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Study suggests Ply. Twp. police force

BY BRIAN LYSAGHT

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees, featuring three new members, accepted last night a study group's recommendation to create a township police department.

The Plymouth Township Law Enforcement Study Committee recommended the township should have a police force in place when the current city-township police contract expires this

The committee based its recommendation on a 77-page report of police services in Plymouth Township written by consultant Robert Parsons and released last week. The Parsons study said the citytownship police services contract was "no longer feasible nor is it cost effective.'

The township, under a contract due to expire June 30, 1985, pays the city \$467,000 annually for police services.

The study cited numerous violations of

the contract's response time and staffing requirements; poor record management; lack of township control of the department; poor communications; and projected township population growth in the study.

The report said subtracting startup costs, Plymouth Township could "equip and operate its own police department at a cost approximately equal to the cost of contractual services.

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Memorial

spruce tree chopped by

vandals

A tree planted by Eriksson School students in memory of student who died of leukemia was chopped down this weekend by vandals.

Erikkson Principal Ron South said Monday that students at the school were upset over the theft of the six-foot blue spruce.

"We made a big ceremony out of it last year. The kids knew these were in memory of our friends," South said. See photo page 24.

Gifts of the heart

Yuletide means P-C sharing

BY NANCY MERRITT

Why not take time this holiday season to teach your kids — any kids, or even vourself — the true meaning of Christmas. In the fastpaced '80s, we of the "me" generation may have forgotten the selfless giving that used to characterize Christmas. Our kids may never have

This year, revive the custom of giving to those less fortunate without regard to what "we will get," there is a lot of gain.

Christmas need not mean buying extravagant gifts; it can be a pair of mittens or socks for a child who has never had a new article of clothing before; a can of soup or vegetables for the hungry; a toy, new or well-loved and outgrown; or your time, donated to help others. These ideas cost little or no money, but the investment of yourself can yield a tremendous reward for the giver as well as the givee.

Here are a few projects to get you thinking about the true meaning of Christmas, and they all need community support. There are others, you may know of some, or you may come up with an idea on your own

Six years ago Flossie Tonda started a hat and mitten drive in the Plymouth-Canton School district. What this is is an alternative to the children buying each other a gift at Christmas. Instead, they each buy a hat, mittens, underwear or socks and bring it to their classroom where it is put on the tree in celebration of Christmas. On the last day of school these gifts are taken to Tonda's clothing bank for distribution to needy children.

These articles are all new and for many of these needy kids this is a first; new clothing next to their skin is a feeling they aren't familiar with, Tonda said.

The clothing bank, which is open year 'round, began in March of '76, and is always happy to receive donations.







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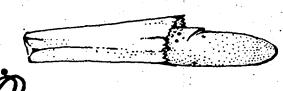
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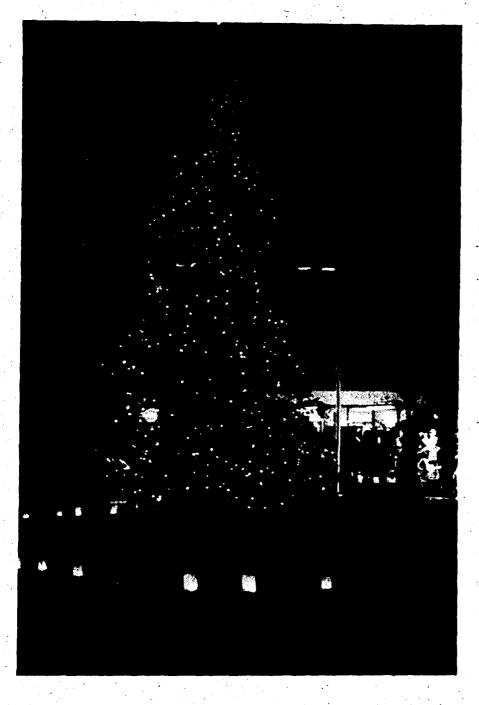
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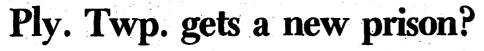
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BY BRIAN LYSAGHT

Despite the protests of local officials and area lawmakers, it appears at least one more state prison will be built in Plymouth Township.

The state plans to buy the DeHoCo property from the City of Detroit to build a 500-bed state prison. A state legislative committee approved last week \$15 million dollars for land purchase, structure planning and construction in four areas of the state, including the DeHoCo site.

But Plymouth Township Supervisor Maurice Breen isn't happy about the plans, saying the state has never cooperated with or informed township officials of their plans.

"They don't have the courtesy to sit down and talk with local officials," Breen said. "We told (state officials) last year 'You've got your own agenda and you're not telling the local people.'

"We're supposed to jump up and down every time state corrections department officials make a request," Breen said.

Construction is currently underway on a 550-bed multi-security prison on Five Mile Road in Northville Township. The Phoenix Correctional Facility is also located in the area. Breen said as many as five prison sites have been targeted on a one-half mile site in Northville and Plymouth townships.

"The area has its share of prisons. We don't produce the volume of prisoners that some communities do."

Breen said corrections officials should live up to previous agreements to spread

prisons around the state. He added it was time for other areas of the county, especially the City of Detroit, to accept prisons.

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Police arrest 1 for cocaine;

4 others cited

The Canton Police have arrested a 39year-old Westland man and charged him with possession of cocaine with intent to deliver, police said.

Lt. Alex Wilson of the Canton Police Department said James Donald Fry, 39, of Woodcrest in Westland was arrested Nov. 28 after police were called to an apartment in the Village Squire Apartment Complex on Ford Road in Canton at

Wilson said officers responding to a manager's complaint, found Donald Russell Fry, 20, of Canton, breaking windows in apartment 204 at 40056 Cambridge. Police arrested Fry and charged him with malicious destruction of property over \$100.

Wilson said based on information received from Fry, a search warrant for the apartment was obtained and during its execution four people, including Fry's father James Fry, were taken into custody.

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Canton sings in

the season!!

THE WEATHER was cold, but spirits were warm Monday evening when Canton friends gathered at the township hall to celebrate the annual treelighting ceremony. The 20 minute carol sing was capped off by a visit from Santa Claus himself and refreshments inside. (Crier photos by Chris Boyd)

Ply. Twp. contract invalid?

BY BRIAN LYSAGHT

Was the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees Nov. 6 vote to award a computer contract to Analysis Planning, Inc. valid?

The action may be invalid under Michigan statute which requires that the full membership of public bodies approve with a two-thirds majority any contract in which a member of the public body has an interest.

The Board of Trustees voted 4-2 to award a computer software contract to Analysis Planning which employs then-trustee Barbara Lynch.

Lynch abstained on the vote Nov. 6 and the Board of Trustees added a stipulation to the contract barring Lynch from working in township hall as Analysis Planning employe until her trustee term expired Nov. 20. Lynch resigned two days after the meeting. Supervisor Maurice Breen said last week he suggested Lynch resign to end conflict of interest questions.

State law prohibits elected officials from being employes of firms contracting with the public body on which they serve.

An exception to the law can be made if two-thirds vote of the public body approves the contract, and if the public servant promptly discloses his or her "pecuniary interest in the contract" to the public body voting on the contract.

Analysis Planning president Michael Tillman told the Board of Trustees Lynch was an employe of the firm when questioned by Trustee Lee Fidge.

Analysis Planning began working for the township Oct. 1. The contract called for two Analysis employes to provide software for township computers at \$35 per hour.

Lynch was hired by Analysis Planning in October.

"I think it's a dead issue. If someone wants to drag Maurie Breen and Barbara Lynch down through the mud, then so be it," Breen said last week when asked about a possible conflict of interest on the Analysis Planning vote.

Tillman told the Board of Trustees he hired Lynch because she was knowledgeable about the township's computer system.

Lynch had worked for Cado Systems, Inc.

Lynch had worked for CADO Systems, the firm that supplied the township's computer hardware.

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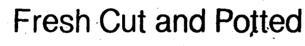
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Downtown under study

BY CHERYL EBERWEIN

A 16-year plan to convert vacant lots into a downtown area in Canton will undergo public hearing and final approval in a special public meeting Dec. 18 before the Canton Township Board.

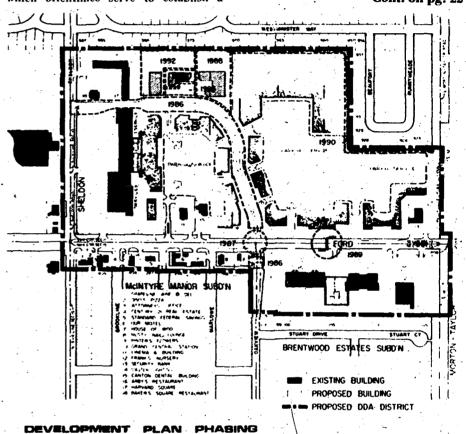
The plan, proposed by the Canton Downtown Development Authority (DDA), would take effect this year with a tax increment funding system, and remain valid through the year 2000 if approved by the board.

'The township possesses neither ... concentrated downtown or major mall, which oftentimes serve to establish a

community's special unique flavor, or character," the DDA downtown plan said. "The establishment of the Canton Town Center may well be the catalyst necessary to enable the Township to compete with other commercial centers and to begin to create the kind of identity desired for the Canton community."

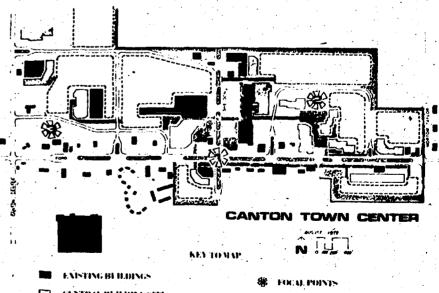
The DDA district consists of approximately 85 acres of land located along both sides of Ford Road between Sheldon and Morton-Taylor roads.

According to the DDA report, 60 per cent of this land, on the north side of Cont. on pg. 22



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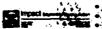
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P-C schools toughen graduation requirements

BY RACHAEL DOLSON

Stricter graduation standards were approved by Plymouth-Canton School Board last week, requiring more math, English, science and health:

The new graduation requirements add more academic classes to the required list, allow for fewer electives, and incorporates the ninth grade curriculum in to the graduation requirements.

Michael Homes, assistant superintendent for instruction, said a primary issue was reinstatement of the ninth grade course of study within the requirements for high school graduation.

Also, the recommendations in several of the prominent national and state reports on excellence in education were considered in drafting the new. requirements. The revisions, Homes said, represent the commitment of the Plymouth-Canton Schools to academic excellence,"

The school board made one significant change in the revisions proposed by the administration. School administration had recommended that three semester classes of physical education be required during the four years, but the board. decreased that to two semesters. One semester of that is swimming, which is recommended to be taken in grade 10.

The board members said they made this change to free up one more semester for electives, due to the concerns expressed by the vocational education staff that too many classes were being required -- eliminating the flexiblity to take vocational education classes and other special multi-hour or multi-year courses of study.

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Changes in each area, which will be required by the class of 1989 and each after, are:

Health and physical education One semester of health (recommended for ninth grade) and two semesters of physical education (one of which is swimming, recommended for 10th grade) is now required in the four years of high school. In the past, two semesters of

health-physical education was required ' Previously, one year of math during the 9 during 9-12.

English Now required are four full years of English-communication skills during the four years of high school, including such classes as reading, grammar, literature, writing, speech, listening, critical thinking. The old standards required two and one-half years during grades 10-12. The new requirements fit in the recommendations: of the state's educational plan "Blueprint for Action."

Math Two years of math during the four-year period of high school is now required, consist with the state recommendations for quality education.

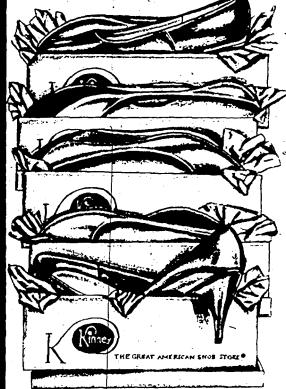
12 period was required.

Science Two years of science, or four semesters, is now required for graduation. One year had been required in the past. "Blueprint for Action" suggests two years of science, including both biological and physical sciences.

Social Studies The new requirements add another year of study (five semesters) total) to a student's time in this area. Courses in social studies include history. economics, cultural and ethnic studies, geography, law-related studies or critical thinking. Three semesters during: 10-12 grades had been required in the past. The state-has recommended even more study

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Ply. Twp. study recommends separate police force

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Parsons summarized the township's study and answered questions for trustees last night.

The board will hold a special session Tuesday night to examine further the study and to examine township police services in general.

Parsons said growth in the township is projected while the city is "landlocked."

"In essence the needs of the township far outstrip the ability of the city to fulfill the services," he said. The city may one day contract with the township for police services, he added.

Members of the Plymouth City Commission said Monday they would wait to discuss the township's study publicly until the township trustees met. Mayor David Pugh said he would try to meet with Plymouth Township Supervisor Maurice Breen and City Manager Henry Graper on Friday to discuss the status of the police con-

Parsons said based on his research, the township had serious burglary and traffic accident problems.

He said that both areas need more police protection. Traffic enforcement is one form of action to stem the accident problem but, he said, issuance of tickets in the townships is down.

"The tickets are being issued in the city not the township," Parsons said. "Selected enforcement is the solution but, for what ever reason, it is not happening.'

Parsons said his study of four months of response times in the last year showed times where sporatic. Police are required to answer all emergency calls in the township within seven minutes, according to terms of the contract. "The bottom line is the runs are up and down like a yo-yo,"'Parsons

Parsons, a Ferris State College professor, was hired this summer to conduct the study. The advisory committee was appointed in September to evaluate Parsons' study and base their recommendation on it.

The committee was chaired by Breen and included: Abe Munfakh, Dennis Campbell, Carol Beckmann, Marcia Buhl. Marvin Snider and William Brown.

The group's recommendation is the first in a three step program. According to

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS **NOVEMBER 27, 1964**

A regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton was held on Tuesday, November 27, 1984 at 1150 Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Bennett, Brown, Chuhran, Larson, Padget, Poole, Preniczky. Absent: None.

The following changes were made to the agenda:

Removed #6 and #12.

Moved the closed session to the end of the agenda.

Added special event designation for Omnicom signs to consent calendar.

Moved #11 to #1A (Jaycees Santa trailer).

Added appointment of Board secretary to consent calendar.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Larson and unanimously carried to accept the agenda as changed. Moved by Bennett, supported by Larson and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of meeting of November 13, 1984 as presented. Brown sustained.

Moved by Larson, supported by Padget and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of special meeting of November 20, 1984 as presented.

Moved by Bennett and supported by Chuhran and unanimously carried to pay the bills:

GENERAL FUND		\$ 102,606.38
FIRE FUND		30,678.63
POLICE FUND	•	36,484.46
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Details are available in the office of the Clerk.

Moved by Bennett and supported by Larson and unanimously carried to approve the following consent calendar items:

Special event designation for Omnicom Food-A-Thon.

Reappointment of Doris Kelley as township board secretary, as recommended by the Clerk. The Supervisor declared the public hearing open to consider tax abatement under the terms of P.A.

198 for Metaltec Steel Abrasive Co. Moved by Padget, supported by Bennett and unanimously carried to give approval to the Jaycees Santa trailer at New Towne Plaza, subject to staff review and pproval.

There was no public comment on the tax abatement request.

Moved by padget, supported by Larson and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 7:41

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Bennett and supported by Brown.

Resolution Approving Application of

Metaltec Steel Abrasive Corporation For Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate For A Warehouse Addition Facility.

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly notified public hearing held on May 3, 1983, this Board by resolution established Northeast Canton Industrial Development District; and

WHEREAS, Metaltec Steel Abrasive Corporation has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a new facility to be acquired and installed within the Industrial Development: and

WHEREAS, before acting on said application, the Board of Trustees held a hearing on November 27, 1984, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, at 7:00 p.m. at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and

WHEREAS, construction of the facility and installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six (6) months before October 9th, 1984, the date of the acceptance of the ap-

plication for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and WHEREAS, completion of the facility is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in Canton

WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Township, after granting this certificate, will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the

SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of

1. The Board finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act. No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act. No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of the Township, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in the Township.

2. The application of Metaltec Steel Abrasive Company, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a new facility to be acquired and installed on the following described parcel of real property situated within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District to wit:

41155 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan 48197 be and the same is hereby approved.

3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of twelve (12) years after completion.

AYES: Bennett, Brown, Chuhran, Larson, Padget, Poole, Preniczky.

NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Moved by Padget, supported by Bennett and unanimously carried to table historical designation for Hough School.

Moved by Larson and supported by Padget that Canton Township will not collect an administrative

Moved by Bennett and supported by Brown and unanimously carried to grant site plan approval to Budgetel Inn, Marcus Hotel Corp. for a 3 story motel at the southeast quadrant of Ford & Haggerty Roads, subject to final approval of an acceptable storm drainage plan, and establishment of fire lane signs on the private road adjacent to White Castle.

Moved by Padget and supported by Brown to appoint to the Historical Commission Dorothy West and Teri Bennett, 3-year terms to expire 11-27-87.

Yes: Brown, Larson, Padget, Poole, Preniczky. Abstain: Bennett, Chuhran.

Moved by Padget and supported by Preniczky and unanimously carried to award the bid to Washtenaw Engineering Co. Inc. in the amount of \$4,400.00 for surveying of the golf course.

