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Government growth outpaces population increase in Canton

BY PETER BRODERICK

Over the past 20 years, Canton has grown in population and in government — but not always at the same rate. As communities grow, it becomes necessary for the government to grow with them, and in Canton's case outgrow its residents.

In 1976, Canton had a population of about 33,000, and 62 full-time employees, including firefighters and police offi-

cers. Today, the ratio between citizens and employees has more than doubled with a population in the township of nearly 61,000, and a grand total of 239 full-time employees.

That means that 20 years ago, Canton hired 1.8 employees for every 1,000 residents. Today, that figure has jumped to 3.9 employees — that's two extra full-time salaries each year for every 1,000

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MEAP test scores up

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Students in the Plymouth-Canton Community School District continue to improve their testing skills, according to scores just released from the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) exam given in October.

Fourth graders showed the biggest improvement. In 1994, the overall elementary school score for reading was 47.7. In 1995, that figure jumped to 58.2. Last year, the math score for elementary school students was 65.3. This year, the

math score was 72.7.

Reading results are a percentage of students who passed both the story and informational sections. Math scores are a percentage of students with a scale score of 520 or higher.

The seventh grade results weren't as dramatic. Reading scores climbed a point from 52.3 in 1994 to 54.2 in 1995, while math slipped from 71.8 to 70.6.

Executive Director of Instruction/K-12 Tom Tattan said there were several fac-

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Crier ad, editorial deadlines move to Friday during holidays

Because of the Christmas and New Year holidays, the classified and display advertising deadlines for the next two issues of The Community Crier will be moved from Monday to Friday.

The offices of The Community Crier and COMMA, will be closed Monday and Jan. 1.

Collections can be turned in Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

The deadline for the "What's Happening" section is Friday at noon. Deadlines for letters to the editor, obituaries and story submissions will also be Friday at noon for the next two weeks.

The hours of The Community Crier and COMMA, along with advertising and editorial will return to normal following the holidays.

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The charred hull of Frank Bitonti's home-built plane lies near the RV and boat the pilot clipped as he attempted to turn back to Mettetal Airport, realizing he was in trouble after taking off Saturday. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Home-built plane crashes in Twp., pilot pulled from burning wreckage

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

The pilot of a home-built Whitman W-8 aircraft was rescued from the burning wreckage of his plane by two men who watched his plane plummet and crash Saturday at the A&D Storage yard in Plymouth Township.

Steven Powell and Roger Meloche, who both work at Best Trucking near the storage company, proved to be the only thing that stood between Frank Bitonti and death.

"Roger saw it (the plane) coming in low and then saw the flames," said Powell. "It was on fire. The pilot was kind of laying up under the wing of the plane—we pulled him out of it."

Those actions, according to Plymouth Community Fire Chief Larry Groth, saved Bitonti's life. "In my opinion they saved his life," said Groth.

According to Mettetal Airport Manager Doug Kitze, Bitonti, whose plane is hangared at Mettetal, realized right after takeoff that there was a problem.

"He radioed the Unicom Frequency that he was having difficulties. He was going to

try a down wind landing," said Kitze. "Which means he was going to just turn around and land on the same runway as he took off."

Bitonti, after realizing he wouldn't make it to the airport tried to set the plane down in the only open area he saw. A&D Storage is located northeast of the Lilley and Ann Arbor road's intersection, said Groth.

"He did an excellent job trying to put down in such a small area," said Groth. "If he had landed a few hundred feet north, he would have crashed into the concrete at National Concrete—that would have killed him."

Both Bitonti and Meloche were transported to St. Mary's Hospital where Meloche was treated and released. According to Groth, Bitonti, who was conscious and aware at the scene, was in stable condition as of Sunday.

According to the police report, there was \$10,000 worth of damage to Bitonti's plane, and the crash caused damage to two trailers and two boats that were being stored in the yard.

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Group donates Meals on Wheels carts to City
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Local business promotes company image as sales tool
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P-C Schools pass MEAP tests with flying colors

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tors that contributed to the improvements. "The Plymouth-Canton K-12 curriculum is modeled after the state's curriculum for the core areas: reading, math, science, and writing," he said. "As a district we

adapt, modify, and make the core subject areas applicable for our students."

Tattan also pointed to the school district's budget providing for updated texts and the lowering of class sizes as reasons for the higher scores.

The school district provided additional help with classes such as the Summer Academy, which targeted the core curriculum areas. "The district's teaching staff is committed to professional development," Tattan said. "In the 1994-95 school year alone, more than 100 seminars and workshops were attended by teachers after school, on Saturdays, and during the summer, in the core content

areas."

Superintendent Charles Little said improvement can be seen by examining the difference in scores from current seventh graders and their results as fourth graders. For example, seventh graders improved in math by 11 points. He said, "You know it's interesting with the seventh graders' scores, you look back where these kids were in fourth grade, there's big gains... so that class has made a lot of growth in fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh grades."

One area of MEAP test scores administrators said they would like to improve on is the reading information selection, which asks students to read two-page passages and provide the information they read by answering at least 20 questions. "We need help in information

Often times kids don't read for informational text," said Tattan. "They read fiction."

Associate Director for Research and Technology David Rodwell said, "We have to say to the community: books are important. The best way to get in depth knowledge is to read books."

Statewide and school to school comparisons will be made in early 1996.

In the spring, fifth, eighth and 11th grade students will take the science and writing portions of the MEAP. "The new test will take longer and involve more writing, problem-solving, and critical thinking," Tattan said.

For the first time, 11th graders will take all four portions of the Proficiency Test. In 1997, all MEAP and Proficiency testing will be done in the spring.

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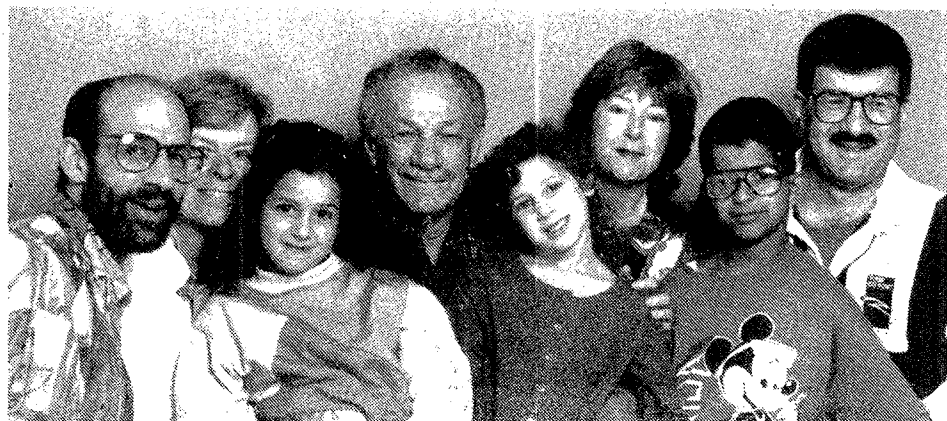
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Police crack down on Ann Arbor Road violations

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

Warning: don't get caught speeding, ignoring traffic signals or ignoring the turning laws on Ann Arbor Road — motorists caught will be ticketed.

The Plymouth Township police recently conducted a study of traffic accidents occurring in the township from 1990 to 1995.

The study of more than 2,500 accidents showed the majority of these accidents happened at the four major intersections of Ann Arbor Road, said Police Chief Carl Berry.

The breakdown per intersection is:

- Ann Arbor and Lilley roads - 309 accidents
- Ann Arbor and Haggerty roads - 308 accidents
- Ann Arbor and Sheldon roads - 253 accidents
- Ann Arbor Road and I-275 - 264 accidents

"We took one look at the study and said this has got to stop,"

said Berry. "There will be no warnings. Traffic tickets will be issued."

The accidents, according to Berry, are happening because drivers are ignoring the traffic laws.

"I sat and watched at one of the intersections and I have to say I was amazed at the driving," said Berry. "It has gotten worse lately not better."

What that means for drivers is heightened traffic enforcement on Ann Arbor Road, said Berry.

"When there are that many accidents, the traffic (on Ann Arbor Road) needs to be watched a lot more carefully," he said. "We want to ensure that people get home safe and sound to their families."

Berry said he had a message to all drivers — watch the traffic laws and obey them. "I hope they get the message," he said.

P-C School Board approves Little's goals

Standards set for evaluation of Superintendent

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Plymouth-Canton School Board unanimously approved goals and objectives for Superintendent Charles Little.

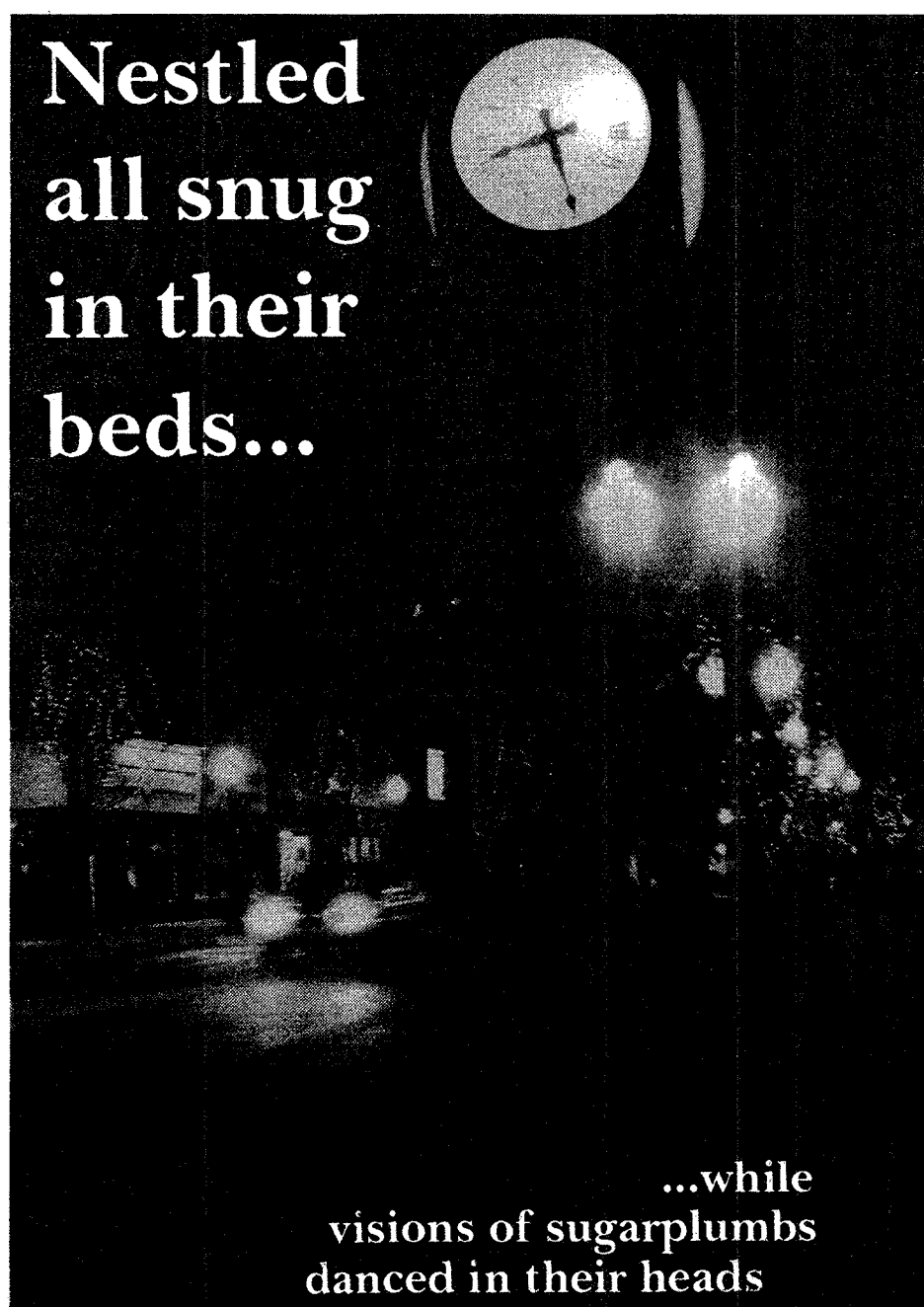
By May, a district-wide staff needs survey will need to be developed. It will be used in initiating future technology plans, which will support teaching and learning. June was set as a completion date for two goals, the Long Range Planning process and a two-year housing plan.

