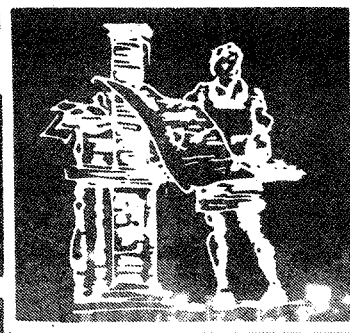


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More than 600,000 people, possibly the largest crowd to ever gather in Plymouth, came out for the 14th annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. Nice weather and incredible carvings drew fest-goers from around the world to the

annual event. The ground fireworks display (shown above) was a crowd favorite. The Ice Spectacular was exciting for the spectators — and downtown business owners. See pages 10 and 11 for more coverage. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Record crowds pack downtown

BY BRIAN CORBETT

It wouldn't be a surprise to anyone who was downtown Saturday for the 14th annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular: Estimates say the event was the largest in history.

"We absolutely crushed all the atten-

dance records," said promoter Mike Watts, "talking with the City, we estimated we had 637,000 people."

License plates from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania dotted parking lots and streets.

"It was certainly the largest crowd

ever," said Police Chief Bob Scoggins.

Watts attributed the high attendance to the warm weather. "Everybody seemed to be happy because the weather was just perfect," said Watts. "People spent a lot of time in town."

The addition of some new events

helped attendance too, Watts said. "The Mickey and Minnie Mouse event sponsored by Continental Cablevision was an absolute smash," he said. "The fireworks went just as well."

Both events were held Saturday, defi-

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Canton's Phil Dingeldey dies at 85

Philip S. Dingeldey, a long-time Canton resident and Canton Supervisor from 1965 to 1974, died Jan. 12, 1996, at the age of 85.

Dingeldey was born in Canton on Sept. 19, 1910. He worked as a farmer and a salesman at Canton Ford Tractor Sales and was elected township trustee, then treasurer and finally supervisor. During his years on the board, Dingeldey saw Canton shift from

its agricultural past to the start of its modern era.

As supervisor, Dingeldey led the Canton Board toward modern municipal services. (His son, Jake, remains as head of Canton's DPW.)

He was a member of the Cherry Hill United Hill Methodist

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Helping hand

Teacher helps parent cope with bone marrow transplant

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Good food

Max and Erma's plans expansion in Canton

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Super spikes

Salem volleyball plays tough in home tournament

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Carriage Park expansion planned

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Carriage Park Seniors Apartments, home of Canton's tallest building, is expanding.

The Canton Board of Trustees approved the rezoning of 5.57 acres, which will be used to build a two-story, 53 unit senior citizen assisted living center. Michael Kahm of Singh Development, who is planning the center and currently operates Carriage Park,

said they hope to break ground in the spring. "Right now," he said, "we're in for a site plan."

Kahm said the center will compliment Carriage Park Apartments. The residents of the assisted living center are given special help, will receive three meals per day and will be offered housekeeping services, whereas Carriage Park is an independent living center.

Former supervisor helped shape Canton

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Church and the Canton Township Historical Society.

Dingeldey is survived by his daughters, Karen Schweim of Northville and Diane Jefferson of Plymouth; sons, Philip R. "Bud" of Plymouth, James J., Jake, and George, all of Canton, William of

Westland, and Richard of Ann Arbor; 20 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; sister, Phyllis Loomis of Orchard Lake.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Rev.

Marjorie H. Munge officiating. Burial was Sheldon Cemetery in Canton. The family has asked that memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Association or the Canton Historical Society.

Canton police try to fill holes in broken window case

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

It was hard to find an unbroken car window in Canton last week thanks to some BB gun toting suspects.

According to Canton Detective Rick Pomorski, 175 car windows were shot out between the evening of Jan. 8th and the morning of Jan. 9.

"We don't know who did it," he said. "But we do have a number of leads in the case that we are following up."

According to Pomorski, the Canton Police have turned over a Meijer video tape showing two people buying cartridges for BB guns at 12:30 a.m. the morning of Jan. 9 to the Secret Service.

"It (the tape) shows two individuals,

but we are not sure they are the ones responsible for the shootings," said Pomorski. "It is an unusual coincidence that they would be buying the cartridges at 12:30 in the morning."

According to Officer Lew Stevens, they are checking all the angles. "We turned a copy over to the Secret Service to see if they can enhance the tape even more," he said.

According to Pomorski, this would allow the police to identify the two individuals so they could speak with them. "We would like to talk to them," he said.

Anyone with information on this case should call the Canton Police at 397-3000 or Pomorski at 397-5339.

Canton man charged with Jan. 5 shooting

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

A 26-year-old Canton resident was arraigned on murder in the first degree and felony firearm charges Jan. 9 following the Jan. 5 shooting death of a 17-year-old in Canton.

According to Canton Police Officer Lew Stevens, Steven R. Walker, accompanied by his attorney, turned himself into Canton Police Jan. 14.

The shooting, according to police reports, happened sometime before 11:30 p.m. Jan. 5. The victim was shot in the head with a small caliber revolver, the report said.

The victim was transported from the scene by his roommate and other witnesses to Annapolis Hospital in Westland. He was later airlifted to the University of Michigan Hospital where he died at approximately 5:30 a.m.

According to Stevens, Walker has been ordered to undergo a psychiatric evaluation.

"They ordered a psychiatric evaluation on him to see if he is competent to stand trial," said Stevens. "That should take about two weeks."

Stevens said that Walker is being held without bond.

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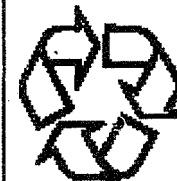
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Careless gun handling leads to tragic end in Twp.

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Plymouth Township Police believe careless gun play is the reason a Redford resident was shot and killed Jan. 9 in the parking lot of a local restaurant.

Richard Boyd Davis, 45, died instantly from a single gun shot to the head at approximately 11:20 p.m. while sitting in the front seat of a car with a friend in the parking lot of Burger King, 40880 Ann Arbor Road. "We're ruling it accidental right now," said Sgt. Steve Rapson. "The investigation is still continuing."

Rapson said Burger King employees

placed the 911 emergency call at the request of Davis' friend, a Plymouth Township resident. When police arrived they found Davis dead with a 9-mm handgun in the car, Rapson said. "He (the passenger) doesn't know how the round got chambered," Rapson said. "We really don't have an answer for that."

The passenger was the only witness to the shooting. "They were at the bar for about four or five hours," said Rapson. "They each had about five or six beers. The passenger was being driven home when they overshot the driveway, and

pulled into the Burger King parking lot to go back out. And the conversation came up about the handgun."

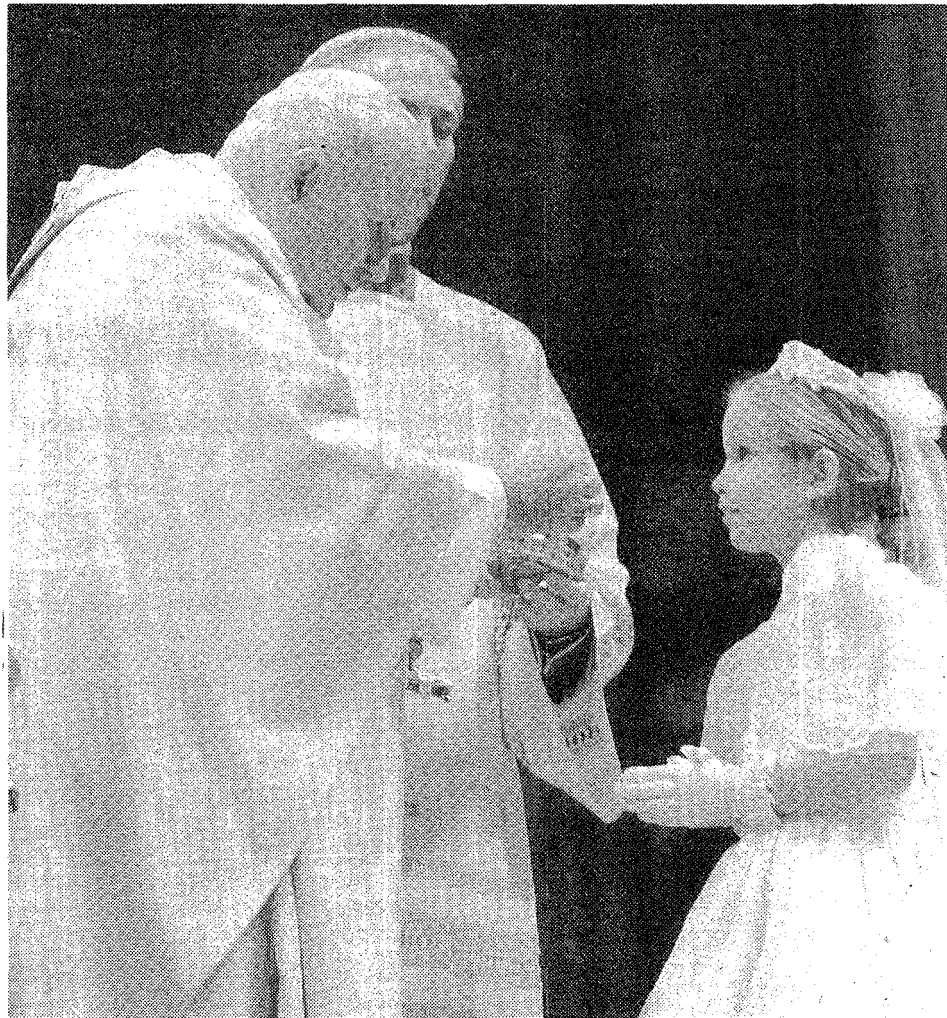
At the time, the handgun was between the seats, according to Rapson. "From what the passenger told us," said Rapson, "it was not loaded at the time."

Davis and the passenger talked about the gun for a couple minutes, according to Rapson. "(The passenger) handed the gun back to the driver," said Rapson. "Then he said the driver opened the glove box, pulled out a magazine full of live rounds and inserted the magazine."

Somehow, Rapson said, a bullet became chambered in the gun before David put the gun to his head. "He looked at the passenger," Rapson said, "and said, 'Do you believe this?' And pulled the trigger."

Police have not ruled out any motives, but intent seems remote, Rapson said. "We believe it was an accident," he said, "because the victim was in an up mood the entire evening."

Day to remember



Olivia Wofford of Canton traveled to Rome with her family, where she received her First Communion from Pope John Paul II during midnight mass at the Vatican on Christmas Eve. Wofford was one of 100 to be picked for the honor. Wofford is a student at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth.

Zero tolerance

Anyone caught using drugs will be fired under Canton's new testing policy

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Random drug testing for all Canton employees operating heavy equipment is now mandatory — and the penalty for being caught is stiff. If drugs or alcohol is discovered, the worker will be fired.

The Canton Board of Trustees approved the drug and alcohol testing policy last week to conform with Congressional regulations that recently went into effect for municipalities the size of

Canton.

The testing will affect 40 employees, mainly laborers and their supervisory staff.

Administrative Services Director Dan Durack said Canton is still negotiating with the union on the testing policy.

"I strongly feel there should be no tolerance," he said. "If someone is caught using drugs, they should be fired."

Meeting focuses on joint services

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Shared recreation services was the hot topic at a joint meeting of Plymouth City Commissioners, Plymouth Township Trustees, P-C School Board Trustees, Canton Trustees and members of the Plymouth and Canton chambers of commerce last Wednesday at Tonda Elementary School.

Although the commissioners and trustees agreed more could be done to share the cost and organization of recreation, few concrete decisions were made on how to implement a plan.

