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Schools plot ways to slash budget

Surplus may fund Canton DPW building

BY DONNA LOMAS

A \$3 million surplus in Canton township's water and sewer fund earns the township an estimated \$150,000 in interest per year and some of the surplus will probably be used to fund a proposed \$1 million DPW building for the township, Canton Finance Director Mike Gorman said Monday.

Gorman said the surplus was due to the amount of construction the township now has.

"The excess is not unusual, not for a growing community," he said. "People here pay for the tap-in fees, the builder pays for the cost of the sewer. Our residents here get a break -- when we figure water and sewer rates, we don't charge depreciation of the sewers, we set the rates on a break-even system."

Depreciation on a community's sewers is included into water and sewer rates usually so the township can replace sewers once they begin to get older and need replacing, said Gorman. "The money has to be there to replace it," he said.

Canton township's sewer system is young; most were

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Scouts peddle geraniums

DANNY JOHANNINGSMEIER, George Sheardown and Billy Brugman, Cub Scouts of Pack 293, pose outside The Crier offices with samples of the geraniums they will be selling door to door this Saturday. According to Den Mother Ann Sheardown, they will be offering

four-inch potted plants at a \$1 price with the proceeds going towards scouting activities for the six dens and two Weblo groups in the area. "This is our big fundraiser," Mrs. Sheardown said. (Crier photo by Bill Bresler.)

If voters reject June millages

BY CHAS CHILD

If the millage proposals are defeated in June, virtually every program in the Plymouth-Canton schools will suffer broad cuts.

This picture was given to the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Monday night by the schools' administration.

A lack of funds may force officials to shorten the school day, reduce 65 teachers from the present staff, and cut the middle school athletic programs, if both the 3.0 mills up for renewal and the 1.5 additional mills are defeated.

Voter approval of just the 3.0 mills will still mean substantial cuts, however, according to the officials. Instead of hiring 36 new teachers to handle the 850 new students expected next year, only 20 to 22 will be added to the staff.

The shortened school day proposed for the district if both requests are defeated looks like this:

There will be no change in the high school schedule, but middle school students will attend classes from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m., instead of 8 a.m. until 2:50 p.m. The elementary schools will be shortened also. Instead of going to school from 8:45 a.m. through 3:30 p.m., they

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Petitions filed to stop Twp. sewers

Petitions bearing the signatures of some 1,526 Plymouth Township residents who want a referendum on plans for a bond issue for extension of sewers into portions of Lake Pointe and western Plymouth

Township were turned in Monday at Township Hall.

The Board of Trustees recently contracted with Wayne County to sell bonds for the \$2.8 million sewer projects and a group called

the Community Improvement Association of Plymouth Township hopes to block the sewers with a "no" vote on the referendum.

"The sewers will open up a

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After 7 years, boy's mysterious death solved

BY CHAS CHILD

Seven years after 15-year-old Craig Schultz died on a rainy December night, the persons responsible for his death were found last week.

But they will never spend a day in jail, nor even face criminal trial.

The statute of limitations on any charge that might be brought against them has run out, police say.

The story started on the cold, rainy night of Dec. 23, 1971, when Craig was hit by a car while he was riding his bicycle at Blunk and Blanche streets in Plymouth.

Falling to the pavement, Craig hit his head and later died. The car left the scene.

Despite the efforts of the Plymouth police, the persons in the car were never found. "We took the bike to the crime lab, went door to door

Craig's father, Robert Schultz: "Certain people said he fell off his bike. I never believed in my heart that was true."

interviewing the residents in the area, and checked our usual and 'unusual' sources," said City Police Chief Timothy Ford. "But we couldn't solve the case, even though we weren't satisfied with our findings."

With no more leads to follow, the case was closed in 1974. Then last week, the picture changed dramatically.

A source gave the police enough information to reopen the case, and further investigation led to both the driver of the car and the passengers.

"We were lucky that there was someone willing to break the code of silence," said Ford.

The persons won't face trial, however. The Wayne County prosecutor's office could not press charges of fleeing the scene of a fatal accident, or even failure to report a personal injury accident, because the statute of limitations on the charges -- six years -- had run out.

"I am gratified that the mystery is finally solved," said Craig's father, Robert Schultz of Plymouth Town-

ship. "Certain people said he fell off his bike. I never believed in my heart that that was true. My son was too good of an athlete. I feel relieved."

According to Ford, there was very poor visibility on the night of the accident, and the driver and the passengers didn't know they had hit Craig until they read about it in the newspaper.

The chief did not divulge their identity because no charges are being pressed. Robert Schultz, notified of the details of his son's death Monday afternoon by City Attorney Chuck Lowe, does not know either for the same reason.

"Here's a guy out there who is not going to even get a parking ticket out of it," said Craig's father. "He must have no conscience."



CRAIG SCHULTZ

School to open doors to church classes

The Plymouth-Canton School Board voted six to one Monday evening to approve the use of Field Elementary's media and art rooms for religious classes by the St. Thomas A'Becket Parish.

Board member Flossie Tonda cast the lone "no" vote, saying,

"We're going to have nothing but problems with the open doors. We run the risk of destroying property," she said, referring to the fact that

Field's art and media rooms cannot be closed off.

"With 500 kids, no way are we going to be able to control them. I don't feel we're being very accountable to the public," she continued. The classes would be held on Saturdays and Sundays.

Saturday and Sunday classes held at Field and at Allen for Vacation Bible School by the Faith Community Church, prompted a question from Mrs.

Tonda on how much rent would be paid and if heating, water and electricity costs would be covered.

"There's no way you can tell me that \$10 (per day) is going to cover the water and electricity," she said.

Mrs. Tonda at one point suggested a cutoff of such rental services.

"If we take that attitude," Board president Tom Yack said, "We're going to have

to take a look at other freebies and we're going to cut some valuable programs."

Board member Joe Gray suggested a rate revision. Assistant Superintendent for Business, Ray Hoedel said,

"Our fee structures are going to be looked at. Are we charging enough in our rate structures?"

Both measures were approved with Tonda casting a dissenting vote.

Twp. clinic may still accept local strays

A change in zoning for a Plymouth Township veterinary clinic may soon end a search by township and City of Plymouth officials for a new place to house stray dogs.

Owners of Parkway Veterinary Clinic have asked the Township Board to rezone the property on which their clinic is located at 41395 Wilcox Rd. from multiple residential to commercial with a conditional use as an animal clinic.

The township Planning Commission last year rejected the clinic's request - at the suggestion of Supervisor Tom Notebaert - for a rezoning

to industrial, also would have permitted the clinic.

The clinic owners said at the time the rezoning was needed for expansion of the facility, and that without expansion, Parkway might be forced to discontinue its service as a stray-dog facility. Township officials had been searching for a new site since then.

Parkway has also asked the Board of Trustees to waive a fee for the new rezoning, since the clinic has already spent more than \$600 on the rezoning application that was denied.

Burns kill patient

A resident at the Dion Nursing Home on 43825 Michigan Avenue in Canton township died early Thursday morning from burns she received after her nightclothes caught fire when she was smoking a cigarette, Canton Fire officials report.

Bertha Staffins, 77, was smoking in a chair by the window in her room when her nightgown caught on fire and spread when she ran across the room for help, Capt. Vern Rorabacher of the Canton Fire Department said.

Nurses put out the flames and Canton Fire Rescue took

Mrs. Staffins to the Burn Center in Ann Arbor where she died at 4 a.m. Thursday from first, second and third degree burns, Rorabacher said.

There was no fire damage to the room and no one else was injured, Rorabacher said.

"She somehow got hold of some cigarettes," the captain said. The State Fire Marshal is investigating the incident.

Girl attacked outside Smith

A 14-year-old girl was sexually assaulted Sunday evening near Smith School, police report.

The incident started when the victim, accompanied by a female and male companion, met two males in the Smith School playground around 9:15 p.m., said the police. All five persons involved are around 14 years old, the report said.

After they met the boy who was with the two girls left with one of the two boys, said the police. The boy remaining with the two girls started making suggestive remarks to the victim and her girlfriend and the girls tried to flee, the police said.

The boy caught up to the victim, however, and wrestled her to the ground and molested her, said the police. According to the police report, her friend helped her escape and the two girls ran to a friend's house on Hartsough Street and the police were called.

The person responsible for the assault is described as 13 or 14 years old, 5' 2", with shoulder length hair and wearing a green ski jacket. He is wanted on a charge of criminal sexual assault, said Plymouth Police Chief Tim Ford.

Pinball proposal raises questions

The Canton Chamber of Commerce last Tuesday told Canton trustees it was "puzzled" about a proposed pinball ordinance for the township, a remark that sent the trustees back to study the ordinance further.

It was scheduled to be discussed again last night. The Chamber, representing business people in Canton, asked for a clearer definition of a "mechanical amusement device - does that include juke boxes and kiddie rides?" the Chamber representative asked.

Other questions included hours, age limits and a separate fee for arcades.

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Notebaert, West, Gornick say they'll run again

BY HANK MEIJER

Plymouth Township Supervisor Tom Notebaert, Treasurer Joe West and Trustee Richard Gornick have announced their plans to seek re-election.

Missing from the Republican ticket (all seven members of the township's Board of Trustees are Republicans) will be Clerk Helen Richardson, who announced last week that she will not run again.



Trustee Frank Millington, at 77 the oldest area elected official, said Monday he was

still undecided whether to seek re-election to the seat he has held since 1970. "I have ambivalent feelings," he said. "I don't know if I can stand it for another two years."

All township officials will be elected to two-year terms this fall, to begin a new schedule of four-year terms in 1980.

Notebaert, 55, who was elected to his first term in 1976, said Monday he has already filed his nominating petitions with the Wayne County Elections Office.

West, 63, will be seeking his third term as the township's full-time treasurer. Gornick a 45-year old Livonia school administrator, is up for re-election for the first time. He was elected in 1974.

Deadline for filing nominating petitions for the Aug. 8 primary is June 6.

Lawyer hired to fight Schools' random selection

George Lovich, of Canton, who tried unsuccessfully two weeks ago to change his daughter's assignment to Canton High, has engaged an attorney and will seek court action to overturn the school board's decision.

At Monday's board meeting, Lovich again said that the had not given adequate notice of its decision to set March 13 as the deadline for filing appeals to have the assignments changed.

Besides Lovich, seven parents asked the board to overturn their children's assignments, and all were denied by the board because they failed to meet its March 13 deadline.

One parent said he didn't file because two of his daughter's friends were originally assigned to the same school as his daughter. But the board granted both her friends' appeals, leaving his daughter the only student in the neighborhood going to Canton.

Originally, the only grounds for appeal of the random selection process were "sound educational reasons." This was

changed by the board in March, however. Under the new policy, the board agreed to grant appeals if a student's assignment would separate him from neighborhood friends.

After the board denied the other parents' requests, they met with Lovich in the high school lobby where he told them about pursuing court action, and some of them agreed to meet with his attorney this week.

Lovich contends the board itself did not know what the criteria for appealing random selection would be until March 13. The school board did not publish the legal notice in The Crier newspaper until March 29, he said.

Board member Flossie Tonda said two weeks ago that the board did not set specific criteria until March 13 so that each appeal could be dealt with case by case. Had criteria been set, she said, students and parents would have found it easy to select conditions under which school assignments would be switched.

Restaurant, motel win Canton zoning approval

The Canton Planning Commission Monday recommended the rezoning of a 10-acre parcel of land at Ford and Haggerty roads so that a restaurant and a budget hotel could be developed on the site.

Township Planner George Peek recommended the rezoning from CS (planned shopping) to C2 (general business) because the setback requirements in a CS zoning (200 feet), were too stringent for the motel and restaurant to be developed.

Planned for the site is a Bob Evans 161-seat family restaurant. The motel, to be called Knights Inn, was described by its developer as a "one-story, modular budget motel with parking in front of everyone's door."

Both projects will take up the eastern half of the parcel. No plans for developing the other five acres were discussed.

The planning commission unanimously agreed to recommend approval of the rezoning.

Last Supersewer hearing scheduled for City Hall

A wastewater control meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at Plymouth City Hall at 201 S. Main Street.

According to William Sullivan, Wayne County public works board chairman, the meeting, set by the Environmental Protection Agency, will be the last one before EPA announces its plan for handling the wastewater in the Huron River Valley.



AN ACCIDENT Wednesday killed a construction worker at this subdivision site at Sheldon and Palmer in Canton. (Crier photo by Brian Watkins)

Fall kills worker

A 30-year old East Detroit man was killed Wednesday morning as he was installing sewer pipes in a Canton subdivision under construction at Sheldon and Palmer Roads.

