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MSU Unable to Complete Study

Yesterday morning the Michigan State University study group on Consolidation informed City Manager Fred Yockey that they would be unable to complete a study with the amount of time they have at their disposal.

The Michigan State University group headed by Kenneth Verburg cited not only the time factor involved but also that justice could not be given the report. The latest development even further complicates the issue of

consolidation which is already plagued by numerous other complexities. Not only does this action defer the study; it is questionable whether a study can be completed at all.

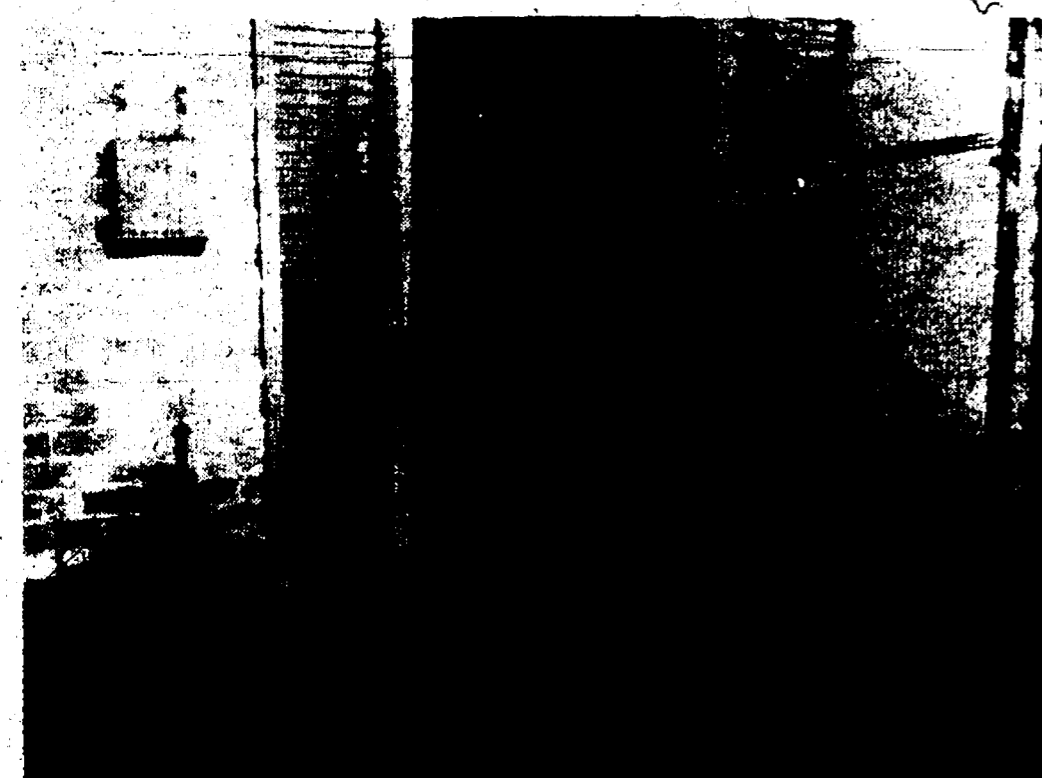
Yockey said, "One alternative we are working on is trying to get the election date changed. We are in the process of talking to the state elections committee."

The only other solution that appears viable at this

time is to have the University of Michigan group do a study. However, only the township has consulted them.

Yockey did say however, that if the election could be postponed to a later date the Michigan State University group would complete a study. By delaying the election the study completion date could also be delayed.

The deadline date is March 7th. The election is scheduled for April 2nd.



Four Perish in Canton Township Fire

by Tim Scheetz

The cause of a fire which took the four lives of a Canton Township family during the weekend, has been traced to a candle left burning in the family room of the home at 44139 Arlington Drive. The fire, which broke out shortly after 1 a.m. Saturday, claimed the lives of 26-year-old James Burnham and his wife Sarah, and their two sons Steven, 2, and Matthew, 4. The mother and the two children were found in a rear upstairs bedroom; the father at the foot of the staircase, all dead from smoke inhalation. It has been speculated that the father was attempting to go outside to the rear of the

home in order to catch the two boys and his wife attempting to jump from the second story window. The blaze had to be brought under control before firemen could retrieve the bodies.

Another fire broke out 20 minutes after the fire at the Burnham home causing the fire department to fight two fires at once. This incident drew criticism from neighbors who said the lack of firemen at the Burnham home hampered rescue efforts. Captain Vernon Rorabacher of the Canton Township Fire Department stated that the 21 men of the department were adequate enough to fight both fires.

Freight House Reborn

by Tim Scheetz

As you drive along Starkweather Road in Plymouth's old village, you pass the aging C & O freight house and maybe you ask yourself, "What's going to happen to that old building?" Well, nostalgia seekers, you're in for a treat! That old building's coming alive! For in the near future, that antique shell is going to contain the offices of architect Robert W. Stine and Associates.

Mr. Stine, a member of the Detroit Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, serves on a committee concerned with the restoration of old buildings. Along with a personal interest in historical structures, Mr. Stine took on the task of rejuvenating the old freight house. He presently plans to house his architectural firm in the building combined with a complete interior decorating department for residential and commercial needs. This department would contain a studio in which antiques will be displayed.

The main idea of this project is to maintain the original structure as much as possible, even to the point of restoring the loading dock, piece by piece. The only face-lift being done to

the exterior of the building will be the replacing of the sliding freight doors, for conventional doors and windows. The entire area will then be landscaped to add to its originality.

Aside from the freight house restoration, Mr. Stine is undertaking the construction of a welcome addition to the railroading area. I am referring to the new "Golden Spike" Restaurant currently being built on the original site of the freight house. This unique restaurant will be composed of the reproduction of an old railroad station and seven railroad cars.

When coming for a meal at the "Golden Spike," you will enter the station to receive a train ticket. This ticket will then be punched according to the railroad car you are destined for. From the station, you will proceed onto a platform on which one side will stand four railroad cars for dining. The other side of the platform will be flanked by these cars containing a cocktail lounge. Surely this, along with the freight house project will bring back memories of the railroading community Plymouth once knew. (see related photos page 3)

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W.S.D.P. Celebrates Second Birthday

Valentine's Day is something more than just cupids and flowers for the residents of the Plymouth area. This Thursday will be the second birthday of Plymouth's only radio station, W.S.D.P. (89.3 FM). W.S.D.P. has been bringing people of the local area such things as area road reports, area weather and interview shows. Distinguished people such as Congressman Marvin Esch, State Senator Carl Pursell, Mayor of the city of Plymouth, and the Township Supervisors have been among those interviewed.

W.S.D.P. is on the air Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. One of the most amazing aspects of this station is that it is run by high school students. The students take a radio class, which allows them to become part of the high school radio station. The station also broadcasts such things as all home football and basketball games, graduation ceremonies and important meetings.

On Feb. 14th W.S.D.P. will be playing the sounds of the "Super 60's" all day long. Included in this revival of the-60's will be a number of 60's newscasts, featuring news on Vietnam, Inflation, The Detroit Riots, and former Detroit Mayor Jerome Cavanagh. W.S.D.P. will also have an Open House for the public. It will be held from 2:30 to 6 p.m. on February 14th. The Open House will take place in the studios of W.S.D.P. located in Plymouth Salem High School. Staff members will be on hand to greet visitors at the front door and take them on a tour of the station.

In W.S.D.P.'s two years of operation, eight people have obtained jobs in radio because of their practical experience at W.S.D.P. So remember, 60's Music, 60's Newscasts and an Open House, all at W.S.D.P. 89.3 on your FM dial. This Thursday, Valentine's Day, come out to the Centennial Park to help W.S.D.P. celebrate it's Second Birthday.

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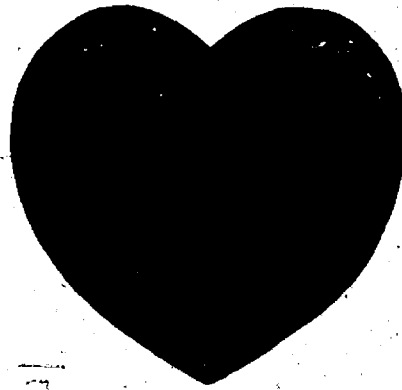
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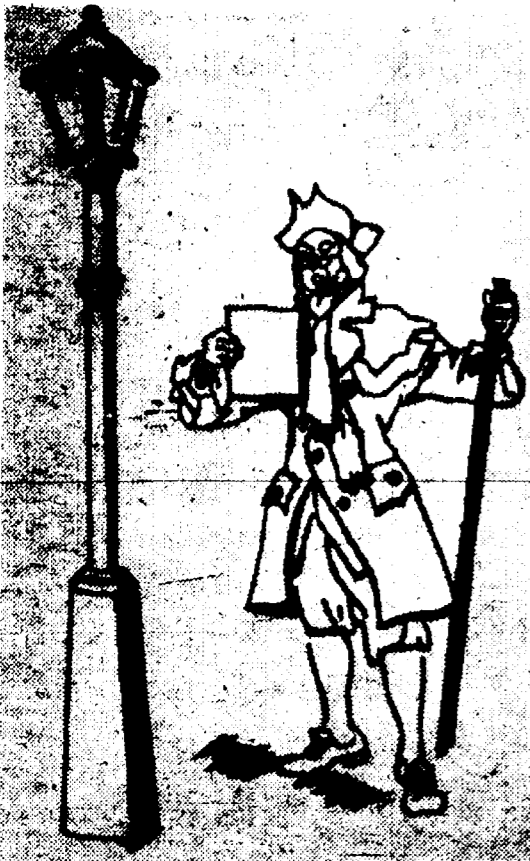
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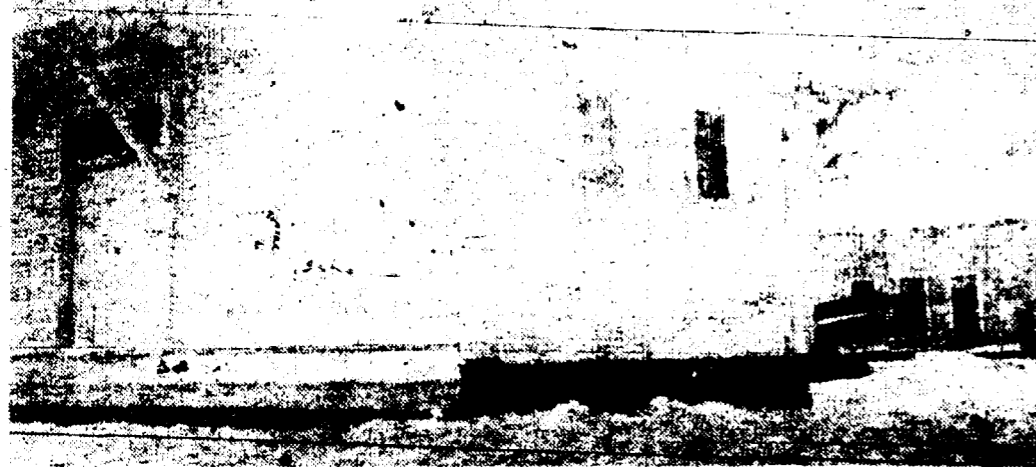


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Pastor McDonald To Be Honored

The Rev. B. Edwin McDonald, pastor of the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, will be honored by the Plymouth Community Civitan Club when it holds a Feb. 14 dinner as part of Plymouth community Clergymen Week.

