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Mettetal development to be unveiled Friday



THE POSSIBILITY OF ARSON is being investigated by State Police in a fire at an empty house on 9432 Elmhurst, Plymouth Township, last week. Police report that a can of flammable liquid and rags were found in the southeast corner of the utility room. Township fire officials say that the fire started at 8:21 p.m. last Monday, was put out, and then rekindled 3:31 a.m. before being put out at 7:42 a.m. Tuesday. Two firemen were treated for eye and smoke injuries at St. Mary Hospital and then released. (Crier photo by Susan Sheiner)

45-15 decision expected Monday

Expansion of the 45-15 extended school year calendar to additional schools and the possiblity of making it mandatory for some schools will be discussed by the Plymouth-Canton School Board Monday night.

The topic was discussed at a workshop Monday and formal board action is expected at the regular board meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Canton High School.

Under consideration by the board will be adding the 45-15

Twp. Charter hearing set

The Plymouth Township Board and its Charter Study Committee are expected to hold a public hearing on the question of adopting a charter. The hearing will be held Saturday, March 26 at township hall. More details will follow.

calendar presently in use at Miller Elementary School to Field, Eriksson, Hulsing, Bird, Isbister or other elementaries and to Pioneer Middle School.

The board discussed projected student enrollments for next year with its Attendance Boundaries and Projections Committee at Monday's workshop and also discussed whether the projected increase in student enrollment would allow for students to select alternate schools not on the year round school program.

Following the board's decision Monday, the attendance boundary committee will complete its recommendations for establishing new attendance boundaries for the 1977-78 school year. That report is expected in mid-March.

The board also discussed placing 45-15 year round school on the ballot but decided against the idea.

BY KATHY KUENZER

A public hearing on the proposed purchase of Mettetal airport and its future expansion is slated for Friday, Feb. 25, at 6 p.m. in the Little Theater Auditorium of Canton High School.

A brainchild of Plymouth Township resident William Silaghi, the proposal would include purchase of the airport located at Joy and Lilley Roads in Canton by municipal governments in the surrounding area, application for federal and state grants for improvement and expansion of the airport facility and building of a 150-room hotel-restaurant complex on the airport property.

Silaghi, a student-pilot at Mettetal, says he has been working on the plan "since the first of January.

"I had always_planned to do something of this type. In a year or so I plan to try to get into air traffic controllers school and a project of this type will increase my chances of getting a job with the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration). With this I can see what I will have to go through."

But Silaghi adds that it is for more than personal reasons that he is seeking the expansion of Mettetal. He thinks indirectly. through increased jobs and businesses coming into the area, because of improved air service that all of the municipal governments he has contacted will benefit.

So far he has notified Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Westland, Northville and Livonia and has spoken personally with Canton Supervisor Harold Stein.

"The first job will be getting the airport under private ownership," says Silaghi. "Taxes under private ownership are sky-high. And publicly-owned airports are eleigible for federal and state grants."

Silaghi estimates that if the cost of buying and expanding the airport were \$1 million, the federal government might foot 90 per cent of the (\$900,000) and the state five percent (\$50,000) and the remaining municipalities would share the remaining \$50,000 figure among themselves.

Silaghi's expansion plans call for a lengthening of the airport runway from 2,550 feet to 3,500 feet which will "allow for most executive prop aircraft to utilize the airport.

"Now, most must come in with a minimum amount of

fuel in their tanks and very few passengers. With the expansion it will allow them to although those over 12,500

pounds would still be prohibited from landing,"

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Canton stalls on civic hall site

By a vote of 5-2, the Canton Trustees last night moved to table until its March 1 meetin the selection of a building site for the new 2.7 million civic center.

The vote came after the board could not agree on either the 12 acre site north of the Canton Fire Hall or the Folker's Nursery property at Proctor and Canton Center Rds.

Only the site north of the fire station on Canton Center Road was considered for the civic center when the application for federal public works funds was made late in the term of former Supervisor Bob Greenstein. The 12-acre parcel had been offered for sale to the township by owner Dick Lewiston during the administration of Phil Dingeldey at a cost of \$7,500 an acre, which Lewiston said was the price he himself had paid.

The Folker's Nursery property is currently being purchased by the township in an agreement that allows the owner, two years to vacate the property. At the end of that period, all plantings of the nursery business that remain on the property will belong to the township.

The two properties both have municipal water, but neither has sewer systems. Both are approximately the same distance from the geographic center of the township, but while access to the northern property was planned directly from Canton Center Road to the civic Cont. on pg. 12

Williams was 'quiet' PHS grad of '66

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER Marvin Earl Williams, who faces pre-trial examination on a first degree murder charge in

district court here Thursday, was a "quiet, respectable" student while at Plymouth High School. Williams, who is 28, was a member of the 1966 graduating class at old Plymouth High

School and while a student there was active in the vocal music program. "He was a quiet guy," recalls Vocal Music teacher Fred Nelson. "He was active, capable

conscientiously. Nelson recalls "no problems of any kind" with Williams and termed him a "respectful" student.

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One memory of Williams that Nelson had was that he was "much , interested in church."

After graduation, Williams attended a ministerial school in the south and went on to become co-minister of the Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ located on Holbrook' in Plymouth.

In addition to his ministerial past, Williams was a Detroit policeman until 1976 when he was terminated from the force. becaus of bad check charges and



MARVIN EARL WILLIAMS in 1966 PHS graduation photo.

allegations that he misappropriated prisoners' belongings.

Arraigned last week on the murder charge for the Feb., 4 slaying of Carolyn Kovacs, a 20year old night clerk at the Red Roof Inn in Plymouth Township, Williams originally arrested the night following the murder on bad check charges.

He faces pre-trial examination on the murder charge at 11 a.m. Thursday before 35th Dstrict Court Judge Dunbar Davis in Plymouth City Hall.

Last week Williams stood mute on the murder charge at his arraignment and a plea of not guilty was entered on his behalf.

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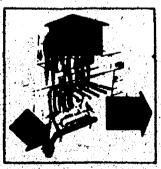
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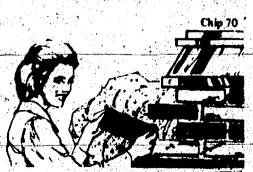
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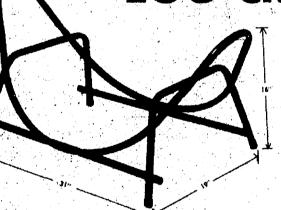
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Supreme Court declines to hear appeal

Sheriff patrols to end June 30 in townships



THE PLYMOUTH THEATER GUILD will present "We Have Always Lived in a Castle" at Central Middle School this weekend and next. The macabre drama will be staged at 8 p.m. Feb. 25 and 26 and March 4 and 5. Tickets are \$3 or \$2 for children (under 12) and senior citizens and are available at the Plymouth Cultural Center or at the door. The play will be the first time the Central stage has been used since it was reconditioned under a project of the school's PTSO. A workman puts the finishing touches on the stage in the background as (from left) Pat Troth, Brad Russell and Fran Cyburt rehearse a scene from the play. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)

The Canton Board of Trus-

tees is considering adoption of

Rules of Conduct for board

meetings rules that were consi-

dered the "top priority item"

of the new Canton board, ac-

its Nov. 23 meeting that the

proposed rules would be used as "guidelines" for meeting

conduct until an attorney's opi-

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Canton considers meeting rules,

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may do so at a cost of \$8 per

hour to cover the cost of office

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-Use of tape recorders will

While "Robert's Rules of

Hopes that a Michigan Supreme Court hearing of an appeal to overthrow a ruling to take the Wayne County Sherrifs Patrol off township roads were squelched last week when the high court refused to hear the appeal.

The eight townships affected are Canton, Plymouth, Brownstown, Huron, Sumpter, Northville and Van Buren. All have maintained the county is legally obligated to provide the road patrol, but that contention was denied earlier by both the Wayne County Circuit Court and later the Michigan Court of Appeals.

County funding of the patrol is due to run out June 30. The denial raised questions in both Canton and Plymouth Township about the course of police protection after June 30.

Canton Supervisor Harold Stein said he was "not alarmed. "We are funded through June 30 and a lot can happen be-

Central fire cause unknown

The cause of last week's fire at Central Middle School is still undetermined.

Investigation of the blaze, which emptied the school and caused some \$10,000 worth of damage, is still continuing by local and state fire officials.

tween now and then. With our police study report coming, the board will be able to react to that. It depends upon when the report is given and what it contains."

. Stein said the results of the recommendation might "eventually have to go to the voters."

Plymouth Township Supervisor Tom Notebaert said although he was "surprised,"

he is already anticipating three ways the township could go.

"We can either contract for services with the county-hopefully at not too exhorbitant Z a cost - cooperate with the City of Plymouth or start our own department. Our only concern now is the cost."

Plymouth Township voters last spring voted down a millage that would have provided ! police protection.

Twp. hearing set on Ridge rezoning

The Plymouth Township March 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the West Middle School concerning a controversial request from the Dover Homes Co. and the Biltmore Homes Co. to rezone 177 acres on the east side of Ridge Road betweenAnn Arbor and Powell Rds. from an agricultural to a one-family residential district.

the Biltmore Homes Co. has also asked that about 19-acres on the northeast corner of Ann Arbor and Ridge Rds. be rezoned from an agricultural to a commercial district.

The developers have asked for approval to develop the 177acre site under the Residential

Unit Development Section of township ordinance No. 47.



The Dover Homes Co. and Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday,

prior to board discussion. Each person will be allowed to speak once for three minuts on any agenda item, unless in the opinion of the chair, more time The needed. regular-30-minutes citizens' forum is not considered an agenda item.

-Audience members may

speak on any agenda item

personnel assistance.

Trustee Lynne Goldsmith said the rule to limit citizen input on agenda items to only three minutes was included in the original rules, but "was rejected by the board.

"But now we find we have to include it after all," she said. "The same people are interrupting, putting people on the spot and slowing down the meetings."

Mrs. Goldsmith said that from conversations with othergoverning bodies in the area that "Canton is about the most liberal in allowing citizen input.

"The Plymouth School Board only allows it during the citizens' forum and not at all during the rest of the meeting." she said. "I think the main consideration here is length."

Ms. Goldsmith said also that while the board was to have been using the rules as guidelines for meeting conduct since last November, that it had "not really done so.'

City, Twp. voters: polls open 'til 8 p.m. today for Senate race

Voters in the 14th State Senatorial District go to the polls today to elect Democratic and Republican nominees for the vacant seat left by Carl Pursell's election to U.S. Congress.

Five Democrats and five Republicans are vying to repressent the district which includes the cities of Plymouth, Northville and Livonia and the townships of Plymouth, Northville and Redford.

Winners of today's primary will face off with an American Independents Party candidate in the general election to be held March 23. rains and manerica places in a new arrival as a section

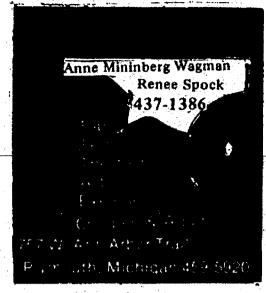
Phase III pool debuts

CANTON DIVER SCOTT WALES made a first dive into the new Phase III swimming pool last week. The Canton tankers marked the debut with a win over Churchill. See details pg. 19. (Crier photo by Susan Sheiner)

Napoleon's: Tickets don't help parking jam

The hassle over parking near Napoleon's Restaurant in the city is still raging.

Recently, Charles Finlan, of the Finlan Insurance Agency,



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500 S. Main, came before the Plymouth City Commission complaining of parking violations by Napoleon's restaurant, which is in back of the Finlan business.

Police have issued dozens of tickets, said Finlan, but the situation has not improved.

Among other things, Finlan accused Napoleon's of allowing its customers and employees to park in the alley, drive the wrong way down the alley, and park in the spaces reserved for other businesses.

Now, Finlan has an action before the district court. Neither he nor his attorney, George Bowles, would comment on the affair, but Joe Nahra, owner

453-7450

of Napoleon's did.

"How many cars can he prove were from here and not from the Mayflower?" asked Nahra. "There's no way of proving that all of those customers are mine and Ralph Lorenz(Owner of the Mayflower Hotel) is not going to speak up."

Police Chief Tim Ford has said that he thought that Napoleon's would provide a valet service for parking cars. But, Nahra said he had to discontinue the service.

WSDP Notes

The following special programs will be featured on WSDP-FM beginning Friday, Feb. 25.

Friday, Feb. 25 - Plymouth Salem vs. Allen Park basketball. at 8 p.m. The announcers will be Andy Melin and John Sonnega.

Monday, Feb. 28 - Board of Education Preview Show at -7:25 p.m. hosted by Florence Beier.-Board of Education meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 5 - District State High School Basketball Tournament live from Southfield.

Thursday, March 10 -- Request edition of the Thursday Night Classics Show. If you have a favorite classic just send a card to Thursday Night Classics, WSDP Radio, 46181 Joy Rd., Plymouth.

"I stopped the valet service because of the insurance and because my customers objected to paying someone to park their cars," said Nagra.

However, Nahra says that the ticketing has hurt his business.

"It hurts the situation down here with me and the May-flower," said Nahra. "I try to keep my employees out of the lot to leave it free for customers and neighbors, but banquets are saying, 'Why shouldwe go there when we can get five-dollar tickets? Let's go to Livonia."

As for a solution, Nahra says he doesn't have one but he's doing what he can.

"As far as an answer goes, I don't know," said Nahra, "They have these gates where you can put a card in. I don't know. The City and the police have been bending over backwards to be nice to me and Mr. Finlan, but what can they do? But, people

getting tickets when they come down here is not going to help at all. I've offered to do some things, but there's just so much that you can do. You can't order people around."

Register for soccer soon, need coaches

Registration for spring soccer will be Friday, February 25 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, February 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Cost is \$11 per child. For more information contact the Plymouth Recreation Department at 455-6620.

There will be a soccer coaches clinic on Wednesday, March 2 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. All those interested in coaching are invited to attend.

Canton planners to meet Mondays

Robert Padget, chairman of the Canton Planning Commission, reports that commission members have voted to change regular meeting days from Tuesdays to the second and fourth Monday of eachmonth beginning at 8 p.m.

The new meeting dates will begin with the April 11 meeting. The commission meets in the Township Meeting Hall in the Canton Fire Station, located at 128 Canton Center Road.

