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City issues sewage violation to Dick Scott

BY ANNA MURRAY

The City of Plymouth has issued a violation notice against Dick Scott Dodge, Inc.

The Ann Arbor Road dealership now must correct its sewage violations in 14 days or face a warrant.

The city had not received documentation of the soundness of the current sewage system after repeated requests, leading to the violation.

"Grandma was slow but she was old," said city attorney Ron Lowe in his letter to the dealership's law firm, which preceded the violation notice.

Lowe said if the situation were not rectified by Jan. 21 he would file a building violation complaint in 35th

District Court.

According to city engineer Ken West, when the dealership was built it did not have an oil interceptor shown in the building plans. Such a device separates oil and other flammable substances in the sewage preventing them from entering the drainage system where they might cause an explosion.

A notice was issued in 1990 to the builder, the Duwel Corporation, which then installed an interceptor. "But the one they put in didn't meet plumbing regulations," West said.

"The owner...and the contractor...have now successfully avoided correcting the violation for over one year," Lowe said, in his letter. "Only actions will speak now."

Canton DDA approves agreement to settle lawsuit

BY KEN VOYLES

The Canton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) approved an agreement Monday to settle a lawsuit with Norm Newman and the Dayton-Hudson Corporation over the scope of the downtown development district.

The agreement, unanimously approved by the DDA, outlines a "conceptual" plan for the perimeter of the downtown district, which is bordered by Sheldon Road, Ford Road, Morton-Taylor and Westminster Way.

Under the agreement public improvements will be made to the perimeter of the district using a final plan to be adopted within 90 days.

The improvements will focus on public walkways, lighting, landscaping, and signage, among other items. They are intended to encourage development in the area.

The agreement must still be approved by the Canton Board of Trustees, and Dayton-Hudson.

Future improvements to the interior of the district, such as access roads, walkways and landscaping, can be

negotiated with the property owners, including Newman.

A final DDA plan for the perimeter will be developed after further public input, including from other property owners in the district. A public hearing will eventually be set once a final plan is near completion.

The DDA's approval Monday came despite concerns with the conceptual plan raised by several DDA members, including Ken Dividock and Hazen Hiller, over curb cuts, planting of trees and a 30-inch wall running along Ford Road.

An attorney for Newman, Alan Greene, said those were similar concerns raised by his client during talks leading up to the agreement.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said the plan approved as part of the agreement was "a conceptual statement."

"That's all it is -- a conceptual plan," he said, adding that the agreement is a step toward the objective of laying a foundation for the DDA.

The agreement -- once executed -- ends the lawsuit, said Greene. Newman had sued the township and the DDA alleging that the DDA was not properly formed and that the DDA failed to satisfy statutory requirements for a downtown district.

"He has felt there is nothing wrong with going ahead if the area can be

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St. John Newmann's Father George Charnley (left), is joined by regional Bishop Walter Schoenherr, Canton Supervisor Tom Yack and Father Matt Ellis during the ground breaking ceremony Sunday. (Crier photo by Eric Laskaik)

For Catholic church Ceremony starts expansion

BY KEN VOYLES

One of the largest Catholic churches in western Wayne County will soon grow even larger.

St. John Newmann Catholic Church on Warren Road in Canton was the scene of a special groundbreaking ceremony Sunday to begin the expansion and renovation of the current facility.

The groundbreaking comes nearly two years after the parish members first considered whether to expand on the current site or build a brand new church.

Jim Fisher, a member of the building committee and parish member for 18 years, said expanding the Warren Road

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ICE: New director of the Plymouth Ice Festival, Mike Watts, talks about this year's events. See pg. 6.

For 200-acre landfill

Canton disposal firm seeks wetlands permit

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

A Ypsilanti-based Canton disposal company has applied for a wetlands permit for a portion of a proposed 200-acre landfill.

Wayne Disposal-Canton, Inc. applied to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Nov. 20 for the wetland permit to "excavate and fill approximately 30.2 acres of emergent, forested and scrub shrub wetlands to construct a Type II and Type III sanitary landfill on a 200 acre site."

The new landfill, Sauk Trail Hills Landfill Facility, will operate under Wayne Disposal-Canton for a proposed 20-year period. The beginning construction date is pending the state's processing of the original application, said Canton Clerk Loren Bennett.

Part of the 200-acre Sauk Trail Hills Landfill includes a new 86-acre landfill located west of Lilley, south of Michigan

Avenue.

The new landfill will assist in the remediation of the 24-acre K&J Landfill, which was closed because "its existing conditions do not meet current standards or practices." Solid waste from the closed K&J site will be moved to the new landfill.

Although Wayne Disposal-Canton does not own the K&J site, it has agreed to assist in the contaminated landfill's clean-up, said Vice President Mike Miller.

If Wayne Disposal-Canton did not volunteer to clean up the area, the responsibility would fall upon the State of Michigan, he said.

Other parcels in the Sauk Trail Hills Landfill include the 36-acre Canton Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Center II, which was filled to the maximum designed capacity in 1987, the Canton Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Center I - a 24-acre landfill which was terminated in the mid-1980s.

In April, 1989, the Canton Board of Trustees unanimously passed a resolution in support of the Sauk Trail Hills Landfill facility proposal, Bennett said.

Sauk Trail Hills Landfill will operate as an integrated solid waste management facility, recycling "source-separated waste material, sanitary landfilling of solid

waste and a biomass-recovery system producing electricity and usable heat," according to a description of the facility in the DNR application.

This type of energy recycling is a growing practice among landfills, Miller said.

"We're one of the pioneers of the world in landfill gas recovery," he said.

Wayne Disposal-Canton created its first landfill gas recovery plant in 1985. The plant takes methane gas created from decomposing organic materials at landfill sites, and converts it into energy by burning the gas in engines, Miller said.

A contract Canton signed with Wayne Disposal in April 1989 allows the township the right to take random soil

and leachate samples for testing at independent laboratories.

Other areas covered in the contract include an off-site clean up program, which allows the township to arrange for litter pick-up at the site and bill them if the facility does not pick up the litter within three days of notice, and for the township to receive a tipping fee of five per cent of gate charges and free disposal at the site for municipal waste, Bennett said.

The project intends to have an end use plan, but there are currently no recreational use ideas, he said.

The township-Wayne Disposal contract states a mutual agreement must be accepted by the time the facility has reached 50 per cent of its projected capacity.

Owed city \$2,600 Graper makes final payment

Henry E. Graper, Jr., the former City of Plymouth manager, has paid off the city.

A personal check for \$2,659.56 was tendered to the city on Dec. 27 as final payment under an agreement reached between Graper and the City Commission, city sources said.

Graper, who is currently the city manager of Sault Ste. Marie, had written a check for \$17,300 on Sept. 19, 1989 to the city for "overpayments."

The latest check was part of an agreement between Graper and the city which ended the possibility of further liability for the "resigned-under-fire" administrator.

Canton zoning requests cleared for developers

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

Despite concerns expressed by several residents, the Canton Planning Commission unanimously passed three rezoning requests for the Pheasant Run golf/residential development Monday.

But three special land use permit requests were tabled to Jan. 20 for consideration.

The rezoning requests pertained to property located on the south side of Cherry Hill between Canton Center Road and Beck for the Lewiston developers; property located on the west side of Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Proctor for Biltmore developers; and property located east of Beck between Cherry Hill and Geddes for Paciocco developers.

Each request was to rezone the mentioned properties from Rural Agricultural (RA) to R-3, single family residential.

The concept of Pheasant Run golf course residential development began in 1989 by the Canton administration.

During the public hearing for the rezoning requests, residents had several concerns ranging from inquiring if Newton Road was going to be divided by the new development to concerns about sewer installment.

"My concern is that with building all these subs, you're going to need to put in new sewers," said Canton resident Shirley McDonald. "Six years ago I was told I couldn't have a sewer installed because there was no room..."

"Where is all the room for the sewers going to come from? With this new subdivision we're going to have to build new schools. I think this is getting out of hand."

Canton resident Dan West wanted to establish who was going to benefit from the development.

"It's all planned, all understood, but whose interest is it in?" he asked the Planning Commission. "It's not progress. Where do your interests lie? With the people who live here, the current constituents or the developers?"

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NOTICE

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is now accepting proposals for Technology Consultant Services. The company or individual providing these services is required to have expert, and demonstrated knowledge in fiber optic systems, coaxial cable systems, and related input, output, and switching systems both within a building, and between buildings. The consultant will be required to apply this knowledge to our particular circumstances, and communicate to us its impact on the teaching, learning, and administrative support processes.

Proposals are due on January 10, 1992. Thereafter, administration will evaluate all proposals, conduct interviews, and make recommendations.

Interested parties can obtain further information by contacting Errol Goldman, Executive Director of Employee Relations and Personnel, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

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With holiday layoffs MESC office fills up

BY ANNA MURRAY

A Plymouth city commissioner has suggested the city consider a friendly condemnation of the long-vacant Farmer Jack building on south Main Street.

Jerry Vorva made the proposal at Monday night's meeting of the commission, and the matter was referred to city attorney Ron Lowe for further consideration.

A friendly condemnation is a legal action in which the city takes over a building, and the move is not resisted by the owner of the property.

Vorva said he thought the owners of the Farmer Jack building would be happy to be released from their lease obligation to Farmer Jack.

Farmer Jack has six years left on its

lease, said City Manager Steve Walters. He added they would not allow another tenant to sublet unless they could be assured the new tenant would not sell groceries. A grocery store at that site would compete with the nearby Farmer Jack in Canton.

"A prolonged standoff is very likely," said Walters.

"If they can get them to lease it to a non-grocery tenant, they have tied the building up not just for six years but for 15, 20 or 25 years with a non-grocery tenant," he added.

The vacant property has been the focus of growing concern among residents since it closed more than three years ago. A local real estate has led a recent fight to force movement on finding a tenant for the site.

New prefix causes problem

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

When Georgia Hill received her new phone number, she knew she was in for trouble.

"Everyplace I use this number, they question me," the Plymouth Township resident said. "Everyone suspects I'm giving them a wrong number."

Because the area phone number prefixes — including the more recent 454 prefix — were all issued, the new prefix 416 was created Dec. 7, said Marcia Buhl, director of public relations for Michigan Bell.

So far, Hill has experienced problems with a pizza chain who thought she provided them with a false phone number, and said she once paid 60 cents to call her home from a pay phone only five miles away in Plymouth Township.

Buhl confirmed a report from Plymouth Township concerning problems with the new prefix, and said Michigan Bell is currently doing some testing.

"It may be a temporary problem, but it's an injustice to somebody who's trying to get a new phone," said Clinton Stroebel, ordinance enforcement officer for Plymouth Township.

Stroebel discovered the problem as he attempted to call Hill from his Plymouth Township office.

After dialing her 416 prefix phone number, he was greeted by a recording instructing him to hang up and dial again, using the (313) area code, he said.

Hill, who worked for a phone company in 1953, said she understands how there are problems with new phone lines, but hopes to see her problem alleviated soon.

Restoration closes museum

BY KEN VOYLES

The Canton Historical Society Museum will remain closed to the public for the next seven weeks while restoration and reorganizing work is completed.

Maria McCabe, president of the Canton Historical Society, which operates the museum at Canton Center and Proctor roads, said the museum will be closed to the public through the end of February.

A tentative reopening is planned for March 3, she said.

"This restoration is just mainly to take it back and give it a look like it once had," said McCabe.

The museum is located in an 1884 one-room schoolhouse very similar to Gear School, which was renovated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and will open to classes this month.

The restoration will focus on the front of the building. The current single front door will be replaced with a set of double

doors, said McCabe, more in line with the original look of the schoolhouse.

The historic group will also be finishing an inventory of its archives, organizing and cleaning the facility as well.

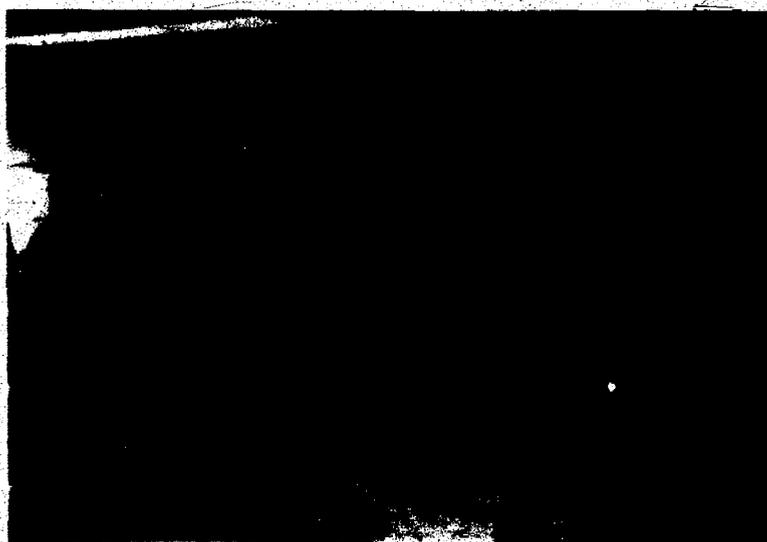
Because of the limited space at the site it is necessary to close the museum to perform the work, McCabe said.

A pole barn next to the museum will also be torn down this spring, she added. A variety of historic farm equipment originally stored there has been put into semi-permanent storage, she said.

"It will be in storage for a couple of years then we hope to move it to the Travis House site in the Cherry Hill Historic District," McCabe said.