Mike Caffery, chairman of the program, said all clergymen in the Plymouth area are invited to the dinner with Civitan members, scheduled at 7 p.m. in the Miles Standish room of the Mayflower Hotel.

Pastor McDonald is being singled out for special honors, he added, because of several community service projects in which his congregation has been engaged.

These include sending Sunday services into the West Trail Nursing Home by direct telephone line so that patients there can "attend" church and sending buses to the Camelot Nursing Home to take some of its residents to church.

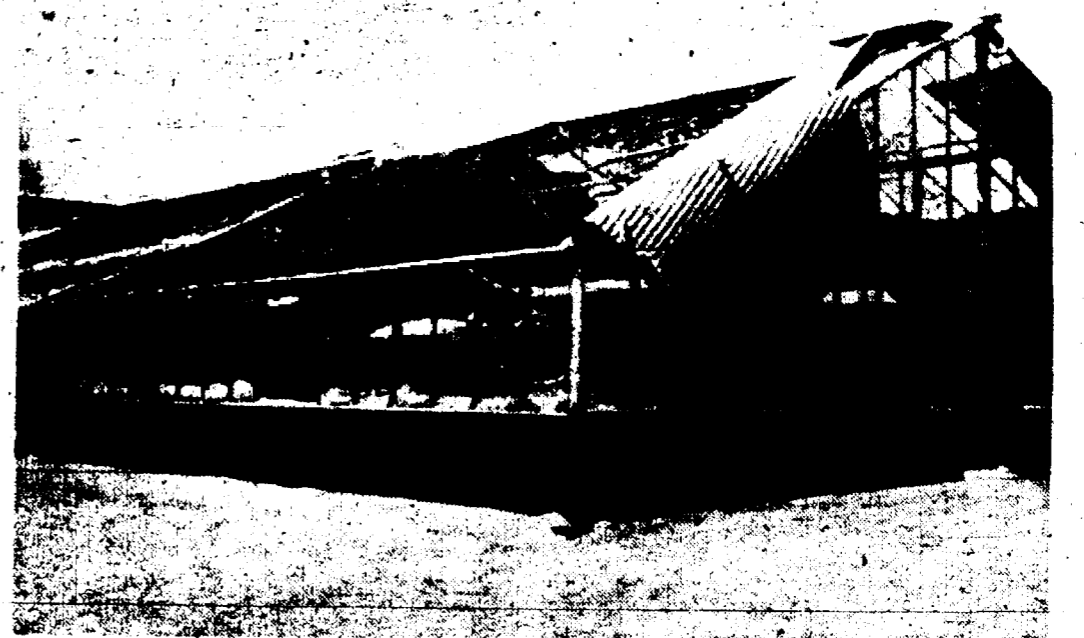
The honoring of the clergy, a tradition at this time of year for Civitan clubs all over the country, commemorates the sacrifice of four chaplains who on Feb. 3, 1943, went down with the troop transport *Dorchester* in the north Atlantic because they had given their life jackets to soldiers who lost theirs.

"Civitan is interested in citizenship," Caffery said, "and that is why we are particularly interested in Rev. McDonald's community service as we honor the ministers and priests of this area during International Clergy Week."

The week in Plymouth was proclaimed by Mayor Beverly McAninch.



NEW LION MEMBERS - The Plymouth Lions Club initiated three new members into the Club at a recent meeting at the Thunderbird Inn. Pictured from left to right are District Governor John Deadman, new members Bill Hall, Tom Bender and Jack Gryglewski, and President Dick Schwaller.



Garden Center Damaged

Heides Garden Center suffered \$12,000, worth of damages last Thursday, as strong winds lifted the roof. The Center, located at 696 N. Mill St., was purchased by Reinhold Ruhr in 1939.

In the past 35 years the Garden Center has been

remodeled several times. The last renovation took place this-past summer. The present owner, Bill Ruhr, said the roof would be replaced and the Center re-opened April 1st, as a combined produce and garden center.

Husband - Wife Army Team

Steven and Janeen Slider, the first husband and wife Army training at Fort Knox plus an recruiting team in Wayne additional eight-week Military Plymouth, have returned to County. They recently returned Police training program. Mrs. area and will be assigned to the from Fort Carson, Colorado, Slider took basic training at Fort Plymouth Recruiting Station, where they were also the first McCullen and an additional (819 Penniman) as of February husband and wife team in that 10-week Personnel Management 14. Mr. and Mrs. Slider will be area. Mr. Slider took basic training program.



by Lynne Warshauer

Here we are again - plagued by icy roads and blizzard-like weather. Our many errands seem less necessary when the effort is greater than the result. It is less harrowing fighting with indoor chores than getting stuck on our unshoveled driveways, only to be at the mercy of a tow truck. After all, we want to do our part in the midst of the energy crisis.

What are we to do? If you are like most of us, the thought of doing those ever-present household projects is always there. Unfortunately, that's usually where they remain - just thoughts, rarely accomplished even though we would like them to be. Since we find ourselves victims of the elements - why not tackle that "Spring Cleaning" now, and save that glorious spring weather for outdoor activities.

I, for one, have found it much less grueling to do those big jobs when the mood strikes, rather than save them for specified times of the year. Ovens, refrigerators, freezers, closets, cupboards, insides of windows, woodwork, etc., I find to be the least desirable of my household duties. When the spirit moves me - which isn't too often - I choose one of those pesky chores and go to it - full steam. I find it less irksome to tackle them one at a time than to try to accomplish them in a week or two. This weather seems to spur

me on and before I know it - all is done.

Another thing that seems to help with the big jobs is to designate one room a week for that extra special attention. This saves a lot of time and physical energy - and leaves time for a coffee break once in a while. Tackling one room a week in such a manner makes it less depressing as well. I also find that when I have a bucket of cleaning water in hand - I go after those pesky fingerprints that are ever-present on the walls and woodwork, when I see them. Much easier than leaving them there to remind me of what I haven't done.

I find that planning some chore for the evening, when the kids are all tucked in, helps ease the pain. I must admit, though, that many an evening has arrived with great plans in store, only to find that my energy has greatly waned and the only project that I can manage is crawling into bed.

Oh, to just have more hours in the day, days of the week, weeks in the the year - is there ever really enough time? Let's hope this has helped so there WILL be time left for doing the things that you really want to do.

Please remember to share your suggestions and ideas with us by sending them to "Letters to Lynne," c/o the Plymouth Community Crier. We are looking forward to hearing from you in the very near future.

Film on Drugs

The final showing of the film, "Art Linkletter Talks to Parents" will be shown this Friday, Feb. 15 at Central Middle School beginning at 7:30 p.m. The film, sponsored by the Plymouth Jaycettes, has been aired previously on three occasions and has been very well received.

Chairwoman Lynette Campbell commented, "Representatives from Our House will present a program after the film to further the understanding of drugs to parents attending." She also said that due to the overwhelming parental interest generated by the program, members from Our House have been asked to visit the Centennial Park, and, classes have been established to help parents and their children reconcile their problems in regard to drug related matters.

All are cordially invited to attend this last performance.

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What's Happening When and Where?

"What's Happening" is a weekly feature in the *Plymouth Community Crier*. Clubs, organizations or individuals wishing to announce local events, meetings, etc., are invited to call the *Plymouth Community Crier* at 453-6900 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

WINTER PASTIME - Many Plymouth area residents find the dead of winter a long, dragged-out affair. One way to pass the time is by playing Bingo every Monday night at the Mayflower Meeting House in downtown Plymouth. The Plymouth area residents find this enjoyable. They have a night out on the town and they help solve the energy crisis by not having to travel long distances for entertainment. There is ample parking, starting time is 6:45 p.m. and you can be back home by 10:30 p.m. The Plymouth Community Civitan Club is the sponsor of the Bingo, proceeds are donated back into the community. Presently there is a total of around \$800.00 in prize money.

THE PLYMOUTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will present a luncheon program Wed., February 13 at 12:00 Noon in the Miles Standish Room of the Mayflower Hotel. The subject of the luncheon meeting will be: "THE INSIDE DOPE OF THE ENERGY CRUNCH" and will feature guest speakers Wendell Mason of the Consumers Power Company, James Lagowski of the Detroit Edison Company and Walter McDonald of the Marathon Oil Company. Reservations can be made by calling Elizabeth Holmes, Chairman at 453-1540.

THE TOPS CLUB meets every Wednesday, 7:30 at the Plymouth Grange. For further information, call Bev Johnstone, 453-4665.

COLONY SWIM CLUB is now accepting applications for membership. Call Mrs. Lorraine Jarvis at 453-8582.

GRANGE NO. 389 of Plymouth will meet 8:00 p.m. Thurs., February 21, at Grange Hall, 273 Union St., Plymouth.

THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY will meet 8:00 p.m., February 19, at the VFW Post Hall, 1426 S. Mill Street, Plymouth.

THE PLYMOUTH SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB is sponsoring a TRIP TO BRIARWOOD SHOPPING MALL in Ann Arbor, February 19. The group will leave Plymouth City Hall 10:00 a.m. and return at 4:00 p.m. The trip will include shopping, luncheon and the film "Day of the Dolphin" now showing at the Briarwood Movies. Cost of the entire trip is \$4.00.

The Senior Citizens Club meets every Thursday from 12-4 p.m. at Tonquish Creek Manor located on Sheridan Street off of Ann Arbor Trail. Featured this Feb. 14 will be a Special Valentine's Day Program.

THE LEADERS ASSOCIATION of the PLYMOUTH CAMPFIRE GIRLS COUNCIL will hold a Township meeting February 12, 8:00 p.m. at Plymouth Township Hall, 4235 Ann Arbor Road.

CAMPING will be the subject of the February 19 meeting of the PLYMOUTH CAMPFIRE GIRLS. The meeting will take place 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Church of the Risen Christ Church, Ann Arbor Road and McClump. There will be a nursery available for those with children. REMEMBER that the Campfire Girls are currently having a CANDY SALE. The girls will be selling candy at banks, bowling alleys and other public places.

THE THREE CITIES ART CLUB will hold a WORKSHOP MEETING Wed., Feb. 13 in room 260 of the Waterman Student Center, Schoolcraft College. Those interested are requested to bring drawing materials. The workshop will cover "Still Life."

An organizational meeting of the PATHFINDERS CLUB will be held 7:30 p.m., Monday, February 18, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. Sponsored by the Plymouth Recreation Department, the meeting is for persons interested in back packing, canoeing, hiking, biking or cross-country skiing.

An informational meeting on SOCIAL SECURITY, sponsored by the Plymouth Department of Parks and Recreation, will be held 1:00 p.m. Friday, February 15, at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. A representative will discuss all aspects of social security, including Medicare and supplemental social security income. A question and answer period will follow.

Registration for ICE-SKATING lessons conducted by the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, February 16, at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. Fees for the six-week classes, which start on February 25, are \$8.00 for residents and \$10.50 for non-residents. Lessons are available for moms 'n tots, special teens, adults and for kindergarten and school age children. Babysitting is available. All lessons are conducted according to the Basic Test Program of the United States Figure Skating Association.

There will be a February 14 meeting of the AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN. Future guest speakers will include: Ray Quanda, Administrative Assistant, and Dr. Richard Gornick, Councilman for Plymouth Township (speaking on "Consolidation"); Mrs. Cathy Erdlitz, Learning Disabilities Consultant (speaking on "Recognizing Disabilities in Children") and Irene Piccone, attorney (speaking on "Job Discrimination Against Women.") The meetings are open to any woman college

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Informal PAINTING SESSIONS for ADVANCED ARTISTS are held every Monday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Farmer St.

There is a meeting every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. for all DUPLICATE BRIDGE PLAYERS at the Plymouth Cultural Center, Farmer St.

THE HI-12 CLUB will meet Wed., February 13, 7:00 p.m. at the Hines Park Restaurant on Plymouth Road.

THE MOTHERS OF TWINS CLUB will meet 8:00 p.m., Monday, February 18 at Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Gertie Schlose, a member of the Downriver Club, will speak on her experiences raising twins.

Plan Festival

Plans are now being made for the September, 1974 Plymouth Fall Festival. The Fall Festival Board Committee will meet 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 20 at the City Commission Chamber. All participants from last year's Fall Festival, members of service organizations and interested parties are cordially invited to attend.

Fashion Show

Plans are now being made for a major fashion show March 7, at the Thunderbird Hilton. Fashions will be supplied by Muirhead's of Dearborn. Women's clothing will be featured along with mens' and childrens' fashions. Tickets are now on sale and will be on sale until March 1. The cost is \$5.00. The price includes admission and an 11:30 luncheon.

Contact Mrs. Agnes Store, 40908 Ivywood, Plymouth, for tickets.

Buttons Anyone?

The Antique Button Collectors group (formerly the Mayflower Club) will have a meeting Saturday, February 16 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the basement of the Credit Union on 500 Harvey in Plymouth. display of antique buttons for

Credit Union Building, 500 South Harvey, Plymouth. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in electronics or communication is welcome to attend. Monthly meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month except in July and August.

Global Mission

Plymouth First United Methodist Church announces that Sunday, February 17, is Global Mission Sunday. The Reverend George Somers, missionary from India, will speak at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. Reverend Somers is presently serving as professor at Adrian College in Adrian, Michigan. Following the services, at 12:30 p.m., there will be a potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall. After the meal, Reverend Somers will show slides of his work in India.

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From the Editor

The staff of the Plymouth Community Crier would like to take this opportunity to express its thanks to the people of the community. We feel the comments that have been forwarded to us, both verbal and written, have expressed the total thoughts of the town.

As we continue to grow, we need your continuing help. In order to report the news as promptly and efficiently as needed, we need to know from you, our reading audience, when

and where the news is taking place.

Don't hesitate to call our office or mail your comments to us. Each week editorial commentary will appear in this section along with other comments and criticism regarding this publication.

Once again, thanks for your support. Keep those letters in the mail and above all, patronize your local merchants; they make this publication possible.

To the Editor

Dear Editor:
Hurrah!!!!

At last there is a paper in the city that's about the town and townships of Plymouth and Canton. We will have more than just a front page devoted to Plymouth.

I hope that we will be informed of all the things that are of interest to the people of Plymouth in a truthful and sincere manner.

Glad to see you here, wish you lots of luck and success and hope that you will be a credit to the media of this community.

Sincerely,
Mrs. M. DelBusso

Bobby Sparks of Byrd School likes the P.C.C. but would like to see more Junior High School Sports.

(Editor: Turn to page 7)

Welcome!

We wish you much success. A Plymouth paper has been sorely needed for many years.

I am writing to subscribe just to see a real Plymouth paper again. Hope you continue to do as well as the first issue.

Congratulations on your first issue. Here is my subscription check.

PRISM

"Sir, what is poetry?"

"Why, Sir, it is much easier to say what it is not. We all KNOW what light is; but it is not easy to TELL what it is." - Samuel Johnson, from Boswell's *Life*.

Although it may be difficult to tell what light is, there are many things we know about it. We know that in light is energy. We know that with light, we can visualize and communicate. And we know that by light, the wondrous colors of this world are made visible.

All colors are contained in light. We see this when storm clouds break, and by fortune, we glance to the sky. As our imaginations are enticed by thoughts of rainbows' ends, water-laden clouds are refracting rays of sunlight. Similarly, light may be beamed through a solid glass prism and separated into its component colors.

Each week, this column will strive to act as a prism for our community, to differentiate the many colorful people, organizations, and events which give proof to the fact that the Plymouth area is itself communicative, energetic, and enlightened.

Some may think that predominantly our community is a drab gray. That we are but another integer to be added into the sum of a sprawling megalopolis formed by Flint, Ann Arbor, Toledo, and Detroit. Here, as individuals, pressures to consume and relish complacency have fogged our minds, suppressed our ambitions and ideals, and reduced our daily activities to stimulus-response routines. Big business, and big government, have carefully designed a maze in which we

have been placed, and are graciously allowed to survive.

This column hopes to dispel such notions. We feel ours is a community of light, for the living. Each person, each event; is like a refraction of that light.

And in a larger sense, the Plymouth area forms a prism. Through here, the patterns, ideas, and life-styles of American society pass, are differentiated, and are to be enjoyed in their colorful co-existence.

Here, persons with varying interests and goals can express themselves. Here, we each can find consummate delight in pursuing our uniquenesses.

By focusing each week on a particular shade of color in our community, *Prism* hopes to both entertain and educate. Sometimes we will deal with the controversial. Sometimes we might offend. If this occurs, we ask our readers to let us know. But more importantly, we ask our readers to be tolerant and open-minded. It is only when light is not allowed to shine that a prism becomes a functionless piece of glass.

TELL US WHAT
FEATURES YOU'D LIKE
TO SEE IN THE P.C.C.

North Central Evaluation

A committee from the North Central Association, a high school accrediting team, will visit Plymouth Centennial Educational Park (PCEP) near the end of this month. Schools in the association are evaluated every seven years. This is the second part of an evaluation that started last year.

The visitation committee, headed by David Zittel, Superintendent of Atherton Public Schools in Flint, consists of thirty administrators, directors, principals and teachers from other school districts in Michigan. The team will visit classrooms and talk with staff and students. Within a month of their visit they are obligated to send PCEP a written report.

The first part of the evaluation, an internal or self-evaluation, was started in February of last year. PCEP co-principals Kent Buikema and Bill Brown appointed an advisory of 21 teachers to help

guide the self-evaluation. This board, referred to as a steering committee, is headed by PCEP teachers John Kontos and Joan Savage.

The school was divided into 25 subcommittees for each subject area i.e. Business Department, English Department, Math Department. A report was written for each subject area. These reports included department objectives and sequences, and course objectives, descriptions and outlines. All PCEP teachers were involved in writing this report.

The reports of all the subcommittees have been summarized into a handbook which will be sent to the visitation committee ahead of their visit.

The third part of the evaluation, and the most important, believes John Kontos, will be the

implementation. A committee will be appointed to look at both reports, study all the recommendations for change, and try to "make an already good program better for the students and citizens of Plymouth," says Joan Savage.