Airport expansion to be discussed

traffic patterns over surrounding subdivisions, surrounding the airport with industrial park, possible inclusion of a northwest to southeast runway, the location of an FAA control tower, improvement and addition of runway lighting, limited airport hours from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., and construction of 12 new T-hangars which accommodate 10 airplanes each, plus three to six large hangars, 120 feet x 200 feet in size.

Silaghi says he has not received word back from Plymouth, Plymouth Township or

Canton, although he did speak personally with Stein and "he (Stein) wasn't impressed."

He also says he has not spoken personally with any of the residents in the Canton subdivisions directly south of Mettetal who opposed the expansion idea some two years ago.

"I'm ticked off at the people there, though,," he says. "They knew the airport would be there when they moved init's been there for 40 years."

He does say, however, that builders in the area may have told new residents the airport "Wouldn't be here in five years."

And if his plan doesn't jell, what will Silaghi do? 1"I don't know what will happen. Some of the pilots may buy it, I don't know."

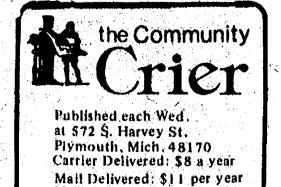
Silaghi does insist, however, that "Canton will not run the hearing Friday night.

"It will be run by me, Bob Mettetal and some others. Canton had their say at the last meeting, two years ago."

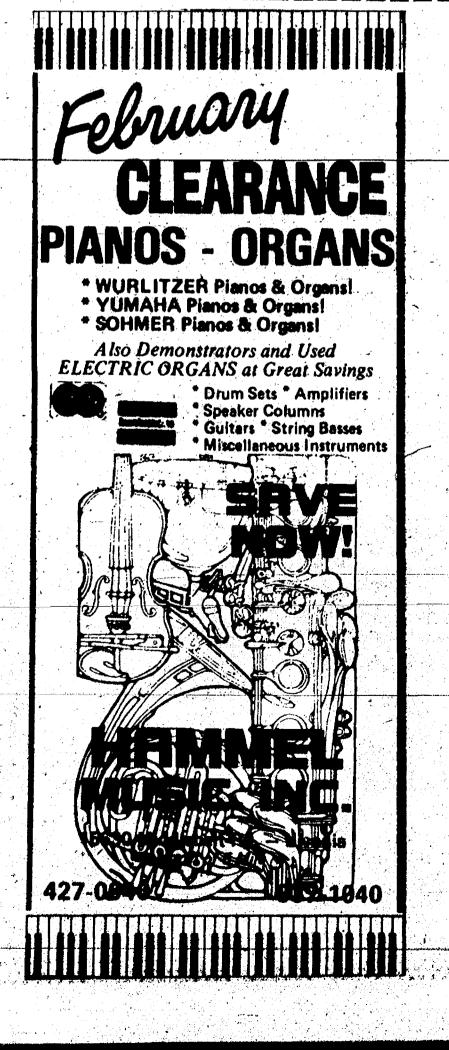
Owner of the airport Bob Mettetal says if the plan does not go through to sell the land to surrounding municipalities, he will probably sell the airport and it will be developed industrially.

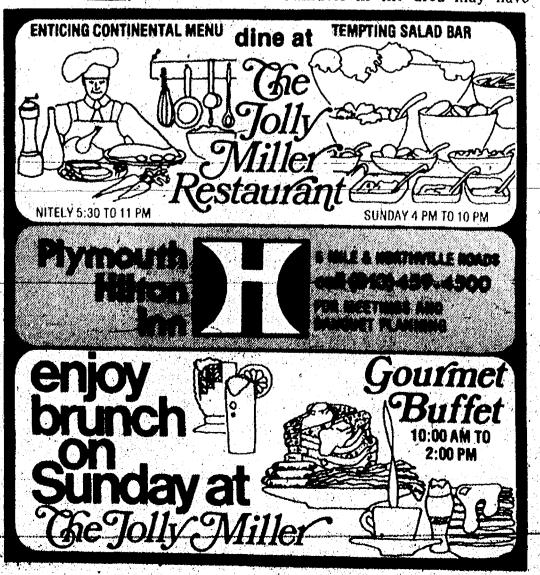
"I hope it does go through," Mettetal said Monday, "I was made an offer for it several years ago, but I turned it down because I wanted it to be a municipal airport."

Mettetal said after Canton decided against buying the airport two years ago, he was made offers—by some of the pilots at the airport, "but they weren't high enough."



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THE ART RENTAL GALLERY started by the Plymouth Community Arts Council is now two-years-old and the Council is celebrating with this special exhibit at the Detroit Edison building on Main St. (Crier photo by Susan Sheiner)

PCAC rental gallery celebrates birthday

The Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) Rental Gallery will celebrate its second anniversary on Wednesday, March 2, by offering reproductions for public sale at "bargain prices."

Plymouth Canton residents are invited to stop in at the gallery, located on the second floor of the Dunning Hough Library, between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. just to browse or to take advantage of PCAC's Second Annual Birthday Sale.

According to Joyce Foust, chairwoman of the rental gallery, some 50 pieces are being offered for sale "including a few selected originals. The Plymouth Community Arts Council display in the Detroit Edison window on Main Street will feature a preview of some of the sale items from Feb. 18 through March 1.

The PCAC Art Rental Gallery opened its doors on 1975 offering are residents the opportunity to rent pictures or sculpture for their home or office for \$2 a month. Continuing bolicy announced at last year's birthday sale, all reproductions are available for purchase wth past rental fees credited to the selling price.

The Art Gallery, which is open everyWednesday from 10

a.m. to 9 p.m. was made possible by a\$1,150 grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts with matching funds from the PCAC The gallery is selfsustaining through rental fees.

The newest addition to the gallery is a Bicentennial Collection of 21 reproductions of paintings by famous American artists. This collection includes Alyward's "Landing of the Pilgrims," Grant Wood's "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere" and "The Battle of Bunker Hill"

Growthworks to hold paper drive

Growthworks, Inc, is sponsoring a paper drive to be held on Saturday, Feb. 26 from 10 a.m. till 5 p.m. at the Youth Center at 271 S. Main, Plymouth.

Papers can be dropped off at the Center from Monday Feb. 21 till Friday Feb. 25 from 2:30 till 9:30 and on the day of the drive from 10 till 5. Paper pickup can be arranged for residents of the City of Plymouth, Plymouth Twp. or Canton by calling 455-4095 between the 21 of Feb. and the 25 between 10 and 5. Papers will be picked up on the day of the drive. Newspapers only, please.



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Township rezoning shows poor leadership

Editor:

Regarding the rezoning of land north and east of Ridge and Ann Arbor Roads - 177 acres from AG to R-1-S, and 19 acres from AG to C-2:

This letter is an expression of the concerns of the Township of Plymouth citizens who reside and/or own property near the corner of Ann Arbor and Ridge Roads which is being considered for rezoning from Agricultural to R-1-S and Commercial (C-2).

We feel that the township officials favor the developers and provide poor of less representation of township citizens.

The township officials should use good planning principles and should provide leadership in the development and growth of the township. Their leadership should be positive rather than be reactions to developers' thrusts. That developers could intimidate the Township officials with potential court cases if their requests for rezoning

are refused is tantamount to blackmail. Caving in to the developers is a poor excuse for representative government.

The land in question here is part of the fast-diminishing, but very importent rural farm land in our state. The State of Michigan now provides favorable tax treatment for farmers to encourage them to stay on the land rather than surrender to the pressures of land development. We should invest our township monies to maintain the agricultural land rather than in sewers, schools, and roads... to serve new subdivisions. These subdivisions only bolster the profits of land developers, who care less about logical land use than about their own selfish interests.

We built our homes here because the land was zoned low density. We abided by the zoning ordinances, why should not others do likewise?

We invested in our properties here to avoid commer-

cial areas. We do not want another shopping center here, nor do we need its services. There are adequate facilities already existing. We value our country environment. Another shopping center would ruin it!

The topography of the area is rolling. The hilly land, however, does not allow adequate sight lines for drivers on the highway to avoid collision with turning vehicles. With traffic already exceeding the safe carrying capacity of Ann Arbor Road, development of a commercial area at Ridge Road would produce chaos.

Most taxpayers are still staggering under the burden of a recent tax increase of up to 25% to pay for the uncontrolled growth of Canton Township. For financial as well as environmental reasons, this rezoning must be opposed. Seriously consider these concerns and please support us on March 2.

THE RESIDENTS OF JOY. RIDGE, POWELL, and ANN ARBOR ROADS

The truth of the matter is that the material for my speech was entirely my own, and, in fact, was not read at all but delivered from prepared notes. When I concluded, another Republican candidate quipped, "I want to thank Representative Geake for giving my speech

It was apparent to everyone in the room that she spoke in jest, and only meant that the two of us agreed on many of the essential issues, not that I had stolen her speech!

Fortunately, a number of

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Community opinions

February 23, 1977

Geake: I am not like Richard Nixon

A letter appeared in the Crier last week stating that, at the recent candidates' night sponsored, by the League of Women Voters and AAUW, "when Representative Robert Geake (was) given the opportunity to make a personal statement on his candidacy (he) evidently app-. ropriated the platform of another candidate. He read it almost verbatim without bothering to credit the source."

for me."

members of the LWV and the

AAUW who were present at the candidate's night have been able to set the record straight among many of their friends and neighbors in Plymouth;

However, the writer of the letter then went on to attack my record in the legislature, and my ethics, without any foundation for doing so, and concluded by attempting to associate my campaign prinicples with those of the Nixon era, again without foundation!

I wish to thank the many residents of the Plymouth community for the kind words and loyal support they have shown me since this senseless and rather malicious attack appeared in the paper. The best way we can repudiate such a shoddy smear effort is by a strong showing of pulbic support at the polls and for this reason I will be especially grateful for the votes of Plymouth residents in the special primary election on Wednesday, Feb. 23.

ROBERT GEAKE

Housing alternatives need

The League of Women Voters of Northville-Plymouth-Canton-Novi would like to emphasize that responsible citizenship requires educated study of the issues involved. Prior study of the information available, including consideration of environmental impact studies where land use is the issue, forms the basis for action taken by the League In addition, the League of Women Voters stresses the need for citizen input and public hearings on all of the available options before a governmental body makes a decision.

The citizens who opposed

WSDP birthday

Editor:

Five years ago today - Feb. 14th, 1972 WSDP took to the airwaves of Southern Michigan with six hours of Contemporary Programing, which included News, Music, Talk shows, and Sports, along with live coverage of special events.

In these past five years, WSDP has become a vital part of Plymouth, a responsible and community oriented Broadcast operation, with special coverage of Public meetings, School Board meetings, Sports, for both Salem and Canton High Schools. That list is added to and enlarged upon every day.

WSDP is, and will continue to be a service that all students, teachers and Plymouth Residents can be proud of.

When WSDP hit the air there were 45 students on the staff at that time - they have since scattered across the country, many attending college, some already graduated - others working in commercial brodcasting - but all of them went with good memories of their time at WSDP.

Happy Anniversary WSDP from: The original 45 students. This is Rob Mildford, from KAFM Radio in Dollars, Texas. ROB MILFORD

the Forest City Dillon proposal for senior citizen housing in Plymouth, did so because they felt that reasonable consideration of viable alternatives to a high rise development had not been made by the City Commission. The lack of available feasibility studies on such alternatives not only hampers current attempts to make informed suggestions for alternative housing developments, but also points up the limited nature of the "search" done previously.

The issue at hand is not whether or not the citizens involved in opposing the high rise development favor seniorcitizen housing (which we do), nor whether or not they have alternative suggestions. The question is "Whose responsibility is it to request feasibity studies of alternative plans, and to make all of the facts and figures concerning alternatives available to the citizens for their input?"

The League of Women Voters would like to see feasibility studies of the senior citizen housing question in Plymouth. We would like to know precisely what the need is and

what different solutions have been considered. In order to give responsible input as to various alternative plans, we must be informed on the total ramifications of the plans considered.

Where are the studies on which the commission based decision? And, if there are none, let us do those studies now, so that we do not have another ill-concieved plan that is again vetoed by the citizens of Ply-

Perhaps the blue ribbon citizen committee appointed by the City Commission will be able to accomplish this goal.

ANNALEE L. MATHES, PRESIDENT LWY OF NORTHVILLE-PLYMOUTH-CANTON-NOVI

Thanks!

Editor:

Thank you for taking a picture of us and showing us the darkroom. We thought it was very interesting the way you make newspapers.

> MRS. MITCHELL'S CLASS FIEGEL ELEMENTARY THIRD GRADE

Schools should warn us about flashers

Editor:

Because of the frigid weather that this area has been experiencing, it would be especially shocking to have a man stop his vehicle on a busy street, open the door and "expose himself" to anyone.

When this was experienced recently by students walking to school in this bitter cold, it must have been a frightening experience. Of course these people are sick and some are even dangerous. They are also a fact of life and must be dealt with by society.

Parents should be reminded to talk with their children concerning how to avoid encounters with strangers and what to do when incidents like the one above mentioned do occur. Tell students to run toward help, home or the school if someone tries to entice them into their vehicle or give them goodies, etc., tell their school officials and parefits as soon as possible.

School officials have a responsibility to reinforce this information to students especially when they have knowledge of potential problems in their school areas.

Telling parents and students:

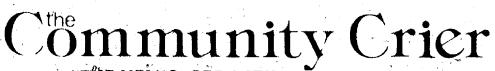
to be on the alert for a certain color or make vehicle can create unnecessary suspicion and fear. However, school officials do not have to relate such specific details of incidents in order to alert parents and students periodically that child molesters do not have an area or a season for their foul play,

Crossing guards informed at some schools of the above incident, however, some students walk far beyond the eyes and ears of crossing guards. Inform the students teachers and parents so that we can all be on the alert.

School officials who recently used good judgement in informing students as well as parents of potential problems in their shoool areas are to be commended. The welfare of their students was of greater concern than the problems created by phoning parents and the extra cars of parents pickingup their children.

Properly informed we can all help avoid the senseless tragedy of these encounters. When properly informed our children would have a better chance to use good judgement in such situations.