Jerome Consiglio, 30, was dead on arrival at Wayne County General Hospital from internal injuries sustained after he fell more than 15 feet from a portion of a sewer pipe according to Wayne County Detective Walter Holowka. Consiglio was installing the pipe as part of his job for Western Construction Company, Det. Holowka said.

The accident occurred at 11:15 a.m. while Consiglio was inside a last portion of the sewer system and was being lowered to the ground to line up that section with others already installed, the Sheriff's Department said.

A ladder inside the sewer is lined up with the other sewer sections and metal pins inserted in order to lower the section are removed once the line up is complete, Det. Holowka said.

The driver of the steam shovel that lowered the pipe with Consiglio inside, told detectives he thought he saw Consiglio wave an "all clear", Det. Holowka said. But only one metal pin had been removed and the other was still inside the sewer section. When the steam shovel began to move away, it knocked over the other parts and Consiglio fell out, according to Det. Holowka.

Consiglio is survived by his wife, child and relatives. Wayne

County Medical Examiner has ruled Consiglio's death an accident, Det. Holowka said, although as a matter of procedure, the Sheriff's Department is investigating.

Schools grant church free sewer access

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Monday night gave a church free access to sewer lines, but if the church uses the access in the future for profit, it must pay for the easement. Granted to the Church of the Nazarene, which plans to erect a building on its property on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township, the easement runs through the grounds of Pioneer Middle School.

The agreement prepared by the schools stipulates, however, that if the church develops the property and the sewer is used for non-church-related buildings, the church must pay for the easement.

Should Ford Rd. be boulevard?

Canton residents may express their views on the widening of Ford Road at a public hearing scheduled for Wednesday, May 17 at 7 p.m. at the Township Meeting Hall, 128 Canton Center Rd.

There will be an informational meeting from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. that same afternoon at the hall to discuss plans involved with Ford Road including the times, approximate dates and impact of the decisions made on the widening of Ford Road.

According to State Rep. Tom Brown (D-Westland), township officials have less than 30 days to make a decision on whether or not Ford Road should have a boulevard.



Lion auction draws crowd

PLYMOUTH LION 'Bud' Martin gazes over the crowd as auctioneer Lloyd Braun calls for bids. (Crier photo by Bill Bresler)

Canton wins grant for emergency radio

Canton Township has received a \$2,200 grant for an Emergency Medical Service (EMS) radio communications.

The EMS radio system will allow direct communications from the ambulance to the hospital while enroute to a hospital and uses direct contact with hospital personnel.

The township fire department currently has 11 firemen

who are EMS qualified, township officials report. They have received their EMT certificate from the State of Michigan after 100 hours of training.

Hospitals that are currently participating in the EMS Radio Communications are St. Mary's, Wayne County, St. Joseph's, Beyer, University of Michigan, Annapolis and soon, Garden City.



A TIME-RAVAGED barn on North Territorial Road west of Curtis, in the process of collapse, finally caved in. (Crier photo by Hank Meijer.)

Barn collapses

To fate of lobby bill

Senator's votes may be key

BY HANK MEIJER

The Plymouth-Canton Community's two state senators may play a key role next week in a senate vote on the fate of a bill to reform lobbying practices in the state legislature.

The measure was proposed originally in 1975 along with other legislative reforms by the Common Cause citizen lobby group. It has been languishing in a senate committee for months, but next week it may, with the help of the local senators, reach the senate floor.

Act 674 would require disclosure of how much money lobbyists spend in wooing Michigan legislators and limit

how much can be spent for lobbying. It is currently stalled in the Senate Judiciary Committee. In March the committee, after easing some of the bill's requirements, voted 4-3 not to send it to the full senate.

With no change in that split expected, Senate Majority Leader William Faust (D-Westland), whose district includes Canton Township, has declared that he will ask his colleagues for a discharge vote that would force the bill out of committee.

The discharge vote, which requires a simple majority of the member senate for passage, is never easy to get, Common Cause spokesman Jane Elsman told The Crier Monday. Although both Gov. William Milliken and Faust have expressed support for the measure, discharge means the overruling of customary committee procedure, a step many senators are reluctant to take.

Informal polls by supporters of the bill say the votes of a handful of undecided legislators, most of whom are Republicans, could make the difference.

One legislator whose vote

could prove crucial, according to Common Cause, is Sen. Robert Geake (R-Northville), whose district includes the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

Elsman said that although Geake has yet to take a stand on the lobby reform bill, he has voted for two earlier discharge requests.

Common Cause officials speculate that once the bill reaches the floor of the senate it will be hard to defeat. The discharge request, however, could prove more difficult. Only one such vote has been taken in the senate's current term, and it was defeated.

County allocates bike day bucks

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners last week allocated \$5,000 to set aside four Bike Days in Hines Park. They are this Saturday, May 13, June 10, Sept. 9, and Oct. 14. Only bicyclists and hikers will be permitted on Hines Drive, in the Middle Rouge Parkway, between Ford and Haggerty Roads, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



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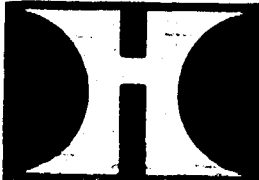
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Schools seek Head Start funding

The federal Head Start program, designed to help three and four-year olds learn before they start school, may be underway in the Plymouth-

Canton School District next fall.

The Board of Education gave school administrators a green light Monday night to

apply for federal funding to support the program for three years.

Only students from families receiving Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) or some form of federal assistance are eligible for Head Start. About 60 students in Plymouth-Canton are expected to fill the program in the fall.

The three-year-olds will be taught in their homes, while the four-year-olds will attend classes in Central Middle School, if the application is successful.

Mary Fritz, present director of the PLUS preschool program for four and five-year olds, will head up Head Start.

"Children in the Head Start Program will be provided with a learning environment filled with varied experiences designed to help them develop socially, intellectually, physically and emotionally in a manner appropriate to their age and stage of development," said a school summary of the program.

The application to the federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) will ask for \$14,030 to start the program, and \$50,618 per year over three years to operate it, according to Sam Ulsaker, administrative assistant for federal projects.



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Parent protests busing policy.

BY ROBERT KIAN

The makings of a busing dispute seem to be brewing in the Plymouth-Canton School District. The busing is not for racial equality, but simple transportation provided by the district.

Norm Maxwell, a state trooper, is contesting a school code provision that says that students who "opt out" of the district's 45-15 plan, must get to the school by their own means. Students who are in the plan and who live more than one-and-a-half

miles for school are given bus service.

The school board is awaiting a mandate from either state school superintendent or attorney general Frank Kelley on the matter.

Maxwell feels that the district should provide transportation, regardless of which school a student attends.

"I feel my child is being discriminated against. I pay as much taxes as anybody and I've voted for enough bond issues," Maxwell said.

Standard Federal fights to keep sign up

A decision by the Canton Zoning Board of Appeals that a Canton savings and loan firm take down its sign prompted the firm Tuesday to ask the township board of trustees to review the legality of that zoning board of appeals decision.

Standard Federal Savings and Loan Association, based in Troy, were denied an extension to keep its free-standing ground sign up last month by a 3-2 vote.

The bank, originally called Wayne Federal Savings and Loan Association before it

merged with the Troy firm, says it is "unconstitutional" for the ZBA to order the sign dismantled.

Two years ago, when the bank changed its name, the ZBA granted the bank two years to remove the sign, and both sides agreed.

The bank has said that if the township does not respond to its request within a "reasonable length of time," its sign will stay.

However, should the township decide to issue tickets, the firm's attorney has said a lawsuit may be filed.



Real Estate

BY WILLIAM DECKER

REALTOR

THE PRE-OWNED HOME

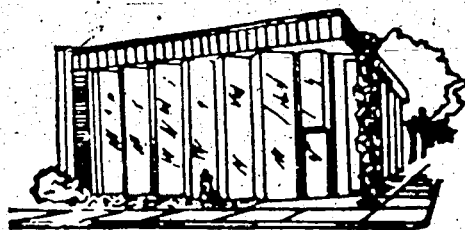
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Community Opinions

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Schools waffle on tenure decision

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education stared common sense in the face last week - and ignored it.

Responding to their emotions, the board members allowed probationary teacher James Durkin to so present arguments why the board should grant him tenure, after the administration recommended that he be dropped.

Moreover, after hearing the testimony from students, parents and his colleagues, the board voted to offer Durkin a hearing to fully air his case.

Trying to give Durkin a fair shake, the board merely opened a can of worms: First, the board has now opened itself to appeals of Durkin's sort from every probationary teacher who is not tenured.

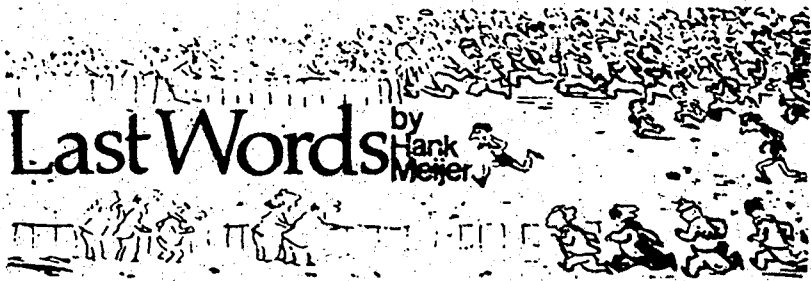
Second, observers such as the board members simply can't make honest decisions in these personnel cases. Member Dick Arlen realized as much when he said, "We are suddenly the judge in two widely divergent positions," after hearing Durkin's side and the administration's.

The board, however, did not have to be the judge. The proper judges in this case - the administrators who saw him perform everyday and who are trained to evaluate teachers - had already ruled.

The members should have simply accepted their recommendations to drop Durkin, without hearing his arguments.

Attempting to be fair, the board side-stepped the administrators best qualified to make the hard decisions. In a word, they were wishy-washy.

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Those doors are still closed

They're going to be at it again next Tuesday.

For the third time, Plymouth Township trustees have scheduled a meeting behind closed doors to discuss changes in policy and procedure in township departments.

And for the third time, township officials will discuss the study-in-progress by township resident Tom Fidge, husband of Trustee Lee Fidge, who was hired to create a policy manual governing township personnel procedures.

The members of the township board who closed these meetings to the public and the press say the agenda concerns personnel, and that personnel matters can be discussed behind closed doors.

As I understand it, the township can close a meeting for personnel reasons only when involved in collective bargaining or specific questions of hiring or discipline. Neither case holds here.

When the board first decided to close the meetings, we were told Fidge's recommendations could involve matters which would have to be taken up with the township firefighters' union. It would be wrong for the firefighters to hear of proposed changes before they were brought up with them, the trustees said.

I don't think that reasoning holds water.

I might be persuaded otherwise if the supervisor, the clerk and one trustee hadn't said they saw no reason to close the doors.

I'm disappointed they didn't follow through and refuse to meet under such conditions just because a majority of the board thought it convenient to slip into secrecy to discuss this report the township agreed to pay \$2,500 for.

As one board member said, "For \$2,400 Canton had the same job done by experts."

But in Canton the study was not being made with the backing of the law office of one of the township trustees.

We presume no dishonesty here. Except perhaps a violation of Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER



Warden says, 'I pick up strays'

EDITOR:

I am writing regarding last week's article about "The Dogs of Plymouth Township".

Yes, there is a Dog Warden in the Township of Plymouth.

Since I started the job in late October 1977, I have picked up 110 dogs, of which 40 have been put to sleep. The rest were released to their owners at a charge of \$4.50 per day, a very small fee. Should it be larger?

In the 16 square miles of Plymouth Township, I have driven more than 7,000 miles in the eight months I have been employed, trying to enforce the Dog Ordinance of Plymouth Township. If the concerned citizens such as "Goody-Goody", and "Sick and Tired", are really concerned, a phone call should be made to the Township of Plymouth between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., at 453-3840; or to the Township Fire Department after

Election year should stir Canton board

We wonder why it is that all the action in Canton Township seems centered around the planning commission these days. Could it be the proposed sign ordinance and other issues are more interesting to Canton residents than enduring four hour meetings of seemingly cut and dry business of the township board?

But it's election year in Canton. In a month, Supervisor Harold Stein, treasurer Anne Bradley and Trustee Eugene Daley, and perhaps Bob Myers should be grandstanding like crazy for us. It's a show you won't want to miss, so remember to come to township board meetings early to get a seat.

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5 p.m. at 453-2546. These phone calls would direct me to the problem areas, and the number of loose dogs could be greatly reduced.

