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18 teachers will cost P-C Schools \$813,000

Budget reflects 1.7 % increase in student population for 1996-97 school year

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Plymouth-Canton School District will spend \$813,000 to hire 18 additional teachers for general and special education classes this year.

The P-C Schools will have 818 teachers for an anticipated enrollment of 15,684 students — a 1.7 percent population increase from last year.

That's according to the 1996-97 budgets unanimously approved at Monday night's school board meeting.

Another \$50,000 addressed the projected enrollment increase in the Capital Outlay program, which will be used to equip and furnish additional classrooms.

Athletics, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park performing arts program and technological services (computer repairs and supplies) also received a budget increase — a combined cash infusion of \$105,200. Funding for athletics and the PCEP Marching Band will be spent on two additional staff members — a gymnastics coach and assistant band director — replace and purchase equipment, and cover increased transportation costs.

But the Adult Education-Participant Program funding nosedived by \$400,000 because of the proposed 1996-97 state budget, which reduces the program for adult education participants to 35 percent of the 1995-96 program to conform to the current State Aide proposal.

To help increase funding for the financially-strapped district, on the recommendation of the Revenue Enhancement Committee, \$30,000 has been added to the budget to contract services of a grant writer.

Projected total expenditures jumped 2.65 percent from last year to \$95,463,000. Total revenues were anticipated at \$96,190,000 — up 3.25 percent from 1995-96.

Superintendent Charles Little said the budget continues a recent trend by the P-C School Board to remedy problems in the growing school district. "It's clear that class size remains an issue," he said. "It's clear to me over the last few years that the board has continued to address that."

For instance, the additional 10.5 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) general education teachers for the 1996-97 school year. "That's a substantial increase over where we are," said Little, "although that's offset by growth."

Board rates Little 'good'

Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Charles Little's "job performance frequently exceeds the standards for the job" according to the Plymouth-Canton School Board in an evaluation document released yesterday.

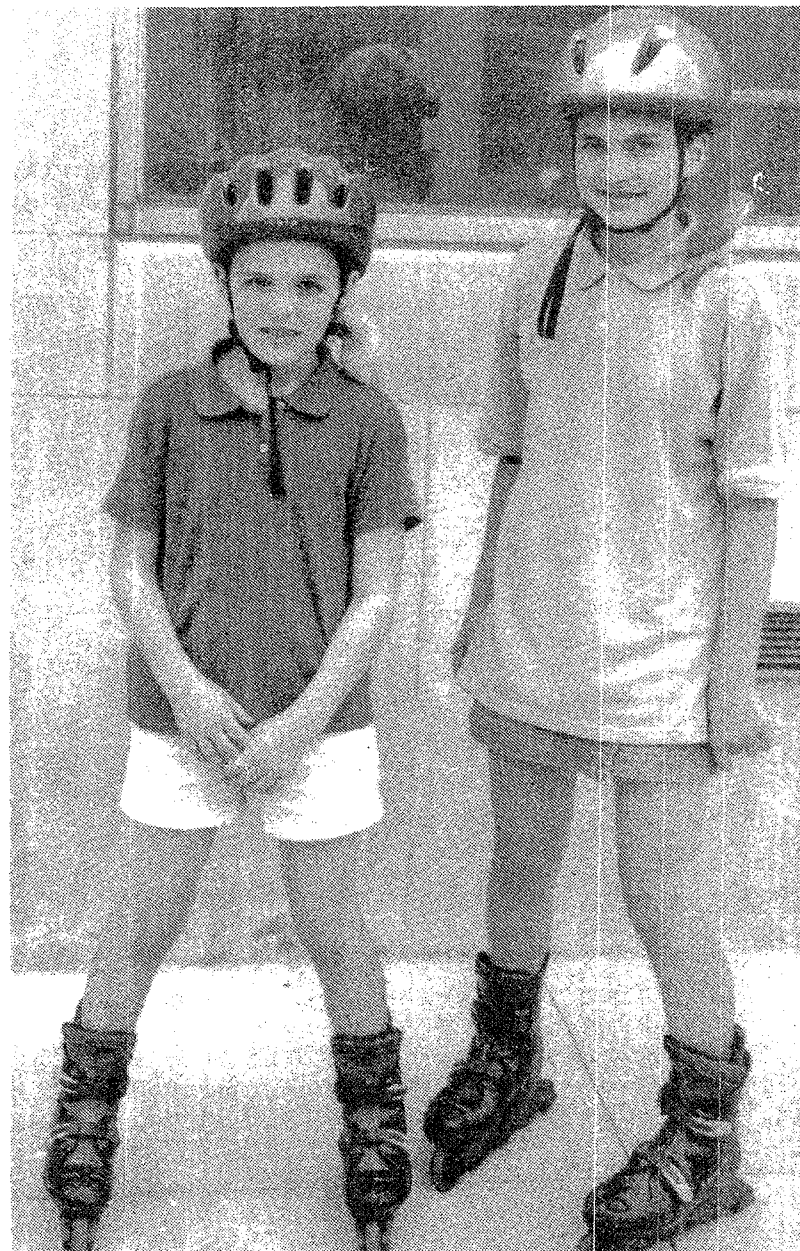
On a scale of one (unsatisfactory) to five (outstanding), Little's median score was 3.56, or a 4.0 "good" rating. His range score was from 2.4 to 4.1.

Last year, Little's first evaluation, he also scored a 4.0 "good" rating, but his range score wasn't as dramatic: 3.16 to 4.58.

The superintendent was evaluated by the

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Rollarbird?



(right to left) Rachel and Emily Nisch of Plymouth take their birds, Citron and Sky, for an in-line skate ride downtown. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)

Twp. planners approve senior complex

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

Plymouth Township will be the site of the community's newest senior housing complex.

The complex, titled Independence Village of Plymouth, received final site plan approval from the Township Planning Commission last week.

Brighton-based P.M. Group will convert the Plymouth Radisson Hotel into 175 units of senior housing. The site is on Northville Road, near Five Mile Road and Hines Drive.

Township officials said the project has two benefits: It satisfies some of the demand for senior housing and it turns an eye-

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Plymouth native Tom Hulce remains at the top of his career

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Stella 'team' named to Big 50 list of remodeling contractors

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Earlier this month, Oakwood's board adopted recommendations emerging from the process, and approved new strategies for the organization through the year 2000. You will hear more about these from us during the next several months.

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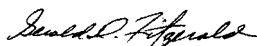
You will learn more about these changes and how they will affect you and your family. In the meantime, a special toll-free phone line has been activated through September 30th to receive your questions and comments on this. Please call **1-800-861-4630** to offer a question or comment that can be considered by us in future communications with you. Also, please feel free to write to any of us with your ideas and thoughts at: A Healthier Tomorrow, Oakwood Healthcare System P.O. Box 2500, Dearborn, Michigan 48123-2500.


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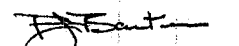
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Parents accuse superintendent of putting finances ahead of education

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Parents accused Superintendent Charles Little of putting finances ahead of children's education at Monday night's Plymouth-Canton School Board meeting.

A half dozen Plymouth-Canton residents asked the P-C School Board to approve a waiver denied to them by Little that would allow their children to attend a "Begindergarten" class operated by the Livonia School District.

The waiver is required because of the approval of Public 851 by the state legislature last week and signed by Gov. John Engler. Known as the Schools of Choice Bill, the legislation allows Michigan school districts to either open enrollment to students outside of district boundaries or remain status quo.

The P-C School Board voted unanimously Monday to open the P-C School

District for adult education only.

Little said it is his recommendation to close the district to general education because of transportation and student population concerns. "It is my recommendation we close the district," he said.

The Livonia School District appears prepared to do the same.

This action affects the parents of four-year-olds with fall birthdays, such as Canton resident Martin Peck. He would like his child, who has an October birthday, to attend a pre-kindergarten class in Livonia. Out-of-district students cannot pay tuition for the class as in the past. They must obtain a waiver. "I'm asking you for the opportunity you would want for your children," Peck said.

"It boils down to the release of the money," said Little, who added that the children in question all have birth dates

prior to Dec. 1 — the state's cutoff date.

"We have a program that fits that age group," Little said.

If the children were permitted to attend the program in Livonia, the P-C Schools would lose the foundation money they would receive if the children were to attend kindergarten instead. "We have a program they can come into," Little said.

Vickie Vukceovich scoffed at the suggestion. "We're not going to set up our son to fail," she said.

Vukceovich said if her son was not allowed to attend the program, "we'll hold him back and you won't get your money this year."

Said Plymouth resident Jeff Phillips: "We're putting money first. We're not putting kids first. That's not what schools are about."

It just didn't make sense to Patricia Wilson. She said: "These kids are going to be attending kindergarten in Plymouth-Canton next year. I just don't understand."

Neither did school board Secretary Sue Davis. "If they're not going to be in Plymouth-Canton this year anyway, then why does it matter?"

P-C School Board Trustee Carrie Blamer, who suggested the P-C Schools should offer a similar program, moved to put the item on the July 8 agenda. Trustee Jack Farrow supplied the necessary supporting vote.

What's best land use?

Twp. struggles to maintain growth while supporting agricultural heritage

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

More than 300 acres of undeveloped property along the west side of Plymouth Township was rezoned from agricultural to residential at last week's Planning Commission meeting.

But commissioners and Township officials say the rezoning won't touch off a development boom.

"I think our growth has been moderate and will continue to be moderate," said Shirley Barney, the director of community development for the Township.

"I see it as a compatible move with what's already going on there," said Planning Commissioner Dennis Campbell.

