

# BUSINESS

## Howmet Merges With French Firm

Merger of the Howmet Corp., based in Greenwich, Conn., with the Pechiney Aluminum Corp. of France, has been completed, announced Andre Jacomet, Howmet president. Name of the new firm is Howmet Corp.

Howmet's Metal Products Division is located at 41606 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, and employs about 100 persons.

Ralph J. Stullgross, general manager of the local facility, said Thursday the merger will result in formation of a carbide division early next year at the Ann Arbor Rd. plant.

"We expect to increase employment here about 10% next year," Stullgross revealed, "to meet demands of our growing product lines. But employees

for the carbide division will be transferred from our metal products setup."

Howmet's Plymouth facility produces master alloys of nickel, cobalt and iron base for the investment casting industry. These products are used in making parts for such items as jet engines, home appliances, computers, lawn mowers and outboard motors.

The Howmet-Pechiney merger now gives stockholders of the French corporation 56% of the common stock, or controlling interest, of the new Howmet Corp. Pechiney stockholders previously owned 45% of Howmet common stock.

Jacomet said the merger accomplished three main corporate objectives.

"First, it makes us the fourth largest primary aluminum producer in the United States, though we still derive 50% of our revenues from sales of other metals and metal products."

Second, it provides for Howmet's financial needs by loans to be arranged by Pechiney. Third, Howmet stockholders benefit from ownership in two companies instead of one.



**DONALD M. LIVINGS-TON**, of 26341 Lundak Lane, Farmington, has been promoted to Chevrolet assistant zone manager of Denver, Colo. He has been an assistant national merchandising manager for trucks in Detroit. A General Motors Institute graduate, Livings-ton joined Chevrolet of Torreytown, N.Y., in 1965.



## IN THE POCKET

By W. W. EDGAR  
Though Eddie Lubanski no longer travels with the touring pros on the professional bowlers circuit, he still can hold his own with the best of them.

### Observing sports

Putting one word after another ... And when Our Lady of Sorrows was playing for the Catholic League baseball title -- and winning it -- at Tiger Stadium, the scouts were out en masse.

Bob, onetime star pitcher for the Philadelphia Phillies and now in the insurance business (do you need any life protection?) was talking about how the baseball coach at St. Clair Community College was bemoaning the fact the Washington Senators had drafted and signed Redford's Bill Fahey.

"That coach was saying that Bill (ex-Redford Union star) never got a chance to catch for St. Clair," Miller said. "How do you think I felt? Bill caught for us last year and what a star he was. Then he leaves us, transfers to St. Clair and thus becomes eligible for the professional draft. He never played a second up there."

Miller can't be blamed for being a little unhappy about the way the pro-draft rule reads in connection with collegians.

If a boy enrolls and enters a four-year college like U of D or Michigan or Michigan State or Wayne, the pros can't touch him until he or his class has graduated or the player becomes 21 years old.

But it's a different story when it comes to boys attending a school like St. Clair or Schoolcraft, considered as junior colleges. Even if he's a transfer from a U-M or U-D or MSU!

"Then the pros can step in anytime! All of which brings up a point ... must a student be considered a collegian only if he attends a four-year college?"

Rubbish, we say.

IT HAD TO BE quite a thrill for Bob Kelly and his athletes from Sorrows to play in Tiger Stadium ... just as it was for an "old timer" we know to have the honor of umpiring in the First Division title game that followed.

It's a long ways -- not mileage, speaking -- from the field behind Sorrows on 10 Mile Road to Tiger Stadium.

Not too many schoolboys get the chance to perform on the Tiger field and the team's management is to be saluted for making it possible for the preps to hold their various championships on the same ground where the greatest in baseball do their stuff.

One thing we did notice is that all the hoopla of playing in the stadium doesn't turn the preps into a bunch of nervous wrecks.

If they have any jitters, they disappear as soon as the first pitch is delivered.

MORRIS MOORAWNICK, the best statistician in these parts, was handing matters at the finals and commented about how Sorrows' Ross Patton had picked three men off base.

That brought a comment from Observer photographer Vince Witek, who has covered many a major league game in his day.

"That Patton has the best move to first base I've ever seen," declared Witek.

"Better than most major leaguers?" countered Moorawnick.

"Yep," said Witek.

IN A MUCH DIFFERENT vein, there was the annual Detroit Sports Broadcasters Association scholarship day the other afternoon at the Detroit Press Club.

