

Negotiations Go To Fact Finding

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Editor

Contract negotiations between the Farmington schools and the District's 700 teachers have stalled and been referred to a fact-finding committee of the State Labor Mediation Board.

The move was made with the mutual consent of both the

Board and the Farmington Education Association (FEA) negotiators.

SCHOOL is scheduled to start Sept. 5, but the teachers voted last June that they would not return to the classrooms until a master contract was signed. The two teams met in a day-long session Thursday, but agreement was still not

reached.

In the meantime the FEA has scheduled a meeting for its members at 7 a.m. on the morning of Sept. 5 to vote on the contract package or packages presented by the two teams.

The session will be held at Livonia's Roma Hall.

Reportedly most minor areas of the master contract have

been agreed upon.

However, on the major issues the teams are far apart. These include: length of school day; elementary lunch hours; elementary release time; class leader; board rights; the arbitration, strike and sanction clauses; grievance procedure and the school calendar.

NONE of the economic pack-

age—salary scale for the coming year, fringe benefits or the pay for extra-curricular assignments—have been agreed upon.

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Claire Showbridge, FEA chief negotiator, told The Enterprise & Observer that "both teams are working very hard on the

contract and are having lengthy sessions to try to resolve our differences."

The FEA had announced that its major economic goals include:

A salary schedule of "10 or fewer" steps over the same number of years. The current schedule calls for 15 steps over 15 years.

Improved salaries at the upper end of the scale. The teachers contend that the school district rather than the half now paid.

Life insurance paid for by the district.

Negotiations for the contract began in February. They have been conducted since that time with the exception of a two-week layoff during July.

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Planners Approve Club Idea

Developers Thomas A. and George Duke received a go-ahead from the Township Planning Commission Thursday night for the construction of a combined office and athletic club facility on the north side of the I-696 expressway and Inkster Rd.

The commission voted to recommend approval of the zoning change from residential to office to the township board.

ANOTHER problem must be cleared, however, before the Dukes can break ground for the athletic facility.

Thomas A. Duke told the commission that a covenant had been entered into with the residents of Forestbrook Subdivision directly to the north of the proposed development.

Under the terms of this agreement, the Dukes must submit the plans for the athletic facility to the residents of the subdivision. Within 90 days the residents must vote on the proposal and if a majority approves of the plans then construction can begin.

If the residents reject the plan, Duke can submit a revised proposal.

Attorney Wendell Brown, who is representing the 18 home owners in Forestbrook who objected to the proposal, told the commission that the compromise agreement was a "private agreement" and would not be filed until after the rezoning was approved.

This recommendation, along with other action by the commission, will go before the township board Monday night.

THE COMMISSION also recommended to the township board:

Approval of rezoning to parking of land at the U.S. Tool and Cutter Company on Orchard Lake south of 13 Mile Rd. This will allow for the expansion of the existing parking facilities.

Adoption of an ordinance establishing a new classification for Planned General Business Districts.

Adoption of a zoning ordinance regulating the review requirements for the parking, sale and rental of motorcycles.

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JANET GIBSON (left, back) and Karen Bauer (right, front) assist some of their young charges in a gay game of London Bridge. The smaller children are Francis Mondrow (left, front), Jill Arabian (center) and Rosemary Ebner (right, front).

Canterbury Commons: Happiness In Summertime

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN
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Happiness is having something to do during summer vacation.

Lisa Bauer, 10; Rosemary Ebner, 11; and Janet Gibson, 11, who live in Canterbury Commons, have found something to do that is also making a number of mothers happy.

The girls are running a play-school for some youngsters, ages three to five, on the patio of the home of Lisa's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Bauer, 29552 Midland.

They conduct it from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thurs-

days. Their fee is 15 cents per session.

THEIR CHARGES are Stacie and Wanda Frishman, Lee Ann McCarthy, Francis Mondrow, Jill Arabian, Scotty Gibson and Karen Bauer.

The play-school is held at the Bauers' for the simple reason that their patio is installed and they have a picnic table.