Little was also given seven broad areas of ongoing responsibilities, with defined indicators of performance for each one.

The responsibilities for Little are:

- Initiate and maintain a healthy working relationship with the school board.
- Provide leadership to ensure district-wide consistency in instructional delivery and high standards for student performance.
- Promote positive and productive employee relations.
- Demonstrate good fiscal management.
- Manage the efficient and safe use of physical facilities of the school district.
- Establish and maintain effective inter-government relations.
- Promote community involvement in activities and decision making at district and building levels.

School Board President David Artley said the evaluation process has improved from a decade ago when it was complex and difficult. "This takes it even a step further," he said. "I see some things I like in here."



Nestled all snug in their beds...

...while visions of sugarplums danced in their heads

The Holiday Spirit is alive and well in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. The community starts out the holiday season and new year with much hope — and a bright future. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Post office offers extended hours

The Plymouth Post Office has extended its hours for the holiday season. The Penniman Avenue office will

be open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Clipper Road office will be open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The hours for both offices are effective through Saturday.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- The Canton Chamber of Commerce is holding the Third Thursday Update tomorrow at 7:30 a.m. at the Old Country Buffet restaurant at the corner of Sheldon and Ford roads. State Reps. Deborah Whyman and Eileen DeHart are the featured speakers.
- Cross-campus rivals and state powers Canton and Salem face off in swimming tomorrow at 7 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

- The Canton Board of Trustees will not meet Tuesday because of the holidays. The board will resume their normal schedule in January.
- Garbage collection in Plymouth Township will be collected one day later than the regularly scheduled pick-up day during the weeks following Christmas (Dec. 26 through Dec. 30) and New Year (Jan. 2 through Jan. 6). Christmas trees and natural wreaths will be picked up curbside, on the scheduled collection day, during the week of Jan. 2 through 6 for compost disposal. Rubbish, recycling and compost may be placed curbside the evening prior to your collection day or no later than 7 a.m. on collection day.

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Development irks Canton subdivision

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Residents of the Cherry Hill Orchard subdivision in Canton are boiling mad over a plan to build a shopping center near their neighborhood.

The Canton Board of Trustees approved the site plan for the Cherry Hill Court Shopping Center, a 10-acre development to be built on the southwest corner of Lilley and Cherry Hill roads, over the strong opposition of residents of the neighboring subdivisions.

Because a planned unit development (PUD) zoning configuration was established for the site during the early 1970s, the trustees said their hands were tied and they had to

approve the site plan.

Residents of the subdivision, including Dave Heinowski, said the plan does not fit the spirit of the PUD — to intermix commercial and residential zoning and create neighborhood-type living/shopping areas.

"Let's talk about our rights as adjoining property owners," Heinowski said. "There are concerns we have that have not been answered by the developer."

Heinowski read more than 20 concerns to the Canton Trustees last Tuesday dealing with the rights he said adjoining property owners have lost because of the PUD including the hours of delivery to the proposed businesses, hours of operation, landscaping, security, lighting, traffic and environmental issues.

Joe Galvin, counsel for Market Development Company, the group hoping to develop the land, said they have done everything possible to conform to Canton zoning regulations and answer neighbors' questions regarding the site.

"We consciously started this project as close as we could to your zoning ordinances," said Galvin. "We did listen to the homeowners, we did do more, we did make concessions."

"I know people will be affected by this, but I respectfully ask the board to please approve the site plan tonight, as we are entitled."

Cherry Hill Orchard resident Eric Rissnan, who helped distribute a neighborhood survey and petition to stop the development, said area residents are upset about the plan to build a strip mall. He said 893 signatures have been collected in opposition to the project, 835 of which are from Canton residents. "As trustees," he said, "you must remember that 94 percent of the people on the petition are your voting constituents."

Alice Spuck said the development would ruin the atmosphere of the community. "I moved to this setting for a nice, quiet country atmosphere," she said. "We lost. I don't want anymore building in Canton. We lost all we moved here for."

Canton Municipal Services Director Aaron Machnik said PUDs continue to be a tough issue for Canton to handle. "Obviously," he said, "this is an emotional issue for all involved."

"If you (trustees) believe a PUD is a binding contract...You have no choice but to approve the site plan," he said.

Canton Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter said the PUD contract made it impossible for her to vote against the plan. "The decision makers in 1972 thought it (PUD) was the best thing for everyone at the time," she said.

Trustee Melissa McLaughlin asked the board to look at the structure of PUDs in the community and at how they were implemented over time.

Supervisor Tom Yack said the board is limited in dealing with PUDs by the state enabling law, which establishes what use can occur and where. "I'm on record as calling them (PUDs) time bombs waiting to happen," he said.

Yack said that by tabling or delaying vote on the issue, Canton could be held responsible for losses incurred by the developer. "The law is different now," he said. "You can be held responsible. This is serious business."

Trustee Phil LaJoy motioned to table the site plan until the Jan. 9 meeting. He was supported by McLaughlin. The vote to table was defeated 4-3. LaJoy, McLaughlin and Canton Clerk Terry Bennett voted to table, while Trustees John Burdziak and Bob Shefferly, along with Yack and Kirchgatter voted against tabling the decision.

The board approved the site plan by a 5-2 vote with LaJoy and McLaughlin voting against and Burdziak, Shefferly, Bennett, Yack and Kirchgatter voting to approve the plan.

Trustees, administration receive raise in Canton

The Canton Board of Trustees unanimously voted to raise the compensation level of themselves, the Supervisor, Clerk, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Merit Commission.

Effective Jan. 1, 1996, Canton Trustees will receive \$8,500 per year — up from the current \$8,100 for the part time, elected position.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack will receive a \$4,000 raise from \$66,100 (mid-point of Grade 12) to \$70,100.

Canton Clerk Terry Bennett and Canton Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter will receive a raise from the mid-point of Grade 8 (currently \$54,800) to the mid-point of Grade 18A in the new compensation tier scale (currently \$57,000).

Members of the Planning Commission will receive a boost from \$50 to \$65 per meeting. Compensation for the Zoning Board of Appeals will increase from \$40

to \$50 per meeting. Members of the Merit Commission will receive \$50 per meeting, up from \$40.

Administrative Services Director Dan Durack, who also served on the Elected Officials' Compensation Committee along with Trustees John Burdziak and Melissa McLaughlin and Kirchgatter, said the pay raises reflect increases in compensation to trustees and elected officials in communities similar to Canton.

"Again this year," he said, "we surveyed communities that are generally similar to Canton. They are not necessarily comparable, but we wanted to be consistent, so we used them again."

For comparison, the committee used the communities of Clinton Township, Dearborn Heights, Livonia, Redford Township, Shelby Township, Waterford Township, West Bloomfield Township and Westland.



Public notices

NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WINTER TAXES

Winter taxes are due December 1, 1995 payable through February 29, 1996 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. **MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CITY OF PLYMOUTH.** Payments for tax bills and water bills can be made at City Hall-Treasurer's Office during regular working hours, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Residents may also use the DROP BOX located in the lobby of City Hall, next to the Treasurer's Office window, after hours. For your added convenience, payments for tax bills we be accepted at the Plymouth office of First of America Bank until February 29, 1996.

CITY HALL offices will be closed during the Christmas Holidays from Friday, December 22nd through Monday, January 1, 1996. The Treasurer's Office WILL BE OPEN to accept tax payments and other payments on Thursday, December 28th and Friday, December 29th, 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Teresa Cischke, Treasurer

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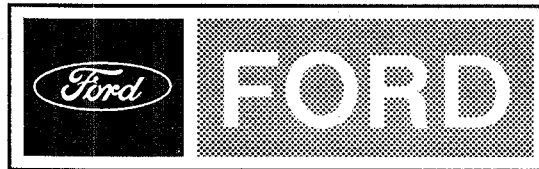
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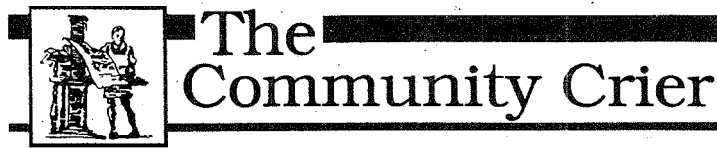


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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

The Plymouth Kiwanis cooked and served a complete Christmas turkey dinner to 117 senior citizens Dec. 4, free of charge. The Kiwanis also rang the Salvation Army Bell for donations Dec. 8 and Dec. 9.

The Salem High School Senior Class Council recently donated \$200 to the Salvation Army in an effort to help feed the homeless.

Students have been raising the money over the past several years with such fund-raisers as candy sales and selling pizza at Plymouth's annual Fall Festival.

George Kovacheff, son of Stanley and Christine Kovacheff of Plymouth, recently graduated from the New York Chiropractic college with the Degree of Doctor of Chiropractic. Dr. Kovacheff expects to practice either in southwestern Michigan or northwestern Ohio.

Epsilon Gamma, the Madonna University chapter of Delta Mu Delta, a national honor society in business administration, recently inducted two honorary members and 51 business students.

Students from Canton are: Judith Homa-Lowry, Jeffrey Kolodziej, John Spencer, Tiffany Tyra and Theresa Worniak.

Students from Plymouth are: Mark Fischer, Karen Moran, Carol Stone and Susan Walters.

Students from Northville are: Linda Kieger, Sandra Magar and Andrea Smith.

Navy Midshipman Michael A. Gutowski, son of Carol A. and Anthony Gutowski Jr. of Plymouth, has received an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, where he is currently enrolled in a course of intense academic study.

Gutowski is a 1992 graduate of Canton High School.

Laurene Urso, RN, of Plymouth, was awarded a Toumy Scholarship Award by St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

The competitive awards are granted annually to those who demonstrate excellence in their work and participate in an accredited academic nursing program.

Two Hope College students from Plymouth performed in a student dance concert at the college Dec. 6.

Sophomore Amanda Fry, daughter of James and Theresa Fry; and sophomore Kirsten Heinrich, daughter of Dennis and Lana Heinrich, both choreographed and performed in their own dances.

