## Avenging Rocks Win Tourney-Pg.11

## Fire Guts Epperson Home

Fire nearly destroyed the Plymouth Township home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Epperson of 9050 Elmhurst early Tueaday moraing while the couple vacationed in Tennamee.
A neighbor, Mrs Rogor McGonale of 9094 Marlowe was on her way home from work at about $12: 45 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. , Friday when-mo moticod the blazo and called townehip firefighters.
"It looked bike fos, but thea I smelled smoke," Mrs. MCGonide suid. "Flames were shooting out of a vent.".
According to Township Fire Chiof Jamen Gignac, the fire which gutted the interior of the one-atory frame house may have started in a beck bedroom.
Obrnec and fire taventigators from the state Police hab are inventigating the pombility of arson. Whe have some very reliable leads and some good evidence," Gignec sid. "We've got this oae under tight wraps and we've poated a guard to protect the evidence." He theorived that the fire may have been eet to conceal a burglary.
According to the State Police, the doons of the house were open when township firefighters anived ahortly before 1 a.m. Damage to the house was extensive and the roof collapsed as firomen brought the blaze undor control, Gignac sid.

## Access

Locating an elementary school inside a subdivision can bring problems as wall as benefits.
Ove of the problems. as the Plymouth School Board and the Canton Townehip Board have boen invertipating, is creating an access route to the school for construction traffic, school buses, cars and service vobiclee like bread and milk trucks.
In particular, a problem now revolves around the Schwartz School Site where one of the Plymouth School District's three now elementary schoots is to be built.
The site is surrounded on three sides by the land for the controversial "Moceri Project" -- proposed regional shopping centior which has been turned



PLYMOUTE TOWNSEIP FIREFGGETERS pat their bowe thriough the roof of the Gome Epperson bover, 4050 Emehurut, conty Friday moining to quesch flmune which cosemmed the
interior of the drefling Althomin duante whe extomive, firenen had the biase under combrol pithin about 15 mimates after they reached the seone. (Robet $C$ manom photo)

## Road Troubles Loom for School Site

now is involved to a court fight. The site is in the middle of the area bounded by loy Lilley and (the proposed) Morton - Taylot roads and the Wiadsor Park subdivision.
Accon to the site, as it is now pinnued, through Floct Rond, a two - lane thoroughfare.
School Boand member Tom Yack, who mot with Canton
officials on the matter, said there are probably seven or eight alternatives to the problems caused by the schoolis location. The bet solution, Yack said, is if 'Y(Dominic) Moceri would go for a trede." That would allow the school to enin easy access from Morton- Taylor Road without bridging a creek.
But School Supt, John M.

Hoben said he had combeted Gilbert Franklin, Moceri. attorney, about a trade and found him "very megative" toward the idea.
Yack surgeats fint the mext cheopest altermative woel be to buid a temporny lye mal to the site for conetruction trelic. But Hoben entimeted tin membl con $\$ 20,090$, becmure the arock
would still have to be apmared by a culvert.

Ruth Ana McNamara, of 7930 Fleet Rd., said, "The only thing feasible (in the long run) would be to get access from Morton Taylor."

She did say a temporary coastruction road "would help us quite a bit," but that more

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## PEA OKs Pact, Aids GC Strikers

The two-year centract between the Plymouth School District and its teachers' union, the Plymouth Education Association, hats received formal approval by the PEA.
According to Al Nurmi, chief negotiator for the PEA, the teachers unanimously approved the final draft of the contract at their Dec. 17 moeting. That vote was

quorum of PEA members was not present.
In other action at that meeting, the PEA voted in a split decision to assess each member $\$ 10$ to aid the Garden City teachers who recently ended their strike.

Nurmi did not have the exact vote totals of that


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The Plymouth School Board last Monday agroed to commit $\$ 40,000$ to creation of a teacher in-service training center here by two English educators who have supervised similar programs elsewhere.
The program may cost less if teachers from the Northville and Novi school districts participate, but those school boards have yet to commit themselves.
The project would feature a drop-in center open daily where teachers could learn a variety of new teaching teckniques on their own time and according to their own interests.

## Vera Burgett Dies Dec. 19

Vera B. Burgett, 61, of 40354 Ferguson, Plymouth Township, died Dec. 19 in Cleveland, Ohio Services were in Schrader Funeral Home with Rev. Edward Pinchoff officiating. Burial ..was in Riverside Cemetery
She is survived by her husband, Lawrence, sons, James of Northville and Gary of Plymouth; a brother, Richard Broese of Livonia; sisters, Mrs. Agnes Speck of Plymouth, Mrs. Clara Howell of Westland, Mrs.

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The program would be similar to one the two English educators completed recently in a North Dakota school district. The Englishmen are expected to arrive in Plymouth in February or March to meet with school officials and complete plans for the program, which is expected to run from July, 1975, to June, 1976.

