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Canton assault rattles residents

*Police still
searching for
suspect*

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Canton Police are searching for a suspect in an armed robbery and sexual assault that occurred at a home on Warren Road, east of Napier Road at 7 p.m. Thursday night.

"Two Canton residents were returning to their home when they were accosted by a black male armed with a shotgun," said Officer Lew Stevens.

Stevens said the suspect ordered the couple inside the house where he tied up the man and sexually assaulted the woman. The suspect also collected \$100 in cash and approximately \$100 worth of clothing, Stevens said.

"He then forced both victims to drive him to the Detroit area of Chapel and Pilgrim streets," said Stevens.

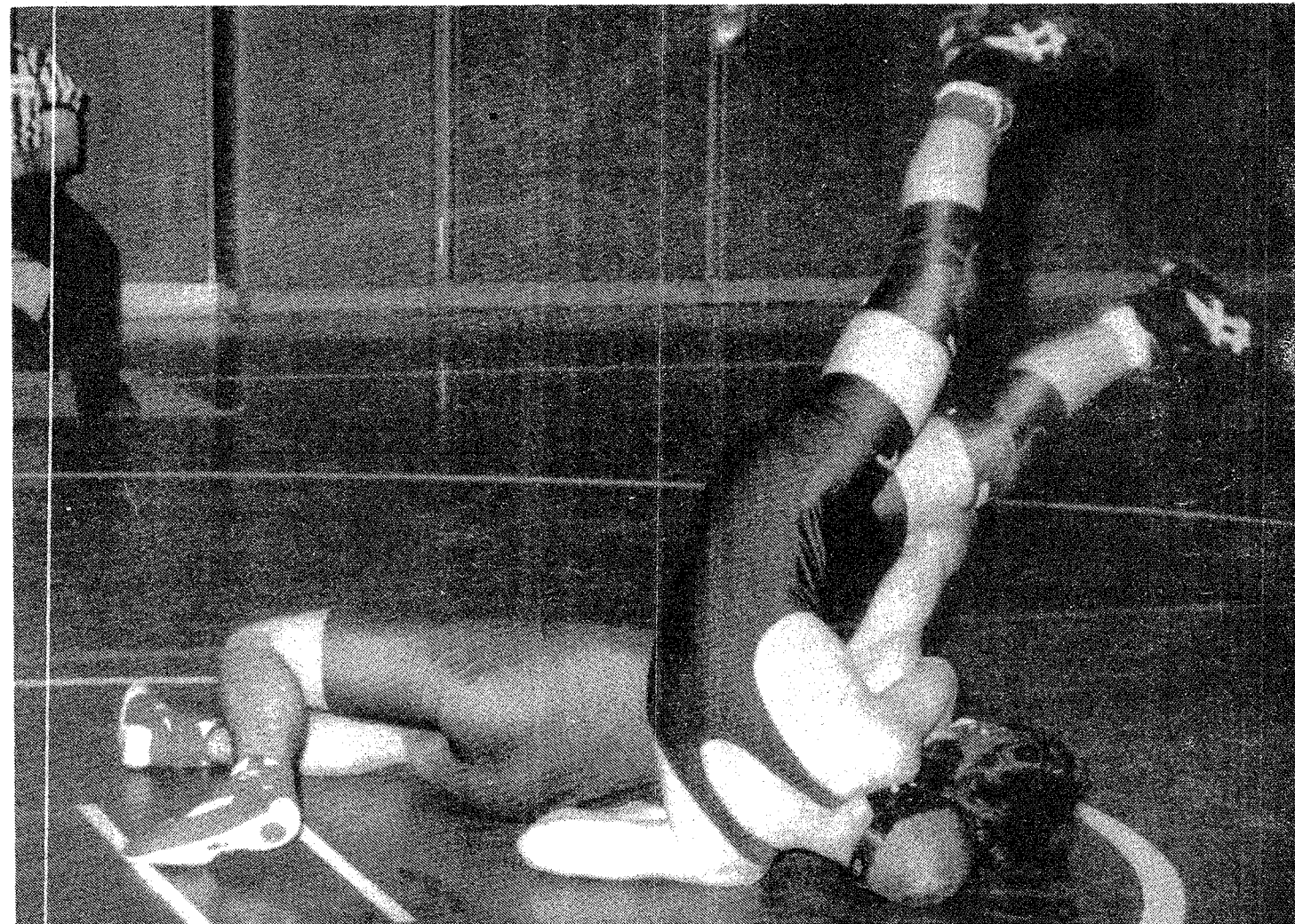
After being dropped off in the area of Detroit known as Brightmoor, Stevens said, the suspect fled on foot.

The suspect is described as a black male, 30 years old, 6' tall, 200 pounds with brown hair and eyes and a possible mustache and beard.

The male victim was uninjured, but his wife was treated at Oakwood Hospital and released, Stevens said.

"We have few leads at this time," Stevens said, "but all information is being followed up and the investigation is continuing."

Up and over



Canton's Adam Sahiner defeated North Farmington's Jon Chesmoon in the 135 pound weight class during Salem's annual "B" wrestling tournament. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Massey Cadillac empire grows

Twp. car dealer buys Driesbach & Sons, details of sale unknown

Don Massey Cadillac has purchased Dreisbach & Sons Cadillac Co. of Detroit.

Employees at Massey would not comment on the sale other than to confirm it was made public last week. Jeff Rodgers, who is the general manager at the new location, would not comment on the reason for the sale but said employees and customers would not be affected by the change in ownership. "The only

change is Mr. Dreisbach decided to go ahead and sell the dealership," Rodgers said, "and Mr. Massey bought it."

Rodgers said the Grand River Avenue location, which has 70 employees, would receive some minor repairs.

"Mr. Massey has the number one dealership for Cadillac in the U.S.," said Rodgers. "He wants to bring some of those things here from his Plymouth store."

Picture this

*Canton girl's picture chosen
as Yellow Pages cover*

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No worry

*Business caters to those with
little spare time to do chores*

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Top tumblers

*Canton and Salem gymnasts
hope to keep winning ways*

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Plymouth gears up for 'cool' festival

Weather expected to cooperate for 14th Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Plymouth is gearing up to become the coolest place in the country.

The 14th annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular slides into downtown one week from today and continues until Jan. 15. "We're expecting record crowds," said promoter Mike Watts. "People really like this event. Even all around the country, if I mention it, people are aware of it."

Once again, the Ice Spectacular will be held throughout the downtown area. More than 400,000 pounds of ice will be shipped in from Ohio and carved and sculpted in the Gathering, Kellogg Park and the Fleet Street parking structure. Watts estimates as many as 500,000 visitors could visit the community during the five days.

The "Miniatures of Many Sizes" exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum officially ushers in the Ice Spectacular at 1 p.m. Jan. 10. The following days are abun-

dant with activity. Jan. 11 is the Celebrity Charity Carving Contest; Watts is still waiting for confirmation from several local media personalities but said Judy Coy of WJR-AM, who was a last minute cancellation last year, will participate this year.

Jan. 12 is Ford Motor Company's 20-hour, two-man professional team competition in Kellogg Park segwaying into Jan. 13, which will also include college and high school competitions, food and beverage demonstrations at sideways on Forest Avenue, as well as some special, first time visitors to Plymouth. "There's an event new this year that Continental Cable is sponsoring," said Watts. "They've made arrangements to have some of the Disney characters come in from Disneyworld."

The day will conclude with "Young Country" 99.5-FM fireworks display, which will be expanded this year and start at 7 p.m., early enough for young visitors to attend. "This is how the Ice Spectacular works," Watts said. "It's a family event, so we try to have as many things for the little kids as possible."

Two-man student team competitions come to Kellogg Park Jan. 14, and the Ice Spectacular closes out Jan. 15 with an awards presentation for the winners of the student competition and a seminar on ice carving.

Of course, this carnival in the cold hinges on the weather, which has been uncooperative in recent years. In 1994, the mercury plunged to unbearable temperatures. Last year, the Ice Spectacular became a slush spectacular as temperatures soared into the 60s. While forecasts are promising, Watts said as in the past, nothing will stop the events from being held. "No matter what," he said, "the Ice Festival will go on."

That is good news to local businesses, who are the biggest benefactors. "It is one of the biggest retail weeks of the year," Watts said. "For sure it's a boon to restaurants. They literally stay packed, especially on the weekend. People forget because of the ice sculptures, this is a promotion for Plymouth."

The Ice Spectacular was the first of its kind in the country, and is still one of kind if you ask Watts. "Now there's probably 50 or 60 in the U.S., across the country," he said. "They all envy Plymouth because they're not the same caliber or receive the same response from the carvers...I know for a fact because I get calls from all across the state, across the country, and they ask me, 'Can you tell us how to do this?' And I tell them, 'No'."



Public notices

ANNUAL MEETING
PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY UNITED WAY

The Annual Meeting of the Plymouth Community United Way will be held at the Plymouth Historical Museum located at 155 South Main, Plymouth, MI, 48170 on Tuesday, January 16, 1996 at 7:00pm.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect four Board members, four officers, hear reports from the President, Secretary and Treasurer and to conduct such other business as may come before the Board.

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HB 4526 heads for stretch

BY BRIAN CORBETT

House Bill 4526 has one furlong to go.

The legislation that has been hailed as a savior to Northville Downs and the rest Michigan's \$1.2 billion horse racing industry was passed by the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives and arrived on the desk of Gov. John Engler Dec. 26.

Upon receiving HB 4526, Engler had 14 days to sign it into effect. "He's expected to sign it," said Kenn Christopher, executive secretary for the Office of the Racing Commissioner. "He's out of the state right now, but he's expected to sign it. It's got an immediate effect date on it. It's effective Jan. 1."

Lou Carlo, director of operations at Northville Downs, shared Christopher's positive outlook. "Absolutely, we have no doubt," he said. "In a way (Engler) worked with us on it."

HB 4526 was developed in a united effort by the thoroughbred and harness racing industries. The significant components of HB 4526 include: year round operation of Michigan's eight licensed race tracks with live and/or simulcast racing programs; eliminating the tax on wagering on live racing in order to increase funding for tracks; a tax on simulcast wagering to continue the industry's commitment to funding agriculture, county fairs, 4-H clubs and racing development programs.

"I compliment the members of our struggling horse racing industry," Engler said, "for coming together to develop this bill that will hopefully permit this industry to prosper, grow, once again, and to maximize its contributions to the state."

If Engler ushers in the new year with a new lease on life for horse racing, Northville Downs is poised to utilize HB 4526 as soon as possible. "I've spent about \$100,000 in the last few

weeks getting the place geared up," said Carlo.

"Northville is right on line with getting things done," Christopher said. "They'll be one of the first tracks to get things going."

If that is true, Northville Downs will wait for Ladbrooke DRC and Hazel Park Harness Raceway to be equipped with simulcasting equipment before offering it to fans, Carlo said. "All the tracks are so pleased," he said. "We're all going to open on the same day. We're going to blow open city wide, all three tracks."

Even if HB 4526 crosses the finish line and is signed by Engler, the horse racing industry's race for survival is far from over. "It's (HB 4526) a very positive thing, absolutely," Christopher said, "but I don't think anybody thinks it's the ultimate solution."

