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Teachers Ask For Contract Mediation

Charge Deadlock In Major Areas

The Farmington Education Association has requested mediation assistance from the State Labor Mediation Board on the contract negotiations between the Farmington Board of Education and the FEA.

The FEA is the bargaining representative for the District's 700 teachers. Past Superintendent of Schools Gerald V. Harrison, who is continuing to negotiate and is the Board's chief spokesman, termed the request as "sudden."

Harrison added that the team was "not unhappy" about the request for mediation, however, and that "if this does any good in helping to reach an agreement, fine."

"The FEA wants us to say yes to all their proposals," Harrison said, "and we don't then we are negotiating in bad faith. There is nothing in the law which says that we have to agree to everything."

"The Board is not about to say yes to demands that it doesn't think the community can live with."

"In its announcement requesting mediation the FEA noted that 'assistance is necessary if teacher negotiations with the Board of Education are to be completed in the near future, it was only after the teacher negotiating team had made every conceivable effort to enlist the cooperation of the Board's representatives that this action was reluctantly taken."

"The FEA sincerely hopes that this procedure will be served, at no cost, by Metropolitan Fund, Inc., a Detroit based urban affairs research foundation. Kent Mathewson, Metropolitan Fund president, will coordinate 'New Detroit' staff work."

Written suggestions from individuals and organizations on building a 'New Detroit,' both physically and socially will be welcomed, Chairman Hudson said. Proposals should be sent to 'New Detroit,' One Woodward Avenue, Detroit, 48226.

Dinan said that this represented a 57 per cent return on the questionnaires. Of those responding the answers were "3 or 4 in favor of asphalt" as compared to concrete pavement according to Dinan.

The City Council has been wrestling with the problem of the roads in Alta Loma for some time.

Last year the Alta Loma

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TEAMSTER PICKETS of Local 614 are standing guard on the driveway which leads into the Diamond Automation Company's grounds. The strike began last Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. Strikers said that the teamsters struck the plant because negotiations had broken down between the company and the union.

Diamond Plant Hit By Strike

Members of Teamsters Local 614 struck the Farmington Township plant of Diamond Automation on Aug. 3. Joseph Bane, president of the Teamsters Local in Pontiac, said that "negotiations are at a stalemate right now because the company considers our new proposed contract to be too unreasonable to accept."

Bane added, however, that he would be happy to meet with company representatives at any time to reopen contract negotiations.

Diamond Automation at 2400 Haggard Road is a subsidiary of Diamond Industries which is the sixth largest company in the country.

Bane said that his union "raided" the Communication Workers of America (CWA) in the latter part of June 1967. According to Bane the CWA was not being an effective enough union for the men it negotiated for.

George Paige, Diamond's general manager, said that he didn't want to comment on the strike because he was afraid whatever he would say might be misinterpreted by the union.

Paige called the dispute a typical problem between labor and management. He said his company was willing to comply with any reasonable request but that he thought that the union's current request was not reasonable.

"The union is asking for a 'decent wage,' a pension plan, reclassification of workers and for the union members to be given a cost-of-living benefit, according to Bane."

"The company offers no cost of living benefit," Bane said. He stated that the men are being paid \$1 under what they should be paid according to what other companies are paying men who perform similar jobs.

Most of the jobs should be classified differently, Bane said. "We want a tool-maker to be called a tool-maker. We don't want him to be classified under a general heading," Bane said.

The union is also calling for a pension plan. It proposes that if a man has been under contract for three years and has paid into the pension fund for 80 weeks during those three years he will then be eligible to retire at age 57 at \$250 a month. After five years he will then receive \$135 a month and be supplemented by his social security.

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WILLIAM H. VANKOGNET of 26307 Graythorne Trail, Farmington, places a wreath next to the 3rd Armored Division plaque during ceremonies at Fort Knox, Ky. VanKognnet, executive vice president of the Division's Association, was attending the 20th annual reunion of the group.

Delos Hamlin Named To 'Detroit' Group

Delos Hamlin, chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, has been named as a member of "New Detroit," a citizens resource committee organized to stimulate and coordinate rebuilding of the city.

Hamlin lives in Farmington at 23210 Cass. He is the City of Farmington's representative on the County Board of Supervisors and is also president of the Michigan Association of County Supervisors.

"New Detroit" is composed of 37 Detroit metropolitan area citizens. Formation of the committee was announced by Governor George Romney, Detroit Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh and Joseph L. Hudson, Jr., president of The J. L. Hudson Co.

Hudson had been asked by Cavanagh and Romney to form the committee and serve as its chairman.

Jeffrey Bylski To Appear On TV

Jeffrey Bylski, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bylski, of 32070 Rocky Crest, will be a participant on the television program "Concentration" Aug. 22.