The equipment included plows, wagons, carriages and other farm implements. The material had been stored under the open air barn next to the museum.

Bids are currently being taken for removal of the barn.



Lines in the MESC at Canton last Monday were extraordinarily long because of holiday layoffs. (Crier photo by Ann Murray)

City asked to consider friendly condemnation

BY ANNA MURRAY

Lines out the door of the Michigan Employment Security Commission (MESC) office in Canton last Monday made many shake their heads over the state of the economy.

But interviews with those standing on the hour-long lines revealed auto-industry holiday layoffs, not permanent cut-backs, were the cause of much of the traffic.

Though some people said they were laid off from businesses that could no longer afford lengthy payroll lists, many said they were laid off only for the week of Christmas and New Year's.

One man, who identified himself as a white-collar analyst for Chrysler, said, "This always happens. It's standard procedure. All the automobile companies do it." He said he collected unemployment from Dec. 20 through Jan. 2.

Another woman, who said she was a secretary for Hydra-Matic, said the MESC representatives went directly into the plant to register the employees who would be on Christmas layoff.

She said the company did not want to pay for vacation time and would rather have its employees collect unemployment.

A group of auto-industry employees on the MESC lines nodded in agreement. They were all, they said, receiving unemployment for the holiday and would be back to work, on schedule, after the first of the year.

Norman Isotalo, a spokesperson for MESC, said the holiday layoffs were a common practice that has been going on for several years.

Unemployment benefits are paid from a pool of money collected through the unemployment insurance tax all companies must pay, said Isotalo. The

higher the company lays off workers, the higher their tax is. The tax varies for all companies from one to 10 per cent, he said.

So while those employers who engage in regular layoff practices pay a greater proportion of the benefits of those on unemployment lines, all employers, in fact, contribute a portion of the cost.

"[A layoff] would be less expensive to the employer than a paid vacation," said Mr. Isotalo. He said ultimately the consumer pays for the holiday layoff practice.

"The cost of unemployment insurance is figured into the cost of the merchandise" of all companies, he said.

None of the Big Three would say what their unemployment insurance tax rates were. Tom Houston, a spokesperson for Chrysler, denied his company puts its employees on holiday layoff. He said temporary plant closings depend entirely on car sales.

Dick Ruth, spokesperson for Ford, said that while at any given time the company has people on temporary layoff, he had never heard of the practice of holiday layoffs.

Ford plants, he said, do shut down between Christmas and New Year's, but its employees receive vacation pay.

A spokesperson for GM could not be reached.

According to MESC statistics, the unemployment rate in Plymouth City through October was 3.9 per cent, up from an annual rate of 3.1 per cent in 1990.

In Plymouth Township 4.4 per cent of the workforce is unemployed, compared to 3.5 per cent last year. Canton's unemployment rate was 5.2 per cent through October and 4.2 per cent in 1990.



Community opinions

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City Hall: do SOMETHING

With all the overly-worried handwringing about "downtown" in Plymouth, few have pointed properly at City Hall.

While past false starts at replacing the last disastrous two years of City Mismanager Henry Graper seemed a plausible excuse for city politicians to duck doing something about the "downtown" problem, their time is up.

Perhaps yet another study is the answer!?

As the accompanying photo shows, the city commission and its appointed administration is guilty of neglecting downtown. No budgetary argument, no "wait until an expert tells us what to do" posture, no personnel issues are to blame...

City Commission inertia is to blame.

(Inertia is the "resistance to motion, action, or change.")

The photo demonstrates an irony. An unsafe approach to recycling cardboard boxes is the yield of a merchant's honest attempt to recycle and the yellow-bellied City Hall ignorance of commercial trash pick-up despite the city's moral and legal obligation to protect health, safety and welfare. (This cardboard trash heap has been in plain public view even though the city has a full-time garbage cop. If city officials have trouble locating this downtown dump, please call the newspaper.)

Or take Monday's fleeting look at the suggestion of reversing the one-way traffic flow on Penniman Avenue, for example. The City Hall view? "That's the Downtown Development Authority's problem. Let them do it."

The City Commission is legally charged with the ordinances of traffic flow -- not the DDA. If this simple issue is an example of what is to be expected of the way

the City Commission (and the DDA or other city commissions, boards, etc.) reacts, city residents have room for grave concern.

The warm, viable downtown at the hub of The Plymouth-Canton Community is the heart of the reason most folks have moved here or stayed here.

There are two things the City Commission can do -- for virtually no cost -- to show at least SOME interest in downtown:

-- Change Penniman Avenue between Harvey and Main into a "welcome to downtown" traffic flow. Make it one way the other way. Sure the "streetscape may be here by the year 2000," but switch the street NOW for little expense. (Adding Fralick as a one-way street the other way with diagonal parking would also help downtown.)

-- Install a directional sign which says "DOWNTOWN" on Sheldon Road to point visitors to the business district. (And, as long as the city's at it, put up better "Old Village" directional signs on Sheldon too.)

The clear and present danger to health and safety caused by the city's shirking of commercial refuse pickup would take more fiscal sense than the two ideas above. That obviously will wait until a lawsuit jeopardizing the city is filed -- or even lost -- before the city rejoins the 1900s on that issue.

Of course, the likelihood of City Hall DOING ANYTHING about downtown is slim.

At least, an editorial like this may get one the city bodies to study the matter for another couple of years.

If the city doesn't act, downtown businesses would be better off in hibernation for 10 years until City Hall gets around to its action agenda.

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Community opinions

Business article was good

EDITOR:

Thank you for your great, uplifting article on the business climate of Plymouth. Also, a big thank you for those responsible for placing it on the front page of your newspaper.

After 15 years here I am glad I'm here and doing well and noticed along with my responsible business friends.

NANCY BALL

Hands On Leather

Inside the kaleidoscope

By
Jillian
Bogater



Waving his arms up and down, Chuck Voelker frantically tried to get someone's — anyone's — attention.

The city resident had just witnessed a car hit a small dog on Union Street. Chuck tried to run after the driver to get the license plate, but watched helplessly as the car squeaked around the corner, out of his sight.

While the injured dog ran around in circles, dragging its lifeless legs behind him, Chuck tried to wave down a truck coming out of the library parking lot. Staring at him with a confused look, the man in the truck carefully pulled out, as not to hit the dog, and carried on.

Frustrated, Chuck tried to wave down the next car coming out of the driveway. The woman in the car stopped, but stared out of her windshield, gripping the steering wheel, as if a vagrant was attempting to get into her car, Chuck would later recall.

Pleading with her to just call the police, she too drove off, carefully avoiding the dog. Utterly confused and upset, Chuck punched at the air, and sighed, feeling he was stuck.

At this point, my boyfriend and I pulled over and asked him what we could do. The dog had no collar, so we didn't know where to take the dog. Chuck asked us to just call the police, so we did.

Not even realizing I could have easily ran over to the Plymouth police station, I went to the pay phone by the Penn Theater and called the police. I identified myself, explained the situation and asked for help.

"Well, we'd be happy to come out and terminate the dog for you," the voice on the other end said. I couldn't believe it.

"Is there anything you can do?" I asked anxiously.

"No. All we can do is terminate the dog," he answered.

I asked about a dog catcher, which he told me wouldn't be able to help either.

then finally asked about a veterinarian. He said he knew of one, but I had to pry to get a name and number.

A lump stuck in my throat as I realized the officer was probably right — I didn't know the dog's owner, he was severely injured, and the best thing left was probably to put the dog out of his pain.

About this time, my boyfriend came running up, saying the owner of the dog had walked by and was getting her car. Her husband worked downtown, and was on his way too.

When we got back to Chuck, he had managed to calm the dog — who never once whined or yelped — and was now gently petting his head.

The owner pulled her car up in the drive and wrapped a blanket around the dog. She and her husband thanked us, then drove off en route to a pet hospital.

Standing in the driveway, the awkwardness of the situation lingered over us; we were dumbfounded by the ignorance of the people who didn't want to get involved and felt uneasy knowing we had come so close to putting the dog to sleep.

But the worst part of it was knowing the entire situation could have been avoided, or at least made easier. A collar with a license tag could have put us in direct touch with the dog's owners. We were only two houses away from the dog's house, but had no idea until the owner just happened to walk by.

The blinders and earplugs worn that day prevented a lot from being done. This incident took a total of 10 minutes from my day. That's it. Chuck didn't want me to take in the dog, or even pay for the medical bill. He just wanted help. A phone call. And at least two people were too busy — or lazy — to stop or even roll down their car windows to see what happened.

Take the extra minute to see what you can do when someone is in need. There's nothing difficult or heroic about it.

It's so easy as opening your eyes.

Word processes

By Anna Murray



Plymouth Township Supervisor Gerry Law is not the only one suffering from a letter-of-the-law obsession.

Though he has been the one roasted in the press, the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth should also question the way it has handled the issue of housing the homeless.

Most children know a few basic survival rules: 1) Don't ask permission if the answer is likely to be no. 2) Go ahead with what you want to do until someone objects.

Most parents and teachers also know the rules. As a teacher, I covered my eyes and ears many times to harmless pranks and schemes. I was happier not to know. If I had, I would have had to say no.

Law is in a similar awkward position. An instinct for political survival prevents him from publicly condoning a violation of township rules — however picayune.

Officials at First United Methodist should learn from the other kids in the class, like Newburg Methodist Church, which went ahead with its plan to house the homeless and hoped no one would ask. No one did — until First United Methodist raised its hand.

Some might say as an upstanding institution, the church should abide by the rules. This point of view neglects the fact that the first Christians constantly went out on legal limbs, opposing the Pharisees' strict legalism.

One of them even had the nerve to teach in the temple, even though he didn't hold a rabbi's license. The township didn't invent restrictive ordinances.

The penalty for this offender was much more severe than that awaiting First United Methodist if it breaks the rules — a ticket that will be rescinded once the homeless' week-long stay is over.

Get bang for your buck

EDITOR:

Over the years the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees have struggled to present The Plymouth-Canton Community with a Fourth of July fireworks show paid for with funds donated by the community.

These days, as everyone knows, increasing costs and decreasing contributions have hurt a lot of community organizations, including the Jaycees. The minimum cost for the 1992 fireworks display will be a staggering \$10,000 not including the mandatory insurance premiums that are necessary.

The Jaycees want to thank the local businesses who have contributed in past years, but most other companies doing business in The Plymouth-Canton Community have not been heard from. We now offer a coupon asking Plymouth-Canton residents to return with a donation so that this program can continue in 1992.

The Jaycees understand that this community rallies behind different causes. We just hope that the 1992 fireworks program receives the same support from The Plymouth-Canton Community.

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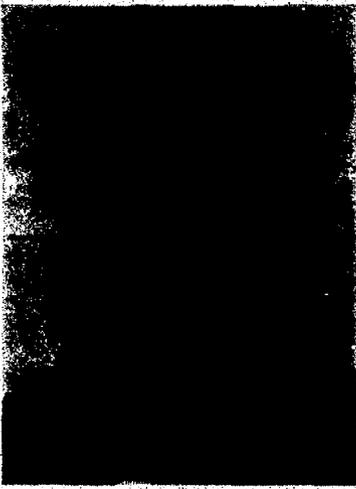
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MIKE WATTS

New activities planned Plymouth ice czar readies fest

BY ANNA MURRAY

There are a few things in life that sparkle spectacularly for a brief time, then melt away -- like the holidays, or the annual Plymouth Ice Spectacular.

But, said Mike Watts, the event's new director, despite the short life span of the frozen sculptures themselves, he wants to enhance the endurance of the festival, bring in new and better activities and organizational innovations.

Watts took over the directorship of the frozen festival this year. He said with the right philosophy behind it the show can last beyond the melting point. "You have to do it like it's never been done before," he said. "You can't sit back on your laurels. You have to work towards the

long term."

Watts said he would like to rejuvenate the event with lots of activities that are not at the mercy of the weather like the fragile ice.

For instance, this year Bud Light is sponsoring a light show to illuminate the sculptures in the park.

And for those who want to get in from the cold, MCI is sponsoring the chance to listen to a warm voice. The company is erecting a heated tent where visitors can make free three minute phone calls anywhere in the world.

Other sponsors have chosen to participate in the ice theme.

First of America will fill the gathering with a fantasy land of ice that Watts says

will have an appeal to families -- like cartoon characters carved in the ice. And AMC Jeep is unveiling its new model at the show -- the Jeep Grand Cherokee. Only this Jeep will be in ice.

According to Watts, the biggest threat to the ice is not the temperature, but the elements -- like sun and rain. By relocating the ice carving competition to the covered parking structure, he said this year they hope to reduce melt-downs. It will also provide more room for display.

Sculptors won't be the only ones competing this year either.

At the Westchester Mall bakers will be vying for the title of best gingerbread

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Career in music 'found her'

Musician composes inspirational album

BY ANNA MURRAY

No one is more surprised by the launch of Sue Pocklington's new album of inspirational music than Sue Pocklington herself.

She is a 33-year-old, blue-eyed, sandy-haired singer and flutist, who laughs -- a bit self consciously -- that she doesn't have a music degree and who says her career in music found her rather than the other way around.

"Rest in His Love" is Pocklington's first album and one that she quit her job and depleted her savings to create. She produced it under her own label and bankrolled it herself with her mother's help. She is even distributing it on her own.

