# Fisher found guilty of murder

# **BY ED FITZGERALD**

Dr. Charles Fisher, of Canton, was found guilty of first degree murder Monday in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Judge Claudia Morcom set a sentencing date of March 26. Fisher is free on a \$250,000 - 10 per cent bond, which "shocked" prosecutor Doug Baker.

The trial of Fisher, accused of murdering his wife in July 1984, ended last Wednesday. The jury of nine

women and three men took just two days to decide the outcome of the twomonth trial.

Baker said he'd never heard of someone convicted of first degree murder being released on bond.

"There is no discretion in the sentencing," he said. "It has to be life. He has nothing to lose by running. Unless he has a lot of faith in the appellate system."

Fisher was arrested Feb. 19, 1985 as he crossed through customs on St. Thomas Island. Up to that point he had been working at Ross University in Dominica.

Fisher's wife, Ella Maria had died of asphyxiation on July 15, 1984. She was found in the couple's Thornwood Drive home with her mouth and nose covered with duct tape. Fisher told authorities that he and his wife had been robbed, and he had also been bound and gagged. Fisher claimed he broke free, but not in time to save his wife, who never regained conciousness and died five days after the incident. Canton Police investigated for almost seven months before charging Fisher.

Baker contended that Fisher's motive was jealousy over an alleged affair between his wife and her cousin. Baker said Fisher hired a couple of men to stage the crime, including the theft of his vehicle. Fisher, who never testified in the case, was accompanied in court by a girlfriend that he met last year through an ad in a singles column.

Fisher's attorney, Daniel Burress, contended that there had been a rash of break-ins in Fisher's neighborhood.



# Poisoning stops; some pigeons escape

BY BRIAN LYSAGHT The city has halted its incompleted program to poison pigeons.

"We're all done. At this point we'll concentrate on fixing the (Central Lot parking) deck so they can't roost up there," said City Manager Henry Graper.

The decision was made Sunday by Mayor William Robinson after Rose Exterminator Company planted strychnine-laced corn in pigeon feeding areas downtown. Some, but not all of the pigeon flock ate the corn and died.

Eight anti-poison protesters, braving the morning chill, stood on the upper deck Sunday morning shooing pigeons from the area, hoping to keep the birds from eating the corn.

Graper said the protesters disrupted Rose's work but many pigeons were killed anyway. Rose wanted to repeat the two-week pre-baiting program to draw the birds before spreading more poison to complete the kill, but city officials said no, Graper said.

Protesters, who were on the scene at 6:30 a.m. Sunday were upset despite the mixed results of the poisoning.

"You're talking about life here. They didn't have to do this," said Joanne Wilken.

Poisoning foes said the city could use non-lethal means to get rid of the pigeons. The City Commission ap-Cont. on pg. 11

Plymouth police try to figure out why a Texas man may have assaulted a Canton woman and then killed himself. See pg. 3.

Columnist Dan Bodene, **TUB:** of The Crier's Caribbean Bureau, fondly recalls his days in the Wilcox House. See pg. 9.

**FOLLY:** Will former Follies' volunteers hop aboard the Artrain? See pg. 13.



A SMALL CROWD of protesters scared pigeons away from strychnine-laced corn on the Central Lot parking deck Sunday. Julie Catterall, at right, used a sheet-metal noisemaker to scare away pigeons. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd)

# **City or township?** Canton's future debated

BY DAN NESS

Should Canton become a city? A committee looking into the question wants your two cents worth if you live in Canton.

The city-status study committee will be fielding questions at a "citizen input forum" Wed., March 5 at 7 p.m. at the Canton Administration Building.

"We want to know the citizens' thoughts, ideas. . . or if they have something they think we should check into," said committee member Sandy Preblich. "We want to make sure we're covering all the bases."

The "city-status study committee" has been looking into the pros and cons of cityhood for Canton since October, after being formed at the request of the Board of Trustees.

The committee was directed to report its findings to the board by April 30. Committee members are: Preblich, Theodore Grabbe, Henry Whalen, David McDonald and Diane Neihengen. Since being formed, the city-status committee has met with representatives of the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Township Association, the state office of management and budget, state legislator James Kosteva, professors who are experts in municipal studies, representatives from communities that have changed from township to city-status, representatives from communities that have considered but not changed from township to city status, and all department heads in Canton government.

"The more we look, the more we have to look," Preblich said. "We have reams and reams of information to read. It's a big issue."

Preblich stressed that the citizen input forum was set up for citizens to make suggestions and help the committee. If committee members are unable to answer a question from a citizen, they will respond to the citizen personally when they know the answer, Preblich said.



# **MARCH 1** Saturday

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THE COMMUNITY CRIER: February

Slo-pitch softball managers meeting 10 a.m., **Canton Township Hall** "Wizard of Oz," 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., Salem High

MARCH 2 Sunday

MARCH 3 Monday

Canton Kiwanis, 6:30 p.m., Dennys on Ann Arbor Rd.

Canton Rotary, noon, Roman Forum Plymouth Symphony League Bd., Call 459-7833 Pilgrim Shrine No. 55, 7:30 p.m., Grange Hall

Toughlove, 7 p.m., Growth Works Optimist Club, 7 p.m., Mayflower Hotel, dinner

Three Cities Art Club, 7:30 p.m., Plymouth Twp. Hall

Child psychologist lecturer, 7:30 p.m., East Middle School

Plymouth City Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m., City Hall

Seniors potluck luncheon, noon, First Methodist **Church of Plymouth** 

MARCH 4 Tuesday

Canton Exec. Board Mtg., 8 a.m., Chamber Office Plymouth Kiwanis, 6:30 p.m., Mayflower Crediteers Sr. Citizens, 12:30-3 p.m., Elks Club

Oddfellows, 8 p.m., Oddfellow's Hall The Oral Majority, 5:45 p.m., Denny's Restaurant

on Ann Arbor Rd. Plymouth Community Chorus, 7:30 p.m., East

Middle School Canton Township board meeeting, 7 p.m.

**MARCH 5** Wednesday

Canton Chamber Members Mtg., noon, Roman Forum Canton Senior Men's Club, 1-5 p.m., Canton Rec.

Center Fall Festival Board, 8 p.m., City Hall

Canton Newcomers, 7 p.m., Faith Community Church

Ply. Comm. Arts Council - Arts Rental Gallery, Dunning Hough Library, 10-8:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Happy Hour, 12-4 p.m., Cultural

Center "Bread for the World" group meets, 7:30 p.m.,

Our Lady of Good Counsel

# MARCH 6 Thursday

Civitan, Business Mtg., 7:30 p.m., Plymouth Elks Colonial Kiwanis, 12:05, Mayflower

Plymouth Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., Mayflower Senior Citizens Party Bridge, 1-5 p.m., Cultural Center

Senior Citizens Club, 1-4 p.m., Tonquish Creek Zesters Sr. Citizens, 12:30 p.m., Canton Rec.

Center Plymouth Newcomers lunch, 11:30 a.m., Karl's Restaurant

# MARCH 7 Sunday

Plymouth Rotary, 12:05, Meeting House Pioneers Canton Senior Citizens, 12:30-4 p.m.,

**Canton Rec. Center** West Suburban Stamp Club, 7:30-9 p.m., Plymouth Twp. Hall

Plymouth Arts Council lunch, 11:30 a.m., tickets \$7, Schoolcraft College

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MARCH 10 Monday

Canton Bus. & Pro. Women's Club, 6:30 p.m., Roman Forum

Canton Rotary, noon, Roman Forum Canton Kiwanis, 6:30 p.m., Dennys on Ann Arbor Rd.

Toastmaster's Int'l., 7 p.m., Mayflower Hotel

Knights of Columbus, 7 p.m., KFC Hall

Plymouth Rock & Mineral Society, 7:30 p.m., **Plymouth Cultural Center** Motor City Toastmaster's Club, 7 p.m., Denny's,

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Middle School Plymouth Kiwanis, 6:30 p.m., Mayflower

Plymouth Comm. Council on Aging, 2 p.m. Plymouth Cultural Center

Crediteers Senior Citizens, 12:30-3 p.m., Elks Club

The Oral Majority, 5:45 p.m., Denny's Restaurant on Ann Arbor Rd.

Plymouth Township board meeting, 7:30 p.m. Canton Township board meeting, 7 p.m

### MARCH 12 Wednesday

Canton Chamber Board Mtg., noon, Knights Inn Canton Jaycees, 7:30 p.m., Roman Forum C.E.P. Prom fashion show, 7-9:15 p.m., Canton

Cafe Ply. Comm. Arts Council - Art Rental Gallery,

Dunning Hough Library 10-8:30 p.m Senior Citizen's Happy Hour, 12-4 p.m., Cultural Center

# **MARCH 13** Thursday

Plymouth Jaycees, 8 p.m., Hillside Inn Plymouth Historical Society, 7:30 p.m. Museum Senior Citizens Party Bridge, 1-5 p.m., Cultural

Center Hi Twelve, 7 p.m., Denny's Restaurant

Soroptimist Club, 6 p.m., Bobby's Country Inn

Senior Citizens Club, 1-4 p.m., Tonquish Creek

Colonial Kiwanis, 12:05, Mayflower

Canton Historical Museum, 7:30 p.m., Museum, Open 1-3 Tues., 1-4 Sat. Lake Pointe Village Br., Women's Nat'l Farm &

Garden Assoc., 7:30 p.m., Farrand School MARCH 14 Friday

Plymouth Rotary, 12:05, Meeting House

Rebekah, 8 p.m., Oddfellows Hall

Pioneer Canton Senior Citizens, 12:30-4 p.m., Canton Rec. Center

Plymouth Community Band, 7:30 p.m., Canton Little Theatre

MARCH 15 Saturday Trip to the Ice Capades, Leave Canton Township Hall, 10:15 a.m.

