

School Board Studying Pay Scale for Faculty; Buy Desks for Schools

★ Traffic Problems Are Discussed by Officers

Representatives of the Hillsboro Police Department and the Ohio State Patrol met with Hillsboro school officials Monday night to discuss traffic problems and safety in the city and community.

Meeting with the board of education were Police Chief Walter Reffitt and State Patrolman R. L. Jenkins, assigned to this community. Principals were present to hear and take part in the discussion.

Major development of the discussion was a tentative plan for some safety lectures and movies at the high school, possibly one in the near future and another before the end of the school term.

Both school and police officials agreed that the reckless driving and other violations around the school and in the city "have calmed down" in the past three or four months. All agreed, however, that a continuous process of education and reminder of safety rules was necessary in the fight to make highways and streets safe.

ONE SUGGESTION brought up was the possibility of some civic club undertaking the formation of a local auto club for teen-agers.

Continuing of driver-education in schools was urged by Jenkins. The local high school was not able to offer the program this year because no faculty member was qualified to teach the course. However, the board indicated that a strong attempt would be made to renew the course next fall.

Jenkins told officials that he had noted a decline of violations among teen-age drivers. "I'm having my troubles now chiefly with the group just out of school, and on up."

Shannon reported some improvement on the driving on the school ground itself. He said he had heard of some schools banning cars of students from the school grounds during regular school hours. However, they parked them on side streets which merely shifted the problem.

Reffitt and Jenkins are to meet with Shannon to work out detailed plans for an assembly program at the high school.

Improvement of driving among the teen-agers was attributed to several factors—Jenkins' presence in the community, the campaign of police to check on violators and the work of school officials in reminding students of their responsibilities.

Easter Seals Bring \$400

Society Plans Many Special Events Here

First flood of contributions in the annual Easter Seal sale conducted by the Highland County Society for Crippled Children and Adults was listed today as totaling about \$400, according to officials of the society.

The annual drive opened last week with the mailing of seals to several hundreds residents in the area. Other seals will go out next week.

Meanwhile, some special events have been scheduled by the society. Mrs. Willa Stanforth, general campaign chairman, reported. These included two benefit basketball games, one on March 29 and another on April 1. A dance will be held at New Market this Saturday night as fund-raising event. The Highland County Farm Bureau Youth Group is planning a benefit dance in a few weeks.

Walter B. Underwood, executive director of the Ohio Society for Crippled Children since 1927, will speak at noon Friday of this week at a meeting of the Hi-Co Pow-Wow, comprised of all agencies dealing in welfare work.

The basketball benefit on March 29 will be a "comedy" game at

Make Application For State Funds; Study Age Limit

The Hillsboro board of education has taken under consideration a proposed renewal of a basic salary schedule, approved last year, for all teachers in the local school system.

The board, after hearing a report from a committee of teachers at its meeting Monday night, agreed to meet next Monday night to take action on the schedule, which has been revised slightly, but only in the number of years the schedule covers.

The schedule was partially put into effect for the year 1954-55. The teachers' association, which the committee represented, recommends that it be adopted in full for the year 1955-56.

In addition to this matter, the board also discussed a number of other items of business.

THE BOARD agreed to order some new equipment for the new Webster Building, which is expected to be finished in time for use this fall. The equipment is chiefly desks and chairs. Reshuffling of other equipment will be completed this summer, in order to move all pupils from the Washington Building to the old and new Webster Buildings in September.

The board said they were making the plans on the basis of the assurance of the architect and contractor that the new school would be ready for use. The project appears to be moving along rapidly, with the south wing going up steadily and the floor being poured for the north wing.

The board went on record as agreeing to setting up the anti-polio vaccine program in cooperation with the county board of health, when and if the Salk vaccine becomes available in April.

APPLICATION is to be made immediately for some rehabilitation funds for flooring, lights and re-decoration of the Webster Annex. Architects are to draw up specifications to submit to the state. If the project is approved, the state will pay approximately one-half of

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the cost of the work. Other rehabilitation projects may be added to the list submitted.

Paul L. Upp, superintendent, recommended to the board that the enrollment date for first graders be moved from Dec. 31 back to Oct. 1. Lack of maturity, emotional stability and ability to advance in school were cited as the reasons for delaying the child's entrance into school until he is six or nearly six years of age. The superintendent said the Parent-Teacher Association backed the proposal. The board deferred a decision on this until next Monday night.

The teachers' committee, headed by Donald Irvin, said that all teachers in the system had seen copies of the salary schedule and that there had been no objections. The committee presented various other data on comparable salary averages and the overall cost of the schedule.

A comparison showed that average of the high school salaries here is below other schools of comparable size. The average for the high school here is \$3,662. Averages for other schools include: Circleville, \$3,676; Washington C. H., \$4,096; Wilmington, \$4,341; Greenfield, \$4,022.

FIGURED on the basis of all teachers, both elementary and high school, the following comparison is drawn: Hillsboro overall average now, \$3,510; all county schools, \$3,441; all exempted villages, \$3,760; all city schools, \$4,044; Washington C. H., \$3,950; Chillicothe, \$3,986; Cincinnati, \$4,792; Wilmington, \$3,929; Greenfield, \$3,566.

The position of Hillsboro in its city classification with respect to average salary is 121 out of 135 schools, the committee reported.

Even though the salary schedule is adopted and put into operation, the average salary in Hillsboro for all teachers will be only \$3,914, which is still \$130 below the state average for all teachers and \$534 below the state average for city schools.

The adoption of the schedule would require \$404.44 additional, on the average, for each teacher on the staff. Some would receive no pay boost, while others would benefit.

The committee said that for the "building" of the staff a long-range schedule was a "must." It would attract and hold young teachers if they have some salary advancement to look forward to. Sometimes this advancement is more important than the beginning salary. Under the schedule, a beginning teacher with a degree and no experience would receive \$3,000.

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He said he left the garage about 6 P. M. Both men were seen in West Union later Friday night, it was reported.

The mechanic also told officers that McMullen was in the basement of the garage while his auto was being repaired, and that he could have unlocked the basement window at that time. McMullen admitted being in West Union, but East denied that he was in that vicinity, Friday.

Assisting in the investigation and questioning of the men are: Sheriff F. F. Gustin and sheriff's officers from Adams County; Vernon L. Young, Adams County prosecutor; Tom Wagner and John Loudon, from the Ohio State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, London; Greenfield police and FBI agents from Cincinnati.