

## More Than 10 Per Cent! Teachers Press Hikes

FARMINGTON Teachers will ask Tuesday for substantial 1969-70 wage increases, higher than the 10 per cent hike they've won the last few years.

Tuesday's bargaining session will be the last before July's annual recess, the Farmington Education Association, representing the teachers, and the administration team, representing the board of education, are still at odds over several key non-salary issues.

The FEA will present the salary package Tuesday so school board members can study it before talks resume in August.

Starting salary for teachers is currently \$6,800.

This year's negotiations have thus far lagged considerably behind the timetable of previous years. Last year, for instance, the salary package was proffered on April 11.

Robert Neuhouser, FEA president, blames the administration team for "purposely stalling to back us into a corner."

Teachers have voted both in an FEA meeting and by signed petitions not to work unless a new contract is signed by August.

When their present one expires. However, a strike would be a radical move likely to splinter off some FEA members.

LaRoy Bartman, spokesman for the school board, says the onus for the negotiating delays rests with the FEA's 106 demands for contract changes. "It takes time getting through all of these," Bartman explains. "Many of these have long-range, philosophical ramifications more so than salary which is simply a matter of figures."

Teachers in other school districts have usually struck over the issue of wages. But Bartman does not anticipate any special difficulties despite the extra-large request.

INSTEAD the two teams may log down on issues like teacher evaluations, where any change sets serious precedents for succeeding years.

Presently only the principal, vice-principal and certain designated supervisors like music directors can evaluate teachers. However, next year the high schools will introduce administrative assistants, who will have third-school powers under the principal and vice-

principal.

FEA would like to clearly establish whether administrative assistants will have assessment prerogatives. The school board team has proposed changing the language of the contract to read "any administrator can evaluate teachers."

"We feel the contract now is too restrictive," Bartman says. "We don't want to tie anyone's hands by specifying exactly who can and who can't."

"This is exactly what we don't want," Neuhouser answers. "That would worsen an already bad situation."

"We definitely need a grievance process whereby teachers can appeal any valuations they receive. Right now the principal and vice principal's word is final."

Negotiators this year haven't debated the question of student evaluations, although this promises to become one of the issues of the future.

Any agreement reached on evaluation this year would probably affect the trend of student evaluations, i.e., a more open appraisal system would likely lead to further innovations.

NEGOTIATORS have reached somewhat of an impasse on two other important points: (1) Limits on class size (2) In-service training days.

The class size controversy has been at a standstill for weeks, the teachers arguing for limits and the board team protesting that limits would be an unworkable burden.

The in-service training conflict is a matter of "restrict" versus "loose" control of the contract. Teachers want special days set aside for in-service seminars and training sessions for teachers. The board team does not want to be tied down to in-service programs.

Bartman, however, sees a bigger issue at stake in the negotiations. "We've got to decide who runs the schools—the school board or the administration or the teachers."

Neuhouser does not agree. "We're just tired of having the other side playing games with us," he says.



ACHIEVEMENT — The Eagle Scout rank, highest in scouting, has been earned by these members of Farmington Scout Troop 1107, sponsored by Our Lady of Sorrows Church. From left, Jeff Reiter, Dick Letourneau, Bill Wamby and Tim Spronz. (Evert photo)

## wood creek farms

ANNE M. PHILLIPS MAG-6335

The Junior Wood Creekers Family Fun Day for 1969 is now happy memory. Saturday seemed like a most uncooperative day weatherwise — to have it or not to have it with the morning rain? But, when the pointer arrived at the McGraws about 11:30 a.m., the skies were lifting. Jim and Lee Kay saw to getting a tarp up for protection if needed.

Parents and children drifted in until a total of 175, of which 50 were parents, were present. And how they enjoyed the party!

And they were made possible by our Charlie Brown who helped pay for them. He also provided the punch bowl.

The parties were kept busy until 4 p.m. As well as pony rides, there were games such as sack races, three-legged, etc., under the chairmanship of Pat deCook.

Joanne Owen handled the food

and she got her husband, Chuck, to cook the hot dogs which she enjoyed along with fritas, pop, and ice cream. Maury Branstetter kept the youngsters in stitches as he again played the clown. By 4:30 the clean-up gang was able to take over which they did so ably that they were soon gathered at the Agnelos for hamburgers and fun.

Much appreciation is due to others who gave of their time and effort: Barbara Capalanga distributed the flyers; Jerry Kiger was ticket chairman; Duane Perry, Dick Agnelo, and Dick McGrath found plenty to do to help. It was certainly worth all the effort.

AS USUAL Pat and Dick McGrath kept very, very busy. In addition to having the fun party at their home, they were expecting the arrival of young Dick. His wife, Sharon, and their three children, Trudy, they were not expected until Sunday, or possibly Monday, but they actually arrived about 8:30 p.m. Saturday. They had left Jacksonville, Fla. about 1 a.m. and drove straight through. Dick is on a 10 day leave, so will be returning to Jacksonville Monday. Pat's parents, the Tackles, arrived Friday to be here for the christening of young Dick's three children. The youngest, Richard, is now six months old. Marsha's one-year-old is also staying here as her regular baby sitter is Dick. So Pat hasn't had much chance to relax and recover — she seems to need to.

LAST WEEK FRIDAY Aileen Dornan, who still seems like a Wood Creeker, gave a luncheon-shower for Sherry Smolek. There were 30 present, mostly Wood Creekers, plus the groom's mother and sister who drove in from Grand Rapids. After visiting and a delicious luncheon, came the opening of many, many lovely presents. It was thrilling to watch.

Maxine Carlton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pringle of Seminole, Fla., have been visiting in Wood Creek area again. It was certainly nice to have Mrs. Pringle present at the shower so we could all visit with her. You may remember that they were here earlier. Since their first visit they have driven north to make other stops. And last Monday they left for the return drive to Seminole.

TOMMY CHAMPEAU deserves a lot of sympathy. He is a most enthusiastic little leaguer. This season opened — at the second game he was made pitcher — was he thrilled! Then he broke his arm and is out

of play for the rest of the season. We're all very sorry. Tommy! We know you will practice as soon as you can and do even better next year. Has every one thought carefully of that very special dish to prepare for the Women's Association summer picnic July 1 at the home of Harriet Goldman, 2822 Millbrook? We expect a large gathering for this annual event.

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Janet G. Renick of 3624 Freedom Rd. Farmington, has received a Bachelor of Arts degree in majors in psychology and nursing at Wheaton College. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Renick.

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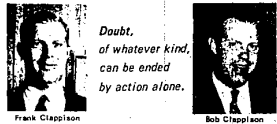
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