The subdivision is brand new and not all the residents have gotten around to such things as patios. Of course, if it rains, the kids are moved inside to the garage.

The children are amused with

games, stories, bouts with play-dough and clay. They even have a coffee-break when they eat cookies and have lemonade.

Mrs. Bauer says the project has given her to trouble at all.

The Bauer family moved to Canterbury Commons from Dearborn Heights six months ago. Janet's family moved there from a home on Westmoore and Rosemary's family moved out from Detroit a month ago.

The trio has made itself even more popular with the suburban mothers by picking up and delivering the customers each day the play-school is held.

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Planners Delay Problem Corner Action

Farmington Township's Planning Commission delayed any decision on a proposed apartment and single family home development at Middle Belt and Northwestern Thursday night.

The request for the 34 acre parcel was carried over to the Commission's Sept. 28 meeting for "further information."

Developer Ivan Frankel told the commission that he was "in no hurry on this" and had no objection to the delay.

The commission was specifically interested in solving the ingress and egress problem for the proposed development.

Frankel said that he would talk to the Oakland County Road Commission about possible solutions.

Wendell Brown, the attorney who has represented residents setting up a lawsuit for this parcel over the past three years, was present at the commission's preliminary review of the Frankel proposal.

Commission Chairman Charles Lorion refused to grant Brown permission to speak on the proposal.

"When this comes up for a public hearing, Wendell, you'll be heard in all your glory," he told Brown.

BROWN told The Enterprise & Observer after the review that he wanted to tell the commission that he had the signatures of 200 residents of the area who were opposed to the proposal.

"This number will probably be doubled by September," he said.

Brown added that "the commission and the paper have wrong information. These people are opposed to this and that includes the residents of Old Franklin Towne."

(Report have been circulating that the opposition to the development of the corner has died out in Old Franklin Towne. This is the subdivision directly abutting the proposed development.)

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"I was willing to post a bond with the township in this matter

to assure the people of my intentions, but my lawyer has advised me to enter into a covenant of restrictions with the adjoining subdivision."

The proposed development would require the rezoning of approximately 14 acres for apartments along Middle Belt and the remainder of the land would be used for single family homes.

A total of 21 apartments would be constructed along with 20 single family homes under the proposal. The development would also provide for a park or recreation area within its confines.

This development is substantially the same one first proposed for the corner in 1964.

At that time Township Planning Commission Charles Lorion recommended the plan to the commission, but opposition from the residents convinced the planners to delay the proposal.

Youths Injured In Crash

Two Farmington men are in critical condition at St. Mary's Hospital, Livonia, after their cars collided early Thursday morning.

Joseph A. Lupton, 25, 3335 Gasp, Farmington, suffered a brain concussion and loss of speech. Thomas R. Carter, 20, 2919 Lorikay, Farmington, suffered multiple fractures but his condition is not as serious as Lupton's.

The rear-end collision occurred on 14 Mile Rd. just east of Drake Rd. at around 3:30 a.m. The two cars were headed east.

Township police reported that they don't know which man was driving which car.

The man was thrown clear of his vehicle and the other apparently got out of his car and passed out, police believe.

Both men were taken to St. Mary's General Hospital and then transferred to St. Mary's Hospital.



MOST POPULAR man in town along the Farmington Founders Festival parade route was the balloon man, whose gaily colored wares brightened everybody's day. For full-scale photographic coverage of this year's Founders Festival see Pages 4 and 5-A.

Guidance Group Proposes Community Schools Concept

The possibility of setting up a pilot community school program, aided by matching funds from the Mott Foundation, was explored at a meeting called Tuesday night by the Farmington Youth Guidance (FYC) in city council chambers.

Present were representatives of area service clubs, the school administration, city police and council and the Farmington Area Recreation Commission.

Most important person in attendance could have been Byron Oliver, of the school administration.

If the Mott Foundation agrees to provide funds for a Farmington community school program, the school board has to approve and acquire ultimate responsibility for it.

SPEAKING for the school administration, Oliver said, "I'm sure the board of education will go along with the program."