Northville Downs Assistant Operations Director Gene Capuzzi said it is his belief that simulcasting alone will not save the industry.

Christopher said HB 4526 would give the local tracks the same opportunities Canadian tracks have. "It levels off the playing field for Michigan tracks," he said.

Since Casino Windsor opened and the Windsor race track began simulcasting, Michigan's tracks have suffered a 25 to 30 percent loss in handle.

The advancement of HB 4526 in the legislative process has anticipation very high. "I've never had this happen before," Christopher said, "but I've been getting calls asking, 'Is it true? Is it true? We're not going to have to go out of our country to gamble? We're going to be able to gamble in our own state?' They're ecstatic."

Bill Hall dead at 53

Bill Hall, a Northville resident, died Dec. 31, 1995, at the age of 53.

Hall first became known at Famous Men's Wear on Ann Arbor Trail, then moved to Lent's Custom Clothing (which he also owned for a while).

"Without a shadow of a doubt, the finest men's clothing salesman ever," said Plymouth Township's Dennis Campbell. Recalling how Hall would call some of the better customers, "I've got a coat just in up here. Bill was not one to sit around and wait for floor traffic."

Hall's passing follows that in October

of "Famous Joe" Dedominicis, another noted "clothes horse" of Plymouth-Canton-Northville. The two of them became friends while at Famous.

Hill last worked at Paul Cicchini clothing store in Birmingham.

Hall is survived by his wife, Renee; son, Gregory Scott; siblings, Janice Avey and Delton Avey; and two grandchildren.

Services for Hall will be held tomorrow at the Casterline Funeral Home with Dr. Douglas W. Vernon officiating. Internment will be at Rural Hill Cemetery.



BILL HALL

Power addresses economic club

BY BRIAN CORBETT

There is a distinct difference between suburban newspapers and large daily publications that has allowed the former to flourish and the latter to languish said Phil Power, Chairman of the Board for Suburban Communications Corporations which operates the

Observer and Eccentric newspapers, to the Canton Economic Club recently.

"Many of our staffers live in the town where they work," Power said. "Our relationship with people in the community is that of a face to face society, not as of strangers."

A concept Power calls "hometown

journalism." That is contrasted by the "vulture journalism" of larger newspapers such as The Detroit News and The Detroit Free Press, which arrive in an unfamiliar location to cover a story, and then leave. "In other words: You don't have to be responsible for the consequences of your work," Power said.

While all journalists share the obligations to truth, honesty and fairness, Power said, hometown newspapering requires a close relationship with the community it operates in. "Our economic and psychological interests are aligned with the economic and psychological interests with the community we serve," Power said.

That includes stimulating and defining the community agenda, and helping the community keep its historical roots in a time when one out of every four people move each year. The best way to accomplish this is by keeping in contact with local citizens. "Our staff is, must be available to the community," Power said.

Mayor confident in Old Village's continued success

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

According to the new Plymouth Mayor, Old Village is on its way to greatness.

Ron Loiselle said the strong core of business leaders in the historic Plymouth neighborhood helps take Old Village in the right direction.

"They've already done quite a bit," he said. "The people have been the key to their success. The City has just provided the framework, the support, for Old

Village to succeed. The people there have taken the bull by the horns."

Loiselle said the core of active Old Village residents have tackled tough issues that others in the past have not. "Before the current group from Old Village came forward and wanted to make a difference," he said, "there really wasn't anyone there asking to be helped."

"Now, there are people behind the Old Village improvement projects — people who are willing to work together."

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Rubbish collection in Plymouth Township is running one day later this week because of the holidays. Christmas trees and natural wreaths will be picked up curbside, on the scheduled collection day during this week for compost disposal. Removal of tinsel, garland, non-organic materials and plastic tree disposal bags is required.

THE WEEKEND

- The Salem Varsity Wrestling Invitational is set for Saturday at 11 a.m.
- The Salem Gymnastics Invitational is scheduled for Saturday at 7 p.m.
- Canton's new Summit on the Park will be the site of a grand opening ceremony and dedication this weekend. The ribbon cutting will be held on Saturday at 1 p.m. Tours Saturday will run from 1:30-7 p.m. Sunday tours run from noon to 6 p.m. Crowds are expected to be large and after the parking lot is full, cars will be let in and out on a one-to-one basis.

NEXT WEEK

- The Plymouth Community Chorus will hold auditions by appointment on Jan 9 at 7 p.m. Call 455-4080 for more information.

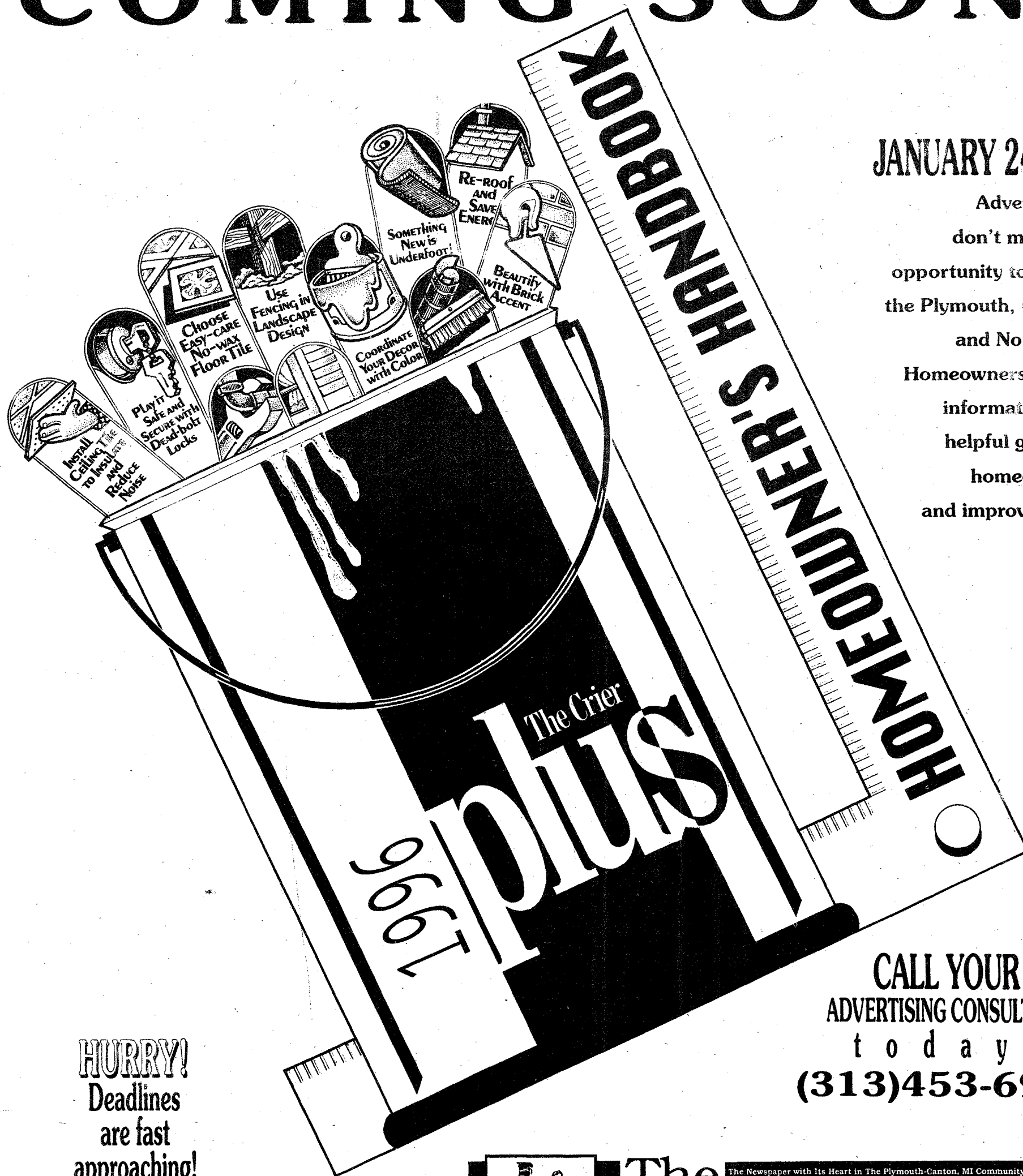
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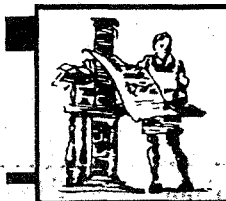


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Canton growth skyrocketing

Mid-decade census pondered

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Canton's population boom may mean more to the community than clogged roads and full subdivisions.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said the community is studying the feasibility of taking a mid-decade census, which would make Canton eligible for more state-shared funding, community block grants and liquor licenses. Canton Clerk Terry Bennett said the increased state funding could total as much as \$500,000 per year.

Yack said Canton is growing so fast, public services such as road maintenance are beginning to fall behind.

"Growth is pretty uplifting," he said, "but the biggest negative is the increase in the amount of trips on our road system."

Yack said since growth has outpaced the funding available to provide public services necessary, Bennett is looking into the possibility of the census.

According to "2020 Regional Development Forecast: Summary Report" recently released by Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), Canton has grown faster than the 15 percent necessary to be eligible to receive additional state funding. The population of Canton has risen from 57,040 in 1990 to an estimated 66,119 — a growth of just over 15 percent.

Bennett said there is no doubt — Canton is the fastest growing community in Wayne County. But does the growth top the 15 percent needed to be eligible for increased funding? That's a question Bennett said she intends to find out before suggesting a costly census to the Canton Board of Trustees.

"We're going to take a look at the SEMCOG numbers a little more closely," she said. "Obviously, if we stand to gain, say, \$2 million over the next few years, the benefit would outweigh the cost of the census."

Bennett said she did not have an estimate of what a community-wide census would cost.

One thing is clear: If Canton intends to hold a census, it must be completed before 1997 — a point after which additional funding could not be captured until 2000.

"Hopefully," Bennett said, "we'll have the information together by mid-January for the board to look at. We're moving as quickly as we can. The problem right now is that everyone is on vacation."



Cherry Hill — I-275 interchange?

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Will Cherry Hill Road be the site of a new Canton I-275 interchange?

Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) officials have told Canton that they will conduct a review of traffic operations, safety and geometric conditions to determine whether or not it is feasible to add a new interchange at I-275 and Cherry Hill Road.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said that although the exit would help ease traffic on Ford Road, it probably won't be built because of the strict criteria needed to get the project approved.

"We've really suffered with one exit on Ford Road," said Yack. "When you have a community that is six miles long, it makes it tough."

If the project is approved, it would be built along with reconstruction of I-275. The project has not yet been scheduled.

"I think the interchange would be good for the community, although I'm sure it would not be welcomed by those who would be immediately impacted," Yack said. "It's very difficult to get this type of thing approved. It probably won't happen."

Business base grows with community

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Canton's growth is by no means limited to its population.

According to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) report "2020 Regional Development Forecast: Summary Report," Canton's employment level is expected to rise from 14,229 to 31,056 from 1990 to 2020. That's a 118.3 percent increase — a 16,827 job jump.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said the community's administration will keep their open door policy to businesses looking to move to Canton.

"We try to move projects through as quickly as we can without losing our oversight responsibility," he said.

