

Ground broken in Hills for two new developments

Aetna builds new offices

The R. A. De Mattia Co. had official groundbreaking ceremonies recently for Aetna Industries who are building two office structures and warehouses in Farmington Hills.

The buildings will be located on Industrial Drive near 10 Mile and Grand River. They will offer 40,000 square feet of space and will cost an estimated \$1 million.

"The space is being built to attract new businesses and increase the options for industry in the area," said Steven Singer, manager of construction for Aetna Industries.

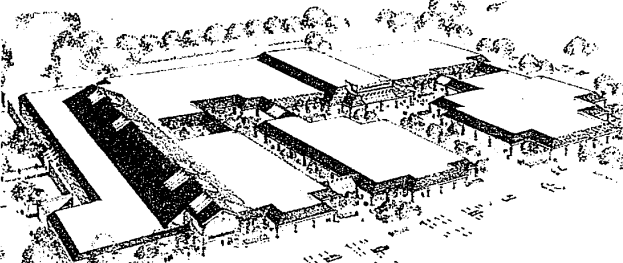
Aetna hopes to attract distribution centers and light manufacturing to the new space, which will be completed in early spring.

The R. A. De Mattia Company, a Livonia-based firm, has designed and engineered the energy-efficient buildings. It will be constructed on a fast-track method, a technological advancement which saves time and money.

"The buildings will offer outside loading docks and 20-foot ceilings in the warehouse area," said Robert De Mattia.

The space will offer a 75-car parking lot, fuel efficient air conditioning and landscaping.

ATTENDING THE groundbreaking ceremonies were: Steven Singer, manager of construction for Aetna; Robert A. De Mattia, president of the De Mattia Co.; Gary Singer, maintenance supervisor for Aetna; W. Thomas Barthel, vice president of marketing; Meryle Cochran, operations manager; Dale Beamish, vice president and general superintendent; and Walter Armiz, superintendent from the De Mattia Co.



An architectural drawing of Loehmann's at Hunters Square shows what the women's high fashion store will look like when completed in the fall of 1980.

Utah elder plans Friday visit to address Farmington Mormons

Elder Robert LeGrand Backman will be in Farmington on Friday, Nov. 23, to address local Mormons.

Backman has served as counselor in the General Superintendency of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association, member of the YMMIA general board, president of the Northwestern States Mission, counselor of the Salt Lake Parley's Stake presidency, member of a bishopric and marriage sealer in the Salt Lake Temple.

He also served two terms in the Utah House of Representatives.

Backman is touring the Michigan-Lansing mission of the church and comes to Farmington from Grand Rapids.

While here, he will meet with President Vernon A. Cooley of the Michigan-Dearborn mission. Cooley and his wife, Carol, are Farmington Hills residents.

Backman will address the 180 full-time missionaries assigned to the Dearborn mission. Cooley's counselors, Mark Bauer of Franklin and Roger J. Browne Jr. of Livonia will also meet with Backman.

Backman has been a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints since April, 1978.

At the time of his call to full-time church service, he was a member of Backman, Clark and Marsh, a Salt Lake City law firm.



ROBERT BACKMAN

Loehmann's is anchor store in new center

Ground was broken recently for a new shopping center at 14 Mile and Orchard Lake roads in Farmington Hills.

Loehmann's, a New York-based company with 44 stores in 18 states, will make its Michigan debut as the anchor store in the development.

Known as the "Tiffany's of discounts," Loehmann's claims to be the nation's largest fashion-chain, offering savings on designer clothing of one-third to more than one-half off retail prices.

Loehmann's executives in town for the ground-breaking included George Greenberg, president; Erwin Berkowitz, vice president of operations; and Ronald Eger, vice president, real estate.

Hosts for the ground breaking ceremony included the three joint venture partners for the project: Mel Rosenhaus, Uniland Corp.; Dave Robinson, Robinson Bros. Realty Inc.; and Joe Slavik, Slavik Inc.

Loehmann's will occupy 150,000 square feet of the center's 150,000 feet of leasable space, according to Lewis Kasselman of Carl Rosman & Co., of Southfield, exclusive leasing agent for the square.

Loehmann's at Hunter's Square will

also feature a selling area called the Market Place. Resembling an indoor Eastern Market, the peaked-roof market will sell prepared and fresh foods from a series of 400 square feet stalls.

ALL THE BOOTHS will encircle a large seating area for eating and people-watching. The remaining area will be filled with a variety of fashion related stores.

Designed by T. Rogvay Associates Inc., Loehmann's is located on a 16 acre site. Scheduled for completion next fall, the square will include a parking lot accommodating 1,000 vehicles.

Loehmann's was established in Brooklyn, New York, in 1921 by Frieda Loehmann, who transformed an automobile showroom into a store which featured rows of clothes-laden racks hemmed in by marble lions, gilt angels, candelabra and spiralled columns.

A former buyer for a Fifth Avenue store, Mrs. Loehmann's stock was purchased from designers as seasonal overstocks at a fraction of the original wholesale prices.

Today, each Loehmann store is modern and well-lit. The labels have been removed, but devotees of Vogue and Harper's Bazaar will recognize many of the designing names.

Bowl-athon will aid lung disease research

Farmington youth bowlers will fight lung disease in December by participating in an American Lung Association bowl-a-thon hosted by Drakeshire Lanes, 35600 Grand River.

Funds raised during the event will be used by the American Lung Association of Southeastern Michigan to support a summer camp for children with asthma.

The bowl-a-thon begins Dec. 1 and continues through Dec. 15. During the first week of the bowl-a-thon, the bowlers are asked to solicit pledges for each pin they will knock down during their regular league play the following week. The third week youngsters will collect the money from their sponsors and turn it in to receive their awards.