With the help of the Township Residents, the Dog Ordinance of Plymouth Town-

ship would be more readily enforced.

DENNIS SMITH
DOG WARDEN
TWP. OF PLYMOUTH

P.S. The man with the 10 dogs, give me a call!

Dog problem is serious

EDITOR:

There seems to be quite a bit of controversy about the stray dog situation in Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

I really think the problem is getting out of hand, and it's extremely hard to call and complain to the owner of the dog when the dog has no identification.

I've had some bad experiences with strays in my own garage. One night at dinner hour, my younger sister ran into the house hysterically screaming my dog was fighting another dog. I immediately went outside to stop it, and in doing so, I was bitten on the ring finger of my right hand. I had to go to the hospital. The owner was a girl from down the street

walking two dogs without leashes.

There are half a dozen strays that cut across our corner lot a week. It does no good to report these loose dogs because there's no one to report to.

Why doesn't the Township appoint someone to see that there aren't stray dogs? Not too long ago, it was said that there wasn't any need for a dog catcher. There certainly is a big need for one now. What is it going to take to get people on the ball? Some small child to get mauled?

I should hope not. We also don't appreciate their calling cards. It's disconcerting when we roll over it with the lawn mower.

Township officials, put up so we can shut up!

SUE MACNIVEN

The Community Crier

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Apathy has cost us control of schools

EDITOR:

With all the controversy regarding School Board members and why more citizens did not file for the vacancies have been quite interesting.

When the citizens in the community refuse to take an active role or refuse to be better informed when it comes to voting for a candidate, then you no longer have "local control of your schools or your children's education."

You have unions representing the teachers, secretaries, aides, maintenance workers, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, and recently the Principals and Supervisors. Who represents the students if we have no local control?

One of the main functions of a school board member

is to evaluate the Superintendent's performance, review and set his salary (\$45,500).

Can we expect this to be done honestly if the Superintendent and his Administrators support candidates behind closed doors as they did Yack, Harper and now Kirchgatter?

The school administration has a right to vote for anyone they desire but not to influence citizens they come in contact with doing school business. If School Board members are not representative of the community, the parents

and citizens are found to be powerless, a condition that creates apathy.

The apathy in turn has served to solidify power in the hands of those who already have it. As a result, parents in the district have responded to their disenchantment with the schools by withdrawing their children and enrolling them in private institutions.

Recently the National Association of School Principals made a study of 34 high schools whose students have

done unusually well on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). They found these schools maintained tough academic standards and refused to go along with open classrooms and other permissive innovations.

I attend the Oakland County School Board meeting recently and heard Dr. James Leary speak about the

many lawsuits being filed against school districts and educators. Is it possible that the increase in legal actions are due to the parents and citizens having lost "local control"? We must become more involved in the decisions affecting our schools and our children's education, myself included.

DONNA KOCK

Let's appreciate city's improvements

EDITOR:

It's time we gave recognition to those who are improving our community, increasing a tax source and establishing a firm business area by building new buildings and improving the exterior of existing buildings.

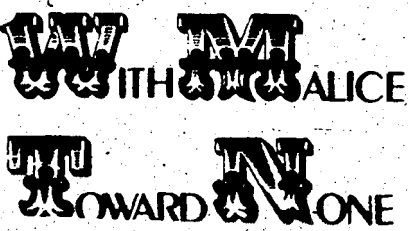
We who live within this community are like the saying "you can't see the forest for the trees" - talk to those outside who visit and shop here and their reasons - how they would like to live in the city so they could relate to a downtown.

Our congratulations and

thanks to those business people for their foresight, pride and confidence to invest like they are. I can only hope the balance of the business community will look around them and duplicate with the Colonial theme that has made Plymouth unique.

There appears to be no end to the improvements and possibilities and no proposed project will take away what we have enjoyed and are maintaining - a small community with modern business thinking.

E. W. MARTIN,
PLYMOUTH



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Twp. sewer policy is time-tested

EDITOR:

In 1953 the Middle Rouge Interceptor Sewer was installed to provide Plymouth Township with a sewage outlet.

All Township Property Owners paid taxes to amortize the cost of the Middle Rouge Interceptor.

1958 Sewer Bond Issue \$790,000
1964 Sewer Bond Issue \$850,000

All Township Property Owners are paying taxes to amortize the cost of the 1958 and 1964 Sewer Bond Issues.

1977 Township tax rate of 3.35 mills was allocated:
1 Mill general operation
1 Mill fire department
1.35 Mills sewer and water bond issues.

Middle Rouge Interceptor opened the Township for development in the early fifties. Lake Point was the first substantial development with sewer service.

Community opinions

The 1958 Bond Issue of \$790,000 was used to service the Township east of Sheldon Road.

Services to developed areas such as Gold Arbor, Southworth, Arbor Village, Robinson Subdivision, Rocker Subdivision, Green Meadows, and Palmer Acres. These areas were originally developed with septic tanks. The Township used Bond funds to install the laterals in these areas. Funds from this Bond Issue were also used for the Byron Creek trunk line extension out to Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road, which serves Woodbrook Subdivision No. 1-2, Trailwood Subdivisions No. 1-2-3, Quail Hollow, and Beacon Trail.

1964 Bond Issue of \$850,000 was used to extend

the trunk line sewer out Joy Road from Sheldon to Beck, which serves West Briar Subdivision No. 1-2, Plymouth Meadows, Colony Farms No. 1-2, Mayflower Village, Parklane Meadows and Woodlore. Woodlore was originally developed with septic tanks. The Township recently used Bond funds to install the laterals in these areas. The Tonquish Valley Sewer Trunk line was extended from Sheldon out to North Territorial and serves Beacon Estates, Walnut Creek and Glenview subdivisions.

All areas that have developed in the Township with sewer service are using the Rouge Valley or Middle Rouge Interceptor to discharge their sewage.

The policy, in Plymouth Township, of installing trunk line sewers, with all property owners sharing the cost, was established more than 20 years ago.

LOYD SHARLAND

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John Smith

336 S. Main, Plymouth

Animal posters due May 12

There is still time left to submit your entry for the

poster contest in Be Kind to Animals Week.

The Plymouth Paw Prints 4-H Club and the American Humane Association are sponsoring the contest for students

Register soon

The Plymouth-Canton School Board voted unanimously to set 5 p.m. Monday, May 15 as the deadline for voters in the district to register to vote in the June 12 general election.

in grades six through eight. The posters may use any art medium and must be 12 inches by 22 inches.

Each contributor will be awarded a prize. Collection boxes are at the Detroit Edison office on Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail, and at the Community Credit Union, Harvey at Maple.

The judges will be from the Three Cities Art Club. Entries will be accepted through May 12.

Bird, Smith get boilers

Bids were approved Monday night by the Plymouth-Canton School Board for the installation of boilers at Bird and Smith elementary schools.

The cost for Bird is \$48,975 and Smith's is \$45,386.

Board member Flossie Tonda said she was glad that bids from eight vendors had been reviewed.

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What's happening

SPECIAL EDU. PROF. TO SPEAK

Larry Bemish, Assistant Professor in the Department of Special Education at Eastern Michigan University, will be guest speaker at the Plymouth-Canton-Northville chapter of the Michigan Association for Children with Learning Disabilities (M.A.C.L.D.) final meeting of the season. It will be held at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 17, in Pioneer Middle School's cafeteria, 46081 Ann Arbor Road.

WOMEN'S SELF-HELP WORKSHOP

A women's self-help workshop is scheduled for Monday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Growth Works-Youth Center, Main St. A speaker from the Women's choice Health Center of Detroit will discuss self-cervical exams, breast exams, health care options for women. A slide presentation will be included. The workshop is sponsored by the Childbirth and Family Resource Center of Plymouth and the fee is \$5 (or ability to pay). For more information or to register, call the CFRC at 459-2360.

NEW HOPE FLEA MARKET

The New Hope Foundation, a non-profit organization established to raise funds for profoundly and severely retarded children. This "Special Day" May 20 represents their first major fund-raising event. The weekend of May 13-14 merchants in the Old Village Area in Plymouth will offer a flea market with proceeds going to New Hope.

PSYCHOLOGIST SPEAKS

Gordon Blush, a clinical psychologist will speak at Central Middle School on "The Seven Steps to Becoming a Parent Worth Liking." The meeting is open to the public and will be on Thursday, June 1 at 7:30 p.m. The address is organized as a Parent-Teacher-Student Organization function.

GALLIMORE FUN FAIR

The Gallimore Fun Fair will be May 12 from 5 to 9 p.m. Food, crafts, refreshments, spook house, make-up and fortune telling will be part of the fun. Tickets will be sold at the school this week for 25 cents each.

GIFTED CHILDREN SPEAKER

Annemarie Roeper, Headmistress of Roeper School for Gifted Children, will speak at the May 10 meeting of the Plymouth-Canton Association for the Academically Talented. She will speak on "The Gifted Girl" and will answer questions. The meeting will be held at West Middle School Cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. for coffee, 8 p.m. for meeting. Everyone welcome.

HATAH YOGA

Beginning/Intermediate Hatha Yoga for adults will start on Tuesday, May 23 from 1-2:30 p.m. Contact the Plymouth Recreation Department for more information at 455-6620.

ROCK CLIMBING

A rock climbing class will be offered by the Plymouth Recreation Department beginning Wednesday, May 10 from 7-10 p.m. For further information contact the Recreation Department at 455-6620.

SUMMER FIGURE SKATING SCHOOL

Summer Figure Skating School at the Plymouth Cultural Center will run for 4 weeks from July 26 thru August 23. Registration will be held on Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Basic Skills, advanced classes and I.S.I.A. Good ice time available weekdays and Saturday. Open skating and open hockey times will be announced at a later date.

OLGC MOTHER DAUGHTER BANQUET

Our Lady of Good Counsel Altar Society will host a Mother Daughter Banquet Wednesday, May 10, buffet at 6:30 p.m. following a mass. Fashions will be modeled by three women's and girl's clothing stores after dinner.

CHURCH OPEN HOUSE

Plymouth's Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon Rd., will hold an open house on May 14 at 9:30 prior to Sunday services. People are invited to walk through the building prior to Sunday services.

3 CITIES ART MEET

The final meeting of the season for the Three Cities Art Club will be held Wednesday, May 10 at 8 p.m. at the Plymouth Community Federal Credit Union. A demonstration of oil painting will be given by Audrey DiMarco. Artists are asked to bring opaque paintings in any media. The public is invited.

SENIOR CITIZEN MEETING

The St. Kenneth Senior Citizens will hold a business meeting May 16 at noon at the church, 14951 Haggerty Rd., in Plymouth. Those attending are asked to bring a brown bag lunch. Fun and games will be featured after the meeting. All are asked to bring a 75 cent gift for a prize.

DAR MEETS

John Sackett Chapter DAR will hold a meeting at a noon luncheon at the home of Mrs. Clayton Nacker, chapter treasurer, of West Six Mile Road. Co-hostesses include her daughter Mrs. Donald Harmon, Acme, Mary H. Fasing, Mrs. Wilson Videan, and Mrs. Urban Sutfin, Plymouth. Annual reports of officers and chairmen will be read. Installation of officers and new members will take place. Mrs. Urban Sutfin, Plymouth, and Mrs. William Monroe, Birmingham, are mother and daughter members as well as Mrs. Sutfin's sister, Mrs. Wilbur Francis, Plymouth.

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What's happening

CANTON REC SENIORS

Arts and Crafts from 1-3 p.m. on Wednesdays.

CANTON CRICKETS

For ages 3-4 (preschool), on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11 a.m. Supervised.

45-15 FUN CLUB

For all elementary tracks - trips and various activities are planned on Wednesday, times vary each day.

DISCO DANCING

Ages 12 and older, on Thursdays, 3-4 p.m. on Saturdays, 3-4 p.m. (\$12 per six week session) Starting May 6 and 11).

FREE GARDEN PLOTS

Will be available for Township Residents after May 15, call Canton Parks and Recreation Office at 397-2777 for more information.

SUMMER DAY CAMP

Mini two week session at Fiegel, June 26 to Aug. 18. Open to Plymouth-Canton School Children from six-12 years of age. Registration and fee of \$15 per session will begin on June 1. Child can register for more than 1 session. For more information call Canton Parks and Recreation, 397-2777.

SUPERVISED SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAMS

Planned for various subdivision parks. Crafts, contest, sports and much more available from 10-3 p.m. Monday through Friday beginning June 26 until Aug. 18. Call Canton Parks and Recreation for more information, 397-2777. For information pertinent to Junior Baseball, contact Gene Goodrich 455-7065.