The government units did agree to meet again and discuss joint recreation planning.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said this is not the first time the idea of joint recreation services has been discussed. "The

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Agenda

THIS WEEK

- The Canton Chamber of Commerce is holding their Third Thursday Update tomorrow at 7:30 a.m. at the Old Country Buffet. Topics include: business education partnership, community policing, winter fire safety and a Canton Township update.
- Canton Project Arts meets tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the treasurer's meeting room of the Canton Administration Building. The group will be planning for this year's Michigan Opera Theatre presentation, which will be held at the Summit on the Park community center for the first time this year.

THE WEEKEND

- Auditions for children ages nine through 15 for the Marquis Theatre's spring production of "Pinocchio," will take place Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville. For audition, performers must sing a prepared song in their vocal range and provide their own sheet music. An accompanist will be provided. Call (810) 349-8110 for more information. "Pinocchio" plays at the Marquis Theatre March 9 through April 28.

NEXT WEEK

- The Canton Board of Trustees meets Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Canton Administration Building.

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Twp. purchases voting equipment

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees voted to hopefully make voting easier at their Jan. 9 meeting. The township will spend approximately \$185,000 to purchase 64 PATRIOT voting machines from Unilect Corporation.

"As you all know," said township Clerk Marilyn Massengill, "we've been looking at election equipment for two years. I've looked at optic scan and touch screen, and I believe touch screen is the better system for us."

PATRIOT is an interactive electronic voting system that will replace the ballot card recording equipment the township purchased in 1986. The new system will be more reliable than the optic scan, Massengill said, which has been known to smudge and spoil ballots, allow overvoting and provide unreliable recounts.

"The optic scan, if it screws up," said Massengill, "you must revote. On the optic scan, you hand count, you don't with this equipment. And there has been some real problems with recounts in other communities recently."

With the township's decision to buy PATRIOT and the City of Plymouth, and the

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools inclination to purchase the optic scan, it appears the three entities attempt to jointly purchase voting equipment is on hold for now.

"So the voters will have two different systems?," said Trustee Charle Curmi.

"Yes, they will," Massengill said.

"I don't think that's a good long term strategy," Curmi said.

Gerry Buck, an account executive for Unilect, spent time pointing out the advantages of the PATRIOT. "There are no ballots," he said. "There is no printing. There's no chance for error."

Schools hope to borrow Twp. voting equipment

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Charles Little still hopes the school district can improve its voting equipment despite the fact that the three-way coalition to buy new machines has apparently broken down.

At the P-C School Board's first regular meeting in almost a month because of the holiday recess, Little said he would ask the township if the school district could borrow the touch screen voting machines the trustees voted to buy last week. He also included the third member of the coalition, the City of Plymouth, in his solution.

"My best thinking in it is to try and find a way where everybody emerges a winner," he said. "My best suggestion is we don't purchase any equipment at all. Possibly what we need to do for the next election is see if the township is gracious enough to let us use their equipment."

Discussions on the three entities jointly purchasing voting equipment reached an impasse when the City said it favored the more widely used optic scan recording sheet while the township moved to buy the touch screen voting machine called the PATRIOT.

Little said for his solution to work the school district must first ask the town-

ship, then determine how many voting machines are needed at each precinct. The school district would then purchase extra equipment to meet voting demand and loan the current equipment to the City — if they are interested — and use it as back up. Little said the school district would lose the cost of moving the large machines they currently own and storage space could be better utilized. "Maybe there's another solution," he said.

Said P-C School Board President David Artley: "Is there ongoing discussion?"

Little said yes but he would like to know in what direction the school board would like him to move concerning the issue.

"Would we share the cost of keeping them in working condition?" said Trustee Barbara Graham.

"I would think that's the township's responsibility," Little said.

The PATRIOT touch screen system has been praised for its perfect recounts by eliminating human error. But the PATRIOT is also very new. As a result, no other local communities use it, meaning there would be no where to borrow from if problems developed during elections.



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1996

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the December 14, 1995 Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the December 19, 1995, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill amended the agenda by adding Item J.3 Request to Purchase Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) Election Equipment. Mrs. Massengill then moved to approve the amended agenda for the January 9, 1996, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Griffith moved to establish a Public Hearing date of February 13, 1996, at the request of Vico Products Company for an Industrial Development District for their site located at 41555 Ann Arbor Road. Supported by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the transfer of the of the 1995 Greens Fees of \$245,000 received from Hill Top Golf Course, from the 1996 General Fund fund balance to the Capital Improvement Restricted Fund; said monies to be used for improvements to Hill Top Golf Course including but not limited to Cart Path Replacement, Irrigation Improvements, Drainage Improvements, etc. Any expenditures of these funds will be subject to Township Bidding, Purchasing and Board Approval Policies. Supported by Mrs. Brooks, Ayes all with Mr. Curmi voting no.

Mrs. Massengill moved to authorize the Clerk to purchase the "Patriot" Direct Recording Electronic Election Equipment from Unilect Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$185,000. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mr. James Anulewicz gave a report of the fire damage to the pavilion at the Plymouth Township Park.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy updated the Board regarding the Ameritech and Continental installations. Ameritech installations are approximately 50% complete and Continental is 90% complete with replacements.

Mr. Curmi asked for updated reports regarding the 35th District Court; Ann Arbor Road Accidents/Tickets; and WTUA:

Mr. Griffith moved to receive and file Communications as listed. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

It was moved by Mrs. Massengill and supported by Mr. Griffith to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
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Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Supervisor
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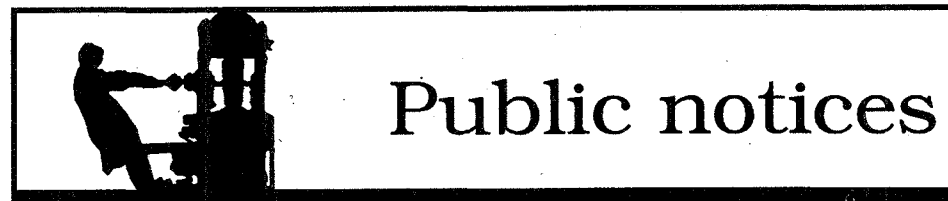
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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Susan E. Davis, Secretary

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Governor passes Horse Racing Law of 1995

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Northville Downs and the rest of the horse racing industry can begin to jockey for a better position in the competitive business world of attracting gamblers.

State Racing Commissioner Nelson Westrin announced Jan. 9 that Gov. John Engler had signed House Bill 4526, which enacts the Horse Racing Law of 1995, authorizing year-round operation of Michigan's eight licensed race tracks with live and/or simulcast racing programs.

"We went for this bill because it was positive," said Lou Carlow, director of operations for Northville Downs. "It's been positive for Northville Downs already. We're just working our way through the bumps right now."

Carlow said Northville Downs, Ladbroke DRC and

Hazel Park Harness Raceway are planning to begin simulcasting Friday. "The target date is (Friday)," he said... "and we've been getting underway."

The legislation was designed to provide the beleaguered horse racing industry with the necessary elements to compete with the increasing number of casinos and the unlimited simulcasting at the horse racing tracks in Windsor. Those gambling alternatives have caused Michigan race tracks to experience a dramatic loss in attendance and handle in the last two years.

In addition to maximizing simulcasting, the legislation will preserve and encourage live horse racing, eliminate a tax on wagering on live racing, authorize commingling of parimutuel pools at tracks to offer programs and opportunities already available in most other racing jurisdictions,

and provide funding for agriculture, county fairs and horse racing industry development through a tax on simulcast wagering.

"I am very pleased," Engler said, "to have signed this significant legislation which permits the most revolutionary changes in Michigan horse racing since the sport began. The Horse Racing Law of 1995 gives the sport hope for the future. I trust the horse racing industry will take full advantage of the tools this act provides for Michigan horse racing and its significant agricultural support sector to prosper, grow and to maximize its contributions to the state."

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Neighbors in the news

Canton Projects Arts meets tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the treasurer's meeting room of the Canton Township Administration Building. The group will be planning for this year's Michigan Opera Theatre presentation, which will be held at the Summit on the Park community center for the first time.

Ethan Klump, Jason Grimm, Donald Keller, Amanda Fry, Keiko Morse and Kirsten Heinrich, all of Plymouth, were recently named to the Hope College Dean's List. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average.

Sarah Olender, a sophomore planning a major in environmental science from Plymouth, was named to the Dean's List at Adrian College.

Rep. Lynn Rivers has rescheduled her town hall meeting in Northville, delayed because of the federal budget debate. The rescheduled meeting will be held on Jan. 20 from 10-11:30 a.m. at Meads Mill Middle School. The program will open with a brief overview of recent action in the 104th Congress, after which the floor will be open for questions.

Rachel Anger of Canton will serve as a judge for the Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers Inc. cat show Jan. 27 and 28 at the Dearborn Civic Center. The show will feature 350 pedigreed and classic household pet cats and kittens.

Kristin J. Young, daughter of Jay and Linnea Young of Canton, has been selected to receive an Army ROTC scholarship and will attend Western Michigan University. The cadets are selected for the merit-based scholarship program on the basis of their academic record, which includes comprehensive tests, school officials' evaluations, scholastic achievement and accomplishments in extra-curricular, leadership and athletic activities.

Auditions for children ages nine through 15, for the **Marquis Theatre's** spring production of "Pinocchio," will take place on Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street, in downtown Northville. For the audition, the performers must sing a prepared song in their vocal range, and provide their own sheet music. An accompanist will be provided.

Lesson learned

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Unfortunately, Marilyn Wiltse and Larry Van Gilder have something in common: The need for a bone marrow transplant.

Fortunately, Wiltse and Field Elementary School are doing what they can to make sure they have another thing in common: A cure.

Wiltse, a second grade teacher, found out about Van Gilder's need for a transplant during parent-teacher conferences — one of Van Gilder's daughters, Jennifer, is in Wiltse's class — and knew immediately she had to help. "I had to get involved, I just had to," Wiltse said. "That's the reason I'm here."

Wiltse faced a similar situation three years ago. "It was January '93. I had a bone marrow transplant," Wiltse said. "I had Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, so I know exactly what it's like to go through the process."

The cost of the operation, to be performed at U of M Hospital, is \$100,000. Van Gilder's insurance company has refused to pay for the operation because of the risk. "It (insurance) depends on the type of disease," said Van Gilder, who is suffering from Multiple Myeloma and is receiving chemo therapy once a month. "The insurance company won't cover me because this is experimental."

Without insurance coverage, Van Gilder, who has been out of work for two years, can not afford the costly surgery. So Wiltse went to work, organizing a fundraising crusade to give Van Gilder a chance. "I don't know how much we can raise," said Wiltse, "but I'll do what I can."

Recognizing Wiltse's struggle, the rest of Field Elementary answered the call. "When Marilyn was sick a couple of years ago,

*Field school, teacher help
Canton resident in
time of need*

there were fundraisers that raised thousands of dollars for her," said Dave Farquharson, who is in his second year as Field principal.

Students, the Student Council and the Parent-Teacher Organization did not hesitate to contribute. "It's a school-wide effort," said Farquharson. "A typical Field effort."

A raffle was held in November, with an autographed Tigers' baseball and handmade dolls as prizes. Also, a pop can drive and pledge-to-walk events are in the works. The inventive, helpful ideas do not stop there. "I told my students, 'If you raise \$100, I'll take a pie in the face for you,'" said Wiltse.

Even though Field teachers spend a part of each staff meeting brainstorming for more ideas, the school still needs a lot of help in their drive to help Van Gilder. "By all means, any local business or anyone in the community who would like to donate things... We would love that," said Farquharson.

