

City police ratify two-year pact, 7% raise set

Plymouth Police last Tuesday ratified a two-year agreement with the City of Plymouth which calls for a seven per cent pay increase this year and a five per cent hike with pension improvements the following year.

The pact is the first between the city and the newly-organized 12-member Law Enforce-

ment Division of Teamsters Local 214.

The increase, which is retroactive to July 1, also calls for an improved dental care package and a \$50 clothing allowance.

"It's a brand-new contract, and that took a lot of time," said City Manager Fred Yockey. He said the city commission has

already informally approved the terms of the contract, and is expected to ratify it Jan. 5.

Still to be settled through arbitration is the procedure for scheduling police work weeks. Both sides agreed to seek the arbitration.

"We could not agree to that in discussion," Yockey said. "We


believe it's the city's right to schedule people."

Under terms of the new agreement, a police officer with four years of service will receive \$16,600, compared to \$15,571 under the old pact.

The second year of the new contract begins July 1. In addition to the five per cent pay

hike, officers will be able to retire at 55 after 25 years of service. Formerly, police could seek voluntary retirement at 60, but with reduced pension.

Yockey said the agreement is in line with salary hikes approved earlier this year for the city's other salaried and hourly employees.



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Schools' sex dispute settled, women to be reimbursed

BY HANK MEIJER

Some 26 female custodians in the Plymouth School District will receive from \$200 to \$400 each in back pay over the next three years because they had been paid according to a different scale than their male counterparts.

The school board last week approved a \$10,000 out-of-court settlement with the U.S. Department of Labor for an equal pay for equal work lawsuit brought by the Federal agency in 1974.

The government claimed that the female custodians, who worked in the custodian I classification, did essentially the same jobs as men who worked in the custodian II classification. Although the job description for custodian II called for heavier work, such as unloading trucks, the labor department claimed the difference in job description did not justify the difference in pay.

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The labor department had claimed the district owed the 26 women janitors as much as \$37,000 in back pay.

With the board's approval, those female custodians will now be paid according to the same wage scale as males in custodian II. The district will have three years to pay back the \$10,000 under terms of the settlement.

Board Vice-President Marcia Borowski moved to table board approval of the judgment for further study, but her motion received no support.

"I think we should have closure on this and the women should begin to get their back pay," said Board President Marda Benson. Benson, Treasurer Tom Yack Secretary George Lawton and Member E.J. McClendon supported the settlement, with Borowski dissenting.

Vow protest

Officials blast water rate hike

BY KATHY KUENZER

The Detroit Metropolitan Water Board last week approved an across-the-board increase on water rates of 39 per cent and most local government officials are anything but pleased.

The water rate hike follows by only a few months an increase of some 50 per cent in the sewer usage rate.

"Without being privy to the details of the increase," said

Plymouth City Manager Fred Yockey, "I would have two comments:

"First, I think the percentage increase is improper. It should instead be an increase on gallons or cubic feet of water. The people in the suburbs already pay more per unit of water than Detroit. An increase of 39 per cent for the suburbs means a greater total increase for them than for Detroit.

"We will fight for a more equitable distribution of costs," he added.

Yockey agreed with officials in Canton and Plymouth townships that there will be a "consumer reaction to litigate the increase."

"I don't know if the increase is justified," he said, "but I do think the board should have waited for the results and of the water department."

Canton Township Clerk John Flodin said he felt the rate increases should be protested.

"I'm not satisfied this is equitable," he said, "since some communities already pay more in water rates, an across-the-board increase would only compound the inequity."

Flodin said that because water rates had not been hiked for many years, an increase might be warranted. "But I wonder if 39 per cent is necessary," he added.

Plymouth Township Supervisor J.D. McLaren said he "guessed the increase would wind up in some legal action.

"I would assume that only by some action of all affected could we do anything about the increase. It seems we have no representation on the water board."

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Annexation nod due in month

A final decision is expected in about a month on the annexation of the 40-acre Burroughs parking lot to the City of Plymouth.

An earlier report in The Crier that a decision was due before the end of the year was based on mistaken information from the State Boundary Commission, the body which decides annexation questions in Michigan.

A boundary commission spokesman said "finding of fact" — the final written report of the commission's adjudicative proceedings — had been completed on the annexation of the Hillside Inn property on Plymouth Rd. Annexation of that parcel, located across the

street from the Burroughs lot, was rejected when the commission found the legal description of the parcel contained in the city's petition to be insufficient.

The commission had tentatively approved the Burroughs annexation at its Sept. 3 adjudicative hearing.

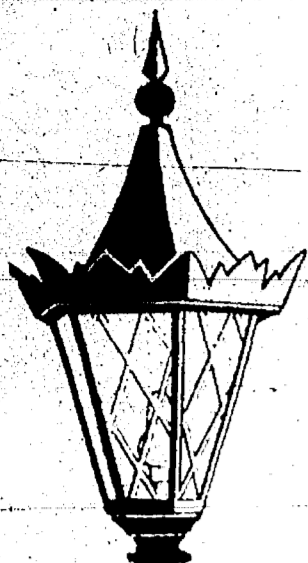
A lower court decision that the boundary commission does not have the constitutional authority to rule in annexation matters is being appealed to the state Supreme Court, and the commission's lawyer had advised it to proceed with the Plymouth question and other which had been delayed by the lower court ruling.

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Eli is riding high

LANKY JIM ELLINGHAUSEN of the Salem Rocks is leading the cagers to another record-setting season. For a closer look at Jim's personal side — and a report on the Rocks' Christmas Tournament triumph — see page 11. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)



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Crier's new home

THE CRIER BUILDING, at 572 S. Harvey St. in downtown Plymouth, will be the new home of The Community Crier as of Jan. 7. The three-floor building will offer the newspaper larger quarters in which to house an expanded production department.

WSU will study mod scheduling

The Plymouth School Board last week agreed to pay a team of educators from Wayne State University \$6,000 to study the effectiveness of the controversial modular scheduling system at Centennial Education Park.

Proposals for such a study were also submitted, at board request, by educators from the University of Michigan, and Michigan State University.

Michigan's study would have cost the district \$10,000, and Michigan State's, although board members said it was strong in some ways, did not take into account as fully as the others the planned work of a scheduling subcommittee to be created as part of the board's

soon-to-be-formed Citizens Advisory Committee.

"We probably have the best proposal in the Wayne State University proposal," said Treasurer Tom Yack, who had proposed at an earlier meeting that Wayne do the study.

The Wayne State proposal was approved by a 4-1 vote, with Secretary George Lawton dissenting.

"The study is a sound direction for this district to take," Lawton said, "But unless we start genuinely reducing expenditures, we are going to be suspect in the eyes of the public — and in the eyes of the staff whom we have asked to make cuts."

New aerial shots ordered

Thanks to an arrangement with the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township will soon have new aerial photographs taken.

The city is paying some \$500 for its photos, which will be the framed original.

SEMCOG officials notified Plymouth Township Clerk Helen Richardson that the township could buy an unframed aerial print for \$200.

The township board approved the purchase last week. The new maps will replace ones in both city hall and township hall that are several years old.

SNOW!

Storm causes few accidents

Despite the heavy snow last Friday, the Wayne County Sheriff's Dept. reported few accidents in the Plymouth-Canton area.

Authorities attributed the low accident rate to the small number of people who venture out the day after Christmas.

One injury accident was reported in Plymouth Township and several cars were abandoned, but by Friday night, a Wayne County Sheriff's Patrol spokesman said, it was "not too bad, yet."

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Wine warms icy dragon

FROZEN CREATURES are a tradition with the Knopf family at 1127 Ross in Plymouth. Plymouth Police on patrol last week spotted what they claim is one of the best yet, a multi-colored dragon cradling a bottle of wine in the Ross St. front yard. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron.)

Twp. gets interest, schools cite cash pinch Schools seek their share of collected Township taxes

Plymouth school officials are keeping their fingers crossed that Plymouth Township will turn over some of the schools' taxes it has collected sooner than the Jan. 10 date by which Treasurer Joe West has promised payment.

State aid cuts have damaged the schools' financial picture so much, administrators say, that the district's cash flow is in rough shape.

As a result, this year more than ever, school officials are counting on the tax money collected for them by local units of government — chiefly Plymouth Township, Canton Township and the City of Plymouth — which provides the bulk of their revenues.

The city traditionally pays promptly, said Ray Hoedel, assistant superintendent for business, and this year by Dec. 22, the city had already forwarded to the schools \$360,000 or 11.6% of the total school taxes it collects.

Although Canton Township has yet to send in any of its funds — unlike last year, when the township turned over \$160,000 by Dec. 27 — Canton Treasurer Carl Parsell has offered a two-week payment plan which school officials like.

Parsell has promised the first payment of \$500,000 on Jan. 2.

At press time, however, Plymouth Township had not agreed to speed up payment of collections to the schools.

Plymouth Township collects the largest share of the district's total tax revenues — \$7.66 million, compared to \$5.6 million from Canton, \$3.1 million from the city and smaller amounts from Salem Superior and Northville townships.

Under state law, local governments can at no time have on hand more than 25% of their total school collections, and must turn over all taxes to the schools by Jan. 20.

Apart from those guidelines, it's up to the local governments. Hoedel hopes Plymouth Township will follow Canton's lead and try to turn over collections at least every two weeks. The city has already begun its payments.

"It's our money and they (the municipalities) are collecting a fee," said Hoedel. "I'm holding up bills the board has approved, because there's no money to pay them."

"We need it (the tax collections) on a regular basis. We can't get it haphazardly. Every two weeks (as Canton

has agreed to) shouldn't overburden them."

The district's payroll alone every two weeks amounts to \$600,000.

Hoedel said that although the district has been able to meet its semi-weekly payrolls, other bills cannot be paid until more cash flows into school coffers.

Hoedel said Supt. John Hoben talked to West last week about the situation, and that the township treasurer, "indicated a softening up a little."

"He said he'd try to break loose something," he added.

For the first time this year, the municipalities can place collected taxes in interest-earning bank accounts before turning them over to the schools and the county.

West said he saw nothing amiss with the township's placing collected school taxes in an interest-earning account. "If I can earn some interest."

"The problem with them (the schools) is need," he added. "But they're not alone."

"I plan on following the same taxing pattern this year as I have in the past," he said. Turnover of collections began last year Jan. 7.

Is pop fit for CEP lunches?

Should the Centennial Educational Park cafeterias serve pop at lunch?

That question was raised last week Monday by Plymouth Board Vice-President Marcia Borowski as the board considered approval of its bills for payment.