ALL TRACKS SPECIAL EVENTS

ESY AND TRADITIONAL SCHOOLS

Aug. 23 Cedar Point trip. Cost \$20 per person, includes round trip deluxe motor coach from Canton to Cedar Point and back and admission to Cedar Point. Bring a lunch or extra pocket money. We will leave the Canton Recreation Hall at 7:30 a.m. and return at approximately 9:00 p.m. You must be 8 years old. A few parents may come also but will need to pay the \$20. You must pay and register by June 1. We need 38 people to secure a bus. No money will be refunded unless trip is cancelled.

ELVIS WADE

The Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department presents Elvis Wade in concert on Saturday, May 13 at 8 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street. Tickets are available at the center (\$6.50, \$5.50 and \$4.50 tickets). For further information contact the Recreation Office at 455-6620 from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

GARAGE SALE & BIKE AUCTION

Sign up now for the fifth annual garage sale and bike auction to be held on Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Fee is \$8 for both days or \$5 daily. Tables are \$3.75 per day. Register at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB

The Christian Women's Club will hold its "Merry Moods of May" luncheon on Thursday, May 11, from noon until 2 p.m. at the Mayflower Meeting House, Main Street at Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Nursery and lunch reservations must be made by May 4 by calling Dorothy Mowry, 420-0472, or Linda Murphy, 522-5116.

ALPHA OMICRON PI

The Northwest Suburban Alumnae Chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi will meet on Thursday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Peter Ross, 45835 Fermanagh, Northville. A potluck dinner is planned for the evening. Alumnae who wish to attend may call Mrs. William O'Shea, 35979 Middleboro, Livonia.

CANTON BOOSTER'S CLUB

The Red Chapter of the Booster's Club will hold its annual elections, Monday, May 15 at the home of John and Cindy Merrifield. The meeting and elections are open to all Canton Chief sports boosters. If you would be interested in working with the group or have a nomination for an officer, plan to attend. For additional information call 420-0270.

ABUSE HELP

Our House Crises Center is offering a free group for women who are victims of domestic violence. The group meets Tuesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. For further information, call 455-4902 or come in at 185 S. Harvey.

CRISIS HELP NEEDED

Our House Crisis Center is having a volunteer training program beginning soon. Please call 455-4902 for further information.

ACRYLIC PAINTING CLASS

A beginning Acrylic Painting Class will start on Wednesday, May 3 from 7-9:30 p.m. An Advanced Acrylic Painting Class will begin on Monday, May 1 from 7-9:30 p.m. Both classes will be conducted at the Plymouth Cultural Center. For more information contact the Plymouth Recreation Department at 455-6620.

PARTY BRIDGE

Party Bridge takes place at the Cultural Center on Thursday from 1-4 p.m.

Grange, Corps to raise funds

Plymouth Grange families will combine with Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps families in a fund-raising garage sale this Friday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Plymouth Grange Hall, Union Street

in Downtown Plymouth.

Several items will be on sale, including house and garden plants, a Mother's Day table with prices children can afford, antiques, toys, tools, popcorn, buttons, household items, furniture, etc.

The Grange will also sell doughnuts, sold usually at

Fall Festival. Anyone may pre-order donuts by calling Mrs. Tritten at 453-6387 or Jim Henry at 455-2456.

Highlighting the event on Saturday will be two performances by Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps in Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Kindergarten registration

Starkweather Elementary School, 550 N. Holbrook, will have kindergarten registration Friday, May 12 from 1 to 1:45 p.m. in the school gym.

Any child who will be five years old on or before Dec. 1, will be eligible to attend the 1978-79 kindergarten. Proof of birth date is required at the time of registration.

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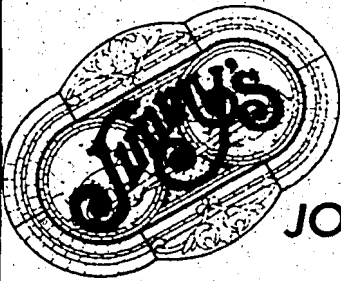


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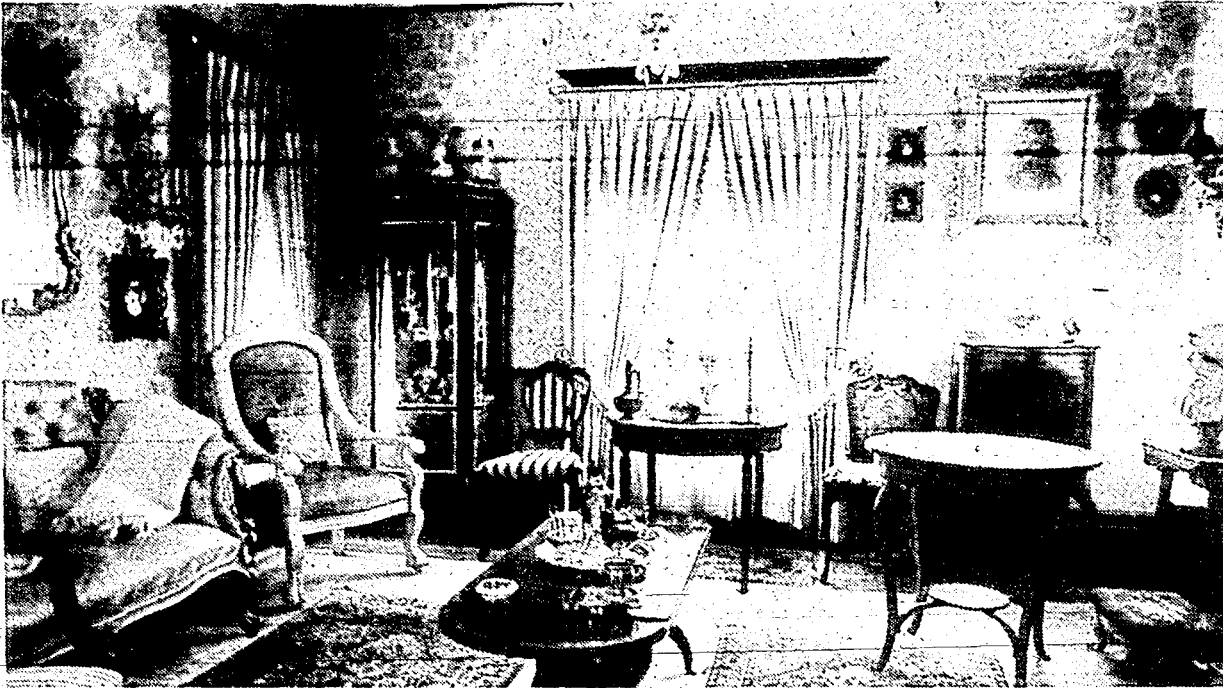
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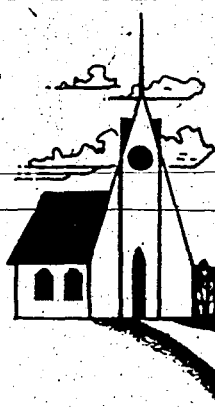
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the Crier's
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HUGH CASH, (above) very much at home in his house on Ann Arbor Trail. The Cashes' installed the fireplace and replaced the standard ceiling with the arched one seen here. At left, the sitting room of Leo and Dorothy McNamara's Victorian home. (Crier photos by Bill Bresler.)



Your Guide to Local Churches

Come Worship With Us

Tri City Assembly of God
2100 Hannan Rd.
N. of Michigan Ave.
721-6832
Rev. E. W. Raimer

Services, Deaf Ministry 11 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
Evangelistic Service 7 pm

Calvary Baptist Church
43065 Joy Rd.
Canton
453-6749 or 455-0022
Dr. G. Douglas Routledge

Bible School & Worship
9:45 & 11 am
Evening Evangel. 6 pm

Central Baptist Temple
670 Church St.
455-7711
Dr. Stan Jenkins, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday Services
10:30 am & 6 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm
Active Youth, Bus Ministry

Landmark Baptist Church
Fundamental Missionary
Premillennial
11095 Haggerty Rd.
betw. Ann Arbor Rd.
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Plymouth
453-9132
Rev. James R. Dillon

Sunday School 10 am
Evangelistic Serv. 11 am
Even. Evang. Serv. 7 pm
Wed. Bible Study, 7 pm

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1160 Penniman Ave.
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453-0326
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Rev. R. Keller
Rev. F. Byrne

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Saturday 5:30 & 7:30 pm
Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 & 12:30

First Church of Christ Scientist
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Church & Reading Room
453-1676

Church & Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 am
Wed. Church 8 - 9 pm

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Missouri Synod
46250 W. Ann Arbor Rd.
1 Mile West of Sheldon
453-5252
Rev. Kenneth E. Zielke

Sunday Services 8 & 10:30
Sunday School 9:15 am

Dixboro United Methodist
5221 Church Rd.
Corner of Ann Arbor Rd.
& Cherry Hill
665-5632
Rev. Hal Ferris 662-3645

Church School 9:30 am
Sunday Worship 11 am

First United Methodist Church
45201 N. Territorial
453-5280
Samuel F. Stout
D.L. Kelsey F.C. Vosburg

Worship, Church School 9:30
Worship, Church School 11a.m.
Nursery - grade 6

Faith Community Church
Meeting in Pioneer
Middle School
46081 Ann Arbor Rd.
Rev. Darryl Bell
459-2199

Sunday School 9:15 am
Family Worship 10:30 am

Plymouth Church of the Nazarene
41550 E. Ann Arbor Tr.
453-1525
Carl R. Allen, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 am
Sunday Services 11 am, 6 pm
Midweek Service (Wed.) 7 pm

First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth
701 Church St.
Plymouth
453-6464
Rev. Phillip Rodgers Magee
Theodore Taylor II, Assoc.

Worship 9:30 & 11 am
Church School 11 am

AAUW honors homes during Plymouth tour

BY PHYLLIS REDFERN
In the spring of 1972, The American Association of University Women, presented an Architectural Tour of Plymouth. The self-directed tour was prepared as part of the Art-Train Celebration. Realizing that Plymouth had a lot to offer in the way of architectural designs, the AAUW decided to sponsor Plymouth Landmarks to recognize locations and buildings in the community.

According to AAUW president Elaine Kirchgatter, the intent is to honor two landmarks on Heritage Day, during Michigan Week. Each year, bronze plaques are presented to places and locations of historical and or architectural interest within the Plymouth community.

This year, the two places named to receive the landmarks award are the McNamara house on Penniman Avenue and the Cash house on Ann Arbor Trail.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo McNamara bought their "dream house" in 1967 from Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Woods, who had lived in the house for 50 years. The Victorian house was built in 1823 on Church Street and later moved to it's present location.

The McNamaras, while making many improvements

on the house, have been careful to retain the original character of old Victorian architecture both inside and out.

Each room has it's original woodwork, trim, and oak floors. The natural wood in the wall molding shows off the beautiful high ceiling, from which the glowing chandeliers are hung.

Gingerbread trim decorates the front of the house, while the red carpeting on the front steps and the oval glass door add to the victorian design.

The history of the Cash house dates back to March 11, 1825 when John Tibbitts was granted a tract of land from the United States Government.

The Cashes' have been working on the house for four years, restoring it to its original beauty. They removed part of the ceiling in one room and opened it to an attic balcony. The stone fireplace was built with stones from the original foundation of the house.

A leaded glass door in the kitchen separates it from the rest of the house. Standing near the brick wall is an old stove which Cash said helped to keep the kitchen warm on those cold winter mornings.

Cove ceilings, hardwood floors and woodwork prevail throughout the house.



Allen lauds young scientists

ALLEN SCHOOL Science Fair winners pose before their projects. More than three grades participated in the learning by doing science class. (Crier photo by Donna Lomas)

Workshop moved

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education workshop on Special Education on Monday, May 15, has been moved to the Canton High School Cafetorium. Starting at 7:30 p.m. the Board will review Plymouth-Canton Community Schools educational programs for exceptional children at all age levels.

Invitations have been extended to the Michigan Association for Children with Learning Disabilities (MACLD) and the Infant and Preschool Special Education Program (IPSEP) advisory committee to attend the workshop. Also invited are members of the Association for the Academically Talented.

The special education workshop is open to the public.

'Woonsocket' name change nixed

An estimable English name for a city in Rhode Island and probably innumerable cities in England during earlier centuries, is not to the liking of some Canton homeowners in Windemere subdivision off Canton Center Road.

Gerald Parent, representing

10 of the future 47 homeowners on Woonsocket street, said he "just didn't want to have my son experience laughing at school. I just plain don't like the name," Parent said.

