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July 4th features parade, fireworks

BY JIM TOTTEN

A rainbow of costumes, bands, vehicles and local politicians will be strolling through the downtown streets of the City of Plymouth for the 27th annual Jaycees 4th of July Parade Thursday.

And at dusk on that day, the flashes and booms of fireworks will light up the sky from the Don Massey field on Plymouth Road.

This year's parade will feature Governor John Engler as grand marshal. Engler was also present at last year's parade when he was a gubernatorial candidate.

At least two Operation Desert Storm veterans, Greg Proctor and Peter Phillips, will also be in the parade. A military vehicle that was in the Persian Gulf will rumble down the streets due to the efforts of First of America and local National Guardsmen.

Starting time for the parade will be about 1:30 p.m. said Scott Kappler, parade chairperson. The parade is sponsored annually by the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees.

"I am really happy with the business community this year because of their sponsorship and donations that they've made," Kappler said.

Before the parade begins, the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce will make a special presentation to local soldiers who were part of Operation Desert Storm for recognition of their services.

Some new faces and plenty of traditional people and groups will be joining in the 4th of July parade.

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Radisson shuts down

Employees at the Plymouth Radisson in Plymouth Township got an unpleasant surprise Monday when they came into work.

The hotel, which is located on Northville Road, shut its doors for good Sunday afternoon, said a Radisson spokesperson, but most of the hotel staff did not find out about the move until Monday morning.

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Members of the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps march in an Ann Arbor parade last week. Above, the drum line includes (from left) Rachel Jones, Tom Yarger, Joel Bialobrzeski and Paul Williams. Below, fifer Tom Wrobel strikes a tune. (Crier photos by Eric Lakasik)



Plymouth Fife & Drum turns 20

BY JOSEPH CABADAS

They are dressed in shorts, blue jeans and t-shirts, plus the ever present white tennis shoes. But even when they practice in their street clothes, the members of the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps show their discipline and willingness to perform.

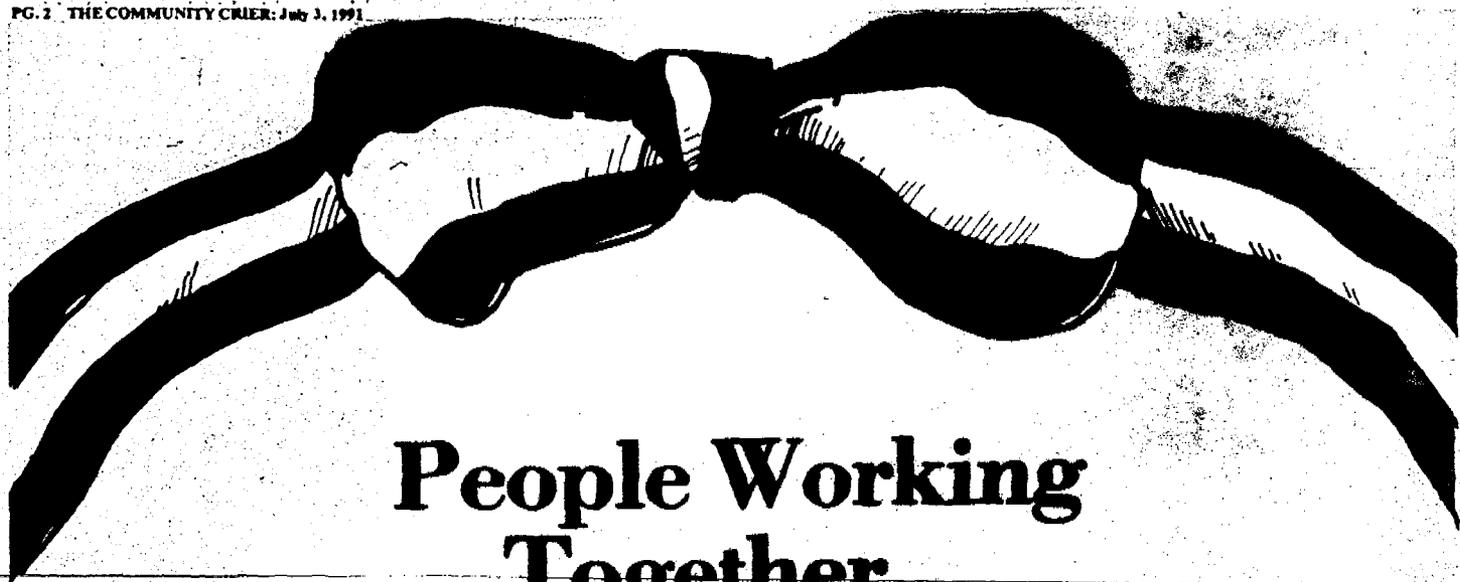
Today the corps is 20 years old, and stronger than ever thanks to the involvement of so many local families.

The parents of corps members can become as intimately involved in the organization as they want. In fact, the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps needs the close interaction of the parents and the members to survive.

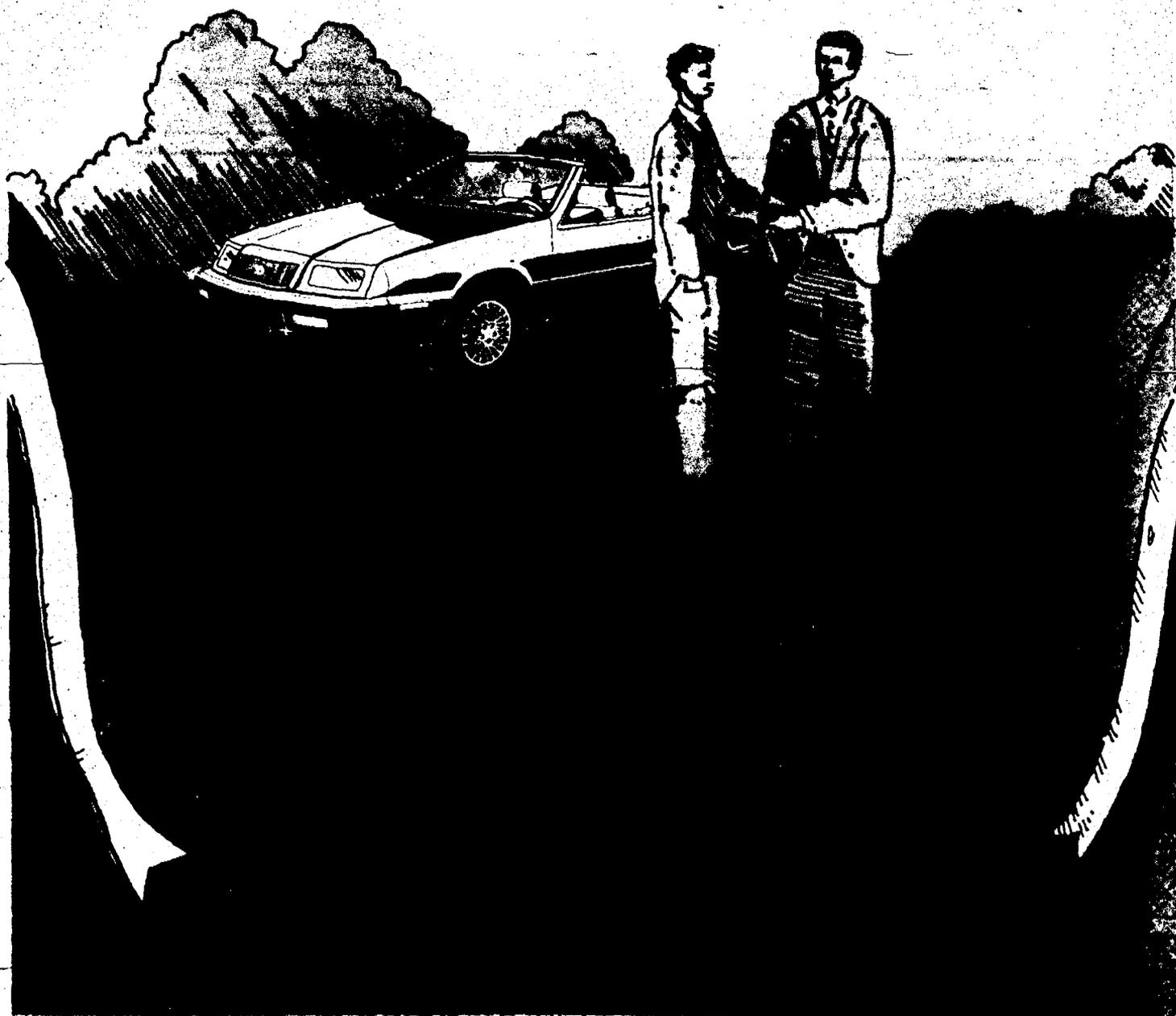
"The whole corps is run through the parents," said Chris Williams, of Canton, the current corps president. "It is a volunteer organization that has been in existence for 20 years."

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps is a private non-profit organization

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People Working Together...





Jean Curtiss, a Plymouth Historical Museum volunteer, displays some of the museum's World War II memorabilia. The portrait is that of Cass Hough, one of Plymouth's most noted war veterans. (Crier photo by Eric Lukasik)

Railroad report coming

BY JIM TOTTON

The City of Plymouth is waiting to hear from the Michigan Department of Transportation about what should be done with the Main Street railroad crossing.

An inspection of the crossing occurred on April 23 with members from the transportation department, City Engineer Ken West and Jim McKinstry of CSX Transportation attending.

Ron Mefford, manager of the railroad safety section of the Michigan Department of Transportation, said Monday that a report from the inspection will probably be issued in a couple of weeks. He said the department will first issue a proposed order of action which will be sent to all the groups involved.

If the proposal is approved by those groups involved, a final plan will be

drawn up.

West said that if the transportation department declares the crossing to be in poor or fair condition, the city will be eligible for federal assistance for repairs to the crossing.

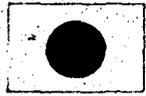
New treasurer; temporary post

BY JIM TOTTON

Starting today, the City of Plymouth will have a new city treasurer/assessor.

The city commission approved Monday the appointment of Finance Director Bill Graham to the treasurer position for a temporary period. Graham will be the treasurer in name only and will not be paid extra for his

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50 years ago
(1941-1991)



The Road to Pearl Harbor

1941: US torn between isolationism and war

BY KEN VOYLES

As 1941 dawned all was quiet in Plymouth-Canton, but events around the world were already helping shape the very fabric of the community and its role in "the good war."

Any tale of this community and country during that pivotal year 50 seasons ago might be worthy of a line from Dickens -- it was the best of times, the worst of times.

The Depression seemed to have come to an end, but global events from China to Scotland were disheartening even for many an isolationist. U-boats prowled the Atlantic, sinking 100,000 tons a month; German armies were soon to race through all of eastern Europe, Greece, Crete and then land in Africa.

Things were bad for Britain, which stood alone in the west after France had nearly disappeared under the Nazi tide. By June, Hitler was posed to invade the Soviet Union.

This country was divided -- politically and emotionally -- by these events. Two sides were shaping, those for intervention (in one form or another) and those in the isolationist camp.

Especially discouraging was the plight of Britain. In fact the

"destiny" of that country had become a national obsession. A "lend-lease" bill was pushed through to give material aid to England. It in effect meant that a large stream of war supplies flowing from the U.S. to Britain were free.

There was a general feeling that this was the right thing to do, but many remained unconvinced that the U.S. should actually enter the war.

Across the Pacific there were ominous stirrings as well. Japan, long tangled in the hinterlands of China, was flexing its muscle in other parts of Asia, leading eventually to an unacceptable push into Indochina.

Two days after Japan moved into Indochina (in July) the U.S. began an embargo against the island nation, an embargo that led to the fierce negotiations prior to the Dec. 7 attack on Pearl Harbor.

To bring it all home for folks here, in 1941 Canton, China was occupied by Japanese forces, while Plymouth, England, was besieged, like the rest of Britain, by the Germans.

In the United States, a nation of some 132 million, Franklin D. Roosevelt was inaugurated as a president for an unprecedented third term.

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Beginning this week The Crier will commence an on-going look back at the events of 1941 and this country's entry into World War II. Staff members will conduct interviews with local residents who were around at the time and expand its research effort to get a feel for what the community was to face following the Dec. 7 attack on Pearl Harbor. Expect much more over the coming months as the anniversary of our entry into the war looms closer and closer.

At the same time residents who were around in 1941 are encouraged to send us information about the community and their lives back then. We will gather as much information as possible for further stories about the lives of local residents and the state of Plymouth-Canton 50 years ago.

Questions appraisal

Levin seeks airport info

BY JIM WHITE

At the request of Canton officials, Senator Carl Levin has asked for information from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regarding Mettetal Airport.

"We asked him to check into the appraisal of the airport," said Canton Supervisor Tom Yack last week.

In a June 18 letter to FAA regional officials in Illinois, Levin said, "Specifically, questions have been raised about the assessed value of the airport. There is some concern that the FAA grant will be funding the purchase of Mettetal at a value higher than the assessment of the facility and land."

The federal grant, earmarked to cover 90 per cent of the purchase price of the airport, is worth \$5.1 million. The amount of land being sought is about 85 acres.

The airport itself covers about 61 acres at the corner of Joy and Lilley roads in Canton. The remaining 24 acres are being sought to protect runway approaches.

The Klocho family, owners of Mettetal, are asking \$3.9 million for the airport site.

Currently, only 5.6 acres of the site are taxable, according to John McLenaghan of Wayne County Appraisals. The private firm does appraisal work for Canton.

The rest of the airport land is not taxable because of the 1961 Gillis Bill, according to Marv Mettetal. Mettetal visited the airport on his way through Plymouth recently.

"It's state law," Mettetal said. "The public can use an airport free of charge. The law is designed to relieve taxes on raw property for an airport owner. The buildings are the only things being taxed."

If the airport becomes public, none of the land will be taxable.

McLenaghan said his firm could not appraise Mettetal because their other work for Canton would cause a conflict of interest.

"But if we were to appraise it," he said, "we would determine a fair price based on what is the highest and best

use of the land that is also legal under the zoning."

Airport opponents have argued that the land would be worth more in taxes -- that it could be best used -- as an industrial park.

"I am not sure what the best use is," McLenaghan said. "Is it worth less to sit on it for 10 years versus buying it and splitting it up tomorrow? The market for an industrial park may be saturated."

McLenaghan said the way to appraise the land is to study sales of similar sized parcels in surrounding communities as well as the sales of smaller parcels within Canton.

"There are very few land sales that big in Canton," he said. "But we could find sales in Van Buren or Plymouth of 60-100 acres."

Canton recently negotiated a deal to sell 8.2 acres of land zoned light industrial (like the Mettetal site) to the Carrollton Arms co-partnership at \$70,000 an acre. Carrollton Arms has an option to buy up to 78 more acres at between \$63,000 and \$70,000 an acre, depending on certain conditions.

McLenaghan said those figures "sounded like a possible selling price."

The total of federal, state and local funds that are earmarked for the airport purchase is about \$5.7 million. That sum divided by 85 acres gives a per acre price of about \$67,500.

In other airport news, James Romzek, attorney for Plymouth Concerned Citizens and Canton, may be going back to court.

"I talked with Mr. Romzek," Mark Merlanti, a Canton resident, told the Canton Board of Trustees at a recent meeting. "He said he might have an environmental complaint against the airport."

The move would hold up the purchase until City of Plymouth voters consider a charter amendment in November disallowing the purchase or operation of an airport, Merlanti said.

Romzek said last week he wasn't prepared to go into detail on possible steps to take.

Is the City summer cruise turning ugly?

BY JIM TOTTON

Is the tone of the cruising through the City of Plymouth changing?

The Plymouth Police Department and a business owner on Main Street maintain that cruising has not changed much from other summers.

Police said that most tickets issued are traffic citations which include loud music and alcohol violations. Yet there were several incidents of malicious destruction during the past weekend.

"It is really no different than any other year," Police Chief Robert Scoggins said about cruising this year. He said the strong police presence is helping to keep trouble from starting among the youth gathering in the city.

"The kids are harmless. It is just when you get two to three thousand kids together, it is an inconvenience," said Dimitri at his party store on Main.

"Each year is a different group," he said, adding that he has not found the kids this year to be any rowdier than previous years.

He said his main concern with cruising is that it often obstructs business. The traffic control which prevents cruisers from making a right turn onto Main Street from Ann Arbor Road also keeps potential customers away.

"The residents have a tough time coming down Main Street to shop," he added.

But he did not see any easy solution to the problem.

"What can I do about it? They (the kids) are just trying to find themselves," he said.

Police reported three incidents of malicious destruction of property over \$100 during the weekend.

Police said that sometime between 6 p.m., Saturday and 8 a.m., Sunday, a vehicle parked at Colonial Cleaners at 1275 S. Main had its driver's window smashed. The trim around the door and the roof were also dented.

On Sunday night around 11:30 p.m., police said that a woman driving eastbound on Plymouth Road in the

400 block had her window smashed by a bottle. According to the police report, a suspect driving westbound on Plymouth Road threw a bottle at and broke the windshield.

Later that night at 12:30 a.m., police said that a woman driving southbound on Main Street had rocks thrown at her vehicle.

Treasurer

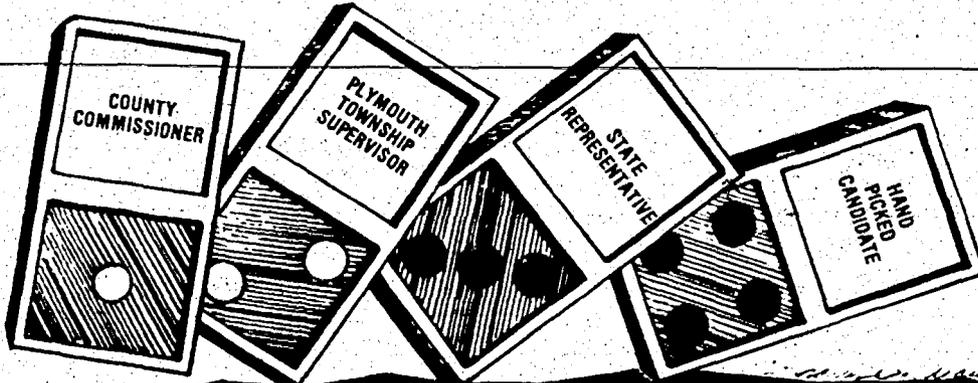
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It is time we took politics out of the backroom and into the voting booth where it belongs.