# MARCH 16 Sunday

# MARCH 17 Monday

Plymouth Business & Prof. Women's Club, 6:30 p.m., Hillside Inn

Plymouth Registered Nurses Assoc., 7:30 p.m., Plymouth Twp. Hall

Tough Love, 7 p.m., Growth Works Canton Kiwanis, 6:30 p.m., Denny's on Ann Arbor

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Canton Rotary, noon, Roman Forum Optimist Club, 7 p.m., Mayflower Hotel, dinner D.A.R., Sandwich luncheon, private home, for info

453-4425 Happy St. Patrick's Day

Plymouth City Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m., City Hall

### **MARCH 18** Tuesday

Plymouth Kiwanis, 6:30 p.m., Mayflower Crediteers Senior Citizens, 12:30 3 p.m., Elks Club

St. Kenneth, Senior Citizens, 12-2:30 p.m., St. Kenneth Hall (420-0288)

Plymouth Community Chorus, 7:30 p.m., East Middle School

The Oral Majority, 5:45 p.m., Denny's Restaurant on Ann Arbor Rd.

Canton Cable TV Ad. Comm., 7:30 p.m., Library

Oddfellows, 8 p.m., Oddfellow's Hall Plymouth Theater Guild, 8 p.m., Central Middle

School Fashion Show, 7 p.m., Livonia Holidome

# MARCH 19 Wednesday

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Canton Library Board, 7:30 p.m., Library Ply. Comm. Arts Council, Art Rental Gallery,

Dunning Hough Library, 10-8:30 p.m. enior Citizen's Happy Hour, 12p.m.

Center Canton Senior Men's Club, 1-5 p.m., Canton Rec. Center



Plymouth Community Chorus, 7:30 p.m., East Middle School

Plymouth Kiwanis, 6:30 p.m., Mayflower The Oral Majority, 5:45 p.m., Denny's Restaurant on Ann Arbor Rd. Crediteers Senior Citizens, 12:30-3 p.m., Elks

Club Plymouth Township board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Canton Township board meeting, 7 p.m.

### MARCH 26 Wednesday

The Community Calendar is a public service sponsored by the Arbor Health Building and Stan's Market every month. Eligible organizations may submit information about upcoming events to The Community Crier by the fast. Wednesday of the month. Call The Crier at 453-6900.

MARCH 20 Thursday

**Oddfellows Hall** 

MARCH 21 Friday

Canton Rec. Center

Plymouth Twp. Hall

**MARCH 22** Saturday

MARCH 23 Sunday

MARCH 24 Monday

Tough Love, 7 p.m., Growth Works

a.m.-5 p.m.

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**Pioneer Middle School** 

Colonial Kiwanis, 12:05, Mayflower

Plymouth Rotary, 1205, Meeting House

West Suburban Stamp Club, 7:30-9

Mrs. Michigan pageant, 7:30 p.m., Novi Hilton

Growth Works Board, 7:30 p.m., Growth Works Plymouth Chamber, 8 a.m., Plymouth Hilton Am. Assoc: of University Women, 7:30 p.m.,

Plymouth Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., Mayflower Hotel

German-American Club of Plymouth, 8 p.m.,

Senior Citizen's Party Bridge, 1-5 p.m., Cultural

Pioneers Canton Senior Citizens, 12:30-4 p.m.,

Canton Women's Club, 9:30 a.m., Faith Moravian

Alumni/student retreat at Madonna College, 9:30

Canton Kiwanis, 6:30 p.m., Denny's on Ann Arbor

p.m.,

Senior Citizens Club, 1-4 p.m., Tonquish Creek

Civitan Dinner Mtg., 7 p.m., Plymouth Elks

Ply. Comm. Arts Council, Art Rental Gallery, Dunning Hough Library, 10-8:30 p.m., 11th **Birthday Sale** 

Family Service Advisory Comm., 8 a.m., Colony Plaza Office Am. Assoc. of Retired People, noon, Plymouth

Cultural Center, Brown Bag Lunch Senior Citizen's Happy Hour, 12-4 p.m., Cultural Center

# MARCH 27 Thursday

Colonial Kiwanis, 12:05, Mayflower

Rebekah, 8 p.m., Oddfellows Hall

Hi-Twelve, 7 p.m., Denny's Restaurant

Plymouth Rotary, 12:05, Meeting House

**Plymouth and Canton libraries** 

Canton Rotary, noon, Roman Forum

Toughlove, 7 p.m., Growth Works

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**Good Friday** 

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# Tip-toeing the Tyrolean



of Musicales" Saturday at Salem Auditorium. The dancers by Chris Boyd)

FOUR YOUNG DANCERS of the Childrens' Ballet above, Karen Broge, Marina Starks, Jenny Starley and Theatre perform the "Tyrolean," as part of the "Evening Leah Szafran, are students of Karen Milligan. (Crier photo

# Assault, suicide leaves questions

### **BY BRIAN LYSAGHT**

Police are sifting through clues to learn more about a 35-year-old man they believe sexually assaulted a Canton woman last week then killed himself after police surrounded his Livonia motel room.

Plymouth Chief Richard Myers said police are certain William Bokemeyer of Houston, TX is the man who sexually assaulted a 36-year-old woman whose car had run out of gas on Plymouth Road near Haggerty about 1 a.m. last Wednesday.

Police are also investigating whether Bokemeyer was involved in any other crimes since he left his family in Texas in November, Myers said. Two handguns, jewelry, money -- including sequentially numbered bills, and a police radio and police frequency handbook were found in Bokemeyer's room of the Holiday Inn on Plymouth Road, Myers said.

"It's kind of like putting a jigsaw puzzle together," he said.

No one yet knows why the Texas native was in the area.

Based on Plymouth and Livonia police reports this is what happened Wednesday:

The Canton woman ran out of gas and pulled her car into a driveway at 401 Plymouth Rd. early Wednesday.

A passing Plymouth Police car gave her a ride to the police station where she summoned a cab which drove her to a service station then back to her car with a can of gas.

Bokemeyer drove up while she was filling her car, talked to her then dragged her into his 1984 Lincoln Continental at 1:30 a.m. He sexually assaulted her several times then dropped her off at Mill and Plymouth at 4 a.m.

The woman drove to the Canton Police station and was taken to Oakwood Hospital Canton Center. Based on information from the woman, Plymouth Police broadcast a description of the car - including its Texas license plate -- asking area police to check motel parking lots. Livonia Police spotted Bokemeyer's Continental in the Holiday Inn lot about 7:45 a.m.

Police surrounded the motel. At 8:45 a.m., Plymouth Police Lt. Robert Commire called Bokemeyer's room. and asked if he was "Bill." Bokemeyer said yes. Commire asked him to come out for questioning. Bokemeyer hung up.

Livonia Police's SWAT team was called in. Plymouth Police obtained a search warrant at 10:30 a.m. Numerous attempts to contact 1

Bokemeyer by phone, bullhorn and knocks on the door went unanswered.

Livonia Police entered the room about 4 p.m. and found Bokemeyer lying on the bed dead from a gunshot wound.

Bokemeyer had been released last April from Fort Leavenworth, a federal prison in Kansas, where he served time for armed robbery.

His parents said he was a manic depressive who got into trouble when he didn't take his medication.

Investigators are trying to piece Cont. on pg. 11

# School Bd. to rework parking policy

 BY ED FITZGERALD A parking policy at Centennial Education Park, put into effect last September, will soon be reworked. A new plan could include the building of additional parking area.

At Monday night's Plymouth-Canton School Board meeting, the board was asked to appoint two members to a parking committee. The board failed to do so, expressing wishes to learn more about the committee's goals.

The board voted to table the motion, 6-1, with secretary David Artley dissenting. Artley pointed out that the board had not voted on the first policy.

"And I don't think we should," Artley said. "The present plan seems to be working well."

Board president Roland Thomas said he thought the committee might request additional parking. The committee's first meeting is scheduled for Feb. 27.

Currently, parking at C.E.P is limited to 580 cars. There are 3700 students at C.E.P., but no 10thgraders are allowed to drive Some C.E.P. students had objected to the policy. Petitions were circulated and students attended a school board meeting and quoted the board costs of new parking lots.

Salem principal Bill Brown said the terms of the first policy included an evaluation after one year. No change would take effect until at least next year. Brown said a "fly in the ointment" was the transfer of some ninthgraders to the park next year. He said that meant more parents driving kids to school, which would add to the traffic problem at C.E.P.

Brown said the results of the policy had been good, with favorable reports from police and bus drivers.

"We will hear a report from the head of security. We will be looking at the whole process of issuing stickers -deciding who can drive and who can't. We'll look at areas we might be able to control better."

He said the committee would also hear reports from the students.

# Canton lands new center

Another shopping center has been approved for construction in Canton.

The Karp-Licht Development Company received the go-ahead from the Canton Board of Trustees at its Feb. 11 meeting to build Canton Landing. The retail shopping center and general office building will be located on the north side of Ford Road between Canton Center and Sheldon roads.

The Canton Planning Commission unanimously approved the site plan for Canton Landing at its Jan. 27 meeting.

The shopping center will be surrounded by Carriage Hills subdivision to the north, Pizza Hut and Fellows Creek apartments to the south, New Town Center to the east and Super Bowl to the west.

# Civilian staffers to join Canton police

### BY DAN NESS

They're not dispatchers. They're not community service officers (CSOs). They're not sworn police officers.

They're police service personnel (PSPs), and seven of them will be joining the Canton Police Department soon.

The PSP position is a cross between a dispatcher and community service officer, according to Canton Police Chief John Santomauro. The system, as written in the job description, is not being used anywhere else in the Detroit-metro area.

"What we're doing here is a little unique," Santomauro said.

The Canton Merit Commission was to have discussed the new position last night. If the commission okays the hiring, as expected, the position will be advertised for applicants, Santomauro said.

The PSPs will be doing the "tedious and time-consuming" duties police officers have been handling so far, Santomauro said. Hiring the PSPs will help "enhance the visibility of Canton police in the street," he said.

Duties of the PSPs include: all dispatch responsibilities; supervision and processing of prisoners in the jail; processing abandoned automobiles; maintaining the prisoners' property; animal control; directing traffic when necessary; handling car lockouts; and transporting equipment and vehicles for repair.