The rezoned property lies roughly west of Ridge Road to the Washtenaw County border, north of Joy Road and south of

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Agenda

THIS WEEK

- The Plymouth Community Arts Council is continuing its sale of raffle tickets to fund the next phase of construction at the PCAC building on Sheldon Road. The group is raffling a new tandem Jet Ski and trailer. Tickets are \$1 and can be purchased Saturday at the Farmers Market in Plymouth.
- A special coffee has been planned and the business community has been invited to help honor the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce 1996 Volunteer of the Year, Bill Pratt, tomorrow from 8-9 a.m. at the chamber of commerce office on Main Street. The event is free. No reservations are needed.
- The Canton concert series in the park begins tomorrow with the "Teen Angels" at 7:30 p.m. The event is free. The concerts are held in the Heritage Park amphitheater located behind the Canton Administration Building, located on Canton Center Road.
- The Plymouth Community Band will perform tomorrow night in Kellogg Park at 8 p.m. The concerts are free. Those who attend are encouraged to bring lawn furniture.

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Big top in town



The Plymouth Lions Club brought the Walker Bros. Circus to town last week. The circus workers stitched together the big top and used elephants to raise the tent into place. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Plymouth library open for business

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

It's as if it never moved.

The books are neatly stacked, the computers are up and working, and the latest issues of *The New Yorker*, *Parents*, and other periodicals are standing upright on the shelves.

Even Clifford the Big Red Dog lounges comfortably on top of a stack of children's books.

The Dunning-Hough Library, newly relocated in the former Farmer Jack supermarket building on Main Street, is open for business.

The Plymouth community was without library service from June 3-16 while library materials were being moved less than a mile down Main Street.

The grocery store-turned-library is just a temporary stop for the Dunning-Hough. In two years, it is expected to return to its original spot next to City Hall in a new, two-story building twice its current size.

Meanwhile, the empty building that once sold apples, laundry detergent and dog food

will do just fine, library staff and patrons said.

"I just can't believe how nice it is," said Karen McGinn, a library patron for about 10 years.

Library Director Pat Thomas said the library opened five days earlier than expected. Its first official day was June 17.

"The move had gone so quickly and was so well organized," Thomas said. "People started coming in two weeks ago and we told them we weren't open yet."

"We just let them come in on Monday."

The library board spent about \$150,000 — more than double its budget — to renovate the supermarket into a library. A few walls and partitions were built. Electrical rewiring was needed to hook up computers. Bathrooms were redone to meet building codes. The Canton library donated carpeting.

"We're so pleased that the public is going to be able to use this for the next couple of years," Thomas said.

The new library is expected to break ground in the fall. Now, the library board is negotiating with property owners surrounding Main Street to buy more land for the new building. The existing 11,000-square-foot building will be demolished.

The facade of the new building will mimic the colonial style of the current library so it blends into the downtown landscape. It will be set back another 16 feet to be level with City Hall set backs.

Thomas said she predicts construction should take roughly 14 months.


Despite the renovations, library staff and patrons can't seem to forget the building's former use.

"I have occasionally referred to it as the store and not the library," said Dixie Cocagne, a reference librarian. "I think I'll get over that soon."

Or, as one patron said to a woman working behind the book check-out: "I'd like a loaf of bread and some whole milk."

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PLEASE NOTE that Monday, July 8, 1996, is the last date to register for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 6, 1996. Registration for City electors will be taken at the Office of the Clerk, 201 South Main Street in Plymouth; Registration for Township electors at the Office of the Township Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, or for either at any Secretary of State Office. The phone number of the City Clerk is 453-1234 x234; that of the Township Clerk is 453-3840 x224. The offices of both Clerks are open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If a resident is unable to register during those hours, a call to the respective Clerk's Office can set up a convenient time for the resident.

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Twp. struggles with land use

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North Territorial.

The rezoning must be approved by the Wayne County Planning Department and the Township Board of Trustees before the changes take effect, Barney said.

The master plan has recommended rezoning those land parcels to fit with the cluster of subdivisions already built in the area. Subdivisions arrived in the area in the early 1980s, Planning Commissioner Kay Arnold said.

"The progression has been creeping and creeping west," she said.

Barney said no one has applied to build houses on the rezoned acres, but she

has had some inquiries.

The rezoning also raises the question of whether agricultural-zoned land is obsolete in burgeoning suburbs such as Plymouth Township. Farming is a viable industry in many rural parts of the state.

"It depends on where you ask the question," Campbell said. "If you're talking about Lake City, Michigan, the answer would be no."

But he admitted that he knew of several farmers who were anxious to have their land rezoned and then sold.

"It's tough. They can't pay the taxes, there's too much traffic, and no labor," Campbell said.

"It's just not a cool sport."

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Firework funding

Plymouth Jaycees search for funding for annual Fourth of July display

The Plymouth Jaycees are soliciting donations for the annual fireworks display at Hines Park.

Close to \$15,000 is needed to pay for the fireworks, said Carl Berry, a member of the Jaycees who is also the Plymouth Township Police chief.

The Jaycees, a community volunteer group, has been sponsoring the fireworks display for decades. The group runs the display show, but needs donations to buy the fireworks and pay other expenses.

R.A. DeMattia was the first donor, giving a \$1,000 contribution to this year's program.

Businesses and individuals are encouraged to participate. Checks should be made out to Plymouth Jaycees and can be dropped off at the police station.

New principals named

Plymouth-Canton School District Superintendent Charles Little announced four administrative changes last week.

Cheryl Johnson was appointed Bentley Elementary School principal; Tom Owens was selected Pioneer Middle School interim principal; Paul Reeves was named Pioneer assistant principal; and Maureen Murphy was named West Middle School assistant principal.

"It is important to provide each building in our district with strong leadership that focuses on teaching learning and allows students to grow and learn in a measurable way," said Little. "The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools strives to hone its process of delivering the most efficient and effective educational services to its students and also to

offer its employees opportunities that ensure growth and development."

Johnson, principal at Pioneer Middle School for the last six years, has also served in the district as an elementary assistant principal, director of the district's talented and gifted program and Title I elementary reading teacher.

Owens has been assistant principal at West Middle School for the past six years and previously assistant principal at Central Middle School.

Reeves was principal at Bentley Middle School this past year and previously assistant principal at Central Middle School.

Murphy has been an assistant principal at both Pioneer and Lowell Middle schools for 20 years.

Little receives 'good' rating

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seven-member school board on June 3. The criteria covered all aspects of Little's performance:

- Meeting school district goals: 3.6;
- Help working with the School Board: 4.0;
- Leadership: 3.6;
- Employee relations: 3.5;
- Fiscal management: 3.9;
- Safe use of physical facilities: 2.4;
- Inter-government relations/community involvement: 4.1.

P-C School Board Treasurer Michael Maloney said: "I'm very proud we have Chuck Little as superintendent. He's worked tirelessly for the children in the school district."

To reflect his rating, the school board unanimously voted to give Little a 3.5 percent raise. The total compensation package included salary, fringe benefits (not including mileage and auto reimbursement), annuity and retirement.

Little's 1996-97 school year salary will be \$113,751.

Twp. Planning Commissioners approve senior housing project

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sore into a tax generator.

"We've had hundreds and hundreds of complaints from people that drive by that place," Planning Commissioner Kay Arnold said. "There are a lot of people who reside out there."

Officials from the P.M. Group have said that construction could start as early as this summer. Company officials couldn't be reached for comment before presstime.

"I think we're lacking in senior housing," Arnold said. "We have a lot of families in Plymouth Township with senior parents."

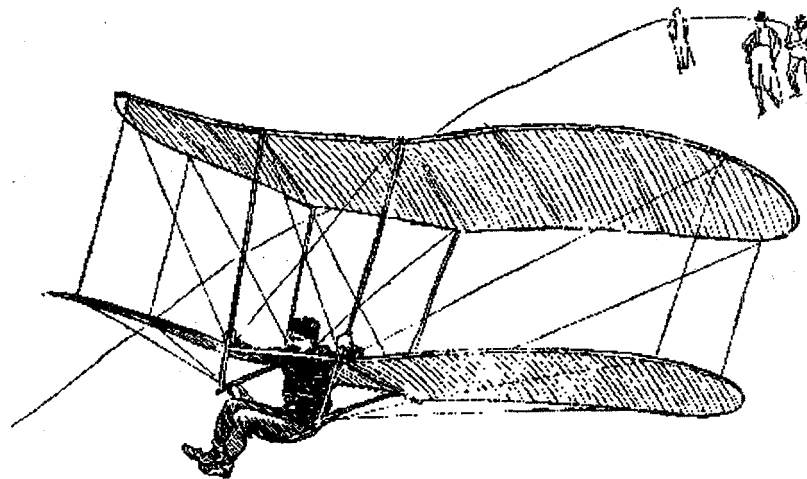
But she said she didn't know if Independence Village would spark a

housing boom for the elderly.

"We'll have to see what the response to (Independence Village) is," Arnold said.

According to plans filed in the Township Community Development office, the project includes a three-story apartment building, plus 51 additional apartments for seniors who need help living independently. Another 76 apartments are designed for older seniors who aren't ready for a nursing home, but can no longer adequately care for themselves.

The P.M. Group plans to renovate the hotel and demolish the lobby and banquet facilities. The pool area will be replaced with a landscaped garden, according to the plans.



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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Andrew Stager of Canton was recently awarded a scholarship from the Society of Fire Safety Engineers. The scholarship is reserved for Madonna University students majoring in occupational safety, health and fire science. Stager will split the \$600 award with another student from Keego Harbor.

Navy Airman Jeffrey Thursby is in the western Pacific Ocean near Taiwan monitoring military exercises and missile firings conducted by the People's Republic of China. Thursby is a Canton resident and a 1992 graduate of Salem High School.

The following students in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community were awarded music scholarships by the Plymouth Community Chorus: Janine Grady, a senior at Salem High School, was given \$800; Jerry Fulner, a junior at Walled Lake Western High School was awarded \$400; and Rachel Takor, a sixth-grader at the Phoenix Multicultural Academy was awarded \$400.

