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BY ANNA MURRAY

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BY KEN VOYLES AND JILLIAN BOGATER

It all comes down to numbers, a blizzard of bewildering data gleaned from reams of MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) scores.

Numbers are one way -- a detailed, sometimes mind-boggling method -- for educators in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district to look at a crosssection of their 14,957 addent population in classrooms from Field School in the south to Farrand School in the north, and from Lowell School to the east and Pioneer to the west.

But test numbers can be easily misunderstood, say educators, by those outside the system of analysis employed to make sense of assessing a student body's abilities.

Still, the meaning behind the MEAP numbers is a pressing issue for Plymouth-Canton educators, especially with the new Schools of Choice legislation in place in Michigan.

"Obviously there are important implications when you look at scores like this because the scores can be misleading," said Michael Homes, assistant superintendent for instruction in Plymouth-Canton. "The analysis demands time, patience and careful, thoughtful effort so you don't rush

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PLUS: This week's Crier takes a look at weddings, (See pg. 13)

First joint meeting in 14 years

S'craft, P-C Schools to share programs?

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

Members of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education and the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees sat down for the first time in 14 years Monday evening to discuss the possibilities of sharing resources in the near future.

Several possible shared programs were proposed from both boards along with talk of working together because of "a renewed interest in student learning.

Schoolcraft President Richard McDowell handed out information compiled by the college which stated 20 per cent of Schoolcraft's student population is from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

"Last year 25,700 individuals went to Schoolcraft during a one year period," McDowell said. "Out of that, 5,654 live in the Plymouth-Canton school district."

Changes in the student clientele have forced Schoolcraft officials to look at ways to accommodate the working and/or family student, McDowell said.

"We have found that college students are now older. The average age for us is 28." McDowell said. "They are morelikely to stay at home or go to work, and school does not need to be the first focus."

Different schedule systems are a possibility Schoolcraft is looking into for the non-traditional student - including possible Saturday courses and two-week block classes

The transfer student population at Schoolcraft is also rising, according to Schoolcraft Trustee Harry Greenleaf.

'As the economy of a four-year education becomes more difficult to

finance, we will see a turnaround." Greenleaf said. "We will also see more people with a four year degree coming back and tapping into the community

college system."
Schoolcraft Treasurer Michael Burley, a Canton resident, suggested a joint venture between the high schools and Schoolcraft to replace Advance Placement courses with automatic college credit. Currently students must pass & proficiency exam at Schoolcraft in order

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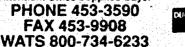
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Townships at front of river effort

Clean Rouge nears

BY ANNA MURRAY

The Rouge River, a clogged and polluted artery of Michigan's river system, will soon receive a million-gallon clean-water transfusion.

And Plymouth, Canton and Northville townships will be the first to administer the treatment.

The Western Wayne Townships Utilities authority (WTUA), representing Plymouth, Canton and Northville townships, announced Friday at a press conference the beginning of phase two of its sewer project and said the entire system will be complete in 1994.

This means Plymouth, Canton and Northville townships will be the first communities to comply with a state and federal mandate to clean up the Rouge River

The new sewage line stretches from Northville, through Plymouth Township, into Canton to a treatment plant in Ypsilanti. Holding basins along the way would prevent excess flow — caused by heavy rains — from overwhelming the system, forcing sewage into the rivers.

At Ypsilanti the effluent would be treated and separated into pure water and raw sewage. The pure water would be piped back into Canton then funneled into the Lower Rouge River at the rate of 29 million gallons a day.

"We probably couldn't water ski, but we can look forward to fishing," said

New tenant for vacant Cloverdale?

BY ANNA MURRAY

The space occupied by Cloverdale, the downtown Plymouth extery and ice cream shop that closed last week, may soon have another tenant.

Richard Kurtis, who operates a Koney Island restaurant in Northville, said he would like to buy it and turn it into a "nice family restaurant."

Kurtis said he is talking to George and Joyce Kallos who own the property and said he did not know how soon the sale would take place. "If the price is right, I'll probably buy it," he said.

Kurtis' concerns include the condition of the interior of the building — which he characterized as "garbage" — and parking.

"There are only 18 parking spaces," he said, "so I'll have to buy parking."

At nearly \$14,000 a parking space, Kurtis said, "That's a lot of money."

He said he would also have to spend money remodeling.

Plymouth City Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury sent a letter to City Manager Steve Walters last week noting Kallos' interest in the property and expressing his concern over the parking situation.

Kurtis said he would probably decide on the property within two weeks. Tom-Yack, Canton supervisor and chairperson of WTUA.

Yack said the new system will solve the current sewer problems. Combined sewer overflow (CSO) is caused when excess rain water and sewage overwhelms the treatment plants, forcing the effluent into the river. The WTUA system's holding basins would eliminate this.

It would also allow for the expansion of the three townships as well as improve the water quality of the Rouge River, the Detroit River, fed by the Rouge and Lake Eric, fed by the Detroit River, Yack said.

The clean water will not only flush pollutants from the Lower Rouge, Yack said, but get the stagnant river flowing

While the three townships have a contract saying they must pay for Detroit sewer service until 2011, the WTUA system will begin operating in 1994 by taking the excess flow from the townships. Plymouth Township Supervisor Gerry Law said.

Thomas Anderson, chairperson of the Rouge River Steering Committee, said the \$80 to \$90 million spent by WTUA represents only six to eight per cent of the \$1.1 billion cost of cleaning up the Rouge.

The townships, he said, have only six of the 169 problem areas his committee has identified, he said.

"The City of Detroit is still a large problem," he said. "Even a light rain creates problems in Detroit."

He said while industry discharges into the river have all but been eliminated, Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw County communities still pollute the river through inadequate sewer systems.

Deloris Newell, executive director of WTUA, said, "It is up to other communities to stop."

Newell said Wayne County is trying to address the problem through its construction of "the grandson of super sewer." The super sewer project was conceived in the 1960s when sewer capacity problems were first identified, but certain communities were excluded and the project never materialized.

The Wayne County effort sprung from the original super sewer idea and has been 15 years in the making, Newell said.

While the Wayne County project will still be unfinished in 1994, Newell said, WIUA's will be complete. It will have taken seven years, she said.

The cost of the WTUA system to township residents will not exceed their current charges plus the rate of inflation, Yack said.

Bonds were issued, in 1989, Yack said, and refinanced in 1991 to save \$9.2 million in interest. Interest payments, he said, will be met through increased tap fees.

New residents, he said, have to pay an average of \$2,400 to hook up to the sewer system. In Northville Township, he said there is also a \$15 environmental charge added to quarterly water bills.



A baby owl with a broken wing found in a Canton parking lot rests in the Canton Center Animal Hospital Monday night. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

Broken wing fowls flight Kids save owl in distress

Two local children found a baby owl with a broken wing in the parking lot of the Robison Dental Group Monday night.

Heidi and Jason Histop had just finished their appointment with Dr. James Herter and were waiting for their father when they discovered the owl struggling to fly. According to staff members, the children came in very upset and one staff member called the police.

Police transported the owl to Canton

Center Animal Hospital

Gretchen Harr of the animal hospital said if the animal could be treated it would be turned over to wildlife rehabilitators licensed by the Department of Natural Resources.

If the owl regains enough strength to be able to fend for itself, it will be released back into the wild. If not, the rehabilitators will keep it.

Harr could not confirm whether the owl was one of the currently endangered species.

Agreement with Canton hits snag McDonald's breaks off talks

BY KEN VOYLE

A consent agreement to resolve the protracted battle between Canton and McDonald's Corporation has apparently hit a snar.

Following a last-minute closed session last week by members of the Canton Board of Trustees, it was revealed McDonald's was backing away from a possible consent agreement.

"The negotiations have broken off," said Canton Supervisor Tom Yack."And not because of us. We had an agreement - now they, want to go to war."

McDonald's has wanted to build the community's third McDonald's restaurant at Ford Road and I-275 for the better part of five years. But Canton officials have blocked the move in the past despite losing two court struggles already.

The agreement nearly reached, said Yack, would have allowed McDonald's to build on the site it has been after but would have also met some of the township's needs.

"I can't go into a lot of it," said Yack:
"But one of our goals was for more open space and another was a reduction in curb cuts along Ford."

Yack said he called last week's closed session after McDonald's broke off the talks over the consent agreement.

"I think they're looking for damages from us," he said, adding that under current law a community can be held responsible for damages if it loses a legal battle to a developer.

Yack said the recent agreement took more than a year to negotiate.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1992

Supervisor Law called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 14, 1992 were corrected on page 3, under H.4, by striking out "7" and inserting "9" so that the seatence reads: "Mr. Griffith moved to adopt the amendment to the Solid Waste Disposal Ordinance C-9-19, Sections 72,010, 72,040, 72,0729(B) and 72,075(H) of Chapter 72 for final reading." With that correction, Mr. Horton moved to approve the January 14, 1992 minutes as corrected. Supported by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all.

Mrs. Hulsing asked that the agenda be amended as follows:

Remove

Hil Esther Hulsing, Clerk

RE: Request from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools that the Charter Township of Plymouth collect a summer property tax levy in 1992

Table it to the February 11, 1992 meeting as the committee hasn't met yet.

1.9 Rosemary Harvey, Finance Director

RE: Adoption of Articles of Incorporation for the Plymouth Township Building Authority Table it to the February 11, 1992 meeting to gather additional information.

Add

H.2 Gerald Law, Supervisor

RE: Review of Cable T.V. Contract. Resolution No. 92-01-28-04

Set a public hearing date.

H.3 Gerald Law, Supervisor

RE: Home of the 1991 Marching Band National Champions Resolution No. 91-01-28-05

With those corrections, Mrs. Hulsing moved to approve the agenda as amended. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Griffith moved to approve the Third Amendment to Building and Use Restrictions for Westbriaz Village Subdivision #1 to increase the association fee from \$50.00 to a maximum of \$100.00 per year and authorize the Township Supervisor to execute said document. Supported by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all on a roll cell vote:—

The request from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools that the Charter Township of Plymouth collect a summer property tax levy in 1992 was administratively tabled to the February 11, 1992.

Mr. Horton moved to approve Resolution No. 92-01-28-04 establishing commencement of a public hearing date of March 12, 1992 on the subject of future cable television related needs of the Township and the past performance of the cable operator, Omnicom Cablevision, Inc. Supported by Mrs. Hulsing. Ayes all on a roll call vote. The entire Resolution is incorporated in the official minutes in the Clerk's Office.

Mr. Munfakh moved to approve the reappointments of John Los and Jack Dempsey for a position on the Plymouth Township Personnel Committee with terms expiring December 31, 1992. Supported by Mrs. Hulsing. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mr. Grifflith moved to approve the appointment of Edward L. Fallon for a position on the Plymouth Township Board of Review with a term expiring December 31, 1992. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mr. Horton moved to adopt the Plymouth Township Contribution Check List Form as amended by striking "Do not discriminate because of race, age, sex, or religion" as the 14th requirement and inserting "Follows all State and Federal and discrimination guidelines," and striking "Do" and inserting "Does" and striking "exclusively" and inserting "primarily" so the sentence reads "Does not seek support for primarily denominational or sectarina religious purposes.", which will require that all requests for financial support be submitted and completed to the Plymouth Township Clerk before presentation to the Township Board. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mr. Horton moved to approve the First Reading of the amendments to Ordinance C-92-01 the Charter Township of Plymouth Code

Emergency Management Ordinance as submitted. Supported by Mrs. Hulsing. Ayes all on a roll call vote. Mr. Oriffith showed to approve the amendments to the Fire Prevention Code Enforcement C-92-02 for First Reading as submitted. Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mr. Munfakh moved to approve Resolution No. 92-01-28-03 designating depositories for the Charter Township of Plymouth funds for the calendar year-January 1, 1992 through December 31, 1992. Supported by Mrs. Brooks, Ayes all on a roll call vote.

The entire Resolution is incorporated in the official minutes in the Clerk's Office.

Mr. Griffith moved to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the deed and to accept a deed to effectuate a land away with Robert A. DeMattia necessitated by the movement of Port Street as recommended. Supported by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mr. Munfakh moved to accept the recommendations of the Public Works Manager to apply up to three applications of calcium chloride on the Township gravel roads as defined on the submitted map at an estimated cost of \$55,000 for the 1992 season. Supported by Mrs. Hulsing. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

The Adoption of Articles of Incorporation for the Plymouth Township Building Authority was administratively tabled to the February 11, 1992 meeting.

Mr. Griffith moved to adopt the proposed change to the Charter Township of Plymouth Employee Personnel Policies and Procedures Part-time Employee Benefits as presented with the understanding that it be returned in the Beard for clarification of the language. Supported by Mr. Horton, Ayes all on a rell cell vote.

Mr. Stewart moved to approve Resolution No. 91-01-28-05 indicating erecting the appropriate "Welcome to the Plymouth Community Home of the 1991 Marching Band Grand National Championa" signs for one year. Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes all on a roll call vote. The entire Resolution is incorporated in the official misutes in the Cart's Office.

Supervisor Law asked for comments from the public as to any item that was not on the adopted agends. There were none.

Mr. Munfakh moved to accept and file Communications, Resolutions and Reports as listed. Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Mrs. Brooks and supported by Mr. Horton that the meeting adjourn at 8:32~p.m. Ayes all.