Total cost of the porject is nearly $\$ 70,000$, according to Supt. John M. Hoben, but a portion of the expenses will be paid by federal and county intermediate school district funds. The county district has

Emily Howard of Westland and Mrs. Bertha Schultz of Plymouth; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
She was a housewife and a Plymouth resident since 1930.

## Evelyn Hubbell

Dies Dec. 23
Evelyn Hubbell, 82 , of 181 N . Harvey, died Dec. 23 in Wayne County General Hospital, where she had been hospitalized since 1970. Wagner-Moore-Stark Memorial Chapel of Ypsilanti handled funeral arrangements.
She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Barbara Fulford of Ypsilanti, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.
Mrs. Hubbell was a lifelong resident of Plymouth, a life member of the Maccabees and an organist for Plymouth and Northville Presbyterian churches.
also volunteered to loan the center about $\$ 8,000$ worth of materials.
Hoben said that commitment by board members was important so that the Englishmen could make final plans for their stay here.

## Anna Griggs

## Dies Dec. 17

Anna A. Griggs, 94, of Plymouth died Dec. 17 in Wayne County General Hospital. Burial was in Bremen, Ohio with local arrangements by Schrade Funeral Home.
She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Florence Griges of Plymouth, and a granddaughter, Mrs. Janet Shafer of Germany.

## Harold Jacobs

## Dies Dec. 21

Harold J. Jacobs, 57, of 14324 Northville Road, Plymouth Township, died Dec. 21 in Mt. Carmel Hospital. Services were held in Schrader.Funeral Home with Rev. Paul M. Cargo officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.
Mr. Jacobs is survived by his wife, Elaine; his mother, Mrs. Esther Jacobs of Plymouth sons, John L. and Harold J., both of Plymouth; daughters, Mrs. Johanna D. Noble and Mrs. Jacqueline Skinner; and four grandchildren.
Ho was- Plymouth resident since 1941 and belonged to Plymouth Rock Lodge No. 47 of the Loyal Order of Mosse Adrian Lodge 1034


## ID Bid Backfires

The State Police got an early Christmas present last week.

A 26-year-old Detroit man walked into the Plymouth Post of the Michigan State Police last Monday and asked officers there to issue him an ID card so that he could cash a $\$ 25$ savings bond at a local bank.
According to the State Police, two or three dozen of the cards are issued here each week to people who don't have driver's licenses and need some form of identification.

While the man filled out the necessary forms, the police ran a routine check on the bond and discovered it was stolen.
State troopers searched the man and found 10 more of the bonds, all stolen. The suspect was later turned over to Secret Service agents, police reported.


PLYMOUTH AREA ARMY men and women home for the holidays to visit their families include (front row from left) Pfc. Richard Brown, Pfc. Robert Theisen, Pvt. Gary Leavenworth, Pìt. Richard Hayes and Pvt. John Bowman; (second row) Sgt. First Class Robert Sparks, Plymouth recruiter, Capt. Ronald Lotero, Pfc. Debbie Brown, Sgt. Linda Cayley, Pvt. Cindy Najduk, Pvt. Susan

Kreser, Pvt. Jackie Gray, Pvt. Kathy Belonga, Pvt. Pamela Colvin, Put. Kelly Driscoll and Staff Sgt. William Morris; (third row) Pvt John Evans, Pvt. Michael Samponow, Pvt. Larry Meining, Pvt. Gary Hope, Pvt. Steve Hanna, Pvt. Donald Memerling and Pvt. Robert Stradler; (fourth row) Cpl. Matthew Blongren, Prt. Michael Springoorn, Pvt. Bud Trombley and Pvt. Kevin Driscoll. (Staff photo by John Foley)

## City Sets Compensation Plan <br> The Plymouth City <br> \section*{$\$ 10,000$.}

Commission voted at its last meeting to set up its own unemployment compensation program.
The move came in response to a new state law requiring municipalities to provide some sort of unemployment protection for their employes.

Under the program, the city will make annual appropriations over the next few years to a maximum fund balance of

The city commission is expected to appoint a three-member unemployment compensation board sometime in January.
According to City Manager Fred Yockey, the city has never had an unemployment benefits program before.
"We're plowing a new field," Yockey said, "but we don't envision any layoffs or anything."

