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Star Cutter Is Hit by Strike



GOOD-NATURED PICKETERS, at the Star Cutter Plant, 34500 Grand River, in Farmington Township. From left to right, Chris Sorenson, of Southfield, carrying the sign; Eric Plater, of Detroit, one of the Committeemen, and Harry Pringle, of Rolford Township. They have no immediate reason to panic. As an

A strike broke out at the Star Cutter Plant, 34500 Grand River, in Farmington Township, on Monday, May 17. Star Cutter makes precision tools. Owner Norman Lawton refused to comment on the cause of the walkout, or the prospects for a settlement, but the union spokesman said the two sides are far apart, and no settlement is in sight.

"We started negotiating with the Star Cutter as an independent at the end of December of last year. Our contract expired March 1 of this year. We have an independent, we were not too many issues apart. But we could not seem to gain what we felt we should have.

The membership decided rather than go out on strike March 1, we would try to bring in the UAW. Under an NLRB election we were able to do so.

"We began renegotiating with Star Cutter roughly one month ago, and found ourselves with some proposals that we had received under the independent union. The company does not seem to want to cooperate in any way, other than setting up meetings and getting nowhere at the meetings.

"We feel it is strictly up to the company when we will go back to work." The latest meeting was held on noon on Tuesday, and others are scheduled.

Owner Norman Lawton and one assistant went about their business as best they (Continued on Page 7-A)

City Council Shows Good Heart

The Farmington City Council, meeting on Monday, May 14, displayed warm-hearted understanding of the other fellow's problems. The other fellow in this case was Ronny Gross, owner of Graim Cleaners, 23555 Farmington Rd. Mr. Gross came with a very considerable problem. He left without it.

The only entrance to his establishment faces on Farmington Rd. It is on the east side of the street, and because of the heavy traffic, there is no parking on that side of the street.

Gross' actual cleaning plant is elsewhere, and it is necessary for him to deliver to and from his Farmington store. If he parks his truck in the parking lot while he is loading or unloading he must hire someone to guard it or it will not be covered by his insurance.

If he parks on the west side of Farmington he will have to cross a heavily trafficked street with bundles in his hand.

Gross therefore asked that the No Parking law be amended to permit a parking zone for short periods at times of tight traffic.

The Council reacted to the request with unanimity. Councilman Ralph Yoder said Gross was not asking for anything outrageous. Mayor Pro Tem Howard Thayer expressed the opinion that to refuse Gross's request would amount to asking him to close his doors. Councilman Hugo Peterson agreed with Yoder and Thayer. Mayor Willard Brotherton and Councilman John Allen were in Ovid, Mich., participating in Mayor's Day.

The Council put Gross's request on a 60-day trial basis.

In other action: the Board, concurring with the request of President Lyndon Johnson, named October 22 as United Nations Day. The Council contributed \$25 toward the Memorial Day ceremonies and festivities.

Acting on the request of President Johnson, the Council designated the week of May 23 as Small Business Week.

The Council granted permission to the Salem United Church of Christ to use the City Park for their annual church school picnic. It will be held starting at 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 18.

The Council agreed to accept bids on a new street sweeper and a new catch basin cleaner. According to City Manager John Dinan, the present sweeper is constantly breaking down. This is resulting in "exceedingly" high repair bills, and is curtailing the sweeping program.

The catch basin cleaning is currently being done by hand. (Continued on Page 7-A)

Mental Clinic Opens

The Oakland County Mental Health Services Board opened its adult outpatient clinic on May 12. It will provide psychiatric treatment to County residents who cannot pay for private psychiatric care.

It will be open Monday and Wednesday nights and on Fridays, for a total of 20 hours a week until late June, at which time the clinic will be expanded to 40 hours a week, and moved into a house on a nearby hospital property.

Priorities will be offered patients of the Board's "controlled" program of psychiatric service.

The clinic director is 41-year-old Dr. Hanna-Liisa Woodward, of Walled Lake, who has a private practice in Birmingham. As such, she is resigning her position as consultant psychiatrist to a state after-care clinic in Saginaw.

A staff of three medical social workers will assist her. A psychologist will be available to perform tests. Dr. Woodward said she plans to use the clinic with the flow of patients can be treated while each is provided "as much care as needs."

However, she will interview all new patients and see all patients herself at least once a month. Medical social workers will see the patients regularly.

Farmington Board OKs New Books

At the last Board of Education meeting a textbook was selected for third year Latin which was not previously offered and several other book changes were approved for Farmington Public Schools.