Monetary donations are being accepted too. Van Gilder has a fund set up at the Standard Federal Bank, 42448 Cherry Hill Rd., Canton MI 48187.

Checks, which also can be sent to Field Elementary at 1000 S. Haggerty, Canton, 48188, should be made out to "The Larry Van Gilder Fund."

Local residents can also help without financial assistance by getting their bone marrow registered with the Nationwide Donor Transplant Hotline, 1-800-627-7692; the American Red Cross, 494-2774; and/or the National Bone Marrow Link, 932-8483. "People have been generous and helpful and everything," said Van Gilder. "They're always willing to do something. You don't realize it until it happens to you."

Sanford answers call to help community

Thousand of children benefit from teacher's vision

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Bentley Elementary School teacher Kim Sanford helped build it, and they came.

"It" is the Canton Heritage Hideout Playscape Project and "they" are the thousands of children now enjoying the sprawling 14,000 square foot wooden playground structure.

Sanford was a key contributor to the playscape and was recognized as such during the Canton Community Achiever Awards at the Summit on the Park. "I was overwhelmed," Sanford said of the honor. "I guess I wasn't aware of the Community Achiever Awards and what it entailed. I worked very hard to achieve it."

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said, "Much gratitude goes to Kim Sanford for the vital role she played in co-chairing the children's committee. This very important leadership position was carried out by Kim with a great deal of energy and professionalism."

Sanford was a member of the Coordinating Committee and was co-chair of the Children's Committee, supervising and meeting monthly with the 400 children who had a hand in



KIM SANFORD

designing the playscape. Sanford also helped with public relations, fundraising and training more than 1,500 volunteers.

Chamber concert scheduled

Several members of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will join together to present a chamber concert at 8 p.m. on Jan. 27 at Canton's Little Theater in Canton High School.

The chamber concert, sponsored by

"I learned how to work well together with others," said Sanford, "and become more of a team player."

Conflicts can develop when working with such large numbers, but that wasn't the case with the playscape. Sanford said she loved working towards a common goal while getting to know the other members of the community, especially the children, which is why she became involved. "I'm a teacher so, obviously, I love working with kids," Sanford said, "and this was a wonderful opportunity to become actively involved in the community."

Sanford, who said she is enjoying her first year of teaching at Bentley, is pleased with the playscape's final appearance. "Oh my, I love it," he said. "It's just fantastic. It's more than I ever anticipated."

First of America and Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, will feature the Detroit Metropolitan Harp Ensemble. The 17-member ensemble will perform pieces by St. Saens and Scott Joplin. Call 451-2112 for more information.



Community deaths

Former Lyon Township clerk, Plymouth resident dead at 84

Hazel Herrick Markham, a former Plymouth resident and Lyon Township Clerk, died Jan. 9 in Chelsea, MI.

Markham was born Jan. 12, 1912 in Plymouth to Earl Archer Herrick and Celia Chase.

She was raised in Plymouth before living in New Hudson and South Lyon for most of her adult life.

In addition to serving as clerk in South Lyon, Markham worked as a school bus driver for the school district.

Markham married William I.

Markham in Detroit July 12, 1928 and was a member of the New Hudson Methodist Church.

Funeral services for Markham were held Saturday at the Phillips Funeral Home with Rev. Robert A Mitchinson officiating.

Markham is survived by her daughters, Sallie (Ted) Roby of Plymouth and Diana (Jack) Henderson of Ann Arbor; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Association are appreciated.

Grybas was active in Plymouth Garden Club, OLGC

Funeral services will be held this morning at Our Lady of Good Counsel of Catholic Church at 10:30 a.m. for Plymouth resident Margaret P. Grybas, who died Sunday in Ann Arbor. Fr. Jim Livingston will officiate.

Grybas was 70.

Grybas was born Nov. 10, 1925 in New Philadelphia, PA. She came to the Plymouth community in 1971 from Brownstown Township, MI. For the last 10 years, Grybas was a home care giver.

Grybas was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church and the Plymouth Garden

Club.

Grybas is survived by her children, Susan Grybas of New York, Michael (Debra) of Stockbridge, MI, Sarah (Larry) Wright of Brownstown Township, Daniel (Barbara) of Wyandotte, MI, Peter (Heidi Meiselbach) and John (Holly), both of Plymouth; seven grandchildren; mother, Marcella Rufus of Plymouth; and brother, John Rufus of Brighton, MI.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Memorial tributes to Focus Hope or the Rotary Foundation are appreciated.

Eudora M. Rutherford, 85, quality inspector

Eudora M. Rutherford, a Plymouth resident, died Jan. 6, 1996.

She is survived by two daughters; one son; 16 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Rev. Dr. James Skimmings officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Emma V. Terrian, 71, worker

Emma V. Terrian, a Plymouth resident, died Jan. 11, 1996.

She is survived by her daughter, Pat Harper of Plymouth; one son; four grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; one brother; and one sister.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating. Burial was at Knollwood Cemetery in Canton.

Ray F. Sanderson, 93, chief clerk

Ray F. Sanderson, a Canton resident, died Jan. 4, 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Alyce; daughters, Sharon (Cy) Juroff of Northville, Lillian Sanderson of Canton and one other daughter; nine grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Services were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with Fr. Chris Maus officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Obituaries

For more information on listing a paid obituary notice in The Crier, contact your funeral director or call (313) 453-6900

GEORGE C. PARSONS, SR.

George C. Parsons, Sr., a Plymouth resident, died Dec. 12, 1995.

Mr. Parsons was born in Detroit and graduated from Plymouth High School. He joined the Foresters in 1968, and was a life-time member. Mr. Parsons worked at Bathley Manufacturing Company as a press operator. He retired in 1976.

Mr. Parsons is survived by his wife, Lenore; son, George, Jr. of Montana; daughter, Cheryl (Roy) Chance of the State of Washington; grandsons, Garrick West and Chad Parsons; mother, Thelma Schultz of Plymouth; aunt, Irene Canning of Howell, MI.

Arrangements were made by the R-G and G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Garden City, MI.

STEVEN H. NOWAK

Steven H. Nowak, a Plymouth Township resident, died Jan. 6, 1996, at the age of 47.

Mr. Nowak was born Sept. 19, 1948 in Cherry Point, NC. He came to the Plymouth community in 1992 from Cleveland, OH. Mr. Nowak graduated from Texas A & M in 1971 with a BS in civil engineering. Mr. Nowak served in the U.S Marine Corps from 1971 to 1981, and was honorably discharged as a first lieutenant. Mr. Nowak worked as a products supplier to the automotive industry and was a sales manager for the past three years. Mr. Nowak was formerly with Mobil Oil for 16 years as a chief engineer. Mr. Nowak enjoyed golfing as a hobby.

Mr. Nowak is survived by his wife, Mary Beth (Dory); daughters, Leigh Nowak of Texas and Ginger Nowak of Plymouth Township; sons, Nickolas of Texas and Daniel of Plymouth Township; sisters, Sheila Tarr of Florida and Robyn O'Mera of Maryland; and brothers, Andy of Maryland and Ted of Maryland.

A memorial service for Mr. Nowak was held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home with Rev. Robert Millar officiating. Mr. Nowak was cremated. Memorial tributes to the Michigan Special Olympics, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859 are appreciated.

JOHN EARLY

John Early, a Westland resident, died Jan. 13, 1996, at the age of 66.

Mr. Early was born Nov. 13, 1929 on Mackinac Island. He worked as a Hi-Lo driver for the Huron Forge Machine Company for 35 years. Mr. Early enjoyed reading, walking and movies.

Mr. Early is survived by his daughters, Joann Early of Redford, MI and the late Dolores Buckingham; sisters, Cathy Andress, Dot Sambiago and Pat Ristea; brothers, Bob, Joe and Bill; fiancée, Estelle A. Bowers of Westland, MI; grandchildren, Keith, Dawn and Jody Polaski; and four great grandchildren.

Services for Mr. Early were held at St. Theodore's Catholic Church of Westland with Fr. Jerry Cupple officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Memorial tributes to mass offerings are appreciated.



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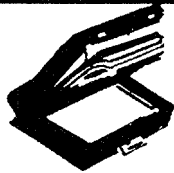
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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Century 21 Suburban announced the readdition of Realtor **Celia Chesno** to its Plymouth office sales staff. Chesno began her career with Century 21, left to join a competitor, and was welcomed on her return by Broker Nan Hebets and Sales Manager Tim Roberts.

Marie Riley and **Chris Patrick**, sales agent and Century 21 Suburban, were awarded the Century 21 Midwest Division's "Master" status for the second year in a row, which is given to agents for gross closed commission goals. Riley and Patrick will attend a special program in Lansing next week and will be honored at a dinner at the Ritz Carleton in February.

State Farm Insurance Companies have announced a new agent in Plymouth: **Julia Muscott**. The **Muscott Agency** will be located in downtown Plymouth, 470 Forest Place Unit 18, phone — 453-3642.

Muscott, a Plymouth resident, has a Bachelor's Degree from Michigan State University and an MBA from Western Michigan University. She has been employed by State Farm for nine years and has served in various positions within the company's auto operations. Muscott has earned the Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter, Chartered Life Underwriter, and the Chartered Financial Consultant designations, which recognize advanced insurance education. The Muscott Agency will specialize in auto, fire and health insurance.

Plymouth resident **Jennifer J. Scrutton** has joined CAD CAM, Inc., a full service engineering and design firm, as corporate marketing manager. She is responsible for the overall direction and leadership for the firm's corporate marketing operations, which includes eight offices nationwide.

Prior to joining CAD CAM, Inc., Scrutton was a project manager for Parks Productions, Ltd., where she was responsible for the marketing efforts on Pontiac Motor Division account. She earned her MA in public relations and organizational communication from Wayne State University in 1991 and a BA from Albion College in 1988. Scrutton is an active member of the Public Relations Society of America.

The ice sculptures may be gone, but the "fetish" sculptures are still around. **Native West**, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, will have more than 300 hand-carved Native American fetishes on display until Jan. 30. Native American culture believes the fetishes possess transcendent problem-solving capabilities.

Max & Erma's restaurant plans Canton expansion

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Ford Road eatery selection in Canton may be getting bigger.

Max & Erma's Restaurant Public Relations Director **Kristi Maines-Simone** confirmed the national restaurant chain is planning to build at Canton Center and Ford roads. "We have eight restaurants in the Metro Detroit area," she said, "and we've been looking to expand our presence in the area."

However, there are still several hurdles the restaurant chain must clear before it can begin construction. "We are officially under contract to buy (the land)," Maines-Simone said. "Meijer owns it right now. We won't purchase it until everything is finalized."

Maines-Simone said management has plans to design the restaurant different from other local Max & Erma's, and that plans will be submitted to Canton for approval within 30 days.

"We hope to get things underway within 60 to 90 days," she said. "I don't know if we'll actually break ground. It's probably going to depend on the weather, but we hope to have the approval process complete by then. We're excited to build as

quickly as possible."

If approved, Max & Erma's will erect a new 7,000 square foot prototype restaurant with a warehouse-type atmosphere, brighter colors and a new bar presentation. The restaurant would employ approximately 150 people, Maines-Simone said. "This restaurant is a brand new prototype for us," she said. "It's real different in that it's a little more open than our Detroit stores. Our Detroit stores a little bit older."

Maines-Simone said the new design was introduced so that the restaurant chain would have one design that is more cost effective but remain locally pertinent. "We're trying to focus on localizing it to Canton," she said. "We'll have a mural painted on the wall that has to do with Canton. We might even have local painter paint it."

So far reactions to the Max & Erma's new prototype have been spectacular, said Maines-Simone. "(The customers) really like it," she said.

