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Five Mile-Sheldon sites spur interest

County land to be developed; Archdiocese denies St. John's sale

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

It was only a matter of time before the unused St. John's Seminary (175 acres) and the abandoned Wayne County Boys' Training School property (933 acres) exploded.

Suddenly, the two parcels hit front burner again after months of stagnation.

Plymouth Township officials heard rumors last week that the St. John's property had been sold and they braced for a request to put a major retail shopping center on the site at the southeast corner of Sheldon and Five Mile roads.

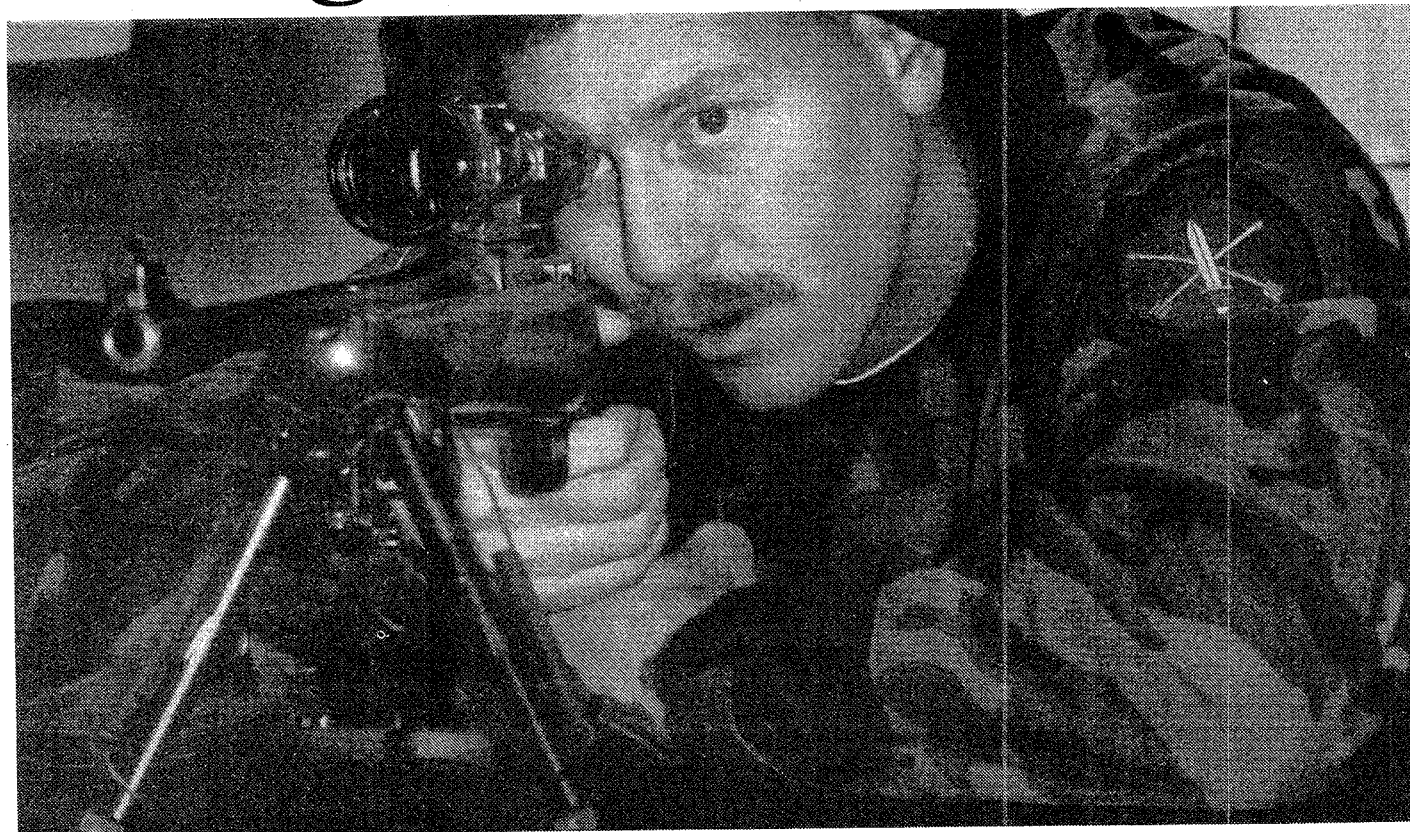
"We've heard nothing officially," said Kathleen Keen McCarthy, Plymouth Township supervisor.

But, she said, township officials had heard that the seminary property was sold and at least 40 to 50 acres of it would likely be a prime target for major retail. Although not zoned for retail use, the parcel faces retail zoning across Sheldon, the M-14 Expressway on the south, a railroad track on the east and the uncertain-future of the abandoned county property across Five Mile Road.

A spokesman for the Archdiocese of Detroit denied that a retail use of the

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Taking aim



Officer Jerry Hardesty of the Canton Police Department Special Operations Team will be going to a special NRA rifle instructor's school at Selfridge next week to learn how to teach sniper skills to other officers. For more on this story, turn to page 12. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

Officials mum on Mettetal Airport plan after meeting

BY AMY KIDWELL

Local governments did not take a formal position on the possible state purchase of Mettetal Airport following a meeting with state officials last Wednesday.

Officials were informed of the state's intentions two weeks ago and subsequently scheduled last week's session with the area's two state representatives and officials from the state Bureau of Aeronautics.

At this point, officials are still in an "information gathering" stage, according to Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy.

Final plans to purchase the airport were approved in October by the Michigan Aeronautics Commission, according Richard Jackson, assistant

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Is Wilcox Mill project under way?

BY CRAIG FARRAND

After years of hoping, planning and fund-raising, the first tangible step in creating a new regional arts center in the so-called Wilcox Mill building is near.

According to Plymouth Community Arts Council Executive Director Christine Ilas, arrangements are under way this week to have the necessary pollution testing performed on the site. Only after the results from these tests

meet state and federal pollution standards will the project proceed, she said.

Because the two-story building at Wilcox Road and Hines Drive was used as a Wayne County Road Commission garage, the tests will check for ground seepage of oils and transmission, hydraulic and power steering fluids.

Although work could probably begin before the tests are complete, Ilas said the council doesn't want to commit to any

major renovation work until the tests come back "OK."

The project itself is an ambitious \$765,000 renovation of the facility to house both an arts gallery on the first floor and classrooms and office space on the second.

Plans also call for landscaping and other outdoor features, including a fountain, Ilas said.

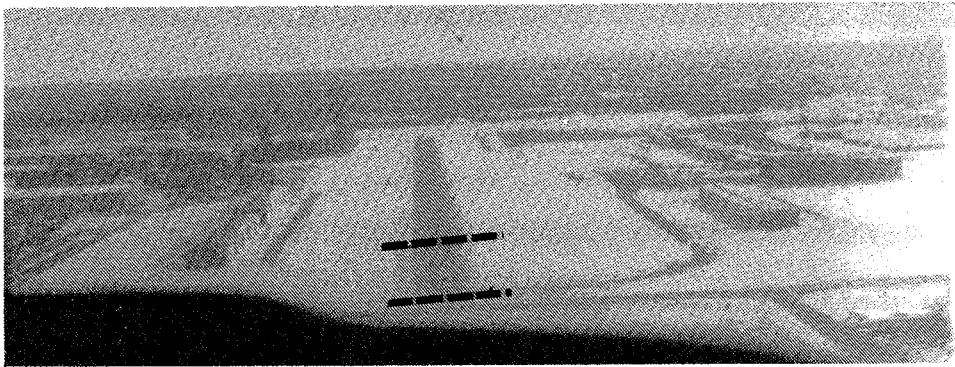
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This photo, taken as a private plane comes in for a landing over Joy Road, shows two dotted lines. The first line is the end of the runway. The second line is a marker so pilots know they can start to "touch down." Part of the state plans include making the area between the lines a grassy area and extending the runway to the south. (Crier photo by Amy Kidwell)

Officials mum on Mettetal plans

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deputy director for the Bureau of Aeronautics.

The bureau is in the process of assessing the land's value, state officials said, and its next step is to make an offer to Desert Sands, the current owner.

Several documents released by the bureau state that it plans on considering a property acquisition north of Joy Road to protect the clearance for the existing runway.

Jackson stated that the state is also

interested in purchasing land south of the runway. The plans include extending the runway to the south while cutting it to the north.

By doing this, the runway's length would remain the same, and it would allow for a higher altitude over Joy Road, as planes land and take off, according to Dan Malone, president of Emerald Aviation.

The state is proposing that the airport will be funded with 90 per cent Federal Aviation Trust funds and 10 per cent state restricted aeronautic funds. According to the bureau, it would be self-supporting and not require subsidies.

Spokesman Robert Zaetta of the Concerned Citizen group in Plymouth Township said he is upset about the state's secrecy in purchasing the airport.

According to Jackson, the bureau has not decided whether or not to hold a public hearing on the issue.

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Canton gets closer look at firms eyed for center

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

The Canton Township Board of Trustees was expected last night to choose the architectural firms that will design and oversee the building of the proposed Canton Community Center.

In a preliminary meeting Thursday, representatives from three firms — Neumann Smith and Associates of Southfield; Barker, Rinker, Seacat and Partners of Denver; and Water Technology — gave slide presentations of other projects they have done in Michigan and elsewhere around the country.

According to provisional plans, Barker, Rinker, Seacat will do the design

work and Neumann Smith will be in charge of overseeing the operation during the building phase.

Township Supervisor Tom Yack opened the meeting by briefly explaining what the board had in mind for the proposed center.

"A place to dance and sing, recreate, run and jump," Yack said. "We are looking for a place that will be more than just a health club.

Ken Neumann, of Neumann Smith, explained the organic methods used to design a facility like the community center.

The slides in his presentation showed

finished projects in Southfield and proposed plans in West Bloomfield. The buildings had large, open spaces with viewing areas and places to rest as well as exercise.

"A building like this is generated by its use," Neumann said. "The design has to be appropriate to its use.

"Form must follow function; the facility has to be convenient and easy to use," Neumann said.

Ron Rinker, of Barker, Rinker, Seacat and Partners, talked about the importance of community centers.

"Recreation centers are important buildings in communities," Rinker said.

"They are joyful places and must be designed to be open and inviting.

"Recreation centers also have to be distinctive to their communities," Rinker said.

