other board members that the last time the district had borrowed funds had been two or three years ago.

"We paid less than one per cent interest at that time," asserted Clifford, while criticizing the administration for not advertising for bids and bringing sealed bids to the board table.

The rest of the board members echoed discontent at the means of obtaining the quotations, but were forced to accept the lowest bid because of the time element involved.

Teachers To Study Reading

Farmington schools will send five teachers to Oakland County classes to study methods of teaching reading under a plan approved by the Board of Education Monday night.

Three junior high school teachers will attend an eight-week workshop beginning in February, while two elementary teachers will attend sessions held before the first of the year.

TOTAL COST of the training to the district is estimated at \$4,800. This will pay for substitute teachers and mileage costs.

The Oakland County School District said that it would refund \$20 a day toward the cost of one substitute to the district for a secondary school teacher.

Schools Refuse Property

The Farmington School District has said "thanks, but no thanks," to the possibility of purchasing 2.59 acres of land west of North Farmington High and east of the Antioch Lutheran Church.

A proposal to rezone this land to allow for an office building was tabled by the Farmington Township Planning Commission until it was determined whether or not the schools were interested in the land.

Trustee Herbert Neal, a member of the Board's site committee, said Monday that the land would be a "welcome addition" to the North Farmington site, but that the price was too high.

According to Neal the cost of the small parcel would be greater than that paid by the school district for the original North Farmington site.

School district records show that the 42-acre North Farmington site was purchased in 1959 for a total cost of \$117,885.40.

7 Cheer Leaders Injured

Seven Farmington Senior High School cheerleaders suffered serious injuries in a two-car collision at Birchwood and Flanders Nov. 9 at 1 a.m.

Elizabeth Anderson, 15, of 34565 Lytle, and Nancy Smith, 15, of 21155 Meadowlark, have been confined to Boston General Hospital, Farmington Township, and St. Mary Hospital, Livonia, with broken pelvic bones. Both girls are reported to be resting comfortably.

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Township Delays Walk On Middle Belt Rd.

The Farmington Township board has rescinded a matching fund offer to improve sidewalk conditions along Middle Belt through East Junior High School and Franklin Ravine subdivision.

The matching fund offer, which came formally from the Oct. 28 Farmington School Board meeting, was to provide a hard surface walk-way on the east side of Middle Belt through sunken terrain that has made

foot passage difficult.

The school board had passed a resolution providing for not more than \$350 for the project.

"It has been our policy to match people in these types of improvements," said Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall.

"But if we started matching the school board, we would soon run out of matching funds."

Trustee Thomas Nolan suggested that the township match 25 per cent, as is the policy in matching private individuals.

He added that he hoped that other interested parties would enter into any matching fund program for Middle Belt sidewalk improvements.

"The school Parent-Teacher Association or the subdivision association could enter into the agreement," Hall said.