Esther Hubbing, Township Clerk Seesa Koch, Recording Secretary Plymouth Charter Township Publish: Pebruary 5, 1992

Court expansion meeting

Members of the 35th District Court Building Authority will gather next Wednesday (Feb. 12) to discuss the future expansion of the building located on Plymouth Road in the City of Plymouth.

The building authority is made up of representatives from the five communities within the district — the cities of Plymouth and Northville and townships of Plymouth, Northville and Canton.

The building authority will look at detailed plans for expanding the current building to add a third courtroom for a third judge likely to be elected this year.

The expansion of the facility is expected to cost about \$534,000. Bids are expected to be let for the project later this spring with construction estimated to take at least six months to complete.

As for a third judge, legislation to add a judgeship will be introduced this

City, library board tour set

month.

A joint meeting of the City of Plymouth Commission and the Plymouth District Library Board is planned for Monday (Feb. 10).

That's when the two groups will gather at the Dunning-Hough Library on Main Street and tour the facility.

The tour is open to the public as is a

presentation which will follow, said Par Thomas, director of the library.

The presentation, which will include current plans for the library expansion, will be held in the City Commission Chambers of Plymouth City Hall.

Monday's tour begins at 7 p.m.

McDonald's, Canton in court?

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"I got a call last week saying they were going to reinstitute the lawsuit," Yack said. "They're moving fast this time."

"I'm very disappointed," added Yack, who was expected to give his deposition in court yesterday, "We approached them over a year ago on this after sitting down with our staff to see if we could negotian with them and still achieve our goals."

Yack said the negotiations went shead when it became clear that the township could indeed work with McDonald's to meet the company's needs and the township's.

"Now I have to wonder about their sincerity," he said.



Public notices

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to participate in a bid for new, replacement school buses. Information, and bid forms are available in the Purchasing Office, Board of Education Building, 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, during regular business hours.

All bids are due at 10:00 A.M. Wednesday, February 12, 1992. Thereafter, Administration will evaluate all bids and make recommendations to the Board of Education at a regular, public meeting. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the School District.

Lester W. Walker, Secretary Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE

CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Please note that Tuenday, February 18, 1992, is the lest date to sugainer for the Presidential Primary to be held on Tuenday, March 17, 1992. Registration for Chy Electure will be taken at the Office of the Clerk. 201 South Main Street in Physicath; Registration for Township electure at the Office of the Township Clerk, is 423-250 Ann Arises Read, or for either at any Security of State Office. The phone number of the City Clerk is 433-1234 X 234; that of the Township Clerk is 433-340 X 224. The offices of both Clerk are open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Priday. If a resident is unable to register during the time the Clerks' offices are open a call to the respective Clerk's Office one set up a convenient time for the resident.

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Canton names new chief

BY KEN VOYLES

A new fire chief has been named for Canton.

Mike Rorabacher, 39, of Chelsea has been with the force since 1974. Thirteen years ago he was promoted to sergeant.

"My heart is here," said Rorbacher last week after being appointed to replace outgoing chief Mel Paulun who is retiring for health reasons. "I want to do well with it. That's what is important to me."

A 1970 graduate of Plymouth High School, Rorabacher follows in his father Vern's footsteps. Vern was a member of Canton's volunteer force in the 1950s, eventually retiring in 1982.

"I grew up around him and at the station," said Rorabacher. "I was there all the time. When I got our of high school the opportunity presented itself."

Rorabacher grew up in Canton, moving to Chelsea only three years ago. His new position pays just over \$47,000.

"All my friends are here and I've seen this place grow from a farming community when I was a kid to what it is now," Rorabacher said.

During his time as sergeant Rorabacher also would take on the duties of station commander. He also subbed at times for a shift commander. He was the local union president for the firefighters for two years after two previous years as union vice president.

Rorabacher's training covers a gamut of firefighter specialities, including arson investigation, handling of hazardous waste and aircraft disasters.

But manager skills are still something. Rorabacher will have to develop, he

"They knew when they hired me they weren't getting the most experienced manager," he said. "That still lies ahead for me. It's another challenge I'm looking forward to."

But Rorabacher's "street wills" will no doubt come in handy in his new role.

Canton's Fire Department is an intergal part of the Canton Public Safety Department. The force includes 35 firefighters, a fire marshall (Art Winkel), three sergeants and three lieutenants.

Canton currently has two fire stations, one on Warren Road and the original station at Canton Center and Cherry Hill



MIKE RORABACHER

roads. The force has a complete complement of equipment including four pumpers, a tanker and four rescue units. All of the township's firefighters are EMT trained.

"We have everything we need to do the job and serve the community," said Rorabacher. "I'm not going to come in here and make major changes. We're going to accent training and fire prevention.

"A firefighter's primary objective is to prevent fires," he added.

The number of emergency runs is also increasing, said Rorabacher, which puts more pressure on the force and its response times. Sixty to 70 per cent of the department's calls are for EMS runs, he said.

Rorabacher also said it is likely Canton will build a third fire station sometime in the next two years.

"We have the equipment and people to serve the community," he said. "But we will be hiring still more firefighters."

The department will add two firefighters this year and three more within the next year, he said.

John Santomauro, director of the public safety department, said he was glad to see the position stay within the department.

He said Rorabacher will help the department through its ongoing "evolutionary change."



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MEAP scores confusing

Standardized test scores for school children can cause a lot of confusion and distress when they are used to compare and contrast the quality of one school district or another.

And yet it is done all of the time, even by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials, who often cry the loudest when someone notes that local MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) scores are not as good as say Northville's or West Bloomfield's.

What is important, however, for everyone interested in the state of academic excellence in Plymouth-Canton, or anywhere else for that matter, is that the information gleamed from reams of MEAP scores is only one glimpse in a long series of looks at students records while in school.

MEAP tests were never designed to test a student's general knowledge. Nor were they designed to be used as comparative data to contrast one school's success rate with another. Nor were they designed to be interpreted as a way to prove a district's quality.

So what do annual MEAP tests and that blizzard of numbers they yield mean to local parents and educators?

Parents get an idea of how well their children are doing at any given time, as do educators who have even called the MEAP numbers a "snapshot" in time.

But neither parents or educators should take the MEAP results out of context. They only work within the larger framework of a school district's curriculum and programs.

In the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, there is much concern about the use or potential misuse of MEAP data. Educators fear the data will be "misread" and residents will wonder about the relatively low scores in the district.

But some of the blame for possible misrepresentation of the information belongs squarely in the district's

To cry out one side of the mouth that using MEAP scores to compare schools or school districts is "obscene," while out the other side of the mouth point to the scores as proving Plymouth-Canton is a better district than say, Westland or Livonia, is not only ridiculous but hypocritical.

Since the inception of Public Act 25 in 1991 the school district has had to prepare an annual report on each school building. Last year Plymouth-Canton Schools produced a MEAP-inclusive brochure for each school.

Buried within those reports are each school's previous MEAP scores. All any parent seeking to find out which school might be best for Johnny has to do is look up the various annual reports and compare MEAP scores.

But wait, you say, comparing MEAP scores from building to building is wrong! Maybe, but tell that a new families moving into Plymouth-Canton who under Schools of Choice legislation, will be able a pick where they send Johnny or Susie.

It is agreed that using MEAP scores to compare schools or districts is unfair. But the natural tendency even by school officials, is to do just that.

And they don't make it any easier on themselves by crying "foul" when a parent or interested observer makes such a leap of faith, while at the same time they publish the annual scores with their ranking among Wayne County school districts.

There is much to be learned from MEAP data about programs, about curriculum strengths and weaknesses, about student achievement, about teacher development, and about the types of students in each

This can only be done, however, with a thorough analysis. The school district is in the best position to do such a study, but it shouldn't discount another's interest just because they might get caught up in trying to find meaning out of the endless stream of data.

An easy way to grasp at meaning is to compare, We do it all the time in our lives. We compare car prices, we compare cereals, we even compare newspapers. Why? Because that is the least likely way to end up missing something important.

The school district knows this. Its own analysis of the MEAP numbers will be going on throughout the rest of this school year. The results of this more detailed study will probably not make the headlines, but that doesn't mean the interest in how well our children are performing in school is any less.

Parents owe it to their children to come to grips with the information behind the reams of data. And educators owe it to parents to come clean about just exactly what it all means.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Don't run cigarette ads

EDITOR:

I am a fifth grade student at Allen Elementary School I am also in the DARE program at Allen.

I would like to know why you put a cigaretic advertisement in last Wednesday's newspaper when some students are in DARE and being taught to slay of drugs?

Why do you advertise it if you know it is bad? You will have to know that kids read the paper loo sometimes. With your advertisement, it will only cause

more smoleers, and children will get addicted to it. Please don't advertise drugs anymore. AUDREY HARRISON.

GRADES, ALLEN SCHOOL



Community opinions

School scores' analysis includes many variables

EDITOR:

I am a school psychologist and have spent much of my professional life evaluating students in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Years of experience looking at test results have caused me to develop a "healthy disrespect" for numbers. I've learned that the numbers are not what's of essential value. And, it's almost always much more complicated to understand what test results mean than it first appears.

The Crier, like most Michigan Newspapers, has reported some of the results of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) recently. To date, I've been pleased to see that The Crier has avoided drawing alarming conclusions or placing inappropriate emphasis on these scores.

It's my understanding that staff of the state department of education want to publicize MEAP results as one way to encourage local schools to alter curricular to teach skills state department staff have identified as important. That seems to me a desirable outcome. And one which has occurred annually as educators in Plymouth-Canton review MEAP scores.

There are, however, also some undesirable consequences of the publication of MEAP test scores, especially when the publicity suggests that schools are not teaching most students "essential skills."

Among the most important negative consequence are that readers will be misled by the data and parents may make inappropriate decisions about their childrens' schools. They may be misled about the quality of educational experiences in individual schools or districts.

MEAP scores might also be used to justify a voter's withdrawal of support for school millages or for valuable school board members.

And, the publication of MEAP scores seems to require a great deal of attention from school staff who might have spent their time more profitably in some other way.

The MEAP scores reported widely in newspapers give percentages of students from three grade levels who have met a standard set by the test designers in three academic areas. Most students in most districts didn't "pass" the MEAP tests. But some students in every district (and I suspect some students in every school) did. So what can one conclude about those granks?

Very little, — what concerns me is that many people may conclude that most Michigan public schools' students won't know very much in three academic areas and/or that some schools are particularly poor educational institutions

The statistics provided about the MEAP test are not of the sort that support comparison between individuals

It may be helpful to think of the MEAP as a test like a final exam in a class. It would be reasonable if the test stayed the same and the class stayed the same, to compare the scores of students in the class and even scores of different students year after year.

A thoughtful analysis of differences would probably require more information than simply the percentage of students who passed each year but even that would provide some content for comparison.

Japan-bashing letter was inappropriate

FOITOR

I don't understand why you would print such a discriminatory letter to the editor. This kind of article does nothing but support the beliefs of all the racial activists in this country that stir up racial conflicts.

Mr. Vanderwill's remark of putting a Japanese carving in the center of the Kellogg Park fountain is a sin, is absurd. Where is the sin being committed here? Is it the ice carving in the park or the judgment being put on the Japanese race?

Mr. Vanderwill stated he is suffering from unfair trade practices and I sympathize with him. The whole country suffers from out of control trade practices. Large businesses as well as small suffer from layoffs to wage freezes.

The Japanese aren't forcing us to buy their products, it's a decision we as Americans make and no one is-there twisting our arms.

The people of this country are developing a very negative attitude and a discriminatory attitude against the Japanese people of this country because the government's trade restriction wasn't put into use so that everyone could prosper from foreign exchanges.

It's not only Japanese people that are being discriminated against but Asians also. How many of us can honestly say they can tell the difference between Japanese, Korean, Chinese and Victories.

These people that are not even a part of industry and are American citizens, men, women and children are the ones who while walking down the street, in our churches will be the ones subject to the racial slurs.

Do the words "slant eyes, chink, jap," ring a bell in your vocabulary. They fall in the same category as the rest of the rotten names we have for different races.

The article also stated the Japanese are causing more heart ache and pain than Pearl Harbor. This is a two way street here. If my history serves me right we retaliated with atom bombs and

wiped out thousands of innocent women, men and children.

What does Pearl Harbor got to do with this? Where does forgiveness come in?

Remember Pearl Harbor! Yes lets remember, but remember it for the right reason and don't use it as a scape goat to blame the Japanese for uncontrolled trade practices developed by the U.S. Government.

My wife and I adopted 3 beautiful Korean children 8 years ago. A true blessing from God - and now I'm waiting for the day when someone calls them a racial name just because they're upset with the Japanese people in General.

I'm a Christian in this community and am dead set against being prejudice and discriminating against a fellow human being.

What has happened to Christian faith in some people. Have they put God behind them and focussed on how cruel we can be towards others?

I have nothing against Mr. Vanderwill I'm sure he is a wonderful person and as a Christian I do not pass any judgment upon him. But I must say his article was very disturbing to me. This kind of article does nothing but stir up more racial conflict between Americans and Asian people.

We need to love one another and not be judgmental. If you read in the New Testament in the book of James he tells us to love your neighbor as your self.

