

2 tool and die firms on strike

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 on July 24, and minutes later union members at Forge Die and Tool, 31800 Eight Mile Rd., followed suit. An estimated 10 non-union employees working for Spark Die, which shares building space with Forge Die and Tool, remained on the job.
 Kchiklan denies the union charge that he is trying to break the union by pitting Forge against Imperial, by bargaining the sinkers contracts separately.
"THEY ARE tired of making money, I guess," Kchiklan said of the strikers. **"With 700,000 people in this area out of**

work, looking for work, these guys don't even negotiate, they just walk out."
 Both plants produce sink forging dies used in making parts for the automotive, aircraft and heavy equipment industries. Rockwell International is a client of the company.
 During the strike Kchiklan, supervisory personnel and some temporary replacements, called scabs by the union, are doing some of the work of the die sinkers.
 Kchiklan, however, said he hasn't ruled out further negotiations with the striking die sinkers and said he will hire them back if a settlement can be

reached.
 Strikers are optimistic that the strike can be settled if both sides can sit down at the bargaining table.
"There's never been a grievance filed in this plant," said Mark Hoshub of Millford, shop steward at Forge Die and Tool. **"All of a sudden he (Kchiklan) is taking such a hard-line attitude about the union running his men. But we're hoping for a breakthrough. There's nothing you can't settle without talking."**
 Teamster truck drivers have been honoring the picket lines at both plants, strikers said, but non-union truckers have been allowed to cross the line to

make pickups and deliveries.
 The next scheduled meeting between Kchiklan and union business agent Bill Gmerek is set for Sept. 14.
 The union has been demanding a 14-percent increase in the first year of a three-year contract, 10 percent in the second year and 8 percent in the third. The base rate for the skilled trade is \$10.57 at Forge Die and Tool presently plus \$1.96 per hour cost of living.

obituaries

FRED TOLBERT, JR.
 Mr. Tolbert, 62, of Farmington died on July 17, in Providence Hospital, Southfield.
 Mr. Tolbert was a stationary engineer for the Detroit Board of Education.
 Survivors include his wife, Evelyn; daughter, Lynne; sons, David and Frederick; sister, Mrs. Leslie Tolbert.
 Services were on July 20 at Fred Wood Funeral Home, Livonia, with the Rev. Lucian Keppel officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia; sisters, Elsa Henke, Adella Bauer, Alita Weber and Esther Beeher; brothers, Walden and Arnold.
 Services were on Aug. 12 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Charles Byron officiating. Cremation was in Evergreen Crematory, Detroit. Memorials may be sent to the Carl Henke Fund.
GUNNAR H. CARLSON
 Mr. Carlson, 84, of Farmington Hills died on Aug. 8.
 Mr. Carlson was a carpenter.
 Survivors include his daughters, Earsly Richards and Joannie Bodenschel; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.
 Services were on Aug. 13 at Heene-

Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. William Frayer of Nardin Park Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Novi.
DONALD J. WILSON
 Mr. Wilson, 57, of Farmington Hills died on Aug. 10 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.
 Mr. Wilson was a supervisor for Borman's Inc. Food Stores.
 Survivors include his wife, Therese; son, Mark; daughters, Suzanne and Deborah; mother, Margaret Wilson.
 Services were on Aug. 13 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, Mass was on Aug. 14 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church with the Rev. Kean Cronin officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

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