She said a bill from a soft drink company prompted the inquiry.

"I see absolutely no reason to

serve what everybody knows to be junk food," she said.

Board Member E.J. McClendon disagreed. He said he was afraid that if the schools didn't offer such foods, although they were not of adequate nutritional value, students might be more tempted to leave the schools at lunch to eat elsewhere.

"These are the kinds of things the youth of America seek out," he said.



Woman hurt in Joy Rd. crash

SUZANNE FORD, 18 of Plymouth, was injured last Friday when her car collided with a truck driven by John O'Connor, 40, also of Plymouth, on Joy Rd. west of Sheldon. Ms.

Ford was treated for injuries at Wayne County General Hospital and released. She was ticketed for driving too fast under existing conditions. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)

144 members sought

Schools seek residents for CAC

The Plymouth Community School District is forming a Citizens Advisory Committee to provide the Board of Education and administration with reports on community attitudes in specific areas.

The committee's recommendations will aid in making decisions about the future of the school system.

The 144 members of the CAC will be selected based on location of residence, age, profession, parent or non-parent, and educational orientation, with an eye to equal balance in representation from all.

Each member will attend 12

weekly meetings, continuing through April 7, either with the entire committee, or in one of 12 work groups.

Work groups will include pre-school education, scheduling, classroom organization, maintenance, and operation of facilities, special programs for reading, humanities, etc., extracurricular activities, legislation and communications, vocational and career education, community education, media services, special education programs and inservice training programs.

Resources for the work groups will include financial and or-

ganizational information on their assigned area, reports from the district's needs assessment survey, and staff resources of teachers and administrators.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee may obtain an application from the School Board Office at 453 S. Harvey, or from any school office. Applications must be returned to the office of Community Relations in the board office by Jan. 12.

The first meeting of the CAC will be Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the West Middle School Cafeteria.



Signs mark growth

CANTON TOWNSHIP erected its first "Canton is Growing" sign last week at the new location of Don Massey Cadillac at Ford and Lilley. The signs are designed to show future locations of businesses building in the township and will be removed when the businesses put up their own permanent sign. On hand for the occasion were (from left) Don Massey, Canton Supervisor Bob Greenstein and Canton Treasurer Carl Parsell. (Photo by Bruce Phillips.)

Carelessness accounts for most mishaps

Failing to yield is drivers' chief pitfall here

BY HANK MEIJER

On average, a day doesn't go by in the City of Plymouth when one driver doesn't run into another — or into a parked car or a telephone pole or a sign.

In the first 11 months of 1975, 362 traffic mishaps, from fender benders to injury accidents, occurred within the 2.5 square mile confines of the city, according to police records.

Although that total reflects a decline from last year and the year before, police say more careful driving at a handful of intersections could slice scores of accidents from those statistics.

And what careful driving comes down to, in most instances, is yielding the right-of-way when you're supposed to, according to Sgt. Carl Berry of the Plymouth Police.

Month in and month out, the police logs tell the same story: someone turned left after the light changed or ignored a stop sign or rammed into the back of another driver making a turn. Sometimes the results are tragic,

and sometimes merely annoying, but the cause is always the same, somebody failed to yield.

Berry and department researchers put that cause of accidents at the top of their list for every intersection in the city.

From January through October, for example, there were seven accidents at one of the city's big corners, Sheldon and Ann Arbor Trail. Four of the seven occurred because one driver didn't stop or slow down when he should have.

The story is the same at Mill and Ann Arbor Trail, where eight accidents have been reported in the first ten months of this year. Five happened because someone didn't yield.

At Main and Mill, where left turns can challenge even the most cautious motorists, failure to yield emerged as the cause of every one of the six accidents that occurred there from January through October.

Similarly, at Main and Wing, five of six accidents resulted from a driver not yielding or stopping. Both accidents in the

first 11 months at Main and Union could be ascribed to the same cause, as could the one this year at Mill and Caster. Three of five at Main and Ann Arbor Rd. and four of five at Main and Byron share that distinction.

In that period, there were some 332 accidents reported in the city, 61 of them serious enough to cause injuries. So far this year, no one has been killed on a Plymouth street.

Of those 332, many could have been prevented if people had stopped when they were supposed to.

"The most important part of any driving program is to remember to let the other guy go first," said Plymouth Police Chief Tim Ford. "Too many people think they have the right of way, and then...an accident happens."

If Plymouth's accident total seems a bit lofty for a city its size, it might be because only in the last three years has the department kept records which show not only accidents on public thoroughfares, but also those parking lot and driveway scrapes which must be recorded for insurance purposes.

In that same first 11 months of 1973, 405 accidents were reported in the city. Last year the total for those same months fell to 385, and this year in those first 11 months, that figure has slumped to 362.

That may be progress, but Plymouth Police still see plenty of room for improvement.

The built-in drawbacks of some corners could be eliminated so motorists would find it easier to yield the right of way.

The intersection of Main and Mill, for example, is built on a hill. It also curves slightly. To make matters worse, there are no left turn lanes. In those ways, the corner almost invites drivers to take chances.

"It's a badly-engineered corner," Berry said. "They keep saying they're going to do something about it and they haven't."

But come 1977, the corner may finally see some changes.

The county just recently informed the city that it was pressing ahead with plans outlined in an agreement several years old in which the city and the county road commission will share the cost of widening the corner.

Main and Byron, on the city's south side, is the worst of a different kind of intersection, one that's not very busy, but nonetheless seems to attract accidents.

Byron is a sidestreet. Visibility isn't always good. Drivers on Main travel several blocks without slowing for a traffic signal, and by the time they reach Byron, they may be going too fast. At the same time,

a commercial building obscures the vision of drivers trying to pull out from Byron onto Main.

But buildings can't be torn down at every intersection where they hinder vision. And traffic engineers are hardly prepared to recommend signal lights for every corner.

As Carl Berry will tell you, Byron St. isn't even a darkhorse candidate for a stoplight.

Yet all too often, police say, a driver turning from Byron onto Main pulls out in front of a motorist coming down Main. He turns when he should have yielded, and the Main St. driver is going just a little over the 25 mile per hour speed limit ... and that accident that Chief Ford described just sort of happens.



IF ONE DRIVER would have yielded as he turned from Haggerty onto Plymouth Sept. 18, a 53-year old woman driving this car would not have been injured. The other driver was ticketed, as scores of motorists are in Plymouth every year, for failure to yield right-of-way. (Crier photo by Hank Meijer.)

MESC lot overflows

Long lines and a flood of parked cars at Plymouth's Michigan Employment Security Commission offices last week threatened a stop to issuing checks there.

The crowds, caused by the MESC's giving out four days' worth of checks in two days because of the holidays, were

told that unless they moved their cars from private property adjacent to the agency's new office on Joy Rd. checks would not be paid out.

Parking for MESC claimants had also been a problem at the former MESC office on Mill St. in Plymouth Township.

Construction proceeds on new Canton schools

Progress is continuing on three new Plymouth schools located in Canton Township.

A building on school site 12 on Haggerty Rd. between Ford and Cherry Hill is the furthest along according to Gerald Vollrath, supervisor of new construction. Vollrath reports that roofing and face brick are now being put on the enclosed

structure and electricians are installing wiring.

Windsor Park School, just west of Lilley Rd. near Windsor Park subdivision, and school site 13, next to Truesdell School on Haggerty Rd. south of Cherry Hill, are at about the same point in construction.

All three of the schools are scheduled to open in fall of 1976.

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NEW YEAR GREETINGS



Sketches highlight city annual report

City of Plymouth residents will soon be receiving copies of their city's 1976 calendar and annual report.

The red, white, and blue Bicentennial editions are being distributed from house to house this year by Growthworks Inc. volunteers.

The report features a map of the city and a summary of municipal finances, as well as brief outlines of the duties and responsibilities of city departments and their plans for the coming year.

In a major departure from last year's format, this year's calendars are illustrated by a series of sketches by a Plymouth artist, Caroline Dunphy. Traditionally, the city has used photographs to illustrate its report.

Ms. Dunphy's sketches highlight several aspects of the city and its landmarks, among them: City Hall, Dunning Hough Library, Central Park, Main St., Old Village, Kellogg Park, Tonquish Creek Manor, Dunning Memorial Building, Point Park and the Cultural Center.

The annual report is a storehouse of facts about the city.

According to the report, city firefighters are kept nearly as busy with ambulance calls as with actual fire runs. During fiscal 1975, the report says, the department responded to 350 calls for ambulance service.

The 10-man fire department is supplemented by 20 part-time paid volunteers.

The largest single city agency is the police department, which is comprised of 20 sworn officers, and three full-time and two part time radio dispatchers.

In 1975 the department instituted its closed-circuit television system, which monitors two of the city's three jail cells. Police cars logged some 140,000 miles last year patrolling city streets.

The city's DPW crews maintain nearly 13 acres of parks and playgrounds, in addition to their work on streets, sewers, water lines and city municipal buildings. They also maintain Riverside Cemetery and oversee leaf pick-up and snow removal.

In 1976, the city clerk's office will supervise three major elections, including the presidential race in November, as well as preserve minutes of city commission meetings and issues permits and licenses. The clerk also serves as director of the accounting department. An in-house computer system is planned for the upcoming year.

