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of the state, according to Mrs. Roehr. She estimated that the salary level would mean an increase of \$500 to \$1,100 a year for the average Dallas nurse.

WHILE THE recommended figure establishes a minimum, the THA notes that increments for evening and night duty, tenure and special assignments actually will mean that average earnings for nurses assigned to patient care in most hospitals will rise to a level of \$7,200 to \$7,500 a year.

The association's resolution, passed in Austin, was revealed by David Hitt, president. Hitt is associate administrator of Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

Meeting the minimum wage goal, the THA noted, will mean an increase in per day hospital costs to patients. "Although hospital rate increases required to meet the goal will vary from city to city," Hitt said, "increased costs of from three to six dollars a day likely will be required to finance the ultimate objective."



THE MERRY BAND

The Town North Concert Band forgets mortgages, PTA and the store every other Monday night during its practice sessions. Here clarinetist Jim Spell, flutist Mrs. Connie Aldridge and Al Williams on the French Horn go over an arrangement with director Buddy King.—Staff Photo.

Chance To 'Horn In' With Band

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The Town North Concert Band is having a hard time making ends meet.

"We have about an hour and 15 minutes worth of music," explains the director, Zeno P. (Buddy) King. "But we only have about 45 minutes worth of lip."

This means the group is occasionally too pooped to toot. But it doesn't mean they don't turn blue trying.

The Town North Concert Band roster includes more than 30

names, most of them of persons well over 30 years old. The membership ranges in age from mid 30s to "fiftyish," according to King.

"We're all old high school and college band members," King explains. "Nobody's a professional musician and most of them have been away from it for 10 or 15 to 25 years."

The band's origin dates back to last spring and a period of economic crisis for the Walnut Hill Elementary School Dads Club.

WITH A dwindling stake and mounting obligations, the dads hit on the idea of a variety show. And a variety show needs music, right?

Al Williams suggested to King, a fellow SMU band member during the days before World War II, that they scrounge around for musicians among members of the Dads Club. They turned up eight others, played the show and decided they would revive the community band idea on a full-time basis, as soon as they themselves were sufficiently revived.

The Town North Concert Band meets every other Monday night nowadays. You'll find an insurance man waving the baton, an advertising man on the drums, an engineer playing a clarinet and a housewife on the flute. They've played only one booking to date, which is fine by the band. They've turned down other invitations because of some commercial aspect of the event.

"We met one Sunday afternoon this summer," King disclosed. "We went out to this park with

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