Choral students at Pioneer Middle School recently received first division ratings at the Michigan School Vocal Music Association's Junior High Choir Festival. More than 150 Pioneer Middle School choral students earned blue medals in the festival held at Romulus High School. Because of the first division rating, the chorus was invited to perform at a state-level exhibition concert in Midland.

David Justus of Plymouth was named to the dean's list at the University of South Carolina. He is a senior majoring in marine science. Students who make the dean's list have a G.P.A. of 3.5 or higher.

The following high school students from Canton received scholarships from Western Michigan University: Stacey Beck, Cheryl Benko, Susan Finkbeiner, Nicole Hrycyk, Gwendolyn Marchant, Efua Ogoe, John Springer, Andrea Sudik, Joshua Tolbert and Sarah Venning.

The following Plymouth students also received awards: Brian Carlson, Christine Cifaldi and Karen Springsteen.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Richard Shuler recently returned from a six-month deployment in the western Pacific and Indian oceans. He created and coordinated cruise missile training scenarios for ships that are deployed to the Arabian Gulf. He is a resident of Canton.

Indomitable spirit

Plymouth native Tom Hulce remains on top of acting career

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

Tom Hulce, the Plymouth native who has the lead role in the new Disney movie, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," gained fame when he was just a tot.

"He helped his first-grade teacher direct Peter Pan," said his mother, Jo Hulce, who still lives in the City.

She said she is excited about her son's current role as the voice of Quasimodo in the animated feature that opened last week.

"I thought it was fun only because he was going to sing again," she said.

The movie musical is based on Victor Hugo's 1931 classic novel of the same name. Quasimodo, the reclusive outcast who lives in the Notre Dame bell tower in 15th century Paris, yearns to leave the tower and lead a normal life. He is forbidden by his mean-spirited guardian Judge Claude Frollo.

By the end of the film, with the help of friends Esmeralda and Phoebus, Quasimodo experiences compassion and friendship, and finds an inner strength he didn't know he had.

"He's a bit like a child who just really wants to go to the party but is having a real problem with his parents," Hulce said about Quasimodo in a written statement.

"Clearly, he's someone who's had a very limited experience of life and even though he's had to deal with lots of abuse, he has an indomitable spirit and refuses to be put down."

In between appearances on Good Morning America and countless newspaper interviews to promote "Hunchback," Hulce bought the rights to the John Irving novel "The Cider House Rules," and developed it into a play.

Jo Hulce flew to Seattle recently to see the production that her son adapted, produced and directed. It is expected in Chicago, New York and other cities in about 18 months.

"It's just charming," she said. "It's got all of the emotions."



Plymouth native Tom Hulce provides the voice for Quasimodo in Disney's recently-released "The Hunchback of Notre Dame."

In the play, 17 actors play 70 different roles. Because Tom Hulce wanted to remain faithful to the book, the play must be seen in two parts on two different nights, his mother said.

Tom Hulce grew up in Plymouth and attended Salem High School, the Arts Academy at Interlochen, and the North Carolina School of the Arts.

He lives in Los Angeles now and frequently meets his mother in Chicago, where one of his four siblings lives.

He is probably best known for movie

roles in "Amadeus" and "Animal House," but his mother said his real love is the theater. His first job after school was on Broadway, in the play Equus.

His talent may be hereditary. Jo Hulce downplays her years as a singer, but even today she is involved in the arts. She helped found the Plymouth Community Arts Council and has been a member of the board of directors for the state arts council, the Plymouth Symphony Society, Artrain, and the University Musical Society in Ann Arbor.

Holyoak named symphony director

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

The Plymouth Symphony Society has named one of its volunteers as executive director.

Bonnie Holyoak, a Canton resident, has been on the job for two weeks. Considered a part-time position, the symphony executive director handles marketing, fund-raising and a variety of other duties for the local orchestra.

"Bonnie's a very organized person," said Kathy Aznavorian, a member of the symphony's board of directors.

"I worked with her on the Gala. She was a volunteer and I'd ask her to do a few things for me and she'd just run with it."

The symphony recently celebrated its 50th Anniversary Gala with a fund-raising dinner at Fox Hills Country Club. Money raised will be added to the symphony endowment. It is expected to reach \$250,000 by the year 2000.

Beyond the continual task of fund-raising, Holyoak said she has other goals for the symphony.

"I would like to see us become a household name, so to speak," she said.

The majority of symphony musicians live in Ann Arbor, Canton and Plymouth, she said, so those cities are her highest priority to increase visibility. But other nearby communities, including Northville and Novi, also are being targeted, she said.

Holyoak also wants to see a greater cooperation between the symphony and the schools, she said, to foster a love of orchestral music at an early age.

Holyoak was appointed executive director at the June 5 board meeting and began work June 10.

Holyoak replaces Christa Grix, who resigned about six months ago, Aznavorian said.

Cardinal Maida Plans New School in Canton

First Catholic School Built in 30 Years

"We're not just building a school! We're continuing the treasured legacy of Catholic education!" And with those words Detroit's archbishop, Adam Cardinal Maida, announced June 13, that a new Catholic elementary school—sponsored by four suburban parishes in western Wayne County—would be built on the grounds of Resurrection Parish in Canton, Michigan.

The new school will open in the fall of 1997 and initially have the potential to enroll over 200 students in grades K through 4. Sponsoring the school will be Resurrection Parish in Canton, St. John Neumann

Parish in Canton, St. Kenneth Parish in Plymouth, and St. Thomas a'Becket Parish in Canton. "This is what collaboration can do," noted Cardinal Maida.

Work will begin immediately on Phase One: 18 classrooms, a lunch room, multipurpose room, library, and computer room. In Phase Two, an additional 16 classrooms will be built along with a gymnasium, art room, science labs, and auxiliary rooms.

The new school will be located on Resurrection Parish property on Warren Road, west of Beck Road, in Canton. The total estimated cost is \$7.22 million.

"This is truly an historic moment," noted Cardinal Maida, "it's the first Catholic school to be built in the Archdiocese of Detroit since the mid-1960's.

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To begin the project, Resurrection Parish will contribute the land and each of the three other parishes will contribute \$250,000. The

of St. John Neumann, Fr. William Pettit of St. Kenneth, and Fr. C. Richard Kelly Jr. of St. Thomas a'Becket; a lay person from each parish; Sr. Frances Nadolny, superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Detroit; Mary Rita Allen, associate superintendent of schools for the

Archdiocese of Detroit; and a representative of the Department of Finance and Administrative Services of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

"This new school is certainly a dream come true for the Catholic families and children in the area," said Sr. Frances. "I look forward to working with the new school parents to bring this project from the plan-

ning stages to completion."

Director of Education for the Archdiocese of Detroit, Msgr. John M. Quinn, saluted Cardinal Maida's courage and leadership throughout the almost year-long decision process.

"The Cardinal kept us on task," said Msgr. Quinn. "When you haven't done something like this for 32-years, it's not easy to come up with a building formula that is acceptable to everyone. Cardinal Maida kept us focused on the children," Msgr. Quinn added, "he is totally committed to securing our Catholic faith and values for the next generation."

In May of this year, Cardinal Maida dedicated the St. John Center for Youth and Family, a retreat and conference center in Plymouth, Michigan.

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Archdiocese of Detroit will provide \$300,000 and secure the remainder of the funding on a schedule to be determined later.

Under a new financing plan approved by Cardinal Maida in consultation with the College of Consultors—archdiocesan priests who advise the archbishop on administrative and financial issues—each family wishing to send a child to the school will be required to make a capital equity contribution of \$3,500. Projected tuition for the 1997-98 school year is \$2,500 per student.

A Steering Committee will be formed immediately. It will establish a governing board, select a name for the school, and form a search committee to identify a principal.

The Steering Committee will consist of the pastors of the four parishes: Fr. Richard Perfetto of Resurrection, Fr. George Chamley

Anyone seeking more information about the new Catholic elementary school in Canton is asked to contact one of the four sponsoring parishes:

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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Cheryl Facione, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Preferred of Plymouth, was awarded the Certified Residential Specialist designation by the residential Sales council of the Realtors National Marketing Institute, an affiliate of the National Association of Realtors. To receive the CRS designation, Realtors must complete the required courses offered by the Residential Sales Council and must demonstrate specific expertise in applied residential real estate marketing. Fewer than 4 percent of all Realtors hold this designation.

Canton residents Skiles Boyd and James Collins were honored recently by Detroit Edison with the utility's Sarah Sheridan Award. The annual award recognizes employees' outstanding customer service efforts. Also honored was Northville resident James McMahon, Plymouth residents Patricia Carter, Dennis Dascenzo and Raymond Sturdy and Plymouth Township resident John Yurko.

Plymouth-based Toltest, Inc. was awarded one of four five-year contracts with the US Air Force Environmental Management at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. The contract is for remediation of environmental contamination problems at Wright-Patterson AFB and at 10 aeronautical systems center's Gogo facilities throughout the U.S. The total contract value is \$75 million.

Plymouth-headquartered Adistra Corporation, a subsidiary of Gage Marketing Group of Minneapolis, recently formed a strategic alliance with A.R. Brasch Marketing/Brasch and Tech Data located in Dearborn and Elekluft, GmbH, a division of Daimler Benz Aerospace located in Bonn, Germany. According to George Price, vice president of Strategic Business Development with Gage/Adistra, the alliance will provide a single source for technical information and communications services to automotive industry clients worldwide.

Adistra Corporation and Brasch are award-winning Ford suppliers and have previously teamed up on major Ford products. Elekluft approached the organizations in March, seeking a North American project management and technical communications provider to create a strong global service organization. The working agreement was reached in April at Elekluft's offices in Bonn.

Stella 'team' named to Big 50 list

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Remodeling Magazine has named a Plymouth father and son team to its Big 50 list for 1996.