Although PSPs would wear



# uniforms, they would not be sworn police officers.

Hiring seven PSPs will allow more police officers to patrol Canton, according to Santomauro. "One of our obvious areas of concern is that we have sworn officers doing dispatch," Santomauro said. "This will relieve sworn police officers of certain duties, allowing them to be placed on the street."

Applicants for the PSP position will go through comprehensive testing, including written and oral exams. The police officers' union was also involved in writing the job description for the PSP position, Santomauro said. The union was involved because the PSP position represented a change in duties from a traditional police officers' job description.

# Crash blocks Sheldon

NO ONE was seriously injured in this three-car accident Friday at Sheldon and Farmer streets in Plymouth. Police say a pickup driven by Kenneth Michael Young, 29, of Anchorville hit a car head on, then carcened into another. (Crier photo by Brian Lysaght)

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# Growth Works and local police design program Juvenile offenders have alt

### **BY BRIAN LYSAGHT**

Growth Works Inc. and local police departments have designed a program to help youth who end up on the wrong side of the law.

Called "Youth Development," it provides an alternative to juvenile court for first-time offenders arrested by Plymouth, Plymouth Township or Canton police. Police will refer kids aged 6-16 who fit criteria to the 12-18 week program, which requires "total family committment," said a Growth Works employe, and is based partly on Toughlove concepts.

If the youths successfully complete "Youth Development," charges will be dropped.

It is designed for "kids who fall between the cracks" of the county's overcrowded juvenile court system, said Sue Davis, Growth Works' volnteer coordinator, who, with counselor Marilee Huesfner, oversees the project.

Youth accepted into the program must work with a volunteer mentor and attend group sessions. Parents must attend weekly group sessions including Toughlove or Families Anonymous.

Davis said parents coming through the program are disturbed by the behavior of their troubled kids' and families often in turmoil. "The parents we've seen are really frustrated," she said.

"We'll be working with them to gain



control again," Davis said.

Parents will learn Toughlove concepts that they have rights too, and what is and isn't acceptable behavior from their kids. These lessons will, in turn, benefit the child, Davis said.

"You can't work with a kid then send him back into the same environment," she said.

Volunteers are needed. Growth Works will train volunteers then assign them to work with "Youth Development" youngsters, Davis said. The first 10 volunteers have completed training and the program is underway, she said. The program, she said, is not like Big Brothers. It is structured and demanding on both kids and parents.

Local police, who will refer candidates for the program, are supportive.

"It's a real good program because it gives (kids) an alternative to the court system," said Plymouth Police Chief Richard Myers.

"It gives us better ability to deal with young offenders," said Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry. That the youths are monitored locally rather than in the county courts in Westland or Detroit is even better, Berry said.

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Youths arrested for serious crimes like burglary, auto theft, or arson, are not eligible. But Berry said most local young people run are picked up for less serious offenses like larceny or drinking.

"Youth Development" is one of four similar programs that have received county funding, and the only one outside the City of Detroit.

For more information on the program, call Growth Works at 455-4902.

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DESCRIPTION OF PAVING DISTRICT FOR KOPPERNICK ROAD

SAD #1 Commencing at the center line intersection of Koppernick and Haggerty Roads in the Southwest quarter of Section 1, Charter Township of Canton, Town 2 South, Range 8 East, Wayne County, Michigan; thence Northeast to a point 300± feet North of the center line of Koppernick Road and 300 ± feet East of the center line of Haggerty road; thence Easterly paralkel to the center line of Koppernick Road to the West line of I-275 Freeway right-of-way: thence Southerly along the WEst line of he I-275 Freeway right-of-way to a point 43 feet North of the center line of Koppernick Road; thence Easterly parallel to the center line of Koppernick Road to the East line of the 1-275 Freeway right-of-way; thence Northerly along the East line of 1-275 Freeway right-of-way to the West line of he Chesapcake & Ohio Railroad right-of-way; thence Southeasterly along the West line of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad right-of-way to a point 300 ± feet South of the center line of Koppernick Road; thence Westerly parallel to the center line of Koppernick Road to the East line of the 1-275 Freeway right-of-way; thence Northerly along the East line of the 1-275 Freeway right-of-way to a point 43 feet South of the center line of Koppernick Road; thence Westerly parallel to the center line of Koppernick Road to the West line of the 1-275 Freeway right-of-way; thence Southerly along the West line of the I-275 Freeway right-of-way to the Southeast corner of parcel 'Ulal'; thence Westerly along South line of Parcel 'Ulal' 280 ± feet; thence Northwest to the center line intersection of Koppernick and Haggerty Road, being the point of beginning.

A special assessment roll comprising the above described properties and made for the purpose of defraying the cost of Road Paving, drainage and appurtenances to service said properties is on file for public examination with the Township Clerk and any objections to said special assessment roll must be filed in writing with the Township Clerk prior to the close of the hearing to review said special assessment roll.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at the Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, 7:00 O'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time on March 4, 1986, for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll.

Linda Chuhran Township Clerk

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### NOTICE OF HEARING TO REVIEW SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

TO THE OWNERS OF ALL PREMISES WITHIN THE FOLLOWING described lands:

DESCRIPTION OF PAVING DISTRICT FOR KOPPERNICK ROAD WEST OF HAGGERTY ROAD AND RONDA DRIVE

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Commencing at the center line intersection of Haggerty and Koppernick Roads in the Southwest quarter of Section 1, Charter Township of Canton, Town 2 South, Range 8 East, Wayne County, Michigan; thence Southwest to a point  $300\pm$  feet West of the center line of Haggerty Road and  $300\pm$  feet South of the North line of Parcel '01R1,12N1a1,P1a1'; thence Westerly parallel to the North line of Parcel '01R1,12N1a1,P1a1'; thence Westerly parallel to the North line of Parcel '01R1,12N1a1,P1a1'; thence South line of Parcel '2Q'; thence Easterly along the South line of Parcel '2Q' to a point  $360\pm$  feet West of the proposed center line; thence Northerly parallel to the South line of Parcel '2Q' to a point  $300\pm$  feet West of the proposed center line of Rhonda Drive center line; thence Northerly parallel to the proposed center line of Rhonda Drive to a point  $300\pm$  feet; thence Southerly parallel to the South line of Parcel '2Q' to a point  $300\pm$  feet east of the Proposed center line of Rhonda Drive to a point  $300\pm$  feet; thence Southerly parallel to the South line of Parcel '2Q' to a point  $375\pm$  feet East of the West line of Parcel '1Q'; thence Easterly parallel to the North line of Parcel '2Q' and '1Q' to a point  $375\pm$  feet East of the West line of Parcel '1Q'; thence Easterly parallel to the North line of Parcel '1Q'; thence Easterly parallel to the North line of Parcel '1Q'; thence Easterly parallel to the North line of Parcel '1Q'; thence Easterly parallel to the North line of Parcel '1Q'; thence Easterly parallel to the North line of Parcel '1Q'; thence Easterly parallel to the North line of Parcel '1Q'; thence Easterly parallel to the North line of Parcel '1Q'; thence Easterly parallel to the North line of Parcel '1Q'; thence Easterly parallel to the North line of Parcel '1Q'; thence Easterly parallel to the North line of Parcel '1Q'; thence Easterly parallel to the North line of Parcel '1Q'; thence Easterly parallel to the North line of Parcel '1Q'; thence Easterly parallel to the North line of Parcel '1Q'; th

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TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at the Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, 7:00 O'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time on March 4, 1986, for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll.

Linda Chuhran Township Clerk

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to State Law 357.252, the following vehicles will be sold at public sale at 934 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan, on February 28, 1986 at 9:30 a.m.:

1974 Pontiac 2 Door 1979 Chevrolet 2 Door Inquiries regarding these vehicles should be addressed to Chief Carl Berry Plymouth Township Police Department at 453-3869. ESTHER HULSING, CLERK

TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

NOTICE OF HEARING TO REVIEW SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

TO THE OWNERS OF ALL PREMISES WITHIN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIVED LANDS:

DESCRIPTION OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT FOR METTETAL AIRPORT AREA SAD #3

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Parcel 'c2alala' in the Northeast quarter of Section 2, Charter Township of Canton, Town 2 South, Range 8 East, Wayne County, Michigan; thence Easterly to the Northwest corner of Parcel 'C2alala'; thence Southerly along the East line of Parcels 'C2alala' and 'D2' to the North line of Parcel '2Q'; thence Easterly along the North line of Parcel '2Q' to a point  $300 \pm$  feet West of the proposed Ronda Drive center line; thence Southerly parallel to the proposed Ronda Drive center line to a point  $300 \pm$  feet North of the South line of Parcel '2Q'; thence Westerly parallel to the South of the South line of Parcel '2Q'; thence Westerly parallel to the South west corner of Parcel 'D1'; thence Northerly along the West line of Parcels 'D1', 'C2a4', 'C2a3', 'C2a2', 'C2ala2', 'C1', 'C2ala1c, alb, C2b', 'C2ala'B', AND 'C2alala' to the Northwest corner of Parcel 'C2alala', being the point of beginning.

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DESCRIPTION OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT FOR KOSS DRAIN IMPROVEMENT

SAD #4

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Parcel 'C2a1a1a' in the Northeast quarter of Section 2, Charter Township of Canton, Town 2 South, Range 8 East, Wayne County, Michigan; thence Easterly to the Northwest corner of Parcel 'C2a1a1a'; thence Southerly along the East line of Parcels 'C2a1a1a' and 'D2' to the North line of Parcel '2Q'; thence Easterly along the North line of Parcel '2Q'; thence Easterly along the North line of Parcel '2Q'; thence Easterly along the East-West quarter line of Section 1 to the Southeast corner of Parcel 'N2'; thence Southerly parallel to the West Section line of Section 1 to a point on the South Section line of Section 1; thence Westerly along the South Section line to the Southast corner of Section 2 and 790  $\pm$  feet West to the East Section line of Section 2 to a point 300  $\pm$  feet South of the North line of Parcel '2R' thence West of the proposed center line of Ronda Drive; thence Northerly parallel to the proposed center line of Parcels 'D1', 'C2a4', 'C2a3', 'C2', 'C2a1a2', 'C1', 'C2a1a1c, alb, C2b', 'C2a1a1a' to the Northwest corner of Parcel 'C2a1a1a', being the point of beginning.

