



Bob, Alice and Jeffery Winters pause at the city hall fountain before taking a one-day tour of their city's progress.

A Family Looks Behind The Fountain

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Bob and Alice Winters, with their son, Jeffery, recently took a day off from their foreign car business, window washing and junior high school classes respectively, to take a first hand look at the \$2,035,861 business which signs its checks City of Santa Cruz.

Winters discovered during his three years in Santa Cruz that the city he must help run as a voter and help support as a home owner and partner in Continental cars affects his life in some way every day. For him, the effect ranges from a \$650,000 bond issue to ease the strain on downtown traffic and parking problems to maintaining the

streets near his home and business. He came to city hall well armed with questions on financing and policy, and especially the multi-million dollar projects jointly sponsored by federal, state and local governments.

Alice's associations with the city are more concrete and revolve around garbage and trash removal and the 60 to 70 pounds of water pressure maintained at the city water meter outside her house. But, with a woman's inquisitiveness, she also had several questions she wanted to ask City Manager Robert Klein and city department heads. Jeff's questions, perhaps naturally for a teen-ager, covered nearly everything. Thus prepared, they began their day.



First the Winters meet members of the council.

A City In Motion

First, the Winters went to the men who head the city's administration to find out how they work and what each one does. Assistant Mayor Richard Farrar told how seven councilmen are elected from the city at large for four-year terms and then name the mayor.

"But if you run the city, where does the city manager come in?" Jeff wanted to know. Farrar explained that City Manager Bob Klein acted as the administrative head of the city, carrying out council policies and insuring that day workings of city departments and agencies remained well oiled and co-ordinated, such as the President of a large corporation manages the departments of the company.

Councilmen Jensen, Paul Forgey, Robert Burton, Cliff Dysle and Ted Foster meet with Farrar and Mayor Olin Carl White on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month to decide how the city should act in several dozen different policy matters, and then direct Klein to carry out their decisions, Farrar added.

Before the Winters left Farrar told them, "Ask anything of anyone you like. After all, it's your city we run."