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'New partnership' urged to save auto industry

Government and auto industry officials must unite to fight off the assault being waged by Japanese car makers on the U.S. market.

That's the word from U.S. Rep. William Brodhead (D-Detroit), who recently addressed the Chrysler Management Club.

Japan is replacing the U.S. as the world's leading auto producer and American consumers have become the "biggest customer of our major competitor," he said.

"While Japan exports more than half of its annual production, we export less than two percent of ours.

"Within our lifetime we have seen the American share of the world auto market plunge from more than 90 percent to less than one third," said the 17th District Congressman.

TO INITIATE this "new partnership," a 99-member Congressional Auto Task Force has been established to push for legislative changes in taxation, trade and regulation, according to Brodhead.

Congress, he said, is expected to enact changes in the depreciation schedules in 1981 and to consider a tax credit for purchasers of U.S. built cars. He also would like to see a refund-

able tax credit made available to companies which haven't any tax liability.

Presently tax credits only can be taken when a company makes a profit and incurs a tax liability. Companies which don't make a profit are unable to take advantage of the tax credit.

Brodhead also would like to bite down on what he feels is the inequitable trade policy between Japan and the U.S.

"Last year, the auto deficit totaled more than \$9 billion, which is about one-third of the total U.S. trade deficit, including all imports," he said.

"But most significantly, it is estimat-

ed that auto imports represent about 250,000 in lost manufacturing jobs in the United States," said Brodhead, whose district includes Farmington, Farmington Hills, Southfield and parts of Northwest Detroit.

If the Japanese fail to show restraint in selling their auto products in this country, Brodhead believes the government must take steps to curb the flow of foreign-built products.

HE EXPRESSED frustration with the lack of cooperation between government and the auto industry on safety and environmental regulations.

"Government regulators must recognize that many rules that they have promulgated in the past aren't practical," he said.

Labeling the governmental bureaucracy as "often clumsy and overbearing," he said there was room for improvement in both the elimination of essential requirements and finding ways to limit the cost of essential ones without abandoning environmental and safety goals.

He lauded President Carter's moratorium on new regulations and relaxation of present regulations. But Brodhead also had some harsh words for the auto industry.

"In the past, industry has spent too much time contesting the need for safety and environmental regulations and too little time working to find ways to bring about cleaner air and safer cars in the quickest and most efficient manner," he said.

To make this new partnership successful, business must realize that it, as well as government, must be willing to change its ways.

"The auto industry must be more responsive to the concerns of the American public who are, in the end, paying the bills for both the auto industry and the government," he said.

Street remains closed

Tulipwood saga ends

By LOUISE OKRUTSKY

The Farmington Hills City Council put an end to the two-year debate over the status of Tulipwood Tuesday night when they voted 4-3 to reject a move by fellow member William Lange to conduct another public hearing on the matter.

The short street connecting Kendallwood subdivision and the newer Farmington Green has been closed since March 1979.

Representatives of Farmington Green argued that the continued closing of the street could delay progress of emergency vehicles into the subdivision if the main roads were blocked.

Both subdivisions are bordered by 12 and 13 Mile roads and Halsted and Farmington roads.

Residents were concerned about driving their children to Wooddale Elementary School in the morning rush hour traffic on 12 Mile.

Nancy Thomas said she had seven school children in her Volkswagen bus when it was hit on 12 Mile. No one was injured but she told the council she would prefer to drive children to school through less congested side streets.

their children to the elementary school. But Kendallwood's two spokesmen who represented the 30 residents gathered at the meeting contended that the increase in traffic would ruin the subdivision's asphalt streets.

"Traffic destroys asphalt. They (Farmington Green) should use their streets and tear up their quiet subdivisions," said Patrick Falcausian.

"Tulipwood is used basically for a shortcut."

He argued that the other subdivision's residents use Kendallwood as a shortcut to the stores on 12 Mile.

"I walk to Arnold's. I don't have to drive there," Falcausian said.

"I didn't realize I would be confined to Colony Park," said Shelly Foreman, spokeswoman for Farmington Green.

"I object to the concept of 'their street,' our street. We're all paying taxes — and high ones, too."

