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OF FARMINGTON

Star Cutter Official Defends Terms of Contract

By Allen Rosenfeld

On Page One of last week's Farmington Observer, we carried an article by this writer, summarizing the agreement entered into by the Star Cutter Co., of 34200 Grand River, Farmington Township, and the

employees of the Company, represented by Local 985 of the UAW. The employees had until Feb. 28 been organized as an independent union. The article was based exclusively on information provided by John Ellis, President of the Local.

A spokesman for the Company was not available for comment at press time last week. Having now read the article, however, Company President Norman Lawton has taken serious exception to some of the points raised in it. According to Mr. Lawton: "There are many mistakes and misleading implications in this article. In reading it, a reader will get the impression that the Star Cutter Co. was a horrible, miserable place in which to work prior

to the signing of this contract with the UAW. On the contrary, our labor turnover for the past 15 years has been, practically zero, with the exception of people leaving for health reasons and retirements."

It should be noted at this point that in none of the Observer articles on the Star Cutter strike did we ever imply that there existed general dissatisfaction among the employees with working conditions in the Star Cutter plant. Indeed,

the opposite is the case. Most workers we talked to conceded that Star Cutter was a very good Company to work for. What the men did voice objection to was what they regarded as the Company's preference for dictating rather than negotiating future terms. To indicate this, we quote the chairman of the Union's Bargaining Committee as saying the Company had forced them "into the street."

In reply to this Lawton remark (Continued on Page 11-A)



FRED DUS, of the Farmington Township Auxiliary Fire Department, is seen here putting out a fire in what is left of the cab of a truck belonging to the Bachman Trucking Co. Fire Chief George Hume had just finished taking his turn on the truck. The cab was almost a total loss within five minutes. The fire took place on Friday, July 16.

Attorney's Son Killed in Crash

John Edwin Oglesby, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Oglesby, of 28402 Herndon Drive, and his wife Judy were killed Monday night, July 19, in San Jose, California. The couple was attending San Jose State College.

Though his father is a well-known attorney and college leader in the Farmington area, John had spent only

vacations in this community. When his family moved here seven years ago, he was attending Central Michigan University, at Mt. Pleasant. After two years there, he entered the Navy for four years. He was discharged in 1964, and enrolled at San Jose to complete his education. Earlier, he had attended Central Bucks' Preparatory

School, in Pennsylvania, where he was captain of the track team, and starred in the mile event.

John aspired to be a writer, and he had published some pieces in the College Magazine at Central Michigan. According to his dad, "he was interested in all aspects of writing."

Details of the crash that took his life and that of his wife were incomplete at press-time, but it was indicated that he was a passenger in the ill-fated vehicle, not the driver of it. Funeral arrangements had not been completed, at press-time. But it is known that he will be buried in the family plot near Columbus, Ohio.

His father is Immediate Past President of the Farmington Board of Commerce, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Farmington Elks, and a member of the Board of the Farmington Exchange Students. He takes a strong interest in the exchange student program, and several years ago took in an exchange student for the year.

John was one of six children—three boys and three girls.

New NBD Set For Farmington

Construction has begun on a new banking center of the National Bank of Detroit at 11 Mile and Middlebelt Roads in Farmington Township.

Joseph Fraumeni is manager and Thomas Currier, assistant manager of the office which is one of four serving the Farmington area.

The new facilities, of modern colonial design, will replace the bank's present office which was opened as a temporary facility on February 29, 1965. It was established as NBD's 78th office. The bank now has 83 office locations in the metropolitan area.

The new building will provide more than 3,570 square feet of what it says will be the most modernized banking facilities available.

The building will have a 76-foot frontage on the north side of 11 Mile Road and a 47-foot frontage on the west side of Middlebelt Road. The building was designed by the Detroit architectural-engineering firm of C. E. Nystrom.

The new facility will include two levels of activity. The main banking floor will house six teller stations; a five-member management area; conference room; cash

and safe deposit vaults; bookkeeping department; two drive-in teller stations; private safe deposit booths; rest room facilities; and an attractive vestibule and public lobby area.

The lower level will include storage and maintenance facilities; rest rooms; lounges; employees' lunch room; and records vault.

There will be two drive-in windows located on the north side of the building with parking accommodations for more than 60 autos on the east and south sides of the building.

This expansion and building program reflects the growth and economic activity of the Farmington-Township area. Farmington group vice president Byron Lapham said, "It is National Bank of Detroit's way of expressing its total commitment to the best interests of this part of our community."

Woodcroft Is Assured

In the undeveloped area which the City of Farmington proposes to annex from the Township, the Farmington City Council proposes that a portion of it be zoned County Estates. This would allow a minimum of 15,000 square foot lots. Significantly, this classification would not require installation of sidewalks, or concrete paved streets unless desired by the majority within a specific area.

This would allow the development of larger lots that the improvement costs would be such as to allow the lots to be marketable. And it would assure the residents of Woodcroft Subdivision that these improvements would not be required unless desired by the majority of residents in the area.

Supervisor Hall to Sue City In Dispute on Assessment

Curt Hall, Supervisor of Farmington Township, has decided to sue the City of Farmington, to contest its decision to assess him for his property on the north side of Grand River, east of Farmington Road—presently the site of Pioneer Oldsmobile. The assessment is to be used to build a parking lot there.

News of the impending law suit came at the City Council meeting on Monday, July 19, with the introduction of a letter by Hall's attorney Joseph T. Brennan. In announcing the suit, Brennan made three complaints: "That the assessment district does not include all properties benefited by proposed improvement and therefore is illegal."