"If we begin to change names, it's a dangerous posi-

tion to be in," noted Clerk John Flodin. "We could have everyone in here changing their street name just because they wanted to. 'What have you got against Woonsocket anyway?'"

Homeowners wanted to change the name to Windsor Drive. Canton Fire Chief Mel Paulun said that suggestion would make the street sound similar to Windsor Park subdivision, and could be confusing to firefighters.

Trustee Lynne Goldsmith moved to deny the request and the vote was unanimous.

Parent said, with a smile, as he left the meeting hall, "I'm not kidding, I'll be back!"

Rosen tapped

David Rosen, director of the Macomb-Oakland Regional Center for Developmental Disabilities, has been appointed interim director for the Plymouth Center for Human Development on Five Mile and Sheldon Roads.

The appointment came after acting director at the Center, Evelyn Provitt, announced Friday she was taking a job with the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

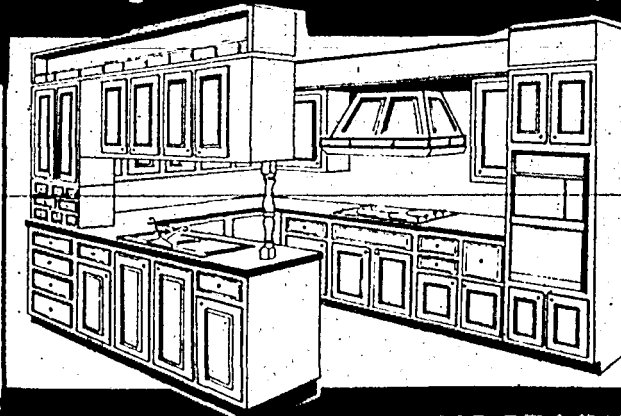
Symphony League annual home tour is May 18

The Plymouth Symphony League is sponsoring the 1978 Plymouth Home Tour. The five homes featured in this year's tour offer a variety of new and different designs.

One home has very traditional designs, while another is decorated with oriental furnishings. 'Back to nature' is the theme of one of the houses, where a lot of work has been put into landscaping and plants. Driftwood and stone are part of the inside decor. Antiques and unique furnishings are popular throughout many of the homes.

The tour is scheduled for Friday, May 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are available at \$4 per person from Beitners Jewelry, Plymouth Book World, Just Ann's on Starkweather, and the Sewing Basket at Ann Arbor and Sheldon.

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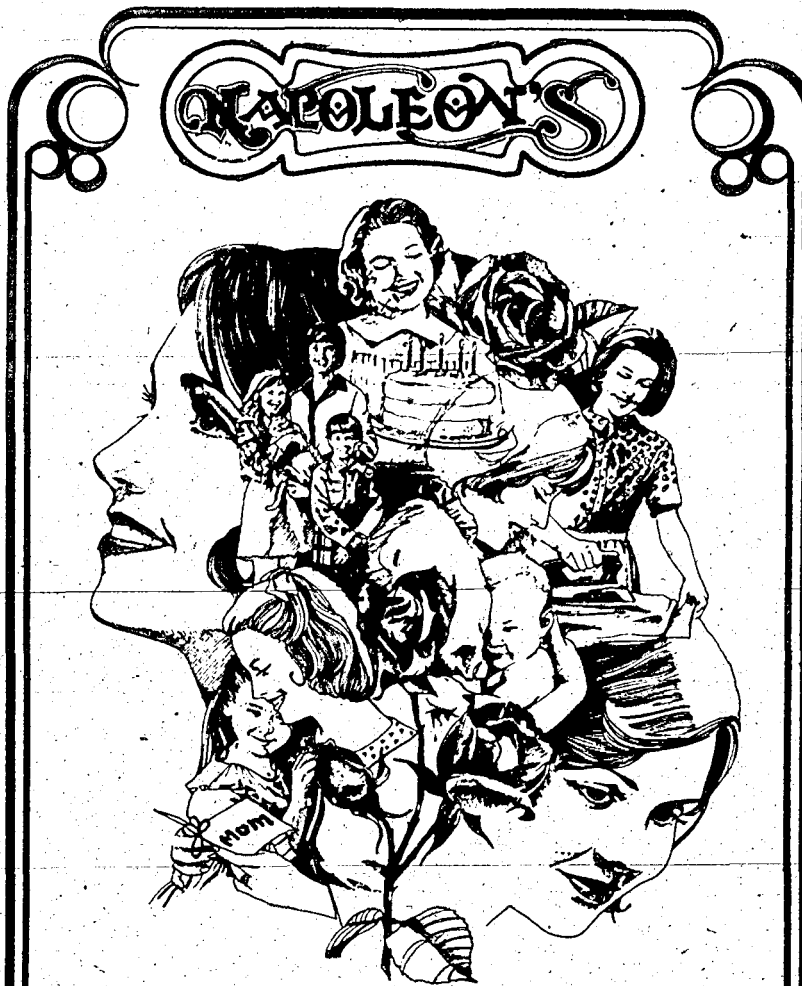
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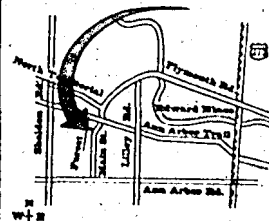
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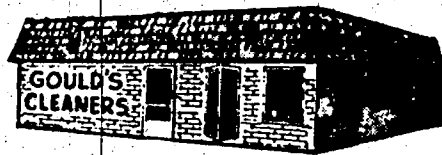
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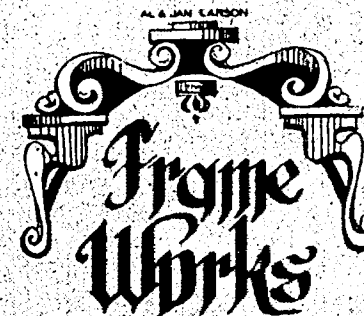
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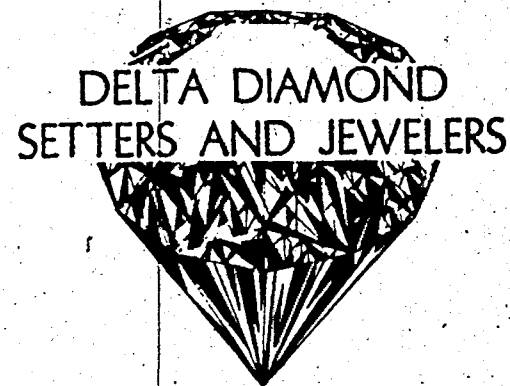
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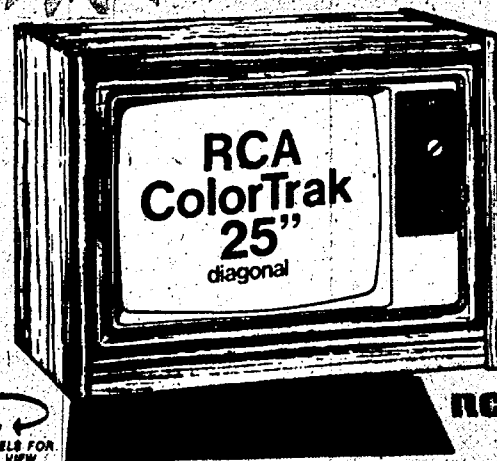
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Blunk name no longer on carpet store

BY HANK MEIJER

The yellowed pages of Doug Blunk's scrapbook tell a story of retailing in Plymouth which may have had one of its clos-

ing chapters written last week.

As there have been since 1923, there are Blunks in business in Plymouth today, but the changes have been profound. This week Doug Blunk, owner of Blunk's Inc. on Starkweather, sold out his carpet business to consolidate his operations into a line of linoleum and a TV repair shop.

There will still be a "Blunk's" in Plymouth, but for the first time in decades, it won't mean carpets or furniture or dry good.

As Doug's scrapbook shows,

the name, has meant that and more to Plymouth residents over the years.

In 1923, the four Blunk Brothers, Ben, Arthur, Manna and Irvin, opened a dry goods store where John Smith Menswear is now located on Main Street.

Their father was one of the town's earliest developers, and his early Blunk Subdivision bears his name - William, his wife's - Ann, and two of his sons', Arthur and Irvin. Arthur was Doug Blunk's dad.

When Doug graduated from Plymouth High in 1947, the familiar retail store had already undergone a major change. Nearly a decade before, it had moved around the corner onto Penniman Avenue, into the building which now houses the Penniman Avenue shops.

Most of the Blunk brothers had left the business, but the youngest, Irvin, had taken on a partner, and the Penniman Avenue store, Blunk and Thatcher, featured a floor of furniture and a floor of appliances. The partners bought out the inventory of Fred Schrader, founder of the local mortuary.

Doug worked in the firm's warehouse when he was still in school after he graduated, he tried the production line at the Daisy Air Rifle factory, but he lasted only three weeks putting screws in stocks of the Red Rider carbine before he decided the family store had more to offer.

After the war, the company was reorganized as Blunk's Inc., with more than a dozen stockholders.

When Irvin, who was the only son to stay with the business, died in 1960, the store was moved to what had been the firm's warehouse, on Starkweather, in a red brick building which was origi-



THE BLUNK BUILDING on Starkweather was once the firm's warehouse. Before that it housed the town's first Buick dealership. (Photo courtesy of Doug Blunk)

nally Carl Shear's Buick garaged.

In 1970, 47 years after his father and uncles started the company, Doug Blunk bought out a partner, the late Walt Rensel, to gain controlling interest in the company that bore his name.

The store was one of few, and easily the largest, retail outlet in what was then still called Plymouth's Lowertown. Today, with Doug and his wife, Sally, playing an active part, the neighborhood is known as Old Village, and shops are popping up everywhere.

But the carpet business, just like the furniture business before it, has grown increasingly competitive.

"It's getting tougher and tougher for an independent merchant to compete," Doug said, citing the dominance in carpeting sales of such chains as New York Carpet World and Beckwith-Evans.

Blunk's, at its peak 30 and 40 years ago, employed 65 persons. Last year the company's bookkeeper for 33 years, Winifred Downing, retired. Today, Doug and Sally, who will be married 25 years

in September, oversee most of the operation themselves.

Doug remembers how during World War II the store had a waiting list for refrigerators and ranges, selling them as fast as they came in. Catalog sales were also a big part of the old store, and customers drove from throughout the Detroit area to shop at Blunk's in Plymouth.

Looking through the scrapbook the other day, Doug noticed an early Blunk's ad from the Plymouth Mail. There, in bold headlines, was a full-page ad for Blunk's "Fall Festival Sale" - more than a quarter of a century before Plymouth Rotarians hit upon the idea for the fall celebration.

With his carpeting business sold to local resident Dave Rotarius, who owns a carpet cleaning firm, Doug will concentrate on TV repair, with a small linoleum trade as well.

Said the Lake Pointe resident, "All I really care about is that I have a place to do what I want to do." He closed the scrapbook, and with it a chapter in Plymouth history in which Blunk's will always belong.

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Canton High seniors plan graduation

Canton high school seniors will share their prom with Salem graduates May 20 at the Campus Inn in Ann Arbor. Other activities for graduating seniors are being planned separately.

Canton will hold its senior honors assembly Tuesday, May 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Canton auditorium. The awards and recognition ceremony will be attended by parents and students, as well as faculty.

A seniors banquet will be held Tuesday, June 6 at the Mayflower Meetinghouse. Tickets for that event are \$8 per person, and reservations are necessary.

Graduation for Canton seniors will be Thursday, June 8 in the CEP football stadium. In case of rain, the graduation will be held in the Salem gym. Rehearsal for graduation is at 3 p.m. that day.

Seniors are reminded that final payment for caps and gowns are taken through May 12 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. in office 237.

A senior party for Canton graduates will be held graduation night until 2 a.m. Cost per student is \$5; \$6 at the door. Planned activities include disco entertainment, prizes and refreshments. The graduation party is chaired by graduates parents'. Volunteers are needed for the party. For further information on volunteering, call 453-8356.

Diplomas will be issued only to those seniors who show that all requirements have been completed. Canton seniors can check on their requirements with their counselors. The last full day of school for Canton seniors only is June 1.



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Music filled the air last Saturday night as The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Wayne Dunlap presented it's annual Pop Concert.

Rober Taylor, better known as "Fat Bob, The Singing Plumber" was guest soloist. His wife and junior high school music teacher were in the audience, and he sang "If Ever I Would Leave You," from "Camelot, especially for them. Another favorite he sang was Old Man River, from "Showboat".

Among the modern tunes the orchestra played was a Star Wars Medley, sounds of Simon and Garfunkel, and Twentiana, A Montage of Songs of the 1920's, complete with flappers.

