



Schools to shift grades, boundary lines in 1981 - 82

BY PATRICIA BARTOLD

In a complete turnaround of its position taken nearly a month ago, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will shift grades in order to house more students, according to an informal decision reached Monday night.

The new grade alignment, from K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 to K-6, 7-9, and 10-12, will help ease overcrowded classrooms, particularly at the Centennial Education Park (CEP). According to a preliminary five-year housing plan, the grade shifts will be done in the 1981-82 school year by making major boundary changes throughout the school district.

In addition, the plan calls for: dropping Pioneer Middle School from the Extended School Year program (ESY); renting Lowell Junior High School from the Livonia school district; expanding ESY at four or five elementary schools (Those schools may be Allen, Bird, Farrand, Fiegel, and Smith schools); and, using portable classrooms throughout the district as needed for housing extra students.

Nearly a month ago, the board had tentatively decided to keep the same grade configuration and renovate Central Middle School as an "alternative high school," but that plan was dropped Monday night.

The board also decided to expand the ESY program at the elementary schools (to house the extra classes of sixth graders) rather than rent Webster Elementary School from the Livonia district, which is facing a declining student population now.

"If we extend ESY, more people will share the burden (of growth) rather than asking one group of students to be bused to Webster," said Board President Tom Yack.

Superintendent John M. Hoben also called the question of renting Webster a "political issue." It'll be hard deciding which students will go to Webster and which will go to Lowell (if we decide to rent those schools), he said.

Furthermore, Hoben added that negotiations between the two districts are continuing and issues such as the equipment to be included in the rental price, notification

on withdrawing from the lease, and other fine points are being ironed out between school officials.

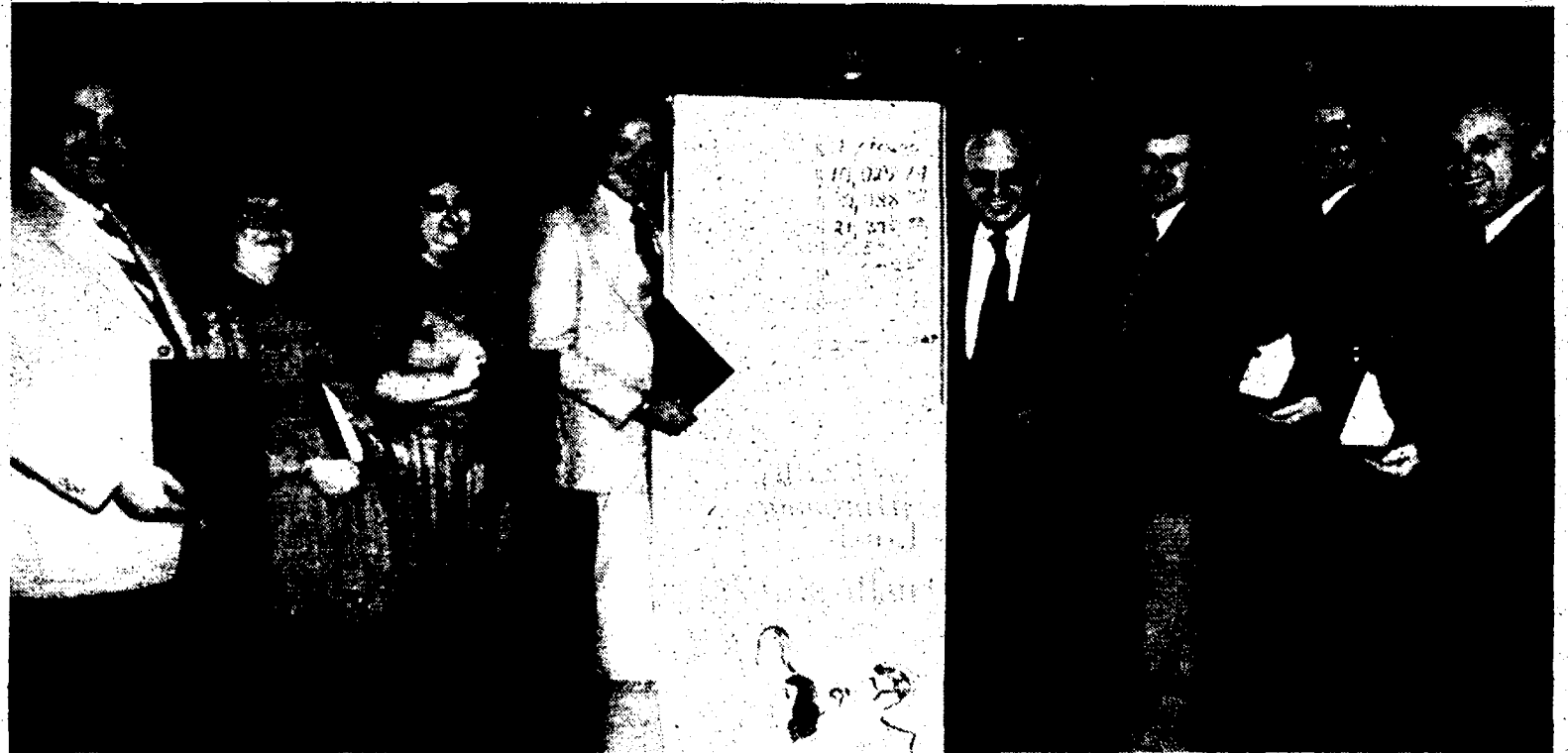
"We're drafting a lease with our attorneys now," said Hoben during his update to the board.