Helping those in need

VFW donation makes hot meals for seniors easier this holiday season

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

More than 50 Plymouth stay-at-homes receive Meals on Wheels every day through the efforts of people like Carl Adler and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #6695.

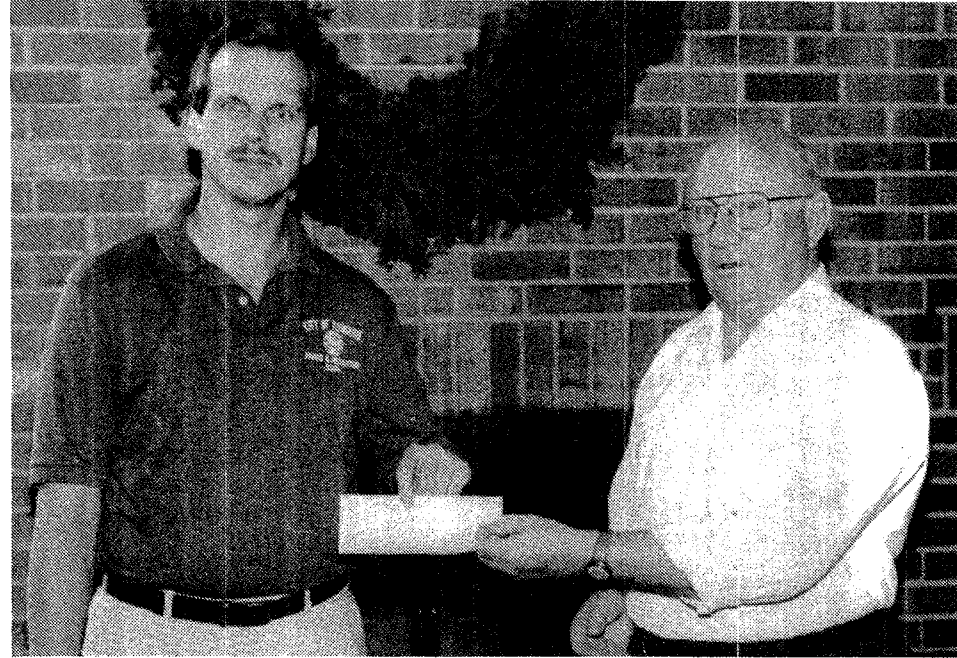
The VFW post, according to Adler, is always looking for ways to make Plymouth a nicer place to live and work.

"We want to make sure things go well in the city," said Adler. "We contribute a lot of our time and money."

"Each month we have a list of what were going to do with our money and our time," he added.

That's where Adler brought the VFW post and the Meals on Wheels program together.

"We work a lot with the senior's programs," said Adler. "So when the program needed some carts, the post came through with the money."



Plymouth Parks and Recreation Director Tom Willette accepts a check from Carl Adler of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #6695 that will go toward the purchase of new carts for the community's Meals on Wheels program. (Crier photo by Janet Armstrong)

According to Terry Derderian, Adler has been a big help to the program.

"Carl has been instrumental in getting the VFW to support the program," said Derderian. "He himself is delivering four routes out of Tonquish Manor every day."

Adler said the VFW, which has a full membership of 700 (that includes the auxiliary), will continue to give itself and its money to worthwhile causes that help make the City of Plymouth a better place to live.

"We're quite involved in community affairs," said Adler. "And will stay involved as long as there is a need for us."

Adler added that the Meals on Wheels program is always looking for help. If you would like to become involved in the program call Betty Hesselgrave at 453-9703.

Beginning builders

OLGC's designers ready for city simulation competition

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

A group of seventh and eighth grade students from Our Lady of Good Counsel School are learning how to build and maintain a city.

The five students from OLGC: Alexis Thebolt, Justin Kuxshouse, Gregory Lenhols, Laura Adams and Tim Moore; their project advisor Pat Fair, engineer mentor Dan Sinnott and Principal Ted Behn are taking part in the National Engineers Week Detroit Regional Future City Competition, scheduled for Jan. 18, 1996 at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn.

This is the first year that OLGC is participating in the competition. They are one of 37 Michigan middle school teams competing.

According to Fair, the students must apply math and science, while using their imagination to develop solutions to a variety of problems facing many cities.

The competition consists of three

"**They've been working hard. They're learning a lot from this — so am I.**

—PAT FAIR

ufacturing zone.

The winners of the local competition will go on to compete at the national competition, said Fair.

"It becomes a national competition," said Fair. "They hold it in Washington D.C."

Fair said the kids, Behn and Sinnott have worked very hard on the project and are excited about the competition.

"They've been working hard," said Fair. "They're learning a lot from this — so am I."

Fair said it was Behn's idea for the school to take part in the contest.

"Ted (Behn) spearheaded the idea of OLGC getting involved," said Fair. "He has really taken the time to help the kids with the project."

Most of all, said Fair, this project has been both interesting and fun for the entire group.

"We really are having a lot of fun with this," she said.

phases: designing a city with the SimCity Classic Software, building a section of the city, and writing a 500-word essay describing what factors were considered when selecting the city's site for the man-

Governmental growth in Canton outpaces increase in population

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people in Canton.

"As communities get larger, they get more complex," said Tom Yack, Canton Township supervisor. "As you provide more and more programs and services, you need more people."

Yack said that increases such as the jump in the employee ratio is common in growing communities. He said that in larger communities, the ratio between residents and employees would be even higher.

"In 1975, we were a lot closer to being a rural township. We're closer to being a city now," Yack said. "Canton is far more complex than it was in 1975."

Yack said that the parts of the government that have grown the most are those that deal with the support of growth and development in Canton. These departments include building, planning, engineering and the Department of Public Works (DPW).

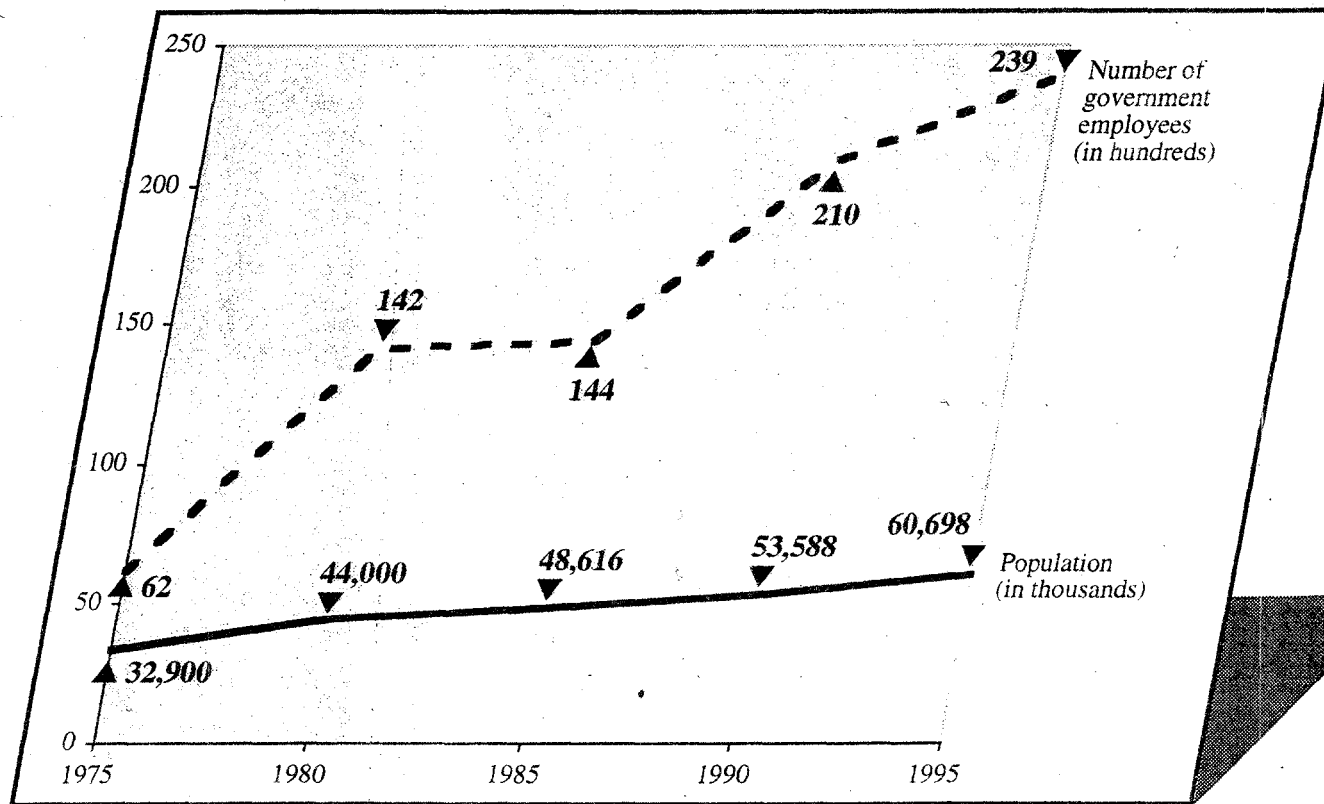
The Department of Public Safety (DPS) accounts for the largest percentage of full-time employees in the township. Canton's police force and firefighters all fall under this heading.

According to Administrative Services Director Dan Durack, Canton established its own police force in 1978, which caused a rise in the number of full-time employees. Until that year, the Wayne County Sheriff's department patrolled the township. Canton's fire department was established in 1972.

Both the police and fire departments expanded between 1985 and 1990, causing another surge in the number of township employees. Yack said that the DPS accounts for more than 100 of the township's full-time employees.

The township's most recent projects — The Summit and the Pheasant Run golf course — created less than 10 full-time jobs, according to Durack.

Several departments have stayed relatively the same over the years. According to Yack, the Clerk's, Treasurer's, Supervisor's and Assessor's offices have



all maintained close to the same number of employees. "Part of that is due to computerization," he said. "It allows us to handle paper in a way rather than hiring more people."

Plymouth Township has 80 full-time slots in its 1995 budget. The population of the township is around 25,000, which makes the ratio between citizens and employees about 3.2 per 1,000.

The City of Plymouth has the smallest population of the three communities with about 9,500 permanent residents. The city hires 62 full-time employees, which makes the ratio about 6.5 per 1,000, the highest of the three. Yack said that a city would naturally have a higher ratio, because cities are charged with the maintenance and upkeep of roads, while townships rely primarily on county resources.



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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Anthony Burton, MD has joined Mission Health-Business Health Services as comedical director for western Wayne County. The region includes the urgent cares located in the St. Joseph Mercy Health Buildings in Plymouth and Canton

Community Hospice Services is holding their sixth annual Holiday Nut Sale. All nuts are fresh vacuumed packed and sell for \$10 each. The nuts available at the Community Hospice Service building at 127 S. Main St.

Effective Jan. 1, 1996, American Koyo Corporation, which has a sales office and technical center in Plymouth and is a division of Koyo Corporation of U.S.A., is eliminating the use of the "American Koyo" name. The company will operate under the corporate name Koyo Corporation of U.S.A. Address, telephone, facsimile and federal identification numbers will remain the same

The Canton Chamber of Commerce Third Thursday Update is tomorrow at the Old Country Buffet at 7:30 a.m. State Reps. Deborah Whyman and Eileen DeHart will speak on business-related issues soon to come before the House of Representatives. The sponsors are Attorney Mike Gerou, Scott Koll and Summit Cuisine.

