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**hot line**

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## bulletin OCC Ratifies

Oakland Community College's board of trustees voted unanimously at a special meeting Thursday to ratify a long-awaited faculty master labor contract for 1970-71.

Settlement on a one-year contract ends seven months of negotiations between OCC's Faculty Assn. (the instructors' bargaining unit) and the administration. All provisions, including a \$150 pay hike, are retroactive to July 1, the beginning of the fiscal year. It expires June 30.

## Certify Vote

The Farmington Board of Canvassers met Thursday night and certified the Nov. 3 election. The two Democratic members of the board, who had previously declined to certify, added their signatures to the official certification of the tally. The official count showed Republican Earl Oppertauer defeating Democratic Burton Levy in the trustees race by a 1,000-vote margin.

## what's inside

### Ethel Meets Tramp

Ethel Allen Enterprise, our beloved office cat, has encountered a tramp. But despite this slight contamination, Daniels Den remains confident Ethel will survive a lady.

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### Special Habits

With all that's going on in the Farmington area, special effort is required to keep residents informed. Special efforts, becoming a regular habit, are inside the weekend edition of the Farmington Enterprise & Observer with offerings such as: At the Center: Community Calendar; Local News; Floral Park; and Kendalwood Comments.

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### 151 Who Care

Lots of youngsters get into a little trouble and are put on probation. But thereafter it's hard to help them — unless a program to train 151 volunteer probation officers is successful. Here's the picture-story of teamwork by Madonna and Schoolcraft Colleges.

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# City To Reveal Plan For Downtown Development

The scholars have closed their books and the City of Farmington is preparing to unveil a proposed master plan to redevelop the Central Business District (CBD).

After 18 months of studies, research and in-depth analysis, the Downtown Redevelopment Committee (DRC) has finished its main product — a master plan for the downtown area.

**THE UNVEILING** is being carefully planned to make sure all interested sectors of the community have a chance to review and comment on the proposals before a public hearing for adoption is established.

The DRC is a four-member subcommittee of the city's Planning Commission which was established in the spring of 1969.

For the past several months, the subcommittee has been working closely with Tapan Datta of Goodell & Grievas Associates, a Southfield traffic engineering firm.

Subcommittee members are: Dick Tupper, chairman; Don Stoddard; Jim Piatt; and Dennis Pheeny. Each member has been assigned a particular area of concern to research.

Piatt has coordinated the parking and traffic flow study with Datta. Tupper has investigated high-rise building ordinances and Stoddard has been drafting a new sign ordinance for the CBD.

Pheeny has been assigned the task of working up a scheme for general aesthetics, decor and historical preservation.

**THE PLAN FIRST** will be presented at a joint study session between the city council and the planning commission on Nov. 18.

On Nov. 23 at 8 p.m., the plan will be unveiled publicly to the business sector of the community, property owners involved, and other interested citizen committees.

Committees invited to the Nov. 23 presentation include: Farmington Citizens Assn., a homeowners group; City of Farmington Beautification Committee; Farmington Historical Preservation Committee; and the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce.

The planning commission will hold a public hearing on Dec. 14 to adopt the CBD plan which would then be incorporated with the city's overall master plan.

**MUCH OF THE** research was accomplished by Datta, whose personnel spent months in the city interviewing merchants, residents and shoppers.

Datta completed a traffic study which involved not only a count of automobiles but an analysis of destination and origin of motorists. He also surveyed existing parking lots to determine how extensive each was being used.

The city's planning consultants, Driker & Associates, have been working with Stoddard in coordinating the draft of a proper sign ordinance for the downtown area.

The sign ordinance is not finished and will be submitted later after the master plan is adopted.

**CITY MANAGER** John

Dinan explains that the downtown redevelopment project will be implemented in phases.

The first phase, he explained, will be adoption of the master plan which will then provide the framework within which specific steps can be implemented. "Phase one is to establish our goals by adopting the master plan."

Once the framework is agreed upon, Dinan adds, then specifics such as a sign ordinance can be acted upon.