But despite this evidence of firm resolution, Pocklington's animated face shows nothing but shock at what she's accomplished. "There are days when I think, Oh my gosh, what have I done?" she said.

"Things kept pushing me in this direction," she said. "I never had any vocal training. I'm just going on my own musicality."

In fact, Pocklington, who played the flute at Salem High School (she graduated in 1976), had intended to major in flute performance at Michigan State University, but dropped it to major in commercial recreation administration.

But musical opportunities kept throwing themselves in her path. She became involved with college singing groups; and after graduation a woman who had heard about her talent called and offered her the job of assistant director of the St. Louis County Children's Choir.

From there she went on to become the principal flutist for the Traverse Symphony Orchestra -- a job, she said, she'd seen in a newspaper advertisement and never dreamed she'd get. She also became the soloist for the Church of Christ Scientist in Traverse City.

She moved to Southern Michigan, still unconvinced that her future lay in



Friends & Neighbors

Plymouth resident Sue Pocklington quit her job and used her savings to compose and produce an album of inspirational hymns. A 1976 graduate of Salem High School, Pocklington didn't plan a career in music, but musical opportunities kept coming her way. (Crier photo by Anna Murray)



SUE POCKLINGTON

music to take a position as the program director at the Farmington Community Center.

"After six months I decided that wasn't what I wanted to focus on," said Pocklington, who is currently living with her parents in Plymouth.

With her musical ambition welling up and the conviction that "you have to do what you love and the money will follow," she said she began to compose.

Pocklington said the inspiration for many of the hymns on her album came quickly. Though it sounds cliché, she

said, she really has awoken in the middle of the night to scribble down a tune and words.

Long drives, she said, would also stir the muse, and she'd find herself with one hand on the steering wheel and the other jotting down notes on the dashboard. Recently she's begun to arm herself with a tape recorder.

But her most memorable moment of inspiration, she said, was the scene that gave rise to the first song on the album, "All That I Have is This."

"I was sitting in a room and there was

a bird outside the window," she said. "It had the most incredible bird call." Pocklington rushed to the piano to try to copy the bird's melody. That motif became the backbone of the song.

She said her songs begin with a problem. She takes the theme for her songs from the "healing thought" that suggests a solution.

"A lot of Christian music is very upbeat and pop," she said. "I wanted to write something that was gentle and comforting because in my past experience that kind of tape has helped me."

She said the most important message she wanted to convey through her music was that of contentment. "We need to stop trying to get happiness -- from our job or our relationship," she said. Happiness, she said, comes from a deeper source.

Pocklington said her future goals are to get more musical training.

"It's really important to me to get one solid year of voice lessons," she said.

She would also like to have a leading role in a community theater musical one day, she said. Currently she is a member of the Plymouth Community Chorus and participates in the Plymouth Follies.

Right now she is looking for jobs to get her by. She needs to sell 1,100 albums to break even, she said. To date she's sold 250. So she's thinking of teaching flute lessons or perhaps joining a wedding band.

She said she doesn't want to be classified as just a Christian musician and that she'd like to move into pop music.

"But I don't intend to write just another sad love song," she said. "I feel a responsibility to write inspiring songs. I would only write something that had an uplifting thought in it," she said.

"I feel there's a lot more potential here," she said, pointing to her throat. But for now she said she's happy to have completed one major goal -- the album. "For me it's a major step," she said.

Tell it to Phyllis

By Phyllis Redfern



The holidays presented many special memories for me this year, as always, but 1991's Christmas day bottomed out when I received "the" phone call as we were sitting down to dinner.

Shock is the only thing I remember feeling when the police called with the news that a friend and co-worker, Steve O'Leary had died.

There are times when there is a very thin line between being a professional and being a human being with real emotions. (Of course, all professional people have emotions, they just have to know when and how to show them.)

Meeting with our staff and breaking the news to them the morning following the holiday was not the easiest thing I've ever done. As we talked about our feelings, then later our plans for the rest of the week, a strong team effort developed between everyone in all departments.

Throughout the day as I checked on the staff, there wasn't one person who didn't voice a concern for someone else. A special sense of caring and sharing developed as they looked out for each other. They didn't hesitate to come to my office and talk or let me know if they thought someone was having a problem. (The situation was even more difficult because some staff members were away on vacations for the holidays.)

The support we received from community leaders was wonderful. Members from both the city and township police departments, school board members and many friends throughout the community called to offer support. You don't realize how important that phone call or helping hand can be until you need it.

Calls from the Dearborn Press and Guide and Observer & Eccentric newspapers were especially supportive. There was a willingness to help fellow journalists, whether "competitors" or not, which was a great reminder of the importance of the need for human beings to all work together.

On behalf of our staff I'd like to thank everyone for their support, their hugs and the fact that they cared. Our hearts go out to Steve's family and friends.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Although statistics and experiences of newspaper folks show that emotional family trauma is apt to surface during the holidays, no one expects it to hit close to home. The Crier staff, like Steve's family, has taken a closer look at friends and colleagues to evaluate everyone's abilities to cope with emotional stress.

Seeks help from reps

Commish worries over PO

BY ANNA MURRAY

The Plymouth City Commission Monday established what it sees to be the priorities in dealing with the U.S. Postal Service.

The commissioners unanimously agreed on their first goal: to keep a postal service counter downtown.

The second goal, with one abstention from William McAninch, is to have the city buy the post office through the DDA so that the city can control its future use.

The agreement on priorities emerged from a discussion of recent commissioner correspondence with elected representatives.

Doug Miller, Bob Jones and William McAninch said they had all written to various representatives including Congressman Carl Parnell, Senator Donald Riegle and Senator Carl Levin asking them to intercede with the postal service to resolve the post office issue.

Miller suggested to the commission that they all agree on goals before they

pursued further outside intervention.

"We have to appear we're carrying the same message," he said.

Mayor Jones expressed a concern that postal officials might feel "perturbed" by too much letter writing. "They could go slower" on making decisions, he said.

Postal officials had told the commission they would decide by Dec. 31 whether they would keep the service counter in the old building or put it in one of the two other downtown locations that have been offered to the postal service.

Jones said the commission had not yet received a reply.

City Manager Steve Walters said part of the problem was that the city would first have to buy the post office building before it could lease part of the space back to the postal service.

Walters said the DDA and the post office were still negotiating the price of the building. "The asking price is not feasible to us or to any other private buyer," he said.



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Held during ice fest PCAC opens arts show

The Plymouth Community Arts Council's (PCAC) third statewide fine-arts competition, Michigan Art '92, is set for Jan. 15-20.

The exhibition, sponsored in part by Michigan National Bank, will run in conjunction with this year's Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

The selected works will be on display in the Saxton's showroom at 587 Ann Arbor Tr. next to Kellogg Park.

The following artists from The Plymouth-Canton Community have been selected for the juried show: Tivador Balog, Mark Revers, Toni Stevens and Connie Lucas.

The juried competition attracts artists from across the state.

"In past years we've had as many as 25 cities represented," said Doris Chatterly, co-chair for the event.

A kick-off luncheon is planned for Monday (Jan. 13) at 11:30 a.m. in the Cafe Bon Homme on Penniman Avenue.

Mary Stevenson, assistant curator of 20th Century art at the Detroit Institute of Arts, will discuss her role as a juror for the show.

An opening reception at Saxton's showroom is planned for Tuesday (Jan. 14) from 7-9 p.m. A total of \$2,000 in cash awards will be presented during the reception.

The exhibit is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Jan. 15-16; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Jan. 17-18; and noon to 5 p.m., Jan. 19.

For further information call the PCAC at 453-5260.

Tickets for the luncheon on Monday are \$15 and can be purchased by calling 453-5260. Space is limited to the first 50.

EMU hockey game in City

Eastern Michigan and University of Michigan-Dearborn alumni, fans and hockey fans in general have an opportunity to see the two teams face off in Plymouth this Friday, (Jan. 10), at the Cultural Center.

Face off is 7:30 p.m.

EMU skaters are ranked fourth in the Central States Collegiate Hockey League (CSCHL), and fifth nationally. U of M-D

is currently first in the CSCHL, and ranked number one nationally.

Free "EMU Squeezer" bottles will be given away to the first 50 EMU students at the door Friday.

Cost for the game is \$2 for students and senior citizens, \$4 for adults, and children under 12 are free.

For additional information contact the Cultural Center at 455-6620.

Canton Chamber luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly member luncheon today (Jan. 8) at noon in the Roman Forum Restaurant on Ford Road.

The topic of discussion will be the revised set of by-laws recently approved by the Canton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. The by-laws will be

voted on at the annual dinner and auction, Jan. 25.

The chamber is also holding a business card drawing with the prize of a free lunch and a 50-50 drawing, the cost of which is \$8.

Call the chamber to register at 453-4040.

Oratorio group opens year

Singing in the new year.

The Plymouth Oratorio Society begins 1992 by holding its first rehearsal and meeting Jan. 20 from 7:30-9:15 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of

Plymouth on North Territorial.

Rehearsals will continue each Monday night.

The group, which includes some 90 singers from 15 communities, is open to everyone in the Detroit-Ann Arbor area with no audition and performs a major choral work with orchestra each spring.

On May 3 the group opens its sixth season performing Beethoven's Mass in C and the Choral Fantasy with the Michigan Sinfonietta conducted by Robert Pratt.

Vocal scores will be on sale at the first meeting.

For more information, call 761-2991 or 455-6572.

Open house

There will be an open house at the new fire station in Plymouth Township for the public to view the facility today (Jan. 8) from 1:30-7 p.m.

The fire station (the township's third such facility) is located at 13600 Beck Rd. at the corner of Beck and North Territorial roads.

Places to be

Variety Is...

The Centennial Educational Park (CEP) bands will present the 27th annual "Variety Is..." talent show Friday and Saturday, Jan. 24-25.

The performance begins at 8 p.m. each night and will be held in the Salem High auditorium.

Again this year, the bands will be offering an extra evening, Thursday, Jan. 23, free to all senior citizens from the community.

The CEP Marching Band will play its musical program which swept the group to its second straight national title in

November. The show will also include student performing groups, solos, choral groups, clubs, and exhibitions from the concert, symphony and marching bands of Canton and Salem high schools.

The entertainment concludes with the traditional appearance of the CEP Marching Band.

Tickets for the "Variety Is..." are \$3 for general admission and \$5 for reserved seating.

For reservations call 455-6953.

Romancing the City

February is always a special month for romance lovers. As Valentine's Day is celebrated, the romantic in each of us comes through.

But this year, romantics in Plymouth are in for double duty.

The Sweet Afton Tea Room, in historic Old Village, will host two romance writers at a special lunch on Sunday, Feb. 16, from 1-4 p.m.

Lucy Taylor, author of "Avenue of

Dreams" and Shelly Thacker, author of "Midnight Raider" will be on hand to speak about writing romance novels and autograph copies of their books.

The cost for "An Afternoon of Romance" is \$15, and it includes a luncheon complete with British Tea. Seating is limited.

For information or reservations call 454-0777.

Medal winner to speak

The Lions Club of Plymouth will feature U.S. Congressional Medal of Honor winner Lt. Col. Matt Urban as the keynote speaker at its regular membership meeting on Thursday, Jan. 16.

Urban is one of the most decorated World War II veterans still living. He received the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1980 from President Jimmy Carter.

The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Miles Standish Room at the Mayflower Hotel in the City of Plymouth and the public is invited to attend.

The cost for dinner is \$8. Reservations may be made by calling 523-4046 or 453-7750 during the day, and 455-4864 or 453-7750 after 5 p.m.

Reservations must be received by Jan. 14.

Canton agency plans open house

The opening of the new Canton Family Services center is set for Jan. 15.

That's when the new organization will begin providing crisis intervention, counseling, family and marital support for local residents.

Canton Family Services is located in the Canton Community Foundation offices at 44958 Ford Rd. Canton residents can reach the program by calling 454-5427.

Community leaders have been invited to an open house on Jan. 15, which will be from 5-7:30 p.m. For information about the open house call the Foundation at 454-5427.

The new human services organization

is being run by Catholic Social Services of Wayne County, Family Service Detroit and Wayne County and the Canton Foundation. It is supported by the United Way of Southeastern Michigan.

Toastmasters

Those who find a frog in their throat whenever they have to speak in front of a group can take advantage of Speechcraft, a seminar in public speaking.

The seminar will be offered beginning Jan. 16 during the weekly meeting of The Holy Smoke Master Toastmasters Club that meets in Woodland.

The club meets at 6 p.m. on Thursdays at Danny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Rd.

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CANTON CHAMBER GOVT BUSINESS MEETING
 The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly government-business meeting at 7:30 a.m. in Palermo's Thursday, Jan. 9. Call 453-4040. The meeting is normally scheduled a week earlier but was changed for the holidays.

CANTON CHAMBER BY-LAWS PROGRAM
 The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly member luncheon today (Jan. 8) at noon in the Roman Forum Restaurant. The meeting will give residents a chance to voice their views on the proposed chamber by-laws. They will be voted on at the annual dinner/auction Jan. 25. For further information call 453-4040. The cost of the member luncheon is \$8.

OPEN HOUSE AT NEW FIRE STATION
 An open house is planned at the new fire station in Plymouth Township (Fire Station No. 3) today (Jan. 8) from 1:30-7 p.m. The station is located at Beck Road and North Territorial Road.