## What's Happening

The Canton Township Recreation Department's FAMILY SKI CLUB skis Wednesday nights at Alpine Valley. The group departs the Canton Fire Hall. Tow fees are $\$ 3.50$, rentals $\$ 3$, lessons $\$ 1$ and bus fare, $\$ 1.60$. To register call 722-1121.
A ski film, "Big Sky"" instructions, car pooling plans, news of upcoming trips and membership registration will highlight a meeting Monday; Dec. 30, at 8 .p.m. of the PLYMOUTH SKI-BIRDS SKI CLUB.
The Canton Township recreation department will offer a DOG OBEDIENCE CLASS January 4 March 18 at Township Hall. The class, which costs $\$ 15$ per dog, will meet Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and will be taught by Hugh Maclean. For more details call 722-1121 or visit Township Hall.
BEGINNER GUITAR LESSONS are available through the Canton recreation department from Jan. 11 to March 22 at 128 Canton Center Road from 11 a.m. to noon. Anyone from second grade through adult is eligible and may register at the class location (the Township Fire Hall) January 11. Tuition is $\$ 26$ for the 11 one-hour lessons and music and instrument rental.

The Canton recreation department will offer BELLY DANCE LESSONS from Jan. 8 to Feb. 26 at the Township Fire Hall, 128 Canton Center at Cherry Hill. Classes will be offered at 2 and 3 p.m. Wednesdays for $\$ 23$. To register call $\mathbf{7 2 2 - 1 1 2 1}$ or visit Township Hall.
The Northville Spring Chapter of CHINA PAINTERS will meet Jan, 2 at 10 a.m. at the Plymouth Credit Union on Harvey Street. A workshop will be given by Barbara Stratychuck on Indian corn for the first fire. Bring a sack lunch and plan to remain for the business meeting which follows lunch. For details call Shirley Crespo, 453-0868.

The National Assoc. of Retired Federal Employes (NARFE) will meet at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, at the Plymouth Community Federal Credit Union, 500 S. Hapvey.

- Youngsters in the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital are a little happier this Christmas through the efforts of the West Suburban Stamp Club of Plymouth, which annually contributes thousands of stamps and related items to this national organization. Donations of USED CHRISTMAS STAMPS are apprecinted and can be sent to Shriner's Children's Hospital, c/o Richard Chellevold, 40 S. Staebler Rd., Ann Arbor, Mich. 48103, or can be brought to the club, which meets on the first Friday and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Community Credit Union, 500 S . Harvey.

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Salem cuatodians try to have the area spotlesa every monime when school begins, by afternoon the place is a mem.

## Should Downtown

## - Get a Break?

It seems unfortunate to mix the words of the holiday season with the subject Taxes, but such is life. It is that time of year grin.

Residential and commerical property taxes are due by February 14 for Plymouth residents and businessmen.
With this in mind, along with the newest ideas on the Loop Road project, it might be a good time for the City Commission to research a tax credit program. This program or at least the theory behind it, could very possibly stimulate area businessmen to remodel renovate and modernize their buildings. This could give the dowatown area a new and
refreshing look.

Many merchants in the downtown "Loop Road" area are interested in fixing and painting the exteriors of their buildings.
But if you were a merchant, would you invest your money in the store you have now to make it an above average shop if you felt your increased profits would soon be eaten up by higher property taxes?
With a tax credit system modernization of a building could be done and the taxes on that structure would remain the same for a specified period of time, with a gradual tax increase added over a longer term. This
would give downtown merchants the two things many of them need to make Plymouth the special place that everyone wants it to be.
The first necessity is incentive, and almost every merchant downtown has that. The second is to make it financially feasible for them to modernize existing structures.
In the last months, the addition of Joppa Place and it's residents has added much to the character of downtown. In the near future the old State College of Beauty Building on Penniman, which was destroyed by fire last February, will be completely renovated.
Two new office buildings will be open soon, one on Ann Arbor Trail, and one at the corner of Wing and Main
The enthusiasm is already there among some downtown merchants, enlightened tax breaks to promote renovation could make it contagious.

JOHN F. FOLEY III

## Senate Praises <br> Mrs. Holmes

Former Plymouth Township Treasurer Elizabeth Holmes has been honored by the Michigan Senate in an unanimous resolution lauding her 21 years of service to the township.
The resol: ion was offered by State Sen. Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth) and was presented to Mrs. Holmes in a ceremony recently at Township Hall.

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Spaghetti w/meat sauce, buttered green beans, hot roll, fruit cup, cake, milk. THURSDAY, JANUARY 9 Hot dog on bun, catsup, mustard, buttered carrots, applesauce, cookie milk. FRIDAY, JANUARY 10 Macaroni and cheese, buttered French bread, buttered mixed
vegetables, fruit, cake, milk.