Council members Joe Alkatech, Earl Oppenhausen and Jan Dolan joined Mayor Joann Sorenson in voting to keep the street closed and avoid another public hearing.

There hadn't been any new information introduced in warrant another hearing, according to the council members.

"There are two things we have discussed thoroughly on this council," said Alkatech. "The budget and Tulipwood."

"I'm such an expert on Tulipwood. I know everything about it. I'm tired of hearing about Tulipwood."

Council members Don Wolf, Lange and Jack Durwell voted to return the issue for another public hearing.

"I don't want to make a decision until after a public hearing," said Wolf, who wasn't on the council during the previous debates.

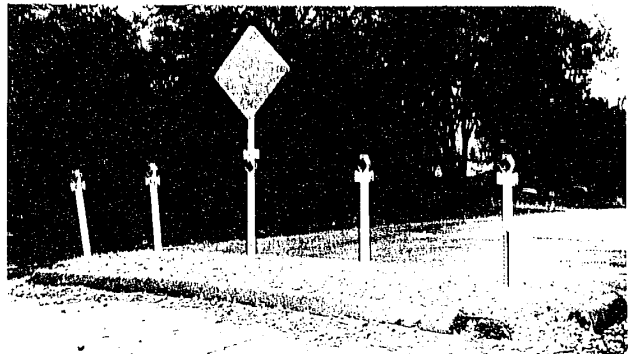
HIS REMARKS prompted Oppenhausen to comment, "I don't think any of us are scared of a public hearing. We can't be scared of a public hearing — we've had three of them already."

THE TWO FARMINGTON Green representatives argued that the opening of Tulipwood wouldn't automatically result in an increase of traffic through Kendallwood as parents drove

The street was originally closed in December 1978 when the council voted 6-1 to shut it.

It was reopened the following February when Farmington Green residents threatened to go to Oakland County Circuit Court with the matter.

The council then closed the street in March of that year by a vote of 4-2.



A barrier marks the beginning of the area on Tulipwood which is closed to automobiles, Farmington Hills City Council voted this week to keep the street closed. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

Key unlocks door to thievery

A thief with a master key swept through 15 Farmington Hills offices last week and walked away with more than \$7,000 in goods and cash.

Farmington Hills police are continuing their investigation of the thefts at 31275 Northwestern Highway between Middlebelt and 13 Mile Road but say they haven't any leads.

They believe the burglary was com-

mitted by someone with a master key because there weren't any signs of forced entry into the building or the individual offices.

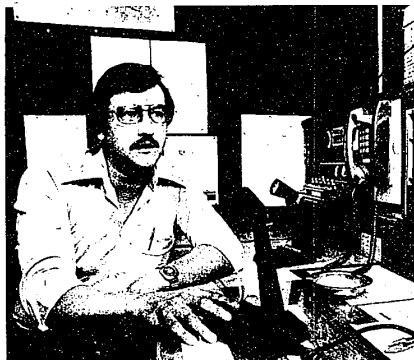
Tenants in the building hit in the spree reported about \$1,000 damages to office property, according to police reports.

Among the items missing are a \$300 microwave oven taken from the Shell

Oil Co. and a 19-inch color television valued at \$350 taken from the Data Point Corp.

Data Point was among the hardest hit in the early Friday morning incident, reporting to police a property loss of \$1,400. Those losses include a tape recorder and a slide projector.

In addition, the Muskegon Piston (Continued on Page 18A)



Ernie Hall, a Farmington Hills resident and COPS volunteer, monitors the CB channels during his shift at the Farmington emergency operations center. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

Need more members

Civilian CB patrol puts out call

By MARY GNIEWEK

When CB-radio mania was at its peak, last year, a group of Farmington-area residents who assisted police in crime prevention and traffic safety was also at its peak.

The group, Community Observation Patrol Service (COPS), had a membership in 1977 of 150 residents acting as additional eyes and ears for local police departments.

COPS members could report suspicious activity directly to the police via their own car CB radio. The program resulted in countless arrests of drunk drivers, vandals, and a whole range of criminal suspects.

It also helped get countless stranded motorists needed aid, provided out-of-towners with useful information such as road conditions, and reported accidents that would be possible if the caller had to pull off the road to find a telephone.

