

Readers Ask HELP!

No Money For Safety

Q. Why isn't there a traffic light at the corner of Mt. Hope and Clarissa Street? That intersection is dangerous, especially during rush hour.

—NAME WITHHELD

A. The Bureau of Traffic Engineering says the intersection will have traffic signals after the area is reconstructed. But the work will not be done before 1974 since funds earmarked for this project and many others in Rochester didn't materialize after the defeat of the New York State Transportation Bond Issue.

Check Coming Up

Q. While viewing pets at the Doktor Pet Center at Eastview Mall, I caught my leg on a small cage sitting on the floor, and gouged my leg above the ankle. My leg was bleeding profusely, and a girl in another shop got me a bandage and cleaned my stocking. Shortly afterward I visited my doctor. He said the wound was ulcerated and ordered tetanus shots. I've written the pet shop and they phoned, but didn't get back to me as they said. My expenses totaled \$23.12. Can you help?

—MRS. GEORGE LYTLE,
CANANDAIGUA

A. The owner-manager of the pet shop told us you hadn't asked for him and said he didn't know the accident had happened. He asked you to come in—with a witness—to sign a statement. You said you've been assured you'll have a check from the insurance company shortly.

A \$70 Oversight

Q. We owned property in Holley but moved to New Hampshire in February. The sale of the Holley property was handled by Matela Real Estate Inc. in Brockport. Mr. Matela collected a \$1,700 deposit, but the real estate fee was \$1,630. At the closing, Mr. Matela was to send the \$70 balance to me in New Hampshire. I've called Mr. Matela to no avail. Can you please help?

—PETER J. COVEY, MERRIMACK, N.H.

A. We've sent you a check for \$70. Mr. Matela sent it to us with a note stating "the salesman involved is no longer in my employ, and I completely overlooked the situation."

Account Canceled

Q. We didn't order the "Reader's Digest" but we're being billed for it. We've written three or four times to explain, yet bills keep coming. Can you stop them?

—MR. & MRS. ALBERT FEELEY,
CALEDONIA

A. Yes, Reader's Digest has canceled your unsolicited account.

And Now to Pay

Q. I placed a \$23.02 order with Nature Food Centres, Cambridge, Mass., last January. After a month, I wrote them letters but to no avail. In May, they said part of my order was on its way, but it hasn't come, and I've asked for my money. Can you help me get results?

—MRS. TOM PASSAMONTE,
MT. MORRIS

A. You received both the order and the refund after our inquiry. Nature Food asked you to pay for the order when you received it.

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Policeman carries weapons found on school bus arriving at Jefferson High School.

'All of a Sudden It Just Started,' Says Pupil, 13

Schools closed for the year. (1A)

School meeting ends abruptly. (3B)

Jeffrey Winter, 13, stared at the ceiling of the Rochester General Hospital emergency room and tried to remember what happened in his home-room at Charlotte Junior High School yesterday.

"All of a sudden it just started," he says. Broken windows, desks and chairs thrown through the air and "teachers pulled to the floor by their hair." That's all Jeffrey, of 189 Nahant St., remembers before being knocked unconscious for "about 45 minutes," by a blow to the head.

Jeffrey was one of at least 27 pupils injured in a disturbance at Charlotte Junior High School on Lake Avenue yesterday. As a result of the disturbance, all city secondary schools have been closed three days early.

One of the pupils hit by flying furniture, Laurie Thrash, 13, of 684 Flower City Park, estimated those injured, in her room alone, at "over 10, I think." She suffered a head injury.

She and her mother, Mrs. Harvey Thrash, were worried about Laurie's twin brother, Mark, who also had been injured. Laurie was sent to Rochester General Hospital and Mark was taken to St. Mary's Hospital with injuries to his head and back.

"I was so worried. I didn't know where her brother was. The principal told me he'd been taken to a hospital, but no one knew which one. Finally, after calling several hospitals, I found him," Mrs. Thrash said.

Robert Clark, 14, of 3562 Lake Ave., was injured when he helped a friend.

"He was beaten up," Robert said. Robert sustained head and side injuries.

"He was pretty badly hurt and couldn't even remember what was going on," Robert said of his friend.



Injured youths, one with adult escort, after disturbance. ... youths wear bandages after Charlotte incident.

Three Areas

School Districts Remap Budgets

School boards in three of four Monroe County school districts in which voters last week rejected budget proposals began deciding last night what they'll do next.

The three, Webster, Fairport and East Irondequoit, tackled the immediate problems of summer operation, which begins with the start of the fiscal year July 1, and program planning that must begin this summer.

But none had an alternative proposal to offer voters.

"I've been asked," said Webster Board President Marion S. Webster, "whether we've got a 'hip pocket' budget."

"The answer is 'no,'" School officials in all three districts have indicated—last night or earlier—that they plan to offer voters another budget this summer, but none has set a specific date for that proposal.

Their problems are compounded by today's primary election because voting machines used will be impounded, making it difficult for school districts to obtain machines inexpensively until late July.

The districts may be able to get more specific information about expected state aid and about the total property valuations in their districts. Changes could change estimated tax rates for voters.

And if Fairport—and Penfield and Wheatland-Chili—two other districts with budget defeats and stalled contract negotiations—reach contract agreements with their teachers, they'll have more specific information about 1972-73 costs.