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buttered mixed vegetable, chocolate chip cookie, milk WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8 Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes,
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MILLER ELEMENTARY MONBAY, JANUARY 6
Chicken noodle soup, peanut butter Chicken noodle soup, peanut butte
and jelly candwich, fruit cup chocolate cake, milk.
Hot TUESDAY, JANUARY 7 Hot diggety dog, buttered corn chilled fruit, peanut butter cookie

WEDNESDAY JANUARY
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9 Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, appie sauce, cinnamon roll milk.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 10 Sliced turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, hot SMITH ELEMENTARY
MONDAY, JANOARY 6 MONDAY, JANUARY 6 fries, milk cup, cookie, chocolate pudding,
Pizza TUESDAY, JANUARY 7 Pizza w/meat, buttered corn, fruit cup cake milk. Tacos w/meat-cheeselettuc buttered lima beans, jello, cookje, milk. THURSDAY, JANUARY 9
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pickle slices, buttered biscuit, peach cup, milk FRIDAY, JANUARY 10 Hot dog on buttered bun, catsup,
relish, potato sticks, fruit relish, potato sticks, fruit jello, cookie, milk.
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 10 Fish FRIDAY, JANUARY 10 mik Fish sticks, tartar, sauce,
vegetable, fruit, cookie, milk.

EAST ELEMENTARY and MIDDLE SCHOOL

Hot dog on warm bun, relishes, corn, Hot dog on warm bun, relishes,
fruit, brownie bar, milk. Sloppy Joe in bun green beans, fruit cherry crunch milk.
WEDNESDAY. JANUARY 8 Chili soup crackers, grilled chee Chili soup crackers, grilled cheese
sandwich, fruit cup, cowboy cookie milk. THURSDAY, JANUARY 9 Hamburger on bun, relishes, tater
tots, chocolate pudding peanu butter cookie milk. FRIDAY, JANUARY 10 Fish sandwich, tartar sauce, to
saiad, fruit, banana cake, milk.

PIONEER MIDDLE Chicken in gravy over mashed Chicken in gravy over mashed home made roll and butter, choice of fruit, milk. TUEDAY, JANUARY 7 Charbroiled burgers (relishes), French fries, buttered corn, chocolate pudding with whipped cream, milk.
WEDNESDAY, IANUARY 8 Spaghetti with meat sauce, buttered Spaghetti with meat sauce, buttered
green beans, home made roll and green beans, home made

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9 Home made vegetable beef soup with crackers, submarine sandwich, choice of fruit, cookie, milk FRIDAY, SANUARY 10 Baked macaroni and cheese, cabbage and carrot salad, home mad.

WEST MIDDLE MONDAY, JANUARY 6 Spaghettii w/meat, buttered green beans, hot biscuit, butter, assorted puddinge, milk. TUESDAY, JANUARY 7 Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes,
garden fresh peas, French bread butter applesauce cup, milk. Pizza noodles (lasagna), whole kerne corn, hot rolls, butter, peach cup, milk. THURSDAY, JANUARY 9
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## Students May Get Voice in School Policy



BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER
Should atudents in Plymouth schools heve more of a say in the school district's decisions?
That issuo, and the mechanica of implementing such student participation, are now being discussed by school administrators, the school board president and the students.
In response to a request for student non-roting seats on the board of education from the Centennial Educational Park student senate, the Plymouth School Board Monday night approved the idea "in principle."
The board's resolution, made by Trustee Gary Mirto (who a year ago lambasted the atudent senate for its lack of interest in the achools' decision 'making process), was unanimously approved.
It calls for Supt. John M Hoben and Board President E. J MoCleadon to meet with the tudent govermment leaders to establich a students' advisory committee which would work with the school board. The final plan must be formelly approved
by the eatire achool boond.
In proposing the move "in principle," Mirto said it would halp the Plymouth high school students "to come clower to the decinion-making process of the board.
Trustee Marcia Borowki questioned the board's action in approving something. "in principle." "What does this mean?" she asked.
Mirto said that while there were "a lot of details to work out," the board's approval of the concept encouraged further investigation into the proposal.
Allowing students to have a more direct route of sacess to the school board "encourages tudents to look clover and riew the procedures of the boand," Mirto added. "There's a certain mount of symbolimin involved."

Both Borowski and Trustee George Lawton asked how the students' participation in board meetings would be different from that of the Plymouth Education Associttion (PEA, teachers' union), the transportation workers' union or the school district's safety committee.
"If we provide the students with one or three seats on the board," Lawton zaid, "we would have to do the ame for any other reasonable requeat. My question would be, On what grounds would you deny this to
other groups?"
Trustee Can Berry asked, "Can't the bourd do this for the PEA and everyone?"
A student, Steve Moorehead, said, "These people (ropresentatives of the barguining units in the district) can run for office. The students can't because they're not 18."

Loretta Olson, representative of the bus rivers' union, replied, "Employes of the achool district cannot run for the school board - that's called conflict of interest."
"I'm still confused (on what approving the measure in principle' means)," Mrs. Borowaki said. "Does this mean we're saying the students would have a more formal seat than those for members of the PEA and transportation union?"

She zuggested the matter be referred to the administration "so we can underatand it."
McClendon said that that, in effect, was what the motion called for and the board then voted unanimoculy for it.