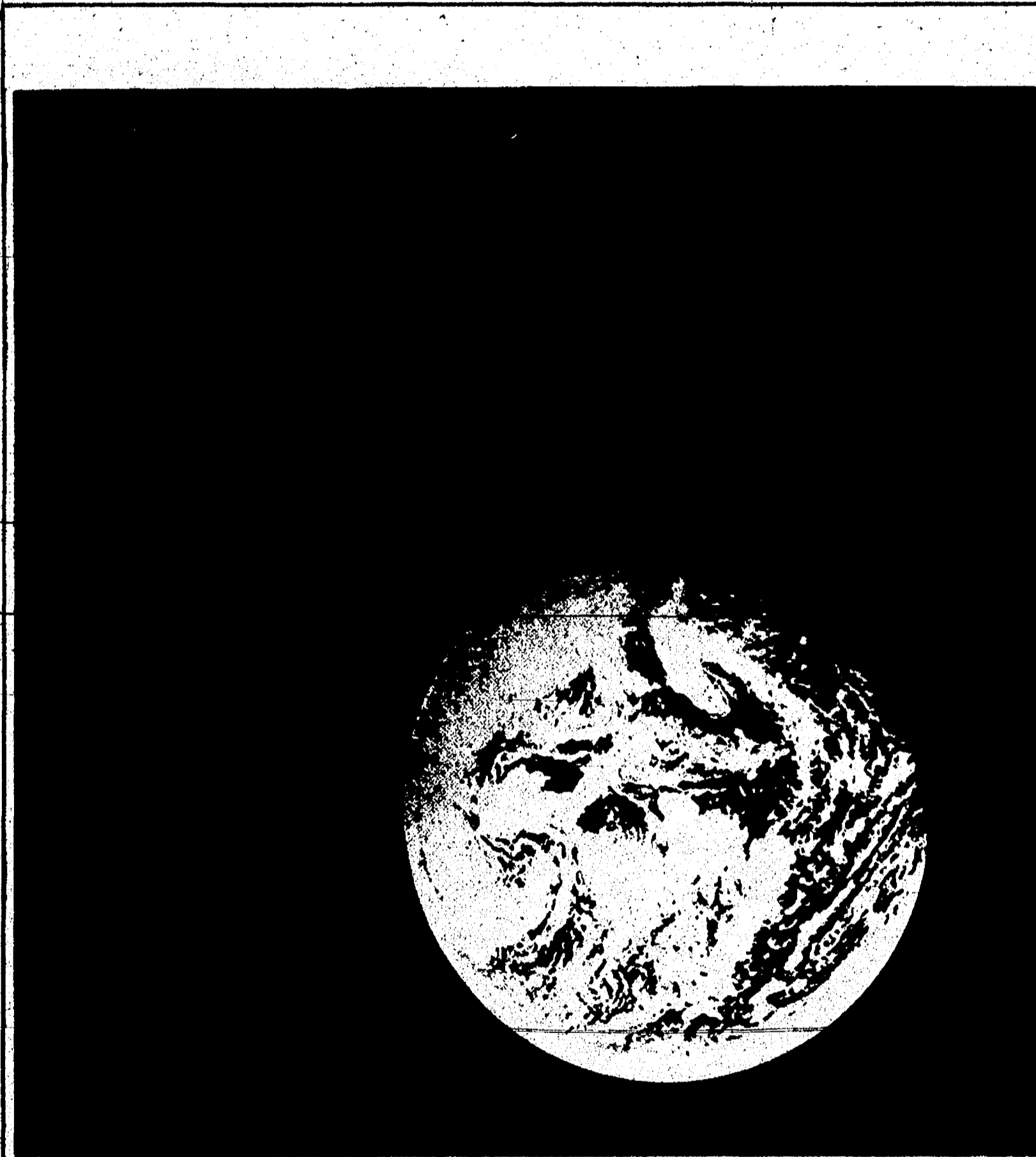
The building department performed nearly 800 inspections during the past fiscal year, and also maintained zoning maps and building records.

The city treasurer's office oversees all city revenues and prepares assessments. Valuation of all real and personal property in the city in 1974-75 exceeded \$86 million.

The recreation department supervises the cultural center and the activities which take place inside it, as well as athletic leagues and other clubs.

The city engineer's office plans and supervises the construction of streets, sewers and municipal projects and assists the planning commission.

The annual report also lists members of each of the city's 14 boards and commissions, as well as the city commission.



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Christmas gifts we wish we'd given

We hope Santa fulfilled your wildest dreams, but that's usually a tall order. We've got more than a few fantasies of our own.

Christmas has past and we suspect few of them have been realized. Sometimes it's fun to wish aloud, and keep our fingers crossed from some New Year's surprises.

To all our readers, we wish you a happy and satisfying New Year, to some of you, well:

- To Herman Halperin: a good chili recipe.
- To Greg Green: a hot furnace.
- To Norm Ruehr: new tenants.
- To Joe Bida: a chauffeur-driven Chevrolet
- To Tucker: a bottle of Pepto-Bismol
- To Hank Berghoff: a new zipper for his sleeping bag and a measles immunization shot

To the Fall Festival Board and staff: a can of bee repellent, four days of perfect weather (the Lions are praying) and better color printing by our printer.

To area motorists: an underpass at the C & O tracks and on Main St.

To the C&O railroad: a five-minute egg timer with a self-destruct mechanism that goes off automatically if a train is still blocking a crossing when the sand runs out.

To Wendell Lent: an iron-clad lease

To Bob Greenstein: Earth Shoes

To Marcia Borowski: an abacus

To Tom Moshimer and Jim Muneio: collarbone insurance

To Jim Griffith: a Dennis O'Connor voodoo doll and a two bands so you can play

for both graduations (thanks Marda)

To Leonard Budnick: a monogrammed stool and plenty of nominating petitions

To Norm Kee: plenty of rest

To Ed Ochal: a police mini-station in Forest Place Mall

To Bob Delaney: half an ash-tray

To Hugh Jarvis: a squirrel trap

To Bob Myers: grow lamps and a Winston Churchill record

To John Foley: tennis lessons

To Bruce Mirto: a pocket abacus and a mustache comb

To Bruce Young: A talk show appearance with Hubert Humphrey

To Ray Hoedel: pennies from Heaven

To Fred Hill: an iron clad lease

To Ralph Lorenz: a saleproof sidewalk and an underground parking structure.

To J.D. McLaren: a deed for Shearer Cemetery

To Jerry Cheske: a chance to record telephone messages

To Dick Gornick: Silent Man tobacco and a season pass to Stratford

To the Detroit Metropolitan Water Board: a wet blanket

To Marda Benson: an Oscar de la Renta gavel and a full board at all meetings

To Frank McMurray: a gray flannel suit

To Brian Schwall: a red and white warm up suit.

To Bob Blessed: a bullet-proof fence

To Doc Raven: best wishes for the future

To Annie Brown: no more football games

To Bob Krafft: longer sideburns

To Jim Ellinghausen: shorter sideburns

To Chief Ford: a sound system par excellence.

To Fred Thomann: a win in the last game of the Michigan High School Basketball season.

To Pam Phillips: a room with a view

To Carl Parsell: plenty of signatures for a fire millage petition

To Dale Yagiela: a Nick Adams correspondence course

To Tom Yack: a new soft-ball uniform and semi-annual tax collections

To Bob Houghton and crew: elbow room

To Allan Gove: an uncontested paving project

To Fred Yockey: the Burroughs parking lot

To Helen Richardson: the Burroughs parking lot

To Burroughs: the Stark weather playground.

To the Starkweather Rangers: a climb on the Burroughs smokestacks

To Frank Millington: an Indian Mound to call your own

To Chuck Skeen: a losing bet

To the Plymouth Youth Center: a permanent home.

To the Morrison Agency folks and to the computer company: on time payroll sheets from us.

To the Plymouth Historical Museum: a durable curator and open doors

To John Flodin: elk antlers to call your own

To Jim Poole: a guide to speeches of 25 words or less

To Scott Dodge: a snow shovel for his office and city taxes paid on time (as he asked for on his Christmas cards).

To Cloverdale: smaller carry-out cups for hot chocolate so it doesn't look like you get half-a cup for 30 cents. A full, half-sized cup for 30 cents looks better, even if it is the same amount.

To the Wayne County Board of Commissioners: a map which shows that our community is in the county too, and a copy of a petition seeking the annexation of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township by Washtenaw County.

To Canton Township businesses: lower berms so the township supervisor can see over them.

To Tom Shankie: a putting green in Leo Calhoun's showroom

To Tony Picirilli: a "How-to" book on electrical wiring for his new home.

To Jim Somers: a 10-week serial of "War and Peace" to replace the Chip and Dale Cartoons

To Margaret Wilson: a booking for "Where Eagles Dare" (It should be a real hit with your Nazi friends)

To the Plymouth Jaycees: an appearance by the Queen of England in next year's parade.

To Stu Oldford, Norm Ruehr, Don Bidwell: a \$10 ticket on a 50 to 1 shot who wins by a nose.

To Joe Hudson: a horse for the saddle in your office (you must look silly sitting on the saw horse).

To John Thomas: a Raquette reservation during the upcoming school-teacher negotiations.

To Mike Hoben: a mustache comb and an order for 10 quarts of vodka

To Gary Mirto: a map showing where the school board meetings are held.

To Mark & Steve: a huge order from the Tournament of Roses Parade

To the Plymouth Township Fire Dept.: a game plan for moving the water tower

And in general, a merry new year to:

Cal Compeau and his men for keeping our cars in semi-running order

The staff at First National Bank of Plymouth for their patience, excellent bookkeeping and executive credit.

To the folks at the Plymouth Community Credit Union for

running a very community-oriented business

The staff at The Box Bar: thanks for waiting on the non-big tippers of the Plymouth Press Club.

The Mayflower Hotel and particularly Carol, best bartender in town, who reunites out-of-town uncles with nieces and nephews who don't recognize him.

The Side Street gang for their fantastic redecorating and stocking Molson's on tap.

The Hillside Inn for their great lunches

The Hilton folks: our respect for resurrection of the project and putting steam into that end of town again.

The McAllisters — best wishes, thanks for the good seats at Gobo but what do you need from us now that the Hilton's open?

The Observer and Eccentric folks — Emory, Ellie, Rich, Maurie, Darlene, Mike, Eddie, Tom — for the abominable snowman and the generally friendly competition.

The city and township neighborhoods who organized the curb-side candles for the holidays (it's a beautiful custom)

The Community Crier carriers upon whose efforts hinges everything we do.

The Community Crier advertisers who pay to get their message to you and thereby make it possible to bring you news, features, editorials and sports.

To George Lawton, Julie and Tex Thoman, Jim Jabara, Norm Ruehr, Harold Guenther, Dick and Elaine Kirchgatter, Bob Delaney, Joe Hudson, Bill Ross — a thanks from The Crier staff for advice and their commitment to the community.

All the Old Village folks for their community pride, the new paint jobs and renovation projects.

