

42,000 unemployed

How feds aid jobless to find employment

By MARY GNIEWEK

Unemployment was a brief diversion for David Mannila, the 20-year-old Farmington resident pictured in the May 8 Observer sunbathing in Farmington City Park.

Mannila had just joined the ranks of the unemployed, but with the help of Community Employment Service (CES) in Novi, he landed a full-time cook's job at the Glass Onion Restaurant in Farmington.

Some 130 cities a month seek job

assistance through CES, a federally funded program providing employment and training to Oakland County residents.

"One of the most interesting things is the variety of people we service. Some have master's degrees, others have no specialty or training," said Sylvia Beebe, a job specialist who screens applicants.

Even the hidden away location — behind a firehouse on Novi Road just south of Grand River — hasn't stopped the flow of job seekers which has nearly doubled in the past year. Oakland

County currently has more than 42,000 unemployed residents.

"They come from Farmington, Farmington Hills, Milford, Walled Lake and South Lyon. People who've been laid off, those with basic knowledge and those with no skills," said Mary Carling, a job developer who spends her time rallying local businesses to participate in the program. Cooperation has been good.

"THERE'S NO CHARGE to those seeking employment. The only prerequisite is Oakland County residency. No

appointments are necessary. Walk-in service is handled between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday at 43315 Sixth Gate.

CES funds pay half the salary of those employed in six-month job training programs. Those who qualify for job training must meet certain economic criteria.

"But we help everyone find work," Carling said. "We don't turn anyone away. If they don't fit into our program, we'll get them a straight-hire 40-hour-a-week job."

The Novi-Walled Lake CES staffs

work together and place more people in jobs than the 11 other CES offices in Oakland County. The program is not available in nearby Wayne County.

"Half the new applicants each month are placed," said Marlene Johnson, Novi office manager. "With repeats, it's three times as much."

More applicants are handled through the Walled Lake office than Novi. Job seekers who need career counseling are placed in a three week employability skills workshop to identify personal interests or in classroom job training programs. In both cases they

are paid the minimum wage (\$3.20 an hour) plus a daily mileage allowance. At the end of the period, they're placed in jobs.

While job seekers range from 18 to 60, CES has special incentive programs for youth and seniors looking for work, especially those who have been out of the work force for several years.

For more information call CES at 349-1650.

On again, off again oiling gets green light

By STEVE BARNABY

It's official. There will be a Farmington Hills road oiling program — again.

The decision to reinstate the program was made at last week's council session. City administration announced it had found a contractor willing to oil the 26 miles of road and, at the same time, meet state and federal standards.

On April 28, the city was forced to dump the program. At that time the firm seeking a contract with the city pulled out of negotiations.

Both state and federal agencies have prohibited the use, for dust control, of oil which contain levels of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB).

The city has 83 miles of unpaved

roads. In previous years, it has controlled dust on 57 of them with calcium chloride. The remainder were treated with oil. Many residents feel that oil does a more adequate job of controlling

the summer dust.

At the April 28 meeting, city officials were pessimistic that another oiling contractor could be found, saying it was economically unfeasible to treat

roads with a higher quality oil.

But efforts by residents of Old Homestead and Franklin Knolls subdivision associations found a firm — the BFT Oil Co. — which said the job could

be done.

THE COMPANY, owned by Willard Brandenberg, also oils roads in Clarkston, Waterford, Milford and West Bloomfield areas.

obituaries

AGNES ECKERLY FLEISCHER

Mrs. Fleischer, 80, of Farmington Hills died May 10 in Whitehall Nursing Home, Novi.

She was born Feb. 22, 1900 in Tennessee. Mrs. Fleischer was a housewife and member of Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church, Farmington.

Survivors include: son-in-law, Dr.

Walter C. DeMatia; five sisters and four grandchildren.

Services were May 13 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington and at Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church, Farmington with Monsignor Thomas P. Beahan officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

RAYMOND N. JACOVETTI

Mr. Jacovetti, 54, of Farmington Hills died May 10 in Bolsofer General Hospital, Farmington Hills.

He was born April 26, 1926 in Michigan. Mr. Jacovetti was an administrator for the Detroit Public Schools.

Survivors include: mother, Elizabeth;

sisters, Josephine German; Rita Long, Joyce Gleeson; four nephews and six nieces.

Services were May 14 in the O'Brien Chapel of Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi with Rev. Kean D. Cronin of Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church officiating. Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

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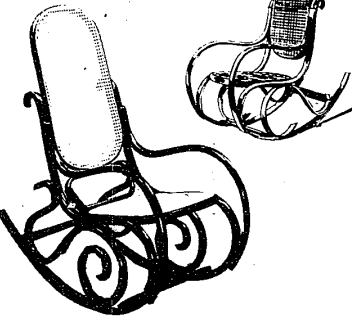
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