



But sewer need more urgent, Stein says

Canton lands \$2.7 million for hall

Canton has been notified of tentative approval of a \$2,715,000 grant to construct a township administration building, according to Harold Stein, Canton supervisor.

The final approval for this project through the Local Public Works Capital Development and Investment Act of 1976 should reach the township no later than Jan. 5, said Stein. Once final

Pic of proposed new hall...pg. 3

approval has been received, the township has 90 days in which to start construction.

While pleased that Canton has received the grant, Stein is concerned that the area's immediate needs are not being met.

"The new administration building is something we would probably need 10 years or so down the road," Stein said, "but what we need today is additional sewer and water lines to allow this township to develop its commercial and industrial areas to put the township on a more representative tax base than letting the homeowners pay the price."

The township had, under former supervisor Bob Greenstein, submitted a list of seven projects for possible funding through the act. The administrative building was given the highest priority, but the list was re-prioritized after Stein was elected, and the administrative building was given last place in order of "desirability" by the township.

Stein says the new building, to be located on township property north of the Canton fire station at Cherry Hill and Canton Center roads, will consist of a basement and three floors of 14,000 square feet per floor.

"We hope to include all types of uses in the new building," said Stein. "The first floor will contain all of our administrative offices and a meeting hall. The second floor will be a tentative facility for the building department, water department and possibly the recreation offices. The third floor we're looking at as a possible township library and senior citizens area. We'd like to use move-

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City, schools lose out

Requests by the City of Plymouth for an addition to the existing city hall and the Plymouth Community School District for two new schools have both been turned down, said city and school officials.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Tom Notebaert, however, says as far as he's concerned, "no news is good news." The township is still awaiting word on how it will fair on a request for funds for a new township hall.

Canton was not the only municipality locally to receive tentative approval for federal funds this past week.

Northville Township Supervisor Wilson Greer says he received word that the township will be given \$761,000 to build a 13,000-square foot combination fire hall, police station and township hall at the northeast corner of Winchester and Six Mile Road.

Northville Public Schools will also be getting \$691,000 to renovate the old Main Street School into new school administration offices, says Superintendent Raymond Spear.

A joint request for a new Northville-Northville Township library was rejected, however.



Youth sculpts freezing form

A TOWERING FREE FORM ICE SCULPTURE is the creation of Greg Proctor, 17, of Ridgewood in Plymouth Township. Greg built the frame of the sculpture from branches and

metal springs then showered it with a spray of water from a garden hose for several days to produce the unusual formation. (Crier photo by Spike Kershaw.)

State police calls rise in '76

BY HANK MEIJER

Despite what their commander terms a "crisis" in manpower brought on by the assignment of area state troopers to patrol Detroit freeways, State Police from the Northville-Plymouth post responded to more complaints than ever this year in Canton and Plymouth Township.

State Police responded to a total of 1,818 complaints from January to November this year in Plymouth Township and 1,393 in Canton. That's compared to 1,784 all last year in Plymouth Township and 1,172 in Canton.

The number of traffic accidents handled by the State Police soared from 73 all last year in Canton to 113 in the first 11 months of 1976, and from 210 all last year in Plymouth Township to 236 by the end of November.

Why the rise in reported traffic accidents? Lt. William Tomczyk, commander of the Northville Post, says population growth and the opening of new shopping centers probably account for the increase.

Chief among the crimes for which State Police received increased reports was breaking and

entering. In 1975, troopers investigated 130 break-ins in Plymouth Township and 79 in Canton. Those figures jumped to 135 in the first 11 months alone in 1976 in Plymouth Township, and to 114 in Canton.

Also on the rise in both townships were the numbers of sex

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Greenstein, Stein can't reconcile volunteerism

BY KATHY KUENZER

A payroll check for slightly more than \$47 is the subject of the latest salvo in a running conflict between former Canton Supervisor Bob Greenstein and Canton's new supervisor, Harold Stein.

The check, issued to Greenstein for his work as a patrolman

with the Canton Police Department, was returned to Stein personally by Greenstein recently. Greenstein said he "has not ever received pay as a police officer in Canton," and he didn't intend to start now.

"I have always been a volunteer, and I want it kept that

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Development of Our Community

See Special Supplement Inside

Growthworks closes building deal

Growthworks Inc. Friday closed a deal to purchase the old Plymouth Mail building on S. Main Street from the Suburban Communications Corp.

Growthworks has occupied the building since 1971 under a trust agreement.

Although it will be several years before Growthworks can pay off the loan used to secure the building, they remain hopeful:

"It's going to cost us a great deal of money, but we're going to contact as many sources outside the community as we can," said Dale Yagiela, director of Growthworks.

However, Yagiela is grateful to local groups, such as Rotary, which have provided much needed financial aid:

"I didn't think we would be able to put it together six months ago," said Yagiela, "but we got a good response from the Rotary and everybody extended themselves so the result was quite mind-boggling. In July, I thought it was all over with, but we were able to get the necessary extensions from the city and Phil Power (Publisher of Observer and Eccentric Newspapers Inc., and owner of the Livonia-based chain's parent company, Suburban Communications.) Although we have to raise a lot of money, I feel good about it."

Dillon to fill rec post

The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners has elected John H. Dillon to fill the unexpired term of the late Jesse Rutherford, as Washtenaw County Representative on the Huron-Clinton Metropark Board of Commissioners.

Dillon is manager of research and development for Adistra Corporation in Plymouth. He is also the Ann Arbor Twp. Re-



JOE BIDA

Remove snow

City of Plymouth residents are reminded that they are required by ordinance to remove snow and ice from sidewalks next to streets or public places within 24 hours after snow or ice accumulation.

Failure to remove the snow or ice will result in its being done by city workers and the cost of the work will be charged as a lien against the property.

Ken Vogras, director of the Plymouth DPW, says homeowners will be charged approximately \$25 an hour if the DPW performs the work, with a minimum of one hour being charged.

representative on the Huron River Watershed Council. In the past he assisted with the creation of the Supervisors Inter-County Committee, which served Wayne, Washtenaw, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, and St. Clair counties, and was the forerunner of the present Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

Bida announces senate candidacy

Plymouth Mayor Joe Bida last week announced he will seek the Republican nomination as a candidate for state senator from the 14th District.

Bida joins State Rep. Robert Geake (R-Northville) as an announced candidate for the Republican nod. State education official Dr. Jane Moehle of Plymouth is also expected to enter the race.

Candidates will vie for their party nominations in a special election to be called by Gov. Milliken to fill the vacancy created by the election of State Sen. Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth) to Congress.

The 54-year-old Hamilton Street resident has lived in Plymouth since 1957. He was the city's Department of Public Works (DPW) director from 1955 to 1965, and held the same post in Plymouth Township from 1970 to 1972. A Marine Corps veteran, he is also past president of the Garden City Jaycees and an unsuccessful candidate for president of the state Jaycees.

Bida was a Plymouth City Commissioner before winning the mayor's post in 1975.

Defining his stands on issues he feels are important in a state senate race, the mayor said, "I am anti-bussing, anti-crime, and I'm for capital punishment."

Bida and his wife, Irene, have two sons and a daughter. He is employed as a salesman at Leo Calhoun Ford.

The 14th District includes the City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, the City of North-

ville, Northville Township, Livonia and Redford Townships, as well as four precincts in Westland.

Dumas too

Wayne County Commissioner Mary Dumas of Livonia Tuesday announced her candidacy for the 14th District State Senate seat being vacated by Congressman-elect Carl Pursell of Plymouth.

Mrs. Dumas, 54, a four-year veteran of the County Commission, recently won election to a third term. She will challenge State Rep. Robert Geake (R-Northville) and Plymouth Mayor Joe Bida, who have already announced their campaigns. Dr. Jane Moehle of Plymouth is expected to announce her candidacy soon.

A former Schoolcraft College trustee, Mrs. Dumas has been active in area Republican politics.

In announcing her candidacy she cited the need for "legislators who understand the impact of legislation that emanates from Lansing," particularly in the administrative and financial burdens it places on local residents and businesses.

Sharp named

Patrick Sharp, of 663 S. Evergreen, has been named to the City of Plymouth planning commission.

He will replace Earl Merriman who is retiring from the commission.

Sharp is a financial analyst with Ford Motor Co.

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CHARLES HEWER

HEWER'S FEED STORE has long been a landmark along Canton Center Road. It's owner, the late Charlie Hewer, had sold the property recently but intended to keep the

business going until fall of 1977. His death closes a chapter in the history of Canton. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)

Shop weathered sweeping changes

Storekeeper Hewer dies

Charles Hewer, 87, owner-operator of Hewer's Feed Store on Canton Center Road in Can-

ton for the past 40 years, died Dec. 26 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia after a brief illness.

Hewer and his wife, Mildred, who survives him, were married in 1911 and came to Canton in 1919. He worked at the Plymouth Telephone Company during the depression then started his feed and grain business at 8120 Canton Center Rd., across from what is now the Plymouth Centennial Educational Park.

Hewer's Feed Store was one of Canton's last businesses run by "oldtimers." He remained active in his store until recently.

In July he announced that he had sold the business and property and would close the feed store "sometime in the fall of 1977."

Services were to be held today (Wednesday) at Schrader Funeral Home with The Rev. Philip Rodgers Magee officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Other survivors include his sons, Richard of Alabama and Robert of Northville; sisters, Marguerite Storie of California

and Elsie Dolson of Canada; brothers, Frank, William and Stewart, all of Canada; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was a member of First United Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

Dispatcher files lawsuit against city

Plymouth Police dispatcher Pat Casey has filed suit in U.S. District Court charging the City of Plymouth and Police Chief Tim Ford with sex discrimination.

Mrs. Casey filed a complaint earlier this year with the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) alleging that she had been discriminated against in her desire to become a police officer with the city department.

According to her attorney, James McCarthy, both sides will likely file depositions with the court, followed by negotiations to settle the matter. If no settlement is reached, the case would go to trial.

Said McCarthy, "Pat has a particularly good case. The city seems to be taking the posture that they can do no wrong."

PEA, schools await new talks

BY SUSAN NICHOLAS

Right now there's not much happening with the Plymouth teacher contract talks, but things should liven up in January, when both sides expect to return to the bargaining table.

"We haven't made any plans to return to the table, because we're looking over the proposals they gave us and preparing a counter-proposal," said Candi Reece, president of the Plymouth Education Association (PEA). "However, we shouldn't be going to the contract table until January, (when Norm Kee (the district's assistant superintendent for personnel) can meet with us. But we kind of found out what our worth is to them after seeing what they pay their administrators."

Moreover, Reece said she is not pleased with the Board's latest proposal:

"It has taken away some of the things that were in the last proposal, like insurance," she said.

Kee says he is waiting for the PEA to respond:

"Yes, I'm merely awaiting a call from the Association," he said. "We have given them a proposal as of Dec. 16 and we haven't received any formal response from them, although we're waiting patiently."

Although negotiations have been going on since the end of August, Kee says the length is not unusual.

"I know of several districts that have been negotiating for over a year. I anticipate we will continue negotiating until some sort of settlement is reached."

Still, he feels it is time for a settlement.

"They can't sit there and say, 'That's not enough so we

won't negotiate' and we can't sit there and say, 'No, we're not offering any more.'" said Kee. "We have to reach a solution."



CHARLES SKENE

Skene is new rec chief

City Manager Fred Yockey has named Charles Skene director of the city's Department of Parks and Recreation effective Jan. 1.

Skene, 25, has been acting director of the recreation department since earlier this year when former director Bill Zirblis resigned.

Said Yockey in a letter to Skene announcing the promotion, "You have certainly demonstrated your competency in running this department over the past several months."

Skene has been employed by the city for three years. The promotion carries with it an increase in salary from \$15,000 to \$17,500.

PEA adds talk advisors

The Plymouth Education Assoc. (PEA) has created a professional negotiations steering committee under the co-chairmanship of PEA past presidents, John Ryder and Bill Grimmer.

The purpose of the committee, says Ryder, is to serve in an advisory capacity to the PEA professional negotiations team

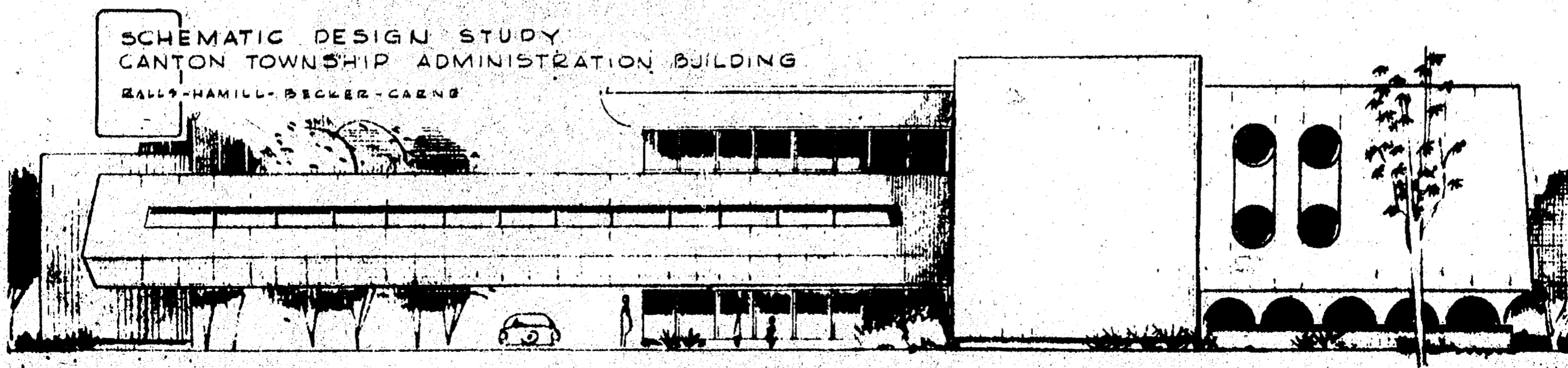
"during the remainder of our present crisis — one of not having a master agreement between the PEA and the Board of Education."

Ryder says the committee is "broadly represented by staff members from all buildings and most facets of the professional staff."

Man hurt in crane mishap

A Romulus man was rushed to Wayne County General Hospital Tuesday afternoon after he suffered a serious injury while working on a crane at National Cement Products Co. on Haggerty Road in Canton.

Fred Fincher, 32, was transported by the Canton Rescue squad. Further details were unavailable at press time.



Architect's drawing of proposed Canton hall

Barkeep's car taken

Box Bar bartender John R. Cook told Plymouth Police Sunday his car was stolen from outside the Ann Arbor Trail bar sometime that afternoon. Cook told police the vehicle, a 1966 Chrysler Newport, was taken from a parking area on the east side of the building.



Home for the holidays

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HOMECOMING of Plymouth-Canton area men and women in the U.S. armed forces included a visit to the Plymouth Army-Navy Recruiting Station for a chance to talk and say hello to local recruiters Sgt. Bob Sparks (third row, far left) and AR-2 Douglas Hallock (third row, far right). Shown are (front row, from left) Phillip Palmer, Mary Pint, Dicki Brendel, Teri Martin and Mark Lobdell, (second row) Kevin Cain,

Eric Schwaller, Margaret Penn, John Fauer Jr. and Martin Holly, (third row) Sparks, Stanley Reiman, Sandra Green, Bear (a recent re-enlistee) Mike Richards, Paul Moran and Hallock, (fourth row) Paul Pavloff (in glasses), Jean Minock, Kenneth Madis, Ronald Walton and Douglas Pappin, and (fifth row) Gary Hebsacker, Bob DeLano, Jerry Lanci, Mack McAllister and John Wallace. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)

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State troopers answer more calls here

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crimes, shopliftings and drunk driving cases handled by the State Police.

Sex-related offenses jumped from seven last year to 18 so far this year in Canton, while more than tripling already this year in Plymouth Township, from seven to 22.

Including shoplifting, State Police investigated 312 larcenies

in Canton last year and 282 in Plymouth Township last year. From January to November, 1976, those larcenies totaled 253 in Canton and 243 in Plymouth Township. Because December is a popular shoplifting month, those figures could rise substantially, State Police say.

Weapons violations also increased somewhat, while car thefts jumped in Canton — from 22 in 1975 to 49 this year — and remained relatively un-

changed — 52 to 46 — in Plymouth Township.

According to Tomczyk, an increase in the number of crimes reported to the State Police is probably not the result of a substantial increase in crime. Said Tomczyk, "More people are reporting crimes because of the availability of the troopers."

Being available, has become more of a challenge than ever in recent months, since troopers from the local post took on freeway duty, he added. But there's

relief in sight, according to Tomczyk. The State Police will soon open a special downtown Detroit branch which will be responsible for freeway patrols and will train scores of newly-recruited troopers.

Although the numbers are too small to give any sign of a trend, Tomczyk noted that half as many armed robberies have been reported this year as last. In 1975, State Police responded to four robberies in Canton and seven in Plymouth Township. So far this year, they have handled only two such calls in each township.

WSDP advisors chosen

Plymouth's student operated radio station WSDP has formed an advisory group as an attempt to become more involved with the community and serve more listeners.