I close with this. We are all of Gods creations, black, white, red, yellow it doesn't matter. We all cry when we are lost and hungry or hurt. When we are picked we bleed and its all the same color.

Jesus Christ was the only man I know of that what ever your race it didn't matter to him, he loved us all equally and he proved that by dying on the cross for us.

So Mr. Vanderwill, God bless you and I hope you can have a change in hour for the Japanese people.

RICHARD MARTIN

When comparing the performance of students on the MEAP test one should consider the three variables mentioned above — the test, the instruction and the students.

Test makers and analysts assume that scores will remain relatively stable if equivalent populations take the same test following the same instruction.

It's been fairly well reported that the content of the MEAP test has changed over the years. This year the science and reading sections are similar to last year's, while the math portion is significantly changed. When headlines (not yours!) amounce that math scores have dropped, they are wrong. When they say they are low, they are misleading. One must ask, "Low compared with what?"

With regard to the variable of instruction one should, first, understand that this is the variable MEAP designers want to influence.

At least within the Plymouth-Canton schools there is evidence of increasing efforts to teach the skills tested by the MEAP. It seems safe to guess that this sn't equally true of all schools or districts statewide. Thus, some students may be taking a test in a class they've never taken. It's also possible that some course content follows administration of the MEAP in the fall of the year and that students would demonstrate skills in an area after, but not before, instruction.

And finally the variable of the population being tested should be considered. It has long been recognized in Lansing that school district MEAP scores reflect social and economic differences. District's with greater numbers of disadvantaged students have lower composite scores than those with fewer. On a smaller scale a building which houses the talented and gifted program will probably have a higher composite score than that which houses a special education program.

The above mentions just a few of the details one should consider in an analysis of the MEAP. I hope readers conclude that the meaning of MEAP acores is a complicated phonomenon.

The MEAP scores can result in many profitable exchanges within the school community. Educators will look at results — discuss the possible meanings of the results and make plans reflecting their conclusions. Parents and other citizens may want to be appraised of these conversations and probably can be by contacting school administrators and counselors.

For the individual family, I'd suggest that parents look carefully at their child's MEAP scores and ask for help from teachers to better understand them as needed

PATRICIA REESE



Community opinions

Read it here 1st: SURPRISE! You may be running

They're off.

With apologies to all the "concerned" candidates who truly run for election to perform a civic duty, the annual election process necessitates an examination of what the ballots hold for the coming months.

Voters here have their plates full for 1992.

Start with St. Patrick's Day when, for the first time in half a century, Michigan voters must publicly admit whether they're a "Republican," a "Democrat," or an "other." As the time for fish-or-cutbait draws near, local clerks are hearing the rage of voters who wonder why the political parties don't pay for and run party elections if they want their whimsical rules followed.

Seriously, folks, DON'T BLAME THE ELECTION WORKERS ON MARCH 17! (Canton Clerk Loren Bennett got a letter saying, "Shame on you Canton..." to complain about party designation requirements.) The Michigan Legislature Puppets brought you this mess at the behest of their Party Bosses — call Georgina Goss (349-1424), Jim Kosteva (495-1015), or Bob Geake (349-2319) to complain. (The local clerks and election workers didn't do this.)

To further point out the ludicrous nature of the rule, the legislature is now also considering reverting to the old election laws closing the pubs on election day—St. Pat's Day! The numbers to call again are: 349-1424, 495-1015, and 349-2319.

That over with, the school elections are up June 8.

Will E. J. McClendon run again? The dean of the local school board is cagey
— "hasn't made up his mind" etc. Best guess is, he'll retire (deservedly).

And what of Barbara Graham? She is the only school board member ever elected by the "conservative" segment launched by an otherwise-insipid appearance of a Garden City "witch" at a pre-Halloween student assembly. Graham's role and the failure to elect others must be disillusioning for the CBE (Citizens for Better Education). Will she run, or has witch-hunting petered out?

Jack Farrow, active parent and "I Care" pusher, has taken out petitions. Who else would run?

Bobbie Cleary and Deborah Lynch ran a year ago. Annette Remsburg and Diane Stamp ran before. With one woman on the board now (Graham), wouldn't it seem logical to see more women rin?

Would Carrie Peters run? How about former School Prezs Marda Benson or Carol Davis? Sylvia Rozian? Betsy Volaric? Carole Currie?

How about Steve Harper? Mitch Howard? George Dodson?

With malice toward none



The filing deadline is April 6; petitions can be obtained at the Plymouth-Canton Community School-Board offices at 454 S. Harvey St.

Next, comes THE important date and time — 4 p.m. on May 12.

At that point, all the candidates for Canton Township, Plymouth Township, Northville Township, Wayne County Commission and State Représentatives, U.S. Representatives must file.

It would not be a good time to be loitering around your local clerk's office on those days — the stampede may resemble the annual running of the bulls.

IN PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, the retirement of Clerk Either Hulsing (see related piece) sets the stage for an open contest. Likely hopefuls are: Marilyn Massingill, Hulsing's right-hand; Smith Horton (now a trustee); and Denise Radtke (aid de camp to U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell). Others rumored are: Carol Davis, Nancy White, Kay Arnold, Beth Stewart, Joanne Delaney, or Linda Christopher.

Then, there's Supervisor Gerry Law. Because of his domino-like appointment process, Law brings all the old baggage of former Supervisor Maurie Breen to the election trail and none of Breen's strengths. Add to that the serious PR gaff with the Methodist Church (they've actually had new folks attending their church over the issue) and Law could be very vulnerable.

The challenger who nearly beat Breen last time — Jim Irvine — hasn't been heard from since. So who would the anti-Breen folks run? Horton, Jim Anulewicz, Jim McKeon, Janet Campbell (or Dave Campbell), Carl Berry, Radtke, Davis, White, or Joyce Bohlander?

Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, who challenged Law for the state rep seat, has taken out a petition. Will she go for supervisor hersel? Or trustee? Or fill out the petition for Bill Joyner, who ran against Law when the state rep district was first created?

And then there's Trustoe John Stewart who is currently using his dart board to see if he'll run for township trustee, township su ervisor, Wayne County Commissioner, the Mettetal Airport Board, or the .85 judgeship needed at the 35th District Court (according to the state's analysis of the caseloads).

In the Plymouth Township Treasurer's race, Mary Brooks became the first candidate in the township to turn in petitions to keep her job. "I truly like this job," she said. No challenger's have stepped up yet, but the season is young.

For township trustee, it's certain that incumbents Ron Griffith, Abe Munfakh will re-file. But add K.C. Mueller, Chuck Curmi, or any of the already above named candidates and it could be a real field.

IN CANTON TOWNSHIP, a supposed vacancy in the treasurer's office is the big question mark. Jerry Brown has said he'll resign because of health reasons... but talk about drawing out the exit. His "should I stay or should I go?" swan song is getting old. (Hisabsence at Canton Hall is reminiscent of a past no-show Canton Treasurer Jim Donahue, whose pocket-the-dough-but-don't-show-up history must be lost on the Michigan Florists Association who just elected him treasurer.)

And even though he says he's got one foot out the door, Brown TOOK OUT PETITIONS! He says they're for someone else, but nothing would stop him from turning them in for himself.

Trustee Elaine Kirchganer is seeking both appointment and election to Brown's post. So is Patrick Haggerty, a local accountant. Others rumored are: Phyllis Redfem, Cindy Burgess, Laura Kosteva, or Cathy Prince.

For supervisor, Tom Yack will run again. Opposition? Try on former Supervisor Jim Poole, still active after these four years.

In the clerk's race, Loren Bennett is seeking re-election and will the township's old nemesis Linda Chuhran throw her hat in the ring?

The trustees' race could be a true free-for-all. Bob Shefferly decided not to go for treasurer, so he and Phil LaJoy and John Burdziak will be seeking to keep their seats. Add to that, James Panos, Katherine Tyree, Bruce Philips, Sandra Preblich, Melissa McLaughlin, John Cleaver, Dick Palmer, Bob Greenstein, Mel Paulun, Vic Gustafson, Bruce Patterson, Dick Wolfe, Jim Gillig and the names listed above for other Canton spots. What a race!

Any of those folks — or other challengers — going as Democrats in Canton? Although the Canton board was once controlled by Dems, "it doesn't matter what you are, but run as a Republican," recommends Bennett.

(The same could be said about Plymouth Township which hasn't seen a Democratic challenge of note in some wear.)

And so, the election season starts out. NEXT EDITION: The races for the new judgeship, the Wayne County Commission seat(s) and for U.S. Congress.

Bye Esther!

After 32 years of significant civic service to The Plymouth-Canton Community, Esther Hulsing is announcing her retirement as of November.

With the conclusion of this four-year term as Plymouth Township clerk, Esther "want(s) some time to smell the daisies."

She'll have served 14 years (1978-1992) as clerk and 18 years on the school board (1954-1972) including as its president. "It's been an interesting life," she observed. "I'm not going to change. Ken (her husband) likes it here, we'll still do some community things, but nothing that ties us down too much.

"I've thoroughly enjoyed this job," the clerk said. "It's been mostly fun... except for that ghastly time we got the wrong ballots," she said recalling the election two years ago when the county sent out the wrong punch cards to the township.

Esther's contributions have been many in other ways as well — co-



chairing the consolidation study committee for the city and the township in 1973-74, for example. Her civic role and her pleasant attitude will be missed.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

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Schools of Choice Committee considers Engler legislation

Choose your own school plan in fact-finding stage

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

After weeks of fact finding, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Schools of Choice Committee is still researching the controversial legislation in hopes of drawing up a plan of action by the April 1 deadline.

"We're determining where this is going and what to do," said Richard Egli, committee member and the school district's community relations administrator.

The Schools of Choice Committee is currently examining legislation proposed by Gov. John Engler which would in essence eliminate school boundaries within the district and allow students to attend any school of their grade level if space allows.

"We should know by sometime this week," said Carey Peters, co-chairperson of the committee and Canton resident. "We have a very rough draft put together that we hope to go over on Thursday."

The committee is now looking at other school districts to see if the change

Reporter takes MEAP; finds it unrealistic

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

Changes made on the Michigan Educational Assessment Progem (MEAP) test have resulted in lower test scores, frustrated teachers and administrators and confused parents.

The test, which endured major changes with the science section in 1987, reading in 1989 and mathematics in 1991, originated in 1969. Most of the changes focus on a move from a knowledge-based approach to the test to an application base.

Now instead of students needing to know certain skills and information, they must know certain skills and understand how to use and apply them to information provided.

This shift was made in order to test the ability of students to use higher level thinking skills; but only reflects the types of skills students will need to ensure future success.

Problems with the new test arise around the essential skills section — a section which presents problems which measure essential math skills, skills one needs for everyday see.

In 1986, as a sophomore at Salem High School, I took the MEAP test and received a 100 per cent on both the math and reading sections.

After realizing the controversy surounding the new test format, I decided to take the 1991 MEAP test (math and reading) in order to compare changes and results.

Last Friday I met with David Rodwell, administrative assistant for Research and Data Processing for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, who was

would be profitable for the district.

"We are looking at schools within the state" along with out-state schools currently engaging in the Schools of Choice practice, Egli said.

Schools particularly located in Minnesota are of interest because they currently practice Schools of Choice, he added.

State Representative James Kosteva (D-37th District) also has presented the committee with information regarding the intent of legislation on the Schools of Choice.

Meeting the April 1 deadline may become a problem for the committee, Egli said.

"One of the main problems we've encountered is a tight timeline," he said.

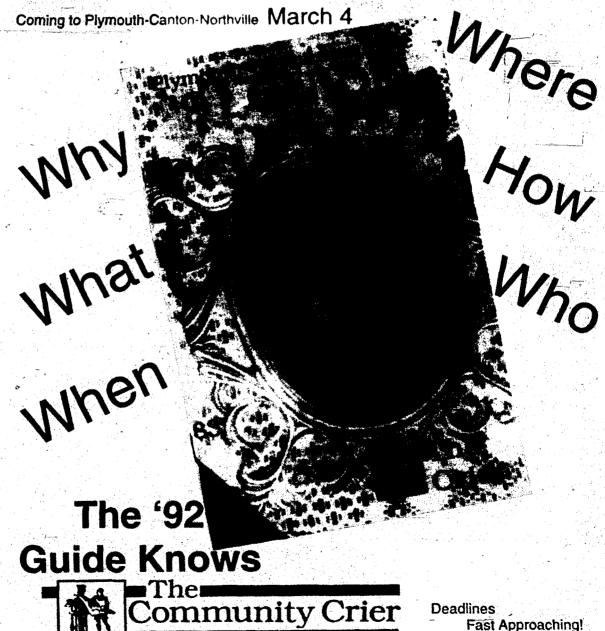
The committee has scheduled a conference call with the Michigan Board of Education to answer any questions they have about the program, he said.

The change, if passed, would have little impact on the district because only a few schools would participate initially, Peters said. The Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) scores,

which were recently released for each school, are not expected to influence the Schools of Choice program either, she added.

The 24-member committee, which has met three times over the past three weeks, will continue to hold weekly meetings until a plan of action is determined, Egli said.

The Plymouth-Canton Schools of Choice Committee meets at the district's administrative offices at 454 S. Harvey, every Thursday at 7:30 p.m.