Moved by Larson, supported by Brown and unanimously carried to purchase three 34 ton Chevy Pick-Ups for the D.P.W. in the total amunt of \$24,793.05 and one S-10 Mini Pick-Up for the Police Department for the dog warden in the amount of \$6,619.23. Oakland County bidding and purchasing

Moved by Padget and supported by Larson and unanimously carried to establish a public hearing date of Tuesday, December 18, 1984 for consideration of the Downtown Development Authority plan.

Orientation presentations were given by Building & Ordinance Department and Finance Department. Others will be given at a special meeting on Saturday, December 1, 1984.

Moved by Larson and supported by Padget and unanimously carried to accept the recommendation of attorney Hemming and make payment in the amount of \$12,500, in settlement of the Swallev/Walton case.

Moved by Bennett and supported by Larson and unanimously carried to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussing employee contract negotiations, at 10:20 p.m.

The Board met with Dan Durack and discussed employee contract negotiations.

Moved by Larson and supported by Bennett and unanimously carried to return to open session and adjourn at 11:10 p.m.

James E. Poole Supervisor PUBLISH: 12/5/84

Linda Chuhran

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

The Charter Township of Canton hereby solicits proposals from interested non-profit organizations for the construction of a development of approximately 120 units of rent subsidized housing for the elderly on Township-owned property. The successful non-profit organization must be willing and capable of sponsoring and submitting an application for Section 202 Fund Reservation to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for selection consideration during FY85.

Proposals will be evaluated based upon their ability to meet submission requirements as delineated by HUD, as well as their capacity to uniquely serve the needs of Township Senior Citizens in terms of building, design and proposed services and the degree of local involvment in the administration of the completed structure. A copy of HUD NOTICE H 84-9, which describes Revised Submission Requirements, etc. for the Fiscal Year 1984 Section 202 Program, is available for purchase at the Township Administration Building for a price of \$5.00. A map of the proposed site is available free of charge at the same location.

The Township reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, at its sole discretion, based upon the likelihood of its success in the federal competitive process

Sealed proposals must be submitted by 4:00 p.m., January 24, 1985 to:

Ms. Linda Chuhran, Clerk Charter Township of Canton Township Administration Building 1150 S. Canton Center Road

Canton, MI 48188

At a minimum each proposal should include: 1. The name and address of the sponsor.

2. The name and address of the mortgagor (if different from above).

3. The name and address of project consultant, agent or other authorized representative (if any).

4. The name and address of proposed general contractor.

5. The name and address of sponsor's attorney. 6. The name and address of proposed architect.

7. A statement outlining sponsor's previous experience with HUD assisted projects.

8. A preliminary architectural rendering of the proposed structure.

9. An estimate of the fair market rent of each unit contained in the structure.

10. Proof of non-profit status.

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State's special ed rules may cost district money

BY RACHAEL DOLSON

Proposed changes in the rules governing special education in Michigan are for the most part positive, Plymouth-Canton Special Education Director Edwin Page said, but may cost the local district some money.

"We are not going to have to have substantial staffing increases (to meet the new rules)," Page said Monday. "We can't tell exacting what the financial impact is. The certification of teachers as 'educational consultants' could be a critical area. We could get into transfers, bumping and forced assignments, and costs of additional training. We will know better after the first of the year (what the costs will be)."

One of the problems with the new proposed rules is their timing. Schools districts prepare their budgets in the spring for the following school year, but official approval of the rules may not come until August or September. Superintendent John Hoben suggested that special education in Plymouth-Canton Schools be funded (next year) on the basis of this year, with some contingency set aside.

The proposed new rules were okayed for public hearing by the state board of education on Oct. 3. Special education directors around the state had reviewed a first draft of the rules this summer, Page said, and some modifications in the proposed rules have already been made.

"For the most part the changes are positive, many were needed. Some add clarity. The concept of a resource room is recognized and defined, which is good because it hadn't been before and really all resource rooms were 'illegal' from that standpoint," Page said.

The proposed changes represent the most extensive revision of the special education rules since their inception in 1973. Over half the current 124 special education rules have been revised, five rules have been eliminated and 12 new rules added.

"The proposed changes are extensive and significant," Page said. "In the area of complaints, the state department has sought to consolidate authority. On the one hand they have removed the authority at the local level to receive and mediate parent complaints. On the other hand they have allowed for serious sanctions to be administered to local districts without state board action."

Page estimated that the cost of hearings on special education appeals will easily double at a minimum. The authority of the hearing officer has been broadened. "The hearing officer can not only direct the local district on what kind of program should be provided but in which building the program will be administered," he said.

administered," he said.

Special education teacher endorsement has also been significantly changed. Special education teachers will not be able to move between elementary and secondary levels unless they are certified in both areas.

"Because of changing program rules, established teachers will need to return to the university to be approved as possessing certain on-the-job skills such as 'interpersonal relations' and 'consultation skills.'

Resource room teachers, Page said, will have to be certified in two areas instead of one. A quick check of special ed teachers showed that 16 locals do not have duo-certification and eight of these are working in resource rooms. Five of these eight, Page said, by this week had begun to work to obtain a second certification.

consultansts in the new rules, will have to go back for more training "to be certified in areas they already have been doing the job and doing it well." There is no provision to grandfather existing teacher consultants, but that may be changed during the legislation review process, Page said.

The maximum caseload for speech and language teachers would be lowered from 75 to 60. This could result in additional staffing for the local district. Of the 1563 Plymouth-Canton students needing some type of special education this year, 761 were in the speech and language category.



That was Paul Micallef of the city DPW putting up decorations in the photo in last week's paper. Sorry for the foul-up, Paul. Keep up the good work!

Several inaccurate headlines appeared in the last issue of The Community Crier. On page one of the Nov. 28 issue, the front page headline reading "Arrested pair linked to 6 BandEs" was incorrect. Only the adult of the arrested pair has been tied to six other community break-

ins, according to the Plymouth police.

The page three headline reading "State complaint filed over release of spec. ed. list" should have read "County complaint filed..." The complaint discussed in the article has been filed with the Wayne County Intermediate School district and not with the state.

On page five, an over-exuberant headline proclaimed the Plymouth Community Fund had topped its 1984 goal by five per cent. While Fund members are hoping to achieve this by the end of the holiday season, they are still only hopeful they can top their goal by this amount.

Finally, on page 13, a jump headline reading "3 year tenure sets board precedent" should have read "3 year probation sets board precedent."

The Crier apologizes for this misinformation and does not anticipate such an onslaught of headline errors in the future.

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It is likely that despite our community's feelings on the matter, the aged Detroit House of Corrections (DeHoCo) will be turned into a state prison.

In some ways, this could be better than having the run-down, escape-prone facility we've lived with all these years on Five Mile Road. If the state does convert DeHoCo -- and all signs point that way -- and does it right, the prison would be less a hazard to our community than it has been.

But, one the other hand, yet another prison -- we already host a state-converted women's-DeHoCo called Phoenix Correctional, and an underconstruction state prison called Phoenix II scheduled to open next year -- will add burdens to the governmental services in our community.

The 35th District Court, police agencies, fire departments and some social agencies will be called upon to serve the needs of another prison and its inmates. (If the Plymouth-Canton Schools have to provide educational opportunities to more inmates, state aid - under the current formula - would probably cover that cost.)

Granted, the state needs more prisons and few communities would like to see one located within their boundaries. So it's understandable larger need overrides local concerns.

But since our community already hosts more than its fair share of public institutions, the drain on services poses an unusual situation that the state must face. This is especially true since non-taxable property is a double whammy on Plymouth and Northville Townships when it needs services but provides no revenué.

Additionally, it's a very real problem that such a concentration of institutions devalues property and the desirability of developing nearby parcels. No

doubt that's why the state isn't suggesting a prison be built in Grosse Point or next to the Manoogian Mansion.

Our community is blessed by Coleman Young's attention. He doesn't want to put prisons for his constituents in his own city but likes Plymouth Township so much he wants to build them all here.

If the state does convert DeHoCo, it could soften the blow by donating some of the fallow DeHoCo property to the township for industrial park use and by providing an annual subsidy towards local governmental services. The City of Detroit owns the DeHoCo property and could be convinced by the state to trade off the land to avoid having another prison built within its boundaries.

Yet another maddening point is the fickleness of state politics that one day proclaims, "Let us build just one more prison here because DeHoCo's going to close," and the next day says, "Since you've already got DeHoCo, why should you care that it's converted to a state prison?" This same hot and cold political system produced the now vacant Plymouth Center for Human Development and the Wayne County Boys Training School. Changing public policy has left those eyesores on our community's landscape just as changing prisoner work policies and the joint economic crunch seen by Detroit and Wayne County has caused DeHoCo's once-proud grounds to go to seed.

Hopefully, the state will consider these special concerns in its attempts to burden our community with yet another prison. Clearly any new prison placed here must be done right - and that includes a cost factor the legislature must assume responsibility for.

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Breen is a mover; send Crierites to Dale Carnegie

EDITOR

After a year or more of not submitting my opinions to your letter box, due primarily to surgery undergone as the result of two doctors' incompetancies, I cannot remain silent on several issues of your paper.

Just recently I wanted to let you know you published two issues which I found excellent and constructive.

Since those two, my opinion is just the opposite.

When you had to use the Lynch episode as the big headline on page one, "Breen hides Lynch's Twp. resignation," The Crier, Nove. 28, it confirmed my feeling that instead of being constructive you are just the opposite. You do not confine it to

Plymouth Township. It includes the City of Plymouth although not as much.

Your writers, who appear fairly young, seem to specialize in trying to pull our community down instead of up. From my experience of serving on the Plymouth Township Board in the 70s, as chairman of most committees, plus president of the largest and only homeowners group at the time, let me state that I consider our community an excellent example of what others would like to enjoy.

I have never doubted the integrity of any of our officials. What better could be said?

The image of both is one of respect from people surrounding us: DON'T DESTROY OUR IMAGE.

Do not overlook that in earlier years,

we spent a lot of money and times to create what we have developed from farmland.

Our image did not just grow. It was controlled by fine people who donated themselves to create what we see today.

If you have writers who cannot seem to work with our officials in a friendly atmosphere, may I suggest you finance a Dale Carnegie course where they will learn that.

"When you succeed in getting on friendly terms, through your own effort, with those who give you trouble, you have reason to be proud of your accomplishment. Why not change your own approach and cultivate rather than criticize? It has never failed me.

Also remember, you never win an argument. Everything ends up a compromise. If you must criticize, always first point out all of the other person's good points to be fair.

Let us read more about the things that count. The greater cooperation between the City and Township did not just happen. I feel sure the top officials met somewhere for a talk over a cup of coffee and they deserve a lot of credit.

Let us just try this approach and you may be surprised at the results.

Getting back to Supervisor Maurice Breen, keep in mind he is an attorney. He is not a moderator. He is a mover who gets things done in his own way. The way he does things is of secondary importance.

Maurice has a dual personality. One is reserved for Township business, the other is social. Over a cup of coffee he can be the best listener you can imagine and never an arguer.

Once, recently, when I questioned the propriety of one of his actions with a committee chairman just to see how he felt, he replied:

"Did you elect a man to run your township in a business-like way or would you prefer a glad hander?"

Well, he was voted in again without any opposition.

FRANK MILLINGTON

Heartless photo

EDITOR:

I am an animal lover who does not believe in hunting. I don't see why anyone should have the right to kill a defenseless animal in cold blood. However, I do realize that some people enjoy this "sport" and that is their choice to participate.

On two occasions I have seen photographs of victorious hunters with their "prize" printed in your newspaper. I feel that it is inappropriate for "The Newspaper With Its Heart In The Plymouth-Canton Community" to publish such pictures. It seems to me you have no heart at all.

KAREN ELWERT

Will Twp. officials fulfill their duties?

If Nixon's downfall was an 18-minute gap, what comes of Maurie Breen's 10-day gap?

That's how long he hid the Barb Lynch letter of resignation from other Plymouth Township officials, the press and -- most importantly -- the public.

Just what are the other elected township officials going to do about Breen's deceit?

For starters, they must amend the minutes of the Nov. 13 township board meeting to reflect that Lynch wasn't absent - she had quit the board. Such a retroactive minutes change needs explanation too - like placing the blame squarely in the lap of the arrogant supervisor.

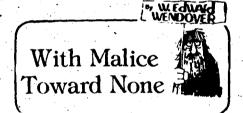
It's true that the elected and appointed folks have to work together for a long four years and that standing up to Breen might create a rift. But they took oaths of office and have a responsibility to the residents.

First, Esther Hulsing as clerk should demand better communication from the supervisor and the amendment to the minutes. Otherwise, the incident goes against her responsibilities as clerk. Esther knows that nobody said the job was going to be easy.

Next, as a township trustee, Smith Horton's stated "so what" response to Breen's hiding the Lynch quitting was appalling and out of character for Smitty.

Certainly Mark Brooks and Jim Irvine, having campaigned on openness in Plymouth Township government, will not tolerate such future actions on Breen's part.

Will Abe Munfakh prove he's an independent thinker on this issue? Hopefully he sees through Breen's recent overtures as a desperate attempt by the supervisor to corral votes on the board especially since Breen gave aid and comfort to FIVE trustee candidates



(luckily they never were all in a room at one time) and is trying to claim his support helped get Abe elected.

Even Andy Pruner, in the check-andbalance role as trustee, should draw the line on Breen's holding back public information. Will he though? Or will he just assume his usual Breen puppy dog role?

The elected officials should force Breen to explain why he pulled such an outrageous stunt - a throwback to the pompo's attitude seen in Breen's first stint as supervisor before he was drummed out of office.

Did he hide Lynch's letter to protect his crony from bad publicity? If so, it backfired on him and her. Breen's 10-day gap thrust Lynch's resignation into far more prominence than it deserved on its

Did he do it just to help Lynch get paid earlier by the second township contractor she's gone to work for? (Won't somebody tell Barb that she could work for lots of companies that don't rely on Plymouth Township Hall connections for their business?) Along that line, Breen's secretiveness raises the cynical question of whether the letter was actually dated and submitted as belatedly reported by Breen.

If the other board members don't get these questions answered and stand up to Breen's arrogance now, they might as well pitch in together and buy a rubber stamp with all six names on it.

That's hardly what they were elected for.



Down The Road

By Brian Lysaght

Just one question, Maurie...

The battle line has been (re)drawn, I was informed during a trip last week through Plymouth Township Hall by the Hon, Supervisor Maurice Breen that he does not want to speak to me or any other employe of The Crier.

"Submit your questions in writing and I will answer them in writing," he said.

He is upset, and I can understand why, by a recent and rather opinionated Crier editorial about him.

But I don't mind saying that Maurie won't be getting too many written queries from me. I'll just give his office a phone call, tell his secretary the question I'd like the Hon. Supervisor to answer, then write the phrase "Plymouth Township Supervisor Maurice Breen refused to return a phone call..." into my story.

No big deal. I'd rather talk to him than not but there's not too much I can do - or care to do - if he decides he isn't talking. I assume his feud is similar to others between the press and news figures.

Actually there's some history to the dispute between the Hon. Supervisor and The Crier. At least that's what he tells me.

The first time t ever met Breen he was civil. But he got worse. A charmer he is not.

He is prone to lecture me about this and that and aim little barbs at me or the newspaper.

The way I see it, the Hon. Supervisor had decided he didn't like me before I ever met him. Such an attitude doesn't speak too highly of him, does it?

Maurie would prefer newspapers didn't exist. His disdain for open government is incredible. He would like to play his games with no one watching over his shoulder. That's fantasy, especially in this town

The Crier will be here when the Hon. Supervisor decides to start talking again. I figure he'll be talking at least by the time elections (his) roll around again and probably by the time he starts thinking about elections.

Until then, his policies and thinking may occasionally appear a bit vague. I'll get my information some place else but the township citizens who so dutifully reelected him may lose out a bit.

Care to comment on that, Maurie?

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Why does everybody hate EMS?

We're pros

EDITOR:

You want a letter to the editor? I'll give you one, but I know you'll never print it because you seem to be a pretty one-sided community newspaper.

I'm one of your now famous paramedics from Community EMS. After working every Tuesday and Thursday in your city this month, I am thoroughly convinced we should get hazard pay when we work here.

We have been the "bad guys" ever since we came into Plymouth.

We realize a couple firemen got laid off when we started, but keep in mind that was your CITY'S decision not OURS.

I'm sick and tired of being treated like dirt on

every single scene we go to by your "friendly" police force.

To top it off, we are stationed out of your fire hall where the firemen won't even talk to us. How professional!!!

I'll have you know, all of our full-time medics work 72 hours a week for \$4.50 per hour. We obviously aren't in this business for the money or working conditions, because they both stink.

The occasional "thank you" (which I doubt we will ever get in Plymouth) is what it's all about. I'm not asking for miracles, just to be treated like a human being.

BOB SCHAFER PARAMEDIC, COMMUNITY EMS

We parking scofflaws are downtown shoppers too

The city says Merry Christmas -- Merry Christmas that is to everyone but The Crier and COMMA,.

We, the notorious employes of Wendover, have been singled out in a city memo as abusing the Christmas-time free parking

Everyone else that works and or shops downtown during the holiday season may park wherever they want, for as long as they want, without being hassled. This is the city commission's (actually the taxpayers since they must shoulder the lost parking revenue) Christmas present to everyone but The Crier-COMMA.

You see we have been accused of

Unsolicited Remarks By Rachael Dolson

hogging parking spaces in one corner of the deck that could be used by potential customers. "The problem is that the employes of some downtown businesses are parking in areas that should be saved for possible customer parking," said a city memo between Paul Sincock, assistant to the city manager, and Henry Graper, full city manager.