Chuck Neumann of Water Technology, a firm that has worked with Barker, Rinker, Seacat in the past, said his firm has "an edge over other contractors that incorporate water into their designs."

"All we do is water and we're in tune with the latest technology."

Water Technology has also done work on children's pools, municipal pools and amusement parks. One of the plans that Please see pg. 4

Give me an 'A'



Members of the Plymouth Salem cheerleading squad get ready to depart for Orlando, FL: Pete Tembrook (left), Julie Larson, Kathy Beal, Angie Scoggins, Sue Croft, Kelly Leskowski, Adrienne Auten, Kathryn

Saelzler and Rockland Johnson. Two members of the squad left the night before — Kristen Honecker and Tom MacDonald. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

Salem cheerleaders make solid showing nationally

An 11-member contingent of the Plymouth Salem Cheerleading team made a strong showing in national competition in Orlando, FL over the weekend, finishing 27th in a field of more than 200 squads.

The team, which left Friday and returned late last night, competed Saturday in front of nearly 10,000 spectators at Orlando's Sea World, according to team coach JoDee Dillon.

The team, however, failed to make it past the preliminaries and into the finals on Sunday.

Still, Dillon thought the experience had been invaluable for her squad: "We were up against

some squads that had been here year after year; you can see the level they perform at.

"But now we know what kind of competition is out there and can be better prepared the next time."

Dillon said the biggest surprise of the weekend was realizing how seriously cheerleading is seen as a competitive sport in the South.

"It's amazing how big of a deal it is down here," she said by phone from her Orlando hotel room. "What we have to do now is educate our people in the North.

"Cheerleading is quite simply an entire life down here."

According to Dillon, all teams had to compete within strict guidelines, although each created its own choreographed routines.

"You had to keep your routines within two and a half minutes and stay on a mat that was 40-by-40 (feet).

"If you went even a little over in time or even one person stepped off the mat, you lost points."

Overall, Dillon said she was pleased with her squad's performance.

"We did real well," she said. "And it was just plain exciting to be down here for the first time."

Man, 60, faces sexual assault charge involving 15-year-old girl

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

A youth group counselor from St. Mary's Church in Westland faces a Friday exam on sexual assault charges stemming from an alleged Jan. 31 incident involving an under-aged girl at a Canton hotel.

Michael Raymond Gdowski, 60, of Wayne was arraigned Wednesday in front of 35th District Court Judge John E. MacDonald on charges of third degree criminal sexual conduct.

He pleaded not guilty and was released on \$10,000 personal bond. If found guilty, Gdowski faces up to 15 years in prison.

According to police reports, the incident involved Gdowski and a 15-year-old, both of whom allegedly went to a hotel room after leaving a church-sponsored activity.

The report said that it was after the two returned to the church later that the girl filed a report with Canton police.

Officials at St. Mary's Church have declined comment.

City clamps down on parking violations

The holidays are over, so get all of those cheery thoughts out of your head: The Plymouth city police are enforcing the parking laws again.

According to Police Chief Robert Scoggins, parking in Plymouth will once again be done by the rules.

"Enforcement of the parking laws has been kind of spotty for the past year," Scoggins said. "But now were back to enforcing the laws as usual.

According to Scoggins, the events of the past year made fully enforcing the parking laws problematic.

"The parking deck was under repairs," Scoggins said. "People who had bought parking permits didn't have a place to park.

Also, since Christmas and the Ice Fest have free parking, the laws haven't been strictly enforced for almost a month.

But, according to Scoggins, "things are back to normal now."

District Court to host open house

Residents in the five communities served by the the 35th District Court now have a bigger and better courthouse to talk about.

And helping the talk get started will be an open house on March 18.

At that time, the public will be able to see the new addition first-hand.

The addition increases the building's size by about 25 per cent, according to Marion Belding, the court administrator.

Since the facility was first built in 1980, the number of cases has doubled. In 1983, the total case load was 22,568, and in 1992, the case load was 40,280.

Township Police are out of leads

Plymouth Township Police are running out of leads in the Dec. 9 rape of a 16-year-old girl.

The incident occurred about 7 a.m. near Ann Arbor Trail and Chestnut Drive. The girl was on her way to her school bus stop.

According to police, the girl said she was walking to the bus stop when a man approached her with a knife and forced her into the woods.

There, she said, he sexually assaulted her and left the scene.

She described the man as a 25-year-old white male, 5-foot-9 and 165 pounds.

A police composite drawing was released to school bus drivers and has since been posted throughout Plymouth

Township.

Township police had a similar incident on Dec. 30 when a woman reported a man attacking her in her apartment home.

According to police, the 27-year-old woman gave a similar description of the man and said he approached her Princeton Court apartment around 8 a.m. He claimed his car had broken down, she told police.

After a short conversation, she said the man pulled a knife and tried to force his way into the apartment. Upon hearing the noise, her boyfriend awoke and scared the man off.

According to Investigator David Hayes, no other attacks have been reported.

Plymouth Township board will accept legal bids – again

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees has extended its cutoff date for accepting legal bids for the second time.

The request to accept bids was originally done in April, according to Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, the current supervisor.

In October, however, the old board decided to readvertise because of confusion about the cutoff date.

The new board then decided to postpone the date again so that it could advertise in the same publications, specifically the State Bar Journal's March issue.

The cutoff date is April 1.

The purpose for readvertising and postponing the date, said Keen-McCarthy, is to be fair to anyone who wishes to enter a bid.

Once all bids are entered, she said she will pick the best firm and negotiate the best price for the township.

According to Keen-McCarthy, all 26 firms who had put in a bid decided to re-enter.

Cost for the township's legal services depends upon the proposal.

The township is currently using the legal services of Sills, Hemming.

Canton eyes design firms

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they intend to propose in the designing of the Canton center is a zero- depth pool.

"We've found that these shallow water areas are very popular with people of all ages," Neumann said. "The pools are perfect for children and are handicapped-accessible."

Part of the Water Technology slide presentation showed various playscapes, water cannons, and water jets that have been integrated with zero-depth pools they've designed before.

Neumann also said that Water Technology would be involved with the proposed Canton center's pools after they are opened for business.

"We're familiar with all kinds of filtration technology and we'll work with Canton to key the filters to the jobs they'll be handling," Neumann said. "We'll also provide training to the operators to ensure good performance."

When asked about the cost of the project by one resident attending the meeting, Yack said the township has budgeted \$13 million for the project, "and we want to keep below that number."

Ken Neumann said that the budget for the project was at the forefront of the designers' agenda.

"No architectural firm stays in business 25 years by going outside the budget."

Yack was also asked about how much input residents would have in the planning of the community center.

"We're going to be holding workshops with the community to find out exactly what it wants and what will fit within the budget," he said, adding that membership fees were being seriously considered.

"There would be a fee for residents, but the fee for non-residents would definitely be higher," he said.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is soliciting proposals from qualified companies for the following project: Installation of a Structured Cabling Infrastructure of copper and fiber optic media to support data, video, and voice transmission at the Centennial Educational Park. Interested companies must structure their proposal to respond to all parts of the bid request. The school will not entertain piece part responses to the bid request. There will be a mandatory bidding vendor meeting and walk-through of buildings, key dates are established in the bid request.

Interested companies can obtain bid documents at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board Offices on or after 9 A.M. EST., February 24, 1993.

Michigan Bell Communications
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454 South Harvey Street
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All proposals must be submitted in duplicate on or before 4 P.M. EST., March 12, 1993, on the approved bid proposal forms to:

Donna Aveck
Director of Computer Services & Instructional Technology
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454 South Harvey Street
Plymouth, MI. 48170

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject all bid proposals, as they judge to be in the best interest of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

David Artley, Secretary
Board of Education

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is soliciting proposals from qualified companies for the following construction related project: Allen, Bird & Smith Elementary School Additions and Renovations. Interested companies can obtain bid documents at the office of the Construction Manager, on or after February 18, 1993:

Barton-Malow Company
c/o Plymouth-Canton Schools
987 S. Mill Street
Plymouth, Michigan 48170
313-451-6611

All proposals must be submitted on or before 2:00 P.M., local time, March 09, 1993 on the approved bid proposal forms to:

Raymond K. Hoedel
Associate Superintendent of Business/Operations
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
454 South Harvey Street
Plymouth, Michigan 48170

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David P. Artley
Secretary Board of Education

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THE FINAL DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING A PETITION TO THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE IS 5:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1993. After March 3rd, if there are no available meeting times remaining, written petitions received by March 15th will still be reviewed by the Board of Review and a judgment made determining valuation, even though a personal appointment is not available.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition to the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative.

At this time, only the dates listed above have been set aside for the 1993 Board of Review appeals in compliance with the City of Plymouth Charter. Other meeting dates will be scheduled, if the number of appeals received by March 3rd requires it.

Copies of the notice stating the dates and times of additional meetings of the Board of Review will be posted on the official public bulletin boards of the city as soon as the additional meetings are scheduled, and also in the local newspapers. The city bulletin boards are: City Hall, Kellogg Park, Central Parking Lot and Starkweather at the corner of Liberty Street.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act."

All appellants will be sent a letter by first class mail indicating the decision of the Board of Review.

For further information regarding appeals, please call 453-1234 extension 226.

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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

David Artley, secretary of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education and 1972 Eastern Michigan University alumnus, was appointed to the EMU Alumni Association Board of Directors. Artley was one of five new members appointed this year, and was chosen for his ongoing support of EMU and the alumni association. He will serve a two-year term.

Christopher L. Harden, son of Plymouth's Richard and Lynn Harden, was named to the Dean's List at Long Island University for the fall semester. Christopher was a 1991 graduate of Plymouth-Canton high school and is presently a sophomore majoring in marine biology.

Five area students completed their studies at Western Michigan University in the fall term. **Jasper Recto** of Canton earned a BS in Chemistry. **Joseph M. Bolda** and **Kristi A. Krivick**, both of Plymouth, graduated with BBA's; Bolda's in Marketing and Krivick's in Accountancy. Plymouth resident **Vincent Anthony Messina** earned his BA in English, and **Robert J. Opatrny** earned his BS in Communication.

Canton resident **Don Korte** will be one of five area hosts of the Town Hall Meeting satellite teleconferences for soybean producers on March 1 and 2. The interactive telecasts, sponsored by the United Soybean Board, will address issues related to the National Soybean Checkoff and allow producers at 375 locations in 28 states to participate.