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MEAP scores not 'measure of quality'

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to a conclusion that might be erroneous.

"We're dealing with students after all," he continued. "MEAP scores give us a snapshot of our student profiles. They help us get at the achievement of individuals.

"These were never intended to be a comparsion of quality between school districts or schools within a district." Homes said. "They assess the strengths and weaknesses in a curriculum."

Richard Egli, a member of the district's Schools of Choice Committee. said, "They've become something they were never originally intended to be."

Because MEAP tests are given to only a limited number of students in a district - fourth, fifth, seventh, eighth, 10th and 11th grades - the results cannot be used as a "measure of quality," said Homes.

"MEAPs only measure a selective number of areas," he said.

Dave Rodwell, the district's research and data processing administrator, said the analysis of MEAP scores will continue for a long time this year.

Rodwell said the very design of the test limits its use.

"It's the design of the test - it's not designed to compare," he said.

"To look at scores, it can be misleading," Homes said. "The basis for analysis takes on an air of sophistication and complexity. It's not that simple."

To use a standardized test like MEAP for comparsions within a district or with other school districts would require a different type of test, said Rodwell, one that "spreads the performance" across two extremes.

MEAP doesn't do that, he said, since the results being sought are the best performance possible from all students and all schools.

"You don't have real comparsions," Rodwell said. "You may have numerical differences, but that's not the substance of a program or curriculum.

"This is not a test designed to compare between buildings," he said. "If we report information so we can make building comparisons, it's a misuse."

He said, however, the expectation of tests like MEAP is that they can be used to "sum up" a program,

"The numbers can be misleading - not to those who work with kids -- but for those who summarize," Rodwell said.

Homes said the district is using the data to look at a variety of elements within the student population, such as gender differences; the "stability of the student population;" the contrasting experiences of students new to the district versus those who have gone through the system in Plymouth-Canton; the performance levels of students in the district's talented and gifted program; and special education students.

"We tried this year very hard to include all of the kids who are eligible to take the test," said Rodwell.

Barbara Church, the district's math and science coordinator, said the MEAP tests



are useful for zeroing in on parts of the district's curriculum where improvement IS DECESSARY.

"It helps us pick up on these areas of need," Church said. "It provides us information we can use to improve instruction. We can look at the whole population and try to detect a pattern.

"It also points to different aspects of where a school may need to improve or change," she continued. "One school may be strong in science and weak in math."

Homes said the MEAP scores thus act as an "influence for change" and as a

But Homes said the real work is done at the building level where the data is examined by individual teachers and administrators to see where improvements are needed for their particular building.

They use the information to make plans or even changes," Homes said. They can do that -- make classroomlevel decisions."

Rodwell said the MEAP scores are helpful for "self analysis, not as a test to make comparsions between buildings and

"If you report building comparsions then it's a misuse of the data," said Rodwell. "When you get into school-byschool comparsions and you don't know the programs at those schools, it's not fair to that community.

"We're not trying to explain away the information or justify higher or lower scores," he said. "That's not the focus of what we're doing."

Church said using the test result information to determine where to send a child for school is a poor form of judgment.

"I sure know where I would like to send my children if I had some that age," she said, "and I assure you it would have nothing to do with MEAP scores."

Homes said the MEAP scores are confusing to residents, but they are not "clocked in any kind of secrecy.

"Some of us have been around these scores for a long time and we still don't die on them," he said. "How you paint the pictures makes a real difference. You can say, 'Okay these are the scores, now what do they tell us about our strenghts, our needs and what are we going to do about it?"

Thomas Tattan, the school district's executive director of secondary education, said the district's direction "is very good for the 21st century.

We need to get more and more into a problem-solving mode," Tattan added.

Patterns found in MEAP tests are sometimes very fine, said Homes.

For example, the district has found that if its fourth graders had answered just one more question accurately, the MEAP results for 1991 would have been better than last year, said Shelia Alles, the district's coordinator for reading.

'It becomes all or nothing," said Homes. 'It's that fine sometimes.

According to the Michigan State Board of Education, MEAP scores do not defermine the curriculum of school

districts. Nor do the tests measure general knowledge or academic abilities, since the tests cover only reading, mathematics and

"By themselves, the MEAP test results cannot tell whether a district is providing an excellent instructional program to students with great educational needs or a mediocre program to students with few educational needs." says a state brochure on MEAP tests.

Comparing scores between school districts, says the state, is "very misleading and is not appropriate."

And yet school districts throughout Wayne County, including Plymouth-Canton, often compare their scores to other school districts.

And with Public Act 25 now in place, Plymouth-Canton has begun publishing annual reports for each school within the district. All of the reports inleude the school's most recent MEAP scores.

For example, at Allen officials are proud their school has been recognized for the past nine years for its high MEAP scores.

So while the results remain to be further analyzed, school officials are wary of discussing school-by-school results, preferring instead to get a handle on the broader needs of the district as outlined in MEAP scores.

The district expects, however, said Homes, all of its school improvement plans will focus on increasing student performance; develop an improved environment for administering the tests; review learning outcomes to assure instruction is accounting for those outcomes: establish a building plan for training staff; and establish buildingbased activities to emphasize the MEAP. as a measure of student outcomes.

Analysis already completed on the MEAP scores has found the following, said school district officials.

Fourth Grade Mathematics.

The district's strengths: in the contentarea of statistics and probability (80 per cent was an average score in this area); and only 11 of the 92 questions were answered incorrectly by more than 50 percent of the students.

The district's weaknesses: students need to increase their understanding of metric units; students need to develop skills at using problem-solving

Seventh Grude Mathematics: The district's strengths: overall acores higher than fourth graders; calculator usage scores averaged 75 per cent; 75 per

cent of the students answered only half of the questions correctly. The district's weaknesses: students had trouble with factors, prime factors, metric units, geometry terminology and problem

solving. Tenth Grade Mathematics.

The district's strengths; students were successful with questions of statistics and

The district's weaknesses; students had

trouble applying information about geometric shapes and their relationships: (average score of 41 per cent); metric unit. average score, 50 per cent.

Fourth Grade Reading.

The district's strengths: intersentence questions, which focus a reader's attention on two or three contigious sentences in a text; and beyond text questions, which require readers to draw upon their own experiences.

The district's weaknesses: students' ability to respond to analysis, synthesis and evaluation questions on narrative and

Seventh Grade Reading.

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Tenth Grade Reading.

The district's strengths; intersentence tions and beyond text questions.

The district's weaknesses: student ability to respond to questions on narrative and expository text. Fifth Grade Science.

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College-educated reporter relates MEAP experience

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kind enough to administer the test to me and go over the results:

Mental Arithmetic: 13 out of 15

Computation: 17 out of 17 (100%) Basic Skills: 27 out of 28 (96%) Topic Familiarity: 23 out of 24

Story Selection*: questions - 20 out of 20 (100%) Overall: 39 out of 46 (85%)

Information Selection*: first 20 questions - 18 out of 20 (90%)

Overall: 35 out of 46 (76%) Problem Solving (essential skills): 61 out of 88 (69%)

What I would like to explain first is the two sections marked with an asterisk(*)

Both the story selection and the information selection only counted scores from the first 20 questions on each section.

These were the questions which dealt with retention of the information and application of ideas.

The rest of the questions were not counted toward the test results. These questions dealt with theory type questions and opinion questions - in which there is no real way to grade efficiently. Several of the questions - which may have asked a student if they enjoyed the selected reading - would penalize the student if they did not answer in a positive or predetermined fashion.

So if I did not enjoy the particular reading selection and said so, I would automatically get that question wrong. This is the reason those questions were not factored into the final test scores.

When I began the test, the first section I did was the mental arithmetic, computation, basic skills and topic familiaity booklet. I was refreshed, well rested, fed and ready for the exam. I moved though it quickly and felt quite confident in my answers.

Then I started the second booklet.

This covered two reading selections and an essential math portion. The first of the two reading selections was very advanced for a 10th grade level. After four years of college I felt comfortable answering the questions.

But a 10th grader who is most likely in a literature class for the first time, may have a problem grasping concepts

presented.

The second reading was a history piece, which I found difficult to read, It was not an advanced reading level, but the subject was dry and long winded.

What disturbed me the most, after taking the MEAP test, was the realization students who wanted an endorsed diploma would have to pass all portions of the test in order to do so.

Test results for 10th graders who took the math and reading and 11th graders who took the science test did not look too promising.

More than 70 per cent of the Salem and Canton High School students passed the basic math skills portion, but only 22.5 per cent of Canton and 29 per cent of Salem high school sophomores achieved MEAP test requirements for the essential skills portion.

This means either the students have to start learning, or the MEAP test has to get real. There are no other realistic options.

The essential math portion asked questions involving square roots, the pathagoreum theorum and story problems.

Not once since I left my algebra and geometry classes have I ever needed those skills in order to survive out in the work force. And I believe any student, other than ones going into a chemistry or engineering-like profession will not need those skills to survive either.

"This is not measuring skills that are really essential, life skills." Rodwell said. "Can a kid understand how to read direction on a formula bottle so he won't give a wrong dosage? That's essential. If it's not done, a baby is burt.

"When I say essential skills, a kid needs to know how to read, how to complete an employe application."

Grade-by-grade analysis

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The district's strengths: overall performance quite strong. In five areas tested student percentages of those attaining objectives -- 89 per cent for both life science and science, technology and society and 87 per cent for science process.

The district's weaknesses: in life science, simple food chains; in earth science, seasonal changes in weather, and in physical science, the nature of magnetism.

Eighth Grade Science.

The district's strengths: students averaged 89 per cent in life science and 83

The district's weaknesses: using weather instruments, formulating models of systems, controling variables in an experiement, and the entire physical science section (only 62 per cent attained the obejctives).

Eleventh Grade Science.

The district's strengths: the 1991 scores showed an improvement over the past two years. Scores highest in science process and science, technology and society areas.

The district's weaknesses: scores in life science (63 per cent), earth (62 per cent) and physical (64 per cent) sciences were all lower





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THEATRE GUILD PRESENTS "CAMELOT"

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will present Lerner and Loewe's musical about Kine Arthur, "Camelot," Feb. 7-8 at the Water Tower Theatre in Northville. Tickets are \$9 at the door for adults or \$8 in advance, and \$8 at the door for seniors and youths or \$7 in advance. For reservations and information call 349-7110. Student and group rates available. Tickets at the Penniman Deli and Sir Speedy Printing in Plymouth.

CIVITANS ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

The Plymouth-Canton Civitans annual Citizenship Essay Contest is underway at CEP. The topic is "Mass Media: The Effects on the American Public." Students enrolled in any high school, public, private or perochial within the boundaries of the Plymout-Canton Community Schools district are eligible to enter. Prizes of \$125 for first, \$75 for second, \$50 for third. All entries must be submitted by midnight March 13, 1992, to Jerry Thompson, Canton English, room 224. Call 451-6600, ext. 344. Or contact loe Henshaw at 453-7569.

COMMUNITY SPELLING BEE

The Canton Rotary Literacy Committee will sponsor The Second Annual Community Spelling Bee on Thursday, May 14, 1992 at 7 p.m. in the Canton High School Little Theatre, Registration limited to the first 20 teams. The cost is \$100. Registration forms will be available Feb. 15 from local supporters and Community Literacy Council, Inc. Proceeds will help local literacy efforts. For further information call the Community Literacy Council at 451-6555.

FAMILY MILLER WOODS WALKS

Family walks in Plymouth Township's unique Miller Woods will be led by Emily Kemnitz and Joyce Holmes the second Sunday of every month through May. Starts at 1 p.m. Each walks will stress a different theme and focus on seasonal changes. The free walks begin at I p.m. Meet at the entrance on Powell Road between Beck and Ridge roads. For further information call 453-6912. Kemnitz and Holmes at members of the Friends of Miller Woods.

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY

The Plymouth Oratorio Society begins its sixth season May 3 with a performance of Beethoven's "Mass in C" and the "Choral Fantasy." Robert Pratt will conduct. For further information on the group call 761-2991 or 455-6512.

CANTON RED CROSS DONOR CENTER

The Canton American Red Cross Donor Center is located at 6700 Canton Center Rd., in the Westgate Plaza, Canton, The donor site is open from 2-8 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

PCAC DAMARIS STUDENT ART AWARDS

The Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) is holding its annual Damaris Student Fine Arts Awards for middle school students in Plymouth-Canton, Applications will be accepted until Jan. 31. Competition dates are March 5-6 at Canton's Little Theater. For further information or applications call 455-5260. A total of \$1,500 will be awarded in such areas as dance, photography, writing, and music.

KIWANIS, CHAMBER COMMUNITY MEETING

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth and the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce will host a community meeting Feb. 6 at noon in the Mayflower Meeting House. Dennis Archer, former Michigan Supreme Court justice, will be the speaker. Lunch is \$8 per person. Open to the public. For further information call the Plymouth Chamber at

ANNUAL VFW BOWLATHON

The VFW Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post and Auxiliary No. 6695 will host its annual Bowlathon Feb. 6 beginning at noon. All bowless welcome who raise pledges from the community. Proceeds to Paws With A Cause organization. For further information call 459-6700 or 728-7619.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S THRIFT SHOP

The Presbyterian Women's Thrift Shop located in Plymouth's Old Village will offer expanded hours - Thursdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays moon to 4 p.m. Proceeds 20 to support mission work for the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, Donations of clothing and small household articles are accepted at the chap. For details call 459-1250.