Larry Pulkownik, chairman of the student senate committee which made the proposal to the board, said after the board's vote, "Now we'll work with the superintendent to hammer out a concrete proposal. We'll try to get something we can all agree on."

Access Road Poses Problems
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was involved than jugt the construction traffic.
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Fleet Road can be entered
only from Kingebridge and

Arlington - both winding subdivision streets.
Mra McNamara said the traffic generated during inclemen weather and for special activities wruld jam the rond.
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## Twp. Man Leads Reform Drive

BY KATHY KUEAKZAR
Chances are that sometime in February or March of 1975 your doorbell will ring and you'll be greeted by a volunteer acking you to sign a petition.
Or maybe you'll see boothe popping up in shopping centers where volunteers will be asking passersby to sign'a petition. The volunteers' group is Common Cause, national citizens' movement. Their petition, an initiative petition to put political campaign reforms on the Michigan ballot in 1976.
The man in charge of organizing the Plymouth area for this immense, statewide campaign is William Heller, a resident of Plymouth Township. Heller, a tool and die maker who lives on Hines Court with his wife and two children, has been an active member of Common Cause for the past year.
He first became interested after reading the book "In Common Cause" by John Gardner, chsirman of the national organization he founded in 1970.
Heller says he likes Common Cause becmuse it doesn't get bogged down in committee meetings but gets right into the battle of working for the public interest - or, as he says, "being a watchdog for the political system."
Heller says that it "holds to the issues rather than the candidates," and offers criticism with solutions rather than just complaints.
In Michigan Common Cause has a puid lobbiest. Heller is proud to point out that all meney for lobbying at both national and local levels comes directly from the membership fee of $\$ 15$ per member per year, plus any additional contributions members may wish to make.
What exactly is Heller's group looking for in Michignn? First, it wants: openness in campaign financing, including complete disclosure and limitations on gifts.
Second, more stringent regulation of lobbying activitica on the state level is needed.

Third, Common Cause wants procedures clearly, established for officials to follow in order to avoid conflict of interest. Finally, a political ethics commission would be established.
Heller knows that he has his work cut out for him. The initiative petition must have 350,000 verified signatures before it can be presented to the logislature. The legislature can then enact the reform laws themsleves if no changes are made. If they turn down the
placed on the ballot at the next election, scheduled for 1976. Heller seems confident that the task can be completed and that the reform bill will eventually become law. He cites the great success of California's political reform proposal, called Proposition Nine, which Common Cause advocated and which voters approved last June by a margin of more than two-to-one.
"People need to develop trust in government," Heller said. "Accountability" in government is what Common Cause

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Heller asks that anyone interested in helping with the petition or joining Common Cause call him at his home at 453-6380.

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## Canton Matmen Place Fifth

Competine th the 185 -pound chass, Phymouth -Canton's Gregs Durke took a first place medal in the Clarenceville Invitationa Wreatling Toumanent held last Saturday, Dec. 21.
Burke lod the Chiefs to a fifth-place finish in the dight-cam meet, which saw the hont squad from Clarenceville finis on top.
To gain the first place finish Burke had to win three matches. He did it in style as he pinned his three opponents from Marysville, Marine City and Flat Rock.
${ }^{\alpha}$ Also holping the Chief cause wore third-place finishes by 98-pound Bill Heedum and

105-pound Mike Guzman.
Canton finished, with a team total of 42 points.

## What's Happening in Sports

PLYMOUTH SALEM andPLYMOUTH-CANTON BASKETBALL
teams swing back into action on Tuesday (Jan. 7) following the break for the holiday season.
PLYMOUTHSALEM will jump straight into Suburban Eight League action, with a home game against Dearborn Edsel Ford. The junior varsity contest starts at 6 p.m., with the varsity beginning at about 7:45 p.m.
PLYMOUTH-CANTON will be in action against a non-league opponent, Farmington High School, at the Farmington gym, with JV game time at $6: 15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and varsity play starting about 8 .


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## Doc's Corner

## by Demais 0'Conmor

The Plymouth Rocks basketball team gained a little revenge in this year's Christmas tournament held at Livonia Churchill.
Two years ago the Rocks won the Churchill tourney, but they were denied the trophy last season, when Livonia Stevenson upended Plymouth before the Rock home fans in one of the big upsets of the year.
But no one could keep the crown from Plymouth this year
as the Rocks returned the favor to Stevenson by edging the Spartans in the opening round of action.
Things weren't as simple as the Rocks may have anticipated, as the pesky Spartans sought upse number two. Plymouth had no trouble overcoming a four-point halftime deficit, but couldn't pull away, as Stevenson refused to give up. Besides the balanced coring attack, 1 would like to mention that the defense of guard Tim Dillon, which included getting eight steals, was an added key in the victory.
The win over Thurstion in the championship of the tournament was a comparatively easy win for the Rocks once they got on track after the first period. Defense was the key in this ictory, as the height of Plymouth's line forced Thurston into making bad percentage shots from the outside.
Plymouth now has a respectable 6-1 record for the season. The Rocks are one step shead of last year's team which was 5-2 at the holiday break. But last year's squad finally started to play as a complete unit right after the break and went on to win the rest of its regular season games and ultimately the Suburban Eight League crown. The team continued to excel in postseason tournament play winning the district championship before bowing out in the regionals.
That squad was the winningest team in Plymouth basketball history.
This year's Rocks have all the ingredients to match last year's squad and do a whole lot more.
THE BIG QUESTION in my mind is whether or not this team can gel to play the good, consistent basketball of which it's capable.

