

**Site here
may vie
for U.S.
solar lab**

If Wayne County planners have their way, a \$20 million solar energy research facility could be built here that would spearhead American efforts to seek new uses of the sun's rays.

The Public Works Committee of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners was expected yesterday to consider a proposal by a state energy agency that it submit an application to the federal government for es-

tablishment of a national Solar Energy Research Institute on county-owned property — either in Romulus or on a 500-acre parcel west of Sheldon between Five Mile and Six Mile roads in Northville Township.

According to county officials, the Michigan Energy Resource Research Association, charged by the governor with coming up with places in Michigan where such a facility might be

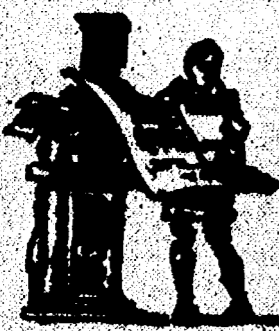
located, suggested to county commissioners that the Northville and Romulus sites would be among those suitable to be entered in a national competition from which a final site will be chosen.

Congress, according to state officials, is seeking to establish the facility — already nicknamed SERI (Solar Energy Research Institute) — in a new \$20 million 400,000 square foot

building on at least 300 acres. It would operate on an annual budget of some \$50 million, and employ about 1,500 persons, half of them scientists and researchers, the rest support personnel.

County planners propose to submit a plan that would offer the county-owned property — perhaps the Northville site — to the federal government under

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New 13-story 'Wilcox House' proposed

Nod near for downtown seniors' complex?

BY HANK MEIJER

If a Cleveland-based development firm gets the go-ahead from the Plymouth City Commission and the state housing authority, the face of downtown Plymouth could soon be transformed by a \$5 million, 13-story senior citizens housing facility that would be the tallest building in western Wayne County.

The complex, to be located on the site of the historic Wilcox house, would provide subsidized housing for some 399 area residents within easy walking distance to the city's central business district shops and services.

The city commission is expected Tuesday to consider granting tax abatement status to the development, which would occupy slightly more than two acres at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Union east of Kellogg Park.

Total tax bills on the properties which make up the site total about \$7,000, although officials concede that commercial development might have significantly boosted the city's tax gains.

Most city commissioners expressed support for the low-cost housing concept when its developers, Forest City Dillon of Cleveland, presented their proposal at a pre-commission meeting in January.

The commission was expected at its committee of the whole meeting last night to place the tax abatement question in next Thursday's meeting agenda.

"I am going to insist it's on the agenda," said Mayor Joe Bida. Bida said he is enthusiastic about the project, noting, "I think it's the only thing that can happen to that spot. I think it's a heck of a thing, I think this one will get off the ground."

Several commissioners expressed fears lest this latest proposal to meet the city's housing needs flounder like those submitted by Pilgrim Towers Non-Profit Housing Corp., which had tried unsuccessfully for two years to put together a housing package here, only to run afoul of state guidelines on site selections.

A Forest City spokesman said the firm's application with the state is still in its preliminary stages.

"To a great extent, MSHDA (the Michigan State Housing Development Authority) likes to feel wanted," he said, "And the degree to which the community supports it is important."

Jack Wilcox, owner of the site's major parcel and the person who was instrumental in working with Forest City to put together the proposal, emphasized that the project on his property bore no relation at all to those proposed by Pilgrim Towers.

He said state officials were enthusiastic about the downtown site's promise for senior citizens. "They're enthralled with the site," he said.

Forest City, a national housing development, is currently negotiating with members of the Grange to purchase their hall.

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A HIGH RISE SENIOR CITIZENS housing complex similar to this structure, though taller, may be built on the site of the Wilcox House on Ann Arbor Trail. Although developers caution local residents against getting their hopes up for the project before city and state approval is granted, state housing officials have already indicated their enthusiasm for the site.

Canton CAC eyes fire levy date

BY KATHY KUENZER

The question of whether or not Canton residents will be presented with a fire millage proposal this year may be decided as soon as March 30, but members of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) could recommend that the election be held off a while.

According to Canton Clerk John Flodin, if the township board of trustees wishes to place the fire millage of the ballots for a May election, it must resolve to do so by the March 30 meeting.

"Right now there are two studies going on in the township for a determination of how much millage would be necessary to meet Canton's fire protection needs," said Flodin.

These studies, one by the State Association of Fire Chiefs, the other by the Insurance Bureau

of Michigan, are exactly what CAC chairman Betty Hamann feels will be the deciding factor on whether or not the CAC will make a recommendation for the May ballot.

"In light of the 40% return of the census in which a majority of the people feel Canton has adequate fire protection," said Ms. Hamann, "we definitely need an outside source to tell us we need this fire protection."

Ms. Hamann said if the two studies are not completed in time for the March 30 meeting, that the CAC would recommend

waiting until the August elections for the millage vote.

Additional funds for fire protection sought as part of a safety millage, were rejected twice in the last two years by township voters.

Canton Treasurer Carl Parsell said in November of 1975 that he personally would seek passage of a levy — perhaps of two mills — to build and operate a fire station township property on Warren Rd. near Haggerty.

It was a change in position for Parsell that came after he personally suffered fire damage in his Canton home. He earlier had said that after the two millage defeats it would have to be "up to the citizens of Canton" to petition for another millage election.

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Geer School stays open, parent volunteers to help

For the time, being, at least, the Plymouth School District will continue to operate on a one-room schoolhouse.

The school board last Monday voted not to close Geer school, the district's 150-year old red brick building at Ann Arbor Rd. and Gotfredson.

Administrators said closing Geer for the remainder of the year would only save the district about \$2,000.

A projected savings of nearly \$3,000 was partially offset when Geer parents volunteered to work as teacher aides for the one teacher, 28-student classroom.

Additionally custodial hours at the school are to be cut back from 18 to 10 per week. Volunteer aides will save the district about \$600.

The district's new attendance area report, to be released March 1, is expected to include Geer among the system's operating schools for 1976-77 and re-opening administrators said.

Board Member E.J. McClendon abstained from the otherwise unanimous vote, saying he felt keeping Geer open was, as he put it, "an inadequate way to confront critical problems" of school finances.



Pair honored for thwarting break-in

ALFRED TAIT, (far left) and his son, Michael 19, both of 47635 Hanford Rd., Canton, were both recipients recently of citations for good citizenship awarded by the state police. Both men were cited for their "alertness, initiative and responsible citizenship" after apprehending

two men who had burglarized the home of a neighbor. The two subjects were stopped and held by the Tait's until State Police arrived. Shown presenting the award is State Police Lt. William Tomczyk. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)

Townships, city join water fight

Leaders of 99 southeast Michigan communities have pledge a court fight against the Metropolitan Detroit Water Board's proposed water rate hike.

Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton — all of which get water from the Detroit system — were represented at a public meeting on the water rates held Monday night in Livonia and voice their support.

Representing Plymouth were Mayor Joe Bida, Commissioner Tom Turner and City Manager Fred Yockey; representing Plymouth Township were Supervisor J.D. McLaren and DPW head Web Kincade; representing Canton were Supervisor Bob Greenstein and Treasurer Carl Parsell.

They pledged their communities support of a court suit and independent audit of the MDWB books to review water rates and the planned hike. It was estimated the court fight would cost each local governmental unit about five cents for each resident.

The suit will be spearheaded by Livonia Mayor Ed McNamara who will select a committee of 10 local governmental officials from communities affected by the Detroit water rates.

Yockey criticized what he said were inequities in the water board's wholesale rates, through which major Detroit water-users are charged \$1 per 1,000 gallons of water, while the city and other suburban governmental units pay \$1.91 for the same amount.

The inequity grows, he said, when rates are raised by 39% as the water board plans, boosting the suburbs' rates to \$2.65, while the wholesale customers in Detroit would pay only \$1.39

Hunting panel sticks to guns

After a stormy public hearing last Thursday night, Plymouth Township's Hunting Advisory Committee will stand by its recommendation to keep portions of the township open to hunters, according to Township Treasurer Joe West.

More than 42 persons attended the meeting, some of them residents of the western portion of the township who contend hunting should be banned, and others from area conservation clubs who want to hunt in the township.

The panel — West, State Police Lt. William Tomczyk and Bruce Andrews of the state department of Natural Resources — late last year recommended that hunting be banned east of Ridge Rd., rather than just east of Beck, as it is currently. At the same time, however, the committee suggested that open hunting extend farther east along the northern portion of the township, to Beck Rd. and beyond north of North Territorial.



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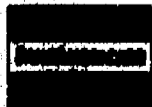
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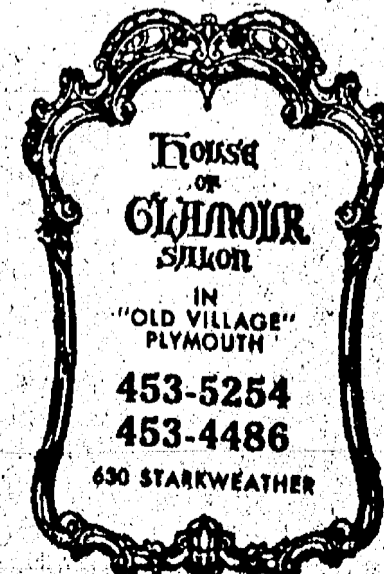
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Gallimore parents seek greater role in new school

Dozens of Gallimore School parents turned out at last Monday's Plymouth School Board meeting to seek a greater voice in the classroom organization of the district's new Windsor Park school - Hulsing Elementary - - to which many Gallimore students are expected to be assigned when the new building opens this fall.

Several parents said they opposed the 'open classroom' concept which they said was fostered by a building interior partitioned by cabinets rather than by walls.

They said they were afraid they might lose what they considered the flexible, rather traditional education they received at Gallimore.

Some of the residents who spoke from the audience exchanged sharp words with school board members, who defended the new schools' design as a flexible one that could suit a wide range of teaching styles.

Parent spokesperson Arlene Callahan told board members parents should have a voice in determining the atmosphere in which their children would be educated.

Board Member George Lawton replied, "I hope parents will have every opportunity to meet with the staff of the new school before it's open."



City firemen battle C&O blaze

CITY OF PLYMOUTH FIREFIGHTERS last Sunday night put out a blaze that heavily damaged the interior of a C&O Railroad equipment building at 882 Starkweather. According to Fire Chief George Schoenneman, flames were coming out of the building's windows when firefighters arrived, but they were able to confine the fire to an office area. A new truck stored inside was damaged.

County prisoners on way, DeHoCo tightens security

Emergency preparations for temporary housing of Wayne County Jail prisoners on the DeHoCo grounds in Plymouth Township were under way this week while county officials expressed assurances to area residents that adequate security arrangements would be made.

The county of commissioners board voted to house some 250 prisoners in three barracks at the Detroit House of Corrections (DeHoCo) in Plymouth Township for 90 days and to prepare a vacant building at Wayne County General Hospital for use after the 90-day period.

County Sheriff William Lucas, who is responsible for guarding jail inmates, and the county's top building expert, expressed confidence in their ability to prevent escapes.

The Board of Commissioners authorized up to \$550,000 to cover the cost of housing approximately 250 prisoners in three barracks at DeHoCo. Some \$50,000 is to be used to erect a 12-foot high security fence around the barracks, plus security and other renovations inside the barracks. The balance of the money will be used for guards and other staff.

Lucas said the first prisoners would be moved into the DeHoCo barracks by the week of Feb. 16.

Another \$1.5 million was earmarked for renovation of a three story brick structure, known as Building "M", on the grounds of the county hospital, located at Michigan Ave. and Merriman in Westland.

Building "M" housed psychiatric patients from its opening in 1929 until 1974 when the State moved the patients into state mental hospitals.

County Auditor Richard T. Kelly estimated it would take about 18 weeks to ready Building "M" to house the 250 prisoners.

The Board of Commissioners actions culminated a hectic week of meetings between county, state and Detroit city officials.

The crisis developed when a panel of three circuit judges held the Sheriff in contempt of court for continuing to accept prisoners beyond a 720 limit for the present jail set by the judicial panel.

The panel gave the Sheriff until midnight last Wednesday (Feb. 3) to conform to the 720 limit. Lucas announced he would obey the order.

Presiding Circuit Court Judge James N. Canham played a key role in the emergency arrangements for holding prisoners,

about 50 of whom are brought to the jail weekly by police from throughout the county.

Pending the readying of the DeHoCo barracks, Canham ordered that defendants be held in local police lockups pending court examination. He later amended his order increasing the time interval that defendants were to be held in local lockups until brought downtown for trial.

The Wayne County Association of Chiefs of Police went to court in an effort to have Canham's order reversed, contending they do not have the facilities for holding prisoners that long.

Canton eyes Gorman for deputy treasurer

The Canton Board of Trustees was expected to approve last night the appointment of Michael Gorman, to the position of deputy township treasurer.

Gorman has served as head of Canton's accounting department since last spring.

"As chief of the accounting department, Mike can't sign any checks," said Supervisor Bob Greenstein, "With this appointment Carl Parsell, township treasurer can relegate any of the formalized duties of the treasurer to his deputy."

Three years ago a similar appointment was considered in the township. The appointment was never finalized, however, because of the belief that the employe would lose her Civil Service standing with the township.

Deputy officers positions are not regular Civil Service jobs.

According to Greenstein, however, the Civil Service law has been clarified and an appointed deputy who was previously a Civil Service employe would regain that standing if he or she were removed from the deputy's position.

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LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO ATTENDED last Monday's Plymouth School Board meeting received a blue slip with some names and addresses school board members would like them to know. They're the people from our area whose decisions can affect the reeling state of school finances. Omitted from the list was State Rep. Roy Smith (R-Ypsilanti), whose district includes the City of Plymouth and most of Plymouth Township. To tell Smith how you feel about the way the state legislature is adjusting its school aid plans, write: Hon. Roy Smith, 3320 Morgan Rd., Ypsilanti, Mi. 48197.

CBers fight image as 'smoky' watchers

BY KATHY KUENZER
Citizens band radios may be the fastest-growing hobby in the country.

With the Federal Communications Commission issuing CB license applications at the rate of 200,000 a month, more and more people are adopting "handles" (code names) and sitting down to their "ears" (CB radio) to converse with any one of hundreds of other CBers in the area.

Unfortunately, says CBER Chuck VanVleck of Plymouth, a

handful of those CBers "have destroyed" the hobby for the rest of us.

VanVleck is speaking of the many CBers who misuse the band to do such things as warn other CBers on the highways of "Smokies" (police cars) who are "taking pictures" (using radar), or "portable chicken coops" (movable truck scales) that may be just up the road.

To combat some of the bad press, VanVleck, a Plymouth Township fireman, and other local CBers organized a group called "The Centennials."

"We're just a bunch of people interested in improving the image of CBers," said Van Vleck. "We want to do it by getting our information to CB radio owners — and possible hold seminars and classes on the proper use of the radio. If we improve the image and teach ourselves the best techniques, I think we can be a real help to the community."

So far "The Centennials" have recruited some 180 members. Van Vleck estimates there may be 300 CBers in the Plymouth-Canton area, and that number is growing every week.

Van Vleck, whose "handle" is "Dike-hopper" (because of his Dutch ancestry), says a lot of the misuse of CB radios comes from kids under 18 who are too young to operate CB radios legally.

"Of course, a lot of adults misuse it, too," he admits. "You have to have a license from the FCC and be 18 years old. But since you no longer need the license in order to buy the radio, lots of people buy them and then can't resist the urge to use them before they've received their license."

There are 23 channels open to CB use, with channel 9 reserved for emergencies only, says Van Vleck. And CBers like Van Vleck take real pride in their record of assistance to others on the roads who need help.

"During the snowstorm of Dec. 13, I was home," Van Vleck recalls, "and at least 10 instances came in where CBers helped or got help for CBers who were stuck."

He also emphasizes that anyone without a CB radio who runs into a problem should keep his or her eyes open for the aerial on top of another vehicle which marks it as CB equipped. They can radio a "base station"

(radio in a home) which will in turn telephone for help.

"The Centennials don't become involved in "Smokey reports,"" emphasizes Van Vleck. "If I hear one when I'm on the highway, I never respond. The funny thing is, highway patrolmen are now often monitoring (listening in to) CBers, so if they

hear a trucker give their radar location, they simply move."

The Centennials hope to raise money for their organization by holding fundraising events such as a road rally, coming up April 13. Information on that project and others may be obtained from the Stereorama Shop in Plymouth. 10-4.



