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Jim's Jottings

By Jim Sherman

During the planning for our new printing plant I've read about dozens of new facilities across the country. Trade publications give considerable space to publishers who take the plunge.

A page in the "newspaper man's newspaper," the Publisher's Auxiliary, was devoted to the new Observer Newspapers plant in Livonia. The Observer group, published by Philip Powers, includes papers in Southfield, Farmington, Plymouth, Redford, Westland and Garden City as well as Livonia.

After reading the description of Powers' plant I felt completely deflated. I could have burned my plans, sold the shop and sought a job as window washer for him... and I hate washing windows.

Of course, I can try to justify our differences. I can say "If I had \$3.5 million to put into a plant I wouldn't - I'd retire."

But my envy would show. Powers' shop has 52,000 square feet. His offices have 15,000. The floors and walls are carpeted and the flooring has stainless steel wire running through it to eliminate static electricity.

The computer and card punches are glass enclosed. Also enclosed is the observation deck around the top of the pressroom. The glass allows easy viewing for visitors, while permitting them to hear and not touch.

The Observer employees, there are 160 of them, have the convenience of a complete cafeteria with a full kitchen. Music is piped throughout and there's a paging system. We'll just yell a little louder in our new building.

Out in the mailing room some guy will sit where he has visual control over trucks in the loading area and three electric boom conveyors will carry bundles of papers to waiting delivery trucks.

There's much more, especially in the equipment, like the press that prints 60,000 papers an hour, but I'm getting ill.

Where's the little old man with



Jump for joy! It's spring! March winds play havoc with long hair on the Pine Knob Elementary School playground.

Tires punctured

Hawk strike in 12th week

The strike at the Hawk Tool Company entered into its 12th week. Picketers of Local 540 of the UAW continued to maintain headquarters in the trailer on the lot at the corner of Washington and Main Street in Clarkston.

Company spokesman Allen Hawke said, "Hawk Tool is in the process of phasing out. We have received no word from Local 540 to indicate that there is any change or hope that the differences can be settled."

"Last week we were forced to call the Oakland County Sheriff to report 4 incidents of malicious destruction."

the eye shade and apron? Does anyone still talk picas, nonpareils, and quoins? I wonder if they still have a proof press?

No more can the big city newspaper man buy a country weekly and retire, if he ever could. It isn't really fair to a community to have that type of editor or publisher anyway.

We can do nothing else except let the sprawl engulf us and work at staying ahead of the swell. But I think I'll hang onto our old hand-fed press for the joy it will bring when I look at it and recall the easier days, that were oh, so tough at the time.

The incidents Hawke referred to were the puncturing of tires on the cars of 3 of the company employees.

Tires on the cars of the office receptionist and the company bookkeeper were punctured on March 17 and 19. Paint was thrown on the front of the company office on Washington

Street.

The strike flared up over a disagreement about holiday pay. The union contract had expired last September.

Local 540 president, Robert Taylor was unavailable for comment.

2 more adult ed classes start

On Wednesday evenings from 7-9 p.m., 2 more adult education classes will be in session at Clarkston High School.

Jen Hagen is teaching oil painting (beginning and advanced). The cost for the 8 week session is \$9.00.

Woodworking and finishing is being

taught by Larry Thibault. All of the woodshop facilities are available to participants. A \$13.00 enrollment fee is charged for this class.

For further information call Miss Jan Gabier, Clarkston Senior High School, 625-5841.

Arraignment set March 30

Vaughn W. Friedley, 24, last known address Pontiac, was returned to Oakland County Jail last week.

Friedley was bound over to Oakland County Circuit Court at his examination before Clarkston 52 District Court Judge, Gerald E. McNally on breaking and entering charges.

The charges stemmed from his arrest by Michigan State Police on March 10 when, on a routine check, they found him entering the Ten-Hi Bar, 6761 Dixie Highway in Independence Township.

His arraignment is scheduled before Circuit Judge William P. Hampton on March 30.