

Industrial Expansion In Livonia Includes Mini-Bikes

The Wolverine Storage Company is in the process of erecting a 50,400 square foot addition to its present warehouse facilities at 38180 Arnhem Road, according to Dan Andrew, Livonia's Industrial Coordinator. This new structure will be entirely heated and sprinkled and, in addition, will have a 45 degree cooler room to accommodate certain materials requiring temperature control.

According to John Gilchrist, manager of the warehouse, Wolverine will lease this Detroit facility at \$400 E. Hildale before the end of the year and is in the process of moving the complete commercial warehousing operation from there to Livonia. This, along with the industrial growth and resulting demands for warehouse space in the community, has necessitated Wolverine's expansion program.

Starka Enterprises, Inc., will erect a 7,500 square foot building on Industrial Road which will provide 5,400 square feet for lease, and allocate 2,100 square feet for use by Spur and Siding Constructors Co., Inc., presently located in Detroit.

This 10-year old firm is engaged in the construction of industrial railroad sidetracks as well as main line tracks in the eastern half of the United States. The new building in Livonia will house the company's general offices and will also provide space for the warehousing of small rail items.

An interesting note about Paul J. Szarka, president of both firms, is the challenge he accepted for Spur and Siding in 1962. He contracted with the Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory of the U.S. Army to provide consulting services and engineering know-how to build an experimental railroad track under the Arctic

Ice Cap. The purpose of the undertaking, known as Project 6, was to study the potential of a sub-surface railroad track network under the polar ice mass in Greenland. Architectural Forum described the venture as "an extraordinary Arctic subway... to determine whether or not a full and complete under-snow railway system might be built from the beginning of the Ice Cap, approximately 30 miles from the shoreline of the Arctic Ocean, to the supply base camp (Camp Century) 138 miles distant."

The unique railroad was successfully completed, and certainly qualifies as one of today's fantastic transportation systems. Just recently, Spur and Siding accomplished a milestone in railroad annals by becoming the successful bidder for the relocation of 11 miles of the Pennsylvania Railroad's main line track near Altoona, Pa., according to Mr. Szarka. Until this contract was awarded, railroad Maintenance of Way forces had always performed this type of work.

Dan Andrew further disclosed that two companies which produce mini-bikes and cleaning products, respectively, have begun operations in a new building in the Plymouth-Levan Industrial Subdivision. Michirina Brothers Enterprises, Inc., manufacturers of Indian Mini-Bikes, was formerly located in Southfield. According to Ray Michirina, spokesman for the company, the unprecedented demand for the 27" high, 38" long bike necessitated several moves to progressively larger quarters since they began operation in 1960. He added that while some of the mini-bikes are factory-assembled in Livonia, two-thirds of all the bikes are shipped in kits with assembly instructions, exploded-view drawings, and parts lists.

The Indian Mini-Bike's four-cycle engine delivers almost 100 miles to a gallon of gas at sustained speeds up to 30 MPH. Disc brakes, which are hand operated from the handle bar, have up to five times the stopping power of band brakes and are not affected by road oils or water. By using this type of engine and brake system, Michirina Brothers Incorporated, safety and performance considerations for users of their mini-bikes.



ALL PACKED UP and ready to move is the Universalist Unitarian Church of large, wooded site on Hildale Rd. in Farmington. The 114 year old structure will move this week from its spot on War-

Landmark Is Moved

Farmington's historic Universalist Church, which stood for 114 years in the old village, will move this week to a wooded sight, three miles away, on Hildale Road in Farmington Township.

Built of virgin timber less than 20 years after the first settler arrived in Farmington, the Greek revival structure allegedly "played an active role in the underground railroad" and heard the impassioned pleas of escaped slave Sojourner Truth "to let my people go." The building provided a birthplace for Farmington's Episcopal congregation and has provided a temporary home for many other congregations in its long history.

Dr. Frank Adams, former president of the Universalist Church in America, served as its pastor for 25 years, sometimes commuting as far as Chicago to hold the small congregation together. Its present pastor, the Rev. Robert M. Eddy, maintains that the church has always been on the frontier of social and religious thinking and that he intends to be faithful to that tradition.

Education Consultants Listed in New Booklet

Thirty-five educational consultants are currently employed by the Wayne County Intermediate Board of Education.

These consultants offer professional services in 30 different educational areas to the 43 local school districts of Wayne County, including those in this area: Livonia, Garden City, Westland, Redford Township and Plymouth.

In serving as a link between The Michigan Department of Education and the basic administrative units of the 43 local school districts, what is the nature of their assistance? How do educational consultants work in local school districts?

A new 12-page booklet "Improving Education" has been issued by the Wayne County Board of Education stating how a consultant helps a school district, how the consultant works with a school district, and what the entire operation most effectively. The "consultant helps"

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Shown in an architect's rendering of new bank.

Farmington Bank Opens Branch In Redford

Congressman-elect, Jack McDonald of the 19th Congressional District will officially open the Redford Office of Metropolitan National Bank of Farmington at ribbon cutting ceremonies to be held Thursday, Dec. 15 at 10:30 a.m., to which the public is cordially invited.

This modern banking facility, located at 25719 Grand River Avenue, just East of Beech Daly Road is the first branch office of Metropolitan National, and marks a new milestone for this rapidly expanding bank which was chartered in January, 1963 under the leadership of Louis J. Lavigne, President. Thomas A. Lake, well-known builder and developer in this area, is chairman of the original 13 member Board of Directors.

Jerrald H. Redecker, Vice President of the bank has been named as manager of the new office.

Mr. Redecker, who has a broad background in the banking industry joined Metropolitan National in May, 1965, coming from Farmington from Old Kent Bank and Trust Company in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Generous banking hours will provide service to customers from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 1 to 6:30 p.m. on Friday evenings. Saturday banking from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. will be a new and welcome service to customers in this locality.

In addition to ample off-street parking, two windows will serve those who prefer the convenience of drive-in banking. A new customer feature to be introduced by the bank, concurrent with Grand Opening is the Golden Rule Account, a free checking account service honoring all Senior Citizens who have reached their 62nd birthdays. The Redford Office is a full-service bank member, and all deposits are insured to \$15,000.00 by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Denyes Associates, Inc., Pontiac, Michigan architects, have designed the new structure which presents a pleasing Early American decor theme throughout.

Refreshments will be served during the three days of Grand Opening, Dec. 15, 16, and 17. There will be free gifts for everyone, including popular records for the younger set. A special feature of Grand Opening will be 50 Christmas turkeys to be given to persons opening new accounts during the first week. A drawing for these turkeys will be held Tuesday evening, December 20, 1968.

The trial of John Lee Ott, 22, of 22510 Tulane, Farmington Township, has been postponed until the next jury term of the Oakland County Circuit Court. That will begin at the end of January.

Originally scheduled to begin Dec. 8, Ott faces a charge of second degree murder at the trial. He is charged with killing a friend David Garren, 23, of 21756 Whittington, Farmington Township, over a \$50 debt on July 10.

Ott Trial Delayed

enough for this holiday season. They dipped into their mother's food coloring and lo and behold a thing of beauty. For yourself, on Brady and Six Mile Road. Township decided just a snowman wasn't

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REACHING TO MAIL his Christmas gift request to Santa Claus is three-year-old Sheldon Smith at the special mail box at the new office of Manufacturers National Bank, 29419 Joy Road, Westland. Sheldon is the grandson of Howard White, president of Westland's Our Realty, Inc., and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith, of Inkster. All letters mailed at the bank branch will have a written reply returned.

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