"Despite its initial success, COPS is on the wane much like CB-craziness."

"We had 150-160 persons at first," said public safety officer Chuck Lee, coordinator of the program established by former Farmington public safety director Daniel Byrnes in December 1976.

"NOW THAT WE offer a more thorough service, we don't have enough

people to help. We can only exist with more membership."

COPS needs volunteers who are willing to attend training sessions bimonthly and willing to monitor radios at a base station eight hours every three months.

Members receive training on where to go and what to do in the event Farmington or another nearby community suffers a disaster, such as a large fire, a plane crash or a tornado.

"Without cooperation of citizens, Farmington nor any other community could tend to all the details necessary," Lee said.

The 50 core COPS members are a hodgepodge of husband/wife teams, doctors, lawyers, factory workers, housewives, students and retirees.

"We're not a social club," Lee says. "We really do need the help."

After the first year of the group's existence, COPS members wanted to get out of their cars and into a base station to monitor radios themselves. Byrnes and Lee built an Emergency Operations Center inside the Department of Public Service complex on 9 Mile west of Farmington Road.

From that location, COPS volunteers

monitor channels 9 and 19 around the clock from 6 p.m. Friday to 6 p.m. Sunday. Each member signs up for a four-hour shift.

Members monitored 2,740 hours and handled more than 2,000 calls from persons in need of some type of help during the first year of monitoring.

"I'd like to have another 100 volunteers," Lee said hopefully.

THE OPERATORS take calls from neighboring communities in addition to Farmington.

COPS members have bumper stickers, jackets and identification cards for visual impact in the community. They attend training sessions in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, first aid, how to spot tornadoes, and what to do if other problems arise and police summon their aid.

COPS needs persons with CB radios. Applications can be obtained at the Farmington Police Department, 23600 Liberty St.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old, have a good driving record and never have been convicted of a felony.

For more information, call Lee at 474-1386.

County Voters Guide coming Monday

All the state and county offices. All the ballot issues. All the nonpartisan judicial contests.

They will all be in one 16-page package appearing next Monday in this newspaper.

The Oakland County Voters Guide was researched and compiled by the League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan service organization with eight chapters in the county.

Candidates' biographies were requested and the candidates were asked questions about problems facing the offices they seek. The answers are in the candidates' own words.

In addition, the League painstakingly researched the ballot issues — the legal background, what the proposals would do, the pros and the cons.

The purpose: To help you decide; to send informed voters to the polls Nov. 4.

There are no gimmicks, no slogans, no "hype" — just solid facts and answers. The Voters Guide will be in one tabloid section, without advertising, so that you can pull it out, save it, refer to it, even let the students in your family use it for class research.

Covered are: the electoral contests for State Board of Education, University of Michigan Board of Regents, Michigan State University Board of Trustees, Wayne State University Board of Governors, State Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Oakland Circuit Court, Oakland Probate Court and local district courts; the choices in your area for U.S. representative, state representative, county commissioner and the six county administrative posts; state Propositions A, B, C, D, E, G and H (there's no Proposal F) and the four Oakland County advisory questions.

All in one package. All in Monday's edition of your hometown newspaper.

Linsenmeyer honored as U-D alumnus

Leo Linsenmeyer of Farmington Hills is honored at the 30th Anniversary of Detroit's annual Alumni Reunion Dinner Dance, Oct. 25 at the Royal House, 8201 E. 13 Mile Rd., in Warren.

He will receive the Tower award, presented by U-D to selected alumni in recognition of outstanding services to the university.

Linsenmeyer is a management consultant with A.T. Kearney Inc. in Farmington. A 1952 graduate of U-D's college of engineering, he earned a master's degree from U-D's college of business and administration two years later.

His industrial career has included stints as vice president of the Boks Aluminum Division of Gulf & Western Industries and with the Automotive Group of Rockwell International. He has also served as visiting professor at three local universities. A past president of the U-D Alumni Association, Linsenmeyer is a member of the Board of Directors and Secretary of the executive committee for Catholic Charities of Wayne County.



LEO LINSEMEYER

The evening will begin with a Mass at 8 p.m., followed by cocktails at 8 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m., and a brief program at 8:30 p.m. The Jerry Luck Band will provide music for dancing.

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