Canton will continue to attract businesses by using generous tax abatements, according to Yack.

Canton's proximity to I-275 contributes to its attractiveness to businesses looking to relocate, as does the community's wide variety of housing choices and educated work force.

"The growth of business in Canton is interesting," said Yack.

"We have great growth in our industrial base every year, but the

residential growth is even faster, so we continue to have a shrinking industrial base."

Yack said the industrial and commercial growth along the Michigan Avenue corridor is expected to be

Liquor license problem could be solved without census

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Will Canton run dry before the next official census in 2000?

According to Canton Clerk Terry Bennett, the community is down to their last liquor license.

Under current state law, the only way for the community to receive additional liquor licenses would be to hold a mid-decade census — at the cost of Canton taxpayers — a census Canton officials are currently pondering.

But according to Bennett, liquor licenses would be the last reason to hold a census. She said the important reason to hold the census would be to capture additional state funding — funding estimated at more than \$500,000.

To receive this additional funding —

incredible.

"I'll tell you, if two or three years ago, if I had some spare change lying around," he said, "that's (Michigan Avenue) where I'd have put my money."

and in the process, the additional liquor licenses — Canton must take a mid-decade census and prove the community has grown by more than 15 percent in the last five years.

Bennett said that even if the census is successful and Canton receives the additional liquor licenses, it may be a moot point.

"The (state) legislature is expected to pass massive liquor license reforms," she said.

These reforms could mean 300 liquor licenses currently in escrow in the City of Detroit could be put on the bidding block to be used in other Wayne County communities — including Canton. The state already passed legislation easing resort license rules.



Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

The following students from Plymouth were recently named to the James Madison College of MSU Fall semester Dean's List for earning a 3.5 grade point average: **Leah Michaelson, Elizabeth Moylan and Melinda Sofen.**

Navy Seaman **Scott A. Boersma**, a 1993 graduate of Canton High School, is currently serving aboard the guided missile cruiser USS South Carolina in the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia.

Chris Hughey, daughter of Dennis and Irene Hughey of Plymouth, is performing in the company of EMU's "L 'Histoire du Soldat" (A Soldier's Story).

"L 'Histoire du Soldat" will play the Pease Auditorium at 4:30 p.m. Jan. 21. For tickets or information contact the EMU Box Office at (313) 487-1221.

Marine Pfc. **Ann M. Krcmarik**, daughter of Marilyn and John C. Krcmarik III of Canton, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC.

Krcmarik is a 1991 graduate of Ladywood High School.

Rebecca L. Hoon, daughter of Robert and Ruth Hoon of Canton, has been accepted into the Honors Program at Albion College. Honors students must graduate with a 3.5 grade point average and produce an Honors Thesis.

Hoon is a graduate of Canton High School.

The Canton Police Department has three new reserve police officers.

Patrick Leflar, Ian Murphy and Douglas Scoggins recently joined the forces after completing training at Schoolcraft College for police reserve officers.

Stephen R. Sedor, son of Robert and Alyce Sedore of Plymouth, has been selected as a member of Albion College's marching band: the British Eighth.

Sedore is a graduate of Canton High School.

Navy Seaman recruit **Robert D. Wagle**, son of Cliff L. and Sharon A. Moyer of Canton, recently completed Navy basic training Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

Wagle is a 1995 graduate of Canton High School.

Famous picture

Canton kid's art used on local Yellow Pages directory

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

You could say that Canton resident Kaylie McLeay will be as famous as the Yellow Pages are—at least in the Metropolitan Detroit area.

McLeay, a first-grade student at Eriksson Elementary school in Canton, was one of just seven kindergarten through sixth grade students, whose artwork was chosen to be featured in the 1996-1997 Ameritech PagesPlus Yellow Pages directories.

More than 4,000 children entered artwork in the competition. One winner was chosen from each of the grade levels.

"We were thrilled with the number of students who pulled out their crayons, markers, pencils and paints to wish the Yellow Pages a happy birthday," said Andy Dutton, vice president of marketing for Ameritech advertising services. "Because of the high quality of entries, it was tough to select just seven winners."

McLeay will receive a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond for winning, while her school will receive \$1,000 to purchase educational supplies.

Ameritech will also donate \$4,078 (\$1 for each entry they received) to the Poison Control Center to support educational programs.

McLeay and her schoolmates took part in the competition at school and Eriksson art teacher Chris McWatt sent in the entries.

The artwork, which was judged by among others — Herman Moore, Detroit Lion's wide receiver and Jeanne Stine, the mayor of Troy — will begin to appear to the public in March when the yellow pages will be distributed to 1.5 million homes and businesses in the area.

An awards ceremony is being planned for the spring to celebrate the young artists chosen.



Canton's Kaylie McLeay colored this picture that will be used for the cover art on the local Yellow Pages.

Cheering to the top

The Plymouth/Canton Steelers cheering squads did well at the Western Suburban Junior Football League competition. The freshmen took first place, the JV team took third and the seniors — **Suzie Lindbergh, Rene Murray, Haley Menard, Amanda Hucal, Nikki LaVallee, Courtney Wells, Melissa Reed, Erin Nutting, Lauren Mitchell, Carrie O'Rear, Lindsey Heimeri, Jessica Swartzentroier, Amber Hancock and Lisa Drake** — took second.



Schoolcraft, Summit join forces in education

Thinking of starting, continuing or finishing your education?

Well it will be a little bit easier in 1996. Schoolcraft College and the Summit on the Park have joined forces to offer continuing education courses at the

new community center.

The four classes that are being held at the Summit are:

- Negotiating Your Way to Success will meet Wednesdays beginning Feb. 8.
- Investment Planning will meet on

Thursdays beginning Feb. 8.

•Conversational French I will meet Tuesdays beginning Feb. 6.

•High school students can improve their ACT scores in a new two-day workshop which meets March 27 and April 3.

plus

YEAR IN review

1995

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Community Crier's Year in Review section is continued from last week's edition.

Politics shaped 1995

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

For a year not expected to spark much political fireworks, 1995 provided some tough breaks for the Plymouth-Canton Schools, saw a competitive Plymouth City Attorney search, and forced Canton to remain tied to Wayne County for road repair.

Not all the elections were exciting. Candidates for the open Plymouth City Commission seats stayed and home — as did the majority of registered voters for most of the elections.

P-C SCHOOLS

Voters headed to the polls on June 13 to elect two new school board members and vote on two separate millage increases.

Michael Maloney and Carrie Blamer took the top two spots in a field of 10 to take their seats on the Plymouth-Canton School Board.

The renewal of 18 non-homestead mills passed by a better than two-to-one margin, but the request for a 2.3 mill enhancement for instruction fell by only 197 votes, much to the chagrin of Superintendent Charles Little.

According to Little, the behavior of the absentee voters may have had something to do with the loss. "10 percent of those who requested absentee ballots never returned them," he said. "This was an opportunity that we weren't able to capitalize on. The need for that money does not diminish just because we lost the request."

PLYMOUTH

As Ron Lowe prepared to assume his role as a newly-elected 35th District Court judge, the City was faced with the daunting job of choosing his successor as Plymouth City Attorney.

The Plymouth City Commission took nearly three months to choose Don Morgan as Lowe's successor.

A former Plymouth Township attorney, Morgan brought decades of local experience to the office.

"I live and have an office in this city," he said. "As a resident, I had an interest in the (city attorney) position. Having worked as Plymouth Township and Northville's attorney, I have the background."

Under the approved three-year contract with Morgan and law firm Cameron Miller & Associates, Morgan receives a monthly retainer of \$2,000, based on 40 hours per month. Each additional hour is billed at \$75 per hour.

"The role of the city attorney is not to achieve some personal goal or agenda," he said. "The role is to serve the client, which in this case, happens to be the City."

As the cool fall winds began to blow in Plymouth, so did the winds of political change as the City faced the election of City Commissioners.

Incumbents Stella Greene and Dennis Shrewsbury and newcomer Joe Koch were elected to four-year seats. Another political rookie, Don Dismuke, took fourth in the election and won a two-year term.

The sleepy, eventless election will be remembered because of the voters who weren't there. More than half the votes cast in the election, which saw a 15 percent turnout, were cast by absentee ballot.

The election also meant the retirement of two of the City Commission's "old guard." Bob Jones and Bill McAninch decided not to run for the office, following years of combined service to the community.

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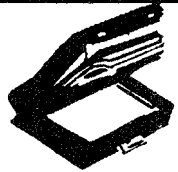
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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Suburban West Community Center, a non-profit community health agency, announces the grand opening of its Canton Office, 8580 N. Canton Center Rd. Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack will be the guest speaker and the Canton Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a ribbon cutting ceremony Tuesday. Refreshments and a tour begin at 4 p.m. and the program begins at 4:30 p.m. R.S.V.P. by tomorrow. Call 459-5590 or 981-2665.

Johnson Controls, 49200 Halyard Ct. in Plymouth Township, announced it has signed an agreement with OnActive Technologies of Maryland to jointly develop an automotive headliner featuring an integrated "surround sound" speaker system. The new headliner system could give automakers greater interior styling flexibility with a speaker system that uses less interior vehicle space and provides an acoustically improved, surround sound effect.

The next Canton Chamber of Commerce board meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday at Damon's restaurant at 12 noon. This month's Third Thursday Update will be held Jan. 18 at the Old Country Buffet at 7:30 a.m. Topics: business education partnership, community policing, winter fire safety and the township update.

Native West, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth, will host a Native American Sculpture show in connection with the 1996 Plymouth Ice Sculpture Festival held. There will be more than 300 carvings for sale.

Have a neighbor who is involved in the local business community?

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No Worries

New business caters to those with little time on their hands

BY BRIAN CORBETT

It's not possible to stop and smell the roses if there isn't time to plant a garden.

Well, hand over the Garden Weasel to No Worries Home Management. Then give them the shopping list followed by the laundry detergent, it will be taken care of promises Plymouth resident and No Worries Home Management Owner Paula Korowin. "We do things that no other company offers," she said. "That way, it frees up a lot of family free time. It allows you to pursue other goals in life."

Korowin achieved one of her goals in life when she incorporated her business in April and went at it full time in November. "This is an idea I've had for 10 years," she said. "When I was in school my mother worked full time and went to school, and I never got to see her. She always said, 'I would, but I can't because I never have the time'."

Not anxious to be in the same situation, and recognizing the world was becoming increasingly fast paced with more double-income or one-parent families, Korowin made the move to provide a service to alleviate household errands and chores.

"The family is kind of shaken up these days," said Korowin, who wrote a paper in college on the business she now owns. "The family needs a shoulder to lean on."



Paula Korowin, owner of No Worries Home Management, takes the hurry out of life. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

with No Worries Home Management, which is insured and bonded. "I want to get to know my members on a somewhat personal basis," said Korowin.

Or an extra pair of feet to walk the family dog. Or a host to clean dishes, serve food and gift wrap for a party. Even do in house laundry, clean the garage or pick up the dry cleaning.

Too good to be true? If you don't believe it, call Korowin at 459-5488 and get 20 percent off No Worries Home Management first service, which is usually a thorough house cleaning. "Our work is guaranteed," Korowin said. "If you don't like it, we'll go back and do it right."