The newly approved books, to be used beginning in the 1965-66 school year, have been under study by a special committee for as long as two years. Plans to be presented to the Board, they were accepted by the teachers who will use them, the entire teaching staff and finally the principals.

The administration stressed to the Board that caution is taken so that there will not be too many changes in one grade, creating a financial burden for parents and that no book can be dropped unless it has had a minimum of five years of use.

The list of changes is as follows:

"Ninth grade Social Studies will eliminate "Building Citizenship" in favor of "Civics for Americans." Commercial Department (retailing) will use a newer addition of the present text, "Retail Merchandising."

Three changes were approved for English and Foreign Language. "Using Good English" will be their new textbook for English 7 and English 8 instead of "Junior English in Action." Books I and II. The present Spanish books, "El Camino Real" Books I and II and Spanish Review Grammar used for Spanish III, will be dropped in favor of "Series in Spanish I, II and III" which was selected because of the tapes that are provided for the use of laboratory equipment.

Latin and II will switch from "Latin and the Romans—Books I and II" to "Using Latin." This series offers both first, second and the newly added third year Latin.

Memorial Day Parade Gets Broad Support

All veterans, and other "talented" individuals and groups in the City and Township of Farmington have been invited to participate in the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies on Monday, May 21—a legal holiday.

Parade elements will assemble at Farmington Junior High School (School St. and Thomas St.) at 9:30 a.m.

Among the speakers at the ceremonies will be Maj. Gen. Stanley W. Connelly, Commander of the 70th Division; Township Supervisor Curt Hall; Willard V. Brotherton, Mayor of the City, and Rev. Gene Zander, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. and will proceed to the Oakland County Fairgrounds. Elements participating are representatives of all three branches of the Armed Forces, school bands, Scout units, the American Legion and Auxiliary, the VFW and Auxiliary, World War I veterans, Blue Star Mothers, and the Farmington Auxiliary Mounted Police.

The Joint American Legion-VFW Memorial Day Committee is composed of Joseph T. Gibbons, chairman; George Griffin, Commander, American Legion; James Rouse, Commander, VFW; Major Robert L. Smith, USA-Ret., A.C. Co. Commander, asst. chairman; Frank Barber, asst. chairman; John Hatfield, asst. chairman; and Alma Matlock, asst. chairman.

Those interested in participating are urged to contact the Committee, at EL 6-2255, GR 4-0847, GR 6-9723, or GR 4-9147 before May 24.

Poppy Day Nears, Need Is Explained

The Farmington V.F.W. Post No. 4033 and its Auxiliary will hold their annual Buddy Poppy Sale on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 20-22.

The money received will go toward:

1. Aid, relief and comfort of disabled and needy veterans, their dependents and their widows and orphans.
2. Maintenance or expansion of the V.F.W. National Home for orphans and widows of veterans at Eaton Rapids, Michigan.
3. Hospital or individual assistance and entertainment for needy veterans, their service patients, and their dependents.
4. Rehabilitation, welfare and service work, including hospital service with the Veterans Administration.
5. Necessary expenses for military funerals of deceased veterans.

Education, improvement and maintenance of burial plots and decoration of graves of veterans and service men.

In urging Farmingtonians to give generously for their poppies, a spokesman for Post No. 4033 stated:

"The American people have given generously to the rehabilitation of million's of people in all parts of the world. Let's be sure that the welfare of our own disabled and needy veterans, and their loved ones. The V.F.W. gives all of us this opportunity when we are asked to buy a Buddy Poppy."

New Shrine Members

The Farmington Shrine Club has some new members. They are Charles Altman, Joseph Chapman, Dr. Howard Dawson, Dempsey Ebert, John Kiser, and Ivan Mendenhall.

Local Youths Eligible For Community College

Clayton Timmons, a Counselor at North Farmington High School, has been selected at a member of the screening committee which will determine scholarships to Oakland Community College, from the high school in the County's high schools. Although Farmington will not have a branch of the Community College until the following fall, Farmington students will be eligible to go to one of the three existing branches this coming fall.

Every high school in the County will be given a one scholarship, and in addition there will be an unlimited number of at-large scholarships available.

