

Teachers' Negotiations Bright In Only 2 Cities

A proposed contract in Garden City and strong hopes in Plymouth — that's the best side of the teacher negotiations picture as the beginning of fall classes draws closer. Problems in Farmington and Livonia — that's the dark side.

Spokesmen for the Michigan Education Association, which represents all Observerland teachers, said the pace of settlements is running behind last year's pace in Oakland County but is going better in Wayne County.

Fourteen Oakland districts and 15 Wayne districts are still without contracts. Classes in most places are due to begin Sept. 3.

Here is a local district-by-district progress report:

● CLARENCEVILLE — Supt. David McDowell reported "excellent strides Friday," although money issues are still

to be taken up. The number of meetings has been stepped up from one a week to three.

● FARMINGTON — The MEA called the school board's wage offer "completely unrealistic" and characterized the negotiations as being "stymied."

● GARDEN CITY — Negotiators have reached tentative agreement on a one-year contract. A ratification vote has been scheduled for Sept. 2, the day before classes start. No details of the proposed contract have been announced.

● LIVONIA — A mediator has been called in, and the MEA reported "no apparent progress" and "a very serious situation."

● PLYMOUTH — Contract talks resumed last week after school district voters approved a 6.5 mill property tax increase. Both sides were optimistic about the chances of a prompt

settlement.

● SOUTH REDFORD — Mediator William Johnson has stepped in. "Good rapport" was reported between the negotiating teams.

● REDFORD UNION — Teachers will vote Aug. 28 on a proposed new contract.

● GARDEN CITY — State mediator Harry Reinhold last week joined the mediation talks in this district, which includes the south part of Westland. Processing of unfair labor practice charges against the school board has been postponed pending the results of the mediation.

2 More Sex Ed Hearings

Two additional public hearings on proposed sex education guidelines have been scheduled near this area by the State Board of Education.

One will be in Warren High School, 5460 Arden, Warren, on Thursday, Aug. 21 at 7:30 p.m. The other has been set in Dearborn High School, 19501 Outer Drive, Dearborn, on Thursday, Sept. 18, at 7:30 p.m.

Speakers will be limited to five minutes each and will be asked to speak only on the guidelines proposals. The board will attempt to hear a balance of pro and con views.

Four sets of guidelines under consideration were proposed by:

1. An advisory committee appointed by the board.
2. A separate report from a dissenting advisory committee member.
3. James F. O'Neil, a state board member from Livonia.
4. Dr. Leroy Augusten, a member from East Lansing.

Six previous hearings have been held around the state. Another has been set for Sept. 4 in Kalamazoo Central High School.

Ma Bear Sets Homing Record In Michigan

A distance homing record of 142.5 miles was recently set by a bear in the Upper Peninsula. Trapped on Aug. 16, 1968, near Ontonagon by a conservation officer, the adult female bear was tagged and released a few days later near Shingletown, in Alger County.

On July 11, this year, the officer again trapped her only one-half mile from where he caught her a year ago. She was released a second time about 20 miles east of the original release site.

Michigan's earlier homing record was set by a female bear in 1957. She traveled 96 miles from her release in Alger County to her point of capture in Iron County.

Parochial Opponents Tell Gains

"Citizens Against Parochialism" has obtained support from five members of the Livonia school board and several leaders of the Livonia Education Association.

The group opposes state aid to non-public schools, a matter almost certain to face the Legislature in its October special session.

Committee Chairman Robert Swanson invited opponents of parochialism to contact him at 31036 Grenada, Livonia, for petitions to circulate.

Supporting the drive were these members of the Livonia school board: President William Brown, Mrs. Geraldine Jomary, Donald H. Murch, William Craft and Adolph E. Katz.

Union support came from LEA President Elwood R. Erickson and directors William Harris and Perry Graham.

Newsmen Joins Oakland Staff

James D. Llewellyn of Beloit, Wis., has been named assistant director of university relations at Oakland University, to assume responsibility for news liaison with daily newspapers and national media.

The appointment was announced by Troy F. Crowder, assistant to the chancellor and director of university relations, along with the change in title of Lawrence Sullivan from director of news service to assistant director of university relations. Sullivan, who joined the OU staff three years ago, will continue to be responsible for news liaison with weekly newspapers in addition to serving as editor of several university publications.

Llewellyn, 35, a former newspaperman with the Moline, Ill., Daily Dispatch and Stevens Point (Wis.) Daily Journal, has

been with Beloit College since 1962 as news bureau director, publicity director and recently as director of information services. He holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin and served two years in the Army.

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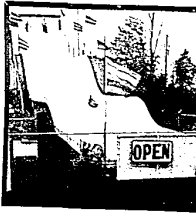
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