"It's a refreshing change. They seem to enjoy the difference. Our sales in prototype restaurants have been significantly higher."

Suburban West Community Center opens satellite office in Canton

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Suburban West Community Center opened a new satellite office in Canton last week.

Canton Township Supervisor **Tom Yack** and members of the chamber of commerce attended the grand opening celebration and open house at 8580 Canton Center Rd. in the Professional Plaza. "We are going to be offering a very wide range of mental health, outpatient care," said Clinical Program Director **Dr. Bill Hart**.

That will include Psychotherapy and counseling for couples and families, Hart said.

Suburban West, which also has offices in Redford and Livonia, opened an office in Canton to better serve their clients. "We've been serving people from that area for over 17 years now," Hart said. "We've seen increasing demand from Canton people."

The new office comes as a result of more than one year of petitioning the Detroit-Wayne County Community Health Board for the necessary funding. "It wasn't as much funding as we would've liked," Hart said, "so we're limited in staff and possibly the number of patients."

Hart said Suburban West is hoping to expand its services in Canton. "We're requesting funding for the 1996-97 fiscal year," he said. "The funding proposals are going in, in February or March."

With or without the additional funding, Hart believes the Canton staffers — which includes a therapist,

psychologist and a receptionist — are something special compared to other mental health centers. "The first thing that comes to mind is we have a very caring staff," he said. "Not that other centers don't, but they're caring and focused on growth and personal growth in general."

Suburban West, which also recently opened Crisis Center West for more general mental health problems, such as depression, is considering further expansion.

"We would be interested in that," Hart said, "based in client need and client demand."

Community pride



(left to right) **Hank Meijer**, former Crier publisher and current vice president of Meijer, Inc., his son **Peter** and Canton Meijer Store Director **Jeff Hamm** presented the new Summit on the Park with a bronze fountain entitled "Shell Kids" to celebrate the community center's grand opening. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

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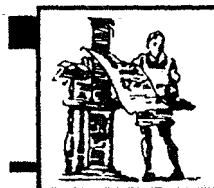
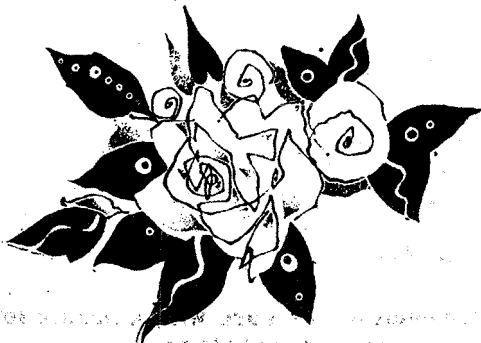
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'Spectacular' ice draws more than



(above) Chef Alexander Young from the Novi Hilton teaches his apprentice Wodie Thomas the fine art of ice carving. (left, below) WJR weather person Judy Coy creates her winning sculpture during the celebrity carving competition. (Crier photos by R. Alwood Jr.)



Largest crowd in Plymouth history gathers for Ice Spectacular

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nitely the high point of the Ice Spectacular with crowds four or five people deep on the sidewalks. For the fireworks, which were held in Kellogg Park, crowds were so large that the front doors of Main Street stores were inaccessible, but the problems were minimal, Watts said. "We had a large crowd Saturday," he said, "but we planned for it. Obviously, there's the basic traffic problems."

"We didn't have any crowd problems per say," Scoggins said. "We did have an instance of some tires slashed on Forest Avenue. We did have an overwhelming amount of people in the City over the weekend. It's more than we anticipated."

The feeling was mutual at the Chameleon Galleries, Ltd., where owner Dennie Englehart was forced to close her doors for a short period of time because her store was so crowded. "We did finally close the doors," she said. "There weren't enough of us to

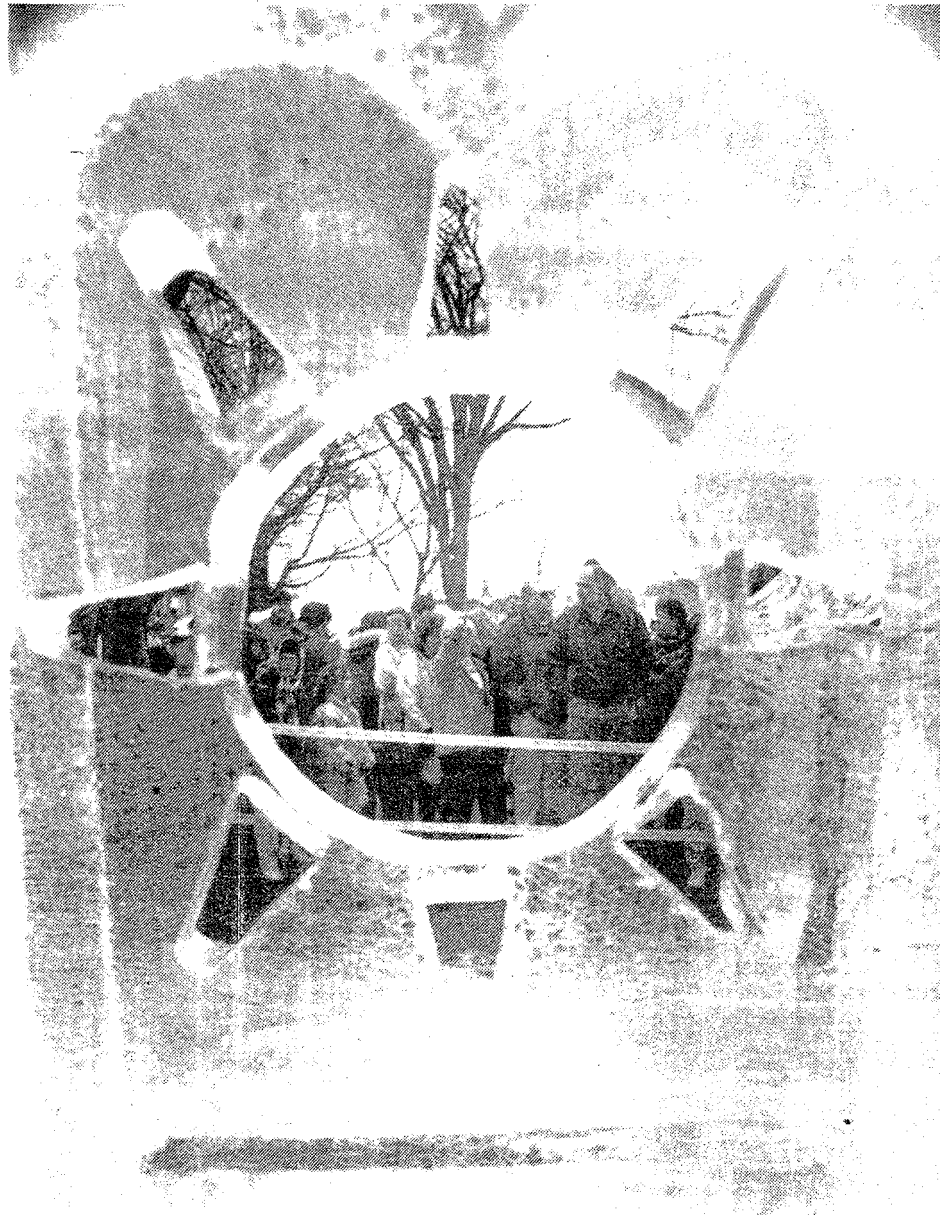
watch."

Unfortunately, some visitors to Englehart's store took advantage of the situation. "We did have a few things stolen," Englehart said. "What are you going to do? I probably had \$300 in items stolen, but I wouldn't trade it for anything."

Englehart didn't file a report, but Scoggins said police did receive some complaints about parking in neighborhoods, and that response time was slowed because of the gridlock. He said police will try to make adjustments to better accommodate crowds next year. "I'd say Mr. Watts does an excellent job promoting the program," he said. "It's just that we're so small."


Another highlight of the Ice Spectacular was the Celebrity Carving Competition — won by Judy Coy of WJR, 760-AM with the assistance of Canton resident and ice carver Ted Wakar. She donated the \$250 purse to the Plymouth Salvation Army, Watts said.

600,000 to downtown Plymouth



(above) Hundreds of thousands of people gathered in downtown Plymouth to see the glorious ice carvings, sculpted by some of the worlds greatest ice artists. (top, right) The sun, as shown in this ice sculpture, was out to keep fest-goers warm, but not enough to ruin the carvings. (right) Tom McGann and his son Thomas meet Rick the horse, probably the only reliable transportation in town this weekend. (Crier photos by R. Alwood Jr. and Carey McConkey)

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Canton Trustees approve Bartell plan

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Canton Board of Trustees voted last week to change the organizational structure of the community, as recommended by the consulting firm of Bartell & Bartell, but not without dissent from one trustee.

Most of the changes will be limited to the financial operation of Canton. The current structure separates the budget and finance functions into two areas, with a Chief Financial Officer reporting directly to the Canton Supervisor and a Financial Services Manager reporting to the Administrative Services Director.

The coordination and control of the budget and finance operations is separated in the current structure. Canton will now combine the two areas to increase efficiency and effectiveness.

The organizational changes include:

- Creating a new position of Finance and Budget Services Director and recruiting and hiring a qualified Finance and Budget Director to fill the newly-created position.

- Restructuring and consolidating the budget and finance operations under one department — a Finance and Budget Services Department. This would be accomplished by eliminating the Chief Financial Officer and Financial Services Manager positions and moving the current Financial Services Division from Administrative Services Department to the new department.

- Restructuring the Administrative Services Department and Municipal Services Department by moving Parks & Recreation Services from Municipal Services and placing it under a renamed Administrative and Community Services Department.

- Recruiting and hiring one new position of Accountant II.

The vote to approve the changes was 6-1, with Trustee Robert Shefferly the only no vote.

"I think the idea of separating the financial services is a good idea," said Shefferly, "but the part about a nationwide search, I don't think that's necessary. The job is not unique. It was my idea that John Spencer (Canton's Chief Financial Officer) should be given a six month contract — give him some goals and see how he does. Let's face it, these people (currently running the financial operations of Canton) know what they're doing."

Shefferly said it's apparent that Spencer is being forced out of his job. "I don't see how anyone could look at it any differently," he said.

Spencer said he will apply for the new job and do his best to compete with the national competition. "If they (Canton Board of Trustees) wanted to assure I would get the job, I guess they could have limited the search to internally," he said. "I have to go along with the plan. There's not much I can do."

Canton's current financial organization has been in place since 1990. At that time, the Chief Financial Officer position

was established. The trustees attempted to copy business organization when the financial positions were created in separate departments.

Unfortunately, said Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, the separation of the financial elements caused confusion and ambiguity instead — especially in recent years as the community has grown.

When Financial Services Manager Susan Kopinski resigned this fall to take a job with Wayne County, Yack moved to reorganize the departments.

According to Yack, the changes proposed by Bartell & Bartell would not include job cuts or increase the overall size of the organization. The impact to the Canton budget would be a slightly lower cost.

Woodchips fly following tree removal

*Woodman, spare that tree!
Touch not a single bough!
In youth it sheltered me,
And I'll protect it now.*

— George Pope Morris

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Canton's Tree Preservation Ordinance, one of the most stringent environmental guidelines in the community, came under fire last week.

The ordinance makes replacement of trees removed during development mandatory, depending on the size and age of the existing trees.

But who counts the trees before development begins?

