



### Township Holds Line in Proposed Budget

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

Revenues and expenditures will increase about seven per cent this year for Plymouth Township - and almost all of that increase is due to federal Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) funding.

According to the proposed April 1, 1975 - March 31, 1976 budget, income and spending for the township will increase by \$65,823 - of which \$53,813.50 is CETA money.

While the overall budget totals don't change much other than including the CETA funds, there are some major redistributions within the proposed budget.

A public hearing on the new budget proposal will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 25 in Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Rd., at the start of the township board meeting.

Raises of three per cent are proposed for department heads and township hall clerical employees. No elected officials will be getting raises under the proposed budget.

Even as the final details were being worked out, the figures in the budget changed with the township's settlement of a new contract with its firefighters. The details of that settlement,

which with fringe benefits represents a seven per cent increase, are not included in the proposed budget.

Another variable which might change the budget would be the new contract that must be negotiated with DPW employees when their current pact expires in September.

Because the 35th District Court has just recently settled a new contract with its employees, a court budget has not yet been

submitted to the local governmental units and thus the proposed township budget only estimates that cost.

On the revenue side of the proposed budget, there are few major changes except the addition of the federal employment money. There are no changes in the existing tax levied by the township.

Some areas on the expenditure side of the budget have changed considerably over last year's budget.

Due to increased state funding for the Wayne County library system, local governmental units are paying less now than last year for their share of the Dunning-Hough Library. The proposed township budget calls for a spending cut from \$55,000 this year to \$40,000 next year for the library.

The 1974-75 township budget included \$29,670 for election expenses, but the proposed budget sets expenses at \$10,890 for the new budget year.

Increases in spending are shown in the proposed budget for: public improvement (\$40,500 for the annual payment on the township's newly acquired golf course); fire

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### Midnight Madness

Late hour shopping - featuring many special bargains - is coming to Plymouth for one night only, Wednesday, April 16.

"Midnight Madness" is the name of the sale being coordinated for downtown, Old Village and Ann Arbor Rd. merchants by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. Participating stores downtown will be open from 8 p.m. to midnight that evening and many will offer special bargains for the event.



YOU COULD SEE it on a cheerleader's face: the Rocks lost their bid Saturday for a shot at the Michigan Class A high basketball championship. (Staff photo by Robert Cameron.)

### Engravers Help Thwart Burglars

BY HANK MEIJER

Do you have a color TV? A stereo? Maybe a digital clock or a pocket calculator?

"Operation Identification" can help discourage a would-be burglar from lifting those or other valuables from your home.

In about a half hour's time most people should be able to engrave their driver's license number on each of their small appliances, according to Michigan State Trooper Michael Garrison, community affairs officer at the Plymouth Post.

The Plymouth Post now has 19 engraver kits - donated by National Bank of Detroit - which residents of Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships may borrow at no

charge for 48 hours.

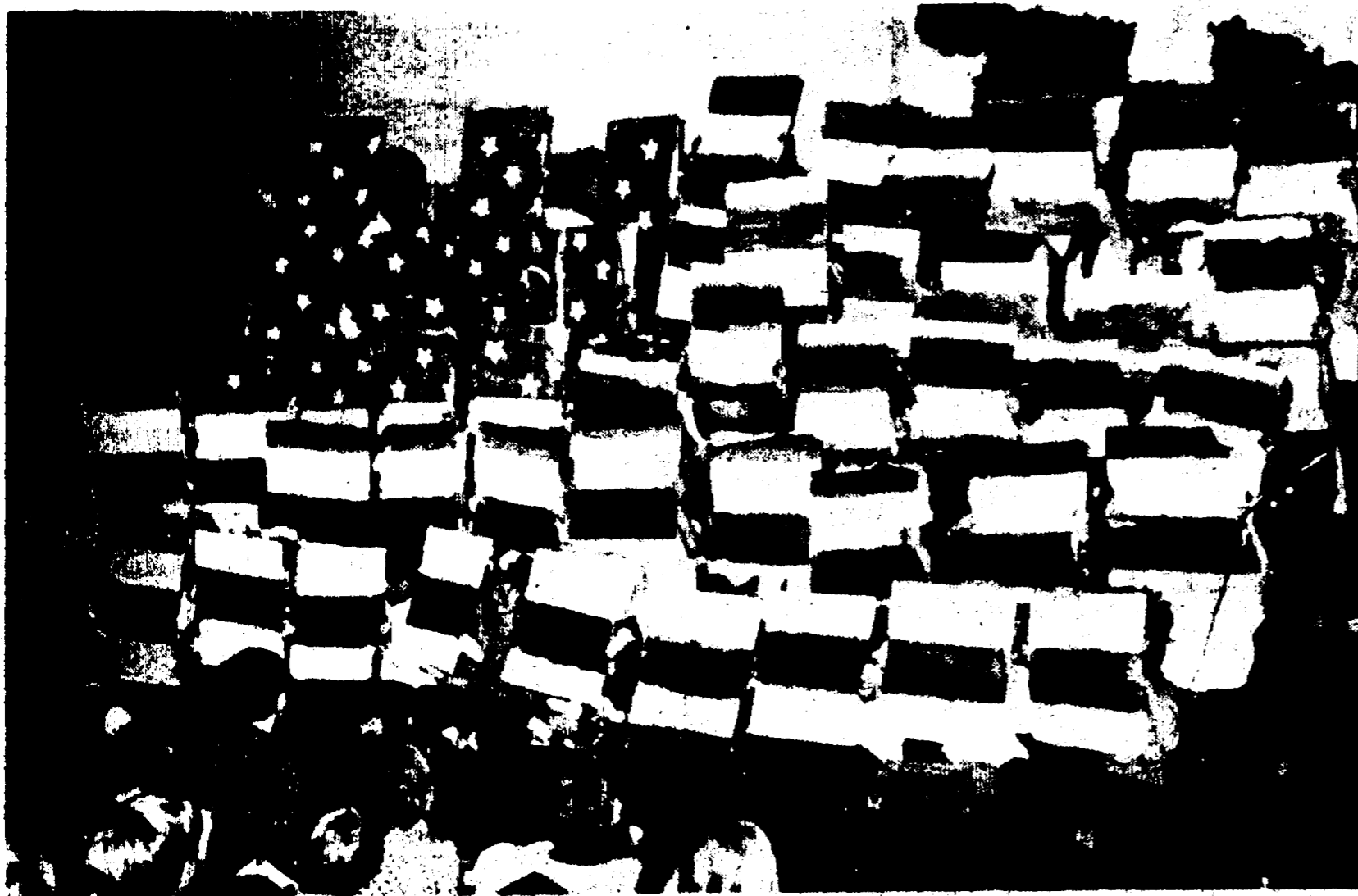
Engravers are also available at the Century 21 Real Estate Office on Main Street in Plymouth.

"We have to face it," Garrison said, "there's a lot of burglary around here."

Garrison noted that both Plymouth and Canton Townships have been plagued more by burglaries in the last year than by any other crime.

With your driver's license number engraved on the appliance, police say that the chances of recovering it should it be stolen are greatly increased.

Engravers are available at the post, located on Mill Street north of Ann Arbor Road, daily from 8 a.m. to midnight.



"I AM AN AMERICAN" was the theme last week as Flegal School students celebrated

America's heroic past in songs and skits. (Staff photo by Hank Meijer.)

# CEP Honorary Taps 71

Seventy one students of Plymouth - Salem and Plymouth - Canton high schools have been inducted into the National Honor Society's Plymouth chapter.

They will be formally sworn in, in ceremonies at 7:30 p.m. tonight (Wednesday) at the school.

Brian Schwall, a Canton Township trustee and an English teacher at Plymouth - Canton, will be the keynote speaker at the ceremonies. The Plymouth Centennial Educational Park

String Quartet will perform at the ceremony.

Those new members of the society are:

Lori Bistersky, Cathy Callahan, Vicki Chase, William Christie, Robin Cox, Janice Czupski, Kathleen Delaney, Valerie Dennison, Eileen Dickson, Janet Dobry, Kara Egan, Karen Faber.

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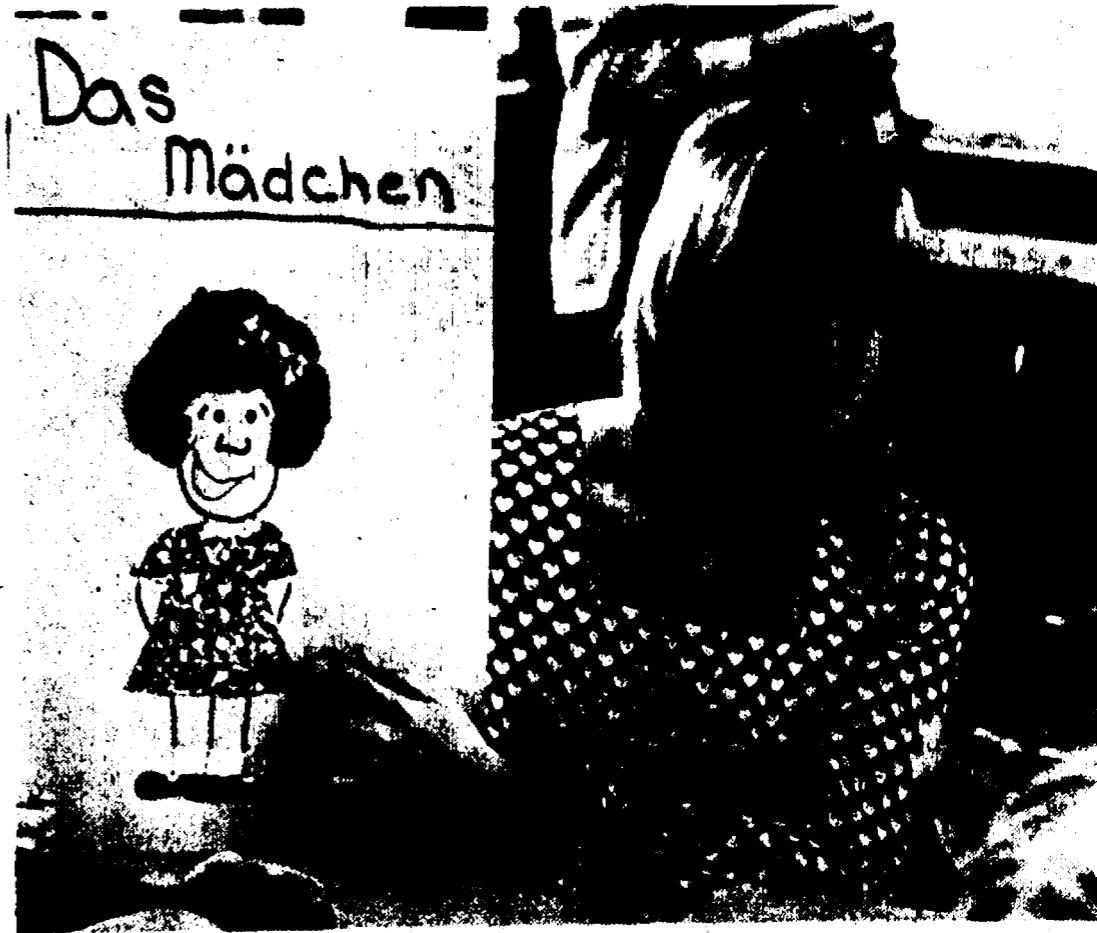
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Kimberly Thomson, Kathy Toor, Denise Toth, Kathy Ulbrich, Susan Wade, Charlotte Wall, Trudy Watkins, Steve Wendland, Ellen Whipple, Diane Yoakam.