Classes in radio and radio staff are offered to students at both Salem and Canton High Schools. John Seidelman, journalism and radio teacher, super-

vises the students and works with Jeffrey Cardinal, station coordinator, to broadcast weekdays from 12 noon to 8 p.m.

In addition to their regular programs of music and news, WSDP broadcasts high school sports events, school board meetings, and elementary school presentations.

Trooper tapped for sergeant

State Police D/Sgt. Charles R. Hoover, 34, a graduate of Marlette High School, was recently promoted to the sergeant rank in the Detroit area where he has been serving since 1972.

Hoover joined the State Police in 1968, serving first at the Ypsilanti post. In April of 1972 he was transferred to the detective division for duty in the Detroit area. In January of 1974 he was assigned to the Detroit post, Northville.



Real Estate

BY WILLIAM DECKER

REALTOR

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gories is \$2,500. No more than \$1,000 of this can be for house-hunting and temporary living expenses. These benefits now apply to the self-employed as well as to employees. To qualify for these deductions, your new job site must be at least 50 miles away. The old requirement was 20 miles.



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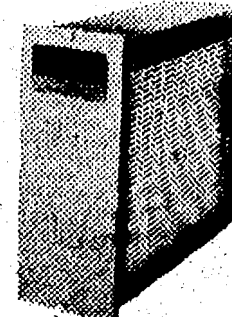
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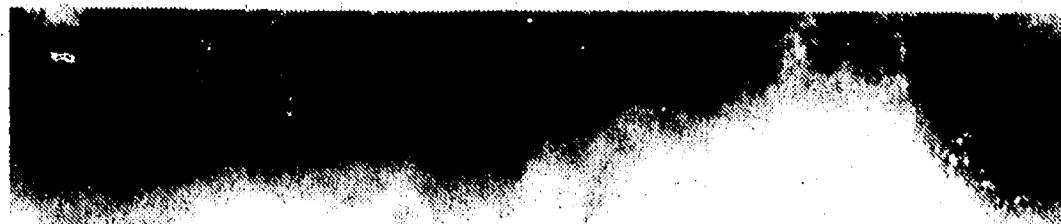


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A CLOUD OF SNOW blown by a county road commission tractor provided some exciting moments Monday for these local youngsters. They and their friends spent their vacation day enjoying the ice on Wilcox Pond.



Snowbound thrills

DPW Chief calls for clear sidewalks

City businesses are being asked for their help in snow removal this winter, says DPW Director Ken Vogras. If businesses don't cooperate, it could be expensive, he added.

"Once again winter is upon us, and before it is over it probably will be necessary for you to have your parking lot cleared of snow on several occasions," Vogras said in a letter to local merchants.

"The City of Plymouth is asking for your cooperation in telling whomever you contract to plow your lot, not to place any

snow on sidewalks, for this creates a hazardous condition for foot traffic, for instance, if a pedestrian must enter the street due to a blocked sidewalk and is struck by a vehicle the parties causing such obstruction may have a legal problem.

"In past years it has been necessary for the Public Works Department to contact those in violation of our snow removal ordinance to remove same, if not, our department will do so and bill the property owner.

"We hope this year it will not be necessary for our depart-

ment to perform these duties, for it can become rather expensive to the merchant. We must charge a minimum of one hour at a cost of approximately \$48 an hour," Vogras concluded.

Rep. Smith moves

State Rep. Roy Smith (whose district includes Plymouth and most of Plymouth Township) is the proud owner of a new home in the 52nd District and he wants all of his constituents to know his new address.

Smith moved from Ann Arbor to 651 Eastlook Dr., Saline, 48176.

Bandit takes \$1,000

Hillside robbed

A lone gunman robbed The Hillside Inn restaurant on Plymouth Road in Plymouth Township of more than \$1,000 at about 8 p.m. last Wednesday night.

According to Wayne County Sheriff's deputies, the suspect entered the lobby, announced a holdup, was handed the cash and some checks, and then fled the scene on foot. No one was hurt.

Authorities say they are looking for a young, white male about five-foot-eight to five-foot-10 inches tall with neat, ear-length hair and a dark brown leather jacket.

Salem youths win with dogs

Two Salem Township youngsters returned with honors recently from the AKC sanctioned B and OB Match sponsored by the Alaskan Malamute Club of Greater Detroit (AMCGD).

Danielle Allain won best junior handler award in the eight to 12 year class. Janie Allain's dog, S'Kimo, scored highest in dog obedience at the show.

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Canton readers

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A new library...amen

The announcement that Canton may soon get its own library as part of a new administration building to be built with federal public works funds is welcome news to Canton residents who have felt this need for a long time.

While the service at the Dunning-Hough Library in Plymouth, which Canton has helped to support for the past few years, has always been excellent, those of us in Canton who visit the library at least once a week are relieved that in the near future we will not have quite

such a drive. More important, we will have one more facility in Canton that we can claim as "ours," one that gives Canton a sense of identity.

And it probably goes without saying that the folks at the Dunning-Hough Library will breathe a sigh of relief when they hear

their services won't have to be stretched quite so far.

Slowly but surely Canton is obtaining those "institutions", if you will, that will one day make it self-sufficient, independent and stronger. The library is just one more step in the direction.

KATHY KUENZER

Who runs the roads?

Unfortunately, snow flies when the Lord wills it.

That may not seem like a particularly important revelation for most of us, but the Wayne County Road Commission was having some trouble understanding that fact.

You may have heard about its recent directive — aimed at saving money — to plow snow only during the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. when road-crews work without overtime.

After one very slippery, disastrous weekend, the commission quickly changed its mind and now plows the roads as the snowfall warrants. A wise deci-

sion but why did the commission think it could get away with any other plan?

It just wasn't very practical and demonstrates once again, the creeping suspicion that the Wayne County Road Commission is not a very well-administered service agency.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Santa: Thanks!!

Editor:

Gene "Santa" Reeves wishes to report a 'big thanks' to The Community Crier and its staff for helping old Santa Claus make a very merry Christmas for the kiddies and foster grandparents out at the Plymouth Center for Human Development.

Thanks also to all of Santa's donors.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

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Grateful for vigilant press

Editor:

The intent of this letter is to commend The Community Crier for being truly the guardian of the public interest. We need more Editorial Opinions columns as the one appearing in the Crier on Dec. 15, 1976. Yes, indeed, 'What has Yockey to Hide?'

A good question to ask every public official, especially Mayor Bida. Why are our public servants afraid to tell the truth? The current senior citizens housing controversy in the City Commission Chambers is a point in fact. Our public servants must surely know that we the people care for our senior citizens as well as for ourselves. Those who live in the city know and do care for the City of Plymouth and her citizens of all ages. The question is: Do we want to saddle our children with paying a debt in the future that our present city administration can and must avoid through honest management of the public trust.

Where the elected public officials fail their sworn duty to uphold the public good, we are thankful for the watchful "eye" of the press. To paraphrase Thomas Jefferson's advice: If we must choose between too much government and the press, we should all say a loud thank you for having the freedom of the press safeguarded for us in the Bill of Rights. God grant that we shall diligently persevere against evil, wherever it may be, including the lowest level of government.

PAUL NASTOFF

Fantastic walk

Editor:

Your fantasy Christmas walk thru Old Village by Fran Hennings was great! The walk was a great success also.

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Y classes to start Jan. 17

The winter program of the Canton, Northville, Plymouth YMCA is scheduled to begin the week of Jan. 17, and Y program director Janet Luce says there will be some new classes along with the regular standbys that should interest area residents.

One of those new classes, entitled "Awareness," will be taught by Fred Prezioso, pastor of Epiphany Lutheran Church. "People act, react and respond to other people according to certain patterns of behavior," says Prezioso. "We first determine what the patterns of the relationship are, and once that's decided, we'll know how to respond."

Prezioso says the course will "help participants achieve more satisfying relationships with



FRED PREZIOSO

their friends, co-workers, spouse and children.

"Specific attention will be given to assertiveness, communication and problem-solving skills, along with the techniques of transactional analysis and behavior modification."

"Body language, racket and ego states" will also be discussed in the class, with special consideration given to parent-child relationships, marriage enrichment and personal development.

"Those from age 16 and up are welcome," says Prezioso, "and we encourage two or more people from the same family to attend together."

Interested in this class? It meets Monday nights, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., beginning Jan. 17 at Middle School East. Cost

for Y members is \$14 and for non-Y members is \$18.

Perhaps you would enjoy a crafts class or an exercise session. Some of the other classes to be offered will include:

Adult Beginning Guitar, Tuesdays, Jan. 25 to March 15 - 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Middle School West Choral Room.

Adult Men's Gym (two sessions) Thursdays, Jan. 20 to Feb. 24 and March 3 to April 7 - 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Starkweather School Gym.

Adult Racquetball-Paddleball, Tuesdays, Jan. 18 to Feb. 15 and Feb. 22 to March 22 - Noon to 1 p.m., Racquettime, 36000 Plymouth Rd., Livonia.

Adult Beginning Slim and Trim and Aerobics, Mondays and/or Thursdays, Jan. 17 to March 7 - 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

Adult Continuing Slim and Trim and Aerobics, place and days same as above, except runs from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Modern Literature, Tuesdays, Jan. 18 to March 8 - 1 to 3 p.m., Geneva Presbyterian Church, Canton.

How to Keep Your Body Vitamin Happy, (two sessions) Wednesdays, Jan. 19 and Feb. 2, and Feb. 9 and Feb. 23 - 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Middle School West.

Plant Care (three sessions), Jan. 18 to Feb. 15, Feb. 22 to March 22 and April 26 to May 24 - 1 to 2 p.m., instructor's home in Canton.

Mini Crochet (beginners), (three sessions) Jan. 17 to 31, Feb. 7 to 21 and Feb. 28 to March 14 - 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Middle School East.

Beginning Bridge, (two sessions) Mondays, Jan. 17 to Feb. 7 and Feb. 14 to March 7 - 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

To register for these classes, mail registration to the Y office at 292 S. Main St., Plymouth stop in the office (above Fisher Shoes) or call at 453-2904. Costs of classes varies with each course. Registration must be received before the class begins.

What's happening

SWEDISH BANTAM AND MIDGET HOCKEY teams will play the PLYMOUTH Bantam and Midget teams, Friday, Jan. 7, in the Cultural Center at 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. You can see both games for \$1. Admission for children 18 and under is 50 cents. Tickets will be on sale at the door.

THE CANTON TOWNSHIP NEWCOMERS CLUB will meet Jan. 5 at 7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School on Ann Arbor Road. A general meeting will begin at 8 p.m. Sign-ups for interest groups will be held at that time. Theresa McLaughlin, a palmist, will be the featured guest.

Area GIRL SCOUTS interested in joining a SWIMMING PROGRAM should register by either calling or writing Myra Dostie, 11792 Amherst Court, Plymouth, Mich. 48170, 453-7544. The program begins Jan. 8.

The third annual WORLD MIDGET HOCKEY TOURNAMENT will feature two games at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Thursday, Dec. 30, at 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 4, at 7:30 p.m. The six team tournament has representatives from Canada, Sweden and the United States. Admission will be \$1 for adults, 50 cents for children 14 and under and children eight and under free. For additional information contact the Plymouth Department of Parks and Recreation at 455-6620.

The Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting reservations for a NEW YEARS EVE PARTY. Tickets are \$3 per person in advance and \$3.50 per person at the door. Activities will include ice skating and disco dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. A fireside lounge will provide a warm holiday atmosphere and concession services will be available. Age limit is 16 and over. Interested persons may contact the Recreation Department at 455-6620 or may stop by the Recreation Office, 525 Farmer St.

The PLYMOUTH PATHFINDERS are planning a trip to Greek Town, Detroit Historical Museum, Detroit Cultural Center, Tour of NBD and a tour of the oldest church in Detroit on Saturday, Jan. 29. Leaving at 10 a.m. Dinner at Greek Town included. Fee is \$12 and all are welcome. For further information contact the Plymouth Recreation Department at 455-6620.

PAINT FOR FUN invites those who are interested in oil painting to meet each Thursday in an informal setting from 1-3:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center. This class is free to all who attend. Contact Fred Prussing at 455-8894.

The CHESS CLUB meets every Tuesday evening from 7:30-11:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center. Novice to advanced players are invited to attend. Free instruction provided for beginners. For more information contact Conrad Drake at 397-1881.

BACKGAMMON CLUB - This new club is open to all interested participants, novice to advanced. The club will meet at the Cultural Center on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. For more information contact Ted or Cathy St. Clair at 459-2826.

For those who have experience in painting with OIL AND ACRYLICS informal sessions will be meeting at the Cultural Center on Monday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The PLYMOUTH FIGURE SKATING CLUB meets at the Cultural Center on Monday night from 8 - 11 p.m., Friday night from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. and Saturday evening from 6 - 8 p.m.

COMMUNITY CHORUS, men's and women's choral group meets Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the vocal room at East Middle School, 1042 S. Mill.

THE FOLK DANCE CLUB will meet once again on Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at Bird School, 220 Sheldon Rd. This Recreation Department sponsored group is open to junior high school students through adults from novice to experienced. Contact Joe Azbill at 455-6163.

PARTY BRIDGE takes place at the Cultural Center on Thursday from 1 - 4 p.m.

THE PLYMOUTH ROCK AND MINERAL SOCIETY meets on the first Monday of each month 7:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center.

The PILGRIM GARDEN CLUB will meet on Thursday, Jan. 6, at the home of Jan Dersey on Dewey St. Ms. Dersey will speak on the topic of Colonial gardens. Guests are welcome. A \$1 donation is requested.

Chamber sets dinner

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its Third Annual January Dinner-dance Saturday night, Jan. 22 at the Plymouth Hilton in Plymouth Township.

Cocktails will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m. Music will be by The Sterling. Dancing will end at 1 a.m.

Speaker for the evening will be Dr. F. C. Schoonover of Schoolcraft College, who will discuss Canton's economy - past, present and future.

Tickets are \$13 per person, \$25 per couple. Reservations can be made by calling the Canton Chamber of Commerce at 453-4040. The public is invited.

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Help sought for tax forms

Canton Supervisor Harold Stein is seeking volunteers to help senior citizens and handicapped persons fill out their tax forms.

Stein also reminds all eligible persons to apply for their Homestead Property Tax Credits with the State of Michigan. Eligible persons include senior citizens, widows of senior citizens, veterans, eligible widows of veterans, paraplegics, quadriplegics, the totally and permanently disabled and the blind. Deadline for filing claims are June 30, 1977, for active servicemen, eligible veterans and disabled persons, and Dec. 31, 1978, for senior citizens, paraplegics, quadriplegics, widows and the blind.

Volunteers and needy senior citizens should call the Canton supervisor's office at 397-1000.