CEP Senior **Susan Bozell** was the first place winner in the Plymouth Symphony Society's Young Artist Competition for high school students in the Plymouth/Canton, Northville and Novi areas. Bozell's flute solo won her a \$200 award and an opportunity to perform at the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra concert.

Honorable Mention went to **Susan Ratcliffe**, also a senior at CEP, for her trumpet performance. Ratcliffe will also get the opportunity to perform with the PSO.

Helping hands

Mettetal pilots have tradition of reaching out to others

The reason I show kids about aviation is not to push them into it but to show them that they can do something exciting with their lives-- They just have to be willing to work for it.

--Bill Kern, pilot at Mettetal Airport

BY AMY KIDWELL

Mettetal Airport is in the news and will be for several months.

So what will happen to it if the state takes over? What will happen to it if the state does not take over?

No one can answer those questions because no one can predict the future.

Pilots at the airport are in favor of a state takeover because they do not want to see it go under.

They enjoy the freedom that accompanies a small airport.

They enjoy the freedom to come and go as they please, and they enjoy the freedom to be involved with programs to help the community.

Take, for example, the work they have done with the Make A Wish foundation.

In September, pilots volunteered to spend time with terminally ill children.

"It was incredible," said Joan Cloutier who helped organize the event, "The kids loved it."

She added that one kid who, after flying over the University of Michigan Football Stadium, requested to fly over Michigan International Speedway. The pilot responded to the boys request by flying to the location, landing on the racetrack and then taxiing around the track.

"That's one day, he will never forget," said Cloutier.

Another story involves a boy who is paralyzed and has minimal movement in his hands. Once in the airplane, he said he



Tom Kennedy (above) teaches boy scouts about aviation. In September, families (right) enjoyed viewing the planes and airport during Mettetal's day with the Make-A-Wish foundation.



had always wanted to fly a plane. The pilot picked up the boys hands and set them on the controls (the plane had dual controls). The boy was able to experience what it is like to fly a plane said Cloutier.

The Young Eagles is another program that runs out of Mettetal. The goal of this national program is to introduce aviation to 1 million kids by the year 2003. That year marks the 100th anniversary of the Wright brother's first flight and the 50th

anniversary of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), the national association that organized the Young Eagles.

Mettetal represents chapter 113 of the EAA.

According to Kern, each year worldwide members of the EAA gather in Oshkosh, WI to show off their antique and home made planes.

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Happy 100th!

One of the oldest groups in The Plymouth-Canton Community - The Woman's Club of Plymouth - will be celebrating its 100th birthday March 4, with a special anniversary luncheon at the Plymouth Manor. On hand for the event will be women who have followed in the footsteps of such notable ladies as Ellen Laible (left), the club's 1949 president; Maud Cooper, its then-past president; and Geraldine Walch, then-program chairwoman. (Photo courtesy of Jean Curtiss)



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AUCTION

New Morning School will hold its 17th annual auction on April 3. The school is looking for organizations to make tax deductible donations to help support the school. The school serves 85 families within a 20 mile radius. The auction itself will be held at the Hellenic Center in Westland. For more information, call Ellen Arble at 420-3331.

THEATRE GUILD'S FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

The Plymouth Theater Guild will be presenting the musical Fiddler on the Roof at the Water Tower Theater in Northville from Feb. 26 to March 13. Tickets will be \$10 at the door for adults, \$9 for youths and seniors. Tickets may also be purchased in advance for \$1 off at the Penniman Deli, or from Sir Speedy Printing.

Group rates are available for groups of twenty or more. For more information or reservations, call 349-7110.

CRAFT SHOW

The Hawthorn Association is planning its third annual Juried Craft Show for Feb. 27 at the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main Street, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m..

Hand made crafts will be available for sale, as will a lunch.

Admission is \$1.50, \$1 for seniors and children. All proceeds will go to the Association's general fund, which provides educational scholarships to needy children, sponsors educational programs in the area and supports the hospital.

SELF DEFENSE CLASS

The YWCA of Western Wayne County will hold a four sessions of a women's self defense class on Saturdays from 1 to 2 p.m. starting March 6.

The fee for the class, which will be taught by an expert in Tae Kwon Do, is \$25 for YWCA members and \$35 for non-members, including annual basic membership.

For information, call 561-4110.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Scholarship money exists for a woman who had her education interrupted and is now returning to school. The American Association of University Women will award \$600 an area woman who plans further her education at the University of Michigan.

Eligible candidates can contact the Center for the Education of Women at 998-7080.

ART CLUB MEETING

The Three Cities Art Club will meet March 1 at 7 p.m. at Plymouth Township Hall. Donna Volgheim will do a watercolor demo. Guests and patrons of the Arts are welcome. Call 422-8106.

YMCA REGISTRATION

Registration for the next session if the Westland Wayne YMCA begins March 1. Classes like gymnastics, aerobics, ballet and karate will be offered. Call 721-7044 for a brochure.

VFW MEETING

VFW Canton Post No. 6967 will meet at 8 p.m. every first Monday of the month at Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post No. 6695, 1426 S. Mill St. in Plymouth. New residents being transferred from other posts will be welcomed. 397-2444 or 459-8027

PLUS PRESCHOOL

PLUS Preschool is taking registrations for the 1993-94 school year. This free program for four-year-olds and their parents is open to children who live in the attendance areas of Eriksson, Farrand, Field, Gallimore, Hoben, and Smith Schools.

Children must be four on or before December 1, 1993. Registration and further information available at 451-6656.

WYCA DINNER MEETING

The WYCA of Western Wayne County is holding its forty-ninth annual dinner-meeting and award presentation on Feb. 25. The reception for the Friends Society and past recipients of the YWCA Volunteer Award of Meritorious Service will be held at 5:30 p.m., and the dinner meeting will be at 6:30. Admission is \$14.

MICHIGAN LUPUS FOUNDATION

The Michigan Lupus Foundation is accepting registrations for a five-week patient education series scheduled to start Monday, March 4, in Taylor. All meetings will be held at St. Alfred Parish, located at 9500 Banner. The workshop, an education program for lupus patients, their families and friends, will be held from 7:30 to 9:15 p.m.

Advance registration is required, the voluntary registration fee is \$18 per individual and \$27 per couple.

RECREATIONAL COED VOLLEYBALL

Canton Parks and Recreation Services, in conjunction with the Plymouth Canton YMCA, is sponsoring six weeks of recreational coed volleyball for adults (18 and over) starting March 4. Informal games for players of all skill levels will be held from 7:45-9:45 p.m. at West Middle School.

Registration is \$22 per person, in person or by mail to Canton Parks and Recreation, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.



What's Happening

To list your group's event in this calendar, send or deliver the notice IN WRITING to: The Crier, 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170. Information received BY NOON FRIDAY will be used for Wednesday's calendar (space permitting).

LIVONIA REPUBLICAN WOMEN

The Livonia Republican Women and Western Suburbs regular monthly meeting will be held at the Mayflower Hotel main dining room on Feb. 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch will be served at noon. Steve Arwood, State Director of National Federation of Independent Businesses will speak on the topic of small businesses. For reservations, call 474-3525 in Livonia, or 459-0134 in Plymouth.

YWCA TRAVEL DAY

The Western Wayne County YWCA is planning a family travel day for YWCA members, spouses, and friends on March 6. The outing will include Meadowbrook theatre and lunch at Pike Street Restaurant, and will last from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. A \$42 fee covers lunch and bus travel accommodations.

All travel days are planned by the YWCA of Western Wayne County and are escorted. Advance payment confirms reservations. Please call 561-4110 for more information.

SCHOOLCRAFT CHEF'S SEMINAR

Schoolcraft College's Fifth Annual Chef's Seminar will be held on March 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Waterman Campus Center. Eight different cooking workshops will be offered, featuring Detroit's best chefs. The \$150 fee includes lunch. To register call Continuing Education at 462-4448.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM'S NEW EXHIBIT

The Plymouth Historical Museum is pleased to announce the opening of a new exhibit featuring "What Men Collect." This display contains over 35 unique collections from men in the Plymouth/Canton community, and will run until June.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main St. in Plymouth and is open Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 1-4 p.m. and Sunday from 2-5 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, \$.50 for students (5-17), free for under age 5, and there is a family rate of \$4.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Family Home Care, Inc., in conjunction with Beyer Drugs, offers free blood pressure screening the first Monday of each month. The next screening will be on March 1, 1993 at Beyer Drugs, 480 N. Main St, from 1-5 p.m.

AMERICAN LEGION RUMMAGE SALE

The Passage-Gayde Post 391 will hold its annual rummage sale on Feb. 27, commencing at 7 a.m. The sale will be held in the basement of 173 N. Main St. in Plymouth. Proceeds support American Legion and community programs. For more information call 455-5541.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Catherine McAuley Health System needs volunteers for the Growing Tree, a program for children three to eleven whose parents or siblings are chemically dependent.

Volunteers are also needed as facilitators for the Parent Support Group. This group helps members give, as well as receive support for family members who are or have been chemically dependent.

At St. Joseph's hospital, volunteers are needed for non-medical duties in the Chronic Pain Clinic and the gift shop.

A four hour shift per week and a six-month commitment is requested. To make an appointment for an interview, call 572-4159

BREATHER'S CLUB MEETING

The Ann Arbor Breather's Club meets on March 6 from 10 a.m. to noon to hear Gregory Neagos, MD discuss "Pulmonary Fibrosis and Sarcoidosis." The meeting will be held in Cranbrook Tower, at 2901 Northbrook in Ann Arbor.

Breather's Clubs are free educational and social opportunities for persons with breathing difficulties and their families and friends. For more information, contact the American Lung Association of Michigan at 395-1030.

FRIENDS OF THE HOMELESS

The monthly meeting of Friends of the Homeless will be on Feb. 27 from 9:30-11:30 in St. Priscilla Catholic Church at 7 Mile and Purlingbrook (near Middlebelt) in Livonia. For more information, call Ronaele at 427-9063 or Carolann at 349-2325. New members are welcome.

SCHOOLCRAFT CRAFT SHOW

Apply now for Schoolcraft College's Spring Craft Show, to be held March 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Physical Education Building. Booth spaces available are: 12x12 feet (\$60), 10x10 feet (\$45) and 8x9 feet (\$35). All booths include two chairs, tables are not provided. Electricity is available for \$10. For an application call 462-4417.