A chain of events has taken place that threatens to undermine our strong sense of fair play and citizen involvement. First, our County Commissioner resigned to take a job with the Governor. Second, the Plymouth Township Supervisor resigned to take the place of the County Commissioner. Third, our State Representative resigned to take the place of the Township Supervisor. Special elections will be held to replace the County Commissioner and State Representative.

Sound confusing? It is...and although we wish each of the elected officials involved the best in their new positions, we wish that we could remove the sense that all of this was pre-arranged in an

attempt to get "favored" people into certain positions...and in the words of Plymouth Township Trustee Smith Horton, "it's a done deal."

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Elizabeth Queen, 8, reads a book to her mom Leslie. When Elizabeth was transferred to Smith Elementary last year, she could not read. She now reads at a first grade level. (Crier photo by Jillian Bogater)

New project will pave Beck Road

BY JIM WHITE

In a move designed to reduce traffic on Ford Road near I-275, Canton officials are moving ahead on plans to pave Beck Road between Warren and Ford roads.

The Canton Board of Trustees voted 6-0 last Tuesday to provide 25 per cent of the funds necessary for the project, which is estimated to cost \$800,000.

When the project is completed, Beck will be paved from Ford to M-14.

The other 75 per cent of the funds are expected to come from developers Richard Lewiston and Sam Cottone, and Wayne County.

Because Canton is a township, its roads are the county's responsibility. But county officials said they did not have the full \$800,000.

Aaron Machnik, Canton municipal services director, helped orchestrate the deal.

"Hats off to Aaron for getting the county to come to the table," Supervisor Tom Yack said.

Yack added that the project also involves a bridge improvement. The cost would otherwise be around \$550,000 to \$600,000, he said.

"We probably won't see asphalt until next spring," he said.

Transfers complicate special ed. program

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

Transition is difficult for many children.

But when a child has learning difficulties, a change of schools can be devastating.

Leslie Queen understands this. Her daughter Elizabeth, eight, who is learning disabled (LD) has attended two elementary schools in the last year and has just found out she is being transferred a third time.

Queen says her daughter is severely depressed and in counseling. She fears another move will push Elizabeth "over the edge."

Elizabeth started in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district at Field Elementary School, attending Circle One -- a full day program for children with skills between kindergarten and first grade.

Once in first grade, Elizabeth went into the corner of her classroom when she was confused and was often ignored by teachers who were too busy with the other children in the class, Queen said.

After testing for learning disabilities that year, Queen was told her daughter had dyslexia and attention deficit disorder. Queen decided to place Elizabeth in the Smith Elementary School Special Education program with the understanding that her daughter would stay for three years.

One month ago, Queen was told some of the children at the Smith Special Education program would be moved to other schools next fall. Elizabeth's destination is Gallimore Elementary.

"I wasn't given a choice. I was told that no matter what the child's situation is at home, that they're being transferred period, end of story," she said.

Only four students were affected by the transfer, according to Paula Hotaling, supervisor of the Infant and Preschool Special Education Program (IPSEP).

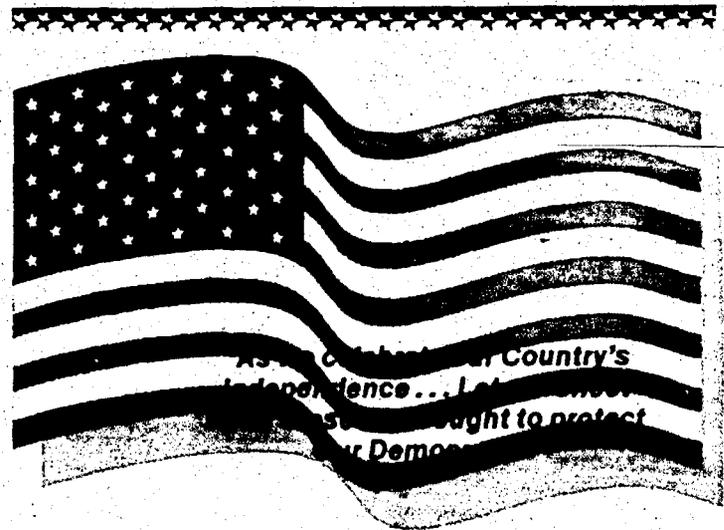
"It's a simple realignment of grades," she said.

To make grades more compatible, a kindergarten through third grade special education class has been changed to kindergarten through second grade, Hotaling said.

The four students, who will be third graders in the fall, were in a class that did not have enough children to add another grade level, Hotaling said.

Queen has voiced her concerns and emotions about the move several times to school officials, including Hotaling, and recently attended a school board of education meeting to inform board members of the problem.

"I've talked to this Paula (Hotaling)



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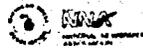
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Be polite

Few rude cruisers will ruin it for everyone

Maybe it's just because school is (finally) out. But the tone of "cruising" has seemed to take an ugly turn the past couple weeks.

When this latest "in" thing began in earnest four years ago, police over-reacted. They learned that and backed off.

Then "cruising" became an inconvenience, but was generally tolerable and a nightly event which parents could feel reasonably safe hearing their kids were participating.

This year started out the same way.

Then, two weeks ago, "cruising" got more vocal, more rude. Vandalism has increased, police reports show.

This threatens the other folks in town, the business owners and the other "cruisers."

Recently, when one young man was part of a group politely warned to move out of a private parking lot by the city's top cop, Bob Scoggins,

he uttered a rude gutter phrase. Scoggins, (himself a teenager's parent), firmly explained to the youngster how a polite young man should act.

It is timely for all parents to have such a discussion with their "cruising" kids -- before they are involved in any incidents.

And the "cruisers" themselves should enforce their own brand of civility on the streets. If other "cruisers" are violating others' space or rights, a crackdown on the whole event is inevitable. (As usual, the actions of a few end up spoiling things for many.)

The peaceful, polite "cruisers" have as much right to be on the streets as do Fall Festival goers. But rowdiness will force curtailing of those rights for others.

Tell all "cruisers" -- be polite.
THE COMMUNITY CRIER

We can agree to disagree

Be careful. That's what the phone caller last week wanted to stress -- be careful about who you support and why, or else.

It seems the woman, who wanted to remain unidentified at the same time as she demanded the names of everyone who worked on a recent editorial in this paper, was very upset with The Crier.

Obviously upset also with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, the caller launched into a tirade against this paper for supporting the "status quo" in the district.

It seems an editorial on a third high school at CEP had set her on fire -- even though she wasn't upset about the editorial, just the implication that we were once again supporting the entrenched powers in the school district.

She went on to slam the district for changes in its TAG program and for the developmental learning program, which, she said, threatens the young people of this community. She also said the incumbents Roland Thomas and Dean Swartzweiler should not have been re-elected and we should never have supported them.

No, rather we should have supported Bobbie Cleary, whose true colors came shining through at last week's school board meeting when she stood up and launched into an assault on John Dewey and what she called the "humanistic" brand of education being taught in our schools.

In the margin

By Ken Voyles



Someone sitting next to me leaned over while she rambled on and said he was clearly embarrassed by Cleary's lecturing. Most everyone on hand was embarrassed.

It's one thing to take a stand on an issue based on founded research -- something Cleary seemed to show during the campaign -- but it's another matter to forget about the facts and launch a conservative Christian tirade against the school district, an attack typical of the Citizens for Better Education (CBE), a group that Cleary has disavowed.

But back to the phone call.

When I asked for the caller's name, the woman said, "I know I'm not being fair with you (she had my name) but you publish and sell a newspaper, I don't."

The next day she called again, this time slamming us for being the "mouthpiece of the administration" and coming across like the National Enquirer.

There are a lot of well meaning people in this community concerned about many different aspects of our schools. The developmental learning program is just one. Some residents,

including Cleary, stood up at last week's board meeting to let their feelings be known about the education program.

Others, like the caller, sit on the sidelines and say they are concerned as well, but don't seem to have enough guts to stand up in public and speak their mind. Let's hope they at least exercise their conscience when they vote.

Still, it's also for people like the woman that we are here -- to act as a public forum for those residents who want to get their two cents in, but who remain too afraid of those in power to speak out openly.

They shouldn't have anything to fear from us, however. Yes, we supported the incumbents, but the alternative was Cleary (Lynch would have done the community well if elected) and we were not about to suggest an unqualified candidate just to be different or to sell more newspapers.

Don't get me wrong, I respect the caller's views. She has every right to them, but they are not views with which I agree.

If she calls again, I'd be more than happy to agree to disagree.



Community opinions

The White pages

By Jim White



Bruce Catton wrote that his lifelong thirst for knowledge about the Civil War began as a boy when he would watch the aging veterans. How different, he wondered, was the world they had seen, on battlefields so far from home?

All my life I have been a voracious reader of books on the Second World War. When I was 10, I was a little shaky on Willie Horton's batting average, but I was dead sure of how many kills Pappy Boyington, the top Marine ace of the war, had (28).

Reading "Battle Cry" by Leon Uris induced an impressionable 19 year old I know to join the Marine Corps. I wanted Marine discipline and pride, sure, but I also wanted adventure, something I knew I'd never find in Plymouth.

For some reason, though I've always known Plymouth produced several World War II veterans, it never occurred to me that they saw action in the big battles of the history books.

Then I recently saw in the "News of Our Boys" column in a Plymouth Mail from 1943 that Keith Lawson had died at Tarawa.

Lawson, of Plymouth, left for Tarawa from a rest camp in New Zealand, the paper said. That rotation puts him in the Second Marine Division, certainly, and maybe even in the Sixth Regiment, Uris' own outfit.

As I read further, my vision of Plymouth as a sleepy little town was severely jarred. Men and women from here made their presence known all over the world.

Owen Johnson, who learned to fly at Mettetal field, became the youngest man ever commissioned in the Army Air Corps.

Mrs. Ireta Gaynier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McLeod, of Plymouth, was present in San Francisco when a destroyer was christened in honor of her husband, an ensign shot down at Midway.

The newswires carried a picture of a man on a stretcher being borne out of the jungle by natives on Buna. The Mail ran the picture again when it was

discovered the wounded man was Al Drake, a local resident.

And of course Cass Hough, Plymouth's most decorated veteran of the war, first broke the sound barrier when he power dove his Thunderbolt fighter. It would be four more years before Chuck Yeager would achieve the same feat in level flight.

The more I read, the more I felt I knew people like Johnson or Hough or a man named Don Passage. Through "News of Our Boys," I followed them through basic training, shipping out overseas, and hopefully, returning home. But by January, 1945, 35 residents of Plymouth were listed as killed or missing.

For me, the war was finally brought home in a way no history book could achieve. Like Catton, I now wonder what it was like to leave a sleepy little town and have innocence quickly ripped away. Because those men and women left from my town.

It also makes me ponder the incredible adaptability of the human spirit. For a boy with wanderlust, "How ya gonna keep 'em down on the farm after they've seen Paris?" has always struck a nerve.

But lately, I've wondered even more about the flip-side. What is it that could possibly prepare men like Joe Merritt and Jack Gordon from the tiny little hamlet of Plymouth for survival on Bataan?

How do kids make the transition from playing games of baseball to collecting knives to send to "our boys fighting the sneaky Japs in the Pacific?"

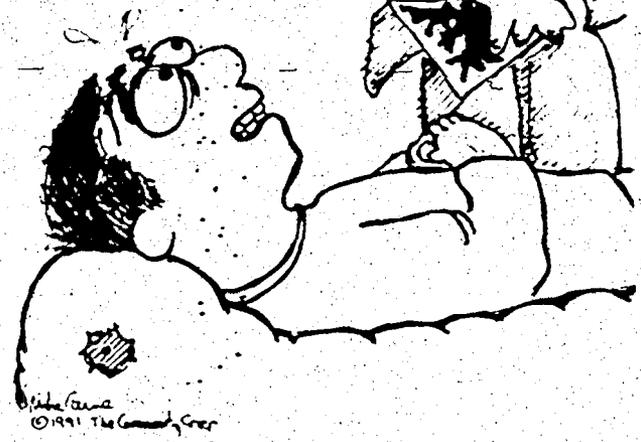
What do mothers think when they hear the night shift at the Kelsey Hayes plant outside of town testing machine guns?

And then, how do you come home from a German POW camp, like Johnson, and settle back into life in Plymouth?

In one week, I have felt more history than I ever learned in my life. I won't look at Plymouth in the same way again.

But then neither can the veterans.

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AND TELL ME WHAT YOU
SEE IN THIS INK BLOT...



Mike Caruso
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With malice toward none

WETLAND W/NOOVER



OK, OK.

Nobody said it would be easy...
To be (Canton -- but it could be any) Chamber of Commerce President, for example. "We're just volunteers," said Mary Domier, Canton CoCPREZ. "I didn't think about it," she had the guts to admit after sending out a letter for Canton businesses endorsing a Georgia company to do business here. (Just because the supervisor's water-boy's friend needed a job?)...
OK, OK.

Now Mary knows what other CoCPREZ types have learned.

To be mother of a 13-year-old in northeast Plymouth Township who complains about her Crier delivery but feels her son won't "do the route." But she still wants the paper.

OK, OK.

Now Mom (name withheld in hopes of recruiting the smarter-than-average kid to peddle Criers) knows what other parents and Crier circulation honchos feel.

To be on any public board where neighbors must learn to disagree agreeably. Dispent is wonderful, if not

made into personal slams on folks (except when their personal foibles land them in the back-end of some strangers auto or in the public till).

OK, OK.

Now anyone who's run their fannies up those public flag poles knows that's part of the territory.

To be the new City Manager in Plymouth. "It's hard having to learn things over again," said Steve Walters after leaving a 17-year-job in Northville to move slightly south.

OK, OK.

Now he knows that 30 days is too short a contract.

To be a Plymouth-Canton Jaycee officer trying to get the group to get a fireworks permit-plan approved by July 3.

OK, OK.

They're volunteers too. And, JC officials are just like Chamber folks -- hopefully they don't blow themselves up during their tenure.

Volunteers expect latitude in doing their jobs.

OK, OK.

But nobody said it would be easy.

Concern for wetlands

EDITOR:

Thank you for your article "Westland or Wetland" in the June 12 edition of The Crier.

I have been noticing development in possible wetland areas, such as Newburgh and Warren roads and Newburgh and Joy roads, so I am glad to see your story and to learn that there is a follow up.

I thought the article by Jim White, "How will sewers affect Salem plan," was good too.

JANET WOJNA

Inclusion programs needed, parents say Population, location affect transfers

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

The recent transfers of several special education students in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools may have to do with the growing number of children and lack of compatible locations.

But a local psychologist said it is possible to break away from the common practice of segregating the students, and include them in general education classes.

Boundary changes and population shifts have contributed to the number of student relocations in the district, said Pat O'Donnell, the district's executive director of pupil personnel services located at Tanger Elementary School.

Because services needed by some students are not available at their home schools, it is necessary to bus them to a school where those services can be provided, he said.

"We don't do changes because of changes sake," O'Donnell said. "Within the district and departments, we have our sights set on criteria on why we do it, when we do it, and a process we should follow."

When considering housing for special education students, four components are examined: whether to have multiple classrooms in a building, the permanence of the locations, the receptivity of a building's principal and staff, and the actual location, he said.

These four factors are in constant change, depending on the stability of the student population, the acceptance and awareness levels of staffs when dealing with children with special needs, and the attempts to minimize busing when possible, O'Donnell said.

When the population number of children does change, children face a possible transfer from one school to another within the district, he said.

"When we find this need to balance or realign the numbers we have, I think a considerable amount of effort to express what we're doing and why is taken; contrary to the view it's done as a convenience to make it easier for others," he said.

"It's not simply a matter of keeping numbers small, but a matter of teaching time and efficiency."

Excessive transferring of children is a concern of the school district, O'Donnell said, but is not one limited to handicapped children. Because of population increases in certain areas of Plymouth, general education students are bussed across the district.

"When we talk about Special Education we begin to think these things happen only to these families, and that's not necessarily true," he said.

To ensure success of a student's transfer, it is important for parents, teachers and administrators to explain the process, present the reasons why it was necessary to move, and offer support and help to those involved in the move, O'Donnell said.

Dr. Sandra McClennen, a licensed psychologist who lives in Plymouth, said it is possible for handicapped students to be educated at their home

schools.

In fact, the only situation it is not favorable for a handicapped child to be placed in with non-handicapped children is if a child has a history of violently attacking other children, said McClennen, professor of special education at Eastern Michigan.

But the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools do not have a policy like Saline's school district, which entitles every child a right to attend their home school, McClennen explained.

This policy is called inclusion, or including handicapped children in a non-handicapped environment, but

setting goals for them according to the student's individual needs.

"The idea of having children at neighborhood schools not only includes everybody, but sends the message to other children and parents that everybody belongs," she said.

At least six severely handicapped children participate in an inclusion program in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, O'Donnell said.

Taking children out of segregated classrooms and into inclusion, has many advantages, McClennen said.

Children prefer to be with other children their age, she explained. This

encourages age appropriate behavior, and imitation of behavior -- which is often a building block for teaching children to engage in activities they would ordinarily not do if asked. Also important are inclusion in social activities and peer recognition, she said.

"Inclusion makes the big difference between feeling like you belong and feeling like you're different," she said.

Members of the Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education have been grappling with the inclusion idea for some time. In May, the board discussed the future of special education in the district during a workshop session with O'Donnell.

Outgoing child remembered

School program 'a blessing'

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

James and Barbara Gusfa, of Plymouth Township, went to the school board meeting June 24 with a four page letter about their daughter Lauren.

It was a letter of thanks, explaining the trials and triumphs they experienced with the school system and their daughter, who died four weeks earlier because of complications related to Downs Syndrome.

When Lauren was two weeks old she was placed in the Early Intervention program, a special education class for infants -- making her the youngest child to ever be placed in the program in this district.

Calling the program "a blessing," the Gusfas said it not only benefitted Lauren, but also gave support and helped them adjust to the new world they were entering.