## Salem Defeats

## Hilbert 57-41

With Doug Agnew leading a balanced scoring attack, Plymouth- Salem freshmen cagers upped their record to 2-1 by bouncing Hilbert 57-41.
The Rocks started flat, lagging behind 9-8 at the close of the first quarter.
Hilbert, in the Redford Union School District, took advantage of the Rocks poor start, outscoring the home team 14-8 in the second period. This gave Hilbert's Panthers a comfortable seven-point 23-16 halftime lead.
The intermission must have done the blue and white some good, though as their cold spell ended and they took a seven-point edge at the end of three periods.
Agnew led the Blue and White with 13 points, his high for the year. Tom Ellinghausen followed with 12, while Mike. Chriatio, Dan Brightbill and Jim VanBoven added sight each.


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## Rock Win Trophy 58-44

BY DENNIS OCONNOR
It's a happy holiday season for coach Fred Thomann and his Plymouth-Salem Rock basketball team as they emerged victors of the annual Christmas tournament held this year at the Livonia Churchill high school gym.
In the preliminary round of the fout team tourney, which took place on Dec. 21 , Plymouth won the first game of the doubleheader with a 67-61 victory over Livonia Stevenson The Thurston lathen we:
victorious over the host team, Churchill, in the second game thus setting the stage for the championship contest on Dec. 23.
Prior to the Plymouth-Tharston battle for the tournament trophy, the Spartans of Stevenson upended the Churchill Chargers, 66-53, in the consolation game.
Then the confrontation between the Rocks and Eagles began with Plymouth having little trouble against their foes from South Redfiord

As in the four previous Plymouth games, the Rocks got off to a slow start in the opening quarter. In the first five minutes of action, Thurston opened with hot shooting as they hit their first five out of six shots from the floor.

But Plymouth's overall height advantage once again began to pay off as six-foot, 10 -inch Eric Agardy and six-foot, eight-inch Jim Ellinghausen started to bat away the Eagles outside aerials to the hoop. Plymouth's offensive ability to move inside on Thurston caused the Eagles to fall into early foul trouble leading to three Rock free throws. Plymouth rallied toward the end of that period on 16 -footer by Bill DenHouter at the buzzer, bringing them within one point, 12-11.
Plymouth never let up in the second quarter as Agardy pumped in six points, guard Brian Wolcott added five, and another at-the-buzzer shot, this time Howard Inch led the way for a $16-8$ second quarter advantage pulling the Rocks ahead by seven at the half, 27-20.
Eight straight Rock points at the beginning of the third period raised their lead to an overwhelming 15 points as Thurston didn't register a point in the first three and a half minutes of action. Ellinghausen pumped in 11 and Agardy chipped in with seven to lead the Rocks to a $20-11$ margin in that quarter.
With a 16 -point lead going into the final period, Thomann began clearing the bench as every player saw some action.
The tough Plymouth defense held the Eagles to only scven shots in the second quarter and nine in the third. Thurston made only 33 percent of their shots after the hot start as they went 14 of 42. The Rocks shot 38 percent from the field and caurebounded their opponents 38-20. Ellinghausen led the Rock bounders with 13.

## Rock JV Whips Stevenson in Consolation Game

The Plymouth－Salem junior varsity salvaged a win in the consolation game of the JV Christmas Tournament held at
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round contest to Livonia Stevenson 58－53，the Rocks put together an impressive defensive performance to whip Livonia performance to
Churchill 45－22．
The victory broke the Rocks five－game losing streak and
raised their season record to 2－5．
Three players led the Rock scoring attack，all reaching double figures．Plymouth＇s big man，six－foot－five inch Bruce

Gerish，topped all scorers with 13．The team＇s leading scorer，so far this season，Kevin Roose， added 12 and－guard Steve Maisner had 10，Gerish was the high rebounder with eight．

## Rocks Capture Christmas Tourney

lcontinued from page 11）
Thurston didn＇t grab one offensive rebound in the first half and got only one through three quarters．Agardy was extremely accurate with．his
shots as he put in seven of 11 field goal attempts，leading to his game high total of 20 points． Ellinghausen was the other Rock in double figures with 15 After falling behind 32－28 at

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the half of the opening round game against Stevenson，the Rocks got back on track in the second half outscoring the Spartans $39-29$ for the six point victory．Ptymouth regained the lead in the third period as they maintained a four to seven point advantage throughout the second half．

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# Balanced Scoring Can't Stop Chief Cage Loss 56-48 

Plymouth-Canton ended the 1974 year on a disappointing note as the Chiefs fell below the .500 mark overall record as well as in the league, losing to Farmington Harrison 56-48. Friday, Dec. 19
Going into the new year,

Canton's record stands at 3-4 overall and 1-2 in Western Six League play.

