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GM's Livonia Payrolls Top \$100 Million Mark SC Begins Boys' Gymnastics Plan

LIVONIA — Employee payrolls at General Motors operations in Livonia set a new record in 1973 in surpassing the \$100 million mark for the first time, plant managers reported in a year-end statement relating to GM's economic impact on the Livonia area economy.

The announcement was made by F. Harger Green, manager of the Fisher Body plant and chairman of the

GM Livonia Plant City Committee. Richard E. Dauch, manager of the Chevrolet plant; Dick T. French, manager of the GM Parts Division Parts Distribution Center; and Roger J. Browne, superintendent of the Cadillac Machine Division plant.

They said GM employee earnings in Livonia topped \$108,816,000 in 1973, more than \$16 million over the 1972 payrolls of \$92,706,095.

Average employment at the four GM facilities totaled 8,155 in 1973, up 901 from the 1972 employment average.

Purchases of goods and services from more than 1,700 local suppliers amounted to more than \$85.4 million in 1973.

GM employees in Livonia invested a record \$3,597,650 in U.S. Savings Bonds through payroll deductions in 1973, nearly \$500,000 more than in 1972.

Nearly \$180,000 was awarded to employees under the terms of the GM suggestion award plan for their ideas to improve the quality and efficiency of GM products and operations.

The Chevrolet plant at 13000 Eckles Rd. plays a major role in Chevrolet manufacturing. The plant produces springs and bumpers primarily for Chevrolet passenger cars and trucks as well as leaf springs and other parts for other GM divisions.

The Fisher Body plant at 2500 Plymouth Rd. manufactures interior trim sets for several lines of GM passenger cars.

The GM Parts Division facility at 36667 Schoolcraft distributes parts and accessories for GM car and truck dealers in Michigan and parts of Ohio, New York and Pennsylvania.

The Cadillac plant at 12200 Middle Belt machines engine components for assembly in Cadillac's Detroit plant, and transmits other automotive components used in the assembly of Cadillacs at the General Motors Assembly Division plant at Linden, N.J.

Ground was broken in October for an expansion of the Chevrolet plant's administration building, marking the 18th expansion since the original plant was constructed in 1954.

Schoolcraft College will start a gymnastics program for junior and senior high school boys beginning Jan. 8. The club, sponsored by the college's community service program, will be AAU affiliated. It will provide an opportunity for young men ages 13 to 18 living in the college community to become involved in competitive gymnastics.

Beginning Jan. 8, and continuing for 15 weeks through April 25, the club will be open to any young man not already a member of a competitive school team.

They will meet twice weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 6 p.m. in the gymnastic room of the Physical Education Building.

There is no credit for the activity.

Instructor Gary Coler will serve as coach, and has plans for a competitive schedule to be developed which will follow the AAU format. He is a Redford Union teacher and coaches gymnastics in Farmington.

Registration for the program is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 5 p.m. in room D-100 of the Physical Education Building. Tuition is \$24 per student, and participation will be limited to 25 boys.

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