The chamber announced its Fire Prevention Week poster contest winners. Grades 4-5: Chafic Saneh, first place; Chris Muncy, second place; Alliyah Rab, third place; honorable mention Donna Hassoun, Hadeel Sukkar, Kumi Kobayashi, Allison Bubb, Hanna Haragli; Grades 1-3: Molly Przybylski, first place; John Schroeter, second place; Mary Feltner, third place; honorable mention, Jessica Mattson, Monica Lipper, Adam Kosteva and Jessica Solano. Anthony Burton, MD has joined Mission Health-Business Health Services as co-medical director for western Wayne County. The region includes the urgent cares located in the St. Joseph Mercy Health Buildings in Plymouth and Canton.

The Canton chamber is also getting set for their annual auction/dinner dance, scheduled for March 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the Summit on the Park. The chamber is looking for donations from area businesses to make the auction a success again this year.

A sign of the times

In the visual world, business keeps companies in public eye with logos, sales aids, other applicable items

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Every company needs an edge to survive the fierce competition in today's business world.

The Louisville Manufacturing Co., Inc. has been giving businesses and people a distinct, memorable look since 1939. "We think we're one of the most innovative companies in the industry," said National Account Manager Jim Marano. "We try to find a niche for a company, and develop that niche for them."

Marano, Accounts Manager Jerry Spillane and four other staff members recently moved into Louisville's only branch office in the U.S. at 729 W. Ann Arbor Trail. Marano and Spillane said Plymouth was chosen for its location and anticipated growth, in addition to the quaint downtown area. "It's professional," said Spillane.

"It's a comfortable town is what I like to say," Marano said.

The company develops ideas, produces designs, makes catalogs and assembles a seemingly endless variety of sales aids to keep companies in the minds and eyes of consumers. "When I think of something," said Marano, "I try to think of something that I will use. I don't want something I don't use. I'll throw it away or put it in the corner like anyone else."

With that rationale, Marano and his staff have come up with some very original ideas. For example, the Quencheroo. It appears to be a normal seat cushion until the hidden carry case and the pouch that can hold hot or cold beverages are exposed. "If you're into water sports, now you've seen can coolers, but this is an actual life preserver can cooler," Marano said, holding a cozie complete with straps and snaps.

It doesn't stop there. Louisville has



The staff of Louisville Manufacturing Co., Inc., (left to right, standing) Brady Kiedrowski, Brent Widiak, Jim Marano, Jerry Spillane (left to right, seated) Lynette Spina and Jenny Jarvi, work to improve the image of a company. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

sweatshirts, polo shirts, hats, belt buckles, pens, key chains, refrigerator magnets, patches, jackets, candy wrappers, note pads, car door flags, calendars and jewelry — anything bearing a company's logo that will remain in sight constantly and be memorable. That opens up conversation, said Spillane.

"It helps businesses," Marano added. "Visually — and this is a visual world — it's (the logo) always there."

It also aids in an area of equal importance to a business. "It helps build moral," Morano said.

While Louisville designs logo wearables for Coca-Cola, the Kentucky Derby, K-Mart, race car driver Mario Andretti, CAT, NAPA Auto Parts and

Timberland — just to name a few — Marano said the variety of his clientele is just as wide as his sales aids. "We can make anything for anyone," said Marano, "whether the company has 10 employees or 10,000 employees."

Marano and Spillane said smaller companies can share the costs of high profile items. "It doesn't have to be one company," Spillane said. "Three companies can get started together."

Whatever the idea is, Louisville is certain it can fulfill any business' needs. "The variety within these walls, there's something here for everyone," said Spillane.

"You can be as creative as you want," Marano said.

Building suffers 'memory loss'

BY BRIAN CORBETT

"The thing is: I survived streetscape," said Debra Eaves as she surveyed her store, Memory Lane Antiques, 336 S. Main St., which was dotted with oscillating fans and was noticeably rearranged.

"We're putting stuff back out so people have stuff to buy," Eaves said, "so we can recoup a little bit of Christmas. But there's still so much to do."

Memory Lane was open Friday for the first time since a water pipe broke above the store sometime during the night of Dec. 10-11, sending gallon after gallon of water crashing down into her store and onto priceless antiques. "This is a lot better than it was," Eaves said Friday. "It's been like this since (Dec. 11). There was water pouring down, and standing water on the floor."

Eaves missed that part, actually, she was in Philadelphia on a

*Memory Lane
Antiques cleans up
following water
pipe break*

business trip and didn't return until Wednesday. But her staff handled the situation with great poise. "First they called the Water Department," she said. "They (the Water Department) were out here in like five minutes to shut off the water. Then, they called Johnny On The Spot and they were out here in 10 minutes. Everybody reacted quickly."

The clean up work consisted of ripping up soaked carpet, tearing out drywall and pumping out water about two inches deep on the floor. Despite the efforts by all those involved, four antique dealers, including Eaves, lost items in flood. "But we're open," said Eaves.

Eaves estimated that the flood caused \$10,000-15,000 in damage to furniture, and another \$5,000 worth of surveillance video equipment was lost.

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Joe, Family & Staff

Schools examine hiring process

BY BRIAN CORBETT
It was definitely a good year to learn some lessons about professional hirings.

At the Dec. 11 Plymouth-Canton School Board meeting, Assistant Superintendent for Employee Relations Errol Goldman revealed the lessons learned from a summer that included more than 100 school hirings. Overall, Goldman said he received many positive comments about the hiring process, but he touched on these basic areas:

•Minority hirings. "One of the major

areas we needed to improve is the minority hiring process," Goldman said.

He said out of 2,200 applications this year, about 50 were from minorities.

•Committees. "We need to see if there's a way to reduce time commitments," Goldman said, adding he will pursue having committees go from March to March. The Plymouth-Canton Community School District currently uses committees comprised of administrators, teachers, support staff, parents and students to recommend hirings.

Swedish supper



Arbor Hospice held their annual Swedish Christmas Celebration in Plymouth recently. The celebration brings Arbor Hospice staff together to share memories with the many families the hospice has served over the years. A traditional Swedish feast of meatballs and porridge prepared by Mary Lindquist, Arbor Hospice founder and president, were accented by the specialties of more than 215 guests.



Your Guide to Worship

Calvary Baptist Church

43065 Jay Road, Canton
455-0022
Sunday School for All Ages 9:45 am
Sunday Services 11:00 am, 6:00 pm
Wednesday
Bible Study & Clubs 7:00 pm
Plymouth Christian Academy
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Risen Christ Lutheran Church

(Missouri Synod)
46250 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth
(one mile west of Sheldon)
(313) 453-5252
Sunday worship
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Canton, MI 48187
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Christmas Eve - December 24th
4:30 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.
CHRISTMAS DAY
December 25th - 10:30 a.m.
NEW YEAR'S EVE
December 31st - 4:30 p.m.
NEW YEAR'S DAY
January 1st - 10:30 a.m.

Risen Christ Lutheran Church
(Missouri Synod)
46250 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth
(313) 453-5252
Dec. 24... 4:30 & 7:30pm
Christmas Eve
Candlelight service
Dec. 25... 10:00 a.m. Christmas
Festival of Carols

First United Methodist Church of Plymouth
45201 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth
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(313)453-5280
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
Morning Worship Services - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
6:00 p.m. - Family Worship
8:00 p.m. - Festival of Lessons & Carols
10:00 p.m. - Traditional Worship
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. - Worship Services
Pastors:
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Rev. Tonya M. Arneson, Associate Minister

First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth
Main and Church Streets
Downtown Plymouth
(313)453-6464
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9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Services of Worship
5:00, 8:00 and 11:00 p.m.
Candlelight Services of Lessons & Carols
(Special Music begins 30 min. prior to each service)
NEW YEAR'S EVE
10:00 a.m. - Service of Worship
Service of Worship

Trinity Presbyterian Church
10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd.
Plymouth
(313)459-9550
Dec. 24... *9:30 a.m.
& *11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
*5:00 - Candlelight Service
*7:30 - Candlelight Service
*11:00 - Candlelight Service
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...*4:00 p.m. Family Holy Eucharist with Nativity Pageant
...6:30 Christmas Musical
...7:00 Festival Holy Eucharist of the Nativity
...10:30 Christmas Musical
...11:00 Solemn Holy Eucharist of the Nativity
CHRISTMAS DAY:
...10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
(*Nursery Care Available)

St. Michael Lutheran Church
7000 N. Sheldon, Canton Township
(just south of Warren Rd.)
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Dec. 20... 7:30 p.m. Advent Cantata
Dec. 24... 7:00 p.m. *Family Service
9:00 p.m. *Communion Service
11:00 p.m.
Candlelight & Communion Service
Dec. 31... 8:00, 9:30, 11:00* a.m. Worship
*Nursery Provided

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To list your group's event in this calendar, send or deliver the notice IN WRITING to: The Crier, 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170-1624. Information received BY NOON FRIDAY will be used for Wednesday's calendar (space permitting).

Groups...

PLYMOUTH PARKS AND REC
Lunch hour open skate at the Culture Center, 525 Farmer St. Fees are reduced from regular open skate fees. Mondays: 12 noon to 1:20 p.m.; Wednesdays: 11:30 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.; Fridays: 11:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. \$2 for City resident or full time worker in the City (please bring pay stub). \$2.50 non resident. Fifty cents skate rental. For more information call 455-6623.

CANTON PARKS AND REC
The Recreation Center on the corner of Michigan Avenue and Sheldon Road will be available for community group and individual rental through April. Canton groups and residents only. Call 397-5110 for more information.

HUMANE SOCIETY OF HURON VALLEY
HSHV holiday cards are available at Speciality Pet Supplies in Plymouth.

AMERICAN LEGION/BEASLEY-ZALESNY POST 112
The Beasley/Zalesny Post is accepting registrations from students who desire to compete in this year's American Legion National Oratorical Contest. The competition will be held Jan. 14. Call 451-3574 for more information on Beasley/Zalesny.

STU ROCKAFELLOW AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
The Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society will hold their regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month on the second floor of the Plymouth City Hall. For more information, call 455-7652. Amateur radio classes will be held Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall. Call 454-4061 for more information.

PLYMOUTH OPTIMIST CLUB
The Plymouth Optimist Club meets every first and third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Hotel. Meetings include dinner and a speaker. For further information contact Felix Rotter at 453-2375. The Optimist Club will sell entertainment books for \$40 starting Sept. 7 and ending Jan. 15. Call 453-8253 or 728-7619 for more information.

PLYMOUTH REPUBLICAN CLUB
The Plymouth Republican Club hold their regular meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Water Club Grill at 6 p.m. For more information, call Tom Hickey at 455-7110.

V.F.W. FISH FRY
Every Friday, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post #6695, 1426 S. Mill St. Call 459-6700 or 459-2394 for more information.