Canton came withun one point of tieing the game late in the second periot'and came within two early in the third, but never
could catch the Hawks. Harrison maintained a four to six-point margin throughout the game.

Balanced scoring by the Chiefs saw Dave Edwards. lead all Canton scorers with 12. Ron Lack and Rich Thom followed
with 10 apiece, with guards Ray Mandle and Tom Close adding eight each. Edwards led the team in rebounding and assists with 10 and six respectively.
Canton outrebounded Harrison 30-22 and shot 40 per cent from the floor, 21 of 52.

## PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Following is a synopsis of the approved minutes of the meeting of December 9, 1974, held at Plymuth - Canton High School, with all members in attendance, as well as about 30 administrators and interested citizens. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented (NOTE: All motions made by Board members were passed unanimously, unless otherwise indicated.)
Suggestions from_citizens: Representatives from Windsor Park Subdivision rose to request a hearing at the time of discussion on placement of new elementary school in that area. Supt. Hoben reported that, due to a computer malfunction, several marks were omitted from report cards distributed at the high school, and new cards would be issued later.
Administrative Action Items: The comparability study made by the government for Title I funding in the District was discussed, and changes to be effected in the Central, Starkweather and Isbister Schools were recommended. Discussion on feasibility of the changes followed, and several motions relative to that change were made, A motion by Member Borowski, supported by Member Yack, to direct administration to design a better comparability model for the District to determine cost per pupil per school, was amended by Member Lawton, also supported by Member Yack, to include the recommendation that such a model be a part of the annual study of comparability now being conducted; both motion and amendment were defeated. Then, Member Borowski moved, seconded by Member Benson, that an extra full-time teacher be hired for Isbister School. Member Lawton offered a substitute motion, supported by Member Berry, that in addition to hiring a full-time teacher, that $1 / 5$ time for the "Starkweather School principal be transferred to Isbister, as proposed by administration. The substitute motion was defeated. An amendment to the original motion was then made which would recommend transfer of East Elementary School Principal for two one-half days per week to Isbister School, amendment made by Member Yack, seconded by Member Mirto; this amendment too was defeated, and vote on original motion was called, but atso defeated. A reeess was ealled by the President. Upon return, Member Lawton moved, seconded by Member Mirto, that administration be authorized to employ the equivalent of up to 1.5 teachers for Isbister School in order to comply with the Title I guidelines. This motion was carried, Member Yack voting "nay" and Member McClendon abstaining from the vote. (During the recess, students had called to the Board's attention that no smoking was allowed within the school building.)

A motion to change the date of the next regular meeting of the Board to December 19, 1974, made by Member Borowski, séconded by Member Benson, was defeated. A motion made by Member Lawton, supported by Member Berry, that the Board meeting date be retained on December 23, but time changed to 7 p.m., and place to Board of Education offices, was passed unanimously.

