

Industrial Experts To Analyze Westland's Growth Potential

Industrial development experts in government and business will tour Westland tomorrow, to survey the city's industrial growth possibilities and recommend steps to improve development opportunities.

Westland is one of seven southeast Michigan cities to be visited this week in the fourth annual Community Industrial Development Review, sponsored by the state Department of Commerce's Office of Economic Expansion.

The local program, to last from 3-7 p.m., is being hosted by Thomas J. Brown and Eugene M. Katz, chairman of the newly-created Westland Industrial Development Commission, Katz, a Westland resident, was the city's first planning director. He resigned last

summer to accept a post with a private development firm.

THE PROGRAM Thursday will include a bus tour of the city, with industrial development figures viewing business and industrial facilities and sites, transportation factors, municipal facilities, schools, fire halls, parks, hospitals, and residential subdivisions.

At the industrial program will be representatives of the Office of Economic Expansion, Michigan Chapter of the Society of Industrial Realtors, Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, Norfolk and Western Railroad, Michigan Employment Security Commission, Michigan Consolidated Gas Co., Detroit Edison Co., Consumers Power Co. Following the two-hour tour,

the persons will hold a conference at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Merriman near Warren, to analyze their findings and comment on steps which might add to the industrial appeal of the area.

EARLIER IN THE week, the industrial representatives made similar tours in Taylor, Romulus, Southgate, Wilson, Troy, and Port Huron.

B.M. Conboy, director of the Office of Economic Expansion, pointed out that "trips of this type are a continuing activity on the part of the state to assist communities in their individual efforts to attract additional employment opportunities."

About 15 cities or townships are visited each year with small and medium-sized towns being included. Large cities are not toured since most have industrial development personnel on their own staffs, Conboy said.

Veteran Plymouth Jeweler Expert In Field Of Horology

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If you are a young man without the wherewithal to go to college and you are interested in a worthwhile career, you might try Horology.

That's the science of measuring time and making timepieces.

And you can take the word of Dave Agnew, veteran watchmaker who has one of the finest jewelry stores in the state on Main Street in Plymouth. "Watchmaking has been good to me," the veteran remarked the other day, "but the profession got a real boost last spring when the state legislature put some teeth in the law--and now you must have a certificate to

practice--just like a doctor."

FOR A LONG TIME it has been felt that watchmaking was a lost art, and was placed in the same category as blacksmithing.

"Oh, no," Agnew explained, "watchmaking is anything but that. We now have a school for apprentices and it is a four-year course--the same as any other high class-trade.

"At this moment there are about 1500 qualified watchmakers in the state," he continued, "and there may be several thousands on the 'unqualified' list."

He pointed out that through the years the whole concept of watchmaking has changed and the market became flooded with what he termed "cheap" timepieces. He also explained that an entirely new concept of watch making developed that eliminated the mainspring.

"In the old days," he said, "most of the repairs done to any watch was to replace the mainspring. Even if that was not the case all trouble was blamed on the mainspring, anyway."

"Now, they've gone into more delicate balancing and electronics and the watch of today is a great piece of mechanism that requires one with steady nerves when repairs are needed."

WITH THE ADVANCE of electric watches that soon will be on the market, the watchmaker will have to be a well trained man with nerves of steel. Not everyone can qualify, according to the Plymouth veteran.

This is where our watchmakers school at Pine Lake will come into the spotlight," Agnew pointed out, "and it was a move by the state legislature in May, that gave us the break we needed."

The school is officially known as the Michigan Technical Institute and is partially financed by the Michigan Watchmakers Guild.

He explained that under the amendment to the Michigan Horologists' Certificate Act, Section 2 specifically defines "watchmaking" as the repair, replacement, rebuilding, adjustment or the regulation of the mechanical parts of watches or clocks and the manufacturing and fitting of parts designed for use in watches or clocks in public commerce, but not including such watches and clocks as are handled or used by any corporation as instruments on vehicles or aircraft employed in interstate or international commerce.

"This is the act that has given the market a lift to the art," Agnew stated, "and the fact that a certificate is required makes it all the more attractive as a career."

UNDER THIS ACT the watchmaker now becomes a licensed skilled tradesman and not a fly-by-night operator who does lit-

tle more than clean watches in chain operation of the big shopping centers.

The Plymouth veteran has been fixing watches for the greater part of a half century and, therefore, knows of what he speaks.