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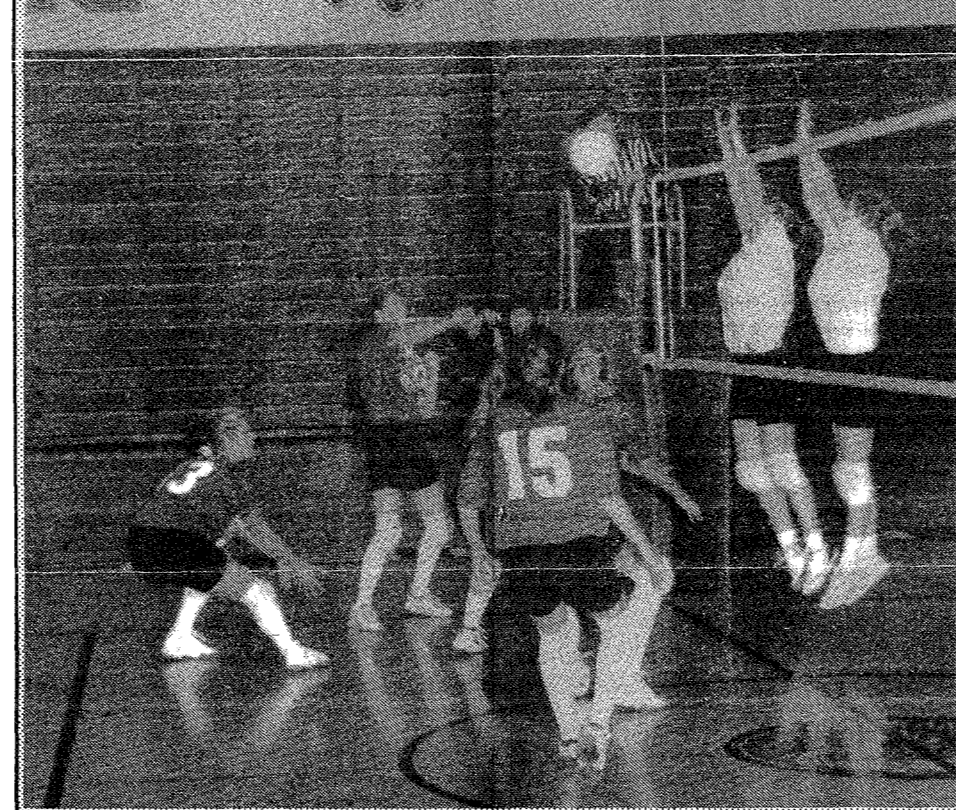
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PLYMOUTH LIBRARY STORYTIMES
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MEALS ON WHEELS
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HORIZON COUNSELING
Horizon Counseling Centre and Associates will be hosting a series of free seminars on the second Tuesday of every month. For more information about the series, call the Horizon Counseling at 451-7577.

In the spotlight...



The Canton volleyball team has a short holiday break before they play in the Walled Lake Central tournament Jan. 6. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Upcoming...

POST OFFICE EXTENDED HOLIDAY HOURS
These hours are effective through Dec. 23. Penniman Avenue Post Office: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Beck Road Post Office: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Dec. 10 and 17).

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS KETTLE DRIVE
The first nine days has collected \$20,560.60. The kettle drive continues through Saturday. If you miss seeing one of the bell ringers around The Plymouth-Canton Community, mail a donation to the Salvation Army, P.O. Box 384, Plymouth MI, 48170. The goal for this year is \$200,000.

information, call the library at 453-0750.

PLYMOUTH COURT NURSING CENTER
Plymouth Court Nursing Center in Plymouth is looking for volunteers to help with activity programs for residents. For more information, call Maralena Howard at 455-0510.

MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION
The Michigan Cancer Foundation - West Region - is looking for volunteers to provide transportation for cancer patients in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. For more information, call 561-8880 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM
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Health...

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FITNESS FACTORY
The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation department will hold aerobics classes weekly. There are low-impact and body sculpting classes offered. For more information, call Kathi at (810) 349-7928.

SMOKE STOPPERS
The McAuley Health building will hold a continuing stop-smoking clinic with a free assessment. Patch users are welcome. For more information, call Pat Harris at 712-4141.

Schools...

STUDENTSSALVATION ARMY KETTLE DRIVE
Plymouth-Canton Educational Park athletes will serve as bell ringers from 3-9 p.m. at the Plymouth Kroger store on Ann Arbor Road until Dec. 23.

PLYMOUTH SALEM LINEBACKERS MEETING
The December meeting has been cancelled because of the holidays. The next meeting for general membership will be held Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Salem High School Cafeteria. For more information on upcoming meetings or activities call Dan Lehane (455-3179) or Henry Schuster (455-4348).

TALENTED AND GIFTED PROGRAM SCREENING
Parents of second, third and fourth need to contact their school office for a nomination form and return the completed form to their building principal no later than Jan. 22. An informational meeting regarding TAG is scheduled for Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Miller Elementary School Gym, 43721 Hanford Rd. in Canton. For more information, call the TAG office at 416-4867.

WSDP, 88.1-FM REUNION
WSDP, the student-operated station of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is planning its 25th anniversary reunion for 1997. Former staff members are asked to send their current addresses to the station at 46181, Joy Rd. Canton, MI 48187 or call 416-7732.

P-C HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI DIRECTORY
Will include names of current alumni all over the country, from Salem, Canton and Plymouth high schools. Current names and addresses needed. To update call 1-800-659-7995, fax 1-800-238-8332, mail Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc. ATTN: Richard Bradley, 313 E. Anderson Ln., Ste. 300 Austin TX 78752.

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The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park is looking for used fitness equipment (steppers, fitness tapes, stationary bikes, treadmills) for a new fitness program for students with disabilities. For more information and to make a donation, call David Gerlach at 416-7708.

PLYMOUTH CHILDREN'S NURSERY OPENINGS
Plymouth Children's Nursery still has openings for three-year-olds, Wednesday a.m.'s, and four-year-olds on Monday, Wednesday, Friday p.m.'s. Please call 459-3111 for more information.

WILLOW CREEK PRESCHOOL
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Community deaths

Obituaries

For more information on listing a paid obituary notice in The Crier, contact your funeral director or call (313) 453-6900

GEORGE BARTEL

George Bartel, a Livnoia resident, died Saturday. He was 88.

Mr. Bartel was the former owner of Bartel Flowers in Plymouth. He opened the store in 1932 and ran the business for 45 years until he retired in 1976. Mr. Bartel sold the flower shop 13 years later in 1989 to Vicky Snenth.

"He was just a wonderful man," Snenth said.

Mr. Bartel was born in Detroit. He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Velma. Mr. Bartel is survived by his daughter, Beverly A. (Ronald) Lamerand; four grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

Along with his love of flowers, Mr Bartel enjoyed being a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth.

Services for Mr. Bartel were held yesterday at St. Peters Evangelical Lutheran Church with Rev. Paul E. Schaefer officiating. Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home. Burial was Riverside Cemetery.

CONSTANTINE APOSTAL

Constantine Apostal, a Stuart, FL and Algonac resident, died Dec. 16, 1995, at the age of 80.

Mr. Apostal worked as a gear cutter at Chrysler. He retired in 1980. Mr. Apostal was a former member of the Lions Club of Algonac.

Mr. Apostal is survived by his wife, Mary; sons, Peter (Nancy) and Paul (Linda); sisters, Mary Campbell, Helen Kosteniuk and Eva Morse; brother, John; four grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Services were held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home with Fr. Romey

Rosco officiating. Entombment was at Arbor Crest Cemetery. Memorial tributes to the Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154-5010 are appreciated.

Lucile E. Smith

Lucile E. Smith is survived by her husband, Harold; children, Terry (Patricia), Amy (Sidney) Sovoda and Scott; and eight grandchildren.

Services were held at the Dearborn Chapel of the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home.

Barbara Jones, 100, homemaker

Barbara Jones, a Novi resident, died Dec. 9, 1995.

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara (Robert) Biehl; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Rev. David W. Abbott officiating.

Helen Marie Conley, 97, homemaker

Helen Marie Conley, a San Diego, CA resident, died Dec. 10, 1995.

She is survived by her husband; sister, Clara Alexander; one nephew; and one niece.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with Fr. John Sullivan officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Yetta Lasazen, 68, accountant

Yetta Lasazen, a Plymouth resident, died Dec. 13, 1995.

She is survived by her husband, Nicholas W.; four daughters; four grandchildren; two sisters; two step sisters; one brother; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with local arrangements made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Josephine I. Swanberg, 74

Josephine I. Swanberg, a Canton resident, died Dec. 13, 1995.

She is survived by her son, Nelson (Kate) and one other son; one daughter; five sisters; seven grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

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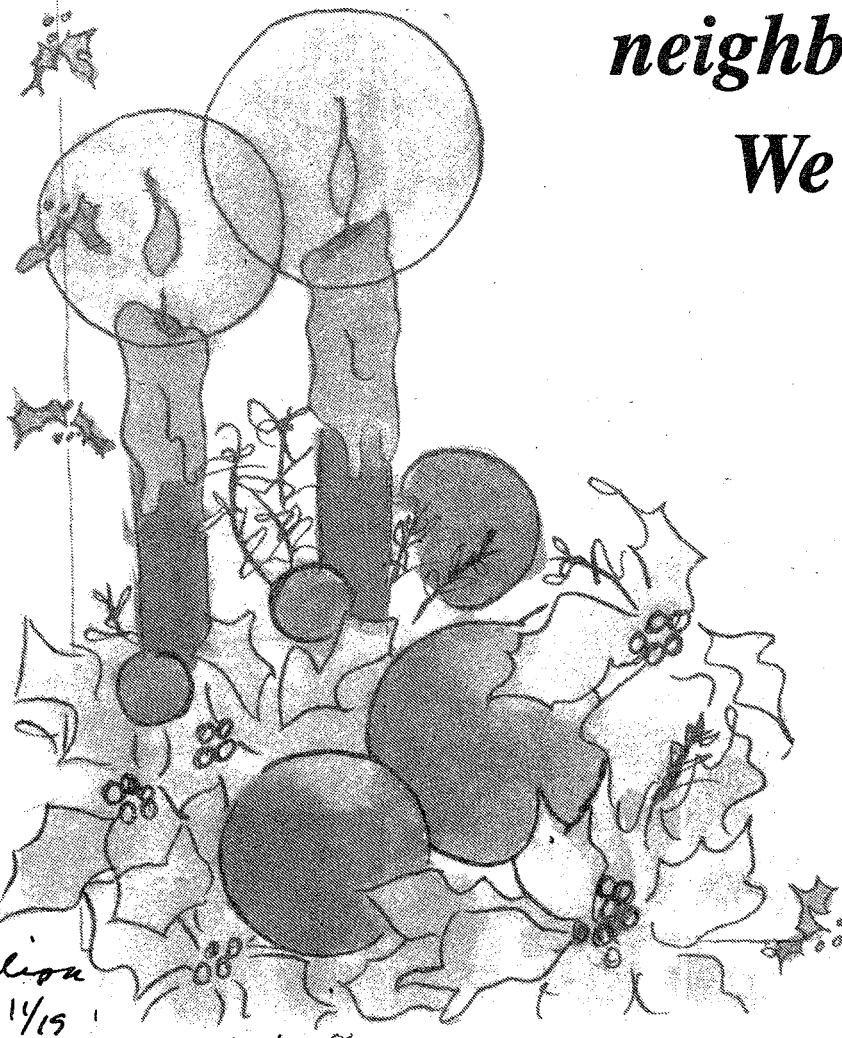
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Steph--guess Santa already knows what's on your list!