Lauren was placed in a pre-school special education classroom part time at Farrand Elementary when she was three, spending the other part of her day at Kiddie Campus in Canton High School.

When Lauren turned five, she was moved to a self contained EMI program at Farrand full time. Her parents were pleased with both the teachers and the program.

For almost 12 years, Lauren was at Farrand in the special education program.

In 1990, it was time for her to move on to junior high at Lowell Middle School. This made the Gusfas nervous -- they were petrified by the idea of Lauren going to a middle school, wondering if she would be accepted by students and able to adjust.

But Lauren proved all fears to be wrong, and adjusted well to the transition.

Lauren was mainstreamed with other students in school choir. She made friends fast because of her boisterous personality, in school and at outside activities.

"She was a very outgoing person, a very sociable person, it was hard for her to understand why she couldn't go to the school here," said her father,



The Gusfa family, from left, James, Kristen, 17, Barbara and Steven, 15. Barbara holds a photo of her daughter Lauren, who died last month. (Crier photo by Jillian Bogater)

"She didn't know a lot of the kids around here because she wanted to be with people, and all of her friends were on the other side of the school district."

Although Bird Elementary and West Middle School -- her home base schools -- were within walking distance, Lauren was transported across the district, her parents said. Even with her ability to adjust to her new school environments, Lauren often asked her parents why she couldn't go to school with all the other neighborhood children.

"We always would tell her that the kind of education she needed was

available over at Lowell, that was the best place for her," her father said. "There is no doubt that the education she received there was excellent, but with a little bit of effort it could have been provided at her home school."

Closemindedness and lack of education may have contributed to the problems the Gusfa family encountered, they said.

"Maybe the community needs to change, where everybody accepts everybody, no matter how they look or what they can do," said Barbara Gusfa. "We realize it's not something that's going to happen overnight. It



Lauren Gusfa, 12, was an active child involved in Special Olympics and dancing.

Child taught humanity

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took years for us to get to this point where (handicapped) children have access to education."

Though the painful memories remain, the Gusfa's also remember Lauren for the "neat things she helped bring to the community," with the support of the special education parents advisory committee, including a local Special Olympics event and

"Kids on the Block" puppet troupe. Lauren also danced in a special group created for handicapped children at Curtain Call dance studio.

"We're so much more compassionate now because of her," said her mother.

James Gusfa added, "We're much more understanding of human nature and life and everything else."

"Lauren taught us all a tremendous amount."

Frustrated family plans move to help daughter

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

A Plymouth family with a child in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Special Education program has decided to move out of the district in search of what they describe as a non-discriminatory education.

For the past six years, Chris and Tom Lerchen have bused their daughter Elizabeth to Moraine Elementary -- a center based program located in Northville.

Elizabeth Lerchen was born with multiple birth defects and sustained brain damage from a cyst. Because of this, she is non-vocal, walks with the assistance of a walker or a wheelchair, and is psychologically and intellectually delayed, the Lerchens said.

Sixteen years ago, the Lerchen family moved to Plymouth because they respected the community and believed the schools were the best they could find.

Now, because the school district refuses to provide full time inclusion as an educational option for their

daughter, the Lerchens said they have decided to move to a school district which will offer what they need.

Within the next year, the Lerchen family hopes to move to Saline -- a school district which offers inclusion to all children.

After meeting with Pat O'Donnell, Plymouth-Canton executive director of pupil personnel services, three years ago, Elizabeth was mainstreamed at Smith Elementary part time, one half day per week.

What seemed a "dream come true" slowly turned to a nightmare when school administrators told the Lerchens they would not place Elizabeth in a full time inclusionary program, which was the ultimate goal for the Lerchens.

"Basically they're holding Elizabeth hostage," her father said. "They're holding her over our heads saying 'We don't have to do anything because we have your daughter.'"

Schools respond slowly to concerns, parents say

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several times," she said. "The first couple times, I must admit were a very heated thing on my part because I was just so mad and so angry that they could do this just on a whim, without even considering what her special needs are, what her problems are and the fact that they never checked out how this would affect the child."

Since the Board meeting, Hotaling said she has been asked by Superintendent John M. Hoben to submit a summary of her conversations with Queen.

Elizabeth was offered an opportunity to stay in her class one more year, Hotaling said, but Queen turned the offer down because she could not be guaranteed that other third graders would be in the class.

Queen was also offered a chance to return to Elizabeth's home school, Field Elementary, where she would have access to the maximum resource room, but that offer was also rejected, Hotaling said.

Queen said she was presented with the options Hotaling mentioned, but has only dismissed the option of Elizabeth staying in her class for another year. If she stayed in her class for another year, Elizabeth would suffer emotionally from being the only third grader, Queen said.

"(Hotaling's) competency was completely idiotic. How could she even offer that?" she asked.

Queen also said she has not made a formal decision on whether she wants to send Elizabeth back to Field school.

Many parents with children involved in the special education program would rather have the teachers moved than the students.

"They're just shuffling the students

around," said Linda Campbell, whose daughter has been transferred three times in the last year within the special education program. "If this continues, our kids won't have a base school to feel comfortable at."

Creating a central school for learning disabled children and transferring teachers is a solution Campbell feels would benefit the children and the teachers.

Campbell's husband Jack agrees, and is in favor of creating a home base for students to grow in a familiar environment.

"I still have buddies from kindergarten. (My daughter) is stuck with a different group of kids every year," he said.

The constant moving between schools also takes a toll on the parents of the children, Linda Campbell said.

"How can I as a parent feel I can get actively involved in one school if they keep moving the kids around," she said. "We're adults and it's difficult on us. It's even harder on the kids."

Lack of control and participation in the transfer process is a common concern among the parents.

"I'm not a protestor, I just thought I was supposed to have control of my child's life. I feel like I'm in a communist country; everyone else has control but me," Queen said. "I just want to prevent it from happening to another innocent mom transferring into the school system."

The Plymouth-Canton Schools receive \$6,932 per learning disabled child, said Patrick O'Donnell, director of Special Programs and Student Services.

The regular gross membership allowance for students is \$4,263, he said, adding that LD students receive an additional \$2,669.

Roughly 100 students participate in the LD special education program, O'Donnell.

N'ville 4th plans

BY JIM TOTTEN

The Northville community is planning for a full day of celebrations tomorrow on July 4th.

"Operation Welcome Home" is the theme for the day's events. It will include a parade and a fireworks display which is being organized and sponsored by the Michigan Military Family Support Group.

The day will begin with a bed race at 9:45 a.m. through the streets of downtown Northville.

The parade will start at 10:15 a.m. and will be featuring a large number of veterans from Operation Desert Storm. Rich Fischer will be the grand marshal. The parade will last until about noon.

The downtown fun fest will then take over with clowns, food and entertainment at 12:15 p.m. The fest will last until about 3 p.m.

The activity will then head for the Northville Downs Race Track for a Welcome Home Rally from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

The streets of Northville will then come alive with a Kids Dance with a Pee Wee Herman Look-Alike contest. The dance is scheduled for 5 - 7:30 p.m.

Next, an Adult Dance is planned from 7:30 - 9 p.m.

The day will end with the fireworks flashing and booming from the Northville High School at dusk.



Friends & Neighbors

Now working on a book

Stars are the limit for Twp. man

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

When night time falls, many people plop on their pillows to dream about the stars.

But Plymouth Township resident Mike Best pulls out his telescope so he can study them.

His affinity for astronomy and science fiction began when he was eight years old. He had randomly picked out a science fiction book to read because he couldn't sleep. From that time on, until he was about 13, he read all the science fiction type books he could get a hold of.

"Somewhere along the line, someone told me that all the ladies with the two heads and green scales, 14 arms — that you could make all those things up," he said. "But the astronomy part of science fiction had to be accurate, or else their fellow writers and peers would laugh them off the face of the universe."

Now Best, 58, wants to place his name among those authors. He is currently writing a book "The Navel of God," which ponders the question of how "dispassionate observers would view the way we handle the world," he said.

Best has studied astronomy for most of his life, and now shares what he knows as an astronomy instructor for the Talented and Gifted program at Schoolcraft College and the Schoolcraft continuing education program. He also does "fun teaching" at the Troy Nature Center and Farmington Hills Nature Center.

Because of his experience with astronomy in the late 1970s, the Center for UFO Studies, Chicago, asked Best to work for them as the lower Michigan investigator. The center is among the top three serious research institutions in America for UFOs.

When some people find out Best is involved in the investigation of UFOs, he encounters myths and misunderstandings about the subjects of his work.

"A lot of people ask me, 'Do you believe in UFOs?' And without being facetious, I'll ask, 'do you believe in unidentified bodies floating down the Detroit River?'" he said. "Maybe they'll catch the drift that the 'U' in UFO means unidentified; so it's not something you believe in."

Studying UFOs is not a very glamorous job, he explained. Ninety five out of 100 UFO sightings are actually mistakes or hoaxes. Also, 95 per cent of UFOs are seen at night.

"In the night, a bright object is more easily seen than in the day."

he said. "A problem is that the average person is not aware of what is going on in the sky."

Because of this, bright planets are often confused with aircraft at night.

"Venus on occasion has been given permission to land at airports because it's so bright," Best said.

Best has also brought his discoveries to television in a half hour astronomy series which aired on Omnicom Cablevision.

Aside from his time with the stars, Best is the creator and conductor of Illusion — the "world's only pantomime 16 piece big band."

"We've got the look of a band, the feel of live entertainment, the low price of a disc jockey, but don't have the disadvantages," he said. "What I've got, is the best of both worlds, a 16 piece disc jockey."

Best said the band, which started in 1987, plays once a month at most because of the time requirement, and "won't play unless the people know we are a pantomime band."

Best also works at the Detroit News as a staff writer. Of the 15 years he has worked there, 12 were spent writing for Contact 10, a reader service column that solves problems for readers who

write in.

"I think part of my outspokenness comes from wanting to help people with their problems for such a long time," he said. "On the other hand, I'm not brave, I'm not going to be Crusader Rabbit and go out and save the world."

"I really think if everyone had a feel for where they are in the universe, what's going on, and what's going to happen in the short time we're here, I think instead of going up and robbing someone in the night, they would probably go up and give them a hug."



Mike Best sets up his telescope for another evening of studying the Stars. (Crier photo by Eric Lukasik)

Tell it to Phyllis

By Phyllis Redfern



Many things make The Plymouth-Canton Community special. One of the obvious reasons most of us live or work here is the small community atmosphere where people care about people.

Sure, we have a good school system which makes this a nice area to live, but we also have many other pieces that make this a whole community. The Arts Council and the Symphony (just to name a few) add a lot, and events like the Fall Festival and the Challenged Festival bring people in the community together.

The string that ties many of these things together is the fact that they are family events. Family and friends are important to us. It's fun to learn about the different generations and how long some families have lived in this community. As different family members go and come, it's amazing how many still consider Plymouth and Canton home.

We have only lived here 20 years and yet, as my son prepares to move away, this is the only house he can remember living in. Home has lots of memories and meaning for all of us. The home we lived in while growing up will always have special memories.

Last week I talked to Mary Ellen Kenyon, who worked at Plymouth Township for 15 years back when Helen Richardson was the clerk. She and her husband Bob sold the house they had lived in for 41 years and are moving to Texas. As a surprise their four children, Tom, Gerald, Gay and Jo, flew in for the weekend from Seattle, Tampa and Louisiana. All of them grew up in the house, went to Allen School and high school here before moving out of state. According to Mary Ellen they had many reasons for coming home - to be together in the house one more time, to celebrate their father's 70th birthday and their mother's 68th birthday, and their parent's 45th anniversary. With the help of their aunts and uncles, Jack and Jackie and George and Norma Kenyon, the kids were able to pull off the surprise and arrange for a family portrait.

Mary Ellen admitted there were a few tears, especially when it came time to say good-bye. In just talking to her, I got caught up in the excitement and had to blink a couple of times myself.

This is just one of the many stories of the families that make this community what it is.

Artley new president Schools board readjusts

BY KEN VOYLES

David P. Artley took over the reigns as president of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education for the second time Monday.

Artley follows outgoing board president Dean Swartzwelter, who won re-election to the board last month. Swartzwelter was later nominated and

elected as board treasurer during the annual organization meeting.

Artley was school board president in 1989, the year he won re-election to the body.

Roland Thomas, the other incumbent board candidate last month, was elected as vice president and Lester Walker took over as board secretary.

Radisson shuts down

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The spokesperson, who refused to be identified, said that no details on why the local hotel closed would be released to the public.

He did say, however, that the operation was shut down for good.

By Monday afternoon, work crews had taken down the main Radisson sign and were beginning the process of

moving other equipment out of the hotel.

The Radisson is owned by Columbia-Sussex in Ft. Mitchell, KY.

With the closing this week of the Radisson, there are now only three hotel/motel outfits left in Plymouth, including the Mayflower Hotel, a Red Roof Inn and a Signature Inn.



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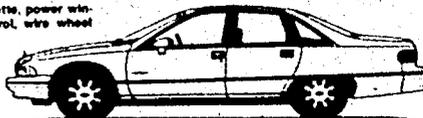
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PLYMOUTH'S SIDEWALK SALES

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's annual Sidewalk Sale is set for July 26-27 in downtown City of Plymouth. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on July 26 and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on July 27.

DRUM CORPS COMPETITION AT CEP

The Drum Corps North competition will be held at Centennial Educational Park (CEP) on July 25 and feature drum units from across the country. Tickets are \$10 in advance and at the gate, or \$5 in advance, through July 24 only, for senior citizens and children 12 and under. Tickets are available through the Ypsilanti Chamber of Commerce. Call 482-4920.

BENEFIT RED WINGS SOFTBALL GAME

The Detroit Red Wings will play the Detroit Red Wings Alumni in a benefit softball game on July 28 at 2 p.m. at the Canton Softball Center on Michigan Avenue. Proceeds to benefit Canton youth Ray Reffiat, a 14-year-old leukemia patient. Advance tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children under 16. They are available at the Computer Connection in Plymouth (455-2983) or Johnson's Family Restaurant in Canton (981-6877).

COURSE ON GETTYSBURG PLANNED

A course on the Battle of Gettysburg during the Civil War, "Gettysburg: A Perspective for Young Adults and Children," is planned at Madonna University starting on July 1. The course will run July 1-19, three days a week. It costs \$244 for academic credit or \$145 for continuing education credit. For further information call 591-5188.

S'CRAFT FALL REGISTRATION

Schoolcraft College's mail-in registration for fall classes is being held July 8-27. For further information or a free schedule call 462-4430.

DARE GOLF CLASSIC BENEFIT

A golf benefit is planned to help the local DARE program in Plymouth-Canton. It will be held July 12 at the Hilltop Golf Course in Plymouth Township. Register at 7:30 a.m. Starts at 9 a.m. Cost is \$150 per person, or \$50 for dinner only.

CANTON HOTSHOT BASKETBALL CONTEST

The Canton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its annual Hotshot Basketball competition for boys and girls ages nine through 18. The free competition will be held at Eriksson, Hulsing and Hoben elementary schools. Competition involves shooting baskets from various spots on the court. Awards given to top winners in each age group. Competition dates: July 9, Eriksson; July 15, Hulsing; and July 18, Hoben. Starts at noon with registration at 11:45 a.m. Register at school site on day of the event. For information call 397-5110.

PLYMOUTH SUMMER PARK PROGRAM

Children can register for the Plymouth Parks and Recreation's Summer Park Program beginning July 1 at four locations: Kiwanis Park, Jayces Park, Garden Club Park and Rotary Park. Each park will provide a schedule of supervised activities from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Arts and crafts, bowling, miniature golf, swimming will be among the daily activities, with field trips also planned. A gala field day will cap the final day of the program on Aug. 16. For further information call the parks and recreation at 455-6623.

USO SHOW PLANNING PARTY

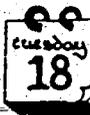
A USO Show planning party is slated for July 13 at 5 p.m. at the Hoglen's home in Plymouth Township. Join the brain storming party to plan for a special fundraiser for the Plymouth Historical Museum and the kick off of the World War II exhibit. The USO Show is scheduled for Nov. 22 as the exhibit kick-off, which will open on Dec. 7-8. Bring a dish and meat to grill for the planning party. For information call 455-8940. This year is the 50th anniversary of America's entry into the Second World War. The Plymouth museum is planning a major exhibit in conjunction with that anniversary. The USO Show will be held at the Mayflower and feature 1940s music and dancing, among others.

SINGLE PLACE OUTDOOR PICNIC

Single Place is hosting an outdoor picnic on July 3 at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in the City of Northville. Donation is \$5. Furnished will be grills, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato chips and ice cream. After the picnic a folk festival features Tom Rice, owner of the Giftfinder Music Store. Call 349-0911 for information.

CHAMBER SCRAMBLES GOLF OUTING

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Scrambles Golf Outing on Aug. 13 at Fellows Creek Golf Course. Starts at 8:30 a.m. following registration. The cost is \$300 for a foursome, or \$200 if paid by July 5. Individual cost is \$80, or \$75. Refreshments on the course planned, a hot buffet lunch and prizes and trophies also. Business sponsorship of holes available as well. For further information call the chamber at 453-4040.



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FREE HEARING, VISION SCREENING

The Wayne County Department of Health will offer free hearing and vision screenings for youths ages three to 18 at Central Middle School, City of Plymouth, on Aug. 19, 20 and 22 from 8:30-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Walk in; no appointment necessary. For information call 467-3385.

ANNUAL JURIED ART SHOW

New Morning School in Plymouth Township will sponsor its annual juried art show on Nov. 23, 1991, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Northville Community Center. Admission is \$1.50, collected at the door to benefit the cooperative school. Artists and craftspeople interested in being in the show should call 420-3467 for information.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FOR DARE

Community Federal Credit Union is sponsoring a benefit pancake breakfast for the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program in Plymouth-Canton on July 27. The second annual "Community Flip for DARE" will be held in the parking lot of Community Federal, 500 S. Harvey, City of Plymouth. Tickets are \$4, children under five get in free. Breakfast served from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. For tickets or information call 453-1200, 455-0400 (Canton) or 348-2920 (Northville).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial, will host its vacation church school, "God's Champions," on July 29 to Aug. 2 from 9-11:30 a.m. Open for ages four to 12. The cost is \$5 per child, or max of \$15 for a family. T-shirt included. Register by July 22. For details call 453-3280.

