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## City Approves First Union Contract

### Wage Hike Effective On July 1

The City of Farmington's first labor contract will go into effect March 1, at a cost to the city of about \$5,500 a year.

The City Council Monday night approved a two-year contract that had been ratified earlier by members of Local 1456 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO.

There is no immediate wage increase, but a 19 cent hike will go into effect July 1, when the new fiscal year begins. The contract provides that the wage clause be reopened next year.

Covered by the pact are 10 employees of two departments — public works and water-and-sewer. Supervisory and clerical personnel are excluded.

A highlight of the contract is time-and-a-half for overtime beyond 40 hours a week. Farmington was reported to be one of the few municipalities in the metropolitan area without such a provision. The overtime pay provision takes effect March 1.

City Manager John Dinan estimated the cost to the city of the new contract at an average of \$550 a year per employee, amounting to a total of \$5,500 a year.

In hourly terms, a maintenance man currently beginning at \$2.29 an hour would start at \$2.48, and a foreman or crew chief starting at \$2.76 would be raised to \$2.95.

Other highlights include: A check-off system for union dues collecting; a formal grievance procedure; guidelines for disciplinary action; and ground rules for seniority and promotion.

The Farmington contract represents another gain for public employee unionism since the last Legislature liberalized the Michigan Act to facilitate union organizing.

Signing the contract will be Mayor Wilbur V. Brotherton and Clerk Trena Quinn for the city and Raymond Lordie, Joseph H. Hartnett and Clyde Alsop for AFSCME.

### Group To Study Population Trends

Information on the present and future population of the Farmington area is currently being collected by the Study Committee examining the future development of the community.

A progress report on the collection of this information will be made at the next meeting of the committee Thursday, March 2.

At a meeting last week representatives from the Board of Commerce, the League of Women Voters, the Jaycees, the four governmental units, the Citizens Council for Community Development (the group who filed the Township incorporation petition), and various subdivisions were in attendance.

They heard three staff members from Michigan State University's Institute for Community Development and Services outline a comprehensive program for gathering information to assist the group in its study.

The three MSU professors were: Dr. Duane Gibson, director of the Institute; Edmund Alchin, community development specialist; and Vincent Marand, political science specialist.

Following the presentation, the group decided to concentrate on gathering the population information at its first step.

Included in this is a breakdown of growth of the area since 1940; the number of people still living on farms and characteristics of the population.

Information about the school district population and programs will also be gathered along with planning information from the Detroit Edison Company and Michigan Bell Telephone.

Other pieces of information which the MSU specialists recommended collecting include: economic base and land use information; home construction figures; tax rates and assessment procedures in the Farmington community. It is a call Monday for assistance from all "interested citizens."

There is a tremendous amount of research and leg work to do on this project," he explained, "and anyone interested in participating will be more than welcome."

Richardson reported that Paul Reid of the Metropolitan Detroit Regional Planning Commission would speak to the committee at its next session on the area-wide development of the metropolitan area.

That meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. Thursday, March 2, in the Farmington High School Library. It is open to the public.

An organizational structure for the group is expected to be completed this week. This structure will detail the work load and the responsibilities of the group members.

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In fact, the City of Royal Oak stated that if Farmington did develop a new formula to handle the problem they would be interested in reviewing it for its parking ordinance.

The ordinance will be adopted at the next session of the City Council on Monday, March 6. It will take effect 10 days after its publication.

In other action the Council:

- Gave its approval to the American Cancer Society to conduct its annual educational fund raising drive during April in the City.
- Approved the nominations of Frank Kasun, principal of the Gill Rd. Elementary School, and William Berning, Juvenile Officer of the City Police force, as members of the Farmington Youth Guidance Commission.
- Passed a resolution supporting the Helping Hands project sponsored by the Farmington Jaycee Auxiliary.



A SAFETY BANNER was presented to the Edgemoor School in Farmington Township last week. From left, Kurt Layand, State Trooper Cass Erbin and Jennifer Morgan prepare to hang the banner alongside the

### City Gives Its Support To Government Council

The Farmington City Council expressed its intention to participate in the Council of Governments for Southeastern Michigan Monday night.

Under the proposal for regional cooperation, the City will be expected to pay about

\$150 annually toward the projected budget of \$230,000.

The Farmington Board of Education has passed a similar resolution of intent to participate in the group, while the Farmington Township Board is expected to take action on the proposal at its meeting next Monday.

A result of about three years of work by the Committee of 100, the Council of Governments would attempt to coordinate and solve regional problems including: air and water pollution, transportation, refuse and sewage disposal, water supply and transmission, mental health, social services and education.

City Manager John Dinan noted in his report to the Council that this proposal "includes other regional problems that cannot be handled effectively on the local level or the county level but they can be solved through cooperation of the various governmental units throughout the region."