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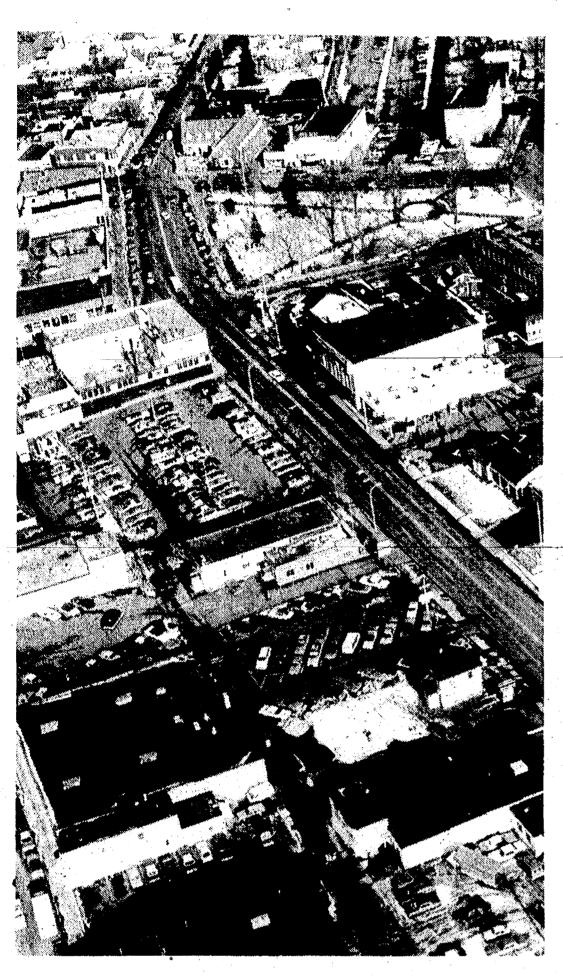
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The state of the city

City's fiscal future depends on business growth, tight budget

Just how high is up when it comes to a City of Plymouth resident's property taxes?

You undoubtedly are aware that your taxes have increased sharply during the past sixseven years; in fact, they have doubted during this period for the average property owner.

Your total tax bill is comprised of a number of elements, of course, including School District, County, Schoolcraft College and City levies. Within your total 1976 tax rate of 67.2 mills, approximately 24% or 16.4 mills, is for city operating and debt retirement purposes. Of this amount, 11.8 mills covers general operating expenses and this levy can be increased by City Commission action up to a Charter limitation of 15 mills.

Legally, therefore, your city tax rate could be increased by about 3.2 mills without taxpayer approval. (The remaining 4.6 mills of your present tax rate covers debt retirement and refuse disposal costs which are excluded from the charter millage limitationalthough bonded indebtedness is limited to 10% of a municipality's State Equalized Valuation.)

There are two ways in which our taxes increase—through-high tax rates of by an adjustment in the estimated value of one's property. Because

taxing entities overlap to some extent, in order to provide equity to all property owners, the state requires that all property be assessed at a value approximating 50 % of its fair market value.

Municipalities periodically. reappraise all properties within their jurisdiction to keep them current, and in the interim between appraisal, the state adjusts values on the basis of a sampling of real estate transactions by applying a appropriate "equalized evaluation factor". Plymouth's "factor" is presently 112% which means that if your property was last appraised at \$10,000, it would be taxed at a value of \$11,200 this year.

Theoretically, under this system, as long as property, values and operating costs increase at the same rate, no tax rate increase would be required, assuming no new services are added.

So much for the theory, what has actually happened to the city's tax levy during the past, say 10, yars?

In 1966, the city levied a total of 11.9 mills compared with today's 16.4 mills, an increase of 4.5 mills. Where has this added millage gone? Almost one half (2.2 mills) was required for the construction and operation of the Cultural Center; another 1.1 mills was app-

opinions

See also Pgs. 16-17

ropriated for a comprehensive program designed to pave all City streets (23% were unpaved prior to initiation of this program in 1970); ambulance service was initiated at a cost of 0.6 mills; and the balance, 0.6 mills, was required primarily for inflationary cost increases in excess of our S.E.V. growth rate.

Wage rate increases were a primary contributor to this latter category as the pay of public service employes in general has tended to approach parity with wages in the private sector. (The salary of a regular fireman, for instance, has increased from \$6,772 in 1966 to \$16,425, an increase of 143% and many fringe benefit costs have increased even faster.)

So much for the past, what of the future;

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The state of the city is the subject of this special editorial presentation by The Community Crier.

To explore the current problems and the future of the City of Plymouth, we invited four local residents to give their opinions on specific topics.

Participating are:

*Tom Turner, mayor pro tem of the city, on the fiscal future of the city.

*Roger Wright, city planning commissioner and a leader in the citizens group which campaigned against the recent senior citizen housing proposal, writing on the quality of living in the City of Homes.

*John Thomas, attorney and major commercial property owner in the city, on the parking problem.

*A.H. (Tex) Thoman, chairman of the city planning commission and commercial and residential property owner, on the general business climate in the city. The four were invited to express whatever opinions and observations they desired.

In future issues, The Community Crier will use this editorial approach in investigating the general problems facing Plymouth and Canton townships, the Plymouth—Canton School District and other issues of note.

As always, our readers' comments on these (and any other) opinions are welcome.

Srs.' housing, mobility are top city concerns

Herbert Hoover's 1932 presidential campaign promised, "a car in every garage and a chicken in every pot." That year the Village of Plymouth had 4,500 residents and a \$73,000 budget. People here were hard hit by the depression and Hoover probably described their aspirations pretty well.

It's not so easy now to say what Plymouth people want from their community. We have new problems like the threat of buried nuclear waste or PBB in our meat and milk. But most of the things that matter have not changed much -- a decent job, good schools for the kids, freedom from crime, a feeling of belonging. These things are so basic that we often take them for granted and feel that there is not much that we can do to preserve and strengthen them.

But we have more influence than we probably realize. The biggest challenge facing Plymouth this year is to work out community plan securityand enrichment to all our older residents Many Plymouth people will contribute to this effort in different ways. In the process I am sure that they will strengthen their own bonds to Plymouth while accomplishing more good for their older neighbors than any bureaucracy bound federal program trying to work without communtiy involvement.

The problems facing older people vary from person to person. Many people are deeply threatened financial by · insecurity arising from their growing living costs. The homes that they cherish become unnecsssarily large 🐭 burdensome. A plan can be developed to provide "suitable senior housing that preserves and enriches the social fabric of our community and provides for the physical limitations of elderly people. The plan must give financial security while still accommodating those who have

the ability and desire to be financially self-sufficient.

A less dramatic, but, perhaps, equally serious problem facing older residents is lack of mobility. Many people, not just the elderly, are almost trapped in their homes, especially in these winter months. I believe that a dial-a-ride transportation service would contribute immeasurably to the community and should be seriously investigated.

Our neighbors in Canton are heatedly debating questions of density. Their decisions will have a tremendous impact on Plymouth, greatly affecting traffic congestion, parking, the schools and perhaps most importantly, our social cohesion ans sense of identity.

Density is also an important unresolved issue in the City of Plymouth even though our residential neighborhoods are fully developed. Last November city voters overwhelmingly rejected a proposal for an eleven story building. If the proposed building had been for office use, it would have broken ground by now because the city has no code regulating density in the central business district.

It seems to me that the residents and businessmen of the city have to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of our downtown business area. I believe that we must courageously prohibit those developments that offer profit to their promoters at the expense of the long-run well being of the business and residential community. At the same time I think that we must encourage and support business improvements that will enrich Plymouth.

The community of Plymouth is at a turning point. Working with our neighbors on issues like these offers the opportunity to enhance Plymouth in important ways and strenghen our own bonds within the community.

ROGER WRIGHT

Local atty. heads crime force What's happening

The typical image of a county prosecutor is a Simon Legree type character with a long, waxed mustache and a top hat.

It's easy to conjure up such an image of a prosecutor as a prosecutor of the little guy.

But while that may be the typical image, it can then be argued that Plymouth's Patrick J. Foley is not your typical prosecutor.

Foley, who gave up his private law practice in Plymouth to team up with the Wayne county Prosecutor's office, is head of the county's organized crime task force.

He has been personally responsible for investigating and prosecting many of the county's major cases including some notorious murders and the county morgue problems.

As one of the top men in the prosecutor's department, Foley's opinions are sought on many subjects.

Legalization of heroin is one of the more controversial suggestions made by Foley in a speech before the Northwest Bar Assoc, last week. Foley came out for legalizing heroin when a member of the audience asked him what could be done to remove the Detroit police from politics and the narcotics problem.

"There is certainly some problem with the Detroit Police Department, but I don't think you can blame the narcotics problem on the Mayor, the police, or anyone else. The problem is just too overwhelming," said Foley

"My own personal solution would be to legalize heroin. I think a certain number of people would kill themselves on it and I don't think I would

regret that particularly."

Foley then compared today's fight against heroin with earlier attempts to make gambling and alcohol illegal.

"For many years we thought that organized gambling was a terrible thing and organized gambling on a national scale was a terrible thing and we announced to the world that gambling was an immoral thing," said Foley. "Well, now we have a state lottery and bingo.

"A few years ago we had an experiment with booze and the people said, 'We want booze and we don't care if we have to go to Al Capone to get it even though we know he killed 400 people last year.' Now, I think a substantial number of the people of Detroit have said, 'We want heroin.'"

Foley made his remarks in a question and answer period following a speech wherein he defined the role of the Crime Task Force.

"The Task Force is both an investigative and a prosectorial force," said Foley. "We have Detroit police, firemen, and lawyers who work full-time on the Task Force. Police and prosecutors work on an investigation at the same time, which is unique to the Task Force. Our assistants, when they go to trial on a case, have spent months or years in the development of that case."

According to Foley, the Task Force specializes in crimes involving narcotics, conspiracy, white collar crimes, motorcycle gangs, and public official-public officer crimes.

"It is frequently difficult for police officers to deal with public officials," said Foley.
"That's where the Task Force comes in."

One of the largest sources of crime in this area, said Foley, is auto parts theft.

"Auto parts are just as good as money," said Foley. "They are in constant demand and it's cheaper to steal them. Theft of auto parts is one of the largest industries in this area. The reason that stealing from the autobobile companies is so profitable is that at any given plant you have five to 10,000 people who work there and have a right to be there and there's no security force in the world that can watch over them. All of these kinds of crime involve inside people, people with access to the plant."

Foley was asked if there was such a thing as a Mafia or a Cosa Nostra.

"Well, they don't confide in me," said Foley. "But, there is a substantial amount of evidence that there have been a certain number of people identified as associating with each other over the years. I think the disappearance of Jimmy Hoffa is very significant because therehas been evidence of the looting of the Teamsters pension fund over the years and this has been substantiated."

When asked if he used informants when investigating crimes, Foley said yes, but with limits.

Foley also discussed prisons and rehabilitation, where he feels the public is undergoing a change in attitude.

"Our prison philosophy is changing," said Foley. "We've operated for years on the assumption that we should rehabilitate a person and maybe teach them a trade, but we're finding more and more that there are people who have no intention of being rehabilitated and are there just to serve their time."

The Western Suburban Soccer League is IN NEED OF COACHES for SPRING SOCCER. Play will begin in early April. Anyone interested in coaching should contact the Plymouth Recreation Department at 455-6620.

There will be a SOCCER COACHES CLINIC on Wednesday, March 2 from 7:30 -9:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. All those interested in coaching are invited to attend.

REGISTRATION FOR SPRING SOCCER will be Saturday, Feb. 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Cost is \$11.00 per child. For more information contact the Plymouth Recreation Department at 455-6620.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6695, 1426 S. Mill St., will sponsor the Red Cross Blood Mobile on Saturday, Feb. 26, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Donors must be between 18 and 66 years. Persons on daily medication or tranquillizers may generally donate. Persons on high blood pressure medication can usually donate if blood pressure is normal at the time of donation. If possible eat a light lunch before donating. Everybody is welcome to donate. If you would like to register to donate please call Gerald Olson, Blood Bank Chairman, at 453-1339.

The League of Women Voters of Northville, Plymouth, Canton and Novi will have a LUNCHEON FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS as well as an orientation for new members on Tuesday, March 4, from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Plymouth home of Sally Posthill, 12127 Arrowhead Ct. Child care will be provided. Anyone interested in attending this informational meeting and luncheon can obtain information by contacting the Membership Chairman, Karen Miller at 455-0630 or Annalee Mathes at 349-7334.

On March 9, the local League of Women Voters will sponsor a MEETING ON THE TOPIC OF ENERGY. A movie will be shown. The U. S. League of Women Voters in conducting a two year study of energy and this movie will help to inform us of solutions as well as the problems of this topic. There will also be a slide presentation about women running for political office entitled, "Are YOU a Potential Candidate?" The meeting will take place in Plymouth at the home of Bev McAninch, 539 S. Sheldon Rd. Child care will be provided. For information, the public is welcome to contact Annalee Mathes, 349-7334.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION at MILLER SCHOOL for the 1977-1978 school year will be held at the school on Tuesday, March 8 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Please bring baptisimal record or birth certificate.

The MAYFLOWER GARDEN CLUB will meet on Thursday, Feb. 24, at 10 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Max Nichol, 1723 Old Salem. Co-hostess will be Mrs. William Fulton. The demonstration will be on making wall-hangings.

MILLER SCHOOL PTO will sponsor a SPAGHETTI DINNER on Friday, Feb. 25, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Tickets are available now at the school. A limited number will be sold at the door.

The regular meeting of the CANTON NEWCOMER'S CLUB will be held on Wednesday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. in Pioneer Middle School on Ann Arbor Road. Guest speaker for the evening will be Nancy Jones, landscape architect from Plymouth Nurseries, Inc. All ladies of Canton who are interested in joining the Newcomers are invited to attend this meeting, as well as members and their guests.

DUPLI CATE BRIDGE sponsored by the Northville Parks and Recreation and the Northville Square Shopping Center will be held every Wednesday morning at 11:30 in the Northville Square, 133 W. Main St. There will be refreshments and cash prizes. Also a door prize will be given the first three Wednesdays. Admission is \$1.25. For information call Mrs. Mentag at 348-1089 or Mrs. Funkhouser at 455-8044.

The Plymouth/Northville Chapter of the American Assocof Retired Persons, Inc. (AARP) will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 23rd., at the Plymouth Presbyterian Church. Sack lunch at noon, followed by a short business meeting, sing-along and a program. The program will feature the Madrigal Singers from the Plymouth Salem High School. Following the meeting, the TAX AIDE team will be present to explain important income tax changes and to help with income tax returns. Visitors are welcome.