CANTON CRICKETS OPENINGS

The Canton Parks and Recreation Pre-school Program, the Canton Crickets, has a limited number of openings for its fall 1991 session. The 17-week session begins Sept. 9 and runs until Jan. 20. The cost is \$70 per child for Canton residents only. Children must be three years old by Aug. 1, 1991. Call 397-5110 for further information. Sponsored by the recreation department.

DESERT STORM SUNDAY

On Sunday (July 7) the Plymouth Baptist Church will celebrate "Desert Storm Sunday" to honor local veterans of Desert Storm and their families. The service will include patriotic music, drama, and recognition of veterans from all of America's wars. A special gift will be presented to Desert Storm veterans or a member of their family. Service begins at 11 a.m. Pass the word on to let any service men and women who served in Desert Storm. Everyone from the community is invited to attend. Call 453-5534 for details. The church is located at 42021 Ann Arbor Tr.

FOURTH OF JULY VFW BARBECUE

The Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post 6695 Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and Ladies Auxiliary will host their annual Fourth of July "Bar-B-Que" on Thursday (the 4th) from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Dinners will be served at the post home on Mill Street, City of Plymouth, and are \$4.50. They include barbecue chicken and related picnic goodies (potatoes, rolls, etc). Desert Storm returnees and their families are invited to be post guests at NO charge. For information call the post at 459-6700 or call 455-6811, 397-3173.

DISCOVERY DAYS CLASSES

New Morning School in Plymouth Township has openings in its July and August summer classes for children ages three to 11, beginning July 8. For details call 420-3331. Also, academic summer school openings available.

SINGLE PLACE SESSION ON DATING

Single Place will host "Stepping Out -- Relearning Dating Skills," by Judy Edwards, a director of Exceptional Training Systems, on July 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Donation is \$3. Call 349-0911 for information. Discussion on the world of adult dating.

MUSIC IN THE PARK CONCERT

The Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) Music in the Park concert series continues (today) July 3 with Intermezzo, a string trio featuring Canton resident George Stepula on violin. Next show is July 10 with the Edinborough Saxophone Quartet. All concerts in Plymouth's Kellogg Park from noon to 1 p.m. Free to the public.

CLASSES OF 1951, 1952 REUNION

The Plymouth High School Classes of 1951 and 1952 are joining together for a "Fabulous Forty" class reunion on Sept. 21 at the Hawthorne Valley Restaurant in Livonia. The dinner dance starts at 6:30 p.m. Help track down missing classmates: For further information call 453-5045 or 455-0208.

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The world, Plymouth-Canton in 1941

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Census data from 1940 showed that half of the U.S. population lived on farms, while about half of the country's children were in families that made less than \$1,500 a year.

"God Bless America" was the number one song in the land, though "The White Cliffs of Dover" was also very popular. Seabiscuit was racing its way to fame and Joe DiMaggio was to hit in 56 consecutive games. Baseball legend Lou Gehrig would pass from the scene in 1941.

The average movie ticket was 25 cents; the same as most paperback books. Dinner could be bought for around 45 cents and a bachelor apartment ran about \$25 a month. With prohibition long over, a fifth of scotch was \$1.25.

For long distance travel most Americans depended on the rail system, finding comfort in the Pullman cars crisscrossing the land.

Others used Greyhound -- a roundtrip bus journey to Florida ran \$32.

And with the war creeping closer, the president was to call the second national draft of young men for military service by July of 1941.

At home in Plymouth-Canton, some 5,000 residents lived in the city, while Canton remained the quiet rural neighbor to the south where farmers battled the latest infestation of the corn borer.

Ruth Hudson Whipple was mayor in the city and C.H. Elliott, the city manager. The city's assessed value that year was \$5.6 million. In April elections, Charles H. Rathbun Jr. won election as supervisor in Plymouth Township. Republican candidates dominated the election, except in parts of Canton.

A winter blast struck the community hard in April of 1941.

That year aspirin was 59 cents a bottle; roast beef ran 21 cents a lb.,

while stewing chickens were 20 cents a lb. Eggs cost 44 cents for a dozen, while four cans of evaporated milk cost 31 cents. Peanut butter was valued at 25 cents a jar and Kellogg's Corn Flakes cost 23 cents a box.

Businesses like Beyer Drugs, Cloverdale and Thompson's continued to make a name for themselves, offering residents a variety of quality goods. Movement along Plymouth's two rail lines rose dramatically, said rail officials.

Two acres of farm land in Plymouth could be bought for \$3,000, while a five-room home in the city sold for \$3,200. One of the many movies shown at the Penniman-Allen Theatre was Charlie Chaplin's satire of Hitler, "The Dictator."

A new moviehouse for Plymouth, built by Harry Lush, would open in December, four days prior to the attack on Pearl.

Enrollments in the Plymouth schools reached over 2,000 students,

forcing the board to hire 11 new teachers in 1941.

Later in the year a "flying field" at Joy and Lilley roads was approved by the state, while several letters discovered from locals who fought in the Civil War made headlines.

There were community picnics, parties, parades and a Northville fair that summer.

Crime in the community took on a new form, with a large increase in traffic tickets and several reported assaults of young women along the streets of the city. In Canton, a 13-year-old youth was to accidentally die by hanging, and in Plymouth, a fire left a family of nine homeless.

There were also many notable deaths of prominent Plymouth-Canton residents in 1941, including Katherine Allen, Clayton Rohde, Fred Reiman, William J. Smith, Almedia Loreta Lyndon, and Marcellus Kenyon.

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Public notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Michigan Water Resources Commission proposes to issue a new discharge permit to: Dow Corning Corporation, Automotive Development Center, for a facility located at 47799 Halyard Drive, Suite 77, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. The applicant is engaged in the development of engine gasketing materials for the automotive industry. The applicant proposes to discharge noncontact cooling water to an unnamed tributary of Tonquish Creek via storm sewers, in Section 20, T1S, R8E, Wayne County.

Comments or objections to the draft permit received by August 5, 1991, will be considered in the final decision to issue the permit. Persons desiring information regarding the draft permit, procedures for commenting, or requesting a hearing, should contact: Alvin Lam, Permits Section, Surface Water Quality Division, Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30028, Lansing, Michigan 48909, telephone: 517-335-4132.

Copies of the public notice and draft permit may be obtained at the Surface Water Quality Division District Office located at the Detroit District Office, 38980 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan 48152, telephone: 313-953-0241.
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CITY OF PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE

CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Please note that Monday, July 8, 1991, is the last day of registration for the Special Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 6, 1991. Registration for City Electors will be taken at the Office of the City Clerk, 201 South Main Street; Registration for Township Electors at the office of the Township Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, or for either at a Secretary of State office. The phone number of the City Clerk is 453-1234 - Ext. 234; that of the Township Clerk is 453-3840 - Ext. 224-8. The offices are open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. If a resident is unable to register during the time the Clerk's Offices are open, a call to his/her respective Clerk's office can set up a convenient time for the resident.

Linda Langmasser, Clerk
City of Plymouth
Eather Hulsing, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth
Publish: The Community Crier, June 26, 1991
July 3, 1991

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES -- REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 1991

Supervisor Law called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Mrs. Hulsing moved to approve the June 11, 1991 minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees as submitted. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mrs. Hulsing asked that Item J.3 be added under New Business (the request of the J.C.'s for Township monetary support of the Fourth of July Fireworks Display at Massey Field) and then moved to approve the agenda as amended. Supported by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all.

Supervisor Law presented Barbara Pray with her 25 years of service plaque and spoke to her loyal service in various departments during that time.

Supervisor Law asked for comments from the public as to any item that was not on the adopted agenda at 7:43 p.m. Mr. Marvin Tople addressed the Board with his concerns of the severe traffic problem at Tavistock Street. It was recommended by Supervisor Law to reexamine the situation. Mr. Anulewicz, Chief Berry, Mr. Law and a representative from the County are to meet with Mr. Tople and others in that area in an effort to resolve the dangerous situation. Mr. Robert Zaetta, resident and spokesman for the Plymouth Township Concerned Citizens, addressed the Board mentioning his continued concerns regarding the Mettetal Airport purchase. Other residents also addressed the Board with Mettetal Airport concerns. Supervisor Law closed the public comment at 8:45 p.m.

Mrs. Harvey addressed the Board reviewing her investigation and report on the Township Telephone system using an operator.

Mr. Munfakh moved to continue the present system as developed by the administration using a temporary agency at an annual cost of \$17,218.50 to be included in the August budget. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Mr. Munfakh and supported by Mr. Horton that the request from Fruziński, Inc., 39403 Plymouth Road, Plymouth Township for a new dance permit to be held in conjunction with the 1990, Class "C" License be considered for disapproval.

Disapproval:
Ayes: Hulsing, Horton, Brooks, Stewart, Griffith, Munfakh, Law
Nays: None
Absent: None

It is the consensus of this legislative body that the application not be recommended for issuance.

Mrs. Hulsing moved to table the request of approve a utility easement for Johnson Controls Automotive Systems group until all required forms have been signed. Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mr. Stewart moved to approve the Supervisor's recommendation to reappoint Donald Skinner, Gregory Williams and Smith Horton to the Township Planning Commission with new terms expiring on June 30, 1994. Supported by Mrs. Hulsing. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mrs. Brooks moved to adopt Resolution No. 91-06-25-22 approving the building of a Children's Fire Safety House to be used for educational purposes. Supported by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

The entire resolution is incorporated into the official minutes on file in the Clerk's Office. It was further moved by Mr. Horton and supported by Mrs. Brooks that the Township donate \$500 for the construction of the Children's Fire Safety House. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

on a roll call vote.

Mr. Griffith moved to approve the recommendation as submitted by the Human Resource Analyst regarding the limited period, early retirement program for full-time, non-represented employees. Supported by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mr. Stewart moved to approve a \$1,000 donation to the Jaycees for the Fourth of July Fireworks Display to be held at the Massey Field, subject to the Township Attorney's approval in writing and the Township Attorney having received a copy of the policy. Supported by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Supervisor Law reminded the Board members that on Tuesday, February 27, 1990 the Board authorized the Supervisor to select a committee to initiate the steps needed for the cable Television Renewal Proceedings. The committee will consist of Mr. Gerald Law, Mrs. Mary Brooks, Mr. Abe Munfakh and Ms. Christine Morrison.

Supervisor Law reviewed the replay from the Wayne County Election Commission denying the request to have an advisory election on the purchase and operation of Mettetal Airport. Mr. Zaetta was also given a copy of the decision made by the Court of Appeals in the case of the Southeastern Michigan Fair Budget Coalition vs. James R. Killen and Wayne County Election Commission.

Mr. Griffith moved to accept and file the Communications, Resolutions and Reports as listed. Supported by Mr. Stewart. Ayes all.

CLOSED SESSION

Niels Hansen, Township Attorney
RE: To discuss consideration of the ratification of contract between the Charter Township of Plymouth and the Communication Workers.

It was moved Mr. Stewart and supported by Mr. Munfakh at 9:55 p.m. that a closed session be called. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

This is a permissible purpose under Michigan's Open Meeting Act No. 267 of 1976, as amended by Act 256 of 1978, Article 15.268, Section 8, Paragraph c.

The Board of Trustees reassembled in the Meeting Room at 10:17 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Horton and supported by Mrs. Brooks to call the meeting of June 25, 1991 back into Open Session. Ayes all.

It was moved by Mr. Stewart and supported by Mr. Horton to accept the recommendation of the Township Attorney regarding the ratification of the contract between the Charter Township of Plymouth and the Communication Workers and authorize the Clerk and the Supervisor to execute all necessary documents.

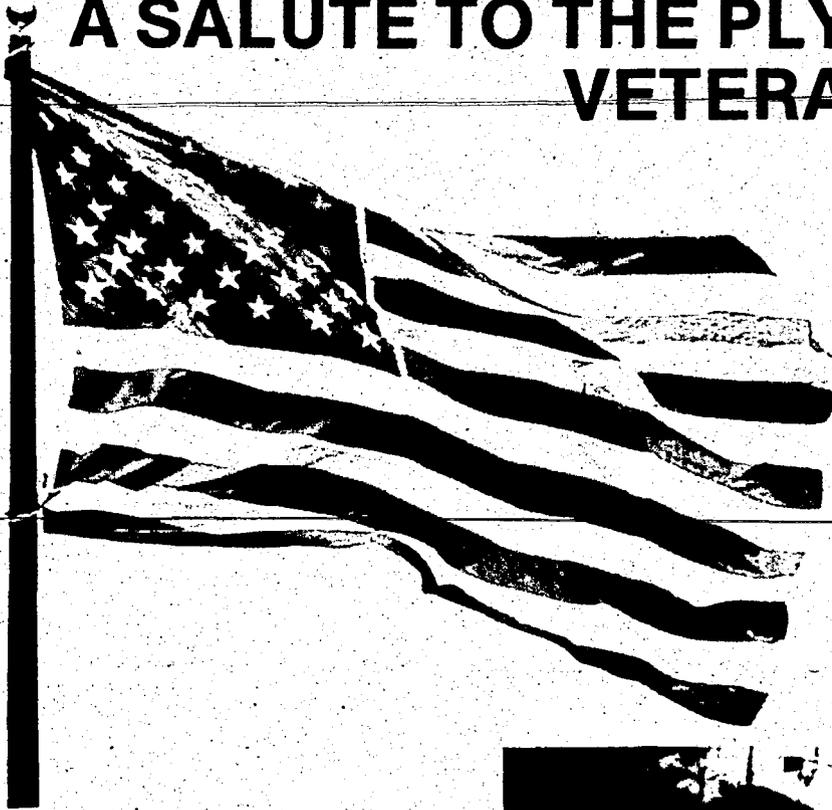
Roll call:
Ayes: Brooks, Griffith, Horton, Hulsing, Law, Munfakh, Stewart
Nays: None

It was moved by Mrs. Brooks and supported by Mr. Stewart that the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m. Ayes all.

Eather Hulsing, Township Clerk
Susan Koch, Recording Secretary
Plymouth Charter Township

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on June 25, 1991. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for board approval at the next regular meeting on July 16, 1991.
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Members of the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps practice drill recently at Salem High School. (Crier photo by Jay Keenan)

Corps provides discipline

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which draws members from all over southeast Michigan. Members are charged yearly dues of \$50 for the first family member, \$25 for the second member, and additional family members are free.

The Williams' family, who originally come from Lancaster, England, became involved in the corps three years ago when one son, Paul, wanted to join. Originally Williams thought that the corps was set up along the lines of the Boy Scouts, but he found that it taught good music and discipline.

"The corps is one of those things that gets in the blood and my son

surprised me," said Williams. "It is almost an extended family."

Now Williams' seven-year-old daughter Victoria wants to become a fifer so he might be looking at another 11 years with the corps.

Laurie Dyer, of Garden City, is the mother of two of the corps members and an engineering student at Henry Ford Community College.

One day her husband, Edd Dyer, went to see their daughter perform in the corps. "Edd went to a parade and saw them for the first time. Now he thinks it's the greatest thing," said Laurie Dyer. Edd Dyer is now the corps' Sergeant-at-Arms and the membership director.

The Fife and Drum Corps consists of the color guard, which leads during parades, and the drummers and fifers. The fifers and drummers are led by the drum major who carries a mace and wears a bear-fur cap. The color guard carries the flags, the muskets, the halberd, and the color guard commander carries the spoonoon.

"When you're the color guard commander," said Derrick Faunce, a City of Plymouth resident, "everyone's on you about every little thing. Every little detail that you do wrong, they will get on you for that."

As the color guard commander, the 14-year-old Faunce not only leads during parades, but also helps drill color guard on Monday night practice. Faunce started as a banner carrier in 1988, following his sister into the corps, and has since moved up.

"One of the main goals for us to achieve is discipline," said Faunce. "That's one of the reasons I joined was for the discipline."

Meredith Conte, 15, of Plymouth Township, has been a corps member for the past six years. She moved up in the corps to being a fifer after being a banner carrier when she was 10.

"The discipline made me a better performer," said Conte. "But I'm still working on the homework part."

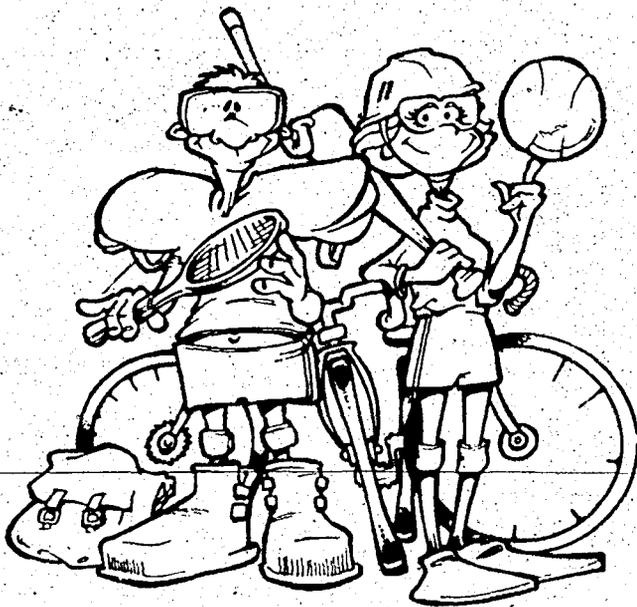
"I like sticking with the music," she added. The most exciting time for her is when the corps tours "out east and we spend nights on gym floors and in motel rooms."

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps was created in 1971 through the efforts of Mike Petty, a former drum line coach at Plymouth High School. Petty is long gone from Michigan but the corps lives on. Originally the corps was created to keep drummers in practice during the summer but now its goals are the preservation of fife and drum music and teaching the members about early American history.

Fife and drum corps were used by European and early American armies to send commands to soldiers by the tunes they played. The sounds of their instruments could be heard over the sounds of battle.

Only a handful of American fife and drum corps exist outside of New England. The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps is the first such corps created in Michigan but since then, four other corps have arisen.