CANTON CHIEF FOOTBALL BOOSTER CLUB

The Caston Chief Football Booster Club macts the second Wednesday of the month at Canton High in room 168. Meetings held at 7:30 p.m. Call 455-2308 to help the booster group.

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"An Afternoon of Rossance" is planted Pub. 16 from 1-6 p.m. at the Sweet Afton Ten Room in Plymouth's Old Village. Lunchaon with British ten and local rossance authors. Lucy Taylor and Shelly Thacker will speaker. The cost is \$15 for lenck. For reservations call Sweet Afton at 454-0777. Santing is limited.
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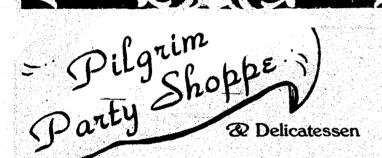
The William P. Holliday Nature Preserve Association hosts an association meeting Peb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Livenia Cheschill High School (guidence seess), Winter tours planned Peb. 15, March 5 and March 26. For further information about the group or the nature walks call 261-3633. Part of Holliday Park is located in Canton.

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Antique dresses entice many brides

BY ANNA MURRAY

While things new and blue haven't exactly fallen out of vogue with brides, "something old" may be gaining on its two partners. The local antique shop is becoming a popular substitute for the bridal boutique.

The biggest sellers are dresses and rings, store owners say.

"Old dresses are the epitome of femininity," said Judy Mullen who rents vintage clothing from her stall at the Antiques Mini Mall in Old Village."Brides want the dresses because they're so beautiful. Clothes back then had so much character."

Antique stores carry dresses from the 1890s to the 1950s and later.

"Most girls want old ones because they want the look of something old." said Dee Morgan of Dee Morgan Antiques in Plymouth's Old Village. Antique dresses, she adds, are also less expensive.

Sharon Hood of Bits and Pieces sells antique wedding dresses for between \$125 to \$400.

"Girls want them because their grandmothers wore this type of dress." she said. "I've got some from the real early 1900s."

Hood said the older dresses generally have more artwork and lace on them. But often they have to be altered because the sizes are so small.

"They are extremely small," said Morgan. "The typical Victorian wedding dress is a size four or six."

According to shop owners finding an actual Victorian wedding dress in good condition and of the right size is quite a trick, but some beautiful dresses exist from the 20s, 30s and 40s that are in better condition and

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Something new: (left) A bridal show sponsored by Rawlinson Photography at the Mayflower Hotel shows the latest in bridal fashions. Something old: (right) A Victorian wedding dress on display at Priced Possessions in Old Village. (Crier photos by Eriq Lucasik, left, and Anna Murray)



Down the aisle and back in time

easier to alter if they don't fit.

Denise Gerke, of the Village Tailor, said 100-year-old dresses are hard to work with.

The material, she said, may be dried out and fragile. Also matching the laces and satins is tough since most women require the dresses-- once worn-by women in corsets -- to be let out.

Still, said Gerke, some women are willing to go through the trouble. "They're less expensive," she said, "and many women don't like all the sequins and beading on modern dresses."

Gerke cautions anyone who might own a vintage dress that plastic storage bags turn the material yellow. Tissue is preferred for wrapping antique materials.

In addition to renting vintage clothing, Judy Mullen also makes custom spats that fit over pump-style shoes to turn them into old fashioned boots.

Brides, she said, want them because they give the full look of a turn-of the century wedding outfit. "I've had requests from all over the country," she said.

Mullen has also developed a way to work around the problems of decay and limited sizes associated with very old dresses. She has gone back to the source and collected thousands of patterns from 1890 on and made them into dresses for brides.

Any turn-of-the-century pattern, she said, looks like a wedding dress to the twentieth-century eye. All a seamstress has to do is chose white fabric and size it to the bride.

Mixed in with the heirloom jewelry in antique store showcases, an occasional engagement ring glitters. These filagree-covered finds can be a cost-conscious alternative to jewelry-store rings.

Both Burton Gallery Antiques and Plymouth Antique Emporium have antique engagement rings rings on sale

Angela Mifsud of Plymouth Antique Emporium said the rings have all the quality of modern jewelry but are much less expensive — sometimes only \$200.

Having an heirloom ring and an heirloom dress, store owners say, both insures a good value and adds to the timeless romance of the day.

Costs stun couples

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

When the big announcement comes, "Mom, dad, I'm getting married," reactions at home may not be much different than that displayed on the silver screen in the recently released movie, "Father of the Bride."

While the future bride may not initially think about the costs, mom and dad usually do. Even if the future bride and groom are both working, mom and dad usually still help out with the costs.

While Steve Martin forked over up to \$250 per person for his daughter's wedding in "Father of the Bride," costs for a wedding don't have to be that steep.

Although some couples may have grandiose dreams at the start, as reality sets in, they often have to tame those dreams. But that doesn't mean you can't have the wedding of your dreams.

Prices listed in this article are ranges stated by local merchants interviewed for this article. Estimates are for 250 guests, and four attendants.

"Weddings vary," said Carole Kuffel, owner of Beginnings Bridal Shop in Plymouth's Old Village. "Some people have a lot of money and will spend a lot. Some people have a lot of money, but don't want to spend a lot. Others don't have a lot to spend."

There are some basics most first time brides and some second time brides don't want to skip.

The bridal gown doesn't have to be expensive. "We have a wide range of wedding gowns (priced) from \$450 to \$1,100," said Kuffel. "We also offer 40 percent off discontinued gowns. We can work within anybody's price.

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Head pieces range from \$90-\$210 at Beginnings. Bridesmands dresses run between \$90-\$190. If the bride and her bridesmaids all buy their dresses at Beginnings, Kuffel gives the bridesmaids a 10 percent discount.

Also required to outfit the bride and her attendants are shees, hose, possibly a special bra and alip to wear underneath the dresses.

Preserving the dress after the wedding should also be considered. If a dress is purchased at Beginnings, Kuffel will preserve it after the wedding for \$105. If the dress is purchased elsewhere, cost is \$120.

Several dry cleaners also offer this service.

To save costs, some brides are buying their dresses second hand, or

wearing their mother's dress.

Renting tuxedos for the grooms and ushers ranges between \$49-\$84 each according to Dan Farrugia, general manager at Randazzo's in Livonia. "It depends on when you're getting married," said Farrugia. "We run specials throughout the year. If the party rents six or more tuxedos, the grooms aren't charged for their tuxedo, that's a standard practice in the Detroit arca."

Renting shoes is additional, and costs \$12 each at Livonia's Randazzo's. Photography is a very important element of the day, both still and video

A bridal album from Rawlinson Photography, in Plymouth, last year averaged between \$1,200-\$1,600. It usually contained 80-100 prints ranging in size from 4x5 to 10x10, according to Kathy Mabbott, office manager.

In addition to the album, there is a photographer's fee between \$200-\$300. The photographer works the wedding all day, and Rawlinson's keeps the negatives for 10 years, according to Mabbott. (An important element to

consider if you may want additional copies in the future.)

We don't see 19 year old brides anymore," said Mabbott. "The average bride and groom have a college degree and have been working for at least a year. We get a lot of 30 year old first time brides and grooms, that may be because we are slightly upscale."

A twist to wedding photography in the 90s, according to Mabbott, is that the bride and groom come in a few days before the wedding, in gown and

tuxedo, to have their outside pictures shot.

"Sixty to 70 percent are doing it," said Mabbott. "It frees up the day, if it rains on your wedding day, the pictures aren't ruined. They usually make a special day out of it, pick up their marriage license and have a romantic

Marriage licenses in Wayne County, for residents run \$23, for out of state residents, the fee is \$33, according to the Wayne County Clerk

Marriage License Department.

Almost a staple at wedding's today is a videographer. Prices range from \$399-\$1,500 at GMD Production in Livonia, depending on whether it's a single camera, ceremony only tape, or a two camera ceremony and reception tape, complete with video and audio editing.

"The tape will be two hours long," said Garry DiPiazza, technical assistant at GMD. His wife, Adele, owns the business, "We want the tape to be fun for the couple to watch, and fun for those they're showing it to."

GMD produces three copies, one for the couple and one copy for the parents of the bride and of the groom.

No wedding is complete without rings. An engagement ring, custom manufactured right here in Plymouth, at O.D. Bush jewelers ranges from \$1,500, \$2,500,\$5,000, according to Don Bush, owner.

Brider bands run between \$300-\$400. Grooms plain bands average \$200, with some priced as low as \$55, to as much as \$500, \$1,000 for a band with diamonds.

Delays in getting to the church on time can be great stressers on the wedding day. To protect themselves from family or friends who may think it's "cute" to take the scenic route to the church, many couples hire a limousine to get them to the church on time.

Rates through University Limo in Canton, are for three hour blocks, plus

driver's tip.

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Tally includes cakes and flowers

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A six passenger limo runs \$135, an eight passenger is \$225, and a 10-12 passenger limo is \$240, according to Carol Trudell at University. They also have a 1964 Rolls Royce which run \$225.

A wedding cake from Crawford's Bakery Connection in Northville runs between \$300-\$350, according to Sue Poster, owner. Tops are additional,

and range between \$6-\$200.

Bouquets and floral centerpieces are as traditional as rings. Prices vary according to the type of flowers, according to Robert Hall, manager at Heide's in Plymouth.

Fresh flower arrangement from Heide's average \$100-\$250 for the bridal bouquet. Bridesmaids bouquets range from \$35-\$85 each, boutonnieres average \$6.95 each, and corsages range between \$15-\$17.50 each.

Church altar pieces run between \$40-\$75 each, and usually two are needed. Centerpieces run between \$45-\$75 apiece.

A floral arch runs \$200-\$300, pew bows are \$10-\$15 each, and aisle runners, 50-100 feet long, are \$30.

Every bride wants to look and feel her best on that special day. Many go to the hair dresser the day of the event to be "done up."

A wedding day package, at Hair Media in Westland, runs \$150 for the bride and four attendants, according to Kim Nickerson, owner.

The package includes a mini manicure, hair wash and wet set the day of the wedding.

"We do a trial run on the bride before the wedding," said Nickerson. "And we take a picture so the bride will know exactly what she'll look like, and we'll be sure it (hair style) looks good in pictures. Sometimes it will look great in person, and terrible in pictures."

Also requested at Hair Media is a make-up which costs \$7 per person,

and a massage the night before, which runs \$35 for an hour.

Music choices come in two forms, live and recorded. Bands vs. DJ's.

Live musicians at a reception start at \$400 for a duo, \$500 for a trio, and five piece bands start at \$650-\$700 through Jerry's in Plymouth.

All performers booked through Jerry's are booked on a referral basis by owner, Jerry Hoelscher.

He's also had requests for big bands, which he says are the exception, not the rule, and they can run as high as \$3,000.

Also requested for weddings are string quartets to perform during the meal, which can start at \$200 for the first hour. A flutist and violin at the ceremony range from \$135-\$200 for one hour.

DJs range between \$195-\$400 for four hours.

"In these depression times, people are buying about as many DJs as bands," said Hoelscher. "The DJs have cut into the band market a lot. (But) people still like the personal touch a band can give."

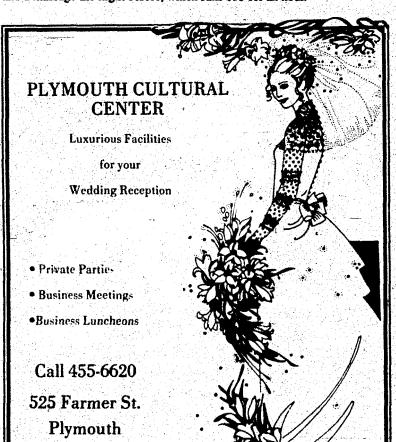
Receptions are often the highlight of the day. And where you choose to have your reception can make or break your day.

A reception for 250 people, at the Mayflower Meeting House, can run approximately \$7,000, according to Joanne LaForest, catering manager.

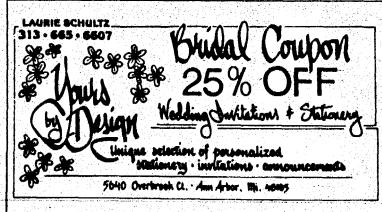
That can sound mind boggling when first quoted to anyone not familiar with putting on gala events. The costs include a full sitdown served meal, which range in price from \$14.95-\$19.50 per person, full bar with bar tender, which averages out to \$8-\$10 per person, servers and linens.

Also included is a \$750 fee which includes flowers and decoration, doorman and coat attendant, overnight accommodations for the bride and groom, with champagne and breakfast in the honeymoon suite, and an engraved cake knife.

Booking just the honeymoon suite at the Mayflower starts at \$150, depending on the package, according to LaForest.







Couples tie the knot at exotic sites

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

When Northville residents Melissa Baker and David Vandenberg decided get married, they wanted to make sure it was an unique experience.

So they each took a friend, flew to Hawaii and got married in a cave --

omplete with a waterfall and a hula dancer.