"Most of the complaints are regarding employes of Comma, and The Crier. It seems to some merchants that the employes of these two businesses are parking on Penniman Avenue and in the lower level northeast corner of the Central Lot for extended periods of time," the memo said.

I'm pretty ticked off at whichever merchants said this, at Sincock-Graper for repeating it, and at the city employe who allegedly said around town that we were a bunch of 50-year-olds too lazy to our cars on the top deck.

First, the merchants. This cuts me to the quick. Nobody patronizes the downtown businesses like we do here, we are customers too. Last week alone I bought \$32 worth of meat, a \$25 flower arrangement, three lunches, two gas stops, and a coffeecake from downtown merchants. I checked out Christmas decorations and a coat I planned to buy in the near future. I was going to take two pair of shoes in this morning to be fixed, but now I'm not so sure. I wonder which businesses did the complaining.

With the exception of the Friday after Thanksgiving, there has been plenty of parking spaces on the lower level during the daytime. Monday at 11:30 a.m. less than one-half of the lower level spaces were taken. There were spaces open near all businesses that are adjacent to the deck.

If the adjacent businesses had been willing to shoulder the full cost for the deck, I, perhaps, would feel more sympathetic to their worries of having all the parking spaces near their stores open and available. As it is the cost is being shared by ALL the downtown businesses, the city taxpayers, and all of us who work downtown and pay \$10 a month for every month but December.

To Sincock and Graper, I say it is too bad that you can't take the scrutiny and critical review The Crier provides every week like professionals, without resorting to petty finger-pointing such as this.

Especially interesting was the fact that Sincock's comments came at the end of the week that the Chamber had promoted as 'Plymouth Employees Shop In Plymouth Week.'

And regarding the 50-year-old comment - being only about 25, I wonder if I am twice as lazy or only half as lazy. I do

know that I am NOT working a predictable nine to five clerk job. If I did I would always park on the top.

But, I don't. I have interviews, photos, and other places to go during the day. It is an unpredictable schedule. Sometimes I park on the top deck and then five minutes later hear a fire call. Then I have to run up to my car, breaking my neck on the way when my heels get caught in those stupid steps.

Sometimes I park in the lower level, thinking to pop into the office and then leave to visit beats. Then a minor office crisis will occur, or I'll get stuck in a meeting, or I'll get involved in something at the office. That's when I over-park and get a ticket.

So, for one month I won't get tickets—between that and not having to feed quarters to the parking machine everytime I go in and out - I should increase by disposal income by \$45 this month.

But now I'm having second thoughts about spending that extra shopping money in downtown Plymouth.

Wendover did something right

PACT, citizens alertness will reduce break-ins

EDITOR:

We, collectively, would like to take this opportunity to commend W. Edward Wendover, Crier publisher, for his concern and actions regarding the recent break-and-enter arrests at the Penniman Delicatessen.

Wendover was also correct in his column of Nov. 28 when he asserted that our organization would and, in fact, will take similar action if and when we observe acts of a similar nature. Observing and reporting incidents of this nature is our primary function.

We would hope that Wendover is also correct in his assessment of potential involvement of area citizens. If we had more people in this community like Wendover, incidents such as break-and-enters would be on the decline instead of the incline.

Congratulations for a job well done, Wendover! We're behind you 110 per cent!

LARRY SMITH, PUBLICITY PLYMOUTH AREA CITIZEN'S TEAM

Volunteer!

EDITOR

The Girl Scouting year is well under way - troops in Plymouth-Canton have been organized and the girls are busy making plans for their year's activities and events. However, leadership is still needed for nine Brownie, four Junior, and three Cadette troups.

In addition Girl Scouts are constantly looking for adult volunteers to serve as program cosultants, media representatives, committee members, event directors. board members and troop services directors. The time requirements for these jobs vary. Some positions are short-term, once a year, other periodic, or on a regular basis.

Volunteers are the centrl force in bringing Girl Scouting to girls. A large number of volunteers start because their daughter needs a troop leader. But, many adults continue long after their daughters have moved out of the program. These adults discover creative outlets for their valuable talents and skills, develop lasting friendships and acquire valuable training and job skills. But, most of all they have fun through their Girl Scout activities.

For more information on the volunteer opportunities available call Sally Nitzel at the Girl Scout office, 483-2370. Don't miss this opportunity to have fun while helping girls grow and mature.

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The big bump... Pair cause accidents to rob

Bump and rob?

That's how the Canton Police Department has classified two robberies which occurred in the township last week.

According to Lt. Alex Wilson of the

Canton snatch

Canton police are seeking a suspect in connection with a purse snatching which took place Nov. 27.

According to police reports, an employe of the One Hour Martinizing store at the corner of Ford and Lilley roads was locking the store approximately 8:47 p.m. when the incident occurred.

Lt. Alex Wilson of the Canton Police Department said Jewel O'Kopski, 32, of Westiand was locking the store when she approached from behind by the suspect. He grabbed her purse, knocked her to the ground and kicked her in the side.

Wilson said the suspect was described as a white male, approximately 5'6", and weighing 155 pounds. He had short black hair, brown eves and a dark moustache. He was wearing a blue bar-type jacket, and tan pants and tennis shoes.

Canton Police, the robberies took place with the help of two intentionally staged traffic accidents. Redford Township Police later arrested one adult and one juvenile for similarly staged accidents and the pair were linked to the Canton incidents by police.

Wilson said the first robbery took place Nov. 27 at approximately 9 p.m. According to reports, Patricia Kay, 28, of Canton was driving on Sheldon Road near Westminster Way when she was hit from behind by a red Cavalier.

Kay pulled onto Westminster Way and got out of her car to discuss the accident with the occupants of the other vehicle, Wilson said. She reported the suspects in the other car, two black females, told her she would "have to give us something."

- Wilson said one female then tried to grab her purse. When a struggle ensued, the other female retrieved a wooden ice scraper from Kay's car and began to hit her with it. The pair took the purse and fled the scene.

Wilson said a second similar robbery took place only 23 minutes later on Warren Road. Valerie Reitenga, 38, of Canton told police she was driving on

Warren when she was struck in the rear by a red Cavalier.

Wilson said Reitenga pulled onto Morton-Taylor Road to check damage to her vehicle and discuss the accident with the Cavalier's occupants. Wilson said she told police upon exiting her car, two black females approached her. Wilson said while one of the women distracted her, the other jumped into Reitenga's car and drove away. The other woman jumped back into the Cavalier and also drove off.

Wilson said the Redford Township Police reported similar incidents occurring there Nov. 28. A uniform officer with the Redford Police, observing what he thought was a suspicious situation, stopped and later arrested two black females driving a red Cavalier.

Wilson said Charisse Grace, 17, of Yacama Street in Detroit has been charged with one count of unarmed robbery and one count of larceny from a person by the Canton Police Department. A 15-year-old female from Detroit will also be petitioned through juvenile court on the same charges.

Wilson said the Cavalier was later traced as stolen and police found property belonging to Kay in it. Reitenga's car was later recovered, undamaged, on Yacam Street in Detroit.

"I'm not sure if this is the first suc incident Canton has experienced like this," Wilson said, "but these are the first robberies like this in Canton that

Grace was scheduled for arraignment in Redford Township vesterday; Canton Police were seeking her arraignment in 35th District Court vesterday as well,

Pl. Twp. prison a certainty?

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The DeHoCo property, said Breen, "would certainly be looked at as area for economic development. We can't do anything because the City of Detroit owns the land."

State Senator Robert Geake of Northville agreed with Breen. "It's abundantly clear that if the city wants to sell the land and the state is willing to buy it. they have the legal authority to do so."

Geake said the legislature's Joint Capital Outlay committee earmarked \$15 million last Wednesday for prison construction on four sites, including DeHoCo and one in Detroit.

"I suggested two sites in Detroit but the Joint Capital Outlay Committee was unwilling to put that into the bill," Geake

"I feel our area already has enough prisons and it's time for other communities to do their share.'

Geake said prison constructions and operations rarely hire local people so the economic benefits offered surrounding communites are limited.

State Rep. Gerald Law of Plymouth Township didn't return phone calls from The Crier.

Schools tougher on new grads

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in this area, setting their standards at six semesters (three years) of social studies.

Human Skills Two years of study in the area of human skills is now required. Human skills include courses such as business education, skills for living science, alternative education, foreign languages, fine or performing arts, vocational education or practical arts. Under the old guidelines, one year of human skills was required in 10-12.

The state board of education recommends two years of foreign language or fine arts or practical arts.

Under the present three-year high school curriculum 15 credits (one credit is one year of study for one hour per day) is the minimum needed for graduation and of those eight credits are required and seven credits elective.

Under the four-year high school curriculum, a total of 22 credits would be needed to graduate, 14 would be to meet specific requirements and eight for

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the township plan, creation and implementation of the recommendation will follow.

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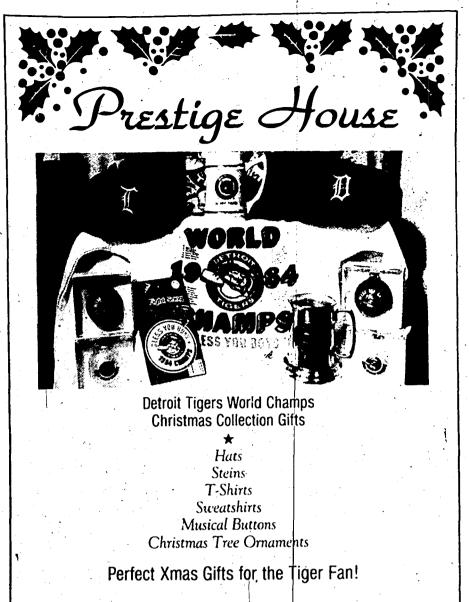
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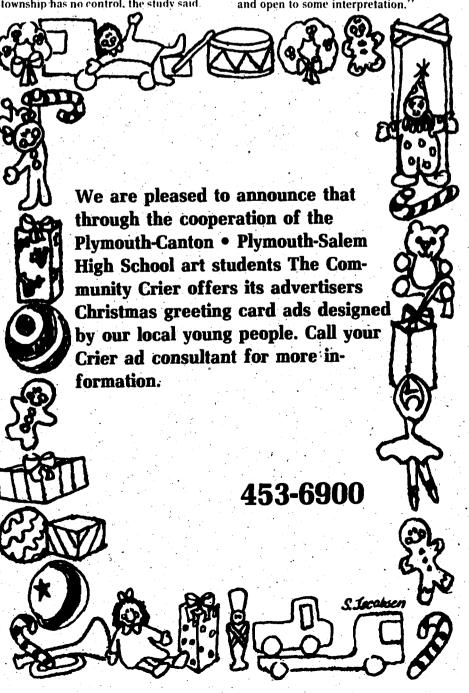
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The big bump... Pair cause accidents to rob

Bump and rob?

That's how the Canton Police Department has classified two robberies which occurred in the township last week. According to Lt. Alex Wilson of the

Canton snatch

Canton police are seeking a suspect in connection with a purse snatching which took place Nov. 27.

According to police reports, an employe of the One Hour Martinizing store at the corner of Ford and Lilley roads was locking the store approximately 8:47 p.m. when the incident occurred.

Lt. Alex Wilson of the Canton Police Department said Jewel O'Kopski, 32, of Westiand was locking the store when she approached from behind by the suspect. He grabbed her purse, knocked her to the ground and kicked her in the side.

Wilson said the suspect was described as a white male, approximately 5'6'', and weighing 155 pounds. He had short black hair, brown eyes and a dark moustache. He was wearing a blue bar-type jacket, and tan pants and tennis shoes.

Canton Police, the robberies took place with the help of two intentionally staged traffic accidents. Redford Township Police later arrested one adult and one juvenile for similarly staged accidents and the pair were linked to the Canton incidents by police.

Wilson said the first robbery took place Nov. 27 at approximately p.m. According to reports, Patricia Kay, 28, of Canton was driving on Shedon Road near Westminster Way when she was hit from behind by a red Cavalier.

Kay pulled onto Westminster Way and got out of her car to discuss the accident with the occupants of the other vehicle, Wilson said, She reported the suspects in the other car, two black females, told her she would "have to give us something."

Wilson said one female then tried to grab her purse. When a struggle ensued, the other female retrieved a wooden ice scraper from Kay's car and began to hit her with it. The pair took the purse and fled the scene.

Wilson said a second similar robbery took place only 23 minutes later on Warren Road. Valerie Reitenga, 38, of Canton told police she was driving on Warren when she was struck in the rear by a red Cavalier.

Wilson said Reitenga pulled onto Morton-Taylor Road to check damage to her vehicle and discuss the accident with the Cavalier's occupants. Wilson said she told police upon exiting her car, two black females approached her. Wilson said while one of the women distracted her, the other jumped into Reitenga's car and drove away. The other woman jumped back into the Cavalier and also drove off.

Wilson said the Redford Township Police reported similar incidents occurring there Nov. 28. A uniform officer with the Redford Police, observing what he thought was a suspicious situation, stopped and later arrested two black females driving a red Cavalier.

Wilson said Charisse Grace, 17, of Yacama Street in Detroit has been charged with one count of unarmed robbery and one count of larceny from a person by the Canton Police Department. A 15-year-old female from Detroit will also be petitioned through juvenile court on the same charges.

Wilson said the Cavalier was later traced as stolen and police found property belonging to Kay in it. Reitenga's car was later recovered, undamaged, on Yacama Street in Detroit.

"I'm not sure if this is the first such incident Canton has experienced like this," Wilson said, "but these are the first robberies like this in Canton that I can recall."

Grace was scheduled for arraignment in Redford Township yesterday; Canton Police were seeking her arraignment in 35th District Court vesterday as well.

Pl. Twp. prison a certainty?

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The DeHoCo property, said Breen, "would certainly be looked at as area for economic development. We can't do anything because the City of Detroit owns the land."

State Senator Robert Geake of Northville agreed with Breen. "It's abundantly clear that if the city wants to sell the land and the state is willing to buy it, they have the legal authority to do so."

Geake said the legislature's Joint Capital Outlay committee earmarked \$15 million last Wednesday for prison construction on four sites, including DeHoCo and one in Detroit.

"I suggested two sites in Detroit but the Joint Capital Outlay Committee was unwilling to put that into the bill," Geake said

"I feel our area already has enough prisons and it's time for other communities to do their share."

Geake said prison constructions and operations rarely hire local people so the economic benefits offered surrounding communities are limited.

State Rep. Gerald Law of Plymouth Township didn't return phone calls from The Crier.

Schools tougher on new grads

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in this area, setting their standards at six semesters (three years) of social studies.

Human Skills Two years of study in the area of human skills is now required. Human skills include courses such as business education, skills for living science, alternative education, foreign languages, fine or performing arts, vocational education or practical arts. Under the old guidelines, one year of human skills was required in 10-12.

The state board of education recommends two years of foreign language or fine arts or practical arts.

Under the present three-year high school curriculum 15 credits (one credit is one year of study for one hour per day) is the minimum needed for graduation and of those eight credits are required and seven credits elective.

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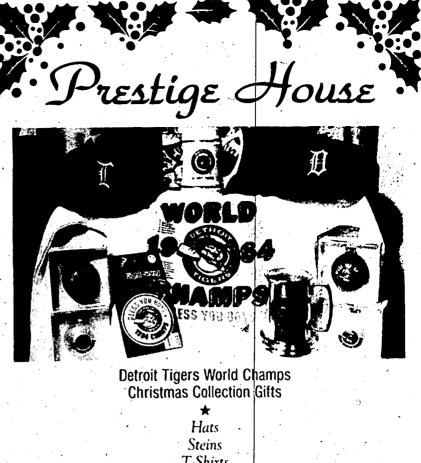
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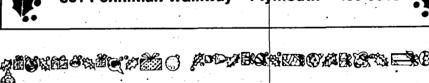


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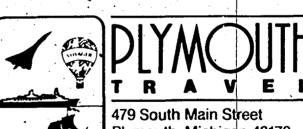
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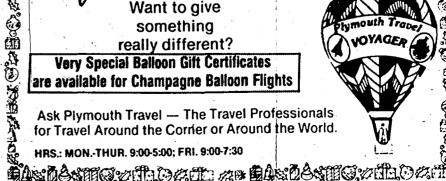


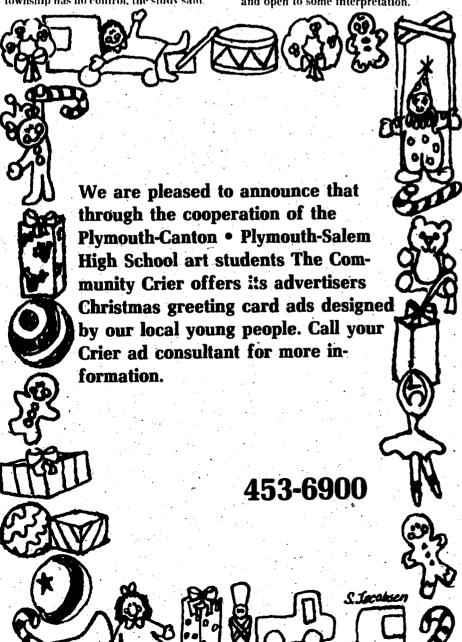
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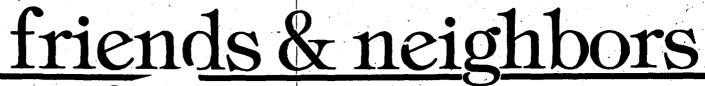
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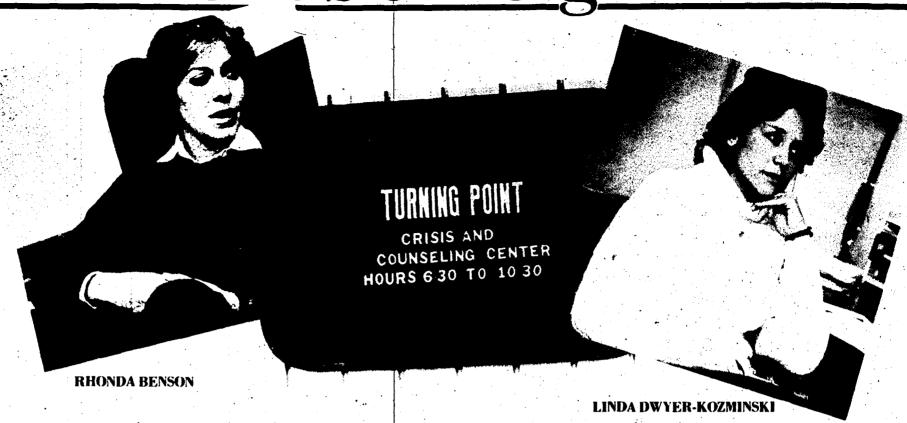
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Understanding ear of 'Turning Point' needed

BY CHERYL EBERWEIN

"You have to reach out. The most important thing is to offer people hope. When people are suicidal, they feel like everything is hopeless and they are helpless to do anything about it." -- Rhonda Benson

It's the Christmas season - a time of family celebrations and holiday warmth for most in The Plymouth-Canton Community.