## Schwall Appeals Nepotism Ruling

Canton Township Trustee Brian Schwall has sent his appeal to the U.S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Office in Chicago regarding Canton Township's hiring of the supervisor's secretary's husband with federal CETA funds.

Schwall's action follows a ruling by the local Manpower office that Canton had not violated CETA nepotism guidelines in hiring the secretary's husband as a \$9,000 a year assistant ordinance officer.



CANTON SENIOR KIM THOMSON and other volunteers from Madeline Salonen's Centennial Park fourth year German class "Sprechen Deutsch" with Lolita Buikema's Allen School second graders in an experimental program which benefits student and student-tutor alike. (Staff photo by Hank Meijer.)

## Board Delays Action on Canton Ctr. Zoning

BY KATHY KUENZER

The Canton Board of Trustees last week failed to reach agreement on the proposed reduction of commercial zoning on property on either side of Canton Center Road between Warren and Ford.

The proposal for reducing commercial zoning along the road from 600 to 400 feet depth had earlier been defeated by the planning commission. It was then sent to the Wayne County Planning Commission, which recommended that the rezoning affect only property on the west side.

Landowners along Canton Center said that reducing the size of commercially-zoned land there would restrict the usage of the land.

Jim Fulkerson, a property owner, said, "If you go to 400

feet all the land will be used for making money and nothing will be left for a greenbelt."

Bob Shefferly, a former planning commissioner, responded in a written statement that other communities had found trouble using the 500-foot commercial depth wisely and that "storage eyesors" often crop up on unused portions of commercial properties of this size.

A motion to reduce the commercial zoning to 400 feet was made by Treasurer Carl Parsell and supported by Trustee Gerald Cheske, but was defeated by a 3-3 vote, with Greenstein in the other yes vote.

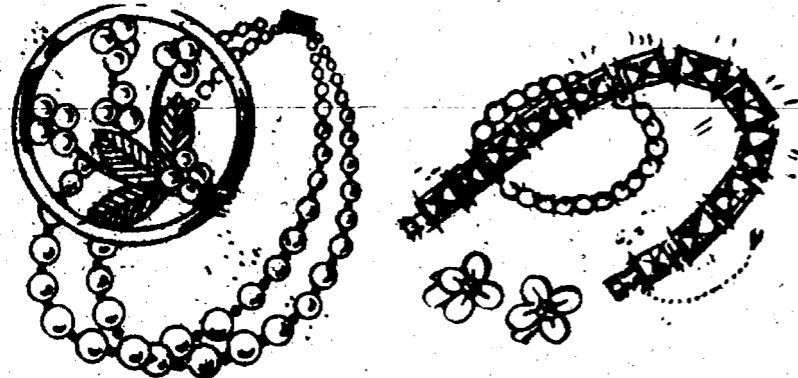
Motions to table the proposed charge for 30 days before reconsidering or to table until after the master plan is approved were also defeated.

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# Twp. Golf Course Gets New Management

As of April 1, Plymouth Township's Hilltop Golf Course on Powell Road at Ann Arbor Trail will be under new management.

The Township Board of Trustees last week authorized Supervisor J. D. McLaren to enter into a contract with Daniel Ross of Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth Township, for rent of approximately \$7,500 annually.

Ross replaces Chris Burghardt, who has operated the facility for 22 years.

Burghardt submitted a bid of about \$3,000. According to

Ross and Township Clerk Helen Richardson, he plans to make substantial improvements to the ramshackle wooden clubhouse, probably including a new floor and ceiling.

Still to be determined is whether beer, wine and liquor will be served on the premises. Burghardt holds a resort and tavern license which he plans to take with him to a golf club he owns near Battle Creek. Ross has applied to the township for a Class C permit - beer, wine and liquor by the glass.

Right now the township only has two licenses left to allocate. Should one be awarded to Ross' Hilltop Glen Golf Club, Inc., only one would remain to be used if necessary as an enticement to larger developers to build in the township.

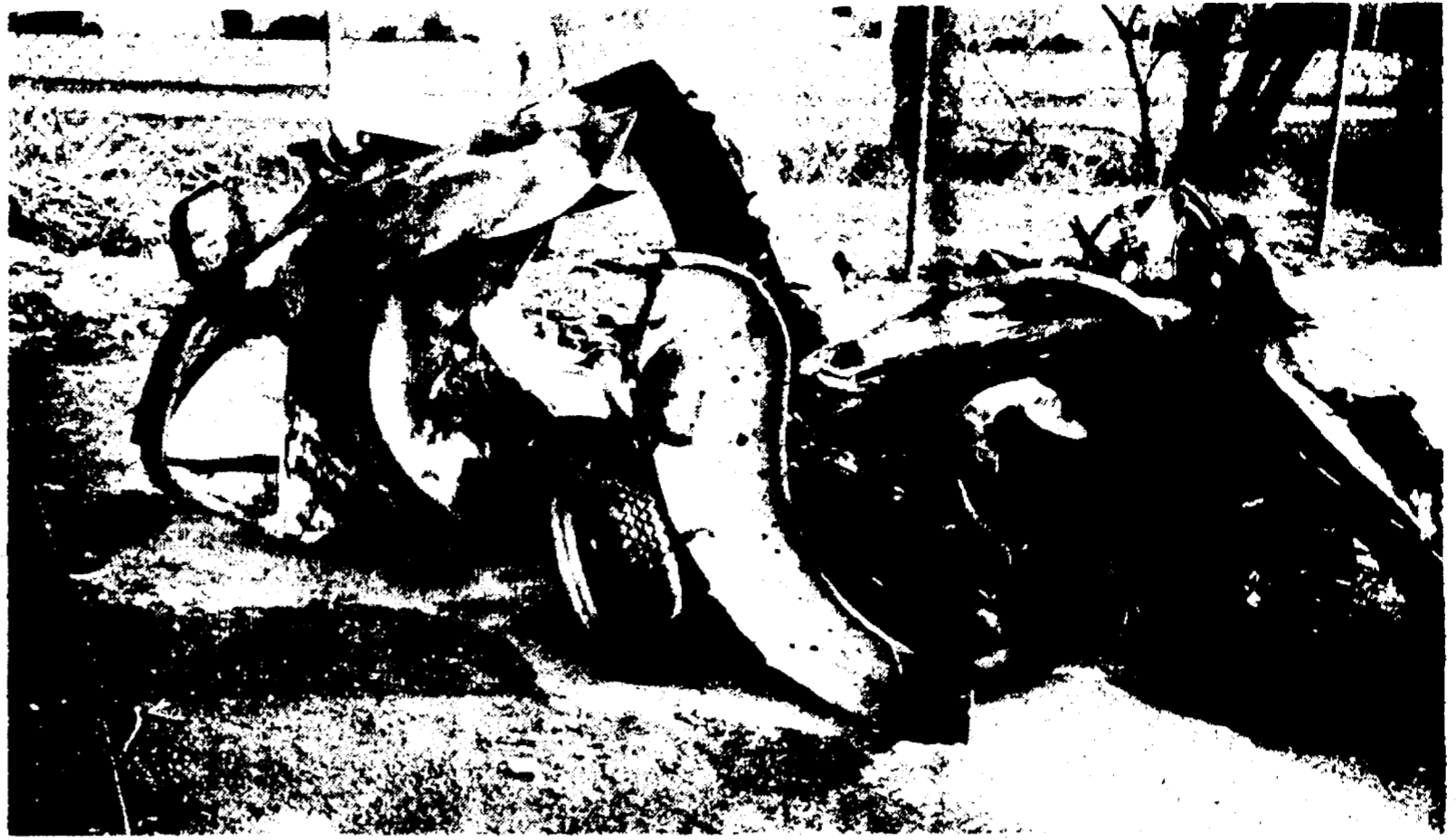
"I think it's quite important that he (Ross) have one," said Mrs. Richardson. "The average golfer expects it."

Ross is expected to sign a three-year lease that will be subject to change depending on how much money he makes, she said.

Burghardt said he was disappointed that the township had decided to bring in new management on so short a notice.

"I've been kicked in the teeth, I'm very bitter about it," he said. "I've done a lot for this community. We taught golf to 100 kids a year. To put any kind of money into this rat trap (the clubhouse) is ridiculous, but the die's been cast."

Although Burghardt had acted as pro at the facility, Mrs. Richardson said that Ross planned to bring in a pro who will be on duty at all times.



