

Teacher bargaining is out for July

By JUDITH BERNIE
School bargaining throughout Oakland County will recess during July in apparent sympathy with the no-contract situation of West Bloomfield School District teachers.
July is not a prime negotiating month in most school districts because of summer vacations and the national teachers union convention.
"The associations that are currently bargaining (for this coming year) will adjourn for the month of July if West Bloomfield can not get a settlement for last year," said Richard Denagte, county bargaining coordinator for the Michigan Education Association (MEA) union.
The MEA is the bargaining unit for 26 of 28 Oakland County school districts. West Bloomfield is the only one without a contract for last year.
Denagte, a Southfield teacher, has called a press conference for 11 a.m. Friday, outside West Bloomfield's Abbott Middle School, where the dis-

trict's administrative offices are located.
Abbott is at 3300 Orchard Lake Road.
The suspension of bargaining would affect 13 districts.
Birmingham, Brandon, Clarkston, Clawson, Farmington, Lake Orion, Madison, Novi, Southfield, Troy and Waterford all are negotiating new contracts. Clarenceville and Huron Valley are reopening economic sections of existing contracts.
WEST BLOOMFIELD teachers and school board bargaining teams have no meetings scheduled for July, traditionally vacation time for members of the bargaining teams.
The Birmingham Education Association announced more than two weeks ago no bargaining sessions would take place in July to allow its team to go on vacation and attend the National Education Association (NEA) convention.
The freeze (until West Bloomfield

gets a contract) is "one of the reasons," said Grove Sandrock, co-executive director of the Birmingham and Southfield education associations.
R. William, chief negotiator for the Southfield Public Schools, said he was advised last week the SEA wouldn't be available to bargain again until Aug. 1.
"We hadn't expected to do much negotiating in July," Nunez said, pointing out that he teams have traditionally not met in July.
FARMINGTON AND Troy spokesmen on both sides of the table agreed.
Rick Ringstrom, executive director of the Farmington Education Association said "We previously agreed there wouldn't be any bargaining in July."
Troy Supt. Donald Shadrer wasn't aware of the MEA order.
"I don't think it would affect the negotiations all that much at all," he added.
Larry Lage, president of the Troy

Education Association said it was never his intent to bargain during July, then added, "We think they have a pretty serious problem out there in West Bloomfield, and if we can be of any help, I think we should be."
WEST BLOOMFIELD school board President Leonard Grossman called the freeze "an unusual step."
"I think the board position remains the same in terms of our offer and in terms of the promulgated contract," Grossman said.
After operating for most of the school year under a set of policies dictated by the West Bloomfield school board, teachers were recently handed a unilateral contract.
The bulk of the contract consists of articles tentatively agreed to by both the WBEA and board. Salary and insurance are based on the board's "last and best offer."

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McDevitt appointed

Frank J. McDevitt, D.O., a resident of Farmington with offices in Livonia, has been appointed to the Michigan Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons State Bar Grievance Board.
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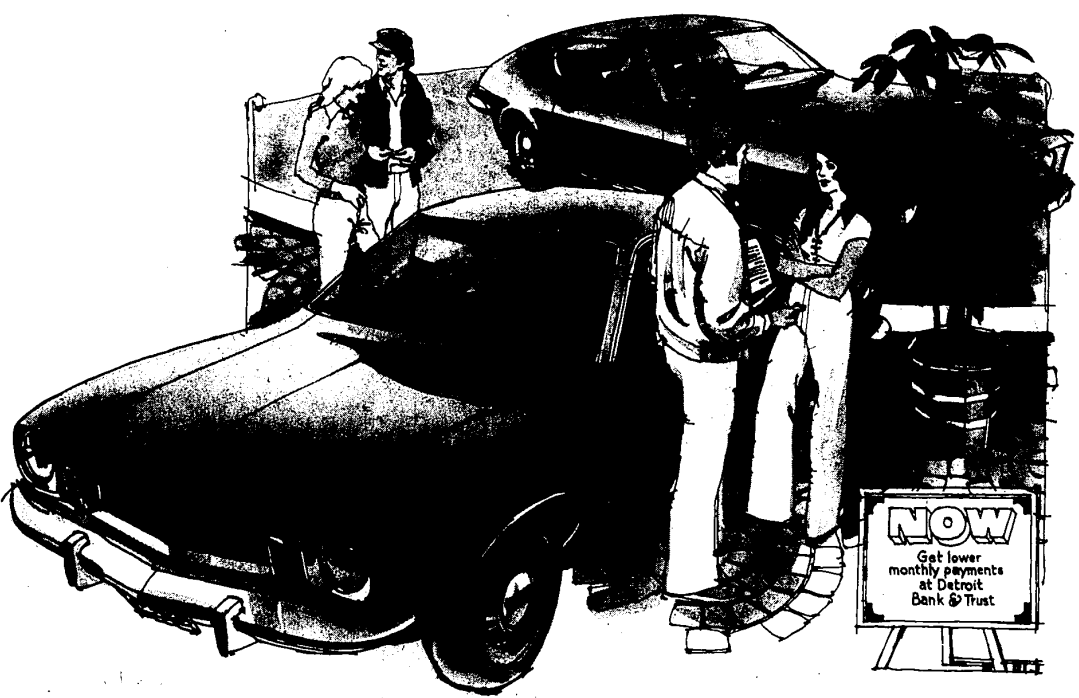
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