CB OPERATOR CHUCK VAN VLECK sits before his microphone at the base station in his home in Plymouth. Van Vleck and other local citizens band operators are concerned that the reputation of CBers needs to be improved. A new CB group in the area, "The Centennials" hopes to educate its members to the proper use of the radio band. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)

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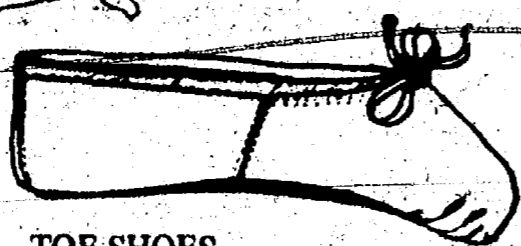
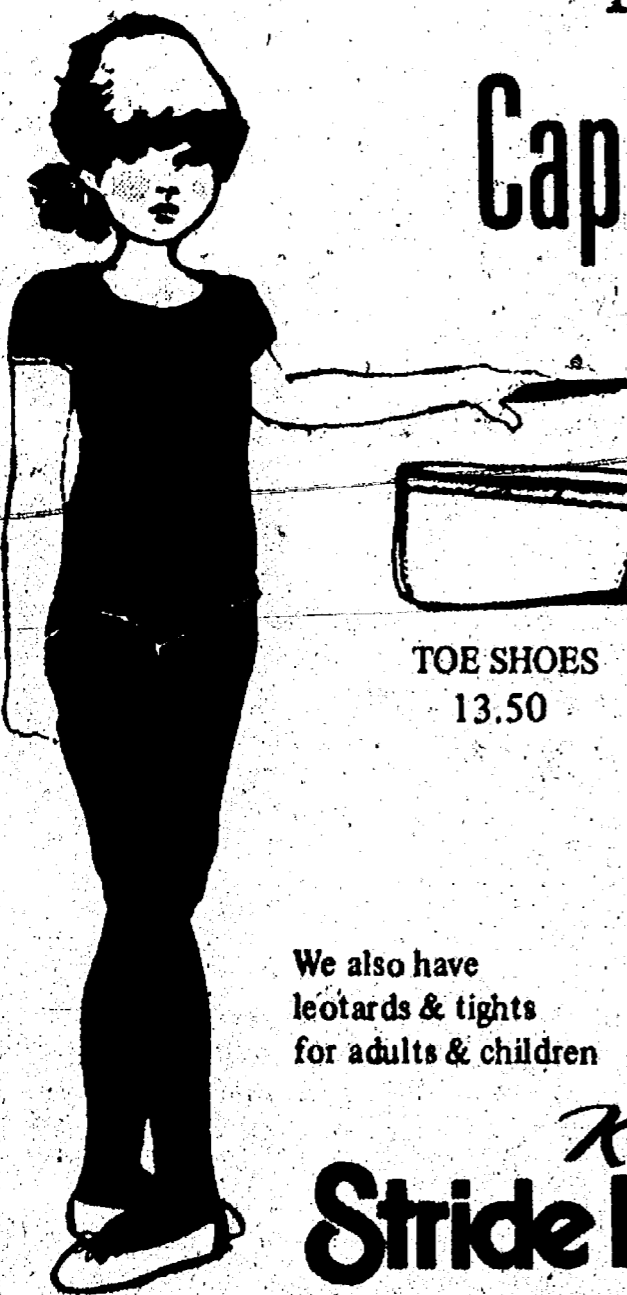
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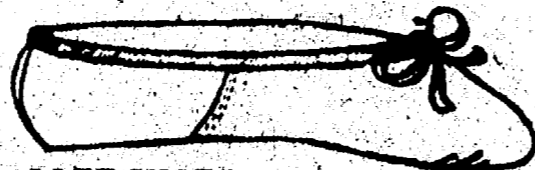
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Concerned Parents meet

Plymouth Concerned Parents, a group opposed to the modular scheduling system at Centennial Education Park, raised more than \$400 at a meeting last Wednesday night of some 300 members and supporters.

The group agreed on four areas in which its members vowed to take action, including seeking paid legal advice, contacting the state board of education on what Concerned Parents sees as problem areas in the Plymouth School District, seeking opinions from local residents through a newly acquired mailing address, and supporting candidates in the June school election.

President George Merchant told those in attendance that for the group to be successful, it would need continued moral and financial support from parents.

The group's new mailing address is: Plymouth Concerned Parents, PO Box 577, Plymouth, Mi., 48170.

Earlier this year the committee chose its officers at an organizational meeting. George Merchant was named president, Barbara Olson, vice-president; Alice Horsfield, secretary, and Joan Brown, treasurer.

Elected to the group's governing board were: Sandy Panos, Angie Thomas, Eldon J. Thomas, Errol Keith, Frankie Johnson, Chuck Lazette and Kathy Willett, with Ernie Moran as alternate.

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Janet Krick wins mathematics prize

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Janet, a 12th grader at Salem High School, will be honored

at an awards program sponsored by Michigan Bell Telephone to be held at Western Michigan University Saturday, Feb. 21.

College scholarships totaling \$7,000 will be awarded to 40 of the winners at the banquet. The scholarships are supported in part by Burroughs Corp., the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the Kuhlman Corp. of Birmingham.

Canton bus service rests with lawmakers

Public bus transportation for Canton is not entirely out of the minds of those who could best provide it, but just when it will arrive remains to be seen.

In a letter to Trustee James Poole, SEMTA (the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority) revealed that it has "proposed in its Transit Improvement program a bus route serving Canton Township along Ford Rd. between Canton Center Rd. and Wayne Rd."

"The route would provide a connection to regional bus services at Wayne Rd." a SEMTA spokesman wrote.

According to the SEMTA letter, however, "provision of all of these services is entirely dependent on legislation authorizing increases in local tax revenue for public transportation."

Michigan Senate Bill 931, currently before the legislature, would raise \$27 million annually from the tri-county area through an increased Motor Vehicle Weight Tax.

"Passage of this legislation," said SEMTA, "will enable SEMTA to continue to provide current services, increase the bus service provided to the suburbs, expand commuter rail operations and begin construction of intermediate and high level services."

Canton taps labor pro

BY KATHY KUENZER

Edward V. Ott, a professional labor negotiator with the firm of Golstone and Ott of Southfield, has been hired by Canton to serve as its new labor negotiator.

Ott was hired last Thursday after the Canton Board of Trustees directed the administration at its Jan. 13 meeting to seek the services of a professional to handle negotiations on three labor contracts currently unsettled.

"Mr. Ott would seem to be a very skilled and capable negotiator," said Canton Clerk John Flodin, who has previously been negotiator on behalf of the township with firemen, building department workers and DPW employees. "He has had some 20 odd years in the field of municipal labor work."

Ott is being hired on a yearly basis rather than on a per-hour fee, which the board of trustees said might be more costly.

Township firemen have been without a contract since mid-

night, Dec. 31. DPW and building department employees have yet to reach agreement with the township on their first contract as members of AFSCME (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.)

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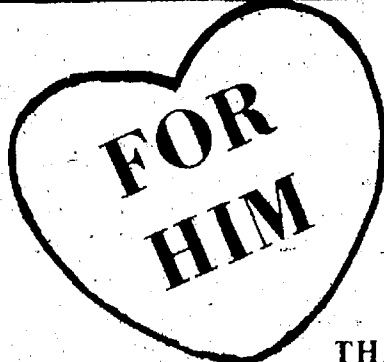
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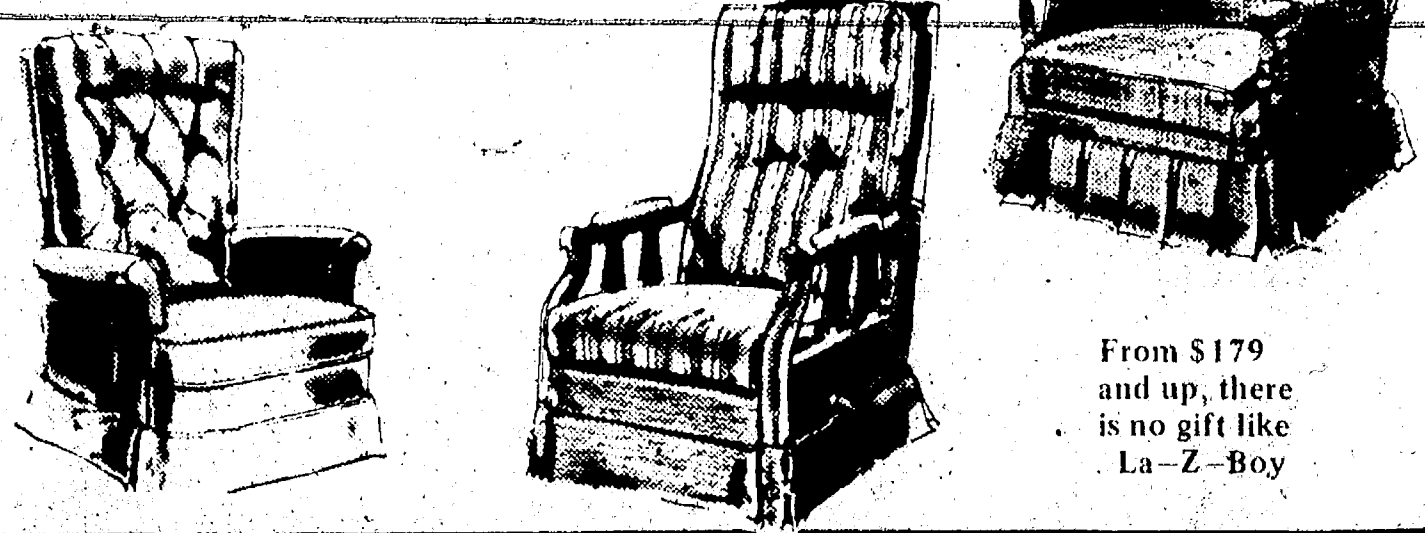
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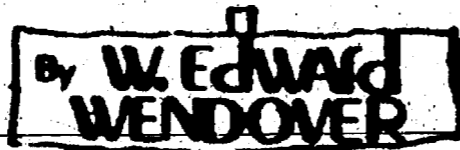
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The mark of a good elected official is that he or she considers the overall picture from the standpoint of the total constituency. In our democratic process we often elect persons to leadership roles because they appeal to a particular group or interest or geographical area.

Take for example, the Plymouth School Board's Joe Gray, who has been the self-appointed Right Knight of the anti-modular, pro-athletic forces of the school district.

Unfortunately, in his first term on the board and in his current term, Gray has been unable to see beyond those narrow issues, as though he were wearing a set of horse blinders.

Instead of mellowing his stance and taking part in the general policy-making decisions which confront the school board in these troubled times, Gray has even more recently regressed into making personal attacks on non-winning coaches at the high school (after all, winning is the only thing, eh Joe?), and criticizing administrators who fail to see his point.

On more than one occasion, Gray has even advocated the firing of specific school personnel while members of the schools' staff were present.

We expect something better than a neanderthal attitude from our elected officials.

Is MESC ticketing plot a state budget booster?

Editor:

I wonder if I have uncovered an ingenious conspiracy between the Michigan Employment Security Commission and the State Police.

Could it be that the MESC and the State Police, aware of the fiscal problems of the State of Michigan, have devised an innovative method of re-circulating State funds?

Being as they are well aware of fiscal conditions, the ever vigilant State Police are diligently involved in re-cycling MESC funds back into state vaults.

STEP 1. The MESC builds new quarters at 8825 General Drive with woefully inadequate parking facilities.

STEP 2. A steady stream of hapless unemployed workers are thereby forced to park illegally along Joy Road or General Drive.

STEP 3. State Police, diligent workers that they are, stand by and ticket the cars.

The resulting parking fines are paid by the unemployed who, in order to collect benefits, are forced to park illegally, arrive before 8:30 in the morning to secure one of the few parking spaces available park in one of the municipal lots and walk several miles, face paying fines or surrender their benefits entirely.

Is county loose with DeHoCo use?

Editor:

Wayne County Commissioners, (our part-time county representatives who have recently raised their salaries to \$14,000) have done Western Wayne County residents a great disservice.

Warned since 1971 of an impending 'jail crisis' at the Wayne Co. jail they have only now begun to seek alternatives.

The alternative selected is to place dangerous criminals at DeHoCo, a structure designed for minimal risk cases. After only three or four days of planning and a few more fences DeHoCo is supposedly ready for Detroit's worst elements.

Who is to blame? How can we keep the new jail site away from our communities and neighborhoods?

Residents of Western Wayne County had better keep track of its County Commissioner Royce Smith, the Democrat from Belleville, who did not seem to possess enough influence to keep this situation from our area.

Even if the argument is used that a new jail has to go somewhere, proper planning would have dictated that a jail for dangerous felons be placed in an area where security and population safety problems would be minimal. And that is certainly not the Five Mile Rd. area.

Western Wayne county voters should recall this situation when elections arrive this summer and fall.

DOUGLAS M. DENT

Naturally, no one would believe this conspiracy is actually taking place unless they are unemployed, as I am, and faced with resulting fines for keeping their given appointments.

It seems to me that the State Police should be spending their time in better fashion than ticketing the cars of the unem-

ployed. But then again, maybe I am asking the wrong question. Who needs the money more - the State or the People?

Fearing reprisals for uncovering this plot from either or both agencies please print neither my name nor my license plate number.

"DISGUSTED UNEMPLOYED
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Liquor licensing in Canton lacks logic, consistency

The "reapproval" Jan. 27 by the Canton Board of Trustees of a liquor license for Canton Center Bowling Lanes, to be built by Dave Hopkins, raises as many questions for us as it answered for Hopkins.

Both Treasurer Carl Parsell and Supervisor Bob Greenstein insisted that the township should set a precedent that liquor licenses not be awarded until "we see some construction." That's not a bad idea. It would protect the township. Plymouth Township has unofficially adopted this policy and found it to work well.

Of course, as Greenstein pointed out, Hopkins case was slightly different. Although he did not have a building to show the board, the fact remained that his liquor license had been approved by the former township board in 1974. By a 4-3 vote, the present board reapproved the license.

But what about these unanswered questions?

According to the State Liquor Control Commission, what is required of the township board for a recommendation of approval to the State is a certified copy of the resolution, found in the minutes of the meeting, approving the liquor license "above all others." If the board indeed adopted such a resolution in 1974 for Hopkins' establishment, why was a copy of the resolution never sent?

One board member said it was because "they hadn't started building yet." But then why was the resolution ever made?

Another license was approved also in 1974 for (the same night as Hopkin's, in fact) for Wilbert Tucker of Westland for a restaurant-motel, which has yet to be built in Canton.

Oddly, Tucker's letter of approval was sent to Lansing. Why? He was no further along than Hopkins.

Yet another request for a liquor license was made at the end of 1975 by Mario Bossio, who is building the Roman Forum on Ford Rd. in Canton. His building was well-underway at the time of the request.

The board, however, voted "no approval" for the license until, as one official put it, "we can see what kind of an establishment you will have."

According to a Liquor Control Commission spokesman in Detroit on the discretion of the municipality, a date may be set at which time the license may be withdrawn if no progress is seen toward the opening of an establishment. The City of Plymouth exercises such a policy.

For the protection of the remaining liquor licenses in Canton, and for the township itself, the board of trustees would be wise to establish some sort of non-capricious policy for the awarding of licenses.

It would save a great deal of time and discussion for trustees, and give prospective licensees a clear indication of just what is expected of them.

Whether by waiting until the building is underway before granting approval, or by granting approval and then setting a date by which some construction progress must be shown, the board would be guarding the interests of Canton residents better than it is now.

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Volunteers train for tutoring

BRAINTRUST, a branch of Growthworks Inc., is open for business at 865 Penniman. Braintrust volunteers will be working with local high school students who find themselves confused or behind or frustrated about their studies and social life at Centennial Educational

Center. The center hopes to supplement professional counselors with their informal, one-to-one assistance. Among volunteers currently in hand to work with local youngsters are (from left) Gina Carrington, Marge Yokom, Laura Upton, Tim Sullivan, Denise Sutton and Scott Levely. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron).

State approves Haggerty-Ford signals

Only one obstacle now stands between Canton residents and a traffic signal at Haggerty and Ford — the Wayne County

In a letter from the Department of State Highways dated Jan. 21, G.J. McCarthy, the state's deputy director for high-

ways, told Canton Supervisor Bob Greenstein, "Our Traffic and Safety Division has recommended that signals be installed at this location..."

McCarthy said "our personnel have already initiated necessary preliminary engineering of this installation." But, said McCarthy, Haggerty Rd. must be widened and paved by the Wayne County Road Commission before the signals are installed.

Greenstein has asked the Wayne County Road Commission if it might not be possible to accomplish "this rather minor paving...from your miscellaneous fund without the necessity of priority scheduling."

The Haggerty Rd. paving is not on the Road Commission's current list of priorities.

What's happening

Plymouth Chapter of XI DELTA THETA sorority is planning a **VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY** for Sunday, Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Tickets are \$2.00. Contact the chapter for further information.

A **TERRARIUM BUILDING WORKSHOP** will be held starting at 10 a.m. Feb. 19 at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Supplies will be available for the two-hour course. For information, contact the Plymouth Department of Parks and Recreation at 455-6620.

The Rev. Fred Prezioso of Epiphany Lutheran Church will begin a five week course in **TRANSACTIONAL ANALYSIS FOR COUPLES** Monday, Feb. 23. The class will meet on Mondays for five weeks, from 7:45 p.m. to 10 p.m. Cost of the course is \$20 per couple. To register for the program, which is designed as a marriage enrichment experience, call Epiphany Lutheran Church at 453-1191 or 453-8807.

TAX ASSISTANCE ON FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAX will be given Feb. 18 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Counseling will be given free of charge by the Plymouth Northville Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

VAN RIDE SERVICE is provided by the Plymouth Region Transportation Authority is available on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month for persons 55 years of age and over. Pick ups are made for departures to the Livonia Mall, Westland and Wonderland Shopping centers. For reservations, contact the City of Plymouth Department of Parks and Recreation at 455-6620.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday Feb. 18 in the vocal room at East Middle School, 1042 S. Mill and is open to all who enjoy singing. Contact Roger Bogenschutz at 453-1679.

PARTY BRIDGE will be played from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday Feb. 12 at the Cultural Center. Contact Margaret Swartz at 459-0887.

THE PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND AND ORCHESTRA conducted by Dale Baer, will present a concert featuring the music of American composers on Thursday, Feb. 12 at 8 p.m. at the school. The concert is open to the public.

THE EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSO will hold a general meeting Thursday Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m. at the school. All parents are invited. The principal and several staff members will hold an informal discussion of curriculum and procedures at East. Included topics will be the human growth and development program, drugs, language arts and the media center. A question and answer period will follow discussion. Parents of fifth-grade students who will attend East are also invited. Dessert will be served.

New Morning School, a co-operative elementary school for children ages 5 to 12, invites interested parents, children and educators to attend its annual **OPEN HOUSE** Sunday, Feb. 15 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at 41390 Five Mile Rd. New Morning school is committed to the concepts of individualized learning, parental involvement and creativity in the school setting.

PAINT FOR FUN from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 17 at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. An informal approach for beginners in oil, it has no fee. Contact the recreation office at 455-6620 or Mr. Prussing at 455-8894.

OIL AND ACRYLIC PAINTING SESSIONS WILL be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday Feb. 16 and from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 17 at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. These continuing sessions are open to persons with some experience, with local artists available for assistance. For information, call the Plymouth Recreation Department at 455-6620 or M. Kara at 453-3892.

THE CHESS CLUB will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 17 at the Cultural Center. Sessions are open to both novice and experienced players.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE will be played at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 17 at the Cultural Center, 525 farmer. Contact Joan Funkhouser at 455-8044.

THE FOLK DANCE CLUB will meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13 at Bird Elementary School, 220 Sheldon. This recreation sponsored group is open to junior high schoolers through adults, novice and experienced. Contact Joe Azbill at 455-6163.

KEEP FIT BY ICE SKATING at the Cultural Center Ice Arena 525 Farmer. Two hour session start at 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. every week day except Thursday when there are 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. sessions only. Saturday sessions start at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. and there are 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday starting times. Teen nights are scheduled from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Fridays, and adult sessions are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. For skate rentals, contact the Ice Arena Pro-Shop at 453-7174.