The corps has 40 members this year. Membership has ranged from as few as 18 active members to as high as 56



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A Resolution in Support of Zero-Tolerance of Substance Abuse for Juveniles

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Whereas, the effects of substance abuse such as theft, accidents and other law violations are detrimental to both individuals and our community; and

Whereas, we, The Plymouth-Canton Substance Abuse Task Force, recognize the need to take positive actions to create continuing awareness about this problem in our community; and,

Whereas, we support parental, community and law enforcement efforts which are designed to eliminate this problem; and,

Whereas, early identification provides opportunity for appropriate enforcement or counseling; now,

Therefore, we, The Plymouth-Canton Substance Abuse Task Force and the organizations listed below, do hereby support full enforcement of the law and the zero-tolerance approach for the possession or use of alcohol or other controlled substances by juveniles.

Supporters of the resolution are:

American Association of University Women
- Plymouth Branch

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Canton Ministerial Association
Canton Rotary
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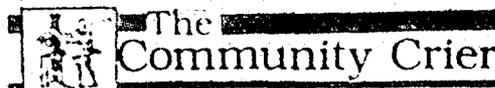
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Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce
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Plymouth Salvation Army Advisory Board
Session of Geneva Presbyterian Church
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To benefit our young people, we urge you to join with us in this zero-tolerance approach to substance abuse.

The Plymouth-Canton Substance Abuse Task Force

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Corps membership can be a family affair

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New corps members are recruited in October from schools in Plymouth, Northville and Garden City.

Some members, like young Melissa Dyer, try to recruit their friends to join the corps. Melissa is trying to recruit a classmate to join the color guard.

In many cases, when one member of a family belongs to the corps, they recruit their siblings. For example, ex-corps historian Shirley Conners, of Plymouth Township, has two daughters who are now ex-corps members. "It was a family thing," she said. "Once one kid joined then the other did."

Connor's oldest daughter, Janice, 21, was a fifer for two years. Sandy joined soon after her sister did and stayed for four years as part of the color guard and a brass drum player until she turned 19.

Membership in the corps is limited to those between the ages of 12-18. "Even after the age of 17 it's tough for kids to make the commitment," said Williams. "Many 17 and 18-year-olds are going to college and they just don't have the time."

Children younger than 12 might have a hard time keeping up with the schedule. However, there is a sibling program which allows 10 and 11-year-olds to be banner carriers. "They are not corps members but they can feel associated with the organization," said Williams.

The new recruits have to practice most Monday evenings after 6:30 p.m.

at Salem High School. "The kids that don't have the diligence to stay with the practice will probably lose interest," said Jeff Jones, of Plymouth Township, director of transportation. "By January we're down to a corps of kids who understand what they're getting into."

The corps' current backup drum major almost quit soon after she joined; however, Kelly Goodfellow, also of Plymouth, learned that she had been accepted even after she missed three practices. Now Goodfellow is happy that she did join.

"My dad married someone whose daughter was in the corps last year," said Goodfellow. "So it all proved to be successful. My dad got married. I got a boyfriend. I got a sister. I got a lot of things."

Plymouth's Fife and Drum Corps tours around Michigan and normally has a weeklong tour out east in July. Many parents travel with their kids during the tour.

The corps also has a 16 member board of directors that the parents serve on. These parents keep the corps' support services running -- sometimes by organizing the fundraisers, plan the group's schedule, recruit new members, and keep track of the corps' history.

"It's hard work, as is the discipline," said Jones. "The standards are high but we want to have fun and enjoy it."

The summer schedule is full of performances that they will give in Michigan, from the recent Memorial

Day march in Plymouth, to attending a muster at Greenfield Village -- the only muster of fife and drum corps in Michigan, and to the Hamtramck Polish Day Festival.

This year, the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps will tour the Hudson River Valley, including a stop at the Statue of Liberty and a muster of various fife and drum corps in Coventry, Connecticut.

"We're off to a little bit of a slow start this year," said Jones. "The communities are struggling with insurance as much as anything else, but the schedule is rapidly filling up." The corps have played in Plymouth for Memorial Day and the Elks Club. Other appearances of the corps in Plymouth include the July 4th Parade and Fall Festival.

The corps was recently invited to a muster in England. If the group attends, it will be their first international muster in Europe.

At the beginning of the season, the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps plays four musical pieces and their performances last 25-30 minutes.

A mini-corps has played at events like a campaign speech made by George Bush during his 1988 election campaign to the opening of a new store.

One of the more fascinating aspects of any fife and drum corps is their uniforms and instruments which are modeled after what fife and drum corps used during the American Revolution era. The uniform used by the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps is

modeled after George Washington's Life Guard.

To be authentic as possible, the corps uniform is made out of wool, not polyester like an earlier version. The uniform has a black hat and shoes, a blue continental coat with pewter buttons, a red waist coat, buff knee britches, and white socks.

The internal organization of the corps has changed over time -- and the change in their uniforms seem to parallel the internal changes:

When the corps was first created, it was for drummers than fifers were added. The uniform they adopted was 1812 sailors uniforms which included a sailor hat, neckerchief, a striped shirt which was either red and white or blue and white, and white britches.

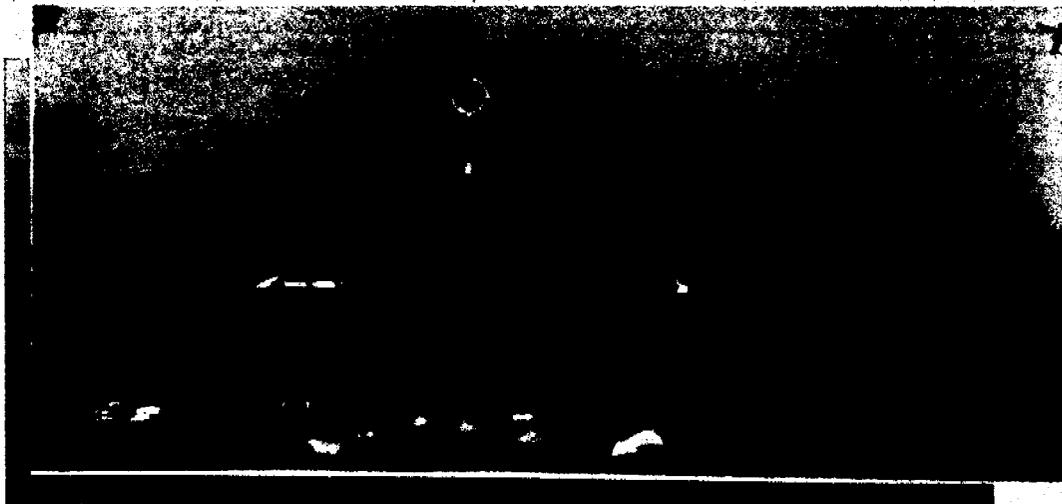
By 1976, as the corps grew, members were divided into a senior and junior corps. The Patriots were the sailor corps members and they wore polyester replicas of Life Guard uniforms, while the Colonials, the junior corps, had woody uniforms -- modeled after colonial clothing. But in 1980, members were combined into one group with the standard Life Guard uniform.

There is a staff of six instructors that teach corps members on the art of marching, performing, and music. Some instructors are former corps members, like music director and Plymouth Township resident Jim Predhomme, who pass on their knowledge to a younger generation.

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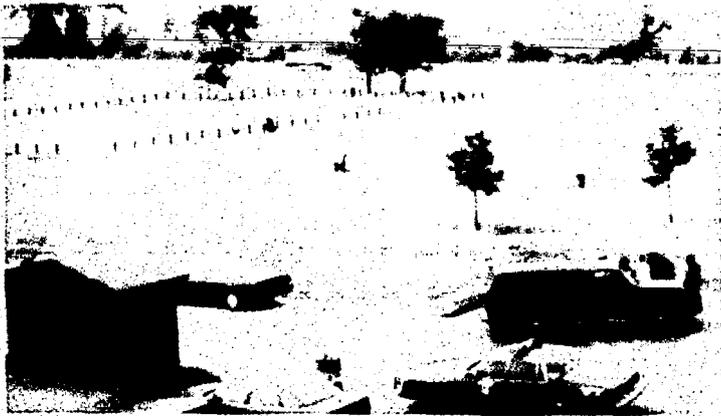
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Bomb fails to explode Car saved in Canton

A Canton resident's car was apparently the intended target of a bomb last week.

According to Canton Police reports, Salemae Burkholder, 46, saw someone running away from her car at about 3 a.m. last Wednesday. The person drove up and down in front of her house several times in a two-tone blue pickup truck and then drove away, said police.

At about 6:30 a.m., according to reports, Burkholder's husband inspected the car for damage and found a

cylindrical tube made of silver cardboard underneath the car. The tube was sealed at both ends and a burned fuse stuck out of one end.

Burkholder brought the device to the police station Wednesday afternoon.

Police determined that the device was explosive and placed it in the middle of the soccer field behind the administration building. The bomb was disposed of by Michigan State Police.

Canton Police said they have no suspects in the incident.

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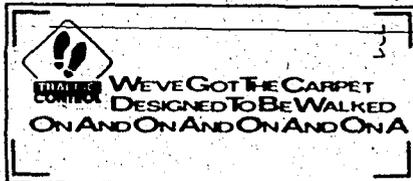
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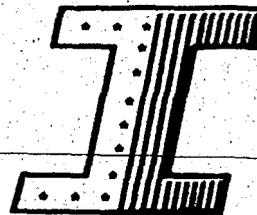
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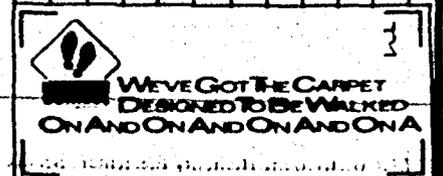
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Community Deaths

Westover, Plymouth doctor

Dr. Charles J. Westover, 86, of Plymouth Township, died June 26. Memorial services were held June 30 at the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Philip Rodgers Magee officiating. Local arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home.

Dr. Westover was a medical doctor in general practice in Plymouth from 1940-1969. He was a member of the Washtenaw County Medical Society, Michigan state Medical Society, American Medical Association, Academy of General Practice, Plymouth Rotary Club and University of Michigan Alumni Association.

Survivors include: sons Robert, of Cheboygan and David, of Livonia; sister Edith B. Willer, of Cleveland; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arbor Hospice-Personalized Nursing Service, or the American Cancer Society.

Austin, Burroughs employe

Charles W. Austin, 85, of Plymouth, died June 25 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. Funeral services were held June 27 at Casterline Funeral Home in Northville with Pastor J. Mark Barnes officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

Mr. Austin, who moved to Plymouth in 1946, retired from Burroughs. Survivors include: wife Helen; son Charles, of Northville; daughters Carol Honsinger, of Plymouth and Mary Lou Downing, of Northville; sisters Grace Sherman, of Farwell, MI and Alice Austin, of Milford; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Bray, nurse's aide

Barbara J. Bray, 55, of Canton, died June 19 in Ann Arbor. Funeral services were held June 22 at St. Thomas A' Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. Ernest M. Porcari officiating. Burial was in Cherry Hill Cemetery, Canton.

Mrs. Bray was a nurse's aide at Annapolis Hospital for 21 years. She moved to Canton nine months ago and was a member of St. Thomas A' Becket Catholic Church.

Survivors include: husband Leonard, of Canton; daughter Lorraine Coptand, of Canton; son Douglas, of Wayne; sisters Joan Jaros, of Inkster, Jackie Becosky, of Redford and Mary Braem, of Wayne; brother Jerome Jaros, of Dearborn; and two grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Bulson, county employe

Ethel E. Bulson, 92, of Plymouth, died June 17 in Chelsea. Funeral services were held June 21 at the Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Kenneth F. gruebel officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

Mrs. Bulson did laundry work at the Wayne County Training School for 26 years. She came to Plymouth in 1920 from Farmington. She was a member of the Daughters of America, Rebekah's Lodge and V.F.W. Auxiliary.

Survivors include: son Charles, of Chelsea; daughters Marion Westfall, of Gladwin and Clara Everson, of Plymouth; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren.

Memorials may be given to Rebekah's Lodge.

Candela, PTO president

Patricia Ann Candela, 40, of Whitmore Lake, died June 10 in Ann Arbor. Funeral services were held June 13 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with Mgr. Edward J. Baldwin officiating. Burial was in Hamburg cemetery.

Mrs. Candela moved to Hamburg in 1987 from Canton Township. She was a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church, in Hamburg, and was president of the Hamburg Elementary PTO. She graduated from Rosary High School, Detroit, in 1969, and attended Mercy College of Detroit from 1969 to 1973.

Survivors include: husband Larry, of Whitmore Lake; son Timothy L.; sisters Joan Kiljek, of Canton, and Christine Baunoch, of Dearborn Heights; brother Lawrence Ronewicz, of Detroit; brother in law Samuel Candela, of Brandon Township, MI; and sisters in law Karen Golden, of Sterling Heights, and Marianne Melone, of Independence Township.

Memorials to the Hamburg Elementary School PTO.

Funeral services were held by the Schrader Funeral Home.

Kogut, physician

Constantine S. Kogut, MD, 74, of Canton, died June 15 at home. Funeral services were held June 18 at St. Thomas A' Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. Ernest M. Porcari officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, Southfield.

Mr. Kogut was a physician and surgeon at a private practice from 1944-1991. He attended University of Michigan (pre-med) in 1939 and received a masters degree in public health from University of South Dakota in 1941. During his career he delivered more than 2,000 babies.

Survivors include: wife Helen J.; sons Michael, of Mount Clemens, and Paul, of Canton; daughter Mary Kogut-Equels, of Florida; sisters Helen Goranowski, of Farmington, and Wanda Grimm, of Anchor Bay.

Arrangements were made by the Lambert-Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Memorials may be given to St. Thomas A' Becket's St. Vincent De. Paul Society.

Driscoll, 23 months

Amanda Gaitley Driscoll, 23 months, of Columbia, SC, died June 16 in South Carolina. Funeral services were held June 19 at the Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Tucker J. Gunneman officiating. Burial was in Michigan Memorial Park Cemetery, Flat Rock.

Miss Driscoll was loved by all and was dedicated at the First Baptist Church. Survivors include: parents Kevin and Lori Driscoll, of Columbia, SC; grandparents Carol and Don Strand, and Terrence and Dorothy Driscoll, of Plymouth.

Memorials may be given to the American Diabetes Association or the Gideon Bible Association.

Horton, a homemaker

Hester Horton, 76, formerly of Northville, died June 7 in Florida. Funeral services were held June 12 at the Casterline Funeral Home, Northville, with the Rev. Eric S. Hammar officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

Mrs. Horton was a homemaker. She is survived by her husband Ronald Horton, sons Mike and Hank, daughters Marjorie, Gloria, Debbie and Rhonda; sisters and brothers Arlene, Petrel, Gene and Royal.



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John Engler, right, works Duane Bordine for the farm vote during last year's Plymouth Fourth of July parade. Engler will return as this year's parade grand marshal.

Plymouth set for 4th

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Chuck Guideau, 80, will be leading the Boy Scouts in his 47th and final 4th of July parade appearance. Guideau has been with the Scouts for almost 60 years. And the familiar Dennis Campbell will be the MC for the parade.

The Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans will be the color guards for the parade and will carry the flags for the event.

The nationally renown Brian Elliott Quartet will be playing the national anthem for the musical side of the parade. The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corp, the Scottish Pipes and Drums and the East Middle School Band will also be adding a little music for the event.

A self-propelled float created by AAA will roll through the streets along with a float from the Plymouth Concerned Citizens group and one from the Plymouth Elks. The Wayne County Sheriff's Mounted Patrol will also be trotting through the parade.

Bicycle groups, including old-fashioned and antique bikes, and a mini-bike group will be rolling through the streets. Also, the Canton Police Motorcycle Unit will be appearing.

A large number of local politicians and candidates including Township Supervisor Gerald Law, State Senator Robert Geake, 35th District Court Judge John MacDonald and others will be joining in the parade.

A 1962 Corvette and an antique car will be featured by Cameo Wedding Chapel and the Plymouth Historical Society, respectively. The Plymouth YMCA-Indian Guides, the Salem Rockettes and the Canton Chiefettes will also be participating.

And to make it complete, a calliope (a circus organ) and clowns will add color to the parade.

"We are praying for good weather," said Kappler, who is hoping to ride in a Mustang Cobra for the parade. Kappler said the parade will last for about two hours.

Participants will line up for the parade along Theodore Street and travel south down Main Street to Hartsough Street. The parade will turn down Hartsough and end at East Middle School.

At dusk on the 4th of July, fireworks will be bursting over the Plymouth

community after a three year absence. The Don Massey Field on Plymouth Road is the site of this year's fireworks.

Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry said that Haggerty Road will be a closed roadway for the fireworks and that no parking will be allowed on it. Berry said that vehicles only be allowed to use Haggerty for entrance to the Unisys parking spots, which will be available to all.

There will also be no parking along Plymouth Road between Holbrook and Haggerty roads. Berry said that when the fireworks start, Plymouth Road will be cleared and closed off.

The fireworks will be fired by Independence Professional Fireworks, of Osseo.

Weather permitting, the parade and fireworks display will make the 4th of July celebration enjoyable for all ages.

Local group has big league goal

BY KEN VOYLES

A group of local singers, led by Brian Elliott, wants to perform the National Anthem in all 26 major league baseball stadiums this year.

The group, also including Plymouth-Canton residents Alex Cave, Norm Nettle and Dave Schmitt, has already become a recognized pre-game feature at Tiger Stadium, singing the anthem "like a barbershop quartet but more emotional."

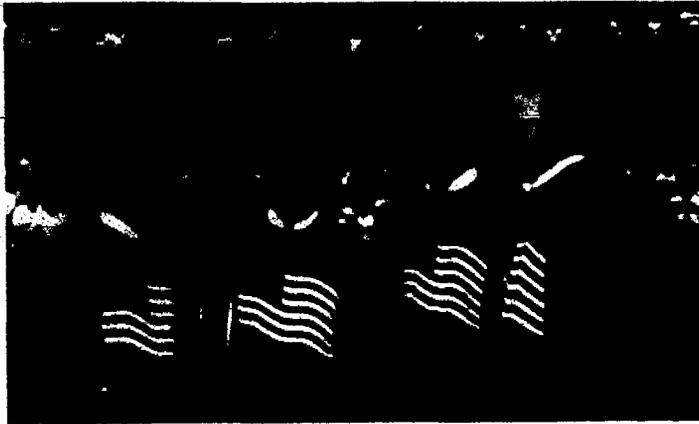
This week they are slated to perform in downtown Plymouth during Thursday's (July 4th) Fourth of July Parade.