If customers, or members as Korowin refers to them, decide to continue the service, the same employee, or partner in Korowin's terms, would return to the house time and time again. "It's a smaller company," she said. "It's very, very, personal attention. It's the same person all the time. It seems to be a big plus to people."

But it's not a big cost, said Korowin. "It may sound expensive," she said, "but it's not. It's very competitive pricing with other house cleaning companies in the area."

The similarities end with the price, Korowin believes. A feeling of trust and friendship is developed

Bon Homme named one of best

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Penniman Avenue may not be the Champs-Elysees, but downtown Plymouth is home to a restaurant that serves impeccable French cuisine.

Cafe Bon Homme, 844 Penniman Ave., was rated one of the top restaurants in Metro Detroit by "Zagat's Survey 1996: America's Top Restaurants." "It was a surprise in that it came out," said Greg Goodman, who owns Cafe Bon Homme with his wife Susan. "I don't mean to sound smart, but this isn't the first time."

Zagat's awarded Cafe Bon Homme 26 stars, an honor that is being celebrated on the fourth and fifth anniversaries of the restaurant's opening in 1990 on Ann Arbor.

Even though Cafe Bon Homme has received similar accolades before, the Zagat's recognition is still meaningful because of its respectable formula for reviewing restaurants.

out of New York," Greg said. "It's a very respectable publication. What they do is send out a questionnaire. Demographically, I assume these are high profile-type people who dine out a lot, who travel a lot, and they're asked to respond."

Greg said the peoples' ratings are likely based on the three most important areas of restauranting. "A restaurant stands on three pillars: food, ambiance and service," he said.

Those pillars have held up Cafe Bon Homme for a decade now, building a long history of success. Cafe Bon Homme's pillar of food is strengthened with rack of lamb, seafood dishes with cracked potato, duck and pheasant, which are just some of the specialties. Cafe Bon Homme looks up.

Cafe Bon Homme's location and quaint presentation, with just 80 seats — adds to the sumptuous cuisine.

this the Goodmans' only restaurant, which allows them to pay close attention to the details of the business. But without the pillar of outstanding service, Cafe Bon Homme's reputation would come tumbling down. That is why the Goodmans' accept nothing less than first-class employees. "It's been a fabulous experience. We've touched a lot of lives," said Greg, "and a lot of lives have touched us. It's been very gratifying to work with a lot of young people over the years. Really, I can't say enough, the people are the reason for our success."

Greg said the plans for the future are the same as the plans for the present. Cafe Bon Homme and nothing else, certainly would never get any less than the highest quality of service. "We're looking for operators who are like the Goodmans' that would be a great fit with Cafe Bon Homme," he said. "We're looking for people who are willing to invest in the business and who are willing to work hard."

plus



Plymouth Streetscape construction caused traffic headaches in 1995.

Streetscape projects change community

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Did every issue in 1995 involve the suffix "scape?"

Not all of them, but a majority as Canton completed its Ford Road Streetscape project, Plymouth worked through its project and Plymouth Township looked at starting its own on Ann Arbor Road.

The Plymouth-Canton Community truly received a face lift this year.

Sometime, the road to Renaissance was not easy for the community.

Construction in Canton and Plymouth knotted the roadways and caused headaches for shoppers and store owners.

Construction of a controversial traffic island on Ann Arbor Trail was a thorn in the side of long-time downtown Plymouth business owner Bill Beitner. Beitner took the issue to court, where his plea to eliminate the streetscape feature was defeated.

Considering the scope of the projects, Canton and Plymouth's streetscapes went amazingly well.

As Plymouth's project was in full gear this summer, Plymouth Township officials announced that they too would attempt a streetscape project along Ann Arbor Road — a project that would include extensive landscaping and beautification of the road.

Community political battles raged in 1995

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Outgoing Mayor Doug Miller was replaced by Ron Loiselle and John Vos III was appointed Mayor Protem.

CANTON

Canton voters resoundingly elected Republican Terry Bennett as the new Canton Clerk — the road bond issue was defeated by just 48 votes, while the library improvement bond was soundly beaten. Bennett received a total of 3,128 votes — Democrat Kate Raven captured 1,984 of the ballots cast.

Bennett earned the right to face Raven after defeating Ralph Shufeldt in the Republican primary.

The special election was called after Loren Bennett, Terry's husband, was elected to the Michigan State Senate.

The Canton Board of Trustees went back to the drawing board as the \$12 million road improvement bond issue was defeated by less than 50 votes. The bond would have been used to supplement Wayne County funds to improve roads in Canton.

The \$8.9 million library expansion bond issue, which would have been used to build additions to and improve service at the existing Canton Library facility, was beaten 3,047 to 2,270.

Absentee ballots determined the winner, with approximately 3,000 votes cast previous to the election.

Heavy rain did not seem to be a factor in the Canton elections, with nearly 16 percent of the registered voters casting ballots.

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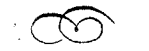
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Retirements shaped community

1995 will be remembered as a 'changing of the guard'

BY BRIAN CORBETT

It was time to end a part of their professional life.

That is what nine individuals

important to operation of The Plymouth-Canton Community decided.

Plymouth-Canton School Board

Treasurer Roland Thomas retired after 13 years of serving the school district. "Frankly, it's time to spend some time with my wife," Thomas

said. "For the last 13 years I've planned everything around the school board."

Thomas, who said his greatest achievements were community-related, left open the possibility of running for another position on the school board in the future.

The school district suffered another loss when Plymouth-Canton High School Principal Tom MacKenzie put away his pen and paper after 35 years of work in education, including five in The Plymouth-Canton Community. MacKenzie decided to join his wife in Arizona, who had moved there to improve her asthma condition. MacKenzie said he will always remember his time here, especially one moment. "The most powerful thing I saw as an educator was here at the (Plymouth-Canton Educational Park) at the dedication of the Peace Pole," said Mackenzie.

MacKenzie left with the intention of finding another job in education.

The bell rang on the end of another great school career. Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations Ray Hoedel, stopped finding ways to pay for class courses, and retired to golf courses. Hoedel spent his 22-year education career streamlining operations and cutting costs. Hoedel left to spend more time with his family, travel the world, and become more involved in his church activities. "When you're about to retire, it either seems right or it doesn't seem right," he said. "I'm 63, my health is good and I'm into the retirement program."

The Plymouth-Canton Schools also watched as Associate Director for Community Relations Dick Egli, Athletic Director Paul Cummings and Athletic Coordinator Gary Balconi all left their posts.

Plymouth Post Office Postmaster John Mulligan said about his retirement, "It's about time."

After 30 years of service in the U.S. Parcel Service — all in Plymouth — he probably wouldn't find anyone to disagree with him. Mulligan planned on staying in Plymouth, where he has lived since 1957.

Four city commissioners were up for re-election in November, but only two decided to run again. Bill McAninch and Bob Jones called it a career with the City Commission.

Silver



Tonquish Creek Manor celebrated their 25th anniversary in 1995. The senior housing complex has been an important part of the community ever since opening. This historic photo shows City officials at the ground breaking of the manor's addition.

Factory shooting shocked community in 1995

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community was in shock when news of the Jan. 7 fatal shooting at the Sheldon Road Ford Plant in Plymouth Township spread.

Michael Lee Brattin, 44, described as a "model worker" and "a quiet man," left his station, pulled out a .40 caliber Korean-made pistol that he had purchased just one week earlier, shot and killed one worker and wounded another before firing a fatal shot into his own head.

According to Plymouth Township Police, Michael Lee Brattin of Livonia, 44, began arguing with his estranged wife, 40-year-old Livonia resident Sandra Marie Brattin, at approximately 5:25 a.m. Michael Francis O'Brien of Canton, 49, who police witnesses said was dating Sandra, attempted to break up the argument, when 10 shots were fired. Sandra was injured and later released from the hospital.

Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry said there was a "consensus of opinion" that Sandra and O'Brien had been seeing each other outside of work.

Ford spokesperson Bill Carroll said employees who worked with the couple informed the company of arguments on the job.

"We were working on it," he said. Sandra's transfer date from the work station was scheduled for Monday, Jan. 16.

"We were working on a joint agreement with the union to get the transfer through," he said. "It's (transfer) a tough thing to do, but it's not like the problems were going on for months."

Police said the homicide occurred in Zone Q12 of the plant, also known as the "Heater" area. There were approximately eight employees at the work station and at least 30 in the immediate area. There were six eyewitnesses to the shooting.

Carroll said there is nothing security could have done to prevent the crime. "This is an isolated incident," he said. "No one else should be worried about a situation like this."

Plymouth Township Sgt. Robert Antal, who investigated the case, agreed with Carroll. "I don't see how anyone could have prevented it," he said. "Ford obviously does not want to become a police-type corporation."

Berry said it was the first homicide in the township since May 1992 when a man shot his wife during a domestic dispute on Paciocco Ct.

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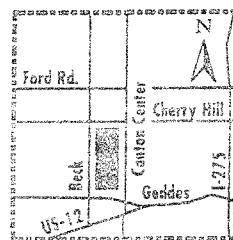


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Community mourns deaths of several important leaders

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Several active members of The-Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community left residents in mourning when they died 1995.

On Jan. 1, Gene "Santa" Reaves died at the age of 92. He was remembered for providing toys, mittens, hats, scarves, and gifts of holiday cheer throughout Metro Detroit. Reaves, who was born in Hamilton, OH, began his tradition when he was Santa at J.L. Hudson's from 1935 to 1945. But his real claim to fame was being the jolly old elf in the first Santa parade in 1937. He received hundreds of tributes and awards for his activities.

The community witnessed the passing of lifelong Canton farmer and former Canton trustee Richard Palmer Jan. 27. Palmer, 65, also served on the Canton Planning Commission, Canton Board of Review, the Canton Economic Development Commission and was inducted into the Canton Hall of Fame. "There wasn't a thing he wouldn't do for you," said close friend John Hoben.

The Palmer farm, which provided many young men with the first job picking sweet corn, still exists, surrounded by Royal Pointe Subdivision.

Another holiday light was extinguished March 1 when Don Montgomery, a frequent visitor to The Plymouth-Canton Community, died at the age of 68. He will be remembered as Santa to many area children, as well as for his musical prowess. He played the accordion for the Queen of England as a child and frequented the Rooster Tail in Detroit, where he performed with many famous people. Montgomery worked for Chrysler and served as a MP in W.W.II.

Bill Keefe, longtime owner of The Trading, died April 16 at the age of 69, leaving the town without a tug boat captain. Keefe was an avid



Former fire captain and Goodfellow Sandy Sanders was remembered by the community in 1996. (Crier file photo)

good leader," said Plymouth Community Fire Chief Larry Groth, who worked with Sanders. Sanders was also a dedicated Goodfellow. He retired in 1981 and moved to Arkansas where he farmed, fished and gardened. Sanders, a W.W. II veteran, died Sept. 28 in Siloam Springs, AK, at the age of 71.

outdoorsman, pushing for the installation of the bike trials in Hines Park, captaining his tug boat named "Orval" on the Ohio River and flying airplanes. He also spent a lot of time at his cottage on Bois Blanc Island. He flew P6 and B25s in the Army Air Corps.