The Canton Board of Trustees denied the request of Sherr Development Corporation to reduce the number of required replacement trees from 174 to 156. Sherr came up with the 156 trees needing replacement figure after "finding" more trees on the site, the Nowland On The Court Subdivision, a 5.1 acre site located on Palmer Road between Sheldon and Morton Taylor roads. Stuart Sherr said his tree removal contractor, Harry Fox, discovered 11 trees were already dead when they were removed, others, he said, were not counted. "The bottom line is a difference between 18 trees," said Municipal Services Director Aaron Machnik, adding that it's difficult to count trees after they're ground into wood chips.

Sherr said since his company acquired the site from another company, the identification of the dead trees was an oversight in taking over the project.

"This is truly a matter of who should be doing the counting and how it should be done," said Machnik. "Using hindsight, a lot of alternatives could have been used, but here we are today. "When this ordinance was created, we went to great lengths to make sure all parties involved had input. This is an ordinance that has been well supported."

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Joint meeting focuses on shared community services

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irony of this is that it (joint recreation) goes back to the first groups like this that met," he said. "We need to work together to pool resources. I agree. There is a lot of duplication (of services).

P-C School Board Secretary Sue Davis said recreation is an important aspect of community development.

"I think it would be best for our community," she said. "I think we owe it to our community to look at joint recreation services."

The joint meeting of the local governmental units and chambers of commerce was the first since the late 1980s.

Each organization gave a brief overview of their recent activities and upcoming issues of importance.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters said the City is working on maintaining existing services and infrastructure.

"Our basic problem is that we have a fairly flat revenue pattern," he said. "We are trying to keep our level of services in line to serve a full-city population."

Walters said repairs to City infrastructure began in 1995, with more scheduled for this year. "We are in the process of implementing a multi-year street repairing program."

Walters also stressed the importance of shared services, including police dispatch and recreation facilities.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mike Kolb, president of the Plymouth

Community Chamber of Commerce, said the chamber is focusing on plans for the future.

He said the chamber will develop their direction for the future at a meeting (scheduled for this morning).

One of the Plymouth Chamber's major projects for 1996 will be the implementation of a "Leadership Plymouth" program, lead by retired 35th District Court Judge James Garber. The program, similar to one implemented in Canton last year, is designed to develop leaders for the future in Plymouth.

Kolb said the chamber will also continue popular programs such as the State of the Community Breakfast, Positively Plymouth, and the Community Business Beautification Award.

CANTON

Yack said Canton expects another year filled with growth.

"We're looking for a strong and exciting 1996," he said. "We expect another 700 to 900 homes being built."

Yack said that in addition to housing, Canton has also experienced a boom in industrial development. He said there has been more than one million square feet of industrial development in the past two years.

The construction of the Summit on the Park community center was the recreation focus for Canton in 1995, according to Yack. "It's time that we move from the position of excitement (at the Summit) to self-supporting," he said.

Yack said they will modify their successful community policing program to the

Canton government. The program is developed to make the government more accessible to the citizens of Canton.

"We are also working on a quality of life project," he said, "a way to measure how things are going. It can provide an early warning or a reason to celebrate."

CANTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Janet Volante, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, said the business group plans more innovative programs in 1996.

"We are a very active chamber," she said. "We have a high level of participation."

Volante said that in addition to the chamber programs such as Third Thursday meetings and Leadership Canton, their goal for 1996 is to get involved in education.

Canton Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Linda Shapona said the organization is celebrating 25 years in 1997. "We're growing by leaps and bounds," she said. "We've doubled our membership in the last three years."

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy said their goal for 1996 is to continue joint service projects with the City.

"At the very least," she said, "we hope to get joint dispatch together with the City."

Keen-McCarthy said the joint zoning on the Ann Arbor Road corridor with Plymouth is the first attempt at joint zoning in the state — and possibly, the first in the nation. "It will make the entry into our

community much more attractive."

The rebuilding of the picnic pavilion at Plymouth Township Park and extensive renovations on Hill Top Golf Course are also on the Township's agenda, according to Keen-McCarthy.

P-C SCHOOL DISTRICT

P-C School Board President David Artley said the board has tried to be more responsive to the community in 1995 — and will continue on that track in 1996.

"Who owns the schools?" he asked. "The community does."

P-C Schools' Superintendent Charles Little said the district is addressing the growth issue.

"Our housing committee will come out with a short, two-year plan soon," he said. "In the spring, we will have a five-year plan."

Little said the district needs to use the space available now before undertaking any new building projects.

"We think we have a couple creative ideas," he said. "We do think there's going to be some needs (in the future). There's going to be some action in that area."

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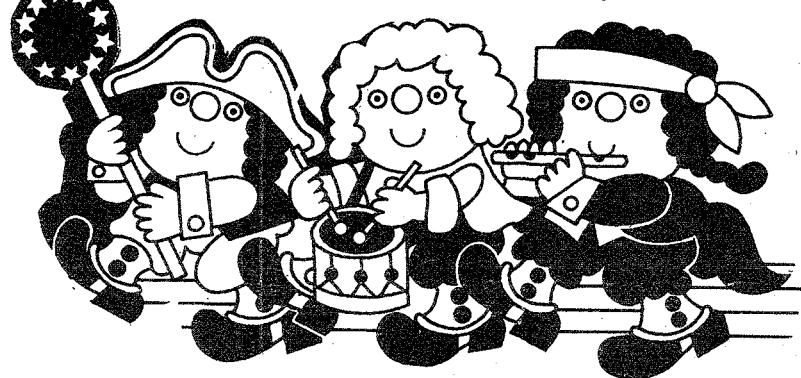
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Groups...

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS COFFEE

Tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. Find out more information about social and interest groups. For more information, call Lori at 416-9001.

THE PLYMOUTH-CANTON JUNIOR BASEBALL LEAGUE

Registration begins Feb. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also, register Feb. 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and March 13 from 7-9 p.m. at the Canton High School cafeteria, ages seven to 15 for boys and ages seven to 16 for girls. Fees vary from \$55 to \$65 per player. Family plan available for \$140. Birth certificate required. Playing age as of July 31, 1996. Adult help is needed. Call 453-2040 or 455-1402 for baseball and 454-5686 for softball.

PLYMOUTH BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB

The club is offering two scholarships for women who live in the City or township, are a single head of household; have financial need, high school or GED diploma; and be accepted to or attending school. Apply throughout the year. Awards based need. For more information, call 453-4845.

NORTHVILLE REUNION

A Northville reunion in Florida Feb. 16 at 11 a.m. in Sebring, FL at the Holiday Inn. \$12.50 per person. Rooms available at the hotel at a discount if reservations are made by Feb. 1. For more information, call Douglas at (491) 482-2865 or Connie at (407) 334-3715.

SALEM HISTORICAL SOCIETY DINNER

Reservations for the Jan. 25 gala dinner for the restoration of the Stone School should be directed to Don Riddering (810-349-3550) or Jerry (459-7103).

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY WRITER'S CLUB

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

CLOTHING BANK

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

CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB

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

PLYMOUTH-CANTON JAYCEES

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees hold monthly meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call the Jaycee Hotline at 453-8407.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING

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

GOD'S GOLDEN GIRLS

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

SMOKERS' RIGHTS MEETING

People supportive of smokers' rights can meet on the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at Denny's. For more information, call Marc at 455-1635.

U-W ALUMNI CLUB FUNDRAISER

The University of Wisconsin Alumni Club is raising scholarship funds for Michigan students attending U-W by selling Entertainment books, which contain hundreds of two-for-one and 50 per cent discounts to a variety of activities. For more information, call Chuck at 454-5749.

PLYMOUTH PARKS AND REC

Lunch hour open skate at the Culture Center, 525 Farmer St. Fees are reduced from regular open skate fees. Mondays: 12 noon to 1:20 p.m.; Wednesdays: 11:30 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.; Fridays: 11:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. \$2 for City resident or full time worker in the City (please bring pay stub). \$2.50 non resident. Fifty cents skate rental. For more information, call 455-6623.

CANTON PARKS AND REC

The Recreation Center on the corner of Michigan Avenue and Sheldon Road will be available for community group and individual rental through April. Canton groups and residents only. For more information, call 397-5110.

STU ROCKAFELLOW AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

The Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society will hold their regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month on the second floor of the Plymouth City Hall. For more information, call 455-7652. Amateur radio classes will be held Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall. For more information, call 454-4061.

PLYMOUTH OPTIMIST CLUB

The Plymouth Optimist Club meets every first and third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Hotel. Meetings include dinner and a speaker. For further information contact Felix Rotter at 453-2375. The Optimist Club will sell entertainment books for \$40 until Monday. For more information, call 453-8253 or 728-7619.

PLYMOUTH REPUBLICAN CLUB

The Plymouth Republican Club hold their regular meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Water Club Grill at 6 p.m. For more information, call Tom Hickey at 455-7110.

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Every Friday, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post #6695, 1426 S. Mill St. For more information, call 459-6700 or 459-2394.

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The Plymouth Community Chorus is selling Entertainment books to help the chorus' charitable and educational activities. The \$40 books offer a wide variety of savings. For more information, call Stan at 459-6829.

MEALS ON WHEELS

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

HORIZON COUNSELING

Horizon Counseling Centre and Associates will be hosting a series of free seminars on the second Tuesday of every month. For more information, call Horizon Counseling at 451-7577.



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Upcoming...

MUSIC FOR EPIPHANY CONCERT

At St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Rd in Plymouth, at 4 p.m. Sunday. Parish choir and guest artists will perform.

BRIDAL FASHION COMPETITION IN CANTON

Sunday at the Summit on the Park community center in Canton from 12-4 p.m. \$5 for reserved tickets, \$7 at the door. For more information, call 937-2812.

LIVING TRUST SEMINAR

Jan. 26 at the Plymouth Cultural Center from 1-3 p.m. Free of charge. "How To Reduce Taxes To Heirs," presented by financial expert Paul Leduc. Question and answer session will follow. For reservations, call 455-6623.

ARBOR HOSPICE CARE FOR KIDS

Children's grief support group Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Open to ages five to 18. Groups are age specific. \$30 per week. For more information, call 677-0500.

GRIEF COUNSELING

The New Pathways group, sponsored by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home and the Arbor Hospice, begins bereavement support tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the Northville Senior Center

LYNN RIVERS TOWN MEETING

Rep. Lynn Rivers will hold a town hall meeting at Meads Mill Elementary School, 16700 Franklin Rd. in southern Northville, this Saturday from 10-11:30 a.m. It will be an open forum, meaning residents will be free to discuss a wide range of subjects. For more information, call 722-1411.

VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

St. John Neumann's Singles Group, located on Warren Avenue between Sheldon and Canton Center roads, is having a Valentine's Day Dance Feb. 10 from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Dance, pizza, pop, raffle, tickets, prizes and music by James Dunn BYOB. No jeans please. \$8 admission. For more information, call Pat at (313) 277-6083 or Marilyn at (313) 591-9269.

CUTEST BABY CONTEST

Saturday and Sunday, 12-4 p.m. at the Plymouth Kmart on Ann Arbor Road. Sponsored by the P-C Jaycees. Ages: newborn to one, and between one and two. Send picture (5x7 or smaller with name, address, phone number) and S.A.S.E. to Cutest Baby Contest, 1484 Springer, Westland, 48186. For more information, (313) 595-7686.

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SPRING ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

Hosted by the City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., March 22-23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and March 24 from 12-5p.m. 65 crafters. Free admission and parking. For more information, call 455-6620.

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At St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Rd. in Canton, Saturday from 4:30-10:30 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For appointments, call 455-5910.

COMMUNITY LITERACY COUNCIL

Seminars will be conducted for people interested in becoming tutors. Reading, writing and speaking seminar will be Feb. 3 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the math seminar will be held Feb. 1 at 5:30 p.m. Both seminars will be limited to 20 people and will be held at the Canton Public Library. For more information, call 416-4906.

