

Business blooming in industrial park

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Drawn by easy access to freeways, both local and Detroit area businesses are moving into the Farmington Freeway Industrial Park this summer.

Five new office-warehouse buildings are under construction at the Farmington Hills facility south of Ten Mile and west of the old I-96 expressway. The buildings are valued at more than \$2 million.

And six businesses, including two from Farmington, will be moving into the four buildings that have tenants already.

Largest of the new plants is a \$1 million building to be shared by two national mail-order supply firms: Parish Service Co. and the Rex Publishing Co.

The Parish Service Co. sells religious supplies to churches throughout the nation, while the Rex Publishing Co. sells appointment books, charts and accounting supplies through a nationally circulated catalogue.

"We'll be one of the biggest users of the mails in Farmington," said Ed Muir Jr., owner of the firm.

The 48,000-square-foot building will house offices, a photo lab, plant area and a warehouse, and employ about 50 people, including a few new workers.

"DURING PEAK seasonal periods, we'll undoubtedly put on local people," he added.

The move to Farmington Hills will be a consolidating one, said Muir. Presently the firm owns two plants in Detroit and one in Hazel Park and has been in operation since the 1930s.

"We investigated all the industrial parks around Detroit and we thought this was the best one," he said.

The building, at 2400 Research Park Drive, is across from the city's fire station No. 1. It is expected to be ready by the end of the month.

SECOND LARGEST of the new buildings is an \$800,000 office-warehouse facility being built by Jerry Carrier that will be shared by the Carrier and Gable Co. of Southfield and Gulf and Western's Automotive Research Group, also of Southfield.

Carrier and Gable, a firm that sells electronic traffic and parking control devices throughout Michigan, will occupy 8,800 square feet. The remainder will be used by the automotive research operation, which consists of an office and warehouse, research and development facilities and a small machine shop.

"Freeway accessibility and the quality of the park are the reason for locating here," said Carrier. "From that standpoint, it's the finest location in the tri-county area."

The plant, at 24110 Research, is expected to be ready for occupancy by about Oct. 1.

Both firms are closing their Southfield operations.

ON A LOCAL level, Arnold Garrett, who has operated a Standard Oil service station at the corner of Halstead and Grand River, near the industrial park, is ending his lease there and moving to the park to set up a truck and auto repair shop.

Garrett said he is making the move because he "wanted to get away from gasoline." He said he expects Standard to find someone else to lease the station.

The A. Garrett Truck and Auto Repair Co. will have facilities for general repairs, a wash area and wheel alignment.

The \$250,000 building is expected to be ready by Aug. 15, and will contain 9,600 square feet.

ANOTHER LOCAL business moving to the industrial park is H.E. Lennon Inc., 3003 Grand River, Farmington.

The company, which is a distributor of valves and tube fittings, will be moving to the new facility at 24148 Research in mid-September.

A lack of space at the present site prompted the move, according to Pam Lafevre, office manager. The new building contains 4,200 square feet.

She added that Romano's Pizzeria will be buying the old property in Farmington.

A FIFTH BUILDING in the park will be ready for occupancy in about 30 days, but no tenant has been found yet.

Dave Miles, a broker for Schostak Brothers and Co. of Southfield, and owner of the building, said the 7,200-square-foot facility at 24126 Research would be suited to warehouse or light manufacturing uses.

Although there is no tenant yet, "we've had a lot of activity," he said.

"We prefer a national company if we can,"

Ed Lane, president of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce, said. "This year's construction, there aren't many spots left in the park."

"And what's left, they'll probably have no trouble renting," he said.

The park has been in existence for about 10 years.



Poised against the sky is construction worker Jack Woodall. He is walking across a girder of the 31,000-square-foot building in the industrial park that will house the Carrier and Gable Co. and the Gulf and Western Automotive Research Group when the two companies move to Farmington Hills from Southfield. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Challenge Politicos throw barbs in softball fest

Baseball, hot dogs, apple pie and city councils?

That may seem like an unusual combination, but on July 30, the Farmington and Farmington Hills city councils will slug it out on the softball diamond during the 14th annual Farmington Area Founders Festival.

The council softball game, slated to begin at 1 p.m. at Farmington City Park, Shiawassee and Power, is part

of the Festival's Sunday-in-the-Park activities.

Council members and their spouses will test their talents at the plate and in the playing field under the watchful eyes of District Judges Mike Hand and Margaret Schaeffer, who will serve as umpires.

The two judges have agreed to umpire the games, but only under the condition that they be supplied with complete umpire's equipment and hard hats, "just in case."