PLYMOUTH LIONS CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING
 Lt. Col. Matt Urban, a World War II Congressional Medal of Honor winner, will be the featured speaker at the regular membership meeting of the Plymouth Lions Club Thursday, Jan. 16. Open to the public. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Miles Standish Room of the Mayflower Hotel in the City of Plymouth. Dinner costs \$8 and reservations may be made by calling 523-4046 or 453-7750 and 455-4864. Reservations are necessary by Jan. 14.

TOASTMASTERS PUBLIC SPEAKING SEMINAR
 Beginning Jan. 16, 1992 Speechcraft, a public speaking seminar, will be offered by The Holy Smoke Masters Toastmasters Club at the group's dinner meetings. Held on Thursdays at 6 p.m. in Denny's on Wayne Road. For further details call 455-1635.

THEATRE GUILD'S MEMBERSHIP MEETING
 The Plymouth Theatre Guild will be holding a general membership meeting Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Water Tower Theater on the campus of Northville Regional Hospital. For further information call 349-7110.

NORTHVILLE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
 The Northville Genealogical Society will meet Thursday (Jan. 9) at 7:30 p.m. in the Mill Race Historical Village. The topic will be "Pitfalls, Problems and Possible Solutions," presented by Robert Daniel, former president of the Northville Historical Society. All are welcome. For more information call 348-1718 or 349-6370.

SPRING SOCCER REGISTRATION
 The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will be holding registration for the Plymouth Soccer Club's spring season from now through Jan. 31. Boys and girls ages five to 18 are eligible. League play begins in April. The cost is \$34. Birth certificate necessary upon registration. Register at the Plymouth Cultural Center. For further information call 455-6623.

PLYMOUTH--CANTON COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
 The Plymouth-Canton U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 11, 9th Central Region, Division XI, will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m. Held at the Salem High School counselor's office. For further information call 453-4271 or 453-7548. A boating skills and seamanship class will be offered through the Plymouth-Canton Adult Education program this year.

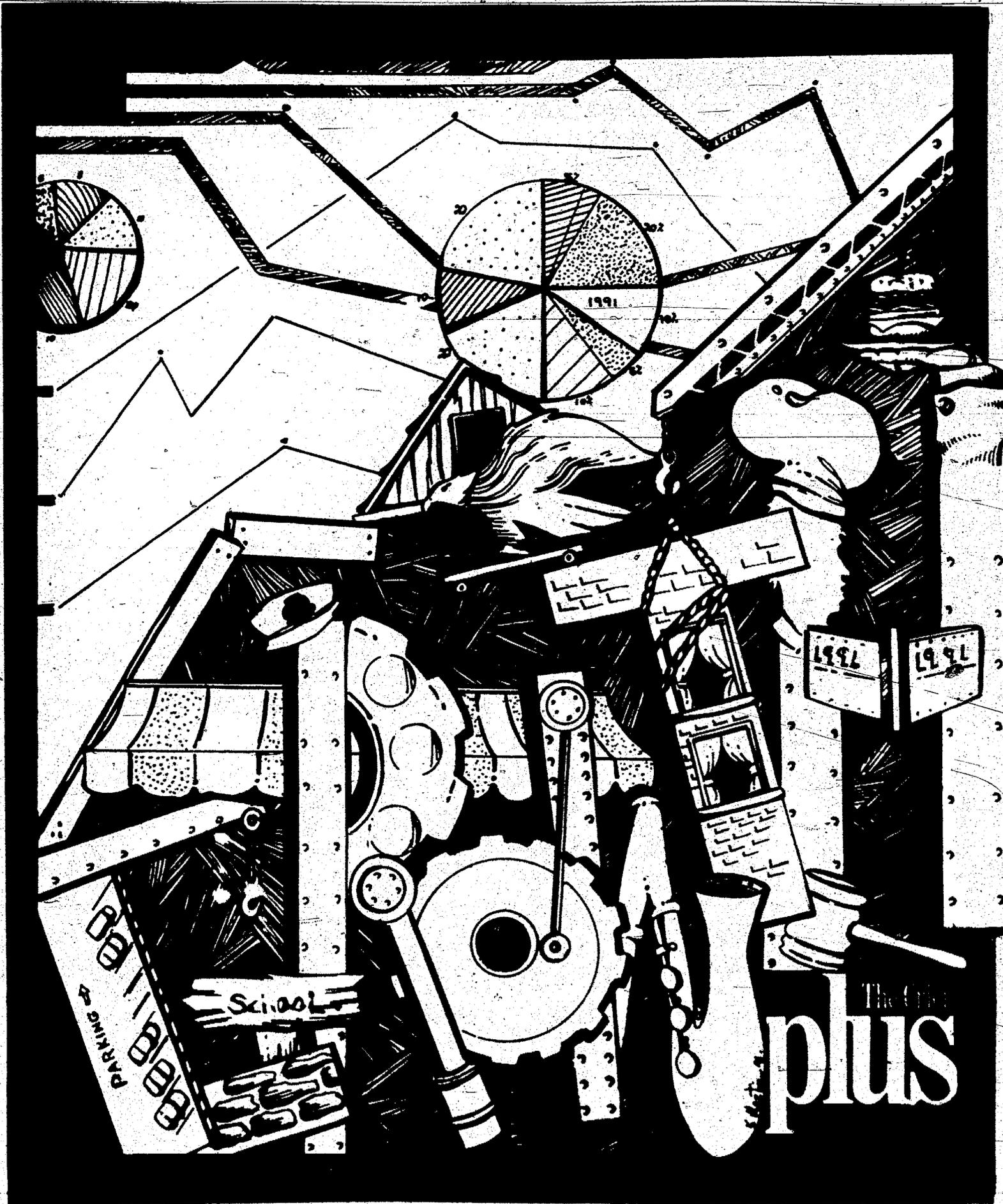
PLYMOUTH BREATHERS CLUB MTG
 The Plymouth Breathers Club will meet today (Jan. 8) at 1:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the McAuley Health Center on Ann Arbor Trail in the City of Plymouth. The group meets the second Wednesday of each month. For details call the American Lung Association of Southeast Michigan at 559-5100.

CANTON RED CROSS DONOR CENTER
 The Canton American Red Cross Donor Center is located at 6700 Canton Center Rd., in the Westgate Plaza, Canton. The donor site is open from 2-8 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

MOM GROUP MEETING
 MOM (Meet Other Mothers) will hold a group meeting at the First Presbyterian Church in the City of Plymouth Friday, Jan. 10 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. An emergency room nurse will discuss first aid. MOM is a support group for mothers. For further information call Mary Ellen at 348-8057 or Barbara at 421-6745.

CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE MEETING
 The Conference of Western Wayne will hold its regular meeting Friday, Jan. 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the Northville Township Hall at 41600 West Six Mile Rd. Agenda includes solid waste report, western Wayne County chiefs report and an executive committee report.

MEN AND WOMEN RELATING TOGETHER
 Single Place presents at 7:30 p.m. (\$3 donation) "Men and Women: Relating Together" with Nick Berns or an evening of games for those who like to play card and board games. Planned for Jan. 15 at the First Presbyterian Church in the City of Northville. For further details call 349-0911.



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Census data '90

City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan

The population information on this page was obtained last summer through the U.S. Census office in Detroit. Further census data on the increase of residents has yet to be released. It is expected, census officials said last week, that that information will be available by March of this year.

Total population	9,560	Total housing units	4,528
SEX		OCCUPANCY AND TENURE	
Male	4,462	Occupied housing units	4,257
Female	5,098	Owner occupied	2,733
		For rent	1,524
AGE		For rent - owner occupied	640
Under 5 years	431	For rent - non-owner occupied	251
5 to 17 years	1,233	For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	11
18 to 24 years	283	Householder vacancy rate (percent)	2.1
25 to 34 years	472	Rental vacancy rate (percent)	8.1
35 to 44 years	3,626	Persons per owner-occupied unit	2.45
45 to 54 years	515	Persons per non-owner-occupied unit	1.72
55 to 64 years	396	Units with over 1 person per room	27
65 to 74 years	438		
75 to 84 years	732	UNITS BY STRUCTURE	
85 years and over	298	1-unit, detached	2,524
Median age	35.5	1-unit, attached	395
Under 18 years	1,864	2 to 4 units	742
Percent of total population	19.5	5 to 9 units	60
65 years and over	1,546	10 or more units	514
Percent of total population	16.4	Mobile home, trailer, other	75
		VALUE	
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE		Specified non-owner-occupied units	2,280
Total households	4,287	Less than \$50,000	43
Family households (family)	2,991	\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,097
Married-couple families	2,069	\$100,000 to \$149,999	863
Percent of total households	48.7	\$150,000 to \$199,999	168
Other family, male householder	83	\$200,000 to \$299,999	66
Other family, female householder	238	\$300,000 or more	19
Nonfamily households	1,706	Median (dollars)	99,390
Percent of total households	41.4		
Householder living alone	1,522	CONTRACT RENT	
Householder 65 years and over	608	Specified non-owner-occupied units paying cash rent	1,497
Persons living in households	9,234	Less than \$250	136
Persons per household	2.19	\$250 to \$499	284
		\$500 to \$749	320
		\$750 to \$999	57
		\$1,000 or more	38
		Median (dollars)	432
		RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN OF HOUSEHOLDER	
		Occupied housing units	4,257
		White	4,223
		Black	9
		Percent of occupied units	6.2
		American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	19
		Percent of occupied units	0.4
		Asian or Pacific Islander	8
		Percent of occupied units	0.2
		Other race	4
		Hispanic origin (of any race)	28
		Percent of occupied units	0.3

A look at Plymouth through the census

BY ANNA MURRAY

Every 10 years the government gives communities a mathematical mirror of who they are: the census.

Released last summer, it provides a statistical reflection of growth and change. While still more data is yet to be released, here is a look at Plymouth city and township at the finish line of 1991.

Population:

A baby boom recently erupted in both Plymouth city and township. While no one can pinpoint the exact date of the explosion, the fallout is changing the image of both communities.

Of the 9,560 people who live in the city of Plymouth, 38 per cent fall into the baby-boomer category, ages 25-45. Another 27 per cent are boomer juniors, the children of these adults, who are up to 17 years old.

The perception of the city as a community of retirees is changing,

said William Graham, treasurer of the City of Plymouth.

"One thing I've noticed is a large number of young couples buying homes and having children," he said. "I didn't see that 10 years ago."

Graham said he found the population count, which has decreased 4 per cent, from 9,986 residents in 1980 to 9,560 in 1990, hard to believe given the influx of young couples with children.

He said he found the statistic illogical considering that the number of housing units has increased from 4,099 in 1980 to 4,528 in 1990.

Plymouth Township has experienced a slight (3 per cent) population increase from 23,028 residents to 23,648. Baby boomers comprise 34 per cent of this number, and their children make up 23 per cent.

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City, Twp. differ in 1991 development

difference in what the township was recognized for before and what it's recognized for now," said James Anulewicz, director of public services for the township.

He said the township is losing its reputation as a "developing" community of just-built homes, and gaining an image of a "maturing" community of families.

Like the city, the township has seen a rise in dwelling units far exceeding the population increase: The township added 1,433 housing units between 1980 and 1990.

Anulewicz attributes this to a decrease in the number of children couples are having and to an increase in the number of single-parent households. In other words, he said, there are fewer people living in more houses.

The census shows an average of 2.84 people per household in the township and 2.45 per household in the city.

"Compare that to the early 1960s when there was an average of four people per household," he said. "We expect to see continued residential growth, but not in population."

Real Estate:

The market, which according to real estate agents has been slow for the last two years, may just be about to pick up.

"Between Christmas and New Year's there was an incredible increase in the number of inquiry calls," said Nanette Hebetz, owner of Century 21 Suburban in Plymouth.

"The last time that happened was in Christmas of 1985, and 1986 was a boom year," she said.

Hebetz said she has noticed a change in the types of buyers in both Plymouth city and township. She said 49 per cent of all those buying homes through her office are first-time buyers. "That's just remarkable," she said.

The median price for a home in the City of Plymouth is \$99,500, up from \$61,100 in 1980. In the township the median price has increased from \$77,200 to \$127,200.

Hebetz said she has noticed more "yuppie" buyers who want to skip the traditional starter home.

"They all want big," she said. "They're looking for as much house as they can get for the money."

Jim Preston, vice president of Remerica, said he thinks next year will be a better year for real estate. "Right now consumer confidence and job security is low," he said.

Even with the low interest rates, he said, business has only begun to pick up very recently. "Historically, when interest rates are low people are breaking the doors down," he said.

Development:

Development is the area in which Plymouth city and township diverge from each other most significantly.

Plymouth city had no perceptible growth, said City Manager Steve Walters. "It wasn't a surprise," he said. "We're fully developed."

Treasurer Graham said the only growth in the city in 1991 has been the inflationary increase in the value of property. "Hopefully this

year will change because of the Wilcox project," he said.

"In the future there won't be numbers of new houses but limited redevelopment," said Walters. This would mean people tearing down existing buildings to construct others or adding on to existing structures.

City Engineer Ken West said two properties on Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey Street fall into this category. Two buildings adjacent to the Church of Christ Scientist will be torn down and offices built, he said. A renovation and expansion was also completed this year on the school board building.

"For a fully developed community, I don't think we did all that bad last year," said West.

The township, of course, has far more undeveloped land.

"I think it's the best community right now for investment," said developer Marcello Scappaticci who is planning a single family and condominium community on

Ann Arbor and Napier Roads.