Elliott originally formed the singing quartet after performing the anthem a couple of times at Tiger Stadium with other groups last year.

Elliott, a self-styled "frustrated musician," songwriter and local insurance agent, said that after one of the group's local performances (they have sung in Tiger Stadium six times this season) they were invited to sing in Cincinnati for the Reds organization.

Since then they have also been slated to sing in Cleveland, Chicago and Pittsburgh. You can also expect to see

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The Brian Elliott singers perform the national anthem recently in Cincinnati's Riverfront Stadium.

'Real rush' to sing anthem

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them at Tiger Stadium a few more times this year.

"Since we don't get paid people ask why we do it," said Elliott, 40. "First of all no group has ever made it to all the parks. Secondly, it is a real rush to sing in front of that many people (20,000-40,000)."

"It's also fun to be with the other guys since we all love baseball," he continued. "We have some good talent in this group and we have a variety of songs we can do."

The group usually performs on the

weekends only, working in their anthem outings around already busy career schedules.

Elliott said the group has become a hit with the Tigers organization because "we're always on time, we don't ask for a lot of favors and because we don't try to jazz up the anthems too much."

Down the road Elliott hopes to record some of his own songs. He has completed quite a few already and has had some minor radio play. He also recently completed two videos in Nashville and is rehearsing material for live performances at local clubs.

VFW to host July 4th BBQ

The smell of barbeque chicken will soon be in the air.

The Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post No. 6695 VFW, in conjunction with the Ladies Auxiliary, are sponsoring their annual Fourth of July Barbeque on that Thursday.

The annual barbeque, which runs from 12:30-4:30 p.m., includes half of a BBQ chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, roll and butter. The cost is \$4.50.

Desert Storm Returnees, both active duty and reservists and their dependents, are invited to be guests of the Post at no charge.

They should call the Post at 459-6700, Bruce Patterson at 455-6811, or Joseph Bida at 397-3173 prior to Friday, June 28.

The VFW Hall is located on S. Mill Street just north of Ann Arbor Road.

Chamber honors Gulf vets

Men and women from Plymouth (city and township) returning from service in the Persian Gulf will be honored during this year's Fourth of July celebration by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

Each of the soldiers will be honored at the start of the Jaycees parade when their names are read off from a proclamation.

All of the local soldiers will also receive a certificate of appreciation from the chamber, which can be picked up at the chamber office on Main Street.

According to Fran Toney, executive director of the chamber, honoring the soldiers will be a way to express gratitude on behalf of the entire Plymouth community.

"We are proud of these men and women and want them to know it," said Gerald Triplett, president of the chamber.

Among the soldiers to be honored include: Sammut Dax, Jeff Zebley, Robert Austin, David Durpey, Jeff Donn, Paul Faunce, Scott Hinecker, Suzanne Hojking, Edwin Kolb, John Caloia, Dancil Harkness, Nathaniel Johnson, Mark Krug, David Kracht, Mark Lukens, Scott Monteith, Paul Murphy, Greg Proctor, Martin Payotellis, Michael Smith, Jim Crews, and Shawn Faunce.

For further information or to help find additional soldiers for the ceremony call the chamber office at 453-1540.



Places to be

Desert Storm Sunday

A special "Desert Storm Sunday" is planned for this holiday weekend at the Plymouth Baptist Church as a way to honor local veterans of Operation Desert Storm.

The special service will be held Sunday (July 7) and will honor local veterans and their families with a service of patriotic music, drama and recognition of veterans of all of America's past wars.

A special gift will also be presented to each Desert Storm veteran, or a member of their family if the veteran is unable to attend.

The service begins at 11 a.m. and all local residents are invited. Organizers are also requesting that any residents who know of other veterans to pass information along about the service.

The church is located at 42021 Ann Arbor Tr., Plymouth Township. For information call 453-5534.

USO show planning party

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the United States' entry into World War II following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

To celebrate that anniversary the Plymouth Historical Museum is putting together a major exhibit on the war to open later this year.

The museum is also planning a special variety show, similar to an authentic USO show, to kick off the opening of the exhibit.

A planning party for the USO show has been set for 5 p.m. Saturday, July 13 at the Hoglen home in Plymouth Township. Bring meat to grill and a dish to pass.

The museum exhibit opens the weekend of Dec. 7-8; said Stewart, and will include local World War II memorabilia and artifacts.

The party will be a chance, said Beth Stewart, museum director, to brainstorm for the special fundraising show and exhibit kickoff.

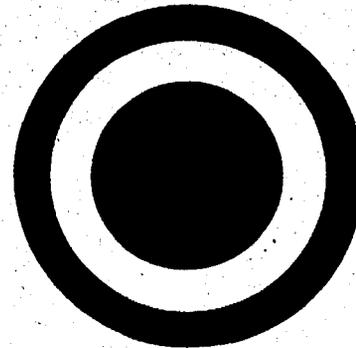
The show itself will be on Nov. 22 at the Mayflower Hotel and feature 1940s music and dance, said Stewart.

For further information on the planning party, the USO show or the exhibit, call 455-8940.

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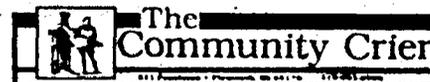
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P-C-N residents remember

1941: between Depression and war

BY JIM WHITE

Howard Ebersole, 69, remembers 1941 as the year "things were beginning to gear up.

"We had just gone from the Depression and people were going to work again," he said.

Born in 1922, Ebersole grew up on the family farm on Bradner Road between Five and Six Mile roads. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1938.

He and two buddies, Doug Eckles and Bob Gotts, were known in school as the Three Stooges and did everything together.



Howard Ebersole, center, and Doug Eckles, right, show off their new uniforms with a third unidentified man.

Ebersole and Eckles next attended a radio, electronics, and television school in Detroit. When they graduated in 1939, Ebersole still couldn't get a job so he went to work shovelling coal for Filoid Eckles, Doug's father. The senior Eckles had been gassed in the trenches in France.

"I worked for Filoid and he paid me 40 cents an hour," Ebersole said. "On my 18th birthday, (in the spring of 1940) I was old enough for a chauffeur's license. I went to Filoid and said, 'I can drive a truck now. Don't you think I'm worth 60 cents?' He just looked at me and said I was lucky to have a job.

"I quit right then and there."

Soon after, Ebersole was hired as a radio operator on Ford Motor Company boats carrying lumber and iron ore on the Great Lakes.

"It was very exciting to me," Ebersole said. "An 18-year-old right off the farm from the small town of Plymouth."

His pay also went up to \$145 a month.

"I only spent about \$3 or \$4 my first month on the boats," he said. "Of course, within two years, I had discovered beer and girls."

While plying the lakes, Ebersole got the chance to spend nights at home between runs. He remembers a somewhat different Plymouth.

"There were only about 5,000 people, I guess," he said. "There were only farms west of Sheldon, no houses. Going east, the town ended at Mill, except for a few houses along Ann



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The Road to Pearl Harbor

Arbor Trail."

In the winter, when the lakes froze, the Ford boats were converted to the ocean trade. On December 7, 1941, Ebersole was sailing on the MS Green Island from Newport News to Havannah.

"We received a message that said 'Exercise WPA 94 against Japan,'" he said. "I showed it to the captain. He looked it up in the code book and then he said, 'Sparks, we're at war!'"

The day after Christmas, Ebersole came home to be best man in Gotts' wedding. The MS Green Island was later torpedoed in the North Atlantic. "All the Ford boats were sunk during the war," he said.

Ebersole had had enough of the sea. On July 13, 1942, he and Doug Eckles went to Detroit and enlisted in the Army Signal Corps (where their pay was cut to \$21 a month). But after basic training the two split up. Eckles went on to serve in the Signal Corps and Ebersole ended up in the Air Corps.

He flew 16 missions with the Eighth Air Force, piloting the B-24 Liberators that were built at Willow Run.

Doris Brady, 72, recalls more of life on the home front. In 1941, she was 22 and married to Cecil Pinkerton. They had two young sons and lived on Northern Street in Plymouth.

"We moved from Detroit to Plymouth in about 1937," Brady said. "I finished 11th grade (in 1938) and then dropped out to get married and start working."

Brady worked at Kroger and at the D&C dime store until her first son was born in 1939. Her husband worked as a carpenter.

"When I first moved to Plymouth, there were only three policemen - Charlie Thumme, he was the chief; Lee Sackett, and Carl Greenlee," Brady said. "It was just a little town, nice and

quiet. You could go for a walk and not be scared."

Brady cannot recall where she was when she heard about the sneak attack at Pearl Harbor. But her memory is otherwise perfect.

"I'll tell you, I remember you could get three pounds of coffee at the A&P on Ann Arbor Trail for 39 cents," she said. You could get Woman's Day off the rack for two cents a copy."

Once America entered the war, rationing affected life at home.

"We had several things rationed during the war," Brady said. "There were ration books with different color stamps for different things and quantities. Sugar and meat were rationed, also gasoline. Shoes were on the list, as was liquor."

Good old American ingenuity helped women work around some shortages.

"Nylons were first made shortly before the war," Brady said. "But the nylon was soon used for parachutes and we used bottled coloring sold especially for our legs to look like hose. If you wanted a seam down the back, you made it with an eyebrow pencil."

By 1944, Cecil and Doris Pinkerton had three children. Still, two weeks before his 26th birthday, Cecil was drafted and served with the Army in Europe.

"The kids were so little," Brady said. "I took in ironing and Cecil would send home his pay. But it was difficult."

George Simons, 65, was only 15 in 1941 and remembers life being a little easier than Brady's.

The Depression did not hit the Simons family so hard. They owned a 15 acre farm near Michigan Avenue and Sheldon in Canton and the William Simons and Sons Garage on the same corner.

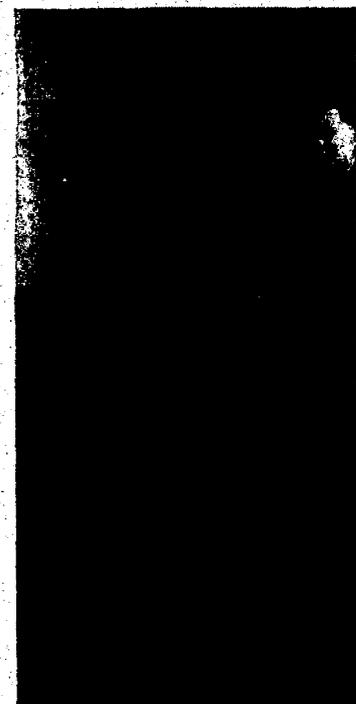
But they knew war was coming. Simons' oldest brother William had been drafted in 1940 and was stationed at Fort Custer in Battle Creek. A cousin was in the Coast Guard.

"Our whole family was gathered that Sunday (Dec. 7)," Simons said. "We decided to take a ride down to Detroit. We stopped at a gas station along the way and the man came out and said, 'We're at war!' We turned around and went right home."

Until America entered the war, though, life was not too bad.

Simons had attended the Sheldon school right next to his house - "Us boys would never put a coat on to go to school," he said.

Then, as now, south Canton had strong ties to other communities along Michigan Avenue. The Simons family had a Belleville mailing address and George



George Simons, left, and his buddy Elmer Stewart in a wartime photo.

High School on the campus of the Michigan State Normal School in Ypsilanti.

"I drove a 1929 Model A to school," he said. Simons studied industrial arts at Roosevelt and played football. He also took extra courses at the normal college.

Canton was all farmland in 1941. Simons helped plant winter wheat and alfalfa on the farm. "You could get \$300 a bushel for alfalfa seed," Simons said. "My father had a record on the bulletin board at the Ypsilanti Farm Bureau for one of our crops.

"Everybody had cows and pigs," he said. "We had chores every night. The garden was a big thing in the summer. Mother would can things and we'd share with the neighbors.

"It was the same with the hogs," Simons said. "The neighbors would help butcher them and their pay was a piece of the meat. We always raised more than we needed."

There was still plenty of time to play baseball and football, or go sledding in Sheldon Cemetery, skating along the Rouge River or on Wilcox Lake.

"We'd go rafting on the Rouge," Simons said, "and we'd have to portage for a ways. But once we got past Lilley we could take that baby down to Wayne Road."

The Ephwirth League held activities for the youngsters of Sheldon Corners at the Methodist Church. On an excursion to the Plymouth roller skating rink, Simons put his foot through a speaker.

"I remember the Ephwirth League wasn't too much welcome after that," he said.

Every Saturday night, there was a

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Doris Brady in a 1945 photo.

From Canton to Japan

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square dance in the dance hall right next to the Simons home.

But on top of everything else, the one activity that dominated the lives of the Simons brothers (of whom George was the third) was working on cars.

"My oldest brother William took a totally demolished Studebaker and restored it," Simons said. "He was at Fort Custer and we'd drive it out to pick him up when he'd get a weekend pass."

George Simons' own pride and joy was his 1929 Model A. "I completely rebuilt it," Simons said. "I had to pass an exam for everything my dad had taught me. He wouldn't let me put a license on it until he approved. He gave it the final shakedown by driving it out to Benton Harbor.

"I painted it Washington blue with a cream pin stripe," he said.

William died in a car wreck in Canada during the war. Simons' second brother Therlow joined the Seabees in 1942. The Simons garage was doing essential war work repairing equipment for small industry. Still, in 1944, the last of the Simons boys was called for duty.

"On my 18th birthday I had my diploma in one hand and my greetings in the other," he said.

Simons went to the Philippines and then Japan as part of the occupation forces. He served in the Quartermaster's Corps as a motor sergeant.



George Simons recalls his wartime adventures. (Crier photo by Jim White)

"The only action I saw was when we detonated stuff," he said. "I sat out in the Sea of Japan while the (surrender) treaty was signed."

So Simons made his own action. He outfitted his Ford jeep with a Willis engine and went cruising.

"My buddy Fred Barker, who was also from Canton, was in the 720th Military Police," Simons said. "I'd go pick him up and the other MPs would chase us, but they could never catch us."

"Fred would tell everyone that George Simons had the fastest jeep on the island."

Simons received orders to go to officer training, but the orders were rescinded as the Army pared back and he was discharged in 1946.

But though he came home, he could already see what was brewing.

"I moved a flotilla of supplies to Korea," he said. "We set the stage for that war."

News of attack brings shock, anger

BY JIM TOTTEN

Harry Krumm, 65, remembered the exact place he was on December 7, 1941.

"I was lying down in the dining room, listening to the radio," said Krumm, when he heard the news about the Japanese bombing Pearl Harbor. He lived at 1255 Penniman Avenue in the City of Plymouth. Just a couple of days before the new Penn Theater had opened.

Krumm said that reactions of Plymouth residents to the news were mostly three things — shock, disbelief and anger.

"Some got fired up — some disbelief. Some were ready to go right away," and fight, he said.

And most residents then did not expect the war to go on for very long, he said. "We'll have it over in a short time, a year at the most," he said was a common attitude.

During World War II, Krumm went to school for half a day and worked for Western Union Telegraph which was located in the Mayflower Hotel. He delivered messages by bike to various places in the town.

Messages that had two stars on them meant the person had been killed, Krumm said. The stars were also a sign for Krumm to bring neighbors or family to the home of the person who received the telegram.

"The town of Plymouth woke up — it was more of a sleepy town before, a farming town," he said.

World War II brought many changes to the Plymouth-Canton area. He said a rationing board governed the consumption of meat, sugar, tires, bicycles and gasoline.

Residents had to go before the board and prove why they needed more of certain items above the allotted amount. A scrap metal drive for the war effort was also conducted and resulted in the trolley tracks running through town being torn up for resources.

Krumm also said that large numbers of Americans from Kentucky and Tennessee migrated to Plymouth and the surrounding areas in search of employment at the factories manufacturing war products. The bomber plant in Ypsilanti and the Kelsey-Hayes machine gun factory in Plymouth attracted workers during the war.

Krumm remembered the musical send-off that departing troops received at the depot.

"The Plymouth High School Band played at the Lower Town Depot off Starkweather Street as the new troops went off to Chicago," he said.

On Oct. 30, 1943, Krumm was among the new troops on that depot and headed for the war. He was 17 years old, graduated from high school four months earlier in June and was drafted. After 15 weeks of basic training, he was sent to San Francisco and then shipped to the islands in the Pacific Ocean.

Krumm belonged to the 187th Parachute Infantry (PI) Company which made up the 11th Airborne.



Harry Krumm displays his medals earned in the Pacific theater. (Crier photo by Jim Totten)

"Our main purpose was to jump behind enemy lines and raise hell," he said. Krumm made five combat jumps all of which were into jungle areas. He fought in New Guinea, the Philippines and Japan.

When making a jump, he said that a soldier would be wearing about 80 pounds of equipment. This included an M-1 rifle, a reserve parachute, two canteens of water, a jump knife and rope, a first aid kit, food rations, two hand grenades, two bandoliers of ammunition and a helmet.

He said he helped liberate a Japanese prisoner camp on the island of Luzon in the Philippines and also helped take possession of Atsugi, Japan.

Yet his memory is also of other soldiers who never made it back home. He remembered going into one fight with 30 men during which the radio man was killed. The troops were stuck and Krumm said he managed to reach the radio and call in for more artillery, enabling the soldiers to pull back. Of the 30 that went in, he said only 12 returned.

Edwin A. Schrader, 81, was traveling to Rochester, MI, from Plymouth when he heard that the Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor.

At age 31, he volunteered for the U.S. Navy and served over 22 months overseas as a seaman second class. He married in January, 1941, and was sent

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Wiles stayed late at Kresge

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

Ruth Wiles remembers just getting off her shift at a Kresge store in Detroit when she heard the news — World War II had begun for America.