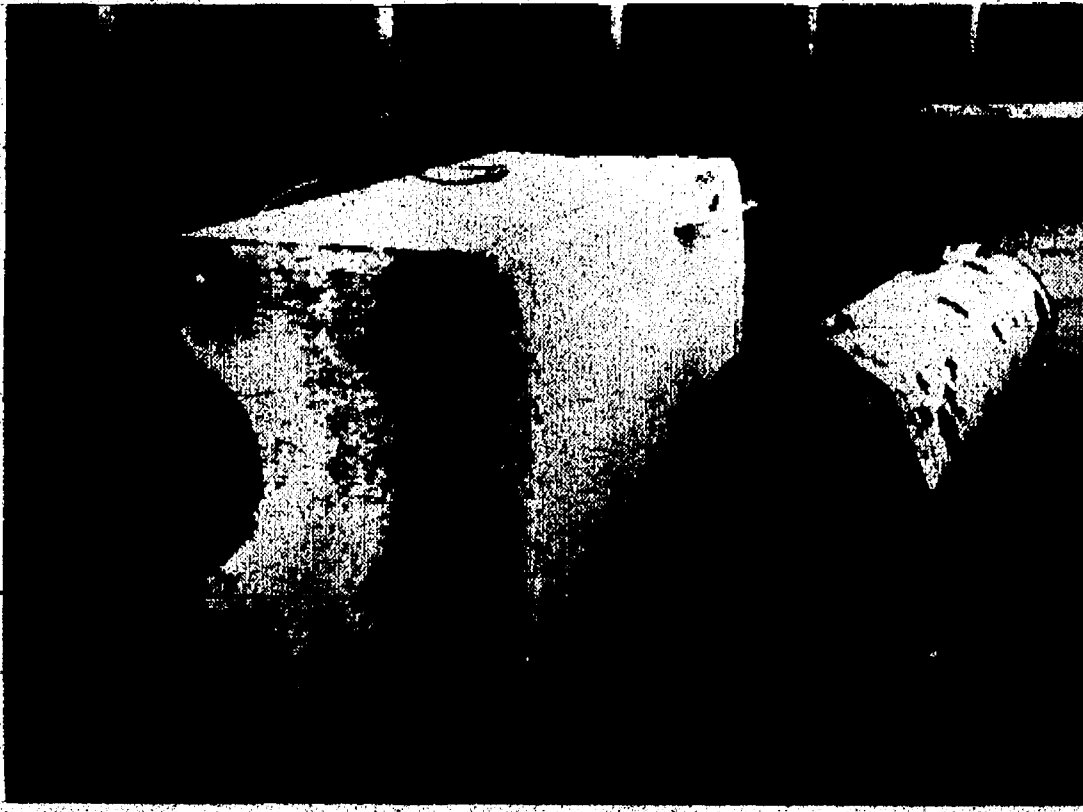
All The Community Crier staffers during the past year who've helped the paper grow: Fran Hennings, Pat Murphy, Mark Ferraiuolo, Dan Herriman, Dennis O'Connor, Kathy Kuenzer, Gina Carrington, Donna Lomas, Cynthia Trevino, Betty Ziemann, Ruth and John Foley.

And a special thanks to their spouses and lovers for tolerating the peculiar hours required to get a paper on the street.

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This trash is hazardous

WITH THE FIRST of the month trash collections bring out traps that often endanger children. The Crier reminds you to remove doors or latches from refrigerators and freezers before placing them on the curb. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron.)

Santa thanks 'elves'

Editor:

Santa says thanks, for the kiddies at the Plymouth State Home and Training School:

A big thanks to The Community Crier for letting the people know about his visit to the home annually.

The Canton Jaycees, the Canton Lady Jaycees, Joseph McWilliams, Ralph Lorenz, Bill Cochrane, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carpenter of Farmington.

John Flodin, Canton Township Clerk; Frank McMurray, Bob Stallmyer, Westland fireman; Canton Chamber of Commerce.

The Canton Lions, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brown, Sen. Bill Faust; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Myers, North Bros. Ford., Ruth Campbell (Santa's niece) of the Wayne County Dept. of Social Services, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Young, Joe Merritt, Tom and Roslyn Knight.

Royal Senior Citizens, Royal Holiday Ladies Auxiliary, Bill Hysinger, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Jayfel, Sheldon Futernick, Thelma Howlett, Karen Woodside, Al Dittrich of Crestwood Dodge and Peter Kulesga at Warren.

Thanks again and Happy Holidays.
GENE "SANTA" REAVES

Note: The above people made it possible for old Santa to make the successful visit this year.

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the Crier's friends & neighbors

Holly named to chorus

Holly L. Wagner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Wagner of 11732 Appletree Dr., Plymouth, has been selected to travel to Europe next summer with Music Youth International (MYI).

Holly, a senior at Salem High School, was chosen from students from some 50 high schools in the Great Lakes area after auditioning for the MYI chorus.

MYI is a charter people-to-people Youth Chapter which annually selects 100 outstanding high school students to "carry the message of friendship and goodwill" through music to a distant part of the world.

The July, 1976 MYI tour will make stops throughout the British Isles



HOLLY WAGNER

Twp. DPW pact ratified

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees last week ratified a two-year contract with the township's five Water and Sewer Department employees that calls for raises of 6.25% to 9.5% this year, and 5.5% to 7% the following year.

The increases, retroactive to Sept. 1, will mean increases of about \$790 per man the first year and \$665 the second.

A last-minute meeting between

township officers and the five employees, who are members of Teamsters Local 214, averted a situation in which CETA employees would have been paid above Federal limits and therefore would no longer be hired by the township for water and sewer and related work.

The employees agreed to write a letter of understanding stating that the pay of CETA employees would at no time exceed Federal limits. Under the ag-

reement, the CETA employees would be first in line for any permanent job which might open up in the department.

Treasurer Joe West, who negotiated the contract along with Trustee Russell Ash, said he had been hoping for a three-year contract, but that the union's terms were "too exorbitant."

Under CETA guidelines, the township can pay those employees no more than \$4.80 an hour Federal funds.

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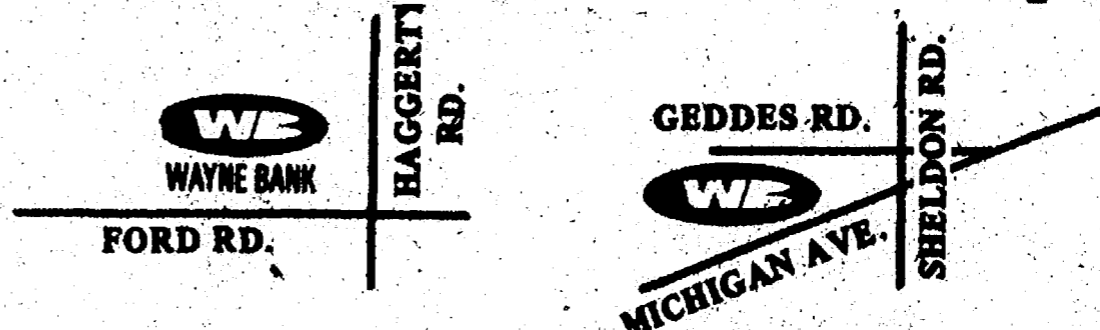
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Schools may win aid

The Plymouth School District has joined a consortium of Michigan school districts through which it could receive some \$40,000 to help finance its management-by-objective program.

School board members last week accepted an invitation from the state Department of

Education to join a handful of diverse Michigan districts which have combined in a consortium with the state to share the results of innovative programs each is trying.

The Plymouth district would become the 13th member of the Michigan Instructional Improvement Consortium. State officials expressed interest in developing the Plymouth PEPSII management-by-objective project into a model for state-wide study.

"What it amounts to is our getting support from the state Department of Education," said Earl Hogan, the district's deputy superintendent. "We probably put together the only complete management-by-objective model in the state."

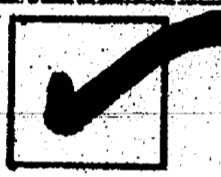
Only School Board President Marda Benson voted against the district's involvement in the consortium.

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What's Happening

HOLIDAY OPEN SKATING at the Cultural Center Ice Arena has been extended whereby sessions begin at two hour intervals on Friday, starting at 9, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Teen nite is also scheduled at 9 p.m. There is no open skating on Jan. 3 but there will be a session beginning at 1 p.m. Jan. 4. For information, contact the Plymouth Department of Parks and Recreation at 455-6620.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE is offered at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 6 at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer There is also a session starting at 11 a.m. Wednesday Jan. 7 Contact Joan Funkhouser at 455-8044.

PATHFINDERS sponsored by the Plymouth Department of Parks and recreation, is a group open to persons interested in hiking, canoeing, biking and backpacking. To participate, contact L. Chang at 455-5175 or C. Scruggs at 453-5505.

OIL AND ACRYLICS PAINTING SESSIONS will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday Jan. 5 and from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 6 at the Cultural Center. These continuing sessions are open to persons with some experience, with local artist available for assistance. For information, call the Plymouth Recreation Department at 455-6620.

PAINT FOR FUN from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 6 at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. An informal approach for beginners in oil, it has no fee. Contact the recreation office at 455-6620 or Mr. Prussing at 455-8894.

PARTY BRIDGE is offered from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday Jan. 8 at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Contact Margaret Swartz at 459-0887.

THE CHESS CLUB will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 6 at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Sessions are open to both the novice and experienced players.

A 12-passenger Van-bus service has been provided by the Southeast Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA) in Plymouth for persons 55 years of age or older. The schedule includes: Tuesdays (2nd and fourth): 9:30 a.m. Livonia Mall Shopping Ctr.; 10:30 a.m. Westland or Wonderland Shopping Center; 2:30 p.m. Northville or Plymouth areas. Persons must contact the Plymouth Recreation Department, 525 Farmer Street, 455-6620 which co-ordinates this program. Fridays third and fourth) individual pick-ups for destinations to doctor's offices, drug stores, beauty shops, etc. Included on the fourth Friday itinerary is a visit to Briarwood and hospitals within Ann Arbor. Persons interested in this program must contact the Family YMCA at 271 S. Main St or 453-2904 which coordinates the program.

Fake bills passed

Secret Service agents are seeking the identity of a young man described as about 25 with light brown hair, standing about 6-2 and weighing about 220 pounds who apparently used two counterfeit \$20 bills to buy merchandise last week Monday at Thrifty Acres in Canton Township.

The cashier who received the bills said the man tried to conceal them beneath a \$5 bill as he made his purchase.