But in one office, and among 32 community volunteers, the strains of "Joy to the World" and "White Christmas"

are all but lost to the people they struggle to reach. The volunteers staff the Turning Point Crisis hotline, and those they are trying to help are desperate, despondent, sometimes suicidal citizens who have turned to the hotline for guidance.

"It's difficult to advertise the need for this service in The Plymouth-Canton Community," said Linda Dwyer-Kozminski, director of the Turning Point Counseling and Intervention Center. "This is an upper middle class community where people tend to seek private help. There seems to be a stigma about turning to a source of help your neighbor might volunteer to work on - even though it's completely confidential.

"But that doesn't mean the need is any less in this community - the problem is just getting the word out," she continued.

The Turning Point Center and hotline are a part of the programs run by Growthworks, a community organization dedicated to helping citizens who may be troubled in a number of different areas in their lives. The Turning Point program has been in existence since 1977 and was an outgrowth of an earlier crisis center in Plymouth known as Our House.

Dwyer-Kozminski said the Turning Point program offers free hotline counseling five days a week from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. The Center also sponsors ongoing counseling for some individuals, and works closely with the Plymouth-Canton schools and other community groups on substance abuse program.

"We deal with all types of problems," Dwyer-Kozminski said. "We deal with suicidal individuals, depression, family or spouse related problems, and substance abuse problems. We also get a lot of calls from people looking for referrals,"

Those who deal most closely with these situations are a staff of 32 volunteers who range in age from 18 to 50. The volunteers have been screened by Dwyer-Kozminski and trained by the agency.

Rhonda Benson, a part-time employe at the Center, is in charge of supervising and recruiting the volunteer staff, Benson is was recently hired to accommodate the Center's growing programs and the need of for a coordinated volunteer effort.

Benson has already been well indoctrinated to the role she and other volunteers step into when working the hotline for an evening.

"In the Plymouth area a lot of older adults call us, sometimes for referrals, but mostly because they just want someone to talk to," Benson said. "A lot of these people are lonely and most just need an ear and someone to help them keep on going."

Benson also said volunteers who staff the hotline receive a lot of calls related to substance abuse. Many of those are from parents who are having problems with their chemically-addicted children. Others are from the kids themselves.

"When we get in a call from someone who is suicidal, the most important thing is to offer the person hope," Benson said. "When people are suicidal, they feel everything is hopelss and they are helpless to do anything about it.

"We try to show those people they are not helpless and there are people around who can help them help themselves," she continued. "One they see that things are going to improve in the future, they aren't going to actively try and take their lives."

Benson said she and the Center's other volunteers also "try to make people realize suicide is the grand finale.

"You'd be amazed at how many people have visions of killing themselves and then being around for the funeral," she said "You really have to emphasize the finality of death to them. You have to give them hope and help and point out to them who is going to miss them."

Benson said hotline calls are very seasonal. The full moon and spring storms bring an onslaught of calls. Benson also said hotline volunteers receive more calls around the holidays—particularily the Christmas season.

"Anyone who has suffered a loss in the last year will relive that loss around Christmas," she said. "The holidays are

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tell it to Phyllis



Buying a new car is not as easy as it sounds. I don't care what the car dealers tell you, you're the one who has to make the big decision. Once you've reached the point of thinking about a new car, you have to decide what kind and if you can afford it.

The fact that the kids had grown so much over the past three years made me think that maybe we had outgrown my little car. Besides it was nearly paid for and I knew life would never be the same without car payments. However, after my first shopping trip, I decided the kids would have to get used to riding with their chin on their knees. I made the mistake of thinking I was looking for something to drive, not a life time investment.

It was obvious I wasn't in the new car market, but I still kept my eves open for a deal on a used car. Then one day it happened, I found the car I wanted. Sure it was a year old and had some miles on it but it was something I thought I could afford.

After draining the bank account, there I was sitting behind the wheel on my dream car. To picture how I must have looked driving my new car for the first time, you have to realize the little car I was used to didn't have power brakes or power steering. If nothing else, this car has a sturdy windshield. Although I've tried, I haven't put anyone through it

I know I wanted a bigger car, but I wanted one that knew how to get in and out of parking places. You should see it try to squeeze in and out of the garage. Thank heavens it's a fast learner.

Although it doesn't talk to me, the car and I are developing our own form of communication. I vell at it when it goes on cruise control instead of turning on the windshield washer and it screams at me when I forget to turn the lights off.

Oh no, the kid wants to borrow the car. What do I do now?

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Randall Albright entered the United States Air Force recently. After graduation from basic training he will receive technical training in the electronics aptitude area. A 1981 graduate of Fowlerville High School, he is the son of George Albright of Palmer in Plymouth and Patricia Albright of Maxwell in Fowlerville.

Kalamazoo College recently announced the names of students named to the Dean's List for the fall quarter. Students from Plymouth included on the list are: Thomas Petroff, son on Mr. and Mrs. Peter Petroff of Wilding; and John Retting, son of Dr. and Mrs. Roy Retting of Southworth.

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Hendrik Zenicki of Canton received a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Lawrence Institute of Technology.

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Amy Emerson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Emerson of Plymouth, has been pledged to the Adrian College Chapter of Alpha Phi. A graduate of Canton High School, she is a freshman at Adrian.

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The following Hillsdale College students have pledged the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity: Michael Galliers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Galliers, a graduate of Salem High School; and Kevin Kral, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kral, a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central.

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Marcie Reynolds of Plymouth graduated from Katharine Gibbs School in Boston, where she completed the one-year Secretarial Program. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Revnolds, she is a 1981 graduate of Salem High School.

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Susan Myrtle of Greenbriar in Plymouth received a Bachelor's of Fine Arts Degree from Western Michigan University.



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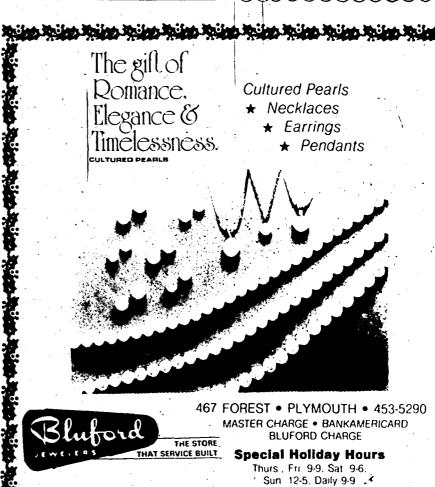
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COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging will meet at 2 p.m. Dec. 11 in the Plymouth Cultural Center. Retiring Judge Dunbar Davis will discuss problems on aging and how to handle yourself in court. For more information call 455-4907 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. weekdays.

MADONNA CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

The Madonna College Chorale will present its annual Christmas concert at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 9 in Kresge Hall. Cost is \$2 for adults. The Instrumental Chamber Ensemble will present a winter concert at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 11 in Kresge Hall. It's free. For more information on either, call 591-5177 or 591-5000.

CANTON CALVARY CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

The Canton Calvary Assembly of God is presenting "Cradle the King With Praise" at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 15-16. The audience will have an opportunity to join the choir during the show. The church is located at 7933 Sheldon Road. Child care will be provided.

SIGMA KAPPA SORORITY

Sigma Kappa Sorority Alumnae's western Wayne County chapter will meet Dec. 10 at the home of Mrs. Kay Koch to exchange Christmas ornaments, make stationary and prepare gifts for nursing home friends. Call Mrs. Koch, 453-7864, for more information.

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

The Women's Divorce Support Group will meet from 8-10 p.m. Dec. 11 in room F130 of the Forum Building on the Schoolcraft College campus. Divorce mediation is the evening's subject. For more information call Faye Driscoll at the college's Women's Resource Center, 591-6400 ext. 431 weekdays.

CHRISTMAS STORIES FOR YOUNGINS

Two special Christmas storytelling hours for young people will be held at Plymouth Bookworld in Forest Street Mall at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 9 and 15. One old story and one new story will be read. It's free and all are invited. Call 455-8787 for more information.

WIDOWED IN SERVICE

WISER-Widowed in Service - offers information and support for the widowed. They're baxing a Christmas Party at 7 p.m. Dec. 11 at Guilio's, Plymouth at Eckles Road, WISER is part of the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College, Call 422-0305 or 427-5659 for reservations or information.

TOUGHLOVE MEETS

Toughlove, a self-help group for parents who are troubled by their teenager's behavior, meets at 7 p.m. every Monday at Faith Community Church, 16001 Warren, near Canton Center Road.

AAUW MEETS

The American Association of University Women's Plymouth branch will discuss Christmas decorating ideas Dec. 6 at the First United Methodist Church. Pat Ribar will demonstrate decorating ideas for home and hearth. For more information call 455-7153 or 455-5298.

FINGERPRINTING AND HUNTER SAFETY IN CANTON

The Canton Police Department's fingerprinting for children and the elderly is held from 5-7 p.m. the first Monday of the month at the Canton Police Department. The Department and the DNR is also sponsoring a hunter safety program for youths aged 12-16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 9 and 16 at Canton Township Hall. Young prospective hunters must attend both sessions and should bring a lunch.

LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETS

The Plymouth Community Library Commission will meet at 7:30~p.m. Dec. 5 at the library. The public is invited. For more information call 453.0750.

BIRD PTO

The Bird Elementary PTO will meet in the school's media center Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. All Bird parents are invited.

ARTS AND CRAFTS BAZAAR

The Northville Plaza Merchants Association is holding a holiday arts and crafts bazaar from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 8 at the Northville Plaza Mall, on Seven Mile Road next to the State Police post. For more information call 348-6240 weekdays.

GARDEN CLUB FLOWER SALE

The Tonquish Creek Garden Club will hold its annual pointsettia and potpourri boutique 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 14 at Forest Place Mall. Flowers, cactuses, baked goods and craft items will be sold. For information call Terry 459-4724.

LIONS LADIES NIGHT

The Lions annual Christmas Party Ladies Night will be held 6 p.m. midnight Dec. 20 at the Mayflower Meeting House. Cost is \$12.50 per person including entertainment, steak dinner and more. Members and guests are welcome.

PINK ROSE SOCIETY

The Pink Rose Society is a new organization of women commemorating their mothers. The society's goal is to raise money to defray the medical costs for a mother. One mother will be chosen each year. They will hold a brunch at noon the second Sunday of each month at the Mayflower's Governor Bradford Room. For information call Bernice 453-5842.

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The Plymouth Community Chorus will present their 11th annual holday Christmas concert at Salem High School Dec. 7-8 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 9 at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for seniors. For information call 455-4080.

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The Detroit Laestadian Congregation will host pre-Christmas Services Dec. 20-Dec. 23 at 290 Fairground. Peter Nevala, AALA youth director will at 7 p.m. Dec. 23 and ElmerAlajoki of Plymouth, MN., and AALC secretary will speak at 7 p.m. Dec. 21; 7:30 p.m. Dec. 22; and 11 a.m. and 1:30 Dec. 23. For more information

LIONS MEETING

District Governor Lion Dave Littler will visit the Lions Club of Plymouth's regular meeeting Dec. 6 at 6:30 in the Mayflower Hotel. A mystery guest will relive the baseball's American League East playoff euphoria.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES FOR KIDS

The Canton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its annual children's Christmas parties for boys and girls aged 3-12. Santa Claus will top off the fun. Times are Dec. 15 9:30-11:30 a.m. ages 3-7; and 10:45-11:45 a.m. ages 8-12. Reservations are necessary call 397-1000 weekdays.

MUSEUM CHRISTMAS GALA

Plymouth Historical Museum is holding its 3rd annual Christams Gala at 7 p.m. Dec. 8 at the museum. Cost is \$35 per couple with beef and scallops on the menu. Tickets are going fast, Call Sandy at 437-1415 for

GARDEN CLUB THIS WEEK

The Tonquish Creek Garden Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 11 at the home of Liz Sickels, 46069 Green Valley. Herbologist Sandy Hicks will put on a medevial Christmas celebration with festive foods for memebers. Kathy Cowan and Ann Waite are co-hostesses. Call 459-4724 for more information.

MOTHERS OF TWINS

The Western Wayne County Mothers of Twins will hold a Christmas party 3-6 p.m. Dec. 9 at Our Lady of Lorretto Church, 256700 W. Six Mile, Redford. For more information call 693-0207.

AARP CHRISTMAS MEETING

The Plymouth-Northville Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will hold its Christmas meeting at noon Dec. 12 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Brown bag it. Coffee, tea and desert are provided as will be carolers from Plymouth schools. For more information call 421-5576.

COMMUNITY BAND AT EMU

The Plymouth Community Band under the direction of Carl Battishill will perform inconcert with the Eastern Michigan University Symphony band at 8 p.m. Dec. 7 at Pease Auditorium. Admission is free.

NAZARENE'S LIVING TREE

The Plymouth Church of the Nazarene will present a living Christmas tree to The Plymouth Canton Community at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15 and 6 p.m. Dec. 16 at the church, 41550 Ann Arbor Trail. The tree is made up of various church choirs and the three and one half-hour program will be a pageant of sight and sound. Call 153-1525 for more information.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETS

The Plymouth Woman's Club will meet at 12:30 Dec. 7 at the Salvation Army Home on Main in Plymouth, Army Lt. Larry Mafizella will give a tour. Bring scarves and mittens for the mitten tree. Scandinavian imports are available at the Roadside through Dec. 15.

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

The Plymouth Commany Education Department and the Wayne County Sherift's Department are cosponsoring a snowmobile safety class for kids aged 12-16 Dec. 17-20 in Canton High's Cafeteria from 7-9 p.m. Students must attend all four classes and registration is limited. Call Larry Masteller at 451-6660 for more information and sign-up.

FIFE AND DRUMMERS

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corp will perform their first winter concert this Sunday in Rochester. Call Cal 455-0992 or Howard 459-1197 for more information.

CENTER STAGE ROCK

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OVA MEETS

The Old Village Association will hold a general meeting at 7:15 p.m. Dec. 11 at Station 885. All Old Village

VETERAN'S QUESTIONAIRE REMINDER

The Passage-Gayde 391 American Legion Post reminds any veteran or widow receiving a non-service connected pension to return the annual income questionaire card to the VA by Jan. 1, 1985. The post can answer questions on the matter. Call 453-9494 or Don at 459-2914.

THREE CITIES ART CHRISTMAS SHOW

Twenty-three Three Cities Art Club members will offer original works at the arcade behind "Shops on the Park" on Main Street 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 13-14 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 15. Oils, watercolors, acrylics and more will be availble. No admission charge.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The Plymouth Elks will honor a CEP student of the month Jan. May based on achievement, character, leadership, service, citizenship and scholarship. Applications and information are available at either Canton or Salem counseling office and the January deadline is Dec. 10.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM HOURS

The Canton Historical Museum will be open 1-4 p.m. Nov. 29. Between now and Christmas, the museum open Tues 1.3 p.m. and 1.4 p.m. Thurs, and Sat. The museum is currently displaying a collection of New England style Germanic village homes. For information call 495-08t.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

The Plymouth-Canton La Leche League will meet at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 13 at 9738 Norman. Informal discussion will center on how to manage those first heetic weeks with timely tips for mother and haby. For information call Johanne at 453-9171 or Karen at 459-1322. Nursing babies are welcome.

WREATH MAKING AT THE LIBRARY

The Canton Public Library is holding wreath-making demonstrations Dec. 13 7-8:30 p.m. with punch, cookies and prizes to boot. Registration for the program begins Dec. 3.

FARM AND GARDEN

The Lakepointe Village Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association will have a pot luck dinner and craft auction at the Plymouth Historical Museum at 6 p.m. Dec. 13. Husbands are invited to attend the dinner. Call 453-3905 for more information.