Implementation of the phases will be dependent upon the time and money available, says Dinan, but will be programmed so definite progress can be realized.

**TUPPER SAID** the CBD plan will introduce three major concepts Farmington has never experienced before.

"The key to the plan is that it has been written with the entire community in mind," Tupper explained. "If implemented, the downtown would become an area much more convenient for residents to drive through and certainly a very nice place to shop and visit."

Tupper said the plan will blend well with the surrounding residential neighborhoods and will draw the downtown business area and surrounding neighborhoods into closer union.

"An important thing," he continued, "is that we will make a concerted effort to implement the master plan and not just have a document which will lie dormant on a shelf."

"We will establish various phases of implementation and hope to begin in the 1971-72 fiscal year."

# Ecology Master Minds Have Laboratory Here

By LIZ WISSMAN

Suppose you have a dust from Mexico and want to know if it's safe to eat off its painted surface.

Suppose you want to know if the paint on your baby's crib contains lead.

Suppose you're Children's Hospital poison control center and want to know what substance has poisoned a child.

Suppose you own a factory and want to know if your workers are exposed to toxic components.

**TO FIND THE ANSWERS** to questions like these you could consult the Environmental Health Laboratories, Inc. (EHL) at 32749 Northwestern, Farmington.

The laboratory specializes in analysis of blood, urine, tissue or air samples for metals and other substances associated with occupational exposures or toxicological problems.

Among its clients are Ford Motor Co., Alcoa, Monsanto, Westinghouse, General Motors, Chrysler, General Electric, Wyandotte Chemical and Dextres Chemical Co.

The list of clients makes the laboratory sound as if it would be large and sprawling.

**BUT IT IS SMALL** and cozy and owned by two brothers, Cecil Smith, manager, and Dr. Ralph G. Smith, director.

Dr. Smith is an analytical chemist and professor in the

school of public health at the University of Michigan. He has worked in industrial hygiene for 15 years and began the laboratory in his basement until it got too big and smelly for his home.

A relative newcomer to the

field, Cecil Smith joined his brother's operation three years ago upon his retirement from the Air Force. He holds a degree in biology from the University of Miami, Florida.

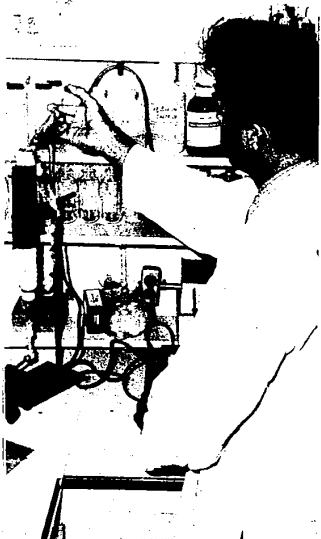
The brothers employ a full-

time chemist, Ken Mikel, and two technicians, Mary D'Anna and Beth Ferree. There is other part-time help employed.

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**ANALYSIS** — Cecil Smith (seated) manager, and Dr. Ralph Smith, director, of the Environmental Health Laboratories, Inc., of Farmington, check the presence of carbon monoxide from a tunneling operation on a gas chromatograph. (Evert photo)



**KEN MIKEL**, chemist with Farmington's Environmental Health Laboratories, Inc., inserts a sample into a special apparatus for making mercury determinations. (Evert photo)



**CHECKING** — Environmental Health Laboratories technician Beth Ferree analyzes human blood for lead. (Evert photo)



**PREPARATION** — Mary D'Anna of the Environmental Health Laboratories of Farmington prepares a blood sample for analysis. (Evert photo)

## Ski Buffs To Sign Up

Farmington Adult Education Dept. has extended registration for ski classes. Interested persons may register in the school administration building.

The course will consist of 10 lessons, one indoors and nine outdoors, and is open to skiers of all levels of ability. Outdoor sessions will be held at Mt. Brighton on Saturdays and Sundays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Reduced low rates will be offered.

Fee for the classes is \$15 per individual, \$25 for two persons in the same family, \$35 per family. Additional information may be obtained in the office of Don Howell, director of adult education, 476-0810.