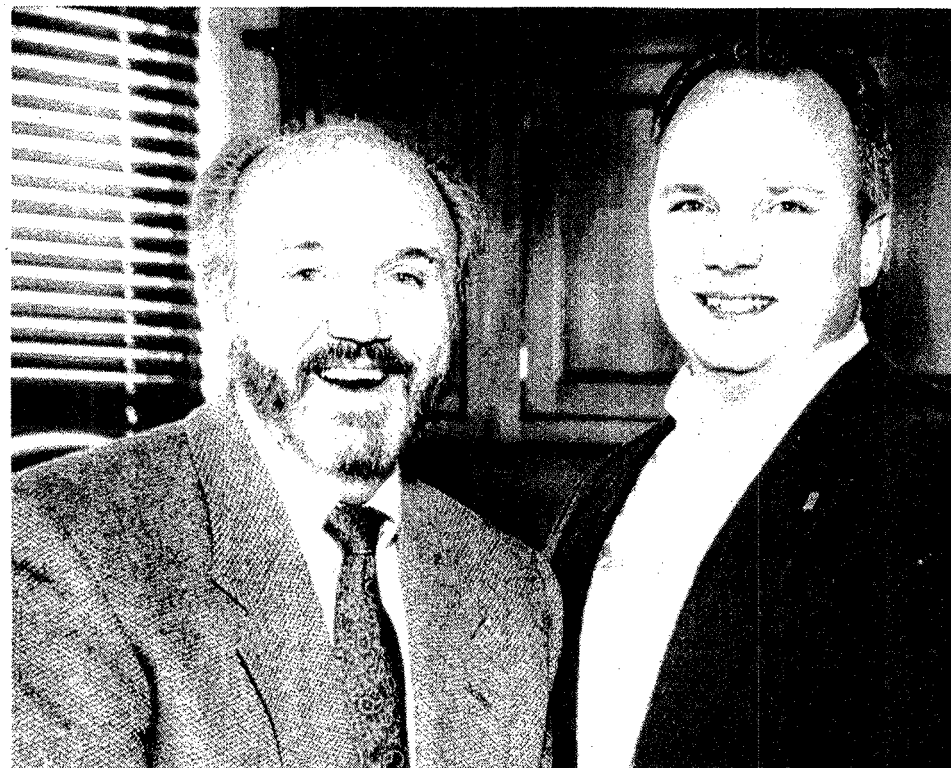
Ray Stella and his son, Jeff, of Ray R. Stella Contracting Inc. were designated one of the professional remodeling industry's top achievers in 1996 according to Peter Miller, publisher of Remodeling Magazine.

The Big 50 is a group of remodelers chosen because of their excellence in the business. Through keen marketing, smart management and unique design, these remodelers set the standard for professionalism and integrity in the industry.

As part of the recognition, the Stellas attended the annual Big 50 conference in Washington D.C. The two-day conference offers executive level education and networking. "Big 50 remodelers are among the best in the business," Miller said. "This conference brings them together for intensive training on how to best continue serving homeowners through the end of the '90s."

It was an honor to be included in such an elite group, Jeff said. "I was very proud that someone thought that highly of us," he said.

That someone was Walt Stoepelwerth, a remodeling industry guru who had become familiar with the



Ray and Jeff Stella said they were honored to be named to the Big 50 list of top remodelers from around the nation.

Stellas' work during seminars and meetings, and nominated the local men. "After all these years, he liked what he saw," said Ray.

Thirty-eight years to be exact. It was 1958 when Ray, a Plymouth Township resident founded Ray R. Stella

Contracting, Inc. Jeff joined 10 years ago to complete the hardworking, father and son tandem. "There's unwritten rules between us, a lot probably better left unsaid," said Jeff, bringing laughter between the two.

But their work is no joke. "When it's six-o'clock, it's six-o'clock, it has to be done," said Ray. "When you start dealing with salesmen and outside help, when it's five, they want to go home."

Along with their work ethic, the Stellas said their interaction with their customers has been a reason for their success. "Communication is a very important word," said Ray. "Let them know what's happening in their house."

That's not always easy because of the 1990s' lifestyle. "It really has changed. It used to be you'd deal with one person in the household," said Ray. "Now they leave in the morning, and you don't see them until you come back the next day and find sticky notes all over the place. But they've done their homework. They're educated. That's when you've got to start listening to them."

The Stella staff is also important, Ray and Jeff said. Production Manager Mark Forerster, secretary Linda Gordinier and Kathie Stella have helped properly serve customers.

Priorities won't change much when Ray eventually retires and Jeff takes over the full operation — except an adjustment in the pay.

"When you work with your son you expect a little more," Ray said.

"And you get paid a little less," said Jeff, sending the family into another round of laughter.

T&N centralizes at new Township site

BY BRIAN CORBETT

T & N Industries Inc. set into motion the first phase of a company-wide centralization effort with a recent groundbreaking ceremony in Plymouth Corporate Park.

The 45,000-square-foot facility, scheduled to open in March 1997, will combine T & N staff now located in Livonia, Troy, Allen Park, Muskegon and Wyandotte. Engineers, technicians and managers from Ohio, Tennessee, England, France and Germany will complete the team.

Ann Arbor-based T & N is the U.S. headquarters for T & N PLC of Manchester, England, the parent of an international group of companies which focuses on transportation, petrochemical, power generation and electrical industries.

The building will consolidate the technical skills of the participating companies in the group: AE Goetze, Ferodo, Glacier, Vandervell and McCord Payen. "It will enable us to centralize research and development activities," said Jim Bollger, technical center general manager.

As many as seven other companies may ultimately be represented at the new technical center.

Innovation in design of pistons and rings, cam shafts, gaskets, brakes, engine bearings, friction materials and other components will be improved, Bollger said. "We won't make anything at the tech center," he said. "We will be testing."

For instance, 16 dynamometers and a metallurgical lab will be on site. The sensitive equipment needs solid ground, which the 10 acre Plymouth Township site will provide. But there were other factors that drew T & N to western Wayne County. "We like the area," said Bollger. "It's certainly growing. There's the access to M-14, and we're close to other businesses who do business with the auto industry. It's close to the airport."

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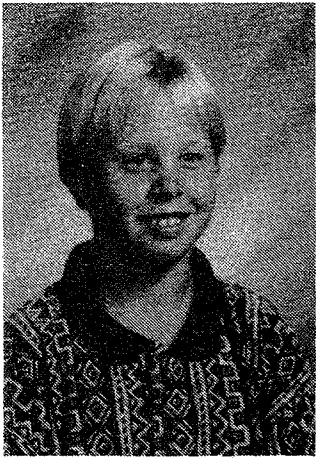
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Mettetal to close for facelift

\$600,000 project begins Aug. 12 at airport

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Canton-Plymouth Mettetal Airport will be closed for 30 days, beginning Aug. 12, to receive extensive runway improvements.

According to preliminary figures provided by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), the construction costs will be approximately \$600,000.

The project scope includes widening the runway; installing connector taxiways, Medium Intensity Runway Lights and a small electrical vault for airfield lighting equipment; and replacing a rotating beacon.

Support for the project consists of \$540,000 in federal funds, \$30,000 in state and \$30,000 in local funds, which is provided by the airport's operations. "Local communities do not put any funds

in," said Randy Collier, manager of licensing and regulation for MDOT Board of Aeronautics.

The construction will be much more extensive than last fall's taxiway repaving, Collier said. Pilots will either be grounded or will have to find an alternative airport. "It's just something they'll have to live with if they want a new runway," said Airport Manager Doug Kitze.

"The problem is," said Collier, "the good flying season is also the good construction season. We will try to keep it closed as short as possible."

Kitze said while the airport runway and lighting were adequate, repairs were inevitable.

"The thing is, it had to be done sooner or later," he said. "It's just going to be sooner rather than later."

Church chooses new speakers

Plymouth's First Church of Christ, Scientist has two newly-elected readers. Beginning June 2, Stephen Rea and Marjorie Brown began terms as first and second readers for a three-year term.

The elected readers carry the main responsibility for the Sunday services and the Wednesday evening meetings, both of which include readings from the King James version of the Bible and the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, the discoverer and founder of Christian Science.

The church is at 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Services are 10:30 a.m. Sundays and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Graham, Tattan say goodbye to P-C School District

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Two long-time contributors to the Plymouth-Canton School District are saying their goodbyes this week.

P-C School Board Trustee Barbara Graham is retiring and Executive Director of Instruction Tom Tattan is resigning.

Graham, a Plymouth resident, served at her last school board meeting Monday night, concluding a 10-year career.

Tattan, a Canton resident, wraps up his 11-year stint with the P-C Schools Friday. He is leaving to become superintendent of the Clarenceville School District.

Graham moved to Plymouth in the 1980s after representing region three (Cody and MacKenzie high schools) on the Detroit School Board for six years. Despite promising herself she wouldn't run, Graham found herself doing just that in 1987. She was unsuccessful in her first bid, but won a seat a year later.

Nationally, family values didn't have a platform yet, but Graham used it to battle the use of "R" rated material (i.e. "The Breakfast Club," "Excalibur") as instructional tools.

Her experience in Detroit helped her adapt quickly; she became one of the school board's more outspoken members. "It prepared me for a lot of things," Graham said. "The things a lot of people wouldn't be prepared for, like taking a stand on an issue and you're the only one."

Alone or united, Graham found herself in the midst of more school problems. "A low point? The times we had to deal with finances that were less than other districts," she said. "That was definitely the low point. It left us with funding far less than other school districts."

If you believe school district administrators, financing is still a problem, but another disappointment during Graham's career — parents' involvement, or lack thereof, in school district activities — has changed its course. "A high point is the return of the parents," she said.

The school board's interaction is better than ever too, Graham said. "This board is more proactive," she said. "I guess it's a higher level of energy."

