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"WAIT A MINUTE I want to talk to you," is Jim's statement to Curley and Laury in this scene from the upcoming Our Lady of Sorrows High School production of "Oklahoma." From left, are: Jim Barnes of Novi; Jim McGrath of 31961 Lamar, Farmington; and Cindy Waack of 17311 Mayfield.

School Board And Teachers Are Far Apart on Salary Proposals

The Farmington Board of Education has made a counter proposal to the Farmington Education Association on a contract for the 1967-68 school year.

In the proposal which was presented at the close of a budget study session held April 6, the same salary schedule as presently in effect is outlined.

This lists starting salary of \$5,600 for the new teacher with a bachelor's degree and a maximum of \$10,436.89 with 12 years' experience.

In a proposal submitted by the FEA at the start of the negotiations, the teachers requested a salary of "10 or fewer" steps over the same number of years.

Alta Loma Roads to Need Work

Farmington's City Council agreed Monday night to try once again to convince the residents of the Alta Loma Subdivisions that some long-range capital improvement work on the roads was becoming necessary.

At the present time the roads in Alta Loma are asphalt and the residents want to keep them that way.



THE CITY — Farmington's Department of Public Safety has been honored for its work in fire prevention. Those at the presentation of a certificate of merit from the National Fire Protection Association and the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce are, from left: Sgt. Jay Harrison of the Farmington DPS; Governor Romney; Robert Deadman, Director of Public Safety; Farmington's Mayor Sandy Brigherton; Lansing Mayor Max Murningham; and State Police Commissioner Fred Davila.

The current schedule for M.A. teachers is 13 steps over 15 years.

Farmington Superintendent of Schools Gerald V. Harrison termed the Board's proposal "a more realistic place to start than the FEA proposal."

In its proposed contract the FEA requested a minimum (Continued on Page 4A)

Jaycees Seek Improvement For City Softball Field

The Farmington Jaycees, the City Council agreed to come up with a proposal to spend approximately \$180 to improve the City's Softball field and do along with the Diamond Monday night and pool.

Council Action

Farmington's City Council handled a number of items during its Monday night session. A quick capsule summary:

FATAC Gets Tennis Court Use
 A request from the Farmington Area YMCA Farmington Area Teen Age Council for the use of the City Tennis Courts on Wednesday evenings from June 21 through Aug. 30 was granted. The high school group will hold weekly dances under the stars. City Manager John Dinan told the Council that upwards of 800 attended the weekly dances last year with no major incidents.

Grade School Team Uses Field
 The Grade School Catholic Youth Organization baseball team at Our Lady of Sorrows received permission to use the City's baseball diamond for practice from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and the use of the field Saturday and Sunday afternoons in May for league games.

Deny Group's Request
 The Council denied the use of lighted ballfield for practice to the City of Farmington's entry to the South Oakland East Pitch Softball Association on the basis that the field is in use five nights a week. The Council informed the group, however, that the field was available for its use on Saturday or Sunday nights if it wished to schedule their games on these nights.

Receive Proposal for Personnel
 Stipulated that some time at a budget session would be concerned with a review of Personnel Policies and Regulations for the City Employees. City Manager Dinan said that his office would like the City Council to adopt the proposed rules to be effective July 1, 1967.

Authorize Bids
 Authorized the City's Department of Public Safety to take bids for three patrol cars and a standard car which would be delivered after July 1, 1967 and paid for from next year's budget.

In a letter the Council, the Jaycees proposed:
 Expanding the playing area by moving the first 110 feet of the south end of the field back a distance of 20 feet.

Maintaining the Little League boundary by the use of a canvas that can be put up and taken down as needed.

Putting about five loads of fill and three loads of top soil into the field to raise the level of the field and make it uniform with the rest of the diamond.

Providing an additional two loads of sandy clay in the infield.

Protecting the ballplayers from injury by collision of light poles by installing a three foot belt and padding around the poles at a position three to six feet above the ground.

Under the proposal the Jaycees would pay for the additional fence and poles, provide the Little League with the Jaycees estimated their costs for the project at \$475.

City Manager Dinan estimated the City's cost in the project would come from installing a new fence as this would be as cheap as moving the existing structure and in removing a tree stump which would be located in the outfield once the fence is moved.