Born in Luknow, Ontario, he grew up a rather restless lad under a stern father.

"I didn't like school," he recalled, "so my Dad sent me out to the farm to learn all I could about agriculture. I didn't like that either, and the hours were bad.

"I tried everything from grocery clerk's bartering and even worked with an undertaker -- but didn't like any of them."

At the insistence of his Dad he kept trying with the advice, "don't make a deal until you find something you like."

FINALLY, he accepted a job with a jeweler for \$4 a week and was introduced to watchmaking. He served his apprenticeship and received a certificate from the Province of Ontario.

Armed with that he came to Detroit in 1940 and worked with some of the best jewelers, such as Sallan's, J.L. Hudson Co., James Garlick and Square Deal Miller before coming to Plymouth in 1950.

He opened his first shop in the Mayflower Hotel and then moved to the present location in the center of the Main Street business block where he established, "The finest jewelry store in Michigan."

Come next Spring, under the city's loop improvement plan, he will have to move again. "But I'll be here some place," he said.

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WEEPING WITH JOY is Mary Kaipio, Clarenceville High senior, who had just been announced as the school's 1968 homecoming queen in the traditional ceremonies at the halftime intermission. That's 1967 queen Marie LaLonde placing the tiara on Mary's head. The pretty senior finally got around to smiling just before the coronation program ended.

N.Y. Teachers Picket Schools In 3rd Strike

NEW YORK -- As city officials failed to end New York's third teacher strike, parents and non-striking teachers "silent" pickets after "smashing windows and forcing locks to enter the schools.

Some were forced to leave because water and electricity had been shut off. Others were arrested by police on trespassing charges.

ST. PETERSBURG -- At least three persons were dead and several others injured as Hurricane Gladys swept across Florida smashing house trailers, uprooting trees, and blacking out power systems.

REDFORD -- Four of nine persons killed in Observerland this past week were two Redford Township flying pals and their 17-year-old daughters. Township Detective Sergeant Leonard Denocour and Reserve Police Lieutenant Bill Shiek, Becki



CHECKING MECHANISM of a tiny wristwatch is David Agnew, veteran Plymouth jeweler, who has one of the smallest jewelry stores in Michigan. Making watches tick again is one of Dave's biggest skills.

GARDEN CITY -- The problem of transporting Garden City's emotionally disturbed children to the Hawthorne Center in Northville is being tackled by the Board of Education and a solution is near.

The board voted Monday night to have bids taken on a new mini-bus which will release another small bus for the Hawthorne students.

FARMINGTON -- City Councilmen authorized the mayor to issue a general curfew order during times of civil emergency Monday night.

The city's new emergency powers ordinance defines civil emergencies as riot or unlawful assembly or natural disaster or man-made calamity.

Reputed Detroit underworld ringleader Joseph Marcellio Barbara was bound over for Farmington Township justice court examination Oct. 23 on rape charges stemming from incidents reportedly occurring last March in Troy.

Barbara was freed on \$7,500 bond shortly after the arraignment before Township Justice Byron Walter.

Barbara had appeared Friday before Justice Walter for arraignment on extortion charges stemming from the same incidents. He was freed Friday on \$50,000 bond. The Justice Court examination of this charge is Nov. 8 in Walter's court.

Both arrests were made on State Police warrants issued by Oakland County Prosecutor S. Jerome Bronson.

News Round Up

Denocour and Sheryl Lynn Shiek died in the flaming wreckage of an airplane being flown by the elder Shiek near Hartland Friday night. Cause of the crash is unknown.

LIVONIA -- A 28-year-old Livonia housewife miraculously escaped death when a bullet fired from a nearby wooded area struck her in the head and lodged in the skull.

Mrs. Catherine Pozzoli of 19415 Angling was treated and released from St. Mary Hospital after the bullet was removed from her head.

City police questioned the fathers of two boys, whom witnesses reported were target shooting with rifles near the Pozzoli residence.

PLYMOUTH -- The State Highway Department told the City of Plymouth that Am Arbor Rd. between Sheldor and Lillyay Roads will be returned to local jurisdiction which means that the city's hopes of the road being widened will not be fulfilled by the state.

If the city wants the road widened it must now assume the responsibility itself. The state said it will return the road upon completion of the new freeway north of Plymouth.

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