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What Christmas Was Like Here 50 Years Ago

By J. J. GOTCH

Editor's note: Gotch and bis wife, Erma, lived on a Canton Center Road farm more than 50 years ago. They now live in Inglewood, Calif. These are bis recollections of Christmas years ago in Plymouth.

We read in the evening paper that some big preacher was going to have a special meeting at his church in the city, to pray for all the people who have to spend a lonesome Christmas on the farm. Erma, my wife, and I have laughed about this more than just a little.

I guess that preacher never spent Christmas on a farm. Why, you couldn't find a place where there was more excitement.

One day our Dad would be reading the weekly six-page newspaper from Plymouth, when all of a sudden he would lay the paper down, all six pages of it, and exclaim, "Hmmmm—," no one could say it the way he did, mostly through his nose—"Hmmm—here it is almost Christmas, where's the year gone to, anyway?

"Then Mom would put her mending down and say, "Time certainly did fly," and that she was afrraid that the raspberry jam was turning.

But Mom knew that Christmas was almost here for she had been knitting wristlets for the past month. "I just can't believe it," Mom would say, "unless I look at the calendar."

We made it a habit to go to town on the Saturday before Christmas. My, but it took a lot of hurrying to get ready. The butter had to be packed in the basket, the eggs put in the big brass kettle, with oats all around them, so they would not freeze or crack, the horse's bridles were brought in and the bits warmed and the lap robes put near the big base burner to warm up and then the pump had to be thawed out so the water tank for the horses and cows could be filled.

Pretty soon Dad would drive up and call out, "All ready?" He drove a two-seated sleigh with lots of clean straw on the floor. Dad had just painted the sleigh the Fall before.

Dad was a dandy painter—you could see every stroke of the bursh, just like on those paintings that were on the walls of the Bennett and Hough homes, on Main Street...

Well, we went into Plymouth where it took two people to get the big brass kettle out of the deigh. It was a whopper. Mother used to make soap in it. She was a fine soapmaker. When it was at white as above

and we would mark it off in little squares, to be cut. Father was a fine painter and Mother could make better soap than the kind that money would buy, only you had to be careful so as not to get any of it in your eyes as the lye was awful strong.

Well, you ought to have seen the crowds in Plymouth on the Saturday before Christmas.

If you'd never been there, you'd never believe it. I guess it would look more like Woodward Ave. in Detroit. On Main Street you just couldn't walk on the sidewalk, for all the people. We had to go out into the street where all the snow was packed down by the horses and sleighs. A person could have looked forever into the store windows along Main and Sutton Ave. (Later on this was called Penniman Ave.)

The window of the Millspaugh Furniture Store had a window fixed up like a room with a little girl sleeping in a bed, with her hair all in curls and she was raised up on one elbow because there was Santa Claus coming down the chimney at the fireplace and he had one foot down and a new overshoe on, with the tag still on it.

On one side of the big window stood several talking machines, Edison with the cylinder records and Columbia and Victor with platter style disc records. These were a great attraction and a boy kept winding the machines and playing the records. We just couldn't decide which window we liked the best.

Huston Hardware had a nice window and Connors Hardware had two monkeys in a cage, in their window. They sat on a perch and kept pulling something off each other. Murray Candy Store had a great big candy cane, with stripes, in their window.

The John Gale Drug and Grocery Store, on Main St. had a Christmas tree in the window, with little candles, all lit, held on to branches with little cup-clamps. It had miles and miles of tinsel on it and was a big attraction for young and old.

Huston Hardware had those new racing type, steel runner, steering type sleds for boys in their window and skates for use on the Wilcox Pond. Doll buggies for girls, an Irish Mail racer and rocking horses among many, many other toys for the hucky children.

Connors had both King and Daisy Air Rifles in their window, both made in Plymouth. It was quite a struggle to get the children away from the many fine windows. Dad just kept smiling and we finally went over to the John Gale Grocery Store. I wandered to the rear of the



CAROLING THEIR WAY through downtown Plymouth last week, Central Middle School seventh graders in Laura Wallace's class

entertained merchants and shoppers alike with their Christmas songs.

Student Senate Seeking Voice in Board Decisions

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

Increased student participation in the decisionmaking process of the Plymouth Community School District will be proposed to the school board tonight (Monday).

Representatives of the student government at Centennial Educational Park will ask the board to seat three students in an advisory capacity.

The three students sitting with the board will be part of a five-member "Student Advisory Committee" which, according to the student senate proposal, would:

"Not only aid the board of education in making its decisions and give the students an opportunity to express their opinions and feelings, but also help the students better understand the problems and their solutions as decided by the board."

This is not the first time that such a student advisory role with the school board has been proposed, but in the past, it has never worked due to poor student participation.

School Board member Gary Mirto blasted the student government last year for its "lack of interest" in the school board decision - making process.

But the student government is hoping things will be different this time.

Larry Pulkownik, chairman of the committee which has proposed the students' advisory role, said the student seats would have strict rules requiring attendance at the school board meetings.

His committee's proposal was adopted by the Student Senate with the hope that the

committee "would be a working part of the board of education to aid in making decisions and to give students an opportunity to express their feelings and opinions directly to the board."

The board will consider the proposal from the student government as an additional item on its shortened agenda. Because of the holidays, the board meeting has been moved to 7 p.m. at the Board of Education offices, 500 S. Harvey

67 PHS Students Gets Perfect Grades

Several Centennial Park students have earned all A's for their work during the first marking period at Plymouth -Canton and Plymouth - Salem high schools.