Chefs welcome back kids

Schools announce menus



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ALLEN
 Monday, January 3
 Vegetable soup, cheese stick, peanut butter & jelly sandwich, fruit cup, milk
 Tuesday, January 4
 Sloppy Joes, pickles, vegetable, fruit cup, milk
 Wednesday, January 5
 Beef gravy over mashed potatoes, roll, fruit cup, milk
 Thursday, January 6
 Hot dog, relishes, vegetable, fruit cup, dessert, milk
 Friday, January 7
 Fish sticks, relishes, vegetable, biscuit, fruit cup, milk

BIRD
 Monday, January 3
 Chicken Noodle soup, jelly & peanut butter sandwich, bar, fruit cup, milk
 Tuesday, January 4
 Beef Barbecue, pickles, green beans, fruit cup, milk
 Wednesday, January 5
 Beef in gravy over mashed potatoes, roll, fruit cup, milk
 Thursday, January 6
 Hot dog, relishes, vegetable, fruit cup, cake, milk
 Friday, January 7
 Fish sticks, relishes, vegetable, bread, pudding, milk

CENTRAL
 Monday, January 3
 Bar-B-Q Beef, green beans, fruit, milk
 Tuesday, January 4
 Hot dog, relishes, corn, peaches, bar, milk
 Wednesday, January 5
 Italian macaroni & beef, spinach OR beets, apple crisp, bread, milk
 Thursday, January 6
 Hamburger, vegetable, fruit juice, cake, milk
 Friday, January 7
 Tuna noodle casserole, peas, fruited jello, cinnamon roll, milk

ERIKSSON
 Monday, January 3
 Chicken Noodle soup, peanutbutter & jelly sandwich, bar, fruit, milk
 Tuesday, January 4
 Toasted cheese sandwich, pickles, green beans, orange juice, Yam cake, milk
 Wednesday, January 5
 Ravioli with meat sauce, garlic rolls, fruit, milk, peanuts
 Thursday, January 6
 Western Saddle Hot dogs, relishes, Prairie Baked Beans, Fruit, Doc Holiday Cookies, Milk
 Friday, January 7
 Oven Baked Fish Sticks, tartar sauce, corn, cake, gelatin, milk

EAST
 Monday, January 3
 Hot dog, relishes, french fries, fruit, cookie, milk
 Tuesday, January 4
 Bar-B-Que on Bun, green beans, fruit, Cowboy cookie, milk
 Wednesday, January 5
 Sloppy Joe on bun, beets, fruit, cake, milk

Thursday, January 6
 Hamburger, relishes, corn, fruit, bar, milk
 Friday, January 7
 Fish sandwich, tartar sauce, potato chips, carrot and celery sticks, fruit, cake, milk

FARRAND
 Monday, January 3
 Grilled Cheese sandwich, tomato soup, cookie, fruit, milk
 Tuesday, January 4
 Hamburger, relishes, vegetables, cake, milk
 Wednesday, January 5
 Tacos, vegetable, cake, fruit, milk
 Thursday, January 6
 Hot dog, relishes, vegetable, fruit, cookie, milk
 Friday, January 7
 Fish sticks, tartar sauce, vegetable, cake, fruit, milk

FIGEL
 Monday, January 3
 Chicken Rice Soup, Peanut Butter & jelly sandwich, fruit, cheese stix, milk
 Tuesday, January 4
 Hot dog, relishes, vegetable, fruit, brownie, milk
 Wednesday, January 5
 Beef in Gravy over mashed potatoes, roll, fruit, milk
 Thursday, January 6
 Ravioli with meat & cheese, green peas, bread, fruit, milk
 Friday, January 7
 Hamburger, relishes, pickles, vegetable, fruit, bar, milk

FIELD
 Monday, January 3
 Hot dog, relishes, vegetable, fruit, cake, milk
 Tuesday, January 4
 Hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits, fruit, milk
 Wednesday, January 5
 Spaghetti with meat, tossed salad, bread, fruit jello, milk
 Thursday, January 6
 Fish sticks, tartar sauce, vegetable, bread, fruit, cake, milk
 Friday, January 7
 Chicken Noodle Soup, peanutbutter & jelly sandwich, fruit, milk

GALLIMORE
 Monday, January 3
 Toasted cheese sandwich, green beans, fruit cup, cookie, milk
 Tuesday, January 4
 Hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes, peas, fruit cup, cake, milk
 Wednesday, January 5
 Hamburger, relishes, corn, fruit cup, cake, milk
 Thursday, January 6
 Hotdog, relishes, mixed vegetables, fruit cup, bar, milk
 Friday, January 7
 Pizza with meat & cheese, wax beans, fruit cup, cake, orange juice, milk
HULSING
 Monday, January 3
 Hot dog, relishes, corn, fruit cup, cookie, milk

Tuesday, January 4
 Spaghetti with meat, garlic bread, green beans, fruited jello, milk
 Wednesday, January 5
 Pizza with meat & cheese, vegetable, peanutbutter Cup CAKEs, fruit, milk
 Thursday, January 6
 Hamburger, french fries, fruit cup, cookie, milk
 Friday, January 7
 Oven Baked fish, tartar sauce, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, pudding with fruit, milk

ISBISTER
 Monday, January 7
 Tomato soup, toasted cheese sandwich, peaches, cake, milk
 Tuesday, January 4
 Sloppy Joes, green beans, pears, cookies, milk
 Wednesday, January 5
 Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, roll, orange juice, jello, milk
 Thursday, January 6
 Hot dog, carrots, applesauce, cookie, milk
 Friday, January 7
 Fish sticks, french bread, peas, fruit cup, bar, milk

MILLER
 Monday, January 3
 Ravioli with meat & cheese, vegetable, fruit cup, bread, milk
 Tuesday, January 4
 Sizzle franks, pork & beans, fruit cup, cookie, milk
 Wednesday, January 5
 Meat & gravy over mashed potatoes, biscuits, fruit cup, milk
 Thursday, January 6
 Salisbury Steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, bread, peaches, milk
 Friday, January 7
PIZZA PARTY

SMITH
 Monday, January 3
 Fish sticks, tartar sauce, bread, corn, applesauce, cookie, milk
 Tuesday, January 4
 Hot dog, relishes, french fries, cheese sticks, fruited jello, cake, milk
 Wednesday, January 5
 Pizza with meat & cheese, peas, orange juice, bars, milk
 Thursday, January 6
 Bar-B-Que Beef on bun, tater tots, peaches, cookie, milk
 Friday, January 7
 Ravioli with meat & cheese, roll, green beans, pears, cookie, milk

STARKWEATHER
 Monday, January 3
 Vegetable soup, peanutbutter & jelly sandwich, fruit cup, bar, milk
 Tuesday, January 4
 Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, peas, fruit cup, cookie, milk
 Wednesday, January 5
 Grilled cheese sandwich, corn, fruit cup, cake, milk
 Thursday, January 6
 Hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes, fruit cup, cake, milk
 Friday, January 7
 Hot dog, baked beans, fruit cup, cookie, milk

Something different for the new year - Tanger students choose to eat breakfast for lunch on Wednesday next week - french toast and sausage and carrot sticks. (Sure - haven't you heard of a carrot omelette? Scrambled carrots?)

Eriksson students hit the "lonesome pine trail" Thursday as they saddle up to enjoy some nifty grub: Saddle hot dogs, prairie beans and Doc Holiday cookies.

Eriksson will also feature Yam cake Tuesday. It follows grilled cheeses, pickles and orange juice.

Pioneer Middle will celebrate the New Year with chicken pattie sandwiches. Welcome back, kids!

TANGER
 Monday, January 3
 Ravioli with meat, rolls, mixed vegetables, peaches, milk
 Tuesday, January 4
 Hot chicken & gravy over mashed potatoes, cranberries, cherry apple crisp, roasted peanuts, milk
 Wednesday, January 5
 French Toast, syrup OR cinnamon & sugar, pork sausage, apple sauce, carrot stick, milk
 Thursday, January 6
 Hot dog, pork 'n beans, mixed fruit, cake, milk
 Friday, January 7
 Pizza, green peas, pears, pudding, milk

PIONEER
 Monday, January 3
 Homemade Chicken Vegetable soup OR Beef Noodle soup, crackers, hot dog OR chicken patty sandwich, fruit, cookie, milk
 Tuesday, January 4
 Chicken in Gravy over mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, roll, fruit, milk
 Wednesday, January 5
 Sloppy Joes OR Submarine sandwich, escalloped potatoes, green beans, fruit, milk
 Thursday, January 6
 Pizza with sausage & cheese, corn, fruit OR jello, brownie, milk
 Friday, January 7
 Goulash OR Macaroni & cheese, roll, celery and carrot sticks, fruit, milk

WEST
 Monday, January 3
 Spaghetti with meat, green beans, roll, pudding, milk
 Tuesday, January 4
 Grilled hot dog with trimmings, corn, pineapple cup, Yankee Doodle Cookie, Milk
 Wednesday, January 5
 Hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, roll, orange juice, milk
 Thursday, January 6
 Hamburger with trimmings, french fries, orange juice, cake, milk
 Friday, January 7
 Fishwich, relishes, corn, fruit cup, cake, milk

PLYMOUTH SALEM PLYMOUTH CANTON
 Monday, January 3
 Hot chicken gravy over mashed potatoes, vegetable, fruit, milk, roll
 Tuesday, January 4
 Hot dog, relishes, potato chips, baked beans, fruit, dessert, milk
 Wednesday, January 5
 Macaroni & cheese OR Beef macaroni, roll, vegetable, jello, milk
 Thursday, January 6
 Hot ham & cheese, pickles, potato chips, vegetable soup, fruit, milk
 Friday, January 7
 Fish on bun, potatoes, vegetable, jello, milk

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**Goodfellows
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PLYMOUTH GOODFELLOWS PREPARED for their annual Christmas deliveries to needy local families last Friday morning at the Plymouth Fire Station by packing boxes of food and toys in anticipation of their delivery in time for Christmas. Money for the contents of each box was raised through sale of the annual Goodfellow newspaper on Dec. 11. A Goodfellows spokesman said packages were delivered to 36 local families. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)



**Connie,
Jeff are
engaged**

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph M. Dierick of 1094 S. Harvey in Plymouth, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Connie, to Jeffrey A. Jacobs, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Jacobs of 1321 Linden Ave. in Plymouth.

The bride-elect is a senior majoring in elementary education at Michigan State University, where she is a member of the Chi Omega Sorority.

Her fiance is a senior majoring in history at Denison University, Granville, Ohio, where he is a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Both are 1973 graduates of Plymouth High School.

No wedding date has been set.

Board picked

Four members were elected at the December meeting of the Plymouth Fall Festival Board of Directors.

Michael Conley of the Jaycees and Dick Raison of the Plymouth Colonial Kiwanis Club will be serving on the Board for the first time while Bob Richardson, 1976 second Vice President and Gene Kafila, 1976 Treasurer, were re-elected.

All four will take office at the Annual Meeting of the Festival Board of Directors on Jan. 26, 1977, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, City Hall.

The Annual Meeting of the Plymouth Community Fall Festival Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 26, 1977, in the City Commission Chambers, City Hall.

The agenda will include the election of 1977 officers, a review of the '76 Festival, committee reports, introduction of new members and managers, and presentations. The public is invited.

the Crier's
**friends &
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**Local artists sought
in PCAC survey**

The Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) reports that a survey to "discover Michigan's artists" living in the Plymouth-Canton area has received only two responses to date.

The survey, conducted in cooperation with the Michigan Council for the Arts, is intended to be used to determine "who the artists in our state are, where they live and work, what field of art they are in," says the PCAC.

But, says PCAC member Kathy Wood, the response has been disappointing and obviously not indicative of the true number of artists who live in the local area.

"We are not sure why there has not been a better response," says Ms. Wood, "but when you consider all the people who enter their work in the Fall Fest-

tival arts and crafts show, you know there are more artists living here."

Ms. Wood says the list of artists is intended for use as a roster so that they can be reached regularly with information important to them and their work.

Persons engaged in music, dance, theater and the visual arts and crafts whether they are engaged in their activity professionally or not, are urged to identify themselves to the PCAC.

Since the PCAC has not actively sent out forms for the survey, area artists and musicians are asked to contact the PCAC office either by writing ARTS SURVEY, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 332 S. Main, Plymouth, or calling 455-5260.



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Another Christmas is behind us and wasn't it fun? The excited ooh's and aah's on Christmas morning let you know that all the hustle and bustle of holiday shopping was worth it.

The week between Christmas and New Year's is a special time of the year. Many people are on vacation from school or work and it's a good time for getting together with friends and neighbors.

Ray and Ann Canafax and their daughters Cherie, Alesia and Rachel made it a special time for many of their friends in Plymouth by surprising us with a visit.

I never realized just how good my friends were at keeping secrets, but they did a good job and boy was I surprised.

Janet and Chuck Newsome hosted a cocktail party Sunday night for many of their friends. Special guests were Jan's brother and sister-in-law Jim and Ketty Steyer and their children from Tulsa, Oklahoma. Other guests at the party were Jack and Sue Witucki, Dick and Nancy Laimbeer, Alan and Margaret Cross, and Frank and Joan Leary.

"Americanism and the Flag of the United States" will be the program when John Sackett Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meet January 8. A film about the statue of liberty will be shown.

Members are asked to bring used jewelry which will be sent to St. Mary's School for Indian Girls in Springfield, South Dakota, for use in their craft program and thrift shop.

The luncheon meeting will be held at noon at the Plymouth Federal Community Credit Union, 500 S. Harvey. Hostesses are Mrs. Wilson Videan, Miss Suzanne Tussing, Mrs. Dwight Wilmoth, Mrs. Manselle Mutton, Mrs. Marilyn McBeth, and Mrs. Robert Siegmund.

The Civitan Club of Plymouth will host the West Metro area meeting Jan. 15. It will be a social get-together with spouses or guests.

Holly A. Heaton, a sophomore in the school of arts and social sciences at Lake Superior State College, has been named to the dean's list for the fall quarter. Congratulations, Holly.

The holiday party week will come to a climax Friday night as we celebrate the ending of one year and the beginning of another.

1976 was a special year for our country as we celebrated the bicentennial. It is a year that is full of memories for all of us, and as the year draws to an end it is nice to take a moment to think about all that has happened the past 12 months. A toast to 1976 - it was a pretty good year!

May 1977 be a great year for all of you.

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6th grader loves camp

The following story was submitted to The Crier by June Kirchgatter, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Kirchgatter of Canton. June, age 11, asked if she could share her experiences at sixth grade camp with our Crier readers.

BY JUNE KIRCHGATTER
6th Grade, Pioneer School

My first thought of going to camp was that I didn't want to go, because it was winter and it was too close to the holidays, but I decided to go anyway.

I was a little scared when I left Pioneer Middle School on Monday, Dec. 13, but when we arrived at Proud Lake Camp I and everyone else on the buses couldn't wait to get off and play.

We went on a boundary hike first and then we were introduced to all the teachers that would be teaching classes. We were also introduced to the park ranger, Ranger Jo-Ann, who is very nice.

Uncle Charlie and Mrs. Summerville were the cooks. They prepared many terrific meals for the four sixth grade classes, such as macaroni, ham, turkey, scrambled eggs, toast and spaghetti.

Some of our classes included "Water Conservation", which was taught by Mr. Barr. In that class we went on a hike and talked about the different forms of water.

In Miss Tsoucaris's class, "Weather," we saw two filmstrips on Christmas weather around the world.

In "Sleepers" (hibernation), we took a hike to the pond. We talked about the ways different animals hibernate. Our teacher for this class was Mr. Balconi.

The class taught by Mr. Temple was "Ecology." In this class we went on a long hike and stopped every now and then to look at and talk about the environment.

Our teacher for "Trees" was Mr. Arnold. We took a long hike in this class also. During our hike we stopped to look and talk about the trees.

"Arts and Crafts" was taught by Mrs. Finch. We all made sand casts and a centerpiece.

"Lots of Knots" was taught by Miss Blight. We learned some macrame stitches and a few knots. It was very interesting.

"Math Games" was another class, taught by Mrs. Crawford. Different classes did different things. In one class the children cut wood, in another they played math games.

The legend of Proud Lake was told to us by Mr. Howe.

Our evening activities included a flashlight hike, movies, a cookout, and marshmallow roast and a talent show.

The children all had K.P. (kitchen patrol) where they learned how to set the table and wash the dishes.

During our stay at camp we became better acquainted with our classmates.

We returned to Pioneer on Friday, Dec. 17.

I am glad I went, though many kids were sent home sick. I will never forget my week up at Proud Lake Camp.



Tales out of school

News from Salem and Canton High Schools
BY SANDY HAWLEY

It seems a lot of people have trouble finding ways to help guarantee them a future job in a particular field.

Forensics is a way to help students who plan on making careers in acting, public speaking, or radio. The club starts Jan. 3. Those interested in trying out should see Mrs. Sabourin (Canton) or Mr. Barry (Salem).

Marlow Rountree, a Salem junior, says, "When you come to talk to Mrs. Sabourin about tryouts, she'll tell you to find a reading in one of the areas that are judged in the tournaments, serious or humorous.

Later, you read to her and she'll tell you if you're better than someone else. If you are, you're in and another person on the team is out."

For two months students practice for the tournaments in March.

Every school brings a judge. The competitors of a particular area pick a card to see who goes first. When it's your turn, go to the front of the room and give your chosen speech. You will be judged on a scale of one to four.

"How you give that speech depends on what area your speech is in. Like in story telling, you talk to the audience as you would kids," says Marlow.

The nine areas to compete in are story telling, oratory, serious, humorous, radio, television, informative, multiples and duos.

Last year, for Canton and Salem, there were about 70 students in the Forensics. Two of the speeches used last year were on perfume and pyramids. This will be Salem's sixth year and Canton's fourth.

Coming up Jan. 7 and 8 is "Pantomime '77" presented by Salem's pantomime club. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m. in the Salem Auditorium. The show runs two hours and costs 75 cents.



Glimpse at Yesterday

HADRIAN'S WALL? No, Hough's Wall. This stone wall at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon Road was built without mortar around 1920 using stones from the foundations of neighboring farms. In 1938, Cass S. Hough, businessman, aviator, author and former president of the Daisy Air Rifle Co., built himself a house alongside the wall. The residence is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Woodward Warrick Jr. The wall is still largely intact, although it is supported with wire fencing and partially covered with greenery. A portion of it was knocked down in 1938, when Hough built a driveway. (Photo courtesy of Robert Bake).

Bring in your pictures

Do you have an old photo of people or places in our community?

Each week, "A Glimpse at Yesteryear" carries a photograph from our community's colorful past. Crier readers are invited to submit any historic photographs or documents dealing with Plymouth-Canton's early days.

Materials should be submitted in person at The Crier Building, 572 S. Harvey (at Wing). Photographs and documents need not be marked or harmed in any way to appear in The Crier. Credit for submission of items will be given and all items will be returned.

If you've got a question — or a picture — feel free to call us at 453-6900. Newer photos of the community's past as well as older ones are welcome.

Boyle wins Ford PR post



Thomas J. Boyle of Plymouth, has been named public relations manager for Ford Land Development. He previously had been a public relations representative in the Technical and Product Information Department of Ford's North American Automotive Operations.