HOSPICE OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

The hospice is seeking patient care, patient companion and team support volunteers in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. For more information, call 291-9700.

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PLYMOUTH COURT NURSING CENTER

Plymouth Court Nursing Center in Plymouth is looking for volunteers to help with activity programs for residents. For more information, call Maralena Howard at 455-0510.

MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION

The Michigan Cancer Foundation - West Region - is looking for volunteers to provide transportation for cancer patients in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. For more information, call 561-8880 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is looking for volunteers in the Canton area to help children needing tutoring with basic math and reading skills. Training is free. For more information, call Joy Graves at 883-2100 ext. 368.

CHURCH RURAL OVERSEAS PROGRAM

Plymouth-Canton churches are looking for residents to become CROP walkers and seek financial pledges to help alleviate hunger. For more information, call 459-8181.

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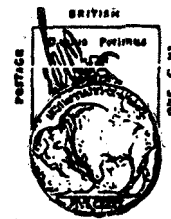
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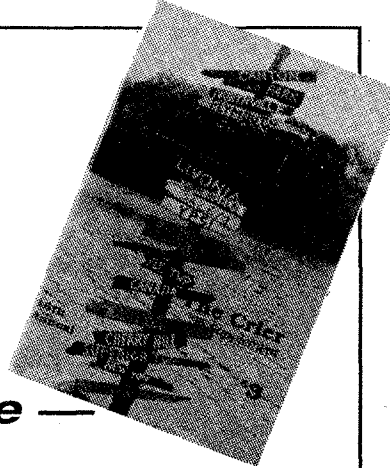
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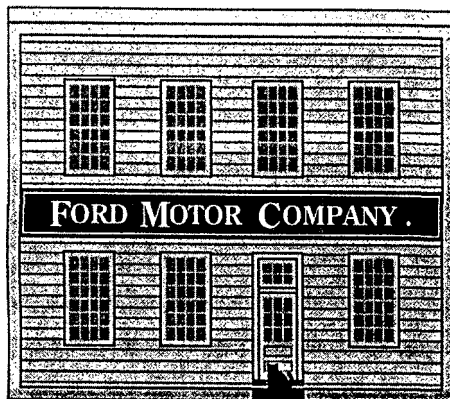
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Curiosities

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Mom and Dad--how's the warm weather? Playing a lot of golf? Dad, we'll have a match this summer. Do you miss me??

Rob and Steph--your baby's 1st picture is beautiful!! Congratulations!

ALLEN ODELL is looking for antique glass goblet in the Ivy Pattern. He broke one of his sister's collection. Now, while he's looking for a replacement, she is looking for him!

ERNIE ARCHER--Can't wait for spring and your flowers! So, get your act together, Ernie!

MARTHA DAVIS--The Plymouth Ice Spectacular has been a "thing of beauty", certainly, though I'm not sure it has been "A joy forever." Martha, you've never seen such a crowd--Wall-to-Wall people wherever you looked. We'll send you pictures as soon as possible. You can see for yourself next year.

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JACK MURDOCK. Is that you going past my house at 4:30 in the morning on your way to meet "The Boys"?

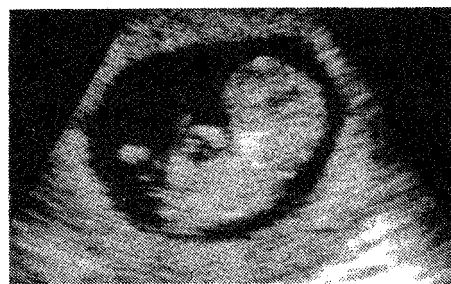
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Steph has not went up a size, maybe its not twins.

MAURA, MAURA, MAURA. Tsk! Tsk!

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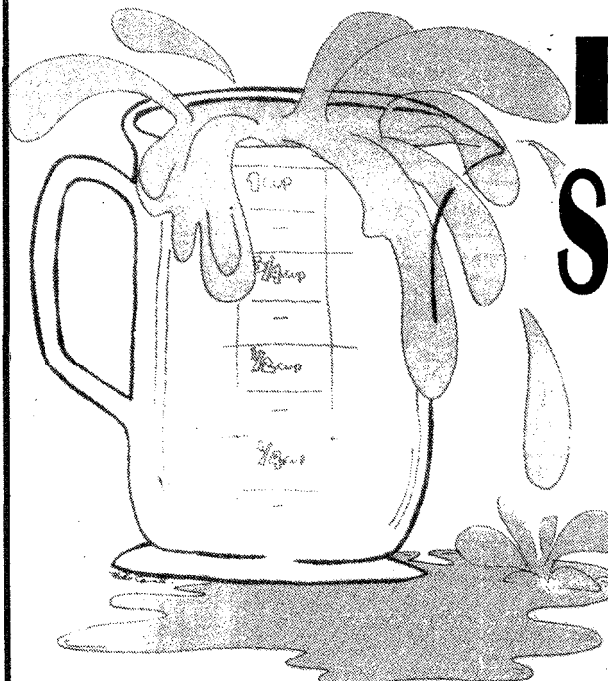
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Canton remains unbeaten

Chiefs keep perfect record, Rocks undefeated in league

BY MATT HUCAL

CANTON

I guess when you're hot, nothing can get in your way.

The Canton basketball team has bowled over teams the last couple weeks to stay undefeated at 8-0 despite two things: They played undefeated teams Walled Lake Central and Ann Arbor Huron in consecutive games and beat them.

But along with that, they also lost a main ingredient to their success when Rob Johnson injured his knee three games ago. He's lost for the rest of the season.

Against Central, Canton won, 71-62, in overtime, and against Huron they won, 58-54.

Last Friday, the Chiefs were trying to keep their streak alive against division foe Stevenson. After a quarter and a half of play the game was basically over as Canton held a 31-6 lead with about four minutes to go in the first half. They ended up putting Stevenson away early in the fourth quarter and the final score was 55-36.

"We played real solid defense. It was a good game for us," Canton coach Dan Young said. "We have a lot of guys picking up the slack in Rob's (Johnson) absence."

Ron Hunter continued his high scoring with 21 points and Nick Hurley complemented Hunter with 15 points.

"I want us to continue to improve in all areas, but we'll be working on our rebounding," Young said. "Our goal is to be the best team we can come playoff time."

Canton plays Walled Lake Western this Friday, then visits Salem on Tuesday.

SALEM

The Rocks would be another undefeated team on the PCEP campus if league play was the only record kept, but their non-league schedule left a smudge there.

Salem is 5-3 overall and 2-0 in the league with wins over Northville, 75-56, and last Friday against Walled Lake Western, 49-40.

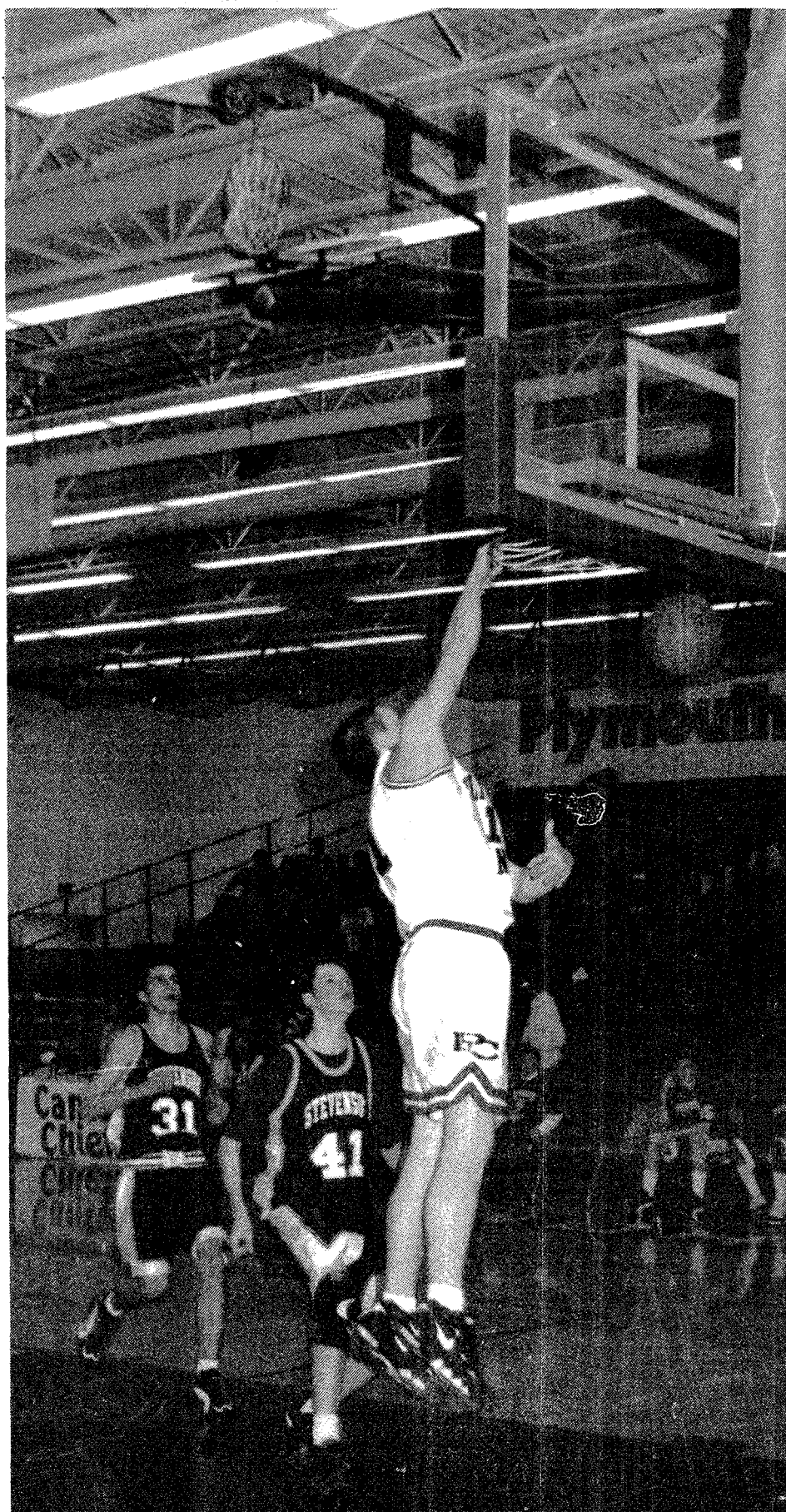
The 2-5 Western team gave the Rocks a fit in the first half while they took a 23-16 going into halftime.

Salem coach Bob Brodie relates the low score in the first half to his team's impatience on offense and the poor decisions they made with the ball.

"We really made some bad decisions in the first half, but in the second half we were more patient with the ball on offense and played better on defense," Brodie said. "We worked on getting it to our big guys in the second half."

That they did, and so the Rocks gained a 15-6 scoring advantage in the third quarter to hold a two-point lead going into the final period. They held on during the fourth quarter to take the win.

Two Rocks finished the game in double digits. Andy Power and Andres Lopez contributed 12 points each.



Canton senior guard Mark Bray slams one home against Stevenson. Bray and teammate Ron Hunter, who ended up with 21 points, were no match for Stevenson. The Chiefs pounded the Spartans, 55-36, at home last weekend. The undefeated Canton team takes on Walled Lake Western tomorrow and cross-campus rival Salem on Tuesday. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

"I'm happy with how we've improved, but we still have a long way to go," Brodie said. "We're still a little inconsistent and it will be a real challenge for us to step up against some tough teams." Salem plays a tough Walled Lake Central team on Friday, then they host undefeated Canton.

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At home versus North Farmington today at 7 p.m. At Walled Lake on Monday at 7 p.m.