Salem seniors receiving perfect reports were Victoria Chase, Elaine Guregian, Joseph Langkabel, Dawn Monteith, Susan Mosteller, Brian Murphy, Ann Renauer, Kathryn Rogers, Terri Sarris, James Shefferly, Barbara Simerka, Janet Sklenar, Martha Stacy, Susan Wade, Marybeth Whittaker, and Thomas Willette.

Juniors were Diana Barber, Janice Czupski, Steven Gerst, Janet Krick, Maureen Livingston, Elaine Stuart, Mary Sobczak, David Richards and John Nichols.

Michael Hamlin, Robert Hess, Karen Kan, John Moote and Gary Savage were sophomores with all A's.

Freshman Maryann Amodoeo and Renee Rappette also had perfect reports.

Canton seniors on the list were Sheila Bias, Cheryl Bloxsom, Gregg Burke, Carol Coleman, Kevin Crudder, Steven Delbusso, Holly Heaton, Gregory Hemingway, Sherry Michalski Samuel Nichols, Marty Peck, Susan Rutter, Diane Talik and Jane Visser.

Junions were Bethany Diehl, Gerilynn Heaton, Ann Hewett, Steve McIntosh and Michael Sochacki.

Sophomores included Lynn Douglas, Pam Leith, Barbara Masson, Gary Sieber and Scott Wales.

Freshmen on the list were Russell Burns, Soo K. Choe, Sherry A. Gates, Beverly King, Terry Mackin, Janet Mills, Nancy L. Plas, John J. Prehn, Susan Rekuc, Mark Retting and



THE RECENT FOGGY weather produced some dramatic effects when the moisture froze on trees and shrubs. Not only were country roads out in the townships hit, but even Kellogg Park was painted by Jack Frost's brush. The frozen fog was particularly dramatic west of town, as this seems shows. (Photo by BELL.)

Ruling Due in '75 On Bid to Annex Burroughs Lot



A decision by the State Boundary Commission on annexation of the Burroughs parking lot property on Plymouth Road by the City of Plymouth is still several weeks off, according to James Hyde, executive director of the commission.

A public hearing on the proposed annexation of the

Only 2 Shopping Days Left

Plymouth Township parcel was held here in October. According to Hyde, the commission has a number of annexation questions still before it on which public hearings were held earlier and which must be decided first.

He estimated that a ruling on the Burroughs parking lot question would probably not be rendered until at least February, 1975.

A COLOR TV was the top prize last week in a Christmas fundraiser sponsored by members of the Plymouth Soroptimist Club. Mayor Beverly McAninch pulled out the lucky number, assisted by Mrs. Roberta Steele (left), club second vice-president, and Helen Van Dyke, president. The 20-member businesswomen's group has fed two families and provided clothing for needy schoolchildren.

A Dog for Christmas?

Several stray dogs picked up in recent weeks in Canton Township may be killed if no one can be found to adopt them, according to Township Supervisor Robert Greenstein.

Among the strays picked up by the Canton game warden are a one-year-old medium - size brown and black mixed male, a one-year-old medium black labrador male, a four-week-old brown mixed male puppy, a one or two-year-old thoroughbred collie male, a one-year-old small white mixed terrier female, a one to two-year-old German shepherd black and brown female and a pair of mixed beagle hounds about six months to one year old.

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Methodist Church Displays 'Christmons' Tree

BY KATHY KUENZER

One of the loveliest Christmas trees in Plymouth stands in the chancel of First United Methodist Church.

It's ornaments are not typical Christmas tree balls of red and green, but unusual symbols representing Christ's name and Christian beliefs.

The tree is the work of Mrs. Marge Brillhart of Plymouth and several other church women.

A total of 81 symbols called "Chrismons," meaning Christ Monograms, covers the 8-foot tree, which also holds strings of clear lights which enhance the gold and white ornaments.

Mrs. Brillhart explains that the first Chrismon tree stood in a Lutheran Church in Danville, Va., in 1957. It's originator persuaded her minister to let her decorate their tree more appropriately for the church.

She began by asking, "What would Mary have put on Christ's birthday cake?" His name, or maybe a monogram, seemed likely.

So she constructed an "Iota" superimposed on a "Chi," the Iota being the first Greek letter in the name Jesus and Chi the first Greek letter in Christ.

Around this she placed a circle, representing the infinite

nature of God – and behold, the first Chrismon.

The fish was a password, or sign shared, sometimes secretly, among Christians in early times. This too became a Chrismon for the tree and has been stylized to form other ornaments. Other Chrismons are in the shape of stars, triangles, crosses, trefoils, roses, crowns and combinations of these symbols, which when read together can be translated into a story.

A total of 30 Chrismons make up what is now called the basic series, all done in gold and white with an occasional trace of color. The materials used in Chrismons add to their beauty. Gold tinsel, white pearls, gold beads, sequins, artificial flowers, white and gold glitter, gold mesh and paper, white chenille pipe cleaners and styrofoam all go into the large ornaments, some of which took as long as 12 hours to make.

Mrs. Brillhart found that buying things like tinsel and glitter in June and July wasn't easy and she was lucky to find a shop in North Carolina that supplied them. The tree in the Plymouth church is topped with a crown instead of the traditional star. There is also a delicate manger scene Chrismon hung at the eye level of most 5-year-olds — but adults are invited to stoop down to look too.

Virginia Bailey, Joyce Roebuck, Elsie Mae Trinka, Shirley Auchincloss, Blanche Murdock, Ardith Eidson, Ruth Kreitch, Ruth Leader, Melba Barker, Ethel North, Judy Fridley, Kathy Trinka, and Susan Schell Clark helped Mrs. Brillhart with the project.

Christmas 50 Years Ago

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store where a clerk was busy getting a barrel of salt ready and then I watched a fat woman trying to weigh herself on the platform scales while the clerk was not watching. . .