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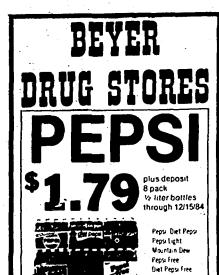
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Wells, former Plymouthite

Charles Wells, Jr., 68, of Ann Arbor, formerly of Plymouth, died Nov. 19 in Ann Arbor. Services were held Nov. 23 at the Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Martha H. Cargo officiating.

Mr. Wells was born in Akron, IN. in 1915 and came to the Plymouth area in 1957 from Bloomington, IN. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church. He received a Ph.D in education from Indiana University and retired from the Wayne County Intermediate School District in 1980 after 22 years.

Survivors include his wife Jane of Ann Arbor; and sons Charles, Richard and Andrew, all of Denver, CO.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Plymouth Symphony.

Parsons, rail worker

Phillip Parsons, 49, of Geddes Road in Canton, died Nov. 22 at home. Services were held Nov. 26 at the Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home with the Rev. James Severance

Mr. Parsons was born in West Virginia in 1935. He was a clerk with the C and O Railroad and a member of Masonic Lodge no. 474.

Survivors include a daughter, Terri Lvnn Eagen of Arlington, TX.; his father, Woodrow Parsons of Livonia; grandchilren Stacy Ann Eager and Christine Mays; and brothers Chester and Buddy.

Burial was in Glen Eden Cemeterv.

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Kohler, longtime resident

Elva Etta Kohler, 90, of Pacific in Plymouth, died Nov. 26 in Plymouth. Services were held Nov. 28 at the Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Frederick C. Vosburg officiating. Burial followed in Riverside Cemeterv.

Mrs. Kohler was born in Ypsilanti in 1894. She was a homemaker and lived most her life in The Plymouth Canton Community. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

Survivors include a daughter-in-law, Loretta Olson of Plymouth; a niece, June Hesse of Plymouth; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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Jones, church member

Evelyn Jones, 63, of Westland, died Nov. 24 in Taylor. Services were held Nov. 28 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with Pastor M. Dean Fuson officiating.

Mrs. Jones was born in North Carolina in 1921. She was a member of Bible Baptist Church in Westland and was a clerk for 18 years.

Survivors include daughters Wanda Vendittelli of Canton: Dorothy DiPiassa of, Mount Clemens; Vicki Warren of St. Clair; Donna Kozlowski of Taylor; and Sharon Douglas of Taylor; seven brothers and five sisters; and 13 grandchildren.

Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Livonia.

Christmas ball Dec. 15 will wrap up Canton Sesqui.

The grande finale of the Canton Sesquicentennial celebration should help put residents and visitors in fine Christmas spirits.

The final event of this year long celebration will be a Christmas Ball scheduled to take place Saturday Dec. 15 at Valley Hall on Geddes Road in Canton.

Sesquicentennial chairwoman Mary Dingeldey said the evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres. Dinner will follow at 7:30 p.m. and the dancing will begin at 9 p.m.

Dingeldey said door prizes and plenty of festive Christmas decorations will help fill the evening with holiday sparkle and

Tickets are \$25 per couple and \$15 per person. Tickets may be obtained from Mary Dingeldey at 495-0509; Peggy Farrell at the Appraisers office at Canton Township Hall; or from Tilley Schultz at 453-6084.

Carne's local drawings for sale from symphony league members

They're Erick Carne's greatest hits and they're being brought to you courtesy of Carne himself, and the Plymouth Symphony League.

The Symphony League will be selling a poster displaying a group of Carne's pen and ink sketches of familar Plymouth landmarks. Carne is a noted local artist and owner of Carne Associates.

The poster measures 18 by 24 inches and is suitable for framing. It features 14 of Carne's sketches and would make an ideal gift for a former resident of Plymouth.

Members of the Symphony League will be selling these prints at Westchester Mall on Saturday, Dec. 8 and Saturday Dec. 15 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Posters will also be available at the ballet concert scheduled for Dec. 16 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. and at the Frameworks Shop on Penniman Avenue where it is on display.

The price of the poster is \$5 and a limited number of the prints will be sold on cardboard backings and sealed in plastic for \$7. Proceeds will go to the Symphony League.

For further information about the posters, call 459-5424.



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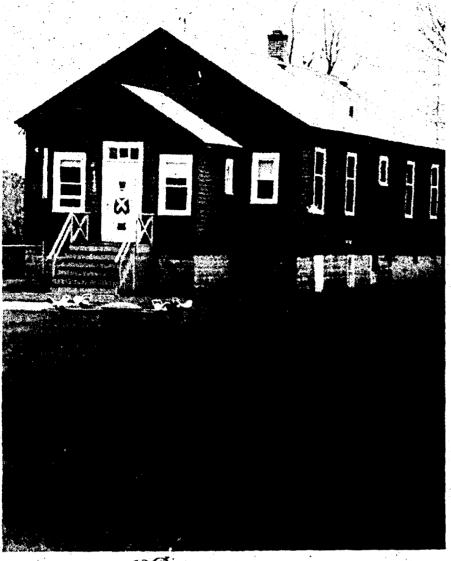
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Historic designation a hot-cold issue with boards



BY RACHAEL DOLSON AND CHERYL EBERWEIN

School officials are approaching with caution a proposal to designate Hough School, at Haggerty and Warren in Canton, as an historic structure.

A resolution creating a historic district of the Hough School site was tabled by the Canton Township Board, pending a response from Plymouth-Canton Schools. The school board has referred the request to its attorneys for study.

Plymouth-Canton Schools owns Hough School and currently is leasing it to a private preschool business.

Superintendent John Hoben said his main concern with the historic designation is that it may limit what the schools could do with the building and property. "Hough School is on a 10-acre site. If we have growth in that area of the township, a 10-acre site would be prime for a new elementary school."

Canton planner Matthew Modrack said a historic designation would enable the Canton Historical Commission to review exterior alterations to the building. "There is great community interest in adding Hough School to the township's roster of historic structures as evidenced by the efforts of the commission and the success of a general petition drive."

Hough School was built in 1838 and, according to the Canton Historical Commission is "a landmark in the community attesting to the township's committment to education."

Canton Township board members discussed the school board's referral at their Nov. 27 meeting. Board members questioned the delay and eventually tabled a decision on the matter until the first meeting in January.

"I'd like to act on this and get it over with," Trustee Robert Padget said. "But I hate to do anything discourteous to another board.

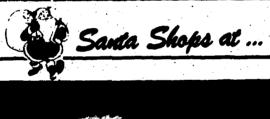
"I'd like to see any reason why this might be denied, but my inclination is to designate it as a historic site after a reasonable amount of time," Padget continued.

Although Modrack told the board he thought the school board was in favor of the historic designation, Canton Supervisor James Poole voiced some reservations about the school board's cooperation in the matter.

"If the board objects we'll untable this and act on it anyway in January if we don't have something," Poole said, "We've waited six weeks for this as a courtesy from one government body to another, but we can only do this so long.

"Unless there is a long line of real good reasons why this shouldn't be done, we'll act on it," Poole said.

Modrack and Ruth Wiles, a representative from the Canton Historic Commission, said the administration at the nursery school presently using the facility is in favor of the historic designation. "They want to see these steps taken (to designate the school as a monument)," Wiles said.







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Holidays are happier when shared with others

To receive clothes from the clothing bank a family must either show their Medicaid card or a recommendation from a school nurse. Children participating in the hat and mitten drive at school have the satisfaction of knowing their gifts will be received by a child who may have had to go without, otherwise.

Since this program is at the discretion of the individual teacher, not all kids have a chance to participate. The basic idea, donating a new hat, mittens, underwear or socks, could be affected by any individual, family or group. Two young friends could do this instead of buying each other a gift, a Scout troop could adopt this special Christmas project, or a family could share in the spirit of Christmas by organizing their own "drive" and giving unselfishly to the needy.

If you wish to volunteer help at the clothing bank or get more information, call Helen Decker at 459-6577.

Another individual responsible for spreading Christmas cheer to the less fortunate is Mel Bobrean, owner of Mel's Golden Razor. Bobrean is once again spearheading the toy drive he started seven years ago for handicapped and needy youngsters. The first year of the toy drive Bobrean collected 200 toys for the children, now he receives in the neighborhood of 2,000.

Bobrean has roped off one end of his shop, located at 595 Forest in Colony Office Plaza, for the new and used toys he collects between Thanksgiving and Dec. 16.

Donating a good, but outgrown, toy to this drive would be a wonderful way for a child to experience the "giving of self" feeling that is the true spirit of the season.

Any toy — in good shape — for any age child is appreciated by Bobrean, and especially by the child who receives it. Cash donations are also appreciated. Donations may be dropped off at Mel's Golden Razor, now through Dec. 16.

At the Salvation Army in Plymouth they have been hard at work on their Christmas projects for almost two months. The spirit of Christmas is alive and well at the Salvation Army and they are happy to share the spirit with volunteers.

Lt. Larry Manzella and his overworked staff of three "plus a custodian" will prepare 180 food baskets for needy families, a senior citizens dinner, trips to nursing homes and prisons, besides working with Omnicom on a canned food drive. The Salvation Army is in need of man, woman and kid-hour donations; kids, adults, families, groups, anyone who can donate some time will be contributing to the spiri of the season by giving unselfishly. Manzella needs help sorting cans, packing baskets and wrapping socks for prison inmates. Christmas need not mean all material gifts, a gift of self can be just meaningful and more rewarding.

Anyone interested in helping out with the Salvation Army's projects can call Manzella at 453-5464.

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Police arrest one for cocaine

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Wilson said a small quantity of cocaine and marijuana were seized at the apartment. He also said drug paraphernalia was seized in the search.

Donald Fry was arraigned Nov. 29 before Judge James Garber in 35th District Court. He pled not guilty and a \$25,000 10 per cent personal bond was set. He was transported to Wayne County

Also taken into custody was Teresa Adkins, 20, the cousin of Donald Frv. Adkins, who listed her address as 40056

Cambridge apt. 204, was charged with possession of marijuana. She as cited and released on a 20-day appearance ticket.

James Tidwell, 20, of North Territorial in Plymouth and Rafael Ticazo, 54, of Chicago, IL., were also taken into custody at the scene and charged with loitering in a house of illegal occupation. Both were given 20-day appearance tickets. Ticazo also paid a \$200 bond.

Police would not say how much cocaine and marijuana were found in the apartment at the time of the search.





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Christmas spirit involves selfless community giving

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In the spirit of Christmas, Omnicom, local cable television, is promoting a canned food drive through Dec. 8 when it will conclude with a telethon on cable channel 8. Canned foods can be brought to either of Omnicom's offices; 550 Forest in the Westchester Plaza, Plymouth, or 8465 Ronda Drive in Canton. The Salvation Army and various local merchants are also collecting cans for Omnicom's drive. Donations of canned food mean a lot to hungry families and help to support the Christmas spirit.

Omnicom's Maria Holmes wants volunteers — over 18 — to help with the project. If interested in this worthwhile project, call Holmes or

Kathleen Mueller at 459-7335.

The telethon on Dec. 8 will run from noon to 5 or 6 p.m., maybe later, and will feature state and local celebrities. There will be phone lines for pledges and they will be accepting contributions at the studio. Watching this telethon will be entertaining as well as a way to get children — and adults — to see the spirit of Christmas in action,

FISH is one of the local volunteer organizations that would be happy to hear from people wanting to give of their time this holiday season. FISH provides companionship, transportation, reading to the blind and other services to the elderly and needy. A volunteer for FISH is giving the gift of him or herself, a selfless, caring gift. To volunteer, or for more information call FISH at 453-1110.

Another organization that uses volunteers is Growthworks. The crisis line at Growthworks uses volunteers to man their phones. Many people experience depression during the holidays; being the voice on the other end of the phone when a troubled person calls can be a very rewarding experience. You can reach Growthworks at 455-4095 for more information.

There are many fine organizations in The Plymouth-Canton



MEL BOBREAN of Mel's Golden Razor collects toys for needy community children every year. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd)

Community that use volunteers and would be especially pleased to hear from anyone wishing to donate time in the holiday spirit.

Christmas is so much more than buying gifts for friends and family. It is many things, from donating a much-loved toy, to a can of pumpkin or yourself — your time.

Take time this holiday season to teach your kids what Christmas really means, giving out of caring without expecting anything in return. You, and your kids, will be pleased at the return you do get the good warm feeling of doing something that really counts.



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Canton's downtown to undergo public comment

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Ford, is presently vacant and uncommitted for development. The other 40 per cent includes existing office, and commercial properties such as the Harvard Square Shopping Center, the Grapevine Wine and Deli Shop, attorneys' offices, the House of Woo, the Rusty Nail Lounge and Frank's Nursery Store

Most of the downtown construction will take place on the north side of Ford Road east of the Harvard Square shopping center. Proposed construction in the DDA district would be completed according to an annual schedule beginning in 1986 and running through the year 2000.

The 10-member Canton DDA board, established in September to address creation of a central downtown, approved the DDA plan at their Nov. 19 meeting. The plan was formulated under the guidelines of the Michigan Downtown Development Authority Act 197 passed in 1975.

Members of the DDA board addressed two central issues when formulating a downtown concept. Vacancies in the Harvard Square Shopping Center were a major concern.

The downtown plan also addressed the problem of developing the deep, narrow strips of land which front Ford Road in that area.

"...These areas are a quarter mile deep." the report said. "If developed in a

typical strip commercial fashion, these long, narrow lots will leave a significant portion of Canton's commercially zoned land unutilized."

The downtown plan focuses on a town center concept, initially explored by the township planning commission in 1979. Among the major objectives of the concept are: the maximum utilization of prime commercial property; the establishment of a functional traffic pattern; the separation of vehicular and pedestrian traffic; parking at the interior of the site; buffers for adjacent residential neighborhoods; and creation of downtown focal points.

According to board members, maximum use of property in this area will be achieved with interior access roads. These roads will also help establish functional traffic patterns in the area of Ford and Sheldon roads.

Separation of vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the new downtown area will be achieved through the development of central plazas and location of parking sites.

Neighborhood buffering and the development of a boulevard along Ford and Sheldon roads has been provided in the plan. Focal points will be established through the creation of a town square at Ford and Sheldon roads, provision for a suitable site for a farmer's market and provision for an area which would be designed as a restaurant plaza.

The proposed DDA district improvements include:

• 1986: Road construction, utilities installation and land acquisition activities. The access boulevard will be constructed during this phase to Wayne County standards. Cost estimate: \$2,003,452. Projected planning and construction: 18 to 24 months.

• 1987: Traffic light purchase and installation at Ford and Oakview roads. Cost estimate: \$30,000. Projected planning and construction: six to 12 months.

• 1988: Library area site improvements. This project involves preparation of a portion of the public land area in the DDA district for construction of a new Canton Public Library. Projected cost: \$225,000. Projected planning and

1989: Ford Road pedestrian and bike overpass acquisition and installation. Projected cost: \$90,000.
Projected planning and construction: 12

to 18 months.

• 1990: Supplemental buffering elements along the north side of the DDA District and bikeway improvements through the area. Projected cost: \$244,593. Projected planning and construction: 18 to 24 months.

• 1992: Municipal Auditorium and Theatre Construction. These are two of three buildings being proposed for the public land area in the DDA and would be built by the DDA and township. Projected cost: \$1,878,000. Projected planning and construction: 24 to 36 months.

• 1993: Public area plaza completion. Projected cost: \$142,000. Projected planning and construction: 12 to 18

• 1996: Building three construction. The third of the three public buildings will be constructed at this phase, Projected cost: \$666,000. Projected planning and construction: 24 to 36 months.

• 1997-2000: Miscellaneous program expenditures including additional landscaping, street furniture, other furnishings like a reflecting pool, sculptures and maintenance. Projected cost: \$331,000. Projected planning and construction: 48 months.

• 1985-2000: Program administration. An annual five per cent of available program funds has been allocated for program administration. Administrative costs: \$337,137. Projected period: 1985-2000

The total cost for all of the proposed improvements, financing charges and program administration is \$5,947,182.

The DDA board has proposed using tax Increment Financing (TIF) to fund these public improvements. TIF involves freezing the SEV in the DDA district throughout the life of the program and using taxes which might accrue from an increased SEV for DDA development.





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Christmas is busy season for volunteer counselors

so family-oriented that even if the loss was suffered in January, they don't fully deal with it until the holidays."

Dwyer-Kozminski said holiday depression can also be the result of other factors such as an inability to return home for Christmas or financial problems. "The holidays can be very hard when people don't have the money they want to buy gifts for people."

The Turning Point hotline is the only such service in existence in The Plymouth-Canton Community. Although Dwyer-Kozminski said the phone lines aren't as busy as other hotlines in other communities, she said volunteers handle more substance abuse calls than, other hotlines. "That's because of the other substance abuse programs Growthworks runs," she said.

Dwyer-Kozminski and Benson both said they hope to expand the Turning Point hotline hours to seven days a week. The Center is constantly seeking volunteers, they said, to help run the phones and lend assistance to other programs.

Our volunteers go through about 20 hours of training." Dwyer-Kozminski

said. "We train them in procedures such as how to handle depression, empathy training, crisis intervention and listening

"About a third of the training the volunteers receive goes to drug and alcohol abuse training," Dwyer-Kozminski continued. "They are taught how to recognize these problems and where to send people for guidance."

Dwyer-Kozminski said volunteers play role models to help facilitate training and then get some work on the phone lines under the guidance of another experienced volunteer. Debriefing exercises, particularily for volunteers who have handled suicide calls, are also heavily emphasized in the training process.