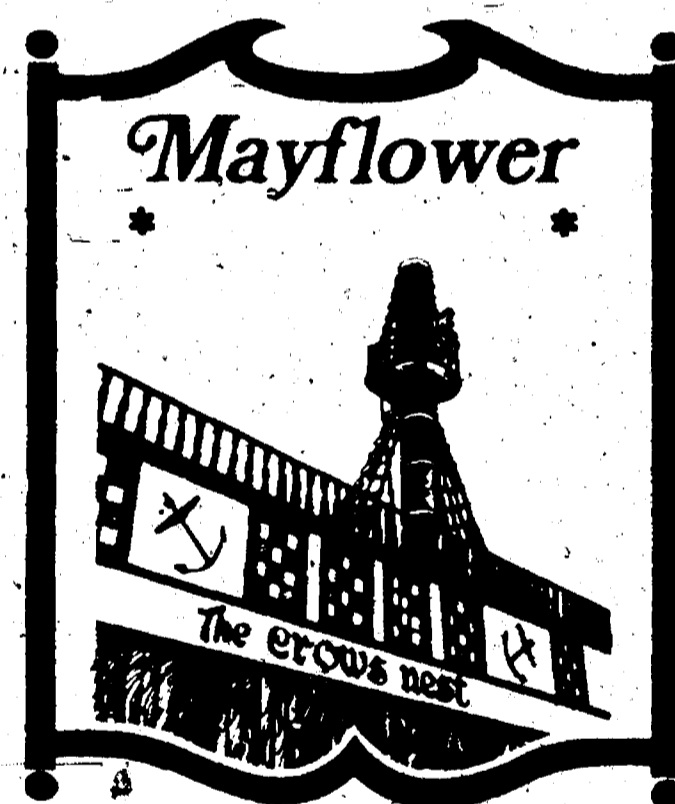
The visitation committee will arrive Tuesday evening, February 19 and stay until February 21.

The Plymouth Community School District is responsible for providing meals and lodging for the members who live too far away to drive home in the evening. Tuesday nights dinner will be prepared by the food service class, an elective course. On Wednesday and Thursday the visitors are free to lunch in either the Hidden Room, run by the food service class, the Happy room, run by the Special Education students, or the cafeteria.



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HOMETOWN SPORTS

First Victory For Plymouth-Canton

by Dan Herriman

Plymouth Canton saw their first victory Saturday as they defeated Farmington Harrison.

The Chiefs, who now hold a 1-13 record, licked Harrison, 59-47.

Coach Casey Cavell was extremely happy to see his first win of this season.

Canton hit 22 out of 47 field goals for 47 percent. They made 15 of 24 free throws, 63 percent. The Chiefs took 13 offensive and 29 defensive rebounds.

"We played a good game," said Coach Cavell. "We didn't quit. We kept going all the way, and I'm really happy."

Canton got off on the right foot with a first quarter score of 15-10.

Farmington came up from behind in the second with a two point lead over the Chiefs for a halftime score of 25-23.

Canton stepped back up in the third quarter; Scott Dunagan and Ron Lack each put in one free throw to tie it at 33 all. Farmington scored, followed by Tom Close's two field goals and one free throw. Ron Lack popped in two more from the foul line. Harrison scored again, leaving themselves three points behind, 40-37.

The fourth quarter put the fans on their feet. With minutes to go, Canton was only one point up, 46-45. Close missed a free throw, but Lack got the rebound and scored. Harrison plunged in two free throws, but put Tom Close back on the foul line. He missed, Lack got the rebound and put the ball away to make it 50-47. Lack was fouled and gave the Chiefs another point. Farmington put Dave Edwards on the foul line, but this time Ray Mandle got the rebound and put it back up. Close brought the ball right back for another field goal making it 55-47. Ron Lack sunk it for two more and Tom Close put in two free throws for a final of 59-47.

Ron Lack led scoring with 24 points. Dave Edwards followed with 13, Tom Close with 11 and Brian Stemberger with 8.

Plymouth Canton visits Woodhaven tonight. J.V. starts at 6:15 and Varsity at 8 p.m.

CANTON			
	G	F	P
Stemberger	3	2-3	8
Mandle	1	0-0	2
Dunagan	0	1-2	1
Close	4	3-6	11
Lack	9	6-7	24
Edwards	5	3-6	13
Totals	22	15-24	59
Total Fouls -	19		



Plymouth Crier photos by Bruce Phillips

PLYMOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION KIDS SKATE FOR FUNDS.

Skate-A-Thon

The Plymouth Hockey Association's second annual Skate-A-Thon was a huge success with approximately a 95 per cent turnout of all Association boys and girls.

Each boy and girl was asked to obtain as many sponsors as he could, who would contribute from one to five cents for each lap skated. The children, ranging in age from six years old and up skated from 11 to 4 o'clock.

The average laps skated were between 300 and 400. Andrew Geddes of the Bantam League skated 665 laps, and Dave Geelhood of the Squirts skated 637.

This year's Skate-A-Thon was a greater success than last year's and a spokesman for the group said, that the \$10,000.00 mark was probably surpassed. All proceeds go to the \$40.00 an hour ice time bill at the Cultural Center.

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Rocks Breeze Past Belleville

by Dennis O'Connor

The Plymouth-Salem Rocks revenged an earlier 63-56 loss to the Belleville Tigers last Friday night at the Plymouth gym.

This time around, Plymouth was in command all the way as they whipped Belleville, 77-51.

The win was Plymouth's ninth in a row. Their overall record is now an impressive 13-2, they are 8-1 in Suburban Eight League play. Belleville's league record is now 2-7.

Going into tonight's Sub-8 action Plymouth is still in first place followed by Edsel Ford (7-2), Dearborn (6-3), Allen Park (5-4), Bentley (4-5), Redford Union (3-6), Belleville (2-7), and Trenton (1-8).

Plymouth jumped into a quick 22-10 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Rocks never let up and continued to outscore Belleville in each of the final three stanzas, for their 26-point victory.

"Great team defense and the ability to hit both offensive and defensive boards was the key to

this win," commented Coach Fred Thomann. Plymouth outrebounded Belleville 50 to 32. Plymouth's big front three accounted for 35 of the 50 led by 6'6" sophomore Jim Ellinghausen with 15. Eric Agardy had 12, and Bruce Johnson had 8.

Rock's guard, Rick Neu, was a standout defensively holding Belleville's big gun, Melvin Abraham, to only seven points.

Offensive standout for the Rocks was their 6'9" junior center, Eric Agardy, who totaled 24 points with a variety of good inside shots. Agardy was 11 of 18 from the field for an outstanding 61 percent. Others in double figures for Plymouth were Johnson with 13, Dan Moore and Ellinghausen with 11 apiece.

Belleville had two players register in double figures, Warvell Turner and Robin Hook, each with 12.

Plymouth was 32 of 73 from the field for 44 percent. Belleville was only 19 of 64 for 30 percent, thanks to that tough Plymouth man-to-man defense.

Coach Thomann was able to use all 14 players on his squad as he cleared the bench in the

fourth quarter with things under control. Box score:

PLYMOUTH			
	G	F	P
Neu	2	0-1	4
Moore	5	1-2	11
Agardy	11	2-6	24
Ellinghausen	4	3-5	11
Johnson	5	3-3	13
Prueter	0	2-2	2
Ziel	0	1-2	1
Lamirand	3	0-0	6
Manthey	0	0-1	0
Maloney	2	1-3	5
Dillon	0	0-0	0
DenHouter	0	0-0	0
Mason	0	0-0	0
Anderson	0	0-0	0
Total	32	13-25	77
BELLEVILLE			
	G	F	P
Hook	5	2-2	12
Birk	1	7-10	9
Thronsbury	3	1-3	7
Turrentine	0	0-0	0
Abraham	3	1-2	7
Leach	1	0-0	2
Hairston	1	0-0	2
Stiltner	0	0-2	0
Turner	5	2-2	12
Cohen	0	0-0	0
Busby	0	0-0	0
Totals	19	13-21	51
Total Fouls - Plymouth (17)			
Belleville (19)			
Fouled Out - None			
Technical Fouls - None			

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MORE HOMETOWN SPORTS



Members of the Plymouth Midget 'A' Travel Team — standing, left to right: John Gilles, coach; Jim Hough, Steve Stahl, Russ Baltazar, Russ Greenleaf, Tim Mooney, Keith Randazzo, Bruce Cranston, Steve Dugan, Tom Davison. Front row, left to right: Jim McAlpine, Ron Smith, Jerry Dobbs, Tony Mucci, Ken Brownlee and Jim Pinder. Not shown — John O'Connell and Coaches Jim Elias and Larry Olesky.

Midget 'A's Reach for Title

By Jim Elias

In our city of Plymouth supporting a winner in team sports is not what could be considered a way of life, or even close to it in comparison to cities such as Ann Arbor (home of the Wolverines), Columbus (the hide-out for Woody's Buckeyes), or South Bend (the camp for the Fighting Irish). Although these teams are miles from us, we recognize them because they are winners.

Plymouth also has its winner, which has gone unnoticed all season. The team is comprised of 16 hockey players from the Plymouth School District with ages ranging from 15 to 16 years. They are known as the Plymouth Midget "A" Travel team. This team has compiled an impressive 15-4-3 record in league play and an outstanding 31-9-6 overall record. In addition to this overwhelming accomplishment, the midgets were the victors in the Westland Christmas Tournament by denying their various opponents victory, in convincing fashion, three straight times.

In the excitement of producing our first issue, we neglected to include a few bylines in the **Hometown Sports** section. Our apologies go to the fine writers who helped us with our first issue. We thank the following people: Dennis O'Connor — "Varsity Squad," "Elinghausen stars as Rocks Crush Bulldogs," Anne Sullivan, Lisa Williams — "Volleyball," "Swim Team" and Dan Herriman — "Canton Basketball."

P.C.C.

Although the midget success in the tourney and the fruits of a 14-game winning streak have been sweet, the biggest game of the season has yet to be played. The Plymouth stick men must play the Wayne Travel "A" team who are not far behind in the standings. The battles between these two teams have been fierce. Wayne earned a 4-4 tie against Plymouth the last time they met. Our midgets must win against Wayne to clinch the Western Hockey League title. The decider is slated for Thursday, February 14, at 9 p.m. in the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Head Coach John Gilles (Gipper) and his assistants, Jim Elias and Larry Olesky, agree this is the most important game of the season. "Gipper" was quoted as saying, "Wayne has a fine hockey club but I feel the better the competition, the better we play. I am sure our club will rise to the occasion." Olesky added, "We are not blessed with an overabundance of experience or talent, but our players do have desire, character and poise which illuminates from them no matter what arena they are playing in." The coaches say these are some of the reasons for the team's success so far this season. The game with Wayne promises to be exciting. These boys deserve the community's support on Thursday.

