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SOUTHFIELD ENROLLMENT DROPS

School officials in Southfield report enrollment this school year fell 638 below last year's level of 13,697. Enrollment in the district has been on the decline since 1970 and is expected to continue the downward trend, leveling out to 12,000 by 1980. The school district has already closed four elementary schools due to declining student enrollments.

BICENTENNIAL PARADE

Rochester's long-awaited bicentennial grand parade came off in grand style Sunday as some 30,000 spectators lined downtown streets to get the perfect view of the 90-minute event. A branch of the Rochester Area Bicentennial Celebration Committee, the parade featured 40 floats, 20 marching units, and 2,000 participants. The largest celebration since the city's centennial in 1960, the parade drew such notables as Lt. Gov. James G. Thompson and State Sen. Donald Bishop (R-Avon Township).

Leading the parade were the Rochester Jaycees and Sally Boebert, whose late husband John was the committee's general chairman. Mrs. Boebert was on hand to award prizes, trophies and awards in more than a dozen parade categories.

PARK CURFEW COMING?

An early curfew, lights and increased police patrols could be in store for Poppleton Park next summer. Those measures could be among those included in a plan the Birmingham City Commission ordered developed Monday. The commission responded to complaints of beer drinking and rowdiness at Poppleton, which is in the north-east section of Birmingham. About two dozen area residents attended Monday's session, complaining that Poppleton was used this summer as a night

gathering spot by teenagers and older youths.

CLOSING LOOMS

Parents of elementary pupils in one of four Farmington schools could find their children transferred to another building if the school board adopts a task force recommendation to close a facility. Schools under consideration are Alameda, Larkshire, Ten Mile, and Middle Belt. A decision may be made by December.

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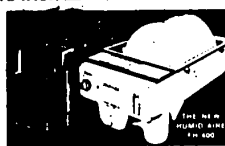
The 240 employees at the Ford Tractor plant in Troy overwhelmingly approved the UAW agreement and local agreements Tuesday. Members of Local 177 expect to be back to work by Monday. One Ford dealer in Troy expects to have some 1977 models sometime next week, however, it will take six to eight weeks to reach pre-strike stock levels, he said.

COUNCIL ON LAST LEG

The Greater West Bloomfield Human Relations Council may be about to die. The group was formed last year to cope with problems of ethnic and economic factors in the community. Lacking specific targets in recent months, the group will meet at 8 p.m. Oct. 30 at West Bloomfield High School to decide whether to continue.

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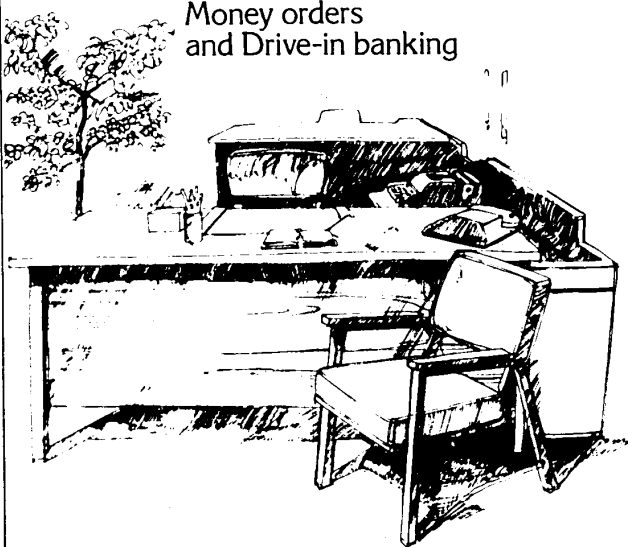
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