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Teachers Vote Tuesday; Contract Details Secret

Exact details of the Farmington teacher contract, agreed upon last Saturday, will not be released until the Farmington Education Association (FEA) meets to vote on it at 7 a.m. Tuesday in Roma Hall.

However, Farmington pay scale by all indications, should fall in the \$6,000 to \$20,000 starting range, based on action taken in nearby districts.

Plymouth's teacher contract calls for a starting salary for B.A. degrees of \$6,200, top of \$10,000 after 10 steps; M.A. degree holders beginning at \$6,700, top at \$11,200. Extra duty pay was also increased in Plymouth.

Waterford teachers ratified a two-year contract last week, with provisions for \$6,100 beginning pay for B.A. degrees that will go to \$6,700 next year. The range for teachers with master's degrees in Wat-

erford will run \$6,500 to \$10,500 this year, \$7,100 to \$11,500 the second year.

In Livonia, teachers are in the second year of a two-year contract, ratified last year. However, pay talks were open this year, with a salary hike expected for Livonia teachers. Starting salaries are now at \$5,700.

And, in Redford Union, salaries agreed upon were \$6,050, B.A. to \$9,794 top; \$6,582, M.A. to \$10,600 top.

THE FEA HAS recommended ratification of the local contract. About 600-650 of the FEA's 700 members are expected at Tuesday's meeting. A simple majority is needed for approval.

C.B. Shewbridge, chief negotiator for the FEA, said the reaction of the group to the recommendation remains to be seen.

"If approval is not given," he said, "we will go back to the bargaining table and call in a fact-finder."

A fact-finder from the State Labor Mediation Board was called at the last negotiation session a week ago, but was not used.

The mediation board was called in when negotiations reached a stalemate last week.

Shewbridge said that "the initial agreement was reached. One reason we (the teachers) did settle was in an attempt to be as fair as we could with the community in terms of getting schools open on Sept. 5."

The FEA and the school board have been negotiating since Feb.

Meetings were a tedious matter of each side presenting its position, disputing the positions and finally reaching a compromise.

The sparring was, at times, "somewhat bloody," according to the statement of Gerald V. Harrison, retired superintendent, chief negotiator for the school board.

Shewbridge said that "the FEA didn't feel for a long time that the board was responsible to the position. Farmington set some kind of record in negotiation time this year."

"We were criticized for bringing in an entirely new contract this year, even though last year's contract was not a representative one."

"As a result, we had to write a completely new contract."

THE CONTRACT arrived at is based on a model Michigan Education Association contract and some of the best teacher contracts around the state.

Shewbridge referred to it as "a far superior document that will rank as one of the better ones in the state."

With the new contract covering just one year, both sides will begin gliding themselves for new negotiations after the first of the year.

Shewbridge commented, "At least we won't be writing a whole new contract."



BACK TO SCHOOL - Farmington youngsters will be back to school next week. Like Mrs. David Robertson and her daughter Donna (right) parents and children will be looking forward to the first day. Other Robertson children Eileen, 8, (left) Annabelle, 11, and Helen, 8, will accompany newcomer Donna on her first day at Farmington's Alameda School. Principal Norman Langen greets them at the door. The Robertsons live at 26633 Power Rd.

Bell Plans \$1.2 Million Farmington Addition

The Michigan Bell Telephone Company today announced plans for a \$1.2 million expansion project for the central office in Farmington.

The first phase of the project will add more than 8,000 square feet of space to the present office at 2331 Grand River.

According to Robert L. Kilpatrick, Michigan Bell manager, a 42 by 100 foot addition two stories high will be constructed to house additional long distance dialing and switching equipment.

The rapid growth of the Farmington area has increased the demands on Bell, Kilpatrick said. Much of the increased load is coming from burgeoning apartment construction. The rest from Farmington's new home, commercial and industrial growth.

"The area has grown tremendously, and we're putting in equipment to keep up with the demand," Kilpatrick said.

The expansion is part of Michigan Bell's statewide construction program calling for an outlay of about \$100 million.