"It was like something out of the movies," Vandenberg said of the Kauai sland site, which has been used for on-site filming for several movies ncluding "King Kong" and "South Pacific."

"It was a beautiful setting; my best man almost started crying," he said.

The best part was that it was all set up with a few phone calls."

Other exotic marital sites include a mountaintop in Mexico, Makinaw Island and, of course, Las Vegas is still a great option for those who want to partake in a "shotgun" type wedding.

'A lot of people still go to Las Vegas," said Pam Stropkai, manager of Lina's Bridal in Plymouth. The site has become a favorite of sorts especially

for couples on their second marriage.

On that "special day," hopeful newlyweds strive to make it one they will remember for the rest of their life. And making it an unusual event is one way for couples to make their mark.

One of Tonya Lockwood's clients at Ellen's Bridal Fashions is planning a one-of-a-kind wedding for herself and her fiance, but the groom-to-be has no idea the wedding he plans to attend later this year will be his own.

"She's going to surprise her fiance," said Lockwood, who is manager of the Canton wedding shop. "He's going to find out that it's his own wedding when he gets there.

Other extraordinary requests involve unusual wedding gowns.

"I had a request for a light blue wedding gown before," Lockwood said of a Westland customer of hers from last year. "It was her second wedding and her fiance's favorite color."

A memorable wedding for Carol Kuffel, manager of Beginnings Bridal Shop in Plymouth, involves lace high top tennis shoes, a canoe and a fulllength hoop gown.

The couple got married on the shore of a river in Ann Arbor," Kuffel

said. "I'm not sure what they did with the canoe."

Vandenburg said he and his wife opted for the "torch-light ceremony," which included a boat ride up a river through a "sub-tropical rain forest" like area. Once they arrived to the fern grotto, which was covered with ferns and hanging plants, the vandenberg couple was serenaded by a mandolin player, a singer and a hula dancer.

"It was almost comical in a way," Vandenberg said laughing. "But

instead of being cheesy, it was actually very nice."

Popular non-traditional local places to trade nuptuals include the gazebo in Plymouth's historic Old Village and Greenfield Villiage for the "country look," Lockwood said.

Old fashioned styled outfits are growing in popularity, especially Victorian-age fashion, said Elizabeth Clancy, owner of Elizabeth's Bridal Manor in Northville.





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In September she helped a customer prepare for a Victorian styled wedding in Mill Race Historic Villiage -- complete with a Cinderella-like horse drawn carriage.

Changing times have affected the way Lockwood deals with her customers, she said.



Melinea Baker and David Vandenberg said their vows in a cave in Hawaii





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COMMUNITY CLOTHING BANK THROUGH SCHOOLS

The Plymouth-Canton Community Clothing Bank is available for residents of the located in a portable building behind Central Middle School in the City of Plymouth. Donations are accepted on both days also or they can be delivered on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Warehouse at 180 Adams Street behind the Clothing Bank. For more information call 451-6673.
WSDP CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY

WSDP, 88.1 FM, the student-run radio station at Centennial Educational Park (CEP) celebrates its 20th anniversary next week (Feb. 10-14). The celebrations begin Monday, at 7 p.m. with an open house at the station (Room 2311). Tours and staff members will be available. For further information call 451-6600.

THE OVERCOMERS OUTREACH SUPPORT GROUP

Main Street Baptist Church in Canton has bi-monthly meetings of its substance abusers and family support groups. The Overcomers Outreach seeks to help people whose lives have been affected by substance abuse. Those with drug or alcohol problems are welcome to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Feb. 14. The family members of addicts may attend the group meetings at 7 p.m. Feb. 18. For further information or individual counseling call 453-4785.

BIGLER TO SPEAK TO SCHOOL PARENTS

Dr. Mary Bigler, professor of education at Eastern Michigan, will speak on the subject "Reading is a Family Affair," at Gallimore Elementry School Thursday (Feb. 6) at 7 p.m. The free event is open to the public. For further information call Joyce Deren at 451-6388.

MUSICAL VARIETY SERIES CONTINUES AT LIBRARY
The Friends of the Canton Public Library present the second offering in their musical variety series. The Dennis Tini Quartet will be sharing an evening of jazz Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Canton Public Library meeting room. Tickets are \$5 and available at the library reception desk. For further details call the library at 397-0999.

CANTON ROTARY'S MILLIONAIRE'S PARTY

The Canton Rotary Club presents Millionaire's Party Feb. 28 at the new Hawthrone Valley Golf Course on Warren Road. Runs from 7 p.m. until midnight. The cost is a \$7 contribution, which includes \$5 in chips. The maximum cash prize per person is \$500. Proceeds go to the Canton Rotary Club.

PROFESSOR RETURNS AS GUEST CONDUCTOR

Professor George Cavender will be the guest conductor of the Plymouth Community Band at the group's 8 p.m. performance Friday (Feb. 7). The concert will feature "The Light Calvalry Overture" by Henry Fillmore and "Hebrides Suite" by Clare Grundman. The Plymouth Community Band performs year round with free winter concerts at the Canton High School Little Theater.

NORTHVILLE FLORIDA REUNION

The annual Northville Reunion in Florida will be held Friday, Feb. 21 at the Holiday Inn, 6525 U.S. 27 North, Sebring, Florida. For reservations, placement on the mailing list or for further information contact one of the following coordinators: Connie Burgess Wahlberg, 591 N.E. Town Terrace, Jensen Beach, FL, 34957 (407-334-3715); Frank Eaton, 1408 Indian Drive, West Palm Beach, FL, 33407 (407-582-7260); or Dick Simmons, P.O. Box 635 Minneola, FL, 34755 (904-394-6219).
THE HIGH COST OF HURSING HOME CARE

A discussion of the Catastrophic Care Act of 1990, with its accepted alternatives to present spousal impoverishment by nursing homes will be presented by Paul Leduc and sponsored by the Northville Senior Citizens Center. It will be held Feb. 7 from 1-3 p.m. at 303 W. Main St., City of Northville. Open to the public. For reservations call 349-4140

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF PLYMOUTH

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will meet at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth on North Territorial Road. The program will be "Landmark Homes," a slide show and narration by the Landmark Study Group of the AAUW. Quests are welcome.

CANTON CHAMBER GOV'T MEETING

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly Government-Business seting at 7:30 a.m. at Palermo's Restaurant on Ford Road in Canton Thursday (Feb. 6) for further information call 453-4040.

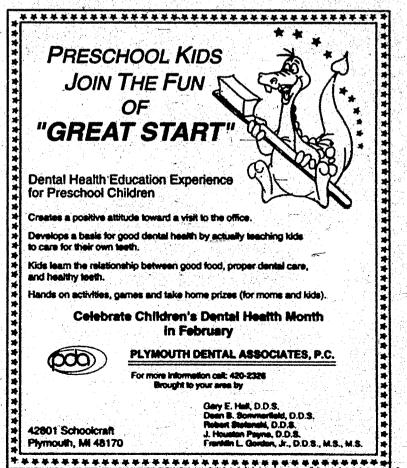
BLOODMOBILE AT SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Schoolcraft College will be the site for the American Red Cross Bloodmobile Thursday (Feb. 6) from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Waterman Campus Center caseteria. To schedule an appointment call Kay Raby at 462-4400, ext. 5050. Walk in donors welcome.

NORTHVILLE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Northville Genealogical Society will meet Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mill Race Historical Village in Northville. The topic will be the 24th Michigan Volunteers and their role in the Civil War presented by Joe O'Dougherty, who will be in uniform. Open to the public. Por further information call Gladys Scott at 348-1718 or Lenore Haas at 348-6370.





P-C Clothing Bank

Raising funds is essential these days, especially for a local clothing bank.

The Plymouth-Canton Community Clothing Bank is now open and taking donations of clothing for residents receiving some form of assistance.

The bank is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to noon and is located in a portable building behind Central Middle School in the city of Plymouth.

Donations for the clothing bank are accepted from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On weekdays,

donations may be taken to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Warehouse, located at 180 Adams Street, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"We appreciate the generous clothing and financial donations from the community," said Virginia Kocik, director for the clothing bank. "While we have good clothing available, we can always use more. We can especially use pants for elementary school children."

For further information on the bank call 451-6673.

For Northville, Plymouth residents Reunions planned in Florida

The Northville Annual Florida Reunion date has been set.

The reunion is scheduled for Feb. 21 at the Holiday Inn, 6525 U.S. 27 North, Sebring, FL.

For reservations on the Florida trip, placement on the mailing list or furthur information, contact one of the following coordinators:

Connie Burgess Wahlberg, 591 N.E. Town Terrace, Jensen Beach, FL 34957 (407) 334-3715: Frank Eaton, 1408 Indian Drive, West Palm Beach, FL 33407 (407) 582-7260; Dick Simmons, P.O. BOx 635, Minneola, FL 34755 (904) 394-6219.

At the same time the Plymouth

Michigan Sunshine Club's Annual Picnic is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3.

The event will be held at the Highlands Hammock State Park, off U.S. 27, near Sebring, FL at 634 West.

Lunch begins at 1 p.m. but party goers should arrive early to visit with friends. Also, bring a dish and table service.

There is camping nearby (make reservations by calling 813-385-0011) and motels.

All Plymouth residents, and former Plymouth residents are welcome to attend the picnic and remember old times.



Places to be

Celebration next week

WSDP turns 20

WSDP (88.1 FM) will celebrate its 20th anniversary next week (Feb. 10-14)

The student-run radio station at Centenial Educational Park (CEP), which operates out of Salem High School, will launch the celebration with an open house Monday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. in room 2311 of Salem.

The event will focus on the history and future plans of the stations work in the Plymouth-Canton Community and will include tours of the station and a chance to meet the student staff.

Next Wednesday, Feb. 12 will highlight a special "Community Focus" program featuring the history of WSDP since its inception on Valentine's Day in 1972. The show will begin at 5:45 p.m.

Jazz at library

A sweet jazz sensation is coming to Canton this month.

The Dennis Tini Quartet will offer an evening of jazz Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Canton Public Library meeting room.

The event, sponsored by the Friends of the Canton Public Library, costs \$5 per ticket. Tickets are available at the library reception desk.

Tini is a professor of music, cofounder of the Jazz Studies Program and director of Choral activities at Wayne State University, He also has directed and appeared as a soloist with the WSU Jazz Lab Band, Vocal Jazz Ensemble and "Jazztet" in several European concert tours.

For more information contact the library at 397-0999.

Bigler talk

A motivational speaker will speak about encouraging families to read with their children.

Dr. Mary Bigler, professor of education at Eastern Michigan University, will give a presentation titled "Reading is a Family Affair" at Gallimore Elementary. School Thursday (Feb. 6) at 7 p.m.

The event is apposited by the Hoben Elementary School Parent Support Group and the Farrand Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization.

Bigler is an internationally-known consultant and speaker in the area of motivation and reading. Her free presentation will show parents how they can help their children become better readers.

A display and sale of books will include riddle books, poetry, picture books and resource books.

For more information call Joyce Deren, Hoben Elementary School principal at 451-6388. WSDP, owned and operated by the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, is completely staffed by volunteer students at Salem and Canton High Schools.

Rotary's millionaires

Those who would like to be a millionaire, now have a chance to be part of the action.

The Canton Rotary Club is sponsoring a Millionaire's Party, Feb. 28 at the new Hawthorne Valley Golf Course, located on Merriman north of Warren.

The Millionaire's Party will offer Blackjack, Roulette, Craps and the Wheel of Fortune from 7-10 p.m. for a \$7 contribution.

The donation includes \$5 in chips with a maximum cash prize per person of \$500. Proceeds go to the Canton Rotary Club.

Community report

A "State of the Community" breakfast featuring a report by City of Plymouth Mayor Robert Jones and Plymouth Township Supervisor Gerald Law is Planned for next Thursday (Feb. 13).

The breakfast will be held from 7:30-9 a.m. at the Mayflower Meeting House. The cost is \$10 per person.

The public is welcome at the meeting, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, but reservations are necessary.

For reservations call the chamber at 453-1540.

Abuse group

A support group for substance abusers is now available through a local church.

The Main Street Baptist Church, 8500 N. Morton-Taylor in Canton, offers bimonthly meetings for substance abusers and their families.

Overcomerr Outreach is a support group to help people whose lives have been affected by substance abuse.

People with drug and/or alcohol problems are invited to attend the meetings; the next one is scheduled for 7 p.m. Feb. 14. Family support groups are beld Tuesdays and mass Feb. 18 at 7 p.m.

For more information or individual counseling call 453-4785.



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Community deaths

Draper, real estate agent

Ralph L. Draper, 64, of Plymouth Township, died Jan. 27 at his home. Funeral services were held Jan. 30 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with Rev. Joseph Plawecki officiating. Burial was in Oakgrove Cemetery, Dixboro.

Mr. Draper was a self-employed real estate broker in Plymouth and owned Draper Real Estate in Plymouth since 1970. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel as well.

Survivors include: wife Carol, of Plymouth; sons Dennis and David, of East Detroit, and Daniel, of Westland; daughter Kimberly, of Miami; brother Howard, of Grosse Pointe, stepchildren David and Daniel Goulet and Jill Baker, and six grandchildren.