After the game with Wayne the midgets begin workouts for the district playoffs that begin February 20 in Redford. Judging by past performances with upcoming competition, Plymouth is favored to win their district.

Rocks Meet Thunderbirds Tonight

by Dennis O'Connor

The Plymouth-Salem Rocks encounter the Edsel Ford Thunderbirds tonight on the Plymouth home court. Game time is 8:00 p.m.

Edsel Ford carries a 7-2 league record into Plymouth tonight, and they have proven to be the top challenger for first place in the Suburban Eight League from Plymouth (8-1).

A win for Ford would put them in a first place tie with Plymouth for the league lead.

A win for Plymouth, on the other hand, would give them a commanding two-game lead in the league, with only four games remaining.

Plymouth has not won the league title since the 1969-70 season.

The game should prove to be a typical Sub-8 league thriller.

This Friday night, the Rocks travel to Allen Park to take on the Jaguars. This game is especially important to Plymouth's 6'9" center, Eric Agardy, as he returns to his old school to face his former teammates. (Agardy moved from Allen Park to Plymouth over the summer.) Game time for that one is also 8:00 p.m.

Plymouth-Salem Overpowers Belleville

by Dennis O'Connor

Plymouth-Salem Junior Varsity won their twelfth game of the season last Friday night as they whipped Belleville's JV, 53-44. The Plymouth JV's have lost only two games this season.

The difference in this game was Plymouth JV's sticky 1-2-2 zone defense which held Belleville JV's to a lowly total of 44 points.

Coach Craig Bell's Plymouth JV's outrebounded Belleville JV's 44-31, with Brian Wolcott and Mike Primeau carrying the load on the boards with 14 and 10 respectively.

Wolcott and Primeau also led the Rock's JV in scoring, Wolcott with 13 and Primeau with 11.

The Plymouth JV's shot a lowly 29 percent from the field (17 of 59) but made up for it at the free throw line converting 19 of 25 for a convincing 76 percent.

The Plymouth JV's next games are tonight against Edsel Ford JV's on the home court. Game time is 6:00 p.m. Friday night they travel to Allen Park to face their JV representative. Game time for that one is 6:30 p.m.

Plymouth-Canton Drops Meet

by Anne Sullivan

The Plymouth-Canton Chiefs dropped their swim meet to Farmington Harrison by a score of 62-104. It was a good effort from Canton since Harrison is the toughest team in the league.

Coach Jeff Longstreth said, "Kevin Harris made a new freshman record for all of Plymouth. He did the back stroke in 1:07.2. His 1:04 in the Butterfly makes him the second fastest flier behind Peterson. He should be a real asset to leading us to our second victory on February 14 against Walled Lake Western."

The coach was a little disappointed because they put together their best medley team to make the cut-off time and they missed it by about one second. He is hopeful that they will make it by the league meet.

The results of the meet are:

200 MEDLEY RELAY

1. PC (Kenney, Woods, Peterson, Harris) 1:53.0
 2. H (Smart, Holhner, Humphries, Fisher) 1:54.5
- ### 200 FREE STYLE
1. H (Arnoldy) 2:01.2
 2. H (Dolan) 2:02.1
 3. H (Peirson) 2:02.3

Canton Loses to Farmington

by Dan Herriman

Canton Junior Varsity lost to Farmington Harrison J.V. Saturday, 49-43.

This leaves Coach Wayne Weimer with a 7-6 record.

Canton was up one point the first quarter, 6-5.

A halftime score of 17-15 left Canton J.V. on top, but the ball changed hands in the third quarter putting Canton 11 points back, 35-24.

With less than a minute to go and three field goals behind, Canton dropped two free throws, but Harrison scored for a 49-43 final.

Canton J.V. plays Woodhaven J.V. tonight at Woodhaven. Game time is 6:15.

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

1. PC (Peterson) 2:11.6
2. H (Howell) 2:13.2
3. PC (Kenney) 2:20.3

50 FREE

1. H (Dudasit) 24.1
2. H (Hornback) 24.7
3. H (Hawthorne) 24.9

DIVING

1. H (Kral) 263.15
2. H (Weber) 149.5
3. PC (Wales) 146.8
4. PC (Hamlin) 103.15

100 BUTTERFLY

1. PC (Harris) 1:04.0
2. H (Humphries) 1:04.4
3. PC (Wood) 1:07.9

500 FREE

1. H (Dudash) 5:10.5
2. H (Fisher) 5:24.5
3. H (Peirson) 5:26.6
4. PC (McCourt) 7:25.6

100 BACK STROKE

1. H (Smart) 1:02.1
2. PC (Kenney) 1:02.3
3. PC (Harris) 1:07.2

100 BREAST

1. H (Rado) 1:06.2
2. H (Hornback) 1:06.3
3. PC (Peterson) 1:07.6

400 FREE RELAY

1. H (Arnoldy, Peirson, Hoehner, Smart) 3:50.9
2. PC (Mrówka, Miller, Wood, Greenwood) 4:06.6
3. PC (McCourt Meadows, Wales, Greenleaf) 5:07.1

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Wrestling

by Gerald McKenney

The Plymouth Salem varsity wrestling squad won its third consecutive match at Edsel Ford High School on Thursday, February 7. The score was 28-23.

The Rocks, who started out very slowly this season, are finally playing up to expectations. Their upset victory against Edsel Ford left Coach Kruegar and his team with a 4-2 league record and an overall mark of 5-3-1.

Salem came from behind to beat Edsel Ford in a very big match for the Rocks. Going into the final event, they trailed 23-22, but Salem heavyweight star Larry Fidge pinned his opponent to wrap up the victory for the Rocks. Scott Agnew, Bob Craig, Fidge, John Major, and co-captains Russ Brink and Steve Goodwiller all were victorious for Salem while Jerry Brink tied. Both Fidge and Goodwiller registered pins.

The Rocks are currently being led by Fidge and Major, both seniors, who are the top wrestlers in the area for their respective weight classes. Other standouts are seniors Russ Brink, Craig, Goodwiller and junior Agnew. The team has been handicapped by an injury to co-captain Dave Edmisten.

Salem will bring its regular season to a close on Thursday, February 14, with a home match against the Livonia Bentley Bulldogs. After that, the post season tournament schedule will begin with the Suburban Eight match at Allen Park followed by the District Tournament at Walled Lake Western.

Basketball

by Dennis O'Connor

The Plymouth Central Middle School eighth grade team nipped Clarenceville Junior High's eighth graders by the score of 41-40 last Thursday afternoon at the Clarenceville gym.

This thrilling victory was the sixth straight for the Central Chargers against no defeats. This 6-0 record stands as the best eighth grade basketball record in the Plymouth area.

A great team effort won this one for Central against a tough team from Clarenceville. Central showed great poise in coming from behind after being down 23-16 at halftime and by as many as nine points in the third quarter.

The Chargers' next game is this afternoon against East on Central's home court. They also play another home game versus Hilbert this Friday afternoon. Starting time for both games is 4:00 p.m.

Skating Schedule

The Plymouth Recreation Office has announced its opening skating schedule. The hours are as follows:

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Pioneer Middle School Schedule

Basketball
Grade Eight

February
12 - Clarenceville at Pioneer
14 - Pioneer at East
21 - Hilbert at Pioneer
28 - Pioneer at Central
Grade Seven

February
13 - Pioneer at West
15 - Clarenceville at Pioneer
22 - Pioneer at Central
Swim Meets Schedule
Central Middle School Pool

February
14 - Meet with Central
21 - Meet with West

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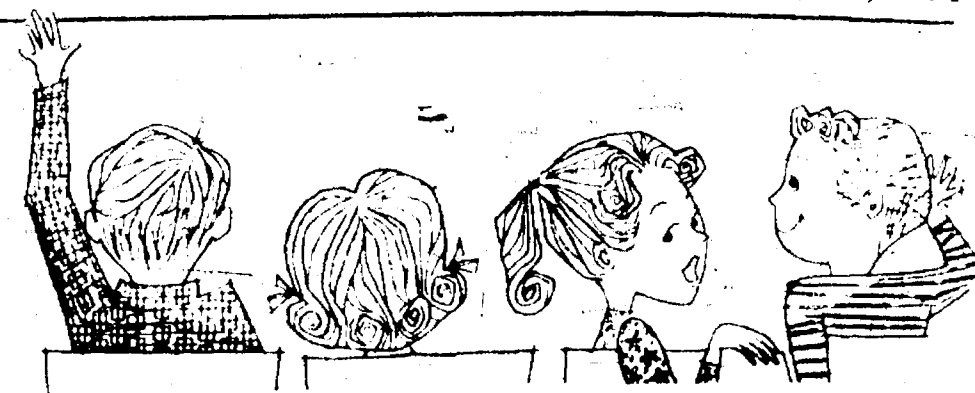
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Hot Dog on a Bun - Relishes
Buttered Corn
Fruit Cup
Valentine Cake - Milk

FRIDAY
Tacos
Buttered Vegetable
Fruit Cup - Cookie - Milk

MONDAY
Chicken Noodle Soup
Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich
Fruit Cup - Cake - Milk

TUESDAY
Sloppy Joes - Pickle Slices
French Fries
Fruit Cup - Milk

WEDNESDAY
Hamburger Gravy over Mashed Potatoes
Cranberry Sauce
Homemade Hot Roll
Fruit Cup - Milk

BIRD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THURSDAY
Hamburger on a Bun
Relishes
Buttered Vegetables
Fruit Cup - Cake w/Frosting
Milk

FRIDAY
Fish Sticks - Tartar Sauce
Buttered Corn
Bread and Butter
Tomato Juice
Brownie - Milk

MONDAY
Chicken Noodle Soup - Cracker
Peanut Butter Sandwich
Fruit Cup - Cookie - Milk