Towards the end of the concert, everyone joined in on the sing-along.

School age musicians from the Plymouth, and Canton area are invited to participate in auditions for membership in The Livonia Youth Symphony Society. Auditions for the three orchestras will be held Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m. until noon at Stevenson High School, Six Mile west of Farmington, in Livonia. For more information call Mrs. David Stockman at 591-3074, or Mrs. Richard Mozier at 427-4441.

Apple Run Garden Club recently elected officers for next year. The new officers are: president, Sharon Palise; first vice president, Margo Whiting; second vice president, Joyce Ankofski; recording secretary, Bobbie Plopan; corresponding secretary, Cheryl Wachlarz; treasurer, Sandi Reid; and member at large, Cheryl Toles.

Violinist Kathleen Harrington, a Western Michigan University sophomore from Plymouth accompanied Joy Elaine Claudon in a recital last Sunday. The recital was held at WMU's Oakland Recital Hall.

Don't forget the American Association of University Women are having their annual Used Book Sale this week at Westland Shopping Center. They have many great books for every member of the family, including mom - remember Sunday is Mother's Day.

Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti recently held its spring commencement. Richard Harms, Barbara Mullison, and James Valentine from Plymouth graduated with cum laude honors.

Students from Canton graduating with a Bachelor of Science include Karen Cundari, John Flavin, Sandra Gindorf, Marianne Nivala, Nadine Podgorski, Margaret Spence, and Nancy Anderson. Those receiving a Bachelor of Business Administration are William Saputo, Michael Tait, and Roger Zdziebko.

Students from Plymouth graduating with a Bachelor of Science include Terrence Brown, John Campbell, Mary Jo Dolbee, Nancy Greeley, Richard Harms, Jeanne Marie Johnson, Peggy Lutz, Michael Martin, Steven Nicol, Jacqueline Norris, Carol Simmons, and James Valentine.

Plymouth students graduating with a Bachelor of Business Administration include Paul Grubb, William Herbst, Beverly Lodge, and Debra Messacar. Tracy Hobbs received a Bachelor of Arts, and Mark Johnston and Darci Nyhus received Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees.

Meat freezer fleeced

A very hungry person (or a bear out of hibernation) is loose in the City of Plymouth.

More than 100 pounds of meat were stolen from the home of Richard Szczrodrowski, of Elm, last Monday, police said.

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A seminar on "First Aid for Pets" will be presented for Plymouth-Canton pet owners at 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 16 at Pioneer Middle School, 46081 Ann Arbor Road.

The seminar, open to the public at no charge, will be conducted by Dr. Dennis T. Crowe, staff surgeon at the Westcott Animal Emergency Room in Detroit.

It is being presented as a public service by Canton Township's Faith Community Church.

The program will outline life-saving steps pet owners can take in emergencies and will detail home treatments for minor injuries and common pet ailments.

Chris arrives

Patricia and Ronald Holland, of 760 Parkview in Plymouth, announced the birth of a son, Christopher Nevin Holland, on March 26.

Christopher was born in Providence Hospital at 2:20 p.m. and weighed nine pounds and one ounce. The grandparents are Ronald and Deloris Holland of Canton; and Tom and Louise Neighbors, also of Canton.

Poppy sale May 18

Once again, the Plymouth V.F.W. Post No. 6695 and Auxiliary will be conducting its annual "Buddy Poppy" sale - this year the date is Thursday, May 18.

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Hink announces for County seat



Canton attorney and Van Buren township resident Walter Hink Monday announced his candidacy for the 27th District seat on the Wayne County Commission.

Hink, 34, ran unsuccessfully in 1976 for the county seat, which includes serving the townships of Plymouth and Canton and the city of Plymouth.

County Commissioner Bill Joyner was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Royce Smith, who left the commission to become head of the Department of Public Works for the county.

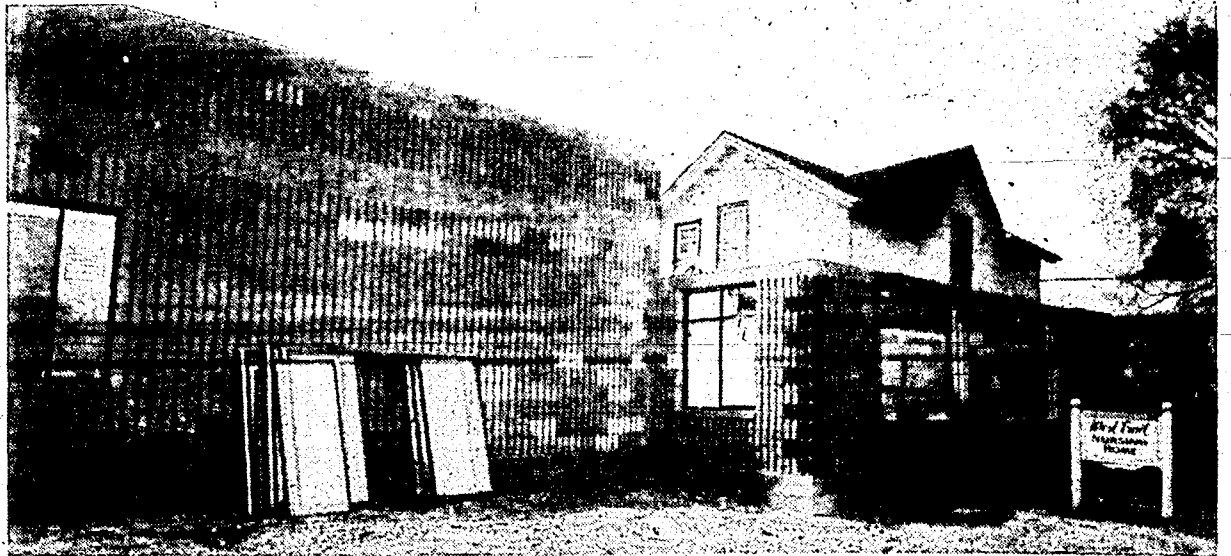
Joyner is expected to make a formal announcement of his candidacy soon.

Hink says he doesn't think he would have to give up his law practice if he wins - "It's a part time job. I can work for the community from my Canton office, I don't have to sit downtown every day. I am all for a pay cut from the \$18,000 the county commissioners now make. It's criminal what they are paid."

Hink said he would "reorganize and prioritize" Wayne County revenues. "The county is bankrupt, it isn't on the verge of it. It's like New York City," he said.

Hink added that "everytime the county wants to cut back, they begin with the Sheriff's Patrol - our only source of police protection out here."

"The county is broke, but we have enough revenue to work with," he said.



Addition underway

WORK IN progress on an addition to the West Trail Nursing Home on Ann Arbor Trail. (Crier photo by Brian Watkins.)

Canton occupancy permit issued

Canton Township trustees agreed to authorize township building inspector Chuck Thompson to issue a temporary permit of occupancy to a developer who had not finished site plans at Sheldon and Warren roads.

The township has never issued temporary permits before, according to Thompson, however, it does have the authority to issue them.

Don Summers, developer for the commercial office complex center, said cold weather had hampered the construction schedule. He had asked trustees before for a temporary permit after two lawyers moved in, but they refused.

When Summers said he would go bankrupt if tenants weren't allowed to occupy the buildings, which were finished, but were not landscaped, the trustees reconsidered.

Voting estimate

Only about 17 per cent of the registered voters went to the polls in the Plymouth-Canton school millage election two weeks ago, rather than the 20 per cent originally estimated.

Due to a problem with the Wayne County elections computer, the number of registered voters was listed as about 32,000. According to Florence Beier, assistant for community relations for the schools, the revised number stands at about 38,000.

Community deaths

Hicks

Roy Hicks, 57, of Virginia Street in Plymouth, died April 30. Services were held at Emmanuel Baptist Church, with burial at Antioch Cemetery in Humbolt, Tennessee.

Mr. Hicks is survived by his wife Lou; his brothers, Finis and Elvis of Plymouth, John, of Medina, Tennessee; his sisters Virginia Martin, of Plymouth; Mattie Duffey, of Medina, Tennessee; and Nettie Barnett, of Humbolt.

Mr. Hicks was born in Humbolt and had lived in Plymouth for 30 years. He was a production worker for General Motors and a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church where he served as a deacon for 20 years.

in Weston, Ont., Canada and came to Plymouth from Detroit in 1952.

She was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church and a past president of Rotary Anns, both in Plymouth.

Baggott

William Baggott, 67, of 7720 Six Mile in Salem Township, died May 1 in Veteran's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Funeral services were held at Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Fr. Robert S. Shanks officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Baggott is survived by his wife, Eleanor; son, Gary of Stillwater, Minn., five sisters; one brother and three grandchildren.

He was a brick mason and lived here since 1952. He was a member of the Plymouth Elks BPOE No. 1780 and the VFW of South Lyon.

Dygart

George E. Dygart, 78, of 14053 Shadywood, Plymouth Township, died April 29 in Detroit. Funeral services were held at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with Rev. Fr. John A. Lombardini officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were by Schrader Funeral Home.

Mr. Dygart is survived by his wife, Mary; sons, Patrick of Springfield, Ill, John of Detroit, William of Houston, Tex., Thomas of Westland; brother James of Harrison; 17 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

He came to Plymouth township six years ago and was employed by Tarnow Electric Supply Co. in public relations and sales for more than 10 years. He was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Past District Commander of Detroit American Legion Districts and a member of the Recess Club and Pittinger American Legion, Post No. 119 of Detroit.

Borregard

Audrey Borregard, 71, of 442 Arthur, died May 6 in Garden City Osteopathic Hospital. Services were held at the Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Philip Magee officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Borregard is survived by her sons Gerald, of Livonia; Ross, of Farmington; Donald, of Livonia; her brother, George Noble, of Toronto; and by nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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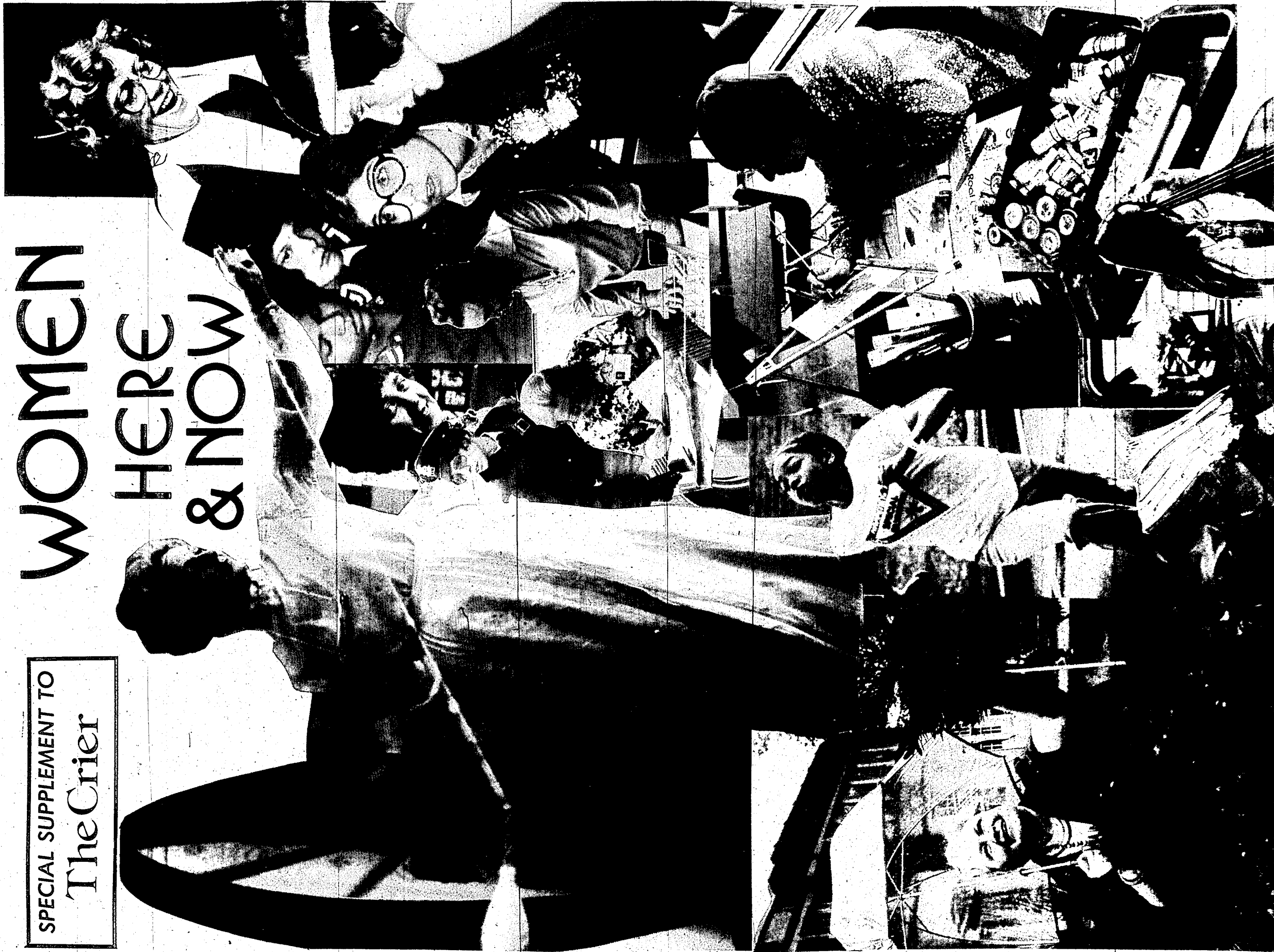
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Principal blends family, career

BY CHAS CHILD

You might think the wife of Canton High School Principal Kent Buikema would have been bothered by his presence as she tried to carve out a career of her own in education.