The PILGRIM GARDEN CLUB will meet Thursday, Feb. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Miller School media center. Club member Lynn Temske will give a demonstration on creating beauty spots outdoors, container growing and hanging baskets.

TOASTMASTERS MOTOR CITY SPEAKEASY CLUB 1660 of Plymouth will meet Monday, Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. at the Hillside Inn. There will be a \$5.75 meal cost and visitors are welcome. The club meets every second and fourth Monday. For more information contact Vern Porter at 453-4061 or Harry Wheaton at 455-1136.

A CHAMBER MUSIC RECITAL by Schoolcraft College students will be presented at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, in the Waterman Campus Center. Under the direction of Becki Fairman, the program will include works by Haydn, Handel, Corelli and Kuhlau. Two pieces of special interest, a student composition for brass ensemble and a composition for string quartet by Robert W. Jones, will be presented. Admission to the recital is free and the general public is welcome. Shoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty, Livonia.



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What's happening

The PLYMOUTH PATHFINDERS are planning their CEDAR LAKE WINTER CAMPING WEEKEND On Friday through Sunday, Feb. 25-27. This outdoor center is located in the Waterloo Recreation Area, approximately halfway between Jackson and Ann Arbox. The cost is just \$7.00 per person for food and lodging, for the entire trip. For more information contact Dottie McIntyre at 453-9054 as soon as possible.

A TRACK CLUB is being formed by the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department. This club is open to all participants, young and old. For more information contact the Plymouth

Parks and Recreation Department at 455-6620.

able for a nominal charge.

An ADVANCED GOLF class will start on Monday Feb. 28 from 8:30-9:30 p.m. This class will be held at the Plymouth Cultural Center. For more information contact the Recreation Department at 455-6620.

FREE! MOVIES FOR CHILDREN will be shown the 4th Saturday of each month at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The movies run from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Hot dogs and cokes avail-

An EASTER TOUR of DETROIT area CHURCHES is planned for March 7. Area churches to be visited are St. Paul's Episcopal, Church of St. John, 2nd Baptist Church, Church of Messiah and St. Stanislaus. A tour director will be provided. Price is \$9.00 and a box lunch is included in the total cost. This trip is open to all SENIOR CITIZENS and interested adults on a first-come. first-serve basis. Bus will leave the Cultural Center at 9:30 a.m. and return at approximately 4:30 p.m. The reservation deadline is February 24. For more information contact the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department at 455-6620

For those who have experience in painting with OIL AND ACRYLICS informal sessions will be meeting at the Cultural Center on Monday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The PLYMOUTH FIGURE SKATING CLUB meets at the Cultural Center on Monday night from 8-11 p.m., Friday night from 7:30-10:30 p.m. and Saturday evening from 6-8 p.m.

On Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. DUPLICATE BRIDGE meets at the Cultural Center.

COMMUNITY CHORUS, men's and women's choral group meets Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the vocal room at East Middle School, 1042 S. Mill.

PARTY BRIDGE takes place at the Cultural Center on Thursday from 1-4 p.m.

PAINT FOR FUN invites those who are interested in oil painting to meet each Thursday in an informal setting from 1-3:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center. This class is free to all who attend, Contact Fred Prussing at 455-8894.

The FOLK DANCE CLUB will meet once again on Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at Bird School, 220 Sheldon Rd. This

Recreation Department sponsored group is open to junior high school students through adults from novice to experienced. Contact Joe Azbill at 455-6163.

The CHESS CLUB meets every Tuesday every Tuesday evening from 7:30-11:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center. Novice to advanced players are invited to attend. Free instruction provided for beginners. For more information contact Conrad Drake at 397-1881.

BACKGAMMON CLUB - This new club is open to all interested participants, novice to advanced. The club will meet at the Cultural Center on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 nm

THE PLYMOUTH ROCK AND MINERAL SOCIETY meets on the first Monday of each month 7:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center.

The AAUW (American Association of University Women) play "THE WIZARD OF OZ" has a limited number of tickets available for all performances. For ticket information call Jan MacLeod at 459-4583.

The Plymouth-Canton area clergy will hold a FAMILY NIGHT. on Sunday, March 13, at 5 p.m. in the First United Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. The program will include dinner and a small group discussion. Psychologist Dr. Paul William Schubert will speak on "How Many Times Can We Survive Adolescence?" Tickets are \$5 per person and can be purchased from various area clergy.

The PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY LEAGUE will hold a BAKE SALE following the Plymouth Symphony Concert on Sunday, Feb. 27.

The OUR HOUSE CRISIS AND COUNSELING CENTER is having a VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM. For further information or an appointment for an interview call Bill Henry at 453-4902.

SQUARE DANCE CLASSES will be held on March 6, 13, and 20, at the Canton Recreation Center, 44237 Michigan Ave. at the corner of Sheldon Rd. The classes are couples only and the first lesson is free. For further information contact dance caller Ray Wiles at 981-0087.

THE PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS CLUB will hold a LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW on Thursday, March 3 at noon in Napoleon's. The cost is \$5.75 and guests are welcome. For reservations call Lois DeBell at 459-9315 before noon on Monday, Feb. 28.

Symphony to feature guitarist

Plymouth Symphony soloist Guillermo Fierens, guitarist, will be the featured soloist for the Sunday, Feb. 27 concert

by the Plymouth Symphony

Orchestra.

Concert time is 4 p.m. and the location is the Salem High School Auditiorium, at Joy and Canton Center Rds.

Fierens, a former student of famed guitarist Andres Segovia, made his professional debut in Spain in 1965 and first played in the United States in 1968 He has maintained a close relationship with Segovia over the years.

The program to be presented is as follows: Three Dances from "The Three Cornered Hat" — Falla; Concert de Aranjuez for Guitar and Orchestra — Rocrigo; Selected Pieces for Solo Guitar Guillermo Gierens, guitarist; Symphony No. 9 — Shostakovitch.

Tickets are available at the following local locations:

Credit union boundaries extended

In response to a petition submitted to the National Credit Union Administration, the Plymouth Community Federal Credit Union(PCFCU) has received approval to expand its membership eligibility boundaries to Eight Mile Road and that part of the City of Northville that extends beyond Eight Mile.

The board of directors of the credit union approved the extension at its Feb. 17 meeting.

"We are delighted," said Margaret Dunning, president of the board. "We had so many inquiries from people in that area and now I think we can be of service to them. I hope we can do for them what we've done for Plymouth."

Until the latest boundary extension the credit union's field of membership included only those in the Plymouth Community School District.

The PCFCU evolved from the Daisy Manufacturing Company credit union in 1951 after Daisy left the City of Plymouth. Its original boundaries included only the City and Plymouth Township, then expanded to include the school district.

With the new boundaries any person living or working within the designated area and family members living within that person's household are eligible for membership.

The PCFCU recently added a drive-up TV teller operation adjacent to its Harvey Street offices. When customers drive in to the facility from Wing Street, the teller's image appears on the screen, while the customer is viewed on a TVscreen within the main office

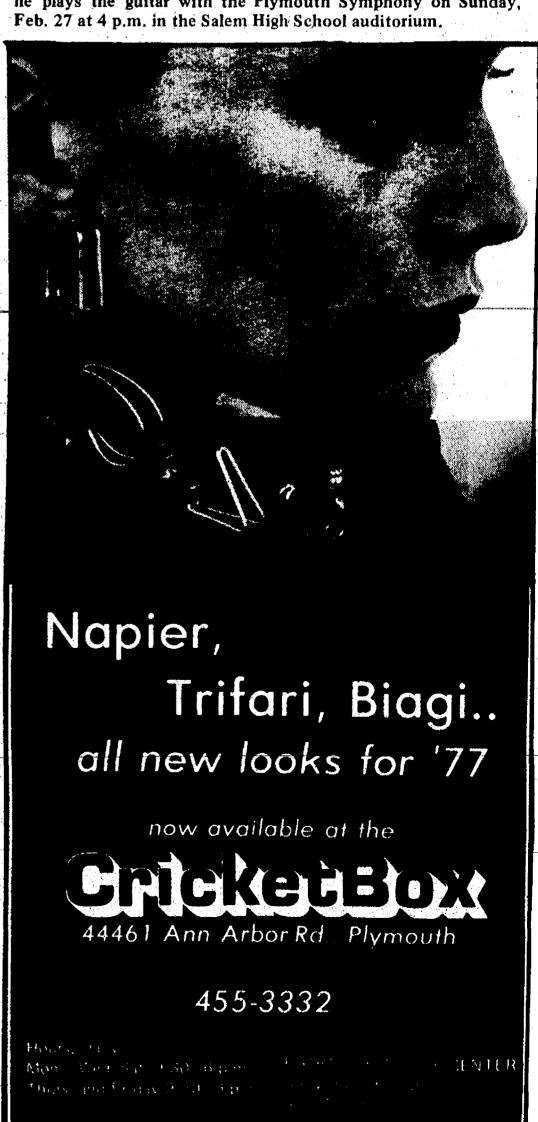
Credit union employees say they expect the \$50,000 facility to speed transactions, particularly at peak hours, for many of the credit union's 8,677, members.

Beitner Jewelry, Book World, Heide Florest and Audette Office Supply. Adults, \$3.50 Senior Citizens, \$1.75 and Students (K-12) are free. Babysitting service will be provided by the Girl Scouts and bus service for Senior Citizens will leave Tonquish Creek Manor at 3:15 p.m.

The concert is made possible, in part, by a grant from the State of Michigan through the Michigan Council for the Arts and by support of the Plymouth Symphony League. The Plymouth Symphony League will by sponsoring a 'Bake Sale' following the concert.



GUILLERMO FIERENS will be the featured artist when he plays the guitar with the Plymouth Symphony on Sunday, Feb. 27 at 4 p.m. in the Salem High School auditorium.

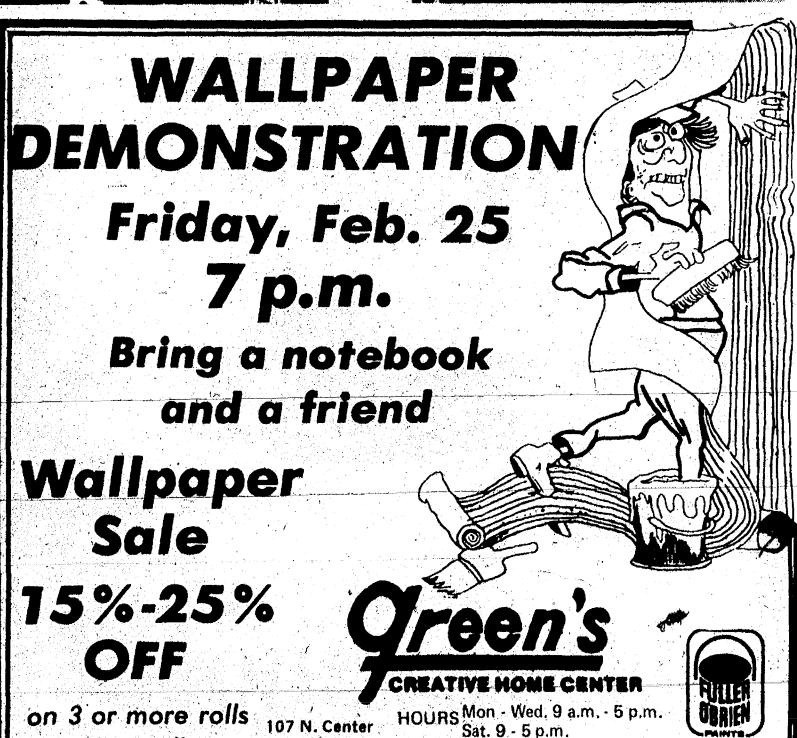




OLGC scientists on display

JUNIOR SCIENTISTS at Our Lady of Good Counsel exhibited their projects last week at the school's science fair. Ay bove, Kathy Gibbins passes on an electric current from Tom Troszak's particle accelerator. Below, students look over the exhibits. (Crier photos by Susan Sheiner)





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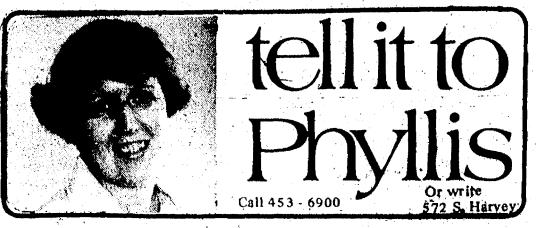
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Court to hold alcohol talks

A three-part alcohol awareness program sponsored by the 35th District Court and the Northville Jaycees will begin on Thursday, March 10, in the 35th District Court Room, second floor of the Plymouth City Hall.

Topics for the series will be: March 19, "The Pharmacology of Alcohol and It's Effects on the Body;" March 17, "The Progression of Alcohol, the Disease Concept;" and March 24, a panel discussion by members from Alcoholics Anonymous and Alanon on how alcohol affected their lives andhow the two organizations helped them.

All of the sessions begin at 8 p.m. The program is opened to the public. Anyone curious about alcohol and alcoholism who wishes to ask questions about its effects is encouraged to attend these sessions.



Now that spring is less than a month away, many people are thinking about spring house cleaning and ways to redecorate. Many of your frinds can be seen toting wall paper books and paint samples in and out of stores. Why is it that after going through hundreds of books you finally find just the wall paper you've been looking for and for some reason it doesn't look like you thought it would? If you're not planning a major overhaul, it's always fun to add a knicknack or picture here and there.

Canton Newcomers is planning an art auction to help you with decorating ideas for those blank walls. There will be about 200 selections to choose from including original signed oils, lithographs and woodcuts, as well as metal sculptures. Artists such as Dali, Rockwell, Hibel, Mingolia, Bragg, plus many new artists will be represented. Values of these works of art will range from \$5 to \$500 with the biggest selection falling in the \$10 to \$1000 price range.

The Art Auction will be held Saturday evening March 5 at the Canton Township Recreation Hall, 44237 Michigan Ave. in Canton. There will be a refreshment preview from 8 to 9 p.m. before the auction begins. Donations will be \$1 in advance or \$1.50 at the door. The show is being co-ordinated by Gallery Art Center, and there will be a door prize awarded.

The proceeds from the auction will go towards the scholarship fund. Every year the Canton Newcomers has awarded a scholarship to a senior graduating from Plymouth Centennial Educational Park.