"Many of our volunteers have social work, psychology or professional backgrounds," Dwyer-Kozminski said. 'But that isn't necessary.'

Benson said older adult in The Plymouth-Canton Community are especially good as volunteers "because they can relate to both kids and adults. Volunteering is an excellent way to get out of the house and meet people who share the same interests.

"There are a lot of reasons to volunteer," Benson continued. "A lot of people are getting more work experience by volunteering. But there are alot of people out there who just like to help other people and feel they can do this a couple nights a month.

"It's personally rewarding when you hang up the phone and know a person feels better than when he called," she

The Turning Point Crisis hotline phone number is 455-4900. Volunteers staff the

hotline between 6:30 and 10:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and Dwyer-Kozminski handles the line on weekdays. Other calls for information and services which the Center provides can be directed to Dwver-Kozminski at 455-4902.



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engagements & weddings



Andersen weds Merdian

Sharon Merdian and John Andersen Community Crier. were married Saturday, Nov. 24, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Benton

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Laura Merdian and the late Kenneth Merdian of Benton Harbor. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Jorgen Andersen of Farmington Hills.

The bride is a graduate of Lake Michigan Catholic High School and Ferris State College. She is employed by Central Transportation in Romulus.

The groom graduated from Farmington Harrison High School and Ferris State College. He is employed as a sales consultant at COMMA, a division of The

The couple will reside in Plymouth.



JOHN and SHARON **ANDERSEN**

Denham-Cheers married

Holly Lynn Denham and John W. Cheers Jr. were married on Oct. 20. The wedding was a candlelit ceremony at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Cincinnati, OH. with Father Timothy Janning and

Rev. Rick Davis officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Thomas and Barbara Denham of Plymouth.

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Love Cuts and Nails -- haircuts and manicures -- will benefit the Plymouth-Canton Clothing Bank on Monday. All proceeds from student haircuts and manicures at Lehmann College of Beauty, 672 South Main in Plymouth, will be given to the Clothing Bank.

"The students came up with this idea and we are pleased to be a part of it," said owner Marilyn Lehmann. "This will also give the public a chance to see how adult education students are learning cosmetology, because 19 of the students participating in this event are adult education students from the Plymouth-Canton Schools.

"The students will also be collecting canned goods and foods to be distributed to Salvation Army through the Baskets of Love campaign, and they will also each be donating a gift for a child. We think it's an excellent way for students to share the Christmas spirit," Lehmann said.

The event will be open from 9 a.m. to 5

The event will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with haircuts priced at \$4 and manicures priced at \$2. Santa Claus will be on hand during the day and refreshments will be served.

The Clothing Bank is located behind Central Middle School. It was founded by former school board member Flossie Tonda to serve needy students and adults in The Plymouth-Canton Community.



SANTA GETS SPRUCED UP for the season and gives to the Clothing Bank at the same time. Left to right are: Kevin Dawson, manicurist; Julie Yopek,

student instructor; Carrie LeVey, cosmetologist; and Daphne Alphonso, instructor. Juanita Hodge plays the part of St. Nick. (Crier photo by Cheryl Eberwein)



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It's Jessica

Jessica Lauren was born to Dean and Becky Warnemucnde of Whittier Drive in Canton at 7:43 a.m. on Nov. 27. She weighed eight pounds and six ounces and was 21 inches long.

Clay arrives

Daniel and Renee Welton are the parents of a son, Clay Ryan, born Nov. 20 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Clay weighed in at eight pounds and five ounces.

Clay joins sister Amanda, 6.

Maternal grandparents-are John and Dollie Cootro of Northville. Paternal grandparents are Dale and Doris Welton of Plymouth.

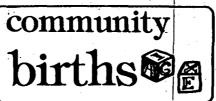
Welcome, Kathy

Katherine Anne Repp was born Nov. 14 at U of M Women's Hospital, weighing eight pounds and five and one-half ounces and measuring 21 and one-half

Parents are Charles and Janet Repp of Brewster Court in Plymouth. Katherine Anne has an older sister, Amy Elizabeth,

Grandparents are Robert Repp of Colfat, WS., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Showalter of Chesapeake, OH.

Maternal great-grandmothers are Mrs. Leland Steele of South Charleston, WV., and Mrs. E.R. Showalter of Clifton Forge,



Stefani born

Stefani Catherine Szczechowski arrived Nov. 11 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, weighing eight pounds and five and one half ounces and measuring 21 inches

Stefani is welcomed by Marg and Bill Szczechowski of Ann Street in Plymouth, and older brother Nicholas, 4.

Hi, Andrew

Rodney and Patricia Hage announce the birth of their son, Andrew Schuyler Hage, born Oct. 20 in Austin, TX Andrew weighed in at nine pounds and 14 ounces.

Grandparents are Kay Hage of Canton and William Hage of Canton and John and Patricia Constantine of Plymouth.

Laura's a hit!

Susie and Kerry McCue of Canton had more than the Tigers' victory in the World Series to celebrate on Oct. 14 -they had a hit of their own with Laura Elizabeth born at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital.

Laura joins the team that already includes big brother Ronnie, 4.

Coaching at first base were grandparents Ron and Betsy Richard and doing the third-base duty were grandparents Graham and Dorothy McCue.



Ya gotta have art ... for Christmas

MARILYN WALSH puts the finishing touches on a winter scene to be sold next weekend at the Three Cities Art Club Christmas Show. Twentythree local artists will be offering their original works for sale on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 13 and 14, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 15, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the arcade behind Shops on the Park on Main Street opposite Kellogg Park. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd)





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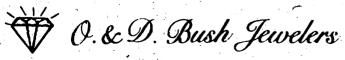
RICHARD E. CURP JR. displays the trophy won by the Plymouth Family YMCA's karate class in inner club competition. Curp, a second degree black belt, is the class' instructor and has been elected president of the black belt board for the third time. Classes begin again in January on Monday and Wednesday evenings at the Salvation Army guy. "Richard's success is due to his quality leadership." YMCA director Janet Luce said. "He is gentle, respected, humble and wonderful with youth." (Crier photo by Rachael Dolson)





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Starkweather Adult Center opens its doors for tours

Starkweather Adult Education Center has a holiday open house planned for Wednesday, Dec. 12 and the public is invited to see the remodeled facility and participate in health screening, children's book sale and other activities planned for that day.

Beginning at 9:30 a.m. the health occupations students will have free health screening for blood pressure, vital signs, eye check, and anemia screening. All, a surplus sale of children's books for 10 cents each will be held on the first and second floors. Both these activities will run through 11 a.m.

A \$2 lunch prepared by the adult education community foods class will be served from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The public is invited to sample the menu of chili, salad, Christmas cookies, desserts and beverages.

In the afternoon from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. the rooms in Starkweather will be open and various departments will be explaining about their classes and functions.

Santa Claus will be in the child care center with candy canes and free books for each child. Tours will commence again from 7 to 8 p.m.

Pen pals will meet Mon.

Eighth graders from Lowell Middle School will travel to Field Elementary School on Monday to meet second graders with whom they have been exchanging letters.

The two groups will get together to meet each other and to see the special math games which the eighth graders have been developing to give to their second grade pen pals.

The project is part of special interschool activities designed by Bonnie Goodrich at Lowell and Helen Shelanskey at Field. The two have been working together to create the correspondence with letters and math problems. The field trip for the Lowell eighth graders will permit the two groups to meet in person for the first time.

"There is a lot of anticipation at this time," Goodrich said. "Our students have been looking forward to this as they have created the math games and worked at their correspondence.

"I'm sure the second graders will have the same kinds of anticipation. Our students are showing the second graders that math can be fun. We've seen both groups develop skills in writing, neatness and math. It's been a very positive experience.



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Community Fund reaches goal ... but many continue to give until year-end

BY RACHAEL DOLSON

The Plymouth Community Fund had something to celebrate at their victory luncheon last Wednesday — a successful fund raising campaign that already has exceeded the goal of \$365,000.

General Chairman Judge James Garber announced a Wednesday figure of \$371,108. "It seems like were going to end up with a very, very successful campaign. We should end up somewhere between the \$371,000 figure and \$400,000," Garber said.

"It's a tribute to all the people in this room," Garber said, indicating all the division chairmen, vice chairman Kriss Rautio, and the Community Fund staff and board. "It's a team effort and all are to be praised. In the Plymouth community we do have the 'right stuff' to keep it going year after successful year," he said

"You have earned the sincere thanks of all the people of the community," Community Fund board president William Robinson told the fund raising leaders.

"A lot of people, when you ask them to help, they say they'll do anything but they can't ask people for money. We get 'em going and they find out it can be fun to ask people for money," Robinson said.

"The next time someone is getting down on we Americans remember, your fellow citizen give more to others in one year that all the other countries put together since the dawn of recorded history," Robinson said. "I guess we're really not so bad after all."

Also given recognition at the luncheon was Dan LeBlanc, a Ford Motor Company employe who has worked for a year and a half to install and program the Community Fund's new computer.

The victory luncheon was held in the executive dining room of the Sheldon Road Ford Plant. Ford employees make the largest single donation to the Community Fund. "It's our bread and butter," Community Fund Executive Director Clarence DuCharme said.



GENERAL CHAIRMAN JUDGE JAMES GARBER and vice chairman Kriss Rautio shake hands in front of the overflowing Plymouth Community Fund goal chart. Rautio will be next year's drive general chairman. (Crier photo by Rachael Dolson)



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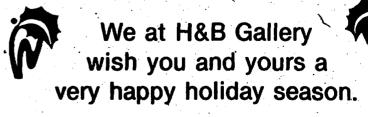


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DIGITAL OF Novi had a successful fund drive for the Plymouth Community Fund this fall, their first as participants in the Plymouth Community Fund's effort. The employes had a donation drive and held a SOS fund-raising dance. Involved were: (seated) Sally Wysocki and Penny Sobonya, and (behind, left to right) Alan Grajck. Bobbi Resko, Sue Bell, Kriss Rautio of the Community Fund. Michele Giles, and Dennis Mykols... Although the company is in Novi, many of the employes live in our area and wanted to contribute to the local effort. (Crier photo by Rachael Dolson



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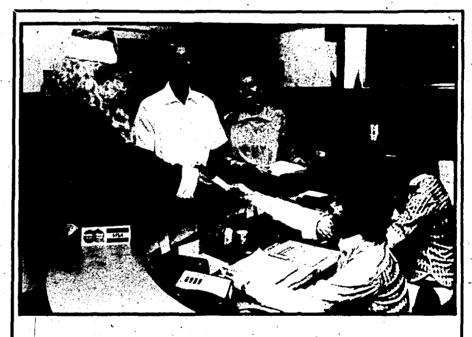
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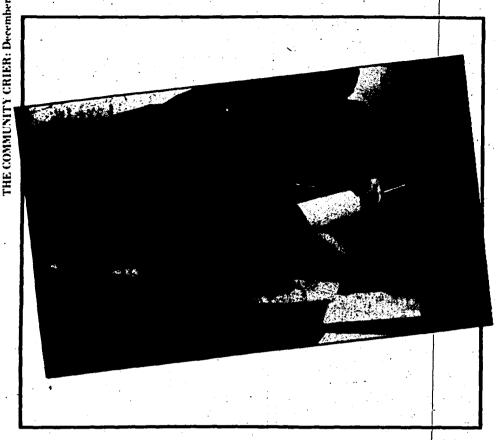


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It's organized chaos

Award-winning Perspective covers tough topics



ADVISOR SUE WELKER goes over Perspective story ideas with Laurel Becker (back to camera) and Kim Libnick. (Crier photo by David Pierini)

BY DAVID PIERINI

The environment contradicts itself. There's organization yet there's utter chaos. Welcome to the CEP Perspective, the student run newspaper of Salem and Canton high schools.

'The chaos is result of creativity because if it's truly creative, it's new, it's different. Also when you have 50 people working together you have to have underlying organization but to a certain extent whenever 50 people are busily going about doing hundreds of different things, from the outside it appears chaotic."

The 50 students, led by Welker, have pulled through times of total disorder and confusion and put together one of the most successful student papers in the state.

The Perspective has also been recognized by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association for their quality publication. Last year, the Perspective earned a medalist rating for overall newspaper and an All-Columbian award for writing and editing. They have been in this competition since the paper's existence and have been honored all four

For a school newspaper, it's as aggressive as some of the local professional papers covering topics such as drugs and sex.

"I happen to think that it would be a boring waste of time to put out a cutesy paper of crossword puzzles and 'oh aren't the flowers and hearts nice here," said

"I also don't believe that newspapers are intended to be public relation machines and propaganda machines and that is the role of the PR personnel.

"A role of a newspaper in my opinion in a democracy is to work both as a watch dog and as an information area.

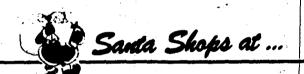
"You have to have a free press and you have to have a free press that is committed to giving information to the public and letting the public decide for themselves.'

The Perspective deals with a targeted audience; the 3,000-4,000 students in school.

The staff has a feel for what their readers want to see and what topics students must deal with. The paper exercises full editorial power when dealing with issues.

This year for instance, the Perspective picked up on a bomb threat. The threat, which took place at a fall dance, was said to have been a gas leak. The reporters verified the rumor by researching police records at that time.

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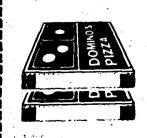
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Successful staff has sampling of student sub-groups

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and security personnel have devised a security procedure should something like this happen again.

But in order to have a successful paper, it needs a crack staff to cover every facet of the business. Welker feels that one of the reasons the staff is successful is because it has a sampling of each subculture on campus; jocks, punk rockers, intellects, etc.

The staff is lead by editor and chief Scott Callahan. According to Welker Callahan could be the best editor and chief in the Perspective's history "That's quite a compliment," says Welker, because his predecessors were also very

"Scott is the type of leader when given a problem listens and usually can find some compromise or some diplomatic avenue to bring all sides together but he is also, when given time shortage or no available compromise to just make a decision which is what you need in a leader.'

Callahan has a good back up crew as well in managing editors Ellen Seery and

"To a great extent, Ellen and Terry are huffers for Scott and they deal with as many crisis as they can and any beyond that have to go on to Scott.

"Both are quite competent and can do their jobs quite well."

Does Welker run a tight ship? You

"I probably have the reputation of being a pretty hard grader," she says.

"I happen to be of the philosophy that adolesence, elementary school students, and even pre-school students, are capable of much, much more than most adults seem to think they're capable of.

"I also believe that if you challenge students and also expect them to do extraordinarily well, they'll meet your challenge, if you expect them not to do well they will also meet that challenge.

Expectations are very important. Welker continued, "you need to impress students that you do think they are capable and that they do think they will accomplish that and I believe that that is one of the overall feelings on staff. They think they're a good paper, they think they can be a better paper and they think they could be a great paper and all it takes is time and dedication.'

To understand the Perspective's life in the fast lane, one must be familiar with Welker.

Welker has virtually no journalism background. In fact, the North Dakota native didn't even want the job at first, but it was either that or teach middle

She took over the paper three years ago

and since then has studied the fundametals and ethics of journalism.

First off, if nothing else, I am a testimonial case to the fact that intelligent, dedicated people can teach themselves anything if they're willing to. I've always believed that.'

Welker is a humanities major out of U-M. "I love going to school," she said. "If I were rich I'd be going to school for the rest of my life. I love learning things, I love discovering things, I love being stimulated."

Welker is a perfectionist. Whether it's

mowing a lawn or ironing a shirt she strives to do it perfectly.

"I don't believe it's within my power to do something perfectly," Welker says. "I think human beings strive to do something more and more perfectly, it's a goal you'll never reach but you continue to attempt reaching it.

"It's in the striving that you find satisfaction and existence.'

This self taught journalism advisor has even roofed her own house.

"My mother once told me 'Susan when you decide to have a baby, the first place vou'll go is the library.'

"Make sense? Does to me."

Bird custodian lauded

Quick fire action praised Mark Brankovich, chief custodian at Bird School, has been com-

mended for his fast action during the brief fire at that school on Oct. 29. Students were evacuated from the building when the small closet fire

was discovered, and there were no injuries.

Your calm, quick manner was a key factor in the prevention of a potential disaster that afternoon," Bird Principal Sam Barresi said in a letter to Brankovich. "As a result of the manner which you conducted yourself, no lives were in danger and the damage which was a result of the fire was very minimal.

"You are truly a hero," Barresi said.



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RINGING THE BELLS for the Salvation Army's annual fund raising effort last weekend were many Rotarians, including Lee Feldkamp and Paul Sincock (right). This weekend it's the Kiwanis Club's turn to ring at K-mart, Great Scott, and Family Discount in Plymouth Township. The efforts of the clubs raise in excess of \$10,000 each year for the Salvation Army. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd)

Canton man treated for suspected spider bite

A 28-year-old Canton man was treated two weeks ago for what may have been a brown recluse spider bite. Bites from the brown recluse cause problems for adults, and could be fatal to children.

Dr. William Ross of Plymouth Township said the young man may have been bitten by a brown recluse based on the uncommon reaction he had. "There were spiders in the house. The person felt he may have been bitten while on the floor." No spiders were saved, Ross said, so positive identification was not possible.

The brown recluse spider is about 1/2-

inch long; tan in color, with a violinshaped darkened area in the head-chest area. The spiders originate in the midcontinental states of Missouri, Oklahoma, northern Texas and Arkansas. They hide in closets, attics, and basement and are not aggressive.

