

# Industries Show Confidence in Michigan With Expansion Progress

LANSING — Expenditures of \$16,339,000 for new plant facilities were announced by Michigan companies during the first quarter of 1965. B. M. Conboy, director of the Michigan Economic Expansion Department, announces. The 1964 total for new plant facilities by Michigan firms was \$1.6 billion.

"While the first quarter reported some expansion by Michigan firms is moving along at a record rate, it is still too early to forecast what the total for the full year 1965 will be," Conboy said.

"Last year's total included a very large amount by General Motors, but the spending for the year can't be measured. However, the first quarter does indicate our economy is still very strong and moving along at a very satisfactory rate."

Manufacturing firms announced \$237,900,000 of the first quarter's expansion, utilities, \$285,425,000, and manufacturing companies \$32,025,000.

A familiar pattern holds true in the expansion of Michigan companies. Most of the growth is coming from firms already established in Michigan. Movements growth is part of the overall growth total.

"This barometer shows industries are doing well in Michigan, confident of their future here and are not hesitating to commit their expansion funds to Michigan locations," Conboy said.

The Michigan Economic Expansion Department long has recognized that emphasis to promote more industry should be concentrated on companies already doing business in the State. However, the department works closely with companies outside Michigan planning to expand.

Two unusually interesting moves of this type were announced in the first quarter. Beech-Nut Life Savers, Inc., will build a \$10 million plant at Holland, and the 3M Co., American Playthings Device Company, of Anderson, Indiana, will move its entire operations from Anderson, Ind., to Nahma, the former lumber town on Lake Michigan, bringing 200 more jobs to the Upper Peninsula.

Significantly, no move-outs were recorded in the first quarter.

The Economic Expansion Department movement of industry report for the first quarter, which includes moves, expansions within and within the State, was 30 percent favorable, slightly from the 1964 full year rate. This is another favorable indicator for the Michigan economy.

There were 48 expansions by Michigan companies at present locations, 50 at other locations in the State, five new starts and one re-opening.

Among the major expansions announced by Michigan industries in the first quarter, were: Chrysler Corporation, \$187 million; the new AT&T Michigan Bell Telephone Co., \$122 million.

KVP Sutherland Paper Company, Kalamazoo, \$2.3 million over next five years.

Kaydon Engineering Corporation, Muskegon, \$2.3 million; Consumers Power Company, \$22 million.

DeVlieg Machine Company, Royal Oak, \$700,000.

Pest Packing Company, Chesaning, \$500,000.

Sealed Power Company, St.

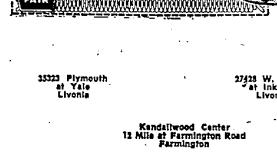
Johns, \$2.75 million.

Stealcase, Inc., Grand Rapids, \$1.1 million.

Anderson Tank & Mfg. Co., Flint, which bought a building in Holly where it will employ 150-200 people. (Capital expenditure not announced.)

Leno Jet Corporation's Stereo division with 300 employees, ext. the near future. (Capital expenditure not announced.)

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