

# Ford Sets New Marks In Livonia

The word "record" summarizes the 1965 employment, payroll and production story for Ford Motor Company's Livonia operations.

Ford paid more than \$80,500,000 to approximately 8,700 hourly and salaried employees in Livonia last year. The 1964 payroll was \$69 million for about 7,800 employees.

Richard L. McNulty, plant manager of the company's largest Livonia facility, the Ford Transmission plant, said the record highs were reached because of strong production schedules, increased manufacturing capabilities and plant expansion programs.

"Our record employment, production and payroll at Livonia in 1965 reflect some of the giant strides that have been made within Ford Motor Company, its product lines, the community, and, in general, the entire automotive industry," McNulty said.

"With continued high acceptance of Ford products, a strong national economy, coupled with optimistic marketing forecasts and completion of present plant expansion, we can anticipate even larger payrolls and higher production and employment levels at our location during the coming year," he added.

Construction of a 240,000 square-foot addition to the Livonia plant is scheduled for completion this year. It is part of the Transmission and Chassis Division's \$71.5 million expansion and modernization program announced in 1965.

During 1965, Ford awarded \$103,225 to 2,136 Livonia employees under the company's Suggestion Plan, and 488 employees commendations for ideas submitted under the Management Proposal Plan. Two salaried employees were awarded Mustangs under the revised management plan.

Ford facilities in Livonia include the Transmission and Chassis Division's general staff and product engineering offices, the Livonia Transmission Plant, Ford Division's Technical Service Laboratory and National Parts Depot, and regional and district sales offices of both the Ford and Lincoln-Mercury Divisions.

Specialty Coating Inc., 15169 Northville Road, Plymouth, and Foto Fax Co. Inc., 22659 Park Dearborn, have an arrangement that is to the advantage of each.

Specialty Coating manufactures Escobar, the finest drafting film ever offered to the industry, and Diazo, a Diazo sensitized, dry erasable polyester film for use by manufacturing and engineering firms.

Foto Fax Co. Inc., headed by Charles Barill, is the principal distributor for the products and both firms are doing exceptionally well.

Sam Slikkin is president of Specialty Coating, an operation he started two years ago, to go along with his 10 years of serving as a consultant in various types of duplicating papers on an international scale.

He is also head of the S. C. Slikkin Co., which specializes in serving its consultants.

It was just two years ago that Slikkin took over the plant of the defunct Worden Specialty Co. and started a renovation and redecorating program that practically made over the interior of the building.

He had been serving as a consultant for an English Company which was interested in forming a company to produce duplicating papers in the United States. Slikkin started the company and it is now the only one of its kind in Michigan and serves customers in all sections of the United States.

The company has grown in two years from a five-man operation to a staff of more than 20 and currently is working 24 hours, six days a week.

"And we're just starting to grow," said Slikkin. "We are using all but 7,000 square feet of the 25,000 in our plant and hope to expand into that space within a relatively short time."

Of the workers, five have chemical degrees, making the force one of the most unusual in Michigan.

Slikkin recently added William Busick, who has 25 years experience in the industry, to his staff as plant manager.

Specialty Coating is the only company in the land devoted exclusively to specialty items. Slikkin pride with a great deal of pride to the fact that several of the company's largest competitors are buying from Specialty Coating.

Escobar is a new drafting film product that has excellent resistance to pencil and ink. It enables large industrial plants to make major modifications in items without a complete re-drawing.

Engineers can erase the obsolete parts and place in pencil the major modifications in plans. The erasable drafting film is especially valuable in the aircraft, machine and auto industries where changes are made constantly and can be made with an eraser now instead of a completely new plan.

Escobar permits multiple erasing with no polishing or ghosting and the use of liquor eradicators. It will resist scoring or scribbling even with hard leads.

It is available in 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5 and 7.5 mil thicknesses, single or double matte, in rolls or sheets up to 85 inches in width.

Foto Fax, the distributing firm, has had a tremendous growth under the guidance of Barill because of the quality of products and the knowledge of services to consumers in engineering and drafting fields.

It manufactures ammonia and semi-moist Diazo papers and in addition to manufacturing products, it distributes various drafting papers and polyester films.

Diazo is a new, completely dry, erasable film produced by Specialty Coating.

Barill is a native of Detroit and received a bachelor's degree from the University of Detroit in 1952.

John H. Siddall is the plant manager and has 22 years experience in the field with several other firms.

Foto Fax is in a modern plant but has grown so fast that management has plans for a new plant due to the tremendous volume of business. The volume has been so great that the move is planned for the near future.

Employment has risen sharply too, averaging 6,628 during the past year. In 1964, employment totaled 4,800 persons.

The production capacity of the Livonia GM facilities has also increased in the last five year period. Although a relatively new automotive plant, Chevrolet Spring and Bumper has undergone several expansion and modernization programs since it was built in 1964.

The most recent addition of 500,000 sq. ft. for increased manufacturing was announced in 1964 and will be completed this spring. In addition to production of coil and leaf springs and bumpers for Chevrolet passenger cars and suspension components and springs for Chevrolet trucks, the plant contains one of the largest plating facilities in the nation.

In 1960, Fisher Body Division began a 200,000 sq. ft. expansion program of its Livonia plant. At present, the Fisher cut and sew facility contains 1,130,000 sq. ft. The plant produces seat covers, sun shades and door trim pads for Buick, Oldsmobile and Pontiac passenger cars.

**Picked for Training**

Airman Peter L. Hembrough, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hembrough, 9012 Middlebelt, Livonia, has been selected for training at Gunter AFB, Ill., as an Air Force medical service specialist. The airman is a 1964 graduate of Franklin High School.



COMPLETELY MODERN Specialty Coating products in the state—and it is perfect that plant, 12169 Northville Road, in Plymouth Township. Many of its major competitors are buying from ship, manufactures some of the most unusual Specialty Coating rather than try to match it.

## Ford Payroll Highest in History

Employment and payroll of Ford Motor Company and its subsidiaries in 1965 were the highest on record—both in the United States and worldwide.

Keeping pace with high car and truck sales in world markets, average Ford employment rose by more than 77,000 in 1965 and the company's worldwide payroll exceeded that for 1964 by more than \$360,000,000.

Worldwide employment averaged 344,457 men and women last year—and up from 338,541 in 1964. Worldwide Ford payroll totaled a record \$2,812,887,840, or 18 percent more than 1964 payrolls of \$2,353,142,800.

In the U. S., average hourly and salaried employment of Ford and its subsidiaries during 1965 was 217,741 and the total payroll was \$2,062,848,000. Compared with 1964 levels, employment increased by 20,153 from 197,578 and the payroll was up \$311,931,000 from \$1,750,917,000.

Gross average hourly earnings of \$15.58 for Ford Motor Company hourly-rated U. S. employees set a high for any year in 1965—exceeding by 14 cents the previous years' average of \$14.44.

Company employment in Michigan averaged 105,816 — 10,686 higher than the 94,930 men and women employed in 1964 and topping the previous record of 101,502 set in 1957.

# GM Shows Big Gains In Livonia

While the City of Livonia has expanded greatly over the past five years, General Motors also has substantially increased the size of operations and employment at its Chevrolet Spring and Bumper and Fisher Body plants during that time.

Employment payrolls and expenditures to local companies for goods and services to the two plants have more than doubled from 1960 through 1965. Payrolls and local expenditures for last year reached \$37.9 million compared with \$27 million in 1960.

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