A lot of people walked into the streets, afraid and perhaps seeking comfort, Wiles, a Canton resident, recalls. The atmosphere was sort of jittery, she said, adding there was a sense of confusion.

Soon she found herself staying late at work to help hang red, white and blue streamers and banners in the store windows in support of the U.S. troops. Two years later, those banners took on a more personal message as her fiance John Wiles was drafted.

In January, 1943, John Wiles went

into the U.S. Army. That October, on a furlough he came back to Michigan to marry Ruth. From then on, she accompanied John to his assigned stations in Florida, North Carolina and Virginia. In 1945, she became pregnant and had to move home. John was soon sent over to the Philippine Islands.

In 1947, John came home from the war to find his wife and two children ready to start a family in Canton. He also brought home stories of finding his brother — whom he had not seen for three years — over in the Philippines.

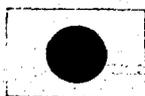
Fifty years later, Wiles, 67, is now the mother of four children and feels she is more active now than she was

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Lee McArthur, second from left, stands with her brothers and sisters from left) Bill, Frank, and Margaret Light.



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The Road to Pearl Harbor

During WWII

Uncertainty increased fears

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overseas in December of the same year. Schrader was a skipper of one of the command ships for the Landing Craft Infantry (LCI). He said his ship, the Liberty, would pick up troops, help land them and was also responsible for carrying supplies to the soldiers.

While Schrader was fighting overseas, his son was born back in the U.S.

Myrilla Schrader, his wife, said that not knowing what was happening overseas was the most difficult part about being home.

"The uncertainty of not knowing whether he was alive or not," and not getting any news from him just

McArthur joins Navy as WAVE

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during the war era. Looking back at her time at Kresge, she feels helping out after hours was almost a patriotic duty.

"I've always felt I would do what I could. I enjoyed putting my shoulder to the wheel to help out," she said.

Lee McArthur, of Northville, was in high school when she heard about the attack on Pearl Harbor. For the next two years, she anxiously awaited graduation ceremonies so she could join the U.S. Navy as a WAVE (Womens Auxiliary Voluntary Enlistment.)

Her older brother Frank Light was already in the U.S. Army stationed in France, and her older half-sister Margaret Light was in the Marine Corps, stationed in South Carolina.

In 1943, Lee enlisted, immediately and was assigned to Cleveland as a key punch operator. Many women worked in the office, said her husband Mac, who added it was common for women to join the service during World War II.

She was not scared, but proud to serve the country, she said. At a time some people may have felt was reserved for men, many women were eager to join the armed services; to fulfill what they saw as their patriotic duty.

For the next year and a half, she was stationed in Cleveland, except for the three months she spent at the Great Lakes Hospital when she contracted yellow jaundice.

From the time McArthur spent in Cleveland during the war, she earned a campaign ribbon, for participating in the war, and a victory medal.

Today the McArthurs spend most of their time at home since Lee, 66, became ill with cancer a few years ago.

compounded her worries, she said. Fear of what could possibly happen was a very common feeling during war years she said.

Support for the war effort was strong, she said.

"We just knew it was something that had to be taken care of," she said about the war.

Yet she said the support was different from that of Operation Desert Storm. She said there were not many big parades for homecoming troops and that the homefront was generally more quiet.

Ralph D. Lorenz, now 80, was manager of the Mayflower Hotel and celebrating his son's first birthday on December 7, 1941. He later volunteered for the navy and served several years overseas.

"Pearl Harbor made everyone aware that your country needed help," he said, adding that Americans felt strongly about supporting the war.

"You have to have cause -- if there is cause, the average American boy can be counted on to volunteer," he said.

Rationing during the war years made it very difficult to operate the hotel business he said.

"I had to close the hotel at dinner time because I did not have enough points," he said. Points on a purchasing card determined how much food could be bought.

One of Lorenz's first duties in the military was making sanitary conditions for Japanese-Americans held as prisoners of war in California. He said the prisoner camp was at the Tanforan Race Track in San Diego.

Lorenz then served as a supply officer for troops in the Pacific. His job was to make sure they had enough food and equipment to continue on with their war efforts.

"I was responsible for getting supplies when needed, at the right time and the right place," he said.

Lorenz said he prepared the logistics for the invasion of the Phillipines and also helped secure the Solomon Islands.

As a supply officer, he would follow with the Marines when they were taking possession of an island and then set up supply lines. He said that the army would then come in and hold the position.

Admiral T.C. Kinkaid, commander of the 7th Fleet, commended Lieutenant Lorenz for his excellent service and careful coordination of shipments as a supply officer in 1945.

After the war, Lorenz worked for the Navy and helped settle war contracts in Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois. He later returned to Plymouth in 1946 to manage the Mayflower Hotel.



Helen Gilbert remembers working at Argus Camera in Ann Arbor, helping to manufacture special gun sight lenses. (Crier photo by Jillian Bogater)

Producing gun lenses

Gilbert worked night, day

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

Helen Gilbert has a secret, one she has held for 50 years.

Some may think it is no great feat, but Gilbert says she did it for her country.

Gilbert, 80, is the author of *Tonquish Tales* and lives in Plymouth.

In 1942, Gilbert was drafted by Argus Camera, to work as assistant to the vice president in public relations. It was war time and she remembers morale was low.



Gilbert as a young woman during WWII.

To inspire the morale to improve, the camera factory decided to focus all their energies toward winning an "Army E" -- a military award for excellence.

Gilbert recalls the flight Rudolf Hess made to the Duke of Hamilton's Estate May 10, 1941. He brought with him as bartering tools, for both his safety and freedom, several secret German patents, she said.

Hess had to prove he was honorable to the British by leaving the secret patents obtained from I.G. Farben at the Duke of Hamilton's Estate, she said.

Among these patents was one which explained how to manufacture a coated lens to improve gun sights. These lenses gave the allies for the first time

in the war, 97 per cent accurate gun sights, she said.

Because of a German-American living in Ann Arbor who was "anxious to express his loyalty to America," the coated lenses were made by Argus Camera.

"Those lenses were made due to the loyal German in Ann Arbor who insisted that their inventor should fight on the side of the British," she said.

Along with the workers in the factory, Gilbert worked night and day to manufacture the lenses, trying to ship them to the British under Field Marshall Bernard Montgomery in time for the campaign in Africa.

"The most crucial battle of the African wars was El Alamein," she said. "That's where Germany lost the war and Argus gun sights were part of Montgomery's winning power. We owe a lot to that old German in Ann Arbor and to the Argus Camera.

"Without them, we could have easily lost Africa and ultimately the whole war."

Gilbert also remembers this as a time in her life when she started to "become somewhat of a feminist.

"When the boys came back, no matter how many 14 hour days we worked, our chances for future advancement were limited. I realized I had given five years of my life to this cause, and that I was a good soldier. But in the end, it didn't necessarily matter."

But she still has her memories, and has at last divulged a secret that has eaten at her for half a century.

In her possession is a small black and white photo of herself holding the "Army E" award that she and her co-workers earned "for contributing to the troops before El Alamein."

It is a memento she no longer hides.

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Getting down to business

Lilac Tree features unique designs N'ville firm puts stamp on island

BY KEN VOYLES

A design consultant for the City of Northville firm La Belle Provence has made her mark on Mackinac Island, designing the look of the only hotel to be built on the island in the past 75 years.

Virginia Valliere, 26, has been doing interior design work for six years, but the Lilac Tree Hotel project (just completed and open last week) was by far her biggest challenge to date.

"I tried to do a whole concept in terms of styles," she said recently, while work continued to get the hotel ready for its grand opening. "It's a nice blend of old and new. This is the biggest project I've done completely by myself.

"I've had a free reign in terms of design," she continued. "That's the way I like it. It makes for a cohesive design. In that respect I've loved this job.

"It has been just a lot of fun."

The Lilac Tree, located in the heart of the island's busy Main Street, is an all-suite hotel featuring an eclectic mix of design styles reflecting the island's French, American and English heritages.

There are 39 suites, most of which face out on Main Street, but no two rooms are the same, said Valliere. The hotel also features street-level shops and an underground restaurant and bar.

Owned by the Benser family, including Bob Benser senior and junior,



Virginia Valliere takes in the view from the Lilac Tree, a new Mackinac Island hotel whose interior she designed. (Crier photo by Ken Voyles)

along with their partner Frank Nephew, the hotel literally had to be built by hand because of the many restrictions on an island where no motorized vehicles are permitted.

"Each room is different," said Bob Benser Jr. while showing off the hotel during recent construction. "And the views are tremendous. It's a very visual place.

"We wanted to carry over the lilac theme since the island is loaded with them," said the younger Benser.

Benser, director of Market Street Investment Co., said that to develop

and build on the island successfully open communication was essential.

"It really means a lot more planning," he said. "We're excited right now -- there's light at the end of the tunnel."

Building on the island meant shipping everything over by boat, using a hand-crane to put up the steel frame, hand digging the basement and foundation, and hauling off the dirt by horse-drawn wagon.

"The challenges were incredible," Benser said.

The challenge for Valliere -- she

specializes in country and traditional French designs -- was to use a wide mix of materials, colors and furniture without clashing and turning the effort into a gaudy mess.

But the designer, who has her degree from U-M and who has worked all over Michigan and the metro area designing private homes, offices and other business, said she liked doing a "whole concept."

Valliere began by choosing a way array of colors, patterns and furniture, including antiques and antique reproductions, with much of it imported from around the world.

"It's reflective of the resort towns in France and the island itself," said Valliere, who added that choosing the designs took nearly three months. "It's something that people are going to remember."

Valliere also helped design the hotel's lilac logo.

Since no two rooms are alike, Valliere was able to put her heart into each suite using a mix of vibrant colors, bold floral patterns and furnishings from wood to wicker to iron. Each room also features an array of amenities -- air conditioning, television, telephone, wet bar, refrigerator, and microwave. Some even include large whirlpool baths.

"Since this is the first hotel I've done I had a real open view about it," she said. "I tried to take a residential approach and furnish as people would furnish their own homes."

Unisys praises Plymouth for new system

BY KEN VOYLES

A new product developed by the Unisys Corporation, and the company's chief executive officer, took centerstage together Thursday during a celebration at the Plymouth manufacturing landmark.

Unisys CEO Jim Unruh highlighted the day when he addressed the 1,000-member Plymouth workforce, congratulating employees on the development of Infomage, a new image processing system that is the first of its kind in the country.

Unruh, who came to Plymouth from his office in Blue Bell, PA, told the employees that "Plymouth is a key development center and has had a long history of quality products that are results of your pride of ownership, teamwork, innovation and involvement."

The visit was the first time a company CEO had addressed the entire Plymouth plant.

Unruh added, "I'm here to congratulate you and your customers who together have made the imaging system the talk of the industry.

"You have put words into action and action into great products. You are part of what will earn new global recognition," he said, for the imaging product.

According to Joan Morrison, human resources specialist for Unisys, the new product is the first of its kind to make it into the market place. The "live" imaging system is used with bank sorters, a mainstay product at Unisys for years.

"It's an entire plant effort," she said.

The product was developed in Plymouth over the past three years, she said, and will be used by financial institutions to reduce the need for check handling by capturing check images electronically.

Five of the company's major customers from across the country also spent Thursday touring the plant, Morrison said, including the local bank firm, Comerica.

"It's a unique system," she said. "It was developed in Plymouth in our engineering lab and now we can add it to the bank sorters, assembling them all here.

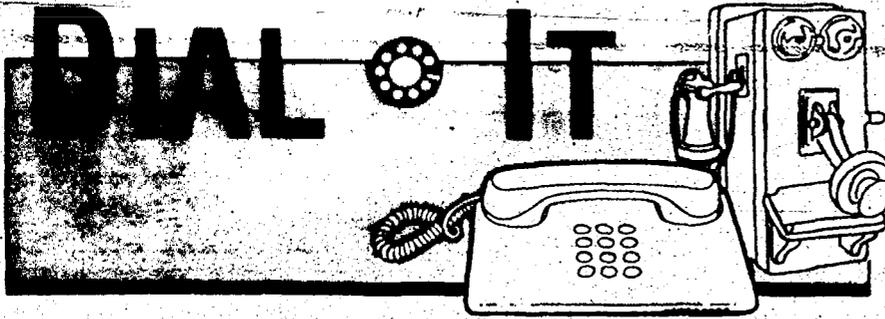
"We're very excited," she added. "It's a wonderful day for Plymouth."

The system, also known as IIPS (InfoImage Processing System),

captures check images at a high-rate of speed, Morrison said, and will eventually be available for other applications as well.



Unisys CEO Jim Unruh addresses the company's Plymouth workforce Thursday. (Crier photo by Jim Totten)



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Sports

With AAU hoops team

City girl heads to Junior Olympic games

BY RITA DERBIN

Busy, busy, busy.

Fourteen-year-old Julie Angell is a busy teenager. She is not only a star basketball player but also excels in the classroom, at piano and dance.

The City of Plymouth resident is a center/forward on the West Oakland Chargers, a 13-year-old and under Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) girls basketball team that will be playing in the AAU/USA Junior Olympic National Championship games next week in Cincinnati.

The team, coached by Larry Cupp, won the Michigan 13-and-under title at the state tournament held at Salem in April.

"My players are hand-picked," said Cupp, who has coached Angell for two years. "I have all-stars at every position. Many times this will mean they play as individuals but not this team, they play together — as a team."

Angell, who is just under six feet tall, credits Cupp for teaching her how to play basketball and making her the player she is.

"He's a good coach," Angell said. "I was in sixth grade when I first started playing for him. He taught me all my moves and the fundamentals of basketball."

Cupp also had praise for Angell, who he calls his most improved player.

"Her rebounding skills has improved," Cupp said. "She's taller than most and has learned to maneuver around well and now she can take it to the basket better."

As a coach, Cupp enjoys being around the hard working Angell. As a person he says she is "very outgoing, friendly and open."

"I've been playing with most of the team for two years," said Angell, who just finished eighth grade at Our Lady of Good Counsel. "We're really close and real good friends."

"Every game we have a different top scorer," she added. "Everybody puts in an equal amount of time."

For the Chargers, who won all their games this season enroute to an AAU state title, the state championship game marked a realization of a dream.

"That was the best game because we finally won," Angell said. "We were trying to win it the last couple years but couldn't do it and this year we won by a lot."

Angell will be attending Mercy High School next year and also playing for the 14 and under AAU team. The past few years she has played for Good Counsel and is looking forward to playing at Mercy.

"It's a good school with a good basketball program. — I don't mind going to a new school," Angell said. "I won't know the basketball players but a few of my friends are going there."

From an early age Angell has had the support of her family when it came to basketball. She used to watch her older brothers, Marty, Chris and John Paul (J.P.) play basketball and when she became interested her parents, Charlie and Kathleen, encouraged her.

Charlie is also a basketball enthusiast so the game rubbed off on her. She doesn't really play other sports.

"I've always been one of the taller girls around so I'm interested in basketball," said Angell, who is just as comfortable playing defense as she is scoring. "Mostly I like winning — that's the best part of basketball."

"We have a lot of talent on the Chargers," added Angell, whose favorite professional basketball is Magic Johnson. "The team is quick and works well together — we can play any kind of defense and we can score a lot. There's just a lot of balance."

Angell's teammates include guard Becky Bilicki, guard Melissa Campeau, guard/forward Chris Edwards, guard Julianne Grant, forward Karen Hanley, guard Ann Marie Lemire, forward Holly Myszenski, guard Tara Overaitis, forward/center Ann Poglits, forward Andrea Salyer and forward Laura Snider.

"We don't play a lot of games," said Angell of the AAU team that mainly plays tournaments in preparation for the state tournament.

"We practice a few times a week and then have scrimmages. Our biggest competition is ourselves most of the time," she said.

Outside of basketball Angell puts a lot of time into studying to maintain a perfect 4.0 academic record. Angell also practices piano every day and takes part in honors recitals besides taking modern dance lessons. Even with all that, however, she does manage to find time for her family and friends.

"Oh yeah, I make sure I find time for that," she said. After all, with all the talent and achievements, she's still just a kid.



Julie Angell is ready to go to the Junior Olympic National Championship Games in Cincinnati next week. (Crier photo by Ken Voyles)

Canton tennis tourney

It's tennis time and registration has already begun for Canton's Parks and Recreation Department Singles and Doubles Tennis Tournament set for the weekend of July 12-14.

The tournament will be single elimination and will be open to all area tennis players. Awards will be given to winners and runners-up of each division.

Participants will play at the Centennial Educational Park (CEP) tennis courts and are responsible to bring their own cans of USTA approved tennis balls. Players should contact parks and recreation on Thursday, July 11, between 3-5 p.m. for match time.

The tournament cost is \$6 per person, per event.

Register in person or by mail to the Canton Parks and Recreation, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. The deadline is July 10 at 5 p.m.

For more information call 397-5110.

War dominated news as 1941 progressed

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notice through their new contracts with the Department of Defense, including Kelsey-Hayes, Burroughs Adding Machine Co., Wall Wire Co., and Plymouth Gauge and Tool Co. Later many residents would flock to jobs at the new Willow Run bomber plant.

Some business owners in Plymouth were complaining about a new sign ordinance. The city moved ahead with plans to construct a new parking lot, while Michigan Bell announced it would expand local facilities. A new water source was mulled by city fathers as well, and a new phone system put in place at city hall.

As the community planned for the upcoming holidays local business owners said they expected record holiday sales. At the same time, though, a materials shortage was curtailing much of the local building activity.

But the war in Europe was creeping more and more into the daily lives of Plymouth-Canton folks, eventually dominating the news.

It should be noted here that many of the details of life in Plymouth-Canton during that pivotal year come from the weekly newspaper The Plymouth Mail.

The Mail, which hit the streets every Friday, was edited and run by Elton Eaton and Sterling Eaton. It was one of the best barometers of this community's outlook as the country headed down the path to war.

Eaton, in a front page editorial in the Jan. 3 edition, said that the community was 100 per cent behind Roosevelt who had called for the country to rise and "safeguard all that we hold so dear to ourselves and families."

Much of the early "war" news in 1941 centered on the sign-up of local draftees and letters from aboard (Switzerland, England) telling of the war in Europe.

