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## Council Approves Reciprocal Police Force Plan For City

### 16 Communities Aid Each Other

By FRED DeLANO

By unanimous vote of the City Council Monday night, Farmington joined in a South Oakland County reciprocal police aid agreement which will place law enforcement agencies of 16 other communities at Farmington's disposal in case of civil disorders.

Obviously, the agreement works both ways, and Farmington police will be equally available to its municipal partners which include:

Berkley, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Clawson, Farmington Township, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods, Madison Heights, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak, Royal Oak Township, Southfield, Troy and Beverly Hills.

THE AGREEMENT specifies that each local police chief shall determine the urgency of sending men and equipment to the aid of a fellow municipality.

Farmington Public Safety Director Robert H. Deadman said the pact was developed "to develop manpower sources for each of the various municipalities."

He said he would solve the problem caused because "Farmington is limited in professional manpower and could be at a great disadvantage in case of a civil disorder or a natural disaster which would require emergency assistance."

### It's On!

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.  
There also is going to be a joint meeting between the Farmington City Council and the Farmington Township Board of Trustees.

It will be on the evening of Wednesday, March 20, as demanded by the township, instead of March 13 as requested by the municipality. However, when they accepted the alternative date the city fathers specified during Monday night's deliberation over the issue that at least they have the privilege of being hosts. Thus, it will be the township's preference of dates, but the meeting will be in city hall.

### D.P.W. Gets 7% Boost

Although wage negotiations between the Farmington city administration and its police force are at a standstill, the City Council Monday night authorized a new pact with 10 D.P.W. workers who are members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees union, an affiliate of the AFL-CIO.

Revisions in the D.P.W. contract carry these major provisions:

Those who are on the "stand-by list" and who are asked to work Saturdays, Sundays or holidays will be credited with a minimum of three hours, instead of two, for such "call back" time.

Life insurance coverage for each employee will be increased from a policy of \$2,000 on which the city paid all costs above 60 cents per \$1,000 to a fully prepaid \$5,000 per employee, all costs to be borne by the city.

The hourly wage of maintenance men will be increased 19 cents per hour, or seven per cent, "10/offset increased costs of living and to catch up to wages being paid in other communities." The latter was a statement by City Manager John D. Dinsan.

## today's hot line observerland

**LIVONIA** — Workmen of Rocco Ferrara & Co., laying huge concrete sections of a storm-drain system for Livonia, unwittingly turned the work area into a panic area late Friday evening when a mechanical crane bit into a high-pressure gas line. Police blocked traffic and onlookers from the area, in front of the new Livonia National Bank building, Plymouth and Wayne Roads, for more than eight hours, until the danger of a gas explosion had passed. The gas line, under 250 pounds of pressure, was a feeder line in a Consumers Power system supplying gas for the homes and industry of Plymouth, Livonia, Westland, Northville, Wayne and Farmington Township.

**LIVONIA** — A proposed \$10,000-a-year minimum salary for Livonia police patrolmen may require another dip into the already empty taxpayer's pocket, according to Mayor Harvey W. Moelke.

**REDFORD** — With less than a month remaining until the start of a new contract period, the Redford Township Board ratified a three-year contract with police Monday. Annual re-opening of salary negotiations is possible. The patrolmen gained across-the-board \$500 raises in 1967.

**WESTLAND** — The economic and physical characteristics of the Westland-Wayne communities were outlined Monday by Irving Rubin, director of the Transportation and Land Use Study, known as TALUS. Some of the data compiled for the two cities shows that the percentage of preschool children is much higher than the surrounding area; the median income is under the level of the rest of suburban Wayne County; and there are more families with children than in other communities.

**WESTLAND** — The City Council Monday listened to two state civil defense officials emphasize the importance of a local civil defense plan and program for the community.

**GARDEN CITY** — A long-standing parking dispute involving an office next to the Secretary of State auto license plate branch is over — until next February. A local businessman blocked his parking lot for nearly two weeks to keep license plate buyers off of his property.

**PLYMOUTH** — The Planning Division of the Wayne County Road Commission, after evaluating the survey of C & O rail crossing delays, suggested that there is a need for at least two underpasses.

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**SCOUTING FAMILY** — Preparing for Girl Scout Week festivities, March 10-17, Mrs. J. Francis Dillenhein, 33551 Shawasssee, and her Girl Scout daughters, Susan, at the left, is only seven but plans to become a Brownie in the fall. Next

to Susan is Debbie, 14, a Cadette in Troop 317, and at the right is Sharon, 10 a junior Scout in Troop 878. The girls' mother is leader of Troop 878.

## Study Gets Off Ground As Checks Come Through

Work on the long-debated area-wide governmental alternatives study in Farmington got underway Thursday night when representatives of the city, township, two villages and the

Farmington Jaycees presented checks totaling \$1,000 to representatives of the Michigan State University Institute for Community Development.

