

## Police Form Ball League

"The policemen wanted a little exercise so we got together and organized a softball league," explained Officer Norman Rose of the City of Farmington's police department.

Other departments participating come from Farmington Township, Livonia, Southfield, Westland and the Detroit post of the Michigan State Police.

Except for Memorial Day and the Fourth of July, three games will be played every Saturday until Sept. 26, in Farmington City Park from 6-11 p.m.

"Patrolmen, sergeants and cadets will be participating," said Rose. "and maybe even our chief will play a game."

"Hopefully, the league will grow, perhaps to 15 police departments," added Rose.

## Rumor Killed: No Price Hike For Haircuts

The threat of an increase in haircut prices was squelched this week when Barber Employers Guild No. 4 met and voted not to reopen their contract with Barbers Union Local 552.

"More than two-thirds of our members voted not to reopen our contract which runs until September 1971. It would be possible to reopen next January, but only if both sides agree," announced Leo Snage, secretary-treasurer of the employers guild.

THE GUILD membership held a general meeting Wednesday night in Woodrow Wilson hall, 8444 Michigan, Detroit, with 150-175 present. They have 500 paid-up members, most of the owners of barbershops in Wayne County.

Prices for adult haircuts are \$3 weekdays and \$3.25 Saturdays. For children, a cut costs \$2.50 weekdays and \$3 Saturdays.

Local barbers have been the target of criticism from customers since an announcement in a daily paper several weeks ago that haircut prices were being raised.

The report had come from an official of Barbers Local 552 which had not presented the proposal to the employers guild.

"We finally did receive a letter from Local 552 dated May 4 asking us to reopen the contract, but the guild of employers voted no," Snage reported.

### SELF-SACRIFICING

Tiger Pitcher Denny McLain tied for the American League lead in sacrifice hits in 1969.



THIS OIL painting was given away in a Livonia Mall Mothers Day contest to Don Block of 21453 Margaretta, Livonia. It's displayed here by John Miccolle of Bernard Wigs and Duane Spence of Scenic Art of Ohio.

## County Asks Dehoco Lease

A proposal that Wayne County take over operation of the Detroit House of Correction (Dehoco) is being prepared as a result of a meeting between County Commissioners and the Detroit Common Council.

A special committee of the County Board of Commissioners met with the council to discuss the possibility of leasing three presently-vacant barracks at Dehoco for housing prisoners from the overcrowded County Jail.

The two groups agreed to enlarge their consideration to the feasibility of the county leasing and operating the entire facility. It would house both city and county prisoners.

Eugene A. Sikora, of Detroit, D-District 1, chairman of the special commission's committee on jail overcrowding, said a formal lease proposal would be submitted to the Common Council within two weeks.

"We have an acute problem at the jail," Sikora told the council. "It is about 500 prisoners over what it can accommodate. We need a facility immediately."

Dehoco is a minimum security complex of buildings located west of Plymouth. It is used for convicted persons serving sentences. The jail is a maximum security building across from Detroit police headquarters. It houses prisoners who are awaiting trial.

Sheriff William Lucas said only younger minor offenders would be transferred from the jail to Dehoco.

## Suburban UAW Leaders Mourn

By DENNIS L. PAJOT

United Auto Workers members in Observerland joined in a three-minute nation-wide auto plant shutdown and downtown Detroit funeral services to speak their grief and affection for Walter P. Reuther.

The 24-year president of the International United Auto Workers died last week in an airplane crash near Pellston. His wife, May, and four others died with him.

Funeral services, held Friday in Ford Auditorium in Detroit, were attended by UAW International, National and local division leaders by invitation.

SEVEN OBSERVERLAND UAW Local presidents led delegations of their officers to the 10 a.m. Friday services. They were:

Joseph Danz, Local 157, 28841 Van Born, Inkster, an amalgamated local.

Robert Kuris, Local 163, 22835 Plymouth Rd., Detroit, serving General Motors Detroit Diesel of Redford Township and other plants.

Philip Terrance, Local 174, 26825 Plymouth Rd., Redford Township, serving General Motors Fisher Body plants in Livonia and Detroit and other plants.

Robert Little, Local 182, 35603 Plymouth Rd., Livonia, serving Ford Motor Co.'s plant at 35200 Plymouth Rd.

Fay B. Gentry, Local 262, 12432 Eckles Rd., Livonia, serving Chevrolet Spring and Bumper plant of Livonia and a Detroit plant.

Ed Perry, Local 845, on Sheldon Rd., Plymouth, serving the Ford Heating and Air Conditioning Plant on Sheldon.

Jim Coleman, Local 900, 38110 Michigan Ave., Wayne,

serving Ford Wayne Assembly and Michigan Truck in Wayne.

THESE AND OTHER UAW local officers were seconded with informal tributes at the funeral services. Reuther and his wife in the Detroit Veterans Memorial Building during the week preceding the funeral. About 200 persons per hour circled the caskets.

At least one area union member served as a member of the funeral honor guard — Steve Lawrence of Dearborn Heights, vice president of Local 182.

Management of all plants allowed a three-minute shutdown from 10 to 10:03 a.m. at the start of Reuther's funeral.

## 3rd Grader Wins Prize For Story

Botford third grader Kelly Homick has won an honorable mention award in the Walck 1969-70 creative writing contest for the best story to accompany pictures in Ruth Carroll's "The Chimp and the Clown." Announcement was made by Henry Z. Walck, Inc., publishing company of New York.

Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Homick, 19676 Antigo, Livonia, is a student of Mrs. Jacquelyn Simpson, third grade teacher at Botford, and of Mrs. Martha Sage, Clarendonville School District's exemplary language arts teacher.

Award books and portfolios are being sent to Kelly and her classmates from the Walck company.

as requested by the UAW International executive board.

At the request of individual locals, workers were allowed to go home at 10 a.m. if they desired.

THE LOCALS themselves staged limited tributes, preferring to defer to the services downtown. All closed offices. All flew the American flag at half staff. All took part in the week of mourning. All resolved to contribute to the Walter and May Reuther Memorial Fund for continuing education.

The shock of Reuther's untimely death by a freakish accident, after he survived several outright attempts upon his life, will be a long time wearing off, rank and file union members.

Some were in the movement to unionize the automobile industry in the 1930s when Reuther and others engaged Ford strong arm squads in hand-to-hand combat and broke the tradition of management dictatorship.

Others simply came into the union in recent years, mindful of Reuther's success in that combat, stewardship as a union officer and as a bargainer.

The public at large, however immersed in or distant from the always torrential issues of labor-management relations in the nation's leading industry, felt Reuther was a giant among them.

Reuther gained the respect of industry and government leaders while berating them. He gained the respect of the working man and union member despite refusing to go for a stranglehold on his adversaries. He gained the respect of the public for both.

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