Boyle is a native of Detroit and is a graduate of the University of Detroit. He served three years as a reporter with the Detroit News before joining Ford in 1965 with the employe information department. He held positions with the Ford Division public relations department prior to his assignment with North American Automotive Operations public relations.

New tax forms ready for seniors

State Rep. Thomas H. Brown (D-Westland) reminds all citizens who have attained or will attain their 65th birthday this year (1976) that the Michigan Department of Treasury has issued the new forms for property tax credit claims.

Brown stated that the forms were mailed out by third class mail from Lansing and that all senior citizens who filed a claim in prior years should have

received a form as of this date.

Anyone who has not received a form and is desirous of obtaining one can do so by calling Brown's office at 517-373-1706, or in the alternative can pick one up at the Dearborn Office located at 23400 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn.

Property tax credits can now be made to the extent of \$1,200. The past credit maximum was \$500.

Community deaths

Heim

Paul Heim, 78, of 551 N. Evergreen, Plymouth, died Dec. 17 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. Services were held in Lambert Funeral Home and Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with The Rev. Fr. Robert Keller officiating. Burial was in South Lyon Cemetery.

Mr. Heim is survived by his wife, Cecelia; daughters, Jeanne Nesbitt, Shirley Smith and Patricia Weipert; sons, Paul Jr. and Gary; a sister, Alice Islam; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was a retired supervisor in the glass department of Ford Motor Co.

Reed

Eugenia Reed, 87, of 14155 Shadywood, Plymouth, Township, died Dec. 19 in Wayne County General Hospital. Services were held in Schrader

Funeral Home with The Rev. Lloyd G. Brasure officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit.

Mrs. Reed is survived by her daughter, Mary Reed of Plymouth and Ruth Black of Detroit; and three grandchildren.

She was a seamstress and an interior decorator.

Cylk

Felix Cylk, 85, of 150 41st Ave., St. Petersburg, Fla., formerly of Plymouth, died Dec. 20 in St. Mary's Hospital. Services were held in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with The Rev. Fr. Kenneth McKinnon officiating. Arrangements were by Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

Mr. Cylk is survived by his wife, Eva; a daughter, Mary Ann Robertson of Livonia; and four grandchildren.

He was a metal repair finisher.

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West girls undefeated, 9-0

Middle school cagers mark rousing debut season



KATHY SOMMERS, an eighth-grade girl cager from West Middle School throws the ball up to make some points for her West Middle School team during last Tuesday's afternoon game. The West's girls' team, playing for their first season, had an undefeated 9-0 record. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)

BY MATT NORRIS

Middle school girls' basketball, which made its debut this fall, is scoring high with players, fans and the basketball community in Plymouth.

The four-school Plymouth league (East, West, Central and Pioneer Schools), is two-thirds of the way through its schedule, with three games remaining.

The girls' program was begun in Plymouth to comply with Federal Title IX guidelines on opportunities for women in athletics. Each school has a team for seventh and eighth-graders, except East, which only has

enough girls to field an eighth-grade squad.

According to Pioneer seventh grade coach Jim Finn, the games have had good turnouts from teachers, students and parents.

The program has also drawn attention from the high school cager coaches, who often work with girls in their first season of competitive basketball.

Except for seventh grade players who have experience in organized community basket-



ball, most are new to the game. Despite their unfamiliarity with the game, Finn's Pioneer girls are undefeated after four seventh-grade games.

Twenty-five seventh graders tried out for the winning Pioneer squad, but only 15 remained, due to the lack of extra jerseys. Finn is in a unique situation, coaching the eighth grade boys (whose busy practice schedule has already begun) as well as the girl cagers at the same time.

Finn begins by teaching simple basketball skills and a few zone defenses, but emphasizes the need for the players to have fun while playing. The Pioneer gym teacher also has the usual problems of a man coaching a

girls' team — whether to call a man-to-man defense a person-to-person defense, and needing a female manager for the locker room.

The Plymouth league plays its games on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the four teams also practice on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Seventh grade standouts for the Pioneer team

include Jan McKenzie, Bonnie Sutherland, Terry Lisantti, Pam Riffle and Angie Shoemaker. In the four games, the starting five have built enough of a lead to allow every member of the squad to play during the game.

The undefeated West squad beat Central at West last Wednesday, taking the eighth grade girls' basketball championship. The taller Bulldog team had to rally from behind, as Central led by three points halfway through the tense battle.

"We were really nervous during the game," said high-scoring West player Kathy Sommers. Denise Zonka and Sheryl Sobkow followed Sommers in the scoring column.

The win was the ninth for the eighth-grade West team who beat East, Pioneer and Central three times each this season, the first for middle school girls' basketball program in Plymouth.

Sports happenings

Tues. Jan. 4	C. basketball	Franklin	H	6:30
	S. swimming	Franklin	T	7:30
Thurs. Jan. 6	C. wrestling	W. Mott	H	6:30
	S. wrestling	Bentley	T	6:30
	C. swimming	Northville	T	
	C. 9th b'ball	Pearson	T	4:30
Fri. Jan. 7	S. basketball	Bentley	H	6:30
	C. basketball	Northville	T	6:30
	C. wrestling	Schoolcraft	T	
	S. wrestling	Schoolcraft	T	
	S. 9th b'ball	Farmington	H	3:30
	C. volleyball	WL Western	T	7 p.m.
Sat. Jan. 8	S & C wrest.	Schoolcraft		
Mon. Jan. 10	S. volleyball	Churchill	H	7 p.m.

'Power' is the key to gal spikers

One sport that takes a back seat to the more visible football and basketball activities, yet is growing in popularity and participation is Canton girls volleyball.

"We play power volleyball," said Canton volleyball coach Cindy Burnstein. "That takes coordination, agility and speed."

The Canton girls volleyball team has been around as long as the young high school has. The

sport caught on right away said Burnstein. The first year there were 25 students who tried out for the team and this year there were 55.

The Chief spikers won the Western Six championship in 1974, and last year, after all seven seniors from the winning team graduated, the rebuilding volleyers came in third.

"We've got a very good team with some experience now," said Burnstein. "We think we can go up against any team really."

Burnstein said she doesn't really know what to expect from the other Western Six teams, but she feels Churchill will probably be a strong contender.

Canton's team, however, will also be strong.

"We have people like Karen Decker," she said. "Karen's been playing volleyball for the last four years. Then we have Sue Rekuc who was 'Rookie of the Year' last year for Canton. We'll definitely be contenders."

All ten members of the team played last season with the exception of three girls. This year's team includes senior Decker, junior Rekuc, seniors Dorothy McCulloch and Angie Secret, juniors Laurie Beck, Kathy Sochacki, Wendy Watkins, Stacy Williams and Judy Frieman. Kelly Heaton is the only sophomore on the varsity team.

The Canton volleyball team will have a separate junior varsity team this year for the first time. The JV has 16 members.

The game is definitely catching on," said Burnstein. "But unfortunately, we don't get many spectators. It's still pretty new to most fans. People play recreational volleyball in their backyards or on the beach, but it's not the power volleyball we play."

"Tournaments help, however. We sponsored the Plymouth Invitational last year and this year we'll do it again."

The tourney is slated for Feb. '5 and will host 12 participating teams at the Salem gym.

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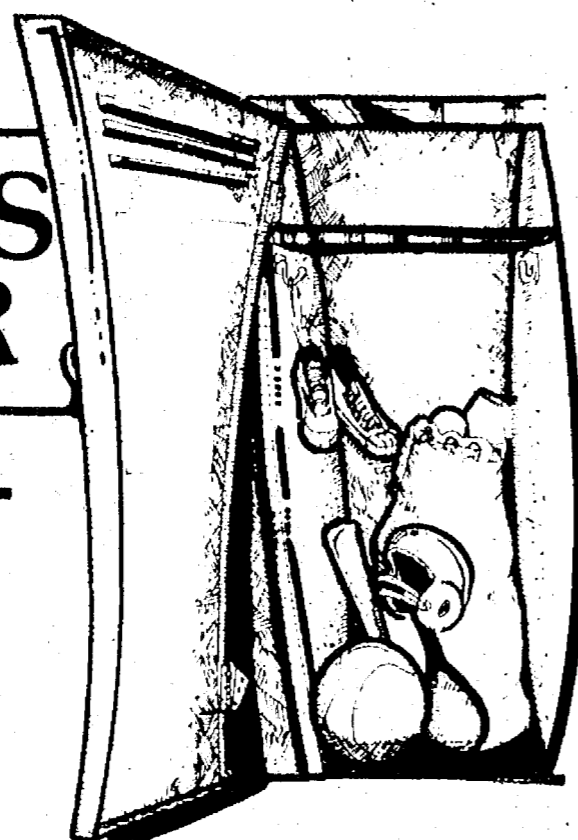
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DONNA'S LOCKER

A new year -
some new
sports?



It's midway through the basketball and wrestling season for Salem and Canton High Schools, but it will soon be the beginning of a new year for every other sport.

As we look forward to what this new year will bring sports-wise, we can't help but reflect on the past year.

Baseball, football, girls' basketball, track and tennis — all had their big wins and losses and with them came small lessons in living. The Salem girls' basketball team went in for another Suburban Eight League championship but were defeated in the semi-finals. The Canton football team had seven losses and two wins overall, but gained an improved attitude.

And, if the new Phase Three building is finished in January as predicted, the Chiefs will also have their own locker room.

The Salem basketball team is shaping up predictably, and while Coach Fred Thomann may not have expected his cagers to be 7-0 (including the Christmas Tourney) this long, they are. But they clash with Bentley right after this Christmas break; the tables may turn then.

Canton cagers stand 1-5 overall, and while their biggest problem seems to be giving up at the last minute, they may start to believe in themselves in the new year.

Girls' sports are beginning to gain a following in the community.

The high schools' girls' basketball teams, one of which (Salem) won its league championship crown this past season, had more tryouts this year than ever before. A new seventh and eighth grade girls' basketball program started this year, and the West Middle School eighth grade girls' team had a 9-0 record, first year out.

These sports, along with 'old reliables' like girls' tennis and swimming, are quickly moving up to take a place with the more established boys' activities. The CEP volleyball season kicks off next week, and local coaches plan to sponsor another tournament this year.

Who knows? Maybe when the high schools finally get a hockey team, girls as well as boys will be standing in line to sign up.



JIM SINCLAIR, Treasurer of the Plymouth-Canton Junior Athletic Association accepts four checks for \$4,000 from Canton Deputy Treasurer Mike Gorman. The monies

were donated in the sums of \$1,000 each to the four major sports: basketball, baseball, hockey and football. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)

\$1,000 for each major sport

Canton donates \$4,000 to junior sports assn.

A \$4,000 check was presented last Tuesday to the Plymouth-Canton Junior Athletic Association from Canton Township.

An equal sum of \$1,000 each was donated to the four major sports that the PCJAA promotes: football, hockey, basketball and baseball.

"It's the first time so much money has been donated to each individual sport," said Treasurer of PCJAA Jim Sinclair. "We are very pleased about this donation from Canton."

The PCJAA will be ten years old in April, 1977. It is a non-profit voluntary organization that has strived to serve the sports need of students in the Plymouth Community School District from the ages of six to 20. Both boys and girls can participate in the sports.

In football, the PCJAA has six teams, with 40 coaches and 201 boys and 40 girls. In basketball, there are 62 teams, with 550 boys and 200 girls and 178 coaches.

Hockey has a following of 340 boys and 28 girls. Baseball sports the largest recruiting record: 104 teams, with 1104 boys and 203 girls and 312 coaches.

According to the PCJAA pamphlet the Association's objective is to solicit funds and help from the community to assist and promote all junior athletics in the Plymouth-Canton area.

Monies that are donated by residents or businesses go to help

defray costs for such expenses as ice time, equipment for all to supply equipment for all sports, to defray costs of insurance programs.

Volunteer help is always welcomed to fill the 500 to 600 positions the PCJAA sports programs create.

In 1975, the budget for PCJAA was approximated at \$128,384.00. In 1976, the budget was estimated at \$143,580.

Future goals of the PCJAA include maintaining the voluntary programs that keep the costs down for participants, to keep registration fees as low as possible to allow more boys and girls to participate, and to expand their sports program with the expansion of the Plymouth-Canton community.

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by
Earl Rafferty



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IF PICTURES LIKE THIS are beginning to look familiar to you — it's because they are. For the third year in a row, the Salem Rocks basketball team won the annual Christmas Tournament sponsored by Churchill High School. Here, coach Fred Thomann and members of the Salem team accept the Christmas Tourney trophy. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron).

Canton lands \$2.7 million for hall

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able partitions there so that can be flexible according to the use it's given."

Former plans for the third floor included a projected court room area, but Stein is hoping the basement instead will be used for court rooms, records, storage and a future jail for the township.

"We are spending \$30,000 a year now for the library (the Dunning-Hough Library in Plymouth, for which Canton pays a share for operation) and that will go up," said Stein. "That's why we'd like to get the library into this new building."

Stein says he expects that ground will be broken by April 1 for the structure, with construction to take from 15 to 18 months.

The township presently leases the Canton Recreation Center located at Sheldon and Michigan Avenue for use as recreation offices and the senior citizens center. Deputy Clerk Mike Gorman says the five-year lease will run out "Within a month or two" of the date on which the new building can be used.

"We would then have the option to renew our lease of the center," said Gorman, "probably with a raise in the rent."

The township business offices now in use on Geddes Road, east of Canton Center Road, will "probably be changed to a combination fire station, police station and DPW offices," according to Stein.

"We have the kitchen facilities here for a fire station, and it wouldn't be that much of a change to convert it for those uses -- and it would be the best use of the township's money."

Gorman said in looking at some of the other grants awarded in the immediate area, "It appears the federal government gave away all the buildings."

"I think there are two reasons for that. One, buildings are of a higher labor intensity and two, everyone can see a building when it's done. You can't see a sewer or a new water main."

One of the "weighted" criteria in the awarding of the grants was the degree to which the project would help in unemployment in the area.

Stein said he is not sure yet what the new building would be called, but said he wasn't sure "Canton Community Center" would be appropriate, although "Canton Civic Center" might be.

"I'm just after Canton having its own identity," said Stein. Other projects for which

Canton requested funding were additional sewer and water mains to promote industrial and commercial growth, an addition to the new fire station on Warren Road, renovation of the

DPW building, a community recreation building and improvements to the recreation center.

"The township is not looking a gift horse in the mouth, but was hoping for something else,"

said Stein. "But now that we have this grant and realize that it will be a savings of local taxpayers' dollars, we are going to run with this project and make the best of it."

Greenstein rejects pay for cop's duties

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way," said the township's former police chief.

But Stein feels Greenstein is being "hypocritical" about returning the check. Citing Greenstein's push to have several of the officers in the department become "regular part-time certified officers" through a Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council class at the Criminal Justice Institute in Detroit, Stein says he can't understand how Greenstein can now consider himself a volunteer and return the check.

"If Harold is thinking that, then he's starting to play politics," says Greenstein, "I would return the check again and not accept it. I think it's all pretty lousy."

Greenstein said he was appalled at the way the Canton police patrols have been cut back.

"There is more than enough money to run that department as we (the Greenstein administration) set it up. He (Stein)

says he doesn't want to play the budget game, but the law says the budget should be adjusted every quarter."

Stein recently reduced the number of patrols on the streets each night, citing an estimated police budget deficit in 1977 of more than \$11,000 if patrols were kept at the same level.

"He made promises to the people no one would see any difference with the police department," said Greenstein of Stein. "Then within a week we did see some changes."

Greenstein said he felt Stein was "very impressed" when the check was returned, "since I was the first to return one."

"I asked him to inform the treasurer I wanted no checks issued to me in the future," said Greenstein.

"I don't understand it," he added. "How can Harold say 'we don't have the money to operate this department and we have to cut back,' then turn around and say I can't return a check?"

Someone hasn't gotten to him since I returned that check."

