

Contract negotiations: here's list of area districts

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ers will receive a 20.9 percent salary increase over two years.

• Farmington — Cost of living allowance and a 6 percent pay hike top the list of demands Farmington teachers are after. Both sides say the contract will be settled without a strike. Farmington teachers went on strike in 1974. About 770 teachers and 13,270 students make up the district.

• Rochester — Settled. Teachers secured a 16.2 percent increase over a two-year contract.

• Southfield — Teacher transfers, class size and salaries are among the few issues left to be resolved, say teacher and school board representatives. Southfield schools contract with its 723 teachers expires Aug. 24. The district's 11,434 students are scheduled to start Wednesday, Sept. 5, pending an agreement.

• Troy — Although they were off to an earlier start than ever before (mid-December), contract negotiations in the Troy district are reaching the same last-minute deadline as in past years. Talks cancelled during July due to vacation schedules are set to resume today. Focus is expected to be on salaries. Teachers want some type of cost of living protection while the school board reportedly believes salary increases should be in keeping with the 7 percent presidential wage guidelines.

• Walled Lake — It's slow going in Walled Lake where new head negotiators for both the teachers union and school board cite problems. Contract talks are further hindered by cutbacks in staff and programs due to the failure of two additional millage elections this spring. Tentative agreement has been reached on just three of 26 issues after

more than 12 full-table bargaining sessions. The district's contract with its 588 teachers expired June 30. About 10,500 students attend Walled Lake schools, scheduled for a Sept. 5 opening.

• Warren — Ongoing contract. This district which services the southeast corner of Troy is not bargaining. Its two-year contract doesn't expire until August 1980.

• West Bloomfield — Full table bargaining is scheduled this week after several weeks of informal sessions. Most issues were covered in informal talks, say both sides, including class size, fringes and salary. The school board has OK'd a tentative calendar which calls for a Sept. 19 opening day — a full two weeks later than the district's usual post Labor Day opening. The idea is to shield the district's more than 5,500 students from either a local or countywide strike, say school officials. They hope an opening day strike in which is more acceptable to teachers and the community will be part of a tentative agreement. About 280 teachers are affected by the contract which expires Aug. 31.

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• Clarenceville — Negotiators report slow going with no attempt to deal with financial issues in this, one of the area's smallest districts with students from Livonia, Farmington and Redford Township. There has never been a strike in the Clarenceville district, where 127 teachers and 2,550 students are involved.

• Garden City — Bargaining sessions are being held two or three times a week. Both sides report that they feel an agreement will be reached by the

time school is set to open. One issue remaining is class size.

• Livonia — Ongoing contract. This large district has two years to go on its current teachers contract. It has voted against involvement in regional bargaining.

• Plymouth-Canton — The situation in this growing district which expects 16,800 students this fall is described as "very, very iffy." A pre-Labor Day school opening is giving the district less bargaining time than in others. A contract by the Aug. 27 opening for extended year students and Aug. 29 for regular pupils is considered unrealistic. The district's 800 teachers may well return to work without a contract.

• Redford Union — Bargaining is just underway in this district of 358 teachers and 6,112 students. There has been some agreement on simple issues, although no details have been announced. Money questions are not yet up for review.

• South Redford — Full-fledged bargaining has just begun in this district of 3,923 students and 204 teachers. Early sessions have been termed productive with no major issues yet attacked. Settlement is considered a long way off. The South Redford Education Association rejected joining regional bargaining by one vote.

• Wayne-Westland — This large district of 1,100 teachers and 3,923 students reached tentative agreement on a contract earlier this month — the first time the district has reached a tentative pact before the current contract expired. The current pact expires Sept. 3. No details of the agreement will be released until after teachers take a ratification vote, scheduled today.