Another military fly boy veteran, John McEwen, died June 16. He was 87. McEwen served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during W.W. II, but was better known locally as a former Plymouth Township Clerk and Supervisor. A strong opponent to combining the township and City of Plymouth, McEwen was elected mayor of Plymouth Heights, a city that existed only as a small tactic to annexation. When voters turned down the combination of the City and township, McEwen was left with no area to govern, prompting Plymouth Mail Editor Fred Delano to call him "The Emperor of Plymouth Township." McEwen retired in 1970.

About the same time McEwen was serving Plymouth Township, Paul Edward "Sandy" Sanders was working for the City Fire Department. Sanders became a volunteer fire fighter in 1953 and became a full time firefighter two years later. Sanders was promoted to sergeant and lieutenant while on his way to becoming captain in 1980. Sanders was known for heroism on duty, once rescuing a heart attack victim from a 50-foot antenna pole.

"I thought he was a very good officer, a very good leader," said Plymouth Community Fire Chief Larry Groth, who worked with Sanders. Sanders was also a dedicated Goodfellow. He retired in 1981 and moved to Arkansas where he farmed, fished and gardened. Sanders, a W.W. II veteran, died Sept. 28 in Siloam Springs, AK, at the age of 71.

New Canton fire station set for 1996

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Plans continue for the new Canton fire station and fire headquarters.

In early December, the Canton Board of Trustees voted to sign a contract with the architectural firm of Coquillard, Dundon, Peterson & Argenta to design the new fire station and headquarters to be built north of Canton Township Hall on Canton Center Road.

The Canton Board of Trustees decided on the new fire station as work crews began work to widen Canton Center Road — slowly squeezing out Canton Fire Station One.

Canton Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher said the widening of the road is the main reason the existing station is slated to be closed.

"The widening of the road will put it within 30 feet of the existing station," Rorabacher said. "We're also concerned about the size. The

old station is very, very small — the stuff is shoehorned in there — there's only 5,000 square feet."

Rorabacher said the proposed station, which is expected to cost taxpayers between \$2.5 million and \$2.7 million, will be 15,000 square feet. It will be used as Fire Station One — and the new headquarters for the Canton Fire Department.

"(Construction of the new station) will help south end response time slightly," he said, adding that the staffing level will remain the same.

The Canton Board of Trustees hired Coquillard, Dundon, Peterson & Argenta, a firm which was the choice of the Fire Headquarters Study Committee — a committee formed to address the feasibility of building a new fire headquarters and to determine the

best site for the project.

The committee presented the Canton Board of Trustees with several options to consider on June 6, including: Renovation of Fire Station One; construction of a new facility on the existing site; and construction of a replacement facility on a new site.

At that time, the board endorsed the construction of a new fire headquarters building on the property north of the Public Safety Building, with an addition to the second floor of the existing Public Safety Building to accommodate fire administration.

It is proposed that the project costs be funded through a building authority bond issue.

A representative from the architectural firm said they expect to seek bids for construction of the project in June or July.

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 The Plymouth Community Council On Aging monthly meeting will be held at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Monday at 2 p.m. Dream interpretation by Barbara Wade and Senior Alliance information. Call 453-1234, ext. 236.

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS CLUB
 Meeting Jan. 11, 9-11:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 701 W. Church St. \$8.50 per person. Continental breakfast served. Baby sitting available. Topic: Health and Beauty Make Over. All Plymouth residents welcome. RSVP by Jan. 5. Call Lori at 416-9001.

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.

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 until 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.

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HORIZON COUNSELING
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In the spotlight...



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Upcoming...

CUTEST BABY CONTEST
 Jan 20-21, 12-4 p.m. at the Plymouth Kmart on Ann Arbor Road. Sponsored by the P-C Jaycees. Ages: newborn to one, and between one and two. Send picture (5x7 or smaller with name, address, phone number) and S.A.S.E. to Cutest Baby Contest, 1484 Springer, Westland, 48186. (313) 595-7686.

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GIRLS AAU TRYOUTS
 Tryouts for the Western Wayne Wildcats girls basketball team will be Monday at Pioneer Middle School, 6-7:30 p.m. for ages 10-11, 7:30 p.m. for ages 12-13; Tuesday at Central Middle School, 7:30-9 p.m. for ages 16-18; and Jan. 11 at Northville High School, 7:30-9 p.m. for ages 14-15.

PLYMOUTH LIBRARY STORYTIME
 Register for storytime at the Plymouth District Library. Preschoolers, ages three-and-a-half to five Tuesday, 10 a.m.; Toddlers, ages three-and-a-half to five, next Wednesday (Jan. 10) at 10 a.m. or Tuesday at 7 p.m. for Tot/family groups. Call 453-0750.

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 Plymouth-Canton churches are looking for residents to become CROP walkers and seek financial pledges to help alleviate hunger. Call 459-8181.

Health...

AEROBICS CLASS
 The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will hold low/high aerobics classes weekly beginning Tuesday. \$40-one day a week, \$54-two days a week, \$69 unlimited, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Kathi at (810) 349-7928.

EMERGENCY PHARMACEUTICAL PROGRAM
 Qualified Plymouth seniors can receive a month's supply of medication, available at the township hall the second and third Fridays of each month. Call 455-7526 for an appointment.

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...

NEW MORNING SCHOOL
 Registrations are being accepted for the winter sessions of Me & My Shadow classes, an introductory preschool class. Ages two to four. Music, activities, art, snack and story time. Monday sessions start Monday (Jan. 8). Friday sessions start Jan. 12. Call 420-3331 for more information.

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 Schlusler (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.

WSPD, 88.1-FM REUNION
 WSPD, the student-operated station of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is celebrating 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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 Will be held Aug. 10, 1996 at the Novi Hilton. Class Reunions Plus, P.O. Box 806010, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080-6010. Call 886-0770.

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PCEP NEEDS FITNESS EQUIPMENT
 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
 Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool will offer classes for three and four-year-olds on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. For more information, call Kaycelynn at 981-1305.

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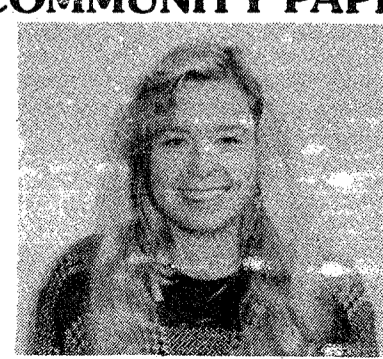
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Obituaries

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LESTER L. PITT

Lester L. Pitt, a Plymouth resident, died Dec. 22, 1995, at the age of 68.

Mr. Pitt was born in Detroit. He attended college for two years. Mr. Pitt served in the U.S. Army from 1945 to 1948. He worked in retail sales/sporting goods.

Mr. Pitt is survived by his wife, Susan E.; son, Larry (Joyce) Burns; sister, Gail Driscoll; mother, Helen; grandchildren, Tony Burns and Shannon Reed.

Services for Mr. Pitt were held at St. John Neumann Church with Rev. George Charnley officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home. Memorial tributes to mass offerings are appreciated.

DORA JUNE MESSACAR

Dora June Messacar, a Plymouth resident, died Dec. 19, 1995, at the age of 68.

Mrs. Messacar is survived by her husband, Donald; daughter, Debra Anne (Christopher) Phillips; son, David Earl (Vicki); and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Messacar was a secretary for the Plymouth schools for 26 years. Mrs. Messacar was born on South Main Street and was a life-long Plymouth resident. Mrs. Messacar graduated from Plymouth High School in 1944. Mrs. Messacar was active in the Plymouth Historical Society and was vice president of the Salem Historical Society.

Services for Mrs. Messacar were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Mr. Sanford Burr officiating. Memorials to the Plymouth Historical Society are appreciated.

GEORGE ROBINSON BERKAW JR.

George Robinson Berkaw Jr., a Plymouth resident, died Dec. 29, 1995, at the age of 87.

Mr. Berkaw was a long-time leader among Detroit's financial community and an active and energetic participant in many professional, community, educational and religious organizations. Mr. Berkaw graduated from Wayne State University in 1930 and received his M.B.A. from Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration in 1932. He remained active with both institutions, serving as founding board member, past president and Finance Committee chairman of the WSU Fund, and past president of the Harvard Business School Club of Detroit. WSU honored Mr. Berkaw with its Alumni Award in 1962.

Mr. Berkaw began his career as a security analyst in 1932 with United Guardian Trust Co. He joined Detroit Bank and Trust (now Comerica, Inc.) as a security analyst in 1935 and rose steadily through the ranks, achieving the post of senior vice president of Bank Investment and Trust Investment in 1967. He retired in 1973, but returned to work at age 67 for the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation as vice president-investments. He retired from that job in 1984.

A chartered financial analyst, Mr. Berkaw served as a founding member of the Financial Analysts Society of Detroit in


1948 and served as the first president. He received the society's Founders Award in 1990. Mr. Berkaw joined the Economic Club of Detroit in 1934, served on its Advisory and Program Committees and was its second oldest member at the time of his death. Mr. Berkaw was a guest lecturer for 10 years at the University of Michigan's Graduate School of Business Administration on banking and investments. Mr. Berkaw was on Detroit's Investment Advisory Committee for the Retirement Systems from 1954 to 1971, and was honored with a special resolution by the Board of Trustees of that group in 1965. Mr. Berkaw was a past director of the National Financial Analysts Federation.

Mr. Berkaw worked for the YMCA of Metro Detroit as a member of its board of directors as well as treasurer and Finance Committee member. He was also a past president, treasurer and member of the board of trustees of the YMCA Foundation of Metropolitan Detroit. Mr. Berkaw was a member of the YMCA's Eat and Run Club of the Fisher and Northwestern branches and in the Silver Bay Association in Silver Bay, NY. The YMCA honored Mr. Berkaw in 1969 with a special award for service to youth and the John. W. Armstrong Humanitarian Award in 1992.

Mr. Berkaw was a member of the board of trustees and past treasurer of Olivet College, which awarded him an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree in 1980. He was a 22-year member of the Mayflower Congregational Church and served 10 years on its Board of Trustees (three as chairman) and as chairman of its Mortgage Retirement Fund Raising Committee. Mr. Berkaw was a member of the First Congregational Church of Detroit for 10 years where he was a chairman of its Board of Trustees. Mr. Berkaw was also on the Stewardship Committee of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches.

Mr. Berkaw is survived by his wife, Louise; two daughters, Elizabeth (David) Swanson and Margaret Berber; two sons, David (Molly) and John (Jayne); 11 grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.


A memorial service for Mr. Berkaw will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham with Rev. William A. Ritter officiating. Memorial donations to the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit, the Silver Bay Association, Silver Bay, NY, or the Michigan Heart Association are appreciated.