The addition is scheduled for completion next June. At that time, Bell's supplier, Western Electric will install the new equipment.

The addition will not create more jobs, Kilpatrick said. "Construction began this week, with the contract going to the F.H. Martin Construction Company of Detroit. Smith, Hinchman and Grylls Associates, Inc., provided the architectural design.

Fingers Crossed On Forest School Opening

At the moment, all systems seem to be 'go' for regular classes to be held at the new \$700,000 Forest Elementary School Thursday.

Decision to conduct school at Forest was not made by school officials until late Thursday.

Construction progress of the school has been slow and there was some doubt about it being ready for school opening.

After inspecting the building and site Thursday afternoon, the administration decided the building was far enough along to permit classes being held.

Two classrooms are complete and one kindergarten. When complete, the school will have 18 classrooms and two kindergartens.

There are 261 children in grades one through six enrolled at Forest, with 38 enrolled in kindergarten.

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Seventh and tenth graders must report September 6 for special orientation.

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ONE OF THE MORE glamorous women in town, Mrs. Clarence Morrison, doesn't stand on ceremony if she thinks the shingles of the home she built at 22398 Ruth need attention. The house is the second one Mrs. Morrison has built.

Township Joins Area-Wide Council Of Governments

While the Farmington Board of Education was tabling the matter for a week, the Township Board last week moved boldly into enlisting in the ranks of the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments.

School board members will seek an attorney's opinion on the legality of a school district's joining such a governmental association. The school board is expected to take up the question again at its next meeting.

TOWNSHIP Supervisor Curtis Hall, one of the early activists in the Council of Govern-

ments movement, was emphatic in his endorsement of the association.

In fact, Hall said it would be "a mistake" for Farmington Township to fail to join. The Detroit Metropolitan Regional Planning Commission, which will be involved, will make recommendations on Federal grants, he pointed out, and it's to the township's advantage to be involved in the association.

Hall told of attending a meeting, called by a group he didn't name, in which the COG was roundly attacked as a means

of wiping out local government and of busing suburban school children into Detroit and vice-versa.

Hall called the attack "distorted" and "erroneous."

The supervisor said COG can be a means of communication between local units and can lead to cooperation, rather than fighting, among them.

Trustee Earl Oppenhauser noted that COG membership is voluntary. He also pointed to a provision that says no member unit can be bound by a COG decision without that unit's consent.

MEMBERSHIP WILL cost the township \$600 the first year. Hall said this was less than the earlier anticipations of \$600 to \$1,000.

Trustee Thomas Nolan's motion to approve membership was passed by a 6 to 0 voice vote. Trustee James Skillman was absent from Monday's meeting.

The COG is open to counties, cities, townships, villages and school districts in the six-county Detroit Metropolitan Area.

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Assault Pre-Trial Recessed

The pre-trial examination of John Early, who allegedly shot and beat his ex-wife, Shirley, has been recessed until Sept. 15 when the defense counsel will question the doctor who treated Mrs. Early in the hospital.

Mrs. Early was attacked on Aug. 1 in Bill's restaurant parking lot and later the same day Early gave himself up to Township police.

He was arraigned on Aug. 4 and was charged with assault with intent to commit murder.

The examination was scheduled to begin on Aug. 11 but was postponed one week because Mrs. Early was still in the hospital.

The Weaker Sex? Not These Ladies

Woman may be the weaker sex, but some of these daily creatures around town have undertaken projects in direct contrast to their fragility.

Take Mrs. Clarence Morrison, 22398 Ruth. She has built two houses, one of them after she became a grandmother.

Or Mrs. Thomas Czubiak, 33135 14 Mile. She can change a tire, fix a drippy toilet, put new plugs on the vacuum cleaner or lay brick.

Or Mrs. Bill Bowman, 28015 Ridgebrook. She's an old hand at hanging storms and screens and yields a keen hammer when it comes to putting up drapery hardware.

Or Mrs. James Anderson, 2875 Leamington. A widow for the three years, she had to become a handywoman around the house through necessity.