Two students from Central Middle School in Plymouth have earned the school's first and second place awards for their entries in the eighth annual America and Me essay contest, sponsered by Farm Bureau Insurance Group. The two students, who will receive award certificates for their achievement, are Christine Bennett, first place, and Sherry Jester, second place. Christine's essay, as first place winner will be entered into the statewide competition from which ten state winners will be selected.

A "Luncheon is Served" was held at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth recently. Following the funch a fashion show was presented with fashions provided by Daisies Don't Tell. More than 100 women attended with Ruth Leader, Jean Fry, Margaret Stout, Pat Marshall, Pam Shaw and daughter, Sandra Bissey, Helen Belser, and Fran Lang doing the modeling.

Thursday evening, Feb. 24 the Central Middle School Bands will be hosting a concert featuring trombonist Fred "Mow" Snyder. Snyder is a New York based musician who not only plays but is also known as a lower brass instructor.

The public is invited to attend the concert which begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Central Gym. The Central Stage Band, Advanced Band, and Intermediate Band will also be featured in a full program of band music.

The United Democratic Club of Canton held it's first meeting of the year on Wednesday, Feb. 16. New officers elected were: George Bradley, President; Henry Rupert, 1st Vice President; Hugh Askkew, 2nd. Vice President; Norma Stein, Secretary; Margaret Bretzlaff, Treasurer; George Young, Sergeant of Arms.

Glen J. Kordick, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kordick, 47144
Beechcrest, Dr., Plymouth, Township made the fall semester dean's list at Hillsdale College: Glen is a graduate of Salem High

Tales out of school

News from Salem and Canton High Schools
BY SANDY HAWLEY

Attendance officer sets skippers straight

Attendance has been a major problem at PCEP. On Jan. 5 Shirley Waters was hired as an attendance officer, to deal with students the area Coordinators feel are the worst truancy problems.

Her office is located in the Canton General Office, but she works at Salem, also.

When a case is referred to her, Ms. Waters says, "We notify the parents and student that juvenile court intervention may be coming. I usually give them a chance to straighten up.

"It's pretty much done to advise them that we can't tolerate the lack of attendance and we expect them to be in all their classes. If they're not there's certain steps that have to be taken."

When a student comes in to see her about an attendance problem, she finds out why they're not going to class.

Says Ms. Waters, "There're different reasons why kids willnot attend. A lot of times it turns out the math classs, or whatever, is too hard. If this is the problem then we will re-work the schedule."

If there is no improvement in a week or two she will fill out a complaint to the court.

"Once a case is referred to the courts we're, more or less, out of it. We can only present the facts. The court decides for replacement or evaluation."

Ms. Waters was a Field Probation Officer for three years, "Which meant I had a case load of delinquent kids, in Detroit, that had been through the court system and been found guilty of some crime, and were placed on probation instead of being sent to an institutional setting.

"In general, I set up a treatment plan and keep tabs on everbody on probation. If they got into further trouble, I would make recommendations where they should go from there."

Ms. Waters has been asked a number of times if she thinks modular scheduling has caused all the attendance problems.

"I really don't know because I haven't been here long enough.

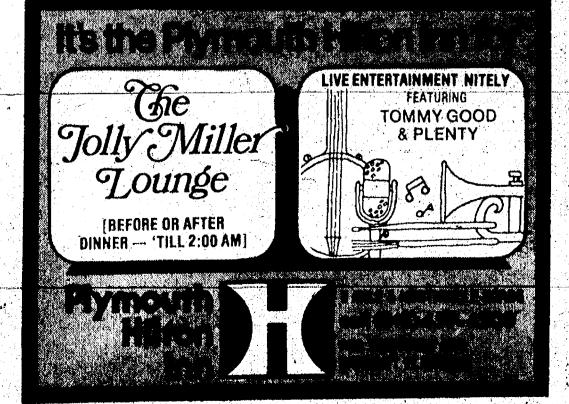
But, I thought one way to find out was to take the kids I'm working with now to see if this problem could have been identified earlier."

Currently, she is doing research on this idea. She looks back at their records to see how many absences were accumulated in 7th and 8th grade, what their reading level was, and their IQ score.

"I'm finding out, that a lot of these kids could have been predicted way back when that they were serious attendance problems in the earlier grades.

"This is not to say that all the kids I work with have had serious attendance or achievement problems in junior high, but a good percentage of them have. When I'm finally done, I think this should be made known so we'll be able to tell if these kids can't handle modular scheduling, how much can we attribute to the fact that maybe these kids just wouldn't make it at any high school

"I feel strongly that an attendance officer is needed to work with the middle school level because there are cases that should have been court cases. Maybe, when I get these statistics done, it will tell us something about what really is needed, where we can start with the problem," says Ms. Waters.



Tales out of Good Counsel has science fair

BY SUSAN SHEINER

"The future can only give what the students of today bring to it."

The studens of Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC), put their heads together and came up with this slogan for the theme of this years Science fair. A great deal of thought and elbow grease produced over 150 science projects displayed in the OLGC gym this weekend.

For seventh and eighth graders, this was the culmination of a large research project. Each were required to devote several months of work for this required effort. Younger students participated out of sheer enthusiasm.

As the older students usher-

ed the younger classes through the fair they showed a great deal of pride in their work. All the time and effort paid off as the crowd exclaimed," Gee that's neat," and "Hey look at this."

Topics of the colorful displays, models, charts and living things, ranged from bats, care of teeth, coins, birds, flowers, smoking, insects, transportation, solar energy, particle acceleration embryology, the brain and the heart.

Judy Blake, the woman behind all the young scientists teaches seventh and eighth grade science at Good Counsel. "The projects were

outstanding," she said. "This year's group is the best I have

seen." Ms. Blake was also very impressed with the variety of projects.
This years eighth grade

winners are: First place - Bob C Furdak, Embryonic chick development, second place - Jeff Daratory, the heart: third place - Sharon Smentowski, furniture building.

The top three seventh graders are: First palace - Lynn Staniforth, plant experiment of fertilizer; second place - Justina Cotter, transportation: and third palace - Jackie Dyer, Bats.

A pannel of eight judges, members of the parish, judged the exhibits on the basis of creative ability (30 per cent) scientific thought (30 per cent) thouroughness (10 per cent) skill (10 per cent) and appearance (10 per cent).

Younger grades also recieved ribbons of merit.

The top 10 winners of the seventh and eighth grade, will have the opportunity to compete on a district and possibly national level. They will participate in the Metro Detroit Science Fair at Cobo Hall on March 17th.

Mary and Craig wed

Mary Graham Laible, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Graham Laible, 1408 Penniman Ave., Plymouth and Craig R. Maufo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Mauro, Colts Neck, N.J.



Mary and Craig Mauro

were wed Saturday, Jan. 22, in the First United Presbyterian Church of Plymouth with the Rev. Dr. Henry J. Walch officiating.

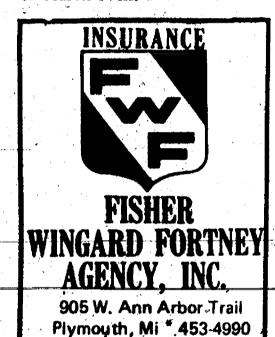
The bride wore an ivory quiana satin gown with a fingertip length French illusion veil. She carried a bouquet of gardenias and rosebuds.

Her attendants were: her sister, Mrs. Martha Stilec, and cousins Sarah Laible and Mary Hartmann.

Mary is a 1973 graduate of Salem High School and a member of the Hillsdale College Class of 76'.

Her husband is also a 1976 Hillsdale graduate.

Following a honeymoon in the Pocono Mountains, Mr. and Mrs. Mauro will make their home in New Jersey.







Canton picks hall site

Cont. from Pg. 1 center site, access to the Folker property would be by way of Canton Center to Proctor Road, then to the site.

property site argued that extending sewers west of Canton Center Road would open that be hindered if a civic center

contradiction to the master plan concept of keeping that half of the township agricultural.

Some members of the Land Use Advisory Committee also Opponents of the Folkers feared that their recommendation to keep that area of Canton "prime agricultural land" would

lands, they said, would eventually be zoned commercial in keeping with the atmosphere of a township office.

Township planner Mike Manore, in a report to the township board, said: "The impact of (the Folker's property site) is much greater in both its area to future development in were built there. Surrounding extent and potential impact. offices, hospitals, community

With locating the civic center on the Folker's property, said Manore, Canton could purchase an additional 160 acres of land directly north of the site, and that "this land can be held and sold to developers who can build major regional facilities such as shopping centers, post colleges, etc."

EMPLOYES OF THE PLYMOUTH PLANT of the Ford Motor Co. posed for this shot on Aug. 10, 1939 - with a little clowning around that you'll notice if you look closely. Today the plant is the county's Wilcox Yard. This photo was submitted courtesy of Howard Johnson who's in the back row. Pictured from left are: (front row) George Holstein, Claude Atterberry, Tom Levandowski, Claude Racker, Clarence Smith, Bert Coverdill, John Spencer, John Britcher, James Norman, James Gallimore, John Monteith, Willard Jackson, George Cart, Carl Starkweather, Walter Essick, Mel Moles, Bud Curtis, Ed Mallet; (back row) Leslie Evans, Carl ?, Elmer Westphal, Oral Rathburn, William Ely, William Dugat, George Bridger, Jake Mudge, Howard Johnson, Ed Henry, Irving Ray, Milton Liable, Carl Smith, John Mauck, William Matthews, Robert Chappel, John Johnston, Ed Sallow, Leslie Evans (who ran around the back to get in the shot twice!).

Do you have an old photo of people or places in our com-

Each week, "A Glimpse at Yesterday" carries a photograph from our community's colorful past. Crier readers are invited to submit any historic photographs or documents dealing with Plymouth-Canton's early days.

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Plymouth Community Schools lunch menus

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ALLEN ELEMENTARY Monday

Chicken vegetable soup, peanut butter and jelly, fruit cup, dessert,

Tuesday Sloppy Joes, Vegetables, fruit cup,

Wednesday Hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes, cinnamon roll, fruit cup,

Thursday Hot dog, bun, relishes, vegetable fruit cup, cookie, milk

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BIRD ELEMENTARY

Monday Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Tomato soup, fruit cup, toll house bar, milk Tuesday

Sloppy Joes, pickle slices, vegetable chocolate pudding milk Wednesday

Turkey in gravy, potatoes, roll, Jello with topping, milk

Thursday Hot dog, bun vegetable, fruit cup dessert. milk

unch with

Central is beginning 'spring cleaning' a little early, as they

Butterschotch bars are a popular item next week, at least

I've never had pizza with orange juice, but East will

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on Thursday, and get right into 'spring' grilled cheeses and fruit

Fish sticks tartar sauce, catsup, French Bread, vebetables, fruit cup, milk

CENTRAL MIDDLE

Monday Open Face Hot Beef sandwich potatoes, gravy, corn, brownie, milk Tuesday

Tacos, beans, fruit cup, bread, cookie

Wednesday Hot dog, bun relish, corn, fruit, cookie, milk

Thrusday Turkey, potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, Jello Salad, roll, milk Friday

Grilled Cheese, bean or vegetable soup, crackers, fruit, peanuts, cobbler, milk

ERIKSSON ELEMENTARY Monday

Chicken noodle soup, peanut butter and jelly sandwich or chicken salad sandwich, fruit, toll bar, milk Tuesday

Hamburger gravy over potatoes, rollfruit, milk

Wednesday Ravioli with meat sauce, cheese stick roll, fruit, milk

Thursday Hot Dog, bun, relishes, vegetable fruit, cookie, milk

Toasted Cheese Sandwich, pickle slices, vegetable, fruit, butterscotch bar, milk

FARRAND ELEMENTARY. Monday

Grilled Cheese sandwich, green beans, butterscotch bars, fruit, milk Tuesday

Tacos, bread sticks, vegetables, fruit, cake, milk

Wednesday Spaghetti w/meat sauce, vegetables, French bread, cake, fruit, milk

Thursday Hot Dog, bun, relishes, vegetables, cookie, applesauce, milk

Friday Pizza w/meat & cheese, vegetables, cake, fruit, milk

FIEGEL ELEMENTARY Monday Chicken noodle soup, carrot stix, peanut butter & jelly sandwich,

fruit, cookie, milk Tuesday Hot dog, bun, mustard, catsup, vegetable or sauerkraut, fruit juice,

brownie, milk Wednesday Hamburg gravy over mashed po-

Thursday Spaghetti with meat and cheese vegetable, bread, fruit, peanut cup,



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Monday Chili, cheese sticks, roll, butter, fruit, milk

Tuesday

Hamburger gravy O/Mashed potatoes vegetable, jello w/topping, bread. butter, milk-

Wednesday Grilled cheese, chicken noodle soup, crackers, fruit milk

Thursday Bar-B-Q Beef, vegetable, potato sticks fruit, milk

Friday Hot dog, bun, relishes, baked beans, fruit, cookie, milk

GALLIMORE SCHOOL Monday

Homemade vegetable soup, peanut butter sandwich, carrot & celery

sticks, fruit, brownie, milk Tuesday

Sloppy Joes, bun, corn, fruit, cookie,

Wednesday Spaghetti W/Meat Sauce, wax beans,

cornbread, fruit, butterscotch bar, Thursday .

Hot dog, bun, catsup, mustard, peas, fruit, cake, milk Friday.

Pizza Puffs, green beans, frult, cookie milk

> HULSING Monday

Ravioli W/Meat & Cheese, vegetables roll, butter, fruit, cookie, milk Tuesday

Hot Dog bun, french fries, catsup, mustard, relish, peanut butter brownie, peaches, milk Wednesday

Hot Turkey sandwich, green beans jello W/Fruit, chocolate chip cookie

Thursday Pizzaburger W/Meat & Cheese, peas & carrots, pineapple chunks - sugar cookie, milk

Friday Meat Loaf, potatoes, gravy, corn, biscuit, butter, pudding W/Fruit,

> ISBISTER Monday

Chicken noodle soup, cracker, peanut butter sandwich, cheese stick, fruit cup, cookie and milk

Tuesday Hamburger, bun, fries, applesauce, fruit, cookie, milk butterscotch bar, milk

Wednesday Turkey in Gravy, potatoes, cran- Plain or chili dog on bun, bean berries, biscuit, beets, pudding, milk

Thursday Hot dog, bun, sauerkraut, pineapple, cookie, milk

Friday Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Bread, green beans, apple strudel, milk **MILLER**

Monday Sweedish meat balls, gravy, potatoes, biscuit, butter, fruit, milk

Tuesday Hot dog, fries, fruit, cookie, milk Wednesday

Turker & Grave, potatoes, or sweet potatoes, bread, butter, apple cobbler cake, milk

Thursday Ravioli W/Meat, salad, bread, butter, fruit, milk

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Tuesday Hamburger, bun, mustard, catsup, or relish, tater tots, peaches, cookie,

Wednesday

Spaghetti - meat & cheese bread, green beans, applesauce, cookie, milk Thursday

Hot, dog, bun, mustard, catsup or relish, fries, cheese sticks, jello fruit, cake, milk Friday ...