Admission to the show is \$1.50 and includes parking and hourly drawings for items donated by the featured crafters.



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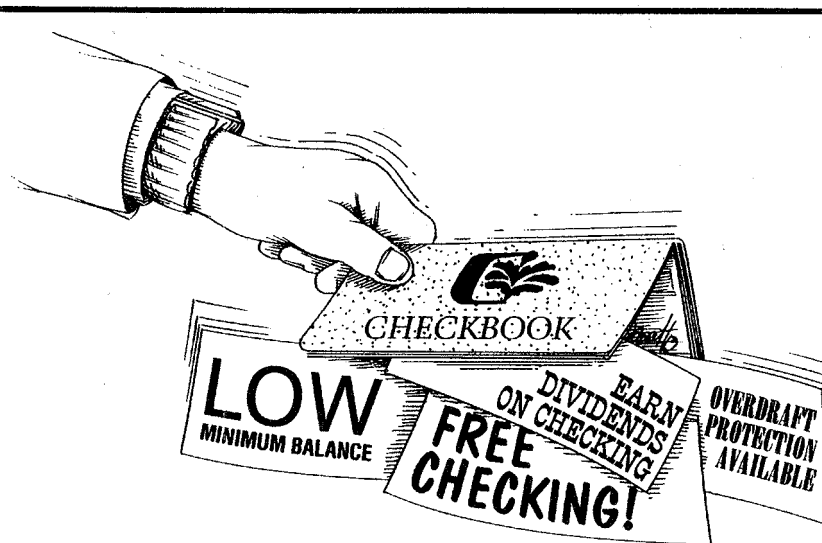
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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering free listings in the Procurement Automated Source System (PASS) to small business owners.

The system is a computerized "directory" of small businesses which is used by large defense contractors and federal agencies.

To have your name listed as a possible supplier or sub-contractor contact the local office of the Small Business Administration for an application.

AGA Gas Inc. is in the process of building an \$8 million, four-building facility in the Canton Industrial center at Michigan Avenue and DeWitt.

The 40,000-square-foot complex will employ 55 people and serve as a cylinder gas filling and distribution center.

Forest Avenue shopkeepers like location

BY GARY GOSSELIN

Business on Plymouth's Forest Avenue is booming, having recently welcomed three new businesses and witnessing four expansions since the beginning of the year.

Although the merchants interviewed all agree that Forest Avenue is the place to be, they all have different reasons for choosing the area.

Eric Jaroch, of the new Breadwinner bakery, said that after close analysis of area demographics, his family saw Plymouth—and Forest Avenue specifically as their target market.

"Our study showed the Plymouth-Canton area to be perfect for our product, and the Forest Avenue location is in the heart of that area at a reasonable cost," said Jaroch.

He added that response from merchants and residents has been good: "Business has been excellent; people are coming in to welcome us and have given us a warm reception."

Across the street, at Crystal Diamond Setters Ltd., owner Mary Feldkamp Arbour had quite different reasons for setting-up shop on Forest Avenue.

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CFCU drops credit card receipt processing service

BY GARY GOSSELIN

Community Federal Credit Union will be discontinuing processing of merchant Visa and Mastercard receipts because of low merchant participation and credit union losses on the proposition.

The program, said Finance Director Meg Pankow, was only used by about 70 of the 600 commercial account-holders despite efforts to increase participation.

"We've been working on the program for a couple of years, but since we don't offer commercial loans, it was hard to build our base," she said.

"We needed a higher volume to keep from losing money."

The credit union has given commercial

account-holders written notice of the change, she said, adding that most businesses seem to understand the credit union's position.

"We were up front about this change, and we're working with businesses to find alternative processing," she said. "We're working with merchants, and have really gotten no negative response."

She said that one option is to deal with another financial institution to process the vouchers, but said that often limits one's banking choices.

"If you go to NBD for example," said Pankow, "they will likely want you to use their other services as well, which

effectively limits your financial institution options."

The other alternative, she said, is for business owners to purchase a Point of Sale terminal for about \$200 to \$300 and deal directly with the processor.

"With this option you can deal directly with the processor, and still have a choice of which financial institution you want to deal with," said Pankow.

She adds that whatever decision business owners make about processing credit card receipts, this move will have no effect on the credit union's consumer credit card policy.

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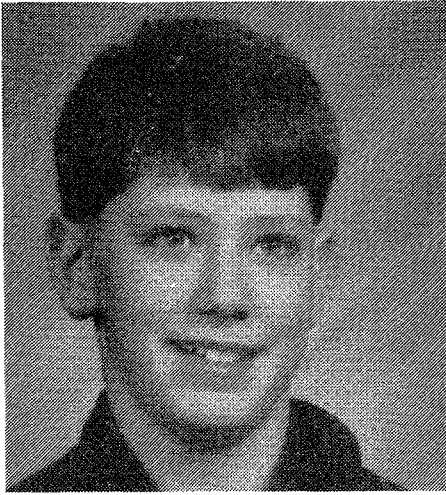
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Community deaths

LeDuc, 13, seventh-grader



CHARLES LeDUC

Charles LeDuc, a 13-year-old seventh-grader at Central Middle School who suffered from Reyes Syndrome, died Feb. 23, 1993, at Mott Children's Hospital.

Charles, who enjoyed bowling and playing hockey for the Southfield Navajos pee-wee team, was the only child of Patricia Wettlaufer.

Services, arranged by the Charles Stepp Funeral Home, were held Saturday at Our Lady of Loretto in Redford Township.

Norquist, 70, autoworker

Rudolph H. Norquist, 70, of Plymouth, died Feb. 22, 1993, in Ann Arbor. Born on March 1, 1922, Norquist moved to Plymouth 38 years ago from Detroit.

Norquist received his bachelor's degree and a master's degree in engineering from G.M.I. in Flint. He served stateside in the U.S. Navy during WWII.

Norquist worked for General Motors for 43 years as the plant manager for their Hydramatic division in Ypsilanti before retiring in 1983.

Norquist, a member of the United Methodist Church in Plymouth, was a

member of the Plymouth Optimists Club and the Plymouth Historical society.

Norquist is survived by his wife of 49 years, Rosemary; sons Kim (of Tampa) and Gerald (of Canton); four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services for Norquist will be held on Feb. 23, 1993 at 1 p.m. at the Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. John N. Grenfell, Jr. officiating. He will be interred at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Memorials to the United Methodist Church of Plymouth or the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

Forest is good location

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"I grew up here," said Arbour. "I used to come in this very store to buy gifts for my family. I knew that if I was going to open a store I would want it to be in this area."

Arbour added that she feels Forest is on the upswing, citing the amount and variety of stores clustered in the area.

"There are about 70 stores in the general area," said Arbour, "people have a large choice of stores, and they get personal service not found in many other shopping areas."

Personal service is a key word for Sunny J's, a lingerie and leisure wear store which has just expanded in the Forest Place mall.

"We're a destination location," said owner Sunny Baltes. "We offer specialty products, and we have very personalized

service so we get repeat business regardless of where we're located."

Steve Guile, Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority director, agreed that the Plymouth business climate is good and getting better.

Guile cited two main reasons for booming business in Plymouth, and Forest Avenue in particular.

The first, he said, is that Plymouth has established itself as a good alternative to malls, providing unique and personal service that people yearn for - and don't get at a mall.

The second reason, Guile said, referring to a recently published report, is that Plymouth's rental rates of \$10 to \$12 per square foot are a bargain compared to Birmingham at \$32 to \$34, and in line with Grosse Pointe and Royal Oak, which range from \$10 to \$20 per square foot.

Airport's pilots reach out to others

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Mettetal is home to two of the internally awarded planes.

Kern added that any aircraft built or restored must pass strict safety inspections before being allowed to fly in populated areas.

And one shouldn't forget that Mettetal hosts pancake breakfasts where the money goes towards local scholarships.

There is still another side to Mettetal

Airport - the business side.

"The use of a private plane is a good way to get to places that are hard to get to," said Richard Baron, an environmental attorney and Plymouth resident.

Baron said he moved to this area because of Mettetal. His office is in Detroit, but the proximity of the airport to his home allows for accessibility when he travels.

Gebhardt, 83, retired salesman

Claude E. Gebhardt of Plymouth died Feb. 6, 1993, at the age of 83.

Mr. Gebhardt, who was born Feb. 25, 1909, in Ann Arbor, was a life-long resident of Plymouth and a retired salesman and bookkeeper at Mather Lumber Co. He was also member of the

First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth.

He is survived by his niece, Valerie Fry of Virginia and nephew, John Gebhardt of Maryland. Funeral services were held Feb. 11 at Schrader Funeral Home, with the Rev. Leland Seese officiating. Interment was at Riverside Cemetery.

Harkins, 67, church member

James Harkins of Plymouth died Feb. 10, 1993, at the age of 67. Mr. Harkins came to Plymouth in 1968 and for 35 years worked as a machinist with a community college. He was born Sept. 5, 1925, in Scotland.

He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church and a former member of the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Harkins is survived by his wife, Rita; sons, Carmel of Plymouth and John of Livonia; three grandchildren and two brothers.

Funeral services, arranged by Schrader Funeral Home, were held at Good Counsel on Feb. 15, with the Rev. David Lesniak officiating. Interment was at St. John Cemetery.

McGinnis, 89, autoworker

Peter L. McGinnis of Livonia died Feb. 11, 1993, at the age of 89. Before retiring, Mr. McGinnis worked 42 years at Dodge Main in Hamtramck. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and active in the St. Vincent DePaul. He was born Sept. 3, 1903 in Bad Axe.

He is survived by his wife, Theresa; daughters Patricia Denis of Lincoln Park,

Mary Szetela of Livonia and Ilene Sabol of Farmington Hills; son, Ronald of Plymouth; 19 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.]

Funeral services, arranged by Schrader Funeral Home, were held at St. Genevieve Catholic Church, with the Rev. Kean Cronin officiating. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.



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Sports

'Senior night' doesn't save Salem swim team

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

It was senior night at the Salem pool Thursday, but the home team was short three swimmers and one diver due to illness and injury and the season ended on a sour note, with a 109-77 loss to Stevenson.

Not since the season opener had the Rocks lost a dual meet, but the team that counted on its depth to pull off its wins just couldn't make short four competitors.

