

# Plymouth to Feel Impact of Big Computer Order

## Burroughs Awarded \$4.9 Million AF Contract

An unexpected order from the United States Air Force has employees at the Michigan Manufacturing and Engineering division of Burroughs Corporation at Plymouth conjecturing as to the expected impact on the working schedule for the next year and perhaps 18 months.

Burroughs officials, who indicated the order came as a complete surprise, wouldn't comment on the situation.

Earlier, General Manager Herbert DeBorde, in a talk at the monthly forum of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, had indicated the plant was working at near capacity during a changeover.

The shift workers from the Detroit plant on Second Ave. to Plymouth, under the revised plan of operations for Michigan, hasn't been completed and DeBorde at that time stated that it would probably be as much as another year before the transfer was consummated.

Although Burroughs' officials refused to comment on the amount of the order, Senators Philip Hart and Patrick McNamara sent wires to commu-

nity newspapers in the area stating that it was a two-fold order with approximately \$850,000 in the first phase and almost \$4 million in the second.

The Air Force has selected Burroughs to provide 151 B263 electronic data processing systems to replace punched card accounting machines now being used in the United States and overseas installations by base command, major air command and Air Force Headquarters managers.

The Air Force, in Washington, D.C., said Burroughs was selected after careful and detailed evaluation of five vendors "as providing equipment with the greatest capability for the cost involved."

The 151 computers will be leased rather than sold to the Air Force. Lease cost, when all the systems are installed, will be approximately \$4.9 million annually.

The Air Force said: "It should be noted, however, that we expect the cost of this equipment to be more than offset by a release of punched card accounting machines and by anticipated savings over a period of time."

Major components of the equipment will be manufactured at Burroughs facilities in Plymouth and Pasadena, Calif. with assembly of the systems being accomplished in Pasadena.

Installation of the B263 electronic data processing

systems will begin in October, with all systems scheduled to be installed by October of 1965.

Selection of Burroughs to provide the systems was based on cost, capability of equipment, installation assistance, training and system maintenance support, the Air Force said.

## Ford to Add Second Work Shift To Operations at Wayne Truck

Ford Motor Company's Michigan Truck plant at Wayne will add a second shift to its operations beginning Sept. 14.

William D. Singleton, regional operations manager of Ford's Automotive Assembly Division, said approximately 700 employees are being added to the plant's payroll to man the second shift. About 400 second shift employees currently are being trained for their new jobs.

"When the second shift reaches full production, the plant will build more than 300 trucks a day on straight time," Singleton said. The plant has been operating on an overtime basis and producing more than 200 trucks a day.

Philip Caldwell, Ford Division truck operations manager, said the increased output is required to satisfy heavy market demand for Ford trucks.

"Since the beginning of the 1964 model year, Ford's nine plants that build trucks have been operating, or very near, full capacity to supply the record demand for our trucks," Caldwell said. "This production increase will help us satisfy the even greater demand we expect for our 1965 models which will be introduced Sept. 25."

Ford truck sales through August 30 this year were at an all time high for the period—up more than 8 per cent from last year's record-breaking sales for the same period. In 1963, Ford dealers sold a record 390,422 trucks.

The Michigan Truck Plant occupies the company's former Wayne Station Wagon Plant. Used since late 1958 for storage, the plant was expanded to approximately 450,000 square feet and converted to truck production in February this year.

## LYI Reports Records At Teen Centers

Herb Ford, Acting President of Livonia Youth Incorporated, received a pleasant surprise at the monthly Board of Directors meeting held in the Parks and Recreation office when the attendance figures of the three teen centers operated jointly by LYI, Parks and Recreation and the Livonia and Clarenceville School Boards were announced.

More than 1400 teen-agers registered for the program and over 15,000 visits were made to the centers by the members and their guests.

LYI operated three centers this summer on a slight week basis from June 22 through August 14. These were at Franklin, Bentley and Clarenceville High Schools.

Franklin in its second year of operation led all centers, with 8,123 visits, while Bentley, a first year operation, had 6,087 and Clarenceville also a first year operation had 1,555 visits by teen-agers.

The Board decided to operate the three centers again in 1965.



**Completes Course**

Robert D. Schmidt, claim representative for State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company at 28414 Joy Road in Livonia, has returned after completing two weeks of technical study at his firm's home office at Bloomington, Illinois.

**OUTSIDE LOOKING IN:** Youngsters throughout the western suburbs were getting an early peek into school year day, like Greg Dunbar, 33071 Barkley, Livonia, and his sisters Judy and Diane, and Donna Adams, 32430 Lyndon. This morning, most children attended their first day of classes. The pupils in this picture attend the new John F. Kennedy Elementary School which serves children in the Farmington Rd.-Schoolcraft Rd. area.

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## A Walking Cast No Handicap For Petite Livonian

Pert Mrs. C. Gayle Gee, 14168 Henry Ruff, Livonia, isn't about to allow the small matter of a broken foot and a walking cast to keep her from getting a taste of college teaching.

The pretty, blond Mrs. Gee, who looks more like a high school graduate than a 30-year-old mother of three, was one of the first in line to register for classes at Schoolcraft College—despite the fact that she was hobbling on a walking cast.