Roast turkey, potatoes, gravy, roll corn pears, cookie, milk

STARKWEATHER Monday

Vegetable soup, peanut butter & jelly sandwich, fruit cup, bars, milk Tuesday

Turkey gravy potatoes, bread, fruit, cake, milk

Wednesday

Grilled Cheese, corn, fruit, cookle

Thursday Spaghetti, bread, fruit, cookie, milk Friday

Fish sticks, fries, bread, butter, fruit, cookie, milk **TANGER**

Monday Fish squares, catsup, or tartar, Garlic bread, vegetable, applecrisp

Tuesday Grilled cheese, pickle slices, Tomato soup, chilled fruit, peanut butter

Wednesday Chicken, potatoes, gravy, cranberries, fruit, chocolate pie, milk Thursday

bar, milk

Hot dog, relishes, potatoes, onion rings, peaches, cookie, milk

Friday Pizza, vegetable, fruit, dessert, milk EAST MIDDLE

Monday Hot dog, bun, relishes, corn, fruit, brownie, milk

Tuesday Sloppy Joe on bun, green beans, fruit, cake, milk

Wednesday Pizza, peas, carrots, OJ, Cherry

Crunch, milk Thursday Hamburger, bun, relishes, fries, fruit,

cookie, milk Friday Fish sandwich, tartar sauce, chips,

PIONEER MIDDLE Monday

soup, fruit, cookie, milk Tuesday

Meat in gravy, potatoes roll, butter or cornbread, butter, carrots, fruit jello, milk

Wednesday Spagnetti, roll, butter or Garlic Toast, green beans, fruit, milk

Thursday Pizza, corn, fruit, cookie, milk Friday

Choice of: tacos or Tuna Fish or Peanutbutter & jelly, baked beans or sauerkraut, apple or peach crisp,

WEST Monday

Spaghetti, green beans, fruit, rolls, peanut butter crinkles, milk Tuesday

Hot beef, corn, fruit, cookies, milk Wednesday Turkey, gravy, potatoes, cranberries, peas, rolls butter, pudding or jello,

Thursday Hamburger, fries, fruit juice, cake

Friday Macaroni & cheese, carrots bread, butter, fruit cup, cake milk PLYMOUTH SALEM PLYMOUTH CANTON

Monday Meat loaf, potatoes, gravy, vegetable, roll, butter, jello, milk

Tuesday Hot dog, bun, relishes, chill or sauerkraut, chips, soup, crackers, fruit, milk

Wednesday Spaghetti, vegetable, roll, butter, jello, milk

Thursday Ham & cheese, soup, cracker, chips, pickles, fruits, milk

Fish on bun, potatoes, vegetable,

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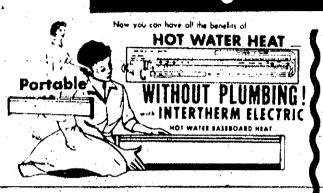


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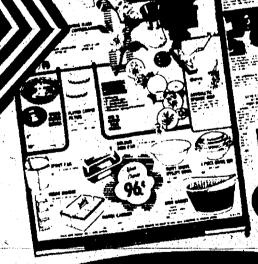
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City, not business, must cure parking ills

I have been requested by The Community Crier to jot down some of my conclusions regarding the parking problem in the Plymouth Central Business District.

Presumably I have been asked to make these comments because of the apparent confusion that seems to exist at City Hall and within the private commercial sector on how to approach the problem. It is apparent that the editor feels that I can add to the confusion.

Let me begin by saying that the parking problem is solvable. I make this comment at the outset because I am hearing various mumblings to the effect that the problem is too large, too complex, and too sticky to be resolved.

How might the problem be solved?

I should indicate how it cannot be done. It cannot be solved within the private commercial

There are a number of reasons for this: (a) The lack of financial ability within the private sector; (b) the competing interests of various members of the private commercial sectornamely, the fact that some of the businesses have sufficient parking and others do not; and

(c) the long standing inability of the private commercial sector to get together and coordinate their interest on any subject.

Therefore, if the problem is to be solved at all, it must be solved through government. This does not mean that the private sector should not participate. Rather, the private commercial sector should be compelled to contribute financially for the construction and installation of various parking facilities. The idea that the private sector should be forced to contribute is not original. Nor is the idea that government should act to

Community opinions

solve the problem.

However, it is an interesting question to me why the city government has not acted. The most that can be said about the city government role to date is that is has occasionally acted as a chairperson to discuss the problem - and then generally without an agenda. Why? In truth, more has been done recently since the creation of the parking committee chaired by Thomas Turner.

Plymouth city government does not see the problem as a city problem. In fact, it appears that the only continous logic that is discernible emitting from City Hall, over a period of years, is that if the problem can be ignored long enough, the private sector will simply be compelled to solve the problem alone. I am certain that City Hall does not see its role the way I am explaining it. Probably the non-elected personnel would say that the problem is simply too big and too expensive and that the City is an insight on the part of the city, then I believe it is shortsighted.

In addition, it is just another way of saying that the central parking district as being a government function and/or problem. Seventy five years ago, or more, a similar kind of lethargy and logic was advance various municipal governments about such functions as fire departments, water departments, park and recreations, and street maintenance. This may be difficult to fathom today, but at one time government said that all of these things really were not government functions.

I believe that in the not too

distant future the matter of public parking in central business districts will be clearly perceived as a governmental function. Why? Because there just is no other solution. Unless the problem is solved, central business districts, particularly in small towns with some continuing vitality such as Plymouth, cannot survive. This is nearly a truism. If the central business district does not survive, then the city government, and every city resident, will suffer because of a diminished tax base and a lack of commercial activity.

There is no reason why parking in the central business district should be treated any differently by the city government than the way the city presently treats the question of city streets and road. In brief, the cost of the initial installation of parking lots and or parking structures could be passed on to those commercial businesses which will benefit. This should be done by the creation of a special assessment district for the central business district of Plymouth. A share of that initial cost should be paid by the City of Plymouth from its general fund. However, once the facilities are in place, then the cost of maintenance, upkeep and operation should be paid out of the general fund of the City. This is no different than the present situation for streets and roads.

It is totally unrealistic to expect that maintenance and up-keep expenses should be paid for by the users. Would it be realistic to expect every automobile driver who uses the streets and roads of the City of Plymouth to pay for their maintenance and up-keep? The person who would answer this question affirmatively could also be expected to oppose the use of his or her tax money by the federal government for the construction of I-275 because he or she does not drive a car. No organized society can long exist with this philosophy.

The problem is philosophical The city government and its parking committee still want to pass the full cost of installation of parking facilities and the full cost of maintenance and upkeep to the private commercial sector.. This means that the city government still rejects the question of parking as a government function.

If my premise is correct, and I believe that it is, then the problem is truly insolvable until this basic change in attitude takes place. The situation is nearly Ernest Hemingway's admonition in his book, "For Whom the Bell Tolls." I think Hemingway was saying that the reader should not ask for whom the bell tolls because the bell

is in fact tolling for every one. Plymouth City Hall is trying to make the bell toll for the private commercial sector by its refusal to accept the matter of parking as a government function. To complete the analogy, if they persist in this inflexible attitude, then the bell will also toll for them. Not even governments can long exist without financial JOHN THOMAS resources.

Stretch city \$\$ with mutual programs

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In an expanding community, it is possible to offset inflationary costs to some extent by revenues derived from a growing tax base - particularly industrial or commercial expansion where the cost of added services is likely to be less than the tax revenues generated. In the case of the City of Plymouth, however, not only is there no land available to accomodate added industrial or major commercial expansion, but our relatively high tax rates (vs. thes surrounding townships) create a negative incentive for this type of development. At the present time, our tax base is comprised of 54% residential property, 25% commercial and 21% industrial.

In recent months, however, several existing commercial and industrial businesses have indiccated their intentions to move out of the city. Although local taxes were not the primary reason for this exodus, the

fact remains that we will have vacant commercial and industrial property which will be difficult to re-establish as long as our tax rates are substantially higher than the adjacent town-

As cost pressures continue to grow, it is possible that we could over the long-term lose a sizable portion of our industrial tax base to areas with lower tax rates, and more of the tax burden would be shifted to residential and local business properties. This likelihood makes it incumbent on the actions to assure the viability of its local business and to attract more merchants to the

Will your taxes rise in the

Certainly -- just as surely as your food, clothing and housing costs will. But how much they will rise will depend upon our ablility:

(1) to attract and retain

commercial and local business. (2) to effect economies in the cost of providing city ser-

In understanding our ability to achieve these two potential offsets to rising cost pressures, it is necessary to look at the make-up of the Plymouth tax rate vs. that of the surrounding townships. Our city tax rate of 16.4 mills is approximately 13 mills higher than that Plymouth Township, representing a 25% overall tax differential based on our present total City/County/School tax rate of 67 plus mills.

What do the City's property owners receive for this added 13 mills? The major benefits include added police protection (7.1 mills), a city-provided refuse pick-up service (1.7mills,) a more extensive recreation program (1.0mill)street sweeping, snow removal and other public works services (1.4mills) and a Cultural Center (2.2 mills). It is obvious that most of these added services are more important to residential property owners than to industrial or commercial enterprises. In addition, these businesses can locate in surrounding communities and still offer the advantages

Plymouth-provided services to their employes. Ideally, the city should recognize the economic facts of life and apply a lower tax rate to commercial and industrial property to enable us to more effectively compete with surrounding communities, Although recent legislation does permit such action in the case of new industry, it is not legal to apply a differential rate to different classes of property.

A more desirable alternative -although one that cannot be implemented by the city alone -- is the often-discussed consolidation of the city with Plymouth Township. A study conducted by Michigan State University, in 1974 indicated that

there were substantial economies to be achieved by providing common services throughout this natural community. The combined tax rate was estimated at approximately 9 mills and it would seem that the added police protection and rubbish pick-up services alone would make this an excellent value for township residents.

In addition, such a consolidation would result in a more equitable sharing in the cost of services and programs now provided by the city to all community residents. Without some revolutionary action of this nature, we can predict with certainty that the city's tax rates will continue to rise, probably reaching the charter limitation within the next eightten years and -- as taxes continue to increase - more and more of our non-residential tax base will evaporate with a resultant shifting of the burden to residential properties.

As our motto suggests, Plymouth could indeed become a City of Homes - and if this should transpire the resulting higher tax rates (vs. other communities) undoubtedly would be reflected in lower market values for our homes. It is in all of our best interests, therefore, to assure that these potential tax base and cost efficiency problems are addressed and resolved at the earliest possible date.

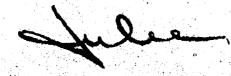
Very simply stated, a city of 12.000 cannot continue to subsidize a community of 75,000 (and growing) indefinitely. I urge the leaders of our two governments to put aside their concerns relative to the specific form of government, the potential power struggles, etc. and consider the economic realities of the situation.

It's time we recongized the truth of the ancient acronym TIASTAAFL - there isn't any such thing a a free lunch.

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Plymouth needs to have business in its future

Plymouth is one of those cities unique in today's society.

Located on the fringe of the sixth largest metropolitan area but still possessing its unique identity. The city itself has a well-balanced residential and commercial structure which conveys to the world the hometown

This image in itself, true or not, is perhaps the greatest asset that the city has. The image itself is under no pressure to change, but those things of which the image is created are under pressure and that pressure can be expected to increase

Community opinions

rapidly in the near future. The concept held by some that what is needed for the downtown area is one or more major department stores would be totally destructive not only to downtown itself but to the city at large.

The hometown image is due in no small part to the variety, quality and more importantly, local ownership of the city's

businesses. This variety and service available through operator ownership attracts shoppers from the entire southeastern part of Michigan.

The commercial aspects must be expanded to create a more balanced tax base. A city of homes is a nice sounding phrase. but financially it is utterly impossible for it to exist.

The city with a population of approximately 12,000 is like an island located in the center of an ocean of rapid growth. Within the so-called prime trading area there is already well in excess of 100,000 population and all

forecasts indicate a growth of another 50,000 in the next three to five years. The strategic location of Plymouth is going to cause commercial development to take place. It is necessary that we accept this fact now and plan an orderly growth so as to the hometown atmosphere of Plymouth. I stress again the importance of accepting this fact and making it work for us by broadening our

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tax base and thereby lowering ? - the cost to homeowners.

I further believe that we as a \(\) city must start thinking in terms of what is good and necessary for us to accomplish our ends and not blindly accept of 'big brother's (state and fede- Z ral) concept of zoning and building ordinances, which were primarily designed to cope with the problems of the big city.

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City needs a shot in the arm

The City of Plymouth is constantly changing.

Perhaps less dramatically than 20 years ago when many of its subdivisions and commercial areas were growing out of fields, but nonetheless it is changing.

It is going through middle

The youthful, building stages of most parts of Plymouth are

Now the existing buildings are changing through remodeling for different uses.

All the grocery stores serving Plymouth (and for that matter Plymouth Township and Canton) were once located in the city. One of them is now a restaurant and lounge, another is a mall of small shops and another - vacant for several years -- will soon become a lumber y ard.

The remaining grocery stores are fighting new, more modern, larger stores in Plymouth Township and Canton.

Similarly, the car dealerships have left town.

One was torn down and replaced by a municipal parking lot, another is a paneling store and an auto parts shop, a third is a struggling auto repair shop. Yet another dealership is soon leaving the city for Plymouth Township - leaving just one car dealer in the city.

The availability and cost of land (including taxes) is the primary reason behind the exodus of buisinesses requiring large parking lots and modernized facilities to stay competitive.

But another factor is the change in the nation's retail economy from the little ma and pa operations to mass marketing, and price slashing.

Where 20 years ago the city had many independently owned and operated businesses, they have now been completely replaced or are threatened by the chain outlets and branches. This is true of restaurants, carryout food places, gas stations, party stores, drug stores, newspapers, banks, and general retail stores.