Memorial may be made to the Arbor Hospice. Local arrangements were made by Lambert-Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home of Plymouth.

Hartman, waitress

Vanda M. Hartman, 80, of Plymouth, died Jan. 18 in Farmington Hills. Funeral services were held jan. 22 at Our Lady of Good Counsel with the Rev. Joseph Plawecki officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Mrs. Hartman was a waitress at the restaurant/cafeteria in the City-County Building for 15 years, retiring in 1973. She came to Plymouth in 1989 from Detroit. She was a member of Gur Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, in Plymouth.

Survivors include: son Daniel, of Lake Forrest, CA; daughter Elaine M. Young, of Plymouth; grandchildren Mark and Authony Hartman and Kathryn O'Malley; sister Josephine Stein, of Tempe, AZ, and brother Edmund Miotke, of Shelby Township.

Memorials may be sent to Our Lady of Providence or Child and Family Home Scrvices.

Minehart, retired educator

Iva Minehart, 89, of Sun City, AZ, died Dec. 18 in Arizona. Memorial services are scheduled for Feb. 6 at the Newburg United Methodist Church with the Rev. Millie Collins officiating.

Mrs. Minehart was a principal of Stark and Newburg Schools, she retired in 1962 after 39 years as an educator. She came to the Plymouth area in 1924 from Deerfield. She was a member of the Plymouth Historical Society. Mrs. Minehart received her BA and MA degrees from Eastern Michigan University.

Survivors include: sisters Florence Stinefield, of Temperence, Coral J. Culp. of Phoenix, and Evelyn O'Brien, of Blissfield; sisters-in-law Helen Church, of Westland,

and Merle Minehart, of Plymouth; several nieces and nephews.



Flanigan, school employe

Meryl E. Flanigan, Sr., 84, of Novi, died Jan. 15 in Novi. Funeral services were held Jan. 18 at the Ward Presbyterian Church with Dr. Bartlett L. Hess officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

Mr. Flanigan was a former Plymouth resident. He worked as an operating engineer at Mercy High School for 10 years. He was a member of Ward Presbyterian Church, the Masonic Lodge of Lola Valley No. 580. Mr. Flanigan also was a past master of the Brightmoor Lodge No. 540.

Survivors inleude: wife Cornelia, of Novi; sons Edward, of Barton City, Richard, of Northville, and Michael, of New Hudson; daughters Phyllis Lefever, of Washington, MI, Lois Flanigan, of Novi, and Bonnie Washburn, of Georgia; 14 grandchildren and 10 great

Memorials may be sent to Ward Presbyterian Church, in Livonia.

McGrath, mechanic

Walter J. McGrath, 60, of Canton, died Jan. 15 at St. Mary Hospital, in Livonia. Funeral services were held Jan. 18 at Divine Savior Catholic Church in Westland with the Rev. Alexander A. Kuras officiating. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

Mr. McGrath worked as a mechanic for Wayne County. He attended divine Savior Catholic Church and was a veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include: wife Mary P., of Canton; sons Michael, of Garden City, and Kevin, of Canton; daughters Catherine, of Livonia, and Theresa, of Canton; grandchildren Alex and Spencer; brother Joseph, of Lakewood, OH; sisters Margaret Sponsler, of Lakewood, OH, and Roseanne Turner, of Eastlake, OH.

Local arrangements were made by Lambert-Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

Priewert, local artist

Alfred A. Priewert, 89, of Westland, died Jan. 14 in Livonia. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Local arrangements made by the Schrader Funeral Home.

Mr. Priewert was a commercial artist and photo engraver who came to Plymouth in 1966 from Redford. He was a member of the Tonquish Senior Citizens in Plymouth.

Survivors include: daughter Shirley Paganone, of Plymouth; granddaughters Barabra Butchko, of Pinckney, and Ardyth Paganone-Soucy, of Plymouth; and great granddaughter Adeline Soucy, of Plymouth.

Schmit, tool and die maker

Lawrence H. Schmit, 89, of Plymouth, died Jan. 15 in Plymouth. Funeral services were held Jan. 18 at the Schrader Funeral Home with Pastor William C. Lindholm officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

Mr. Schmit was a tool and die maker. He came to Plymouth in 1990 from Redford. His hobbies were gardening and building miniature steam engines. He was a member of the Michigan Regional Lilly Society.

Survivors include: wife Frieda Schmit, of Plymouth; Joyce Meek, of Fenton, Katherine Stidwill, of Plymouth and Virginia Harstead, of New York; three brothers; four sisters; 10 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Alzheimers and Penrickton Center for Blind Children.

Drews, church member

Clara L. Drews, 96, of Westland, died Jan. 2, in Westland, Funeral services were held Jan. 4, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Pastor Lawrence A. Kinne officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Drews was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her daughter Ruth C. Shipman, of Hinsdale, IL; three grandchildren; five great grandchildren; a sister Hanna Strasen, of Frankenmuth; a brother Theodore Strasen, of Livonia.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Paul's Lutheran church, Northville, Funeral arrangements were made by Schrader Puneral Home.

Hofman, a homemaker

Kathleen Hofmann, of Brighton, died Dec. 23, in St. Petersburg, Florida, Funeral services were held Dec. 27, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church with the Rev. Fr. James Wysocki officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mrs. Hofman was a homemaker and member of the Daughters of Isabella in Allen

She is survived by her husband Edward; sons Richard, of Plymouth, Patrick, of Petosky; five grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association. Lucal arrangements were made by Ross B. Northrop & Sons Puneral Home.

May be tied to drug abusers

Rash of burglaries strike townships

BY ANNA MURRAY

A rash of burglaries that has increased the crime rate in some local communities over 100 per cent may be tied to a group of young adult drug abusers, police said.

Breaking and enterings rose 147 percent in the City of Plymouth from 36 break- ins in 1990 to 89 in 1991.

In Plymouth Township there were 87 burglaries in 1990 and 138 in 1991, an increase of nearly 60 per cent. Northville Township had 76 burglaries this year, although comparison figures for last year

were not available

Carl Berry, chief of police in Plymouth Township, said a group of seven adults in their mid 20s were probably responsible for a large portion of the burglaries. He added they were probably after money to buy drugs.

Inspector David Hayes of the Plymouth Township police said many of the items stolen were later sold at pawn shoos.

Both Plymouth and Northville township police said they have suspects.

Northville has charges pending agianst one man in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Police said the burglars usually break a window, most commonly a basement window, and then take money, jewelry, electronic goods and anything else that can be quickly converted into cash.

"Most of our burglers have a chemical dependency problem," said Captain Phil Presnell of Northville Township Police.

In one circumstance a burglar found extra car keys and made off with the car as well

Berry speculated the recent buglaries of all seven stores in the mall at the 900 block of Mill and Pearl streets in Old Village may be related to the same loosely-knit group of young mea.

Chief Bob Scoggins of the City of Plymouth Police would not connect the robberies. He said, however, he thought the offenders were young.

"The general profile of our local burglars is that they've grown up in this area and they're not after anything but money or valuable stones," he said."

The Canton Police Department and Northville City did not report significant increases in burglaries.

Common education problems debated

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still in a familiar atmosphere," Burley

Pature internships and co-op programs also were mentioned by burley, who said the school district "will see a lot more learning ouside of the classroom in the next ten years than we now see."

Common problems McDowell said he saw with incoming students are the apathy and disinterest in school.

"Major problems we see now are a lack of commitment to learning," McDowell said, "Students come to Schoolcraft and have no idea why they're "This results in poor attendance and indifference to learning, and in most cases they're out by Thanksgiving."

Michael Homes, assistant superintendent of instruction, responded to McDowell's concerns by outlining a portfolio program for the Canton and Salem high sebool students, along with a four-year plan each student fills out during their freshman year for classes they plan to take.

"Portfolios will help kids become more successful," Homes said. "It becomes their ticket to the marketplace."

A change in Schoolcraft's image over the past few years was mentioned by several Plymouth-Canton Community Schools board members

"The Haggerty High syndrome has gone away," said Roland Thomas, secretary for the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education. "It's getting beyond culinary arts."

"Schoolcraft is vastly different now in terms of people's perception than it was 10 years ago," said David Artley, president of the school board:

"I've seen it grow," said Superintendent John Hoben, "and it's quite a viable institution now." to receive college credit for the AP course

completed in high school.

"This gives students an opportunity to get acquainted with Schoolcraft while

Worker falls 40 feet, lives

A construction worker fell from a forty-foot scaffold Tuesday sustaining numerous broken bones and a possible head injury, Camon Police said.

The man was working at the K mart distribution center on Joy Road in Canton, police said. A Canton fire unit was sent to the scene.

Rescue workers found the man semiconscious from the fall. They transported him to St. Mary Hospital.

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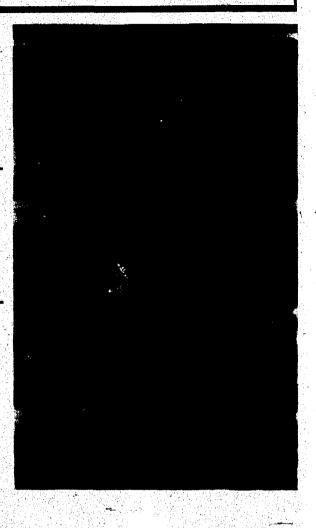
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Left: Canton gymnast Kim Rennolds swings Saturday on the bars. Right: Alysia Sofios, of the Salem team, comes in for a landing on the beam. (Crier photo by Eriq Lakasik)



Canton captures close 2nd

Salem gymnasts 1st at invitational

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

It was a tough meet Saturday, for both Canton and Salem in the Plymouth Gymnastics Invitational, where 17 teams were competing, seven of which are ranked in the top 10 in the state.

Canton was leading the pack after three events, ahead of Salem by .6, but Salem went ahead and secured first place after the fourth event.

Salem and Canton were the only two teams to score in the 140s. Salem finished with a 142.10, and Canton had 140.5

Although Salem is ranked higher than Canton, they weren't guaranteed a first place finish.

During practice the night before, Salem's Melissa Hopson injured her knee, and was advised by the trainer not to compete Saturday.

While performing on the bars, teammate Stephanie Skeppstrom injured her knee during dismount. She was taken to the hospital, where she was referred to

a specialist, according to Salem coach Becky Martin.

"It wasn't broken," said Martin. "They weren't sure what was wrong, and referred her to a specialist. Hopefully, it's not serious." (Further details were not available at press time.)

This year the Plymouth Invitational was divided into two division. Division 1 was for competition between gymnastics who had competed in club gymnastics in the last two years. There were 23 gymnasts competing in this division. Division 2 was for all others. Each school entered four girls per event.

Kim Rennolds of Caston tied with North Farmington's Annie Jud for first place on the vanit, with a 9.35.

Salem's Courtney Gonyea captured third with a 9.3. Kim Lewke finished on the vault with 9.25, in fourth place for Canton.

For Salem, Skeppstrom took sixth place with 9.15. Alysia Sofios carned as 8.8 to take 11th place, and Autumn

Bunch took 13th place with an 8.7.

In division 2 vault performances, Canton's Dawn Clifford shared sixth place in a four way tie, scoring 8.8. Teammate Kara Stillings took 16th with 8.4

On the Bars in division 1, Salem's Solios took first place with a 9.3. Canton's Resnolds took sixth place, with an 8.9.

Serah Makims captured eighth place with an 8.8, and Gonyea carned an 8.6, taking 11th place for the Rocks.

Skeppetrom took 13th place with an 8.55, where she injured her knee on the dismount

In division 2, Jessy Tedesce took fourth place for Caston, earning an 8.7. Teammates Laura Anderson took seventh place, with an 8.45 and Clifford took 10th with an 8.3. Amy Wong, of Salem, took 13th place with an 8.0.

On the beam in division 1, Gonyea scored an 8.95 for Selem. Canten's

Lewke took fifth place with an 8.85. Teammate Rennolds captured seventh place with an 8.8.

Makins finished in 14th place for Salem with an 8.55. Teammates Sofios took 15th place with an 8.50, and Bunch took 17th with 8.3.

On the beam in division 2, Canton's Clifford scored an 8.95, earning second place. Teammate Tedesco placed fourth with an 8.8.

On the floor, Salem captured first and second place. Gonyea took first, earning a 9.5, and teammate Sofios finished right behind her in second place, with a 9.45.

Canton's Rennolds took fourth place with 9.35.

Selem's Makins finished in ninth place with an 8.75. Canton's Lewke took 12th place with 8.65. Bunch took 16th place for Selem with an 8.45.

In division 2 on the floor, Stefanic Angiulio finished in sixth place for

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Rocks take spike win over Chiefs

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Canton and Salem spikers battled each other last Wednesday in a very tense game where emotions ran high.

The Rocks took the match in three games, 15-5, 15-12 and 15-10.

"It was a tough game because emotions run high in the Canton versus Salem game," said Salem coach Allie Suffety. "In volleyball you have to control your emotions, and in this game it's difficult.

It was Canton's parents night, and the crowds were quite large for a volleyball match, according to Suffety.

"We didn't play our best, when they faced each other in the tournament (Jan. 18 and 25), the kids played great. There was a big crowd and a lot of excitement (Wednesday night). On the positive side, we still won. I'm happy it's over. It's an exhausting game to prepare for because it's such an emotional game."