That was the time before penny scales stood in front of stores. Anyhow, Mr. Gale pointed to a box on the wall and handed me something with a cord attached to the box. "Put it to your ear," he said, and when I did I could hear Dad's voice loud and clear, from the front of the store where there was another box on the wall. They laughed and laughed as I was befuddled, never having used a telephone before.

It was a big attraction in Plymouth and folks came from as far away as Newburgh and Salem to see and use the telephone. Mr. Gale could call out on it just by turning a crank and talking into the box. They could talk to folks in Detroit, Wayne, Northville, etc. . . . I told our neighbor, Wm. Henshaw, on Canton Center Rd. about it and he said he didn't believe it and that no one could talk into a coffee mill and be heard over a clothesline.

The two horses, Fanny and Fritz, and the big Holstein cow,

Nellie, they could tell when Christmas was coming. Nobody can tell me they can't. Big Fritz would stop eating his oats and hay and let me rub him for a long time and then, if you'd talk to the animals in a low voice, they would all turn their heads to listen and look at you with big eyes and even old Caesar, the rooster with the frozen toes, would come hopping nearer. You can't tell me they don't know about Christmas. . .

On Christmas Eve we would all climb into the bob-sled and go to the high school. If you were late, you wouldn't get in. Snow was tracked in and the front of the big room was fixed up like a stage.

There was a Christmas tree on the stage and miles and miles of pop-corn on strings. There were also many candles, held on by the cup-clamps. Two big boys were at the side watching it and they had pails of water and mops in case of fire.

When the children were called up to the stage to speak their Christmas pieces, some would go right through and others would stumble and stutter or just stand silent until a parent came up and took it back to their seats.

Old Santa Claus handed out presents, all marked with names

and tagged. The Santa Claus was actually Anson Polley, local blacksmith. After it was all over we would stand around and talk and talk.

Harry Robinson and Czar Penney had livery stables and did a good business carrying folks from the R.R. Depot to the hotel, to their homes, etc.

To the north, the Gayde Bros. Grocery store also decorated their windows. The drug store, next door, had those large colored glass globes in the windows. Later on this became Otto Beyer's Drug Store, for many years. Joliffe had a grocery and dry goods store right on the corner of the Geo. Starkweather store building. In later years, Bob Shingleton and Glenn Jewell had stores there. All folks got into the Christmas spirit and the smiles on the faces of all we met were a sure sign that there was 'peace on earth'. in Plymouth.

Anyhow, the day was a big success at our house on Christmas Day. The relatives ate up all the food, a turkey and four wild rabbits that I had caught in my box trap, so they were fresh and not full of lead shot from a shotgup.

After Christmas dinner we all went into the sittin' room, or parlor, to watch the glowing candles on the tree. Mother filled the pail with water, near the tree and father brought in a pail of sand that had to be thawed out, before it could be of any value for fighting fires.

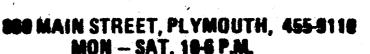
During the time between Christmas and New Year's Day, we went to relatives and neighbors to see their trees and gifts and they did the same thing. Then, after New Year's Day, we took the decorations off the tree and it became kindling wood for starting fire in the big kitchen range, on cold mornings. A quick fire was very welcome in a cold kitchen in the winter time.

Erma and I hope that all you Plymouth folks have as good a Christmas season as we had, way tack early in the 1900's

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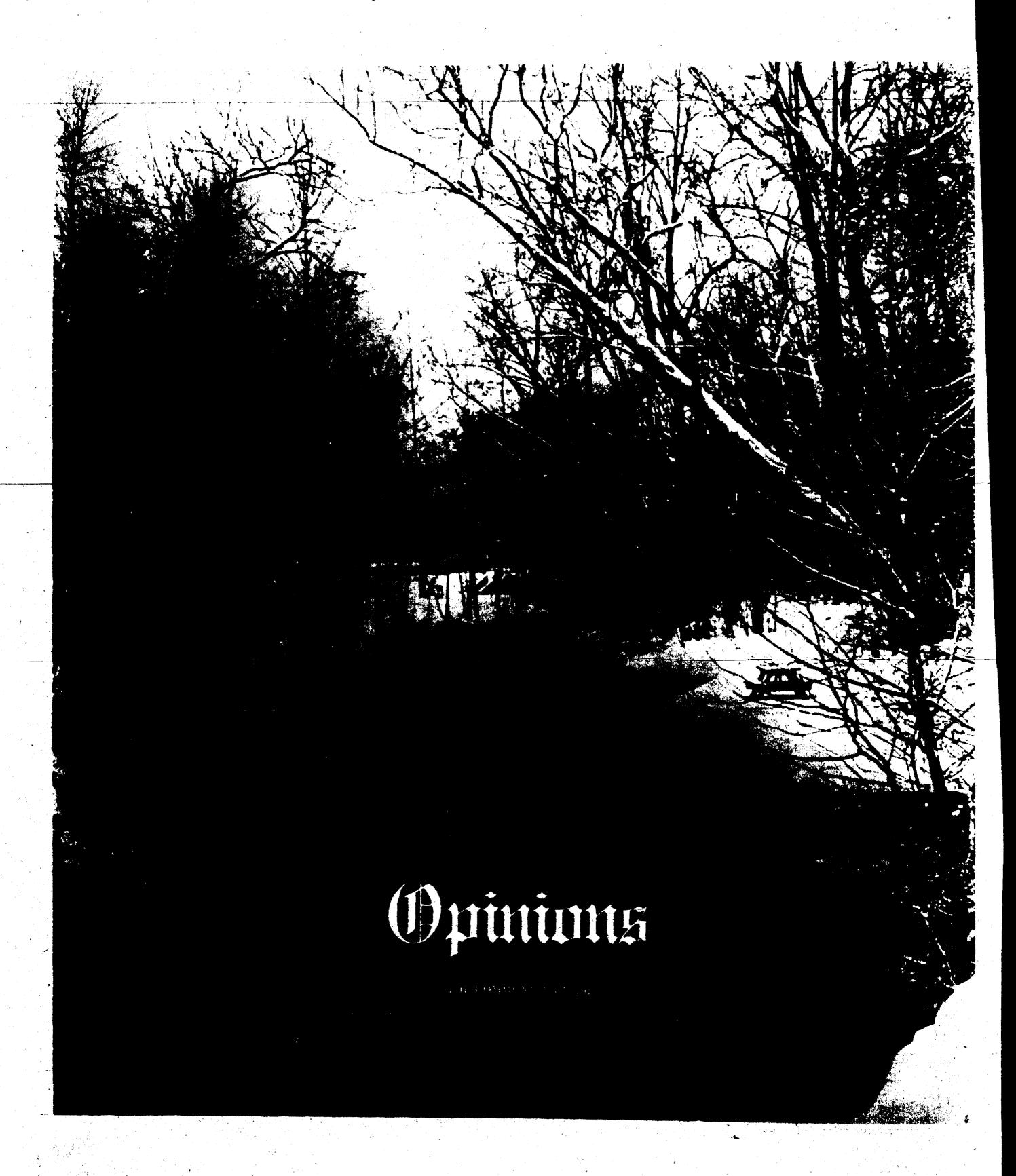
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Winter in Edward Hines Park - - Staff Photo by W. Edward Wendove