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Linda Chuhran Township Clerk

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS** 

The Board of Education of Plymouth-Canton Community schools invites the submission of sealed bids on MEASURING, SUPPLYING AND INSTALLATION OF WINDOW COVERINGS FOR ELEVEN (1) SCHOOLS IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. Bids will be received until 10:00 A.M. on the 3rd day of March 1986, at the Board of Education Building, 454 South Harvey Street, Plymouth, Michigan at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the Purchasing Office. The right to reject any and/or all bids is reserved.

BOARD OF EDUCATION PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS David P. Artley, Secretary

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# wp. seeks to increase park land

**BY BRIAN LYSAGHT** 

Plymouth Township will seek a state grant to help purchase 17 acres of land adjacent to Township Park from Plymouth-Canton Schools.

Acquiring property and building tennis courts at the park were two of several short term goals outlined in a township recreation master plan presented to the Board of Trustees recently.

The plan, updated from 1977-78, was prepared by planning director James Anulewicz to be submitted with a state land and water resource grant request. The Planning Commission will evaluate the plan later this year.

Anulewicz said the rapidly growing township must identify and respond to residents' recreation needs. The plan suggested the township develop its own recreation programs and others with the city and schools. The township has few recreation programs so residents rely on the city's.

"Without a great deal of expenditures on the part of the community, I think we can organize some programs," Anulewicz said, suggesting chess or checkers tournaments, or a city-township golf outing. The township could offer its parks for such programs, he said.

While schools provide much of the township's neighborhood parks, the township is short of "structured playfields," those with athletic fields, the report said. It also encouraged cluster housing and residential unit development as planning options that provide adequate park and play space.

The report suggested the township continue to work with the city, schools,



from Plymouth-Canton Schools. The land adjacent to the (Crier photo by Brian Lysaght) park has a beech and maple tree forest. "The one thing

and county to ensure continued use of parks.

Much of the plan's short-term goals centered on township park. The 17acre purchase will cost \$60,000-170,000, according to the report. Fifty per cent of the cost is to be paid by the state grant and 50 per cent township funds.

The parcel includes a beech-maple forest, which Anulewicz said would

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP officials want a state grant to we're missing from (the park) is any significant stand of help buy a parcel of land next to Township Park (above) trees," said Jim Anulewicz, township planning director.

add much to Township Park.

"The one thing we're missing from (the park) is any significant stand of trees," he said.

Building at least four tennis courts at the park using 50 per cent state grant funds was one of several other additionals short term goals for the park.

Others included: •Evaluate needs and development in Greenmeadows sub area in 1987-88. •Evaluate needs and development in Gold Arbor area in 1986-91.

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•Work with school district to upgrade school playgrounds 1986-91.

•Evaluate needs and development Lakepointe sub area 1987-88.

•Closing Powell Road and incorporating it with the golf course 1986-87.

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### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will receive sealed bids up to 11:00 a.m., March 7, 1986 for the following:

### **1986 TREE PLANTING PROGRAM**

Specifications are available at the office of the Clerk. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

### LINDA CHUHRAN Clerk

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The Board of Education of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites the submission of sealed bids on the following:

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- One (1) STAKE TRUCK
- One (I) CUBE DELIVERY TRUCK

Bids will be received until MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1986 AT 2:\*\* P.M. AT THE Board of Education Building, 454 South Harvey Street; Plymouth, Michigan at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the Purchasing Office. The right to reject any and/or all bids is reserved.

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any or all bids. LINDA CHUHRAN Clerk PUBLISH: 2/26/86 **NOTICE OF HEARING ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW** Nofice is hereby given that the Canton Township Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times 8:30 am to 11:30 am TUESDAY, March 4, 1986 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm 8:30 am to 11:30 am WEDNESDAY, March 5, 1986 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm THURSDAY, March 6, 1980 8:30 am to 11:30 am 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm FRIDAY, March 7, 1986 8:30 am to 11:30 am 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm 10:00 am to 3:00 pm SATURDAY, March 8, 1986 MONDAY, March 10, 1986 8:30 am to 11:30 am 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm TUESDAY, March 11, 1986 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm All persons protesting their assessments must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required, however. Petitions may be obtained at the Township Assessor's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Appearance before the Board is by

appointment only. If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may

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call Peggy Farell, Secretary to the Board of Review, at 397-1000, ext. 282.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will receive sealed bids up to 11:00 a.m., March 12, 1986 for the

**1986 PORTABLE TOILET RENTAL** 

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An open letter to City Manager Henry Graper:

As one of the most outspoken critics of the recent pigeon kill, I feel compelled to express my ideas one last time. Foremost, there is no doubt that I would have opposed the killing of the pigeons regardless of the method used; the inhumane approach used, however, exacerbated my resentment and frustration.

Second, equally frustrating was the feeling that those who opposed the plan were continually belittled, patronized and ignored. Remarks at commission meetings such as:

(1) "We'll hear your comments if you keep it short," and(2) "bigotry,"

are just two examples of the nonprofessional conduct expressed by city commissioners.

Third, I would like to hear your comments on the following issues.

A) The flock of pigeons was estimated, according to city officials, to number 500. The fee charged by Rose was to be \$2,200 or \$4.40 per pigeon. The fee payment should be based upon the actual size of the kill. By the way, an official for the police department told a citizen that only 37 pigeons were killed.

B) If the pigeons could fly only 100 yards before dying as we were told at a recent commission meeting, why did Mr. Zimmerman position one of his pigeon pickers at the Presbyterian Church on Church Street? When I informed you that they were there, you told me that you knew everything you needed to know about the pigeons. Therefore, this should be an easy question for you to answer. By the way, I have a picture of the pigeon picker by the church in case of the denial that this situation actually occurred.

C) Did the city really feel that the protestors needed to be continually observed by the police?

D) If Rose was to pick up all the



questioning whether City Manager Henry Graper and the City Commission were in the driver's sent on the pigeon poison issue.

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dead pigeons, why were we able to drive around *after* they left and gather nine dead pigeons from the area and locate one other which died and was run over by cars on Ann Arbor Trail? Again, the collection did not begin until all Rose employees left the area.

E) Why did the city feel the need to censor Mr. Zimmerman? His statement on Channel 7 news was that the city had requested him not to comment on the situation.

F) Why would a Rose employee intentionally try to provoke me by telling me to "Have a nice day?"

G) As city officials and politicians, you and the commission are paid to make tough decisions. You are not paid to ignore and, in effect, disenfranchise your residents and constituents; when the commission resorted to name-calling; it turned vindictive. I honestly believe that the pigeon kill was viewed by the commission as a way to express authority and to demonstrate that you (collectively) would not be dissuaded by a group of protesters.

H) Why were the protesters required to give their names and addresses when addressing the commission while the lone supporter was not? I) Why was our petition with almost 400 signatures ignored? Check the vote totals for the city commissioners during the recent elections and you will see that 400 is a significant number of votes.

J) Why did the commission ignore the proposals presented by the humane society?

K) On the Channel 4 news, Mr. Graper, you are quoted as saying that the poisoning program is being suspended. Is this because a sufficient number of pigeons were killed or because your observations of the kill led you to believe that the process is indeed inhumane? Could it be that our complaints were not devoid of merit? Should the commission have paid more attention to the citizens?

L) Are you proud of the image projected in the media?

Plymouth is a wonderful city with much to be proud of; unfortunately, my current feeling is one of embarrassment – embarrassment over the cruel execution of living creatures and embarrassment over the conduct of the City Commission.

I will get over it, but I promise you, I will not forget it. SÁM FULLERTON

# *\$600 toilet seats? Ship Graper to the Pentagon?*

# EDITOR:

This is how the undersigned feel Hank is handling the pigeon situation--like a puppet.

It's just a shame for the pigeons that his strings are controlled by money. A whopping exterminator bill!

As city manager we feel Mr. Graper's actions are similar to those of the Pentagon. Next he'll be spending \$600 for City Hall toilet seats!

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# <u>COMMUNITY OPINIONS</u> Rub-a-dub-dub in the Wilcox House tub

It came to me in the breezeway of Billie's saloon in Key West. It was the bathtub, of course.

I was thinking of the place where I had lived in Plymouth during my last (so far) season in Michigan -- the back apartment in Jack Wilcox's house. Key West was a good place to think of Plymouth, and of the Wilcox House; much of the architecture I'd seen along Duvall and Simonton streets earlier in the day was of the approximate vintage of 291 Union, and many people in Key West hold an appreciation for the history of their own town as do people in Plymouth for theirs.

Besides, Key West was where I learned of the imminent doom of the Wilcox House.

My wife and I had motored down to the Edge of America with the latest (for us) copy of The Community Crier. I read in it Billie's, under the popeyed gaze of a carved John Paul Jones bowsprit. We got the paper late. The decision had been made for a highrise on the Wilcox property without anybody having asked us. So all I could do was remember how the place was.

People remember things about places where they have lived; the neighbors, the plumbing or how steep the stairs were. Sometimes the most acute memory lies just under the surface of a larger recollection.

In the bottom of a nasty gin drink much favored by tourists (to save face I ordered mine sans fruit and parasol), a special highlight of my stay in the big, old house came together. The old-time deep, clawfooted tub.

I moved into the Wilcox House in the late summer of 1983, for a last few months before starting graduate school in Missouri. In previous years, I'd



camped in apartments in Livonia and Canton and had rented a room in the Township, but when Jack Wilcox asked me if I wanted the back apartment in his house, I jumped at it.

Fall Festival was probably my earliest memory of living there. I don't remember much about the festival at all except for lugging around a video camera in the heat and making frequent trips to the apartment to recharge batteries -- the camera's and mine. I remember barbecue smoke pouring into the front room when the wind was right, but since no yellowjackets came with it I figured I got away with a bargain.

