

School Bus Transportation Denied Gill Road 'Walkers'

Despite what their parents claim are "deplorable and unsafe conditions," 31 youngsters of kindergartens to sixth grade age must continue to use the main surface of Gill Rd. as their walkway to school, it was ruled by the Farmington Board of Education Monday night.

Byron Oliver, admitting his observation had been made only at 10 a.m. the same morning, called the thoroughfare "The best gravel road we have in Farmington Township right now even though it is unimproved and the shoulders are so rough the children cannot walk there, bus being forced to use the main roadway."

of Gill Rd. to a point where it would be a safe walkway, but his proposed resolution died for lack of a second.

INSTEAD, upon the motion of George Otis, the board did take official cognizance of the plight of the youngsters by passing the buck to Oakland County and Farmington Township.

A resolution introduced by Otis, and passed unanimously, called for the school administration to "work out" the county for an improvement in the road, and to ask township police to patrol the street more vigorously in the interest of safety.

The route which the pupils must follow from the Farmington Village complex, located on Nine Mile Rd., pursues Gill southward from Nine Mile to the school site.



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THE PARENTS had petitioned for a second time since school started in September to have their children transported to school by bus, even though they are within the mileage limitation which dictates that the youngsters should walk.

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Pair Face 2 Theft Charges

Two 19-year-old Farmington youths, one AWOL from the Army, face examination in Redford Township Justice Court Feb. 27 on charges of breaking and entering an auto to commit larceny.

Arraigned Feb. 6 were Robert E. Merchant, of 21515 Roosevelt, Farmington, and Phillip Ingram, of 23161 Tulane, Farmington. Ingram, police said, is AWOL from the Army.

The pair is also charged with possession of stolen property valued over \$100. Merchant was released on \$500 bond, Ingram, unable to post \$2,500 bond, was sent to Detroit House of Correction.

The youths were arrested after James Colbeck, of Saginaw, notified township police his car parked in a Grand River motel lot had been broken into. Missing was a bass guitar, valued at \$325.

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