Season's Greetings from The Community Crier Staff



STANTA CLAUS ARRIVED by helicopter at the Plymouth Center for Human Development

Wednesday to distribute gifts to all the center's residents.

Busy Bee Stung

More than \$185 in cash was stolen late Tuesday or early Wednesday from Busy Bee Crafts, 632 S. Main.

Plymouth Police reported that an unknown intruder broke out a side door window with a gas burner from an old furnace which stood beside the door. The break-in was discovered at 9:50 a.m. Wednesday when the store was opened.

Faye Humphries Gets Medical Certification

Faye Humphries, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Milt Humphries of 1415 Ross, was one of seven Borgess (Kalamazoo) Hospital medical technology students receiving certification recently from the American Society of Clinical Pathologists.

Miss Humphries, a graduate of Western Michigan University, works in the clinical laboratory at Borgess.

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Man Hits Parked Car

Daniel Bradford, 30, of Belleville, was injured slightly late Wednesday afternoon when the car he was driving slanfmed into a parked auto on Ann Arbor Trail just east of Sheldon.

Bradford, who was treated and released from Wayne County General Hospital, was charged with reckless driving. He struck a car owned by H. Edgar Johnson of 1464 W. Ann Arbor Trail, city police said.



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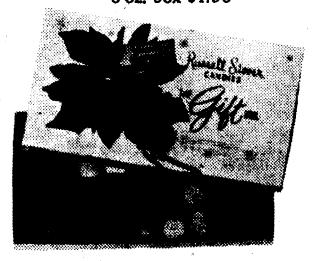




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Matzo Named Canton Planner

BY KATHY KUENZER

Two new appointments and a reappointment have been made by Canton supervisor Robert Greenstein to fill posts on Canton governmental boards.

"A.D. "Gus" Matzo has been appointed to replace Wes Kaiser,

Leroy Mitchell Dies Dec. 7

Leroy Mitchell, 80, of 48425 Gyde Road, Canton Township, died Dec. 7 at his home. Services were held in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with arrangements by Schrader Funeral Home. Fr. Francis Byrne officiated. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery, Ypsilanti.

He is survived by his sons, Millard L. of Plymouth, John C. of Livonia, Thomas A. of Liberty Center, Ohio, Francis D. of Plymouth, J. Robert of Southfield, Martin P. of Hubbard Lake and Joseph C. of Dearborn Heights; daughters, Sister Eucharista Marie of Plymouth and Mrs. Mary Richardson of Redwood City, Calif. and 38 grandchildren.

He was a retired employe of Sinclair Oil Co. and a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

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who recently resigned from the township planning commission. Matzo is a resident of Holiday Park subdivision.

An engineer and computer expert with the Federal government, Matzo will serve from Jan. 1, 1975, to Dec. 31, 1977.

Kaiser had asked that his replacement be named early so that he could be included in upcoming study sessions on the proposed master plan.

Reappointed to the planning commission to serve from Jan. 1, 1975, to Dec. 31, 1977, is Robert Miller, president of the

Northwest Canton Homeowners' Association.

Miller was originally appointed to serve a short term during the month of December to fill the vacancy left by Robert Sherrerly, who resigned in November.

Trustee Brian Schwall has been named by Greenstein to replace Donald Korte as representative from the Canton board to the Plymouth - Canton Development Commission (PCDC).

There will be no Canton Township Board meeting on Dec. 24, 1974, because of Christmas Eve.

Refrigerator Raided

Burglars in search of spirits and apparently little else robbed the Canton Township home of Kenneth Kramer last Monday night.

State Police reported that one or more intruders passed up a television, stereo and pocket calculator in favor of raiding the refrigerator.

Kramer told police that a half - full bottle of Annie Greensprings wine, a bottle of champagne and eight cans of Budweiser were stolen.

State Police investigators reported that "little" footprints were found in the snow outside a broken basement window where entry was apparently gained.