I also remember the nights. After most other people had gone home tuckered out from a day's Festgazing, the people who ran the show put up their feet and got a good look at the evening. Those people, who worked in the park and at the Grange, were so nice on those evenings. And after putting up with all those tourists.

In those early months I didn't have to wait for evening to go home to a cool apartment. My part of the house was shaded by trees in the morning and by the main part of the building the rest of the day. For the same effect nowadays I've got to pay for ceiling fans.

My kitchen was long and narrow, in the back of the place. It was a blessing to be able to sit at the table, eat and do the dishes without getting up.

The kitchen's outboard wall was half window. I looked out to where the

gardens used to be. There were remnants of a trellised walk, and Jack pointed out where a fountain had once existed. There wasn't much left of it when I lived there. I guess some folks are better at gardening than others.

In the fall before the first snow fell, Jack showed me a project done by an architectural student from U-M. It was a portfolio on the house, with sketches, a short history and points of engineering interest. In summary, the student made a plaintive appeal for restoration of the house.

From my porch, it seemed like wishful thinking. Outside my door the rotting eaves were impossible to ignore because of the unpredictable drainage from the roof. Much of the time the house just looked tired.

But Jack stuck his head out of a basement window one evening late in the fall and said the old furnace would keep us in fine stead for another winter. I believed him and was never disappointed.

I had standup heat registers in my place. Although I mostly grew up with forced-air baseboards, in a place my family bought in Pennsylvania years ago there were standup registers that I learned to love. Mine did at the Wilcox House. Oh yes, the bathtub.

My bathroom had been decorated by the tenants before me. The one just before me was a printer. He decorated the tub with his handprints. The one before him was a young woman Jack said was very quiet and nice. Clean living had not helped her ability to hang wallpaper. Guests during my tenure frequently asked what kind of flowers grew upwards and downwards on the same wall. I'm afraid I wasn't much help for an answer.

The tub was, Jack said, the oldest in Plymouth. No wonder our ancestors built places like Plymouth and Key West with tubs like that to soak in after a hard day's work. Until I moved into that apartment I had been a devout shower addict. I'd toured condos that had bigger shower stalls than my entire bathroom in the Wilcox House and I thought they were the cat's meow until The Oldest Tub in Plymouth took me in. I stewed in my own juices, as it were.

That fall I began a meaningful relationship with the woman who became my wife the following summer. Perhaps it was a measure of things to come that she fell in love with that tub, too. Before she was my wife, my wife knew what was good for us. It was good, clean fun.

I had another gin drink at Billie's, looked down the street in Key West and thought about Plymouth some more. Then I thought about a letter I'm going to write to Jack to ask him for that tub before the house comes down.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dan Bodene, former managing editor of The Community Crier, lived in the Jack Wilcox house apartments. He is now a feature section copy editor at the Ft. Lauderdale, FL. News. His wife, referred to in the column, is the former COMMA, art director, Cynthia Trevino. Bodene, who seemed regularly to draw assignments on life in run-down housing, also wrote two compelling pieces on life at the old Nelson Hotel - Old Village Inn which burned in a spectacular fire.

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I used to write legibly. I figured, it's easy enough to be misunderstood without lending a hand. Of course, when I was young, good penmanship was considered sissified. At times I even cursed my cursive.

Plymouth-Canton Schools recently announced an "inventive spelling" program. Mary Uhl, chairman of the spelling committee, said a kid shouldn't be discouraged from trying. So, if students wanted to spell cat, d-o-g, that is fine, as long as the difference is known. I thought it must be the same for handwriting, and I felt better about how my writing had deteriorated.

As it is, sloppy writers have a champion of their cause. Doctors. Their hieroglyphics have always been excused because everyone knows doctors are busy with much more important things. Who cares if they can't write or spell. No one cares either when their beepers go off in a crowded theatre.

But someone does care. A Dr. John Beary has conducted a survey of statewide handwritten medical records. He found 42 per cent of the samples were unreadable to some degree. In some of those as many as 52 per cent of the words were incomprehensible.

"Doctors' handwriting has been the subject of jokes for some time," he says. "But we never really had a quantitative measure. It's potentially dangerous to the patients.

"Let's say there was a key bit of diagnostic information, such as a patient having a major heart condition. If you couldn't read it, you may not do something that you might have done."

If we could all communicate as clearly as Dr. Beary. There's one group of people who have to regularly decipher doctor doodlings. Pharmacists. I used to work in a pharmacy downtown Detroit, where I helped put pills in bottles, when I wasn't dodging bullets (a true but other story). One of the pharmacists I worked with was Mark Iwaniec, now a Canton resident. Often Mark would have to call a doctor to verify a dosage or strength of medicine. Sometimes he couldn't even read the doctor's name.

Dale Knab, owner and pharmacist at Wiltse's Drug Store in Plymouth, says the doctors in this area are unusually good writers.

"Occasionally I have questions, but usually that 3 from out-of-town doctors to the east of here. Most people from Plymouth go to places like University Hospital in Ann Arbor and I'm familiar with those doctors' writing."

Knab remembers, though, while a student intern in Westland, a doctor whose prescriptions could be read only one out of ten times.

Knab says doctors usually don't mind being called for double-checks. He shakes his head when thinking of pharmacists who might "flip a coin."

He says the real test came when looking through prescriptions still on record at Wiltse's from the early 1900's.

"Some of the compounds are unfamiliar. But the hardest part is that they used more Latin," Knab says.

Knab also admits to less than letter-perfect writing himself. "They tell me my 5's look like s's," he says.

Unquestionably, doctors should take the time to be more careful. Maybe if they didn't squeeze so many appointments into one day there would be more time for legible writing. Or we could make sure that doctors are tested for penmanship before they graduate from medical school. Some people say many operations are done unnecessarily anyway. Others say doctors get rich off of Medicaid and union insurance plans.

union insurance plans, So if there were a shortage of doctors, who would give a beep? We would. We have to.

# community 7 A missing cannon stole the hot potato cake

A dove is nothing but a pigeon, no matter how loving its coo.

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The same goes for a squab, even if served under glass at a high price. And on a scale of one to 10, the public flap over ridding downtown Plymouth of their untidy cousins doesn't hold a candle to some of the issues that have stirred our citizenry to the quick in bygone days.

When the warm weather arrives, and the song of the turtle is heard throughout the land, the pigeon crisis is apt to take its place in limbo alongside the late, unlamented chicken flying race, the city's obscenity ordinance and the loop road.

Just 20 years ago, Plymouth was caught up in an emotional, toe-to-toe battle over whether liquor by the glass for consumption on the premises should be permitted. The saloon industry won in a squeaker at the ballot box, and somehow the populace has adjusted to survive -- maybe even thrive.

# Down The Road By Brian Lysaght

I hold no grudge against those who may glance at this column just long enough to see what it is about, then move on to the obituaries or the 'What's Happening' columns.

understand. A City Com-1 missioner's words tumble through my head: "This is a small town; nothing much happens here. You guys have to write about something." Maybe.

But just when all had seemed said and done, along comes Sunday past to add a new twist to an old story. It looks something like this:

Rose Exterminator Company shows up for work at the Central Lot parking deck about 7 a.m. They spread strychnine-laced corn on the ground. Nearby are two pigeon lovers who arrived earlier to capture birds before the poison drops.

More poisoning foes arrive; by 8 a.m. there are eight on the upper deck. They spot the birds on approach to the deck. They yell and scream and bang a tin cookie sheet on the concrete walls of the deck - anything to create a racket and keep hungry pigeons from landing near the deck and its poison.

It is cold. Rose employes walk around the deck and downtown with white, plastic pales. Most are empty but some hold dead pigeons.

Two then one police car idle nearby. Its occupants, who are warm, think the scene is ridiculous. It is.

The police chief arrives and tries to get the protestors -- including four members of the Wilkens family - to leave. They won't. He mentions the city's ridiculous permit to gather ordinance. He recalls using strychnine in college pre-med classes and tells the Wilkens it's not such a bad way for the birds to go.

"They didn't have to do this," says one protestor.

City Manager Henry Graper and DPW Superintendent Ken Vogras park nearby and survey the scene.

A television news camera crew arrives and begins filming. I leave. I am cold and hungry. No corn meal for me.

I learn the next day that the city stopped the poisoning. Graper told that to the TV news crew that knocked on his door. He said his dog attacked them and that he didn't like being disturbed on Sunday.

Some pigeons ended up in a white pale and some didn't. Graper called the protestors "disruptive." They apparently prevented the exterminators from killing all the pigeons. Now the city will concentrate on making the deck unfit for bird habtation.

But the protestors don't feel victorious. They say the city will be hearing more from them.

The city, too, will no doubt be hearing from downtown merchants and property owners who asked that the "pigeon problem" be taken care of. "Why didn't you finish the job?" they will ask.

From both sides our city fathers and mothers have learned that pigeons don't die quietly, especially in a small town where nothing much ever happens.

# Through Bifocals By Fred Delano

And do you remember the tubthumping which took place as opposing sides fought whether the city should join the Detroit water system or keep its own wells? Again, the voting result was closer than two lovers in heat, but the Detroit idea won, although some still wish a divorce could be arranged.

Modular scheduling in the high schools? Wow! Wasn't that a lulu? After a trial of several years, the system was abandoned, but remnants do remain to the delight of some educators.

Unification of the city and Township into one Plymouth municipality was a hot potato in the early '70's, with annexation efforts of the city a sore point through the Fred Yockey administration. Now the two governments are palsy-walsy. Afen't they?

When Fall Festival time rolls around again and you see organizational booths lined up on the pavement of Main Street, ask yourself how come they're in the street instead of in the park as they were for many vers.

Well, hallelujah! Now, there was an ssue that brought out the hoi polloi and shook City Hall rafters.

You see, the Beautification ommittee, with assistance from Rotary and other civic clubs, had just finished the project of ringing Kellogg Park with brick walkways. Every few steps, names of the financial donors who made this possible were inscribed to last through eternity.

Hell hath no fury to match that which broke loose when it was learned these tributes of identification were to be covered by festival booths. In a special meeting in the City

Commission chamber, it was

out campaign, the city's backing off. Great!