CANTON VOLLEYBALL

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SALEM BASKETBALL

At home versus Walled Lake Central on Friday. At home versus Canton on Tuesday.

SALEM SWIMMING

At home versus Farmington tomorrow at 7 p.m. At Brighton on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

SALEM WRESTLING

At North Farmington tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. Varsity at the Romulus Invitational on Saturday at 9 a.m. JV at the Garden City Novice on Saturday at 9 a.m.

SALEM GYMNASTICS

At Walled Lake tomorrow at 7 p.m. At the Holt Invitational on Saturday. At home versus John Glenn a week from today at 7 p.m.

SALEM VOLLEYBALL

At home versus Churchill today at 6 p.m. At home at the Plymouth Varsity Invitational on Saturday. At Walled Lake Western on Monday at 5:30 p.m. At home versus Stevenson a week from today at 6 p.m.



Sports

Sports shorts

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring various events taking place soon.

A teen ski trip to the Alpine Valley Ski Area on Friday for the ages 13-18. A bus leaves the Canton Township Administration Building parking lot at 5 p.m. and returns at approximately midnight. The cost for teens with their own equipment is \$22 and without it is \$29. Fees include bus transportation, all area lift tickets and rental equipment (if needed). Registration ends tomorrow.

Beginners cheerleading classes start Tuesday and run every Tuesday for 10 weeks. Classes will be at the Canton Recreation Center and will be \$25 per person. Ages 5-6 will have class from 7-7:30 p.m. and ages 7-11 from 7:30-8 p.m. Students will learn pompon and dance routines, basic cheers and jumps.

Family skate nights in Heritage Park will be on Thursdays, Jan. 25 and Feb. 1 from 7-9 p.m. It will be free, warm refreshments will be available, and the pond will be lit.

Youth floor hockey skills clinics and league begin the week of Jan. 29 for boys and girls in grades 1-5. The cost is \$35 and locations are scattered among elementary schools. The registration deadline is Jan. 25.

Call the Canton Parks and Recreation Services at 397-5110 for any information in these events.

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with Bianco Tours is offering a trip to the Windsor Casino tomorrow. The \$26 cost includes round trip transportation, lunch at local Windsor restaurant, \$10 of Canadian tokens, and plenty of time at the Casino. Call for more information.

The City of Plymouth is now taking Spring soccer registration the entire month of January during business hours, Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The cost is \$40.

The City of Plymouth is now taking registration for its Fall classes. They offer programs to ages ranging from tots to seniors. The classes include art, dance, self-defense, martial arts, trips, gymnastics, cheerleading, crafts, roller skating and more.

Call the City of Plymouth Recreation Department at 455-6620 for information on any of these events.

Salem shines in home tournament

BY MATT HUCAL

The definition of the word great in the dictionary could probably now be changed to the Salem volleyball team's performance this past Saturday.

They were hosting the Plymouth Festival Tournament, which also included the varsitys, junior varsitys and freshman teams from North Farmington, Ypsilanti, Trenton and Dexter. Salem didn't lose a game the entire day while taking the tournament championship.

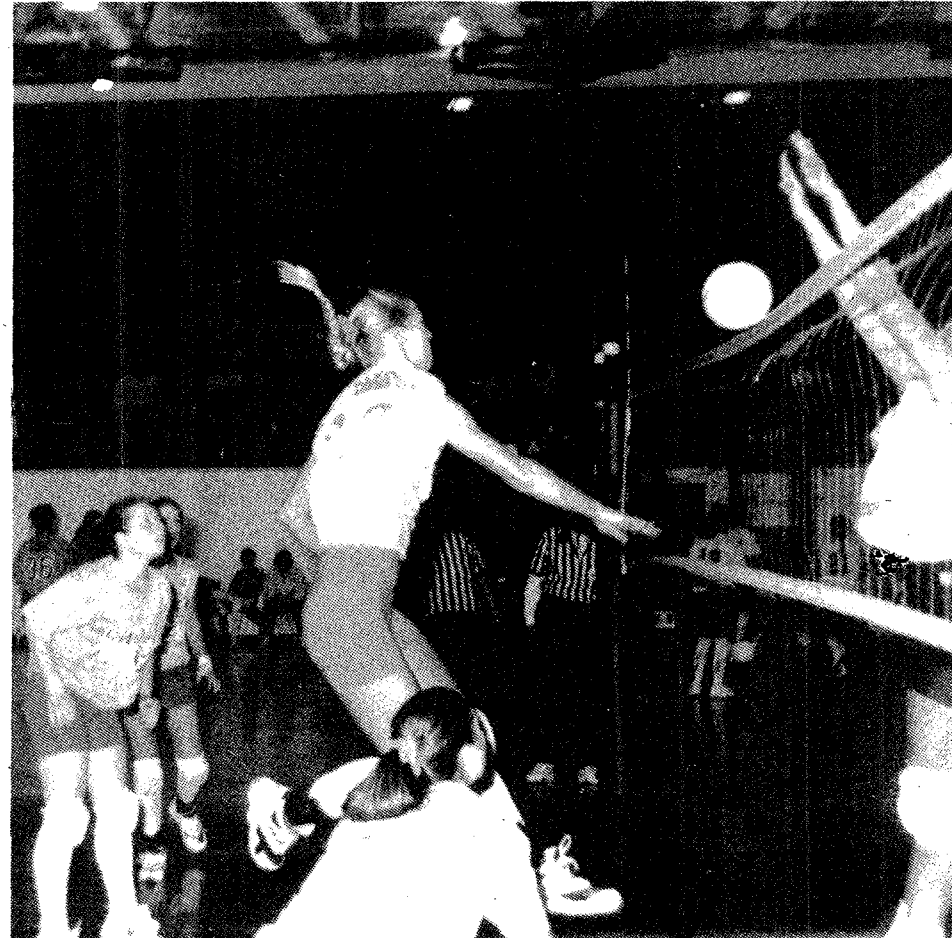
In the pool play setup the Rocks first took on North Farmington and won 15-4, 15-10. Ypsilanti was next and Salem beat them 15-8, 15-4, then Trenton at 15-3, 15-4, and Dexter was their last victim in pool play and fell 15-9, 15-10.

All of those wins made the Rocks the number one seed going into the first round where they were matched up against Dexter again. They won handily, 15-8, 15-2. It was then onto the finals and they unsurprisingly won easily 15-5, 15-6.

How did the Rocks win the festival with so much ease? Well, it may have to do with some statistics like these.

Middle blocker Shellye Sills was dominant all day while tallying 47 kills, 10 digs, 14 service aces and 11 solo blocks. Outside hitter Karissa Socia had 31 kills and seven service aces while Nicole Van Hees wound up with 14 kills. Two other outside hitters contributed plenty of help as Kim Sheldon had 13 kills, 20 digs, and 12 service aces and Jenny Trott had 13 kills, 16 digs, and eight service aces.

Salem co-coach Allie Suffety saw a lot of good come out of the weekend.



Middle blocker Shellye Sills dominated play for the Rocks. Sills was responsible for 47 kills, 10 digs, 14 service aces and 11 solo blocks. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

"We played with a lot of enthusiasm and had a really good day. Our passing and digging seems to have improved, but we still need to work on our serve reception," Suffety said. "We got a nice bal-

ance of play from everyone."

The 11-4-1 Rocks play Churchill tonight, then they host another tournament on Saturday, the Plymouth Varsity Tournament.

Wrestling teams gain experience

BY MATT HUCAL

This past Saturday was definitely a hectic, somewhat rewarding day for both wrestling teams at the high schools.

SALEM

Salem coach Ron Krueger took six varsity wrestlers — juniors and seniors and one 10th grader — to Berkley while the rest of his squad traveled to Melvindale to take on younger wrestlers.

At the 16-team Berkley tournament, the Rocks as a team finished in eighth place while five of their wrestlers took fourth place or better.

At 119 lbs. Eric Coburn came in third place. At 125 lbs. Sean Hughes won two matches and lost two but didn't place. At 145 lbs. Dave Popeney came in third place. At 152 lbs. Jeremy Breithaupt came in third place. The only sophomore at the tournament for Salem was Teono Wilson at 171 lbs. and he came in second place. At 189 lbs. Clayton Walker finished in fourth place with a 3-2 record.

The younger wrestlers at Melvindale showed they can hold up their end as they won the 13-team tournament.

At 103 lbs. Dan Morgan finished in second place. At 119 lbs. Robert Infante came in fourth place. James Green won the 135 lbs. class and Dan Hamlin also won the 140 lbs. class. At 145 lbs. Joe Starzyk came in fourth place. Anwar Crutchfield at 152 lbs., Craig VanCamp at 160 lbs. and James Walker at 189 lbs. all won their weight classes. The heavyweight, Charlie Hamlin, finished in second place.

Krueger was pleased at the areas in which his team has

improved.

"We wrestled a lot better. We were looking to improve and did," Krueger said. "We keep losing close matches, so we'll have to step up during those matches and hopefully get some kids qualified for states."

CANTON

Last Saturday, Canton basically had the same set up as Salem did in that Chiefs coach Ernie Krumm split the team up. Nine of the more experience wrestlers went to the Catholic Central (C.C.) Tournament, while the other 11 went to Melvindale.

With 16 teams at the C.C. tournament, Canton finished in 13th with only one wrestler placing, heavyweight Doug Cooper. He came in third place after losing to the top-ranked heavyweight in the state from C.C.

As for the Melvindale crew, those Canton youngsters came in fifth place with three wrestlers placing.

Vishal Sharma at 103 lbs. finished in third place, Rob Lentz at 112 lbs. came in second place, and Brian Musser at 135 lbs. came in third place.

Krumm realizes that his team can only get better with all the youth he has. The 14-member varsity squad has 10 wrestlers who are freshman or sophomores.

"Our inexperience shows through in these big tournaments, but I'm hoping that by not dodging the better events we'll establish a good program for the future," Krumm says.

"We'll take our lumps but hopefully we'll learn along the way."



Community opinions

Hunger pains

Plymouth Landing missed the boat by being closed during busiest time of year

The 1996 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular was a smashing success by anyone's standards.

Business was almost too good for shops and restaurants in downtown Plymouth. Stores were flooded with out-of-town shoppers.

People came from all over to enjoy the ice festival and our community's great stores and restaurants.

Unfortunately, one restaurant did not



No curves

By Rob Kirkbride

take advantage of these crowds. Interestingly enough, it is one of the restaurants I picked on last year in a

column. The column I wrote last year scolded downtown restaurants for not taking

Check the PATRIOT box in this year's Plymouth Township elections

The City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township are close in proximity, but are sometimes miles apart when it comes to making decisions.

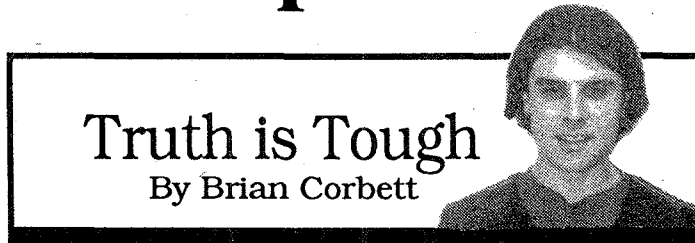
While they often succeed (the cable consortium, the fire department merger) and periodically fail (at least until this point with dispatch), the two governments are currently at odds over the purchase of new voting equipment.

The day after the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees voted to buy a touch screen voting system called the PATRIOT, the two governments met at a community meeting — the Plymouth-Canton School Board, who are considering purchasing new equipment, also attended — and the subject was not even discussed!

They wasted their time considering the combination of the parks and recreations departments, while a more pressing issue, with the March elections right around the corner, was ignored.