Fortunately, Lolly Buikema has overcome any real or imaginary obstacles to become principal of Tanger Elementary School.

"I give real credit to the school district for not letting that be a factor," said Lolly. "If there is a problem, I'm unaware of it. We work hard to keep our professional lives separate. We have our separate domains."

Like any group, it's often tempting to lump them together, giving them the same experiences, thoughts and attitudes. The opposite, however, is the case.

In fact, having a husband in the same field can be helpful, she said. They assist each other as they wrestle with similar problems.

Also, being a woman was no barrier to being an administrator, again due to the fairness of the selection committee, she said. "The important thing is that

Here, in separate interviews, are three women in education who represent a cross-section of thoughts, of how to balance a career and a home.

you can run a tight ship and be a leader," said Lolly. "If you can't do these things, you're useless whether you're a man or a woman."

Trained to be a teacher in college, she worked two years before getting married in 1952. Her two children were born in 1953 and 1956 and although she didn't get back to fulltime teaching until 1961, she worked partime in the interim.

Being a teacher helped her

time schedule while raising the children, because their hours and vacations very often matched.

In her job, Lolly said she was like a "symphony director. I pull everything together — parents, kids, programs." And in this challenge, "change is always possible. There's no chance for dead ends. It keeps you very much alive."

"You can do this as a homemaker, but I'm not creative as a homemaker. So I found something I liked."

"Since you can't put full effort into both homemaking and a career," she said, the Buikema family shares the house chores. "It's worked out very well," said Lolly.



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Secretary loves job, but family is first

BY CHAS CHILD

Lorraine Champagne, an executive secretary at the Plymouth-Canton schools administrative office, has combined an active family life with her career.

"The family comes first," she said, "but I still love to work. There's a lot of vitality and change at this office and I don't get the same satisfaction at home."

Juggling the two careers, however,

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Families? careers? Women's revolution is quiet one here

There have been many changes in the way women live, but in this decade, for the first time, those changes have become obvious.

We were curious what the women in Plymouth and Canton were doing. The changes have brought about opportunities that require decisions; those decisions made by women affect them and the people they live and work with, as well as the entire community.

What we found is difficult to describe. It surprised us in some ways because some women have been quietly juggling job and family for years. Other women have remained at home with their families, but they too are different.

One thing we noted about women in Plymouth and Canton was whether a housewife, careerist, or mixture of both, they are busy and committed to what they are doing.

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Woman artist at Plymouth Cultural Center
Sarah Waterman, bass violinist with Plymouth Symphony Orchestra
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Our lifestyles differ from grandma's

BY PHYLLIS REDFERN

Lifestyles of today's women are rapidly changing as more and more of us are going back to school and work.

Women today have a different courage than our pioneer mothers and grandmothers did. We are curious and want to find out what's behind those big doors marked 'executive.' We are also willing to put time and energy into something we believe in, whether it's working for someone else or owning our own business.

Working mothers are no longer looked down upon. A mother who has gone back to work hasn't abandoned her family, but feels she can contribute more to her family.

Family lifestyles often change when

a wife and mother goes to work. Most husbands are willing to help with the cooking and cleaning, but many household chores are still the woman's responsibility.

Women going back to school find a variety of courses open to them. They no longer have to be content teaching school or being a secretary or nurse. They now have the opportunity to branch out into the fields of business, engineering or politics. However, I think it still may take a few years for a woman to become president.

Some women prefer to stay home, especially when their children are young. I know I did. But there is more to life than dirty diapers and dusty furniture.

In today's society, if a woman is

not working, it does not mean that she is sitting home worrying about that dusty furniture or those diapers. Many do volunteer work for organizations and committees in the community, while others are involved with garden clubs and craft groups.

We have come a long way from the days when the suffragettes fought for the right to vote. As our roles and lifestyles change, we are getting farther away from the kitchen and into decision-making situations. Unless, of course, your work is as a cook or chef in a restaurant.

Financial careers grow for today's women

BY ROBERT KIAN

Finance, once considered a non-woman's land, is opening its vaults to more and more women employees. Along with banks and brokerage firms, credit unions are now offering women a chance to work and succeed in the financial world.

"A credit union is excellent for women to get help and to be involved in," said Judy Berry, the Plymouth-Canton community credit union's acting assistant manager. Ms. Berry said that she came to the credit union without any formal business training from St. Luke's University in Marquette. At the credit union, she received on-the-job training and has been there for seven years.

Her position involves marketing research, collection, and trainee supervision. The reluctance of some businesses to hire women was actually a positive influence for her.

"It intensifies your need to succeed in a position," she said.

She added that women in management positions are readily accepted in

Plymouth. "Plymouth has a strong business community and the Chamber of Commerce has backed women," she said.

"We do an exceptional job in granting credit to women," Ms. Berry added, pointing out that the Credit Union staff dresses casually so that area factory employees will feel less ill at ease when making loan applications. Similarly, women requesting loans will feel less inhibited talking about their finances to another woman.

Kathy Hart, a six-month management trainee, says that there are not presently any male trainees at the Credit Union.

Ms. Hart has worked as a Credit Union representative, counseling students at Salem High School and giving presentations on finance, loans and budgeting.

"The business climate is improving (for women), but it's got a long way to go, that's for sure," Ms. Hart said.

Conferences were held in 1977 and 1976 in Plymouth dealing with women

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Women involved in work

BY DONNA LOMAS

"I have always worked, I knew I'd go back."

"Lucky for me, I have all the help I can get. If I didn't have it, I wouldn't be here. My family comes first."

"It's already beginning to happen. We'll see women going where they want to go in business, based on their own merits."

All three are women in the Plymouth-Canton community and they are businesswomen. They are different ages, in different businesses and come from different backgrounds.

They are similar in many ways, yet each takes an individual approach to her work. None of them think it is a disadvantage being a woman in business here, and say they have never experienced any discrimination because they are women.

Chris Kresta, manager of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce can immediately think of 10 women who either own shops or manage them here. She took her position as manager after working last year for Janet Curlee, former chamber manager.

Kresta, 30, said her job is "a totally different kind of experience. I ran computers

before, and thought that was what I'd do, but then this came up. I have always worked and I knew I'd go back," she says.

Kresta says her job is easy because she's lived here six years and "believes in Plymouth, but there are times I'm not sure it's easy - it's chaos here the third week of every month."

She says that working works for her and her family because "my job is not a threat to my two children or husband. It's actually become a family endeavor.

"It's why I remain doing what I'm doing. But if my job prevented me from taking a vacation so I could spend time with my family, I'd have to quit. I don't go home and forget my work, though. That's impossible!" she said.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce also has a woman manager, Mary Dingeldey, 36, who began working there after six months of volunteer work. "Actually, I came in one day to register a complaint and ended up volunteering," she laughs. "I never really thought about coming back to work - I was too busy at home," she said. "It's the people

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Own business made one woman independent

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here. If I didn't enjoy this, I wouldn't have been back after the six months," she says of her \$10,000 year job.

Since Dingeldey has become chamber manager, membership has gone up from 75 to 120. Her goal is 200 chamber members in Canton.

Dingeldey doesn't exactly enjoy job security though. The Canton Chamber is funded through CETA, and she says the chamber is allocated money for only three months at a time.

"Now, I don't ever want to quit work," the mother of three says. "I couldn't ever be a non-working parent again. Lucky for me, I have all the help I can get. I have complete cooperation from my family. If I didn't have it, I wouldn't be here."

Women have owned beauty shops or run a family business after their husbands die, but women business partners have been rare. That, too, is changing in this area.

In Canton, two young women operate a feed store, one owns a motel off Michigan Avenue,

others run furniture stores, insurance agencies, and are administrative officers in banks. One woman operates a bar.

In Plymouth, several women have gone into business for themselves. Often, the money to start the business has come from their husbands, or other relatives, although a few have received loans from banks.

Marion Bell and Joyce Howell opened a small clothing store in 1974 in Plymouth with their husbands' money. Before that, Marion was in the dental profession and Joyce in education. Both were married and had children.

"It was a dream we had," Marion said. "Someday we wanted to be in business for ourselves. We had no experience in retail then."

After being 'retired' from the working world for 12 years, and with her two children in school, Marion decided to return to dentistry work two days a week. "But it was difficult to find a job like that. I think Joyce always worked part-time before, she has one son."

The two decided to open their shop in 1974, "a pretty bad time to do that," recalls Marion. "It was during a business recession."

But it worked, and pretty soon, the shop's clientele grew and they needed a bigger store. They moved again, this time to a building in Plymouth which has three times the floor space the other did.

"We spend about 50 to 60 hours a week here," Marion said. "But it's worth it. We're enthused about our business. We are thinking of a second store, but we wonder where we would find the time to run both."


"I can't picture myself not involved in business," she said. "I couldn't stay home. I try to be home as often as I can when my daughter comes home from school. I think I'm selfish sometimes - you get so involved and end up feeling guilty."

Both their husbands are "very cooperative," said Marion. "They remodeled both stores and one or the other does repair work for us when the roof or plumbing leaks. My son takes care of things, too."

"I think I've become more independent since I've done this," Marion said. "I've had a lot of fun and a lot of satisfaction from it."

Margaret Wilson, owner of the only movie theater in Plymouth, has been working all her life in

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Woman veterinarian's success due to 'plain, hard work'

BY CAROL MITCHELL

Does your child bring home sick dogs and wounded birds? If the answer is yes and your child is a girl, she may be taking the first steps toward a satisfying career in veterinary medicine.

Dr. Mary Beth Leininger of Plymouth started her career in exactly that fashion.

"I was one of those kids who dragged home every sick dog and cat in the neighborhood. My mother was very patient with me," recalls Dr. Leininger.

After graduation from Purdue University in 1967, Dr. Leininger began working with small animals in Plymouth. She now runs the Plymouth Veterinary hospital along with her veterinarian husband.

When Dr. Leininger began her studies, it was still uncommon to find women in schools of veterinary medicine.

"There were seven women in my freshman class - and that was more than attended the rest of the school put together," noted Dr. Leininger.

Women not only composed a tiny percentage of the school, they were also subject to comments from their fellow students.

"Male students loved to tease female students in school. It persisted all the time I was there," she commented.

All that has changed since Dr. Leininger's graduation. More and more women are discovering that veterinary medicine has a great deal to offer as a career.

Dr. Leininger estimates that 40 per cent of in-coming classes in veterinary medicine are made up of women. In addition, more women are functioning as instructors and acting as important role models to female students.

According to Dr. Leininger, the acceptance of women in veterinary medicine is due to a lot of plain hard work on the part of previous female students.

"The powers-that-be have been shown that women will not only finish school but will stay in professions and do something with their degrees. They won't just find a husband and have babies,"

said Dr. Leininger.

Dr. Leininger noted she has never encountered discrimination in her professional life.

"I can't remember ever being put down because I'm a woman. Maybe I'm beyond seeing it because I don't expect it," she commented.

According to Dr. Leininger, veterinary medicine offers equal career opportunities to both men and women.

"Women in veterinary medicine can go anywhere a man can go," she noted.

Although many veterinarians are attracted to small animal practice, the need is in large animal husbandry, farm research and drug control and testing. Recent graduates can expect to earn salaries in the \$12,000 to \$14,000 range, depending on their specialty.

There is a much greater need for veterinarians in other than small animal clinics," Dr. Leininger said.