Mechanics of a community school program are simple—total use of school facilities for adult and youth activities ranging from recreational through educational and vocational.

The foundation sponsors 70 such programs in Oakland County. It operates from headquarters at Oakland University.

The FYC is not aiming at a total program. It has its sights set on a pilot program for two years, triggered at problems of delinquency and neglect in the greater Farmington community, according to a statement by chairman James W. Alstrom.

The YOC has prepared a program priority for Sept. 1967 through March, 1968 which covers an existing grade school project through senior and junior high teen centers, more grade school programs and adult seminars.

COST for the full school year is estimated at \$21,000; cost for less than the full year for a limited program is set at \$13,000.

The foundation has indicated it would provide about \$20,000 in matching funds.

YOC members feel that foundation support will be available not later than January, 1968 if preparation is made now to raise initial funds.

Raising funds is the crux of the matter.

A vote for millage may be a last resort, but an all-out fund raising drive will be the first step.

As funds become available, recruitment of personnel will be another difficult task. This will be a limiting factor and can make or break a good program.

Paid and volunteer staff would be used. Paid workers would bear major responsibility.

Local teachers might form the bulk of this staff, with "possibility of each school having one person dividing his time between teaching and directing the program."

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Day Lily Wins Council Vote



The lowly lily has won out over the marigold to become the City of Farmington's official flower.

The battle of the flowers began some months ago when the City's Beautification Committee proposed the marigold as the official flower.

This suggestion met with some opposition so the Council asked the Farmington Garden Club to nominate the choice.

The ladies voted unanimously to suggest the day lily.

When the Council heard about this the only significant comment was from Councilman Howard Thayer who asked "What is a day lily?"

Councilman Hugo E. Peterson told Thayer "It's a beautiful flower and you come to see me and I'll show you some."

(Peterson said later, however, that "his" day lilies were "all gone.")

The day lily, which often grows wild, takes its name from the fact that it blooms on an average of one day.



When the Council voted unanimously to name the lily as the City's flower Mayor Wilbur V. Brotherton quipped "I hope we are doing the right thing."

In addition to the Beautification Council, the marigold has another prominent supporter. Republican Senate Leader Everett Dirksen annually introduces a bill to make the marigold the national flower.

An isolated and not terribly pertinent fact — in our research on the flowers The Enterprise & Observer learned that the person who comes up with a method of cross-breeding the marigold to produce a white flower is eligible for a cash prize.

Over the Marigold.

Three police cars were rammed and 15 others forced off the road in a high speed chase before a Farmington woman was hailed at Inkster and Five Mile.

Police said she was "labeled as striking, hitting and scratching the officers."

The woman was booked and committed through the Wayne County Prosecutor's office to Northville State Hospital for observation.

This newspaper is withholding her name.

PATROLMEN Robert Zaslach and Edwin Spomer said the woman passed their police car going west on Five Mile at Hubbard at 80 miles an hour, roared past Farmington and made a U-Turn.

The chase with flashing lights on and sirens screaming continued east on Five Mile, forcing other cars off the road.

The woman ran a red light at Merriman and another at Middle Belt as she made the turn south at 40 miles an hour.

On Middle Belt cars dived for the shoulder. Zaslach picked his way through three careening cars which were out of control after drivers tried to avoid the woman's car.

"At this time the defendant looked at the police car (now running parallel trying to force it to a stop) and made a deliberate left turn into the police car, bounced off and hit it again," the police report said.

TWO OTHER POLICE cars ended the chase at this point. On Inkster, the two cars drew up on either side and both were damaged as the woman zig-zagged hitting both as they tried to box her in.

Patrolmen David Davey and Ronald R. Clark in one car and Robert J. Lancaster and Lawrence W. Little in another forced the car to stop at Inkster and Five Mile.

"OFFICERS HAD to restrain the nearly-nude defendant," the report said. "The defendant was violent, striking, biting and scratching the officers."

The woman was jailed with the help of a policewoman and was sent later to Northville State Hospital, for observation.

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