## Township Crash Kills Man

THIS CRUMPLED HEAP was all that was left of a Volkswagen in which a 22-year-old Ypsilanti man was killed Monday night. Police said he died instantly when he tried to pass an

eastbound semi-trailer on Ann Arbor Road, just west of Ann Arbor Trail, tried to pull back in and was struck by the truck and an oncoming semi and dragged for 70 yards. (Staff photo by W. Edward Wendover)

## Township Woman Shot Accidentally

Maria McCally, 20, of 1500 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township was treated and released from St. Mary Hospital Saturday after her fiance's .357 magnum revolver went off accidentally, striking her in the right arm and left wrist, State Police said.

Charles Thavette, 22, also of N. Territorial, told police at the hospital where he had driven Ms. McCally that he had just finished target shooting and had brought the weapon inside to clean it.

After he cleaned it, he said, he loaded it and picked it up to move it to a safe place. The hammer was not cocked, but the weapon discharged.

Thavette said he would bring it back to the Plymouth gun shop where he bought it to have it checked out.

State Police ruled the shooting accidental and closed the case.

# City Plans Asphalt Paving

The Plymouth City Commission Monday set April 7 as the date for a hearing of necessity on the proposed resurfacing and in some cases stabilization of sections of 10 city streets.

Due for asphalt resurfacing are Sunset from just north of Blanche to Farmer, Auburn from Penniman to just south of Blanche, Pacific from Farmer to Junction, Arthur from Penniman to William and from Farmer to Junction, William from Arthur to Harvey, Ross from Evergreen

to McKinley and from Harvey to Main and Elizabeth from Ann Arbor Trail to Roe.

Property owners on those streets would be assessed at \$3.64 per front foot.

Eight other sections of city streets will be resurfaced after the roadbed is churned up and regraded - or stabilized. Due for these improvements are Sunset from Penniman to just north of Blanche, Auburn from just south of Blanche to Junction, Arthur

from William to Blanche, Evergreen from Penniman to Junction, Irvin from William to Junction, Division from Starkweather to Mill, Ross from McKinley to Harvey and Holbrook from Plymouth Road to Union.

These sections will be assessed at \$6.91 per front foot.

The city's share of the \$209,000 project is expected to be about \$72,000.

## City Approves Joint Bicentennial Fest

The Plymouth City Commission agreed Monday to join with other governmental units in the Plymouth school district to plan a joint bicentennial celebration next year.

According to Commissioner Norbert Battermann, a joint bicentennial commission, which he proposed to the other municipalities at the last meeting of the school district-wide Intergovernmental Relations

Committee, would be able to qualify for substantial state matching funds once it receives the sanction of all the local governments.

He said that he was confident that Canton and Plymouth townships, as well as the schools, would participate in the joint venture.

"Most activities involve the total community and cannot be easily separated into individual municipalities," he said.

## Canton Opposes Edison Policy

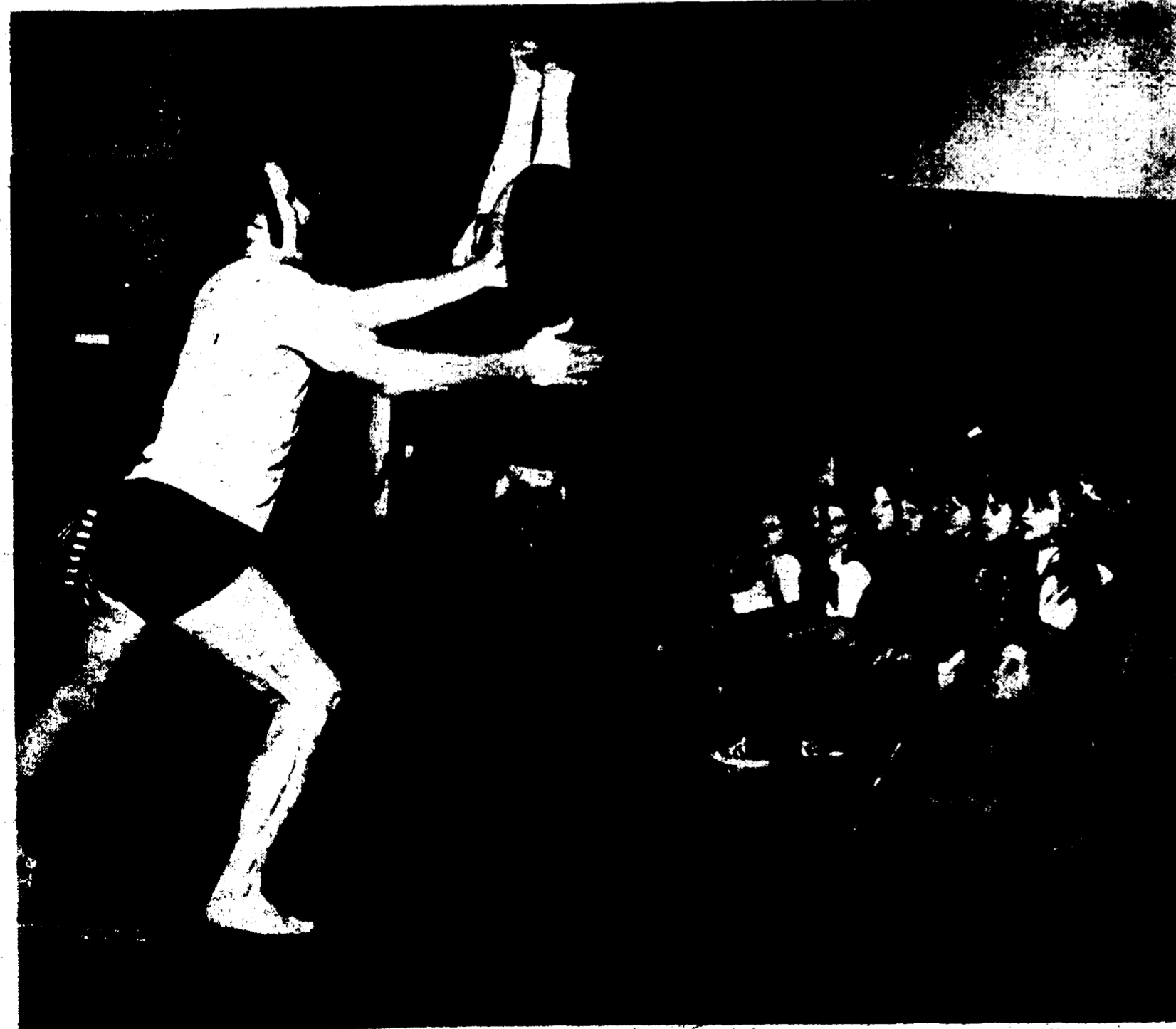
Canton Township's board of trustees has gone on record in opposition to Detroit Edison's new policy of refusing to erect street lights at its expense.

Treasurer Carl Parsell, in a resolution placed before the board, said that Edison had asked the Michigan Public Service Commission to release it from its obligation of installing street lights, thus sticking local governments with the expense.

Canton has an ordinance requiring the lighting of

subdivision streets and the township has been ordered by the courts to assist in lighting the new Joy Road-I-275 overpass. Cost of putting up one street light is about \$2,000.

Parsell contends that Detroit Edison has a "moral obligation" to the townships and that its offer to provide maintenance and reduced electricity rates if the townships paid for installation of the lights is not acceptable.



MEMBERS OF the Plymouth area gymnasts team and their coach, John Cunningham, thrill local Girl Scouts with a display of their skill during a Girl Scouts' dinner.



# Parsell: Voters Must Initiate Next Try for Safety Millage

BY KATHY KUENZER

The impetus for another vote on a safety millage in Canton Township will have to come from the people next time, according to Township Treasurer Carl Parsell.

Such a millage has been defeated twice in the past year. Parsell contends the first defeat was due to lack of information given to the public.

"It was thrown at the people," he said, "and the very people who would have benefitted most from it voted it down."

The levy would have paid for building, maintaining and staffing a fire station on Warren Road west of Haggerty.

Parsell attributes the second defeat to the general negative feelings of voters toward government. "It started on the national level and carried over to the local issues," he said. "I'm not sure it was a total economic problem."

He said that if the township could get general support from all areas - farming, business, homeowners - something might happen eventually with a new millage vote.

## What's Happening

The PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1955 is planning its 20-year REUNION for July 5 at the Mayflower Meeting House. For information call Peggy Wingard Garchow at 453-7841.

PLYMOUTH AREA LIFESPAN will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday, March 24 at 8 p.m. in the Plymouth Community Credit Union, 500 S. Harvey. Lifespan is a citizens lobbying group. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

PLYMOUTH GRANGE 389 will hold a luncheon Saturday, March 22 at 12:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall, 273 S. Union. Donations are \$1.50, with 25 cents for a card game. For reservations call Louise Tritten, 453-6387.

The ISBISTER PTG will show an instructional film entitled "THE CHILD MOLESTER" March 19 (tonight) at 7:30 p.m. in Isbister's multi-purpose room for all parents. The film was produced by the highway traffic safety association to aid parents in alerting and reminding their children of possible dangers. Al Jackman will discuss the film afterward.

The GERMAN-AMERICAN CLUB OF PLYMOUTH will meet for dinner Thursday, March 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Oddfellows Hall in Plymouth. For more details call Bob Fitzner at 453-6800.

The SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB OF PLYMOUTH will hold its BIRTHDAY PARTY meeting, Thursday, March 20 at noon in the Community Room of Tonquish Creek Manor, 1160 Sheridan. Bring a sack lunch. Coffee and tea will be served at 12:30 p.m. A surprise entertainment will highlight the program after which cards will be played. A get acquainted table is provided for those who do not play.

A Plymouth Recreation Department-sponsored TOUR OF THE COLDWATER AREA is being held April 8 for retirees and senior citizens and is open to all adults. The bus leaves the Plymouth Cultural Center at 8:30 a.m. and will return at about 5:30 p.m. Fee for the trip is \$6.25. The group will visit an automated regional truck line terminal, a shoe factory and the 100 year-old Tibitts Theater. Lunch will be at the Airport Inn. For reservations contact the recreation office, 525 Farmer, or phone 455-6620.