"That the assessment formula is arbitrary and that it

does not properly measure benefits received by property within the district and that the assessment formula is not

based upon benefits but upon cost. "That the assessment is levied against our client's property

comprising of property without due process of law because the improvement affords no substantial benefit to their prop-

erty and because the assessment levy far exceeds the value of incidental benefit that could

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Steer and Bagpipes Set

More Doings Slated for Festival

An Angus steer will be given away at the Elk's Roast, which will kick off

the Farmington Founders' Festival, on Wednesday, July 28.

In the contest for Miss Founders' Festival, the preliminary judging will be held at Botsford Inn, on Tuesday, July 27, at 7:30 p.m. All civic and business groups are urged to sponsor a beauty contestant.

Additional activities are being planned for the Festival.

A county fair will be held by the Job's Daughters Bethel, 55 Masonic Lodge, on the Masonic Grounds, at Grand River and Farmington Roads. It will include a display of pictures and items that

belonged to the early settlers of Farmington, an old fashioned baked goods sale, a luncheon, and square dancing. Members of the Lodge will be dressed in Early American costumes. Diane Line is Honored Queen.

The internationally famed Chrysler Highlander Bagpipe Band will be in the parade.

Activity tickets for the Festival are now on sale at all area merchants.

Friday, July 30, will be (Continued on Page 11-A)

Library Bd. Fights On

There was praise for Ernest Sauter, of the Farmington Area Library Board, at the meeting of the Farmington City Council on Monday, July 19. Sauter, who attends the meetings as a representative of the Library Board, was praised by Councilman John Allen for a statement he made at a recent board meeting.

Sauter had said: "I am in favor of the 12 Mile Road site for construction of a new library branch in the Township, and I am in favor of placing the village on the ballot, but not at this time."

"My reason is that we should first build a firm policy in personnel and base plant and do it by reviving a temporary space to provide library facilities in the northern portion of the Township; that it would give greater service to the Township than to divert it in a building program."

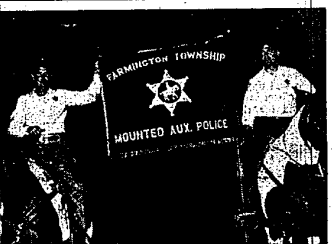
"Expand the staff; develop base plant; then go ahead."

In a discussion with the Observer, Sauter took pride in the fact that a retaining wall has just been constructed on the existing library facility on Farmington Road, and that contracts have been let to resurface the parking lot and paint the exterior of the building. And, he adds, "we hope the citizens will note the improvements in the flower beds—crushed stone is out and we are going to put in myrtle or some other kind of greenery."

The Farmington Area Library Board has visited the Wayne County and Birmingham library systems, with a view toward affiliation, which Sauter says "would provide the citizens of Farmington with better library service."

Program at "Y" family camp is flexible—instructors teach swimming, boating, sailing, archery, riflery and many other sports.

Special overnight and canoe



FLAG BEARERS, at a recent meeting of the Farmington Township Mounted Auxiliary Police. From left to right, they are James Boswell, and Robert Schroeder.

Y Camp Offers Varied Program

The YMCA has used its camps to keep the teen-age campers interested and busy. Social activities are planned for the adults after the youngsters are tucked in bed.

Family may choose the full nine day camp period from Aug. 29 through Sept. 4 or, for those who have no additional vacation time coming, the Labor Day weekend from Sept. 4 through 6.

For complete information and rates call Ross Berberich at the Farmington Area YMCA, 474-3232.

No camping "extras" need to be purchased to attend "Y" family camp. Each family that attends is assigned a private screened cabin with comfortable beds and mattresses. Cabin cleanup is kept to a minimum—just a daily "sweep-out."

Meals, including an evening snack are served in a central dining lodge. The camp staff does the dish washing. Nursery care for pre-schoolers is provided twice each day.

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Eddy Hits Back at FP Editorial

"Not all of us agree with Bob's opinions about Peace, or even his methods of expressing them, but we certainly should demand that he not be maligned on the basis of false interpretations of his motives." This is part of a letter sent to members of the Universalist-Unitarian Church of Farmington,

under the Church's letter-head. Signed by Wade B. Brown, and Paul Braunstein, it is a reaction to criticism of the Church's minister Robert E. Eddy, in a recent Detroit Free Press Editorial.

On July 2, Eddy, and six others were indicted for loitering, on the Canfield overpass of the Chrysler Expressway. They had been demonstrating for peace in Vietnam.

In court, the Prosecutor tried to establish that the demonstrators had been obstructing traffic. But Judge Richard Maher would not go for this line of reasoning, and acquitted the defendants.

The acquittal, however, said the Free Press several days later, "does not alter the fact that the seven let their political emotionalism lead them into an act of such irresponsible citizenship that it could have produced deaths."

It accused them of attempting to distract the drivers below. "... they were risking having somebody killed on the freeway because they objected people being killed in Vietnam."

Referring to the spokesman for the group as Rev. Warren Eddy, they quoted him as say-

ing, after the acquittal, that they would immediately resume picketing on the overpass "against the court." "The court, we gather," concluded the editorial, "is an oppressor and something to be lauded."

The Reverend Eddy has now reacted sharply to the editorial. He begins by pointing out that his name is Robert, not Warren. He goes on to point out that

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JUST 1 WEEK OLD

But already very strong and growing fast. The new "Shoppers Specials" column in the Want-Ad section just started last week and was an instant success for both advertiser and reader. Good things to eat, nice things to wear. Unusual items, gift suggestions. Everyone's happy with it!—Be happy—Read it, use it! Turn to the Want Ad section now!



AN ARTIST'S VIEW of what the National, under construction, will replace the present Bank of Detroit will look at Middlebelt and 11 Mile Road, in Farmington Township. It is now—of this year.

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