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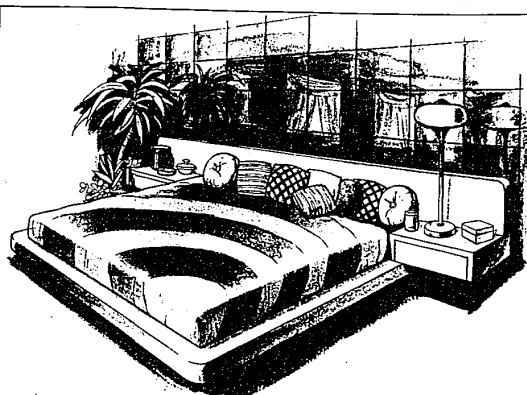
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Obituaries

RALPH L. BUSSEY

Mr. Bussey, 77, of Farmington Hills died Aug. 8 in Detroit. He is survived by his wife, Ethel, daughters, Elizabeth Reynolds, Janet Ripper and Linda Greig; sister, Florence Kelly; and 10 grandchildren. Services were Aug. 11 at Thayer Rock Funeral Home and Calvin Presbyterian Church West with the Rev. Michael Dunkelberger officiating. Burial was in Acacia Park Cemetery.

KATHLEEN ANN CONTRATTO

Mrs. Contratto, 16, of Westland died Aug. 4. She is survived by her husband, John J.; parents, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Smith; brother, Ronald; sister, Terri Senkell; grandparents, Ruth Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith, Mr. and Mrs. John Mikes and Priscilla Contratto; father-in-law, Arthur Contratto; and one niece and one nephew. Services were Aug. 11 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home with the Rev. William Frayer of Nardin Park Methodist Church of Farmington Hills officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery.

GLADYS IRENE CRANSTON

Mrs. Cranston, 80, of Farmington Hills died Aug. 10 at the Whitehall Convalescent Home in Novi. She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Nancy H. Humm of Farmington Hills, and two grandchildren. Services were Aug. 12 at Bushnell Congregational Church in Southfield with the Rev. J. Thurston Powell officiating. Burial was in Acacia Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Community Living Centers, Inc., 33229 Grand River, Farmington 48024.

ELSIE E. EDWARDS

Mrs. Edwards, 77, of Livonia died Aug. 11 in Redford Community Hospital. She is survived by children, Sheldon and Eldon Beckwith, Lorene Jeffrey, Robert Beech, Dorothy Pettibone, and Mrs. Chester Trowbridge; 18 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Services were Aug. 14 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home with the Rev. Carl H. Schultz officiating. Interment was in Oakwood Cemetery.

DONALD F. MORSE

Mr. Morse of Farmington Hills died following a long illness in William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

He had served as a U.S. Naval officer in World War II and later as an engineer and executive at several firms including Houdaille Hersey of Detroit, Modine Manufacturing Co. of Racine, Wis., Gairing Tool Co. and Hite-O Tool of Hazel Park.

Survivors include his wife, Helen C.; son, Plinn F. II; mother, Mrs. Plinn F. Morse; and brother, Col. William D. Morse. Funeral services were at the McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

LEOCADIA RATUSZNIK

Mrs. Ratusznik, 59, of Canton died Aug. 7 in St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. She is survived by her children, Ronald and Sharon Harscht; sisters, Doris Sawicki and Josephine Sawicki; and two grandchildren. A funeral mass was Aug. 11 at Divine Savior Church of Westland with Father Gerald Flannery officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery of Southfield.

MARTHA REYNOLDS

Mrs. Reynolds, 90, formally of Farmington, died Aug. 12 in the Provincial House in Cass City.

Survivors include daughter, Eunice Hinkle; four sons, Ross, Dan, Norley, and T. Calvin; sister, Gertrude Carey; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were at the Thayer Rock Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert L.S. Brown officiating.

Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery.

Hills resident elected

Bruce D. Dubin of Farmington Hills was elected to the American Lung Association of Southeastern Michigan's (ALASEM) Board of Directors during the Association's annual meeting last month.

Dubin, who practices pulmonary medicine in Madison Heights, is also director of the Michigan Pulmonary Laboratory. He is one of the founding members of ALASEM's Pediatric Lung Health Committee and is a member of the American Thoracic Society (medical section of the American Lung Association).

The announcement of Dubin's election was made by the president of ALASEM, Walter E. Bradley.

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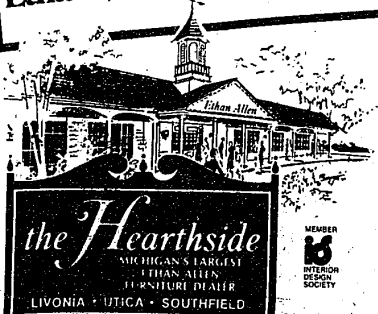
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