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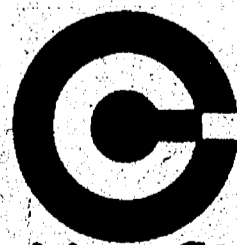
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What's happening

The Canton-Plymouth PILGRIM GARDEN CLUB will meet at Gallimore Elementary School, 8375 Sheldon Rd. Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. The program will feature slides on the Federated Garden Club of Michigan and the Loda Lake Gardens.

CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSO will sponsor an evening if discussion between parents and teachers on the concerns of both on the functioning of Central, Thursday, Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the school.

THE WAYNE FORD CIVIC LEAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS will hold a MILLIONAIRE'S PARTY at the Civic League Center, 1661 N. Wayne Rd., on Saturday Feb. 14 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Spend a "night in Vegas." \$10,000 in chips will be given to each participant at the beginning of the evening. Door prizes will be awarded. Cost is \$3 per couple.

THE PLYMOUTH NORTHVILLE CHAPTER OF MACLD (Michigan Association for Children with Learning Disabilities) will meet Wednesday Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of Pioneer Middle School, 46081 Ann Arbor Rd. Dr. Fran Eldis, director of communications disorders at Children's hospital, will discuss "Language Considerations of the L.D. Child."

The Plymouth AAUW Children's Theater production of CINDERELLA will be presented at Salem High School auditorium Friday Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 21 at 10 a.m. 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets are available at Del's Shoes or by calling 455-1817 or 464-2275. Tickets will also be sold through Thursday Feb. 12 at all Plymouth elementary schools. Admission is 60 cents.

SEMTA (Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority) VAN BUS SERVICE will be offered Friday Feb. 27 for anyone 55 years and older in the Plymouth-Canton community. The van will pick up residents at their homes and take them to Livonia Mall, Ann Arbor doctors and shopping centers, and to local stores, offices and beauty shops. For information on times of this service sponsored by the Canton-Northville-Plymouth YMCA, call the Y at 453-2904.

WESTERN SUBURBAN JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB members will hear a talk on "Modern Day Woman as compared to the Woman of the Bible." Monday, Feb. 9 at 8 p.m. at Sword of the Spirit Lutheran Church. The program will be followed by refreshments and a short business meeting. Anyone interested in joining the club or attending this meeting may contact Mrs. Diane Ramsey, of 16046 Winchester, Northville.

A SPECIALIST ON AGING will address the Plymouth Branch of the AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN following a luncheon Feb. 14 at the Hillside Inn. Betty Andrews, assistant dean of community services at Schoolcraft College and director of the Senior Adult Services Program, will speak about the topic, "Living in the Middle Years." Luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m. followed by a short business meeting and Mrs. Andrews remarks.

An organizational meeting for the purpose of forming a club for PAST MEMBERS OF PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS will be held Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 8 p.m. in the Plymouth Community Credit Union. Ex-members who have completed three years in Plymouth Newcomers are invited to attend. For further information, call 455-0137.

SC offers seniors forum

Schoolcraft College has scheduled a four-week Senior Adults Forum in Plymouth in February and March on "Health and Safety with Later Years." The forum will meet on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon in the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St.

Topics to be discussed, in addition to the first session on hypertension held yesterday, include "Using Medications

Wisely," Feb. 17; "Nourishing Notions for One or Two," a demonstration in food preparation, Feb. 24; and "Handle Yourself with Care," a program on accident prevention in the home, March 2.

All programs are presented without charge. No registration is necessary. Further information may be obtained by calling Senior Adult Services at 591-6400.

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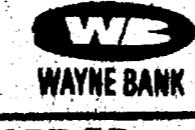


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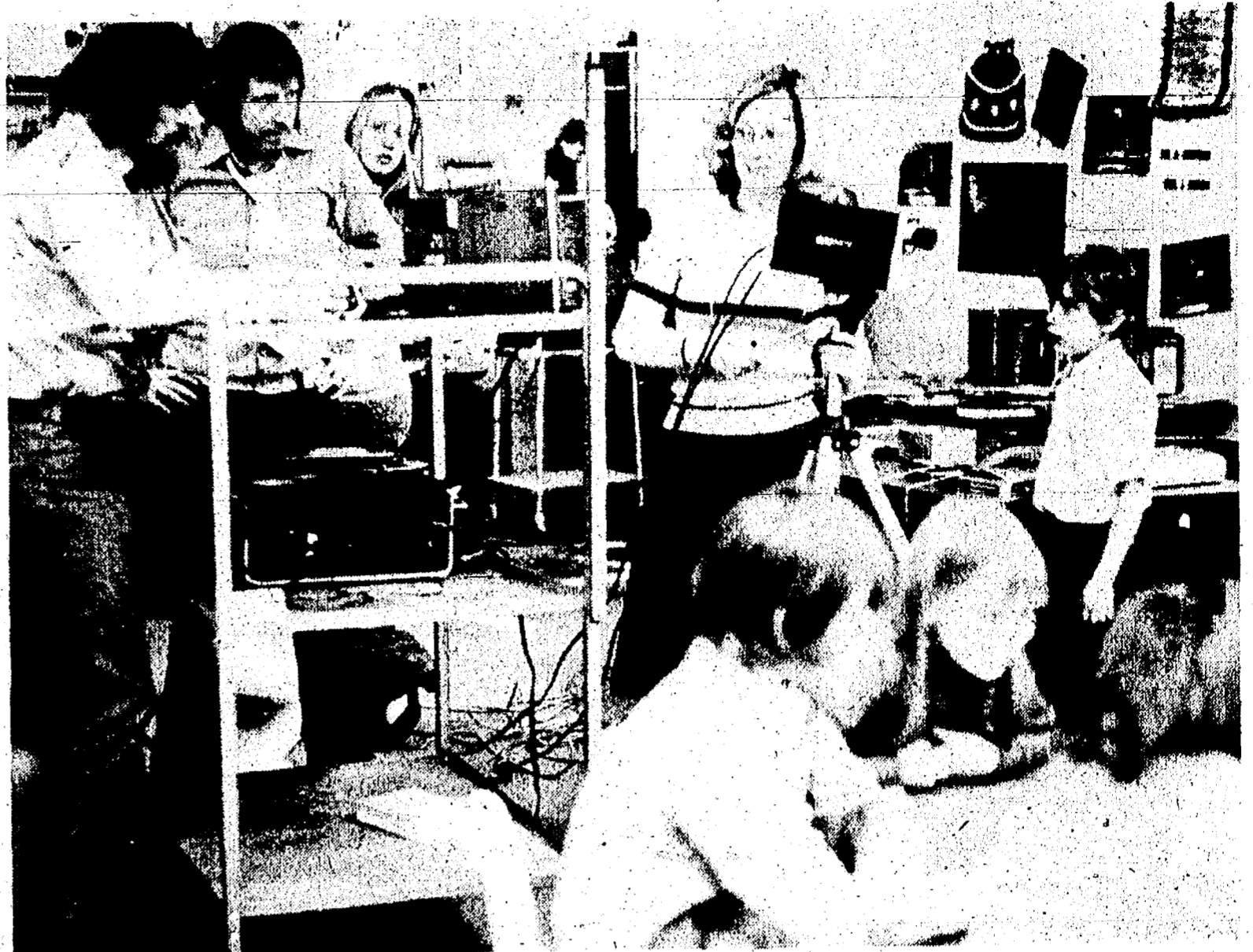
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Teachers 'catch' kids on-tape

UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYE OF CASTLES co-director Mac McDonald, (in tie), a team of Miller School teachers last week roamed their building with a video tape system, recording student activities and projects connected to a Bicentennial theme. On the crew of the roving camera were Jon Childs (left), Cathy Dicks, and on camera, Cathy Sibert. (Crier photo by Hank Meijer).



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School boundary revisions due Mar. 1

The Plymouth Community School District's Attendance Area and Boundary Committee, appointed last fall to revamp the district's school boundaries, told members of the board of education Monday it will release

its recommendations on attendance areas at the board's March 1 meeting.

Committee members are slated to meet with middle school and high school principals today to discuss their proposals, which will affect secondary students as well as those in elementary grades.

Among the committee's major tasks is the revision of attendance areas to assign youngsters to the district's three new Can-

ton elementary schools, which are slated for completion this fall.

The committee has plans to hold a public hearing on this report March 8, at which time it will review community comments submitted in the week following the report's release.

The district's current timetable calls for board adoption of the changes at its March 22 meeting.

Committee members are currently drawing up alternate plans to submit along with their suggested changes.

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WSDP lists programming

Every Wednesday, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. WSDP, the student run Plymouth School District radio station features the Mike Schultie Music Show.

Every Friday, listen to Praas as 5:30 p.m. Praas is a continuing adventure series.

Friday, Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. an album review will be presented by Ed Trent, featuring Bachman Turner Overdrive's new album, "Head On".

At 8 p.m. Friday boys basketball, Salem vs. Belleville. Listen to the pre-game first with host Jerry Thömas.

Friday marks WSDP's fourth anniversary.

At all home games remaining WSDP will be selling orange drinks. All proceeds will go towards the coverage of the state basketball tournaments on WSDP.

WSDP broadcasts at 89.3 FM.

'Happenings' announcements welcomed

Deadline for submission of news items for The Crier's "What's Happening" column is Monday noon for that Wednesday's edition.

"We appreciate our readers' interest in 'What's Happening,' and try to print every meeting announcement and news item we receive," said feature editor Kathy Kuenzer. "We welcome your news, but please not later than noon on Mondays."

When possible, "What's Happening" announcements should be submitted in the week before the time is scheduled to appear.

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Community deaths

William Fettner dies

William B. Fettner, 90, retired vice-president of Whitman and Barnes manufacturing company of Plymouth Township, died Feb. 4 in Arnold Home Detroit. Services were held at McCabe Funeral Home, Detroit. Interment was in Accacia Park Cemetery, Birmingham.

Mr. Fettner joined Whitman and Barnes in 1916 as vice-president in charge of production, and retired in 1951. Two

of his sons, Graham and Milton followed their father in careers at Whitman and Barnes.

He is survived by his sons, Milton of Plymouth; Graham of Tucson, Ariz.; Walter of Newport News, Va.; Scott of Springfield, Ill.; and William of DeQuincy La.; brothers, Henry and Charles of Hamlet, N.C. and Ralph of Jacksonville, Fla.; 11 grandchildren and six grandchildren.

McGeorge

Luke E. McGeorge, 81, of 48929 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township, died Feb. 2 in University Hospital. Services were held in Schrader Funeral Home with The Rev. Henry J. Walch officiating.

Mr. McGeorge is survived by his wife, Ann; a brother, Richard of Detroit; a nephew and four nieces.

He was a member of Plymouth Rock Lodge F and AM No. 47 Eastern Star, and past watchman and shepherd of White Shrine of Jerusalem. He was a retired heating sales engineer.

Todd

Clara Belle Todd, 88, of 25300 W. Six Mile Rd., Redford Township, a Plymouth native and for 29 years State treasurer of the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) died Feb. 3 in Presbyterian Village. Services were held in Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Henry Walch officiating. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Todd is survived by her sons, George and Max; five grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

She was a member of First United Presbyterian Church and

the Plymouth Historical Society, a life member of the Plymouth OFS, where she had served as secretary for 24 years, and was a life member of the National WCTU.

Keehl

Frank E. Keehl, 73, of 252 Blanch Ave., Plymouth, died Jan. 31 in St. Mary Hospital. Services were held in St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Livonia with The Rev. Winfred Koelprin officiating. Interment was in Glen Eden Cemetery.

Mr. Keehl is survived by his wife, Margaret; a son, Frank Jr.; a daughter, Shirley Truex, a sister, Emma Liverance; and seven grandchildren.

He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Livonia.

Sump

Frank A. Sump, 90, of 11651 Haggerty Rd., Plymouth Township, died Feb. 4 in Wayne County General Hospital. Services were held in Lambert Funeral Home. Interment was in Livonia Cemetery.

Mr. Sump is survived by his wife, Jessie; a brother, Albert; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was formerly a driver for the Detroit Streets and Roads Department.



Blood pressure clinic continues

A HYPERTENSION SCREENING clinic continues through Saturday of this week at Plymouth-Canton area fire station. Sponsored by the Local YMCA, fire departments, registered nurses, the Wayne County Health Department and the Michigan Heart Association, the clinic offers a free blood pressure test for adults. Some 42 people had tests at the Plymouth fire station, 51 at the Plymouth Township station and 32 at the Canton station on Monday, the first day of screening. Shown having the test is (far left) Rosemary Yodzio, Vivian Brittenhouse administers the check, while Plymouth Fire Chief George Schoenneman prepares to give Mrs. Yodzio information on hypertension. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)

South nod sparks debate

Over the objections of its president and vice-president, the Plymouth School Board last Monday approved the appointment of Fiegel School principal Ron South as the third principal of a new elementary school under construction in Canton.

President Marda Benson and Vice-President Marcia Borowski charged the administration with failing to properly screen all applicants for the post. They said they objected not to South, but to the process by which he was selected.

Their criticism touched off a heated debate among board members over the administration's recommendation, as South looked on.

Tempers flared in the crowded Canton cafeteria when Ms. Benson first assailed the recommendation without relinquishing her chair gavel. When she did so, the debate continued, until a question was called on the motion to appoint.

New Board Member Flossie Tonda criticized Ms. Benson for her refusal to accept the administration's recommendation.

Ms. Benson said the job was not posted until after administrators know who their choice for the post would be.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing on the proposal by the Plymouth Community School District to operate a program under the Indian Elementary and Secondary School Assistance Act (Part A of Title IV of the Education Amendments of 1972, 241aa) Title 45. Code of Federal Regulations Amended by Adding Part 186, will be held at the Plymouth Community School District Administration Building, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, on Monday, February 16, 1976, at 7:30 p.m. At said hearing, persons, including parents, teachers, and students may inquire about the content of elements of the grant application. NOTE: The project will be designed to meet the special educational needs of Indian children in the Plymouth Community School District and proposes to be centered in the Center for the Advanced Study of Teaching and Learning for Exciting Schools (CASTLES). The application proposal must be sent to Washington D.C., U.S. Office of Education, by February 18, 1976.

John M. Hoben
Superintendent of Schools
Plymouth, Michigan

Patients' guardian needs assessed

BY DONNA LOMAS

When does a mentally-retarded person require a guardian?

Judge Ernest C. Boehm held guardianship hearings last Friday for 25 non-ambulatory, mentally retarded residents of the Plymouth Center for Human Development.

Judge Boehm is the first judge to offer to hold a hearing at the center for the residents, who otherwise would have been transported to a court house in ambulances, requiring considerable staff time and expense for the center.

By law, residents must be present in the courtroom while their guardianship cases are being heard. A judge must also be present, as well as those who petitioned for the residents' guardianship.

"It's the law," the judge explained.

Under Michigan statutes the court must a) inquire into the nature and extent of the general intellectual functioning of the resident, b) must determine the extent of the impairment to his or her adaptive behaviour, and c) ascertain the residents capacity to care for his or herself.

"There are 4,000 persons in the State of Michigan who must be reviewed -- this is the first hearing to be held in Wayne County," Judge Boehm said.

Under Chapter 6, Section 600 of the mental health code for Michigan, the judge is required to appoint either a plenary guardian (that is, a guardian who possesses legal rights and powers of a full guardian of the person, his or her estate, or both); or a partial guardian, meaning a guardian who possesses fewer than all the legal rights and orders of a plenary guardian, and those specifically enumerated by court order.

Judge Boehm also appointed "stand-by" guardians, who would act in case the plenary guardian were incapacitated.

"If guardians were not appointed for these residents, they would be released from the center," Judge Boehm explained.

"That is really what their (the guardian's) purpose is -- to see that they receive continued care." All the residents subject to guardianship review were 25 years or older.

John Garret, an attorney for the Michigan Association for Retarded Persons, attended the hearings "to assist the judge and answer any questions anyone might have." This is a new experience for everyone," he said.

"This law seeks to protect every one," Judge Boehm said. "Whether the least handicapped or the most severely handicapped."

The court stayed in session until all cases were heard. If a resident could not be present, the judge adjourned the hearing for another time. "We can return," he said.

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HOCKEY ON THE LAKE, Wilcox Lake, that is, is a favorite pastime for many Plymouth youngsters. The junior pucksters had their ice dusted off last week by a Wayne County road crew. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)

Pioneers built Canton

BY KATHY KUENZER

If some of Canton's earliest settlers could talk to us now, what would they tell us of the township's early days?

One early settler was John Huston, who, according to Volume II of Silas Farmer's "The History of Detroit and Wayne County," brought his family to Canton Township in 1833.

Present-day Cantonese would probably chuckle and say "some things sure haven't changed - at least on a few roads" when they read of Farmer's account of how the Huston family traveled to Canton from Detroit, "being obliged to make part of the journey on foot on account of the almost impassable condition of the roads."

The family, according to Farmer's annals, was "far-removed from any town or store, and were often dependent upon Huston's gun for a living."

Huston and his wife raised eight children - six girls and two boys - in a span of 15 years, from 1832 to 1847.

While Huston spent nearly all his life on a farm and received his only education from "the rude district school" he attended in his home state of New York, he was regarded by Farmer as the kind of person who should be remembered by those to come.

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Smith reappointed

Wayne County Commissioner Royce E. Smith has been reappointed by his colleagues to serve a second consecutive one-year term on the five-member County Labor Relations Board, which negotiates collective bargaining matters with unions representing nearly 10,000 county employees.

Smith, a democrat, represents District 27, which consists of the cities of Belleville, Plymouth, Wayne, and part of Westland, and the townships of Canton, Plymouth, Sumpter and Van Buren.

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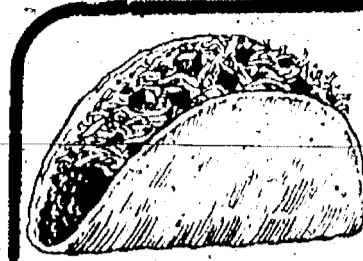
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Revolutionary anticipation surrounds Central Middle and Elementary schools next Monday, as they sharpen their cutlery and prepare to attack 'British biscuits' and 'Martha's potatoes'. Likewise on Tuesday, Pioneer Middle is set to roll with 'Lincoln's Log'. I hope it's not petrified.