Dema Gladman Dies Dec. 10

Dema L. Gladman, 66, of 11800 Newburgh Road, Livonia, died Dec. 10 in Annapolis Hospital. Services were held in Schrader Funeral Home with Rev. George W. Buck officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Gladman is survived by her mother, Mrs. Flo Funk of Plymouth; a daughter, Mrs. June Robinson of Anderson, Ind.; a son. Philip Truesdell of Howell; sisters, Mrs. Bernita Lee of Plymouth, Mrs. Alice McKim of

Students Build

Y Equipment

Plymouth YMCA has a

pre-school fitness class now,

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William Doughty's woodshop at

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balance beam, plank and ladder

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The young craftsmen built a

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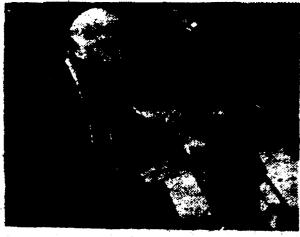
Ypsilanti and Mrs. Wanda Kehrer of Walled Lake; brothers, Durward Funk of Hasty, Ark., Paul Funk of Livonia and Rev. Clifford Funk of Arlington, Texas and seven grandchildren.

She was a church custodian and a member of the Riverside Park Church of God.

Anna E. Schoenborn Dies

Anna Elizabeth Schoenborn 81, of 15680 Bradner Road, Northville Township, died Dec. 10 in her home. Services were held in Schrader Funeral Home with Rev. Henry J. Walch officiating. Burial was in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery.

Mrs. Schoenborn is survived by her husband, Clarence Schoenborn of Plymouth; sisters, Eva P. Rinehart of Livonia and Ruth E. Jondreau of Livonia and a brother, Joseph Larzelere of Santa Cruz, Calif.



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By W.EdWAID
WENDOVER

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(It's less expensive doing it this way than sending cards through the mail - and those of you who've been in the post office lately know how much easier this is than fighting that crush.)

To the school board: ash trays.

To Margaret "Dolly" Carter (PEA president): a 14-day delay in your Christmas.

To the school board: Former member John Graves (also known as Moses in the Bullrushes), who would have known how to handle this last teachers' strike.

To Marcia Borowski: carpeting and piped-in music at Stark weather Elementary School.

To Carl Berry: good luck in his permanent stake - out for the "Mad Plymouth Bombler."

To Marda Benson: a Community Crier paper route (we give family discounts) as long as you don't deliver week-old editions.

To George Lawton: half a tunnel between 500 S. Harvey and 454 S. Harvey.

To Mike Hoben: the other half of the tunnel.

To Gary Mirto: a copy of Dr. Rudolph Flesch's "The Art of Plain Talk."

To E. J. McClendon: a hot

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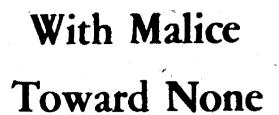
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To City Police Chief Tom Ford: miracle cures.

To Ray Quada: a new dragon to do battle with (the C&O?).

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To Northville Township: . Northville.

To the Plymouth City Commission: a petition from the Livonia City Council to annex Plymouth (see how it feels).

To the Plymouth-Salem Rock gridders: congratulations on your fine record.

To Bob Greenstein: a new pair of tennis shoes (to go with his track warm-up suit.) with six-inch Cuban heels and three Jim Poole bubblegum trading cards.

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To the residents of the Joppa Place Left: 1,000 pounds of pigeon repellent.

To Cal the Mechanic: a repair manual for a 1948 Packard.

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To Bob Delaney: good luck with your new all-night handball court opening soon.

To Bill Mahoney: a sleigh with eight tiny reindeer.

To Ken Vogras and Web Kincade: 1,000,000 gallons of missing water.

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To the Plymouth and Canton Goodfellows: a bright Christmas for YOU now that you've seen to everybody elses.

To Jim Houk: a new trailer.

To the Wayne County Sheriff and Road Commission: a map with Plymouth and Canton Townships on it (must be you lost the one we gave last year).

To Helen Richardson: a huge write-in campaign (only kidding, Helen).

To Pinky: Christmas in Gstaad.

To Joe West: a cram course in taxation and assessments plus a box of No-Doz to stay awake at township board meetings.

To J. D. McLaren: renewed courage.

To Frank Millington: the memory of an elephant.

To Dick Gornick: principalship of an elementary school in Oshkosh, Wis.

To Gene Overholt: renewed ambition (now see what you've done).

To Russell Ash: a box of Marsh Wheeling Mild Deluxe Light Stogies.

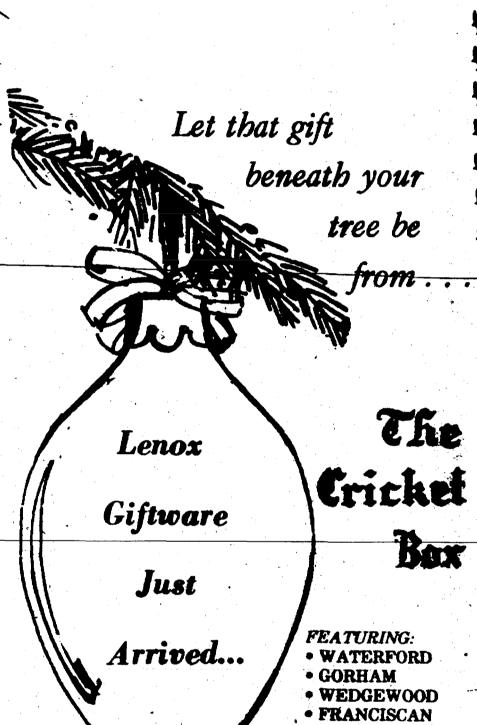
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PHS Athletes Awarded Fall Sports Letters

Plymouth-Canton and Plymouth-Salem athletes involved in fall sports have received varsity letters for their efforts.