And Graham might just give the school board something to be active about. "I've informed the board members, 'You won't see me if you're doing everything right'," said Graham, who plans to dive into a neglected book collection.

Tattan rode into Canton on dirt roads 11 years ago to become principal at Canton High School.

He's leaving on paved highways for a job as superintendent of the Clarenceville School District.

As the community around him grew, so did Tattan. "I believe

in constant improvement," he said. "I don't want to become stagnant."

Anyone who's acquainted with Tattan knows that's true. After 11 years in three different positions, his last official day with the P-C Schools is Sunday.

The northeastern Livonia School District will be a major change of pace. It has 1,750 students, compared to the mammoth 15,000 student P-C School District.

But that intimacy is a variable Tattan is looking forward to. "I plan to be in the classrooms a lot," he said. "That, to me, was the worst part of this size school district — you can't always get into the classrooms."

It's something outgoing Clarenceville Superintendent David Kamish has appreciated. "I don't think there's a teacher I can't name," he said.

And Tattan wants to know their names too, because the classroom is where he entered education in 1972 at McCormick Middle School in Huron, OH as an ambitious college graduate. "I was a child of the 60s," he said. "We wanted to change the world and help people. I saw education as a way to help people and make a positive impact on society."

His peers believe he has accomplished that. "In all my 25 years in education, I don't feel that I have ever met a more gifted or more hard-working administrator than Mr. Tattan," said William Conway, a coworker from Tattan's days as assistant principal and principal in Norwalk, OH in the early 1980s.

During his tenure, Tattan helped implement the new proficiency tests and a "response team" for students' emotional needs during times of crisis. Also, Canton High School was recognized as one of the top schools in the state promoting a drug-free environment.

In the last two years, Tattan was eager for a change in his professional career. He applied for the P-C Schools superintendent position and the Canton High School principalship once again. "It was a very focused job search for me," he said, "I didn't want to go off and take anything."

He didn't. "It's the perfect fit, that's what Clarenceville is," Tattan said.

He has spent the last month meeting with Kamish, "so I can hit the ground running July 1," Tattan said.

And what has Kamish told him? "It's the same as everywhere: Will there be enough money with Prop A?" said Kamish, who is retiring after nearly four decades in the school district.

"It's going to be a challenge meeting the needs of students, parents, everyone," said Tattan.

Things are happening in the community!

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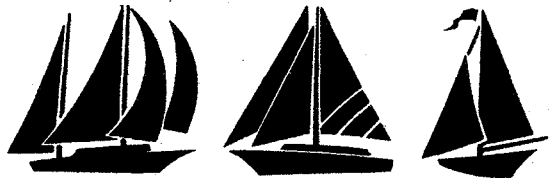
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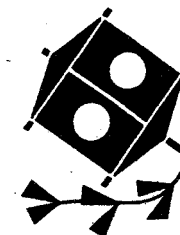
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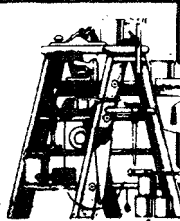
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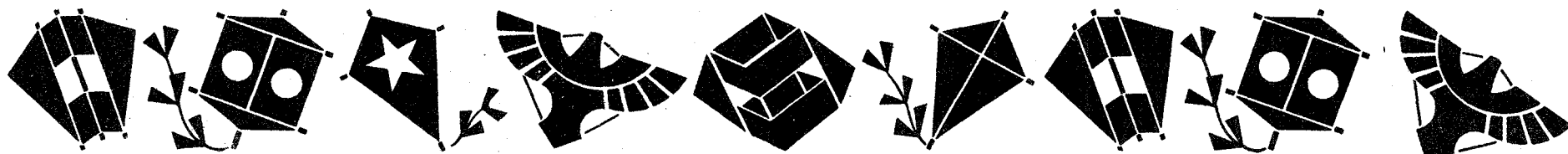
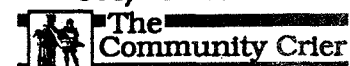
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"Plymouth-Canton Collects" will be on display until October 27 at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main St. Judge Ron Lowe, Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack and West Middle School Principal Judie Stone are among the many contributors. Admission is \$2; 50 cents for children. For more information, call 455-8940.

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. For more information, call 454-4061.

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 Monday. For more information, call 453-8253 or 728-7619.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY WRITER'S CLUB

The second and fourth Thursday of every month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Writers of all experience levels are welcome. For more information, call 416-0418.

CLOTHING BANK

The Clothing Bank will be open to distribute donations of clothing to families in need on Tuesdays from 9-11:30 a.m. and from 1-3:30 p.m. during the school year. To make an appointment or for more information, call 416-6179.

CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB

The Canton Republican Club, which meets on the third Thursday of each month, will be meeting at Cherry Hill School at 7 p.m. For more information, call Melissa McLaughlin at 495-0304.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan club will hold their monthly dinner meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Water Club Bar & Grill. For more information, call Margaret at 455-6989.

GOD'S GOLDEN GIRLS

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites women over 50 to join "God Golden Girls." The organization meets the third Friday of each month at noon. Lunch free, but reservations are a must. For more information, call Pattie at 981-0286.

SMOKERS' RIGHTS MEETING

People supportive of smokers' rights can meet on the third Monday of every month 7 p.m. at The Senate Coney Island, 34359 Plymouth Rd. For more information, call Ma at 455-1635.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The Meals on Wheels program serves a hot nutritious lunch five days a week Tonquish Manor. A donation is requested for the meal, but not required. For more information, call 453-9703 weekdays between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Schools...

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Tiny Tots preschool-Salvation Army are taking applications for the fall 1996 school year. Children must be four-years-old by December 1. For more information, call Peggy at 41358.

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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

JOYCE I. MILLER

Joyce I. Miller, a former Canton resident, died June 16, 1996 at the age of 53.

Ms. Miller was born April 8, 1943 in Detroit. She worked as an insurance adjuster in Marshall.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan K. (Steve) Stott of Orion; son, Bruce (Teri) Parry of Livonia; sister, Ellen Jane (Thomas) Thompson of White Lake; mother, Jennie Miller of Marshall; and four grandchildren.

Services were held at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth with Dean A. Klump officiating. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be made to the American Cancer Society.

EDITH G. COOPER

Edith G. Cooper, a Livonia resident, died June 17, 1996 at the age of 78.

Ms. Cooper was born Oct. 16, 1917 in Perryville, AR. She worked as a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughter, Rebecca Cooper of Livonia; sons, Randall H. (Janet) Cooper of Plymouth and Donald K. (Kathleen) Cooper of Dearborn Heights; sisters, Helen Lingren of Sacramento, CA and Zelma Kelly of Temple, TX; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth with Dean A. Klump officiating. Burial was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

MARILYN E. BLAKE

Marilyn E. Blake, a Westland resident, died June 18, 1996 at the age of 65.

Mrs. Blake was born Dec. 28, 1930 in Portsmouth, OH. She moved to Westland in 1979. She worked as a licensed practical nurse at Walter Ruether Hospital. She also served in the U.S. Air Force.

She is survived by her husband, Edward Blake; daughter, Susie Howell of Portsmouth, OH; stepchildren, Janet (Frank) Vroman of Westland, Connie Alexander of Westland, Tom (Hazel) Blake of Columbus, OH, David (Cindy) Blake of Plymouth and Nancy (Joe) Zuccaro of Westland; sister, Eulah Titus of Portsmouth, OH; and brother, Ronald Thompson of Westport, IN.

Services were held at the Palmer Road Baptist Church in Westland with Rev. James Severance officiating. Burial was at the Sunset Gardens in Franklin Furnace, OH. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland. Memorial tributes can be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

ALEXANDER WERABELSKI

Alexander Werabelski, a Redford resident, died June 19, 1996 at the age of 59.

Mr. Werabelski was born July 5, 1936 in Hamtramck. He was the plant manager for a glass manufacturing company. He was

known to his CB friends as "Dreamer."

He is survived by his wife, Madeline Werabelski; daughters, Margaret Werabelski of Redford, Valery (Donn) Bussler of Canton and Regina (Roger) Kersey of Westland; sisters, Sally Werabelski of Alabama, Helen (Wayne) Sanderson of Ferndale and Frances (Robert) Kortas of Detroit; brothers, Chester Werabelski of Roseville and Richard (Linda) Werabelski of Warren; and grandchildren, Christopher, April and Carol.

Services were held at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia with Fr. Louis K. Tuffuor officiating. Burial was at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens in Livonia. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland. Memorial tributes can be made to the American Red Cross, 100 Mack Ave., P.O. Box 351, Detroit, MI 48232.

CHARLES KENNETH HIRSCHLIEB

Charles Kenneth Hirschlieb, 74, died June 12, 1996 at his home in Livonia.

Ken was born Sept. 6, 1921 in Nankin Township to Charles and Bessie Hirschlieb. His boyhood was spent at Joy and Dixboro roads. He came to Plymouth in 1940.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during W.W. II, spending one year in Italy. He was a Plymouth mail carrier for 30 years. He was retired for more than 17 years.

Ken enjoyed traveling, antique cars and tractors, snowmobiles, square dancing and in later years, the winters in Florida with his Honda bike and golf.

He is survived by his wife, Betty (Mary); daughter, Judy Kay (Donald) Wilkin; son, Gary Charles (Candice) Hirschlieb; grandchildren, Brandy Ellen and Gregory Charles Hirschlieb; and brothers, William (Virginia), Donald (Florence) and Harold (Jewell) Hirschlieb.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery.

JAMES A. THOMAS

James A. Thomas, a Plymouth resident, died June 17, 1996 at the age of 67.

Mr. Thomas was born June 9, 1929 in Johnstown, PA. He came to the Plymouth community in 1961 from Pennsylvania. He was director of quality assurance at the Burroughs Corporation for 37 years. He retired in 1987.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth, former member of the Plymouth Elks and the Plymouth Optimist Club and served in the U.S. Marine Corp during the Korean War.