TUESDAY
Hamburg Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Bread and Butter - Fruit Cup
Cookie - Milk

WEDNESDAY
Spaghetti with Meat
Buttered Green Beans
Bread and Butter
Applesauce Cup
Cookie - Milk

CENTRAL SCHOOL

THURSDAY
"Happy Valentine's Day"
Hamburger on Bun
Pickle Slice
Buttered Vegetable
Fruit - Cookie - Milk

FRIDAY
Tomato Soup and Crackers
Grilled Cheese or
Peanut Butter Sandwiches
Fruit Jello
Cowboy Cookie - Milk

MONDAY
Bar-B-Q Beef on Bun
Buttered Corn
Fruit Cocktail - Milk

TUESDAY
Hot Dog on Bun - Relish
Buttered Green Beans
Fruit or Fruit Juice - Milk

WEDNESDAY
Oven Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Cranberry Jello Salad
Hot Roll - Milk

FARRAND SCHOOL

THURSDAY
Hot Dog on Buttered Bun
Catsup, Relish or Mustard
Baked Beans or Sauerkraut
Valentine Cake - Red Jello Cubes
Milk

FRIDAY
Oven Baked Fish Sticks
Tartar Sauce - Tater Tots
Buttered French Bread
Fruit Cup and Milk

MONDAY
Chili w/Crackers - Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich
Toll House Bar - Fruit Cup
Milk

TUESDAY
Hamburger Gravy over Hot Mashed Potatoes
Hot Buttered Roll
Pickle Slice - Fruit Cup
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Buttered Carrots
Frosted Cinnamon Roll
Fruit Cup and Milk

FIEGEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THURSDAY
Tuna Fish Sandwich
Potato Chips
Pickle Slices
Jello Squares - Valentine Cake
Milk

FRIDAY
Hamburger Gravy over Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Carrots
Hot Roll - Butter
Fruit - Milk

MONDAY
Vegetable Soup
Bologna Sandwich
Cherry Fruit Topping Cake - Milk

TUESDAY
Hot Dog on a Buttered Bun
Catsup - Mustard
Tater Tots
Fruit - Cookie - Milk

WEDNESDAY
Beef Ravioli
Buttered Peas
Buttered Bread
Applecrisp - Milk

GALLIMORE ELEMENTARY

THURSDAY
Second Grade Luncheon
Roast Turkey
Mashed Potatoes - Gravy
Hot Roll
Jello - Cake - Milk

FRIDAY
Fish Wich on Bun
Tartar Sauce
Buttered Green Beans
Fruit - Cake - Milk

MONDAY
Toasted Cheese Sandwich
Buttered Green Beans
Orange Juice
White Cake w/Cherry Topping
Milk

TUESDAY
Goulash - Buttered Corn
Buttered Hot Biscuit
Fruit - Cake - Milk

WEDNESDAY
Chicken Noodle Casserole
Buttered Carrots
Buttered Hot Roll
Fruit - Tollhouse Bar - Milk

ISBISTER ELEMENTARY

THURSDAY
Hot Dog on Bun
Baked Beans
Applesauce - Valentine Cake
Milk

FRIDAY
Fish Sticks
Buttered French Bread
Spinach
Tollhouse Bar - Milk

MONDAY
Chili - Crackers
Peanut Butter Sandwich
Peaches - Cake - Milk

TUESDAY
Hamburger on Bun
Pickle Slices - French Fries
Peas - Cookie - Milk

WEDNESDAY
Hamburg, Gravy on Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Roll - Orange Juice
Jello - Milk

MILLER ELEMENTARY

THURSDAY
MYSTERY DAY???

FRIDAY
Happy Valentine's Day

FRIDAY
Hamburger on Bun
Buttered Corn
Fruit Cocktail
Graham Cracker Pie - Milk

MONDAY
Swedish Meat Balls
Buttered Noodles
Green Beans
Pineapple Upside-down Cake
Milk

TUESDAY
Sloppy Joe
Hot Vegetables
Orange Juice - Cookie
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Spaghetti - Three Bean Salad
Buttered Corn Bread
Fruited Jello - Milk

SMITH ELEMENTARY

THURSDAY
Hot Dog on Bun
Potato Chips
Corn - Sweet Potatoes
Fruit Jello - Milk

FRIDAY
Pizza w/Meat Sauce
Buttered Vegetable
Fruit Cup - Cake - Milk

MONDAY
Homemade Vegetable Soup
Chicken Salad Sandwich
Fruit Cup - Cookie - Milk

TUESDAY
Pizza w/Meat Sauce
Buttered Vegetable
Fruit Cup - Cake - Milk

WEDNESDAY
Chicken in Gravy over Mashed Potatoes
Biscuit - Butter
Fruit Cup - Chocolate Pudding
Milk

STARKWEATHER ELEMENTARY

THURSDAY
Pizza w/Cheese
Mixed Vegetables
Fruit Cup - Valentine Cake
Milk

FRIDAY
Hot Dog on Buttered Bun
Catsup - Relish
Buttered Green Beans
Applesauce Cup - Cookie
Milk

MONDAY
Chicken Noodle Soup
Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich - Carrot Sticks
Fruit Cup - Tollhouse Bar
Milk

TUESDAY
Turkey and Gravy over Mashed Potatoes
Pickle Slices
Hot Buttered Rolls
Fruit Cup - Milk

WEDNESDAY
Toasted Cheese Sandwich
Buttered Corn - Celery Sticks
Fruit Cup - Cookie - Milk

TANGER ELEMENTARY

THURSDAY
Hot Dog on Bun
Potato Chips
Jello - Cookie - Milk

FRIDAY
Pizza w/Meat and Cheese
Fresh Carrot & Celery Sticks
Fruit - Cake - Milk

MONDAY
Hot Meat Gravy over Hot Mashed Potatoes
Hot Roll - Fruit - Milk

TUESDAY
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Cream of Tomato Soup
Fruit - Cake - Milk

WEDNESDAY
Hot Dog on Buttered Bun
Relishes
Hot Vegetable
Jello - Cookie - Milk

EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL

THURSDAY
Hamburger on Warm Buttered Bun - Relishes - Potato Chips
Green String Beans - Milk

FRIDAY
Macaroni-Cheese
Hot Roll - Butter
Chopped Spinach
Choice of Fruit - Tollhouse Bar - Milk

MONDAY
Sloppy Joe on Warm Bun
Buttered Corn
Peanut Butter Cookie
Fruit - Milk

TUESDAY
Meat Gravy over Mashed Potatoes
Hot Roll - Butter
Choice of Fruit
Molasses Cookie - Milk

WEDNESDAY
Pizza Pie w/Sauce & Cheese
Orange Juice
Buttered Green Beans
Apple Crunch - Milk

PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL

THURSDAY
Oven Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Buttered Peas
Home Made Roll and Butter
Jello with Whipped Cream
Milk

FRIDAY
Charbroiled Burgers
Potato Chips
Buttered Spinach
Choice of Fruit
Milk

MONDAY

Meat in Gravy over Creamy Whipped Potatoes
Home Made Roll and Butter
Buttered Carrots
Fruit - Milk

TUESDAY
Hamburger on Rolls (Relishes)
French Fries
Buttered Vegetables
Choice of Orange Juice or Fruits - Milk

WEDNESDAY
Open Face Turkey Sandwich
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Buttered Peas
Choice of Fruit - Milk

WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL

THURSDAY
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO YOU!
Hamburger with trimmings
Oven Fries - Orange Juice
Valentine Cake - Milk

FRIDAY
Chili /Cheese Slice
French Bread and Butter
Peach Cup
Gatmeal Cookies - Milk

MONDAY
Bar-B-Que Turkey on Rolls
Buttered Green Beans
Applesauce Cup
Peanut Butter Brownies - Milk

TUESDAY
Sloppy Joe on Roll
Buttered Whole Kernel Corn
Assorted Fruit or Juice Cup
Fruit Bars - Milk

WEDNESDAY
Hamburger Gravy
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Hot Roll and Butter
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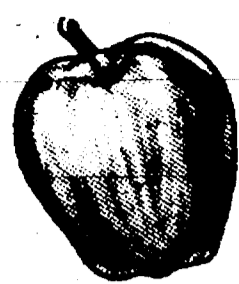
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"An Apple from the Teacher"

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Dear Teacher,

My little boy, a first grader, is not doing well at school. He goes to school willingly, but he would rather play than read. I know that he has the ability to succeed in school. Should I worry?

Many first grade boys are not ready to settle down to a six-hour day of reading, writing, and arithmetic. Children grow and mature at different rates. Little boys in particular sometimes need another year of play, large muscle activities, and much freedom of movement. If your little boy is retaining some of what he is being taught in school, and if he is happy about going to school, then you don't have anything to worry about at this time. The important thing is to keep reading and make language activities a pleasant experience, and you can do this at home. Here are a few ideas that may prove helpful:

1. Read to your child every day. Take him on your lap or share your favorite chair with him. Let him see how pleasant this activity is for you, too. Daddy may want to read sometimes.

2. Play language games during

the day when the occasion arises. "Come on and help me set the table. What rhymes with table? Table, able! Table, stable! Table, Aunt Mable! Right, Smarty!"

3. Take him to the library and help him to choose books that HE likes. If he chooses books that are too hard for him to read, let him. Show him that he can "read" pictures, too.

Above all, don't press for a reading achievement that he may not be able to achieve at this time. Keep it light, keep it pleasant, and make sure that your anxieties do not become his.

Next week - More tips on pre-reading activities that you can begin at home.

This column will feature common-sense suggestions to parents of pre-school and elementary school age children. Send your questions about school and learning to our teacher, Carole Parmet, c/o this newspaper, and she will try to answer you in this column. All letters will be treated as confidential material and no names will appear in print.

Senator Pursell to Visit

The Association for the Gifted will host State Senator Carl Pursell at its meeting, Feb. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at Plymouth Middle School East, 1042 S. Mill, Plymouth. Senator Pursell will speak informally about the recent State appropriations for

education of gifted children. Membership in the Association is open to all interested persons.

