

# Ford Builds 3-Million Vehicles 2nd Year

Ford Motor Company ended 1966 by building for the second straight year more than three million cars and trucks for the United States market.

During 1966, Ford's North American assembly plants produced about 2,400,000 cars and 599,000 trucks for the United States market, a total of almost 3,000,000 vehicles.

Ford's U.S. plants alone built 2,425,462 cars and 526,410 trucks during 1966. The full year total of 2,951,872 vehicles plus more than 56,000 cars and trucks which represent the excess of vehicles imported from Canada over U.S.-built units exported to Canada, make up the total for the year.

For the company's U.S. assembly plants, 1966 was the second highest car and truck production year in history, topped only by 1965, and nearly 13 percent higher than third-ranked 1953.

Ford's December production for the U.S. market totaled 201,000 cars and nearly 51,000 trucks. U.S. plants alone produced 203,250 cars and 45,228 trucks, the second highest December for trucks and the third highest December total for cars and trucks combined.

Production of two of the company's car lines—the sporty Mustang and the luxury Lincoln Continental—set records in 1966. For the second year, Mustang output exceeded 500,000 and Lincoln Continental assemblies passed 50,000 for the first time. Fairlane output topped 300,000 for the third time.

Protect the spring cleaning you have done by doing a thorough job of cleaning fireplaces, radiators, hot air grills and ducts. Dust and grime accumulated for months will cling to them and sift onto clean floors, walls and furniture unless you do a complete cleaning job, say Michigan State University home management specialists.

# School Board To Buy Equipment

The Garden City Board of Education last week approved the purchase of science and audio visual equipment and materials costing \$48,437.

"This is the first major purchase from the \$150,000 budgeted under the National Defense Education Act for 1966-67," said R. T. Harris, administrative assistant in charge of finance for the school district.

Most of the purchases involve audio visual equipment.

Purchasing Agent Jerry W. Keast reported orders will go out within the next two weeks. Delivery can be expected within 90 to 120 days, he said.

NDEA purchases are reimbursed by the federal government on a matching fund basis.

To protect floors during carnivals, dances and other public events, custodians of various gymnasiums cover them with panels of Masonite Tempered Presswood.

# Garden City Faculty Reflects Experience

Experience seems to be the best teacher in the Garden City School District, a survey reveals.

Bracken L. Snow, Assistant Superintendent of the Garden City Public Schools, released the following information in regard to the 1967 teaching staff of the Garden City Public Schools:

Two hundred and fifty-six teachers have their basic degree, 290 have at least 15 or more semester hours beyond their degree. Of the professional staff, 186 are at the Master's degree level or above. Presently, two hold doctorate degrees and two hold Education Specialist degrees.

Approximately 20 per cent of the teaching staff range in experience from beginning to one year's experience; one-fifth range between one year's experience through three years; catching the experience level of the middle 20 per cent is the placement of staff with three and one-half through seven years on the salary schedule; seven and one-half to ten years produce the fourth 20 per cent.

# House Action to Help Teachers' Deductions

Congressman William D. Ford (Democrat-15th District) reported success this week in a battle to win teachers the right to claim educational expenses as an income tax deduction. His district includes Westland and Garden City.

Ford took action last summer, after the Internal Revenue Service announced a new policy that would have barred teachers from deducting expenses incurred while taking courses leading to advanced degrees.

Ford then introduced a House Concurrent Resolution which would express the "sense of Congress" that the proposed new regulation would not be made effective or enforced until authorized by Congressional action.

A number of other members of Congress introduced similar bills, and the IRS announced in September that it had withdrawn its proposed regulations, and issued a revised proposal that would allow education expenses to be deducted for income tax purposes.

Ford praised this week from Dr. John M. Lumley, Director of Federal Relations for the National Education Association, who told Ford: "Without question, your support for legislation for tax deduction of educational expenses was most influential in moving IRS into a more reasonable position."

Ford said that he would continue attempts to amend the Internal Revenue laws so that teachers could deduct educational expenses and some travel expenses from their gross income, rather than their adjusted income. This he said, would make it possible for more teachers to take advantage of the tax deduction.

Under the present regulations, the expenses must be deducted from adjusted income so that only those teachers who itemize their deductions can take advantage of the new rule. Ford's plan would enable any teachers to deduct the expenses, no matter how they file their tax returns.

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# Evans Declares Dividends in Cash and Stock

PORTLAND, Ore.—Evans Products Company's Board of Directors today declared a cash dividend of 15 cents per share payable Jan. 31, 1967 to common stockholders of record Jan. 16.

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## Westlander On County Study Group

Gene McKinney, who served as chairman of the Westland Charter Commission, has been named to a citizen study committee on County Home Rule.

McKinney, 31, of 109 South Dobson, Westland, was named to the Committee of 99 by Mel Ravitz, Detroit Councilman and Chairman of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors.

The committee, expected to be in session some 12 months, will study the feasibility of County Home Rule and advise the Board of Supervisors whether a Charter Commission election should be held to restructure Wayne County government.

Detroit attorney Avern L. Cohn is committee chairman.

McKinney, former Westland newspaperman, is an industrial editor for the Ford Motor Co.

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