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CRIER CARRIER DANNY TIGHE broke his arm while in the line of duty and wouldn't go to the doctor 'til he finished his route! What dedication! (and all for a few extra Christmas bonuses!) Feel better Danny!

Our president is the first to take a "Hypocritian Oath". Wouldn't it be interesting if our troops adopted the "Do as I do, not as I say." attitude and dodged Bosnia like he dodged Vietnam. Ol' Weird, "I was there, where the hell were you," Harold.

The trouble with Clearwater Florida in the winter, is that it's just one 80 degree, crystal clear day after another. Eat your hearts out Plymouth-Canton golfers.

Grandma and Grandpa Novakowski--thanks for your wonderful gifts--it was terrific to see you guys in such good spirits! Love Rob and Steph Florida votes for either Evelyn (Lynn) Everitt Kirkbride or Robert (Rob) Michael Kirkbride. Isn't it the Grandparent's job to name the new Grandchild?

If the above is true...Mom and Dad in OR better get busy...

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Magdas--plan on New Year's again...R & S

Beka and Josh, the pillows are great--I love them!

Santa Bob--will you be under my tree or in my stocking?

Happy Holidays from the staff of The Crier and COMMA, to you and yours!

JULIE: chin up.

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Kay: can't you stop the dinging in my ears?

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How and you know I love hearts? Thank you. Geneva

Margaret really cuts a rug when she's happy.

Tina--Thank you for the lovely picture of your mother you drew and gave me. I am deeply touched.

Thanks Sophia and Karl for a great party!

Phyllis Cox--You were really led to give me your book on "Healing". I needed that! Geneva

We finally found out the "Yes, there is a Doug."

Martha Davis--It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Wish you were here. All of Plymouth does.

Phyllis, we'll see you Christmas Eve--Jack and Lynn

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VINCE: have some more rutabaga.

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Sports

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Senior Jake Baker of Plymouth is playing basketball at Grand Valley State this season. Baker, a captain and starting forward for the Lakers, has appeared in six games and is averaging 6.2 points per game and 3.7 rebounds. The Lakers play in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and are 2-4 this season.

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its Men's Winter Racquetball League at Rose Shores of Canton. The games are on Wednesdays starting Jan. 10 and lasts for 14 weeks. Court times are at 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. The cost is \$100 per person (includes all league court-time, awards, T-shirts). All players are divided into divisions based upon ability levels. Registration began last Monday and ends when filled. Call 397-5110 for more information.

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a family trip to the all new Nickelodeon Mega Mess-A-Mania Live Show at Joe Louis Arena on Dec. 28.

A bus leaves the Canton Township Administration Building parking lot at 2 p.m. and returns after the show. The cost of \$14 includes a seat at the show and bus transportation. Call 397-5110 for more information.

The Plymouth Community YMCA will immediately begin the New Year by starting up new classes the first week of January, 1996.

The classes are: Stop Smoking, Weight Control; Adult Indoor Golf Lessons; Yoga; Muscles in Motion for Adults; Step Aerobics Fitness Class; Creative Memories; Youth Basketball Travel League; Youth Instructional Basketball League; Girls Basketball Skills; Basketball Skills Class; Youth Instructional Indoor Soccer League; Youth Floor Hockey Travel League; Floor Hockey Skills Class; Youth Volleyball; Bumper Bowling; Arts and Crafts with Allie; Drawing with Allie; Karate-Tae Kwon Do; Drivers Education; Youth Indoor Golf Lessons; YMCA Kid Vid Club; Dance Movement Program; T.A.P.P.; YPucks; Preschool Indoor Soccer; YHoops; Theme Party Tuesday; Adult Modern Dance; Adult Basketball League; and Adult Floor Hockey League.

Contact the Plymouth Community YMCA at 453-2904 to sign up or for more information.

Canton, Salem take top 2 spots at conference relays

BY MATT HUCAL

Although there are 48 swimmers on Salem coach Chuck Olson's team, he will be looking to his eight seniors to lead the squad this year.

They led throughout the meet, but their quest for a top finish at conference relays at home Saturday was halted by a cross campus foe — Canton.

Salem finished the day in second place with 204 points to Canton's first place finish with 208 points. North Farmington's 201 points made it a very close and exciting meet.

But the Rock and Chief swimmers stole the show.

SALEM

400 medley - John McLenaghan, Kyle Petroskey, Mark Dettling, and Jim McLenaghan in third place at 4:01.49.

400 free style - Pat Morgan, Nick Corden, Tim Buchanan, and Brent Mellis in first at 3:28.87.

200 breast stroke - Scott Brown, Rod Palma, Brian Satwicz, and Luke Woodcock in fourth at 2:16.52.

200 back stroke - disqualified for early start.

200 butterfly - Woodcock, Jim McLenaghan, Dan Kelly, and Brad Schopieray in sixth at 1:59.03.

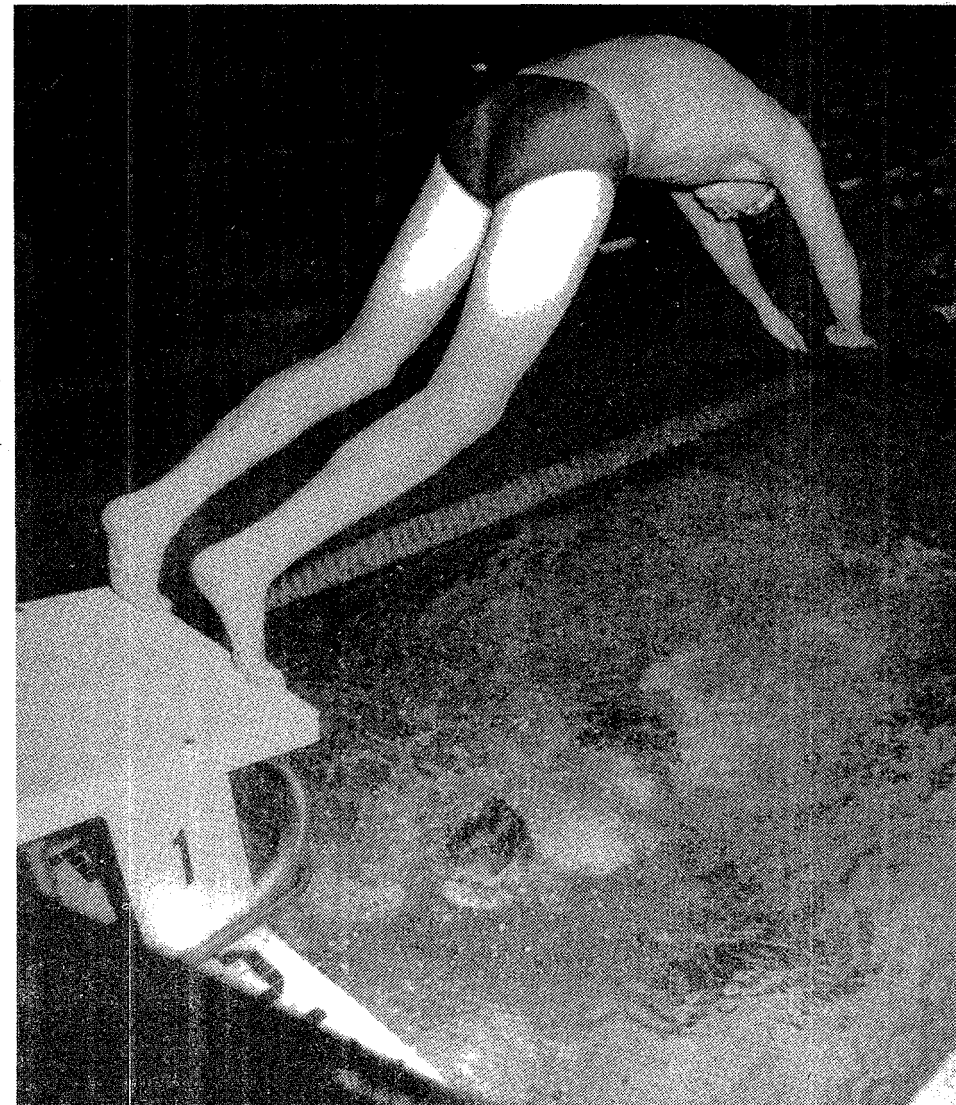
Diving - Otto Geiseman and Chris Cameron in fifth with 321.80 points.

400 individual medley - Kevin Crabill, Noah Allor, Matt Casillas, and Palma in sixth at 4:32.60.

500 free style - Andrew Locke, Corden, Buchanan, and Petroskey in first at 4:34.91.

200 medley - Mellis, John McLenaghan, Andy Dettling, and Morgan in second at 1:47.11.

200 free syle - Josh Fillator, Matt Bright, Jeff Reed, and Don Sauber in fourth at 1:46.92.



The Canton swim team defeated cross-campus rival Salem at the conference relays last Saturday. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

"We didn't want to see the disqualification in the back stroke, but it made the meet even tighter," Olson said. "It's good to see the rest of the conference. I don't

think anyone will be taking advantage of us this year."

Salem and Canton clash tomorrow at 7 p.m. in what is sure to be a great meet.

Rocks, Chiefs face top teams at Salem 8

BY MATT HUCAL

Some big name wrestling teams visited the Salem gymnasium Saturday and put on quite a show for fans at the Salem 8-Team Tournament.

Among them were some top-10 ranked teams in the state — Holt, Redford Catholic Central (C.C.), Saline and Adrian. They ended up as the top four teams in the tournament as Holt finished with 298.5 points, C.C. with 256, Saline with 228, and Adrian with 203. As for the local teams, Salem finished in fifth with 182 points and Canton was eighth with 98. Brighton with 157.5 points, and Ann Arbor Huron with 130 points were sandwiched in between the two hosts. Salem coach Ron Krueger was impressed with the talent taking part in the tournament.

"Those top four teams were tough, but I was happy that we finished ahead of Brighton, since they beat us last year (in regionals to finish the season)," Krueger said. "Some of my kids got beat last week to kids from Adrian, but beat them this week.

"We're learning from our mistakes. Learning and being ready at the end of the season is our main goals this year."

Salem's Eric Coburn at 119 pounds was voted the outstanding wrestler in the tournament.

HEAVYWEIGHT: Salem - Charlie Hamblin in fifth; Canton - Doug Cooper in second. **103 LBS.:** Salem - Dan Morgan in fourth; Canton - Vishal Sharma in seventh. **112 LBS.:** Salem - Sean Hughes in fifth; **119 LBS.:** Salem - Eric Coburn in first; Canton - Sanjay Sharma in eighth. **125 LBS.:** Salem - Sam Boyd in eighth; Canton - Derrick Rumrill in sixth. **130 LBS.:** Salem - Trent Jones in eighth; Canton - Kevin Stone in seventh. **135 LBS.:** Salem - James Green in sixth; Canton - Brian Musser in eighth. **140 LBS.:** Salem - Dan Hamlin in fourth; Canton - James Egan in sixth. **145 LBS.:** Salem - Dave Popeney in fifth; Canton - Kyle Whipple in seventh. **152 LBS.:** Salem - Craig VanCamp in sixth; Canton - Tom Keeling in second. **160 LBS.:** Salem - Jeremy Breithaupt in third; Canton - Jim Shelton in eighth. **171 LBS.:** Salem - Teono Wilson in second; Canton - Bob Hellerman in seventh. **189 LBS.:** Salem - Clayton Walker in first; Canton - Josh Pinion in fifth. **215 LBS.:** Salem - James Walker in sixth.