The Rocks finished with a 9-2 record in dual meets, 3-1 in the Lakes division, behind Stevenson.

"It's one of those things you have to grin and bear it," said Chuck Olson, Salem coach. "Stevenson wanted it a little more and we couldn't get cranked up enough.

"Stevenson swam awfully well. They came ready to swim and captured the division title."

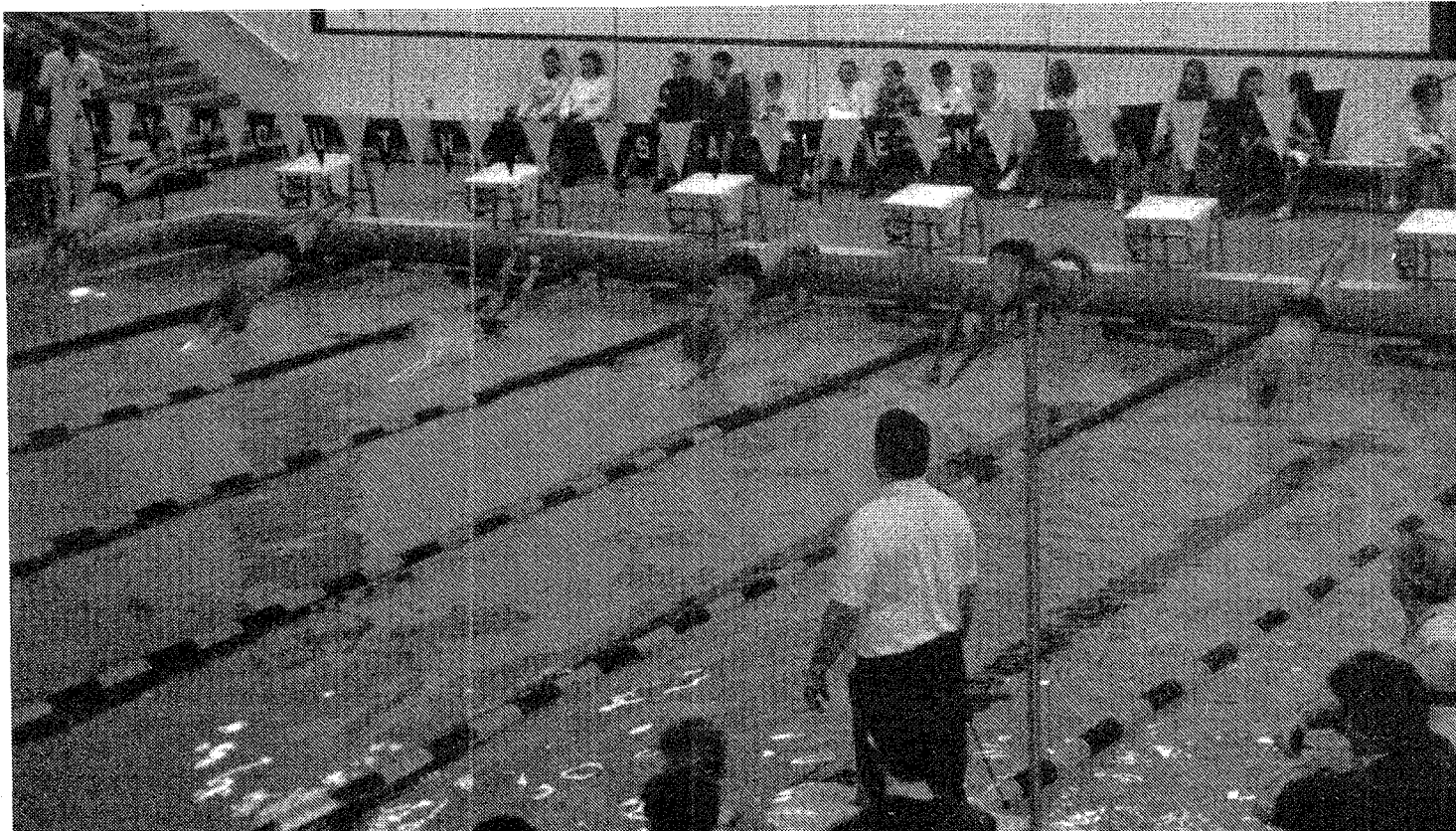
The Rocks took only two first-place finishes. Aaron Berlin won the 500-yard freestyle in 5:07.87.

Justin Richardson captured first in diving, scoring 235.30 points.

Teammate Woody Thomas returned to the team after missing three weeks because of illness and took second place in diving, scoring 225.80.

Two tankers set personal best records. Alex Beard finished the 200-yard individual medley, finishing in 2:10.50, good for second place.

Fred Locke placed second in the 50-



A hot start didn't guarantee victory for Salem swimmers against Stevenson, as they dropped a 109-77 decision to finish the season. (Crier photo by Rick Sperry)

yard freestyle, finishing in 22.76, just missing the state qualifying time.

However, on Saturday he competed in the same event at the Michigan High School Swim Coaches Association meet at Eastern Michigan University, cut his time and qualified for the state meet with

the time of 22.64.

Joe Ervin, David Bracht, Matt Erickson and Locke qualified for the state meet in the 200-yard freestyle relay, finishing the event in 1:30.94.

The Rocks are now looking to the conference meet, hoping to qualify more

swimmers for the state meet.

The conference preliminaries start today at 1 p.m., conference diving competition is tomorrow starting at 2:30, and the swimming finals are Friday starting at 6 p.m.

Chiefs chip away for masterpiece against rival Canton

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Much like a sculptor who chips away at stone until it's a masterpiece, the Salem basketball team crafted its 67-61 overtime win over arch rival Canton last Tuesday.

Salem's Brandon Slone hit a three-pointer with seven seconds left in regulation play to tie the game and push it into overtime.

Throughout most of the game, the Chiefs led, but with two minutes on the clock, the game came within a basket for either team, but in the final seconds, the Chiefs couldn't score.

Canton came on strong from the onset and dominated most of the game, but got into foul trouble early in both halves and sent the Rocks to the free throw line 37 times.

The Rocks were 24 for 37 at the line, and Canton was 10-16.

The Chiefs spread their lead into the double digits in the third period, but the Rocks hung in there.

Salem coach Bob Brodie has said before that the team can't get a large lead back all at once, it has to be done a little at a time, and that was the case against Canton.

Canton started out leading the game, tossing in 12 points to Salem's eight in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Canton added 10 points and Salem put in another eight, to end the half with Canton leading 22-16.

Canton tossed in 15 points in the third quarter and Salem added 13, to end the third with Canton leading 37-29.

The final quarter was a nail biter. With 37 seconds left in the game, Canton was leading by one and hit two free throws to push the lead to three.

Salem's Brandon Slone hit a three pointer to tie the game at 56, with seven seconds left, and Canton was unable score.

In overtime, Salem tossed in 11 points and held Canton to five to claim the win.

Canton's Brad Paskievitch led the game in scoring with 22 points, including three three-pointers, Owen Crosby tossed in 16 and Bryan Whittle had 12.

For Salem, James Head tossed in 17, Brandon Slone had 16 and Mike Slone had 14. Head hit two three-pointers, Brandon and Mike Slone each had one, and Sanjeev Seth had one.

On Friday it was a similar story with a

different ending for Canton. The Chiefs started out strong and were able to hold onto the lead, defeating Farmington Harrison 70-62.

Canton tossed in 16 points in the first

PCJBA stats

Standings in the Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association for the week ending Feb. 20 are as follows:

The Lakers hold an 8-1 record in the Girls' "AA" league. The Kings hold a 5-4 record, Pistons are 4-5, and the Celtics are 1-8.

In the Boys' "AA" League, National division, League Champs are the Nets and Rockets, both have an 8-2 record.

The 76ers are 7-3, the Knicks are 6-4 and the Bulls are 5-5. The Celtics and Hawks are 4-6, the Jazz finished with an 0-10 record.

In the American Division, the Kings and Pacers hold an 8-2 record and are duo League Champs. The Pistons are 7-3, Lakers are 5-5 and the Hornets and Sonics are 4-6.

The Spurs are 3-7 and the Bucks are 0-10.

quarter and held Harrison to eight.

In the second quarter, Canton added 17 points and Harrison tossed in 22, to end the half with Canton leading 33-30.

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In Boys "B" League, National division, the Jazz are League Champs and completed the season undefeated, 10-0.

The 76ers and Celtics are 8-2. The Magic and Nets are 5-5.

The Lakers and Pistons are 4-6, the Bulls and Blazers are 3-7 and the Kings are 0-10.

In the American division, the undefeated Rockets are League Champs, holding a 10-0 record.

The Spurs, Pacers and Knicks are 7-3. The Suns are 6-4 and the Hawks and Warriors are 4-6.

The Sonics are 3-7, the Hornets are 2-8 and the Bucks are 0-10.

In Girls' "B" League, the Lakers are the League Champs with an undefeated record, standing at 10-0.

The Nets are 7-3, the Rockets 5-5, the Celtics are 4-6, the Pistons 3-7, and the Kings 1-9.

CEP Highlights

Wrestling:

Canton. Nick Spano (135) won the district title Saturday in Walled Lake.

Spano was the only Chief to qualify for the regionals.

In his first match, Spano pinned Garden City's Tim Sayn in 4:43.

He then faced Stevenson's Jeff Kosola and pinned him in 1:45, qualifying for regionals Saturday in South Lyon.

In the semi-finals, he beat South Lyon's Mike Muccino 4-0 on an injury default.

He won the championship on a 6-5 decision over Walled Lake Central's Frank Lovio.

Salem. Ryan Giuliani (heavyweight), Scott Hughes (103) and Phil Mitchell (130) advanced to the regionals Saturday.

Giuliani gave a stellar performance, capturing second place. He received a bye in the first round, and beat Adam Davis of Northville in the second round to qualify for regionals.

In the semi-finals, he pinned Jason Calka of South Lyon in 1:57.

In the championship match he lost to Garden City's Jason Peterson, finishing second.

Hughes pinned Troy Braceley from Livonia Franklin in his first match.

To qualify for the regionals, he beat Chris Young of Brighton, an opponent he lost to twice and beat once earlier this year. At the end of regulation, the match was tied 13-13. It went into overtime and Hughes won on a takedown, 15-13.