Activities are planned for gifted children. Adult programs are held the second Thursday of each month.

Community News

Emerson School and the Parents' Association for Alternatives in Education announces its After School program which begins February 18th. All classes are to be held at St. John's Episcopal Church on Sheldon Road in Plymouth. The starting time is approximately 3:30 and the classes last until about 5 p.m. There is no transportation unless special arrangements can be made.

The classes are designed to offer a complete academic program and not simply "enrichment." They are taught by certified, experienced teachers. There is a staff to student ratio of one teacher per 15 students. If interested, write P.O. Box 391, Plymouth, Mich. 48170, or contact Jeane Navarre at 455-5850.

This program is open to any child, not just to those who are academically talented.

The classes will be as follows:

MONDAY: Foreign language, French or Spanish or both, depending on enrollment. The children will be taught to speak before they learn to read or write the language. In addition to learning to speak the language, the children will be exposed to a great deal of the culture of the country whose language they are learning to speak by active participation in cooking, art work, and customs. Open to all ages.

TUESDAY: Science. A Club for children ages 9-13 who are interested in science and want to join with other children to further pursue their interests. Members will be encouraged to research a topic or experiment or build models or make collections in their field of interest. Sharing projects will be expected.

WEDNESDAY: Dramatics. The dramatic program will expose children to all phases of dramatic arts: mime, puppetry, stage-craft, make up. The program will culminate with a dramatic production in June. Creative dramatics will be available for pre-school children and young elementary if enrollment warrants the program.

Safety Message

The District-Wide Safety Committee would like to urge all parents to write a letter to State Representative Michael Novac, Chairman to report out-of-committee House Bill 4080. This Bill will give local authorities the power to reduce the prima facie speed limit to 25 miles per hour 500 feet in either direction from a school.

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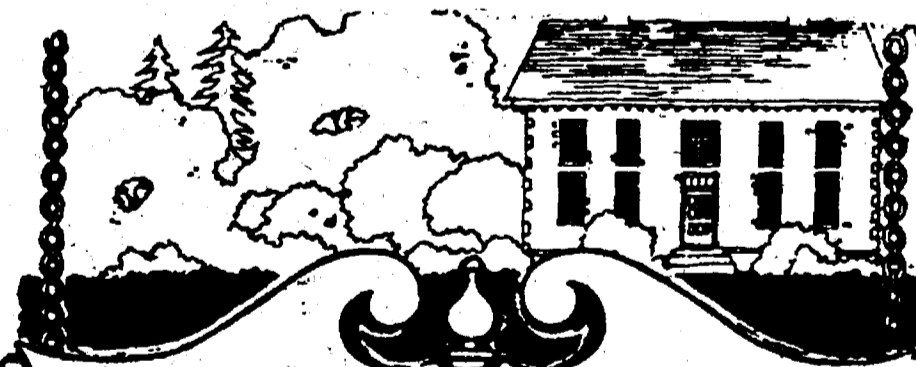
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Peter Pan at Plymouth Salem High School

The American Association of University Women will present the musical, "Peter Pan" February 22-23 at Plymouth Salem High School. The musical is aimed at the 4-10 age group. The cast of 33 will be using professional scripts. Show times are 7:00 p.m. February 22, 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. February 23. Tickets for the show will be sold through the elementary schools February 13-15. After the 15th, they will be sold at Del's Shoe Store. Tickets are 60 cents. For telephone sales contact Jan Carney at 453-5561. Those interested are urged to buy their tickets early, as the show is always sold out.

A benefit performance of "Peter Pan" will be given February 21 for approximately 300 youngsters from Plymouth State Home, Wayne County Child Development Center, Our Lady of Province and Hawthorne Center.

Music 'n Movies

The Cosmic Blues Project will feature the rock group "Home Grown" along with three W.C. Fields films and a "Flash Gordon" episode Saturday, February 16. The Project, offered by Plymouth Youth Inc. at the Youth Center will feature live rock music and films every Saturday evening. Most performances start at 8:00 p.m.

Future films will include "Reefer Madness" on February 23, the Beatles' "Let It Be" on March 2 and the original version of "M.A.S.H." with Donald Sutherland and Elliot Gould on March 9. Music will be provided by area rock groups including "Spin Drift," formerly known as "Raven," and "Stone Free."

Other Youth Center activities include yoga, chess, pottery, weaving, value clarification, mural painting, and the food co-op. The Center is open from 2:30 to 9:30 Monday through Friday, and until 11:00 p.m. on most Saturdays. For further information about Youth Center programs, call the Center at 455-4090.

Pop Concert

The Pioneer band and orchestra is putting on a Pop Concert for all the parents and friends of Pioneer Middle School. The concert will be given February 14 at 7:30 p.m.

STRAIGHT ANSWERS TO PARENTS

by Mrs. Barbara Leffler

* Does low classroom achievement in my child necessarily mean that he is:

- Just "slow"?
- Not interested?
- Lazy?
- Immature?
- Poorly motivated?
- Perceptually handicapped?
- Just "all boy"?

*What if my child is a hard worker and still gets poor grades?

* How can I tell what my child's true potential for learning is?

These are questions that, for many parents, seem to have no answers. No one seems to level with you. To find your own answers, ask yourself a few questions about your child's behavior at home as well as at school.

Does your child frustrate easily?

Does he withdraw?

Is he easily distracted?

Does he fidget and move constantly?

Does he sleep poorly?

Does he seem to hear only occasionally?

Does he get along poorly with other children? Is he the class bully or the class scapegoat or class clown?

In school, does he seem to have difficulty in only one or two areas? Math? Reading? Spelling? Writing?

Is he clumsy and poorly coordinated?

Has his teacher been puzzled or complained about his classroom behavior?

Has his teacher suggested an eye check?

If you come up with two or more YES answers - What do all these symptoms mean? Would you like to learn more about this and other factors related to low achievement?

At 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 20, the movie "Why Billy Can't Learn" will be shown

in the multi-purpose room at Isbister elementary school. The movie is being provided through the cooperation of the Michigan Association of Children with Learning Disabilities (MACLD).

The film deals with the problems faced by a child who is not mentally retarded or emotionally disturbed but still can not learn in school. It answers the questions that so many parents and teachers ask:

What is a learning disability? What causes a learning disability?

What are the distinguishing characteristics of children with learning disabilities?

What can be done to nullify the effects of learning disabilities?

The film is an attempt to answer these and other questions in the most useful possible way.

If you are the parent of a learning disabled child or a teacher who has a child in your class who has a learning disability or you would just like to learn more about these problems, won't you please plan to attend?

Following the film there will be a question and answer session with representatives from the Michigan Association of Children with Learning Disabilities available to answer questions. We also plan to invite school administrators and special education staff to take part in the meeting to let us know what is being done in the Plymouth School District for these children. Featured speakers will be Mr. James Eubank, President of MACLD and Mrs. Barbara Vedder, Learning Disabilities Consultant-Supervisor with the Wayne County Intermediate School District.

If you know of a parent who has a learning-disabled child please invite them to attend. For further information contact Mrs. Barbara Leffler, phone 455-2129.

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THIS WEEK'S RECIPES:

FRENCH ONION SOUP

This soup can be served as the elegant first course of a formal dinner, or as a meal in itself. We like it best served with croutons and melted cheese. The recipe may appear rather long and involved, but it is economical in that it produces a large quantity that can be divided and frozen for future use.

BASIC BEEF STOCK

- 4-5 lbs. beef bones
- 6 qts. cold water
- 2 onions, peeled
- 2 carrots, peeled
- 2 celery stalks, with leaves
- 2 garlic cloves
- 1 tbsp. salt
- 2 bay leaves
- 6 springs fresh parsley, or 1 t. dried
- 10 pepper corns

Place all ingredients in large kettle. Bring to a boil and remove skum from top. Reduce heat and simmer approximately 4 hours. Strain into bowl, discarding vegetables. Chill overnight so that fat will separate. Remove and discard all fat.

SOUP

- 4 tbsp butter
- 2 tbsp oil
- 3 lbs. onions, sliced
- 4-5 qts. beef stock
- 1 1/2 t. salt
- 1/2 t. pepper
- 4 tbsp flour

Heat beef stock, adding 3 beef bouillon cubes and 2t. Kitchen Bouquet (both optional) for added color and flavor. Melt butter and oil in 6 to 8 quart pot. Stir in sliced onions, salt, and pepper. Cook on low heat 1/2 hour, stirring occasionally. Add flour and stir 3 minutes. Add hot stock slowly and simmer 45 minutes. Serve as is or in individual crocks with croutons, (made of toasted French bread cubes) and grated cheese (Swiss or Swiss and mozzarella or parmesan). Place hot soup in oven (350) for 10-15 minutes until cheese melts and begins to turn golden brown around the edges. Enjoy!!

OVEN BARBECUED SPARERIBS

- 2-3 lbs. lean spareribs
- 1 48-oz. bottle catsup
- 1 c. brown sugar (packed)
- 1/2 c. pineapple juice or water
- 1 tbsp worchestershire
- 1 t. salt
- 1/4 t. pepper

425°
Cut spareribs into single ribs for easiest eating. Place in deep casserole dish and bake 30 minutes. Drain fat. Mix remaining ingredients and pour over ribs. The ribs should be

almost covered (if not, add a small amount of catsup and few drops water). Reduce heat to 325° and return ribs to oven. Bake 2-3 hours, stirring occasionally. Serves 4

AND

Gwen Holcombe of Plymouth sends us one of her favorite recipes. Mrs. Holcombe loves cooking economically - a real asset with today's food prices. The original Bread Pudding recipe came from the Modern Encyclopedia of Cooking (Meta Given), but Mrs. Holcombe improved upon it to make the dessert even more economical and delicious. States Mrs. Holcombe: "Cooking is Fun!"

MRS. HOLCOMBE'S BREAD PUDDING

- 6 slices bread*
- 2 T. oleo
- 1/4 T. salt
- 1/2 c. raisins, optional
- 1 C. sugar
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 3 1/2 C. milk, scalded*
- 1/4 T. cinnamon

*Bread: I sometimes save the crusts from a loaf of bread in a plastic bag in the freezer until I have six slices (or until I want bread pudding). When you're ready to make pudding, take the bread from the freezer and immediately toast for pudding.