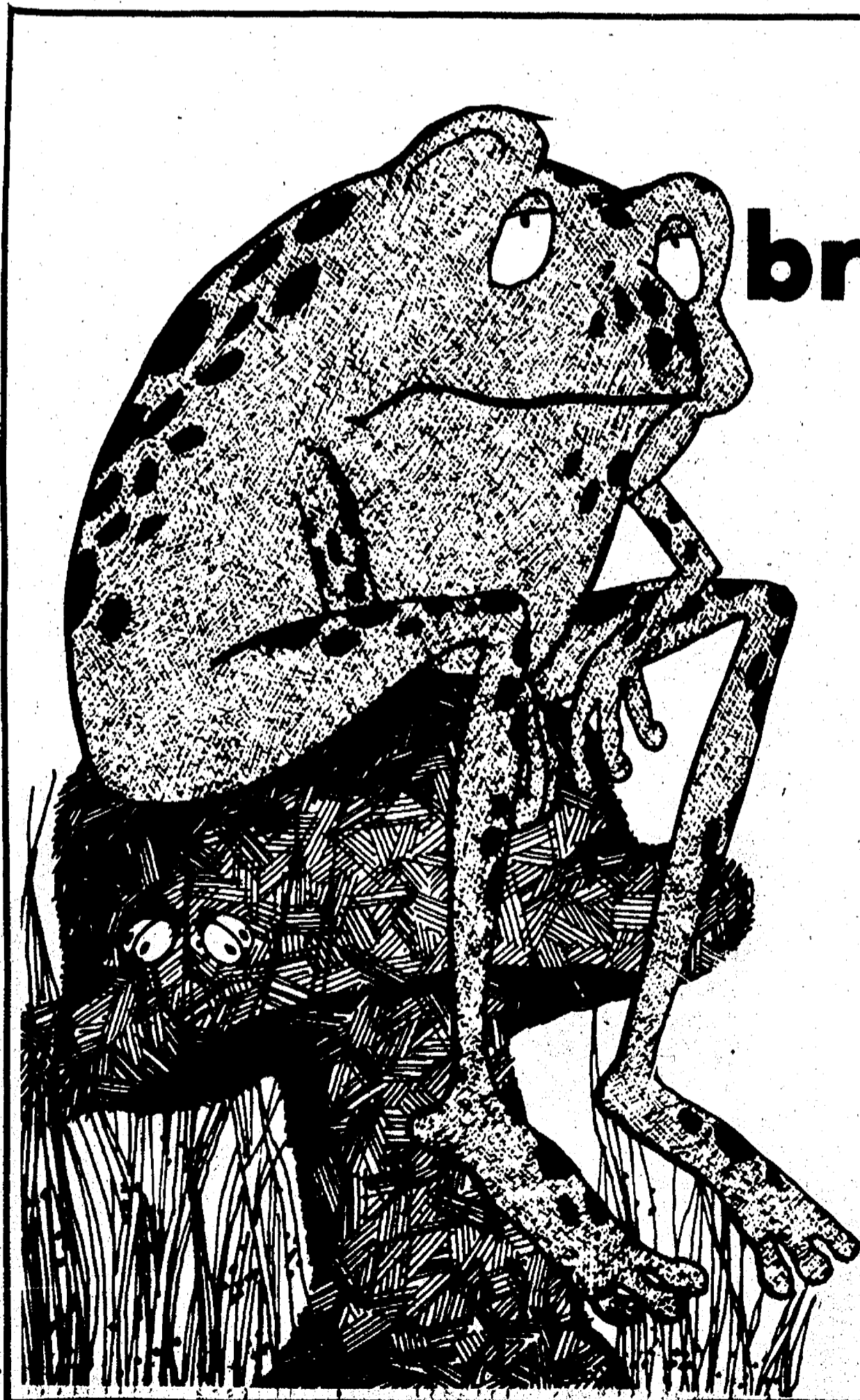
Greenstein said he has not worked on the patrols in Canton recently because "he (Stein) has not let me work."

"I came in to sign up for duty and Carl Silvers (interim police chief since Greenstein's departure from office) said because of my experience I should 'float' my hours instead of signing up for certain times. Stein found out I wasn't on the schedule and he told Silvers not to allow me to work."

Greenstein said when he went back in to see why he hadn't been assigned that Stein said he had misunderstood Silvers' intent, that it was "OK" to allow Greenstein to work on a "floating" schedule.

"But I went back, and he still didn't have me on the schedule," said Greenstein.

"If he wants to play politics with the police department," said Greenstein, "I'll be on his back every minute."



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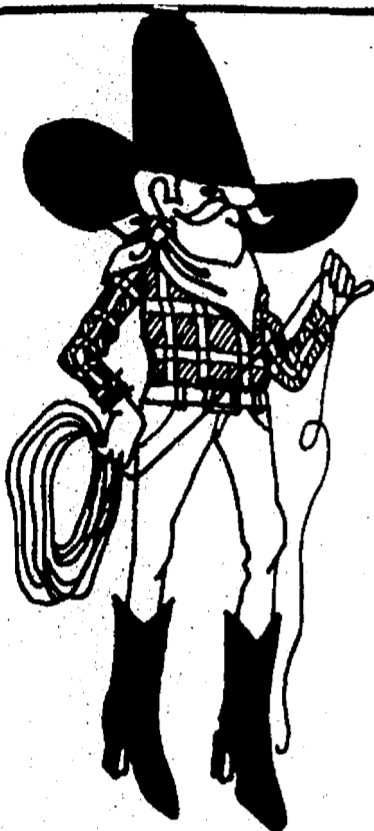
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

At a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals to be held in the Commission Chamber of the City Hall on Thursday, January 6, 1977 at 7:30 P.M., a public hearing will be held to consider the following:

APPEAL CASE NO. 76-14 - RONALD E. WOOD, 1116 Roosevelt, Plymouth, Michigan, requesting permission to construct a 14 ft. x 20 ft. addition to existing 20 ft. x 20 ft. garage at above address, which is in conflict with Article XV, Section 5.194 (3) of Chapter 52, Zoning, of the Plymouth City Code.

Section 5.194(3) provides, "An accessory building may occupy not more than twenty-five per cent (25%) of a required yard, plus twenty per cent (20%) of any non-required rear yard, provided that in no instance shall the accessory building exceed one-half (1/2) the ground floor area of the main building, except an accessory building can be constructed which exceeds these standards where it is intended to serve as a two-car garage or carport. However, where the area of such a structure would exceed the above standards, its floor area shall not exceed 528 square feet and, provided, further, that it shall not occupy more than forty (40) per cent of the combined required and non-required rear yard of the residential lot."

All interested parties will be given an ample opportunity to participate in the hearing and, at the close of said hearing, all comments and suggestions of those citizens participating will be considered by the Zoning Board of Appeals, prior to rendering its decision.

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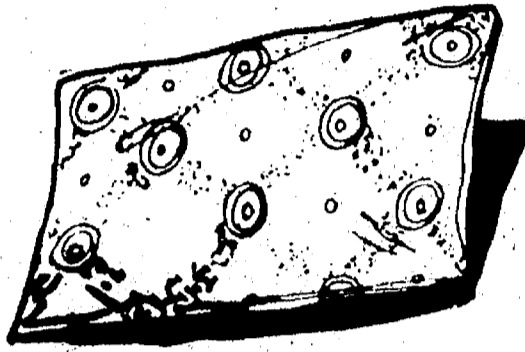
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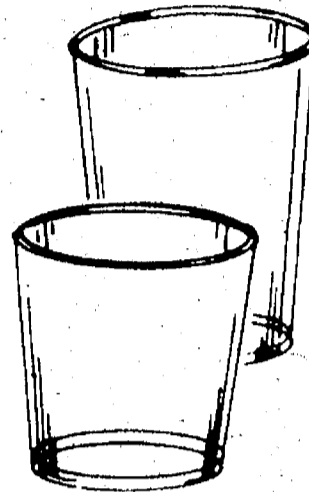
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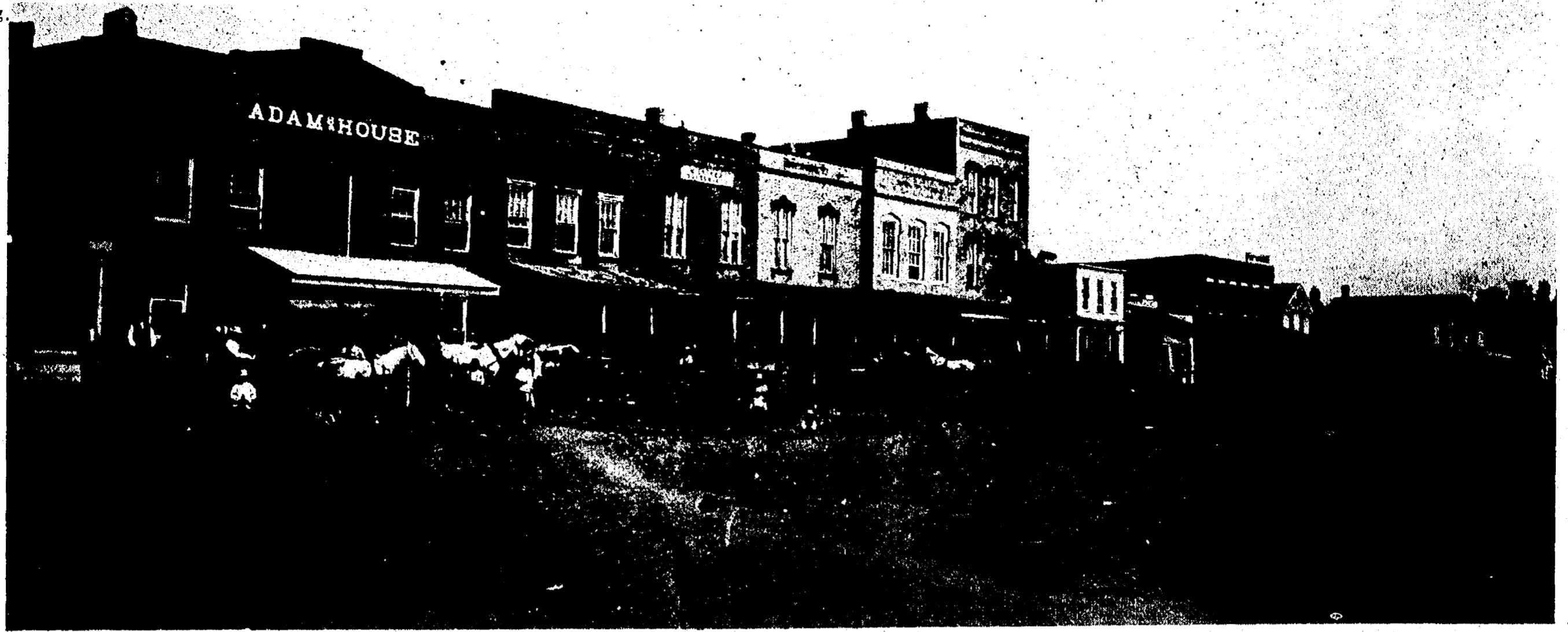
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DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH IN 1857

Pumpkin patch paved over *Land is changed, memories remain*

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

With growth comes growing pains.

It also brings fond memories from those of us who remember the way it used to be — the pheasant hunting in corn fields that are now shopping centers, hayrides in woods where subdivisions now stand and the days when we weren't part of the megapolis known as "Detroit."

Growth has meant changes for the Plymouth-Canton Community — which used to be the Plymouth Community. We were a town center since the early 1800s surrounded by several farming townships.

Then, in the 1950s, and 1960s, Livonia became more than the cow pasture it once was and, suddenly, we were at Detroit's door.

The very fact that the expressways are coming to our community is a big change from the days when, as one town lover so aptly put it, we were a dusty stop on the road between Detroit and Ann Arbor.

Ten years ago the high school was downtown, there were one or two of each kind of store, many of the new roads now were only bridle paths and there weren't nearly as many folks around as there are now.

High school frolickers were enjoying lovers' lanes where many a subdivision now stands. Where many of the commercial centers and fast food restaurants now light the sky with neon, stately old farm houses lorded over the view. Where the area's largest pumpkin patch once presented an easy target for Halloween pranksters, a Kresge regional warehouse facility now flourishes.

Back before the growth really all started, things were quiet.

feel their only retirement hope lies in selling their farmlands and they resent newer residents trying to put the brakes on against further development which keeps land prices high.

The resulting political struggles are just one of the many ramifications seen over the last decade here.

But what will happen from here?

It is almost certain that the future growth will bring as many or more changes than we've already seen.

The great blue herons which roost each year on the pond along Napier Road will likely not return anymore after the opening of the M-14 expressway some 100 yards away from the pond.

Just as the suburbs closer to Detroit have filled up, we'll probably see the remaining open spaces — except those preserved as recreation sites — disappear as thousands more residents are attracted to our community.

However striking the last 10 years' growth and change has been for the Plymouth-Canton Community, "we ain't seen nothing yet."

The school system grew slowly, building new schools by ones and twos. Politics were serene overall. Services like police and fire protection and garbage pickup and road maintenance by and large kept pace with the growth.

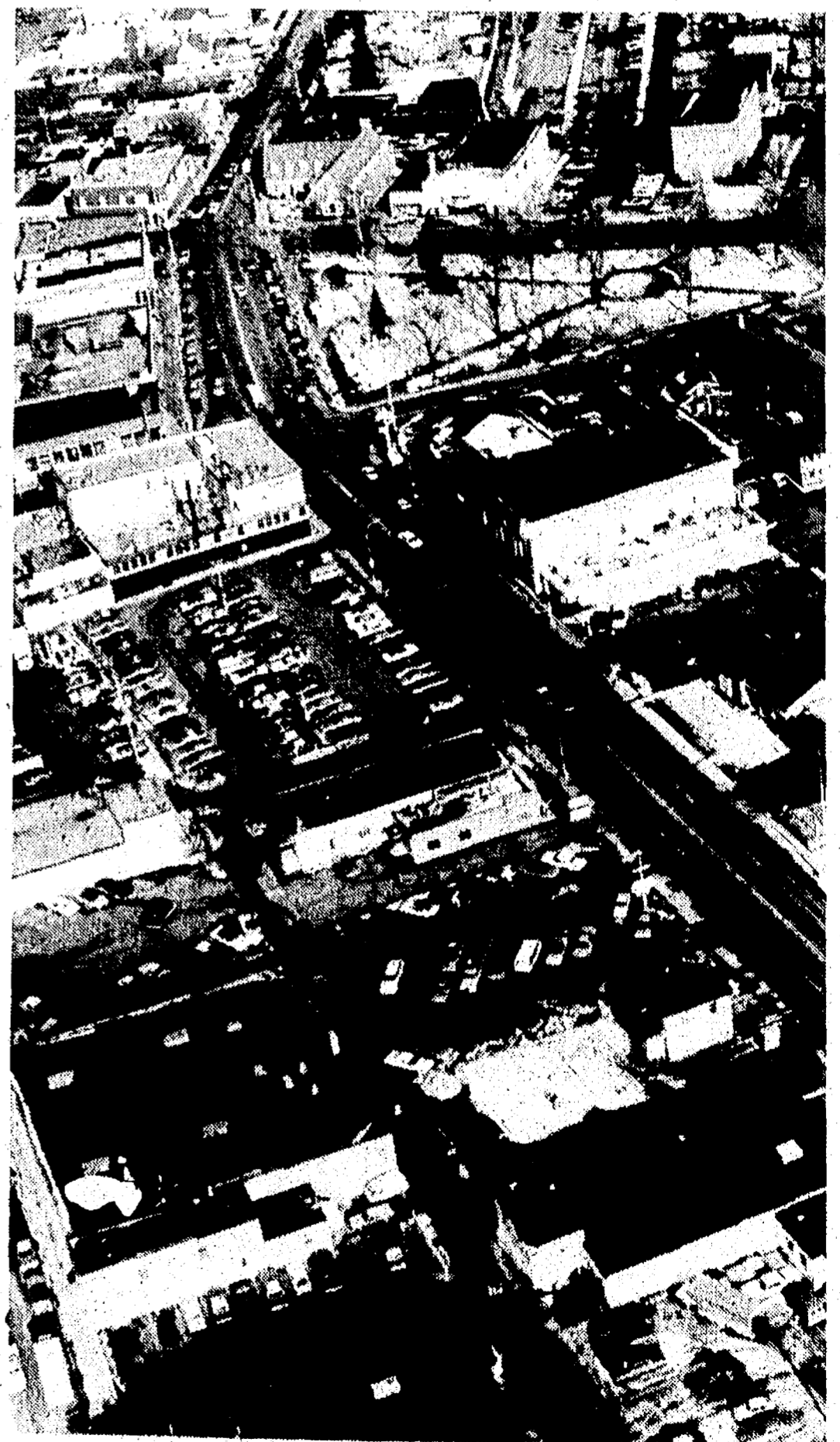
But when the lid blew off, everything changed.

The schools became overcrowded and new schools were full the minute they opened their doors. The area where major growth was seen — Canton — felt political upheaval as new and old residents searched for a new identity and the leaders who could lead them to it. Governmental services could not keep

pace with the needs of a burgeoning population.

Where there used to be a single business, or in some cases, slight competition, the new population growth has brought a greater variety in commercial institutions,

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DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH TODAY

Is growth here just starting?

Building boom may have just begun

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

The building boom that has transformed our community from farmlands to suburbia in the past 10 years is probably only the tip of the iceberg.

Already, the fastest-growing community in the seven-county Detroit region, Plymouth-Canton will soon be connected by east-west and north-south expressways to the entire Interstate Highway System.

That means our once quiet, sleepy town will become an easy commuting drive to all of the Detroit area, Ann Arbor and even Lansing and Toledo, Ohio.

To determine what future impact that will have, we must begin by examining what has already been happening here.

According to figures compiled by the Southeast Council of Governments (SEMCOG) Canton GREW by 200 per cent between 1970 and 1975. That means there were three times the number of dwelling units and people in 1975 as compared to 1970.

During the same time, Plymouth Township grew by 24.3 per cent and Plymouth grew by 4.2 per cent, but is now declining in population.

Growth of the total community during five years was 66.1 per cent in dwelling units and 57.6 per cent in population.

To go back even further, the 1960 census showed the following:

CANTON - Population: 5,313; Dwelling Units: 1,434.