He was defeated by Walled Lake Western's Rob Fritz 8-5 and dropped to the conciliation match. There he pinned Harrison's Brian Atkinson in 1:46, to finish in third place.

Mitchell pulled off an upset in his second match and finished fourth in his class.

He beat Farmington's Jason Bachman 12-2 in his first match and went on to defeat the number two seed, North Farmington's Mark McDonald, 7-5, to qualify for regionals.

In the semi-finals, he pinned Chris Addy of South Lyon (a former Rock grappler) and was defeated in his final round by Franklin's Adam Hill on a 12-2 decision.

Gymnastics:

Canton and Salem will compete in the conference meet tomorrow at John Glenn.

Swimming:

Canton, 4-4.

The Chiefs finished their dual meet season with a 113-73 win over Livonia Churchill, Thursday.

Canton took six first place finishes.

Scott Mulder, Craig Steshetz, Joe Foster and Jeff Clark won the 200 medley relay, 1:47.52.

Mike Orris won the 200-free, 1:48.22. Steshetz finished first in the 50-free, 23.09.

Jason Fowler won diving, 243.85 points.

Foster won the 100-fly, 58.96.

Steshetz, Ryan Henkel, Orris and Clark won the 200-free relay, 1:32.90.

At the MHSSCA meet Saturday at Eastern Michigan University, Orris, Steshetz, Foster and Clark qualified for the state meet in the 200 medley relay, 1:43.00.

Orris qualified in the 200 IM, 2:03.62, Clark qualified in the 50 free, 22.23.

Volleyball:

Salem, 8-2 in league, 28-10-4 overall.

The Rocks competed twice last week, falling to Churchill Thursday in four games, 1-15, 15-6, 7-15, 14-16. The Rocks scored a win over Farmington last Monday in three games, 15-10, 15-9, 15-12.

"We played from behind all night (Thursday) and we weren't a good play from behind team that night," said Allie Suffety, Salem coach.

"We didn't pass well on their attacks. We were more worried about not losing rather than winning that night. But one match does not make a season."

Thursday night, Caryn Tatterton had nine kills and nine stuff blocks. Cyndi Platter had seven kills and seven block stuffs.

Against Farmington Monday night, Platter had 10 kills and four blocks. Jenna Stanton and Jenny Garvey had six kills.

Jamey Viau had five kills and five service aces.

Paula Dembrowski had five kills and Caryn Tatterton had 32 assists on 82 attempts.

Chiefs create a masterpiece against rival Canton

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"We shot real well in the first half," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "Our solid defense carried us."

"Harrison struggled, they always had a hand in the face when shooting, and it was the first time we were consistent (with scoring in all four quarters) this season."

The Chiefs outscored the Hawks 18-11 in the third quarter, to improve their lead 51-41.

In the final quarter, Canton tossed in 19 and Harrison scored 21.

Crosby led the team in scoring Friday with 20. Paskievitch had 15 and Ted Docks had 12.

The Chiefs were 16-18 at the free

throw line.

Canton is 7-10 overall, 6-5 in the conference.

On Friday, Salem easily captured a win over Livonia Stevenson, trouncing the Spartans 70-39.

"We jumped out to a quick start and scored inside and out," said Brodie.

A strong offense and defense in the first half led to the win.

The Rocks scored 25 points in the first quarter and held the Spartans to four.

In the second half, Salem scored 16 points, Stevenson added eight, to end the half with Salem leading 41-12.

Salem hoopsters tossed in seven three-pointers in the first half. Five were hit by Mike Slone, Brandon Slone and Chris

Bagozzi each had one.

The pace slowed in the third quarter as Salem only put eight on the board and Stevenson added seven, to end the third, 49-19.

In the final quarter, Salem scored 21 and Stevenson scored 20.

Mike Slone had one three pointer in the second half, and eight people scored for Salem.

Mike Slone led the team with 23 points and Brandon Slone had 19.

The Rocks and the Chiefs begin conference playoffs Friday.

The Rocks are 15-2 as they head into the conference playoffs.

Salem will face North Farmington and the Chiefs will face off again against Farmington Harrison.

Sports shorts

Canton's Kelly Holmes is one of seven recipients of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Award for spring sports. She will be presented with her award on March 27, at the Boys Class B Basketball finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Holmes will be starting her fourth season on the varsity softball team this spring, she also played three seasons on the varsity basketball team, and is carrying a 4.055 grade point average (on a weighted scale).

Northville's Kristine Arnold won the same award for girls' golf. She has earned three varsity letters in golf and also competes on her school's softball, volleyball and on the debate teams.

Arnold is an active member on the Yearbook staff and her school's Students Against Drunk Driving chapter. She will be presented with her

award March 27, at the Boys Class B Basketball Championship at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

An informational meeting for men's women's and coed slo-pitch softball leagues through Canton's Park and Recreation will be held Saturday.

Men's league meeting is 10 a.m., women's league meets at 10:30, and coed league at 11 a.m.

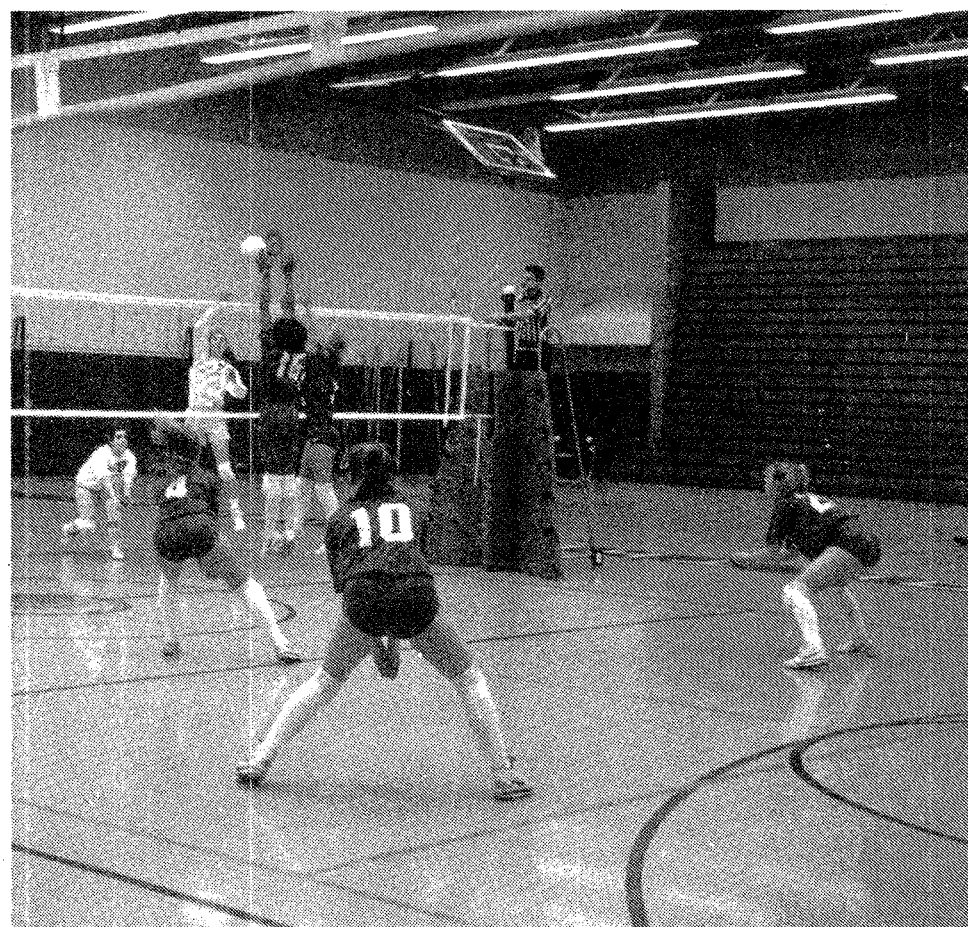
Entry fees, registration dates and time, roster and residency requirements will be discussed.

For more information call 397-5110.

The first Annual Canton Bowling Invitational will be March 7, at Superbowl bowling alley on Ford Road.

Cost is \$56 per team. The tournament is open to all local businesses and organizations.

For more information call 397-5110.



With a lot of active play at the net, Canton best last-place N. Farmington 15-7, 16-14 and 15-9 at home last Wednesday. With the victory, Canton improved its record to 20-11-6. (Crier photo by Rick Sperry)

Officer takes aim on learning to teach skills

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Canton police officer Jerry Hardesty is a good shot.

And now, Canton officials want him to learn how to make other members of the Special Operations Team good shots, too.

As a result, the township Police Department is sending Hardesty to the National Rifle Association's Law Enforcement-Officer Rifle Instructor Training School Feb. 26 through April 30.

The course will be held at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Mount Clemens.

According to Clive Shepherd of the

NRA, the course is designed to teach officers how to teach.

"Officers who come to the course will learn how to teach other officers to use other-than-usual weaponry," Shepherd said.

"Other-than-usual" weapons are those other than the revolvers and shotguns that police officers commonly use.

Both Shepherd of the NRA and Capt. Alex Wilson of the Canton Police Department said that things like rocket launchers and bazookas were not part of the course.

"The guns in question are anything not less than a .223 and not bigger than a 30.06," Shepherd said.

According to Wilson, Hardesty is just the man for the job.

"As a member of the Special Operations Team (SOT)," Wilson said. "He's best qualified to teach others in the use of unconventional weapons.

The SOT is a cooperative effort with Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville, Canton, Van Buren, and Wayne.

According to Wilson, Hardesty, a counter-sniper, and two other officers from the SOT have already taken counter-sniper training.

According to Wilson, Hardesty asked to go to the instructor's school after becoming a member of the SOT.

According to Hardesty, counter-sniper work is "extremely high precision, surgical shooting."

While Hardesty would not say at what range he was accurate, he did say that it was "substantial."

Hardesty, who expects to be a detective by this spring, said that being a good shot wasn't enough to train other SOT members.

"You have to be more than just proficient with a rifle," Hardesty said. "You have to be a certified to teach."

At the completion of the course, Hardesty will receive an NRA certificate that will qualify him to teach counter-sniper tactics.

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Is Wilcox Mill arts project finally under way?

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Currently, the council's offices and one-room classroom is located in an upstairs storefront on Plymouth's Main Street.