The Canton, Northville, Plymouth YMCA has CANCELLED the fourth MOVIE of the series, scheduled to be shown Saturday, March 22 at the Canton-Little Theater at Canton High School at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

The FOLK DANCE CLUB will meet Thursday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Plymouth Cultural Center and is sponsored by the Plymouth Recreation Department. The group is open to all who enjoy dancing.

Thursday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. TABLE TENNIS players meet at Central Middle School. Everyone is invited to play.

"FACTS ON FOOD," a dissertation by Plymouth nutrition specialist Lorraine Jarvis, and the film "Toronto" will be featured at 10 a.m. Friday, March 21 at the Plymouth Cultural Center for the monthly senior invitation series, which is open to all retirees, senior citizens and anyone interested. Mrs. Jarvis will discuss improving health and saving money through proper foods. The film is a forerunner of plans for a Canadian summer trip. Coffee will be served.

MARK TWAIN'S SINGING RIVER, a combination of songs, art and narration, will be presented at East Elementary School, 1042 S. Mill, tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. by the East Elementary PTO. The production will mark the observance tomorrow of Music in Our Schools Day.

THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP will hold its annual general membership meeting Thursday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in Plymouth Township Hall. All township residents are invited for an 8:30 p.m. program on the protection of homes against burglary.

An ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING will be held Saturday, March 22 from 1 to 3 p.m. in Canton Township Hall, 44508 Geddes, for a new CANTON VFW post. The organization needs 25 local members to start the post. Interested overseas veterans should bring their discharge papers or DD214 forms. For more details call William Marakovitz at 455-8825, Terry Dudek at 455-8933 or George Kurluk at 455-3105.

The FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SENIOR HIGH FELLOWSHIP will present the movie GODSPELL Sunday, March 23 at 6:30 and 9 p.m. at the church, 701 Church St. Tickets are available at the church office or at the door and are 75 cents for children under 12, \$1 for students and \$1.25 for adults.

The March meeting of Plymouth-Northville Chapter 1311 of the AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS has been changed to Tuesday, March 25 at noon in the Plymouth Presbyterian Church. Visitors 55 and over are welcome. A sack lunch at noon will be followed by singing and a short business meeting, with a slide show on Alaska set for 1:30 p.m.

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## The Crier's Notes

Niels Hansen, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neils K. Hansen of 11477 Aspen Dr., has been named to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" for his academic achievement at Eastern Michigan University, where he has been named to the dean's list for six semesters.

The 1971 Plymouth High School graduate is a tutor in EMU's political science department and has received a U.S. Army commission as a second lieutenant.

The Woodcreek Riders 4-H Club hosted an unusual event recently - a surprise "foal shower" for Tiffany, a pregnant Arabian mare owned by Billie Taylor of Plymouth. Tiffany is expecting a foal in early April. Little Caesars Family Inn, which hosted the affair, sent Tiffany a carrot.

Ann O'Reilly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Reilly of 1398 Penniman, Plymouth, has been named third place winner among sixth graders in the Sarah Cochrane Chapter DAR American History Essay Contest for 1975. She is a student at Our Lady of Good Counsel School and her subject was "Deborah Sampson, American Patriot" (a young woman who served with the Revolutionary Army disguised as a man).

Plymouth Historical Museum donor Margaret Dunning has resigned from the city's bicentennial committee.

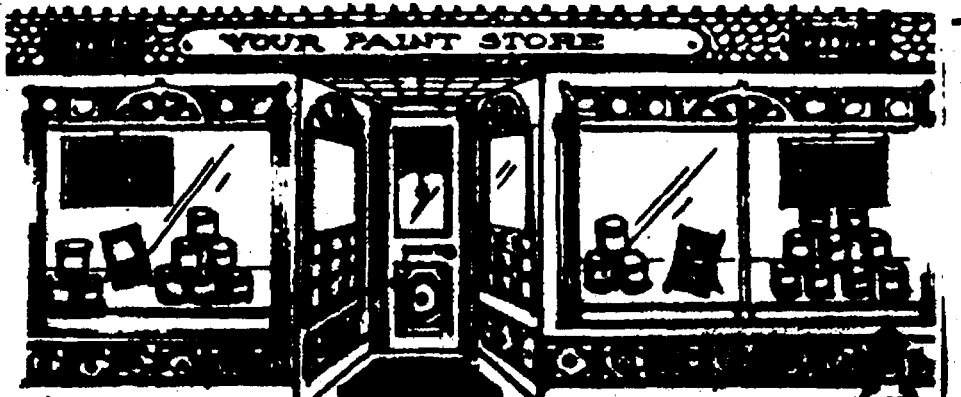
Newly-appointed chairman of the city group, which will plan a joint bicentennial celebration with neighboring municipalities, is Mrs. Elizabeth Folger of 1312 Maple.

University of Georgia senior Caroline Folger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Folger of 1312 Maple, Plymouth, gave her senior recital on piano recently in the University Chapel. The music therapy major performed works by Bach, Debussy and Pinto.

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But we must recognize that the Rocks' progress through the tournaments was worthy of our communities competitive spirit.

Our hats are off to the team members, the coaches and all their supporters for this historic achievement.

Next year, we'll go all the way to Crisler Arena.

We have another reason to be proud of the sports program in our Plymouth schools. Last Thursday night, the Plymouth - Canton girls' volleyball team captured a share of the Western Six League Crown.

This is the first time any Canton sports team has finished first in its league. Perhaps appropriately, in these times of increased emphasis on women's athletics, it was a girls' team.

By capturing their share of the crown, the

## Opinions

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Canton spikers have not only elevated the stature here of women's competitive sports, but have also shown that Plymouth - Canton High School teams can come out on top.

We applaud the Chief spikers as well as the Rock basketball players - both teams have given us much to be proud of.

— THE COMMUNITY CRIER

## Canton's 'Midnight Madness'

There's something about the hour of midnight that does strange things to people.

Signs of this mystery have been observed at both of the last two Canton Township Board meetings. After 12, as the meetings drag on, board members begin to say wild, unexpected things - particularly for men of their intelligence and position.

At the Feb. 25 meeting, Trustee Bob Myers got up and offered an incredible resolution to censure his fellow trustee, Brian Schwall, for "certain reckless, thoughtless and ill-studied accusations" made in the course of a CETA investigation. The resolution passed, with Schwall abstaining and Trustee Jim Poole

dissenting. Poole's mind evidently was not so muddled by the lateness of the hour.

Then, as the March 11 meeting reaching the "witching hour," Trustee Gerald Cheske moved a meeting be held between the township officers (Supervisor Bob Greenstein, Clerk John Flodin and Treasurer Carl Parsell) and about six members of the Citizens Advisory Council Steering Committee to discuss the formation of a permanent committee.

Schwall asked why the meeting couldn't be open for input by the entire board. Immediately the minds of the tired trustees came unglued, as witness:

Cheske: "I knew it would get political, no matter what I said. If we can't trust each other, I don't know what we're doing here."

Parsell: "May I amend the motion to say if Mrs. Schwall is not present at the meeting, then Mr. Schwall could be there." (Mrs. Schwall has been a member of the CAC committee.)

Schwall: "That was uncalled

for, Mr. Parsell. Mrs. Schwall is not being discussed here."

Greenstein: "How much input do you need from one family, Mr. Schwall?"

Schwall: "Are we going to have more of your assinine remarks?"

Greenstein: "You're like a child who can't get his own way, Mr. Schwall."

With that, a vote was called for and Schwall was the only dissenter.

Poole hesitated, but the lateness got to him.

If we are to be witness to such carrying-on by the elected officials of the community, then I move we do something to avoid such situations.

Possibly meetings could start at 7:30 p.m. so that we could avoid that mystical hour of midnight. Or maybe meetings could be held more than twice monthly, especially if lengthy discussions are expected for certain items on the agenda.

At any rate, we Cantonites deserve to see better behavior from our leaders - no matter what the hour.

—KATHY KUENZER

## Kids: Please Return Money

Editor:

Will the girl and boy who were snow shoveling early Friday evening March 7 please be kind enough and honest enough to return the \$20 you were trusted with to get changed and also the black leather change purse with embroidered pink flower on one side loaned to you to carry the money in.

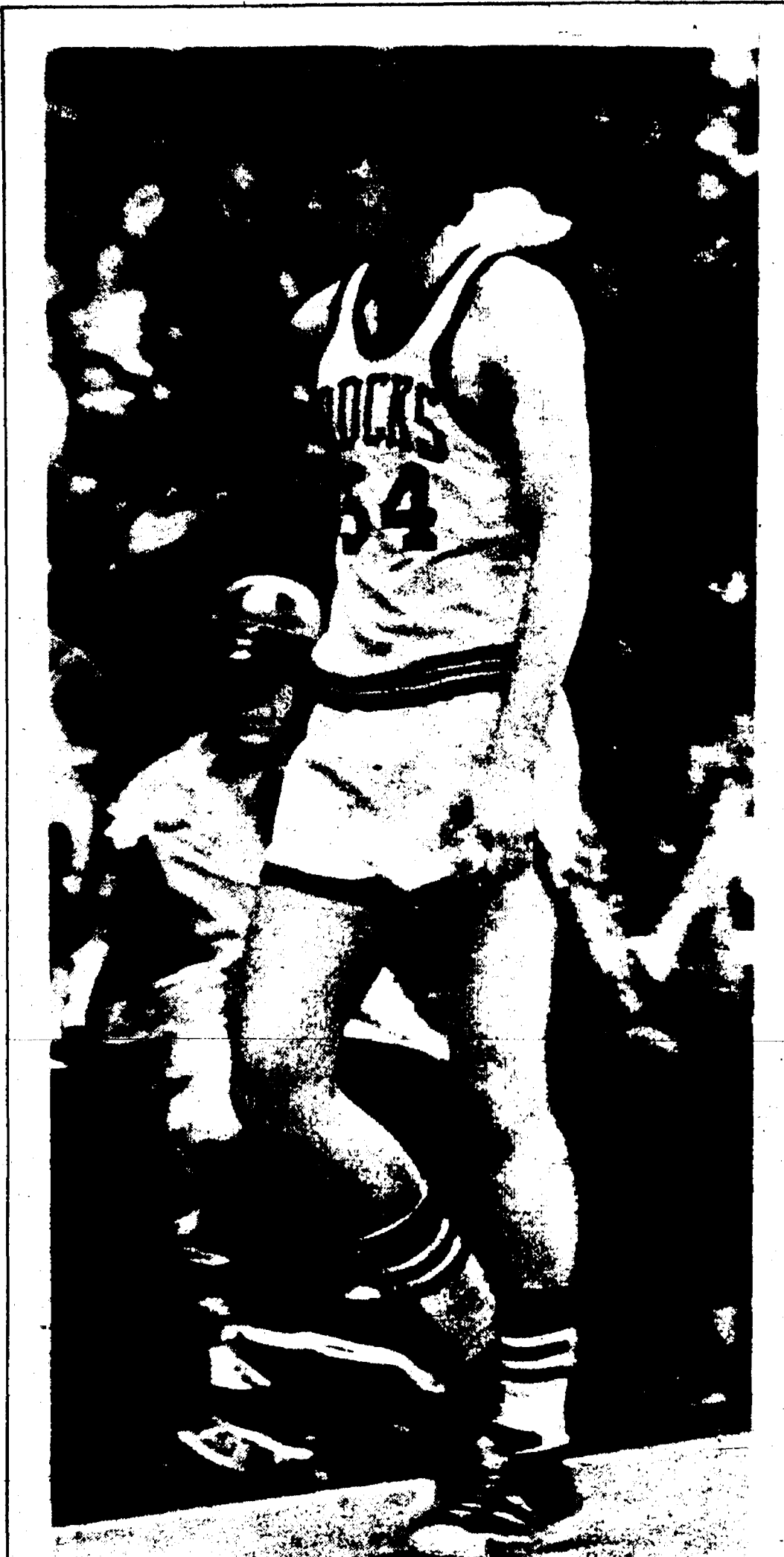
The purse means much to me because of the giver.