And then there's Mrs. Vincent Junction, 22640 Albion, who just got through painting the outside of her mother's seven-room house, complete with green trim.

Local hardware merchants say these ladies are not the exception to the rule.

JOHN SPALLER at Farmington Lumber Co. says that 70 per cent of his walk-in customers are women.

Spaller's customers don't confine themselves to any particular trade—they buy screws, nails, as well as make the expected purchases of antiquing and easy-to-do kits for home repairs.

Mrs. Morrison, the house-bidder now lives in one of the houses she built.

THE FIRST SHE built in 1941 was a log house on Nine Mile Rd. She did all the sawing of the logs for this home. Logs come in eight-foot lengths and have to be cut to size.

Mrs. Morrison started building her present home in 1949 with a three-room structure. It now has six rooms, a large porch and a carport.

She did all the work on the house but the wiring, plumbing and plastering. She fired a carpenter she had hired to help because he couldn't use a level.

Mrs. Morrison says she learned to use a plane, saw and carpenter's square when she was 11-years-old and living with her carpenter brother-in-law.

WITH FOUR children, 11 grandchildren and six great grandchildren, and measurements of five foot, five inches, 118 pounds, this white-haired matron still is a dynamo.

She noticed her prize maple tree was shedding leaves recently, so she climbed to the roof top to spray it.

The lady who can change a tire, Mrs. Czubiak, learned how to do such things because her husband traveled in his job for five weeks at a time.

Mrs. says, "I'm the one who was home till the repairman came."

MRS. CZUBIAK, at the moment, is tearing up a walk of heavy wooden blocks in preparation for laying a brick one.

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Road Group To Try Again

Farmington's road committee hopes to get off dead center Tuesday when they meet again at 7:30 at Gill School, 21195 Gill Rd.

Farmington's Citizens Advisory Council's Road Committee's effectiveness has been hampered since its forming last fall because people are ignoring its meetings according to a committee spokesman.

At the Aug. 22 meeting only 10 people came to Gill School.

The committee's efforts to stir official action to have roads repaired have fallen on deaf ears according to Wesley Smith, vice chairman.

Smith said that he believes that they have been put off by the Oakland County Road Commission.

The vice chairman claimed that the Road Commission told him that if the residents in the southwest area of the Township wanted better roads they must supply the funds themselves.

Smith contended that the residents already paid a gas and weight tax and that the commission should have enough money from this and other sources to do the job.

He said that the area is classified as a low income area and that the residents can't afford to pay anymore than

Cars Damaged I-696 Drivers Bowled Over

One Farmington man and four Detroit men's cars/windshields were broken early Tuesday morning when their vehicles struck a bowling pin as they sped over the I-696 expressway.

Farmington Township police said that some unknown prankster strung the bowling pin as "some kind of morbid joke."

The police don't know why or who did it.

Fred Baker, 28851 Greening, Farmington, had his windshield broken and the top of his car dented on the driver's side causing about \$100 damage. He was driving a 1966 Ford.

The Detroit men were Wilfred Heinrich Mueller, Gerald Connell, Robert Furgusson, and Michael W. Sporer. All of them ran into the hard-to-see object and had their cars damaged.

Board Sidelines Cycle Ordinance

Farmington Township trustees have postponed until their Sept. 5 special meeting a proposed ordinance regulating motorcycle rentals.

The item was on last Monday's agenda, and Township Atty. J. T. Brennan was quoted as saying the board could act immediately on it.

But because Brennan was on vacation, board members chose to postpone the matter until the attorney's return.

Text of the proposed ordinance was not revealed.

Its title is "an ordinance to license and regulate the operation of businesses engaged in the renting and/or leasing and/or giving or granting of permission to use or operate motorcycles and/or motor driven cycles in the Township of Farmington and to provide penalties for the violation thereof."

At present, there is only one motorcycle rental agency in the township, according to Supervisor Curtis Hall.

The ordinance, if passed, would apply only to rental agencies and not to operators, it was understood.

Police Chief Irving Yakes told the Enterprise & Observer that the rental agency that the rental agency has been asked to tell riders to stay off residential streets.



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