Many independent businesses continue, some new ones have started and although the City of Plymouth has more of them than most neighboring communities, the homogenizing trend is very real.

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Of course the local franchises of chain operations are sometimes owned and operated by local folks, but the trend still makes them a less distinguishable entity than the corner store they replaced.

And so the city is graying with its middle age. It is not the gay blade with downtown traffic at night that it once was. But it is still alive and well, living a sedentary existance.

-Will its maturation continue? Will the city see old age and if so, when?

Plans for revitalization have come and gone.

One - the infamous Loop Road - will probabley never see more than the smoke-filled commission debates it has excited these many years.

But what will be more important than such a plan, is the direction of commerce itself. If merchants do no more than continue to talk about sparking the downtown, the city's destiny as a commercial center is doomed.

At a recent city commission meeting on parking, several business leaders talked openly about downtown dying because its businesses were 'dying.

If, on the other hand, the business community unites (that is a key word) behind a common goal to make the downtown young again, the aging city could be given a shot of Geritol. Perhaps the merit of a plan like the Loop Road, is not that in itself it's the answer, but it will excite merchants and shoppers into taking more steps.

It is essential for the continued health of the aging City of Plymouth that its heart -commerce-continue pumping.

Equally vital, its brain - the residents - must continue in good health.

The quality of housing and living within the city can remain vibrant by continu ing to offer the variety that attracts a cross section of population. This makes the city unique,



compared to the bedroom suburbs where for miles and miles, every house looks like the one next door.

Because of the attractiveness of the suburbs, the housing available in the city of Ply--mouth is in great demand. That has kept the brain of our city from aging as rapidly as its heart.

But one is of no use without the other. The body needs both to function well. Businesses need patrons and the patrons need convenient goods and ser-

In addition, the city needs muscle - thriving industry -to stay young. Without it, the costs of governmental servises drive the city into cutting back and deterioration.

When the Daisy Air Rifle Co. was closing up shop in Plymouth to move to Arkansas, many said the town would die.

They were obviously wrong. But the continued trend of of industrial relocation to better weather and labor climates is hurting Plymouth like many other Michigan cities.

Each industry lost weakens the city muscles that much more.

Healthy commercial residential and industrial sectors make a city young.

Just how quickly the City of Plymouth continues to age now will depend on how healthy those three sectors remain and how quickly illness can be combatted when it sets in.

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Chief cagers sink in season's

BY DONNA LOMAS

In a slow Tuesday hight game, the Chief boys baskeball team were unable to budge non league Livonia Stevenson and lost the match, after repeated catch up attempts, 70-62.

Canton outscored Stevenson in the second period by six points, but it wasn't enough to close the gap for sure even with some fast breaks of their

Repeated penalties, and slow releasing of the ball stalled the Chiefs offense, and at the half. they lagged 40-30.

"They were hitting like crazy," commented coach Casey Cavell after the game, "Defensively we weren't containing and we were slow releasing the ball. We also missed a few opportunities that could have turned it around.'

Still lagging 57-44 at the end of the third, Canton's Keith Fuelling scored two points on free throw and a fast break play to put the Cheifs back in the running with four minutes left - but hopes were quickly diminished as Stevenson broke the tempo and scored their own, High scoring Butch King racke up 22 points Randy Rienas followed with 14. Rob Mandle scored 10. The final score was 70-62, Stevenson's favor.

The Chiefs will have to wait until next season to play in the new Phase III gym as their last game will be on the road this Friday, against league foe Livonia Harrison to determine their Western Six standing before entering district playoffs.

of Tom Ellinghausen, Rich

Hewlett and Chris deBear didn't

make up for the mistakes the

Rocks, made, as they missed one

easy shot after the other and

were constantly stymied by a

hustling Ford offense and a

strong zone defense. Salem fought back with a combina-

tion man-to-man, zone defense, but bad rebounding and passing mistakes were too constant.

"We have to build confidence and be mentally prepared for district play," said coach Fred Thoman after the game.

The Edsel Ford loss makes it three in a row for the hapless

Ellinghausen led all scoring with 19, followed by Hewlett with 14 and deBear with 12,

squad also lost their match with

Salem junior varsity

improved shooting

last home game



SENIOR MIKE ALBRIGHT, 6'1" went in for two baskets during last night's (Tuesday) game against Livonia Stevenson during the fourth quarter. (Crier photo by Susan Sheiner)

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Edsel Ford squashes Rocks

BY MATT NORRIS

Salem boys basketball squad lost to a hustling Edsel Ford team Tuesday night, 69-61, behind all the throughout the fast -paced match.

Trailing by as much as 15 points during the second quar-

ter, the Rocks attempted a comeback in the second half, after lagging 34-19, but were brought up short when Edsel Ford shot 12 out of 13 freethrows in the fourth quarter to squash victory hopes for the Rocks for good.

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Edsel Ford, 47-43 Sinclair elected president of PCJAA

Rocks.

Jim Sinclair has been elected president of the Plymouth Canton Junior Athletic Association. He succeeds Jack Gray, past president for three years, and head of the football division.

Sinclair has been involved with the PCJAA for several years, and was treasurer of the executive board last year.

"The great success of our programs is the voluntary help of many many people in this community," said Sinclair. "Plus all the help we get from the Plymouth Canton schools, local service clubs and the Community fund."

Sinclair also announced new presidents of the four sports the PCJAA supports:

Dick Randazzo was elected president of the hockey division, Mason Ludlow in football; Robert Rienas in basketball and Jerry Stevens in base-

CEP districts set

The Salem and Canton boys basketball district playoffs schedule is as follows:

Monday, February 28, will kick off the games as Lakeland High will meet Southfield High School in the Southfield High gym, site of all the playoff games.

Tuesday, March 1, Salem will meet up with Northville and Wednesday, March 2 Milford High will battle the winner of Monday's Lakeland versus Southfield game.

Thursday, Canton will play the winner of the Northville versus Salem contest. On Saturday, March 5, the finals will be held.

All games are scheduled for 8 p.m. and will all be at Southfield High School, 10 Mile Road and Lahser Road. General admission price is \$1.50.

WSDP to carry live district cage action

If you can't get to Southfield for the Salem and Canton basketball district games, tune in to the CEP student radio station, WSDP, 89.3 FM for all the playby-play action.

WSDP will broadcast the district games from Monday, Feb. 28 through Saturday, March 5, and then follow Canton and Salem to regional play

Leist, Champion make Finals

BY DONNA LOMAS

The Salem wrestling team will have two members of the three that made it to district playoffs to send to the State Finals in Kalamazoo next week.

Rene Leist at 112 pounds and Dave Champion in the heavyweight class beat two out

of three matches in the regionals held at Ann Arbor Huron High School to qualify for the State Finals to be held this Saturday at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

Randy Vippermann lost two of his three matches, losing to Ypsilanti, 5-1 and Red-.

Middle schools host first mat tourney

The Plymouth Canton middle schools will sponsor the First Annual Middle School Wrestling Invitational March 19 at East Middle School.

The all-day affair, beginning at 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. will have free admission and will feature wrestling from the four Plymouth Canton middle schools only.

Dan Riggs, assistant wrestling coach at Canton High School who organized the tourney said the purpose of the invitational was "to give people a chance to see what wrestling was all about."

The tourney was organized for seventh and eighth grade wrestlers from all four middle schools in the community: East, Central, West and Pioneer. The event will be held at East Middle school's gym, and will feature 15 weight classes, with two boys per weight class per grade. Seeding will be determined by draw-in, and the only other criteria to the draw-in will be to ensure that teammates aren't matched against each other until the final championship matches.

There will be three officials present, and first, second and third place ribbons will be awarded. To be eligible, a student must have a signed statement by both parent and school principal along with the entry form. Deadline to enter is Feb. 25.

Collins makes State

BY DONNA LOMAS

Hard work and perserverance finally paid off for the Canton wrestling team last Saturday, and especially for junior Scott Collins who took first place in the 148pound weight class by winning all three district matches.

The Canton team placed tenth in the district, out of 30 schools, notching 20½ points last Saturday. Collins is the first Canton wrestler to compete in the State Final competition, which will be held at Western Michigan University Saturday.

"Scotty wrestled superbly," praised Canton wrestling coach Dan Chrenko. "This win is a real tribute to him and all the hard work he's put in since the beginning of the season."

Collins, who has not lost a match since the Plymouth Invitational in January, has a current record of 37-7 for the season and took 22 pins all year.

"Outstanding," said Chrenko. "The state meet will be really exciting for us, it's a compliment after all the hard work.

"Scotty has a good shot at placing high in the finals," Chrenko added. "We're looking forward to it "

Chief tankers win in Phase III debut

BY MATT NORRIS

The Canton tankers celebrated the first swim meet held in the new Phase III pool Thursday night, beating Churchill 109-59. Of the 11 pool records set in the new facility, Canton had nine. The Chiefs are now 7-4 7-4 overall, and 5-2 in the Western Six.

Canton had two double winners in individual events. Kevin Harris won the 200 freestyle and 100 freestyle in 1:52.4 and 50.1 times. Sophomore Bob Cline won the 100 backstroke, his specialty, and pulled away in the last leg of the individual medley to win his second race.

Co-captain Steve Wood earned first place in the 100 butterfly, and Jamie Greenwood took the 50 free in 24,7 seconds. Scott Wales finished some 11 points behind his school recored in diving, but nevertheless took first with 250.05 points. Both medley and freestyle relay teams won for Canton Thursday.

Churchill brought only a small contingent to the Canton pool, and entered less swimmers than were possible in some events due to lack of tankers to cover all events. Churchill won only one event, taking first, fifth in the and breaststroke. The Chiefs had four second places, including Dave Tanner in the 500 freestyle, Mark Retting in the 100 backstroke, Doug Hetu in the 50 free, and Terry Sullivan in the Breaststroke. The Chiefs only swept one event, taking first, second, and third in the 50 freestyle after a Churchill disqualification.

Coach William Faunce spoke to the Parents' Night crowd before the first race in the pool, which was held without a working scoreboard: "Everything isn't 100% operational, but the water is in the pool, and that's the important thing".

The Chief tankers dropped a non-league meet to Westland John Glenn last Tuesday, 93-79.

ford 9-6 both of whom were state qualifiers.

Leist, weighing in at 112. pinned his Adrian foe, then in his second match lost a 5-0 decision to an Annapolis grappler, who later became the district champion in the 112 weight class. Leist went into the consolation bracket, pinning an Adrian opponent in 2:45, beating Chruchill 4-3 and defeating John Glenn to end up third in the district (out of approximately 30 schools) and qualify for the state finals in the 112 weight class.

Heavyweight Dave Champion lost 6-4 to Adrian's Bruce Campbell, who took second place in the district. Champion entered the consolation rounds, and blasted Larry Richards from Redford Union with a 150

decision, took on Bob Cook from Belleville and won 8-3, then pinned Marcus Johnson from Redford to take third place in the district in the heavyweight class.

"We're looking forward to the in finals in Kalamazoo," said coach Ron Krueger. "Rene (Leist) and Dave (Champion) are matched up with some good people, and I think they'll be all right."

Salem's team placed ninth out of thirty schools in the district.

Chiefs edge weak Mott

BY MATT NORRIS

It took the Canton cagers until the second half to gain a comfortable lead Friday night, but a third quarter scoring spreehelped the Chiefs beat Waterford Mott, 69-56.

Canton played lackluster defense in the first half, but scored nine straight points in the third quarter to grab a 10-point lead and run away with the victory. The win was Canton's eighth in their last 11 tries, as the Chiefs post a 5-3 record with one game left in the regular season.

The first quarter saw Canton hold a two-point lead most of the way, although the Chiefs were passing and shooting well, Waterford's main threat was 6'6" center Rob Irwin, who had 10 points in the stanza, Forward Mike Albright guarded frwin in the Chiefs' man-toman defense, and held him to four points in the remaining three quarters. Canton had a narrow lead after the first period, 18-16.

Both teams traded buckets early in the second quarter, but Canton scored three field goals in a row to take a 30-23 advantage with 2:38 left in the half. The Corsairs came back, however, trimming the margin to three points at halftime, 35-32.

The game stayed close in the third quarter, as Canton led 42-41 midway through the period. When Mott got the ball with the chance to take their first lead of the game, they spent Cont. on Pg. 20



THE BOYS "AAA" TEAM of the Plymouth Canton Junior basketball Association played their last game of the season Saturday at Central Middle before beginning practice for the playoff tournament beginning next week. There will be no charge for the games, which will be held at all four Middle schools, Pioneer, Central West and East. The championship games on Saturday March 12 will be held at both Pioneer and Central Middle Schools. (Crier photo by Susan Sheiner)

Second in a row

Tigers crush Rocks

feat in a row last Friday night to Belleville by a 30-point margin, 85-55.

The Rocks, who clinched the Suburban Eight title for the breaks, we didn't handle it well fourth straight year recently, at all. played evenly in the first half in the second half compared control the tempo really." to Belleville's 44.

The Salem boys basketball "Their zone defense," said team suffered its second de- coach Fred Thomann "In the first half we played fairly well, and rebounded well, but their zone did it in the second half. They did a real good job on fast

"It was the kind of game but gave it up altogether in the where not many fouls were second, scoring only 17 points called, "he added, "We couldn't

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BY MATT NORRIS

Canton ninth grade basketball team easily defeated Farmington Power Friday, 76-42. The Cheifs won in the Salem gym, making their record 12-0 behind first year coach Dave VanWagoner.

The tall Canton squad dominated the new Farmington school from the beginning, taking a 17-9 lead after the first quarter. Every Chief cager saw action against Power, as Canton had a 20 point lead in the second quarter, and was ahead 40-17 at halftime.