Goodfellows brighten holidays

CANTON AND PLYMOUTH GOODFELLOWS delivered both food and gifts to needy families in Canton Township last week to ensure there would be "no kiddie without a Christmas." Four of the Canton Goodfellows

who helped distribute food and gift items were (from left) Ralph Burch, Kenn Witt, Frank Thompson and John Flodin. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)



BUSY BEE CRAFTS

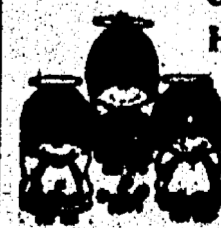
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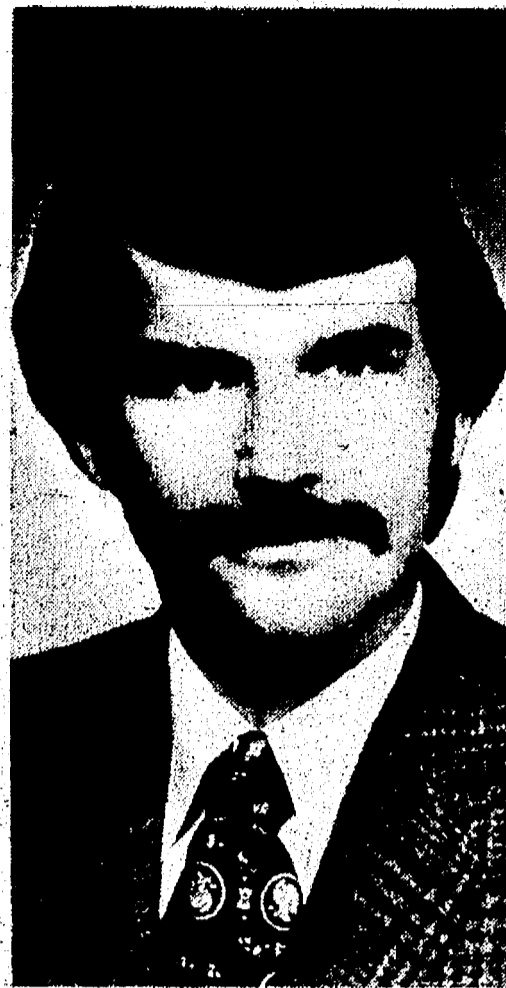
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Andrews to succeed him

Spruhan retires as Dunn chief



JOHN C. SPRUHAN



GEORGE A. ANDREWS

Well-known local industrialist, John C. Spruhan, is retiring after more than 20 years with Dunn Steel.

Dunn Steel Products Division of Townsend, a Textron company, announced the retirement of Spruhan as general manager last week.

George A. Andrews, a Plymouth resident and engineering manager of Townsend's Cherry Rivet Division, has been named to succeed Spruhan.

Under arrangements with Townsend Company, Spruhan will continue as vice president of the Dunn Steel Products Division until May 1. He will then serve as management consultant.

A graduate of Purdue University, Spruhan was employed by American Blower Corporation and Monarch Governor Company before joining Townsend Company in 1949 as central division sales manager. He was named vice general manager in 1954.

Originally from Highland Park, Spruhan now resides with his wife, Beatrice, in Plymouth. He is a member of the honorary mechanical engineering society, Pi Tau Sigma; Society of Automotive Engineers; Detroit Industrial Relations Council; Plymouth Community Chamber of

Commerce; and the Plymouth Civic Federation.

Andrews graduated from General Motors Institute before joining Cherry Rivet Division in 1969 as manufacturing engineer.

He was later promoted to plant engineer and subsequently engineering manager in 1972.

A native of Bay City, Andrews now lives in Plymouth with his wife, Jill, and daughter, Heather.

Community obituaries

Bradner

Butler Bradner, 83, of 11191 Petersburg Rd., Milan Township died Dec. 20 in Parkview Convalescent Home. Services were held in Schrader Funeral Home with The Rev. Vincent

Honey

Edith Aletha Honey, 75, of 15227 Maxwell Ave., Plymouth, died Dec. 18 in West Trail Nursing Home. Services were held in Schrader Funeral Home with Mr. Carson Coonce officiating. Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville.

Mrs. Honey is survived by her daughter, Doris Bloxson of Plymouth; a brother, Kenneth Wyers of Kalkaska; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She had lived in the Plymouth rea for 55 years.

Van Dine


Alice Eva VanDine, 87, of 1300 Palmer Ave., Plymouth, died Dec. 17 in the Hendry Convalescent Home. Services were held in Schrader Funeral Home with The Rev. Frank N. Smith officiating. Interment was in Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit.

Miss VanDine is survived by her brother, Thomas of Plymouth, and a niece, Ulsa Netter

Block and The Rev. G.J. Chandler officiating. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Bradner is survived by his wife, Edna; sons, Joel of Plymouth, Glenn of Whittaker and Bert of Milan; 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He had lived for the past 15 years in the Milan area and was a retired University of Michigan custodian.



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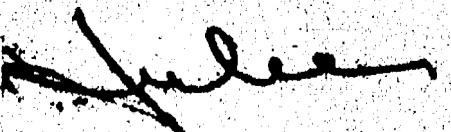


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work even if they can't catch you at home. (Your carrier's profits depend on your paying for the paper.)

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Plymouth School's lunch menu

- ALLEN**
Monday Jan. 5
Chicken rice soup, peanut butter & jelly, fruit, dessert, milk
Tuesday Jan. 6
Ravioli, bread & butter, vegetable, OJ, cookie milk
Wednesday Jan. 7
Macaroni & cheese, rolls, vegetable, fruit, milk
Thursday Jan. 8
Hot dog, relishes, vegetable, fruit, cookie milk
Friday Jan. 9
Fish sticks, tartar sauce, carrots, bread, fruit, milk
- BIRD**
Monday Jan. 5
Chicken noodle soup, cheese sticks, peanut butter and jelly, fruit, toll-bar, milk
Tuesday Jan. 6
Ravioli, greenbeans, OJ choc. cake, milk
Wednesday Jan. 7
Chicken gravy over mashed potatoes, carrots, rolls, fruit, milk
Thursday Jan. 8
Hot dog, relishes, vegetables, fruit, brownie, milk
Friday Jan. 9
Fish sticks, vegetable, bread, jello milk
- CENTRAL ELEM' & MIDDLE**
Monday Jan. 5
Ravioli with cheese, green beans, bread, fruit milk
Tuesday Jan. 6
Hot dog, relishes, corn, apple sauce, gingerbread, milk
Wednesday Jan. 7
Spaghetti with cheese and meat, corn bread, jello milk
Thursday Jan. 8
Sloppy joes, vegetable, cobbler, cherry, milk
Friday Jan. 9
Grilled cheese, tomato soup, crackers, fruit, cookie, milk
- FARRAND**
Monday Jan. 5
Peanut butter and jelly, chicken noodle soup, cheese sticks, toll bars, fruit, milk
Tuesday Jan. 6
Beef in gravy over mashed potatoes, pickle, rolls, fruit, milk
Wednesday Jan. 7
Spaghetti with meat sauce, vegetables, cinnamon rolls, fruit, milk
Thursday Jan. 8
Hot dog, relishes, green beans, cookies, fruit, milk
Friday Jan. 9
Fish sticks, tartar sauce, tater tots, bread, choc. cake fruit cup and milk
- FIGEL**
Monday Jan. 5
Tomato soup, peanut butter and jelly fruit, brownie milk
Tuesday Jan. 6
Hot dog, relishes, bun, corn, sauerkraut, fruit, cookie milk
Wednesday Jan. 7
Hamburger gravy over potatoes, roll, fruit, milk
Thursday Jan. 8
Ravioli with meat sauce, green beans, roll, jello with fruit, milk
Friday Jan. 9
Fish sticks, tartar sauce, bread, vegetables, fruit, toll bar, milk
- GALLIMORE**
Monday Jan. 5
Chicken noodle soup, peanut butter peaches, cookie milk
Tuesday Jan. 6
Ravioli, green beans, bread, pineapple, brownies, milk
Wednesday Jan. 7
Spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, cinnamon roll, jello milk
Thursday Jan. 8
Hot dog, bun, relishes, vegetables, cherry crisp, milk
Friday Jan. 9
Meat and cheese pizza, wax beans, applesauce, cake milk
- ISBISTER**
Monday Jan. 5
Chicken noodle soup, crackers, peanut butter sand., peaches, cake milk
Tuesday Jan. 6
Sloppy Joe, peas, fruit, cookie milk
Wednesday Jan. 7
Hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes, roll, carrots, choc. pudding, milk
Thursday Jan. 8
Hot dog, hash browns, pineapple cookie milk
Friday Jan. 9
Pizza puff, green beans, fruit, choc. chip cookie, milk
- MILLER**
Monday Jan. 5
Chicken vegetable soup peanut butter and jelly, cookie milk
Tuesday Jan. 6
Hot dog, relishes, beans, fruit, cookies, milk
- Wednesday Jan. 7
Chefs Surprise.
Thursday Jan. 8
Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, bread and butter, OJ milk
Friday Jan. 9
Fishwich on bun, tater tots, peaches, cake, milk
- SMITH**
Monday Jan. 5
Vegetable soup and crackers, peanut butter and jelly, carrot, pears cookie milk
Tuesday Jan. 6
Meat and cheese pizza, peas, peaches, cake milk
Wednesday Jan. 7
Fish sticks, tartar sauce, cornbread, lima beans, pineapple, cookies, milk
Thursday Jan. 8
Hot dog, relishes, fries, fruit jello cookie milk
Friday Jan. 9
Meat and cheese spaghetti, bread, green beans, applesauce, cookie milk
- STARKWEATHER**
Monday Jan. 5
Vegetable soup, peanut butter and jelly, carrots, fruit, brownie milk
Tuesday Jan. 6
Ravioli with cheese, rolls, corn, peaches, milk
Wednesday Jan. 7
Grilled cheese, green beans, pickle cake fruit milk
Thursday Jan. 8
Cheese pizza, green peas, fruit, bars, milk
Friday Jan. 9
Fish sticks, tartar sauce, bread, fries, fruit cookie milk.
- TANGER**
Monday Jan. 5
Peanut butter and jelly, chicken noodle soup, fruit, cookie milk
Tuesday Jan. 6
Ravioli with cheese, cinnamon roll, carrots, chilled fruit, milk
Wednesday Jan. 7
Meat loaf, noodles fruit jello, chips, choc. cake, milk
Thursday Jan. 8
Hot dog, relishes, fries, OJ cookie milk
Friday Jan. 9
Pizza, corn, fruit, peanut butter bar, milk
- EAST ELEM. & MIDDLE**
Monday Jan. 5
Chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese, cookie, fruit, milk
Tuesday Jan. 6
Sloppy joes, fries, fruit, cookie milk
Wednesday Jan. 7
Pizza noodle, slaw, fruit jello toll bar milk
Thursday Jan. 8
Hamburger, bun, relishes, corn, fruit cookie milk
Friday Jan. 9
Fish sand., tartar sauce, chips, pudding, cake milk
- PIONEERMIDDLE**
Monday Jan. 5
Ravioli with cheese and meat, roll, green beans, fruit, milk
Tuesday Jan. 6
Hamburger or cheeseburgs, fries, corn, fruit, milk
Wednesday Jan. 7
Chili with crackers, sub sand., apple crisp, milk
Thursday Jan. 8
Sausage and cheese pizza, salad with dressing, cake OJ milk
Friday Jan. 9
Fish sand., or peanut butter and jelly, chips, cole slaw, fruit, cookie milk
- WEST**
Hot dog, fries, applesauce, peanut butter cookies, milk
Tuesday Jan. 6
Sloppy joes, green beans, fruit, choc. chip cookies, milk
Wednesday Jan. 7
Hamburger gravy, potatoes, peas, biscuit and butter, choc. pudding, milk
Thursday Jan. 8
Hamburger with trims, fries, fruits, brownies, milk
Friday Jan. 9
Fishwich, tartar sauce, corn, marble corn, milk
- CANTON-SALEM HIGH**
Monday Jan. 5
Hot dogs, beans, chips, fruit milk
Tuesday Jan. 6
Hot beef on bun, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, jello, milk
Wednesday Jan. 7
Ham and cheese sand., grilled, vegetable soup, chips, dessert, milk
Thursday Jan. 8
Lasagna with meat and cheese, vegetable tolls butter, jello milk
Friday Jan. 9
Fish on bun, chips, vegetable, dessert, milk

Cop tourney crown Rocks fight off pesky Spartans

BY DENNIS O'CONNOR

Overcoming cold free throw shooting in the fourth quarter the Rocks hung on to just a scrappy Livonia Stevenson squad 77-71 to win the Plymouth Christmas Tournament last Tuesday night.