Under an agreement with the county that Ilas called "fuzzy," the council apparently will enjoy a free, literally lifetime lease of the facility once it completes renovation work, but the county will retain ownership of the site.

The project itself has gone through several changes since its inception, with the most recent being the appointment of a separate project task force and a change in the council's executive directorship.

Earlier this month, the council board appointed a separate panel to deal with the project, and according to a hastily written press release issued Monday, this board already is "reviewing proposals for construction management and... architectural (proposals)."

With the creation of this second committee, Ilas said, the project now will have two oversight components: The original arts council board will handle fund-raising for the project, while the new committee will oversee the project itself.

On Nov. 30, Ilas took over for Kathy Savitskie, who left to devote more time to the Wilcox Mill project. Ilas remains in charge of day-to-day operations of the council, including its various classes and programs.

Another change has been the breaking down of the project into more specific phases, with Phase I involving merely enough renovation to allow the council to move into the facility.

Initially, project leaders planned on raising the entire \$765,000 before starting anything. Already, Ilas said, more than \$100,000 has been raised for the project, through the council's "Celebrate the Arts" campaign.

Part of this came from a major corporate donation from Ford Motor Co.

In addition to the fund-raising effort, Ilas said the council has drafted several grant proposals seeking funds from both government and private foundations.

Although called the *Plymouth Community Arts Council*, Ilas made it clear that the goal of her organization is to create a regional art center serving the both Plymouths, both Northvilles and Canton.

In fact, Ilas said, "we have been concerned all along that this arts center

would serve more than just Plymouth - and our grant applications have been written with that in mind."

In the end, Ilas said, the speed at which the project moves will depend on the speed in which money is raised - taking the opportunity to make a pitch for tax-deductible contributions to the project.

"Yes, people can make them directly to the arts council," she said, "but should make sure they designate their contribution for 'Celebrate the Arts'."

Five Mile-Sheldon sites spur new interest

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property was contemplated. "There is nothing involved with retail development," he said.

Has the site been sold by the church? "It has not been sold," the Archdiocese spokesman said.

The property had been in legal dispute since the Archdiocese had decided not to sell the parcel to a Maryland developer of senior citizen residences. The Archdiocese spokesperson said the suit had been settled with "no stipulation for the property's use."

Meanwhile, the Wayne County property will be into development "soon," said Wayne County Deputy Executive Mike Duggan.

The large tract had been proposed as "Huntington Falls" -- a \$2 billion multi-

use project -- with a group led by Plymouth Township developer R. A. DeMattia. That proposal fell through a year ago "when all real estate financing dried up," Duggan said.

But DeMattia said he hasn't given up. "We're still in there (negotiating)," he said.

Duggan said Tuesday he expected the county would now become the property's official developer.

"Nothing is approved officially," he stressed, "but it looks like we'll break the development down into pieces." He said this would "maximize the dollars for the taxpayers."

Within two weeks, Duggan said, the county will go out for proposals to seek a contract developer to manage the project for the county. DeMattia said his

company would be submitting a proposal. "That makes sense," Duggan said. "They're very familiar with the property."

Northville Township Supervisor Karen Baja confirmed that she had talked to Duggan about the future of the county parcel, but said that no official proposals had come to the township as yet.

Duggan said he expected Wayne County to develop the area's infrastructure and perhaps to operate the planned golf course for the site. "The county has experience at infrastructure and golf courses," he said.

One potential development -- a 30-acre research and development use -- is already interested, the deputy county executive said.

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GET YOUR GUIDE! (Next Weds.)

Who can we thank for the extra page we found Saturday afternoon?

Could it be that an ad was dummed twice?

HAROLD - who or what is the attraction at University hospital?

JAN B - Ate my candy - didn't share it and wears my heart earrings everyday.

DOUG RICH - Happy Birthday in Somalia. Hope all your friends see this.

Curiosities

JOANNE DELANEY - thanks for soup, cheesecake and just for being Florence Nightyale of Plymouth Twp.

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IS IT CARL BERRY'S birthday again?

MOMS sneak out!

"TILLAMOOK" - Beauregard

MARGARET G. braved the snow!

Sunday was like a weeks vacation & just think next week its Sat. & Sun.

The ladies made it & the men came up short. Congratulations Lisa, Michelle & Ellen. P.S. wait till next year! Right Gary?

Princess, if you didn't break your leg call me & we'll do lunch! (P.S. don't tell G.)

BOTH GENEVA GUENTHER and Karen Guyor want everyone to remember March 18. And Debbie Redfern turns older that day too.

JANET BURKE GETS OLDER (AGAIN) ON March 2.

DENNIS SHREWSBURY needs roughage because he's at a rough age.

BEVERLY BRASS is older.

MOM ON MELTON: Next week you get a GUIDE

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"I CAN DO MORE than one thing at a time, I'm a Pisces." Karen Guyor, 1993

IS PHIL RUNNING? Will he make City Hall come clean?

JACK, LISA, MICHELLE, GARY, ELLEN: 10.52% UP!

BEAUREGARD eats sweet and sour pork from China Moon.

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THE BURTON GALLERY folks are great neighbors -- such great snow shovelers!

THE GUIDE will hit next week -- watch your Crier for a completely, updated, expanded, larger collection of Community Info.

Curiosities

DIANNE AND RAYCHEL: Is everything ship shape?

VENTNOR AVENUE was Jess' only non-property in her Monopoly power play.

WHO'S your State Rep? See pg. 8-9 of The '93 GUIDE next Wednesday.

Thanks Wendy, Liz, Elaine, Steve, Dan & Caryne for all your work on The GUIDE '93.

"DENNIS SHREWSBURY needs roughage!" The Box Bar crew.

Jack, Gary, & Ellen - What a team! Thanks for the great job on GUIDE sales.

Diane beat Animal at darts! Of course everybody does, even Paul throwing for the 1st time beat him. Maybe it's his age getting to him.

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SHANNON & DAMON: great art! Aunt Sally & Uncle Ed.

"IT'S SORT OF A HOBBY of mine: the truth." -- Cary Grant as The Cat in To Catch a Thief.

Curiosities

JEAN TROMBLEY - thank you for the raglan sleeve sweater patterns. You have not only saved my reputation as a Grandmother, but have made two little girls, LAURA and WHITNEY happy. Now if I can just follow the directions for sweaters for their dolls. Wish me luck!

GENEVA - goes SLUMMING

encourage one another

Gary, I promise to have myself shot just as soon as I get your photo credit right. Alex.

Jack sold the last GUIDE ad! Some things never change.

And then he had to sell another one on Saturday. I think it was because of that 'rumored mistake' that was made.

You should all know by now that Jack always sells & turns in The Last GUIDE Ad.

C. needs a nickname - I'll work on a real winner.

For the next 3 weeks if Steve loses he will blame it on being weak.

Can you believe we got a day off!

GARY STONE - thank you so much for cleaning the snow all across the front of our house, two paths to our doors, our driveway and street. What a wonderful friend & neighbor. Thank you - again!

GET READY! THE '93 GUIDE hits the street on March 3 -- for the 14th YEAR IN A ROW

STEVE HERBRUCK gets older March 3 on St. John's. (Which is better than in St. John's up by Ionia except that he likes the cheese counter.)

COLLEEN LOOKS GREAT AT "38" BOB

COMMA, Staff - You're the greatest! Thanks for a great job on The GUIDE. - Ad Staff.

Curiosities

The countdown to May 18th 1993 has started. The BIG "50" is approaching. We will try and keep everyone in Plymouth up to date on the biggest birthday to celebrate in the past century. Right C.

Next week we will add a letter.

Thanks Crier Edit & Sales for a GREAT job on GUIDE. COMMA,

LOVE in any language FLUENTLY spoken here.

DANIEL W. - It's nice to know that "Chivalry is not dead." However you will no doubt think twice before you again help a lady in distress. Twelve stitches in your foot What a bummer - and you on a ski trip!

THE KAREN GUYOR FAMILY better hurry down to buy that full page about her birthday coming.

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To get rid of that silly "reverb" on WOW-FM, turn your bass all the way down, and treble halfway down. Better yet, why don't you "WOW" folks turn off the annoying reverb?

ZACHARY THOMAS JONES arrived at UM Hospital: Jody (mom), Jeff (dad), grandfolks (Tina and Tom) at 12:54 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22 and guess what . . . HAPPY BIRTHDAY TINA!

COMMA, crazies - You did a fantastic job this year on The GUIDE to Plymouth-Canton-Northville. There was a lot of T.L.C. put into the ads and edit pages. Thank you for a job well done. You can be proud!

What day do we start the NEXT GUIDE?

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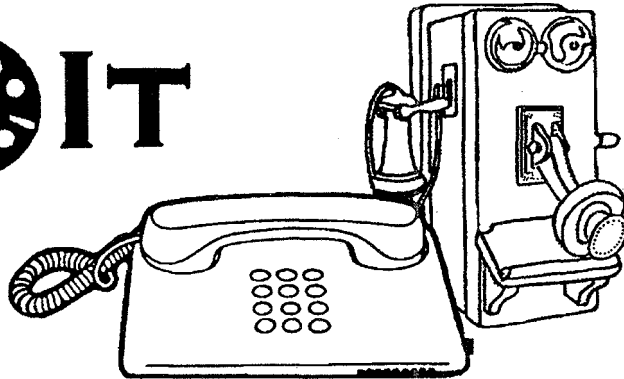
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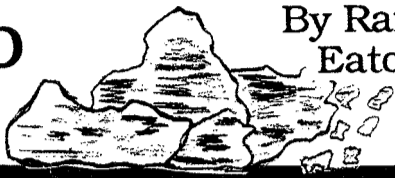


Community opinions

This barn was a 'real' story

Picking up the chips

By Randy Eaton



Ran into long time Plymouth-Canton resident Walter Gribble, with real estate auctioneer Howell Davis, the other day at a Fireman's Breakfast.

Walter told me about his most successful real estate advertising campaign in the old Plymouth-Canton newspaper, The Plymouth Mail.

Seems my dad sold Walter on the idea of running the photos of new area babies in his advertisements — and sales rocketed, moms and dads were happy and Walter is now semi-retired and looking very healthy and happy.

The area has had its fair share of real estate genius. I will never forget Joe (J.L.) Hudson telling me to paint the front door of the house I wanted to sell bright red. Said it would sell the house right away.

Well, Joe was right — it sold to the first visitor.