A resolution regarding the distinguished performance of the Plymouth centennial Educational Park Marching Band, moved by Member Lawton and seconded by Member Mirto, was approved.
The matter of structural design and developmentr new elementary schools was brought before the Board. Four citizens, Robert McNamara, Hubert Wood, Gregory Feierfeil and Edward Dettling, rose to speak of the residents' concerns in Windsor Park Subdivision, regarding access roads into the proposed school, and of concern for structural design of the building as open-classroom, rather than conventional. Member Lawton explained to the citizens the rationale of the Board in choice of school sites set back from main roads for safety purposes, and Supt. Hoben indicated that egress and access are not a closed issue. Member Lawton moved, seconded by Member Mirto, that sutdy of traffic problems be continued in the vicinity of Windsor Park location. Then, Mr. Larry Morris, representing architectural firm, updated information about the changes made in design for elementary schools. Member Benson moved, seconded by Member Borowski, that the Board accept the current structural design for 3 new elementary schools and authorize architects to proceed with the working drawings. Member Yack also moved, seconded by Member Mirto, that the architects return to the Board as soon as possible with a list of alternatives for additional parking capacity at the elementary schools. The President of the Board thanked the residents of the Windsor Park area for their concern and for attendance at the meeting.
Businee Administration Action Items: Membet Lawton moved,
seconded by Member Borowski, taht $\$ 6,079.79$ be refunded to the Hillcrest Club Apartments in Plymouth Township, as a result of reduction in assessment, as directed by the Wayne County Treasurer. Bills for payment in the total amount of $\$ 1,771,466.58$, were approved on a motion by Member Benson, seconded by Member Yack. Member Borowski moved, supported by Member Benson, that a future school site of 15 acres be purchased on the south side of Proctor Road, west of Canton Center Road, for a total purchase price of $\$ 82,500$. Member Mirto voted "nay"
Personnel Administration Action Items: Leaves of absence were approved for the following teachers, motion made by Member Benson, seconded by Member Berry: Mary Nehrling, Salem High School; Judith Mayle, Pioneer Middle School; and Mary Louise Horwood, Geer Elementary. A new contract for Mr. Dennis Ray Burke as Teacher Consultant for the Emotionally Disturbed was approved on a motion by Member Borowski, supported by Member Berry
Old Business: The Superintendent reported that all items as listed un;er Goals and Objectives motions made at the November 11 meeting had now been assigned to proper staff, and the Board requested future reports to be specific as to status. Member Borowski asked that the Budget studies with the Board be set up as soon as possible.
A portion of a motion made at the last meeting on November 25, requesting architects to seek bids to eliminate "L" shaped portion of pool 'for Phase III at Canton High School was rescinded on a motion by Member Lawton, seconded by Member Berry. (Note: This was necessary due to architects' indication that such alteration would require second set of working drawings as well as changes in total building steel structure.) Member Borowski felt that if the "L" shaped pool space would prohibit use of the facilities for a full intramural program, it should still be eliminated.
Member Yack moved, seconded by Member Berry, that administration draft letters to be sent to the Wayne County Board of Commissioners urging them to initiate a Delinquent Tax Revolking Fund to allow local school districts to budget $100 \%$ of petential property tax revenue; and that all school districts be contacted to urge them to contact the Commissioners also; and that the Metropolitan Association for Improved School Legislation be asked to consider this issue in its legislative program. (Supt. Hoben reported that there were almost $\$ 1,000,000$ in delinquent taxes in this District as of June 30, 1974.)
Member Yack moved, supported by Member Borowski, that administration now be directed to set up the first meeting between all local units of government within the District, as previously proposed.
New Business: In addition to the structural design consideration for new elementary schools which had been considered earlier on the agenda, Supt. Hoben discussed the recommendations made by the Safety Committee to accept feasibility study for the overpass proposed for access to Bird and West Schools. Member Lawton moved, seconded by Member Benson, that the recommendation be accepted, and to authorize Orchard, Papke, Hiltz and McCliment, Inc., to proceed with final plans and specifications for receipt of bids (cost estimated to be about $\$ 79,000$ ), for such overpass. Member Mirto voted "nay" on the motion. Supt. Hoben reported that legal counsel had indicated to him that the School District is not legally responsible for payment for traffic lights installed at intersections near schools. On a motion by Member Berry, seconded by Member Yack, Mr. Robert DeCorte was appointed a "citizen at large" member of the District-Wide Safety Committee. Policies: Board By-laws No. 9001 through 9006.5 as revised, with the exception of No.9004.8, were approved on a motion by Member Lawton, seconded by Member Mirto. A proposed procedure No.3703.4, Curriculum-Field Trips and Excursions, as revised, was placed on a future agenda for consideration since this was the first time the policy was presented. A resolution reagarding the Auto Service Program at the Centennial Park, to allow repair of students and their parents' automobiles, enrolled in the Program, as well as Staff, was approved on a motion by Member Borowski, seconded by Member Yack. Purchase of District Liability Insurance Police Rider to cover the new Auto Service Program, was approved before installation of the new program, on a motion by Member Lawton, seconded by Member Borowski.
The meeting was adjourned at $11: 00$ p.m.
COMPLETE RECORDING AND MINUTES OF THIS MEETING are available to the public at the board of EDUCATION OFFICES.


## JV Nipped

In a nip and tuck battle all the way, the Plymouth - Canton JV team lost by two points to Harrison 44-42, Friday, Dec. 19.

The game saw a lot of ragged play from both sides. Harrison went into an early $14-9$ lead at the end of the first quarter, but the Chiefs caught up in the second and the half ended in a 21-21 tie.
The second half saw the same close action, with Harrison ending up on the top by the narrow margin. Canton made five more field goals than the Hawks, but converted only two of six free throws to the Hawks' 14 of 18 .
Kevin Randazzo led all Chief scorers with 12. Freshman Randy Rienas and forward Mike Albright followed with 10 each. Canton's JV now stands at 3-4 for the season.


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NOW, THEREFORE, Thereby certify that the abovenamed association is authorized to commence the business of banking as a National Banking Association. In testimony whereof, witness my signature and seal of office this 25th day of October, 1974

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