Jeffrey was one of 14 children selected to be on the show during its annual children's week.

Mrs. Bylski said that the program was taped last week and that her son was estimated \$2,500 in prizes.

Brookdale Residents Object To Proposed Paving Project

The residents of Brookdale turned out in force Monday night to protest a road improvement program for their street between Grand River and Nine Mile Rd.

A total of 24 of the property owners signed a second petition stating that they did not wish for road improvement work to be done in the area.

The petition came after the City Council had received a petition for the

residents that the work be done and had held a public hearing on the necessity of the project.

Monday night's hearing was scheduled to be a session of the special assessment roll. However, the Council listened to the complaints and formally adjourned the hearing on the special assessments until all of the residents of the street could be contacted for their opinions on the proposal.

Cost of the concrete paving and the installation of gutters was placed at \$12 a foot by City Manager John Dinan.

Dinan told the Council that the City had already spent \$1,000 on engineering costs for the project and that the City was prepared to pay an estimated 30 per cent of the cost or \$10,000 from the city at large.

He told the residents that if the paving was not done this year he doubted whether it would be done at all because of the rising costs of the industry.

The residents freely admitted that they signed the first petition but stated that they were under the impression that the first petition was simply to explore the matter and felt that they would be able to make a decision on whether to go ahead with the project at a later date.

One resident asserted that concrete paving and gutters were never mentioned in the first petition and that the idea was presented as "road improvement."

Dinan pointed out that concrete paving and gutters were listed on the first petition circulated.

At the hearing on the necessity of the project held by the Council April 5, one resident offered an objection to the plan. Other residents asked questions at that time and it was explained to them that the next stop under the procedure was the actual assessments.

Fred Davis of 22418 Brook

Council Action

At its regular session Monday night the Farmington City Council considered matters on its agenda. In

Table Request
Tabled a request from the Farmington Center Corporation for city payment of 75 per cent of the cost of maintaining the city parking lot on Grand River. Currently, the corporation is paying all the cost of cleaning and snow removal and a portion of the cost of lighting the lot. City Manager John Dinan suggested that the city sweep the lot once a week at an estimated cost of \$2,200. The Council voted to table the matter until its next session when the original agreement between the city and the corporation on the lot could be examined.

Approve Purchases
Authorized the purchase of a 23-yard used loader and a radio base station and four mobile units for the Department of Public Works. The Council waited the need for asking bids on these items because of the difficulty in obtaining the items.

Hear Report
Heard a report on the activities of Wolverine Boys' State from Dave Clappison, Clappison was sponsored by the City at the event.

Approve Rezoning
Approved the rezoning of a parcel of land on Orchard Lake Rd. north of Shawnee from one family (R-1) to general business (C-2). A 3,200 square foot building for

Raise Fees
Raise the water connection fees and meter fees to a level ranging from \$175 to \$265. This is the first increase since 1961 and City Manager John Dinan noted that the price quoted to the Woodcroft residents will hold firm until Nov. 1968.

Approve Pay
Approved \$967.50 in overtime pay for the police department. Director of Public Safety Robert F. Deadman reported that 193½ hours of overtime were accumulated by the police during the Detroit riots. In addition to approving the pay rather than having the police take off the time, the Council commended the police on its "fine display of dedication" during the period. Deadman said that 12 officers were affected by the action.

Approve Request
Granted permission to the Farmington Democrats to display a car in the Downtown Parking Lot during the Founders Festival. This automobile will be on display in conjunction with the Oakland County Democratic Jam-boree promotion during the Festival.

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The Many Faces Of Summer



READY, AIM, FIRE. Expert marksmanship is not found among this group of not so sharp sharpshooters. One of them didn't even have a gun! All of the boys were too engrossed in hitting their respective targets to notice that their "good shooting posture" needed a little correction. Most of them seemed to be having trouble with the stocks of their BB rifles. Their arms were too short.

Boy, 3, Injured In Crash

A car driven by Alfred Rogers Cleverley, 18468 Palton, Detroit was struck in the side this weekend by a car driven by Mrs. Beatrice May Chisholm, 22464 Tulane, Farmington.

Cleverley was driving south on Nine Mile Rd. and as he entered the intersection of Nine Mile and Grand River he was struck by Mrs. Chisholm's car.

Mrs. Chisholm told Township police that as she approached the red traffic light at the intersection her brakes failed and she was unable to stop her car.

Michael Dye, a 3-year-old passenger in Mrs. Chisholm's vehicle was injured in the accident.

His father said that after the accident he was taken to a private doctor but wasn't treated there because the doctor did not have the parents' consent to treat the boy.

Dye said that he was going to take the boy to the family's private physician and have him checked there.

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