Might as well mention here one of the area's larger property owners: Bob Willoughby. Bob owned the local shoe store, a restaurant, a herd of black angus cattle to supply the restaurant, and too many acres to count all around the state.

Made his money, on his knees, massaging the feet of Plymouth-Canton's elderly ladies prior to their trying on Bob's orthopedic shoes. Of course the shoes felt great after the massage.

The extra cost for the "special" shoes made no difference to the ladies at that point. Then watching Bob dicker and deal over two or three bucks on a car buy from Jay Selle at his Buick dealership.

Bob literally squeezed every dollar. And lived a good life, too, raising a good family and enjoying himself.

He, Bob Beyer, Bill Covington and I went on a ski trip up to Boyne Mountain once — had a grand time together. On the way home, Bob stopped off to pick up a cashier's check from the sale of a farm he sold up there, making the trip fun and worthwhile — squeezing life again.

Great guy. Got smashed by a Canton train 'tho, and spent his last years in a hospital bed.

Somehow, I always have thought he got the best out of life, and gave

enough back to balance the books.

One wintry day a tattered kid came into the Plymouth Mail office looking for work. When he filled out my application form I noticed he couldn't read nor write.

On investigation I learned his family was entirely destitute; he was too mentally impaired to attend school, yet not mentally impaired enough to get any help.

We gave him a job, and I sent him around to Willoughby who gave him new shoes and winter boots, then Bob sent the kid on to Wendall Lent who gave him a new winter, a couple of warm shirts, a sweater and a new pair of jeans, and on around the town until the kid was OK.

Stop and Shop, Plymouth-Canton's first super market for food, filled a couple of grocery bags with food and the kid went home with a new lease on life.

Don't know where he is now, but hope he can get from the front of the building to the rear without forgetting what he went "out back" for.

The last real estate "deal" my father made in Plymouth happened at an auction he stopped by to check out as the result of the classified ad someone had run in his newspaper.

They were auctioning off an old red barn from the downtown Plymouth area. Well, dad got caught up in the excitement of the auction and ended up buying the darned thing for a hundred bucks.

Came home to announce that he now owned a barn.

A week later it was plucked up from where it sat, and was trucked over to our house on Maple where it was dumped next to our house.

I walked around it the other day — it's still there, all red with white trim just like dad had it painted after the remodel.

Jim Thornton was its first resident, occupying the ground floor apartment.

I wonder if the current owners know that the little "shed" behind it was built in 1938 as a dollhouse for my sister, then turned into a chicken coop during the war, then a hang-out for Carl Glassford and I as kids, and now just sits there empty?

Vos supports state's airport plan

EDITOR:

Adjacent to our city we have a small airport for area pilots, businesses and visitors. Not only is it quaint, but it also helps relieve nearby Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

There is an additional advantage to our community in that large commercial jet aircraft would normally be maintained at a higher altitude because of Mettetal Airport. Of course, I realize that this is somewhat selfish on my part.

Currently, the Michigan Aeronautics Commission (MAC) has, after careful review and study of this matter, decided that it would be beneficial to the citizens of Michigan to keep Mettetal Airport open rather than let the bulldozers plow it under for another subdivision or strip mall.

I commend the MAC and its chairman, Warren Hoyt, in this historic decision.

As you are aware, the city of Plymouth, Canton Township and Plymouth Township

attempted two years ago to create a joint operation along with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

A compromise was reached to keep the airport open for a period of 10 years, with joint operation through the municipalities of Plymouth Township and Canton Township.

At the expiration of 10 years, Canton Township had the option to terminate the land use for airport purposes. The FAA did not want that 10-year limitation, so I had regretfully envisioned this nice, historic airport "going down in flames."

Now, I am very pleased to recommend approval and commend the John Engler Administration for not "giving up." If Mettetal is plowed under we would never see an airport here again.

Now, with the help of the MAC, we can look forward to keeping our beautiful community airport.

JOHN VOS III
CITY COMMISSIONER

Schools need more music

EDITOR:

As you already know I have made the decision not to return as the director of the marching band. Although receiving the pink slip may have been the motivating force behind me leaving and going back to school, it is not the reason that I am not returning. The new environment I am in is incredible.

I now have opportunities to learn and grow like I never thought I would. I actually have time to go watch the Detroit Symphony rehearse on a weekly basis, time to study all the music I want, and time to explore music making with my colleagues on a greater level than I have before.

I really struggled with this decision at the beginning of the year. During the marching band season I wasn't part of either environment (college or PCEP) on a full-time basis, and consequently didn't feel much involved with either.

A high school of that size should have two full-time band directors that are completely involved in all the activities of the music program.

In order for it to be a well-balanced music program it should include a full jazz program, a full chamber music program, a private lesson program, an electronic music program that services more than just "band" kids, but an "outreach" program for the rest of the student body.

There should also be a coordinator of music or fine arts for the district. As it stands now there is little or no communication with the middle schools which is, of course, the heart and soul of the high school program.

What is most upsetting to me, however, is the realization that the current program is slipping a great deal. I had no way of monitoring the marching band

students' participation/ non-participation in the "daytime" ensembles. As much as the marching band is a strong educational experience it is not a strong music education experience. Where the students really learn is in the classroom, sitting down in chairs.

The educational goal should be great music making and terrific performances with a very strong esthetic experience. The students and parents should have a greater understanding of that process and goal.

Although I do not believe that it is out of control yet, there are signs of the win at all costs" attitude. I believe that the "value" system is out of line and needs an adjustment. It seems that some individuals are valuing the trophies rather than the experience.

To prevent this will take a commitment on the part of the upper administration, which understandably cannot be financially supported now. I really do not have all the answers to the problems, but I can see that we are beginning to represent some of the things that have earned competitive marching bands in this country a bad name with many educators.

In my opinion, the PCEP band has always proved all of the negative theories wrong and it would be sad to see this system fall in the same trap that others have.

I have enjoyed my time at PCEP very much and will always remember it. What I will remember is the powerful education that results when students, parents, and administration work together for the same goal.

GLEN ADSIT
(EDITOR'S NOTE: The former CEP band director will discuss his suggestions for a "comprehensive music program" in a future Crier.)



Community opinions

Planning Commission should reconsider

EDITOR:

I would like to share with your readers some observations about a Plymouth Planning Commission meeting I attended on Feb. 10.

I have lived in Plymouth for 25 years. I support the concept of zoning and land use planning. I also support the notion that changing times and special circumstances need to be taken into consideration as part of any planning process.

I live on Sheldon Road, across from and a little south of a small church on the corner of Sheldon and Junction. I don't belong to that church or have any association with it. I have always thought it was an unsuitable location for a church in terms of location, lot size, and obvious parking problems, so it came as no surprise to learn that the congregation is moving to a new location.

I recently became aware that they were having trouble selling the property because it is zoned R-1, single family residential.

The meeting of the Planning Commission was the church's third attempt to have the zoning changed to O-1, office use. They were turned down in a manner that clearly signaled that they had no option except a sale to another church or a residential developer.

Those of you who are familiar with that corner will immediately recognize that no one would buy that property, raze the building and build single family homes.

It also doesn't take much insight to realize that it's unlikely that any other church would be interested because of the limited parking spaces and no opportunity to grow. The church's representatives provided ample evidence to support this conclusion.

Citing their reluctance to engage in "spot" zoning and a fear that making one exception would lead to the commercialization of all or part of the block south to Farmer, the zoning board voted unanimously to deny the request.

For myself, I can't see how changing the use of this church building sets a precedence for converting nearby single family homes to commercial use, particularly in this location. I think the zoning board ducked the issue and I'm not happy about possible consequences.

Because the church is moving whether they sell the property or not, it's a good guess that we will be left staring at a vacant building, perhaps for a long time.

What a waste!

Every one of the proposed buyers of the building would have been good neighbors and taxpayers (the church doesn't pay taxes). On top of this, the church may seek remedy in the courts, resulting in more expense to us taxpayers.

This wasn't a request to put a MacDonald's in Huff Park or New England Village. Some opponents cited the motto "The City of Homes" on the city letterhead to support their opposition.

Go anywhere in the city, particularly within a few blocks of the railroad and downtown, and you will see that the motto is misleading. Plymouth has a long history of the close proximity of offices, stores and even factories to single family dwellings.

Those of us who live near Sheldon and Junction could see that clearly when we bought our homes. Turning the church into an office isn't going to change the character of the neighborhood or lower the property values one little bit.

I urge the Planning Commission to reconsider.

DOUGLAS McCLENNEN

What a feeling, looking down on home

Flying high. What a feeling, being lifted hundreds of feet into the air and being able to see everything for miles.

I'm referring to an airplane ride I took with two pilots who fly out of Mettetal airport.

I went to the airport to see just how much room was available for expansion. I expected to be flown around for five or ten minutes and get an aerial view of the airport.

I got much more than that.

Upon my arrival, the pilots asked what I wanted to see. "Nothing in particular," I responded.

Out of curiosity, I asked a few questions like how long does it take to get to the Renaissance Center in Detroit.

Todd Bont a pilot and flight instructor along with one of his former students, literally, flew around the metro Detroit area.

So what can be seen at that high an altitude?

The airports!

Facing south, we could see a clearing to the left. That clearing was Metro Airport. I've been to Metro; It's huge. From the air, however, it looks like a decent size farm.

To the right could seen a another clearing - Willow Run Airport, which according the pilots, is about the same physical size as Metro.

"What do you want to see," they said.

My home. It was the first thing that entered my mind. In flying time, it was about 5 seconds from the

A new notion By Amy Kidwell



airport.

After a while of flying over what seemed to be deserted land, I asked where we were headed.

"The Renaissance Center, didn't you want to go there?" the pilot responded.

I did want to go downtown, but I did not expect them to take the time to take me there.

To avoid flying through Metro's airspace, we flew south toward the Ohio border and then north to Detroit.

With Canada to the right and Michigan to the left, we could see the city's silhouette on the horizon.

What a sight.

Let me make a suggestion to anyone who is thinking of what to get someone as a present. Give the gift of aviation. It's incredible, and the cost can be controlled by specifying the number of miles.

Contrary to popular belief, It is not scary at all. If you can handle a Merry-Go-Round ride, you can handle an airplane ride.

This advise is coming from someone who, prior to the Mettetal experience, only flew once as a small child.

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