After attracting even more pigeons to downtown Plymouth with the "prebaiting" program and thereby increasing the threat of disease to those working, shopping and living downtown, the city fizzles out.

The emotional pigeon lovers and the politicians deserve each other. Those who face the pigeon filth deserve better on both accounts.

It will be impossible for another parking deck-pigeon nesting ground to gain support of downtowners although the pigeon lovers - many of whom don't live in the city and almost none of whom live within poopshot of downtown - may toss in their nickels to see more of the pests.

Pigeon poop on the whole affair!

Plymouth's then police chief, Timothy Ford, who arose and calmly suggested, "The answer is simple; let's close Main from Ann Arbor Trail to Church and put the booths in the street." Only then did the storm abate.

What we need today is more imagination, something akin to the incident which led to this Plymouth Mail & Observer front page headline of April 12, 1972: "Gadzooks! Our Cannon Has Befallen Evil Days."

It was prompted by disappearance (theft is too strong a word) of the old World War I cannon just before the 1,000-pound, 60-millimeter relic was to be moved to a decorative site in Old Village. It had stood in Kellogg Park before being moved to the DPW garage, "but Monday it was missing," reported the newspaper.

Many viewed the matter humorously, particularly when the drama unfolded to reach its climax in a dark-of-the-night cemetery setting. However, Chief Ford saw nothing comical in it and the perpetrators needed divine aid to escape his temper.

They're still with us, but as far as I know, all they do is pluck pigeons. How dull.

Things have come to a pretty pass when diarrhetic pigeons are the best that we have to argue about.

# Take a minute to watch a politician

### **EDITOR:**

Accolades to Fred DeLano on his super column in the Feb. 12 Crier.

Let's hope, Fred, that every citizen who believes in good government reads "How to Ruin a Town by Really Trying." Of course, we understand, Fred, that officials in the City of Plymouth will never stoop to such low tactics as ignoring citizens' opinions at public meetings -- we hope.

What your column seemed to point out is that citizens forget their responsibilities once the election is over -- and, of course, the greater majority don't even bother to turn out on election day, much less participate at official meetings.

All of us owe our thanks to citizens who take time to tell elected leaders that they are being watched on how they spend our tax dollars.

In the same issue (The Crier, Feb. 12) Bob Kroeger and Ellen Curtis? letters deserve commendation. Thank you good people who really show that in our form of government, we must always remain vigilant. FCCEE.

PAUL NASTOFF



The only thing worse than the simpering pigeon lovers are politicians who can't stand the heat of their own decisions.

If the City of Plymouth officials felt they could wash their hands after their pigeon poisoning mandate and escape like a modern-day Pontius Pilate, they were kidding themselves.

They surely knew the heat would be on.

Now, after a pathetic, overly-drawn-

# Poisoning

# halted

A ROSE EXTERMINATOR COMPANY employe collects pigeons during Sunday's poisoning. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd)

# Cont. from pg. 1

proved the poisoning program last month, citing complaints about pigeons from property owners and damage pigeon droppings had caused to downtown buildings and the parking structure.

Rose employes collected the dead birds in pails Sunday.

# Police study man's past

Cont. from pg. 3 together Bokemeyer's whereabouts since November based on evidence from his car and motel room.

They believe he was in a Livonia bar the night of the sexual assault and had checked into the Holiday Inn two days earlier.

The case will eventually be turned over to the FBI, Myers said.

# Elks honor students

The Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780 Scholarship Committee has selected the following students for scholarship awards:

Most valuable student scholarship winners were Karen Suber, Westland and James Totten, Northville.

Donna Finlay and Robert Mitera of Plymouth received the Gold Key Scholastic award.

Each winner will receive a check for \$500 which will be presented on March 26 at a dinner at the Plymouth Elks Lodge.

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# WAYNE COUNTY READING COUNCIL

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Hands on exhibits showing how reading can be fun through games, skill tables, a slide presentation and storytelling stations are presented by the Wayne County Reading Council, March 8.

# MADEMOISELLE ON LOCATION

Fashion Editors from Mademoiselle Magazine will be at Westland, co-sponsored by Hudson's, to do makeup and hairstyle makeovers and present a Fashion Show. Makeover participants, selected from the audience, will model in the Fashion Show and may be chosen to appear in a future issue of Mademoiselle. March 8, at 2 pm.

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# SMURFS

Papa Smurf, Brainy Smurf and Clumsy Smurf will be at Westland to delight all with their musical show. The Smurfs will be available for photographs with children at Easterville, U.S.A. March 21 and 22. Shows are at 11 am, 2 pm, 4 pm and 7 pm.

# **CALVARY CHOIR**

An Easter musicale performed by the Calvary Choir on March 22 at 3 pm, in the JCPenney Court.

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# friends & neighbors

Out on a limb for pigeons

# Family decides some things are worth it

BY BRIAN LYSAGHT The phone has been ringing almost constantly.

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The calls come from people who share their concerns -- many callers they don't know -- from the media, and others.

A televison news camera crew was filming in their backyard two weeks ago and again Friday. They were interviewed on the air once more Sunday.

On recent Mondays, the family has been arguing its case -- to no avail -before the City Commission.

Their argument is to save the pigeons. For Joanne and Jim Wilken and daughters Amy Wilken and Julie Catterall, poisoning pigeons is serious stuff, and a family affair.

"We'd go to bed thinking about them and get up first thing in the morning and you think about them," said Joanne.

They got up early Sunday and headed a few blocks from their home to the city's Central Lot parking lot. Catterall and Amy Wilken were there at 6:30 a.m., about 45 minutes before an exterminating company arrived with poison corn and plans to feed the pigeons their last meal. The sisters netted three pigeons, which would join about 20 others they keep in a hastilyconstructed coop in their backyard.

The Wilkens stayed at the deck all morning, along with a few associates yelling and shooing pigeons away from the deck where the poison feed was placed, and generally disrupting the exterminator's plans.

The city's police chief tried unsuccessfully to convince them to leave. A police car idled nearby, just in case.

The city decided to discontinue its much-publicized pigeon poison program Sunday. Some but not all the pigeons died after eating the strychnine-laced corn and the Wilkens were upset.

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They vowed to continue the fight. "They killed the pigeons and they think they won, but they didn't.



JULIE CATTERALL, left, and mother Joanne Wilken the Central Parking Lot. They plan to release the birds in look in on the nearly two dozen pigeons they've caught at Ohio later. (Crier photo by Brian Lysaght)

They're going to hear more from us," said Joanne Wilken.

Jim Wilken is planning a petition to repeal a section of a city ordinance that allows the city to spread poison to eradicate the birds.

Family members are not political types, they say. But they made a stand, and endured criticism because the lives of animals were at stake, they say.

"We harassed (the city)," said Joanne.

"We had to," said daughter Catterall.

The Wilkens raised six kids, and at times, an assortment of dogs, cats,

rabbits, pigeons -- even a rooster, in the Penniman Avenue home where they have lived for 23 years.

Joanne Wilken says family members developed a love for animals. They were riled when they read city official's comments about the birds in local newspapers.

Paul Sincock assistant to the city manager, who has presented the city's side of the issue to many a media representative, lives near the Wilkens.

Jim Wilken says he plans to release the 20-odd pigeons, now kept in the backyard coop, in Ohio, where he drives occasionally on business.

Joanne says the family met "so many nice people" the last few weeks, especially on trips through neighborhoods collecting signatures on a petition protesting the city's poisoning plan.

She says the family, which is critical of the commission's and City Manager Henry Graper's handling of the issue, thas learned a bit about life in the political arena.

"People say you can't fight city hall. I disagree with that. You just have to plug away."





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# Not weighting for train

Oh no, the Follies have been canceled for next year. How am I ever going to lose this weight? Anyone who has ever been in the Follies knows you have to lose weight before tryouts so you can look good on stage, and the three weeks of killer rehearsals is always good for at least five or six pounds.

Why would the Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) cancel one of the biggest money makers and one of the biggest community supported activities? That is the big question everyone who enjoyed the Follies is asking. Although I once said something about never appearing on stage again, I have to admit I was just as upset as all the other "hams" in our community.

After talking to Pam Mincher, president of PCAC, I'm willing to dry my tears, take a deep breath and hop aboard the Artrain. Instead of putting together the Follies in the spring of '87, the Arts Council has agreed to sponsor the Artrain which will be in Plymouth for a week during March of April next year.

It took some talking to convince me that the Artrain could be as much fun as the Follies, and well maybe I'm not convinced on comparing the level of fun. However, I do have to admit I think sponsoring the Artrain is a great idea, especially during Michigan's Sesquicentennial year.

According to Pam, members of the PCAC board didn't feel they had enough man power to do both activities. Let's face it, in the day and age with more and more people returning to the work force, organizations are losing volunteer hours.

What this all boils down to is this: the PCAC decided to try something new next year and bring the Artrain to Plymouth. I think those of us in the community who enjoy and benefit from Art Council projects should back the board and help in any way we can. The Artrain will be considered as enjoyable as the Follies by many people in the community. If these are the kinds of activities we want to continue in our area, maybe we should consider volunteering a little more time and energy to help see them through.

If we have the Artrain in '87, who's to say we can't convince the PCAC to go with the Follies in '88? Besides I have another reason for thinking we should all hop aboard the Artrain. Shhhh, if you promise not to tell anyone, I'll tell you about a rumor I heard. Someone said they might consider having entertainment during the week the Artrain is in town. I bet I know where they can find some real talent.

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Anyone who is interested in getting involved in the Arts Council or getting to know the people who are active in it should plan to attend a luncheon March 7 at Schoolcraft College. For more details and reservations call the PCAC office 455-5260 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon.

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Tom and Judy Kral of Pacific in Plymouth are the parents of two honor students in Michigan colleges. Karen Kral was named to the Dean's List at Western. She is a freshman majoring in communications. Kevin Kral was named to the Dean's List at Hillsdale where he is a junior, majoring in accounting.



Lori Pawlecki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Pawlecki of Woodway Drive is participating in an intern program at Augustana College.