"It doesn't hurt a bit," she told college officials when they wanted to move her to the front of the line and a seat. "It's just a bit of a nuisance dragging this thing around but I'm adjusted to it now."

Mrs. Gee isn't planning on a full college course but has registered for six hours, part in the daytime and part at night.

There's a bit more to the story than a petite mother wanting more education.

David Gee, her husband, is currently attending Law School at night at Wayne State University where he faces three more years before getting his degree.

But that's old stuff for Dave, he attended night classes at the University of Detroit for years to earn a degree in Business Administration.

That earned him a job with Tubular Sales Co. and a chance to continue his quest for knowledge at Wayne State.

The bug hit his wife after two of her children, Cathy, 8, and David, Jr., 6, started to school and Danny, 4, is only a year away from kindergarten.

So with the prospect of a bit of time on her hands, Gayle decided to take a few courses at Schoolcraft. Walking cast and all, she has made it for afternoon and night courses already.



MRS. GAYLE GEE  
Cast doesn't bother her

## Livonia Civic Groups Join In Celebration

Members of Livonia's 32 civic associations are being honored this month with a proclamation by Mayor Harvey Moeke, designated September as "Civic Association Month" throughout the city.

Moeke urged residents of the city to become active in the civic groups, calling them "the best foundation for preserving any community's stature."

Representatives of the civic associations have scheduled a meeting this month, meaning, to reiterate the city's Federation of Civic Associations.

Text of the Mayor's proclamation:

WHEREAS, there are now fifty-two Civic Associations established in the City of Livonia, and it may be anticipated that with each passing year there will be additional groups formed and

WHEREAS, these organizations have helped provide a method whereby the residents of neighborhoods have organized and thereby helped promote the general development of not only the immediate areas, but the overall community as well, and have also helped to stabilize and enhance property and civic values as well as protect the common and individual rights and interests of the members of these organizations, and

WHEREAS, the true strength and character of a community can only be measured by the caliber of its residents, and their active participation in the city's affairs, and

WHEREAS, the best foundation for preserving any community's stature and well-being is a grass-roots program based upon the support and good will of its people and which support can best be promoted through citizen participation in Civic Associations,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARVEY W. MOEKE, Mayor of the City of Livonia, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, on behalf of the citizens of the City of Livonia urge the people of our community to join and actively support the Civic Association located in their neighborhood and thereby help make Livonia an even finer place in which to live and grow, and in commendation of the outstanding, effective, able, sincere and unselfish efforts already contributed by Livonia's Civic Associations do hereby proclaim the month of September, 1964, as CIVIC ASSOCIATION MONTH.

## Sears to Feature Old Car in Display

An antique car from the 1908-1912 era when Sears and Roebuck Co. was in the automobile manufacturing business will be displayed at Sears Livonia Mall when the store joins the more than 770 other Sears retail outlets across the nation on Thursday, Sept. 10 in launching the company's 78th anniversary celebration.

"Our anniversary theme is 'This is Sears today,'" said Store Manager Arthur Cone. "We will dramatize through outstanding merchandising offerings our 78 years of experience and growth in product development, quality, performance and distribution. These are the elements that have built the modern Sears organization."

"We want customers to know that Sears appreciates their patronage and this sale demonstrates that gratitude," Cone said.

Sears Livonia Mall is competing against other stores in the midwestern territory for an anniversary award based on sales performance.

Part of the many unusual displays will be the 1909 Sears owned by Credit Manager Louis Hantz who purchased the vehicle three years ago and rebuilt it completely.

The two cylinders with a 14-horsepower, air-cooled motor, is operable and Hantz plans on displaying it in the numerous antique car shows in the area during the winter months.

Hantz, who was transferred from Minneapolis to Livonia when the store opened in mid-August, also has a catalogue of the period when the Sears cars were being built, which shows the model, type and price of the car in 1909.

The car and catalogue will be on display Thursday in the sporting goods department and will remain there for the entire period of the sale.

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## Bookstore Open

Clarenceville School District students may purchase textbooks at the high school book store today through Friday between 9 a.m. and noon and between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Students who have credit from textbooks turned in last spring may submit them to apply for credit on the purchase of new books.

## Farnum And Kuhn Open Debate Series In Redford

Auditor General Billie S. Farnum and Richard D. Kuhn, opponents in the 19th District Congressional race, will face each other in a "Why I Chose My Party" presentation, tonight (Wednesday, Aug. 9) at St. Valentine's Catholic Church, 25800 Dow, Redford, at 9:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Livonia League of Women Voters, the affair will be the first of a series of face-to-face confrontations of the candidates. In the past these presentations have met with great success.

Farnum has served the Democratic Party as Assistant Secretary of State, and later as Deputy Secretary of State. In 1960 he was chosen to be the party's Deputy State Chairman. In October, 1961 he was appointed Auditor General of the State, and was elected to that

office in November, 1962 for a two year term.

Kuhn was a Constitutional Convention delegate and won the GOP primary last week.

Among the future appearances of the candidates together is one scheduled for Sept. 14 at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 8300 Farmington, Livonia, and two affairs in October.