You may have forgotten or couldn't get the money changed. Please leave the above or at least what's left at 157 Rose St., Plymouth, and I'll not put you down, for I'm sure that neither of you wish to cause a hardship on anyone.

I'm wondering if your parents know you obtained that much money and the purse on that early evening at about 5:15 p.m. I hope you are trustworthy enough to do the right thing by returning them. Thank you.

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157 ROSE ST., PLYMOUTH



Staff photo by Robert Cameron

## The Agony of Defeat

## Sportsmanship-- It's as Important as Winning

Even as their dream of a state championship slipped away in the waning minutes of the semifinals Saturday, Plymouth - Salem's Rocks played with the poise that has characterized their season.

Their sportsmanship sets a standard for the community.

Some of the fans and one cheerleader seem to abide by a different standard, however.

Granted, emotions run high and booing is common practice at sports events everywhere, but Rock fans might have shown a little more class than to boo and catcall whenever a Flint Northwestern player took a free throw.

Then there was the cheerleader who was an embarrassment to team and fans alike. After one call with which she disagreed, she risked a technical foul by cursing the

referee and gesturing obscenely at him.

Later she threatened photographers from both local papers as they took pictures. But she was an exception. Most of the cheerleaders supported their team and exhorted their fans with grace and spirit.

It's too bad she took the "leader" out of cheerleader.

—W. EDWARD WENDOVER AND HANK MEIJER

## Soul Power?

Following Saturday's loss of the all - white Plymouth - Salem Rocks to the all - black Flint Northwestern team, one jubilant Flint fan offered a suggestion to the dejected Rock bench:

"You all just got to get some soul brothers on your team."

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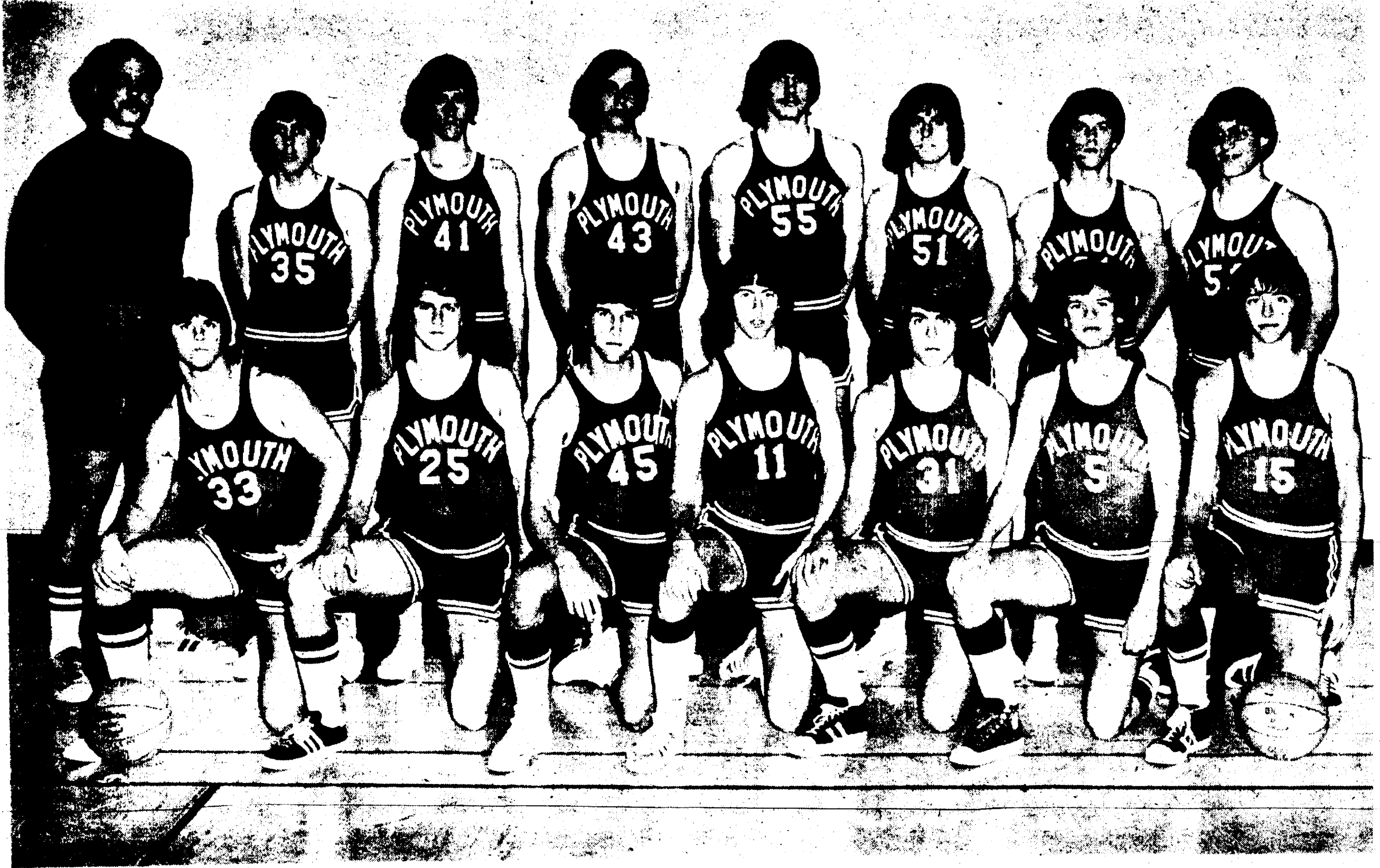
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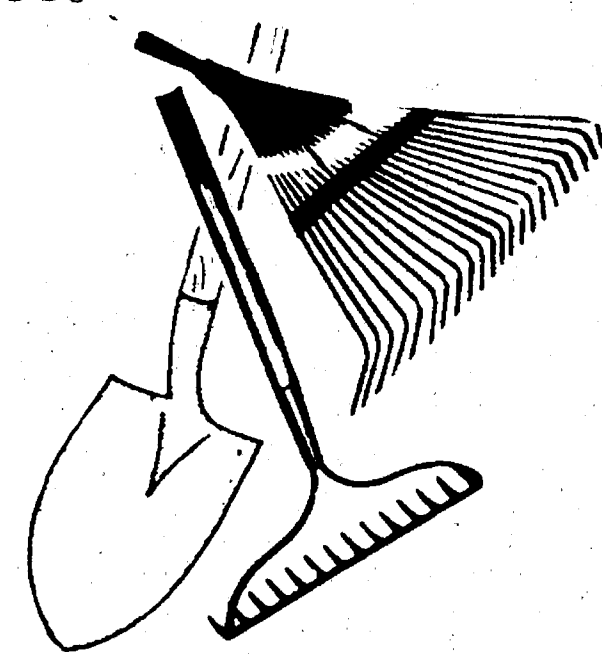
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# Miller Class Starts Paper

BY KATHY KUENZER

When my son's teacher asked me at the December parent-teacher conference if I'd be interested in helping the class start a small newspaper, I had mixed feelings - I'd love to help out, but did I have the time?

Well, where your children are concerned questions of time have a way of being answered for you, usually you spend it.

So it was with a little trepidation that I entered room E-1, the third and fourth grade classroom of Mrs. Kathy Sibert at Miller School. I had been there many times before, but never as an "editor-in-chief." As a lowly reporter-feature writer for a small-town paper, I wondered just how much I could give these children before they caught up with me!

Mrs. Sibert got things rolling by having the kids examine the newspaper to see exactly what it contained - news, features, editorials, cartoons, poems and variations of all of these. The class brought in newspaper clippings to study and categorize.

We talked about the "five W's and one H" (who, what, where, when, why, and how) which all beginning journalism students must know and use for news stories. I told the kids there was news everywhere, you just had to develop a "nose" for it. Our class paper was going to be read by classmates and parents, so even a birthday party would be interesting news.

Then the class began to write. Students wrote poetry, short stories, "how to" stories on puppet-making and recipes. Unfortunately, with few exceptions they wrote very little news.

Mrs. Donna Miceli, another mother and a former newspaper columnist who assisted in the class project, said that in her time spent editing the materials, she could see our newspaper was fast becoming a magazine.

So the next step was to assign news stories - like those which real-life reporters receive regularly. This seemed to help, and a few newsy items trickled in.