Monday night's informal workshop lasted until nearly midnight and heated remarks were interspersed with lighter comments as the board discussed the impact of whether or not to change grade alignments.

Some board members, lead by chief proponent Steve Harper, favored keeping the middle school grades as they are now. "We're singing the last hurrah for the middle schools and I couldn't let that be done quietly," said Bob Smith, West Middle School principal. He favored retaining the middle schools as they are. Teachers support the middle school concept, he said, and he asked for the board to reject "Proposal A" which called for grade changes.

"Program should come first in deciding the final components of a bond issue); then

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CELEBRATING the Community Fund victory are fund-raising division chairmen, left to right, Dave Cryser, Daisy Proctor, Mary Brooks, John Czubaj (general chairman), Ken Way, Ed Kleinsmith, Roger Haslick, and Jerry Triplett. (Crier photo)

Community Fund tops record \$315,000 goal

The Plymouth Community Fund topped its goal for 1979, Chairman John Czubaj has announced.

At the victory luncheon Monday, Czubaj revealed that \$317,119 was raised. The fund's goal was \$315,000.

"All the people who worked so hard make my job very easy," said Czubaj. "I want to thank everyone who contributed."

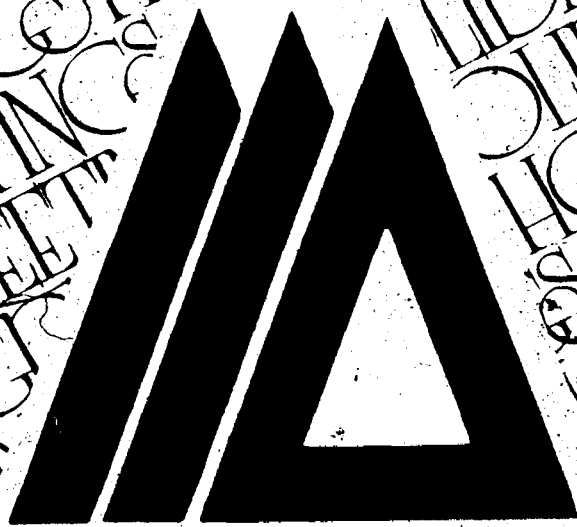
The individual fund-raising divisions totalled the following amounts: Residential, \$2,300; Education, \$10,025.24; Governmental, \$2,788; Business, \$21,395; Professional, \$5,390; Special Gifts, \$6,609; Industrial and Contractors, \$268,207.