The tourney victory and trophy marked the second consecutive time Salem has won the annual event, and the third time in four years.

The Rocks made their way to the finals with a 74-45 shellacking of Redford Thurston, while the Spartans brushed off Livonia Churchill 58-43. Both games were played the night before.

The contest seemed well in hand for Salem going into the final period of the championship game, as the Rocks held a comfortable 69-54 lead over the Spartans.

Up to that point, the Rocks had hit on 13 of 15 free throws, but they failed to convert on their first four attempts in the final stanza.

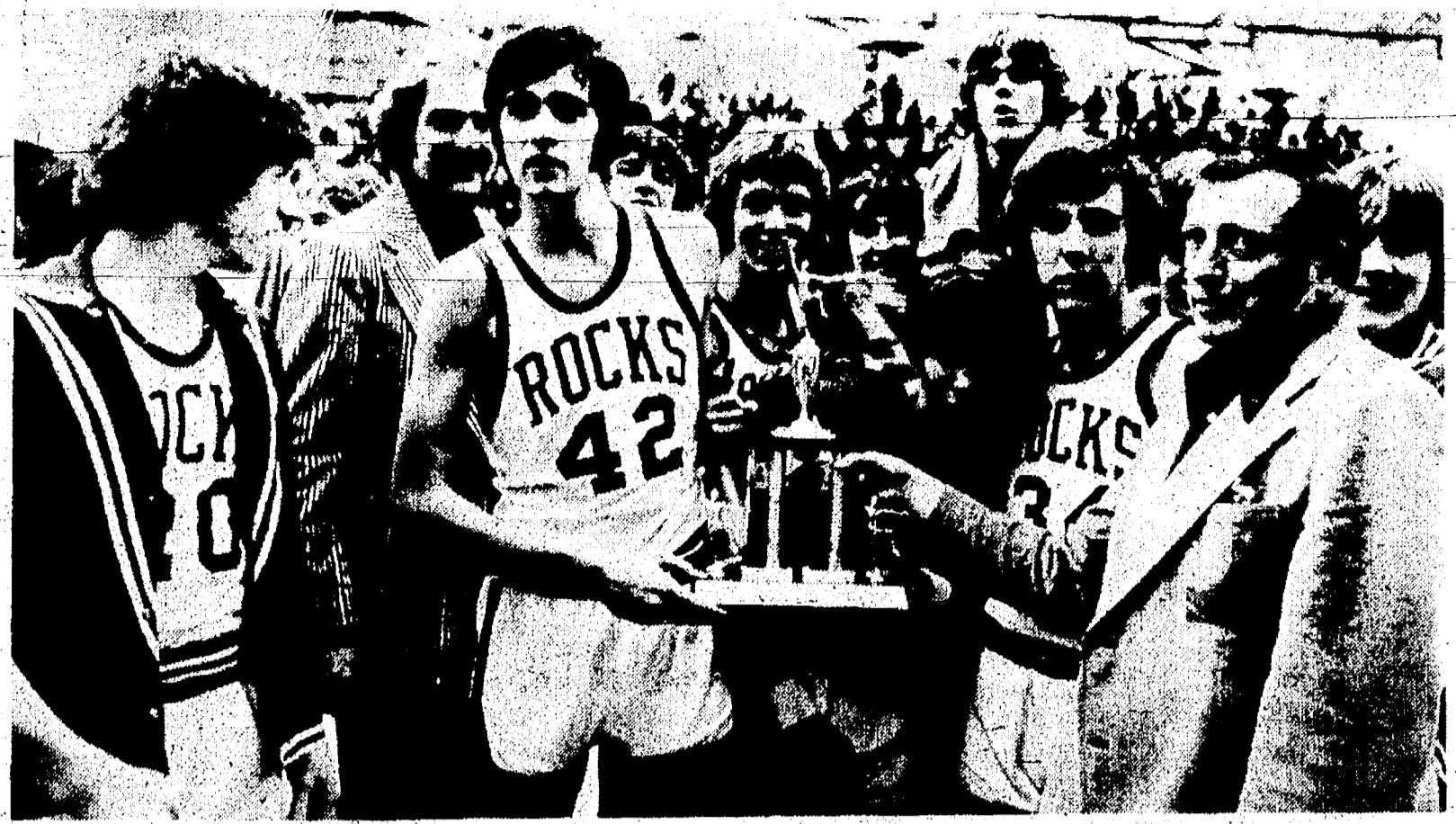
Jim Ellinghausen broke the cold spell with the Rocks first points of the quarter, as he hit a jumper at 4:21 to extend the margin back to 11.

But the Spartans came roaring back with two quick hopes to cut the lead to a shaky seven points.

Several Salem turnovers in the period and another four missed free throws, helped the Spartans come within six points, but they never got closer.

The Rocks finished that quarter with two starters, Mike Priemeau and Mark Gothard, fouling out. The horrendous free

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PLYMOUTH ATHLETIC DIRECTOR John Sandmann presents the 1975 Christmas Tournament trophy to the Salem Rocks after their championship victory last week over Livonia Stevenson, 77-71. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)

the Crier Sports

Win Ypsi Invitational Tankers dunk foes

Despite slower times because of interrupted holiday practice sessions, the Salem swim team still managed to capture six of 11 events to win the Ypsilanti Invitational last Saturday after-

noon. The Rocks totaled 331 points to edge runner-ups Ypsilanti in the five-team competition. Ypsilanti picked up 308 points with good depth, but the Rocks
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THE ELLINGHAUSENS — top row, from Don Jr., Steve, Bettye, Don Sr., and Dave. left, Tom and Jim. Middle row (from left) Bottom row, Mike, Mattie and Andy.

Cheers for Jim start at home

BY DENNIS O'CONNOR

Two years ago last fall, this reporter was talking with Salem basketball coach Fred Thomann when news reached him from the school office that a 6-5 sophomore basketball player named Jim Ellinghausen had just moved to Plymouth from Peoria, Ill.

A wide grin appeared immediately under Thomann's fuman-chu mustache when he read the note. That smile still hasn't left his face, as Jim Ellinghausen is rapidly gaining state wide and national recognition as one of the best high school basketball players around.

The name Ellinghausen has become a household word here for

everyone who follows the fortunes of the Salem Rock basketball team.

Jim is a native Michigander, born in Grand Rapids 17 years ago. His family moved to Peoria when he was quite young, but his father was transferred back to Michigan two years ago and the family settled in Canton township.

Jim's father, Don Ellinghausen Sr., was a bit skeptical about moving back to Michigan after Jim was so successful in his freshman year at Peoria Central High. Playing at center, he led his team to a perfect 18-0 season.

The Ellinghausens moved in after the basketball teams had

been chosen, and they were worried that Jim couldn't participate on the Salem squad.

As it worked out, he was welcomed with open arms by the Rocks, and helped them to a successful season as a sophomore.

"It couldn't have worked out better for Jim," said his mother, Bettye. "The people in Plymouth have been fantastic to us."

Jim is the fourth of eight Ellinghausen children, all of them boys.

"All the kids have played spot sports and basketball, but Jim was blessed with extra height and excellent coaches all the
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Salem stymies late rally

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 throw performance in that final period saw the Rocks hit on only four of 14, as Stevenson

outscored them 17-8 in that eight minute span.

"That's only the second time we've been outscored in a quarter all season," said coach Fred Thomann.

Everything was going smoothly for the Rocks thanks to a second-quarter spurt that opened up a 14 point advantage at halftime.

Salem held a slim 18-14 edge after the first period in an evenly-played quarter.

Baskets by Howard Inch and Ellinghausen in the first minute of play in the second quarter boosted that lead to eight, and the Rocks maintained that margin throughout most of the period.

A later spurt of nine points late in the quarter raised the Plymouth margin to 21, 48-27.

Stevenson averted disaster with a seven point spurge of its own to pull within 14 at halftime.

The Spartans refused to die in the third period, as they stood stride for stride with Salem. The Rocks only added one point to their lead in that stanza, as both teams had hot shooting spells, with Salem scoring 21 to the Spartans, 20.

Much of that fourth quarter letdown on the part of the Rocks might have been because they were tired after playing four games in seven days.

Ellinghausen took scoring honors with 35, followed by Brian Wolcott with 16 and Inch with 11.

For the first time this season, the Rocks were outrebounded by an opponent, as Stevenson yanked down 38 caroms to only 29 for Salem. The hosts had trouble with their defensive rebounding, which allowed the Spartans to pick up 12 offensive rebounds.

Salem remains undefeated at the holiday break with an 8-0 record, and maintains first place in the Suburban Eight League standings, while Stevenson drops 5-3 for the year.

Livonia Churchill grabbed the third place the Christmas tournament held at Plymouth last week, topping Redford Thurston 56-44 in the consolation game last Tuesday night.

The Chargers lost the night before to Livonia Stevenson, 58-43, while the Thurston Eagles fell to the tourney champs, Salem, 75-45.

Rocks whip Thurston

The Salem basketball team roared into the finals of the Plymouth Christmas Tournament with an easy 75-45 whipping of Redford Thurston in opening round play last Monday.