After some five weeks of writing, rewriting, and editing, a short time each day (I came in



JUNIOR JOURNALISTS Steve Mercieca (left), Irene Shu and Mike Murray were among members of Kathy Sibert's Miller School third and fourth grade class who recently produced one of the area's newest newspapers - The E-1 Press (staff photo)

on a weekly basis), I decided that news or not, we'd better let the children see some results.

On Feb. 14, 1975, Vol. 1, No. 1, of THE E-1 PRESS came rolling off the presses, or should I say, out of the mimeograph machine, with the able assistance of Mrs. Suzanne Gamache, another mother and expert typist.

I wasn't there when the kids first looked at the fruit of their efforts, but Mrs. Sibert was delighted with the results. My son, Jim, said the class's comments ranged from "gee!" to "wow!" to "far out!" My reaction was more a sigh of relief mixed with a twinge of pride that I had something to do with

this first effort.

The class is learning more than just how to write news stories. The youngsters are putting to practical use their study of grammar, spelling, punctuation and art. They are also learning how to ask questions, understand copyright laws, meet deadlines and accept constructive criticism.

Most important of all, they are developing a sense of achievement, of contributing along with their classmates to a common effort.

Who knows, maybe hiding somewhere in the guise of a third or fourth grader is another J.F. terHorst.

## Gas Station Hit

Burglars late last Tuesday or early Wednesday morning broke out a large plate glass window and made away with \$2 in petty cash and four cartons of cigarettes from the Gulf gas station at Ford Road and Canton Center, according to State Police.

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Coordinated plans for the production of a video tape offering "A Bicentennial Salute to Plymouth-Canton" mark the beginning of an American Assn. of University Women Bicentennial project for Plymouth.

Production of the video tape, a project of the Plymouth Branch of the AAUW, received full endorsement by the City of Plymouth Bicentennial Commission at a meeting Feb. 27. Representatives of the

Bicentennial commissions of Plymouth and Canton townships who attended the meeting also showed interest in the project. Official sanction by local governments may result in coordinated support from all three area Bicentennial commissions.

The tape will be a 30-45 minute feature showing activities in Plymouth-Canton that depict our sense of community. The unifying theme will be our historical consciousness - our

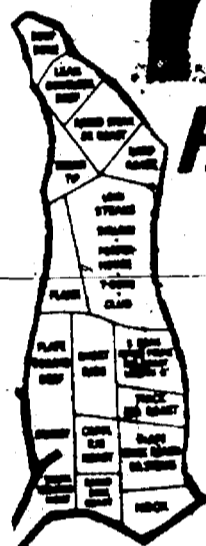
past as prologue to the present, challenge to the future. The tape will be shown in the Dunning-Hough Library during the 1975 Fall Festival and will be available throughout 1976 for viewing in the schools and by community groups.

Members of the AAUW Media Group, chaired by Mrs. W.A. Fisher, will work with Plymouth-Salem High School television director Wisam Kazaleh and his students to produce the tape.

The Plymouth Branch has budgeted toward production of the tape and has applied for grant assistance from the state and national AAUW.

The AAUW production crew is collecting existing audio-visual materials that could be included in the tape. They are arranging to use old photos and slides and want to find film of past Fall Festivals and July 4 parades.

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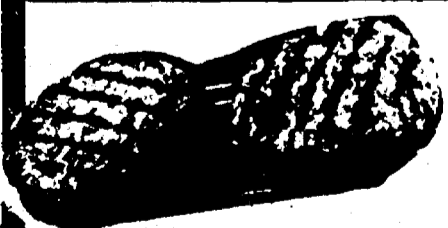


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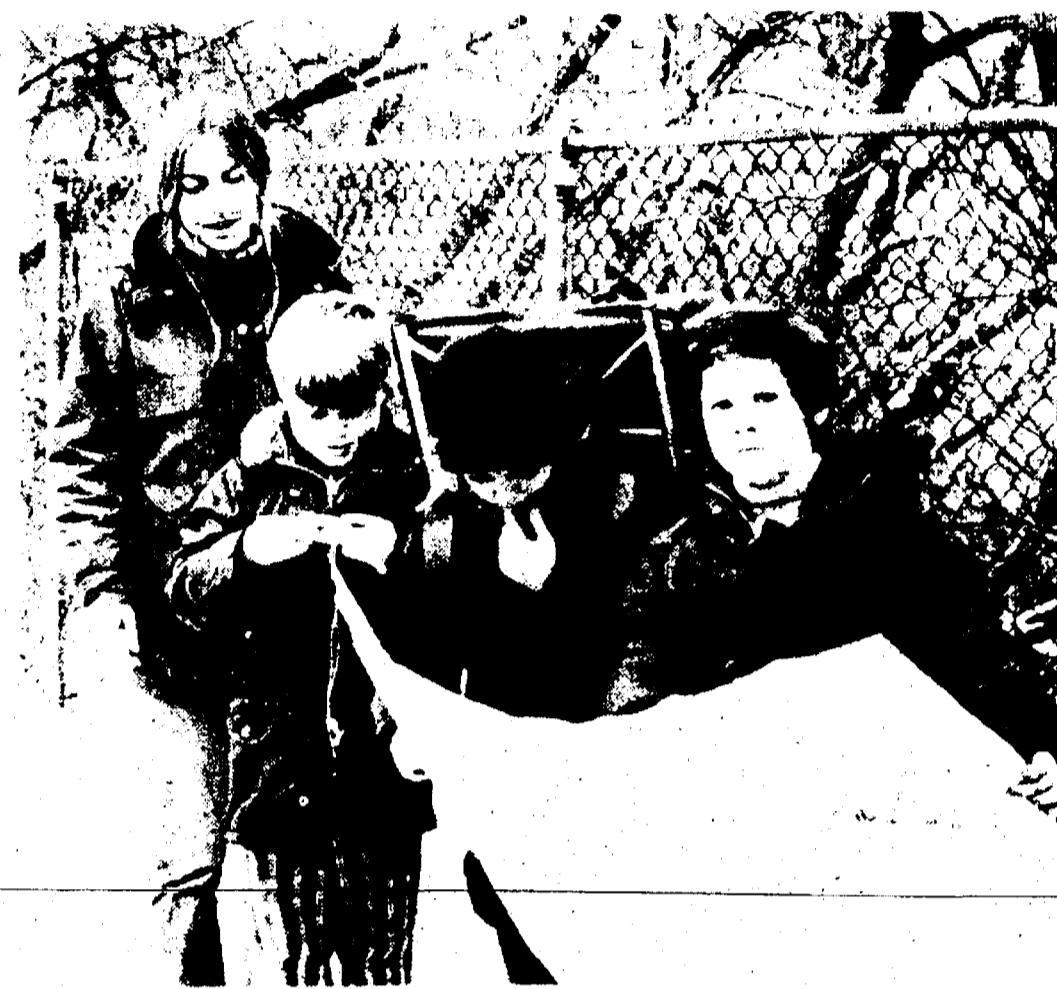
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CHECKING THE COMPASS for wilderness adventures are (from left) Margaret Baxter, Robert Hurst, David Freeman and Mike Bacon. Ms. Baxter, a graduate of the Outward Bound wilderness survival program, will instruct youngsters and adults alike in hiking, climbing, camping and biking techniques and supervise outings this summer for the Plymouth, Canton, Northville YMCA. Sessions start April 19. For details contact the Y office. (Staff photo by Hank Meijer.)

# Call of the Wild?

BY KATHY KUENZER

When spring finally decides to show its face, most of us want to get outdoors.

This spring the YMCA in our area will be there with a new program, designed to help us enjoy the outdoors more.

The new activity, sponsored by the Canton - Northville - Plymouth YMCA, is called "Wilderness Adventure" and will be under the direction of Plymouth native Margaret Baxter.

Ms. Baxter will be teaching children and adults alike the skills of backpacking, bicycling, map reading, rappelling, first aid, safety and compass reading and sharing her knowledge of woods and environment. Indeed, the course is aimed at giving its students the principles of outdoor survival and the importance of working together.

While completing her degree work in natural resources at the University of Michigan, Margaret was a student of the Hurricane Island Outward Bound school in Maine. Outward Bound conducts intensive programs in wilderness survival techniques, teaching not only basic survival skills, but instilling the self-confidence and courage to face the severest hardships of the wilderness.

"Hurricane Island mainly teaches sailing and survival around water," she explained. "As the final challenge, I was dropped off on an island for

three nights and four days. They left me with ten matches, a first aid kit, a sleeping bag, a plastic tarp and a knife. Of course, when the tide rolled out, my table was set for me - sea urchins, clams, etc."

She adds that the instructors do check daily on their "lone survivors."

The 1970 Plymouth high graduate has worked with youngsters in outdoor education programs in New Jersey and Massachusetts and has been a counselor and instructor in related activities in Maine, Ann Arbor and Plymouth.

Beginning the week of April 14, she will be sharing her skills with area residents age six through adult. Each course held after school for youngsters will extend for four weeks, with two sessions offered. The classes will meet once a week for two hours. Classes will probably be limited to about 10 each.

Saturday and weekend sessions will be conducted for those 15 and up. Participants will attend one two-week session - a Saturday class the first week and an overnight session the second.

Even adults (particularly mothers) can attend classes, meeting from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays.

If you feel the call of the wild, why not phone the Y at 453-2904 and join with others in learning how to enjoy the great outdoors even more.

*Salem Bows 59-53*

# Flint Cagers Spoil Rocks' Title Bid



BY DENNIS O'CONNOR

The end of a long basketball season came one week sooner than the Plymouth-Salem Rocks would have wanted it to as they lost their Saturday afternoon semi-final contest to the Flint Northwestern Wildcats 59-53 before a crowd of more than 9,000 at Michigan State's Jenison Fieldhouse.

The Rocks earned the coveted trip to East Lansing by handling Pontiac Central 70-57 in the quarterfinal game at Ferndale High School last Thursday.

Plymouth finishes the most rewarding season in the school's history with a 22-3 record, best ever by a Plymouth basketball team.