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Twp. may reroute truck traffic

Haggerty and Canton Center roads in Plymouth Township may soon be off limits to trucks.

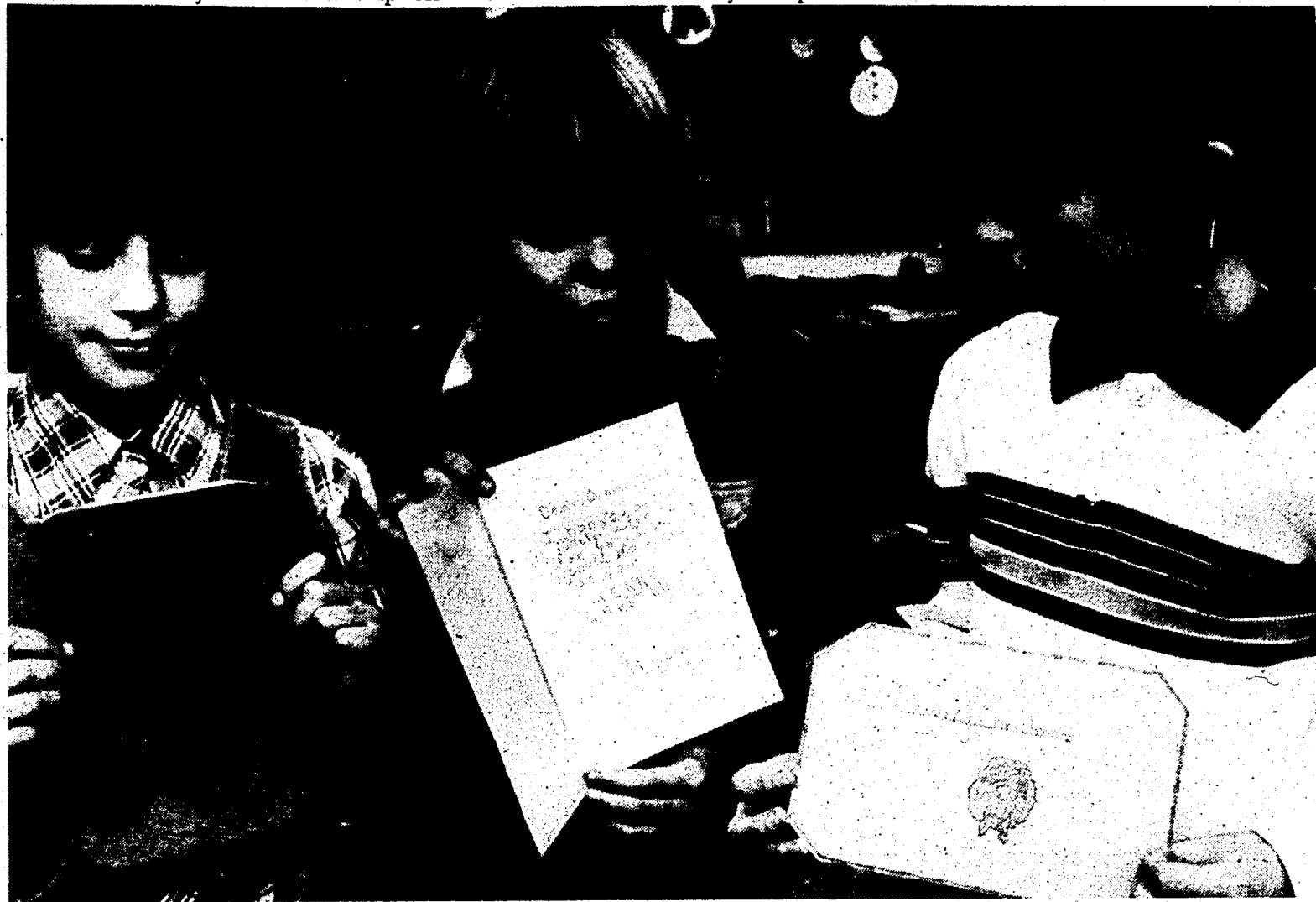
Supervisor Tom Notebaert told the Board of Trustees Monday that the township's attorney, Nels Carlson, said the board can, by ordinance, establish truck routes through the township.

