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Suit Starts Football Practice, Not School

By DAN MCCOSH

Farmington's teacher walkout is apparently going to continue through the weekend, as negotiations between the FEA and the school board temporarily halted Thursday.

Parents attempted to file a suit Wednesday against the FEA and school board to allow the football coaches to hold practice.

State athletic association regulations call for a minimum of 14 days of practice before a team is allowed to play a scheduled game.

Judge Frederick Ziem heard the case in his cham-

bers at the Oakland County Circuit Court. Both the FEA and the Board of Education told the court the decision not to hold practice was up to the coaches.

"The decision not to work without a contract was a collective decision on the part of all of the teachers, in no way did we intimidate any of them," Roger Allen, executive secretary of the FEA told the Enterprise and Observer after Judge Ziem dismissed the suit.

Attorney John Ogurek filed the suit at the urging of parents of football players.

Allen said, "Our position didn't change, and the

board's position didn't change—if anybody did, it was the coaches." Practice began Thursday.

Gov. William Milliken Tuesday urged all school boards in the state to begin filing injunctions against the teachers to get them to return to work.

This step has not been taken by the Farmington School Board, following the advice of the school administration.

LeRoy Bartman, director of personnel for the district, said "third parties don't do us any good," referring both to a possible injunction or compulsory arbitration.

"Our biggest problem is getting back to the bargaining table," Allen said.

Another long meeting Tuesday was followed by a slack Wednesday, with no new meeting scheduled as of Thursday.

School administrators are following a schedule set by the state mediators hearing the case.

Since the walkout began, the negotiators have apparently moved close to an agreement on the first year salary increase, reportedly approximately 5.6 per cent on top of contracted increments.

The second year of the con-

tract is still being negotiated, along with a "cap," or maximum class size.

At last offer, teachers were asking for a maximum of 30 students per teacher in the elementary grades, with the administration offering a maximum class size of 33.

Teachers also wanted a maximum in high school, but the administration was unwilling.

The school board began publicizing its latest offers in newspaper ads and through a letter sent to parents, outlining contracted increases.

The FEA continued its campaign for "smaller classes" with advertising.



UNITED FOUNDATION -- Mrs. Emanuel Maisel, Mrs. Edmund Zeglen and Mrs. John Smith make plans for the United Foundation campaign in the Farmington area. (Evert photo)

Art Gets Acclaim Of Governor

By JAN WILLIAMS

Even an artist who's a Democrat should feel honored to have four of his drawings hanging in the governor's mansion on Mackinac Island.

Frank Densmore of Farmington, party alliance unknown, is an artist who was recently bestowed such an honor, and it's all related to his scolding activities.

Densmore, 22, is an assistant scoutmaster for Troop 989, a troop with a marching band. Every summer the Mackinac Island Park Commission invites a troop each week to serve as the governor's honor guard when he's on the island, raise and lower the flags, and serve as guides.

"You have to be well up in ranks, troop-wise, to be invited," Densmore says. This summer was the fifth invitation for his troop.

"The troops stay in barracks on the island, and when one troop leaves, they donate something useful to the area."

During the summer of 1970, Densmore did four drawings of prominent spots on the island while his troop was there. One was of the governor's mansion, one was a silhouette of the fort, and two were of buildings within the fort.

His troop purchased them from him for a small fee and donated them to Dr. Eugene Petersen, park commissioner, to be displayed somewhere on the island.

Dr. Petersen, impressed with the quality of the work, presented them to Gov. Milliken, who was so impressed he hung them in the mansion.

Densmore received a personal note from the governor thanking him for the draw-

ings and complimenting him on the work.

While on the island this summer, he met the governor and was allowed to view his drawings in the mansion.

"The island is a very inspiring place, and I did more drawings there this summer."

Densmore says his favorite subjects are landscapes, old buildings, detailed nature studies and anatomy.

He says his art work is only a hobby, and at present he is looking for corporate design work.

A graduate of Pratt Institute in New York, one of the top five art schools in the country, he has a bachelor of industrial design degree.

"My acceptance at Pratt changed my whole life. I wasn't notified I had been accepted until late summer. In the meantime I had enrolled in general curriculum at Eastern Michigan University and expected to go there."

Densmore says acceptance at Pratt is based on ability rather than scholastic standing. His entrance exam was preparation of an extensive portfolio within two weeks.

"It's a very competitive school."

Although Densmore says he has been drawing ever since he can remember, his heavy interest began while at Pratt.

"Many people have told me through the years I should be an artist. But when I was a kid and people would ask me if I was going to be an artist, I would say no, I'm going to be a nuclear physicist."

Densmore says he has since thought of making a career of art, but is now more interested in using his talents in a humanitarian sense.



FRANK DENSMORE of Farmington displays some examples of his art work. The drawing at the lower left is similar to one he did that is hanging in the governor's mansion on Mackinac Island. (Photo by Ralph Evert)

2nd Seminar Set YMCA Begins Fall Program

After a last minute postponement of the opening session, the second program of the first annual Publicity-Press Relations seminar conducted by the Observer Newspapers will be held next Wednesday as scheduled.

Last Wednesday's meeting was postponed in late afternoon due to production problems associated with continuing labor negotiations at the Observer plant.

The Observer plans to reschedule the session in October and also announced plans for a third meeting to take care of those who registered too late.

Wednesday's program will follow the format announced earlier with three meetings conducted simultaneously and groups moving on after 30 minute discussions.

All accepted for Sept. 19 registrations will be welcomed. Those who were not accepted because of registrations after the 150 quota had been reached have been notified. They will be welcomed to the third session which will be announced later.

The Farmington YMCA is kicking off its fall program with 55 classes and programs for community participation, according to Director Gary Uhrh.

All the programs begin the week of Sept. 24. Registration is required, on a first come, first serve basis.

Many of the morning programs offer babysitting at a nominal fee, Uhrh said.

The pre-school program, including diaper gym (six months to walking), early-age swim lessons, and crafts, is offered for young children.

A new program for all ages will be indoor ice skating classes, at the new Novi ice arena.

Saturday swim instruction includes a swim team. Headed by Doug Schmieder, the program costs \$50 for 28 sessions and regularly scheduled swim meets.

An expanded tennis program is offered at the Southdowns Tennis Club, Bond Elementary and Mercy Center.

Gymnastics programs begin at age four, under the direction of James Hufke.

Team tryouts begin Saturday, 4 p.m. Sept. 29, at Mercy Center.

Trinnastics and belly dancing will be offered, as well as Hatha Yoga, with Kathleen Yvon.

Other programs include: folk guitar, ballet, adult sketching and drawing, ballroom dance, judo and driver education.

Additional information can be obtained by calling the YMCA.

Jaycees Want New Members

A special member recruiting meeting of the Farmington Jaycees will be held Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 8 p.m. at the Farmington Community Center.

Anyone interested in joining the "under-35" Farmington area organization is urged to attend.



JAY STEVENS will present a benefit concert at the Farmington Community Center featuring a duet with Bill Conroy, in a special "pop" concert Sept. 20 at 8 p.m.

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NADEAN YOVANOVICH, Farmington, became the third state police woman recently. Mrs. Yovanovich, 28139 Thorny Brae, graduated from the State Police Academy since 1967.