In April, a Namesake Committee was formed to help the residents of Plymouth, England, and a series of fundraisers started. A message was broadcast to that beleaguered community from Plymouth Mayor Whipple and members of the Namesake group (later to be headed by James Gallimore).

The messages, broadcast from the CBS studios in New York, expressed support for the residents in England. It ended, "From the bottom of our hearts we thank you for what you are doing for us and our civilization.

"You will hear from us again Plymouth, England, and next time it will be with gifts rather than words."

By June a new plant producing machine guns for the war would be in full operation. The Kelsey-Hayes plant would manufacture machine guns throughout the year (at one point keeping residents awake at night testing the guns).

The sale of defense bonds took on new importance, and Plymouth led the state in their purchase by July, according to the Mail.

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The Road to Pearl Harbor



Edwin Schrader, a local sailor who saw action in the Pacific.

Also in July the draft board would call up 48 local residents for service, while Burroughs added on to its plant for future defense work (the company would later build the infamous Norden bombsight.)

With shortages hitting the community that summer, local women rushed to buy up all of the silk stockings in the community.

Plymouth also formed a civilian defense committee and started recruiting residents, while Whipple appointed a special community defense council in August.

Letters from Plymouth men already in the service (many were trained at Camp Custer in Michigan) painted a portrait of army training and life.

Local residents were also to take on special defense assignments -- Eugene

Starkweather and city attorney Arlo Emery, for example.

Blood donor drives increased, as did aluminum can drives, scrap iron collections and the continued purchase of savings bonds (even prisoners at the Detroit House of Corrections made their share of bond purchases). And school groups began forming committees to organize defense efforts collecting goods, buying bonds and giving blood to the Red Cross.

By December the mood in Plymouth-Canton was rapidly shifting and a "war attitude" was clearly visible, both on the editorial pages of The Mail and among residents writing the newspaper.

Efforts to help Plymouth, England were reaching a crescendo, and the purchase of defense bonds took on new importance. Shortages were affecting building in the community, but factories in and around Plymouth were cranking materials for the military. Word came down, also, that Plymouth would receive a housing priority from the government because of the many industries gearing up to support the country's military.

In the Dec. 5 edition of The Mail (just two days before the attack) the main news centered on the Dec. 4 opening of the new Penn Theatre owned by Harry Lush. There were also reports of reduced county and school tax rates and a house fire which left nine homeless.

Businesses in Plymouth were also expecting a record holiday business. But then the country went to war...



Harry Krumm, a local soldier, with his buddies in camp.

In the Dec. 12 edition, the first Mail to hit the streets following the Dec. 7 attack, Eaton's lengthy editorial stressed that "the die has been cast.

"We will battle until victory is ours... We have never lost a war. We will not lose this one."

The Mail also reported that local soldiers with the Pacific fleet were apparently unharmed during the attack. The local defense council began speeding up recruitment efforts, while Red Cross began yet another blood drive and new defense classes were offered.

The Mail also reported that the "Plymouth citizens rally one hundred percent to nation's call for all-out aid to win war."

During the final two weeks of the year the community mobilized for "all out" defense preparations, while the U.S. government called for new inspectors and the post office not only extended hours but began a new rural mail route.

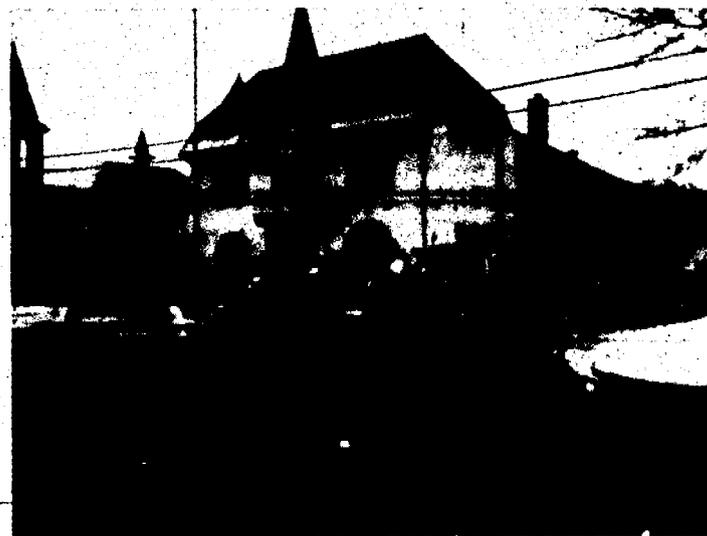
The Mail also reported that information from local families noted that all of the "Plymouth boys" were "safe in Hawaii."

The year ended with a "victory" meeting in Plymouth at which speakers warned of the dangers to civilians as well as painted a gloomy picture of the days ahead.

It is not an upbeat way to ring out the New Year, but the U.S. faced a long road in its effort to turn the tide around.

Many were to die during the conflict that followed, including nearly 50 residents from Plymouth-Canton. Many thousands more from the community served the country, either at the front, at home bases or in factories.

By the end of the year The Mail could report that more than 400 local men were now in the U.S. military. That number, including more and more women, was to grow to over 1,000.



The Plymouth fire department and city hall before the war.

Residents request Napier improvements

BY JIM WHITE

Ray Carlson knows how dangerous Napier Road can be.

His daughter Tamara, 18, and her boyfriend died in a March 28 accident when the car in which they were riding struck a tree.

Now Carlson wants something done to make the gravel road safer.

Specifically, Carlson told the Canton trustees last Tuesday, that he and other Napier residents want the speed limit set at 25 mph. They want a guardrail along the west side of the road north of Murray Hill, four way stops where Napier intersects Warren and Murray Hill, and the top of the hill at Napier and Murray Hill to be lowered.

The shaving of the hill is necessary "in order to improve visibility for both north and southbound traffic," Carlson said.

When the car Tamara Carlson and Michael Fullerton were riding in crested the hill going north, the driver lost control. The car left the west side of Napier and struck a tree.

Carlson's son and another boy were also injured in the wreck.

Washtenaw County Sheriff's deputies said at the time that the car was travelling between 40-50 mph. Alcohol was not a factor.

There is no posted speed on Napier, which means the speed limit is "whatever is safe and reasonable for existing conditions, up to 55 mph,"

said a Wayne County road engineer who refused to be identified.

Napier is the border between Wayne and Washtenaw counties, but is the responsibility of Wayne County.

The reason there is no posted speed, said the engineer, is that "we cannot guarantee the road will be safe at any speed," because of changing road conditions.

"If you post a 25 mph limit and a guy goes off the road at 25, he thinks he's hit the county lotto," he said.

"We don't like what happened to these kids," he added. "But signs don't drive cars. Ultimately, responsibility falls upon the drivers."

Just south of Murray Hill on Napier, there is a "20 mph Limited Sight Distance" sign posted. But it is yellow, not white, which makes it an advisory sign only.

Steve Puuri, chief road engineer for Washtenaw County, said there are standard statewide criteria for determining the necessity of a four way stop. The criteria include traffic volume and number of accidents in the area, he said.

In 1986, three men died in an accident in the same stretch of Napier near Murray Hill. Alcohol and high speed were factors in that accident, according to deputies.

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Crier Classifieds

Curiosities

Hey Plymouth, it's been 20 yrs. but I'm back now - look out! Dennis Chapman

Look Out Janet! Here we come!

Welcome to Plymouth, Steven

Watch out for bottles of Milk of Magnesia named Constance.

L & R.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MOM! You're the big 41. From your son, Jeff.

CHIMPUNK ACRES was great. Thanks.

Curiosities

Hi Tom & Carol! Will see you soon in Houston! Love, Brian

Almost 46 and going strong - Happy Birthday Jack!

Let's go EXPOS. Go all the way! WE'RE NUMBER 1!

Ellen should keep her regular job if she turns to professional singing.

Happy 33rd Birthday Mark Burget. Lots of love, the Halls

Curiosities

RITA! Please don't leave me! (But if you must go, have fun!)

Denise - we're still waiting to hear from you.

Happy Birthday, Grandma Schrieber. Love, Ryan

Deb and Gary - have fun on the 4th.

Happy Birthday, DAVEY DUDE! Love, Mom, Dad, & Lori

HAPPY 25th ANNIVERSARY Dick and Sue.

Hi Lindsay Hawreny. Have a good vacation & good luck with the paper route. Stephanie

Eddie, I'll be packed as soon as I find a suitcase (if the kid didn't take them all).

Adam - thanks for doing my route for me. Scott

Joy - good luck, we've enjoyed having you here.

Nathan Volk - have fun in Arkansas. Your friend, John Niemiec

Welcome Home Mark Lipscomb

To Mom & Dad - THANKS A LOT!! Love, Todd

Ed - my desk is clean - will it stay that way next week?

Happy 40th Birthday, Ken. From Fran, Jason, Josh & Megan

GO TIGERS! Go all the way. Go No. 20. K. Mueller

EMERGENCY ROOMS were not originally scheduled as part of vacation, but they were fun anyhow.

Thank you for delivering my papers when I was having a great time. Kim.

LOREN JOHNSON is in town - he thinks we all deserve better postal service.

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"I DIDN'T KNOW sun screen could expire." - Shawn G., 1991

Mom, Good luck with your business. Love, Jordan.

Erin Washington FINALLY graduated. From his loving sister.

THIS YEAR'S CORN IS IN at Aunt Mid's in Belle River, Ont. - Thanks!

Thank you Matthew for helping me deliver my papers. Bob Clark

"YOU HAVE TO A REPUBLICAN to come back as a moose." - Owen, while standing around the communal fire in Maine's Baxter Park.

Curiosities

"The man who can anger you, conquers you."

Jack is steadier with his drinks before lunch than after - Ellen, Jo & Billy



Can Jack Armstrong blow out candles on July 6th, as good as he can blow bubbles? Happy Birthday, Jack!

Happy 17th Birthday to Jackie. Love always, Nancy

Elizabeth - Miss you when you move! You're a super friend! Love, Hilary

Dad, Please take me to a Drive game. Your son.

YOU KNOW MIDDLE-AGE is approaching when, half way up the mountain, your 13-year-old turns around and says, "You all right, Dad?"

Mom & Dad have a happy 4th of July. Love, Paul

Plymouth Canton & Salem marching band is number one.

It wasn't even raining!

Kevin might become a mechanic ya!

Julie is not a party person. Even the fire works are too exciting for her.

Kathy the parking lot! Noon! Be there!

Phyllis and Russ hope you had a great weekend. Tara & Tracie did.

Debbie is a quarter of a century old!

There are some great cooks at The Crier!

Curt realizes how lucky he is. Ellen tells him every day.

JR's going to make sure Bo doesn't starve while I'm gone! Thank

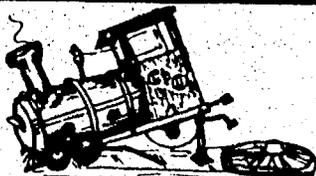
Jo & Ellen please take curio's with a grain of salt.

THANK YOU CRIER GANG! for the pot-luck lunch - everything was delicious! Thank you also for all your support and understanding - and jokes!

Jays eyes seem to be at a slant.

Wendy Todd, right color hair, wrong height.

Train Chronicles



EDITOR'S NOTE: Every so often, a mysterious document signed by "The Train Chronicler" appears in The Community Crier's mail slot. It's author is unknown, although certain clues (the article smells of scotch and fish and is written on the back of a horse-racing form) lead The Crier staff closer to discerning "The Chronicler" identity with each new entry.

TRAIN CHRONICLES

Contest #5

Abusing the Abusers...

While frying in the car on one recent high-90's afternoon as the engineer of the dawdling diesel blocking everyone's freedom decided to backup for the second time, TC eyes fell on something in these hallowed pages that began to boil the blood even more than oil's.

There, placed either tactfully or with clear malice aforethought above an obit and a funeral parlor ad, was a list of individuals "...supplied by the 35th District Court..." that had suffered "...substance-abuse related convictions during the month of May..." in The Crier "...on an experimental basis..." and this 'experiment' was being conducted "...at the request of the Substance Abuse Task Force..." (emphasis added)

Well TC has a request. Who the heck is this 'Task Force'???? Who appointed H???? Who is on it???? What are the names of its members, and what is their age, city of residence and, last, but certainly not least, have any of them ever been convicted of anything or had their name placed on a list in a newspaper experiment????

Some Reverend's puling and whining was quoted about how "...task force members felt it (printing the list of those convicted) was a "drastic" but necessary effort." Give us a break Reverend, didn't Senator Joe McCarthy used to say that when he started publishing his lists?

Hey, those gates are finally going up-got to get this contest under way. In 25 words or less, tell the Train Chronicles how we can more effectively punish these abusers in addition to putting their name, age, home town and crime convicted for in the paper every month on an "experimental" basis. How about public flogging? Being put in the stocks (got the real ones) on Forest Avenue? Being made to go to meetings of this Task Force?

And/or, in another 25 words (more or less), how can we be fair to others that have been convicted but, through no fault of their own, have no task force, oops, make that force, out there dedicated to curbing their particular brand of injustice and no newspaper willing to "experiment" by publishing these miscreants' names at the behest of these drastic-stop-talking groups.

Get those cards and letters in folks, and we'll try to get the winners' names, city, age and any conviction history, in the paper on an "experimental" basis.

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Curiosities

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: First Presbyterian Church - Plymouth, August 5-9, 9:30 to noon.

Curiosities

DAYS GONE BY is now under new management - Congratulations and Good Luck Mary Kay Siebel.

Curiosities

Why isn't Debbie going to get any work in the next two weeks. Maybe we should ask Larry.

Curiosities

Any curio's pertaining to Jack Armstrong being less than 53 years old on July 6 were written by Jack.

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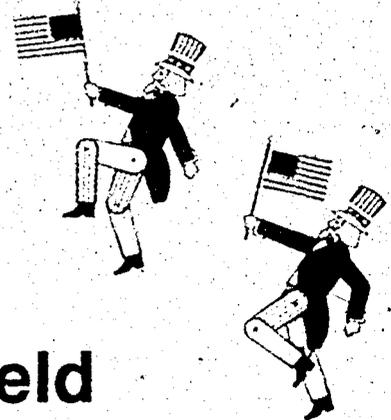
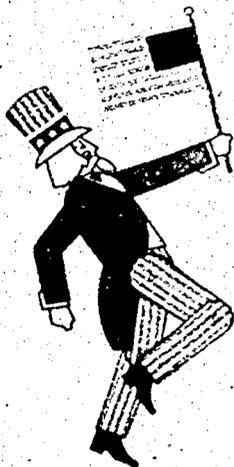
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Curiosities

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Jim, this section is closed. Ellen
Hi Grandma, Grandpa, Natalie, Alex, Matt,
Megan, Bruce, Danny, Jerry, Maria, From
Sara & Andrew.
I can't go working. I have to golf. Tom,
Side Street.

Yo Dad! Hope my room's done. I'll be
home Friday. Brian

An early HAPPY BIRTHDAY Kathleen. Erin
RON: DRIVE CAREFULLY! Mom

Oie "Trust Me Jack" is aging a little —
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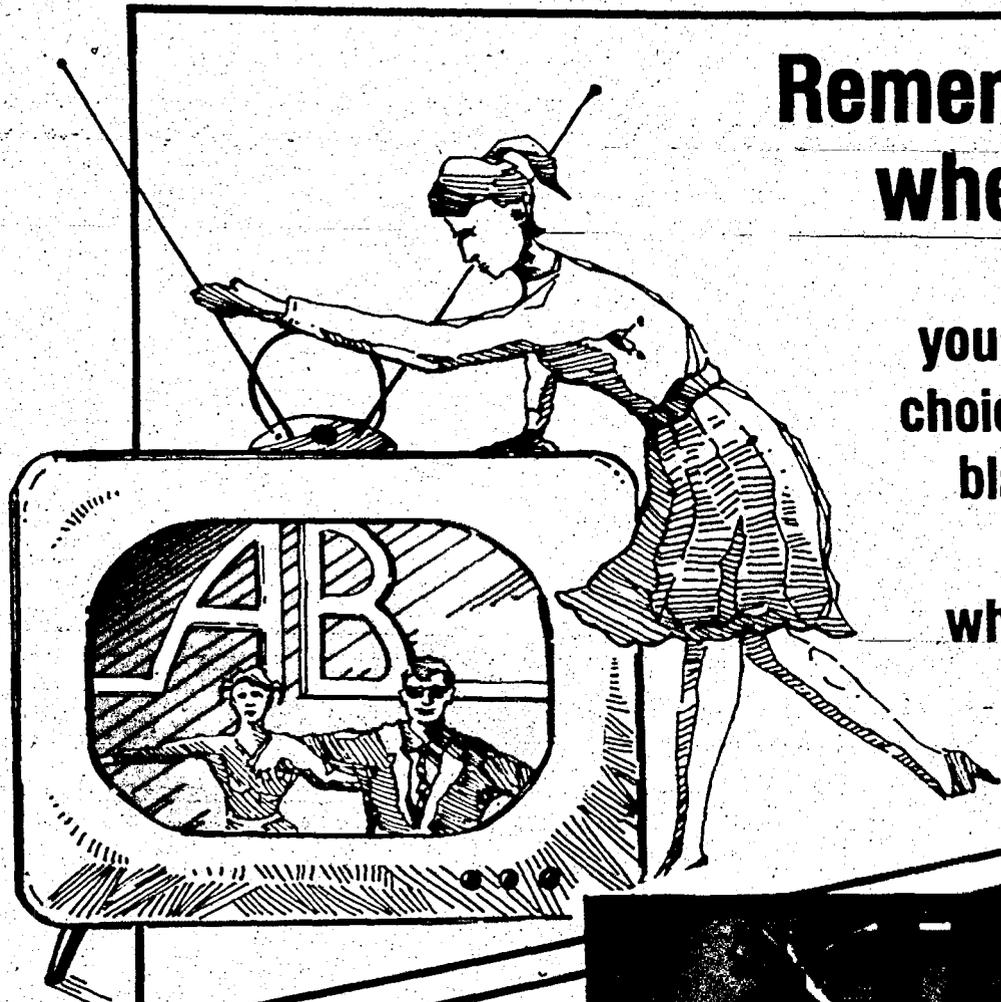
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