People generally do not realize they have been bitten, Ross said. A large bluish-purple ulcer appears two to eight hours later, Ross said, and becomes larger and larger until it is an open sore.

Persons who believe they may have been bitten should consult their doctor and save the spiders for identification by the health department.

The idea incubator can help

for a boost?

The Ann Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce, using federal and state funds, has started the Ann Arbor Innovation "small business Center, nicknamed incubator."

The center will provide telephone receptionist services, management counseling and weekly workshops for new firms that fit their plan. Its mission is to give a helping hand to new businesses, which statistically fail four out of every five times.

Start-up funds for the project came from \$92,500 in grants from the state department of commerce, federal small business administration and economic development administration.

The center opens officially Dec. 1, but the chamber is now scouting for new potential companies.



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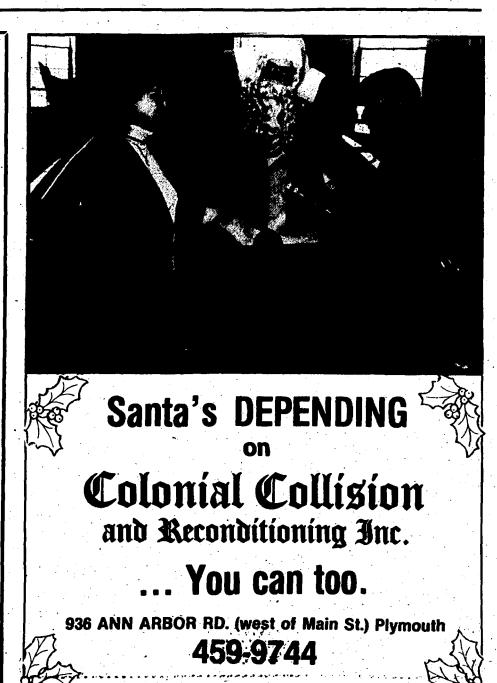
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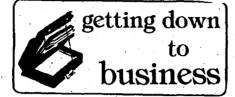
Johnston Sales Corporation of Plymouth announces the winner of the Zero Mini Pot Drawing held at the 1984 International Machine Tool Show.

Johnston owner and president Paul Schissler said that Bill Hayden, vice-president of Hayden Twist Drill in Warren, won the Zero Mini Pot, a useful tool for a variety of blasting applications including deburring and cleaning of intricate parts.



PAUL SCHISSLER, president of Johnston Sales, congratulates Bill Hayden, winner of the Zero Mini Pot. Johnston Sales specializes in metal finishing equipment, supplies, and service. They serve the Great Lakes region for the home office in Plymouth and a sales office in Holland.

Johnston's areas of expertise include blasting equipment, vibratory finishing machines, ultrasonic cleaners, heat cleaning ovens and all related supplies, spare parts and service.



She aerobic-okayed!

Local resident Janice Seluk has been added to the staff of qualified aerobic dance instructors of Dance Slimnastics Ltd, a Wisconsin-based aerobic fitness organization.

For further information on Dance Slimnastic classes, call 886-7534.



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DENNIS AND SALLY SPARR have been awarded the FTD Golden Circle. Sparr's Flower Shop and Greenhouse received the Golden Circle as part of a recognition program designed to honor and reward the efforts of both the top selling and fastest growing FTD member florists. Sparr's, open since 1950, was named in the top 2,000 in U.S. and Canada. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd)

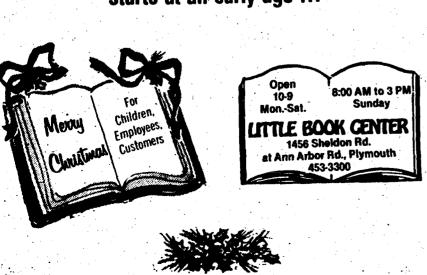


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Jeff Murray, Santa (holding Katie and A.J. Maloni), John Murray.

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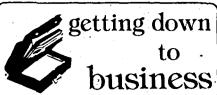
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BY RACHAEL DOLSON

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Management at both the Hiltons say no. it will be a spirit of mutual cooperation and two hotels complimenting each other.

'We are going to work together," said Plymouth Hilton General Manager John Kuhn. "We own the franchise here and the property is managed by the Hilton Corporation. This happens all the time, two Hiltons in adjoining communities."

Debbie Marshall, sales director for the Novi Hilton, said, "Hilton will not put up a hotel where it is not needed. The Plymouth-Northville-Livonia-Farmington area is just growing leaps and bounds, I think there will be enough business for

The Novi Hilton will have 240 guest rooms and suites, a 9,000-square-foot ballroom, a 100-seat ampitheatre, nine small conference rooms, an indoor pool with access to outside terrace, whirlpool, saunas, health club and possibly a jogging

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The Plymouth Hilton, Marshall said. has "substantially larger public space and conference space." The ballroom at the Plymouth Hilton is at least 1,000square-feet larger, she said.

"The Plymouth Hilton is not going to be losing their big conference business to us. We can only handle the smaller meetings and conferences," Marshall

Asked if the area can now support two Hiltons, Kuhn said, "Hopefully, We shall

IT WAS CHOCOLATE, chocolate and more chocolate for everyone who attended the Chocolate Lovers Fest at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn. The benefit for the National Kidney Foundation featured the chocolate wares of 30 vendors including Plymouth's own House of Fudge. Giving out fudge samples and crossing off coupons are Denise Murawski and Phil Smith (behind the counter), while Cyndi Taylor (center) and an unidentified chocolate lover examine House of Fudge's goodies. The Chocolate Station of Plymoth also participated in the day's events. (Photo by Rachael Dolson)





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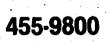
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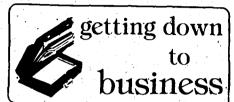
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First of America Bank has announced a merger agreement with Community National Bank of Pontiac. Community. National serves Oakland and Macomb counties with 29 offices and had assets of \$592 million as of September of 1984.

First of American has 29 banks and 226 banking offices in Michigan's Upper and Lower Peninsulas, including a bank in Plymouth. First of America had assets of over \$4.1 billion in September of 1984, and is the fifth largest bank holding company in the state.

The merger is subject to approval by Community National's shareholders and by regulatory authorities. First of America has agreed to pay Community National shareholders \$32 in First of America Convertible Preferred stock, having a dividend rate of 11 and a quarter per cent, for each of Community's one million outstanding shares.

Community National's offices in Wavne and Macomb "will greatly increase our ability to serve these markets" said James H. Duncan, chairman of First of America Bank Corporation.

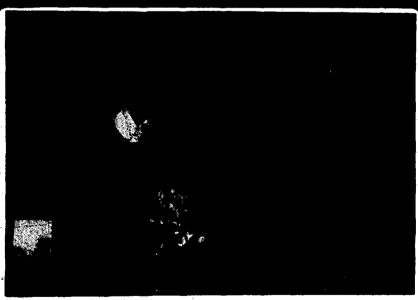


Improved service area

TOM BOHLANDER, (right) owner of Sunshine Honda in Plymouth Township, discusses Sunshine's recent expansion with Ron Bennett, a service representative with American Honda Motor Company. The expansion more than doubled Sunshine's service and showroom areas and enlarged the used car facility. Sunshine added nine more service bays. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd)



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"Festival of Christmas" is the title of the Plymouth Community Chorus' Christmas concert this weekend.

For this, the 11th year of the annual concert, Director Mike Gross has chosen traditional carols and songs of love and happy feelings to enhance the season's spirit of joy and love and the blessing of

The performance will be held at the 1000-seat Salem Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road at Canton Center Road on Friday, Dec. 7, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 8, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 9, at 4 p.m.

Well over 100 red and white poinsettias will decorate the stage as the chorus sings "Silent Night," "Away in a Manger" featuring Morand Zimmer; "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," "Joy To The World," "Adeste Fiedeles," "As Lately We Watched" with soloist Ruth Cer-meroth, and "Child of Peace" with Rence Hoeg and Barbara Hamel.

Bob Rowley will sing "Always," Sherrie Northway will sing "Merry Christmas Darling," and Barbara Hamel will sing "What Does Christmas Mean To You." "I'll Walk With God," will be sung by Dennis Santillan.

The small ensemble, Choral Expression, will sing four numbers including 'How Do You Keep The Music Playing' and Lionel Richie's "Truly."

Brass section, string bass and percussion will accompany the chorus on the opening number "A Choral Fanfare for Christmas," followed by the popular Fred Waring arrangement of "Holiday."

The chorus accompanist on piano will be Carolyn Edwards, a music major at U of M, and Lesley Morrison of South Lyon will play for Choral Expression and the soloist.

Refreshments will be available in the lobby during intermission.

An afterglo will be held at the Mayflower Meetinghouse on Sunday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend, tickets are \$4 and include hors d'oeuvres. Cash bar. Call 455-4080 for reservations.

Tickets are available at Sideways, 505 Forest in Plymouth, and Book Break in K-Mart Plaza, Canton. Tickets are \$4 for. adults and \$2 for children.

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The annual food drive is in cooperation with the Salvation Army branches of Plymouth-Canton, Northville and Belleville. Local businesses, schools, service organizations, and municipal offices have been participating by collecting canned and dry goods by asking employes, students, and members to donate.

"The public is invited to come to our studio at 8465 Ronda Drive in Canton during the live event," said Maria Holmes of Omnicom, "to bring a donation of canned or dry goods to feed the needy in our community."

Special guests for the show include Detroit Lions Doug English, Eddie Murry and David Lewis; Wayne County Executive William Lucas; Anne Carlini for WLLZ and Soundtrack; Sue Carpenter and Paul Snyder, mid-morning DJs at WWJ; Vince Doyle, sports director at WWJ; and Steve Vanort - program director at WJOI.

Extra special guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. "Bring the children down to join the fun and feed the needy," Holmes said. "In the spirit of giving this holiday give a canned or dry good to provide food for the hungry of our community."

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CANTON'S BETH FRIGGE (12) has kept opponents on their toes. Frigge leads the fast break against

Rocks Mary Beth Weast (left) and Kristen Hostynski. (Crier photos by Chris Boyd)

Rocks squeak past Chiefs for dist. title

BY DAVID PIERINI

The faces dramatized the event. Pain and tears etched the faces of the Canton girls as they watched their Salem opponents scream and jump with regale.

Fred Thomann's sharp features showed relief and happiness while John Mulroy's boyish face looked pouty and red.

For Canton it was a battle where they out played their Salem neighbors but when the whistle blew, they found themselves two points short of a basketball district championship.

The Rocks prevailed in the closing seconds of the game 43-41 to move on to regional play.

Rock Mary Beth Weast hit a freethrow with four seconds left to diminish Canton's hopes for the title.

It was a two point game throughout the second half with Canton trailing most of the way. The Chief's tenacious point guard Beth Frigge hit from top of the key with H seconds to pull her team within

But the Chiefs had foul trouble in the fourth quarter. Canton drew five fourth quarter fouls and got their sixth from Kathy Ross setting the stage for Weast's

Mulroy attributes the foul problem and the loss on, "pure and simple officiating." Mulroy also added, "I've got a group full of girls that beat the pants off this team and because they don't have the benefit of a big reputation, they didn't get one break, not one break."

The officials called the game tight but Mulroy saw it in a different perspective.

"The officials are both from Plymouth and they read the papers, they see something develop in terms of who's the big shooters and who are the also rans and they made up their mind at the beginning of the game that there's no way that there's going to be an upset today, no way."

Fred Thomann was a little less bold. "The only thing I can say about the refs. is that they blew their whistle throughout the whole game," said Thomann. "I thought there were calls that went against us that should've gone the other way and I thought there were calls that went against Canton that could've gone the other wav.

"I thought they worked the game the way they saw it," Thomann added."I think the refs. call a different game in state tournament play than the regular 'season play.'

Thomann is referring to the fact that the officials called fouls on minor contact on the perimeter that usually aren't called during the season.

But either way, the rare capacity crowd made up of Plymouthites, got a real treat.

Canton's effort was a good one. The Chiefs were successful in penetrating Salem's always tough man to man defense. They squirted inside for a number of plays led by Laura Darby who had six points and seven rehounds and Kathy Ross who had eight points.

The Chief's perimeter shooting was also on as Figge hit eight and Diana Knickerbocker led all scorers with 13.

Salem had problems penetrating the zone and shot a low 35 per cent from the floor. "I took a page from Ron Costello. I said what we're going to do is choke off their supply line and I had our guards picking their guards up high which distrurbs thier entry a little bit," said Mulroy. "All we did was play (Dena) Head when she was in our area and we played her man to man."

But Salem made a second half adjustment that kept fouls down and kept Canton from opening up the score.

We tried to play off our players a little bir nors? said Thomann. "We did not want to got beat with dribble penetration. We felt real strongly that if we did not foul them and not let them have any

freethrows, we'd be in a better position to win."

Salem's aggressive press let up, allowing Canton to shoot from the perimeter. "We usually put a lot of pressure on the shooter," said Thomann,"this time we tried to make them shoot the shot.'

Thomann feels optimistic about Salem's chances of a successful regional after watching his girls win two of the three district games with freethrows.

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Salem dumps Franklin in regional play

BY DAVID PIERINI

The regional championship seeds have been planted.

Salem sprouted into the basketball final with a 54-37 thrashing of Livonia Franklin

The Rocks will square off against Trenton in the finals on Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at Salem.

"This is one of the best flowing games we've played all year," said Rock coach Fred Thomann.

Salem had three players scoring in double digets to lead a balanced attack. Freshman Dena Head led all scorers with 22 points while Mary Beth West and Fran Whittaker scored 15 and 11, respectively.

"For 32 minutes, we recognized their pressure," said Thomannn. "We were getting the ball to the open player and we did a good job in finding the basket."

The Patriots were paced by a 13point effort from Carolyn Smith. Tracy Lectka, Jill Phillips and Kristen Lovich each had four points.

"We did a good job of scouting this team," said Thomann. "We took away the things they wanted to do. They have a good transition game and we knew we had to take that away. They didn't score too many baskets in the transition.

"The key I think was our outstanding effort on defense." Whittaker along with Kendra Hostynski coordinated the man-to-man defense combining on nine rebounds.



IT ISN'T EASY to lose the big games, especially when the score is 43-41. Canton coach John Mulroy consoles Chief Kathy Ross.



CANTON KEYED on Salem's Dena Head Friday. Head (center) felt the pressure from Canton's Beth Frigge (12) and Diana Knickerbocker (22). (crier photo by Chris Boyd)

Salem girls win b-ball district

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First Head's two freethrows to beat John Glenn in the opening round, then Fran Whittaker's with 18 seconds left and then Weast's to close out the title.

'You can't win big games unless you : make freethrows at the end of the game,' said Thomann. "Freethrows at the end of

the game are the ones you gotta make.

Fran made two critical ones, Mary Beth knocked in the first one and that really put them in a bind and in fact missing the second one hurts them. The ball hits off the rim, the clock starts and they have four seconds to go the length of the court."

Salem boys have new coach, new faces for the season

BY DAVID PIERINI

Salem basketball coach Bob Brodie isn't intimidated by the fact that he's the new skipper at the helm.

Even after replacing long time admiral Fred Thomann, Brodie's ready and eager to meet the challenge.

"I realize that people will be watching me and I've got to take into consideration that it's my own team now," says Brodie. "I obviously can't do the things Fred Thomann has done in the past. I'll just do the best job that I can using the abilities and experience I have.

"I've been coaching these kids longer than Fred has; I had these kids on JV as sophomores and now as seniors."

Inexperience plagues this team with Jeff Arnold, Rick Berberett, and Erich Hartnett all lost to graduation. Salem will look to tri-captains Mike White, LeSean Haygood and Eric Sovine.

Haygood draws the tough assignment. The 6'5" center, who was an offensive threat last season, may stand alone as Salem's only giant.

"I don't think we'll be able to go inside a whole lot," says Brodie. "We've got a good inside player inside in LeSean Haygood."

With Haygood's jumping and blocking abilities; he may be an even bigger asset

'Our perimeter people are going to be

our scorers I think unless we can get inside to LeSean."

That's where White and Sovine will be instrumental.

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White will draw double duty as a swing forward and guard. Brodie feels his quickness and court sense will be the connection to a lot of big plays.

Sovine will take on the role as the point guard. His passing and his ability to play in the clutch will be vital to the Rocks.

Seniors Steve Potozack and Steve Sobditch, who saw minimal varsity experience last season, will be vying for the other starting postions.

Rounding off the rest of Rock roundballers will be juniors Paul Makar and Bryan Waldron and sophomores Byran Kearis and Mike Hale.

Brodie feels the team's success will lie in their height neutralizing defense.

"For the most part I think we're going to have an uptempo team with a good, hard aggressive defense and make the other players playout.

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BY JEFF BENNETT

How does Canton's wrestling team look this year?

"The team is very good and if last year's wrestlers have a banner season they could do very well," said Chief head coach Rick Menoch.



Fifteen out of 48 wrestlers are returning for another season. Among them are senior captains, Scott Tasker and Jim Malson.

Other promising wrestlers in Menoch's view are: seniors Frank Drabek at 126 pounds; 132 pounder Jim Parks; 185 pound class Mike Graczyk; 198 pounder Ernie Krum; and junior Dave Dunford, a 112 pounder.

"For this year, I would like to see each wrestler improve from last year, and be in the best condition at the end of the year," Menoch said. "The goal for the team is to improve throughout the year in duel meets."

"They will maintain the same training throughout the year until February and then slack off a little." said Menoch.