The budget of the Council would be broken down

into five main categories. They are: General Services (\$40,000); Health, Education and Welfare (\$40,000); Public Works (\$40,000); and Regional Planning (\$50,000).

Dinan noted that another purpose of the Council would be "through energetic leadership seek to broaden State legislation to carry out cooperative endeavors for the region."

"The Council of Governments is no stronger than its individual members and must work together toward State legislation to strengthen local government," he asserted, and noted that two pending legislative measures — the boundary commission and county home rule — need "strong support."

Local members of the Committee of 100 were: Delores Hamlin, chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors and the City's representative on the County Board; Farmington Township Supervisor Curt Hall, and Farmington Superintendent of Schools Gerald V. Harrison.



INDIAN DANCES were taught to the members of Cub Scout Pack 707 at Edgemoor School last week by members of the Washington Indian Dancers of Ann Arbor. Eight young people did the gourd dance, a marriage dance, hoop dance and war dance. The cub scouts were invited to join in at the end of the program and do a circle social dance.

### New Ordinance Tightens Parking

Automobile dealers in the City of Farmington will have to provide additional parking spaces for all new facilities soon.

Under an ordinance introduced by the City Council Monday night one parking space would be required for each 300 feet of usable floor space along with one space

for each five display spaces on new and used car lots.

Presently the ordinance requires a parking space for each 500 square feet of usable space. No requirements are included in the present ordinance for parking for the display space of new and used cars.

The City Council has heard complaints from residents in the past about parking conditions around some of the automobile dealers in town.

Members of the City's Planning Commission have been aware of the problem and asked City Manager John Dinan to contact other municipalities about their parking requirements for such businesses.

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### City Posts Draw No Contests

The City of Farmington will conduct an election April 3 to elect three City Councilmen and two Municipal Judges.

Voters will have no choice, however, as exactly five persons — all incumbents — have filed for the posts.

The incumbent Councilmen, who seek another term, are: Hugo E. Peterson of 3274 Oakland; Howard W. Hayes of 35801 Grand River; and Ralph D. Yoder of 31661 Lamar.

Seeking another term as Judges are: Michael J. Hand of 34247 Cass Ct. and Dennis J. Phenev of 32284 Valleyview Ct.

City Clerk Trena M. Quinn estimated that the cost of the election would be \$1,000.

The two Councilmen polling the highest number of votes will be elected for a four year term, while the third man will serve for two years.

The Judges will be elected for two year terms.

Three other residents had picked petitions for the Council race, but did not file by the 5 p.m. deadline Monday. The three were Ernest Saut-

### 10 Teachers Assigned Farmington Schools

The Farmington Board of Education has approved several new appointments, a leave of absence and resignations.

New teachers to the school system include:

- Robert Cameron, 26, Farmington Junior High Science. He is a graduate of Wayne State University, married and the father of one child.
- David G. Cunningham, 25, Middlebelt sixth grade. He is married and a 1967 graduate of Eastern Michigan University.
- Mrs. Gloria Herrera, 27, and also a graduate of Eastern Michigan, will teach English at Farmington Junior High.

Mrs. Barbara Meach, 28, has returned from leave. She holds AB and MA degrees from University of Michigan and will teach Speech Correction and Special Education.

Ann Miller, 31-year-old mother of two children, has replaced C. Jean Griffith in the second grade at Lakeshire. She is a graduate of Michigan State University.

Grace O'Bryan, 27-year-old mother of four children and a graduate of University of Michigan, will teach English at Farmington Junior High.

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FATAC'S COFFEE HOUSE in the basement of the Farmington Area YMCA House is a nice spot to socialize for the teens. From left, Bob Miller, Farmington High;

### FATAC Members 'Make The Scene' In Many Ways

The group sponsors social, recreational and service activities.

Open houses are held regularly at the Farmington Area YMCA and the group has

found that the coffeehouse in the basement of the old Farmington house is a handy gathering spot.

The coffee house is filled with tables covered by red-

checked table cloths and is lit by many strings of Christmas tree lights.

As a service function more than half of the FATAC members were "victims" in the first of a series of disaster alert staged at Botsford General Hospital last fall.

The hospital personnel and administrators were glowing in their praise for the youth and their part in the project.

Last summer the group held weekly dances on the Farmington City Tennis Courts. A total of 8,400 teens turned out for these affairs.

During March, members of the 22-man governing board will visit Chicago as guests of the West Suburban YMCA Youth Board.

In addition to the interesting projects the teens have rolled up their sleeves and gone to work around the Y. Last spring and fall a group of them developed a Saturday teaming up the grounds.

With the membership dues pegged at \$5 a year, the FATAC membership also carries an automatic YMCA membership.

Officers of the group are: Carol Cox, president; Terry Simmons, vice president; Leslie Cotton, secretary; and Jim Carlson, treasurer.

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