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP: Population: 8,364; Dwelling Units: 2,009.

PLYMOUTH - Population: 8,766; Dwelling Units: 2,723.

Figures and projections for 1975 show:

CANTON - Population: 32,900 (619 per cent); Dwelling Units: 9,800 (683 per cent).

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP - Population: 19,500 (233 per cent); Dwelling Units: 6,100 (304 per cent)

PLYMOUTH - Population: 11,100 (127 per cent); Dwelling units: 6,100 (144 per cent).

But the growth did not come over all of that 15-year period.

The late 1960s showed gradual growth of the community but the boom really hit in 1970.

That was the first year Canton made the "Top 10 Communities" list in either or both Total

Residential Units Authorized or Multi-Family Structures. Canton has been on either or both of those Top 10 Lists, kept by SEMCOG, ever since.

To see the boom, we need to look at how Canton authorized the following number of residential construction units from 1968 on (the figures are less demolitions):

- 1965 - 42
- 1966 - 180
- 1967 - 217
- 1968 - 249
- 1969 - 291
- 1970 - 1,006
- 1971 - 1,083
- 1972 - 1,747
- 1973 - 1,578
- 1974 - 1,019
- 1975 - 810
- 1976 - 990 (first 11 months)

(A breakdown between single family and multiple units appears elsewhere in this section.)

With that housing boom, of course, came the population boom.

Canton alone gained more residents between 1970 and 1975, (21,874) than did all the other communities of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston, Washtenaw, Monroe and St. Clair counties

combined, (19,235). Including Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth, the total community gained 23,219 residents during those five years.

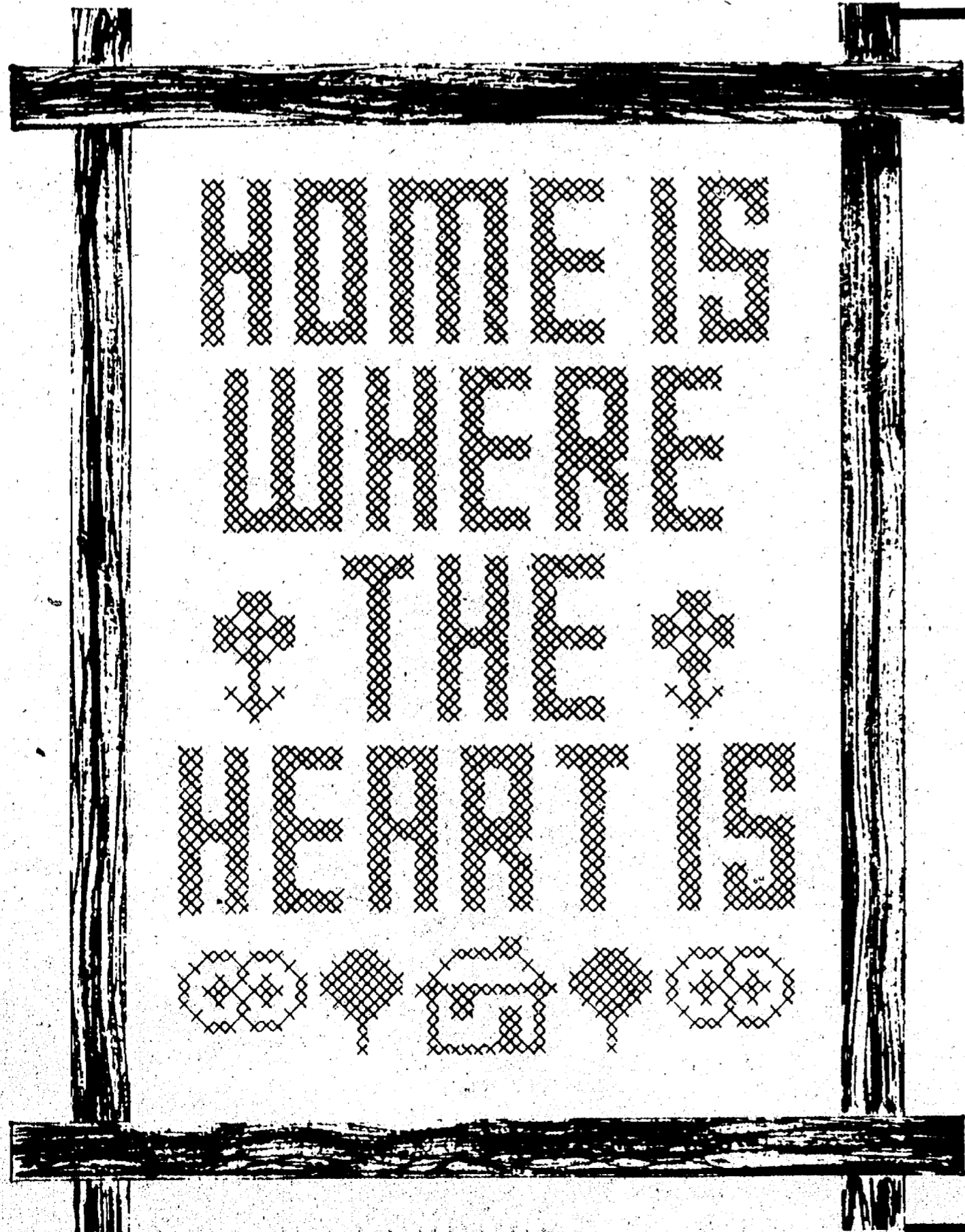
Compared to Wayne County, which in total showed a 5.6 per cent population decrease between 1970 and 1975, (from 2,670,368 to 2,519,600) and to the total seven county region's 0.4 per cent population increase - from 4,735,965 to 4,755,200 - it's no wonder the Plymouth Canton Community has become the growth trend setter for southeastern Michigan.

And with the linking of our community by the expressways, the phenomenal growth here - in residential construction, population and then in commercial development to serve the increased population - is likely to be even more striking.

The course and rate of development is contingent upon zoning attitudes by the community, but there is little chance to stop development as long as it meets current codes.

This will mean that as soon as sewers are available in the western portions of Canton and

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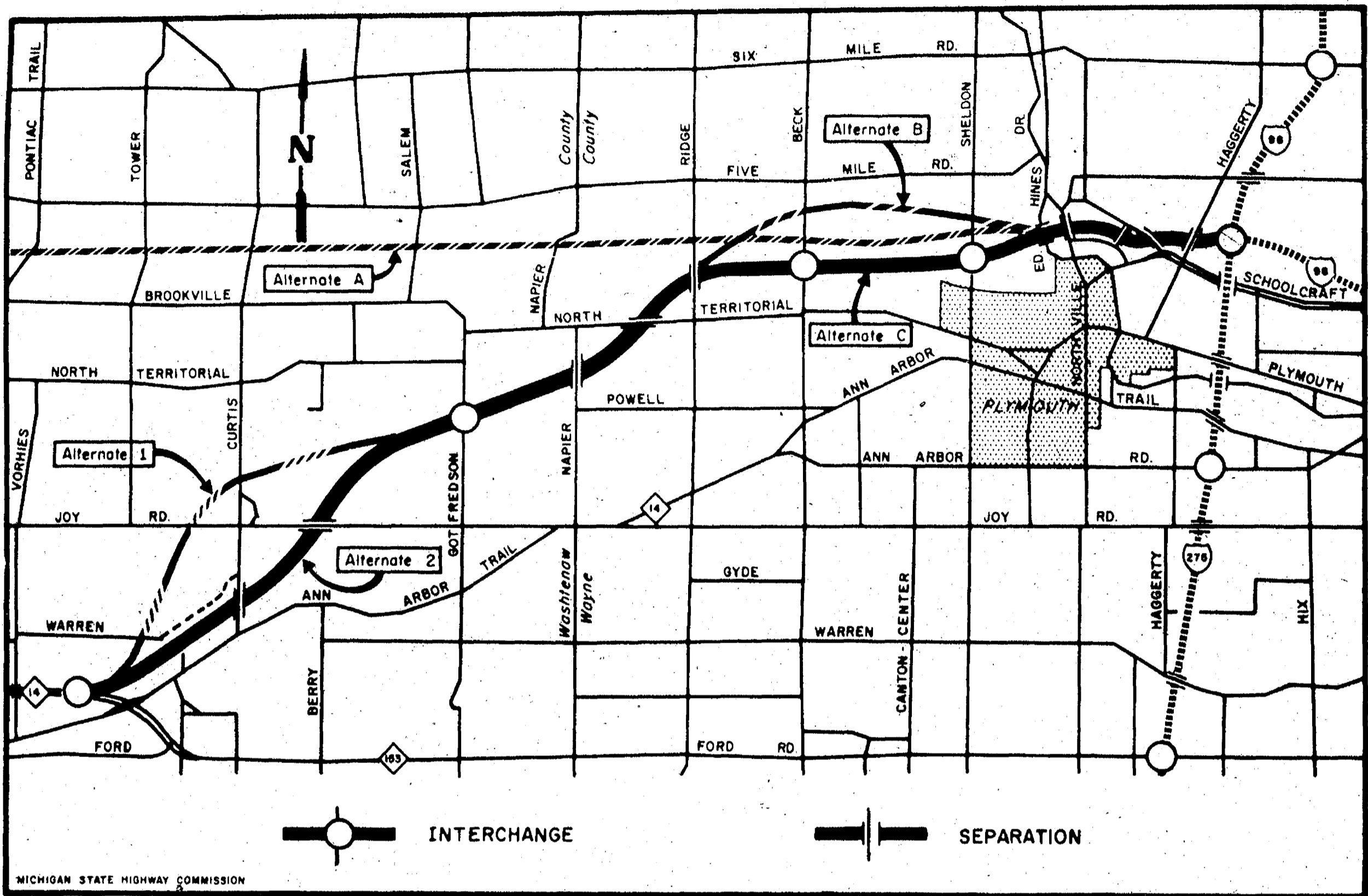
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PROPOSED M-14 FREEWAY



X-way growth wakes up community

BY SUSAN NICHOLAS

By 1979, Plymouth's former status as a quiet, "sleepy hollow" will have completely vanished. At that time two major freeways - Jeffries - I-96 and I-275 - will be open and a third, M-14, will be near completion.

An interchange at Schoolcraft just slightly east of Haggerty will hook up the three freeways, making Plymouth the site of one of the major intersections of the expanded freeway system.

New interchanges - at Michigan Avenue and Ford, Ann Arbor, Gottfredson, Beck and Sheldon roads - will bring additional traffic into the Plymouth-Canton area.

Behind the freeways lie years of planning, study and construction. During that time, a river has been moved, a cloverleaf built (at the Schoolcraft junction of M-14 and I-275), and three plans for M-14 proposed - and then discarded.

Plans for construction were rejected in an area near Curtis Road (See Alternate 1 (on map)); an area running parallel with North Territorial between Ridge and Sheldon roads (Alternate B), and in a lengthy stretch that ran through rural farmlands until it reached the Schoolcraft junction (Alternate A).

Alternate 1 was rejected as it was about 1,600 feet longer than the approved plan, which was Alternate 2. It also presented additional right-of-way, construction and maintenance costs.

Alternate B would have crossed the Ford Motor Co. property at Sheldon along with gas wells owned by the Consumers Power Co. and some 25 acres on the south side of St. John's Seminary.

"Ford moved its plant and that upset our plans to a degree," recalls state highway engineer Stephen Kessler.

"In the original plan the expressway cut through the Ford property. So state planners had to move the project further south. As it is, the Sheldon Road interchange is on one side of the road because of Ford. Generally, we don't do that. We try to put interchanges on both sides of the road," he said.

The final, approved plan, Alternate C, brushes Ford and the gas wells, while completely missing St. John's.

Elsewhere, the highway planners found it necessary to move the Rouge River in the Hines Park-Phoenix Lake area to make way for a bridge. According to Kessler, it was not a difficult project:

"It was easy," said Kessler. "It's just a channel and all we had to do was build another channel."

Meanwhile, at Schoolcraft, a cloverleaf junction has been planned. However, because of safety considerations it will be a three-leaf clover instead of four.

"We don't put four-part cloverleafs in anymore unless there are two lanes because of the weave," said Kessler. "A full cloverleaf is poor for that reason. However, all the movements for traffic in all directions are at the Schoolcraft Road linkup. Today, there is a tendency to provide traffic in all directions while avoiding the fourth cloverleaf."

Signs were another important project. There will be signs before all the interchanges. However, none of them will direct motorists to Canton. Paul Reilly, district traffic engineer at the State Highway Department in Southfield explained why.

"The department's policy is that we do not assign signs to townships," said Reilly. "We sign to a community, either incorporated or unincorporated. One of the requirements is a post office. If we started signing to townships, we would have a lot of signs on the road. Usually, it's an incorporated city or village that people relate to."

Right now, the highway department plans to open up I-275 sometime in January. At first, it was slated for opening

around Christmas, but severe weather caused a delay. Jeffries I-96 should open in the fall of 1977, while M-14 probably will not be ready until the summer of 1979, according to current projections.

Opening of all the freeways will likely spur rapid growth, highway experts agree.

"Whenever people get on and off the interchanges, they'll be building," said Kessler. "They may have to re-zone. The pressure will be there."

Thank you

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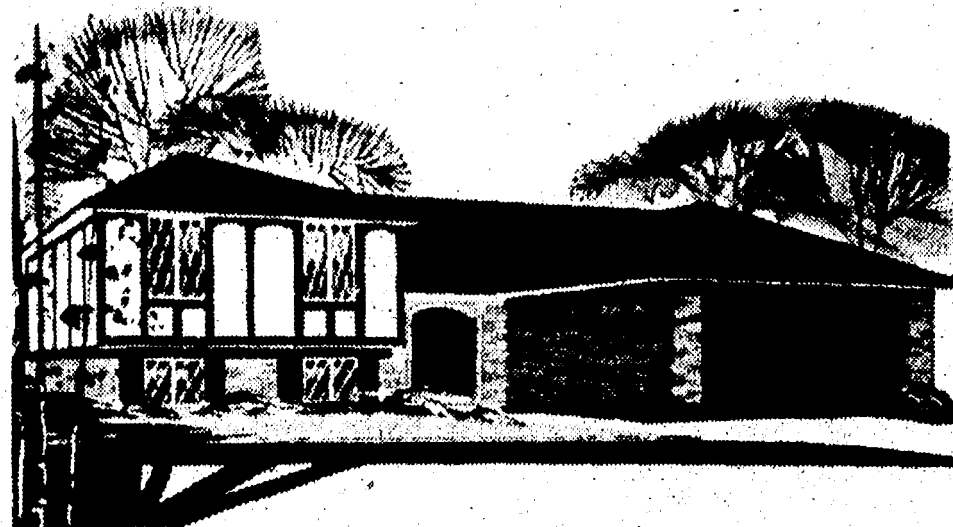
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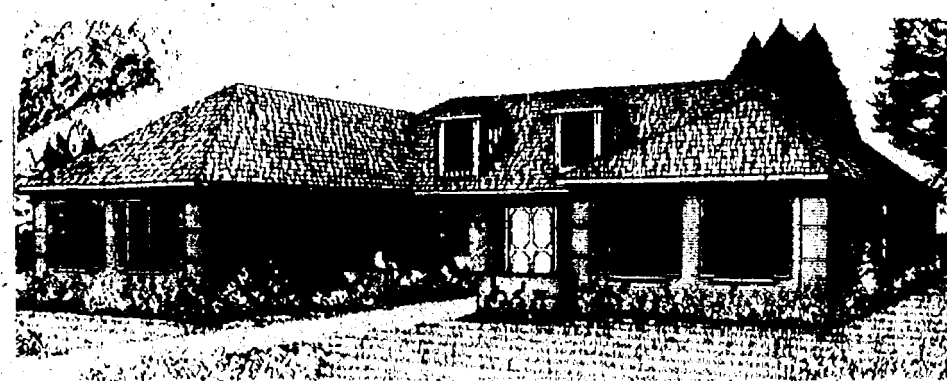
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CUTTING A WIDE SWATH, M-14 slices through Plymouth Township. Looking north and east at the right-of-way with North Territorial at bottom right and

Ridge Road running from left to right across the picture, the viewer now sees M-14 as an abruptly-ending path, filled with snow instead of traffic.



THE COMPARISON OF OLD AND NEW housing is easily seen in this view of Canton looking east on Warren Road between Canton Center and Beck Roads. Sunflower Village (on the left) contrasts with the older farm houses and buildings

immediately across Warren, which remains unpaved in the township. When construction is completed in Sunflower, some of the subdivisions will spill across Warren, where old and new will mingle.

Development of Canton a study in extremes

BY KATHY KUENZER

The growth of Canton might be described as a study in extremes, from very low populations of its 36-square miles to a tremendous jump in the number of residents; from farmland as far as the eye can see to a township where residential developments are springing up in rows where once only rows of corn grew.

For its first 125 years, Canton grew very little. Census figures in 1876 registered only 2,168 residents. Even by 1960, the figure had only grown to slightly more than twice that amount.

But approximately eight years ago, four developers began making inquiries about the future development of Canton into residential areas and by 1970 the proverbial snowball had started rolling.