Farmington Hills Mayor Jan Dolan aired a voice of confidence when asked about the event.

"We fully intend to win. That's why we challenged them in the first place. Our opposition is just overconfident," she said.

The Hills' team recently came away with a victory from city officials and employees from the City of Southfield in a 15-14 squeaker.

But Farmington's Mayor Dick Tup-

per is not bedazzled by the Hills' recent victory.

"We've already got the trophy all shined up and sitting in our city hall. We have no intention of losing. We have no fear of this confrontation with the Hills City Council. We anticipate victory."

"I would like to pass along this reminder about the contest to the Hills Council. Please tell them to remember that ERA stands for earned run average," chided Tupper.

THE INSIDE * ANGLE

TENNIS, ANYONE? Tighten up those strings on your racquet and get ready for the Farmington Founders Day Festival Open and Novice Tennis Tournament. Mark July 26-30 as the dates for this year's tennis festival. The tournament will be held at the parks and recreation offices, 31555 Eleven Mile. No phone or mail entries will be accepted. Wednesday through Friday, the matches will be played between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday's play will be from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday's play will begin at 9 a.m.

Entry fees are \$2.50 for the junior class; \$3 for teens; \$4 for adults and \$5 for double teams. Persons in the novice divisions will be those who have never competed, entered or participated in a tennis tournament or who have not competed or received a letter for tennis in high school or college. The open division will be for all Farmington area residents with amateur standing. The junior class is for persons 14 years old, or younger; teens, 15 years old or younger; adults, men's singles, women's singles, and men's and women's doubles. Doubles will include mixed, women's, men's, boys under 18 and girls under 18. Awards will be given to the first and second place of each class.

"WANT TO BE A JAYCEE? The Farmington Area Jaycees are conducting a membership meeting for men between the ages of 18 and 35. This is for young men who work or live in Farmington or Farmington Hills. Meeting will be at the American Legion Hall, Grand River, west of Orchard Lake at 8 p.m. on July 11.

"CONGRATULATIONS TO the newly elected junior vice president of the Detroit Post of the American Military Engineers, JERRY DOLINE of Farmington Hills. A Wayne State University graduate, he is assigned to the technical branch of the Corps of Engineers. He is a member of the Geological Society of America and a student member of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers.

"ARE YOUR ARTS AND CRAFTS talents looking for a place to surface? If so, then the first annual Old World Market, scheduled for July 14-15 is just for you. Sponsored by the East Dearborn Association of the Dearborn Chamber of Commerce, the event will take place on Schaefer, north and south of Michigan Avenue. The hours are from 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m. both days. The activities will include free entertainment, refreshments and exhibits.

"OFF TO THE RACES. That's where the Birmingham Community House will be headed on July 26. Hazel Park Harness Raceway is the destination for the evening's entertainment, with dinner in the clubhouse played before the racing begins. The \$16.50 package per person includes round trip transportation from the community house in Birmingham, 380 Bates, clubhouse admission and cover charge, reserved tables overlooking the track, a complete buffet dinner, a racing program for each person and all taxes and gratuities. Reservations may be made by calling 644-5832.

"HOW ABOUT THIS? Hole-in-one WILLIAM PATTERSON, 3045 Pipers Lane, Farmington Hills, is eligible to win a free trip to Scotland and \$1,000 as a result of scoring his ace at the Farmington Country Club. His score qualified him for the 18th annual Rusty Nail Hole-in-One Sweepstakes, a national competition sponsored by the Drambuie Liqueur Company of Edinburgh, Scotland. The winner will be announced early next year.

"SCHOOL IS OUT and now that the children are home, why not get them protected before the next school year? The Oakland County Health Division is open Monday through Friday, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. There is also a clinic in Farmington at the First Methodist Church, Warner and Grand River which will be open on July 13 from 9 a.m.-noon. Free immunization includes measles, German measles, mumps, polio, diphtheria, tetanus, and whooping cough. No appointment is necessary. Bring any record of previous immunizations. A parent or legal guardian must accompany children. For more information call 638-1220.

"MOTORCYCLISTS listen. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation cautions that automobile drivers are not always looking for motorcycles. In addition, because of their smaller size, motorcycle speed is often misjudged by car drivers. There are several things you can do to improve visibility to other road users. Ride with your headlight on at all times—even during the day; wear a bright-colored jacket for good daytime visibility and clothing equipment with reflective material to improve your visibility at night; equip your helmet with reflective material on the back and side. While on the road, you can attract the notice of other road users with hand signals, electric turn signals, brake lights and your horn.

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