Mr. Thomas graduated with a degree in electrical engineering from Lawrence Institute of Technology and received his MBA degree from Michigan State University.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Thomas, to whom he was married for 42 years; daughters, Linda (Steve) Delbusso of Philadelphia, PA, Dianne (James) Dono of Swartz Creek, Amy (Scott) Cooper of La Crosse, WI and Lisa Thomas of Canton; sisters, Mary Louise Stockton of Johnstown, PA, Helen Gotwald of Carlisle, PA and Anne Bruce of Brielle, NJ; and seven grandchildren.

Services were held at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth with Dean Klump officiating. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be made to the American Lung Association or the First United Methodist Church.

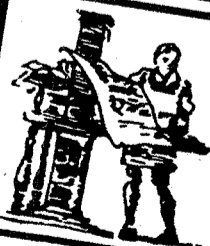
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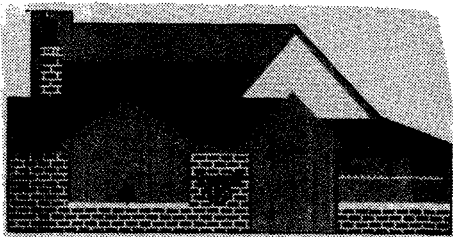
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P.H.S. Class of '65 wants to remind everyone that it lost the annual Egg fight of '65 to the Class of '66 and '67 forces. Gary Kubik also wishes to remind his '65 classmates that their 31st year reunion will be held on time Sept. 21 at the Botsford Inn. call Gary Kubik at 454-6583

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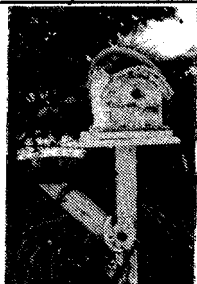
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The Handyman has returned! (and so has his producer!)

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GRAM E. I heard you had visitors! yay! A party – Hope you had a good time, Love Step and Rob.

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3: Ed Wendover 6/25!

Andrew Wood had a great State send off
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JOHN BRODERICK has a keen eye! He sees people on the New York subway two months before they're actually there.

IS MATT GANTZ Buttering up for a bartending job at Tom's Oyster Bar?

Curiosities

Mike Carne will be older again.

Linda Christopher: birthday warning

Birthdays are OLD fashioned.

ALEX and DEB Repeck are older now. But they still get carded.

Steph – thanks so much for the Perennials.

More than a fair trade. LISA.

Kelly: It's Route 66 isn't it? The only good thing about you leaving is that I'll start getting your creative cards again (I hope) Enjoy the west,

I'll miss you love, Brian.

Rob, Liz, Ed and Mike – Good paper, one of the best since I've been here.

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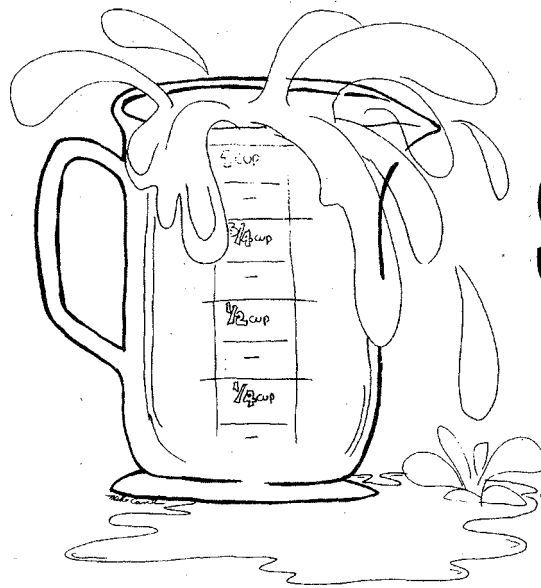
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Sports

Sports shorts

The 16th Annual Canton Fathers Day Golf Tournament saw 40 teams participate in the "scrambles" format at Fellows Creek Golf Course. The low score of the three-person team event was a nine-under par 63 by the team of Steve, Fred and Tim Zech. Their winning total included a birdie two on the tough number seven east hole. Second place went to the team of Fred, Dan and Dennis Alcock with a 63 and third place was 66 by the team of Sam and John Nichols and John Ronan. Closest-to-the-pin winners were Ken MacDonald and John Shannon.

Professional golf instructor Scott Leighton will be holding a beginning golf clinic tomorrow from 7-8:30 p.m. The USGTF certified instructor will discuss and demonstrate the proper grip, stance, posture and swing for beginning golfers. There will be drawings and giveaways and everyone is welcome. For more information on this free event call 981-0813.

The City of Plymouth is taking fall soccer registration through the rest of June, during business hours on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The City of Plymouth Recreation Department is located in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. All registrations require a birth certificate with a fee of \$40 for residents and \$60 for non-residents.

The City of Plymouth opened its Summer skating schedule on June 15 at the Cultural Center Ice Arena and will continue until Sept. 1. Skating days are on Saturday and Sunday from 2-3:50 p.m.

The price for City resident adults is \$2.75, children are \$2 and seniors are \$1.50. Prices for non-resident adults is \$3.25, children are \$2.50 and seniors are \$1.50. Skate rental is \$1.25.

Call the Plymouth Recreation Department at 455-6623 for more information.

The Canton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a supervised playground program. It is designed to provide structured and unstructured leisure time activities for young people in Canton. Activities include field trips, sports, arts and crafts, group games and special events. Call Canton Parks and Recreation for complete scheduling information.

PETA vs. Anglers

Geake, Bennett lead charge to promote fishermen's rights

BY MATT HUCAL

Peaceful fishing is all State Sen. Robert Geake envisioned when he sponsored the Michigan Fisherman's Rights Act, but the bill doesn't look as if it will stop the actions of fishing's biggest nemesis — the People for Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA).

The Fisherman's Rights Act is a package of four bills that Geake, along with State Sen. Loren Bennett of Canton and 25 other senators, sponsored with the objective of making obstruction to fishing illegal. The group most responsible for this obstruction, by its own admission, is PETA.

"The individuals against legalized fishing in Michigan purposely harass anglers by speeding by in boats, throwing rocks in the water near fishing lines, scaring away the fish and ruining the legitimate enjoyment of a great American

past-time," Geake said.

"Senate Bills 963 through 966 protect recreational and commercial fishermen by establishing what are acts of harassment and creating misdemeanor penalties for those engaging in such activities."

The bills passed through the Senate unanimously on May 1. Gov. John Engler signed the bills Monday.

What the bills compose is a fishing version of the "Hunter Harassment Act," which was passed one year ago to protect the rights of hunters legally hunting in Michigan.

PETA began a new campaign this year

Analysis



to disrupt fishing. Its aim is to inform people about how inhumane they believe fishing is.

PETA spokesman Michael McGraw said these bills are not important for his group.

"These bills are useless. They're no problem for us," McGraw said. "It's illegal in every state to harass people already, and if anyone's being harassed it's the fish. We feel we have just as much right to save the fish as people do to kill them."

A point that Geake and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) tries to make is that most of the \$18 million the DNR collects from fishing licenses goes towards the 47 million fish that are released annually into the Great Lakes by the DNR's fisheries division.

But that fact doesn't seem to have any affect on the stance PETA is taking.

"Fish do feel pain and they suffer a lot. They have a neuro-chemical balance in their body that makes them feel it," McGraw said. "There's no reason at all for it (fishing). We think people should find another way to enjoy outdoor activities."

Lt. David Purol of the DNR Law Enforcement Agency said he will wait until the complaints come in from fishermen before any action takes place.

"This statute makes it unlawful to harass fishermen and there's no violation until there's interference," Purol said. "We'll wait for something to happen."

Purol also added that the DNR has not had many interactions with PETA up to this point. Violation of this law brings a misdemeanor, punishable by not more than 93 days in jail, a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$1,000, or both.

Although the Washington-based PETA is the largest funded and most organized group to participate in this anti-fishing campaign, McGraw said they have affiliated groups around the country that will help with the campaign.

Basically, McGraw and PETA said they will not let these bills interfere with their campaign.

"We're still going to do what it takes to stop it (fishing)," McGraw said.

Asked if PETA would continue to obstruct fishing tournaments even if legal action is taken against them, McGraw responded, "Perhaps."

Whaler stars picked in NHL draft

After helping capture Ontario Hockey League division titles the last three years, three Detroit Whaler players have an opportunity to make an impact in the National Hockey League (NHL).

Centerman Steve Wasylo of Ottawa, Ontario, defenseman Jesse Boulerice of Plattsburgh, NY and goalie Robert Esche of Utica, NY represent Whaler players selected at this year's National Hockey League draft held recently in St. Louis.

Wasylo, who posted 18 goals and 48 points last season, was drafted in the fourth round by the Hartford Whalers. Teammates Boulerice and Esche were chosen in the fifth and sixth rounds by the Philadelphia Flyers and Phoenix Coyotes respectively.

"All three players selected are good NHL prospects and follow in the line of successful draft picks who have developed under Compware and the Detroit Whalers in the past," said Detroit Whaler Head Coach Peter DeBoer.

In addition to managing the Detroit Whalers, DeBoer will serve as coach of the Canadian National 18-and-under team at this year's Air Canada Pacific Cup Tournament in early August. Newly drafted Detroit Whaler forward Harold Druken of St. John's Newfoundland will represent the only Detroit Whaler to compete in the contest.

The Detroit Whalers will begin their 1996-97 regular season in late September at their new 4300 seat arena in Plymouth Township. The first home game will be played against Kingston Frontenacs on Saturday, Oct. 5. For season ticket information, contact (810) 737-7373.