For example, said Notebaert, trucks which usually travel on Haggerty can be rerouted to Lilley Road. Township officials have received many complaints

recently from residents on Haggerty about heavy truck traffic.

Residents along Canton Center Road have also complained about trucks in their neighborhood, added Notebaert. These can be rerouted to Sheldon Road, he said.

The truck-route ordinance will probably be ready for board action in early January, said Notebaert.



"DEAR AMERICANS" is the salutation used by students at Bird School as they penned letters and Christmas cards to the hostages in Iran. Here, showing off their cards, are Susan Schauwecker, left,

Rob Ligett, center, and John Croci, right. Their teacher is Evelyn Marchio. (Photo courtesy of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools)

Cantonite seeks vote on questions

BY CHAS CHILD

A Canton resident, Gary Roberts, has launched a drive aimed at giving township voters a change to authorize extra millage for improving roads, expanding township parks, and preserving farmland.

The ballot proposals would give "Canton residents an opportunity to select township priorities and direction of their choosing," Roberts wrote in a letter to local clubs, organizations, and homeowner associations.

Roberts also proposes to ask voters whether the township should establish an "industrial commission to bring industry and commercial (development) to Canton."

If approved by the Board of Trustees, the four proposals would be on an upcoming ballot, perhaps Michigan's presidential primary, which Roberts favors. The state legislature, however, has not finally OK'd the primary, proposed for May 20, 1980.

At last Tuesday's board of trustees meeting Roberts submitted his request. The board is scheduled to discuss the matter at its Jan. 15 meeting.

According to Roberts, who made an unsuccessful bid for trustee seat in 1978, the same farmland proposal that was defeated in last year's general election should be resubmitted to the voters.

Trustee Robert Greenstein, director of Canton's farmland-preservation program recently opposed such an early date for the election, saying it was premature.

"We can't ask for money from the people until we've looked elsewhere," said Greenstein, referring to his efforts to land federal or state funding for the program.

Robert's second idea, a road-improvement millage, was proposed earlier this year by Supervisor Noel Culbert. "It would be for general paving in the township," said the supervisor. "The average homeowner pays \$50 to \$100 in maintenance bills because of the bad roads, anyway."

As planned by Culbert, the township would assess one mill for five years. Working through the county, the township could use the millage to procure matching funds from the federal government, he said. "The township could get \$1 million of road work done by only supplying \$125,000," he added.

Robert's final millage proposal would raise money to develop the township's recreational facilities, parks, and equipment.

Teacher aides get 29% raise

Plymouth-Canton teachers' aides will earn a 29 per cent raise over the next three years, according to a contract agreement ratified by the Board of Education Monday night.

The three-year breakdown gives them a 10 per cent raise during 1979-80, followed by a 10 per cent increase in 1980-81, and a nine per cent increase in 1981-82. Under the old contract, the aides were earning \$2.90 per hour and they will earn \$3.19 per hour during the first year of the contract.

In addition to the salary increases, aides

also received additional Blue Cross-Blue Shield and life insurance benefits.

In a special meeting Monday night, the board ratified the new agreement unani-

mously. Richard Arlen was absent. Norm Kee, schools' assistant superintendent for employe relations, reported that the agreement has been ratified by the union.

City atty. drafting statement

A statement regarding the City of Plymouth and the Michigan Open Meetings and Freedom of Information acts is being prepared by City Attorney Charles Lowe.

Lowe was asked to prepare the statement by a unanimous vote of the Plymouth City Commission Monday night.