Last year's Rocks finished at 21-3, bowing out in the first round of regional play. To go along with their outstanding record are trophies for winning the Suburban Eight League title (second year in a row), the district crown (second in a row), the regional championship (first ever) and the Churchill Christmas Tournament title.

By reaching Jenison Fieldhouse, the Rocks established themselves as one of only four Class A teams to survive the Michigan High School Tournament. But unfortunately for Plymouth, they failed to take that final trip to Ann Arbor for the finals, thanks to the outstanding pressure defense of the Wildcats from Flint.

The game was hip and tuck all the way as the lead changed

## Sports

hands on six different occasions. The score was tied 12 times. Neither team could build more than a six-point margin.

Both squads started out extremely tight and nervous and their cold shooting showed it. The first points weren't scored until with two and a half minutes were gone Eric Agardy sank two free throws for the Rocks.

With the shots continuing to rim the hoop and fall out, the struggle went on. Flint held a narrow 10-8 lead after the first quarter.

Eight second-quarter points by Agardy and fine foul shooting by guard Brian Wolcott gave Plymouth as much as a four-point lead with 1:18 left in the first half. But two quick baskets by the Wildcats, the last coming with two seconds left, knotted things up at 24 - all at the intermission.

A seesaw third quarter found the Wildcats open an early five-point lead, 35-30, as the Rock offense had trouble generating any points.

To make things worse, Agardy

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## A Canton First! Spikers Share Title

For the first time in Plymouth-Canton's short two year varsity sports history, a Chief team has won a Western Six League championship.

The girls volleyball team, under the direction of coach Cindy Burnstein, took its final league match of the season over Waterford Mott to finish with a 6-2 conference record and a tie for the title with Livonia Churchill.

The Chiefs' victory over Mott came last Thursday afternoon at the Mott gym. Canton won in straight games, 16-14 and 15-10.

This year's squad is a veteran crew of seniors who worked hard over the past year to improve their play both individually and as a team. These six starters were: Barb Palmer, Cindy Ross, Lisa Williams, Chris Boyd, Karen Reid and Karen Cox.

TOWERING Eric Agardy scored 16 points and dominated the boards Saturday before fouling out in Plymouth-Salem's 59-53 semifinal loss to Flint Northwestern in Michigan State's Jenison Field House. (Staff photo by Robert Cameron.)

### Sports Happenings

The Canton Township Recreation Department will hold a MEN'S SLO-PITCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING March 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall at 128 N. Canton Center Rd. All interested teams should have a representative attend. New teams are welcomed, but must have 75 per cent or more of their members either working or living in Canton. Games will be played nightly beginning at 6:15, Monday through Thursday at the Canton Recreation Park on Canton Center Road. Interested teams can contact the recreation department at 453-2650.

The PLYMOUTH GYMNASTICS TEAM will host a Michigan Regional Tournament Saturday (March 22) at the Plymouth gym. Starting time for this prestigious tourney is 10 a.m. It will run throughout the day. The best gymnastic squads from the area will take part.

A HOCKEY team FROM SWEDEN will visit the Plymouth and Westland areas next week to compete against area teams. The Swedes will visit the Plymouth Cultural Center next Wednesday night (March 26) for games against the Plymouth bantam and midget squads. Starting time is 7 p.m. Play will continue until 10 p.m.

Canton Township Recreation will hold its first WOMEN'S SLO-PITCH LEAGUE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING Wednesday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Canton Firehall, 128 Canton Center. Teams must have players at least 75 per cent of whom live or work in Canton Township. Games will be played at the Canton Recreation Field. To help teams set up their players, the recreation department will accept calls from anyone who wants to play and refer them to teams needing more members. Players and teams should call Canton Township Recreation at 453-2650.



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# Gymnasts Place in Regionals

At the Class II Regional Championships in the Michigan Association for Gymnastics, Laurie Beale, Amy Unger and Kim Smith of the Plymouth Gymnastics team placed in the top 10 in their events.

Beale was tenth in the floor exercise and seventh on the balance beam. Unger placed tenth on the balance beam, while Smith was sixth in floor exercise.

Four more Plymouth girls

placed at the United States Gymnastics Federation State Championships. In Class I

## Rocks Dump Pontiac

Jim Ellinghausen came out firing at the Ferndale gym last Thursday. The six-foot-seven and a half inch junior hit on eight of 11 shots for 16 points, leading the Rocks to an unstoppable 22-8 first quarter margin over the Pontiac Central Chiefs in their quarter-final showdown.

Plymouth maintained a steady 13 to 17-point lead throughout the rest of the contest, disposing of the Chiefs 70-57.

Ellinghausen finished the night with 28 points, followed by Eric Agardy with 24. Brian Wolcott added 10.

competition, Jill Moorehead was eighth all-round, tenth in floor, ninth on beam, sixth on the uneven bars and tenth in vaulting. Cindi Garbus was seventh all around, seventh in floor, fourth on beam, fourth on bars and sixth in vaulting.

Class II competition saw Lori Agnew place first in every event. Patti Muraske was third all-round, third in the floor exercise, second on the beam, third on the bars and second in vaulting.

## Chiefs Honored

Dave Edwards was voted by his teammates as most valuable player for the 1974-1975 Plymouth - Canton basketball team. Edwards averaged 14 points and 12 rebounds a game.

Marty Peck was given the Coach's Award for most hustle and team spirit on the ballclub.

# Rocks Trip in Tourney

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committed his fourth personal foul with six minutes left in the period. But six-foot-six-inch reserve forward Bill DenHouter filled the shoes of the six-nine and a half center in great fashion.

With DenHouter in the lineup, Plymouth quickly reeled off eight straight points to take a three-point lead. The Rocks maintained that edge until halfway into the final quarter, when Flint pressure caused them to make too many turnovers, enabling the Wildcats to overtake Plymouth for good, 49-47.

Desperately the Rocks tried to grab back the lead, but it was to no avail as slick ball handling and clutch free throws put the game away for Flint.

Jim Ellinghausen led the Rock attack with 22 points. Agardy scored 16 before fouling out in the final two minutes. DenHouter pumped in eight and had three assists during his short appearance.

Plymouth shot its worst game from the field since Christmas time, hitting only 37 per cent. Flint countered with 43 per cent.

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BY DENNIS O'CONNOR

It was indeed a disappointment that the Plymouth-Salem Rocks didn't win their semifinal game Saturday at East Lansing — the loss kept them from Crisler Arena competition for the championship of the 51st Michigan High School Basketball Tournament.

But to me, the greatest disappointment was that the Rocks had to come up with such a mediocre performance before so many people at Jenison Field House and in the media.

Many people who hadn't seen the Rocks play all season except for the loss Saturday came up to me the next day and asked how a team like the one they saw got so far in the tournament.

It bothers me to think that all the media people and impartial fans in the fieldhouse might conclude that the Rocks were really as poor as their performance showed.

Here was a team which had the ability to go all the way in the tournament. It was a team which, unfortunately, lost on the road by one point very early in the year to a Bentley team which never did lose on its home court. Because of that first loss, Plymouth was totally overlooked by the big metro area media people and pollsters for the rest of the season.

After that loss, the Rocks went on to win all but one of their final regular season games.

It was an unrecognized team that was improving with each game it played. It was a team that was peaking more and more as the post-season tournament progressed. It was a team that showed solid defense and a balanced attack that I still believe was second to none. It was a team with the combination of overwhelming height and alert backcourt play.

So the Rocks got to the semi-finals with a chance to prove to all that they were the best team in the State of Michigan. But they played one of their flattest games of the year.

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lowest in the last three months. Just two nights before, the same club shot an incredible 59 per cent to blow powerful Pontiac Central off the court in their quarter-final game.

Everybody seemed to play below par in the semi-final game. Twenty-seven turnovers were committed. This total was more than the Rocks had committed in their last 10 quarters of action.

I just hope that anybody who did see Plymouth play for the first time Saturday will remember that this was the team with the best record of the four Class A semi-finalists. The Rocks achieved that distinction with solid play all season.

The Plymouth-Salem players deserve a lot of overdue recognition for all their accomplishments of the past season. This squad has given the whole community a thrill that will not be forgotten for many years.

## Plymouth's Mites, Squirts Win Divisions

Hockey teams from Plymouth did well in the second annual Plymouth Invitational Hockey Tournament which ended Sunday held at the cultural center.

The Plymouth Mites (six-eight years old) were undefeated in round robin tourney play. They beat teams from Southgate, Redford, Ecorse and Farmington (twice).

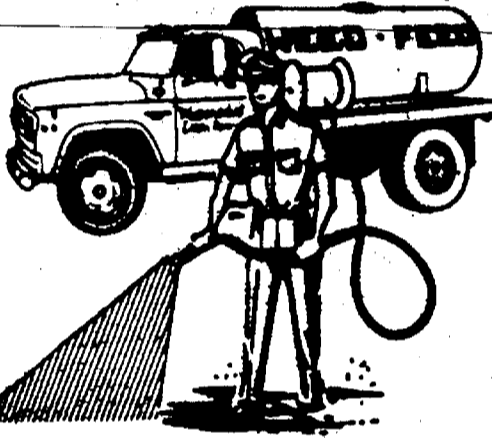
The Squirts (nine-ten years) were also champions in their division. They beat Dearborn Heights in the finals.

Westland won the bantam division, while Garden City was victorious in the midget group.

A very close race for the Junior A division title was won by a team from Trenton. It was a three-way battle all week, with Plymouth in the thick of it.

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# Twp. Holds Budget

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department expenses not including the negotiated raise (\$13,000). Other increases in the budget sections reflect the additional CETA employes, increased costs of supplies and utilities and the three per cent raises for township employes.

The proposed general fund budget does not include the water and sewer department budget which - at the moment - estimates a decrease in revenues and expenditures from \$783,520 in 1974-75 to \$729,900 for 1975-76.

This estimated decrease, according to Plymouth Township Clerk Helen Richardson, reflects a more accurate estimate of the

department's spending and revenues than that shown in last year's budget. In addition, the clerk said, the slump in new construction has meant a reduction in water-sewer tap-ins.