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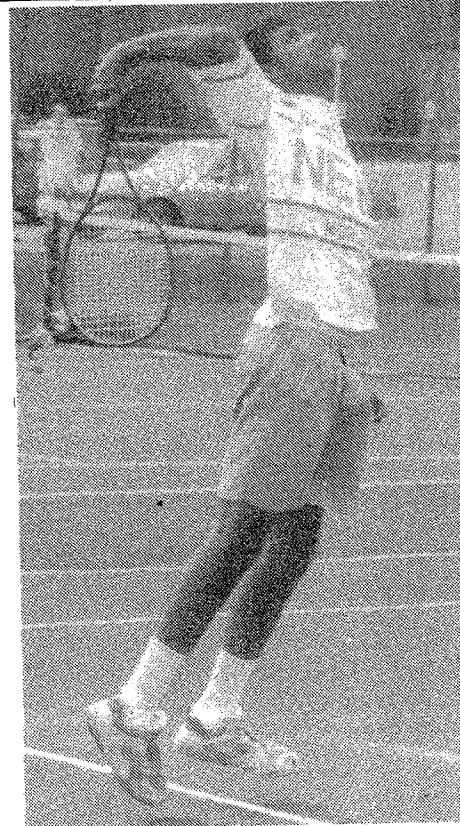
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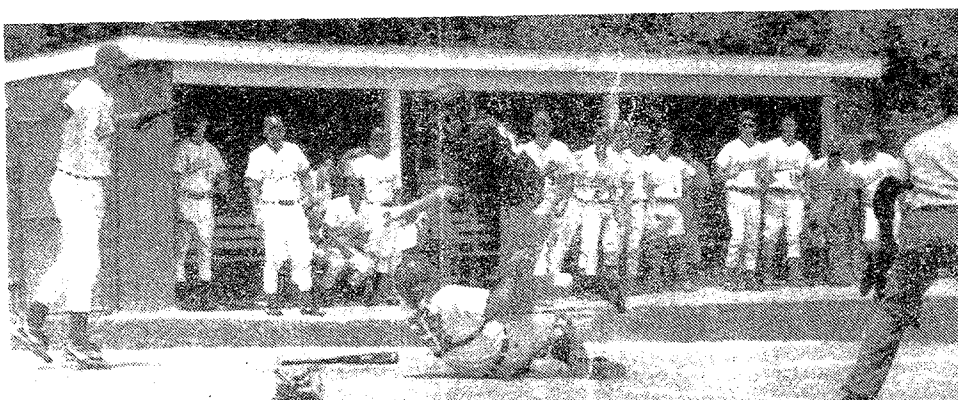
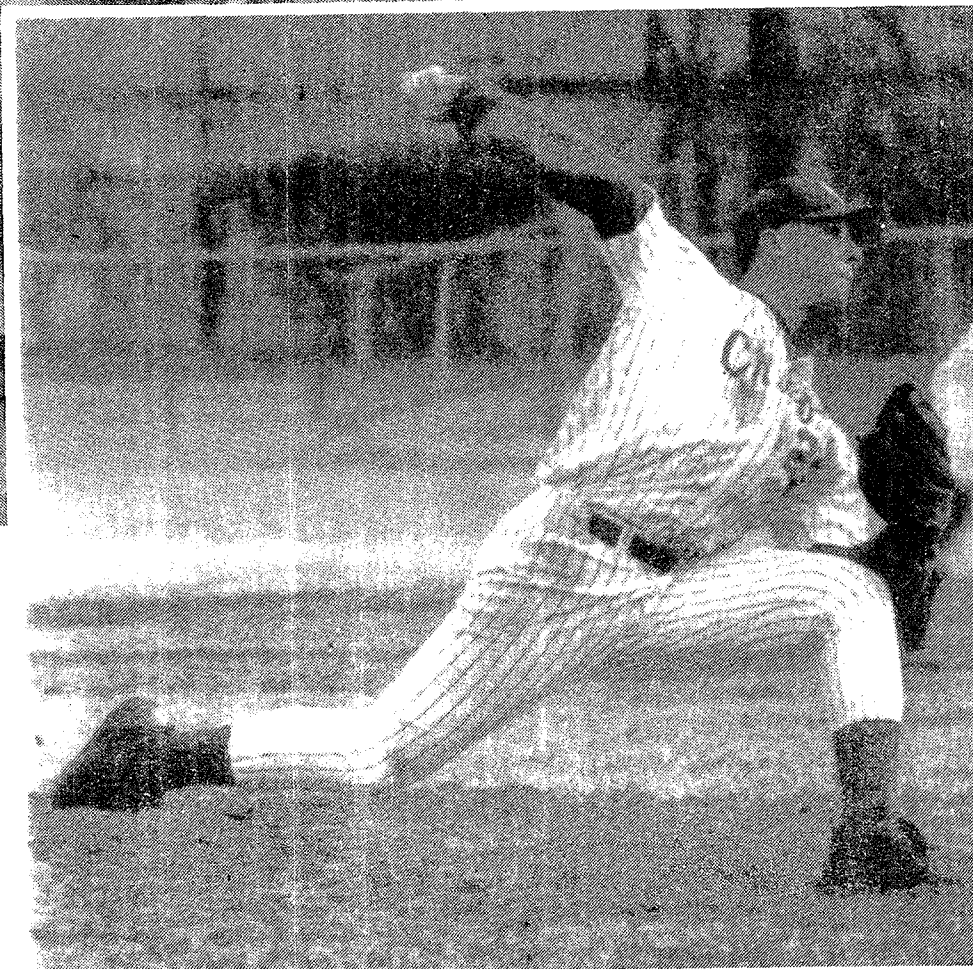
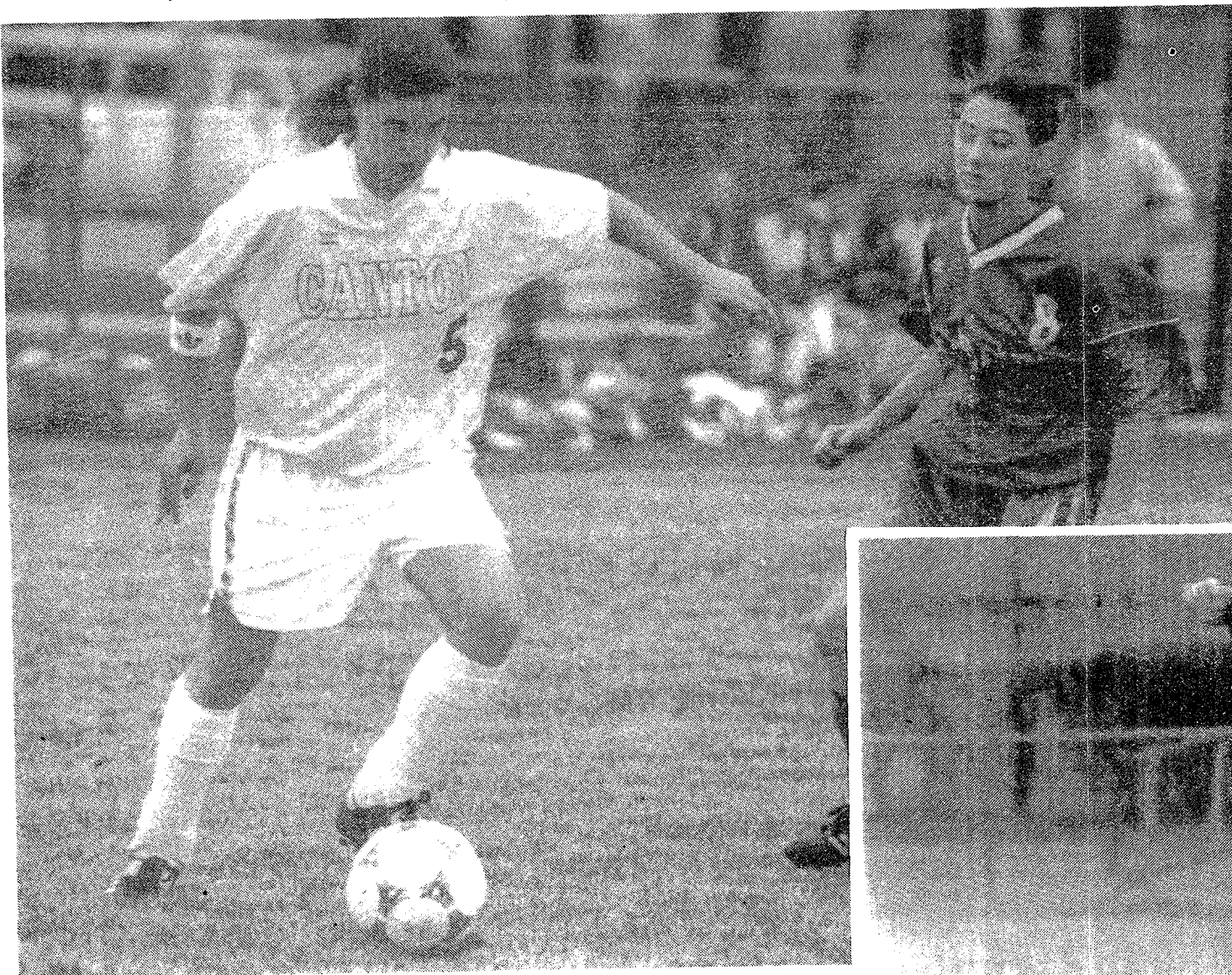
Sports

Season finale

Spring sports are finished at Canton and Salem high schools, but they will be remembered for their excitement. As we look back at the spring sports season, we also look forward to fall sports.



(above) Canton tennis player Gagan Palrecha provided powerful serves for the Chiefs. (left) The Canton soccer team won the state title with the help of Melissa Marzolf. (below, far left) Salem's baseball team had its share of hits this year, like this one being taken by Ryan Rumberger. (below) Canton pitcher Anthony Pastor was tough on the mound for the Chiefs. (Crier photos by R. Alwood Jr.)