Currently, the city and its commissioners are defendants in a suit filed by The Community Crier and its publisher which seeks an injunction forcing the city to comply with the law and damages and fines for alleged violations of the two acts committed during the transition in city managers.

The Center revises plans, starts over

BY CHAS CHILD

The developers of a huge, indoor recreation complex planned in Canton, called The Center, have submitted new plans for the project to the township's Planning Department, The Crier has learned.

This means the site plan must re-apply for approval to both the township's Planning Commission and Board of Trustees.

Whether these panels will re-approve the project is uncertain, even though the developers have helped pay for the paving of a portion of Haggerty Road, which will serve the planned complex, on Haggerty, south of Ford Road.

When it was originally approved, during the administration of former Supervisor Harold Stein, the project was opposed by many residents of nearby Bedford Villas subdivision.

Ned Apigian, architect of The Center, said rising interest

and construction costs had forced his clients to pare down the project. Primarily, he said, the seven tennis courts were deleted from the plans.

Proposed still is 72 bowling alleys, 15 racquetball courts, four movie theaters, a health club, restaurant and bars, he said.

"Because previous board (of trustees) have granted permission for the project, I expect the present one to," said Apigian.

The architect's request for approval may be slowed down or stopped by a recent change in state zoning law. The change permits the township to designate the project a "special use." The Board of trustees must approve all such special-use projects, and the law gives the board more leeway to reject them.

Apigian said he expects to be ready to go before the planning commission in January.

Twp. rewards honest man

Plymouth Township's Board of Trustees awarded an honest man Monday night.

The board voted to refund the township's one-half share of \$500 found by Dean Peters, of Vargo Drive in Livonia, a year ago.

Peters found the money near Wendy's Restaurant, on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township, Dec. 28, 1978, and turned it in to the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

Under Michigan law, a finder may keep one-half the cash after one year if no one claims it. The local municipality is entitled to the other half.

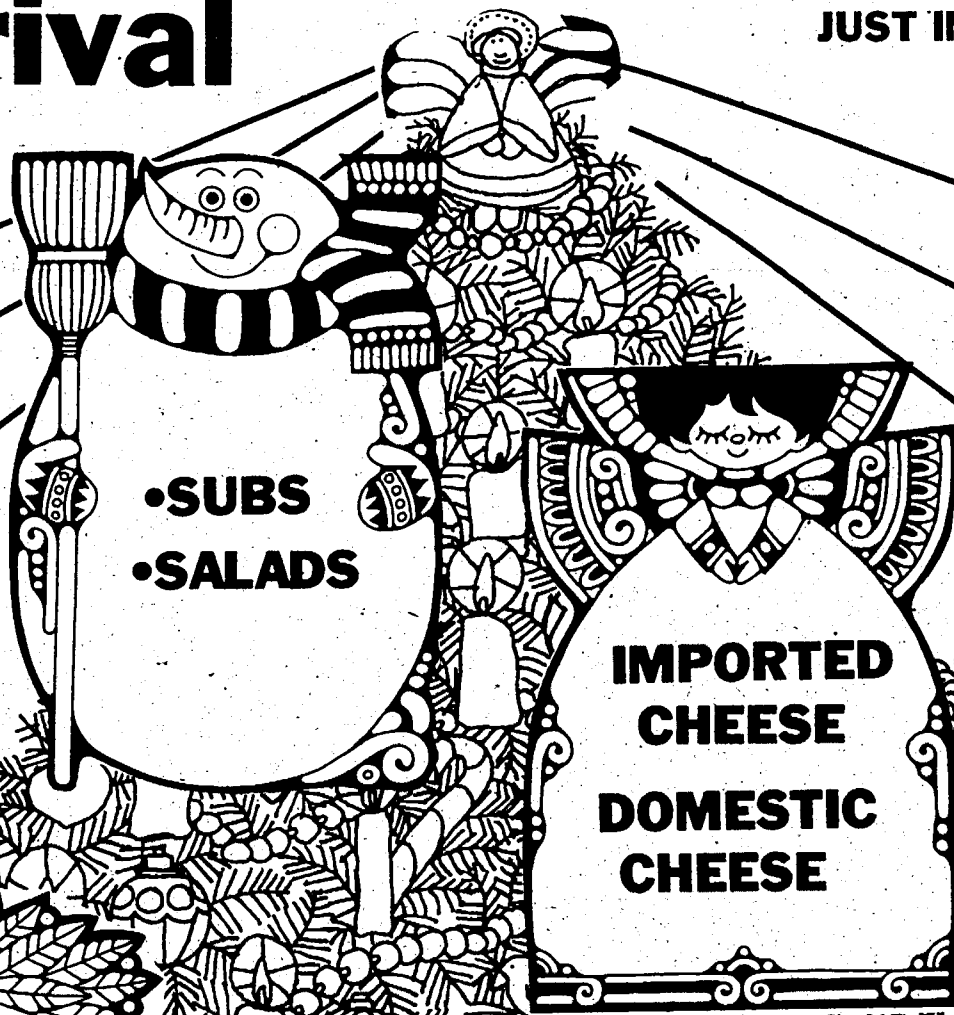
"I think it's nice to find an honest man," said Hulsing, supporting a move to give the township's share, \$250, to Peters. The board voted to refund the money to Peters pending an opinion from its attorney on whether the gift is permissible.