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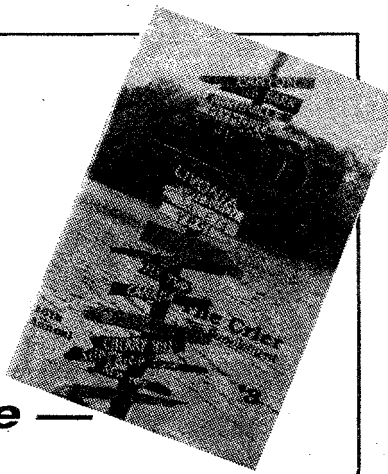
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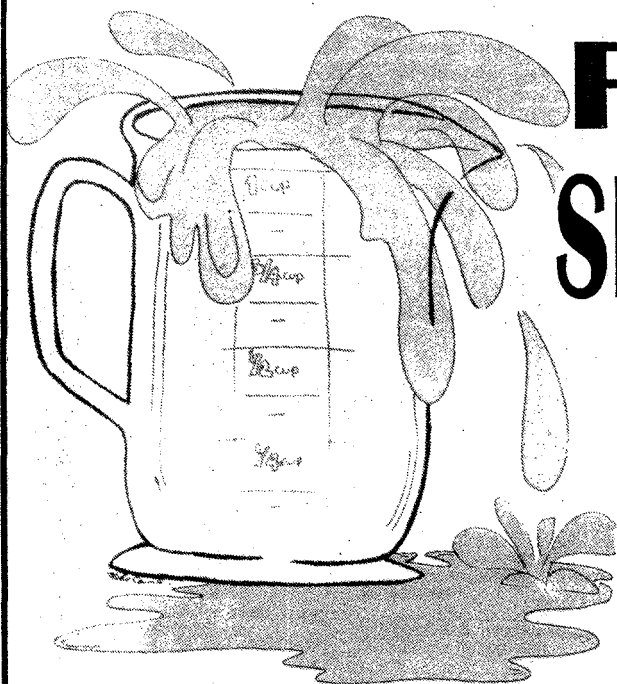
Antiques/Auctions

ANTIQUA AND COLLECTIBLE AUCTION Sunday, January 7, 1996, 12 Noon, Viewing at 1:00 a.m., Plymouth VFW Hall, 1426 South Mill Street, Plymouth, MI—**Furniture:** Over 50 pieces of oak, walnut, pine, cherry, and mahogany furniture including large sq. oak parlor table w/huge glass ball and claw feet; vict. 3 drawer dresser w/ mirror and marble top; Nicely carved marble top parlor table; Mission oak settee w/original upholstery; castlake 3 drawer dresser; Walnut sewing locker w/caned seat; Mission oak server; Oak pedestal table w/extension top, six chairs and buffet; 4 brushed steel modernism chairs; Six abre legged Civil War Era chairs; Cafe table w/cast iron base; round lamp table, Mahogany side chairs; Floral painted coffee table; Stiffel floor lamp; Child's Hitchcock style rocker; 3 unique walnut folding chairs w/pillow back; 'outh chair w/caned seat and back; Fine group of wall mirrors; 2 drawer bachelor's chest; hanging pine cabinet; Child-size Mah. (neehole desk; Beautiful G.E. floor model radio from the 1930's and other radios; Cast iron ashtray stand; Hump back trunk converted to unique tool box: and much more... **Children's Items:** Large group of plastic promo and friction cars including '58 Pontiac, '58 Buick, '58 Chevy, '61 Ford, '57 T-bird, '66 Lincoln, '68 Chrysler, '67 Pontiac, '59 Chevy 4 door fire chief, '64 Ford and more; '920's handmade black native doll w/bone in hair; Batt. operated bartender - works great; group of old games and game boards; Batt. op. bump and go Goofy w/lawn mower; Large group of BB cards; Old BB gloves; Kermit the frog telephone; Large Box full of Barbie dolls; Unique English bicycle basket w/child carrier w/wicker; Big little book - "Little Big Shot"; group of marbles including large boulders; BB guns; Doll wagon; Child's sewing machine; refrigerator adv. bank and lots more... **Textiles, etc:** Beautiful hand crocheted redspread and table cloth; Lace and linen table covers; a large group of beautiful quilts including handmade embroidered quilt w/48 states and each state bird; Large selection of chenille bed spreads; Nice selection of vintage clothing dating back from 1870 to 1930 featuring 2 piece dresses; early shoes; whites; lightwear; children's clothing, etc... **China, Glass, Pottery, etc:** Roseville freesia vase; Rockingham spittoon; Maling pottery bowl; beautiful pair of candle sticks possibly forstoria; cups and saucers; Pressed glass; Fantastic pitcher and bowl set; Bavarian decanter; Wedgewood; Cocker spaniel cookie jar; Dresden plate; Chessie cat lid. edition plate; Carnival; Denton; Perfume atomizers; English biscuit jar; tall teapot; Set of sterling X-mas bells; Art glass; Complete set of Wade Nursery Rhyme figurines and much more... **Primitives:** Over 25 oil lamps including Aladdin, Rayo pressed glass, brass, etc. A truly nice collection; Pedestal having mirror; Cherry pitter; Apple peeler; Crocks; Jugs; Baskets; Cast iron; Graniteware; hanging letter scale; Sterling button hook; and more **Hunting, Fishing, etc.:** 12 GA pump Winchester model 120; Winchester model 1893 side action 12 GA; Remington 1909 22 rifle; Oriental training sword; Tackle box - 1 contents; hunting knives including Remington; Black man shing lure; Fishing and hunting books; etc. **Unique and Unusual:** Birk and James photograph of a clock; Wallace nuffing print "Pete Above and Below"; 2 early Currier and Ives prints - "To the Rescue" and "He is Saved"; 65¢ Life magazine dedicated to slavery; 1955 week magazine "Our World"; "Civil War Stories" - 1898; Comic book postcards and others; "Kit at the Top"; Clock; Refrigerator clock and oil cans; water meter; Franch ivory manure set and 20, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 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MARY SPERRAZZA--Are those little girls ever lucky to have you for their grandmother!
ESS eats collard greens
Mad E.--the broccoli stems were a bad idea--that mixed with beets did not a good juice make.
ROCKY in Shady Cove--not to fear, Sylvester the car will quell your fears...and stomach...hopefully! Hey--thanks for nice hat...Steph
MARTHA DAVIS--We have the loveliest plant in our office. Will be glad when you can come home to see it! love you!
SHANNON: send the letter(s). Carbondale, IL is too far to read from here
M--THANK YOU FOR THE ELECTRIC LETTER OPENER you gave me for Christmas. It's something I always wanted. The first time I used it I cut the number of my bills in half. To tell the truth, it sort of got away from me. Thank you, your mother.
PHYLLIS AND BOB CAMERON are still looking in on Plymouth-Canton
FRANK MCMURRAY should write more letters to the editor.
NEW NORRIS: Margaret 7 pounds, 12 oz. born December 29...in time for the Weedeater bowl. Congrats!
WELCOME LUNNS! Curios are the message board--check them weekly! Hope you had a wonderful New Year. R & S
Jack you left your desk clean in '95 will you keep it that way in 1996? "Mom"
MOM IN FLA (back again): it was a quick visit, hampered by our flu, but it was great to see you.
I DON'T EVEN have to get out of bed to the dial the phone to order up my unemployment check." -- Name Withheld
EAUREGARD eats spiced olives salad from the Varga-Van Pelts.
CONGRATULATIONS TED BOLOVEN et al on the new offices. Great space.
CATHYRN RUTH which side is lower? Their fight or our right?
Randall Hollenstine Countdown to the BIG 40", 19 days? Better start living it up!!
DO YOU MISS ME YET?
Wow, now I know you miss me...go ahead and admit it!
WELCOME HOME Rick, Val, Beka and Josh--ea's hot--I've missed you!!
Happy New Year Bob! May 1996 be our year!!
What a fun new board game--What goes behind our ears??
Go the Wrobels--New Year's Eve was fun--love, Amanda
Bill Bit eats applesauce
DAD Manzo & Mary you two sure looked SNAZZY on New Year's Eve!
Less shops savvy-in Downtown Plymouth. Money back!?

Curiosities

COLD POETRY at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, Plymouth Coffee Bean Co. on Penniman Ave. --hear Al Ward and others.
Roxy and Simon thank you Mike and Jenny-- We love a good romp--and we're sure glad you could enjoy our mouse with us...
Keeping Brittany on a diet is harder than you think--a gift to raccoons and squirrels turns into a sure-fire hit--Not only does she get to wander in the ravine, but there are snacks too!
Jack's Back
Thanks Girls, I guess I can afford enough golf balls for the whole year.
Ha Ha Emma, Grampa Jack has the Tinker Toys at his place.
Thanks Ed--Lots of ink, Lots of Ads
Margaret- I hope you had a great holiday season. I know I did. I even got a new winter jacket!
The Ad Ladies did a great job on last week's paper. Now we really have to get down to work.
The pressure is off, Jack is back.
I went 10 days without throwing a dart!
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Western Wayne Wildcats girls AAU basketball tryouts are next week.

On Monday, ages 10-11 play from 6-7:30 p.m. and ages 12-13 at 7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School.

On Tuesday, ages 16-18 play from 7:30-9 p.m. at Central Middle School.

On Jan. 11, ages 14-15 play from 7:30-9 p.m. at Northville Middle School.

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its winter session of men's recreational basketball for Canton residents only beginning Jan. 10 at Field Elementary School from 6:45 p.m. - 9:45 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person and the games will last for 10 weeks. Registration deadline is Monday.

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its men's winter racquetball league at Rose Shores of Canton starting Jan. 10 and running for 14 weeks. The cost is \$100 per person. Court times are at 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. No residency requirements are in place.

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a teen ski trip to Alpine Valley on Jan. 19 for ages 13-18. A bus leaves Canton Township Administration Building parking lot at 5 p.m. and returns at approximately midnight. The cost for teens with their own equipment is \$22 and those needing rental equipment is \$29. Registration begins Monday and ends Jan. 18.

Call Canton Parks and Recreation Services at 397-5110 for information on any of these events.

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department, in cooperation with Northville Parks and Recreation, will be offering a trip to the Toledo Art Museum tomorrow. The tour cost of \$22.50 per person includes: round trip transportation via Bianco Charter; admission to the "Made in America Exhibit;" and exhibit of art exclusively by American artists.

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department, in cooperation with Bianco Tours, will be offering a trip to the Windsor Casino on Jan. 18. The cost of \$26 includes: round trip transportation via deluxe motor coach; lunch at a local Windsor restaurant; \$10 of Canadian tokens; and plenty of time at the casino.

For more information on either event, call 455-6620.

Sports

Tumbling to the top

Canton gymnastics will try to better 'untopable' seasons

BY MATT HUCAL

It's beginning to get a little tough for the Canton gymnastics team to top themselves year after year.

After winning the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) conference last year and becoming an All-American team for the ninth straight season — the 11th time in John Cunningham's 16 years coaching — what goals do they set?

"We were fourth in the state last year, and I just hope to be in the top five or better this year," said Cunningham — who was the winner of the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) coach of the year award last year. "We also really hope to be an All-American team again. It's quite an accomplishment for the kids."

Who are these gymnasts who will get Canton in the top five in the state and reach the All-American status again?

Three All-American seniors will be assigned the task of helping the team reach their full potential.

Captains Brie Wall and Kim Nowak — who excel in the beam and floor exercise — are two of the high scorers. Brooke Larson is the other All-American returnee and should place high in the vault and bar exercises.

"All three of them are strong all around," Cunningham said. "Their abilities are the strength of the team."