Completion date of the study is scheduled for October, 1968. The study is being sponsored by the Future Farmington Area Study Committee with the cooperation of the four governmental bodies.

Membership of the Study Committee comes from the Farmington Board of Commerce, the Farmington chapter of the League of Women Voters and the Farmington Jaycees.

## FEA, Schools Begin '68 Contract Talks

By SUE SHAUGHNESSY

Contract negotiations between Farmington's 700 teachers and the Farmington Board of Education will get off to a start Thursday, March 7, when representatives of the Farmington Education Association (FEA) and the Board hold the first negotiating session.

The FEA is the bargaining unit for the teachers.

At issue is a master contract for the 1968-69 school year.

THIS YEAR the teachers say that they are concerned primarily with "child centered" issues rather than issues which will affect their take home pay.

About the economic issues — or rather the salary scale — the FEA spokesmen comment only that "the district was competitive in its salary scale this

year and we expect it to be so next year."

The teachers are optimistic that a contract can be agreed upon and ratified by the teachers by the end of the school year in June.

Last year the master contract was ratified in September just before the teachers were due to report back to their classrooms. In 1966 the first year that master contract was negotiated contract ratification came just at the end of the school year.

Admittedly the items sought by the teachers will have an impact on the cost of running the schools, but these cost are termed "indirect."

SOME OF THE areas slated for negotiation are: teacher certification, class sizes,

teacher evaluation, and the use of teacher aides to supplement the classroom teacher.

FEA negotiation chairman Robert Newhouse told the Farmington Enterprise & Observer Monday that "good education is important to the teachers and what we hope to do this year is to try to set in practice what we feel are good educational practices."

In addition to Newhouse, members of the FEA negotiation team are: Marvel Eberly, Roger Allen, and Grace Campbell.

Members of the Board of Education team are: Assistant Superintendent Marjorie Van Aneyde, chairman; Director of Personnel LeRoy Bartman; Director of Secondary Education Joseph Nictis; and A. Lantgan, an elementary school principal.

## Strike Hits Star Cutter Plant

A walkout of approximately 200 hourly employees of the Star Cutter Co. in Farmington Township Monday morning brought the community its second major labor upheaval of the year.

The strike by members of Local 985 of the United Auto Workers, AFL-CIO, came only 19 days after their fellow U.A.W. members of Local 540 had ended a 28-day walkout against Futurmill, Inc., which, like Star Cutter, is engaged in the manufacture of industrial cutting tools.

The Star Cutter strike is the second to hit the company since early in 1965, and ties the largest manufacturing force in the township.

Spokesmen for both sides conceded that they still are at odds over both economic and non-economic issues after continuing last-minute bargaining sessions until 6 p.m. Sunday.

The company made at that time was unanimously rejected by the local's membership in a special meeting Monday morning. A decision to go on strike was similarly given unanimous approval, and picket lines were established in front of the plant at 34500 Grand River by 10 a.m.

Norman Lawton, president of Star Cutter, issued this formal statement as pickets paraded in front of the company plant:

"The company and union representatives broke off negotiations at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 3, the union taking the company's last proposal to its membership for consideration on Monday, March 4, at 7 a.m.

"The membership rejected the proposal and the union notified the company at 9:40 a.m. that they were formally on strike against the company.

"We further meetings have been scheduled.

"State and federal mediators advised both company and union

officials that they would keep in touch and set up a meeting in the near future.

"The disagreements still existing between the company and the union are both economic and non-economic issues."

JOHN ELLIS, president of the striking local, pinpointed the differences by stating:

"The company offered us what amounts to a package increase of 49 cents per hour in wages and fringe benefits over a three-year period, when in the metropolitan area calls for a contract increase in excess of \$1.15 per hour over the same three years.

"Also, the company wants to make many non-economic changes in the contract which would deprive the workers of some of their benefits."

Lawton's reply to this claim was that, "When they talk about \$1.15 per hour they're trying to tie us in with the recent wage settlement in the tool and die

industry. We're not a tool and die shop."

A RESUMPTION of contract talks appears to rest in the hands of state mediators, Ellis having declared that the union will not make the first move.

"The length of the strike depends upon the company," said the local president. "We're ready to resume bargaining whenever they are, but we will not accept an unreasonable offer."

"Meanwhile, we hope to maintain a peaceful picket line and will do all in our power to resolve the issues and go back to work as early as possible."

Although the union immediately established around-the-clock picketing, no attempt was made in the first days of the strike to interfere with salaried employees' entering or leaving the plant. The company's total payroll for both salaried and hourly personnel exceeds \$200,000 per month.



**STOKING UP** — Howard Coswell, a member of the U.A.W. Local 985 at Farmington Township's Star Cutter plant, builds up the fire to warm the members of the local at the Grand River entrance to the plant. Approximately 200 hourly employees of the plant went on strike Monday morning after union and management representatives failed to agree on terms for a new contract.