But Ross Willink, Webster superintendent, predicted there won't be any "hidden" budget items easily cut, at least in Webster.

"I don't think there are going to be any great surprises," Willink said. "The cuts will come out of programs and services."

School board members in Penfield, the fourth district in which voters rejected a budget proposal last week, meet tonight.

The Wheatland-Chili school board will submit a second budget proposal to voters June 29, but board members haven't decided what that budget will be.

They have, however, decided to submit separate propositions for \$48,000 to buy four buses to replace worn-out vehicles, and \$60,000 to finance a bus maintenance garage.

These budget actions were taken at last night's meetings.

Webster—Board members agreed they'll offer voters another chance—to approve a budget or a budget plus special propositions restoring cuts—as soon as possible. Meanwhile, the district will operate on a \$767,075 contingency summer budget, which includes normal maintenance, a basic summer school program, and a self-supporting summer swim program.

• Fairport—Board members voted to provide a summer school program at a fee to be established by program registration July 5. The location of that program is undetermined because four districts with a cooperative program were to have it at Fairport. The board also decided to continue the summer swim program, but raised fees \$3 to

insure it will be self-supporting. No summer contingency budget was adopted nor did the board decide what to do about providing a 1972-73 school year budget.

• East Irondequoit—Board members voted to provide the summer school program included in the budget, which gives priority to seniors who need courses for graduation and then to students needing remedial help. The board also agreed to proceed with plans

Please turn to 3B

New Housing Or New Park?

By DAN LOVELY

Another park or more housing—which does the city need most?

That's the question facing the City Planning Commission, which yesterday was asked to recommend a use for the old Monroe County Penitentiary site at South and Highland Avenues.

The issue has split neighborhood groups in the area. It also pits a proposal by city and county planners against a plan backed by County Parks Director Alvan S. Grant.

The county owns the 38 acres, but city and county planners yesterday asked the City Planning Commission to make a recommendation.

That may help end the present "polarization," associate county planner Robert Myers told the commission.

City and county planning staffs last year proposed 550 housing units for 20 acres of the site because of the city's critical housing shortage. Some 350 of those would be low and moderate income townhouses and apartments.

Fourteen acres originally were to go for a new junior high school, but the City School District dropped those plans. So under the planners' proposal, 14 acres would be used for park. Four acres would be set aside for Al Sigi Center expansion.

The county parks director has different ideas, though. He wants the entire 38 acres to be used for gardens, parking and a new greenhouse for indoor floral displays.

"His basic justification is that Highland Park is unique so it makes sense to augment it," Myers told the commission. The new greenhouse would have year-round displays and cultural facilities.

"If the weather is bad on Lilac Sunday there would be indoor gardens to visit," Myers added.

The Highland Park Neighborhood Association favors Grant's proposal. The Southeast Area Coalition, of which the Highland Park association is a member, wants housing. So does the Housing Council of Monroe County Inc.

No Place to Go

Homes Hard To Find

Last of a series

By THOM AKEMAN

Most families uprooted by Rochester's urban renewal projects are better off, renewal officials say; they've left slum and marginal housing for better homes.

But it's another story for the big displaced families; they rarely find a better place to live.

Most of the old houses torn down in renewal areas haven't yet been replaced, but Robert L. Spellman, administrator of Rochester's Department of Urban Renewal and Economic Development, contends there's no shortage of adequate housing here.

"Actually," he said, "the apartment vacancies have gone up surprisingly in the past two years, despite our heavy relocation load."

A renewal aide, Richard D. LeBeaumont, said there's a surplus of good city houses and apartments because of the white flight to the suburbs.

"It's the very poor and the very large families"—about 15 per cent of the 5,000 families being displaced by urban renewal projects—"who pose the problems," Spellman said.

These families are tucked away in slums, waiting for public housing projects to be completed, said LeBeaumont, the urban renewal department's chief of relocation.

While there's little hope the large families will all fit in the planned public housing projects in the city's seven urban renewal areas, they'll be no worse off than before, Spellman said.

"There's always been a (housing) shortage for large families," he said.

Those families someday will be able to scramble for the larger apartments left vacant by the smaller families who will move from existing houses into the new projects, he said—if they can afford the rents.

But Mrs. Esther Granston, who runs a virtual slum-house,

Please turn to 3B

Youth 'Saves' Burning House

Quick thinking by a fireman's son saved a firebombed Orange Street house from serious damage last night.

Police reported finding three other homemade firebombs behind a Saratoga Avenue hot dog stand in what they said were related incidents.

The home of Kenneth Frank, his wife and their two children was hit by a firebomb thrown from a passing car about 11 p.m. They live at 213 Orange St.

Firemen credited Charles Rinere, 19, of 187 Orange St. with saving the 2½ story frame dwelling from more extensive damage. The roof of the house was slightly burned.

Rinere, passing the Frank home, noticed the roof burning. He grabbed a garden hose and doused the flames before they could spread, firemen said.

Rinere is the son of Fireman Charles Rinere Sr. who was injured in an auto accident eight years ago and remains on the injured list.

Police had one suspect in custody shortly after the incident and were searching for six to eight others early today.

Police also reported finding three firebombs behind Al's Stand tavern at 249 Saratoga Ave., about 11 p.m. The stand is across the street from Jefferson High School, where about 200 persons gathered after a rock-and-bottle-throwing incident earlier in the evening.

Jefferson was the scene of disturbances yesterday.