A look at figures for single family home and multiple units, (duplexes, townhouses, and apartments) building permits best describes the picture:

Year	Single Family (Building Permits Issued)	Multiples (Units)
1966	168	0
1967	198	0
1968	125	216
1969	120	136
1970	116	888
1971	528	628
1972	754	967
1973	903	109
1974	751	360
1975	810	0
1976 (first 11 months)	984	6

Growth appears to have been steady - but slight - among home buyers until 1971 when the building boom started. An economic slowdown in 1974 and 1975 was reflected in the housing market, but building activity was higher than ever in 1976 and, says Canton Planner George Peake "we see no slackening in the growth."

Multiples, on the other hand, were apparently in great demand during the early 1970's but dropped to practically no new building in the past two years. Activity in this area is expected to pick up again, however, as evidenced by the recent approval of new apartments east of I-275 near Cherry Hill Road. Others are expected on Warren and Morton-Taylor.

The majority of Canton's housing developments are located on the east side of Canton Center Road.

The major exception is the new Sunflower Village development of Practical Development, which encompasses nearly half of the land south of the Plymouth Centennial Educational Park at Canton Center and Joy and spills over Warren Road to take in property nearly to Maben Road.

Building officials in Canton are saying that if the economy holds, some 1,500 single-family homes will be built in Canton during 1977. Many of these homes will be built in Sunflower, in the new Mayfair subdivision located between Sheldon and Morton Taylor Roads south of Joy Road, in the Windmeier sub-

division at Warren and Canton Center Roads and in Forest Trails, which surrounds Gallimore School on Sheldon Road.

Land along the east side of Canton Center through the township "is still available and should keep developers busy for five years," says Canton Building Inspector Chuck Thompson.

Peake expands on that statement by saying, "There are probably 2,500 vacant lots in the township right now. It's anybody's guess, but as long as mortgage money is available as it is now, assuming no economic crises occur in the country, there will be no letting up in plotting land for subdivisions."

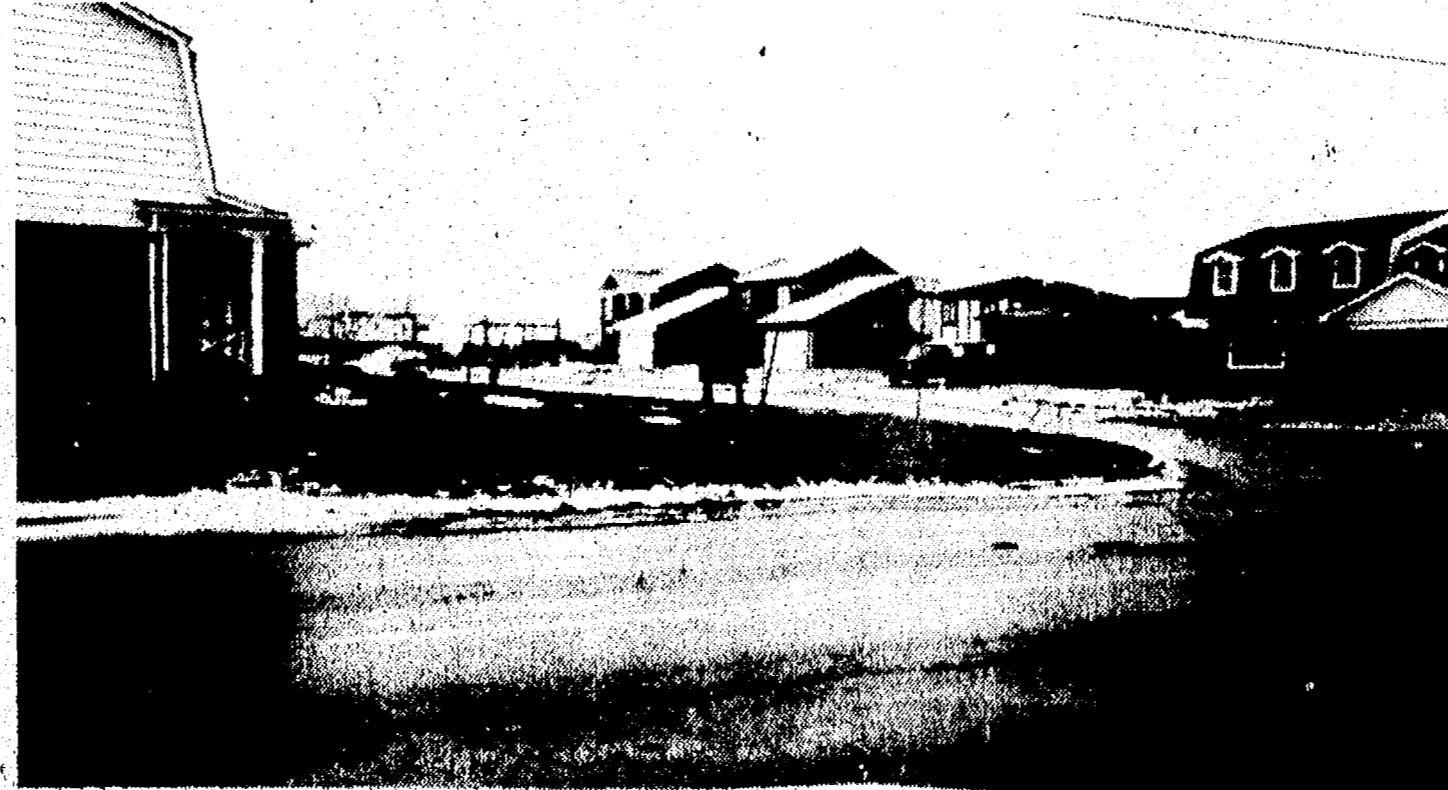
The question of whether more lands west of Canton Center will be developed has yet to be answered. A master land use plan approved by the Canton Planning Commission earlier this year called for the preservation of nearly all of the farmlands west of Canton Center Road.

A new administration in Canton, however, has chosen to study the use of land in Canton further before implementing any - or all - of the master plan. With the results of that study not expected until at least March, the future of Canton's western half remains in limbo.

But even without further housing development in the western part of the township, Canton is bound to grow at a pace as yet unseen.



THESE PICTURES BEAR LITTLE RESEMBLANCE to one another, but the fact is, they are both views of the new Sunflower Village development in Canton. The "before" shot (above) was taken in the late fall of 1974, when development of the land for construction of an eventual 1,301 homes was in its first stages. Model homes of three different builders are currently available for prospective home-buyers to inspect. Homes will be spread throughout eight separate subdivisions, located both north and south of Warren Road between Canton Center and Beck Roads and covering some 451 acres of land. Builder Richard Bleznak of Starlight Homes says the development will take at least two more years to complete. (Crier staff photos by Robert Cameron and W. Edward Wendover.)



What will environmental impact be? Community at crossroads of modern frontier

BY SUSAN NICHOLAS

With the completion of I-275, I-96 and M-14, the Plymouth-Canton area will be at the crossroads of a new freeway system.

The possible implications are enormous: growth, both residential and commercial; the shrinking of available land; changes within the local government.

But what about the impact on the natural environment? Will it suffer with the added traffic?

A state environmental impact study covering a six-mile stretch from Hannan Road to Ford Road reads, in part:

"The entire character of an area can be changed due to the implementation of a highway. With notable exceptions, beneficial consequences generally meet social ends, and detrimental consequences are usually related to the natural or biological environment..."

However, Winston Stebbins, an environmental engineer with the State Highway Department is not alarmed about possible harmful effects, such as increased noises:

"Noise from I-275 has been answered by the proposed construction plan with miles of noise barriers," said Stebbins, adding: "This is through areas where dense, concentrated subdivisions and apartments moved in before the freeway was built, but after its location was announced."

As for M-14, Stebbins said: "There are no developments along the M-14 now. There are no more than six residences. Whether or not noise barriers are needed in the future only time and development will tell. But, whoever moves in along M-14 is going to know it's there."

Along with noise there is the question of air quality. Will there be more pollution with the increase in exhaust and diesel fumes? So far, M-14 has received the approval of the State Department of Natural Resources on this issue, but I-275 was built before the creation of air quality requirements. Still, Stebbins feels that the impact on the air will not be great:

"There will be no noticeable impact upon the air," said Stebbins. "There are no more harmful fumes in the diesel gas than in car exhaust. The volumes on these roads are too low to be harmful."

"People in that area are concerned about air quality because of downtown Detroit. That's not going to develop out there. In Detroit, everyone is headed in one direction. Remember: Detroit is a destination, Plymouth Township is not."

There is also the possibility that certain kinds of wildlife will be displaced with the coming of the freeways. However, Stebbins disagrees:

"The slopes of the freeway will become a haven for wildlife in the townships if there's growth. The noise doesn't bother them. As far as blame, I'd put 50 per cent on the freeway and 50 per cent on the surrounding communities because of growth due to the desirability of those areas."

He then added: "Are we displacing the habitat? Not really. We bought a 300-foot width of which we use 150 feet, but wait until the next developer comes in and compare us with him."

Certain projects also have potential impact. For example, at one point in the construction of M-14 the Middle Rouge River was moved in the Phoenix Lake area in order to provide a crossing for a bridge. The Highway Department believes that the move will not change the flow of the river due to its closeness to the Phoenix Lake dam.

Still, the environmental impact studies on the project did not end with its approval in 1972.

However, Stebbins does not foresee any problems such as water pollution:

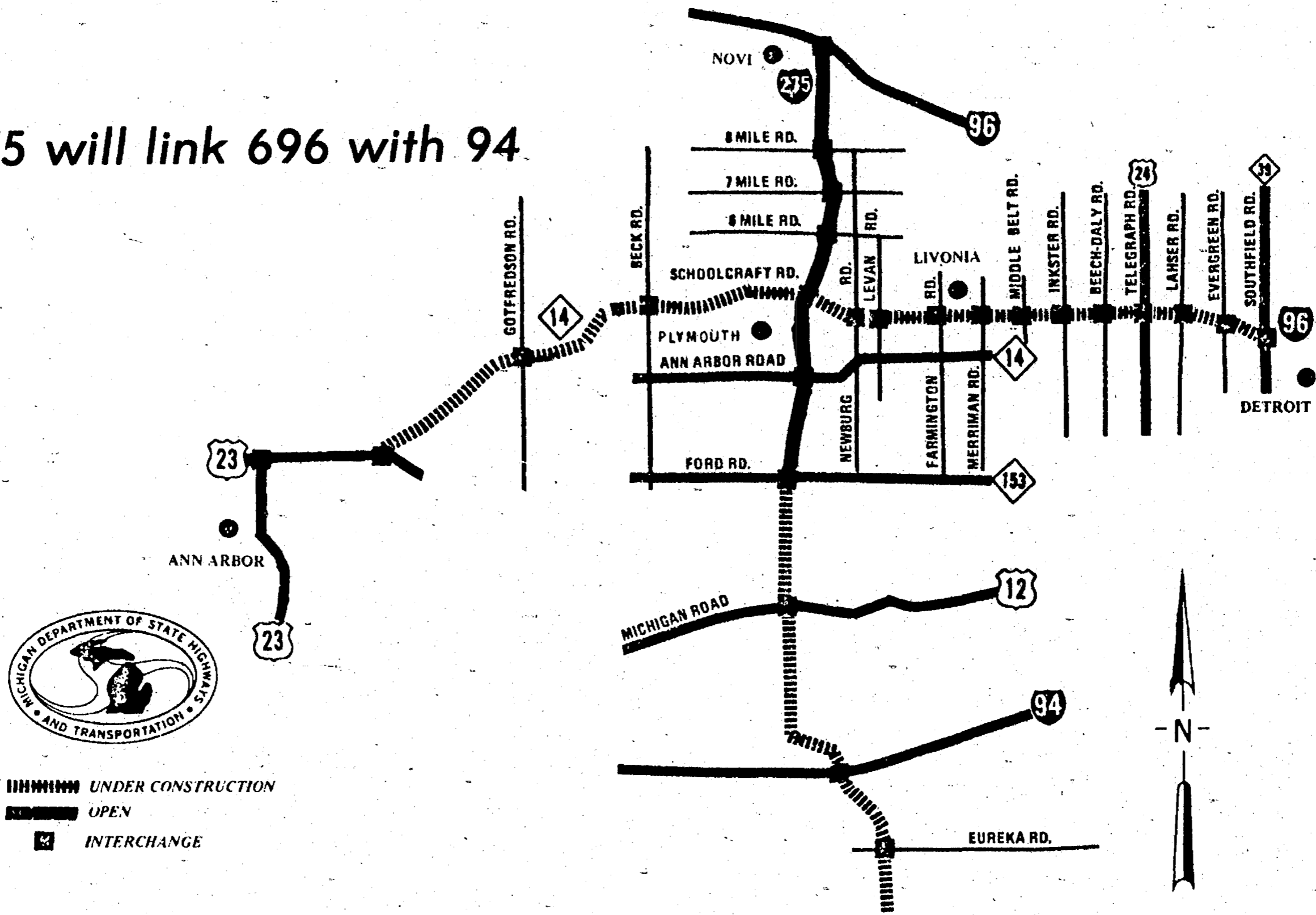
"We've anticipated and encountered no problems in terms of pollution," said Stebbins. "There's raw dirt down there, but it's minimized and controlled. The river is shallow, it's in a park, and it's going to have a bike and bridle path underneath the bridge in addition to the Hines Drive bridge. Personally, I feel good about it. As of today, we have not had any problems with that one."

However, growth will probably be the biggest factor in changing the environment. It is believed by some that new buildings will spring up along the interchanges and that housing will mushroom. For this, Stebbins blames local township officials:

"I admit to having great faith in the statement that the local township officials have known since before 1970 of the freeway and its interchange," said Stebbins. "The information has been available to the public and developers. Any development that has been contemplated has gone through the townships boards."

"As I see it, rural township officials haven't had the experience to respond to development, but they should have seen what growth has done to other areas."

275 will link 696 with 94



I-275 could mean business boom

BY KATHY KUENZER

"There is no doubt that the history of interstate highways has been that they provide accessibility to communities they pass through."

It's a simple statement, made recently by Canton Planner George Peake, but its implications for the future growth of industry and commerce in Canton are very important.

I-275, the interstate highway which will eventually connect with I-96 to the north and I-275 to the south, is expected to open south to Michigan Avenue and I-94 very soon.

What will that mean to industrial growth?

"It will obviously have a terrific impact on industry in Canton," says Peake, "particularly in the Michigan Avenue Penn Central Railroad area. Maybe it won't happen in the next year or two, but it will over the long run."

Industrial growth in Canton, in the words of the 1975 master plan text, "has been sporadic at best and has lagged well behind residential and commercial construction."

Two industrial areas exist currently in the township. One is located along Yost Road (south of Michigan Avenue) near the

Penn Central tracks, the other in the northeast portion of the township along the C&O Railroad tracks at Haggerty.

While only a few plants have located at the industrial park site near the C&O tracks, four new plants will open there this year. Canton planners also predict the park "will be filled in the next year or two."

Both industrial areas stand to benefit greatly from the opening of the I-275 stretch. Access to the highway is available at both Ford Road and Michigan Avenue, and "access to interchanges is the main thing industries need," Peake says.