And, no, that doesn't mean the three entities are satisfied with their current position. The City favors the popular optic scan voting equipment, which resembles a scantron card, while the township firmly believes in its decision to go with the newest equipment available. "The mayor (Ron Loiselle) has been discussing voting equipment with a couple trustees with the township," said City Clerk Linda Langmesser. "He's got to talk to (P-C Schools Superintendent) Dr. Little about the joint purchase also. He's also thinking about using the equipment we have on hand for March and after the presidential elections, buying new equipment. I think they're trying to work out some type of strategy with (the township) to maybe try and change their minds."

Which means local voters will be using different systems at different elections this year. "I don't think that's a good long term strategy," Trustee Charles Curmi said when he was informed the City and the P-C schools favored the purchase the optic scan voting equipment.



Truth is Tough

By Brian Corbett

I don't either, but the township made the correct decision to forge ahead. My one and only reason: accuracy.

The touch screen has no ballots to ruin, and is equipped with error protection memory computer chips as a back up. On the other hand, the optic scan equipment is known for inaccurate recounts during elections. My point: Why even chance it when it comes to something as important as elections?

My answer: People are creatures of habit. They are used to the optic scan system. Langmesser, who does not have a vote in the City's decision, said in her research she found the optic scan to be more reliable. "UniLect (the company the sells the PATRIOT) really hasn't had a major election," she said. "They really haven't worked out all the bugs yet. I just don't feel comfortable with them."

Well, bars and restaurants feel comfortable enough to use them during peak hours. Langmesser said cities that have already purchased equipment have experienced malfunctions, and that the number of machines is limited while the number of optic screen sheets are not. "I think they're going to have longer lines than they're expecting," she said.

She's partially correct. Tecumseh, which used the PATRIOT for an election in November, did have some problems, according to City Clerk Laura Caterina. Machines in two precincts had memory failure, but the back up system prevented any delays; the city's third precinct was flawless. "Our voters really liked it," Caterina said. "They thought it was very cool. They said it was very easy to read. It went very quick."

Caterina said the machines were a little late arriving, and that the long distance communication — UniLect is based in California — was a minor hindrance, but she said representatives held training sessions for the city's 4,200 voters and were on hand the day of the election. Overall, Tecumseh is very pleased with their purchase, Caterina said. "The optic scan system seemed like old technology to us. Optic scan didn't do to well with us. They didn't record too well. These machines (PATRIOT) are very, very accurate."

I've used both systems and you can record this vote for the PATRIOT.

advantage of increased business during festivals.

My family drove from Grand Rapids Saturday morning to enjoy the ice festival. Luckily, they arrived in the morning and, for the most part, missed the huge crowds. By noon, we had seen all of the sculptures and visited all the downtown shops. They spent money at the Breadwinner, sideways, Little Professor on the Park, Uncle Frank's Chicago and Cones, Gabriela's and Hands On Leather. They also enjoyed shopping at many other downtown shops.

The ice festival was a hit.

When we decided to get a bite to eat, I suggested the Plymouth Landing. When we arrived, just after noon, we found the restaurant was closed.

"You guys aren't going to go to the restaurant, are you?" said the group getting back into their car after finding the Plymouth Landing closed.

"Yeah," I said.

"It's not open until 4:30 p.m.," he said. "Can you believe that?"

I couldn't.

Here was a car load of four people, obviously from out of town, ready to plop their cash down at the Plymouth Landing. Here was my family (six of us) ready to plop our money down at the Plymouth Landing.

In that three minute span from approximately 12:03 p.m. to 12:06 p.m. (when we left and drove to Livonia to find a place to eat), Plymouth Landing lost 10 customers. Who knows how many customers were lost during the entire lunch rush?

I don't know how the other restaurants did during the ice fest, but I imagine they were busy.

I wouldn't single out the Plymouth Landing if they wouldn't have singled themselves out when I wrote the column last year about there being few good restaurants downtown.

The management at the Plymouth Landing called the paper last year after the column ran, scolding me for saying there were no good restaurants.

At the prompting of my publisher, I went to the Landing and listened to their complaints about the column for nearly an hour.

I imagine they're going to complain again this year. Maybe the Plymouth Landing is a good restaurant — I don't know. Neither does anyone else.

It's hard to tell when the doors are locked.

I guess they're doing so well they don't need the extra business during the busiest weekend of the year.

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Community opinions

Old days, old ways

Phil Dingeldey was a decent, friendly man of simpler times

In the Phil Dingeldey Era, the Canton Board of trustees used to meet thusly:

Fire Chief Mel Paulun would show up early at the fire station at Cherry Hill and Canton Center roads and drive the main truck out onto the driveway. Then Mel and the first member of the board to arrive would set up a folding table and chairs where the firetruck normally sat.

The board meetings were so small in those days that Phil would invite the citizens and reporters who showed up at a meeting to sit right at the table with the board.

That always prompted Phil to chuckle about how only the board members were technically allowed to vote.

Phil quietly ruled Canton during the era when it was no problem for farmers to borrow water from the fire hydrants for their parched crops. In those days, the old Canton Township Hall was located on Geddes at Michigan and Sheldon because everyone believed Canton would grow out Michigan Avenue from Wayne.

But Wayne died and The Plymouth School District (as it was then called), quietly bought Canton farmland at Joy and Canton Center to build a new high school. When it became public, the school board asked Canton to extend its sewers and water to the site.

Phil knew it was the right thing to do; the Canton Board went along even though it believed in the smaller the government the better.

In so doing, Canton changed forever.

And that change was something Phil never got used to.

As subdivisions sprouted along the newly-extended sewer lines, they attracted families who had different ideas about what their local community should be. Canton's current supervisor lives in a subdivision where many original homeowners believed they lived in "Plymouth").

Goodbye fair Plymouth, goodbye parking headache

BY CAREY MCCONKEY

For the past nine weeks, I have been fortunate enough to intern at The Crier and become a part of the Plymouth community.

Having worked here in Plymouth, I have learned a few things.

One of the first things that I learned, was that downtown Plymouth lacks public parking.

If you can find a parking space close to your destination, you are lucky.

However, I have found that most of the available parking that is anywhere near where I want to park is more often than not, reserved for business or city permit parking.

My advice, take the first parking space

With malice
toward none

By W. Edward
WENDOVER



Zoning became Canton's hot issue — a little late said Phil's critics. Where the Canton Board meetings had been best described as bucolic as late as 1970, they became standing-room only shouting matches by 1973. (At one of those zoning meetings, the supervisor who followed Phil in office rose to prominence by screaming as he stood on a chair in the audience.)

The big change that had hit Canton was, in part, Phil's doing. But he never understood and certainly didn't appreciate the new way of doing things.

He was used to peaceful farming and friendly government.

With his signed nominating petitions in his pocket, Phil decided he'd had enough of what the new Canton was becoming. He chose not to run again in 1974 — surprising many who were convinced he would win despite the political upheaval.

It was probably for the best.

The next three supervisors in a row were thrown out of office by the changed-Canton voters.

His last two decades, he watched Canton return to relative political calm while its government grew to outstrip the population boom. He was a decent, friendly man of simpler and more neighborly times.

Phil Dingeldey died Friday at the age of 85. With him went a good bit of "Old Canton."

In the long run

By Carey McConkey



that you come across.

Second, I learned that despite a lack of public parking, Plymouth has heart.

All of the community activities that Plymouth sponsors, most recently the Ice Fest, adds to the small town charm of the community.

Plymouth has the small town atmosphere that projects a welcome image to outsiders; and helps to create a

sense of community that many neighboring towns do not have.

Over the past nine weeks, I have enjoyed becoming involved in the community through The Crier.

Now that my time at The Crier is drawing to a close, one of the things that I will miss the most is the Plymouth community with its small town charm; I will even miss looking for parking.

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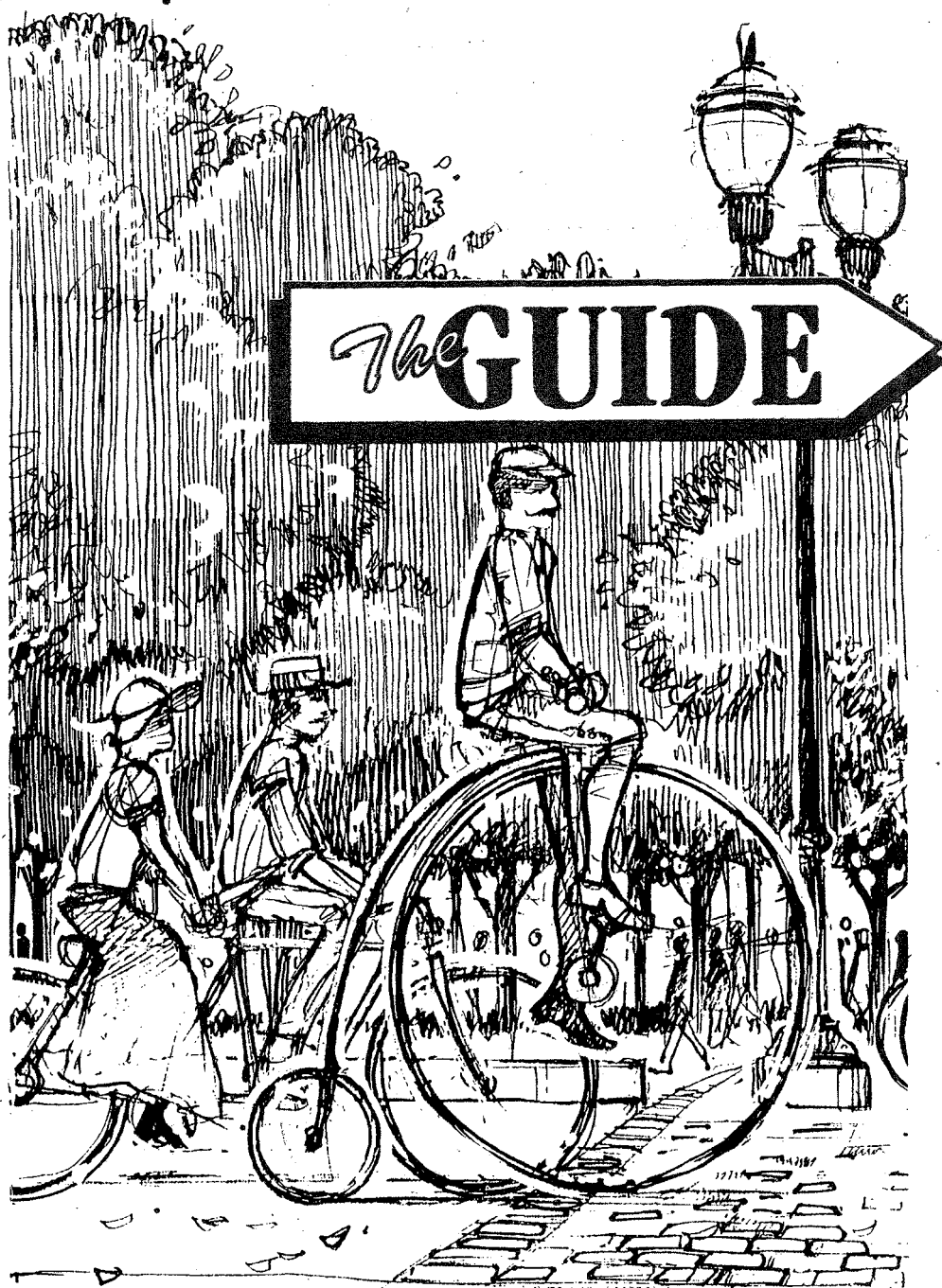
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