The Rocks went on to win the tourney with a hard fought 77-71 victory over Livonia Stevenson.

For the first time this season, Rock standout Jim Ellinghausen shot below 50% from the floor,

totaling 25 points for his efforts. He also added seven assists, one third of the teams' total that night.

The Rocks got big production out of their three forwards, as Mike Primeau and sophomore Tom Ellinghausen put in 10 while Bob Evans added six.

Brian Wolcott chipped in with 10 or more points, and reserves Bruce Gerish and Mike Cristie had impressive showing late in the game, totaling five and four points respectively.

JV breezes to title

Complimenting the efforts of the Salem varsity basketball team last Tuesday night, the Rock JV team won its Christmas Tournament that morning

at Livonia Churchill with a 72-42 trouncing of Stevenson.

The Rocks shifted to an aggressive two-three zone defense in the second quarter that proved to be the downfall of the Spartans.

Stevenson couldn't penetrate the zone during that period in which they scored only two points.

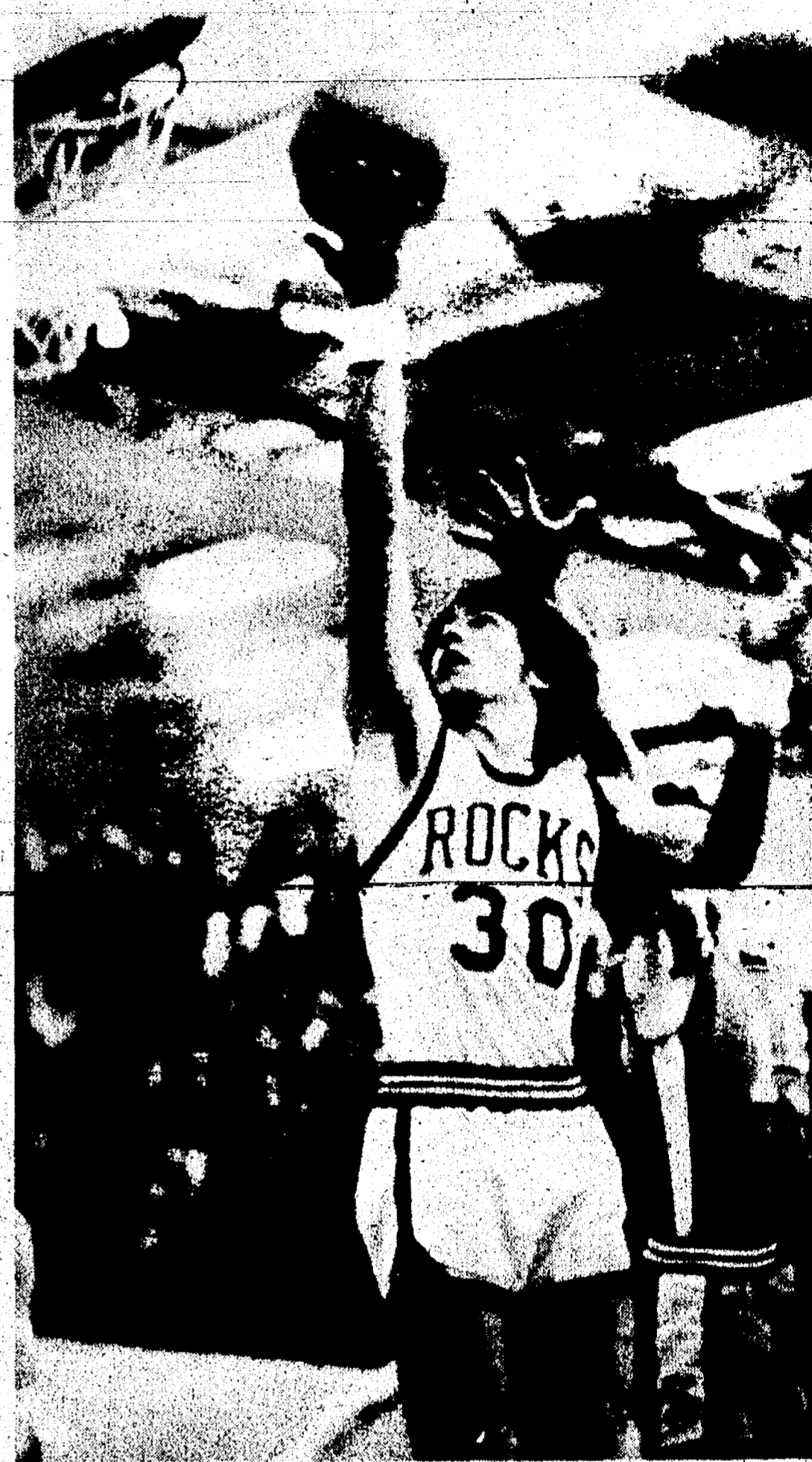
Meanwhile, the outside shooting of Brightbill and fast break baskets by John Broderick helped add 17 Salem points, as the jubilant Rocks went into the locker room at halftime with a commanding 33-10 lead.

From then on it was just a matter of time, as the Rocks controlled the action the rest of the way.

Brightbill led all scored with 14, followed by Hewlett's 12. Five players hit for six points, showing balance in the Rock scoring attack. Jim Van Boven, Mitch Haas, Steve Horton, Doug Agnew and Broderick all connected for six, while Stu Roth added five.

The loss for Stevenson was its first one of the season, while Salem raised its mark to an impressive 7-1 for the rest of the season.

The Rocks defeated Thurston the day before, while Stevenson rolled past Churchill. In the consolation contest, Churchill finished third with a close 45-41 victory over Thurston.



ROCK GUARD Brian Wolcott reaches high for two of his 16 points in last Tuesday's victory over the Stevenson Spartans. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)

Frosh end 1-2 in tourney

The Salem freshman basketball squad participated in a prestigious eight-team Christmas tournament at Bishop Borgess last week, finishing the three game tourney with a 1-2 record. The young Rocks stopped Melvindale in the first contest before falling to tough squads from River Rouge and Highland Park.

The tournament also featured such powers as Brother Rice and Borgess.

"The story of the tournament for us was in the fourth quarter," said coach Pat Cunningham.

Salem barely squeezed by Melvindale, 33-32, in overtime after holding as much as a 10-point lead going into the final eight minutes of play.

Against Rouge and Highland Park, the Rocks held halftime leads and were within striking range after the three periods, but a powerful fast breaks led to the Salem downfall both times.

The Rocks were ahead of Rouge by one at halftime and fell behind by only three points after three quarters, but were outscored 15-4 in final stanza, losing 49-35.

Salem held the upperhand against Highland Park most of the way, grabbing 20-17 and 35-33 advantages after the second and third quarter respectively. But a 23-14 fourth period vaulted Highland Park to victory. "We just got tired in that final quarter," said Cunningham.

Salem grabs six events

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 topped their hosts in all but one event.

Adrian, Jackson and Hazel Park finished third, fourth and fifth respectively.

Junior Ron Finley led the way for Salem, breaking two meet records. He finished first in the 200 individual medley with a 2:14.3 clocking and was tops in the 500 free style in 5:17.8.

Bill Chlopan broke a meet record in the 100 back with a 1:02.3 time that won the event.

The 400 free relay combination of Craig Richter, Tom Griffin, Tom Smith and

Finley set a new mark of 3:32.8 as they too finished first.

Richter's 24.2 seconds in the 50 free and Steve Kohler's 1:09.5 breast stroke time were also good enough for other first places.

Rocks placed second in four events. Tom Smith was second in the 200 free and was Dale Brown in the 100 butterfly, Griffin in the 100 free, and Mike Stocker in diving competition.

Taking third places for Salem were Tom Robadue, 100 free, Bryan Winkle, 100 back, and Griffin, 100 free.

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Doc's Corner

by Dennis O'Connor

1975 sports highlights

1975 was a memorable sports year for Plymouth high school athletic teams and for the individuals who made those teams what they were.

It's not hard to find the highlights:

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT: The Salem baseball team winning a state championship. After having fighting for their lives to win the Suburban Eight League title, the Rocks went on to become in the state tournament the "Cinderella" team that knocked off everyone in sight.

MOST MEMORABLE GAMES: The basketball game that was the most thrilling had to be the Rocks against Detroit Denby in the regional finals at Livonia Franklin. That game vaulted Salem into state recognition with a 59-54 victory over the city leaguers. Eric Agardy played his best game as a high schooler, holding Denby's top scorer, Stuart House, to only six points. Howard Inch established himself as the sparkplug of the team with his stingy ball hawking against the Denby guards.

On the girls' side of the court, the Rocks' victory over Redford Union that won them the league title was one to behold. A patented Rock comeback saw the cagers score an incredible 24 points in a row in the fourth quarter to send the Panthers home shaking their heads.

Scott Dunagan's game winning bunt single in the finals of the Les Anders tournament against Garden City East was the climax of one of the most exciting games the Canton Chief baseball team played all year.

MOST CLASSIC BATTLE: The meeting of the two top baseball teams in the area, the Salem Rocks and the Canton Chiefs, in the district finals. The Rocks won the game by the surprising spread of 9-0.

MOST UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCES: The injuries that plagued both Salem and Canton football teams last season. Both squads finished with mediocre records, but the season always seemed full of spice thanks to the playing of Mickey Mouse at the halftime shows.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: The loss of the Salem basketball team against Flint Northwestern in the state semifinals at East Lansing. No matter how hard they tried, the Rocks just couldn't do anything right that day.

BIGGEST SURPRISE: The Canton football victory over Garden City East. The injury-prone Chiefs walked out on the field with a mere 22 players compared to East's 54. There was no way the Chiefs were supposed to win. I had them up as 21-point underdogs. But the Chiefs got the last laugh, coming out 27-13 victors.

FUNNIEST EVENT: When the bionic toe of Salem place kicker Richard Doughty won the Belleville game in overtime with a kick that floated straight into the air and was blown over the goal posts by the wind. The Rocks won, 26-25.

GREATEST SINGLE LOSS: I've never seen an injury affect a team more than the one to Scott Agnew of last year's Salem wrestling squad. Agnew's serious knee injury not only cost the Rocks important strength in their middle weights that would have won them more matches, but a team leader who had been a stalwart performer for three years.

MOST GRATIFYING: Salem High School winning the state all-sports trophy thanks to a number one baseball team, a number three basketball team, fifth rated 1974 football team and the 11th best golf team. No other Plymouth High athletic teams ever combined to have the year these had.

GREATEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES: The single greatest performer in Plymouth athletics in 1975 had to be pitcher Tom Willette of the Salem Rocks. He was indeed the team's most valuable player, as he led the Rocks to the State championship with 14 victories. He was the best pitcher in the state.

Other outstanding athletes in 1975 included Glenn Peterson, who broke all but one swimming record for the Canton Chiefs; Mark DeMeritt, a great sprinter and middle distance runner for the Salem track team and a fine team leader; golfer Jeff Roth, who always dazzled fans with an intense concentration on the links that made him one of the prime high school golfers in the country.

GREATEST ONE-TWO COMBINATIONS: The greatest of all one-two combinations was Eric Agardy and Jim Ellinghausen, whose inside and outside play on the basketball court led the Salem basketball team to all its success.

Salem divers Billy Marks and Larry Henry were pair who had to be the best in the state from one school in their sport.

The girls tennis combination of Ceci Warwick and Karen Cook were the top two singles players in the Sub-8 conference, and they teamed up to win the doubles competition in the regionals.

The Canton baseball battery of Tom Close at catcher and Bill Parson at pitcher led the Chiefs to their good fortune on the diamond.

Parson was the workhorse of Chief pitchers, winning 11 games while Close's arm was nothing to mess with when opponents thought of stealing a base. He also had tremendous power, as he demonstrated with a 350-foot homer over the leftfield fence at Ford Field in Livonia last May.

That was the year 1975 in Plymouth high school athletics — one of the most memorable years you could ask for.

Eli clan backs Jim

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time he's been playing," said Mr. Ellinghausen.

Don Jr. is the oldest of the Ellinghausen boys. He is 23 and stands 6-3 and is now a teaching assistant at Western Illinois University.

Brother Dave is a 6-5, 21-year old who attends Schoolcraft College. He was a four-letter winner in basketball at Peoria Richmond High School.

Steve, the third son, is in his third year at Eastern Michigan University. The 20-year old stands a diminutive 6-2. He's "the runt of the family," quipped his father.

Tom is two years younger than Jim and a sophomore on the Salem varsity. Tom's 6-3 height complements Jim's stature when they are on the court together.

Andy, nine, and Mike, eight, play in the B and C Leagues of the Plymouth Junior Basketball Association. Andy is a guard, and his father admits it's strange watching an Ellinghausen dribble a ball down the court.

The youngest is three year old Mattie. "Our classic story with Mattie is when he tells me to move the car out of the driveway so he can pretend like he's scoring a basket," said Mr. Ellinghausen.

"He can't get it up there, but he dribbles a lot. Jim will lift him on his shoulders so he can score."

When Jim came to Plymouth former teammate Andy Jones gave him the nickname, "Eli" that has stuck with him over the

years. In Peoria, he was called "Spider" Ellinghausen by his friends, because of his long arms.

"He is a task master with himself and others," said Mr. Ellinghausen. "He plays so hard and gets angry at himself when he

does something wrong. I don't know where he got it, but he has an unholy desire to win."

Commenting on his play so far this season, which included a 31-point average in eight games, Jim said, "It's been okay. I've played up to my expectations, but I haven't played my best yet. I'll play better as the season goes on."

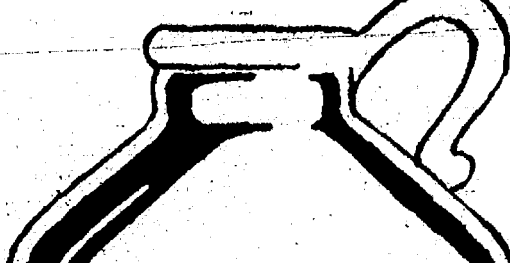
Jim's talents are being sought by several college scouts and coaches from all over the state and country. Most observers say he can win a four-year scholarship to nearly any school he chooses.

Jim says he doesn't feel too much pressure with all the scouts always watching him.

"You look over and you see them, but most tell you not to worry about the one game. I just go out and try to help the team win, and I don't let them worry me."

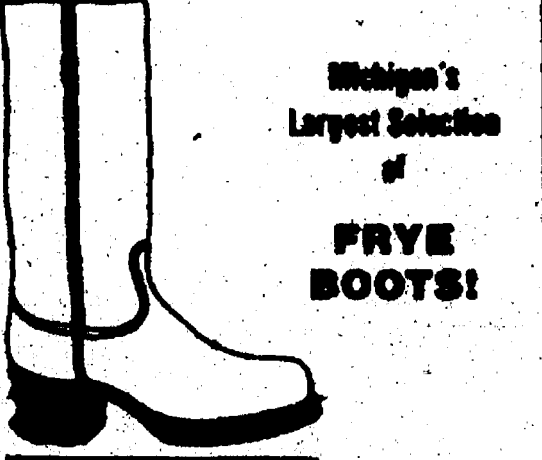
He is an all-around athlete who competed in junior football and won two tennis trophies back in Peoria.

But all the big man with the southern accent has eyes for now is basketball, and most Salem fans find it a treat to keep an eye on him.



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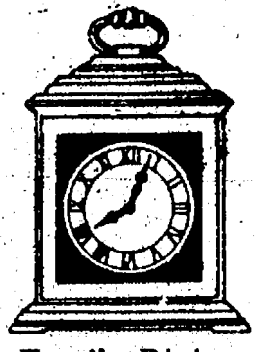
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bert Delano, Ronald J. Love, Lorence G. Pinkard, John A. Hartunian; (second row) Mary Moyer, Douglas Bowman, Mat Ferrari, Linda Dobies, Steven Sally, David Tenorio, Ann Jahn; (third row) Thomas Pattison, Hoel Genkebil, Robert Wilder, Cory Collins and Robert Werner. (Crier photo)



Nazis return

YOUNG NAZIS from Livonia were back on the streets of Plymouth last weekend, promoting their cause. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron.)

Word expected on annexing of Burroughs

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Official notification of the Burroughs lot will follow a conference call between the four of five commissioners who acted on the annexation petition. Pending their final determination, transfer of the property would occur 61 days later, or sometime in late March.

Actual transfer would take place then, however, only if the township decided not to appeal the decision. Township officials have already agreed informally to fight annexation, and the Burroughs Corp. has offered to share in the legal expenses of an appeal.

Both the city and the township consider the parking lot a prime site for commercial development.

A shopping center and a high-rise apartment complex had once been planned for the site. Such a development would make a significant addition to the tax base of either community.

Along with the petitions to annex the parking lot and the Hill-
Tomczyk arrests reckless driver

Lt. William Tomczyk, commander of the Plymouth Post of the State Police, made his first arrest in about 15 years Dec. 22 as he and Sgt. Andrew Cunningham were driving on Hines Dr near Riverside Dr. in an unmarked patrol car.

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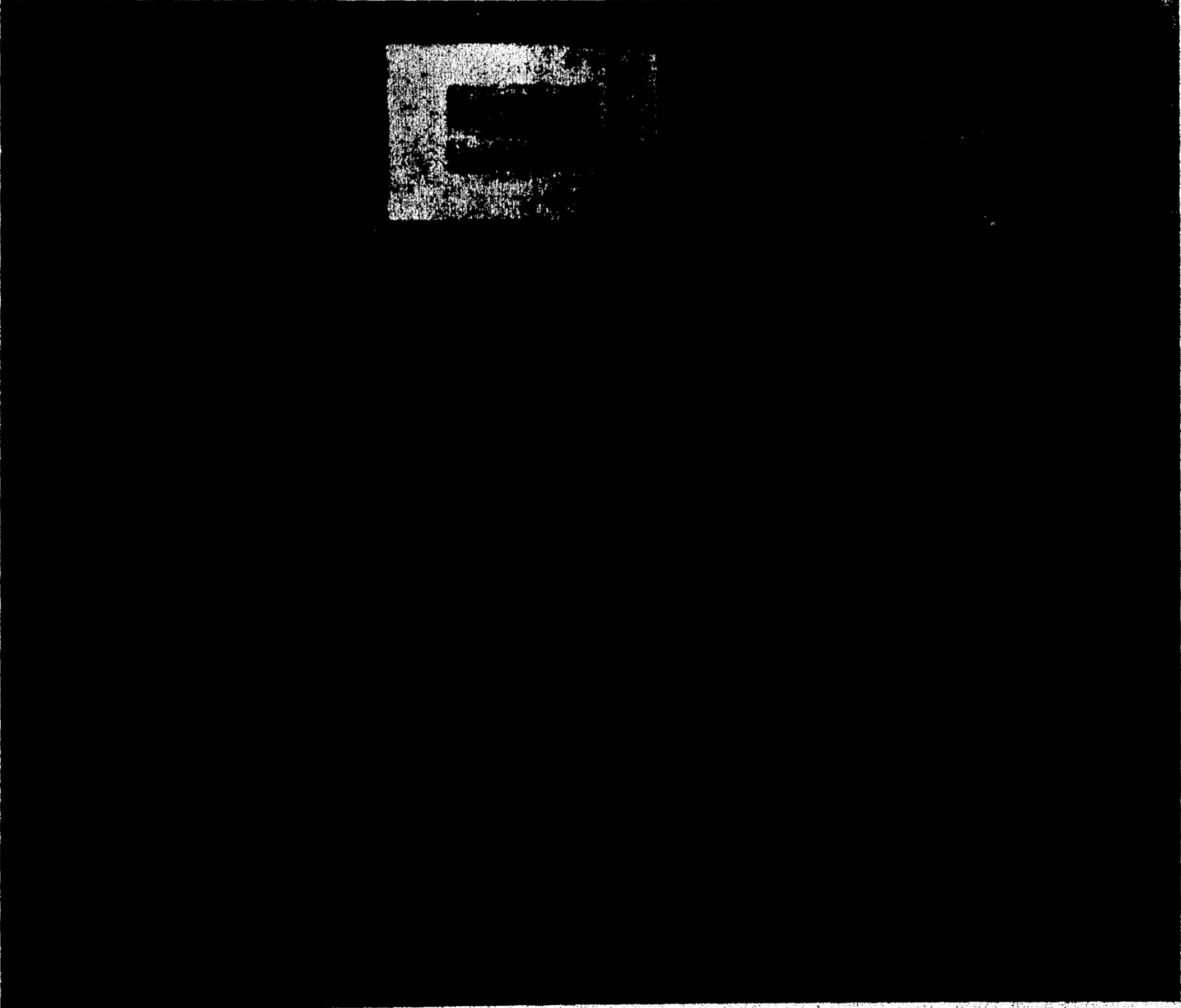
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