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FMC to sell Hoopeston-based product division

FMC announced Friday that it will sell its palletizer product line manufactured in Hoopeston.

The announcement was made by Jerome D. Brady, FMC vice president and general manager of the Food Machinery Group.

"The decision to sell the palletizer line is a strategic decision related to Food Machinery Group's long-term business direction," Brady said. "Given that direction, the palletizer line no longer fits our long-term strategies."

FMC expects to reduce operations over the next five to eight months, possibly affecting 40 sales, engineering and manufacturing jobs.

The plant currently employs about 300 people.

"This decision is difficult on affected employees, but we believe we must change to meet the challenge of a tough economic marketplace and position our business for future growth," Brady said.

Affected union employees will exercise seniority rights under the existing labor agreement. If alternative positions cannot be found for affected salaried and non-union hourly employees, they will receive severance packages, outplacement assistance and counseling.

Until the sale is completed, FMC will provide parts and services and will fill current orders for palletizers, Brady said.

Police News

Randy D. Rowe, 24, #15, Baer's Trailer Court, was arrested at 6:10 p.m. Thursday at his home on a county traffic warrant. He was released on \$300 cash bond.

Raymond J. Mann III, 40, of rural Cissna Park, was arrested at 6:47 p.m. Thursday. He was charged with stalking, violation of an order of protection and criminal damage to property.

Charges were filed Friday in Vermilion County Circuit Court.

Mann allegedly stalked his estranged wife, Rhonda K. Longfellow, of 709 S. Market. Longfellow is accusing Mann of cutting the telephone line to her residence, harassing her and following her on Jan. 12 and Feb. 3.

Mann was being held in the county jail on \$3,000 bond.

James E. Wallace, 37, was arrested at 12:10

a.m. Friday on two criminal misdemeanor warrants for failure to appear and one traffic warrant. He was taken to the Public Safety Building in lieu of \$8,000 bond.

Hoopeston police are looking for someone who took four purses from 403 E. Main on Sunday. Doris Good, Betty Richards and Darlen Musk of Hoopeston and Lou Graham, Milford, told police their purses were taken from the United Methodist Church at 11 a.m.

Weather

Increasing clouds, colder today. Northeast winds 10 m.p.h. High in the low to mid 20s. Tonight, cloudy, 40 percent chance of freezing rain. Low near 20. Tomorrow, rain and snow. High 43, low 15.

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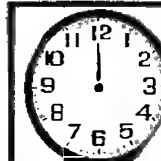
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Lincoln's words of wisdom lost in modern world

A clipping of the following, originally written by Abraham Lincoln, was generously loaned to me by Ralph Lytle. It's timing couldn't be better.

Something to Remember

You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.

You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.

You cannot help little men by tearing down big men.

You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.

You cannot further brotherhood of man by encouraging class hatred.

You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.

You cannot establish sound security on borrowed money.

You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn.

You cannot build character and courage by taking away men's initiative and independence.

You cannot help men permanently doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.

There is much wisdom in what Lincoln wrote. Unfortunately for us, however, modern thought is diametrically opposed to Lincoln's thoughts.

What would our 16th president see today?

He would see people shunning thrift, appearing to be prosperous while living beyond their means.

He would see strong, virtuous people weakened by government policies stunting their ability to make this a strong nation.

He would see big men cut down by the sleazy, unfounded allegations of envious little men.

He would see employees - and even government - dictating how the store should be run.

He would see class hatred exalted: black against white, men against women, adults against children and the aged, the haves against the have-nots.



*The
Second
Cup*

By LOURDINE OSBORNE

He would see government policies designed to make those who acquired wealth in the 80s suffer during the 90s for their "crime".

He would see a society based not on planning and saving for purchases, but programmed to think in terms of "buy now, pay later," where plastic is more valuable than silver or gold.

He would see those who, rather than live within their means, would rather stab or kill another person for that special brand of tennis shoes or jeans.

He would see a growing welfare state, where those who need a helping hand are not encouraged to look at the end of their arms, but to the government and those who try to break the cycle of welfare dependency are penalized, where political correctness is more important than truth, where flash is superior to substance, where "group think" is applauded, while independent thinkers are scorned.

He would see a people not encouraged to be independent, but to rely on others - the corporation, society, the government - to provide for them.

He would see young men kill their abusive parents rather than move. He would see a jury unable to have the courage to convict those same young men.

He would see women who, fed up with abuse, wield knives on their husbands, then find themselves "sentenced" to a 45-day vacation in a psychiatric hospital.

He would see 19 children dirty and starving, in a Chicago apartment, fighting with dogs over bones, while nobody cares.

He would see a nation once blessed by God, become a haven for drug dealers, pornographers, child molesters and other assorted perverts.

Fortunately for Lincoln, he's not here to see what we've become.

Happy birthday, Abe.

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