Varsity letter winners in Canton girls basketball were Sue Myrtle, Lori Tomalak, Cindy Krieg, Ellen Doran, Carolyn Rumburger, Kim Zoladz, Jenny

Canton Tankers Flounder

After winning their first meet of the season against Livonia Churchill 99-72, Plymouth-Canton swimmers went down in defeat Thursday 97-72 to an excellent Farmington Harrison squad.

The Chiefs lost the first four events by a total margin of only 2.2 seconds. After these narrow

setbacks, Coach William Faunce's team got back on the winning trail when Brian Kenney took the 100-yard backstroke in 1:00.2.

Sophomore Scott Wales came in first in diving with 186.8 points. The 400 freestyle relay of Bill Couchis, Tyrone Sally, Jamie Greenwood and Kevin Harris also took a first. Diehl, Kathy Stevens, Chris Boyd and Karen DeBoer.

Winning letters for their junior varsity play were Kathy Sochachi, Sue Rekuc, Debbie Burger, Janet Roths, Lisa Rost, Joanne Roths, Tracy DeBoer, Kathy Banchoff, Barb Stevens, Cheryl Fee, Heidi Kinsler, Lauri Barnes and Karen George.

First year girls tennis letter winners were Jan Haarer, Barb Palmer and Carolyn Schmidt.

Chris Boyd, Lisa Williams, Janet Boyne, Dawn Bianchi, Karen Reid and Kathy McElmeel won letters for second year tennis.

Junior varsity winners were Kim Grineinko, Jody Bradobravich, Connie Freeh and Mary Riffe.

Girl swimmers who won their letters were Jane Anderson, Tina DeWalt, Denise Ferguson, Donna Foster, Janet Gottschalk, Ann Hewett, Dawn McKenzie, Beth Kesson, Lynn Michalik, Sinda Nichols, Amy Pearson, Kay Spring, Robin Thompson, Kathy Toor, Laura Toor, Nancy Van Scoit, Rita Walker and Barb Rutter.

Canton boys cross-country letter winners were Brian Bennett, Mike Guzman, Mike Potter, Tom Kelly, Steve Sally, Marko Chisnell, Greg Krug and Bob Richardson.

Among the football players winning their varsity letters were Greg Barnes, John Broadbent, Gregg Burke, Tom Close, Bill Couchois, Ron Craig, Scott Dunagan, Dave Edwards, Scott Gray, Kim Hammonds, Steve Hanis, Ryan Hill, Mark Hutton, Rick Kollar, Rusty Lindman, Ray Mandle, Dave McIntosh and Risti Mihailovich.

Also winning letters for the Chiefs in football were Jim Moore, Matt Norris, Scott Nys, Dale Parker, Kevin Parmenter, Dave Pink, Tom Powell, Steve Salyer, Brian Stemberger, Bob Steyaert, Greg Sweet, Rick Thom, Jim Tiller, Randy Urban, Mike Verduce, Harvey Walker, fim Williams and John Young.

Golf letter winners were Marty Peck, Marc Nurmi, Mike Macocha, Lou Denski, Brady Nitchman, Jon Pearson, Steve Morman and Mike Sochaki.

Salem athletes winning letters for football included Dan Ross, Doug Ward, Joe Hibler, Steve Maisner, Tim Dillon, Darrell Rowe, Charlie Johnson, Joe Scott, Jim Anderson, Scott Agnew, Doug Tripp, Larry Rightler, Gordon Baker, John Lynch, Reid Albert and Floyd Vinson.

Also awarded letters for football were Chuck Poteau, Jerry Brink, David James, Mark Manthey, Howard Inch, David Kolb, Richard Doherty, Dave Champion, Doug McCowan, Rick Gladstone, John Horton, Mike Telekesy, Pete Wiltse, Russ Bruner, Richard Jenkins and Pat LeRuy.

Winning junior varsity letters in golf were Mark Sieber, Gary Sieber and Scott McGlone.

Salem girls winning letters in swimming were Eileen Biggs, Tamie Crespo, Kathy Dillon, Sue Finley, Chris Leclair, Kathy Lewelling, Lisa Lukens, Barbie Lyttle, Pat Marks, Amy McClumpha, Dianne Miller, Denise Ouelette, Julie Prchlik, Katie Rogers, Kathy Reef, Ilons Schmidt, Martha Schearer, Marion Stanwood and Sue Stanwood.

Rock cross-country letter winners were Walt White, Curt Judd, Bob Hess, Scott Kleam, Jim Feldkamp and Mark DeMerritt.

Letter winners in golf were Jeff Roth, Chuck Thomas, John Beems, Dave Pierce, Randy Lorenz and Mike Mullen,

Plymouth — Salem Girls' varsity basketball letter winners were Barb Croci, Molly Meade, Peggy Moore, Ann Renauer, Julie Shearer, Dorothy Spitz, Linda Agardy, Cheri Levelle, Ann Schwaller and Sherri Ahland.

Junior varsity letter winners on the Plymouth - Salem Girls' Basketball Team were Lori Hallauer, Debbie Oehman, Denise Huber, Donna Goodrich, Bobbi Davis, Collette Cabadas, Lisa Szczodrowski, Carolyn Szczodrowski, Lori Szabla and Cindy Richards.

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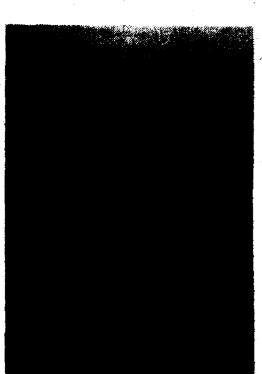
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ROCK WRESTLER STEVE SCRUGGS (right), positions himself for a take-down

Thursday night in a junior varsity match with Northville held just prior to the varsity contest.