With a lot of hard work and effort, Menoch said Scott Tasker, Jim Parks, Mike Graczyk, and Dave Dunford all have a shot in the state finals.



CANTON wrestlers are busy practicing for the upcoming season. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd)

The teams to beat this year are Salem and Farmington, he said.

The Chiefs open their season tomorrow against Walled Lake, a team they have not beaten in four years.

Chief wrestlers are looking forward to the coming season.

"I like contact sports, and wrestling is more of an individual effort rather than a team effort," said Chief Mike Graczyk.

"I have a chance for the state finals and I think the team will do pretty well," Graczyk said, "maybe having six guys going to regionals and four to state."

Menoch, starting his first season as Canton's wrestling coach, said parents, the school administration, and students have cooperated with him 100 percent to help get his premier season off the ground. "Everyone has been positive, never negative." he said.

"I really enjoy working with young men and I try to teach them things not only in activities but also in life," Menoch said.

Menoch hopes to have good crowd on hand for the Chiefs' home stands, especially their Dec. 28 home opener against Churchill.

Rocks look strong for '85

BY JEFF BENNETT

Salem wrestling coach Ron Krueger is hoping this year's team will build on the league championship the Rocks captured last year.

But it's going to take hard work for the team to peak in performance during postseason play.

Salem won their league last year for the third consecutive season but didn't place in the state finals. They were 7-4 in duel meets last year.

Rock Andy Ward led Salem last year with his first place finish in the regionals.

Ward is back this year for the Rocks, along with standout wrestling brothers David and Dennis Dameron.

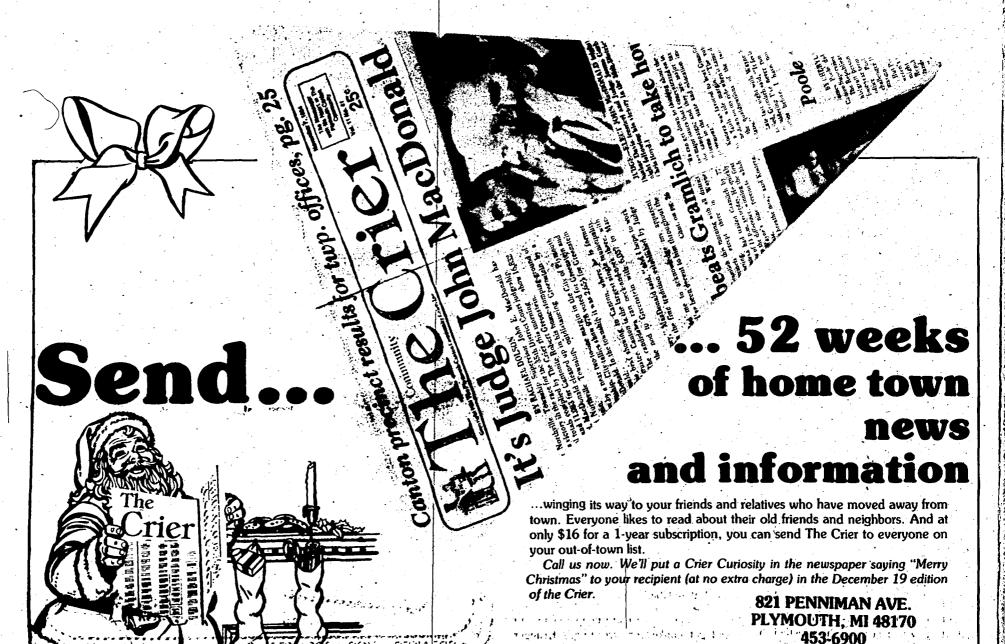
Krueger is hoping his team will recapture a top 10 position in the state. Krueger hopes for fewer injuries this season but six key wrestlers are currently on the disabled list.



"The most important area is to find more people to fill the necessary weight classes," said Krueger. Fifteen Rock returnees are wrestling this year.

Krueger said his wrestlers are not in as good shape he would like them to be.

The workouts will become harder as the season continues so the team can be a **Cont. on pg. 43**



Rock tankers have the bodies' to equal last year

It won't be easy for the Salem boys swim team to match the success of teams

They topped the league the last two vears: won their last 18 duel meets; and took home honors in the league's last two relay meets.

The Rocks were 12-1 last year.

But they graduated nine seniors, more than most of their rivals. "They contributed an awful lot," said Salem coach Chuck Olson of the graduates. "They pretty much dominated freestyle last year.'

But enough of years past. Olson has 34 swimmers on the team this year, about half of whom are returnees. "We do have the bodies to do it," said Olson, who is beginning his eighth season coaching Salem's varsity boys. Olson doesn't cut anvone from the team. "I let them cut themselves if they stop showing up. I don't see how anybody can cut a swimmer who doesn't look good."

He's seen some walk-ons overcome slow starts to have fine seasons while some highly touted swimmers "never pan out,"

Jim Burns, Mike Harwood, and Greg Wolfe are the Rocks' senior tri-captains and Olson said he'll be depending on all three for leadership and points.

"We've got a good group of seniors this year that have been through it before

force to reckon with during conference,

district, regional, and state finals, he said.

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to take first in the state in his weight

Sophomore Dennis Dameron, who won 18 of 19 matches last season, will be tough to beat in 98 pound class and should be a

Senior Andy Ward is defending league

Krueger said Rock Kevin Freeman was

Krueger said he won't know the state's

top wrestling teams until after Saturday's

Bedford Invitational. "Whoever does

good at the Bedford will probably do

good in the conference and districts,"

Salem will have to beat Bedford and

Hazel Park throughout the season to do

Krueger said.

outstanding as a junior varsity wrestler last year and should be good to watch this

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good contender for the state finals.

Dave Dameron, a junior went 32-10 last season. Over the summer he won a gold medal in Greco Roman style and a silver in free style at the Junior Olympics. He is

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Salem will battle in Invite Saturday

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and were important to us last year," he

Other senior contributors will be Jon Cain, Bill Mathews, Jay Schmidt and Jim Haves, the coach said.

Tony Atwell, Jamie Dunn, Eric Gackenbach, Rick Cummings, and brothers Mark and Paul South will be leading Salem's junior class swimmers, Olson said.

"Diving could be a real strong point for us this year, more than it has been the last few," Olson said. Junior divers Bob Longridge and Rick Kreucher will compete for the Rocks.

Don Harwood and Kevin Zarow are among Salem's notable sophomores. Olson said.

While it may be difficult for Olson to find three freestyle sprinters to match the long gone graduates, he said the Rocks should be tough to beat in the backstroke, and distance freestyle events.

He said the WLAA competition will be rigid this year, with conference rival Stevenson and its strong pack of senior

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SALEM WRESTLING coach Ron Krueger has coached Rock grapplers for 14 years. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd)

well, Krueger said. Coach Krueger has coached Salem's wrestling team for 14 years and coached seven years before that in Cleveland. Junior varsity coach Larry Phillips has been assisting Krueger for 11 years.

The wrestler is exposed to wrestling because he is either recruited by the coach or is following in his brothers' footsteps. "But above all, if a kid does not like wrestling, he will not like wrestling,' said Krueger.

When coaching assistant Pericles Chiatalas was asked why he wrestled, he replied: "I graduated in '83 and I came back to help out the coach and I really think it helps the kids when you go down on the mats with them."

"Wrestling is by far the hardest sport offered at Salem," said Rock Bill Morley, last year's team captain. Throughout the season, another incentive to keep the boys working hard is to have their framed picture on the east wall which is known as the Wall of Champions.

"I'd like to see more people come out and get hooked on wrestling." Krueger



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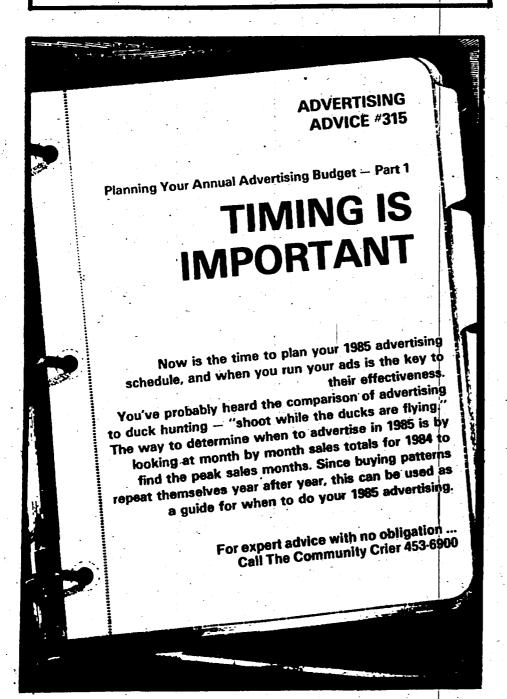
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CFI-115.85 (Under authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended) WALLEYE AND SAUGER SIZE LIMIT

Under the authority of Section 1 of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, being Section 300.1 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Natural Resources Commission, as its meeting on August 10, 1984, ordered that the walleye and sauger size limit shall be 15 inches on all waters, including the Great Lakes and connecting waters, except Lake Gogebic, Big Manistique Lake, Lake Erie, Lake St. Clair and the Detroit and St. Clair rivers for a period of five years beginning January 1, 1985, through March 31, 1990. This order supersedes the previous order entitled "Walleye and Sauger Size Limit", CFI-115.82.



Canton-Salem girls make fair showing at state meet

Salem and Canton girls swimmers didn't tear up their opponents at the state meet in East Lansing last weekend but just making it to the competition has an allure all its own.

Canton's 200 vd. medley swam a 2:00:18 to pass up their 21st place seed and finish 18th, said Canton coach Hooker Wellman. It helped a bit because the medley finished ahead of Salem, Wellman added.

"I was really happy with the way they swam," Wellman said.

Wellman said he was happy with senior Ginny Johnson's performance in the 100 yd. backstroke. She swam a 59:88 to finish seventh.

Johnson is being recruited by Oakland

University, Eastern Michigan, and Michigan State, and must choose between a Division I or II school, Wellman said.

Salem's Kristal Taylor swam her fastest time in the 100 freestyle - 55:00 - to finish 13th, one short of the cut.

Salem's 200 yd. medley swam slower than its conference meet time, said Salem coach Chuck Olson. The 200 yd medley is made up of Lindsay Olson, Sue Bonnet, Shannon Murphy, and Cindy Elliot.

Salem's 400-yd. freestyle, which also competed Saturday, is made up of Kristal Taylor, Tracy Mezaros, and Karen Dalpe.

Other Canton swimmers making the state cut were alternates Margaret Gilligan, Sue Shindel, Kelly Kirk, and Michelle Stackpoole.

In Bold Print

By David Pierini



Is it sour grapes to blame Canton loss on the referees?

I've only been covering sports in Plymouth for a few months now and I must say that the basketball district finals between Canton and Salem were by far my favorite, of all the games I've covered.

If you look on paper, the game appeared sloppy in spots. Both teams shot in the 30-40 per cent range, both teams had numerous fouls, and both had quite a few turnovers.

But I guess you had to be there.

I've never seen so much spirit in my life, much less at a Canton or Salem event. This maybe the start of a truely intense basketball rivalry.

It was amazing. The fat guy on the Salem side bellowing, "Give me an R-O-C-K-S, whats it spell, ROCKS! I can't hear you, ROCKS!"

Or the kids in the varsity jackets, getting the crowd going by chanting "CHIEFS! CHIEFS! CHIEFS!

Amid the errors though, was some great basketball,

I watched in awe Canton guard Beth Frigge, all 5'3' of her, drive through and score inside, call her the Doug Flutie of high school basketball.

Or watching the intense look on Mary Beth Weast's face when she comes racing down the court. She's quite a competitor.

I think the emotions after the game, hit home with me. Diana Knickerbocker shook hands with the Salem players in a virtually uncontrollably sob, while the Rocks rejoiced their victory. Even Leslie Plichta, who was out of the whole season with a knee injury, was still jumping up and down on that knee as if it were ready for action.

Plichta impressed me. She was at every game in uniform even though she couldn't play. She took on the roll as the team cheerleader proudly. She deserves a letter.

I think what fascinated me the most was the coaches, Both big in stature, both can be intimidating to a pint size official when a close call is made.

But for this game, that department was the biggest let down.

Fred Thomann cannot be included because he's been a super sport through the whole season. His team has suffered a couple of upsets and he still compliments the other team, never points fingers, and never blames the officials.

John Mulroy, my friend, you was a bad boy.

OK. Your team lost by two, after out playing Salem and yes the officials made some shaky calls. But they went both ways.

Mulroy blamed the officials for his team's loss. He felt that because Salem has a big reputation that they must always win, at least in the eyes of the officials and that the officials before the game conspired and said no way there's going to be an upset tonight (See district story).

Now John after you've cooled down I'm sure you've really thought about this. Even though the officials are from Plymouth doesn't mean that they read the paper and decide that because Salem had a better record and because they have sort of a sports dynastic image, doesn't mean they're going to call a few more fouls on your girls.

Sour Grapes.

The calls went both ways. Canton scored 17 of their first half 21 points from the charity stripe. Looks to me like Salem saw some foul time.

I think Mulroy owes Thomann and his girls some credit instead of pinning the outcome of the game on the officials.

Mulroy did an outstanding job getting his girls ready for this game, he came in with a game plan, he knew what it would take to win.

The Chiefs played one of their finest games, win or lose. It's too, bad John Mulroy couldn't accept the loss with as much dignity as his girls did.

Rocks b-ball has new faces

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"We're going to live an die with our man to man defense. We'll run a zone only if the situation merits." I ran man to man when I coached and when I came here, that was Fred's basic system.'

Despite the factors against them, the Rocks are ready for action.

"I think the team will be competitive but there are some good players out there," said Brodie. "One of our goals is to try to win the division championship but it's so early yet. They're untested; they really haven't played yet.

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Salem battles Ypsi tomorrow

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swimmers leading the way. Olson said he's willing to make a concession to the Spartans. "We'll give them the division if they give us the conference," Olson said. "I'd be happy to win the conference by one point."

Other teams to beat will be Northville, Churchill, Harrison and cross-campus rivals Canton.

The Rocks begin their season tomorrow, hosting a non-conference duel meet against Ypsilant.

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Love, Mom and Dad

Hurry home Chris and Scott. And don't stop for pizza.

MARGARET AND IRENE: sometimes it feels like we haven't got anywhere past one step forward, two back. Thanks for your encouraging words.(And who said you can't give flowers to a guy?)

CALL LORRIE RANSOM and ask her how old she'll be tomorrow.

You can come home anytime now; the leaves are all raked up!

Christmas begins Dec. 18 at the Robys.

I hate to be a Scrooge but that atrocious Christmas music coming from Kellogg Park drives me up the wall.

Mary Ellen,

Wanna be my date Friday night?

Hi to everyone in Toledo and Upper -Miss all of you. Love, J. and L.

Mom — glad to hear you are fine. Enjoyed talking to you. Miss ya! Love, Joyce

Get well Daddy so we can beat those Easterners at Trivial Pursuit! Thanks Michelle for the you-know-what

for you-know-when.

Lorrie Rensom is really 30 years old tomorrow!

Thanks to teachers Mary Hammond and Diane Huff and all the students and residents who made last week's Traditions section great!

What a landslide of great coloring contest entries! Wow, wait 'til you see the winners in next week's paper and all the enlightening letters to Santa!

Happy Birthday Mikie! Better late than not at all. Love ya, Mom

Look at our Christmas decorations at 906 S. Main, Apt. 2!

I've gotten a Christmas list from Joanne, but none from Roger, Mary and Terry.

Denise — You looked great — looks like college life is agreeing with you. It was just great to see you. ARNS

Kathy D. Would you please lock those pupples up! They are too cute. Mrs. Brass Santa's park free on the deck and on the

Chris and Janine, How is it going?

Reiss's Rosettes: Rachael's in a rapture.

street in Downtown Plymouth.



What was Cale eating? Ask Nancy at Stage & Screen Video

Curiosities

Shame on all you rotten COMMA,/Crier parkers. Thou hath earned the wrath of thy gods!

Cyndl and Jeremy - Thanks for Sunday evening!

Only 20 shopping days 'til Christmas!

Mom — Thanks for your help on Friday! MTW

Thank you Michelle for the "Leo Buscaglia" cartoon — What a huggable guy!

.. Gayle

Rennie -

We are going to have to go to more concertibrunches — Alexander Zonjic is great!

KAT-TEE, ANNEKNEE & VICKY,

It was wild Friday night! We'll have to go downtown again - the "selection" is

Gaylee

KAT — Isn't driving in Detroit fun? LEE

To all the kids who entered the Santa coloring contest - you all did a fantastic job. It was hard picking the winners.

Ron & Tim

Thanks for helping clean the house.

Jess, Did you write your letter to Santa

Guess who's having a birthday tomorrow. Could it be a Business Manager? HAPPY BIRTHDAY LORRIE.

(From the other attic rat)

What do you mean there's only three more weekends before Christmas? Help...

Thanks Gang for the new car celebration. Ardis, I hope you're good at baking Christmas cookles.

ONLY GRACE (with a little help from a friend) could invent a new beer game: 'Spill and Smell."

JESSICA eats Cloverdale wattles, likes Heide's Christmas balloons, loves Accent Bin stickers, visits with Santa Claus, loves John Smith root beer candy sticks, enjoys Penniman Deli pretzel sticks, loves Kari's Restaurant rice pudding (at 11 a.m.), and thinks Cale and Art did a good job on the Christmas cards.

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