"Developers all want to buy a piece of land in Plymouth Township," he said. Scappaticci said he had recently sold three parcels of land to developers who wanted to build in the township.

Developer Robert DeMattia said his industrial development projects in Plymouth Township were as successful as any he has ever undertaken.

He attributes this to the accessibility of Plymouth Township to metropolitan Detroit and Ann Arbor markets.

Anulewicz said the greatest growth in the township has been in high tech and industrial areas. "That points to a positive aspect of the job we've done as planners," he said.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Gerry Law said that over the next 10 years he expects the population to grow to about 30,000.

"That would be our maximum capacity at full development," he said.

Race:

Both Plymouth city and township remain relatively segregated in terms of the racial make-up of the citizenry.

The black population in the township has decreased from 301 people in 1980 to 286 in 1990. The city has 29 black residents, up from three in 1980.

There are only nine black householders in the city and 22 in the township. This means only .2 per cent of housing units in either the city or the township are owned by blacks.

Businesses:

Fran Toney, executive director of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce said she is optimistic about the business environment.

"We don't have a lot of new businesses downtown, but many have expanded," she said.

Sideways on Forest Avenue and the Engraving Connection on Ann Arbor Trail have both doubled in size. Benjamin's Jewelers has added a design center to its establishment.

Several businesses have elected to move to larger quarters.

Census data '90

Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan

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Total population	22,648	Total housing units	6,211
SEX		OCCUPANCY AND TENURE	
Male	11,064	Occupied housing units	6,815
Female	11,584	Owner occupied	7,222
		Renters owner occupied	81.9
AGE		Renters occupied	1,599
Under 5 years	1,437	Vacant housing units	706
5 to 17 years	2,509	For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	34
18 to 24 years	980	Household vacancy rate (percent)	1.8
25 to 34 years	1,152	Rental vacancy rate (percent)	6.5
35 to 44 years	2,574	Persons per owner-occupied unit	2.84
45 to 54 years	2,408	Persons per renter-occupied unit	1.75
55 to 64 years	1,261	Units with over 1 person per room	56
65 to 74 years	1,146		
75 to 84 years	1,080	UNITS BY STRUCTURE	
85 years and over	729	1-unit, detached	6,255
Median age	36.7	1-unit, attached	417
Under 18 years	5,993	2 to 4 units	267
Percent of total population	22.8	5 to 9 units	763
65 years and over	2,574	10 or more units	426
Percent of total population	9.9	Mobility home, trailer, other	673
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE		VALUE	
Total households	6,815	Specified owner-occupied units	6,116
Family households (family)	6,085	Less than \$50,000	64
Married-couple families	5,261	\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,763
Percent of total households	97.6	\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,578
Other family, male householder	167	\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,261
Other family, female householder	337	\$200,000 to \$249,999	641
Nonfamily households	2,170	\$250,000 or more	249
Percent of total households	24.2	Median (allure)	127,200
Householder living alone	1,896	CONTRACT RENT	
Householder 65 years and over	942	Specified owner-occupied units paying cash rent	1,544
Persons living in households	23,275	Less than \$250	57
Persons per household	2.44	\$250 to \$499	321
		\$500 to \$999	491
GROUP QUARTERS		\$1,000 to \$999	36
Persons living in group quarters	372	\$1,000 or more	27
Unsubsidized persons	372	Median (allure)	479
Other persons in group quarters		RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN OF HOUSEHOLDER	
RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN		Occupied housing units	6,815
White	22,662	Black	22
Black	286	Persons of occupied units	6.2
Percent of total population	1.2	American Indian, Alaskan, or Native	22
American Indian, Alaskan, or Native	26	Persons of occupied units	66
Percent of total population	0.2	Asian or Pacific Islander	1.78
Asian or Pacific Islander	309	Percent of occupied units	6.2
Percent of total population	1.6	Other race	11
Other race	34	Hispanic origin (of any race)	73
Hispanic origin (of any race)	271	Percent of occupied units	6.8
Percent of total population	1.1		



Despite growth in Twp. 1991 serves as "difficult year" for N'ville

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

Although business isn't exactly booming, Northville residents and officials are anxious to point out the "family oriented downtown atmosphere" complete with a duck pond.

The year 1991 brought no new businesses to Northville, and only lost a few, one city official said.

"It's a difficult time to make that kind of a plunge right now," said Laurie Marrs; executive director of the Northville Community Chamber of Commerce.

"I think (Northville) fared pretty well considering the recession," Marrs said. "But many businesses are not up nearly as well as they were last year."

"A few businesses closed, but it wasn't recessionary," Marrs said. Most of the business closings were a result of retirement or a change of location, she added.

Gary Word, city manager for the City of Northville, had a mixed reaction toward the 1991 year in terms of business growth.

"Some businesses in the downtown closed and left, while the residential areas continued to grow and prosper," Word said. "So we got a mixed bag."

The Main Centre project, a combined \$6 million residential and commercial site, is doing quite well "recognizing the difficulty of the time and season," Word said. Currently the project is three quarters full in the residential portion and almost half full in the commercial section.

But to Tom Rice, owner of the Gitfiddler, 302 E. Main, 1991 goes down in his calendar as the "most difficult year I've ever experienced."

Rice, who has owned the music store located in downtown Northville for 19 years, views 1991 as "personally one of those struggle years."

"I focused on survival, to hold on tight, get through it and get ready for '92."

While 1990 served as a great expansion year for the Gitfiddler -- complete with seven new studios, a repair room and an 1,800 square foot addition -- 1991 was "a

Census data '90

Northville Township, Wayne County, Michigan

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Total population	17,313	Total housing units	6,526
SEX		OCCUPANCY AND TENURE	
Male	8,778	Occupied housing units	4,141
Female	8,535	Owner occupied	4,281
		Renter occupied	718
AGE		Owner occupied	1,788
Under 5 years	911	Vacant housing units	205
5 to 17 years	2,798	For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	43
18 to 24 years	881	Houseowner vacancy rate (percent)	1.9
25 to 44 years	5,103	Rental vacancy rate (percent)	7.3
45 to 54 years	2,413	Persons per owner-occupied unit	2.82
55 to 64 years	672	Persons per renter-occupied unit	1.86
65 to 74 years	782	Units with over 1 person per room	46
75 to 84 years	1,176		
85 years and over	490	UNITS BY STRUCTURE	
Median age	35.8	1-unit, detached	3,180
Under 18 years	3,787	1-unit, attached	1,272
Percent of total population	21.4	2 to 4 units	267
45 years and over	1,708	5 to 9 units	906
Percent of total population	9.9	10 or more units	78
		Mobile home, trailer, other	56
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE		VALUE	
Total households	6,141	Specified owner-occupied units	3,528
Family households (family)	4,484	Less than \$28,000	180
Married-couple families	3,876	\$28,000 to \$49,999	1,821
Percent of total households	63.1	\$50,000 to \$74,999	379
Other family, male householder	113	\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,164
Other family, female householder	175	\$100,000 or more	664
Nonfamily households	1,667	Median (dollars)	162,789
Percent of total households	27.0		
Householder living alone	1,373	CONTRACT RENT	
Householder 65 years and over	488	Standard renter-occupied units paying cash rent	1,732
Persons living in households	15,611	Less than \$750	49
Persons per household	2.54	\$750 to \$499	317
		\$500 to \$749	1,175
GROUP QUARTERS		\$750 to \$999	178
Persons living in group quarters	1,792	\$1,000 or more	22
Institutionalized persons	1,892	Median (dollars)	388
Other persons in group quarters	7		
		RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN OF HOUSEHOLDER	
RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN		Owner housing units	4,141
White	15,712	White	2,954
Black	1,060	Black	24
Percent of total population	6.2	Percent of occupied units	0.4
American Indian, Alaskan, or Aleut	49	American Indian, Alaskan, or Aleut	13
Percent of total population	0.3	Percent of occupied units	0.2
Asian or Pacific Islander	482	Asian or Pacific Islander	129
Percent of total population	2.8	Percent of occupied units	3.1
Other race	51	Other race	48
Hispanic origin (of any race)	185	Hispanic origin (of any race)	11
Percent of total population	1.1	Percent of occupied units	0.8

conversion year" for Rice.

"It was similar to the old saying 'you can't teach an old dog new tricks,'" he said. "I learned a lot about business, life, people. Personally it culminated to the point where I learned what I needed to know to learn how to make this business fly."

In order to attract new businesses and to retain the current ones, a business retention committee was formed to "foster development," Word said.

A lot of the city's economic problems stem from Gov. John Engler's re-balancing of the budget, Word said.

"The city is a victim of the state's economy," he said. "The governor took action to prevent monies which normally would have come into the city."

Because of the government's deficit, Word said the city didn't receive racetrack funds that

ordinarily would have been allocated. Currently the racetrack represents 25 per cent of the city's budget.

Citing "some growth" in the township, Northville Township Supervisor Betty Lennox anticipates further development if the economy manages to turn around.

With the majority of residents falling within the 25-44 age bracket in both the City of Northville and Northville Township, the school system has become a major attraction.

"We have an outstanding school system," Marrs said. "Many people see the advantage of a strong school system and come here for the quality of life."

The downtown has maintained a historic feel because "the nice owners of downtown historical sites continuously update and renovate the buildings to keep the

charm to them," Marrs said. "It's nice to see people that are proud."

But even with Northville's "unique small town atmosphere and close proximity to Detroit," new building in the area has slowed down considerably, she said.

"They say it's a buyers market with the lower interest rates, but most people are refinancing," Marrs said. "People are more into saving money now with the insecurity of not knowing where the economy is going to turn."

Looking toward the future, Marrs sees the city economy holding steady while the township grows, especially with developers such as R.A. DeMattia in the area.

Kathy O'Neill, manager of the ERA Country Ridge Realty, said sales for what some refer to as one of the "richest zip codes" in Michigan are not any different from previous years.

"At the beginning of the year, sales were real good, but toward the end of the year, things started to slow down," she said. "But this is typical with the holidays."

Still "hoping (the economy) will pick up," O'Neill said Northville has a lot to offer to prospective house buyers.

"In the city, we have older, smaller houses, and in the Township we have newer, bigger houses," she said. "Northville has a lot of variety to offer. A small town feeling."

"It's a desirable place for many to live. Amenities are available: good schools are a high mark, shopping and the freeways to help bring people in."

Demographics:

According to 1990 census data, the City of Northville -- including both Oakland and Wayne counties -- has a combined population of 6,226.

The township is sizably larger with a total population of 17,313. The largest age bracket for both the city and township is from 25 to 44; the city has a combined 2,163 in this age group while the township has 6,149.

An interesting sidenote is the



1990 U.S. Census: few minorities in Northville

second largest age bracket: under 18 in both the city and township.

Race in Northville is predominantly white.

Census data for Northville Township indicates 1,069 of the 17,313 residents are black (6.2 per cent), while American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut, Asian or Pacific Islander, and Hispanics altogether barely constitute more than four per cent of the population.

In the city, there are nine black residents of 6,226 (1.4 per cent), while other minorities come out on top with a total of 2.3 percent of the population.

Racial breakdowns of householders in the Northville area show 24 black owners, compared to 5,954 white homeowners in the township; and one black homeowner in the city compared to 2454 white owners.

These figures are a disturbing indication to Cliff Schrupp, director of the Fair Housing Center

in Detroit.

Potential black homeowners are told unfavorable information to keep them from looking at houses in Detroit suburbs, Schrupp said, such as homes aren't available when they are or that they have to be a resident of Michigan for a year before they can look at a house.

"The fact we have a segregated community suggests these incidents of discrimination happen quite often," he said. "The census numbers don't concern me. I'm concerned about the incidents of discrimination occurring in high numbers."

People seeking to live in the city or township of Northville will find housing costly.

In the City of Northville, Oakland County, the median house value is \$132,500. In the Wayne County portion of the city, the median-house value is \$125,500. Out in the township, the median value of homes is \$162,700.