Won't you be glad when all this Bicentennial baloney is over? It's getting too corny for me and will probably drive everyone "Calvin Coolidge crackers" before it's done with.

ALLEN
Monday Feb. 16
Tomato soup, grilled cheese, fruit, cake, milk

Tuesday Feb. 17
Sloppy joes, pickle, fries, peach cobbler, milk

Wednesday Feb. 18
Cheese pizza, vegetable, fruit, jello, milk

Thursday Feb. 19
Hot dog, bun, relishes, corn, apple sauce, cookie, milk

Friday Feb. 19
Tacos, vegetable, bread, butter, fruit dessert, milk

BIRD
Monday Feb. 16

Chicken noodle soup, cheese sticks, peanut butter and jelly sand., fruit toll bar, milk

Tuesday Feb. 17
Pizza burger, green beans, OJ, chocolate cake, milk

Wednesday Feb. 18
Chicken gravy over mashed potatoes, carrots, roll, fruit, milk

Friday Feb. 20
Macaroni and cheese, vegetable, bread, fruit jello, topping, milk

CENTRAL ELEM. & MIDDLE
Monday Feb. 16

Colonial chicken, Martha potatoes, gravy 'a la' Washington, British biscuit, son of Liberty salad, cherry tree pudding with tea party topping, Militia milk

Tuesday Feb. 17
Hot dog, bun, relishes, corn, fruit, milk

Wednesday Feb. 18
Tacos, vegetable, fruit, bread, milk

Thursday Feb. 19
Cheese pizzaburger, milk, vegetables, fruit, jello

Friday Feb. 20
Tuna noodle casserole, peas, fruit-peanut butter cake, milk

FARRAND
Monday Feb. 16

peanut butter and jelly sand., chicken noodle soup, toll bars, cake with cherry topping, milk

Tuesday Feb. 17
Hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes, rolls, pickle slice, choc, pudding, milk

Wednesday Feb. 18
Spaghetti with meat, peas, cinnamon rolls, fruit, milk

Thursday Feb. 19
Hot dog, relishes, green beans or saurkraut, cookies, OJ, milk

Friday Feb. 20
Fish sticks, tartar sauce, tater tots, choc. cake, bread, fruit cup and milk

FIGGEL
Monday Feb. 16

Tomato soup, cheese sticks, fruit, peanutbutter bar, milk

Tuesday Feb. 17
Hot dog, bun, relishes, green beans, OJ, cake, milk

Wednesday Feb. 18
Meat in gravy over mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, rolls, fruit, milk

Thursday Feb. 19
Sloppy joe, bun, pickle, green peas, fruit, jello, cookie milk

Friday Feb. 20
Pizza noodles, corn, bread, fruit, brownie, milk

GALLIMORE
Monday Feb. 16

Chicken noodle soup, peanut butter sand., peaches, butterscotch bar, milk

Tuesday Feb. 17
Sloppy joe, bun, corn, fruit, cake, milk

Wednesday Feb. 18
Chicken, potatoes and gravy, rolls, jello cake milk

Thursday Feb. 19
Hot dog, bun, relishes, peas, apple sauce, cake, milk

Friday Feb. 20
Grilled cheese, green beans, fruit toll bar, milk

ISBISTER
Monday Feb. 16

Vegetable soup, crackers, grilled cheese, pineapple choc. chip cake, milk

Tuesday Feb. 17
Sub sand., yellow wax beans, OJ, potato chips, milk

Wednesday Feb. 18
Beef and noodle casserole, corn-bread, spinach, fruit, float, milk

Thursday Feb. 19
Hot dog, bun, hash brown potatoes, peaches, cookie milk

Friday Feb. 20
Fish sticks, bread, carrots, fruit, choc. cake, milk

MILLER
Monday Feb. 16

Hot dog, bun, hash browns, fruit, cookie, milk

Tuesday Feb. 17
Grilled cheese, sand., soup, fruit, cookie, milk

Wednesday Feb. 18
PIZZA

Thursday Feb. 19
Macaroni and cheese, peas, bread, butter, fruit, milk

Friday Feb. 20
MYSTERY DAY

SMITH
Monday Feb. 16

Ravioli, bread, green beans, pears, cookie, milk

Tuesday Feb. 17
Fish sticks with tartar sauce, corn-bread, cheese sticks, lima beans, pineapple cookie milk

Wednesday Feb. 18
Hamburger on bun, relishes, tater tots, corn, peaches, cookie milk

Thursday Feb. 19
Hot dog, on bun, relishes, fries, applesauce, cookie milk

Friday Feb. 20
Meat sauce and cheese pizza, peas, fruit jello, milk

STARKWEATHER
Monday Feb. 16

Vegetable soup, peanut butter and jelly sand., carrot, fruit, brownies, milk

Tuesday Feb. 17
Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, rolls, fruit, milk

Wednesday Feb. 18
Grilled cheese, corn, celery, apple sauce, cookies, milk

Thursday Feb. 19
Hamburg on bun, relishes, fries, fruit, bars, milk

Friday Feb. 20
Fish sticks, tartar sauce, peas, bread, cake, milk

TANGER
Monday Feb. 16

Grilled cheese, tomato soup, fruit, toll bar, milk

Tuesday Feb. 17
Ravioli, cinnamon roll, vegetable, fruit, milk

Wednesday Feb. 18
Hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes, jello, applecrisp, milk

Thursday Feb. 19
Hot dog, bun, relishes, vegetable, fruit, cake, milk

Friday Feb. 20
Pizza, corn, chilled fruit, bar cookie milk

EAST ELEM. & MIDDLE
Monday Feb. 16

Sloppy joe, salad, jello, cookie, milk

Tuesday Feb. 17
Hot dog, relishes, corn, fruit, choc. cake, milk

Wednesday Feb. 18
Meat loaf, gravy, mashed potatoes, roll, butter, cherry tart, milk

Thursday Feb. 19
Hamburger on bun, relishes, peas and carrots, fruit, oatmeal cake, milk

Friday Feb. 20
Macaroni and cheese, french bread, green beans, fruit, OJ, toll bar, milk

PIONEER MIDDLE
Monday Feb. 16

Hot dog, roll, relishes, corn, fruit, cookie, milk

Tuesday Feb. 17
Chicken mount vernon, martha's mashed potatoes, salad monticello, lincoln log, dolly fruit pudding, madison's milk

Wednesday Feb. 18
Meat and cheese pizza, corn, fruit, cookie milk

Thursday Feb. 19
Hamburgers or cheeseburgers on bun, relishes, fries, fruit, milk

Friday Feb. 20
Baked tuna and noodles or beef and noodles, roll and butter, cabbage and carrot salad, fruit, milk

WEST
Monday Feb. 16

Devil dogs w/ roll and trims, corn, applesauce, cake, milk

Tuesday Feb. 17
Sloppy joe, roll, green beans, peaches, peanut butter crinkles, milk

Wednesday Feb. 18
Hamburger gravy mashed potatoes, carrots, rolls and butter, jello, milk

Thursday Feb. 19
Hamburger with roll and trims, fries, pineapple, choc. banana cake, milk

Friday Feb. 20
Grilled cheese sand., vegetables, fruit, peanut butter cake, milk

SALEM CANTON HIGH
Monday Feb. 16

Hot chicken gravy, potatoes, biscuit honey, vegetable, jello and milk

Tuesday Feb. 17
Bar BQ on bun, chips and pickle, soup and crackers, asst, fruit and milk

Wednesday Feb. 18
Lasagna with meat sauce, vegetable, roll and butter, jello and milk

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Hamburger or cheese burger, chips, pickle slices, vegetable, asst, fruit, milk

Feb. 20
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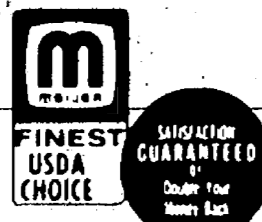
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CETA help sought

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees was expected to consider at its meeting last night (Tuesday) a request by the commander of the Plymouth Post of the State Police for a second employe hired by the township under federal Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) funds.

The township approved a similar request last year, and a CETA employe currently aids the police with their clerical duties.

Post Commander Lt. William Tomczyk said he understood another CETA position might be available, and that the post would like to add to its office staff.

"This person would be used primarily as a dispatcher," he told township officials. "In other words, handle the radio and telephone traffic, allowing the desk sergeant more time for his administrative and supervisory duties which directly touch the trooper working the road."

Lukens, Schnoes nominated

Two Plymouth residents have been nominated to U.S. military academies.

Jeffrey P. Lukens of 287 Irvin, and Paul R. Schnoes, of 44427 Beech, have been nominated by U.S. Rep. Marv Esch.

Lukens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lukens, and Schnoes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul

Schnoes, both have been nominated to the U.S. Air Force and Military academies.

Nomination is the first step to admission to military academies, but it does not insure appointment.

Actual appointment is made by the academies.

Schools to try incentive

An incentive plan is being considered by Plymouth School administrators to spur school staff members to find ways to cut costs.



The garment district?

MAIN ST. ALONG Kellogg Park looked like the New York garment district Sunday afternoon, as the staff of Lent's Men Clothing

moved racks of clothes from the store's former location in the Mayflower Hotel to its new home at Penniman and Main. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron).

Canton studies ways to spend 1976 block grant funds

The Canton Board of Trustees was expected last night to compile a list of programs to be submitted for application for Federal Block Grant Program monies.

At a meeting in Canton last week of the 23 municipalities in the Block Grant Program administered by Wayne County, it was determined that grants will be split among the communities in the same percentages as last year. Grant monies are expected to double this year.

Canton's share last year amounted to some \$35,000, much of which was used in the remodeling of the Canton Recreation Center.

"It is up to the individual

communities to submit their ideas for how they would like to use the money," said Canton Supervisor Bob Greenstein on Monday. "Canton has a list of six or eight items that must be prioritized and submitted by Feb. 13."

Greenstein, last year's chairman of the Block Grant Advisory Council, was chosen as vice-chairman at last week's meeting. Mayor Frank J. Lada of Allen Park succeeds Greenstein as chairman.

Horton up for Twp. post

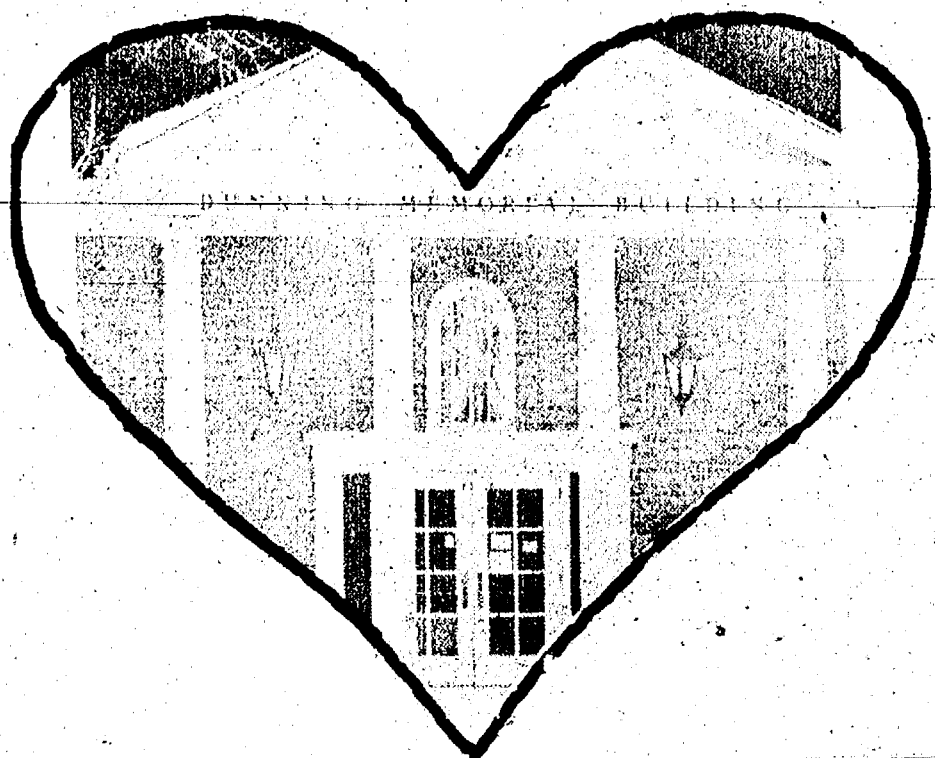
Former Plymouth Township Planning Commissioner Smith Horton was expected to be appointed to that post again last night (Tuesday) by the township board of trustees at the recommendation of Supervisor J.D. McLaren.

Horton, who lives at 44555 Governor Bradford, would

replace Commission Chairman James Griffith, who resigned earlier this month to move to Virginia.

Horton served on the commission from 1967 to 1973, but quit to take a job assignment in Europe. His new term would expire in July, 1977.

Thank You, Valentines!



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Susan Beyer weds Bernard Haun

Susan Lyn Beyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beyer of 725 N. Mill St., Plymouth, and Bernard J. Haun of Westland exchanged wedding vows Dec. 20 in St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

Haun is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Haun of Cape Coral, Fla.

Pastor Leonard Koeninger officiated at the early evening service.

Matron of honor was Joan M. Williams, and maid of honor was Bethny Leininger. Bridesmaids were Christine Collins of Keego Harbor, Linda Dunifon of Keego Harbor, Wendie Novess of Royal Oak, Mary Ann Truax of Royal Oak, and JoAnn Eurick of Saginaw.

John C. Jameson of Farmington was best man. Ushering were Larry Gaines of Los Angeles, Calif.; Arlie Kickpatrick of Glen Falls, N.Y.; John Howard of Washington, D.C.; Buddy Tighe of Buffalo, N.Y.; Michael Beyer of South Lyon; and Rick Bolton of Westland.

The bride wore an ivory knit gown with full-length hooded cape and carried a flower-covered maribou.

A reception was held in the Mayflower Meeting House. The couple honeymooned at Boyne Highlands resort in Harbor Springs, and now live in Farmington Hills.

The bride, a graduate of Plymouth High School and Central Michigan University, teaches at Farmington High School. The groom, a graduate of the University of Kentucky, is a district manager for Stretch 'n Sew Fabrics.

Moms of twins will meet here

A planning committee for the Western Wayne County Mothers of Twins Club met Tuesday to begin plans for a convention of the State Mothers of Twins organization to be held in Plymouth Township this May.

Mrs. Lynn Lyon, chairman of the entertainment committee, says the convention will be held at the Plymouth Hilton. Some 300 mothers of twins from all over Michigan will convene here at that time.

Canton seeks industrial booster

Canton is still looking for a new industrial development coordinator, but as of press time, only one applicant was left to interview.

"We have spoken with a man from Oklahoma who looks like an excellent prospect," said Clerk John Flodin.

Another man was expected to be interviewed this week.

"This kind of business is a competitive market," said Flodin. "Whoever is hired will have to be a real part of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. He'll have to shop around for a place

with the capabilities to satisfy the needs of prospective industries. And he'll need to properly represent and 'sell' the township."

Flodin said a recent meeting with a committee from the Canton Chamber of Commerce has "established a means for an excellent working relationship" with respect to an industrial coordinator.

According to Supervisor Bob Greenstein, the name of the coordinator would probably be placed before the board at its next meeting.

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In AAUW program: How Lifeliners help DeHoCo's women inmates

Life for female inmates at the Detroit House of Correction (DeHoCo) is made a bit more bearable each week when they are visited by volunteers from the Plymouth branch of the American Association of University Women. (AAUW).

Members of the group -- and others, from Livonia -- are called Lifeliners, a name given them by the resident lifers shortly after the program began four years ago.

A study of prison reform and related topics led to the prison visits and an interest in the women and their needs.

The original Lifeliners program has been expanded to include Project Step-Up for women serving terms in excess of seven years. Auxiliaries have also been formed in both the Plymouth and Livonia branches whose members provide refreshments taken to the prison each week and sponsor a Christmas Fantasy for the inmates' children.

Currently there are nine volunteers working with 15 of the

17 lifers at DeHoCo, and eight working with the 20-25 women in the Step Up program.

"Our goal is to have a one-to-one ratio between volunteers and 'residents', as the women refer to themselves," said Launa Wakenhut of the Plymouth Branch and chairman of the group. "As interest in Lifeliners and Step-Up has spread among the inmates, it has been increasingly difficult to find enough volunteers to maintain the desired balance.

"We are currently seeking women interested in the program," Mrs. Wakenhut added. "Prospective volunteers must attend a series of four training sessions. Upon completion and acceptance into the program, they are expected to spend two evenings a month -- Tuesdays for Lifeliners and Thursdays for Step-Up -- as their part of the commitment. One evening will be spent at the prison with the inmates, the other is reserved for a resource and planning meeting."

"After that, the amount of time and involvement is up to the volunteers," said another AAUW member. "However, after most volunteers come to the prison, they want to spend additional evenings there because they realize the needs of the women are so great."

She described the typical lifer as "a woman without resources. She is poorly educated, has no money, and may live far away from family and friends. Her age range could be between 17 and 50. She may be white or black.

"Many of these women are bright. Volunteers often see a spark of potential in them and wonder what they might have become if they had had a better education, if somebody had cared, or if things could have been different along the way."

Mrs. Wakenhut emphasized that volunteers are in no danger when they go to the prison for meetings. The women are very enthusiastic about the program and so pleased someone cares that they would never do anything to jeopardize the visits.

Training sessions for potential Lifeliners and Step-Up volunteers are scheduled for four Wednesdays beginning Feb. 18 and running through March 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Pilgrim United Church of Christ, 36075 Seven Mile Rd, in Livonia. A fifth session, a tour of DeHoCo, will be scheduled later.

The four sessions will include an overview of the program, information on what the women are like, empathy training, and a

rap session including role playing to learn how to handle situations that might arise.

Volunteers do not need to be members of AAUW. There is an age requirement, however. No one under 25 will be accepted for the training sessions.

"Ideally," one member said,

"the potential volunteers should be good listeners, mature and self assured individuals who are open minded and able to accept the women as they are."

For more information about the training sessions or the program, call 453-1810 or 422-4799.



Girls Scouts' International Night

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT for local Girl Scouts meant the food festivities of Hawaii, Ireland and Sweden. The girls took their turns at skits and dances representative of the three varied lands Friday night at Canton High School. (Crier photo).