But the biggest question mark in the township water and sewer budget remains. The cost of the water to the township, which comes from the Metropolitan Detroit Water Board, is now being raised.

Although the new price has not yet been set, it is possible that the increase may be so large, that a local increase in the water rates may be necessary to cover these costs.

The public may speak on the budget proposal at Tuesday's public hearing.

## 3 Bands Win Honors

The Plymouth Centennial Educational Park Symphony Orchestra received four I (superior) ratings recently at the District 12 Michigan School Band and Orchestra Festival class AA section competition in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The orchestra is now qualified to enter the state festival to be

held May 3 in the Battle Creek - Kalamazoo area and will compete with top rated class AA orchestras from all over the state.

This year's festival marks the fifth straight year that members of the park orchestra have received top ratings.

Central Middle School's intermediate and advanced bands directed by Michael P. DiCuirci, received straight I ratings in the District 12 Band Festival held March 8 at Ida High School, Ida.

A Division I rating "signifies excellence and near perfection of performance," and entitles the two bands to compete in the State Band Festival April 26.

Numbers performed by the intermediate band included: "March of the Irish Guard," "Kentucky 1800," and "Suite in a Minor Mode;" for the Advanced Band: "Trumpets of Splendor," "Suite in a Minor Mode" and "English Masters Suite."

At the conclusion of the concert performance each group was directed to the sight reading room, where each played two further selections never seen or heard by them before. Both bands received straight A's in sight reading.

## Mrs. Morrison Dies

Margaret W. Morrison, 73, of 300 E. Liberty, Plymouth, died March 2 in St. Mary Hospital. Services were held in First United Methodist Church with arrangements by Schrader Funeral Home. Rev. Philip Rogers Magee officiated.

Mrs. Morrison is survived by her husband, Alford; a daughter, Lorraine Spal of Los Alamitos, Calif.; a brother, Henry, and a sister, Mrs. Martha Stein, both of Germany; and three grandchildren.

She was a native of Germany, a housewife and a member of First United Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. She also belonged to the Plymouth Friends and the Tuesday and Thursday Golf League.

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American League	National League
*76ers 9-1	*Mustangs 9-1
Celtics 7-3	Trojans 8-2
Cougars 7-3	Lakers 8-2
Rocks 7-3	Chargers 7-3
Darts 6-4	Hawks 6-4
Buildings 5-5	Stags 4-6
Pistons 3-7	Bullets 3-7
Knicks 3-7	Sonics 3-7
Warriors 2-8	Bulls 2-8
Royals 1-9	Nats 0-10

\*denotes league champs

**Week's Results:**  
Rocks 28, Dougars 24; 76ers 29, Celtics 13; Knicks 28, Pistons 17; Warriors 31, Royals 30; Darts 35, Buildings 32; Bullets 27, Sonics 23; Bulls 18, Nats 14; Chargers 42, Stags 28; Trojans 46, Hawks 34; Mustangs 53, Lakers 36.

**Boys A League**

American League	National League
*Sonics 10-0	*Celtics 8-2
Bulls 7-3	*Cougars 8-2
Knicks 6-4	Warriors 7-3
Bullets 4-6	Mustangs 6-4
Pistons 4-6	Rocks 5-5
Chargers 1-9	Royals 4-6
Lakers 0-10	Nats 0-10

\*denotes league champs

**Week's Results:**  
Celtics 52, Rocks 37; Pistons 47, Chargers 31; Sonics 69, Bullets 46; Knicks 49, Royals 29; Warriors 45, Bulls 44; Mustangs 42, Nats 21; Cougars 52, Lakers 28.

**Boys AA League**

*Hoodlums 9-4	Badgers 6-7
*Buckeyes 9-4	Spartans 5-8
Hawkeyes 7-6	Gophers 3-10

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**Week's Results:**  
Hawkeyes 45, Spartans 41; Buckeyes 47, Hawkeyes 39; Spartans 48, Hoodlums 46.

**Girls B League**

*Sonics 9-1	Pistons 5-5
Chargers 8-2	Lakers 2-8
Royals 8-2	Bullets 1-9
Warriors 7-3	Knicks 0-10

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**Week's Results:**  
Sonics 52, Knicks 16; Chargers 21, Lakers 11; Royals 30, Pistons 12; Warriors 28, Bullets 17.

**Girls A League**

*Nats 7-3	Apollon 5-5
*Angels 7-3	Dolphins 4-6
Blues 6-4	Hornets 2-7
Stars 6-4	Wings 2-8

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**Week's Results:**  
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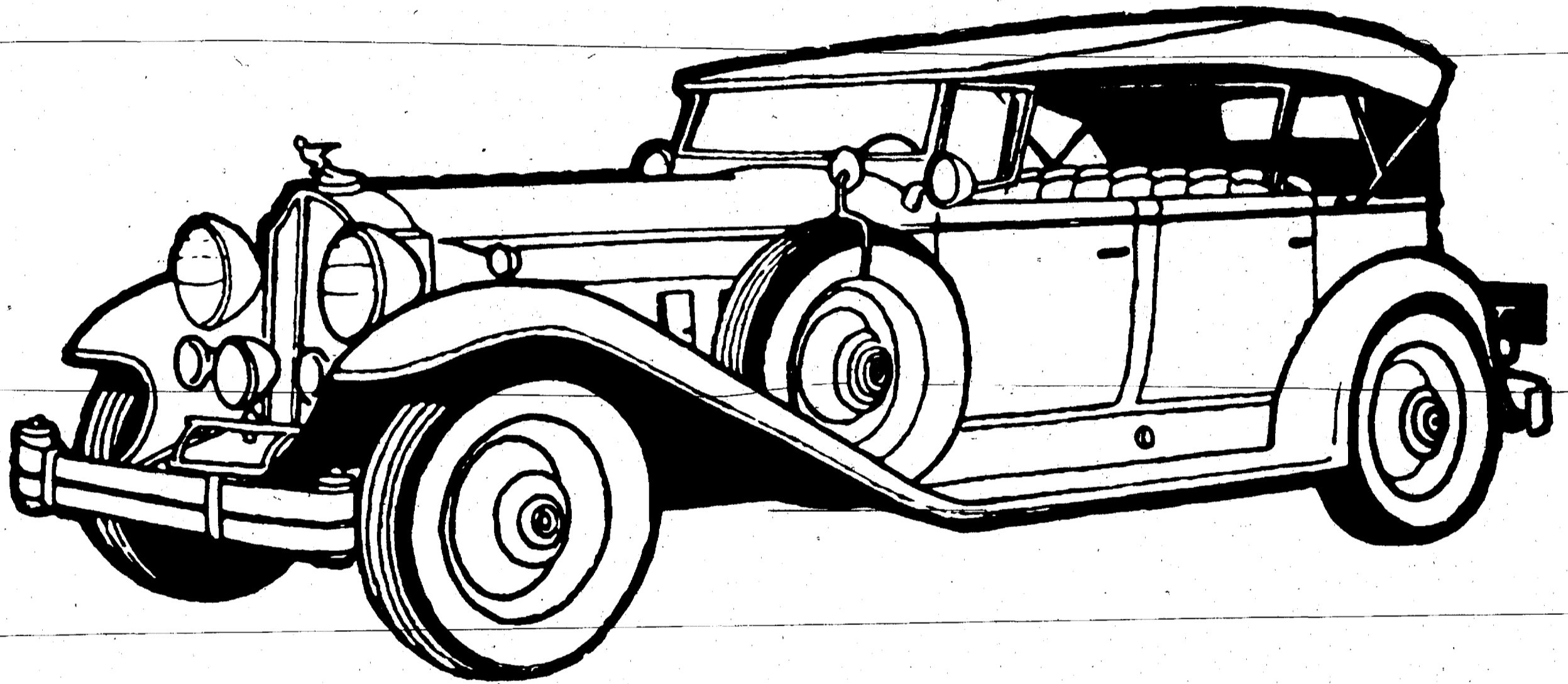
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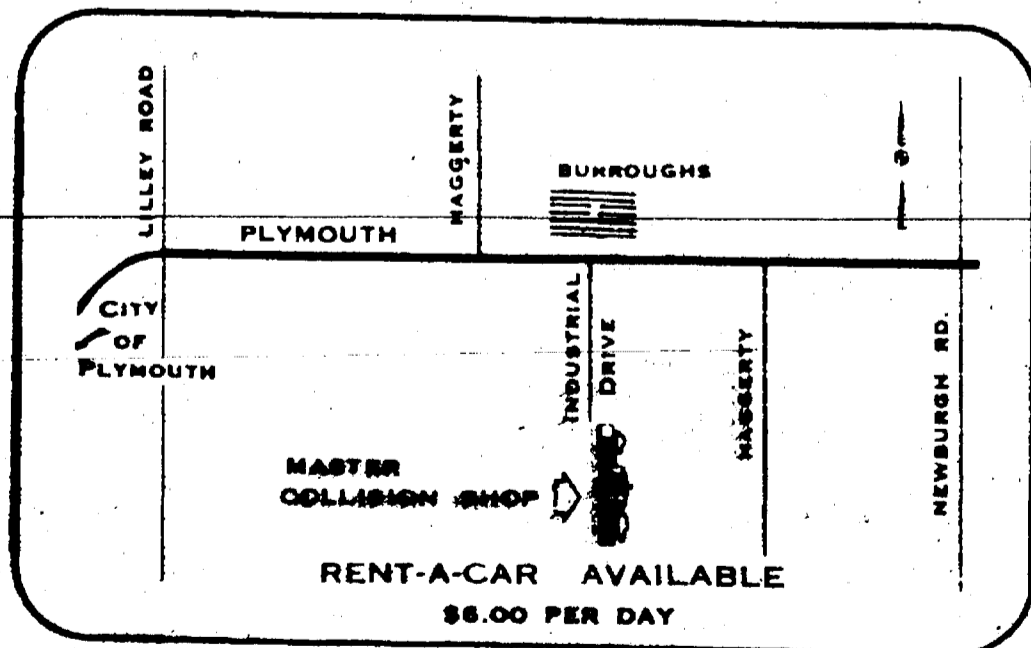
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