Census data '90

City of Northville, Wayne County, Michigan

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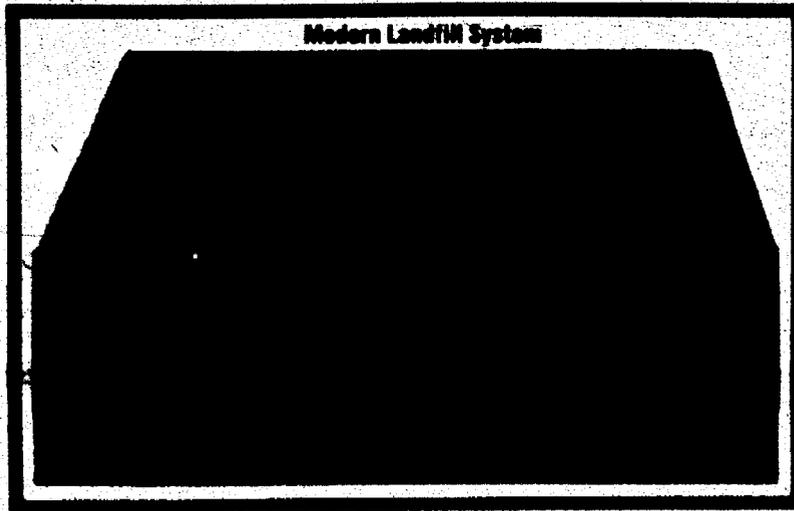
Total population	2,889	Total housing units	1,316
SEX		OCCUPANCY AND TENURE	
Male	1,217	Occupied housing units	1,251
Female	1,532	Owner occupied	747
		Rented, except mobile	50.7
		Renter occupied	264
AGE		Vacant housing units	65
Under 5 years	179	For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	4
5 to 17 years	285	Monthowner occupancy rate (percent)	2.4
18 to 24 years	72	Rented occupancy rate (percent)	4.5
25 to 34 years	128	Persons per owner-occupied unit	2.85
35 to 44 years	170	Persons per renter-occupied unit	1.64
45 to 54 years	126	Units with over 1 person per room	0
55 to 64 years	150		
65 to 74 years	105	UNITS BY STRUCTURE	
75 to 84 years	71	1-unit, detached	775
85 years and over	36.4	1-unit, attached	67
Median age		2 to 4 units	175
Under 18 years	395	5 to 9 units	35
Percent of total population	28.8	10 or more units	161
65 years and over	445	Mobile homes, trailers, other	23
Percent of total population	15.5		
		VALUE	
HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		Specialized owner-occupied units	688
Total households	1,251	Less than \$50,000	17
Family households (family)	749	\$50,000 to \$99,999	385
Married-couple families	629	\$100,000 to \$149,999	154
Percent of total households	51.1	\$150,000 to \$199,999	75
Other family, male householder	22	\$200,000 to \$299,999	82
Other family, female householder	70	\$300,000 or more	15
Nonfamily households	511	Median (dollars)	125,500
Percent of total households	40.9		
Householder living alone	161	CONTRACT RENT	
Householder 65 years and over	157	Specialized renter-occupied units paying cash rent	494
		Less than \$200	38
Persons living in households	2,882	\$200 to \$499	382
Persons per household	2.34	\$500 to \$749	132
		\$750 to \$999	11
		\$1,000 or more	1
GROUP QUARTERS		Median (dollars)	444
Persons living in group quarters	33		
Institutional group quarters	17	RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN OF HOUSEHOLDERS	
Other persons in group quarters	24	Occupied housing units	1,251
		White	1,241
RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN		Black	2,822
White	2,822	Percent of occupied units	
Black	4	American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	4
Percent of total population	0.1	American or Pacific Islander	6.3
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	19	Asian or Pacific Islander	4
Percent of total population	0.3	Other race	6.3
Asian or Pacific Islander	19	Hispanic origin (of any race)	2
Percent of total population	0.2	Percent of occupied units	6.4
Other race	6		
Percent of total population	0.2		
Hispanic origin (of any race)	19		
Percent of total population	0.2		

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Township sees housing growth

Despite recession Canton expanding

BY KEN VOYLES

Growth and Canton were, once associated with nothing more than the health of the many lush farm fields south of Joy Road.

Now a days, when government or business leaders talk about growth in the township that is usually the last thing on their minds. Instead they refer to how

many homes were built or which manufacturing firms expanded.

This year Canton officials were publicly optimistic about the state of economic growth in the township during the past 12 months.

And while some have likened 1991 to the recession of 1981-82, the picture wasn't nearly so dreary

for the community of 57,000.

While industrial development was a little less than normal, the sprouting of new homes in Canton continued apace throughout 1991, the officials said.

But the third element of the development tirade -- commercial businesses -- was nearly "non-existent" last year in Canton.

Dan Calabrese, assistant to Supervisor Tom Yack, said the township netted some 350 new manufacturing jobs over the year, which he called "pretty good."

New housing starts also hit the 300-350 mark last year, an ongoing trend Canton officials are happy with considering the state of the economy.

"They not only were built but they were sold," said Yack. "The purpose a place like Fox Run serves hasn't been satisfied yet."

"We're talking about 'move up' housing within our community," he continued. "That's folks buying their next house in the community."

Yack said it was once common for residents to move into one of Canton's early subdivisions, then move to one of the many Sunflowers and then finally move right on out of the community.

"Now that's changing," he said. "Our master plans have shown that would happen but it wasn't until the last year or two before it began happening."

U.S. Census information shows that Canton's largest number of homes range in value between \$50,000-\$99,000 and \$100,000-\$149,000 (some 10,000 homes). But it also notes that the number of \$200,000 and up homes is now over 700.

The median value for a home in Canton, according to the data, is \$109,300.

"Some people said that wouldn't happen here," said Yack. "They said development to the west would be the same as the east."

The other housing trend, he added, is the growth of interest in homes south of Ford Road. The "general stigma" of having a south Canton address has changed, said Yack.

Other housing development is focused on west Canton in the Beck and Warren roads area. And there is some "fill-in" development on the east side of Canton in the older subdivisions.

"Housing right now is recession proof for Canton," said Yack.

There were a total of 21 housing developments started in one fashion or another in 1991,

Canton, Wayne County, Michigan

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Census data '90

Total population	57,040	Total housing units	20,307
SEX		OCCUPANCY AND TENURE	
Male	28,160	Occupied housing units	19,542
Female	28,880	Owner occupied	14,279
		Percent owner occupied	73.1
AGE		Renter occupied	5,263
Under 5 years	4,790	Vacant housing units	765
5 to 17 years	12,952	For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	28
18 to 20 years	2,468	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent)	0.8
21 to 24 years	3,111	Rental vacancy rate (percent)	6.6
25 to 44 years	22,380		
45 to 54 years	5,851	Persons per owner-occupied unit	3.15
55 to 59 years	1,486	Persons per renter-occupied unit	2.29
60 to 64 years	1,244	Units with over 1 person per room	406
65 to 74 years	1,819		
75 to 84 years	780	UNITS IN STRUCTURE	
85 years and over	159	1-unit, detached	12,120
Median age	30.1	1-unit, attached	850
		2 to 4 units	641
Under 18 years	17,742	5 to 9 units	2,455
Percent of total population	31.1	10 or more units	1,859
65 years and over	2,758	Mobile home, trailer, other	2,382
Percent of total population	4.8		
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE		VALUE	
Total households	19,542	Specified owner-occupied units	11,388
Family households (families)	15,164	Less than \$50,000	153
Married-couple families	12,733	\$50,000 to \$99,999	3,887
Percent of total households	65.2	\$100,000 to \$149,999	6,654
Other family, male householder	493	\$150,000 to \$199,999	581
Other family, female householder	1,938	\$200,000 to \$299,999	91
Nonfamily households	4,378	\$300,000 or more	20
Percent of total households	22.4	Median (dollars)	109,300
Householder living alone	3,441		
Householder 65 years and over	811	CONTRACT RENT	
		Specified renter-occupied units paying cash rent	5,116
Persons living in households	57,026	Less than \$250	578
Persons per household	2.92	\$250 to \$499	2,253
		\$500 to \$749	1,969
GROUP QUARTERS		\$750 to \$999	239
Persons living in group quarters	14	\$1,000 or more	77
Institutionalized persons		Median (dollars)	487
Other persons in group quarters	14		
		RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN OF HOUSEHOLDER	
RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN		Occupied housing units	19,542
White	52,973	White	18,417
Black	1,167	Black	388
Percent of total population	2.0	Percent of occupied units	2.0
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	155	American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	56
Percent of total population	0.3	Percent of occupied units	0.3
Asian or Pacific Islander	2,562	Asian or Pacific Islander	632
Percent of total population	4.5	Percent of occupied units	3.2
Other race	183	Other race	48
Hispanic origin (of any race)	792	Hispanic origin (of any race)	224
Percent of total population	1.4	Percent of occupied units	1.1

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Ford Road remains a concern

South Canton, good zip code

cluding Fox Run, Glengary 1 and 2, Sunflowers 9-11, Brookside 4, Riverpark and Overmeadow, and Heritage Farms.

A new housing/golf course development around township hall on Canton Center Road is likely to expand that beginning in 1992.

Commercial growth in Canton was pretty much non-existent last year, said Calabrese.

"I'll tell you what we need in that area," said Yack. "We need nicer restaurants. We don't need another discount store."

"We need places for people to go at night," he added. "We need more variety, some apparel stores."

Yack said Canton had good demographics, but that there is no demand for a major commercial development in Canton with the weak markets to the township's south and west.

"We have to protect our existing commercial base," said the supervisor, and the "viability" of Ford Road.

But Ford Road is a problem on its own. Much of the heavy traffic is "already heading somewhere," said Yack and many residents favor going to the Westland Mall. "But I also don't think they would want that here," he said.

Yack said much needs to be done along Ford Road in the next

10-20 years with a greater emphasis on landscape and creating different traffic patterns by using fewer curb cuts and more offstreet parking.

Also during 1992, Canton's best complex of stores at Ford and Lilley was devastated when Great Scott! pulled out.

But Calabrese said that Canton's industrial base -- like its housing -- was also recession-proof last year.

He said Michigan Avenue and the northeast district "received some attention." There's the Procoil expansion and Yazaki's increased presence.

"We also feel optimistic that Michigan Avenue will also see those new improvements in the next three or four years," said Yack.

Canton seemed better served by light industrial last year, with a lot of smaller firms hanging on during tough economic times.

"We're not totally immune, said Calabrese, who added that 65 per cent of that industrial base is related to the auto industry.

But Yack said smaller firms in large numbers is better than being dependent on one or two large employers.

Other major industrial growth in 1991 included Steel Technologies and Business Resources facilities, expansion of Draw-Tite and the additions of Rudolph-Libbe,

Daikin Clutch and Johnson Stamping.

One loss was Moeller Manufacturing, Canton's award-winning aircraft engine firm. Moeller is moving to Wixom this year.

From another angle Canton will be the site of both new elementary schools when the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools breaks ground on the schools this year. (The locations were announced in 1991. Well, one was anyway. One school will be in northwest Canton and other, as yet undisclosed, will likely be near Sheldon and Palmer or Canton Center roads.)

"Elementary schools do a lot for neighborhoods," said Yack. "They become a community center of sorts."

Another interesting aspect to

1991 was the expansion of the non-residential share of the tax base in 1991, said Calabrese. His data show that tax base rising from 23.6 per cent in 1990 to 25.15 in 1991.

Other demographics supplied by census and Canton officials include: a median household income of \$48,843; a median age of 30.1 years; a total of 20,307 housing units; and 14,279 owner occupied housing units.

The racial mix of Canton, based on census information, showed a largely white population (52,973), and lesser Asian (2,562) and black (1,167) populations.

The majority of residents ranges in age from 25-44 (some 22,380 residents) and 5-17 (some 12,952 residents).

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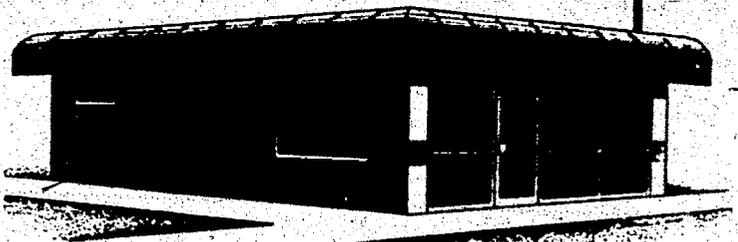
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CIVITANS ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

The Plymouth-Canton Civitans annual Citizenship Essay Contest is underway at CEP. The topic is "Mass Media: The Effects on the American Public." Students enrolled in any high school, public, private or parochial within the boundaries of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district are eligible to enter. Prizes of \$125 for first, \$75 for second, \$50 for third. All entries must be submitted by midnight March 13, 1992, to Jerry Thompson, Canton English, room 224. Call 451-6600, ext. 344. Or contact Joe Henshaw at 453-7569.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Hospice of Southeastern Michigan will train interested persons as hospice volunteers to work in their communities Jan. 25 at Northville United Methodist Church on Eight Mile Road. To register and for further information call Shirley Moore at 559-9292.

LOCAL FAMILIES NEEDED FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Foreign high school students will be arriving soon in The Plymouth-Canton Community and local host families are needed. For further information call the Pacific Intercultural Exchange at 1-800-245-6232. Students will be coming from Spain, Germany, Italy, Brazil and other countries.

PLYMOUTH COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING

Tim Nowicki, a local naturalist, will be the guest speaker at the next Plymouth Community Council on Aging meeting Jan. 13 in the Plymouth Cultural Center. Meeting starts at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For further information call 453-1234, ext. 236.

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON

The Plymouth Newcomers Club will meet Jan. 9 at Riffle's in Northville. Hospitality begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at noon. A representative from Oakwood Hospital will discuss breast cancer. The cost is \$10. The group is open to residents of Plymouth (city or township) who have lived here for two years or less. For reservations call 455-3315. Reservation deadline is Jan. 6.

COMMUNITY SPELLING BEE

The Canton Rotary Literacy Committee will sponsor The Second Annual Community Spelling Bee on Thursday, May 14, 1992 at 7 p.m. in the Canton High School Little Theatre. Registration limited to the first 20 teams. The cost is \$100. Registration forms will be available Feb. 15 from local supporters and Community Literacy Council, Inc. Proceeds will help local literacy efforts. For further information call the Community Literacy Council at 451-6555.

MENS RACQUETBALL LEAGUE

Canton's Parks and Recreation will sponsor a Mens Racquetball League starting Jan. 15 for 15 weeks. The league is divided into ability levels. There is no residency requirements. The cost is \$95 per person. Action on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Rose Shores in Canton. Registration has begun. For further information call 397-5110.