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Rep cites local SEV inequities, 'illegalities'

Editor's Note: Since this story was written, the new State Equalization figures were reported for Plymouth Township and Canton. They are detailed in another story on this page. The same discrepancies between classes alleged by Rep. Roy Smith still exist with new SEV figures as well.

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

Local industrial and commercial property owners may be bearing more than their fair — and legal — share of the property tax burden.

This occurs when local assessments are multiplied across the board by what is known as the State Equalized Valuation (SEV) factor. It means many industrial and commercial property owners pay tax on a valuation of their property at more than 50% of its cash value.

Thus this is in violation of the Michigan Constitution, which says the assessment level shall not exceed 50%.

"This thing is rotten," State Rep. Roy Smith, told The Community Crier. Smith's 52nd District includes the City of Plymouth and most of Plymouth Township.

"It's unconstitutional and illegal."

Smith is sponsoring a bill in the legislature to change the assessment equalization process to bring about more uniformity.

Locally, the greatest discrepancy in assessments is shown to be in the City of Plymouth and in Canton Township.

In the city, latest figures show, commercial and industrial property is assessed at 50%. Residential property is assessed at 45.64%.

Because the total assessments of all property classes in the city is 47.25%, the city has been assigned an SEV factor of 1.0581 (1.06).

This factor, when multiplied by the assessment, means: commercial and industrial property owners pay tax on a 53.00% of their properties' cash value; homeowners pay tax on 48.38% of their residence' cash value.

New SEV figures to raise tax bills

The Wayne County Treasurer's office has informed treasurers of Canton and Plymouth townships and the City of Plymouth that the equalization factor on their taxpayer's assessments will be going up this year.

Although the announcement will not be made official until May, local officials are already notifying residents of the expected hike.

Canton's factor and the city's are both expected to be boosted from about 1.06% to 1.12%, while Plymouth Township's will go up from 1.12 to 1.17%.

In Canton Township the assessment by class are: industrial, 50%; agricultural and residential, 46.93%; and commercial 46.75%.

With the SEV factor of 1.0617 (1.06) applied, those become: industrial, 53.00%; agricultural and industrial, 49.75%; and commercial, 49.52%.

Plymouth Township's assessments by class are: commercial, 46.09%; industrial, 46.06%; residential, 44.11; and agricultural, 44.10.

With an SEV factor of 1.1157 (1.12), those become: commercial, 51.62; industrial, 51.59; residential, 49.39; and agricultural, 49.38.

Thus in the three local communities, there are five classes where assessments, when multiplied by the SEV factor, exceed the 50% maximum set down by the state constitution.

They are:
CITY OF PLYMOUTH
Commercial — 53%
Industrial — 53%
CANTON TOWNSHIP
Industrial — 53%
PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP
Commercial — 51.62%
Industrial — 51.59%

This problem with the unconstitutional assessment level occurs because the SEV factor, which is determined for a community as a whole, is applied to all classes of property.

Thus in the city, where indus-

trial and commercial property is assessed at 50% — the optimum situation according to state assessing standards — the SEV factor multiplier puts its assessment over the maximum set by the constitution.

Who is to blame for the problem?

That is a matter of opinion and the opinions of those involved vary greatly.

Local assessors blame the county and state tax boards for the SEV factor.

State and county tax authorities say the SEV factor is the only way they can equate assessments in different communities. They point out communities like Dearborn where the residential property assessment average is 14.46 per cent of the properties' cash value. To compare this equitably with other Wayne County communities, Dearborn is assigned an SEV factor of 2.17.

Kenneth Way, assessor for the City of Plymouth, said, "We tried as best we could to equal out the assessments at the time we had our last general reassessments (1973)."

The difference in assessment levels between the different classes comes because there are many sales of residential properties and the prices tend to vary greatly. This contrasts to commercial and industrial property, which tends to have less

turnover and more stable prices, he explained.

"Industrial property sales are few and far between," Way said, which means that class of property generally varies little in its assessment as compared to cash value.

Way said the problem of discrepancies between the classes of property, which is compounded by the SEV factor, could be corrected if property was reassessed each year — but that's an expensive undertaking.

Canton Supervisor Bob Greenstein laid the problem on the county. "I have real qualms about the way the county uses fancy figures for the SEV factor."

He agreed with Smith who said, "First the county determines how many dollars they need from a particular (governmental) unit, then they set the SEV factor."

Greenstein said he talked the county down from a proposed SEV factor of 1.09 last year and "now they're talking about 1.12. Maybe we ought to have a reassessment instead."

Plymouth Township Supervisor J.D. McLaren said he was pleased that "by and large, Plymouth Township is so close to being at 50% it isn't funny."

He said he thought the county was "trying to do a good job."

Smith said the Plymouth Township assessments were not too far out of line. "If you're that close — within 2 per cent between all the classes — nobody can complain."

He said Canton's industrial sector assessments appeared to be the only ones out of line there. "They're doing a good job except for the industrial area."

But the state representative pointed to the city's difference of nearly five per cent between residential and other classes as an example where more uniformity is needed.

"Uniformity in assessing all classes locally is the answer," Smith added. "That's the real key."

"If each class is uniform then they can apply the factor equally."

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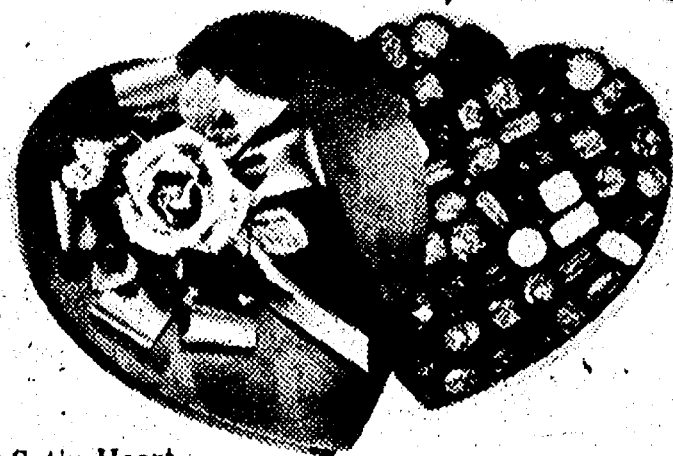
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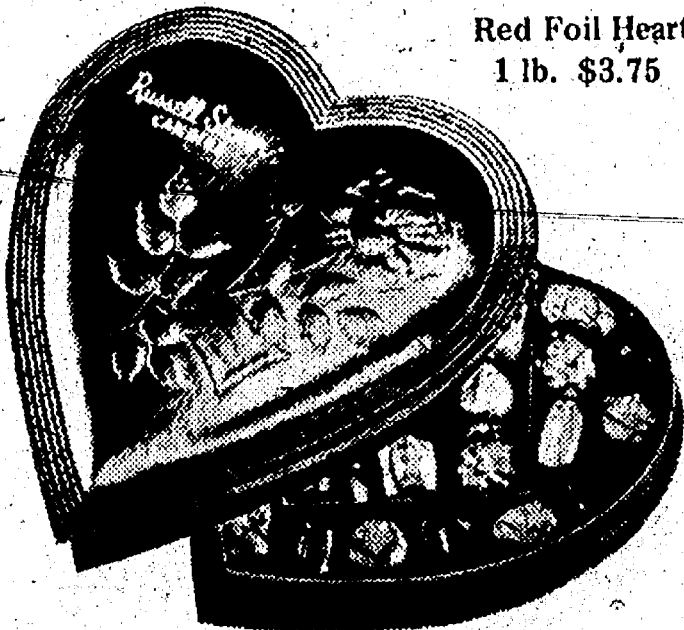
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With Scouts' skills and a hand from dad
***Cubs' sleek racers
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BY KATHY KEUNZER

It's hardly a "gentlemen...start your engines" sort of affair, but the Pinewood Derby auto races held annually by Cub Scouts throughout the community and the country are no less exciting to most of the racers and spectators.

The Crier recently followed the course of preparation for a Pinewood Derby held by Cub Pack 854 of Miller School to see just what happens before the races begin.

All of the Cubs in the pack received Christmas presents in the form of seven pieces — four

wheels, two axles and a solid piece of pine slightly resembling the body of a racing car. The Cub's responsibility (with the help of dad, mom or any other handy adult), is to whittle the shapeless hunk of pine into a sleek racing car, paint it up appropriately, add the axles and wheels, and weight it with lead or solder so that it comes as close as possible to the maximum allowed weight of 15 ounces.

One thing about it, no two cars are exactly alike. The skills of many of the boys would do justice to a design center at one of the local auto companies. Aero-dynamics, proper weighting, reduction in axle friction — all are taken into account for this competition.

Finally, on Feb. 2, the big night arrives. By 6:30 p.m. the racers have already gathered at the Miller gym to have their cars weighed and numbered for the line-up. The Cubs talk about the pros and cons of their cars, boasting about the time they

took to achieve the fine lines and "neat-o" paint jobs.

Then, the competition began. Three cars are placed at the top of the long wooden race track. The front wheels rest against a starting gate, which upon release will allow gravity to pull them down the track to a finish line carefully watched by two judges.

The race begins! The cars gain momentum, but no one knows until the final second which of the three will cross the line first.

In a series of eliminations in which a "driver" stays in until he has been defeated twice, all of the Cubs race until the winners are finally determined: first place in 854's action was Gary Slater; second, John Falkiewicz; third, David McGrath; and runners-up Mark Barkoff, Brian Arnold, David Janik, Mike Timen, Jeff Kralik, Mike Clark and David Berrie.

The pack leaders comments — "Whew!" The Cub Scouts — "Wait'll next year..."



Photos by Robert Cameron

Seniors' tower may go up on Wilcox site

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Grange members are expected to seek an arrangement whereby they will have facilities for their use within the new complex.

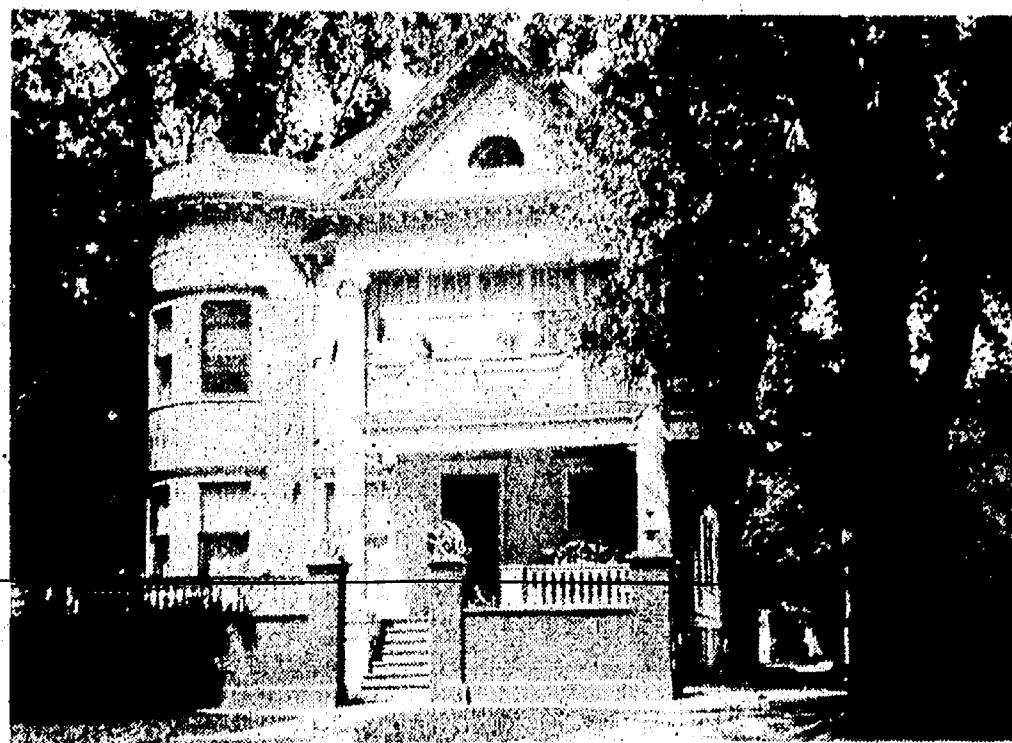
Negotiations with other property owners are continuing, and on those talks will hinge the precise shape of the parcel and the amount of parking available.

The site would be optioned and operated by Forest City Dillon, but the state housing authority (MSHDA) would advance money through the sale of bonds to finance construction. Thus final approval would be required from the state for the subsidized housing the developers envision for the complex.

Tenants would pay 25% of their annual income as rent, with the remainder subsidized by the state for those whose income fell below a minimum set by the state.

The structure itself would be constructed with solid concrete core walls Forest City could assemble in Cleveland, then erect here. Construction on the site itself would take only eight to nine months, Wilcox said.

The large white house on the site, a local landmark, has been in the Wilcox family since 1911. It was built in 1903 for the mistress of the holder of the Daisy air rifle patent.



THE HISTORICAL WILCOX HOUSE at Ann Arbor Trail and Union may soon be razed to make way for what could be the tallest building in western Wayne County, a high-rise apartment complex.

Wilcox said he has some regrets over what he regards as the inevitable demolition of the gracious old structure.

"I lived in that building before I was born," he mused. He said some of the lot's trees will be saved, as well as its well-known wrought iron fence, which will even be extended, but some of the larger trees on the property will be lost.

Wilcox said, however, that Forest City plans extensive landscaping around the new building, including planting that would screen it from neighbors and walkways that would extend toward Kellogg Park. Benches might also be installed along the park.

Wilcox who has devoted himself to maintaining the house in recent years -- it was divided into apartments during World War II -- can remember how in his childhood deer played in the yard and ponds held goldfish.

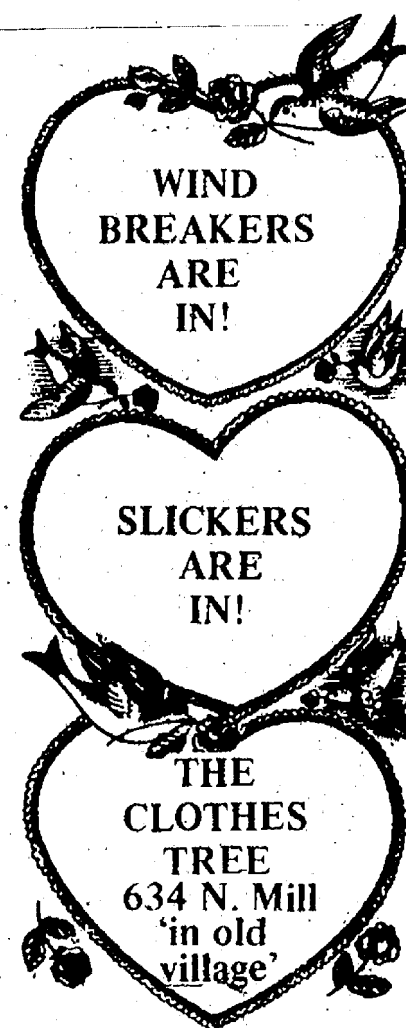
"The years have taken their toll," he said, "it was just too much for one person to keep up."

The new complex would house some 200 units, most of them one bedroom for single persons or couples.

"Forest City has built recently smaller complexes in Ypsilanti and Southfield. If this is of the same quality as their others, it will be excellent," Wilcox said. "I wanted the site to have something that would justify it."

Each unit would have its own balcony, and the building, which Wilcox describes as completely fireproof, would be protected by smoke detectors in every room. On the first floor would be a recreational area and auditorium facilities, as well as a library, crafts room and coin-operated laundry facilities.

What would it be called? One commissioner has suggested "The Wilcox House."



Scouts try old Yule at village

Two groups of local Camp Fire Girls were among 50 girls who spent an overnight and old-fashioned Christmas at Greenfield Village during their Christmas vacation.

Among the girls who got a chance to try their hands at traditional crafts in Greenfield Village shops were those in Crystal Boyd's Bluebird group and Cindy DeKun's Adventure group.

Consumer aid offered

The Canton Chamber of Commerce has reminded Canton residents of the services it offers through its Consumers Relations Bureau.

The bureau's service is free of charge and is available to any Canton resident who wishes to solve a problem with any Canton merchant or businessman.

Recent budget cuts by Wayne County have caused curtailment of some of the services of the Wayne County Consumers Protection Agency, and chamber officials hope their bureau can take up the slack.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is located at 5834 N. Sheldon Rd. in Harvard Square Shopping Center. The chambers phone number is 453-4040.

Poole named to SEMCOG

Canton Trustee Jim Poole has been appointed by the township Board of Trustees to serve as its representative to SEMCOG (Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments).

Poole also serves as Canton's representative to SEMTA (Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority).