The men you see talking sports on the various TV channels and hear on the radio call this day "the biggest thing we do each year."

On this occasion they passed out six \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors. By coincidence, two of the recipients will be wrapping up their high school careers this week at Redford Union High.

One is Miss Dale Kaminski, the other Bill Hubel. The Broadcasters base their awards on students who have accomplished excellent scholastic records in high school.

The young men go for athletes, because as Dave Diles of Channel 7, who reads the scholarship commitment, said: "The good athletes get scholarships. We don't have to take care of them."

Neither Miss Kaminski nor Hubel won their spurs at RU in sports. Hubel did wrestle on the reserve team for a year or so, but an injury ... the need to work to help the family ... forced him to leave sports.

But what had to be said after being presented the Jack Adams scholarship in memory of the former coach and general manager of the Red Wings choked up a lot of people, including his mom, Mayor Roman Gribbs of Detroit and some guys who think they're pretty hard boiled.

In this day when there seems to be some separation from the student and the adult, Hubel declared that it was "just something like this -- a group of older people's interest in youngsters -- which can go a long ways toward pulling us all together."

Certainly, he added, his thought about older people had taken on an entirely different aspect. And, he hoped, it was the other way around, too.

In the room, more than one person reached for his handkerchief ... in particular, Bill's mother.

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**DAVID K. WENGER** has been promoted by Michigan Bell Telephone Co. in Detroit to assistant vice president of switching. He started with Michigan Bell in Saginaw and was transferred to Detroit in 1968 as division switching systems manager. Wenger and his family live at 28161 Grand Duke Drive, Farmington.

## Hamilton Income Up

Farmington-based Hamilton International Corp. has announced substantial gains in net income for 1969 and the first quarter of this year.

For 1969, net income was \$260,486, or three cents a share, on revenue of \$29,749,765. These figures compare to a net of \$46,731, or one cent a share, on revenue of \$27,688,839 for 1968.

For the first quarter of 1970, net earnings were \$433,900, or five cents a share, on revenue of \$7,129,200, compared to a net of \$159,300, or two cents a share, on revenue of \$6,912,100 for the same period last year.

Hamilton International is a holding corporation whose principal subsidiary is Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co. of America.

## Insurance Firms Merge

Gerald J. Kennedy and Associates, of Redford Township, and Harold Groh Insurance Agency, of Livonia, have merged with Insurance Center of 19333 Beech Daly Rd., Redford Township.

The surviving firm is Insurance Center, and R. Lewis Brown is president. Kennedy and Groh will serve as account executives of the new firm and take additional administrative duties.

Groh lives at 14270 Livonia Crescent, and Kennedy at 32949 Northgate, Livonia. Brown lives at 30112 11 Mile, Farmington.

## Pick Tarney For New Job

Michael E. Tarney, of 22759 Maple St., Farmington, has been appointed assistant manager of Continental Assurance Co.'s Eastland Brokerage Agency in Harper Woods.

Tarney joined the firm in 1966. He attended Lawrence Institute of Technology in Southfield. He and his wife, Beverly, have one son, Michael Lee.

## Investors Told To Buy Land

Advice to investors: If you have good land, hold it; and if you don't have land, get some.

These are the words of Prof. Karl G. Pearson, director of real estate education at the University of Michigan, who explained to Detroit Metropolitan area people Thursday why "land holdings are your one best hedge against inflation."

Prof. Pearson, a member of the U-M Graduate School of Business Administration, addressed the United Northwestern Realty Association and the Western Wayne-Oakland County Board of Realtors.

"THE BEST place to buy land is in the growth path of today's expanding suburbs, he suggested. "Smart developers will buy such acreage wholesale and retail by the lot."

"The continued rise in land prices is inevitable, Pearson said, pointing out the predicted mass migration to suburbia, the space-hungry town house developments, airport expansions, growth in mobile home parks, proposed new one-story plants, projected expressways, the many new industrial parks now on the drawing boards, and the New Town developments being planned with government guarantees.

"The demand for land in semi-rural areas will be especially strong," he continued, indicating that such areas will be the probable sites for New Towns, intended to divert people and industry from city areas into self-sufficient units

which combine the beauty of nature with the conveniences of modern technology.

He also cited the fact that new developments will be on breathing space, on parks and recreational areas." Pearson said, the objective being a social and an ecological balance.

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