TEEN SKI TRIP PLANNED

Canton's Parks and Recreation is sponsoring its first Teen Ski Trip of the year to Alpine Valley on Jan. 17. The cost is \$16 per person, or \$23 if renting equipment. Open to all area teens, with or without equipment. Bus leaves from Canton Administration Building at 5 p.m. and returns by midnight. Space is limited. Registration has begun. For information call 397-5110.

FAMILY MILLER WOODS WALKS

Family walks in Plymouth Township's unique Miller Woods will be led by Emily Kennitz and Joyce Holmes the second Sunday of every month through May. Starts at 1 p.m. Each walk will stress a different theme and focus on seasonal changes. The free walks begin at 1 p.m. Meet at the entrance on Powell Road between Beck and Ridge roads. For further information call 453-6912. Kennitz and Holmes at members of the Friends of Miller Woods.

"ON GOLDEN POND" AUDITIONS

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will host auditions for the play "On Golden Pond" Friday, Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 18 at 2 p.m. in the Water Tower Theater on the campus of Northville Regional Hospital. The cast includes three men, one boy and two women. Performances are planned for March 13-15, 20-22 and 27-28. Help is also needed behind the scenes. For information call 349-7110.

CANTON FAMILY SERVICES OPEN HOUSE

An open house is planned Jan. 15 from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Canton Foundation offices to introduce the community to a new human services program, Canton Family Services, organized by the Foundation, Catholic Social Services, Family Service Detroit and Wayne County and the United Way. Counseling will be offered through those agencies under the name Canton Family Services. To RSVP for the open house call 454-5427.

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY

The Plymouth Oratorio Society begins its sixth season May 3 with a performance of Beethoven's "Mass in C" and the "Choral Fantasy." Robert Pratt will conduct. An organizational meeting and first rehearsal is planned for Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. Rehearsals on succeeding Mondays. For further information on the group call 761-2991 or 455-6512.



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Lost fight with leukemia Gallagher, student

BY ANNA MURRAY

Michael Hursey Gallagher's last Christmas was filled with memorable moments for his family.

Michael even received a call from actress Julia Roberts, his favorite movie star, who expressed support in his 15-month battle with a rare form of leukemia, and wished him a happy holiday.

In fact, said Thomas Gallagher, Michael's father, Roberts called back twice in order to get to talk with Michael.

There were also presents, said Gallagher: a VCR, books and records.

But, most importantly for his family, Michael came home to Plymouth from Detroit Children's Hospital for Christmas Eve and Christmas.

Michael died less than a week later on New Year's Eve.

A senior at Catholic Central High School, Michael remained involved in his favorite activities throughout his illness.

"Probably the two most significant things in his life were the debate team and the Dungeons and Dragons club," said his father. Michael was president of the debate team his junior year.

Though Michael was too ill from chemotherapy and radiation treatments to attend school this year, he still went to some debate meets. He also had roles in two high school plays during his illness.

Michael was a three-time recipient of the Gabriel Richard Award and a member of the National Honor Society.

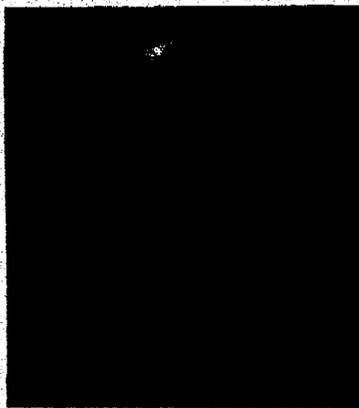
"He was out-going, witty. He loved to be on stage," his father said. "He was just a good kid."

Gallagher said Michael's family was very grateful for the expressions of support they have received from Michael's friends. He said "half of Catholic Central expressed their

sympathy for Michael."

It was Michael's friends from school who arranged the call from Julia Roberts. They called the Rainbow Connection, a non-profit group that fulfills the wishes of chronic and terminally ill children.

Michael is survived by his parents Thomas and Jo Gallagher; brother Peter Gallagher; and sister Leigh-Ann Gallagher, all of Plymouth; and his grandmothers, Mary Gallagher, of Dearborn, and Mattie Marnes, of Georgia.



MICHAEL GALLAGHER

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 4 at St. Genevieve Catholic Church in Livonia, with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

Local arrangements were handled by the Schrader Funeral Home.

Donations may be made to Leukemia Research Life, Inc. PO Box 32783, Detroit, 48232, or the Michigan Cancer Foundation, 110 East Warren, Detroit, 48201.



Community deaths

Wood, owned studio

Dora Wood, 104, of Plymouth, died Dec. 22. Funeral services were held Dec. 27 at the Schrader Funeral Home with Dr. L.J. Peterson officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Wood and her husband owned a photography studio in Plymouth for 60 years. She is survived by her great nieces Gail Mecklenburg, of Northville, Brenda Boyer, of South Lyon, Joanne Way, of Georgia, Debbie McGill, of Florida; great nephews Bruce Wood, of Chicago, Wayne Wood, of Georgia; and several great great nieces and nephews.

Klinski, homemaker

Elsie E. Klinski, 77, of Plymouth, died Dec. 21. Services were held Dec. 23 at Our Lady of Good Counsel with Rev. Joseph Plawecki officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Klinski was a homemaker and belonged to Our Lady of Good Counsel in the City of Plymouth.

She is survived by her son, Kenneth Klinski; three grandchildren, Michael, David and James; and three great grandchildren, Misty, James and Matthew.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Local arrangements were handled by the Lambert-Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

Jeleniewski, manager

Richard J. Jeleniewski, 50, of Livonia died Dec. 31. Funeral services were held Jan. 2 at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia with Rev. James C. Scheick officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Jeleniewski was a computer operation manager. He was member of St. Edith Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Lorraine; son, Richard Jeleniewski, of Plymouth; daughter, Karen Sabatini, of Plymouth; brothers, Frank Jeleniewski, of Detroit, Walter Jeleniewski, of Petersburg, and Michael Jeleniewski, of Livonia; and grandchildren, Tyler and Gabrielle.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Local arrangements were handled by the Lambert-Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

Vicini, Salem graduate

Judith Anne Vicini, 30, of Kingman, AZ, died Dec. 29 in a car accident. Funeral services will be held in Arizona.

Ms. Vicini graduated from Salem High School.

She is survived by her parents, Arthur Vicini, of Northville and Jeanne Vicini, of Plymouth; sisters, Pamela Horn, Jaelle Eby, Linda Findlay, Mary Gibson, and Anne Sharkey; and brother Bill Vicini.

Contributions may be made to the Sierra Club or the Humane Society.

Stetz, GM supervisor

John Stetz, 78, of Cedar Falls, IA, died Dec. 9. A memorial service was held Jan. 3 at the Schrader Funeral Home with Sylvia Stetz delivering the eulogy.

Mr. Stetz was a former Plymouth resident. He worked as a supervisor at General Motors for 41 years and belonged to the Plymouth Elks.

He is survived by his sons, Norman A. Stetz, of Livonia, and Donald N. Stetz, of Iowa; grandchildren, Michael Stetz, of Lansing, Thomas Stetz, of Dearborn, Karen Stetz, of Chicago, and Julie Stetz, of Northville; great grandson, Anthony Stetz, of Laport; and Anne Cronin of Laport.

Lopus, remodeler

Richard C. Lopus, 62, of Livonia, died Nov. 11. Services were held Sunday, Nov. 17, at the Lambert-Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home with Deacon Ernest J. Bedard officiating.

Mr. Lopus was a self-employed home remodeler and a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Survivors include: son, Richard C. Lopus, of Plymouth; daughters, Laura A. Lopus, of Detroit, and Cynthia A. Davis, of Merced, CA; brothers, John Anzcadaro, of California, and Thomas, of Dearborn; granddaughter, Haley Lopus; and dear friends Dorothy Mable and Ann Hinata.

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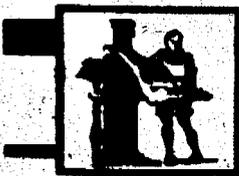
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Canton DDA debates merits of new agreement

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improved in such a way to identify it as a special area in Canton," said Greene.

Greene also said that "from all practical standpoints this ends it (the lawsuit)."

Hiller, objecting to the conceptual plan for the perimeter improvements, said, "You don't put a blueprint like this into the books."

"It's not going to work," he added. There are some 27 business owners

within the district, he said, all of whom should have a say in the final design.

During the debate Yack's frustration surfaced. "At the rate we're going we'll never get a plan, or if we get one it will be so inconsistent because we're trying to please all 27."

Yack said the final perimeter plan will take cooperation among business owners, the township staff and the DDA.

"It's got to be a relationship built upon trust and common goals and objectives," he said. "I think we're getting really committed to our own points of view."

Yack said he was willing to "scrap the whole thing" if the DDA had so much trouble just approving a concept.

As it stands the current plan is a "shell" of what was originally envisioned, said Yack.

St. John expansion

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building was the "most viable" option open to the church.

The St. John Neumann parish includes approximately 3,000 families, Fisher said.

It was those families who raised nearly 60 per cent of the \$2 million needed for the project. The rest of the funding will come from loans through the Archdiocese of Detroit.

The project, which is expected to be complete by December, calls for adding 14,600 square feet to the existing 24,000 square feet.

The additional space will help to expand the worship area from 800 to 1,200 seats. Fisher said the existing space would also be "re-configured" for new meeting room, choir room and office space.

The project will also add 160 new parking spaces to the church lot.

"This will be quite a project," he said. "It's going to be a landmark for the community."

Part of the expansion calls for a 40-50 foot brick tower that Fisher said will be visible for miles and help make the church a landmark.

The Sunday, Jan. 5 groundbreaking marked a special date for the church, said Fisher.

The parish originally met in Miller School but on Jan. 5, 1978 ground was broken at the Warren Road site. Jan. 5 is feast day for the church's patron saint and Sunday's event marked the 14th anniversary since the original groundbreaking.

When the expansion and renovation work kicks into high gear this summer the church will grapple with moving its services to another location or just adding -- "quadrupling," said Fisher -- to the number of services each week.

A final decision on what will be done during that phase of construction has not yet been made, he said.

It is expected, he said, that the building will be usable again by the start of the 1992-93 school year.

Student helps crash victim

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

As Robbie Eckhart delivered The Crier newspapers on his paper route the week before Thanksgiving, little did he realize he would be called on to help someone in stress.

But the Pioneer Middle School eighth grader's heroics surfaced when he pulled a woman from her car after she had crashed into a tree in Canton.

"She came real fast around the corner and hit the tree on the side and the car flipped over," Eckhart remembered of the accident at Warren and Memorial roads.

The 21-year-old woman, who swerved to avoid hitting a car in the west-bound left turn lane on Warren, was not injured in the accident but was issued a ticket for

"failing to use due care and caution," said Tammie Colling, public relations officer for the Canton Township Police.

"I was delivering a paper and then she wrecked," Eckhart said. "I saw the pieces from her car flying up."

"I ran over to the garage and saw the lady coming out of the car and I ran over and helped her out," he said. After helping the woman to the curb, Eckhart continued his paper route as "a bunch of big guys and a big truck" arrived at the scene.

But when it comes to being called a hero, Eckhart would rather leave that title to someone else.

"I feel okay," he said, "I just didn't want anybody to get hurt."

Ice sculpture festival

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house builder. There will also be holiday cooking demonstrations and tours for visitors.

The event will continue to have an international flavor, Watts said. Four Japanese and four Russian carvers are invited again this year.

"Because of the changes in the world scene we feel it's really important to do that," Watts said.

The Japanese, he said, are the best carvers in the world. The four visitors from Japan are grand prix champions in the art of ice carving, which has a long history in Japan.

He added that the ice-carving craft had been in danger of evaporating in this country before the Plymouth show.

"Plymouth has been the savior of this art," he said.

Since the start of the Plymouth show, the popularity of ice events has been advancing with glacial steadiness.

When the Plymouth show began there were only two or three ice events countrywide, Watts said. "There are now 40 events in the U.S."

New university and professional teams compete for the ice titles. Henry Ford Community College, Watts said, is investigating drawings and elevations of the Cathedral in St. Petersburg that they hope to copy for this year's show.

Watts also has innovative plans in cold storage for next year. He hopes to bring some national musical talent to the show and include a ski film festival and horse and carriage rides.

He said the festival needs more events and activities for kids and teenagers. Another pet plan is to revive the tradition of the Snow Ball at the Mayflower Hotel.

Watts, 45, is an 11-year resident of Plymouth and has a long history in special events promotion and direction.

He has directed events such as the Downtown Howdown, the Detroit Blues Festival and the entertainment events at the Detroit Grand Prix.

He began to direct musical events when he was a student at Eastern Michigan University. He would help fraternities and sororities organize their entertainment. He also organized a university concert series. It was a job he kept even after graduation.

He has also worked as the director of special events at the Joe Lewis Arena.

Watts has three boys, 14, 12, and 10. He brings his organizing talents to their lives as well, as a coach on their sports teams and as a cub scout troop master. His wife Sandra is a teacher and is working on a master's degree at the University of Michigan.

Watts said his main goal for the Plymouth Ice Spectacular is for people to come out and enjoy themselves and to contribute to a successful retail season in Plymouth.

But, he adds, there is one thought that guides the effort:

"I'd just like the temperature 32 or below," he said.