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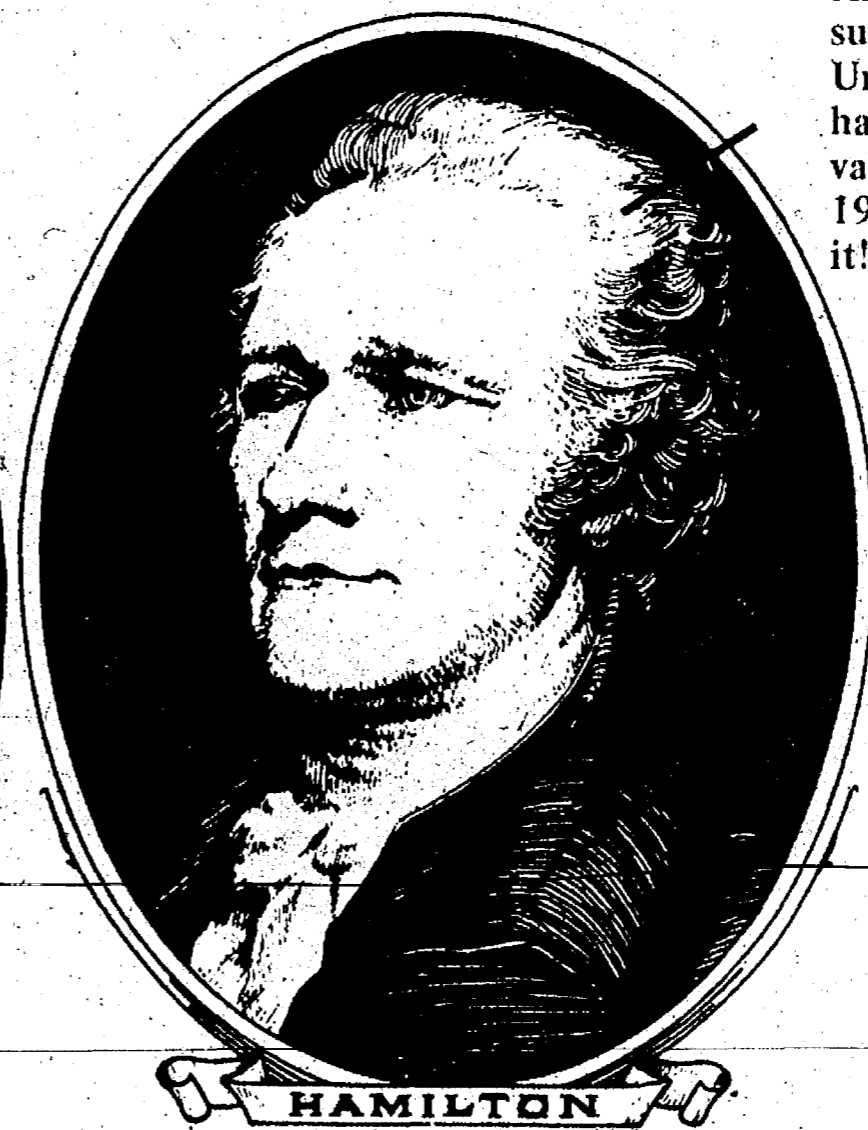
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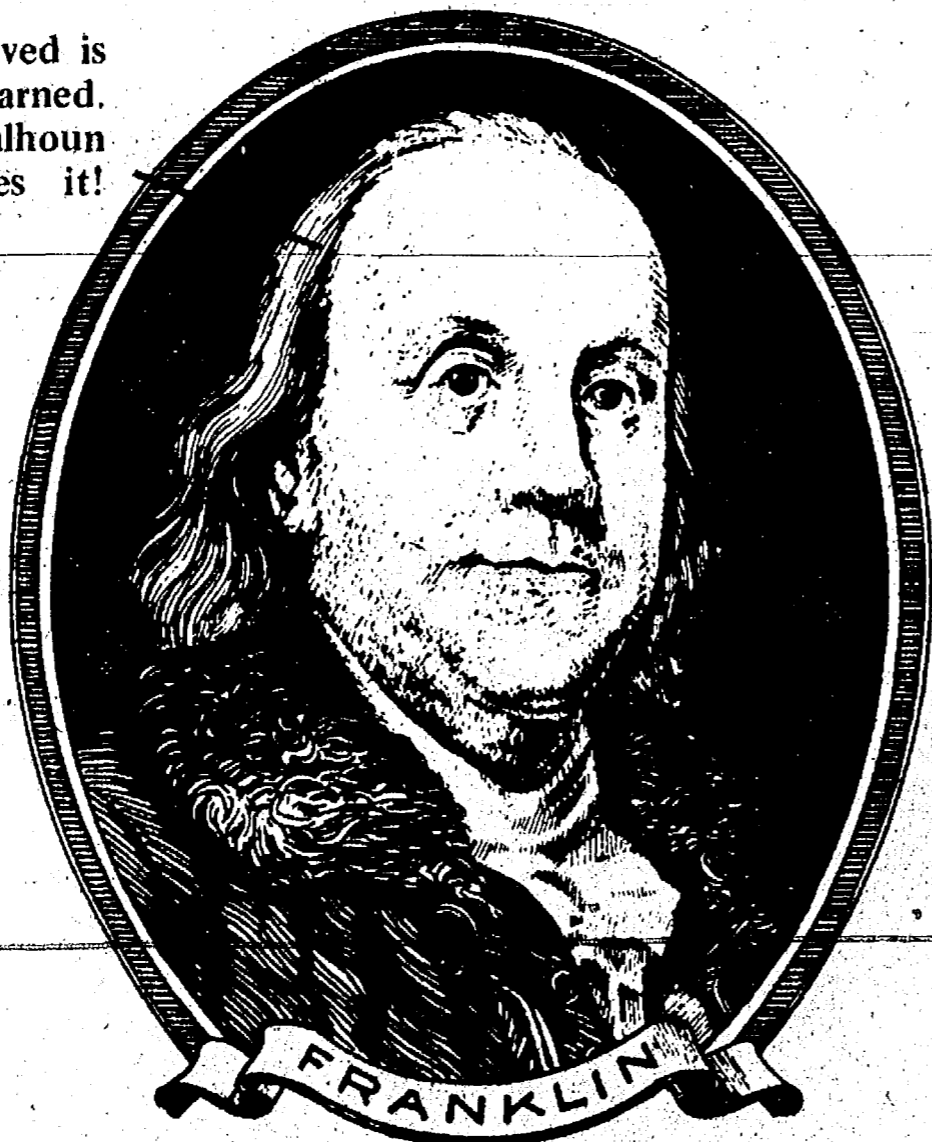
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PILING MORE POINTS on to this team record total is Salem grappler Les Hassen, whose decision over this Belleville opponent was the first victory in the Rocks 25-21 deci-

sion over the Tigers last Thursday night. Hassen finished second in the Suburban Eight League meet two days later. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron.)

Trenton is 15th victim Rocks stifle rally

BY DENNIS O'CONNOR

Another foe's upset bid went down the drain last Friday, as the Salem Rocks got off to a quick start en route to win number 15 over a respectable Trenton squad at the Trojan gym.

The triumph raises the Rocks' unblemished mark to 15-0.

Trenton, coming into the contest with four losses overall and a second-place tie with Belleville in the Suburban Eight League standings, had high hopes of giving the state-rated Rocks their first setback.

But it just wasn't to be, as a 21-9 first period advantage led the way to 71-65 Salem victory and brought the Rocks a step closer to their third consecutive conference title.

Barring disaster, the Rocks were expected to handle last-place Bentley yesterday evening. Without difficulty, meaning they will be shooting for at least a share of the league title in their game against Belleville this Friday at the Salem court.

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Salem vaults to top

Salem's Friday night cage victory over the Trenton Trojans kept the Rocks undefeated after the first 15 games of the season.

That victory, combined with a 65-61 loss by Flint Northwestern at the hands of Midland Dow, established the Rocks as the number-one team in the state, according to two of three major polls.

Northwestern was previously the top squad in all three polls before its first setback. Salem still rates as one of the top four teams in the other rating.

Flint Northwestern, oddly enough, was the team which stopped the Rocks' advance in the state tournament with a 59-53 victory in the semifinals at East Lansing last March.

Improving Chiefs show promise

The results were the same as last year - a sixth place finish in the Western Six League wrestling meet for the Canton Chiefs last Friday night at Walled Lake Western.

But the young Canton wrestlers, that included one senior, one junior, seven sophomores and one freshman, had nothing to be ashamed of; as they recorded 36 team points, eight less than fifth place Churchill, and more importantly, five times better than last season's total of seven.

"I was happy and encouraged," said coach Dan Chrenko, "We did thing well, wrestling the best all season."

"We were sad to finish sixth, but we did take six ribbons home of the 10 wrestlers we entered. Compared to a total of three in the last two seasons, that's pretty good."

"We're showing people that we can compete. They aren't chuckling at Plymouth-Canton wrestling anymore."

The Chiefs "Light Brigade", Bill Heedum, Craig Lee and Mark Bartlett, (the first three wrestlers by weight class) led the way with second third and fourth place finishes respectively.

The junior Heedum lost in the championship match to Mike Jack of Churchill in the 101-weight division, 9-3. But with the second place finish, Heedum raised his individual amrk to 15-7 which ties him for the season record of total wins held last season by Gregg Burke.

Lee placed third at 108, losing in the semifinals by a close 8-7 decision. Bartlett, a sophomore grappler, placed fourth along with fellow team

mate Jeff Ray in the 115 and 122 weights.

In the toughest weight class of the meet, Scott Collins, at 140 pounds, competed against two returning champions and two second place finishers from last season's meet, to grab a third place finish.

"He faced some of the best," said Chrenko of Collins. "He's doing some incredible things as a sophomore."

Collins lost in the opening round to returning 140 pound champ Mike Dushane from Waterford Mott, but came back to beat him in the consolations for the third place finish. Collins is 10-5 since Christmas vacation, improving on a 4-8 start in December.

The other Chief to place was sophomore heavyweight Bob Yauck who place fourth.

Salem grapplers place 2nd in Sub-8

The climax to the best season in the history of Salem wrestling came last Saturday night as the Rocks placed second in the tough Suburban Eight League meet in Dearborn.

Going into the meet, the Rocks were tied for second with Allen Park at 5-2, with Dearborn Edsel Ford on top with a 7-0 mark.

But the Rocks held second by themselves on Saturday, as their 92 team points topped all teams but the mighty Thunderbirds, who compiled 106½ points for the conference title.

"We were winning most of the day," said coach Ron Krueger. "It was kind of a letdown at the end to finish second, but nobody could catch them (Edsel Ford)."

The second place finish is the end of a great season that included an 11-4 record and tournament victories at Allen Park and North Farmington and a triple dual win at Thurston. The Rocks also placed Farmington and a triple dual win at Thurston.

The Rocks also placed 11th in the 33-team Schoolcraft Invitational and fourth in the Plymouth mouth tourney.

But more important, the Rocks graduate only three seniors from this squad.

"We're coming back," said Krueger. "We're starting to think toward number one for next year."

Salem placed the most wrestlers of any team into the finals of the Sub-8 meet (five), coming out with two first-place finishes and three seconds. The Rocks also added one third and one fourth place spot to its total.

Dave Champion lived up to his number-one seed with a 4-1 championship decision over Trenton's Bob Dixon. Earlier, Champion pinned one and beat another opponent by a decision.

Rock captain Carl Schultz also proved a number-one seed, with a league title which included two pins and a 5-1 championship decision.

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THE PLYMOUTH JUNIORS --(front row from left) Vickie Jolante, Carol Lindsay, Marvel McCall, Laurie Lough, Diane Ost, Carla Campbell, and Gracie McCall. Middle row from left, Pam Byers, Sheila Tripp, Chris Kesson, team managers - Nancy McCall and Ray McCall. Back row from left, assistant coach Bob Campbell, Karen Nicholas, and Kris Campbell. Missing, coach Gary Gibson, Linda L'Hereux and Shannon Gibson.

Mustangs soak Chief tankers

The Canton swim team traveled to Northville last Thursday and the results were inevitable, the Mustangs dunked the Chiefs 56-27.

But the Canton performance was quite noteworthy as many swimmers raced their best times of the season against the Western Six League poser.

"I'm satisfied with the meet," said coach Bill Faunce. "It's not the same as winning, but they went over there (Northville) and did their best. Overall we swam very well. They (the swimmers) developed a lot of selfpride with this meet."

The Chief's efforts didn't exactly go for naught either, as they avoided numerous Mustang grand slam attempts,

placing two kids in first place and seven more with second best times.

The only event that Northville took a one, two in was the 500 free style. The Chiefs also lost out in the diving, as the nagging back injury of Scott Wales prevented the Chiefs from competing and placing.

Don Hemingway grabbed a first place in the 200 free style in one of the most exciting races of the evening.

Hemingway won on a referee's decision after clocking an identical 2:01.8 time with his Northville opponent. The third place finisher was a Mustang that wasn't far behind the leaders with a 2:03.3 timing.

The other first place finisher for the Chiefs was Kevin Harris,

who kept his area-best 50 free time intact with a 23.6 clocking. Later in the meet, Harris lost a heartbreaker in the 100 free race where a judge's decision on identical 51.5 second timings pummeled Harris to the runner-ups position.

Other individual second place finishes went to Steve Wood (100 butterfly), Mark Retting (100 back), Tim Greenleaf (100 breast) and Dave Tanner (200 I.M.)

Both Chief relays also finished second. The 200 medley relay combination of Retting, Greenleaf, Wood and Harris paced a 1:51.8 Hemmingway Mrowka, Jamie Greenwood and Wood swam a 3:45 in the 400 free relay.

Third year brings fortune to gals

Girls hockey is alive and well in Plymouth.

In its third year as part of the Plymouth Hockey Association (PHA), girls from ages 8-18 are active each week as part of the competition in the Inter-City Girls Hockey League which includes 10 teams from the area.

Girls from the age of 8-13 compete in the Junior league while the 14-18 year-olds play are busy in the Teens (formerly Seniors) conference.

The gals play on a week with the Plymouth Teens currently making a run for the conference title with a 13-2-1 record and a third place position.

The girls league was also active in Sunday's skate-a-thon that raised money for all the members of the PHA.

The two girls teams practice twice-a-week along with its weekend game.

Although participation for this year's teams is too late, registration for activity in next season's program begins in late August.

For further information on the Plymouth squads, contact Bonnie Parady 453-8289.

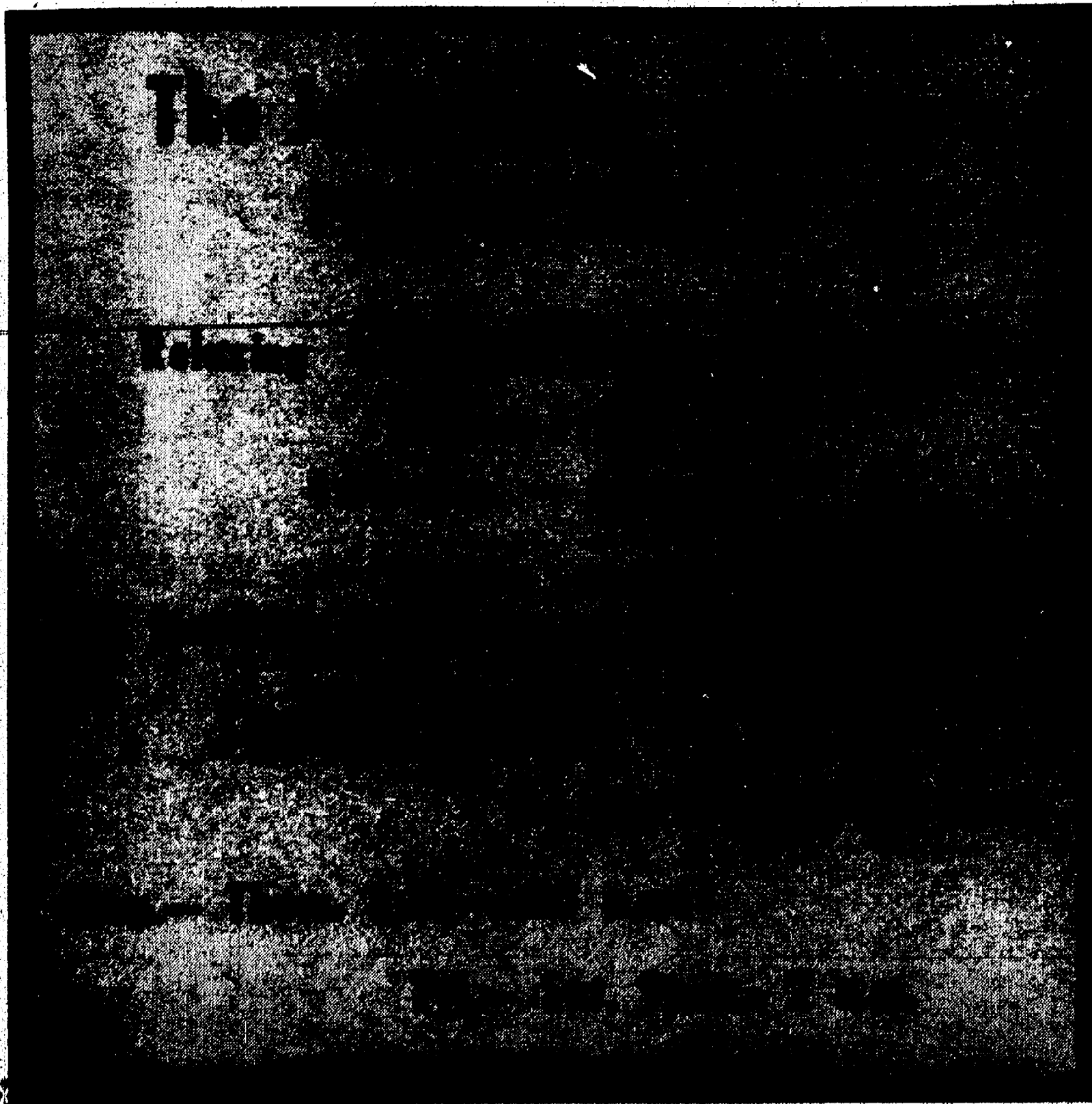
Plymouth icers enjoy trip to Niagara Falls

Although the Pee Wee and Bantam teams from the Plymouth Hockey Association were whipped by squads from Niagara Falls, N. Y. in a home-and home series, all the players, parents, coaches and officials agreed the experience was a winning one.

Traveling to New York two weeks ago, the Plymouthites stayed at the homes of the opponents from Niagara Falls. They returned the favor to the New Yorkers last weekend.

"We had a tremendous time up there and the kids really enjoyed it," said Pee Wee coordinator William Farwell. "They had a great time down here as well -- that's what it's all about."

Both the Plymouth divisions competed in games on Saturday and Sunday of both weekends.



STICK WIELDING GIRLS PUCKSTERS competing on two Plymouth teams, match their male counterparts in enthusiasm for this bruising sport. The young icers fell Saturday to a Garden City contingent. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron).

Jr. Community Basketball standings, results

PLYMOUTH-CANTON JUNIOR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Girls B League

Pistons	5-0
Chargers	4-1
Royals	3-2
Bullets	2-3
Lakers	1-4
Sonics	0-5

Week's Results:
Pistons 15, Chargers 14; Royals 26, Sonics 9, Bullets 26, Lakers 12.

GIRLS A LEAGUE

Angels	4-1
Wings	4-1
Blues	3-2
Hornets	3-2
Nets	2-3
Dolphins	1-3
Apollo	0-4

Week's Results:
Wings 45, Nets 36; Blues 36, Stars 21; Hornets 37, Angels 35.

BOYS A LEAGUE

Bullets	4-1
Chargers	3-2
Lakers	2-3
Sonics	2-3
Knicks	1-4
Pistons	1-4

NATIONAL LEAGUE

rocks	5-0
Cougars	4-1
Mustangs	4-1
Celtics	2-3
Nats	1-4
Royals	1-4
Warriors	0-5

Week's Results:
Mustangs, Warriors 24; Lakers 47, Knicks 36; Rocks 24, Pistons 29; Cougars 44, Nats 26; Bullets 39, Celtics 36; Bulls 40, Sonics 17; Chargers 59, Royals 35.