It was a good game for Shelby Carey, who contributed in many elements. She earned six kills, had four service aces, and five blocks for points. "Shelby (Carey) had a good game offensively," said Suffety.

Also executing kills for Salem were Martha Bol with 12, and Cyndi Platter with 10. The Rocks had a game total of 33 kills.

Jenny Garvey earned five of the remaining 10 service aces scored by Salem.

Setter Carya Tatterton had 28 assists.
"Our defense didn't do well," said
Suffety. "Our passes were not all at the
the setter, we only had a few perfect plus
sets." The Rocks made 22 attack
reception errors and nine service receive



Salem's Caryn Tatternton sets the ball during the clash last week with rival Canton. Salem won the clash. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

errors.

Salem's record now stand at 22-5-7 overall (includes tournament games), and 4-0 in league competition.

"Canton has a scrappy team. They play a hard floor game," said Suffety. "They fly around and dig when they can."

Although Salem may have been disappointed with their performance last Wednesday, they walked away with the win, and that left and even bigger disappointment for Canton, losing to their cross campus rivals on Parent's night.

"I think the girls were a little intimidated," said Canton coach Jackie Getz. "In the first game we came out real slow."

But the Chiefs didn't give up after a slow start. They kicked up their play and played much more aggressive in the second and third games.

"The second game we played well, and were ahead most of the game, but lost to Salem 15-12," said Getz. "Our team played real hard. They kept at it and kept

fighting

"Jenny Davis played real well, she had great intensity in the front and back row."

The Chiefs are now 1-3 in league matches. They play Walled Lake Central tonight at home.

Effort gives hoopsters win

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Team effort and some surprise performances led the Canton Chiefs to victory on the basketball court Friday night, as the squad defeated Walled Lake Western 52-32 at Western.

The Chiefs outscored the Western Warriors in every quarter, taking a 12 point lead at half time, and held their opponents to 10 points in the second half.

In the first quarter, both teams had their highest scoring quarter. Canton tossed in 19, and Western scored 14.

In the second quarter, Canton scored 15 and held Western to eight, to end the half 34-22.

"We had a pretty good first half," said Dave Van Wagoner, Canton coach. "We got the ball inside to our post players, and they were our leading scorers of the game. That was the key to the game. Our post players stepped up, played big, that was the strength of the team, and we got some good shots."

When the teams came back onto the court after half time, the scoring dropped. Both teams were in the single digits. Canton scored eight, and Western added five to their score, to end the third with—Canton leading by 15, 42-27.

In the final quarter, Canton added 12 points and held Western to five.

Although the score may indicate it was an easy win, it wasn't. Canton's strategy worked for them throughout the game.

"Our strategy was to get the ball to our post players, and they didn't stop us," said Van Wagoner. "We dealt with their full court man-to-man pressure."

The Chiefs are now 7-3 overall, 5-0 in league competition, and 2-0 in their division.

Rock's hoop fall to WLC

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

It was a disappointing Friday night for the Salem boys basketball team as the Rocks were defeated 76-63 by Walled Lake Central at home.

The Rocks now stand at 1-1 in the Lakes division, 3-2 in league competition, and 6-4 overall.

After Central took a one point lead in the first quarter, 17-16, the Vikings squashed the Rocks in the second quarter, outscoring them 22-8, to lead at the half 39-24.

The Salem squad put forth a valiant effort, playing until the final buzzer sounded. The Rocks went point for point with Central in the third quarter Each team scored 18, to end the third 57-42.

"The players didn't quit," said Bob Brodie, Salem coach. "They closed it to seven points in the fourth quarter, but we missed a couple free throws and they hit a 3-pointer and kept increasing the lead."

Salem outscored Central in the final quarter 21-19, but it wasn't enough to turn the game around.

Falling behind by 15 points at halftime set the sone for the game. "It's tough to play catch up with a tough team like Central," said Brodie.

"James Head was the one positive thing to come out of the game," said Brodie.

Head, a sophomore led the Rocks in scoring with 26, his career high. He snatched 15 rebounds for the Rocks. Eighteen of his points came in the second half.

Bobby Schneider scored 11 points for Salem.

The Rocks are now 6-4 overall, 3-2 in league competition, and 1-1 in division play.

CEP hoop clash

The Canton and Salem boys basketball teams will face each other on Salem's court Tuesday, Feb. 11.

Although the rivalry is strong between the two teams, both coaches are trying to keep the upcoming game in perspective.

"A's a cross-over game, so it doesn't affect our division standings," said Bob Brodie, Salem coach, who believes Canton will have the edge this year.

"We have two big games before (the Canton game) and it's not crucial to our

league standing," said Brodie. "I don't need to prepare the team mentally for the game, they know it's coming, so I don't mention it."

Canton coach Dave Van Wagoner echoed similar sentiment. "I'm not thinking about it," said Van Wagoner. "We have three games this week, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, all at home." Taking it one game at a time, Van Wagoner said "I look forward to playing Salem. They have a fine coach and program. We'll have to play our best to beat them."

Gymnastics invitational

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Salem with an 8.85. Canton's Tedesco took ninth place with an 8.6. Clifford earned an 8.35 to take 15th place. Kathy Tiffie of Canton captured 19th place with an 8.15.

In the all-around, Canton's Rennolds sook second place with a 36.40. Gonyea carned a 36.35 to place third in the all-around for Salem. Teammate Sofios scored a 36.10 to capture fifth place.

Conton's Lewise placed 11th with a 34.45. Salem's Makins took 12th place with an all-around score of 34.40.

In division 2 on the floor, Canton's Clifford took fourth place with a 34.40. Teammate Tedesco took sixth place with a 34.35.

Modals were awarded to the top five finishers in both divisions, and ribbons were awarded for 6-10 finishers in both divisions.

"I am very planted," said Canton coach John Cunningham, "Canton war well approximated at all awards, (Scoring) a -140.5 at an invitational is a great accomplishment. The kids are moving ahead, improving with every meet."

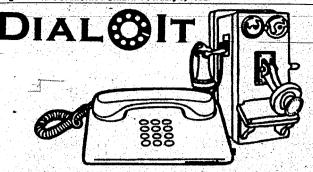
The Canton squad had some personal bests at this event.

"Kim Lewke had her best performance on the vault (9.25). Kathy Tiffin had her best floor performance at this meet (8.15). There were a lot of best of the year performances, and that's neat," said Cunningham.

"We had a pretty bad day," said Martin.
"We had two injuries but the girls pulled together and did their best. Alysia (Sofios) had to go after Stephanie (Skeppstrom) got hurt. That was hard for her, and she did an excellent routine."

Looking back on the meet, Martin said "It was a hard meet, our people weren't on as usual." With acceptable performances on the vault and beam, she felt the bars burt the team.

"The floor is probably our real strong point," said Martin. And after their floor performance, the Rocks secured first place.



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Hopefuls lining up for busy year

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"I've served for 14 years and 1 want some time off to smell the daisies," she said.

In Canton, Connie Roessler, secretary to the clerk, gave the following list of petition-takers along with the positions they were holding or considering.

The current position holders who have taken out petitions are Loren Bennett (current clerk), Tom Yack (current supervisor), James Panos (current zoning board of appeals member, considering trusteeship), Elaine Kirchgatter (current trustee, considering treasurership), Philip LaJoy (current trustee), John Burdziak (current trustee). Melissa McLaughlin (current planning commission member, considering trusteeship), and Robert Shefferly (current trustee).

Those who have taken out petitions but who are not current position holders in Canton are Katherine Tyree, John Cleaver, Bruce Phillips, Sandra Preblich. All are considering running for trustee, * according to Roessler.

Patrick Haggerty has also taken out petitions and is considering running for the treasurer post.

Gerald Brown, Roessler said, took out petitions but-said they were not for himself. It is questionable, she said, whether he will run again for treasurer. Brown is expected to resign from his post in the near future

In the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district, Jack Farrow has taken out a petition.

At the county level only two have filed. Forrest Youngblood (D) has filed as an incumbent to be register of deeds, and incumbent Probate Judge Milton L. Mack, Jr. has filed.

State legislators and members of congress are waiting for the results of reapportionment to file for election, Marya Sieminski, Wayne County chief deputy clerk said.

In the national election, the following people will be on the ballot in the

Michigan presidential primary March 17: in the Democratic Primary, Edmund G. Brown, Jr., Bill Clinton, Tom Harkin, Bob Carey, Paul Tsongas, and Lyndon LaRouche are all running.

According to Sieminski, the Michigan Secretary of State has filed an appeal asking that LaRouche's name be removed from the ballot. LaRouche is currently serving time for tax evasion and mail fraud.

In the Republican primary Patrick Buchanan, David Duke, and George Bush are on the ballot.

Choir festival planned

Sounds of the 3rd Annual Plymouth Choir Festival will warm the cold winter air at the First United Methodist Church on North Territorial in Plymouth Township Sunday, Feb. 16.

The concert, which includes eight area choirs, blending about 300 voices, will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Participating choirs represent First Baptist, First Methodist, First Presbyterian, St. John Episcopal, St. Paul Lutheran in Northville, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Our Lady of Victory and Risen Christ Lutheran.

Accompainment for the event will be provided by First United Methodist's new pipe organ and brass ensemble.

The festival is free and open to the public. A free-wil offering will be accepted for FISH.

For further information call 453-5280.

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Curiosities

"A problem is not a berrier, it is a challenge." Emmet Fox

Why can't people just get along!

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ELANE WILLIAMS - where did you learn to write so well, or do you and your brother have it in your genea?

NIKE CAPBIE'S CALENDAR missed Kazoo Dey (Jen. 36). Did Phyllis observe National Clean Off Your Beak Day (Jen. 20)?

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NOW - CAN'T ANYONE FIND Gracie Burley's recipe for Ostmeal cookles?

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"A wise men will make more opportunities than he finds" Francis Bacon

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"Nothing can bring you peace but yourself." Raiph Waldo Emerson

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Do not do to others what would anger you if done to you by others. Isocrates, 3758.C.

Curiosities

Real friends are those who, when you've made a fool of yourself, don't feel you've done a permanent job.

Do not become overcome with your own self importance.

Avoid loud and aggreealve persons, they are vexations to the spirit, from Deciderate

Heppy Birthday – Feb. 11, 1992 to artist Johnnie Crosby and would be artist, Torbett Guenther

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JRMRY CALLAS — Aren't you's good person to take your little dog for a walk every day after schoolt — And len't that little dog lucky to have you as his triend!

The greatest use of the is to spend it for something that will outlast it - William James

"Stay" in a charming word in a friling's vocabulary. Amos Bronson Albeit

GARY STONE — Do you know that the Editor of the OPPICIAL PUBLICATION of the Great_Lakes Lightheuse Keepers Association works right here in Plymouth city? Her name is Misbelle Tregembe Wilson. Isn't that a coincidence of your interest in lighthouses?

JO HULCE may read Curlocities but did she read Page B2 of the January 2 New York Times? Geneva has a copy for you.

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Buckeyes & Spartans win big games — Go red & green! Christmas in Feb.

Flag pole changed Sunday, OSU up, U of M down. Thanks Todd!

Ron and Liz - maybe next time i'll make it to the "Ball".

Everyone is invited to the dedication of the Storyteller by Joe DeLauro Sunday, February 16 at 3pm at the Canton Library.

Thanks to a great staff - I appreciate your support - Phyllis

Are we all playing the same game by the same rules?

Kaolin reads The Crier

Are we having fun yet?

EARLY ALZHEMERS:

JACK IN THE BOX is too young to be 62. (Too crotchety too)

ASK CHUCK SKENE how he did on his first: "Married so my socks metch" test.

if you are being run out of town get to the front of the crowd and lead the parade!

Take the E out of fear and you'll go far.

Curiosities

A trip is what you take when you can't take anymore of what you've been taking!

MARK TWAIN ON JOURNALISM: Get your facts first and then you can distort 'em as much as you please.

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A writer is rarely so well inspired as when he talks about himself. Anatole France

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Experience is what you get when you don't get what you want." - Den Stanford

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The most difficult people need the most

What do you get when you have Frank, Bob, Jay, Steve & Henry all in one place?

Answer: 6 headeches for Dorle.

Curiosities

Bruce likes to travel dirt roads.

RUTH DELLINGER of Tonquish Creek loves living in Plymouth but not nearly as much as we love having her.

Most men wear their belts low here, there being so many outstanding belies, some big enough to have names of their own and be formelly introduced." — Lake Wobegon

Geneva, thank you for sharing your grange with me -- Physiis

Ron - Where are you? Call your mom with your new address.

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CHUCK = red left, green right. - Margaret and Pam

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CARL PURSELL - Nice to see you in your old home lown.

Curiosities

"IT RAN AWAY" - Terri Kristalsky about her egg roll.

"It takes a long time to grow an old friend."- John Leor

DO NOT save your loving speeches for your friends till they are dead; do not write them on their tombetones, speak them rather now instead. Anna Cummina

There are two great tragedies in life -one is that you get what you want - the other is that you don't.

When a friend asks there is no tomorrow. George Herbert

MARYANN - What's with Mark's vendetts against you. But you're safe because I acreened his curiosities & didn't put them

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