On deck

CANTON BASKETBALL
At Walled Lake Central on Jan. 5. At home versus Ann Arbor Huron on Jan. 9.

CANTON SWIMMING
At Salem tomorrow at 7 p.m. At home versus Ann Arbor Huron on Jan. 9 at 7 p.m.

CANTON WRESTLING
At Harper Woods for a tournament with Harper Woods/Monroe St. Marys/Notre Dame tomorrow. At Salem for the "B" Invitational on Jan. 28 at 10 a.m. At home versus Harrison on Jan. 4 at 6:30 p.m.

CANTON GYMNASTICS
At Farmington on Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. At the Salem Invitational on Jan. 6 at 11 a.m.

CANTON VOLLEYBALL
At the Walled Lake Central Invitational on Jan. 6 at 8:30 a.m.

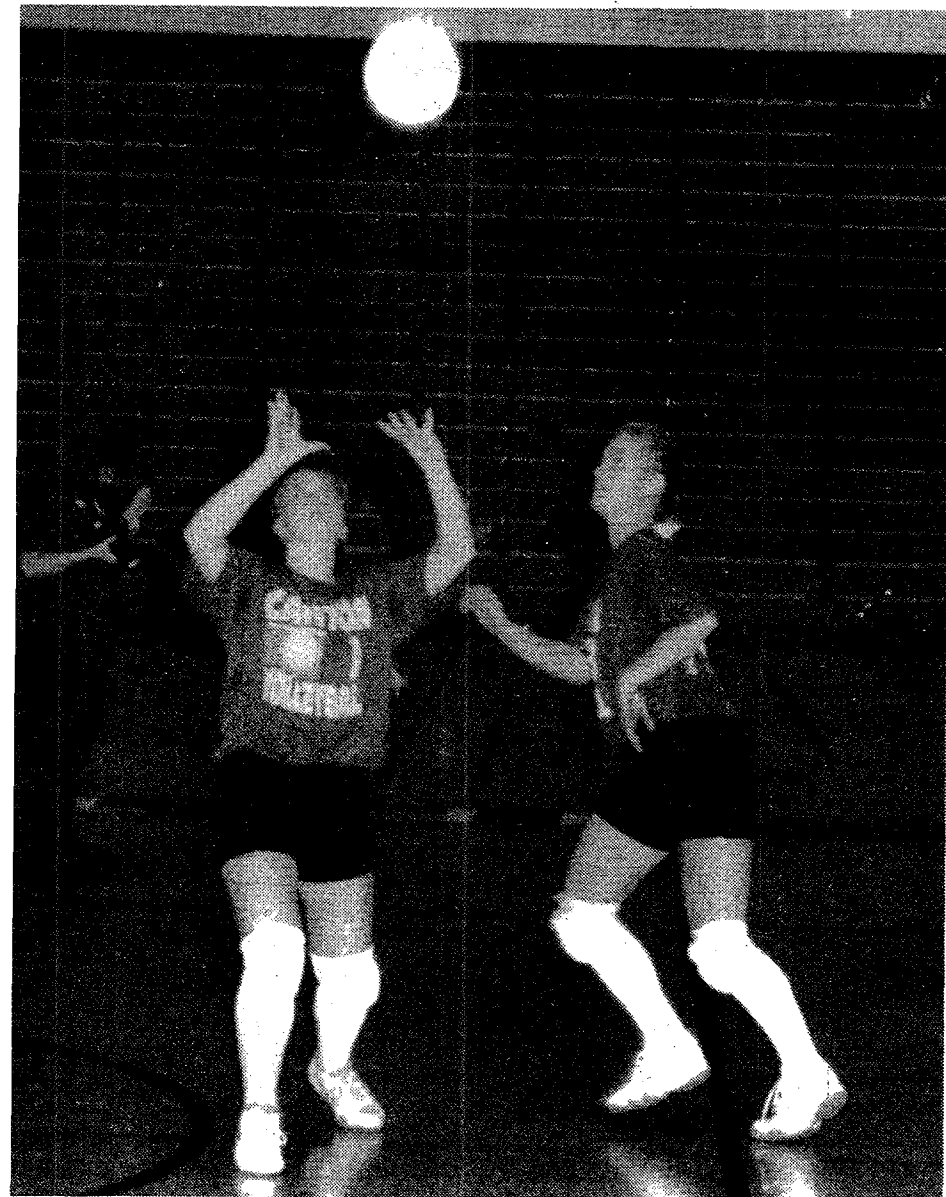
SALEM BASKETBALL
At home versus Riverview tomorrow. At home versus Northville on Jan. 5. At home versus Brighton on Jan. 6.

SALEM SWIMMING
At home versus Canton tomorrow at 7 p.m. At home in the "Rock" Invitational on Jan. 6 at 1 p.m.

SALEM WRESTLING
At home at the Salem "B" Invitational on Dec. 28 at 10 a.m. At home at the Salem Varsity Invitational on Jan. 6 at 9:30 a.m.

SALEM GYMNASTICS
At home versus Northville on Jan. 3 at 7 p.m. At home at the Salem Invitational on Jan. 6 at 7 p.m.

SALEM VOLLEYBALL
At the Madonna JV Invitational on Dec. 29. At the Portage Northern Invitational and junior varsity at the Northville J.V. Invitational on Jan. 6 at 8 a.m.



Canton's Amber Wells sets Kristie Drinkhahn for a spike. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Canton volleyball makes best of tough situation

BY MATT HUCAL

Shorthanded going into the Allen Park tournament this weekend, Canton volleyball players pulled together to make the most of what they had.

With 10 teams competing for the top spot, Canton left with a winning record of 2-1-1, but were unsuccessful in exiting their pool.

Going into the tournament, the team knew they would be without middle hitter Jessica Orleman because of a previous commitment and setter Anne Alioto because of a toe operation. That moved outside hitter Kristie Drinkhahn to the middle and Jessica Bradley took her spot.

So with two starters missing, Canton took on Lakeland in their first match and split with them, 8-15 and 15-13. They then took on Anapolis in their second match and beat them, 15-13 and 15-2.

The pivotal match of the tournament was their third game against Wyandotte. With the winner moving out of the pool and advancing, Wyandotte took the first match 17-15 in overtime. But controversy swirled because of some questionable calls by the officials down the stretch.

"That's the way the sport goes," Chief coach Steve Anderson said.

The next game was won by Wyandotte, 15-10, and just about dashed Canton's hopes of advancing.

The last round of the pool play for Canton was against Melvindale and they beat them handily, 15-10 and 15-0. If Anapolis would have beaten Lakeland in one game, Canton would have had a shot to advance, but it didn't happen.

"Considering we were missing two of our six starters, I thought we played very well," Anderson said.

Because of the shorthanded situation Anderson had to deal with, he ended up playing everyone for the experience.

"We switched the lineup every game and everyone got to play," Anderson said. "But the experience should help us in the future."

Leading the attack for Canton was Amber Welles with 33 attacks, 17 kills, and two errors.

"Amber attacked very well all day long on the second ball," Anderson said.

There were seven players in double digits in the digging department, with Nikki Kovachevich leading the way with 17. The team combined for 40 aces in the eight games they played.

Last Wednesday Canton beat Ann Arbor Huron in the season opener, 15-13 and 15-2. They were down 9-13 in the first game, but the strong serving of Alioto and Drinkhahn and the strong play up front by Beth Ostach and Wells brought them back for the victory.

Magic lead PCJBA Girls 'A' League

These are the current standings for the week of Dec. 16 in the Plymouth - Canton Junior Basketball Association.

GIRLS "A" LEAGUE

Magic 8-1; Lakers 6-3; Pistons 6-3; Bulls 4-5; Celtics 3-6; and Kings 0-9.

SCORES: Celtics 50 - Kings 35; Pistons 55 - Bulls 31; and Magic 37 - Lakers 32.

GIRLS "B" LEAGUE

Magic 3-0; Celtics 3-0; Kings 2-1; Lakers 1-2; Pistons 0-3; and Bulls 0-3.

SCORES: Magic 44 - Lakers 17; Kings 23 - Bulls 16; and Celtics 27 -

Pistons 16.

BOYS "B" LEAGUE

American: Bulls 3-0; Nets 3-0; Pistons 3-0; Kings 1-2; Magic 1-2; Sonics 1-2; Bucks 0-3; and Hawks 0-3.

National: Knicks 3-0; Jazz 3-0; Spurs 2-1; Celtics 1-2; Lakers 1-2; Rockets 1-2; 76ers 1-2; and Pacers 0-3.

SCORES: Bulls 41 - Sonics 31; Knicks 58 - 76ers 32; Magic 47 - Hawks 46; Spurs 63 - Celtics 31; Nets 36 - Kings 24; Pistons 42 - Bucks 41; Jazz 53 - Lakers 23; and Rockets 42 - Pacers 24.

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Community opinions

Here we go again!

It's the holiday season — time for Canton Trustees to give themselves a raise

Not again!? When I saw the item on last Tuesday's Canton Board of Trustees meeting, I couldn't believe it.

They were giving themselves a pay raise once again. My mind wandered back to the Dec. 13, 1994 Canton Board of Trustees meeting — the last time the trustees gave themselves a raise. I wrote a column (in the Dec. 21, 1994 issue of The Crier) entitled "Canton payday — Trustees are highest paid elected officials in community" explaining how a raise was not deserved — that Canton Trustees are more than compensated for their "trouble."

I seriously considered re-running last year's column in its entirety. After all, I still feel the same way. But there are so many more issues I would like to cover on this subject.

The Canton Board of Trustees raised their yearly salary from \$8,100 to \$8,500 — a (seemingly) modest \$400 hike. Last year, the board voted to up their pay from \$7,800 to \$8,100. Another modest raise. Or is it?

A modest hike until one considers the fact that Canton Trustees make more per year than comparable board members in the City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, the City of Northville, Northville Township, the Plymouth-Canton School Board, Canton-Plymouth Mettetal Airport Citizens Advisory Board and the Schoolcraft College Board — COMBINED.

This year, the board decided to up the pay for some of their buddies as well. Canton Supervisor Tom Yack voted (along with his fellow trustees) to give himself a \$4,000 raise. He will now receive \$70,100 per year. Canton Clerk Terry Bennett and Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter also gave themselves an early Christmas present — they voted (along with their fellow trustees) to give themselves a \$2,200 per year raise — taking their salary to \$57,000 each. It didn't end there. The board also voted to increase the compensation for the Planning Commission from \$50 per meeting to \$65 per meeting; increase per meeting pay for the Zoning Board of Appeals from \$40 to \$50; and increase Merit Commission pay from \$40 to \$50 per meeting.

The Merit Commission is appointed to determine the pay of Canton employees. Let's hope it wasn't a You-Scratch-My-Back-I'll-Scratch-Yours situation between the board and the Merit Commission.