*Milk: I have found that dry milk mixed with water works as well as regular milk (and contains less calories). I have used diluted condensed milk as well.

Directions:

Toast bread and spread all of the butter on it while the bread is hot. I use enough to butter both sides sparingly. Arrange the toast in a buttered baking dish (I use a 13"x8 1/2"x2"). Sprinkle toast with raisins. Stir the salt and all but 2 T. sugar into the beaten eggs. Add the hot milk and stir to mix well. Pour over the toast and allow to stand 10 minutes. Press the toast lightly down into the milk occasionally so that it soaks up most of the milk mixture. Mix the cinnamon with the remaining sugar and sprinkle over top. Place the dish directly on oven rack. Bake in moderate oven (350) for about 25 minutes, or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean and the top is brown. Serve warm or cold. Makes 5-6 generous servings.

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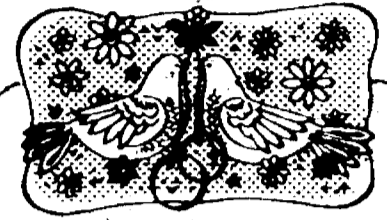
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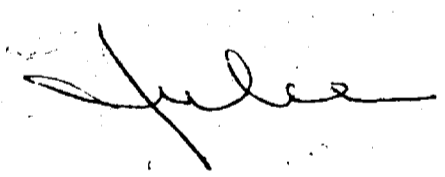
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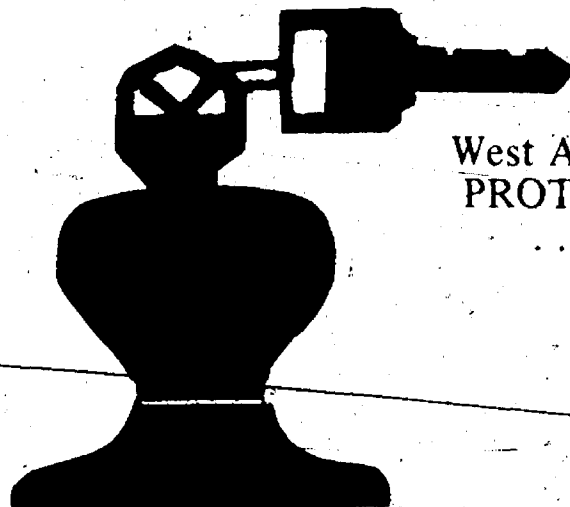
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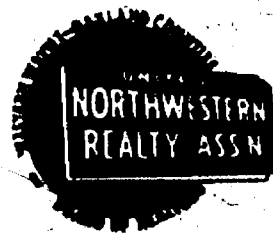
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To Grandma and Grandpop — Love, Laurie

To Mike — Love always, Laurie

Love on Valentine's Day and every other day of the year to Kelly. from Dad.

To Lynn and Jim from Bob and Elaine. The path is always shortest on the way to a friend's house.

For my Dearest Lynne, Your loving husband.

For sister Lois and brother Edd — even though you are pests!!

To the best Mom and Dad in the world! E.

To Nancy — who's lucky enough to be in California in February.

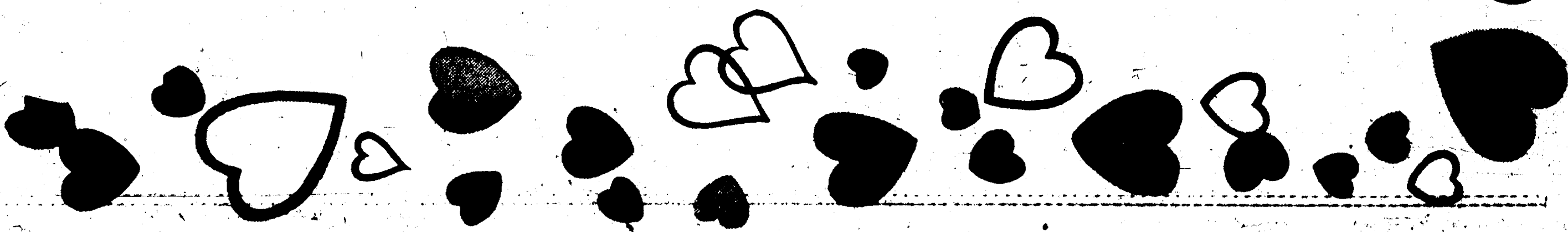
Barb — Love is cold, love is hot, but you're the only love I got (have). Love, Tim

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Distinguished Service

Awards Banquet Held

The Plymouth Jaycees and Jaycettes held their Distinguished Service Awards Banquet in late January. The banquet was planned by chairman Dave Trent and Marita Goudey to take place at the Thunderbird Hilton. Joe Falls, from the Detroit Free Press was guest speaker. Seventy people were present to honor the nine nominees for the Outstanding Man and Outstanding Woman of the Year Awards.

Michigan State University. Ms. Harper has been active in the Plymouth Jaycettes and a volunteer in the FISH program. She is superintendent for St. John's Episcopal Church and active in the Sunday School program. In addition she has instructed Summer Day School for inner-city underprivileged children. Ms. Harper was also a Representative for the Plymouth Fall Festival.

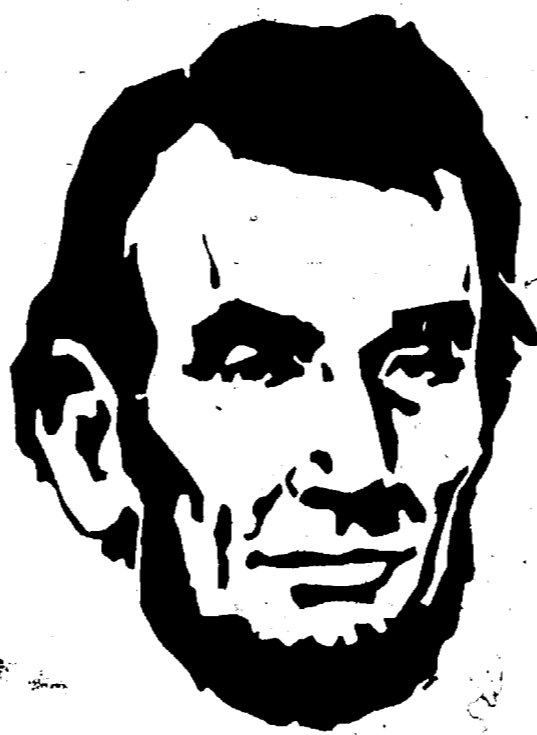
The nominees were:

Larry Groth, township Fireman; Rev. Fred Prezioso, Epiphany Lutheran Church, pastor; Dick Kirckgatter, local Veterinarian; Robert Waters, teacher and coach, Plymouth Salem High School; Dale Yagiela, director of Youth Incorporated; Captain Warren Yoder, Salvation Army; Sue Harper, District Safety Committee; Shirley Mack, former co-chairman of the Board of Education, and Julie Thoman, Wayside Gift Shop.

The two Distinguished Service Awards were presented to Sue Harper and Warren Yoder of Plymouth. Ms. Harper is a graduate of Plymouth High School. She received her degree in elementary education at

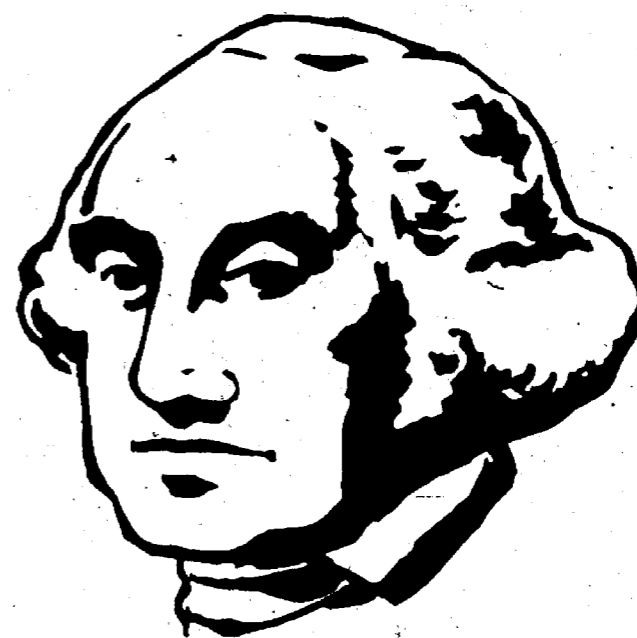
Captain Warren Yoder is also a member of the FISH of Plymouth, member of the Rotary Club and Chairman of the Tennis Committee. Mr. Yoder's outstanding contributions to the Plymouth Community area have been through his work for the Salvation Army. Mr. Yoder has raised funds to help needy children and families and has been active in raising much-needed funds for the Salvation Army's many projects. Mr. Yoder assists the Plymouth Fire Department at fires, takes the Senior Citizens of Tonquish Manor on bus trips and assists the Goodfellows.

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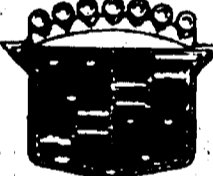
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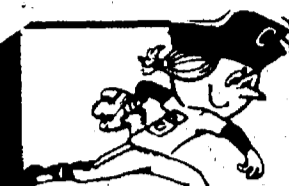
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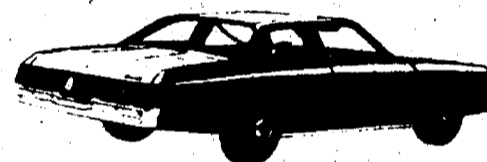
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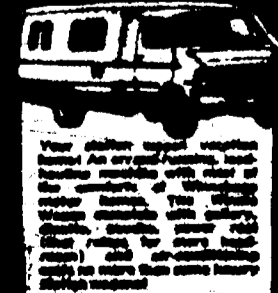
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