Community opinions

Mayflower no longer town's focal point

EDITOR:

After reading The Crier story about the Mayflower Hotel's shortcomings, I felt compelled to write you this letter.

We all realize the hotel died before it filed bankruptcy and yet life and business in Plymouth has survived through the efforts of our merchants and citizens.

Our family has been in Plymouth for more than 14 years with The Cozy Cafe and nine years with our Plymouth Manor, Wedding Chapel and now our newest addition, our bridal salon, "I Do" Two.

After investing more than \$1 million into our business, it makes me sick to hear over and over again how everyone and every social group should stand behind the Mayflower Hotel to make sure it becomes a success.

Let the hotel owners put out the money and effort first to earn respect like the other merchants have done like myself.

Our Plymouth Manor is a first-class banquet facility with good food and service, not to mention our newly-remodeled ballrooms.

We also are very proud of our restaurant The Cozy Cafe and our staff.

We truly feel we set the tone for successful events because when the tourists are fed properly, it makes their stay in Plymouth more pleasant.

Over the years, City Hall has helped both of our businesses in many ways and for that we're truly thankful.

On the other hand, the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority has done nothing to help me get a liquor license. Instead, all I ever read about is the big push for Tom's Oyster Bar and the lip service I get about the phone calls they'll make on my behalf. The phone's still ringing, but no one is on the other end.

For the thousands of dollars we've spent remodeling over the years, we don't feel we get the recognition from some of the City groups, and yet at The Cozy Cafe, we're quick to give donations to every charitable group in Plymouth that comes along.

To our neighbors who have used our Plymouth Manor and The Cozy Cafe, we truly applaud you.

In your article, someone eluded to "Mr. Mayflower" — he's here. You're just looking down the wrong street.

NICK RISTICH

Despite problems, hotel is 'part of all of us'

EDITOR:

Plymouth, Michigan. Middletown USA. Evolving and changing, for the better I hope! As a long-time resident and former restaurant manager at The Mayflower Hotel (1992-1995), the eventual success of downtown Plymouth and the hotel depends upon you.

Now, an article about scandal, bankruptcy, who did what to whom, changes in ownership, fortunes lost. Oh sure, we could speculate about all the mistakes that were made over the past 50 years or so, reducing it all to a

bunch of what ifs — a society of second guessers or armchair quarterbacks instead of getting involved, spending some time and energy working on a solution.

From its storied beginning, the hotel has had quite a bumpy ride with many detours. The history is there, the tough luck is still there. I've lived it, seen it, and prayed for it. A lot of us have enjoyed many a good time at the "Faded Lady" — and we shall once again.

You see, it's not who owns the hotel or how long it will take to

finally get the facelift she deserves. The rebirth of downtown America, and our beloved hotel depends solely upon us. Give up the excuses about everything negative and spend some time downtown this summer. Walk on the new grass in the park, window shop with your family, get some ice cream, listen to musicians in the park, throw some quarters in the fountain, and be thankful that our town is one of the finest of all.

The bottom line is: the hotel has a

good product. If you have not seen the Victorian rooms and suites at the hotel, you owe it to yourself to take a tour. The Norwegian scrod and pub steak are better than ever, it's the delivery that is a little rough. We know (have known) that for a while. Stop in and say hi, go ahead and use the bathrooms, stay for lunch and leave a big tip. This hotel is only as exciting as its patrons. They give her personality. It's a part of all of us.

DAVID PIERCE

Crier needs technical editor to catch errors

EDITOR:

The members of your staff are evidently young enough to have been exposed to those deadly viruses "Modern Math" and equally "Modern English" or "Dumbing Down."

The lead article on the front page of the June 19 issue, "Can hotel return to greatness?" contained such a glaring miscalculation that I had to double check it with my handy-dandy pocket calculator. (From what I hear, the educational system has rejected paper-and-pencil calculations to the outmoded past). The electronic chips agreed with me: the value of the Mayflower Hotel was re-assessed not to 73 percent of its former value, but to 27 percent! (\$741,548 is 27 percent of \$2,736,260. Check it on your computer). Is this perhaps the kind of mathematics used by politicians?

While I'm at it, I might as well straighten you out about the article dealing with the chlorine accident at the Salem High School pool: if the vapor cloud had indeed been a "chlorine gas," there would have been some fatalities or, at least, some serious lung damage. Allied soldiers rightly feared the greenish-yellow fog clouds released by the Germans during the First World War. Any high school chemistry teacher must be aware that chlorine is a highly toxic gas.

And, just to complete the nit-picking; in "Toltest hires engineers" (page 14), the very attractive Kathryn Brugman specializes in assisting clients to comply with requirements of the Clean Air Act, not the Clear Air Act. There is a difference!

Want to hire a technical editor?

GREGORY W. DEAN

Better dining, tested ideas would help Mayflower

EDITOR:

I think it would be an excellent idea to reopen the Mayflower Dining Room.

In days gone by, we used to take our children there for dinner on Sunday. They were members of the "Clean Your Plate Club," and were rewarded with a dish of ice cream. The food was excellent also.

AUDREY GUILFOYLE

What do you think?

Send a letter to the editor.

Rob Kirkbride, editor, The Community Crier, 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170



Community opinions

More local mysteries uncovered by readers

What happened to Plymouth? Why don't elected officials work harder?

EDITOR'S NOTE: *These local "mysteries" came in response to my column last week. I will continue to publish these questions in the future.*

EDITOR:

1. When did Plymouth stop being a quiet, quaint country village and become "Yuppie-ville?"

2. What happened to the "FRIENDLY" faces of Plymouth? Now when you make your semi-annual trek to the City, you don't meet anyone you know — maybe the old timers find nothing they want in "Yuppie-ville."

3. There is a bike trail along I-275. There are parks. There are sidewalks in your neighborhood. Why are you bikers and joggers out on busy highways daring a truck to hit you and running in other neighborhoods gawking at other people's homes, scaring senior citizens and kids? We don't know who you are. Stay in your own neighborhood or go to an area set up for public use. Don't case our home at 3 a.m.

4. Why is there no consideration by people when mail is misdelivered? Throwing other people's mail in the junk may come back to haunt you someday!

5. Let's build a new library in the middle of a 100 acre field. Then, as more books are printed and we need more room to house them, we can just

keep adding on, not tear down to build bigger.

6. Who are the people who write new laws daily? We must abide by them, have knowledge of them and be punished for not obeying them. But where are they written down? If I ever found them, I don't think I could understand them.

7. One law I do believe is on some book is: You cannot pass on the right on the shoulder of the road, especially at an intersection. You cannot cross a solid white line.

8. Another law few people know about is: It is your option to turn right on red. Horn blowing behind someone only makes them nervous and could cause an accident. You drive your car and I'll drive mine.

9. As to government officials, why are they always in an important meeting? During those same hours they find time to shop, drink coffee and run personal errands. Could it be the devil voice mail screening their calls?

10. Why doesn't more than one government person have the answer to a question? Is it because of job security or as the old adage goes, "it's not under my job classification?"

11. If you want to know what is in the paper on any given day, ask a government worker. Instead of repairing roads, quickly doing the

mounds of paperwork they created, or even dealing with city-dwelling wild critters or the job they were hired to do, they make sure they are up to the minute on the news, just in case someone may ask a trivial question. (Don't ask anything important such as law. It was not in today's paper).

12. Who asked whose opinion, made the decision, created and built the beautification of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton? If "they" consider "their" creation beautiful, then they must close their eyes to nature!

PAT BUNYEA

Why use ugly yellow Police Line?

EDITOR:

I enjoyed your list of questions in the June 19 issue of The Crier.

I have another one for your list.

Why does that ugly "Police Line" yellow tape have to be used as a barrier during a beautiful event like the Ice Fest?

Isn't there something more attractive that could be used that would compliment the displays?

LISA BENAGES

Make July 4th celebrations safe

EDITOR:

Our founding fathers toasted the colonies' independence with a tankard of ale, and more than two centuries later, American men and women still celebrate Independence Day barbecues and events with the holiday's traditional beverage — beer.

Beer is as much a part of the Fourth of July as the sound of a parade and backyard get-togethers.

And whether you are celebrating at

the beach, at the ballpark or with family and friends this year, Central Distributors of Beer in Romulus, your Plymouth-Canton distributor of Anheuser-Busch beers, hope you'll be guided by one of the cornerstones of our democracy: and that's personal responsibility.

So when you raise a glass of beer

to toast the architects of independence, remember to also accept the responsibilities that come with liberty:

"Know When to Say When" this Fourth of July.

BILL BAILEY

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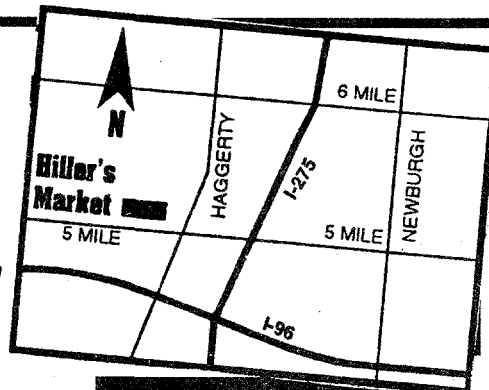
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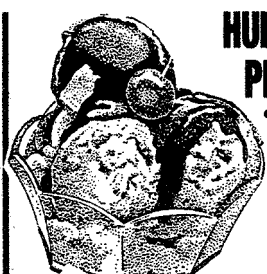
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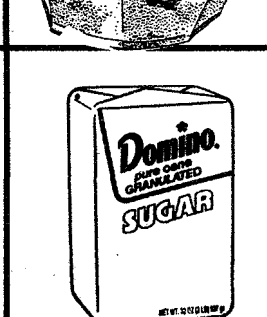
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