For those who are seriously considering a career in veterinary medicine, she suggests a good college preparatory course with stress on math and science.

After high school, state residents are best advised to attend Michigan State University. Although a student can apply out of state, veterinary medicine schools heavily favor in-state residents. In addition, some prerequisites for the school of veterinary medicine at Michigan State are taught only in East Lansing on an undergraduate basis.

Dr. Leininger advises prospective veterinarians to be persistent.

"Don't give up! If a person really wants to go into the profession and the grades are good, they should keep plugging away," she commented.

"It's much more common these days to apply two or three times before getting in," she added.

By all accounts, veterinary medicine offers a satisfying and challenging career to young women. So the next time your daughter brings home a sick animal - have patience.



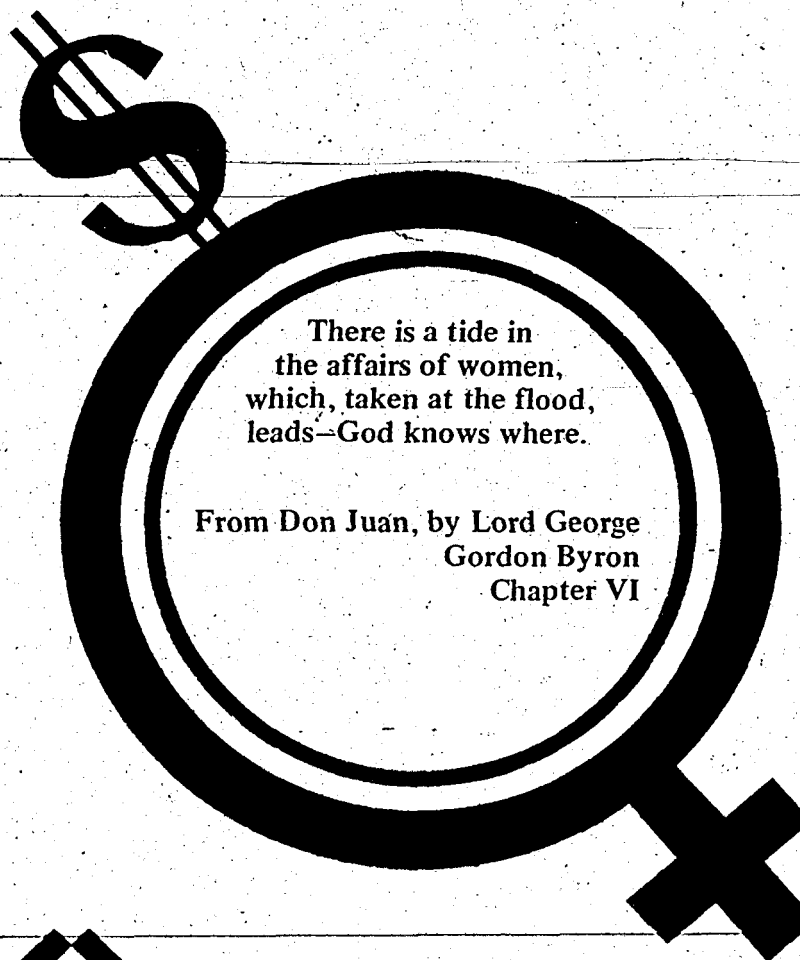
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theaters. She bought the theater in the 1960's from the widow of the man who owned it, and it has kept her busier than when she was an employe there.

"I was interested in theater management and found out about it," she says. "I started at the candy counter and became a manager in five years.

"I can answer an unequivocal no - I was never discriminated against by the businessmen here. I was never really conscious of discrimination until the woman's lib thing.

"The men here accepted me fully. I think I was accepted as a businessperson, not a woman. I never thought of what I was doing as unique. I give our businessmen all kinds of credit for no male chauvinism."

Being the owner of a theater is a lot of hard work and long hours says Wilson. She has a staff of 16, including herself. It's something you "just get involved in, and I did," she says. "I just didn't get married, because I would not have had the time to do my job - I would have put my family first," Wilson said. "Another thing, I was making more money than a lot

of men at 23."

It doesn't matter whether you are male or female in the working world, says Wilson. "There are more jobs than people - it goes back to your merits. But a lot of women now have the chance to compete on an equal basis than ever before."

Women in finance

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in business. According to Ms. Berry, "We met once a week for six weeks to discuss where we are, who we are, those who didn't have problems, how they got around them. It was so successful (in 1976) that some participants got together and we had another conference at Meadowbrook in Rochester.

Despite recent advances in hiring practices, "some men still tend not to accept you in finance because you're a woman," Ms. Berry noted. "There is no good way for a woman in business to have good contacts, no Rotary or Kiwanis clubs like men have."

Still, she feels that compared to five, even 10 years ago, hiring practices are more progressive. Hart says that the credit union board is open-minded and concerned only with ability.

"I need to broaden my knowledge. You need to learn and it never stops - marketing, expansion, etc.," Mrs. Berry said.



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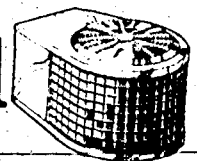
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How to become liberated without trapping yourself

BY DONNA LOMAS

It's not that there is anything special about being a woman, but there is something special about being human.

I decided a long time ago that if this change someone called "women's liberation" was ever going to work for me, it would somehow make sense not to end up despising the other 50 per cent of the human race.

That is easier said than done, though. It takes a woman of incredible strength and maturity (like me) not to punch the lights out of a guy who has just jilted her. Or said she doesn't have the guts to cover politics for a newspaper. Or can't open her own business or can't play baseball and on and on.

Women, one of the traditional groups of have-nots in this world, are finally being recognized as human beings by the very men who used to think of us only as mom, sister, wife and other unprintable and precocious titles men have dutifully assigned us through the ages.

And men, as the long-standing haves, have to move over now and make room the long suffering

have-nots. But that's all politics, isn't it, and I'm not here to make any enemies.

I mean, my 16-year-old brother got to drive the family station wagon after dark, and I didn't because I was a girl, but I still talk to him. These things have a way of working out eventually.

But who cares if the men recognize us as human beings? Why must we constantly seek their approval? We still have to accept ourselves as human beings and that's the most difficult part. Slowly, but surely, we are.

I can now accept the way my hair frizzes during a tornado watch, even if my family and co-workers can't. But somehow, I still feel guilty that I wasn't chosen class president in high school (the ballot was fixed, I've since rationalized) — but none of my friends seem to mind.

The thing that bugs me the most about women lately is their aversion to the term "women's liberation." Every time a "woman's" issue comes up, like equal pay for equal work, a woman often qualifies her statement with, "Now, I'm not

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a woman's libber, but . . ."
A woman who demands equal pay for equal work simply has common sense. It isn't necessary to make excuses or be apologetic about fair wages.

This so-called revolution can be confusing, however. I used to think women's liberation began in 1968, the year most university presidents were being unseated by campus activists.

The woman activists were in the president's office, too, when the men took the president's chair. It was a great moment when they decided right then and there that they weren't going to make the coffee for the male activists anymore — they wanted to sit in the president's chair, too.

Since then, I've refused to make coffee and have been waiting for the revolution in my fashionable battle-green fatigues. I may change my mind, soon, though. I can't face the day without a cup of coffee; I may break down and make some for myself.

It used to bother me, too, when I'd see successful and assertive women as bank presidents and yet they had polished fingernails. How can this be, I thought? I always thought

we got beauty or we got brains. But that was before I realized the fingernails were fake and even men could become bank presidents.

Then appeared Gloria Steinem. She showed us women's lib (isn't there a different word for this situation?) could not only be deadly serious, but glamorous, too.

What a relief, I thought. At least I can keep my classic plaid skirts and read Vogue magazine out in the open.

But she and other feminists said we had to learn to assert ourselves. So I tried it, and my early efforts led to me feeling foolish.

Once I was at a restaurant with this guy who insisted on treating me like a Christmas tree ornament. He ordered the wine, opened the door, lit the cigarette. I thought he may have been a little oversolicitous when he tied my lobster bib on. Then he ordered my dinner for me and it turned out to be snails.

"Look," I snarled, asserting myself in what I thought was the proper woman's lib form, "I hate snails, I'd prefer steak." I don't think he'd ever had a Christmas ornament snarl at him

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A woman's guide to area clubs

Here is a list of organizations and clubs in the Plymouth-Canton area for women. Many are not limited to women. They range from political organizations to garden clubs. The list was supplied by the Canton and Plymouth Chambers of Commerce.

- Canton Jaycette's - Sue Dickie, Pres.
- Canton Historical Society - Dorothy West, Pres.
- League of Women Voters - Linda Lynch, Chairman
- American Assoc. of University Women - Judy Stone
- Welcome Wagon - Valerie Gildo
- Royal Holiday Seniors - Irene Simmons
- Fire Fighters Auxiliary - Shirley Hamilton
- We Way Co Sweet Adelines - Ann Peters
- R.N. Association - June Somlyo, Pres.
- Canton Newcomers - Virginia Koon, Pres.
- Pilgrim Garden Club - Karen Berrie
- Girl Scouts -
- Apple Run Garden Club - Vi Stevens
- Canton Lions Club - Lew Jones
- Newcomers Service - Shelly O'Quin
- American Association of University Women - Elaine Kirchgatter
- American Legion Auxiliary - Passage Gayde Post No. 391 - Phyllis Hewer
- Birthright of Western Wayne County - Buford Finley
- Campfire Girls - Ruth Keller
- Canton Newcomers Club - Sue O'Donnell
- CAR - Children of DAR - Susie Siebienaller
- Council of Catholic Women/Our Lady of Good Council - Nancy Browne
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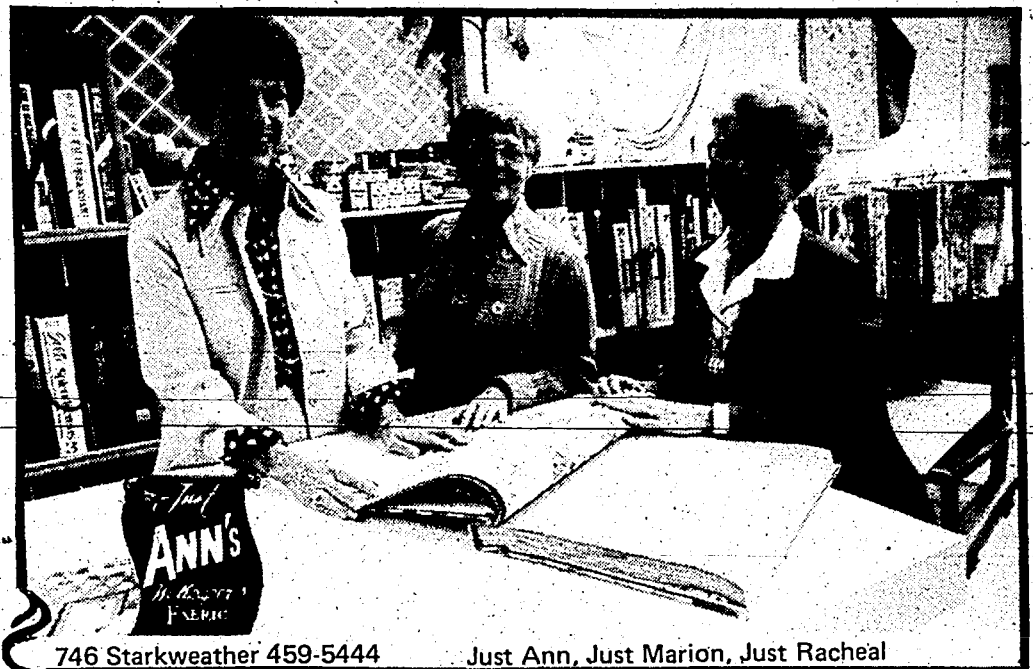
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before. The experience so shook him, he left town. Now, I only have dinner with my husband. He hates snails, too. That's one I never told my woman's lib therapy group - getting married, that is.

It isn't easy to live up to their expectations. Sometimes I think I missed it when they were passing out the little red book on proper form for women's libbers. Only recently have I been able to attend a Tupperware party and ask for a raise the same day.

This is a quiet revolution. Each woman discovers what works best for her and does it. There are

still some things we have to become aware of - like learning not to flutter our eyelashes when we see a blue and white light flashing in our car's rear-view mirror and not laughing at belittling jokes about women just to be accepted by some men.

But, like most of life, being a woman isn't all hearts and flowers. My mother told me that once, noting I really should try to overcome my fear of math if I wanted to study computers.

Being a woman is special, though. It's an experience at least half the population around the world knows.



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