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PLYMOUTH: Sally Bailey (left) is Head Nurse of Labor and Delivery at St. Joseph's Hospital, Maria Holmes is the Executive Programming Producer at Omnicom Cablevision.



CANTON: Janet Webley (left) is Director of Operations at Plymouth Community Federal Credit Union, Janis Hayward is a dentist and teaches at U of M.





# <sup>Musicale</sup> finale Flutes and piano to lead symphony

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The last of this season's musicales by the Plymouth Symphony is this Sunday at 4 p.m. at St. John's Seminary. The concert contains works by Beethoven, Rachmaninoff and Ervin Monroe.

Featured musicians will be flutists Glennis Stout and Allen Warner; and pianist Susan Keith Gray.

Stout holds degrees in flute performance from the Eastman School of Music and the University of Michigan. She has studied with Joseph Mariana, Harold Bennett and William Kincaid. She has performed at Marcel Moyse Seminars and is on the faculty of New England Music Camp. She has been first flutist with the Plymouth Symphony since 1977. She also collects antique flutes and travels with her collection, giving a lecture-recital called "The Flute: From Baroque to Boehm."

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terlochen Arts Academy and the University of Michigan. He has performed with the Detroit, Windsor, and Flint Symphonies. He is currently principal flute with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony, and second flute and piccolo with the Plymouth Symphony.

Gray, is a native of Tennessee, where she was pianist for church, school and civic groups. She has a Master of Music degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She has been a soloist with the Savannah (GA) Symphony Orchestra.

A reception and refreshments will follow the concert. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for students and seniors. The program is sponsored by Manufacturer's Bank. Tickets may be purchased at Beitner Jewelry on Ann Arbor Road and at the door the afternoon of the concert.

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# How Can I Get Some Help?

A free lecture discussing the continuum of care — from assessment to follow-up — and self-help groups will be presented from 7 to 8 p.m. Feb. 27 in the Community Room of the Arbor Health Building in Plymouth. No pre-registration is required.

This lecture is co-sponsored by the Office of Health Promotion and Catherine McAuley Health Center's Chemical Dependency Program. For more information, please call 572-4300. The Arbor Health Building is located

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# Wolfram, Lodge member

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Charles J. Wolfram, 83, of Westland, died Feb. 15 in Garden City. Services were Feb. 18 at the Schrader Funeral Home with Dr. Willaim M. Stahl officiating.

Mr. Wolfram was born in 1902 in Redford Township. He was a member of the Plymouth Masonic Lodge. He was owner of the C. Wolfram Dairy Company.

Survivors include: sister Mrs. Lucinda Waldecker of South Lyon; nephews Roger Wolfram of Canton, Russell Wolfram of Whitmore Lake, Raymond Wolfram of Remus and Jack Wolfram of Albuquerque, New Mexico; nieces Marjorie Smith of Canton and Nancy Schmidt of Sterling Heights.

Burial was in Maplegrove Cemetery. Memorials may be given for the wishes of the family.

Anderson, WWII vet

Samuel Riggs Anderson, 68, of Ann Arbor, died Feb. 13. A memorial service for the family was Feb. 16.

Mr. Anderson was a teacher in the Business School at the University of Michigan. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the 142nd Infantry. He was a member of the First Church of Christian Scientist in Plymouth.

Survivors include: wife Ferne W. Anderson; daughter Judy Prono of Livermore, CA; son Perry Anderson of Sparta, NJ; brother Robert Anderson of Bloomfield Hills; sisters Helen Patt of Ft. Meyers, FL and Betty Swietlik of Fairfield Glade, TN; two grandchildren.

Memorials may be given to the First Church of Christian Scientist in Plymouth.



# **Bennett**, Daisy employe

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Edith M. Bennett, 87, of Evart, died Feb. 21. Services were Feb. 23 at the Corey Funeral Home in Evart.

Mrs. Basselt, a former resident of Plymouth, worked at Daisy Rifle.

Survivors include: daughters Gean Bassett of Livonia, Doris Fulton of Brohman, and Marilyn McLacklan of Evart; sons George Bennett of St. James, FL and Roy Bennett of Geneva, 1L; 19 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren.

# Harteg, Westland teacher

Robert F. Harteg, 61, of Superior Township, died Feb. 16 in Ann Arbor. Services were Feb. 19 at Schrader Funeral Home with Dr. William M. Stahl officiating.

Mr. Harteg was born in 1924 in Detroit. He was a member of the Michigan Education Assn and the National Education Assn. He taught Westland John Glenn High School and was an assistant principal at Benjamin Franklin Junior High.

Survivors include: wife Patricia A. of Plymouth; sons Robert F. Harteg II of Whitmore Lake and Charles A. Harteg of Canton; daughter Patricia L. Harteg of Canton; two grandsons.

Burial was in Lapham Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the American Diabetes or the Cancer Foundations.

# Elliott, born in Detroit

Hilda E. Elliott, 84, of Pinckney, died Jan. 31 in Lakeland, FL. Services were Feb. 6 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pinckney with the Rev. Fr. John M. Fackler officiating.

Mrs. Elliott was born in 1901 in Detroit. She moved to Pinckney in 1962.

Survivors include: husband Edwin Elliott; daughter Mrs. Margaret Dietrich of Westland; grandson Roger Elliott of Plymouth; two great-grandsons.

Burial was in the Pinckney Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader/Funeral Home. Memorials may be given in the form of mass offerings or to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

# Willoughby, Rotary president

Robert D. Willoughby, 85, of Plymouth Township, died Feb. 19 in Novi. Services were Feb. 22 at St. John's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Fr. Robert S. Shank, Jr. officiating.

Mr. Willoughby was born in 1900 in Capac. He moved to this area from Ypsilanti in 1926. He was the former owner of Willoughby Shoes. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church. He was a past president of the Plymouth Rotary, a member of the Salvation Army, life member of the Plymouth Rock Lodge no. 47 F.A.M. and the Plymouth High 12.

Survivors include: wife Maxine; sons Robert G. of Grosse Pointe Farms and Lawrence C. of Marion, IN; daughters Mrs. Margaret Jean Maynard of West Hurst, TX and Mrs. Janet (Richard) Stuart of Leslie; sister Mrs. Lyle F. Ruciman of Grosse Pointe; sister-in-law Mrs. Ada (Earl) Willoughby of Plymouth; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader Funeral Home. Memorials may be given to the Plymouth Rotary Scholarship Fund, the Salvation Army or St. John's Episcopal Church.



# getting down to business

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# Get a grip on your love handles - Exercise!!!

BY ED FITZGERALD

Elise Walley wanted to sell exercise leotards. Her husband Gary, and his friend Bob Kujath had the idea that her customers might be all dressed up with nowhere to go.

So Fitness Things, with all of its treadmills and rowing machines, was born. The store opened a year ago, next door to its present location at 635 \$. Main in Plymouth.

The three co-owners now breathe a sigh of relief at leaving cramped quarters. They say the new store tripled their floor space.

-"Just looking more respectable has helped generate business," Gary said. "We didn't have any room to display the equipment before."

And there is a lot. The wide selection of rowing machines reflects a trend toward that form of exercise. Gary says, formerly, people "preferred exercise bicycles eight to one over rowing machines. Now it's just the opposite."

But, if you're not one for trends, there are several models of bicycles to choose from.

Fitness Things offers a complete line of treadmills, from the most sophisticated (a motor-driven conveyor belt, optional speeds, which can be adjusted to simulate running uphill) to the most basic (a belt over rollers that is human-powered).

Most prominent at the store are the Family Gym Centers, where you can tone-up almost any muscle in your body. The most popular new addition is the butterfly station, which works the pectoral muscles. The store carries top brands like Cal-Gym and Marcy, both made in California (where else?).

Fitness Things also carries punching bags, heart monitors, and plenty of exercise literature, sometimes the most important part of exercise.

The store also sells dumbbells, offering a trade-in program where a person can buy a 20-pound weight, work on it, then bring it back and trade it in for 30 pounds, and so on.

Another popular item is the



BOB KUJAH, left, Elise and Gary Walley are the owners of Fitness Things. Keeping fit is "all attitude," says Gary. (Crier photo by Ed Fitzgerald)

weightlifting belt. Gary says it may be the cheapest way to protect your lower belt.

"Someone who has a desk job, can just wear this belt while sitting around. We've sold a lot of these to accountants."

Customers of Fitness Things include businesses and health spas. Clients are Wayne State, Schoolcraft College, University of Michigan - Dearborn, Chrysler and Ford.

"GM is next," says Bob. The spas buy Circuit Trainers, where 10 people can work out at the same time.

Fitness Things will soon sponsor a seminar for corporate fitness with Dr. Warren Schildberg, a sports medicine specialist. Schildberg developed his theory of the "corporate athlete" when treating an athlete for a sprained ankle. The athlete wanted to know if he could play ball the next day. The same day, Schildberg treated a businessman for the same injury. He wanted to know how many weeks he'd be out of work.

"That's what gave him the idea," says Gary. "If every company treated their employes as an asset...they have to realize their employes are their biggest investment."

Bob, who has been in the retail exercise business for seven years, says the big fitness boom of the 1980's was "not a craze."

"Personal appearance became very important," Gary says. "That along with the medical field which started saying how important it was to get your heart ticking right."

"It reached a happy medium," Elise

said. "People who worked-out got this vision of Arnold Schwarzenegger. People found out that that wasn't what working-out was all about."

While there is a corporate swing towards providing employes with a gym, Bob says a good share of his business is to families.

""By the year 2000 it will be a way of life and every home will probably have (gym equipment)."

Gary says getting fit is "all attitude."

"There's one muscle that really counts, and that's the heart. We can test peoples' heart rate and body fat and give them a simple breathing test. We set them up on individual programs for whatever suits them best, even if it's just jumping rope."





Rocks' home court victory over John Glenn. Mike Hale Kearis had 17. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd)

THEY HAILED Salem's junior forward Friday after the (above) had 15 points and 12 rebounds and teammate Bryan



**BY CHRIS FARINA** Winning is sweet, but sometimes the after effects aren't.

Salem coach Bob Brodie came down with strep throat after the Salem basketball team defeated John Glenn. in a tight game, 61-60 Friday night.