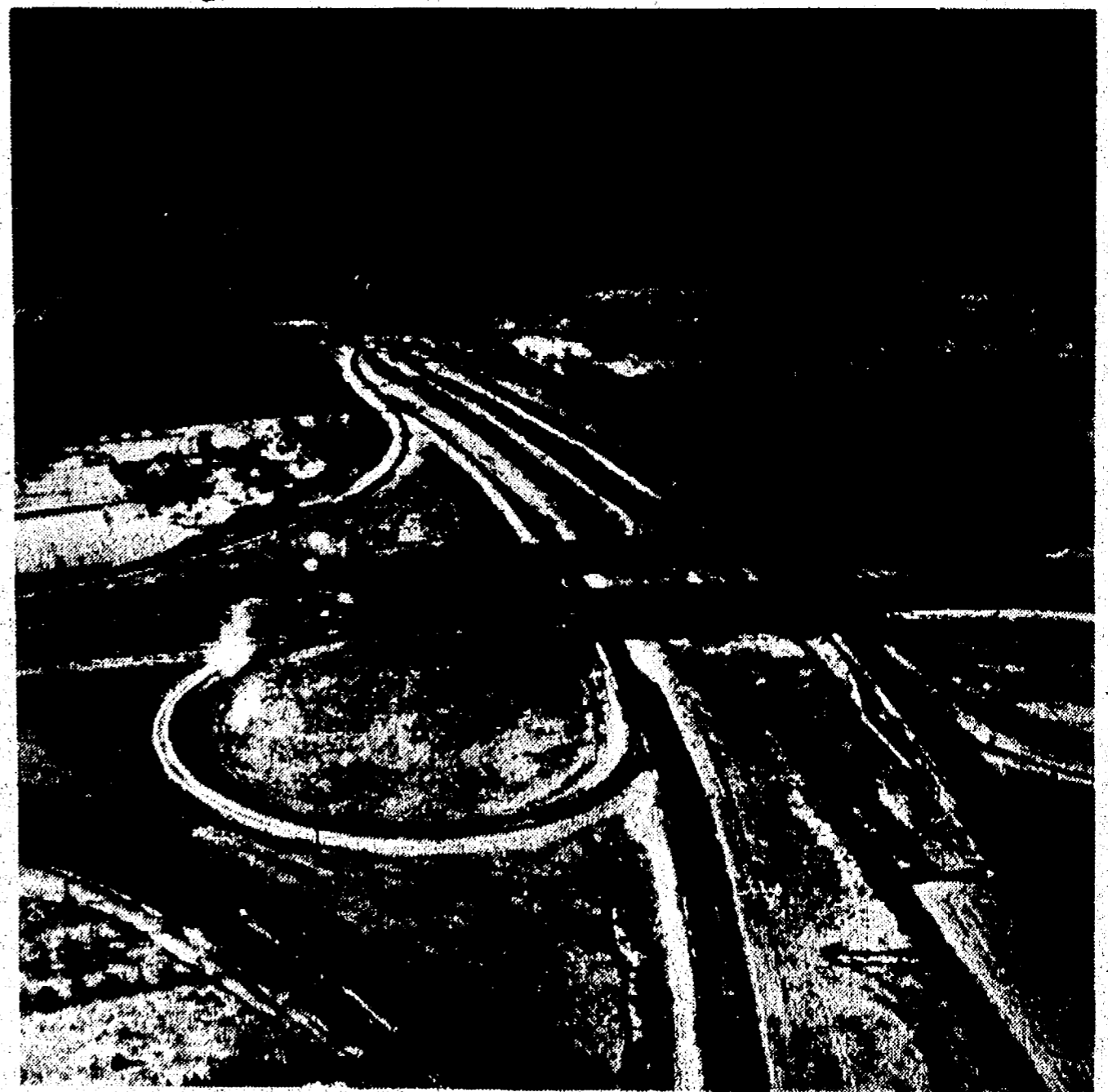
Will the I-275 opening change commercial growth?

"To date commercial business in Canton has been the type that serves the resident population," says Peake.

His statement is verified by township building statistics that show an overwhelming growth in businesses - coming slightly after residential building - as the population has increased. No certificates of occupancy (CO's) were issued for new commercial buildings in 1966 through 1969. Only one CO was issued in each of the years 1970 and 1971. In 1972, two CO's for commercial buildings were issued, and in

1973 three were issued. But in 1974, 16 CO's were given for commercial establishments, and for the first 11 months of this year, 30 CO's were issued for commercial buildings, banks and once church.

"For I-275 to have an effect on commercial development in Canton, encouragement for regional shopping must come to the township," says Peake, "and to date none has been shown to anyone."



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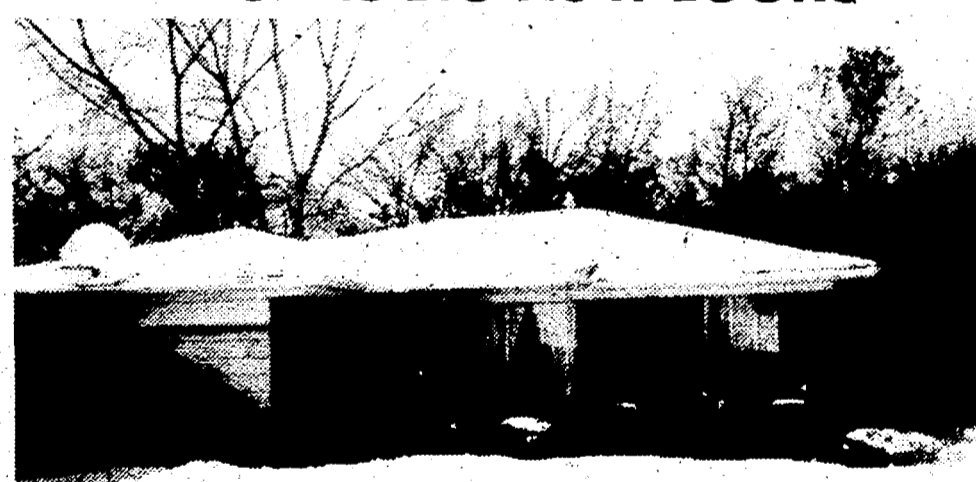
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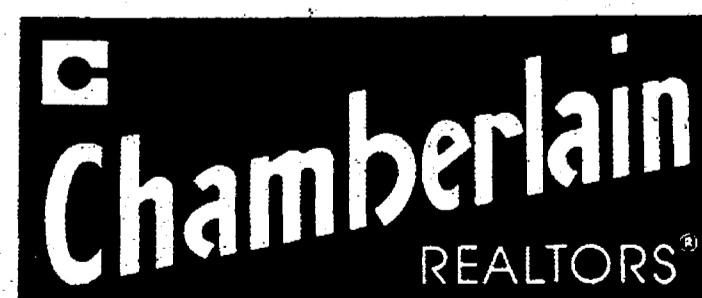
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AN AERIAL VIEW OF PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP just north of the Plymouth Hilton Inn (partially seen near lower left) shows some progress toward eventual completion of M-14. A bridge begins to take shape over the Rouge River (center) which snakes through Edward Hines Park. Another nears completion over the Hines Drive itself. Bare areas in between mark where the right-of-way has been cleared in anticipation of the highway's construction.



HI-LIFT HELICOPTER PILOT Dave Dice guided Crier photographer Bob Cameron over our rapidly growing community recently to capture the aerial photos in this edition. The ride was arranged by HiLift's Barney Stutzman. (Crier photo)

Residential building steady Commercial growth in Twp. on upswing

While Plymouth Township may not be growing in the leaps-and-bounds fashion of Canton, her neighbor to the south, building officials in the township report that residential and commercial growth is on the upswing.

"The valuation of single family housing built in the township in 1974 was \$1,834,000," says Chief Building Inspector Jim Briggs. "Another \$918,000 in multiples (apartments and townhouses) was built that year.

"In 1975, 113 homes were built for a total valuation of \$4,948,000, but we had no multiples built."

But figures through the middle of December of this year reveal that 277 building permits were issued for single family dwellings in the township, with many new homes, "in the \$100,000 category," according to Briggs.

"There is a belt of development, mostly on the west side of Canton Center, where most building is being done. 'I'd say there are more than 500 newly-developed lots available for building in the township - more than ever in recent history - and at the rate they're going, the builders will chew that up in a couple of years."

Briggs says commercial development in the township is "improving" but the number of new industries expected in the future will be limited by the number of few industrially-zoned lots available.

"And the difference between us and Canton is we don't have gas available for new businesses and Canton does. When you're that close - just a couple miles down the road - a place that can offer gas, it's pretty hard to compete."

But whether new industry finds its way to Plymouth Township or not, the building department will have plenty to do to keep up with other kinds of growth. "This calendar year we have already issued permits for work valued at over \$17 million compared to 1975 with a valuation of less than \$5 million," said Briggs recently in a letter to the township board of trustees. "We have issued building permits for 277 new single family homes... in addition we now have 44 apartment units under construction and did issue a few permits for condominiums.

"It appears December will set an all time record as we have issued permits through Dec. 16 for a valuation of over \$2.5 million."

Farmlands to subdivisions

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Plymouth Township, the remaining farmlands for which our community was once famous, will become subdivisions.

It is probable that in Plymouth Township, where growth has been more moderate than in Canton, the planned extension of sanitary sewers into the western portion of the township will mean rapid residential growth in about five years.

The City of Plymouth, which meanwhile is experiencing a decline in population and

housing units, will probably grow more and more to rely on commercial and industrial growth to support its tax burdens.

The expressways' opening will also mean a greater potential for the total community to lure industrial growth - although another major factor - availability of utilities like natural gas - will be equally as important.

All told, the Plymouth-Canton Community faces even greater development in the next 10 years than it has seen in the past decade.

Future brings changes

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and often times, resulting price wars.

Many feel that the changes accompanying our community's growth have not been good. Attempts have been made to slow or completely stop further development, but rarely have met with success.

One such effort that did, how-

ever, was a campaign to stop a regional shopping center proposed for Joy and Sheldon roads. Overwhelming public opposition blocked the proposal and caused an upheaval in Canton politics.

Growth, in itself may not be bad, many critics here say, as long as the growth is well planned and consistent with the community's feelings.

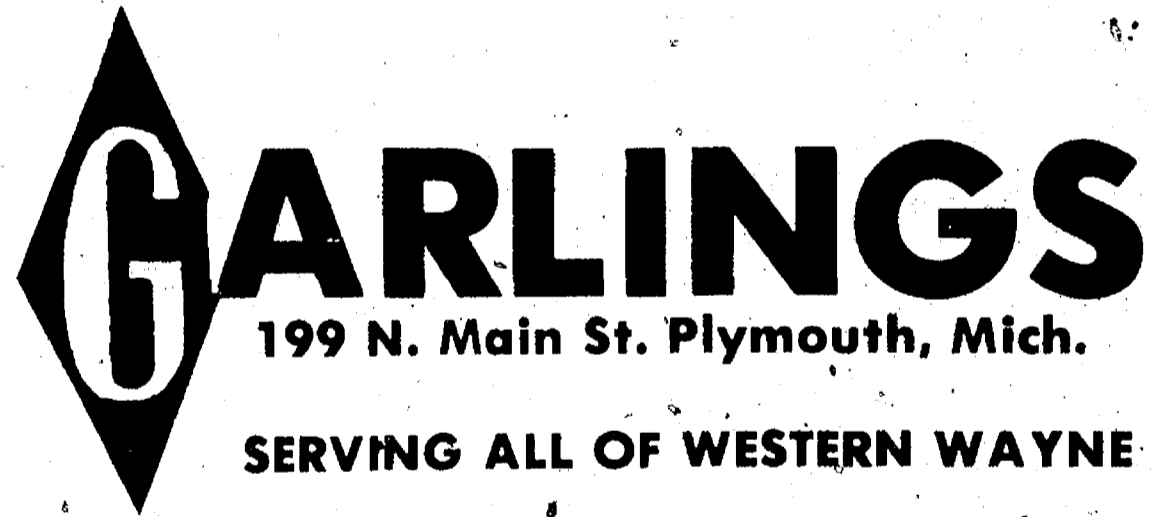


New stores line Ford Road

FORD ROAD IN CANTON, looking east from Canton Center, demonstrates how quickly growth can take place. Little more than three years ago most of this area was still undeveloped. Today shopping centers and large stores cover the

landscape while traffic, although not apparent from this photo, has made Ford Road a major thoroughfare in the township.

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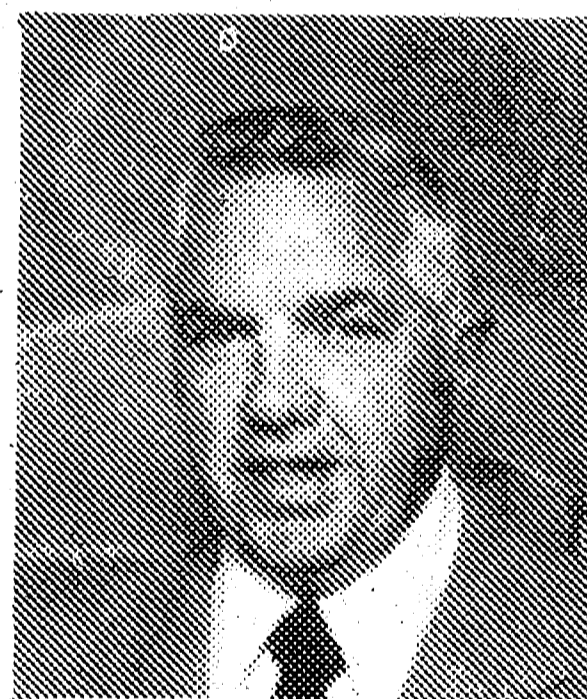
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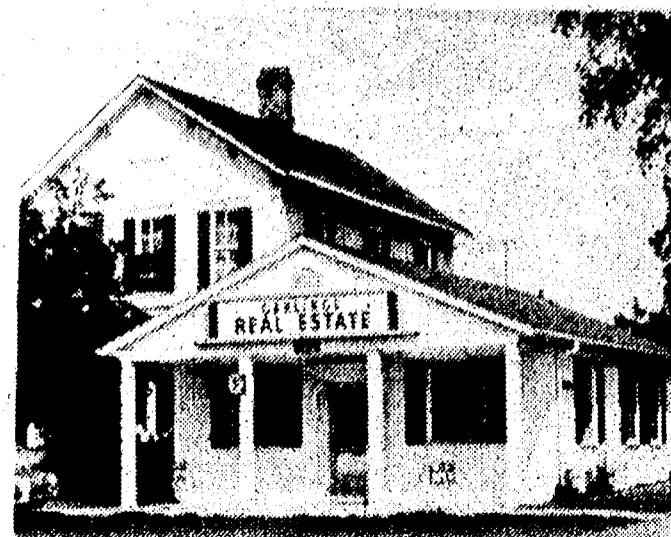
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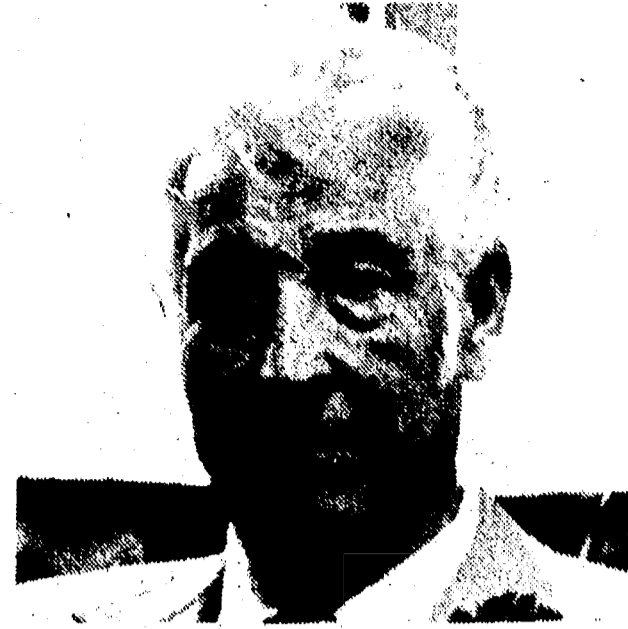
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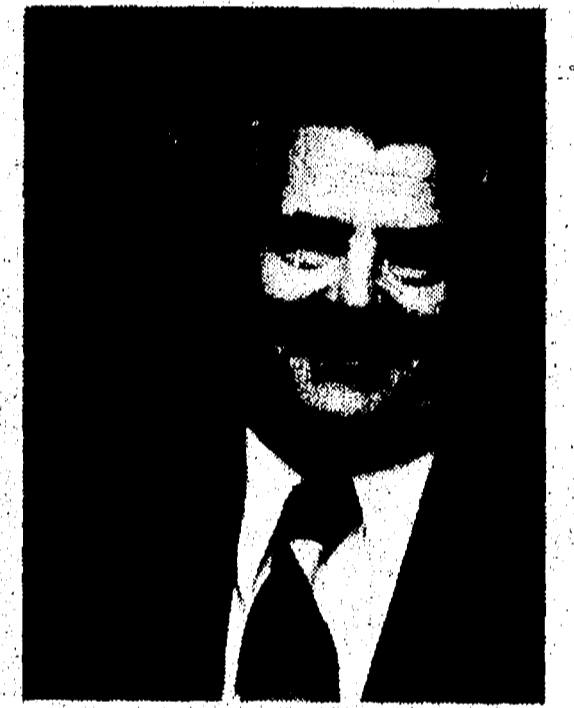
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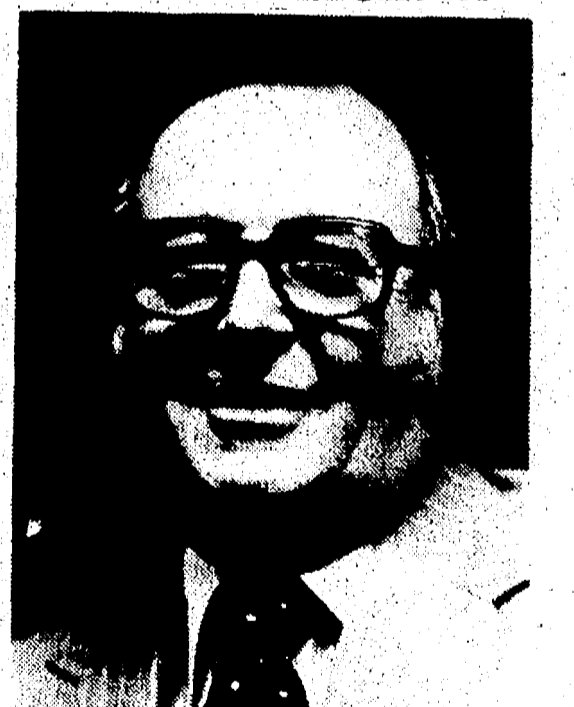
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