Junior Beth Muylaert on the beam, junior Becky Wolfram on the vault, sophomore Nicole Vaargeres on the bars, sophomore Sandy Mulder on the floor and freshman Marcy Emerick will all be

important members of the team and will be looked to for high scores.

The road to the top will not be easy for the Chiefs. All their talent will be needed as they fight it out with strong teams, such as Northville and Salem, in order to win the league and regionals.

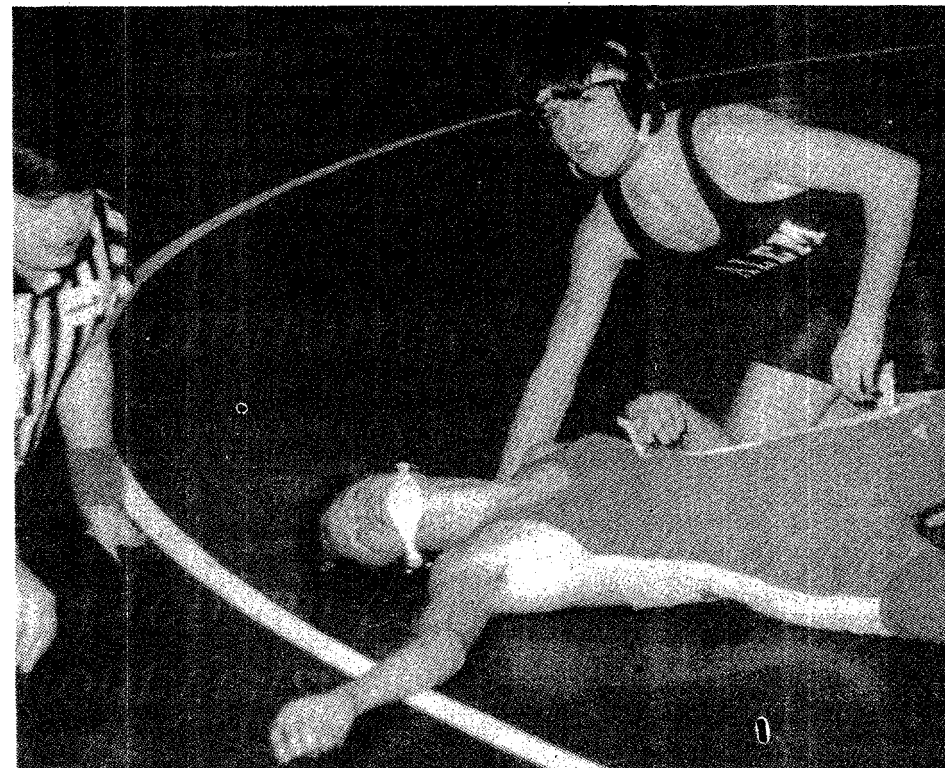
In their one meet this year, Canton went to Freeland and participated in a double dual meet along with Vasser. Canton defeated both teams to begin the season with a 2-0 record.

Last year, one of Canton's two losses during the season came to Freeland. This time, they were victorious, beating Freeland, 128-126.

Canton's next meet is tomorrow at Farmington. Following tomorrow's meet, they participate in the 15-team Salem Invitational Saturday.

Tough match

Salem's Mike Shull catches his breath after defeating Joe Ryan in the 125 pound weight class. Shull defeated his opponent during the Salem "B" Tournament. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)



Rock gymnasts reach for titles

BY MATT HUCAL

A successful season seems on the horizon for the Salem gymnastics team as coach Pam Yockey tries to lead her girls beyond their seventh-place state meet finish last year.

Two weapons returning this year with some impressive credentials are junior Kristen Kosik and senior Zoe Yockey. Both girls are All-American all-arounders who should supply strength in every event. Kosik is a returning Division I all-arounder and Yockey is a returning Division II all-arounder.

"Both girls are very strong in every event and should become stronger as the season goes on," Yockey said.

What should help this season is the return of junior Brooke Kilby. She was out all of last year with an injury but has contributed already with a 134.5 score in their first meet against Ann Arbor Huron on December 11.

Junior Kristen Los is the fourth all-arounder and senior Danielle Puchalt will be strong on the beam and on the floor.

Yockey excels on the floor and bars, Kosik on the vault, floor and beam, and Kilby on the floor and beam.

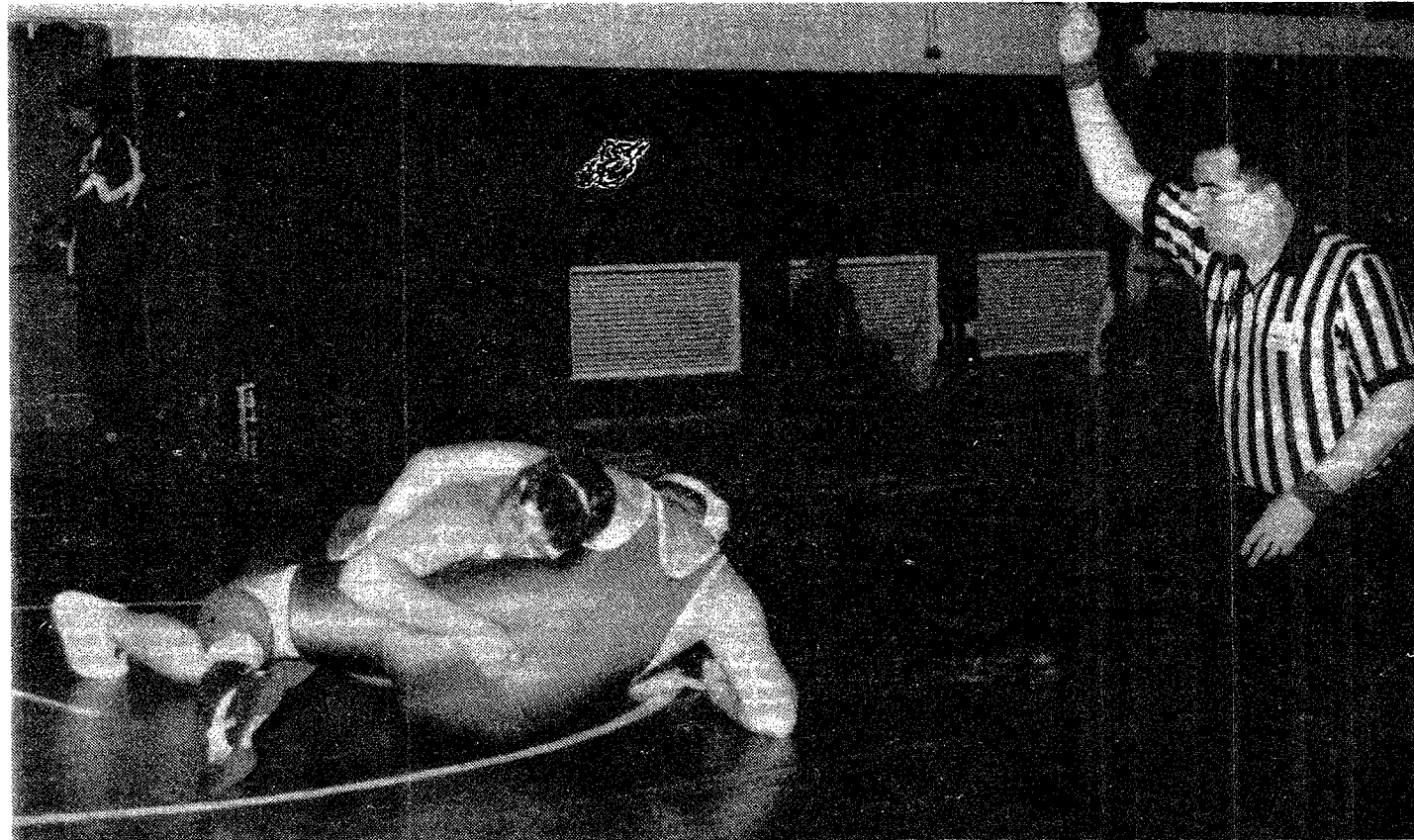
After finishing first in the Lakes Division and second in the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) conference last year, Yockey would like to repeat that and also get out of the regional and into the state meet as a team.

"I know some of our individuals will go to the state meet, but I'd like to see the whole team go as well," Yockey said.

In their meet against Huron Rocks showed the will to win with a 134-133 victory.

The Rocks next meet is against Northville tonight and then it will be time to prepare for the Salem Invitational they'll be facing this Saturday with 15 teams from around the state.

The Big Boys



Canton's Brian Sinischo defeated Troy Athens' Dave Ballard in the heavyweight class of the recent Salem "B" Tournament. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Favorites

'Biggest and best' help with wins, but entire team important

It's been around for as long as there have been superiors.

It's been around for as long as there have been people under the superiors who'd rather seek success a way that differs from how others do it.

What's been around is the fine art of kissing up. It's evident everywhere in life, whether it be at work, in schools, and definitely in athletics. It is the people that go above and beyond the call of duty to bring more attention to themselves. The activity is so important to them that they'd rather put fate in their own hands rather than leaving it to the eyes of the beholder.

This piece of someone's attitude can lead one toward a form of greatness that brings with it not only success but also brings with it grudges from others associated with them. Those associated in sports are the teammates that you are supposed to bond with in order to mold as a team and reach for the top of the pedestal. But people like this are more likely to divide a team and form a distraction when what they should be doing is helping create an atmosphere that makes it comfortable for all involved.

I'm not saying that interaction with a coach or manager is wrong. There should be room for discussions and there should be available the line of communication that makes relationships possible. But there are times when things can go overboard and the communication and interaction begins turning into a close friendship that disrupts the team

Sure Shot

By Matt Hucal



concept. When it comes to high-level sports, not the basic "out to have fun," but serious athletics, the relationship should not go any farther than the field itself.

Hearing stories from other athletes and witnessing this myself, I've noticed some things. Once the coach becomes closer to some players than others, it tends to influence many decisions involving those people that can be connected to the word favoritism. Believe it or not, this is usually why the word politics is so familiar to people competing in high-level athletics. Doing things with a coach for fun outside of the wall that surrounds the sport should not be recognized as something bad. But it has its limits.

There is no rule book for these limits, but it's known as respect for others. If others don't do things that these people do to get ahead it's not so bad, as long as the coach doesn't figure that into the equation when a season rolls around.

Not everyone who succeeds in what they do is included in this category. A lot of people are so good that it doesn't matter what they do off the field. Others who do this probably don't care as long as they get what they want, but they are usually not respected. They might not get told up front what others think, but all the successes they may enjoy because of how they are will never wash away the taste in the mouth of others.

On deck

CANTON BASKETBALL

At Walled Lake Central on Friday. At home versus Ann Arbor Huron on Tuesday. At home versus Stevenson on Jan. 12.

CANTON SWIMMING

At home versus Ann Arbor Huron on Tuesday at 7 p.m. At Franklin on Jan. 18 at 7 p.m.

CANTON WRESTLING

At home versus Harrison tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. At the Salem Varsity Invitational on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. At home versus Walled Lake Western on Jan. 11 at 6:30 p.m. At the Catholic Central Invitational on Jan. 13.

CANTON GYMNASTICS

At Farmington tomorrow at 7 p.m. At the Salem Invitational on Saturday at 11 a.m. At home versus Ann Arbor Huron on Monday at 7 p.m. At Ann Arbor Pioneer on Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. At the Rockford Invitational on Jan. 13 at 11 a.m.

