

# 500 Are Laid Off By Burroughs

PLYMOUTH Edward Scheming, general manager of the plant here.

Layoffs of approximately 500 hourly employees at the Plymouth plant of the Burroughs Corp. last Friday were confirmed Monday by

Although Burroughs is still the No. 1 industrial employer in the area, the work force

now numbers between 3,500 and 4,000 persons.

A spokesman from the corporation said that "the reduction was originally scheduled for earlier in the fall, but the company was able to delay the action until this time."

THE STATEMENT added that "recognizing the holiday season, employees laid off during December will be paid for the Christmas holidays."

"Throughout 1970" it was stated, "Burroughs has been adjusting employment levels to reflect in line with the changing nature of its product lines from mechanical and electromechanical to fully electronic equipment and systems."

"This change in technology as well as current levels of economic activity necessitated a change in the composition of the work force and a realignment of inventories and production schedules."

"As a result, employment reductions have been taking place worldwide throughout the year. Present total employment will be some 10 per cent below the 1969 year end figure and will amount to some 38,000 employees."

THE BURROUGHS announcement said that only the Plymouth plant is affected by the reduction program in the Detroit area, adding:

"The changing nature of Burroughs product lines has been seen at the Plymouth plant by the fact that over the last three years, four new advanced electronic products have been put into production."

"These products are the Series 'L' commercial mini-computers; the 'TC' line of terminal computers; the 'TU' data collection terminals; and the Series 'S' document encoders."

"The rapid growth of Burroughs and the shift into new product areas that is taking place requires continuing investment of funds in research, the use of material, labor, and the proper level of finished goods and parts inventories."

"Since 1964, Burroughs' revenues have grown from \$382 million to \$759 million in 1969, a 94 per cent increase. During the same period the product line has changed considerably. Electronic data processing is the fastest growing product. In 1964, 25 per cent of Burroughs revenue was from EDP products while well over 50 per cent will come from this product area in 1970."

## Wayne College Seeking More Area Students

REDFORD The Redford Township unit of the Wayne County Community College (WC3) will be abolished if more students don't enroll than have previously attended the school.

The local area unit had 115 students last term and will need more to remain open for the January term according to Rene A. Rodolosi, director of the "WC3" unit which meets in Marshall Junior High school evenings.

The college administration as indicated that the 43 scattered units of the school must become self-sustaining by registering enough students to cover operating costs.

"We are extended to 43 units and will have to consolidate because of serious financial problems since the loss of the millage election in November," stated Eugene Strobel, special projects coordinator for the multi-campus school.

THE OPEN DOOR policy of the college admits adults who lack academic credits for ordinary institutions of higher learning. The \$10 per hour fee admits adults with or without high school diplomas to courses granting credits that are transferable to other accredited schools.

To encourage adults of any age to take up studies that interest them for personal or vocational advancement, WC3 is offering to provide any class requested by 20 or more.

For those who need help in learning how to study and in planning their courses of study, a guided orientation class for four hours credit is offered.

Other classes are for three hours credit and meet once a week from 7-10 p.m. Most classes are expected to be Monday or Tuesday in the Redford center, according to Rodolosi's office.

Other nearby centers are in Riverside High School at Beech and Warren, Henry Ford High School near Eight Mile and Evergreen and John Glenn High School near Newburg and Wayne Roads.

REGISTRATIONS are now underway and Dec. 18 is the deadline for deciding whether enough interest has been indicated to plan to keep the center open at Marshall Junior High. It is located near Lyndon and Inkster on Breakfast Drive.

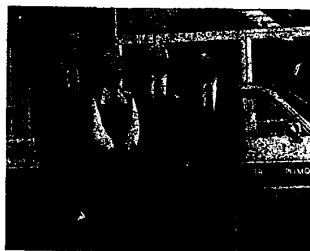
The school office is taking registrations between 6 and 9:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays until Dec. 18. If enough response is seen, they will continue to enroll more students until the start of the new term in January.

Course offerings include art, accounting, income tax accounting, business law, introduction to modern business, typing, shorthand, introductory technical drawing, freshman English, geography and history.

Fire buffs and firefighters can study fire protection and investigation of fires and arson. The course was offered at another center last year and was one of the most popular, Rodolosi said.

Other subjects that could be offered if there is enough local demand would be Spanish, German, French, law enforcement, choral music, world religion, drama, economics, sociology, speech psychology, philosophy and American government.

Further information on courses is available by calling 533-7704 or 535-4000, extension 36.



EARLY GIFT — Doug Dameron (second from right) made faculty members happy at Our Lady of Mercy High School, Farmington. Dameron, a Chryslor-Plymouth dealer in Farmington, again donated a car to the school for use in its driver education program. With Dameron are (from left) Dr. Wayne W. Dyer, counseling and guidance director; Mrs. Lois Barton, Dyer's secretary; Dameron, and Robert Brown, science department director and driver education teacher.

## Oakland Home Pact OK'd

The Oakland County Mental Health Board and the County Department of Facilities and Operations have announced the awarding of the mechanical contract for the Mental Retardation Center under construction near Pontiac.

This was the last contract to be let for the \$2.4 million building to be located in the County Service Center, Pontiac. Successful bidder was Sylvan Plumbing Company, of Pontiac, at \$648,000.

The Mental Retardation Center is expected to be completed in 1972; it will house programs serving about 350 retarded every day. Construction costs are to be borne 60% by the county and 40% by a Federal grant.

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