

the business beat

Baltazar Named To New Position

James E. Baltazar, 174 S. Venoy Circle, Garden City, has been appointed supervisor of quality control of a new axle assembly plant now under construction in Marysville, O., by Rockwell-Standard Co., subsidiary of North American Rockwell Corp.

Baltazar, who had been a quality control engineer on the firm's manufacturing staff at the Detroit headquarters, joined the firm in June, 1963 as a time study and methods engineer at the Detroit Forge and Axle plant.

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Forecast '80 Is Open House Theme

Forecast '80, Gorman Galleries of Fine Furniture's annual open house, will be held Sunday, May 23 from noon to 5 p.m.

Located on Telegraph at 12 Mile, Gorman's Galleries initiated the interiors open house six years ago to give the public a view of trends in furniture design.

The entire staff will be on hand to answer questions and offer suggestions on interior design.

Visitors will see such innovations as molded Plexiglas chairs that seem invisible, a bar cart made up of thousands of small mirrors, a corrugated iron wall or a life-size fiberglass replica of an elephant head (tusks and all) used as a wall decoration.

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PARKER HANNIFIN Corporation's cylinder plant at 900 Plymouth Rd. in Plymouth represents a part of the international corporation's growth in the state over the last 11 years. The plant, which employs 40 people, manufactures air and hydraulic cylinders for Detroit-area industry.

Plymouth Plant Part Of Company's Growth

The Plymouth located manufacturing plant of Parker Hannifin Corp. has played a large part in that international corporation's growth in the state of Michigan, a growth which has quadrupled the number of PH employees in the state in the last decade.

Parker Hannifin is the world's largest manufacturer of fluid components for air and hydraulic power systems. Their components, manufactured in Plymouth and plants all over the world, find their way into products ranging from automobiles and construction equipment to

refrigerators, air conditioners, and aircraft and missile systems.

THE PLYMOUTH PLANT, which now employs 40, is a branch of the corporation's cylinder division. It manufactures and stocks equipment for industries centered in Detroit.

Among these are special hydraulic feed cylinders used in the automotive industry. The Plymouth plant produces both air-powered and oil cylinders, and its shipments last year were valued at \$3.6 million.

Parker Hannifin, founded in 1927, has a world-wide employment of more than 10,000. It first extended its operations into Michigan in 1960, with the purchase of a brass company in Otego, north of Kalamazoo. Since then, it has expanded the Michigan operation by building its Plymouth plant and two more plants in Otego.

The 625 state-wide employees are only a beginning, and company officials say Parker Hannifin "sees a bright future in and for the State of Michigan."

Kroger Credit Union Insured

The Kemba Detroit Credit Union of 12701 Middle Belt Rd., Livonia, has qualified for federal insurance of members' share accounts (up to \$20,000 each).

The Kemba Detroit Credit Union here was chartered in 1933. It has a membership of 2,900 among employees of Kroger Co.

Edward Kuhlman, of Westland, is president. Similar to insurance

available to banks and savings and loans organizations, the credit union share insurance program is administered by the National Credit Union Administration, and independent agency of the federal government. It is authorized by legislation approved by President Nixon in October 1970, and effective for the first time in January 1971.

NAA 10th Birthday Planned

The Oakland County chapter of the National Association of Accountants will celebrate its 10th anniversary Thursday, May 20, at the Holiday Inn, Telegraph Road south of I-696, Southfield.

The celebration will begin with a social hour and entertainment at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Reservations may be made by calling Jim Rumpas.

Charter members and past presidents of the NAA will be honored at the ceremony. William E. Craig of Allegheny-Ludlum Steel Corp., a past president, will present a short history of the chapter.



Helm Appoints Steinbrenner

Mel H. Steinbrenner, 42518 assistant sales manager of Schoolcraft, Plymouth, has been appointed to the sales staff of Helm, Inc., as account manager. Steinbrenner comes to Helm from Metromail, a division of Metromedia, where he was in sales development.

JOHN V. LIGGETT, 500 Ford Rd., Plymouth, has been appointed chief product engineer of Kelsey Hayes' wheel, drum and brake division. The promotion was announced by William T. Birge, engineering vice president, who held the same chief engineering post before his recent promotion. Liggett is a night-school graduate of the University of Detroit, a registered professional engineer.

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