Canton used a 1-2-2 defense Friday, occasionally switching to man-to-man style. The Chiefs led 62-31 after the third quarter, and none of Canton's starters The Chief substitutes outscored Farmington 1414-11 in the final

Dave Visser led the Canton scoring attack with 15 points, followed by Scott Adler with 13 points and Randy Wilkin with 10.. Jack Carpenter scored eight points, Dan McGlinn had seven, and Brad Westin added six. Five other Canton players broke into the scoring column in the

Canton faces cross-park rival Salem in the last game of the season Friday, at 3:30 in the Salem gym. Coach VanWagoner feels the Salem game will be closer than the first meeting of the two teams Canton won the first contest 58-46 earlier in the

Crusty Caesar's edges tough Richardson's

In Monday night action Little Caesar's pulled out a tough

while Richardsons was paced by Ron Evans and Mike McCoy with 20 and 19 points respectively.

was a thrilling overtime contest between Wagenschutz Century 21. An unusual four point play by Steve Robbe of Wagenschutz and the steady defensive play of teammate Rob Willette, who picked up eight third quarter points, turned a nine point halftime deficit into a 45-45 tie after three quarters. The lead exchanged hands three times in the fourth quarter and Russ Olsen of Wagenschutz sent the game into overtime by hitting a bucket with only four seconds to play. Tied 60-60 at end of regulation time, Jim McKendry of Century 21 scored 4 of his game high 23 points in the overtime period to help Century post a 70-62 triumph.

In Wednesday night action a three point play by Brent Boegler with just 16 seconds remaining on the clock gave Wagenschutz a 51-50 win over Little Caesar. Boegler led all

place tie with Side Street Pub.

The final game of the week matched co-leader Side Street Pub and Morrell Builders. Morrell was no match for Side Street as the Pub won going away 85-47, Mark Reed played just three quarters for Side Street and was the games high scorer with . 18 points. Szczechowski had 16 for Morrell.

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Chiefs blast Mott 30 seconds trying to set up King led scoring with 20 points, followed by Reinas and Irwin was finally fed the ball, Albright with 18 each. Although and missed a shot from inside Russ Mandle scored only two the key. Canton's Butch King points, the sophomore forward brought the ball back, hitting led the team in rebounds with

> eight. The junior varsity also had an easy time with Mott, coasting to a 74-60 victory. The j.v. squad has a 8-9 overall record.

Tigers beat Rocks

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Facing a packed Belleville court, the Rocks attacked the downriver Tigers with their solid man-to-man defense and succeeded in leading after the first quarter by one point and that's all that happened from then on. The Rocks trailed in every quarter after that and every mistake they made, the Tigers caught.

High scorer for the game was center Bruce Gerish, who tallied up a total of 15 points in the game, nine if them in the first period, followed by Chris DeBear with 13, the only other Salem teammate in double scoring figures. The Rocks shooting percentage was 39%

The Rocks wind up their regular season this Friday against Allen Park and will begin district play next week.

56-48 victory over a scrappy Richardsons. Dave Erickson played in the fourth quarter, dropped in 24 for Caesar's Frosh Rocks on five

Rock freshmen cagers extended their winning streak to give games Thursday, handling Pearson, 47-24. The win at Pearson upped Salem's record to 9-2.

Salem was in control of the low scoring game all the way, taking a 17-10 first quarter lead. The Rocks played man-to-man defense, with some pressing to force turnovers early in the game.

Salem outscored Pearson 10-4 in the second period, despite going four and a half minutes without scoring midway in the stanza. Both teams used a zone defense, but the Rocks carried a 27-14 margin into the lockerroom at intermission.

The Rocks scoring lagged in

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game winning streak the second half, but they played well on defense, only allowing 10 points in the second 16 minutes. Salem kept a 15-point lead through the half, stretching it to 13 at the end of the game, 47-24.

"We played good defense, and our guards played really well,'' said coach Cunningham later. Salem guards Mike Symonds and Craig Stack combined for 18 points, and Craig Flower added eight points.

The Rocks face undefeated Canton in the last game for both teams this Friday. Cunningham predicts the contest will be a "humdinger," and says his team will have to play extremely well to win the rivalry.

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The final game Monday evening pitted Air-Tite Insulators and Morrell Builders. Air-Tite won going away 55-40 to remain tied for second place with Century 21. Charlie Wolfe paced Air-Tite with 17 points.

scorers with 13 points.

The showdown for second place was broken as Century 21 defeated Air-Tite Insulators by a 59-50 margin. The foul plagued game featured balanced scoring for both teams. The victory moved Century 21 into a first



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IT LOOKS LIKE the Wings will take the tipoff during the last league game last Sat. for the girl players in the PCJBA league. (Crier photo by Susan Sheiner)

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quarter, 51-41.

Mott 56.

an outside jumper. The Chiefs

didn't allow Mott to come close

again, scoring seven points to

take the lead at the end of the

most every possession in the

last eight minutes, keeping a 17-

point lead before the starting

five left the game with two

minutes on the clock. Mott

scored two field goals against

Canton's substitutes, and the

final score read Canton 69

we started slowly", said coach

Casey Cavell after the game,

"We played well on offense

all along, but we didn't get

good movement on defense

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until the second quarter,"

"I'm glad we won, although

The Chiefs scored on al-

compared to Belleville's 50%.

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Canton volleyball team drop-

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Weds, Feb. 23

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Rock spikers

"We dominated play all night," said coach Brian Gilles. "We had a lot of good team work."

Brighton next Monday for an away game, and to Edsel Ford next Wednesday.

The Salem girl Spikers beat Dearborn last Wednesday in two out of three, 15-4,15-5,15-11 winning the last two games.

game," said volleyball coach Brian Gilles. "During the second game, we were down, Dearborn started to really put those spikes away. Then we snapped out of it, after two penalty points were called on

Karen Prikosivits and Peggy Moore were e top spikers for Salem, and Coach Gilles also praised setters Chere Levielle and Sandy Ezzo.

fore Monday's game, was 5-0, followed by Dearborn with 4-1

The Salem girls volleyball team blasted Belleville in a double win, 15-3, 15-3 Monday night to remain undefeated in the league 6-0 and 9-2 overall.

The Salem spikers travel to

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Salem's league record, beand Bentley 3-2.

Sub-8 standings

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Clarenceville	6	9
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Franklin	5	11
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Buckeyes 55, Hawkeyes 47; Hoosiers 63, Wolverines 54; Badgers 69, Wolverines 42; Wildcats 60, Buckeyes 58; Gophers 76, Hoosiers 48; Hawkeyes 55, Spartans 38;

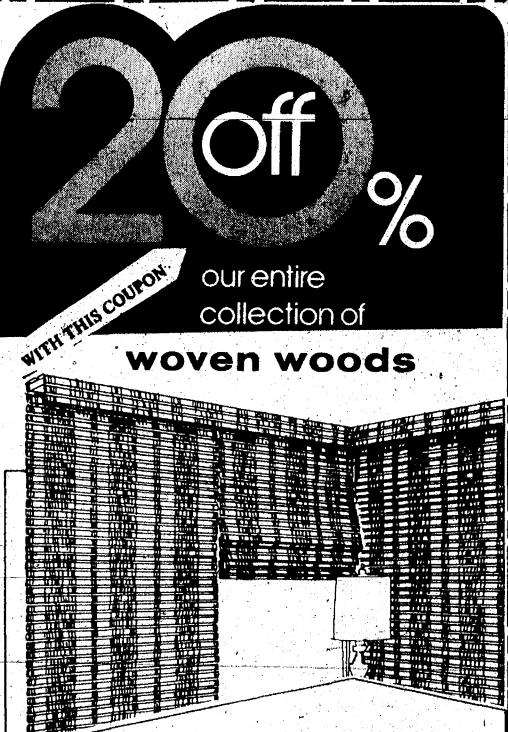


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Beck, who connected on many The Chiefs split two games with of the sets and spikes that came the Bulldogs at the School-

The junior varsity team was ago, but couldn't take a game hammered by a tall, undefrom last year's Suburban Eight feated Bentley squad, 3-15, 4-15.

bright spot in the Canton line-

up was the play of setter Laurie

Both teams play Western Six opponents Churchill and Harrison this week, in an attempt to break the three-way tie for second place of which Canton is a part. The Chiefs of their points on referee's are 6-5 overall, and 5-3 in the either way, according to Canton

ports happenings

Canton volleyball Churchill H 7 p.m.

Thurs. Feb. 24	S. swimming	Ed, Ford	- H -	7:30
	C. swim	Harrison	T	
	C, volley	Harrison	T.	7 p.m.
Fri. Feb. 25	S. Basketball	Allen Park		
	C. basketball	Harrison	T	6:15
	S. 9 basketball	Canton	Ή	3:30
	S, and C, wrestlin	g STATE FIN	IALS	
Sat. Feb. 26	S. and C. wrestlin	g STATE FIN	IALS	
Mon. Feb. 28	S. and C. basketb	all DISTRICT	r pe	AY BEGINS
		Brighton	T	4 p.m.
	C. volleyball.	Thurston	Н	7 p.m.
Wed. March 2	S. volleyball	Ed. Ford	T	7 p.m.

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JOHN MAXWELL (shown here with his wife) was known throughout the area as a miniature railroad buff and fancier of old steam engines. His farm on Joy Road near Lilley in Canton was surrounded by the tracks for this little railroad which used to sell rides to area children. Maxwell died Feb. 14 at 76. years of age.



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Trainman dead at 76

John T. Maxwell, 76, known throughout Plymouth-Canton community for his miniature railroad operation on Joy Road near Lilley in Canton, died Feb. 14 in St. Joseph Hospital, Ann Arbor. Services were held in Schrader Funeral Home with The Rev. Stephen Sparks officiating. Burial was in Riverside Ceme-

A native Missourian, Maxwell came to the Plymouth area from Detroit in 1930 with his wife and family. During the depression he bought the 20 acres where he resided until his death at 42955 Joy Road and moved into the home be built there in 1934.

Maxwell established machine shop in his barn and contracted business with large firms in the area. His hobby of collecting antique steam engines included a huge Port Huron engine of 1911 and a 1922 thresher. Some 20 years ago he built a miniature train with passenger cars and a long track on his Joy Road pro-Warm perty. weekend afternoons would often find Maxwell in engineer's cap manning the tiny engine behind which passenger cars of happy families trailed.

He is survived by his wife, Alice: a son, Russell of Plymouth Township; and grandchildren Robert, Richard, Karen and Sharon.

He was a member of Tonquish Lodge No. 32 of the IOOF.

John Maxwell (Community deaths)

DenHouter

Katherine M. DenHouter, 52, of 105 S. Evergreen, Plymouth. died Feb. 20, at home, Funeral arrangements wre made by the Schrader Funeral Home.

Mrs. DenHouter is survived by her husband, Dr. Williard DenHouter; sons Williard and John at home; parents Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Burnham of New York; a sister, Jean Burnham of New York; and a brother, -Robert.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Chruch of Northville.

Mary Hospital, Livonia. Funeral arrangements were made by the Schrader Funeral Home.

Mr. Plots is survived by his wife, Lorraine; a daughter, Leslie Mucker of Pennsylvannia; sons Ross of Wesland and Brian at home; a brother, Robert of Colorado; sisters Lucille Platt of Dearborn Heights, Betty Rehbein of Southgate. Shirley Gizoski of Wyandotte, and Joan Jedniak of Inkster; anf five grandchildren.

He was a maintenance Superintendent with Radbury Park Homes. Memorial contributions should be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

Ray

Minnie E. Ray, 76, of 737 Fairground Ave., Plymouth, died Feb. 10 at her home. Services were held in Schrader Funeral Home with The Rev. Philip Rodgers Magee officiating. Burial was in Riverside Ceme-

Mrs. Ray is survived by several nieces and nephews.

She was a retired employe of the Ford Motor Company and had been a member of the Order of Eastern Star Chapter No. 155. Plymouth Rebekah Lodge; the Plymouth Grange; the Plymouth Historical Society and the Senior Citizens Over 60 Club.

Plots

George W. Plots, Jr., 48 of 40740 Orangelawn, Plymouth Township, died Feb. 19, in St.

James S. West, 54, of 700 Arthur St., Plymouth, died Feb. 13 in St. Mary Hospital. Services were held in Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Philip Rodgers Magee officiating and military services directed by Mayflower Post 6695 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Burial was in Riverside Cememtery.

West

Mr. West is survived by his wife, Dorothy; a daughter, Melody Ann Mickleberg of Minnesota; stepdaughters, Karen McCure of Detroit, Deborah Faust of Pinckney and Dorothy Spitz of Plymouth: stepsons. Michael Mathew and David Sptiz of Plymouth; a brother, Robert of Louisiana; an uncle, Jack Taylor of East Tawas; and four grandchildren.

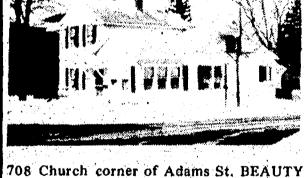
He was a computer repairman and member of Mayflower Post of the VFW.

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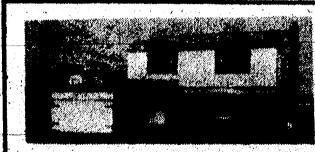
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At a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals to be held in the Commission Chamber of the City Hall on Thursday, March 3, 1977, at 7:30 p.m. a re-scheduled public hearing will be held to consider the following;

APPEAL CASE NO 77-1 - JERRY P COLÉ AND WALLACE W HILL, 190 Plymouth Road, Plymouth Michigan 48170, requesting permission to place wall signs on the north and west walls of the building at above address, located in a B-3 district which is in conflict with Section 5.202 (1-B-1, B-2, B-3 and P-1 districts) of Chapter 52, Article XV, Chapeter 52, Zoning of the Plymouth City Code.

Section 5.202 (1) provides, in part, that in B-1, B-2 and P-1 Districts not more than one (1) sign per use shall be permitted, except on a corner lot in which case two (2) signs either two(2) wall signs one (1) on each facade with thorofare frontage or one (1) wall signs and one (1) freestanding sign, shall be permitted. In the B-3 Districts, when the thorofare frontage equals 95 feet or greater, two (2) or more freestanding signs, placed at least fifty (50) lineal feet apart, may be used where no wall signs are used. Where a wall sign is used, one only freestanding sign shall be

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Tuesday, March 8, 1977, from 12 noon to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 9, 1977 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. And as many days thereafter that are necessary for the purpose of reviewing the Assessment-Roll for the year 1977.

The meeting of the Board of Review provides an additional opportunity for taxpayers to present protests or suggestions relative to assessed values on local property if satisfaction cannot be found after conference with the City Assessor.

Any Plymouth resident (or his agent) must make a personal appearance before the Board of Review and file a formal petition. This petition form can be obtained at the Office of the City Assessor, 2-1 S. Main St., Plymouth Mich. 48170.

All property assessments have been reviewed and adjusted where necessary in order to reflect an approximate 50% of current market value. On this basis, the state equalization factor for real and personal property is anticipated to be 1.00 for the year 1977.

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