Salem Grapplers Keep Streak Alive

BY BRUCE GERISH

Coach Ron Krueger's Plymouth-Salem wrestlers chalked up their fourth victory in as many outings Thursday 35-14 over a tough Northville squad.

Things looked bleak for Rock fams at the outset. Sophomore Less Hassen out-pointed his 98-pound rival, but Salem soon trailed 6-3 as Bob Zalimeni and Rick Saunders dropped their contests.

Plymouth came back to lead 9-6 as Carl Shultz and Brian Hawkins notched easy victories. The Rock lead was short-lived, however, as Mustang Brent Ashby slid by Jeff Fidge to even the score at nine apiece.

The Big Blue Machine finally got in gear, however, as Jeff Kenney pinned his man in 4:42, putting Salem ahead 15-9.

After Jerry Brink tied his match and Floyd Vinson was out-pointed, steady Scott Agnew

posted a pin over Larry Pink in 3:42. Salem led 23-14 and the stage was set for the night's most exciting match.

Dan Ross, who had come out for the team only three days before, showed Coach Krueger he could learn fast taking only 62 seconds to dispose of Norm Pratt and clinch the Rocks' victory.

Northville forfeited the heavyweight match, giving Salem six more points and the meet, 35-14.

The Rocks take a 4-0 overall mark and 1-0 league record into the new year.

Swimmers Sunk

Plymouth-Salem swimmers suffered their first loss Tuesday against two wins as they were swamped by a tough Northville squad 100-76.

The Rocks had several individual winners, but couldn't match the powerful Mustangs' depth.

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Rocks Nip Fordson 51-48

BY DENNIS O'CONNOR

For the second game in a row, Tuesday the Plymouth-Salem Rocks varsity basketball team handed an undefeated opponent from the Western suburbs its first defeat.

Saturday (Dec. 14) the victims of the Plymouth attack were the Belleville Tigers, last Tuesday (Dec. 17), Plymouth traveled to Dearborn Fordson for a non-league battle, and the Tractors got a taste of the 'Big Blue Machine' as the Rocks managed a 51-48 win.

The victory over Fordson at the opponent's gym was a proud accomplishment for Plymouth, because Fordson had lost only one game in the last three years on its home court.

The game was a defensive struggle all the way, with Plymouth's overwhelming and intimidating height matching the quick, high-pressured defense of the Tractors.

The flow of the contest was much like that of the Belleville game, as Fordson started quickly, forcing the Rocks to play catch-up in the second period.

Fordson's margin over Plymouth reached nine points (23-14) with four minutes left in the half before the Rocks finally woke up and reeled off 10 unanswered points to take the lead. The rest of the half was a see-caw battle, with Fordson grabbing a slim 27-26 lead at intermission.

Plymouth's big man, six-foot-ten Eric Agardy, took things into his own hands in the third quarter as he scored nine of the team's 11 points.

Fordson was held to only six in that period, as the always-intimidating Jim Ellinghausen was all over the came his way.

Plymouth maintained a three to five point margin through the rest of the game. Pressure free throws in the final minutes by the Rocks' two outstanding gnards, Danny Moore and Tim Dillon, sewed up the victory.

Agardy had game honors with 25 points. Dillon also reached double figures with ten.

Plymouth out rebounded the Tractors 44-27 as Agardy and Ellinghausen combined for 33 of the Rocks' total. Plymouth shot 36 per cent from the floor, while holding the always-hot Fordson squad to only 34 per cent.

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Total feels - Plymouth 13 Fordson 16 Found out - Agardy (P)

Doc's Corner

by Dennis O'Connor

After that disheartening one point upset loss to Livonia Bentley two weeks ago, the Plymouth Rocks' record was 2-1 and could have slipped under the .500 mark with Belleville and Dearborn Fordson next on the schedule.

But the Rocks showed what they were really made of when they erased the loss from their minds and came back with impressive wins over both schools.

These wins over previously unbeaten teams brought back Plymouth's winning confidence and re-established the Rocks as a team to contend with, not only in the Suburban Eight League but in the area and the state.

The victory over the explosive Fordson squad had some underlying factors that the box score doesn't show.

The first thing I observed was the ability of reserve forward John Maloney to spark up the team when the chips were down. Maloney entered the game when the Rocks were nine back with four minutes left in the half. In

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John was all over the court, giving the Rocks 110 per cent. Maloney's short visit gave him six points (including a 24-foot shot at the buzzer of the first half), but more importantly, fired up the Rocks for a tremendous comeback.

The playmaking of Danny Moore proved to be another key to victory, as the captain penetrated effectively, dumping the ball off to the big guys. Moore had seven assists and has now accounted for an amazing total of 28 in the last three outings.

The final important role in the Phymouth win was the defense play of six-foot-seven forward Jim Ellinghausen. Despite the fact that he had a frustrating night offensively (four points) against the stingy Fordson defense, Jim stuck it back to the Tractors with some smooth defense of his own, deflecting mannerous Fordson shots.

The intimidating play of Hillinghausen and the all-round team effort of the Rocks will be semembered by Fordson for a

Cold Chief Cagers Fall to Dearborn 65-43

Coming off a well-played game against Waterford Mott on Friday (Dec. 13), the Plymouth-Canton Chiefs

suffered an ice-cold shooting night and lost a non-league encounter with undefeated Dearborn of the Suburban Eight

League 65-43 last Tuesday (Dec.