BOYS AA LEAGUE

Spartans	4-1
Knicks	4-1
Hoosiers	4-4
Wildcats	3-4
Hawkeyes	3-5
Wolverines	1-5
Buckeyes	1-5
Badgers	1-5

Week's Results:
Wildcats 49, Wolverines 48; Hoosiers 32, Spartans 29; Spartans 63, Wildcats 53; Wolverines 52, Hawkeyes 50; Badgers 54, Gophers 52; Hoo-

BOYS B LEAGUE

Cougars	4-1
Knicks	3-2
Bulldogs	3-2
Celtics	2-3
Pistons	2-3
Royals	1-4
Darts	0-5
Rocks	0-5

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Lakers	5-0
Warriors	4-1

Bulls	4-1
Warriors	4-1
Knicks	3-2
Bulldogs	3-2
Hawks	1-3
Mustangs	1-4
Trojans	0-4
Sonics	0-5

Week's Results:
Warriors 49, Pistons 27; Cougars 51, Celtics 34; Knicks 27, Rocks 22; Bulldogs, 42, Royals 28; Warriors 28, Darts 16; Bulls 37, Mustangs 23; Stags 32, Bullets 18; Lakers 30, Sonics 26; Chargers 29, Nats 20.

Jr. Hockey stats

PLYMOUTH AND FARMINGTON HOCKEY ASSOCIATION PEE WEE STANDINGS (as of Feb. 9)

	GP	W	L	T	PTS
Plymouth Sabres	12	9	1	2	20
Plymouth Penguins	12	9	2	1	9
Plymouth Blues	13	8	4	1	17
Farmington Cougars	13	6	6	1	13
Farmington Bruins	14	5	9	0	10
Farmington Flyers	14	3	9	2	8
Farmington Blazers	14	2	11	1	5

PLYMOUTH HOCKEY MITE STANDINGS (as of Feb. 6)

Rangers	7	9	10
Bruins	9	2	3
Wings	5	7	2
North Stars	0	14	1

PLYMOUTH SQUIRT HOCKEY LEAGUE (as of Feb. 9)

Rangers	7	3	6	20
Penguins	7	3	4	18
Blackhawks	5	6	4	14
Bruins	2	9	4	8

The Bantam standings were not reported to The Crier this week.

GIRLS HOCKEY STANDINGS

Juniors

PLYMOUTH 4-9-3

Ecorse
Melborn
Livonia
Garden City

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SUBURBAN EIGHT			WESTERN SIX LEAGUE		
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Trenton	7	2 2	Harrison	5	2 x
Belleville	7	2 2	Northville	4	3 1
Redford Union	4	5 5	Mott	4	3 1
Dearborn	4	5 5	CANTON	3	4 2
Edsel Ford	3	6 6	WL Western	0	7 5
Allen Park	2	7 7			
Bentley	1	8 8			

Sports happenings

Feb. 11	S. Volleyball	Dearborn	H 7:30 PM		
	C. Volleyball	Waterford Mott	T 6:30 PM		
	S. Swimming	Western Wayne Inv.	J Glen		
Feb. 12	S. Swimming	Belleville	H 7 PM		
	C. Swimming	Churchill	T 7 PM		
Feb. 13	S. JV Basketball	Belleville	H 6:30 PM		
	S. Varsity Basketball	Belleville	H 8:15 PM		
	C. JV Basketball	Waterford Mot	T 8 PM		
	Salem 9 Basketball	Pierce	T 4 PM		
Feb. 14	S. Wrestling	Districts	Districts		
	Canton Wrestling	Districts	Districts		
	S. Swimming	Western Wayne	Invit. J. Glenn		
Feb. 16	S. Volleyball	Thurston	T 6:30 PM		
Feb. 17	C. JV Basketball	Bentley	H 6:30 PM		
	C. Varsity Basketball	Bentley	H 8:15 PM		
Feb. 18	S. Volleyball	Belleville	T 6:30 PM		
	C. Volleyball	Northville	T 6:30 PM		
MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTION					
Feb. 12	Central at East	7th Basketball	3:45 PM		
	Central at East	8th basketball	5:15 PM		
	Pioneer at West	7th basketball	3:45 PM		
	Pioneer at West	8th basketball	5:15 PM		
Feb. 12	West vs. East	Swimming at Central	4:30 PM		
Feb. 13	Pioneer at Central	Swimming	4:30 PM		

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Lame Chiefs slump to 4-10

BY MATT NORRIS

The Canton cagers couldn't overcome a second half stall last Friday, losing to Northville 63-50 and dropping out of the Western Six title race.

The Mustangs took advantage of poor Chief shooting, and left a seven-point lead through most of the fourth quarter.

Canton missed 15 shots in the second half, while grabbing only nine rebounds, enabling Northville's stalling offense to stifle all comeback attempts. Although Chief baskets twice cut the lead to two points, Northville regained those points in deliberate, 30-second scoring plays.

Junior guard Rob Mandle pumped in four field goals in the fast paced first quarter, which had limited scoring and many turnovers. Northville's Mark Lisowski had five points, and the Mustangs led after eight minutes, 13-11.

Canton's top three scorers (Mandle and co-captains Keith Osborne and Tom Close), each twisted ankles in the second quarter, and the result was

erratic outside shooting from the trio through the second half.

The Chiefs played man-to-man defense in the second quarter, but when hot-handed Tony and Cris Armada put Northville in a five-point lead at the 5:24 mark Canton switched to a zone defense. The Armadas hit for 14 points in the stanza, however, as the Mustangs raced to a 31-27 halftime edge.

The Chiefs matched Northville scoring early in the second half, until Mandle left the game at 6:27 mark, after receiving his fourth foul. Canton turned the ball over to Northville's man-to-man defense on missed shots and bad passes, and with a seven point deficit, Mandle re-entered the game.

Canton played tough defense for the remainder of the third quarter, but costly fouls prevented Osborne's six points from narrowing the gap to less than five, 44-39.

When Close missed two lay-ups, the Chiefs were still only four points back. Tony Armada sank a field goal and fouled shot, and Canton missed four

shots before Mike Albright made the score 42-47 with 5:11 left in the game.

The Mustangs' slow offense penetrated the Canton zone often enough to eat away the clock in the final moments for a 13-point victory.

"I was disappointed, but we played as well against that stall as you can expect," commented coach Casey Cavell after the loss. "When one thing goes wrong, everything seems to go wrong," the Canton mentor concluded.

Canton JV stands 7-7

BY MATT NORRIS

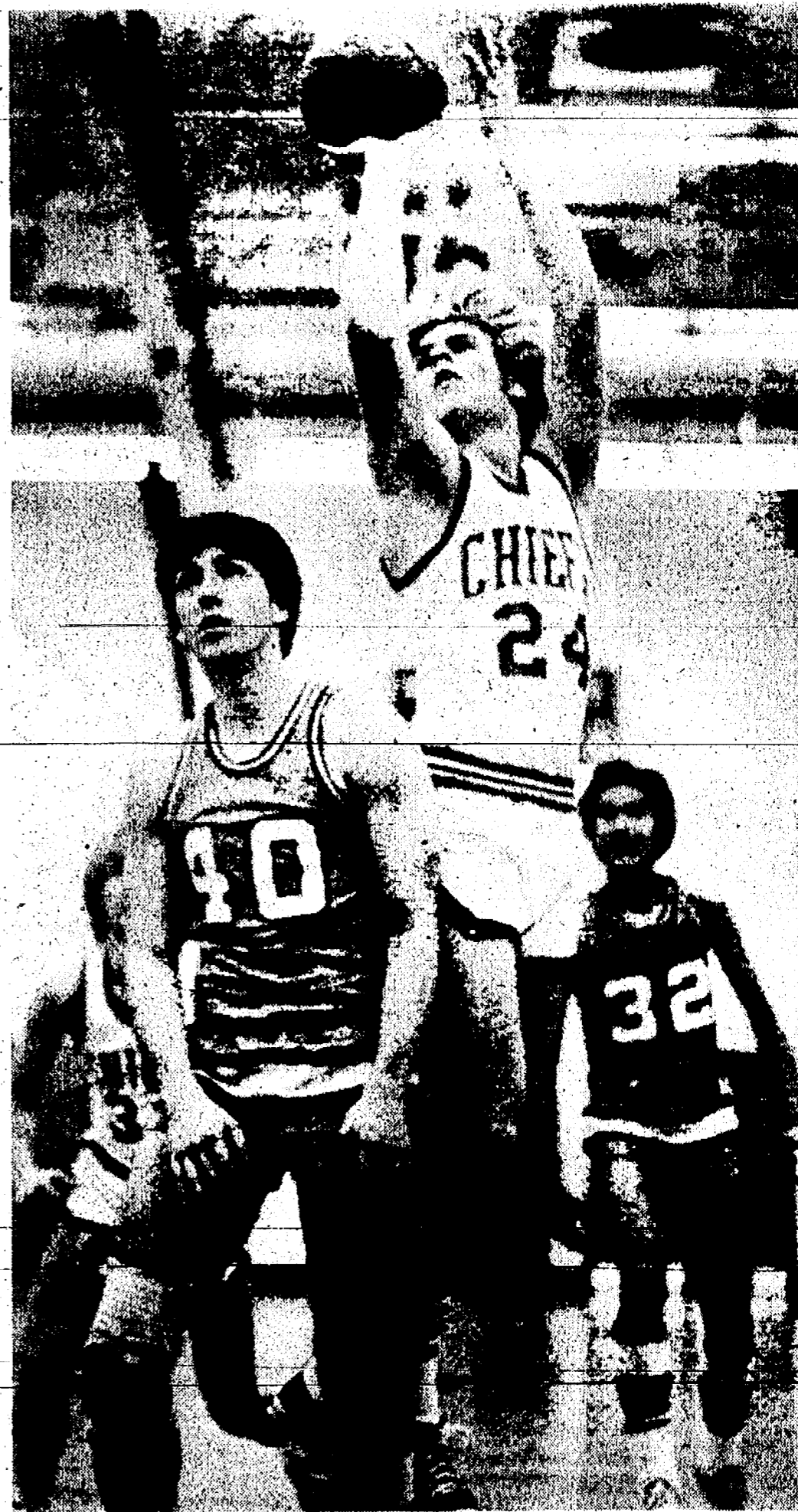
The Canton JV basketball team evened its season record at 7-7 last Friday, beating Northville at home, 61-53.

The victory, which marked the return of injured Keith Fuelling, was the cager's third win in the last four games.

With 1:21 left in the game, Northville came within three points, 53-56 on a short jumper. Brent Eckles fouled out seconds later, but Doug Smith's three points from the free throw line, combined with Canton's stingy defense led to any easy eight-point final margin.

Fuelling, who provided much of the Chiefs' scoring punch before his hip injury, played for the first time since Jan. 20. Seeing only limited action, he missed nine field goal attempts.

Canton's balanced scoring (five players reached double figures), was led by Randy Reinas with 14 points and 13 rebounds. Butch King and Smith each had 12 points, while Eckles netted 11 and Ray Smock had 10.



Close up for two

FOLLOWING THROUGH for two points is Canton Chief guard Tom Close, but points were a hard thing for the Chiefs to come by last Friday, as they fell in Western Six League action to Northville, 63-50. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)

Top Belleville, Churchill

Rock matmen pin two foes

Warming up for their great finish in the Suburban Eight League wrestling meet last Saturday, the Salem Rocks took care of Belleville with a nip-and-tuck victory, 25-21, at the Salem gym.

The win raised the Rocks' final conference record to 5-2, and a non-league slaughter over Churchill, 46-6, two days earlier gave the Rocks an overall season mark 11-4.

a 5:17 pin over Kevin Brakken. The underdog Fidge surprised everyone, leading Brakken 19-9 before the fall.

In the Churchill match, the Rocks won all but two decisions, as they did their best

ever against the Chargers. "The score was lopsided, but the individual matchups and bouts were close. We just came out on top," said coach Ron Krueger.

Canton grapplers fall to Clarenceville, 47-9

BY MATT NORRIS

Canton Chief matmen lost a dual meet to Clarenceville last week Tuesday by a 47-9 score. The non-league match was held in Clarenceville.

Canton's strong lightweights, who have earned invitational honors throughout the season, all lost to Clarenceville opponents before sophomore Scott Collins pinned Mike Rodzewicz in the 141-pound weight class.

Bill Heedum, Craig Lee and Mark Bartlett were surprised with losses to start the meet. Clarenceville captured 17 team points in the next three matches, and the Chiefs trailed 26-0. Clarenceville took control of the contest after Collins win, taking four matches on two pins,

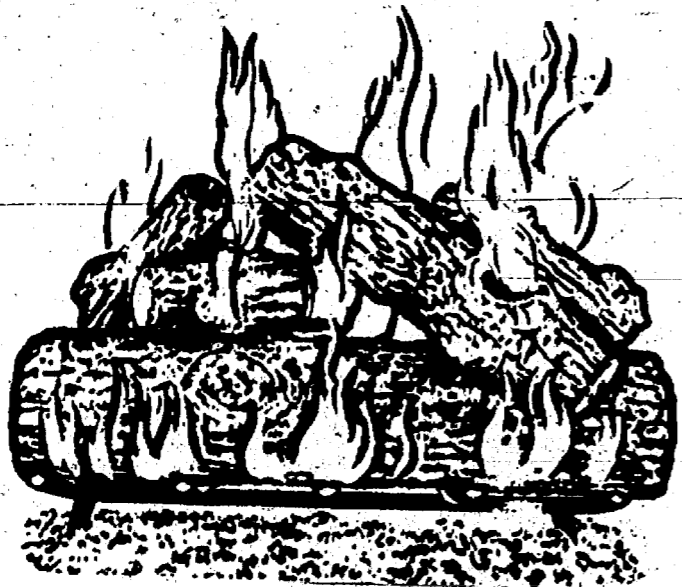
a forfeit, and a 4-2 decision against Kyle Heaton. Bob Yauck won the only other Canton points, beating Ray Bednar 9-8 in the heavyweight division.

Tuesdays meet was Cantons first since the Feb. 1 deadline which increased each weight class limit by one pound. Many grapplers use the end of January as an opportunity to cut back one weight class.

The junior varsity wrestlers overcame three forfeits to beat Clarenceville 31-2. Dennis Howell took his third consecutive victory, and Greg Santilli won his second match in a row. Dave Durkin triumphed on a pin, and freshmen Rick Svopa and Matt Major both turned in decisions.

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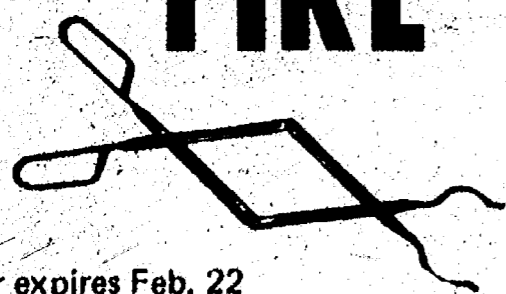
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 Northville 63, Canton Vars. 50
 Canton JV 61 Northville JV 53

Wrestling

Tuesday Feb. 3
 Clarenceville 41 Canton 9
 Canton JV 31 Clarenceville JV 20
 Salem 46 Churchill 6
 Thursday Feb. 5
 Salem 25 Belleville 21
 Canton - idle

Swimming

Thursday Feb. 5
 Northville 56 Canton 27
 Dearborn 106 Salem 73

Volleyball

Wednesday Feb. 4
 Salem over Redford Union,
 15-13, 16-14,
 Monday, Feb. 9
 Salem over Ann Arbor Pioneer
 15-9, 15-9
 15-11, 15-6

Dearborn tonight Rocks down Pioneer

The Salem High School volleyball team rolled to its third victory in a row last Monday night with a sound two-game triumph over non-league opponent Ann Arbor Pioneer.

The Rocks, now 5-3 for the season and 2-1 in Suburban Eight League competition, resume loop action tonight (11), as they host unbeaten the defending champion Dearborn.

The contest will be one of the biggest of the season for coach Brian Gilles' squad. The Rocks need a victory over the Pioneers if they stand a chance for league championship.

Sophomores Kathy Dillon and Karen Prikosivits combined to lead Salem to identical 15-9 victories over Pioneer. Dillon was the leading point-getter in the first contest with six, while Prikosivits nailed three spikes. In the second contest, the girls shared the Rocks' serving honors.

Defensively, Linda Agardy and captain Jean Sellman lead the

way, with four and two blocks respectively.

The combined efforts of Ann Schwaller and Cheri Levielle in the setting department triggered many of the Rocks points.

Last Wednesday, the free-substituting Gilles saw his team hold early leads, then fight for close 15-13 and 16-14 victories over Redford Union.

The Salem JV won its second match of the season, trimming the Pioneers with consecutive 15-11 and 15-6 victories.

The big match-up against Dearborn begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Salem gym.

SUBURBAN EIGHT LEAGUE VOLLEYBALL

Dearborn	3-0
Bentley	3-0
SALEM	2-1
Redford Union	2-1
Belleville	1-2
Edsel Ford	1-2
Allen Park	0-3
Trenton	0-3

Sparkman speaks at clinic

Ah! The benefits of coaching a state championship baseball team.

Wayne Sparkman, former coach of the state champion Salem baseball team, was invited to speak at the 10th Annual baseball clinic at Mott Community College in Flint last weekend.

Sparkman was one of six honored guests at the clinic, along with Phil Regan, former ma-

ior league pitcher; Fred Decker, coach at Western Michigan University; Gene Woodling, former major league player; Leon Landy, former coach at Wayne State University; and Jim Vukovich, coach of the 1975 state high school champions, Bentley of Flint.

The Rock mentor spoke on the subject of "Development of a Baseball Program" for high schools.