There will be first-, second- and

third-place trophies for three persons in each league who collect the most pledges. Other awards include "Love These Lungs" T-shirts and bowling patches.

This is the third year in which the bowl-a-thon has been sponsored by Drakeshire Lanes.

The American Lung Association, the oldest and one of the largest national voluntary health organizations, is celebrating 75 years in the fight for the right to breathe.

CHRISTMAS SEAL contributions are the association's main source of support. The organization has programs toward the prevention and control of lung diseases, air pollution and smoking.

Farmington Hills man is new computer director

The West Bloomfield Township Board has hired a computer data processing director at a salary higher than all other department heads with the exception of Supervisor John Doherty.

Randall Caulfield, 38, of Farmington Hills, was one of three candidates recommended by Ernst & Whinney, a Southfield CPA firm which conducted the candidate search.

Caulfield's salary will be \$32,500. That's just \$1,000 per year less than Doherty makes.

The township treasurer and clerk are each paid

\$28,800 per year.

The new data processing director will report to the clerk since state law places the responsibility for record keeping under the clerk's office.

"I'M CONCERNED the salary is more than anybody is making, including the fire and police chiefs," said Trustee Thomas Law.

"You're going to create problems with other department heads. You've got bargaining (police and fire union contracts) coming up," said Trustee Raymond Holland.

Holland dissented on the 6-1 vote only because of the higher salary, he said.

But Trustee Weldon Yeager disagreed. "When you're buying expertise, you've got to pay the price. State government does it. It will save you adding staff. We're out of space."

"We're not a one horse outfit anymore. We should get with it," Doherty said.

"This township is 10-15 years behind in technology. I don't think we can get anyone for less," Clerk Betty Sue Dupree added.

THE INSIDE * ANGLE

By LOUISE OKRUTSKY

THE ADVISORY Board to the Farmington Area Commission on Aging will meet from 1-3 p.m. Nov. 26 in the Farmington Hills branch library on 12 Mile near Farmington Road. The public is welcome to come and speak with the advisory board about their concerns and ideas regarding seniors.

PARENTS IN Grief, a program of the YWCA in Pontiac, North Oakland, 289 West Huron, Pontiac will present, "The Other Side of the Holidays," at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 3 at the V. Grief, loneliness and holiday depression will be discussed by a panel consisting of Harvey Burdick, Ph.D., Oakland University professor of psychology; Sister Mary Van Gilder, Oakland University Campus Ministry; Ralph Sullivan, Ph.D., Oakland University, professor of psychology; and David Tochner, funeral director, Ira Kaufman Chapel. The presentation is open to all. For further information about the presentation or the program, "Parents in Grief," call Myra Cowlishaw at 334-0973.

DUQUET JEWELERS, 31620 Grand River is offering a \$2,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons involved in the Sept. 20 robbery of the store. Thieves took \$9,958 in jewelry from a display window. That included five ladies' diamond wedding ring sets ranging in value from \$800-\$2,400 as well as a ladies Bulova accutron bracelet watch valued at \$1,100 and a Geneve mechanical movement bracelet watch valued at \$538. The theft was a blow to the store which has been robbed several times in the past three years. This time, the store's \$10,000 deductible insurance policy doesn't kick in. If you have any information about the robbery call the store at 474-4061 or Detective Tom Daniels, Farmington Public Safety Department, 474-4700.

MICHIGAN STATE University College of Education Alumni Board invites all MSU education alumni to meet with them at the Sussex House, 19701 West 12 Mile in Southfield between 3-5 p.m. Dec. 7. The alumni will be encouraged to present their ideas on how the school can best serve them. There will be a cash bar and a social hour followed by several presentations.

SENIORS: Photos for identification cards which allow seniors to partake of the benefits of the Oakland County Senior Citizen Discount program will be taken from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m. Dec. 21 in the Farmington Nutrition Site, Mercy Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington. For further information call, 478-9147. The ID cards will enable seniors living in Oakland County to take advantage of discounts offered by local merchants ranging from four to 25 per cent. To participate a

senior must be 60-years-old or older and an Oakland County resident.

NOW THAT the old Noel season has officially started with the ceremonial turkey feast, the Gill School PTA is sponsoring a bazaar at the school, 21155 Gill from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 1. Arts, crafts and baked goods will make their appearance at the bazaar.

THOSE LOOK-ALIKE Farmington council members, William Hartsock and Warren Buckler will finally allow the voters to tell them apart. After being assailed on election night by residents who called him Warren Buckler, Hartsock finally presented Buckler with a shirt lettered: "I am not William Hartsock." Never mind that Hartsock is blonde and Buckler is a brunette. Seems voters think all those young-uns look alike. IA figures that the blue shirt with white lettering will look simply smashing when it's teamed with the blue plaid jacket Buckler generally wears to council meetings.

AND THEN THERE'S the podiatrist on Farmington Road who's hung out this sign: "Wipe your feet." (Self preservation, doc?)

WE'RE STILL wondering about the person who walked into the office the other day and asked "Is this tomorrow's paper?" (IA works fast but not that fast.)

FOR THOSE OF you who want to get away from Thanksgiving leftovers, the culinary arts department of Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus is presenting the Alpha Omega Repertory Players in a dinner theater production of the vintage piece of Americana "The Drunkard." Throw some popcorn at the villain, escape another night of turkey leftovers. All of this for \$7.50 for adults and \$4 for children under 12-years-old.

The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 28. For more information call the student activities office at 476-9400 ext. 500 on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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