The lid was on the hoop all night for the Chiefs, as they

C'ville Pins Canton Matmen

The Plymouth-Canton wrestlers suffered their third defeat Thursday in as many

tries, falling to a visiting Clarenceville team 40-18.

The loss opened on a

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successful note as Canton took two victories by decision. Bill Heedum won 4-2 (98 lbs.) and Mike Guzman came out on top 7-3 (105 lbs.). The other two Canton victories came on pins by Ron Craig and Gregg Burke.

The Junior Varsity team raised its record to 2-1 prior to the varsity meet with a 48-21 win over the Clarenceville JV. Four pins and two decisions accounted for the Chiefs' scoring. John Prehn, Kyle Heaton, Bob Yauck and Chuck Walker pinned their opponents and Wes Craig and Jeff Simons won by decision.

Frosh Rally Falls Short

A second half comeback by the Plymouth-Canton freshmen cagers fell short of the mark Thursday as a squad from Pierce Junior High beat the Chiefs 60-57.

The frosh's record now stands at 1-2.

Canton ended up with four more field goals than Pierce (26-22), but converted only five of 14 from the foul line compared to 16 of 30 for Pierce.

converted only 17 of 57 field goals for a miserable 25 per cent.

Having to play catch-up for most of the contest didn't help matters. Dearborn jumped into a four-point lead at the end of the first quarter (15-11) and extended its margin to 32-19 at the half.

The lead increased by three at the end of the third period (42-26) before both teams exploded in the final quarter for a combined 40 points, 23 for Dearborn and 17 for the Chiefs.

Dave Edwards led Canton in both scoring and rebounding, pumping in 15 points while grabbing 10 rebounds. Forward Ron Lack, last year's leading scorer, had his best offensive game of the season, hitting double figures with 13.

Canton made nine of 17 free throws for 53 per cent.

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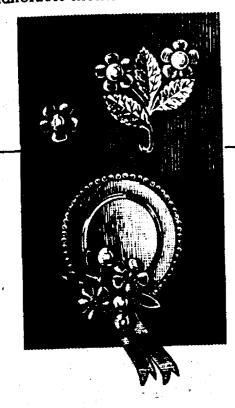
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Salem Girl Cagers Honored

Several members of Plymouth _ Salem Girls' Basketball team have been honored for their recent season.

Barb Croci, captain, was named to the Suburban Eight League First team; Molly Meade and Peggy Moore were named to the all-league second team; and Julie Shearer was given a league honorable mention.



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Tractors Edge Rock JV 52-47 BY DENNIS O'CONNOR

The Plymouth-Salem junior varsity showed much improvement but still fell short Tuesday as the Rocks lost their fourth straight game 52-47 to an unbeaten Fordson JV.

Hot outside shooting by guard

The Canton junior varsity

basketball team saw its record

drop to .500 Tuesday (3-3)

when it lost to Dearborn by 20

points (57-37) prior to the

It was a defensive battle all the

Barry Cranford led all Chief

way, as Canton was held to only

scorers with 14 points. Mark

Hutton was next with nine.

13 field goals in 36 attempts (38

Guard Rob Mandle did a good

job in passing for points as he

The Pioneers jumped off to a

quick 15-8 lead at the end of the

first quarter and maintained that seven-point advantage at the half

accounted for five assists.

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24-17.

Canton JV Cagers

Lose to Dearborn

25-13.

Steve Maisner accounted for six points, as the Rocks stayed even with their opponents in the first quarter 14-14.

An eight-point second period by Plymouth's six-foot-five center Bruce Gerish wasn't enough to match Fordson, as the

Dearborn increased that lead

by only one point after three

quarters of action, but blew

things wide open in the final

period, outscoring Canton

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at the end of the third quarter before the Rocks started a fourth period comeback that almost pulled out a victory. The Rocks came within one point with two and a half minutes left, but the stubborn and skillful Fordson offense continued its great outside shooting to stymie

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Tractors pulled into a four-point lead at halftime, 24-20.

The Fordson lead spread to 10 the late rally.

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Game of the week of Jan. 6. The Stars vs. Earl Keim - 6:30

Gerish led all scorers with 16, followed by Kevin Roose with 11 and Maisner with 10. Gerish was also the leading rebounder, pulling down 11. Duane Bennett added nine rebounds followed by Chris deBear with eight and Roose with seven.

Army Gets Bus

The Plymouth Corps of the Salvation : Army recently received a new 20-passenger mini-bus bought with a grant from the Plymouth Community Fund and contributions from several local service clubs.

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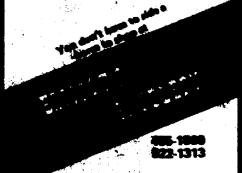






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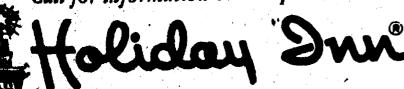
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NOW, THEREFORE, Thereby certify that the above-named association is authorized to commence the business of banking as a National Banking Association.

In testimony whereof, witness my signature and seal of office this 25th day of October, 1974

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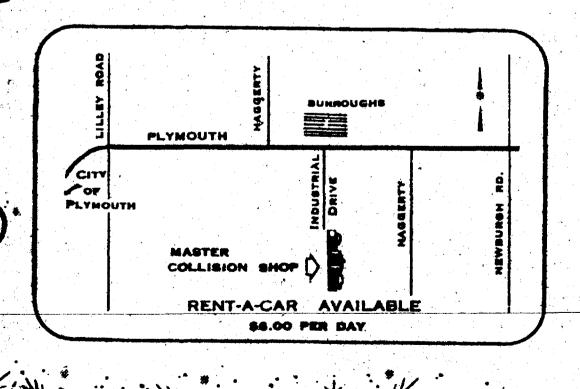
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