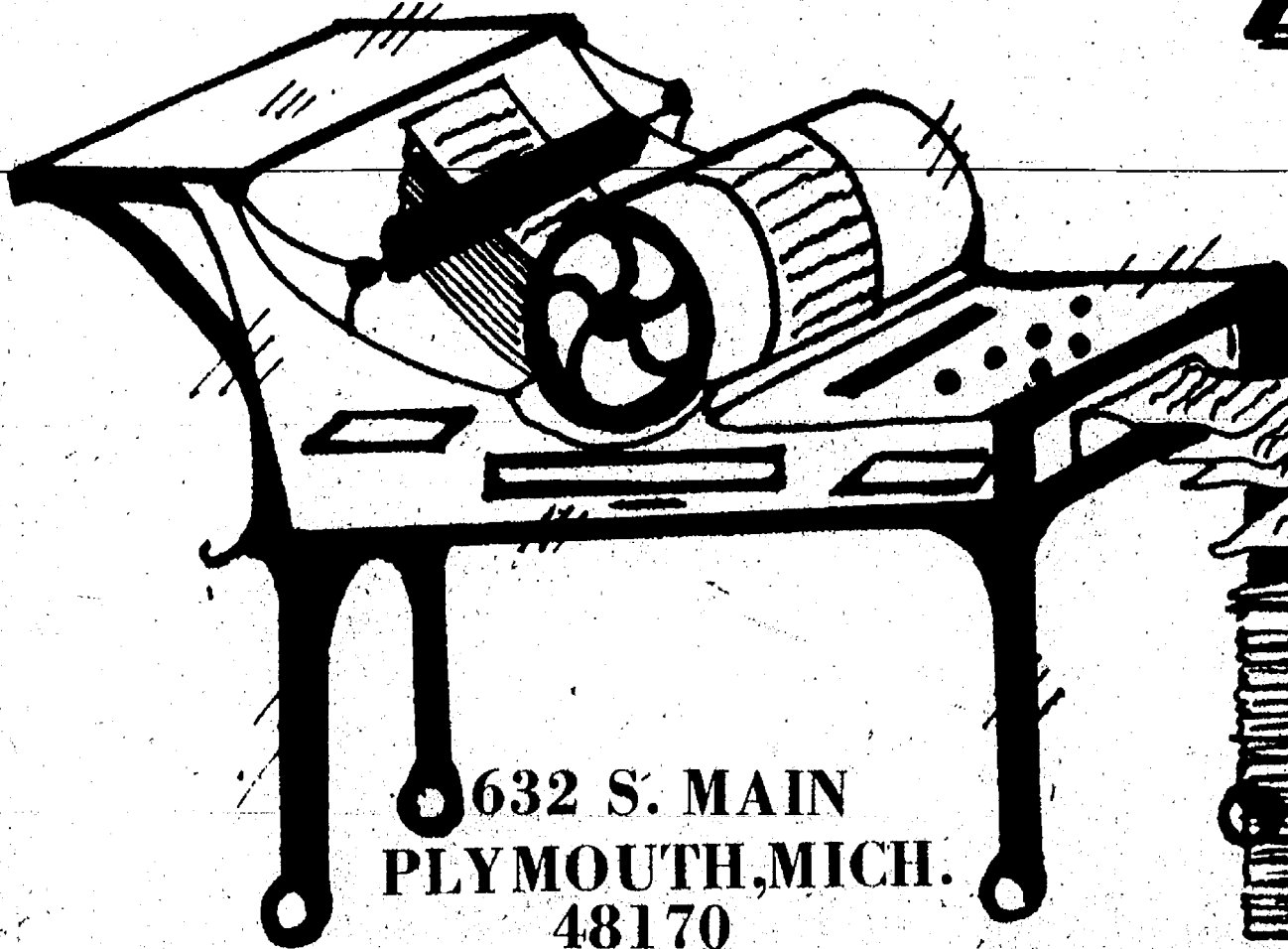


ICING A TWISTED ANKLE is Canton junior varsity coach Wayne Weimer, after Canton playmaker Keith Osborn was sidelined during the Northville contest last Friday. Osborn's injury was one of three disasters the Chiefs suffered in the loss to the Mustangs as their other top scorers, Tom Close and Rob Mandie, were also hurt. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron).

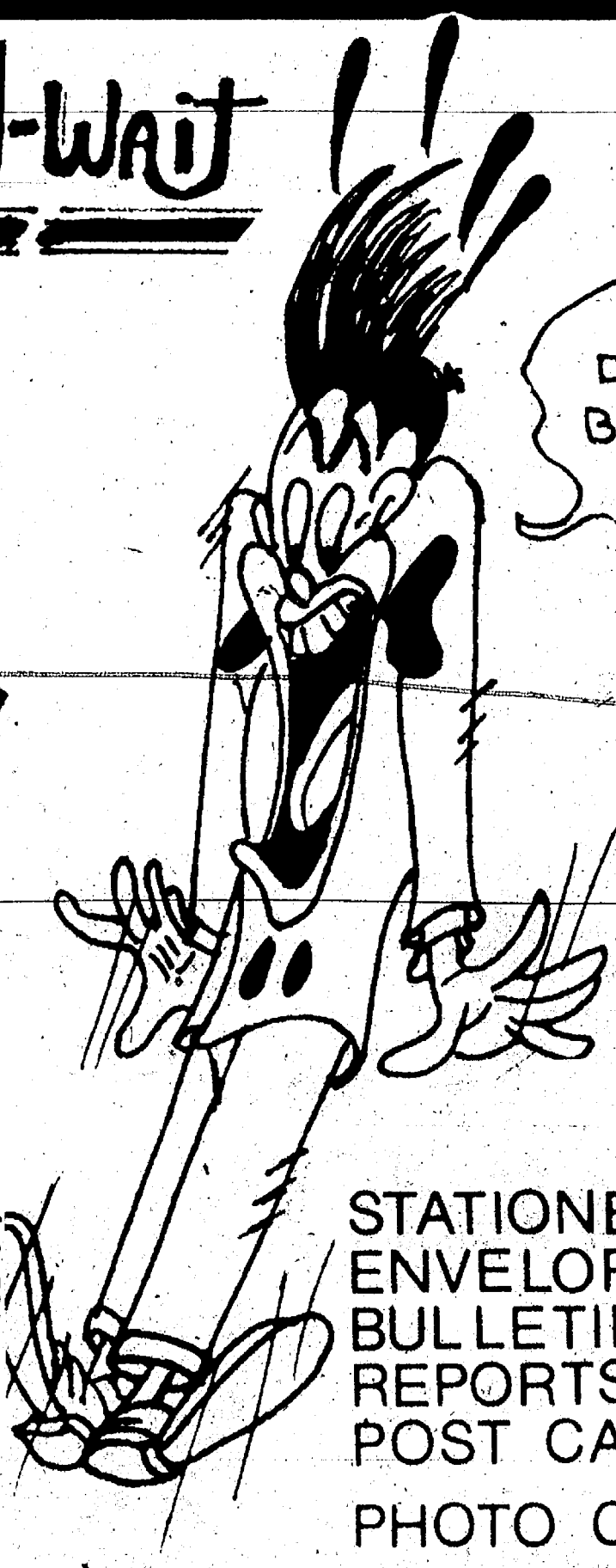
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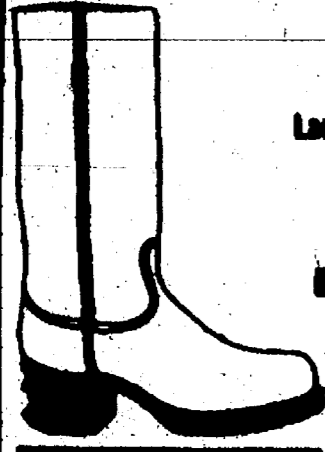
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Content to play strict man-to-man and at least try to run with the hustling Rocks, Trenton found itself at the mercy of Jim Ellinghausen, Brian Wolcott and friends after the first eight minutes of action.

Breaking loose from a slim 10-9 advantage, Salem pumped in 11 straight points in the final 4:51 of the opening period while holding Trenton scoreless to raise a lead it never relinquished.

Opening like a house afire, hot-shooting Ellinghausen hit his first four shots in a row from the outside, but it was sophomore brother Tom who came up with two key offensive rebounds in the final first period minutes that led to five of the string of 11 straight points.

Despite the early margin,

Trenton wouldn't play dead for the Rocks, as the Trojans went on to outscore Salem in each of the remaining three periods. Salem built up as much as a 16-point lead early in the second period, but eight straight Trojan points cut that lead in half, with Trenton finishing down by nine at halftime, 39-29.

The opening of the third period saw the Trojans take advantage of a brief Rock cold shooting spell of the Rocks, as they reeled off another eight straight to cut the margin to a mere one tally.

But once again, it was the older Ellinghausen who got the Rocks back on track with an outside jumper that not only stifled the Trenton rally, but led to eight consecutive points for the Rocks themselves, and the lead was built back to nine.

One late rally in the final period saw the Trojans come back again within four, but they just couldn't match the poise of Ellinghausen and running mate Brian Wolcott, who had a field day at the Trenton hoops.

Showing that no one can handle him one-to-one, Ellinghausen finished with 17 field goals and a total of 39 points, 85% of which came from the outside.

Wolcott finished with 10 points, as the playmaking guard had one of his finest games all season, mixing driving lay-ups with adequate outside shooting to account for his tallies. He also recorded 10 assists and demonstrated some fine ball handling.

The Rocks two-man offensive attack saw Wolcott and Ellinghausen, notch 50 of the teams 61 shots from the floor.

Both squads shot well from the foul line with Salem converting on 15 of 16 and the Trojans connecting on 17 of 23.

I hope the starting five of the undefeated Salem basketball Rocks doesn't get tired during a game, or more importantly, I hope no one gets into serious foul trouble, because the depth of the Rock bench is something of a question.

The only other Rock beyond the starting five with any kind of game experience outside is Mark Gothard.

At the Trenton game last Friday night, names like Chris deBear, Kevin Roose, Duane Bennett and Mike Cristie entered the line-up, seeing more action in a tight situation than they have all season.

Most of the action these players saw before was when they were part of the mop-up crew that came in during the last four to six minutes of the game after the Rocks were ahead by 20 to 30 points and the contest decided.

But last Friday, they got a taste of real game experience - while the other squad was still in the contest.

The results weren't the greatest. Roose, Bennent or deBear were in the starting line-up in the second quarter and the Trojans made a slight come-

back before coach Fred Thomann hurried to put the regulars back in for the final minutes before halftime.

But these kids have to start somewhere. Their experience may prove invaluable for the Rocks as the season wears on.

I'm sure you will be seeing more of these names for the remainder of the regular season, if the Rocks are to develop a bench that could help them in the state tournament.

But the big question is: Can at least two of these four "new faces" in the Rocks line-up develop in time to give Salem a lift if the situation calls for it?

It looks like Jim Ellinghausen and Brian Wolcott will get little rest either way.

Ellinghausen, whose play is invaluable, has learned not to get into serious foul trouble. But the word "valuable" has now spread to the whole starting five, with much of the burden on guard and playmaker Wolcott.

If Wolcott gets into foul trouble, the team could have trouble bringing the ball down the court for Plymouth.

For the Rocks' sake, I hope Wolcott is just as smart as Ellinghausen.

Rock JV breezes

The Salem junior varsity basketball team has a fun time at the Trenton gym last Friday night, rolling to its 13th win of the season with a decisive 69-38 victory over the Trojans.

An 18-5 fourth stanza for the Rocks turned the game into a rout as 12 of 15 Salem palyers scored.

The Rocks held Trenton to only three field goals in the entire second half, and a mere 11 for the entire game.

A balanced scoring attack saw freshman Mitch Haas lead the way with 11, followed by Doug Agnew, Rich Hewlett, and Dan Brightbill with nine apiece.

Awesome Pioneers sink Rock swimmers

"Awesome" is the word for the Dearborn Pioneer swim team. The Pioneers have in the past been one of the top teams in the state, and are considered one of the favorites in this season's state meet.

The Rock swimmers knew this, and unfortunately couldn't do anything about it, as they fell to Dearborn 106-73.

Top performance for Salem saw Mike Stocker and Joe Melnik combine to place one-two in the diving competition. Stocker totaled 215 points for first followed by Melnik with 189.

Tom Griffin was the other first place finisher in the 100 free, with a 53.0 clocking.

Despite finishing second in the 200 freestyle, Ron Finley qualified for the state meet with a 1:50.4. He was also second in the 100 fly at 57.1 seconds.

Other second-place finishes went to Bryan Burton in the 50 free, Tim Ying in the 500 free, Bryan Winkel in the 100 back, and the 400 free relay of Tom Smith, Griffin, Tom Robadue and Finley, who swam their best time at 3:30.0.

Finley places in Detroit

Ron Finley, junior swimmer for the Salem boys team, finished third in the back stroke at the annual Detroit swim team held last Saturday at Wayne State.

The prestigious meet, which pits all the state's top swimmers together, saw Finley swim a 57.1 in the back just behind the top Class A back stroker who finished second at 56.7. The winning time was a 55.6 by a swimmer in a Class B school.

Finley also swam a 1:50.4 in finishing 14th in the 200 free.

Diver Mike Stocker was 17th in his competition while the Rocks 400 free relay team of Finley, Tom Smith, Tom Robadue and Craig Richter placed 16th with a 3:30.5 clocking.

Canton's Kevin Harris has a qualifying time in the 100 free style race, but was only an alternate for the race and unfortunately didn't get a chance to compete.



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Local site may be contender for national solar power lab

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Availability of a good location at low cost will be a major factor in the government's decision, one county official said. Additionally, the government is seeking an area close to industry and transportation, close to universities, and offering a pleasant living environment for the hundreds of researchers who would settle in the area.

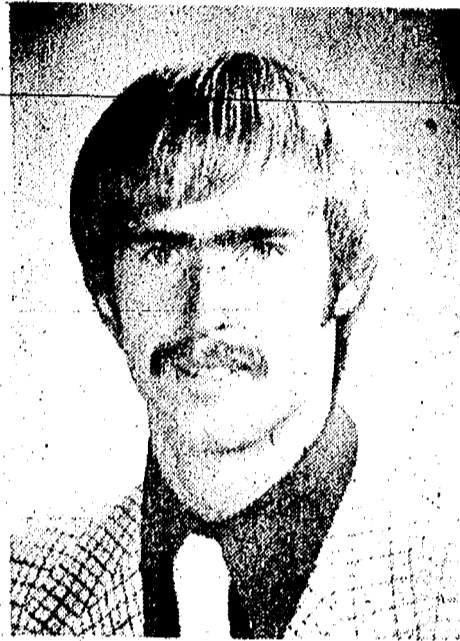
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Much of that new business would likely go to area metals shops and plants, the state added.

If the county is to submit a plan for the Northville site, it will have to act fast. The proposals — expected to be submitted from many of the 50 states — must be in the hands of federal environmental planners by April 15.

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'Serendipity' makes it worthwhile



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A senior in business administration Hees, is a 1972 graduate of Plymouth High School.

Milla's buttons inspire research far and wide

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and many of her subjects adopted black buttons of mourning. As time passed, the black buttons featured more and more brilliant designs until they became a craft form all their own.

Lafayette was a button collector, Ms. Livingston notes, and in Mexico button-decorated riding pants were a symbol of wealth.

She is a member of the Mayflower Button Club, an active organization of local collectors which meets the third Saturday of every month in the Plymouth Community Federal Credit Union.

"Where there's buttons, you'll find people," she says, recalling the craftsmen and characters

she's met through her hobby.

Buttons are everywhere. But unless you've got an eye for an art nouveau button or a rococo or regimental or one retrieved from a sunken Spanish galleon, "It's exciting today, and in the button box tomorrow," Ms. Livingston says.

Now if only she still had one of those paper buttons that got her started during World War II.

"Would that I had one now," she smiles, "But they dissolved."

Rocks place 2nd in loop

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Schultz and Champion each recorded more than 20 victories this season.

The Rocks' all-time leading wrestler in team points for a season, Les Hassen, wasn't as fortunate in the 108 pound weight class. An early mistake in the championship bout cost him the title by a 9-6 count.

But the second-place finish for the junior puts his well with in striking range for the most season pins and victories by any Rock grappler. The current marks are held by Steve Goldwiller and Jerry Brink respectively, but with luck in the districts this weekend. Hassen should garner those two records: Two surprising second-place finishes went to 170-pound Bob Dasher and heavyweight Dave Kolb.

Dasher got two pins to reach the finals, but lost 20-4 to unstoppable defending champion Randy Slokam of Belleville. "Dasher's a 10th grader and has really been coming on great," said Krueger, "He has 20 wins and 11 pins."

After one pin and one decision, Kolb lost a hard-fought match by a 2-0 count to an Edsel Ford opponent.

Other outstanding performances saw 101-pound Rene Leist place third in a tough weight class and Bob Zalmeni grab a surprising fourth in the 122 competition.

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CRIER CURIOSITIES

Think Spring - Think Auction - Think Lion's Club - April 24.

DONNA, of lunch with Lomas fame, is engaged to Russ Bonner. Russ was admitted to St. Mary's Hospital Saturday night with a badly twisted arm. ♥

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of Plymouth Community School District invites the submission of sealed bids on: Office and Teaching Supplies 1045; Art and Instructional Supplies 1046; and Custodial Supplies 1047 for use in the schools of the district. Bids will be received until 1045 - 3:00 p.m.; 1046 - 9:30 a.m.; 1047 - 11:30 a.m. on the 27th day of February, 1976 at 454 South Harvey Street, Board of Education office at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. Specifications and bid form may be obtained at the purchasing office. The right to reject any and or all bids is reserved. Any bid submitted will be binding for thirty days subsequent to the date of bid opening.

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By George F. Lawton, Secretary

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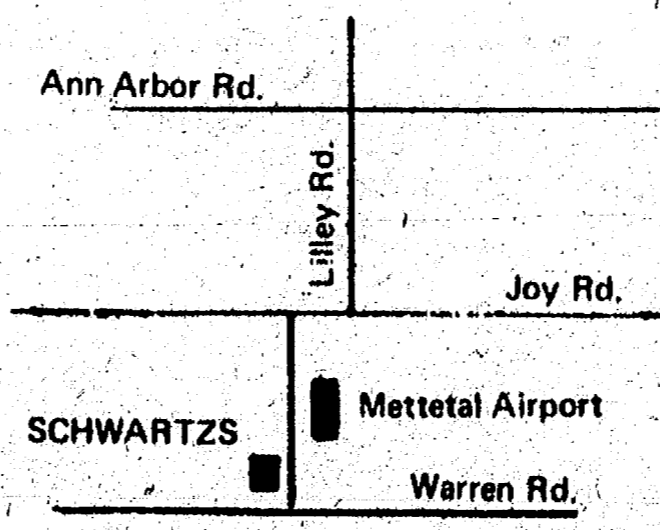
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