Who recommends raises for the Canton Board of Trustees and administration? A serious-sounding group called the Elected Officials'

No curves By Rob Kirkbride



Compensation Committee. Who is on that committee? This year's committee consists of Canton Trustees John Burdziak and Melissa McLaughlin, Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter and Administration Services Director Dan Durack.

It doesn't take a brain surgeon to figure out that an Elected Officials' Compensation Committee, whose membership is three-quarters elected officials, is going to recommend a raise.

Geez, I sure wish I were on a committee to give myself a raise!

The Canton Trustees will defend themselves by saying they are attempting to attain parity with other comparable communities who pay their elected and appointed officials more. They compare themselves to Clinton Township, Dearborn Heights, Livonia, Redford Township, Shelby Township, Waterford Township, West Bloomfield Township and Westland. I'm sure these other communities compare themselves to Canton as well — when they see Canton's pay has gone up, they'll probably use that as an excuse to raise their own — and the cycle goes on.

Assuming there are 26 regular board meetings per year, each member of the

Canton Board of Trustees is getting paid \$326.92 per meeting. Each meeting lasts approximately two hours (some are much longer, some are much shorter). That means the trustees are being paid \$163.46 per hour. \$653.85 per month doesn't seem like a lot, but it's not too bad for part-time work — especially since their work is considered "public service."

They will defend themselves by saying they work many hours studying proposals, attending study sessions and attending township functions — and they do. But so do members of other area elected boards — boards that pay their members FAR less than Canton.

It's not easy being a trustee, clerk, treasurer, supervisor or appointed board member. But it's this simple: If the work is too hard, don't run for the office or accept the appointment. There are plenty of other Canton residents who would love to serve as a trustee, administrator or committee member. The community is sick of hearing about people who voluntarily ran for office or accepted the call to serve on a committee belly-ache about the time spent serving the community.

The excuse the Elected Officials' Compensation Committee came up with

to justify a raise for the supervisor, clerk and treasurer was for their "legislative duties" as members of the board of trustees. The legislative duties are part of the job, not an "additional duty" as the committee said.

Just like last year, the board waited to vote on the raise toward the end of the meeting. There were three people in the audience. At the very least, they should have brought the item to the top of the agenda and voted on the raise when there were dozens of people in the audience.

This annual pay raise must end. It's not fair to the community. The Canton Board of Trustees should be given a raise only with a vote of the people, similar to the City of Plymouth where commission pay raises are tied to the Plymouth City Charter and have been held to \$10 per meeting since 1969. If this is not done, the least the trustees could do is appoint an Elected Officials' Compensation Committee that is made up of the general public — not a group of elected officials.

Since the raises will take effect Jan. 1, the trustees, clerk, treasurer, supervisor and appointed committee members should give their pay raise to a charity or back to the taxpayers.

They should follow the example of State Rep. Deborah Whyman, who represents Canton and who uses her pay raises to buy bonds for kids in the district.

This series of raises is a slap in the face to the people of Canton who work hard for their tax dollars. The community deserves better.

Canton police, fire union continue to show commitment to community

The Canton Public Safety Department's commitment to help those in need in our community does not end when their work day is complete.

The police and fire union hockey team is preparing for their third benefit game against the Red Wing Alumni Team Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. This event is being held to benefit the University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center.

Last year, the police and fire union hockey team raised more than \$21,000 to help the family of Canton's Greg Unger pay for medical bills associated with the teen's double lung transplant.

Sgt. Jim Davison of the Canton Fire Department said the union members thought about how they could turn the success of the events held last year into an annual fundraiser. They decided on the University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center — a facility near-and-

dear to their hearts.

The union members are also holding a raffle to benefit the burn unit in conjunction with the game.

As firefighters and police officers, the men and women of the department work day after day protecting the community.

It's rewarding to know they work to help the community on their off hours as well.

The hockey game is sure to be fun — all for \$5 a ticket. Tickets can be purchased by stopping at Canton Fire Station 1 at the corner of Canton Center and Cherry Hill roads (phone — 981-1113) or from Canton Fire Station 2 on Warren Road, east of Haggerty Road (phone — 453-4114).

Take the time to help the Canton Public Safety Department union members help others.

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Community opinions

A fine mess

Handling of Hilltop reminds reporter of Laurel and Hardy movie

It's like a Laurel and Hardy flick over in Plymouth Township.

Here's the cast of characters:
 Supervisor — Kathleen Keen-McCarthy
 Clerk — Marilyn Massengill
 Treasurer — Mary Brooks
 Trustee — Charles Curmi
 Trustee — Ron Griffith
 Trustee — Kay Arnold
 Trustee — K.C. Mueller

The name of the movie is "THE MESS AT HILLTOP."

It plays out like this, now follow along carefully:

In September, the board of trustees began soliciting proposals and accepting bids for the lease at Hilltop Golf Course.

They put an ending date of Sept. 29 on accepting bids and formed a golf course committee (in September) to study all the applicants and find the best person/persons for the job.

Good plan — get the information and set up the committee with plenty of time to make a logical, intelligent decision on the lease.

Now, that gave the board 44 days (and I'm not counting weekends or Thanksgiving) to make their decision before John Jawor's lease agreement ran out on Nov. 30.

Way to think ahead you say? I don't think so.

Nov. 30 came and went with no new lease agreement — they hadn't even

Spirit alive in Community

Even the Holiday Season shows the community spirit of The Plymouth-Canton Community.

As the Ford Motor Company Sheldon Road Plant sought a venue and entertainment for its annual company holiday party Sunday, they chose to give back something and enjoy the unique artistic local talent.

The party was held at the City's Cultural Center. To add holiday cheer, the Ford folks asked one of the two casts of the Plymouth Community Arts Council Frosty the Snowman play to perform.

It's great to see the community flavor so unique to Plymouth-Canton...a true holiday gift.

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Second Thoughts

By Janet Armstrong



interviewed any of the applicants yet (they finally did interview them Dec. 14).

So what happened to the golf course committee, which by the way, is made up of McCarthy, Arnold, Massengill, Rosemary Harvey and Charles McIlhargey? Nobody seems to know.

The board was forced to call a special meeting Dec. 11 because Jawor and his equipment were still in the building (at Hilltop). The gang voted on and approved (Curmi voted no, Griffith was absent) a letter of understanding (LOU) with Jawor.

The LOU states that Jawor would be responsible to maintain the electricity, water and sewage, propane gas and the alarm system and monitoring services.

Why, you ask, would Jawor want an agreement that makes him responsible for all of that, when he's not even sure he'll get Hilltop back?

Because, the LOU also states that Jawor does not have to be off the property (if he doesn't get asked back) until Feb. 1, 1996.

Confused? Wait. It gets better.

The LOU does spell out that Jawor won't be able to conduct any business between Dec. 19 (the date the board said it will have its answer) and Feb. 1. He can only store his equipment.

I have a question for our cast of characters. How is the new leasee going to set up their business and prepare the course for spring if they're not going to be able to get into the building until at least Feb. 1.

At the special meeting to approve the LOU, trustees were upset.

"Why are we even at this point?" asked Massengill.

"I'm not happy at all with this situation," said Curmi.

Every single one of the members of that board, with maybe the exception of McCarthy, expressed how unhappy they were with the situation.

Now let's see, the board is elected by the citizens of Plymouth Township to take care of township business and Hilltop Golf Course belongs to the township and therefore is township business.

The board is not handling their business affairs — then they complain about it not getting done.

That's kind of like a two-year-old sticking a crayon so far up their nose they can't get it out and then screaming bloody murder about it for two hours.

It's a fine mess Plymouth Township is in.

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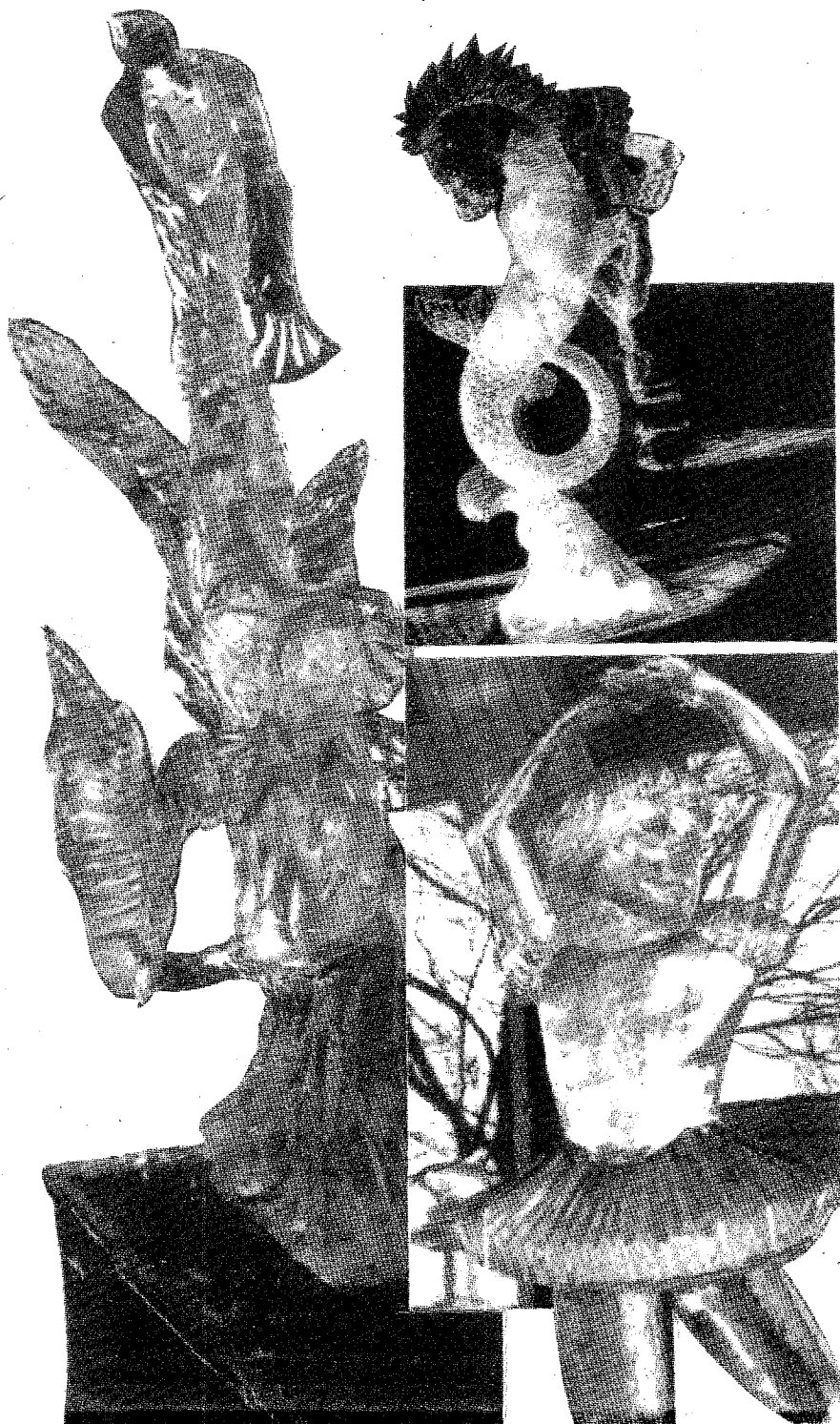
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