Scholarships consisting of waiver of tuition costs will be awarded on the basis of entrance exam, public and private accredited high school although each school will be guaranteed



ONE OF THE features of Michigan Week was Mayors Exchange Day on Monday May 17. visiting the LaSalle Wine Distillery. From left Mayor W. V. Brotherton and Councilman John to right: City Manager John Dinan, Mrs. A. Allen spent that day as Mayor and Council. Howard Thayer, Mrs. Harvey Darling, Mrs. man of Ovid, Michigan, a small community this Joe Miehicka, Councilman Thayer, Councilman Mayor of Flint. And in return Ovid sent over its Miehicka, Mayor-Darling and J. B. Matthews, Mayor Harvey Darling, and Councilman Joe Superintendent of the Distillery. Miehicka. The visitors toured Farmington in the course of their duties. Here they are seen

Five File for School Board Race

By JOY STINSON

At the deadline for filing for two four-year vacancies as trustees on the Farmington Board of Trustees, five petitions were received. Election will be held June 14.

Since one candidate, Joseph L. Dodd, has been forced to resign due to a job transfer to Germany for the coming year, Dodd's statement can be found elsewhere in the Observer.

Others filing include incumbent Herbert R. Neal, John Douglas Coates, Joe T. Collier and Sylvia F. Schwartz. Incumbent Patricia Davis, whose term expires, will not run for reelection due to other pressures.

Neal, 55, of 30443 Rockshire in Farmington, has served one

four-year term with perfect attendance. He is a research chemist for Edgely Corporation, a graduate of University of Missouri and a resident of the area for 14 years. He has four children, two girls and two boys, ranging in age from 18 to 29.

He comes by his interest in education naturally. His father was head of the chemistry department at Forest Hills College in Springfield, Mo., his mother was a teacher. Mrs. Neal is a teacher in the Farmington School system and one daughter is presently with the Walled Lake system.

While on the board, Neal has served on the site, drop-out, salary, curriculum and philosophy of education subcommittees. He is campaigning on his

stand for increased economy and efficiency, educational television, special education programs and improved curriculum including the acceptance of Forest Hills Civics Club.

His civic activities include past scoutmaster for three years, past company torch bearer, past president of Farmington PTA, past president of Bond PTA, past president of Forest Hills Civics Association, a member of the Oakland County Council for seven years and company representative at the Ferndale Board of Commerce.

Neal also served on the Oakland County Community College study committee which was instrumental in estab-

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Delinquency Is Rising

At its monthly meeting on May 9, the Farmington Youth Guidance Committee received the 1964 report from the chairman of its Fact Finding Committee, Wesley Mitchell.

The data shows 239 reported juvenile offenses committed in the city and township during the previous year. This compares with 233 in 1963, and 265 in 1962.

The report also analyzes these data from three separate aspects: (1) Frequency of offenses listed by the offenders area of residence; (2) Frequency of offenses in terms of delinquent geographic area where the offense was committed; (3) Frequency of offenses calculated by month.

Anyone desiring more information on this report may phone the Youth Guidance office at 4763340. The General Citizens Committee meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month.

Fiery Cross Not Cause Of Drop Out

Joseph L. Dodd, of 32671 11 Mile Rd., has dropped out of the race for a seat on the Farmington Board of Education. The fact that a burning cross was set on his property last week does not appear to be the reason for his decision.

He has accepted a position as a civilian employee with the Defense Dept., and has been assigned to Munich, Germany for the coming year. He says he hopes to be back and in the race in the future.

"As a candidate I had intended to advocate much greater use of all existing school facilities by all the public."

"I have been especially concerned about the fact that our fine public school libraries are closed at the end of the school year. At least the junior and senior high school libraries should be open several evenings a week."

"They should be staffed during these evenings hours by paid, competent professional librarians." (Continued on Page 7-A)

Jaycees Hold A Bike Rodeo

The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce with the cooperation of the Police Department and school authorities will have its annual Bike Rodeo Saturday, May 22, in the Farmington Junior High School parking lot.

As in the past years, the rodeo will be open to all the Farmington area youngsters, it was announced by Fred Simon, chairman of the event. The rodeo will feature a free bike safety inspection, marking bikes with reflector tape, a lecture by police officers, a station where bike licenses may be obtained and finally the rodeo course itself.

The course will challenge the participants' maneuverability and knowledge of safe bike practices. It is planned that the youngsters will compete by age groups and the judging of the events will be handled by the local police and Jaycees. Prizes will be awarded to the various youngsters upon winning the riding skill competition.

The starting times for each age group will appear in next week's paper—so be on the lookout. In addition, announcements will be distributed to all schools in the Farmington area.