Brodie, who is now recovering, said the most important thing is not to spread it to his players because of the one game play-offs this Friday.

Salem ended up in second place in their division with a record of 10-9, overall. They will play Northville.

Friday's game was a tight one. Salem led for the majority of the game, but not by much. In the third quarter they lead by eight points which was the largest spread of the garne. 

At the half Salem went into the locker room leading by only one point. "It was nip and tuck the whole way," said Brodie

Bryan Kearis had 17 points for the night nad Mike Hale had 15 points and 12 rebounds.

Salem will play Northville next in the play-offs.

# **CEP 5 face** state's best grid wrestlers

**BY JEFF BENNETT** And then there were four...

The Salem wrestling team has been thinned down to four people who will continue on to the state meet held Friday and Saturday at Grand Valley State College in Grand Rapids at 11 a.m.

Out of the 37 teams competing in districts Saturday, Salem took third with 58 points following the only two teams that have beaten the Rocks this year. Bedford at first with 146.5points and district champion Catholic Central with 192.5 points took second.

Canton's third place Dave Dunford, who is a 112-pounder, will be the only Canton representative at the state meet.

Chief Tim Birley, at 119 pounds, lost 1-0 in the first match, 4-3 in the second and 1/2-2 in the final match.

Canton coach Rick Menoch said he felt that Dunford will do fairly well in the state meet.

Salem's senior Dave Dameron, won the 126-pound class by beating his opponent Mike Krause 17-6 in the finals.

At 112 pounds, Dennis Dameron won his first two matches, but because he injured his knee, Dameron defaulted to Livonia Churchill's Salem Yaffi in the final.

Senior Kirk Rentz at 138 pounds, placed third with a 9-1 win over Jim Morgan.

James Woochuk a 185 pounder, finished fourth for the Rocks.

"I was hoping to place more," said Krueger.

For the younger kids, Fred Calma, Tim Ott, and Todd Bourlier, Krueger said that the meet was good experience for them.

Krueger's goal is to place the kids that he is taking to the state, in the top 10 and he said that it's fun to be in the final bout which will be held Saturday.

For the Canton and Salem wrestlers who did not place in state this time, it's time to call it an end for the year.

# Chief gymnasts stay on their toes; win 3

# **BY CHRIS FARINA**

A learning experience. Canton coach John Cunningham wasn't sure where his team placed in the Freeland Invitational but it was seventh or eighth.

"It was a learning experience and my team was smart enough to pick up on what (the other teams) were doing," said Cunningham.

In vault, Maureen McLean scored 7.9, while Mary Jo Charron had 7.65 and Brenda Perry scored 7.45

On the bars Lisa DeYoung scored 7.75, McLean 7.25 and Apryl Mosakowski came away with 7.2.

# Trusesdale to hang it up

BY JEFF BENNETT Salem's cross-country coach is passing the baton on.

Tom Truesdale, who has been a Rock coach for four years, announced his resignation.

It is a personal career move for Truesdale.

"I've been offered another job in Grand Rapids," said Truesdale. "It's a career move and if I don't take it, I think I could be making a bad move. It's my life I'm interested in."

His resignation is not something that he is taking lightly.

"For the school system I feel bad,"

he said. "I'm sorry about leaving and I apologize."

The new coach has not been announced, but Truesdale said he hopes that they will find someone with insight to replace him.

"It's a job and I will have to be replaced," he said. "The kids work well together and what we need is someone to lend a little focus to the program."

Last year Salem had strong girls and boys cross-country teams which placed well in the league and regional meets.

Truesdale will start his new job next month.



SALEM'S indomitable spirit Jackie Huff (above) has a broken toe and must choose between competing in the league meet tomorrow or the upcoming regional and state meets. (Crier photo by Chris Farina)

# **Rocks face a challenge**

Salem's gymnasts got a final boost Monday when they defeated Walled Lake Western in their final duel meet of the season. The top-flight Rocks face some equally top-rate competition tomorrow in the league meet.

North Farmington will challenge Salem for the WLAA title, as will Farmington Harrison.

"It's going to be very tough to yank this title," said coach Kathi Kinsella. "But if every one of my girls does their very best ..."

"I'm still pretty optimistic," she added. "They have their hearts in the right place."

Kinsella hopes some Rock support will find a place in the North Farmington High gym to support the team. The school is at 13 Mile and Orchard Lake roads and the meet begins at 7 p.m. But back to Walled Lake, which Salem beat 127.35 to 114.6 Monday. Becky Talbot has recovered from a thumb injury but Jackie Huff is struggling with a broken toe and torn ligaments, and is questionable for the league meet.

Beth Rafail took her first of four first places Monday in the vault with a solid 8.6. Talbot, another strong finisher for Salem, was second with 8.25. Dana Holda had 8.0 for fourth.

On bars, Rafail's 7.95 took first. Talbot's 7.85 was second and Lally's 7.5 fourth.

Again, Rafail was tops on beam with 8.75. Sharon Way was third with 7.85, and Talbot fourth with 7.7.

On' floor, it was Rafail first with 8.65, and Taibot second with 8.5.



# **Rock tankers beat Glenn**

# **BY JEFF BENNETT**

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In their last meet before the conference show-down between Salem and Stevenson, the Rocks beat John Glenn 102-70 on Thursday.

"It wasn't too much of a problem," said Salem coach Chuck Olson.

The 200 freestyle was won by Jeff Anderson with a 1:57 time and the 50 freestyle was won by John Kim with a :24.00 time.

Paul South had a first in the 500 freestyle with his 5:21.00 time and in the 100 backstroke, Dave Miller had a 1:00 time.

For the 100 breast stroke, Eric Gachenbach placed first with a 1:09 time and the 400 freestyle relay was won by the team of Kevin Zarow, Don Harwood, Rick Cummings, and Anderson. Their time was 3:28.

# Salem v-ball finishes fourth

**BY JEFF BENNETT** 

Fourth out of six.

In the conference meet held Saturday, Salem's volleyball team edged out Northville 16-14 and 15-13 to finish in the fourth poistion out of six teams in their pool.

Where Salem found the trouble, was against Livonia Churchill when they lost 15-3 and 16-14, against john Glenn they lost 15-4 and 15-3, and when Salem battled Walled Lake Central, they lost 16-14 and 15-6.

Coach Betty Smith said she is having a rough time with two players out of the country and a couple of kids out sick

"The fundamentals failed at certain points in the game which made us lose the close ones," Smith said.

### Friday at 7 p.m., the conference meet will take place and Salem has their sights set on Stevenson.

"We are probably the only team who can dethrone Stevenson," said Olson. "I hope everyone's biorhythms are up.'

The finals for the conference meet on Friday will cost \$2.00. Salem enters the meet with a 9-3 record.

Even though Salem does not have state qualifying times for any of their swimmers, Olson has hopes it will happen at the conference meet.

"It will be a quick conference meet and the top six swimmers will have state qualifying times," said Olson.

# Chief gymnasts win 3

### Cont. from pg. 22

On the balance beam Sharon Moran hit 7.75, Charron scored 7.55 and Mosakowski scored 7.3.

In the floor exercises Charon and Moran tied with an 8.1. McLean scored 7.95 and Perry scored 7.8.

Canton travels to North Farmington, for the rescheduled conference meet, Thursday at 7 p.m.

The Chiefs won three in a row last week, defeating Walled Lake Western, Walled Lake Central and Northville.

The beat Western 120.85 to 107.65 Thursday.

Maureen McLean took first (8.0) in the vault. Mary Jo Charron was third and Brenda Perry and Ann Healy tied for fourth.

Charron and Apryl Mosakowski tied for first (7.4) on the bars followed by Lisa DeJong in fourth.

Sharon Moran took an 8.15 second on the beam followed by Mosakowki's third (7.65).

March 20th.

of you have had it too.

Winter must go.

On the floor exercise, Charron was first with 7.9, Maureen McLean second with 7.8 and Moran third with 7.6.

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As I sit here flipping through a Girl

Scout calander, two words capture my

eye, Spring Begins. But the only

problem is, that it does not begin until

The reason why I am telling you

about this date is because the old will

be replaced by the new. With spring

"It's really tough to run three meets in a row," Cunningham said. "I was really proud of the kids Thursday. Some of them did than they did the other two meets."

The Chiefs topped Northville 120.2 to 113.1 with first from McLean (8.2) on vault, Moran (7.9. tie) on floor and Horvath (7.6) on beam.

Seconds came from Ann Healy (7.8) on vault and Charron (7.55) on beam. McLean took third with 7.75 on floor.

Fourths came from McGow (7.7) on vault, Charron (7.25) on bars and (7.65) on floor, and McLean (7.45) on beam.

The Chiefs beat Walled Lake Central 120.85 to 107.65.

They travel to North Farmington tomorrow for the league meet.

comes grass and tracks and fields and spring sports.

Rappin' J. B.

By Jeff Bennett

I'm not trying to pick on the winter sporting events, but I can only take so much.

It's time to get out of the gym and into nature.

Everyday, it is becoming the same old grind for me, wrestling, basketball and swimming. I'm ready to report on baseball, track, tennis, and the other sports that make a person breathe in fresh air.

Think about it, when winter disappears, the bleachers will be full, the sun will beat down and life will begin again.

Sorry, I didn't mean to flip-out on you there, but I'm tired of slush and snow and if you are too, then do something about it.

Find your baseball caps or track shoes and be ready to hit the fields when that snow is gone, together we can win.

The same old sports stories will be changing soon and people will be crowding the baseball stadiums and track stands to watch Salem and Canton battle each other.

Spring is only 22 days away and each day Michigan grows a little warmer. Mr. Virus and friend Mr. Cold will leave Michigan to allow the Plymouth and Canton people to once again share in sporting events.

Spring, be ready when it comes. because it carries grass, flowers, love, sun and warmth. Say goodbye to the slush and snow, I know I have.

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- Obstetrical/gynecological care.

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