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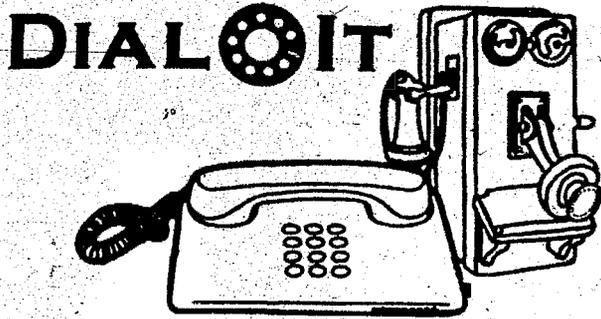
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Sports

Rock hoopsters lose first game of '92

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

The New Year kickoff was disappointing for the Salem boys basketball team as the Rocks were defeated 61-52 by Ypsilanti Friday.

The Rocks headed onto the basketball court before returning to class, but succumbed to Ypsilanti's full court press.

The game was close and very competitive in the first half. Salem lead Ypsilanti 14-13 at the end of the first quarter.

The Rocks lead slipped at the end of the half, but the game wasn't over. When the teams headed into the locker room for half time regrouping, it was a two point game. Ypsilanti had tossed in 14 points and Salem added 11 to their score, to end the half trailing Ypsilanti 27-25.

"We had some nice inside shots in the first half," said Bob Brodie, Salem coach. "But the game is made up of runs, and they made some runs on us in the second half."

The Ypsilanti squad rallied in the second half, with a dominating full court press, slowing the Rocks play. Ypsilanti tossed in 23 points and held the Rocks to

12, ending the third 50-37.

"We had a six minute mental lapse (in the third quarter), and they broke our defense," said Brodie. "They had a 13 point lead, but we were able to regroup and closed it (the lead) to four."

Salem scored 15 points in the fourth and Ypsilanti added 11 to their score.

Leading scorers for the Rocks were James Head with 14, and Mike Abraham with 10. Head also lead the Rocks in rebounds with 14.

"We played a little better than we did against (Ann Arbor) Huron," said Brodie. "But we missed a lot of free throw opportunities. We've got to concentrate on playing all four quarters. We played 3 quarters (against Ypsilanti) and only played well one quarter against Huron."

Eric Stemmer fouled out of the game with 30 seconds left to play.

"Sophomore Jim Head stepped forward in the crunch," said Brodie. He scored 10 (of his game total 14) points in the fourth quarter."

The Rocks will face Livonia Franklin at home Friday.

In spike action

50 kills benefit Rocks

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

The Salem girls volleyball team made it to the quarter finals of the Bedford Invitational Meet Saturday.

The Rocks finished with a 5-3 record in pool play, and headed to the quarter finals, where they were defeated 16-14 and 15-9 by Hanover Horton.

To make it to the quarter finals, the Rocks split a match with Monroe Jefferson, losing the first game 15-9, and winning the second 15-3.

In the second game of pool play, the Rocks defeated Ann Arbor Pioneer 15-8, 15-2.

The Rocks then moved on to Mason, defeating them 15-4, 15-5. In the final round of pool play, Salem lost to Bedford 15-10, 15-12.

"The Christmas break hurt us," said Allie Suffery, Salem coach. "We lose our momentum, our defensive play and

timing."

But the Salem squad was had some outstanding play in the eight games of pool play Saturday. The Rocks scored 50 kills. Brazilian exchange student Julianna DeLaRocque led the Rocks with 14 kills. Martha Bol had 11, and Shelby Carey had 10.

Cyndi Platter came from the bench and executed six kills for the Rocks. "Cyndi Platter was a pleasant surprise for us," said Suffery. "She's competing for play time, and she played real well."

"We had a decent day. We played hard against the good teams." But Suffery sees room for improvement in passing and serving. The Rocks had 29 serving errors in Saturday's tournament.

Salem's overall match record is 5-3-3. The Rocks will compete Saturday (Jan. 11) in the Portage Northern Invitational.

Canton sponsors ski trip

A ski trip for teens is being sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services. On Jan. 17 the bus will leave for Alpine Valley Ski Area at 5 p.m. and return at midnight.

The cost is \$16 per person or \$23 per person if rental equipment is needed. The cost covers lift tickets and transportation.

The trip is open to teens ages 13-19, but space is limited.

Registration has begun at the Canton Parks and Recreation Services, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd. Those interested must register in person.

For further information call 397-5110.



John Flynn (left) of Salem High School, pumps, fishes Darrell Brooks, of Ypsilanti High, Friday night in the first game of the new year for both teams. Salem succumbs to Ypsilanti's full court press in the second half, losing the game 61-52. (Crier photo by Eric Lathoff)



Canton wrestler Kevin Parlor is taken to the mat by Jim Muscato of Ypsilanti; of Ypsilanti. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)



Jeff Schumate, of Salem, gets the upper hand on Novi wrestler Shane Joyce. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

Canton grapplers 9th

Young Rock wrestlers take 3rd place

BY JAY KEENAN

Salem's wrestling squad gained a substantial amount of respect from its opponents Saturday, as the Rocks reaped a third place finish at the 15-team Salem Invitational.

The upstart Rocks, who are thin on varsity experience in several weight classes coming into the season, racked up a total of 164 points. Ypsilanti won the meet with 186 points followed by Portage Central with 178.

Canton took the ninth spot with 113.5 points.

"I thought the third place finish for us at this point in time of the season is remarkable," said Salem coach Ron Krueger. "We had a pretty good effort of our kids and our wrestling today was good."

"But we're a young team and we've got a lot of improving to do."

Salem had two individual champions - Scott Martin (119 pounds) and Dan Bennett (125).

Martin dominated in the championship final, defeating Bryan Berci of Livonia Stevenson, 12-1.

After winning the first round on a void, Martin reached the finals with a pin over Jackson's Brian Davis at 1:21, followed by a 5-2 decision over Ann Arbor Pioneer's Regan Rutledge.

Bennett was also impressive in the final by handily defeating Wyandotte's Matt Seligson with a pin at 2:28. Bennett also pinned Tim Sany of Garden City (1:13) and Canton's Mark Armstrong (1:11) before reaching the final.

Jeff Schumate, also of Salem, won his first three matches before being pinned in the final by Ypsilanti's Jim Muscato at 3:38 in the 140 pound weight division.

The Rocks also placed in the top seven in several other weight classes -- John Moran, 112, third; Phil Haynes, 109, fourth; Dan Phillips, 130, fifth; Brian Kilian, 103, seventh; and Josh Van, 145, seventh.

Canton's only individual champ was George Young (171) who easily handled Belleville's Mike Komaromi in the final, 10-3.

Other Canton wrestlers gaining places included: Nick Spano, 130, second; Andy Strahan, 103, second; Armstrong, 125, fourth; and Shane Beaty, heavyweight, seventh.

The Chiefs ran into some strong competition Friday in a Troy quad meet, losing to the host team, 53-18. Canton also fell to Clintondale and Port Huron Northern, 45-20 and 52-18, respectively.

Against Troy, Young and Frank Bourmaine (103) won on falls, while Mike Borich (119) and Spano earned a

decision.

Salem will host Livonia Stevenson Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. and travel to the Lincoln Park Invitational on Saturday.

Canton will meet Livonia Franklin on the road Thursday night at 6:45 p.m.

Spikers season hopeful

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

With nine experienced varsity players returning to the team, it should be a good season for the Canton girls volleyball team.

Five full year varsity players have returned, Danielle Meyka, Jenny Davis, Heidi Klæs, Alison Phillips and Karrie Drinkhahn.

Also returning to the team with varsity experience are four junior varsity players, who were brought up to see varsity competition at the end of last season. They are Michelle Metzger, Tina Schaefer, Angela Fountain, and Colleen Connell.

Rounding out the varsity team this year are three junior varsity players from last year, Laura Ciantar, Erin Olench, and Kathy Bah.

Last year the Chiefs finished their season with a 13-13 match record, and placed third in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"I believe we have a good chance at competing for the division title," said Jackie Getz, Canton coach.

The schedule for the Chiefs is a little different this year. They will face every team in the league at least once this season.

Getz is happy with that change because her team will get a chance to play teams they haven't played against in the past.

The Chiefs competed in the Madonna University Invitational on Dec. 14, and finished 5-3. With the tournament as an indicator for the season, Getz felt the team performed well, and is looking forward to a good season.

"Our serves looked good, we had a real aggressive front row, that is an improvement from last year," she said.

She has seen improvement in her players performance on the court this year. Among the improvements she noticed was improved hitting and blocking from Metzger, who moved up to the varsity squad late in the season.

"I always look to Jenny Davis for real consistent play," said Getz.

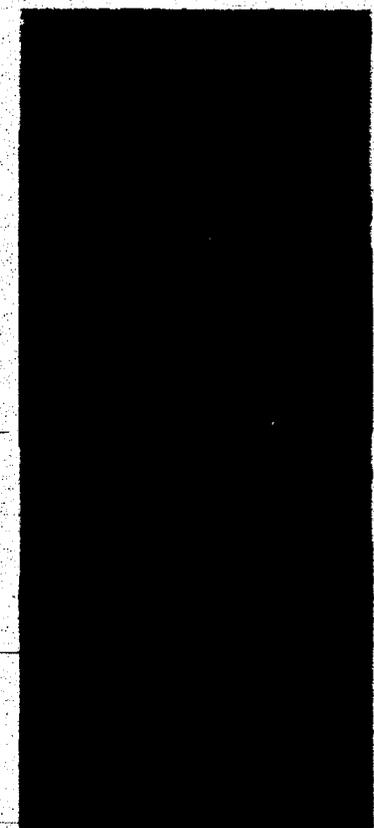
Meyka, a setter last year has changed roles. "She'll be a hitter and a back row specialist this year," said Getz. "She is a real good passer."

Getz felt the team had trouble with serve receptions last year, and is hopeful the change will correct that.

"This year the team is real cohesive, and that will benefit us," said Getz. "It's a hardworking group of girls who like to play volleyball. I'm looking for positive things to happen."

Lorena Sanford, a senior player last year, has returned to the organization as the freshman coach.

The Chiefs will compete Saturday in the Northwood Institute Invitational in Midland.



Senior Jenny Davis warms up for the Canton girls volleyball's upcoming season (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

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What's the next party at the pub.

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Ed wears socks over his new shoes to cut the glare?

Is it more important to take decorations down or send Christmas cards before Valentines Day?

Lucy - Is it time for our "Diet Lunch"?

DOES SARA really devour late bacon bits?

Curiosities

WHO IS NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP'S POLICE CHIEF? See pg. 48 of the 12th annual GUIDE to Plymouth-Canton-Northville, or wait until the '82 GUIDE comes out in March.

If this is a real Monday - does that mean we're back on schedule?

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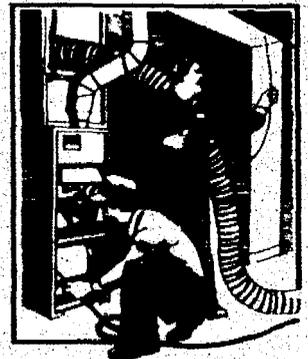
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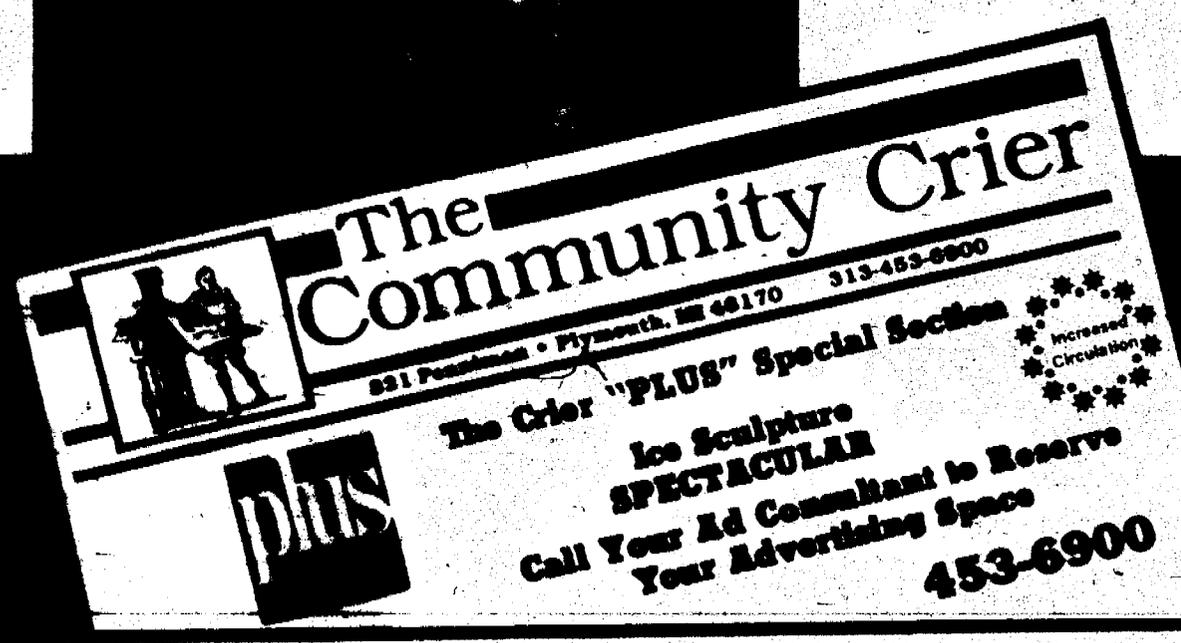
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