CANTON VOLLEYBALL

At the Walled Lake Central Invitational on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. JV at the Northville J.V. Invitational on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. JV at the Brighton J.V. Invitational on Jan. 13 at 9 a.m. At home versus Northville on Jan. 15 at 6 p.m.

SALEM BASKETBALL

At home versus Northville on Friday. At home versus Brighton on Tuesday. At Walled Lake Western on Jan. 12.

SALEM SWIMMING

At home in the "ROCK" Invitational on Saturday at 1 p.m. At Novi on Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. At Ann Arbor Huron on Jan. 16 at 7 p.m.

SALEM WRESTLING

At home at the Salem Varsity Invitational on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. At Walled Lake Central on Jan. 11 at 6:30 p.m. At the Berkley Invitational on Jan. 13 at 10 a.m.

SALEM GYMNASTICS

At home versus Northville today at 7 p.m. At home at the Salem Invitational on Saturday at 7 p.m. At Ann Arbor Pioneer on Jan. 11 at 7 p.m.

SALEM VOLLEYBALL

At the Portage Northern Invitational and JV at the Northville J.V. Invitational on Saturday at 8 a.m. At home for the Plymouth Festival Tournament on Jan. 13. At Farmington on Jan. 15 at 6 p.m.

Local sports. Only in The Crier.



Community opinions

Through snow, rain, packages almost always arrive on time

I was already working on this column when the news came around Plymouth was getting a new postmaster — Joe Groff.

That was last week during the Post Office's peak time with hundreds of thousands of letters and packages pouring in. I witnessed this myself when

Growth brings good, bad changes

No curves By Rob Kirkbride



For Canton and Plymouth Township, it's kind of like inviting 10 people to dinner and having 100 show up.

The new Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) growth projections for 1990 to 2020 are out. If these numbers are correct, Canton and Plymouth Township can expect some growing pains (and pleasures).

According to SEMCOG's regional development forecast, Canton's population is expected to skyrocket from its current level of 66,119 to a whopping 98,251 by the year 2020 — a 72.2 percent gain from 1990's estimates. Plymouth Township's population is expected to rise from 23,686 to 33,377 — a gain of 9,691 residents.

Although these numbers are not etched in stone, they do paint an interesting picture for The Plymouth-Canton Community.

Are our roads capable of carrying the increase in traffic? Can our school system adequately handle that many more students? How about our courts?

This increase in population will affect each and every one of us, whether we think so or not.

It will make our roads more congested. It will mean larger class sizes in our schools. Crime will increase.

Growth is not all bad.

It will also mean local governments will have larger tax bases. The community will have more clout at the state level. More businesses will move to the area.

In addition to population, Canton will also boom with new business starts and expansions.

SEMCOG projects a 118 percent increase in employment in Canton. Employment is expected to rise from 14,229 jobs in 1990 to 31,056 in 2020. The economic outlook doesn't look bad for Plymouth Township either. The job market is expected to increase by 32.8 percent — an increase of 4,688 jobs in the next 25 years.

In addition to the economic and governmental consequences of this boom, the Average Joe should also benefit — in more subtle ways.

More people means more restaurants, more entertainment — and hopefully, more arts.

As for Plymouth, well, Plymouth is expected to remain just about the same — much to the delight of almost all the residents of the City.

I rang the Salvation Army bell in front of the Penniman Avenue office in early December. Person after Person.

Package after package. They were streaming in (thankfully most stopped to give).

"What a great place to put this red kettle," I thought. "The only better place, maybe, would be a bank. Everybody would have money, and everybody is going there this time of year to get money to buy gifts."

I never did move that little red kettle over to one of the many banks in downtown. The reason, which a local man rightfully expressed his displeasure to me about: banks' hours. They're for the unemployed (who, of course, don't have any money) and anyone else who finds it easy to get to bank between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., which are the weekday hours of NBD, First of America and First Federal.

My bank didn't extend its hours during the holiday money mother load, even though I'm sure people would have taken advantage of it.

That's been the case at the two post offices in Plymouth — which did

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He isn't dead yet

With malice toward none

By W. Edward WENDOVER



At least Earl Lundin hasn't lost his sense of humor.

Despite valiant efforts, The Crier editorial staff failed twice to kill him off in 1995, he points out.

It began when Earl's father, Anton, died in September. The Crier's obituary mistakenly ran with Earl's name in the headline. (The corrected version ran a week later.)

Then, for its annual "Year in Review," The Crier staff listed the obituaries for the year and — you guessed it — didn't correct the mistake of having listed Earl.

Those of you who know Earl from his cartooning days, sitting mornings at the Mayflower Hotel with the Gloom and Doom Society

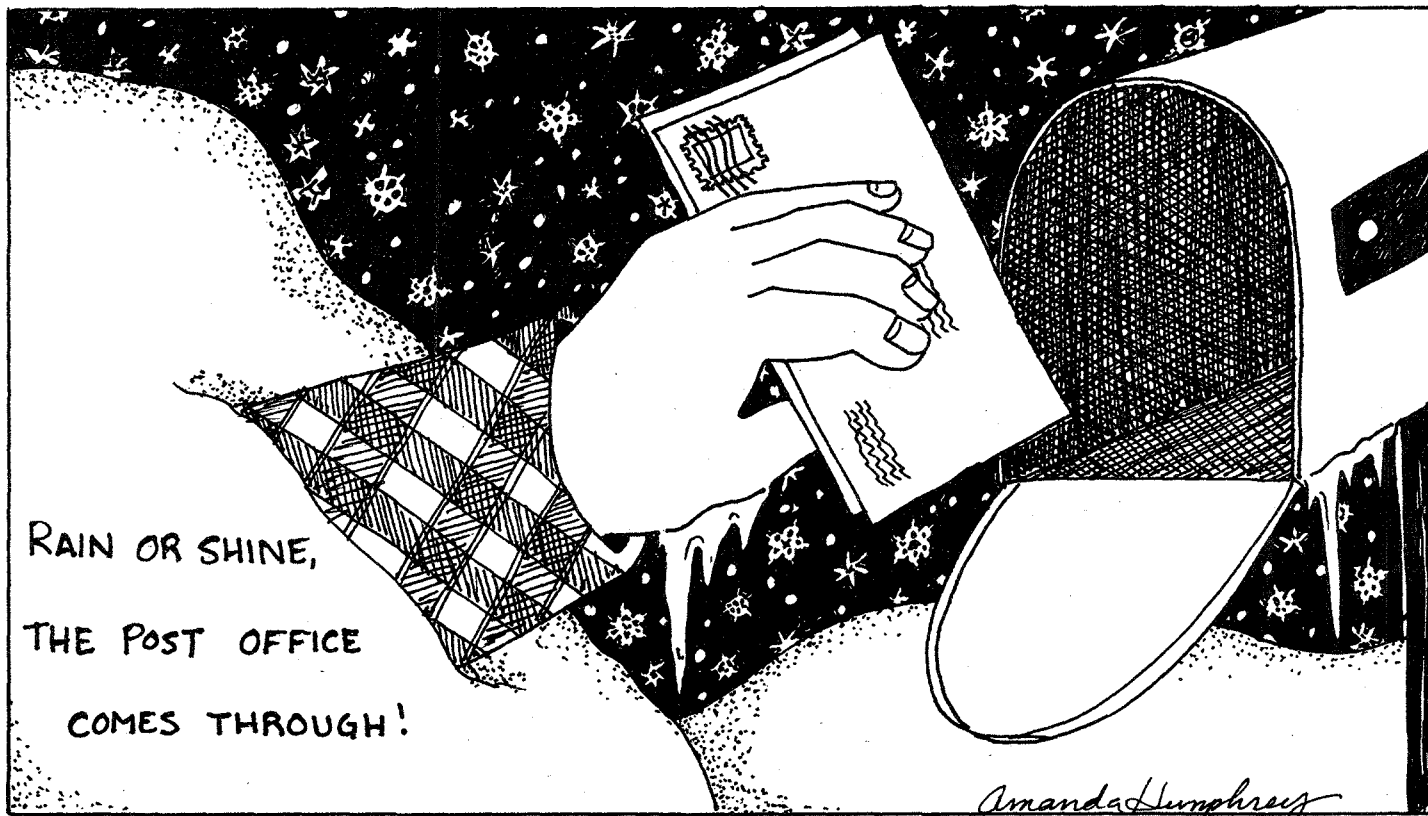
(as Fred DeLano named it), know how he can take a bit of humor from anything — using his pen to skewer politicians and rooftop barbecuers. (His pen also knows how up front and center mistakes happen to cartoonists as well.)

So you can imagine the phone call the publisher got at home when The Crier staff tried to assassinate Earl a second time and failed! (He was getting amused at his kids having to call him in Glen Lake and see if he was really still "with us.")

So, for the record, Earl Lundin is still "with us," enjoying life and preparing to illustrate a sports medicine book this year.



Community opinions



Post office deserves credit for prompt, efficient delivery

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extend its hours to meet the obvious demand. "We're customer service orientated right now," said acting Postmaster Joe Bodary. "We're doing a lot out here. I've spent a lot of hours here. We've extended hours."

Wow. What a concept, huh? Too bad the financial institutions didn't catch on. Now I know what you're going to say. ATMs, right? They're always open. True. But you can't get everything accomplished by talking to a machine that knows you by an identification code. And there's something to be said about interacting with actual humans during this day of automation.

Also, after 3 p.m., deposits are processed the next day.

Meanwhile, I walked into the post office on a Sunday and handed over my Arizona-bound letter to a real life person knowing that it would go out that day. "I try to keep every window open," Bodary said. "This is our busiest time of the year, but we've put a lot of emphasis on getting parcels out."

I guess so. Local postal workers were on the job Christmas Eve and Day. "Not every company does that," Bodary said.

No, they don't. And if they do, it's even less likely those workers are volunteers, as they are at the post office, often going above and beyond the call of duty. "I don't know how many times I've told them, 'I don't want you carrying at dark'," Bodary said. "And they'd say, 'But I had to get them delivered'."

The hard work pays off. No one ever complained of

service when I was in the post office this holiday season, and Bodary said he had noticed a decline in unsatisfied customers from previous years. Maybe the coffee, cookie or candy canes placed in the lobby for customers helped. It might have been the spirit of Santa Claus, who received a lot of letters that were answered by Bodary and the student council from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, that kept everyone happy. Or, maybe, customers had nothing to complain about since the post office seems to get everything where its suppose to go, even if the sender has handwriting that is no more readable than the children's letters to Santa. "We get illegible mail," said Bodary. "We can't read it. But we found out where it went. I went to the Lions Club the other day and asked everybody to read it — nobody could. But we delivered it. I was impressed. People don't realize how pieces have gotten through that shouldn't have gotten through."

He's right. People don't realize the tremendous job our post office does. (Who says our government isn't efficient?) It is often the brunt of many jokes. Are you listening Cliff Clavin?

But when it comes down to Christmas or tax time, the post office stays open late and there are people there to serve you.

So the next time you get a return to sender, return a smile instead of a scowl to your mail carrier, chances are you'll get some kind of polite dialogue other than, "Thank you for your transaction."

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