In addition to this City personnel would be expected to spread the fill dirt to a uniform level on the field. The Council felt that this was a good suggestion and a good project, however, and gave its go-ahead to the Jaycees and to Dinan to spend the necessary funds.

Arundel Sidewalk Slated For August Construction

The day of trudging through the mud are numbered for the students at the Longacre School. Construction of a walkway is scheduled to begin in August.

Farmington City Manager John Dinan reported to the City Council Monday night that an agreement had been reached between the parents of the Longacre children, the

Youth Flees Police After Chase in City

Officer Glen Fisher of the City's Police Department ran into a bit of unexpected excitement during the early morning hours of April 15 when he followed a car south on Farmington Rd. from Grand River to check it out.

When Fisher began to follow the vehicle the driver immediately began to pick up speed a rapid foot light at Nine Mile. As the corner of Maplewood Rd. Farmington Rd. the car turned into the northbound lane and spun around.

The driver of the car began to flee on foot despite Fisher's commands to halt and his firing a shot in the air. The driver made his get-away on foot.

Fisher picked up the other passengers of the car into the patrol car and took them to the station.

One girl, Patricia Charles Lampley, 17, of 11650 Norbourne, Redford Township, told the police that her husband, 24-year-old Jesse F. Lampley of 26368 Fordson,

Fire Levels Midwest Cabinet

Farmington Township's Midwest Cabinet plant has Nine Mile and Middlebelt burned to the ground during the early morning hours Tuesday. The cause of the fire was not known.

Estimated loss to the plant, which employed 45 people, was \$100,000. Tuesday morning the only thing left standing at the site was the building's front wall.

The firm, which has done business in the Township for more than 20 years, had a large supply of highly flammable materials such as paint, varnish and glue in the building.

Five fire trucks from Stations One, Two and Three answered the three alarm blaze which broke out at 6:10 a.m. It took the Township's volunteer fire department approximately two hours to bring the blaze under control. Crews were still at the scene four hours later.

Farmington Township officials said the assessed valuation for the plant was \$30,750, while the personal property assessment was \$11,400.

Council Speaks On Vote

Fred Lichtman, chairman of the Education Committee of the Farmington Township Citizens Council for Community Development, will discuss the Council's position on the upcoming incorporation election in Farmington Township at the April 24 meeting of the Kendallwood Farm Homeowners Association.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 8 p.m. at the Dunckel Junior High School on 12 Mile Rd. just east of Farmington Rd.

Lichtman, a Kendallwood resident, will outline the position of the Council and explain why it believes all the township citizens should vote "yes" on the question.

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Committee Agrees on Two Monument Sites

In a compromise move, clearly aimed at satisfying both city and township interests, the Farmington Community Veterans Memorial Monument Committee Monday proposed a two-part solution to the problem of locating a new monument.

The committee gave unanimous vote approval to suggestions that:

- The Monument be relocated in the city's triangular park west of the Masonic Lodge in downtown Farmington.
- The proposed new library building be designated the "Veterans Memorial Library."

The committee's plan is to place a plaque with the names of Farmington residents who died in military uniform.

The second proposal was to be transmitted to the Farmington District Library Board, which would control the naming of the new library.

Township voters will decide May 22 whether to levy one mill for construction of additional library facilities, with the City Council matching that rate. The Library Board has proposed construction of a second library building along 12 Mile Rd. across from O. E. Dunckel Junior High School in the Township.

Robert L. Smith, Veterans of Foreign Wars representative who heads the Monument Committee, reported estimates that it would cost \$1,000 to move the existing monument, now located at Grand River and Farmington Rd. and perhaps another \$1,000 to renovate, redesign, or otherwise expand on it.

After seeking city and township contributions, the Monument Committee plans to operate booths at the Founders Festival in late July to raise the remainder of the cost.

James Johnson, head of a design subcontractor, is in the process of contacting local high schools to invite suggestions on the monument's design.

The Monument Committee met Monday evening in township hall. Its decision ended weeks of disagreement and discussion about location of fitting memorials to deceased veterans. Underlying the disagreement had been tension between the city and township over annexation and other political matters.



FIRST PLACE WINNER in the Kiwanis Bird House Building Contest Saturday was Larry Tettin, 13, of 23118 Tuck Rd. A student at Clarenceville Junior High School, Larry built a Purple Martin House and took the prize in the 11 to 14 age group.

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