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Children can dial 453-1200 and Santa will listen and answer their Christmas wishes.

Culbert renews Super Sewer control stipulation

BY CHAS CHILD

Before Canton Township decides to help build the proposed "Super Sewer," the question of who controls the rates needs to be resolved, says Supervisor Noel Culbert.

The Wayne County Board of Public Works is seeking funds from each participating community to provide engineering studies for sewer, which is planned to run from Joy Road in Canton, south to Belleville, and then along the Huron River to Lake Erie.

This planned sewer is pared down from the original version, which was set to run from southern Oakland County, through all of western Wayne County, to Belleville, and then along the Huron to Lake Erie.

The problem with the project's financial agreement, said Culbert, is that Wayne County officials retain the power to control the rates. The suburbs, who will be using the sewer, are given only advisory powers, he said.

The Board of Trustees was scheduled to discuss the financial proposal at last night's meeting. Canton's share of the preliminary engineering allocation is about \$300,000, said the supervisor. This money must be granted before the county can proceed with bonding the total project, he added.

Culbert said the rate problem will probably be resolved in the next couple of weeks.

DPW urges snow shoveling

Ken Vogras, director of the City of Plymouth's DPW, has reminded city residents that they are responsible for clearing their sidewalks of ice and snow during the winter.

If the sidewalks aren't cleared, the city manager may order the DPW to do the work, and charge the residents, says the city's sidewalk ordinance.

Homeowners will be charged approximately \$30 per hour if the Public Works Department performs this task with a minimum on one hour charge," said Vogras.

Front loading said key to new city garbage bid

By a unanimous vote, the Plymouth City Commission approved extending its current rubbish collection contract for another six months at \$800 per month less than the current cost.

The temporary measure, according to City Manager Henry Graper, will allow the city time to negotiate a new contract by next spring and time for major commercial customers to convert dumpsters to front-end loading.

In its resolution Monday, the commission approved converting to front-end loading for commercial pickups on the advice of the current contractor, Midwest Sanitation, which told the city at a meeting last week that one-man, front-loading trucks will save the city money on its refuse collection costs.

With a new contract this spring, the city will probably spend more than the amount it has budgeted for refuse collection, Graper suggested to the commission Monday that this additional expense be taken out of contingency funds.

City holiday pickup set

There will be no refuse pickup in the City of Plymouth on Tuesday, Dec. 25, and on Tuesday, Jan. 1, 1980, said Ken Vogras, director of the DPW.

Refuse pickup will resume on Wednesday, Dec. 26, and Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1980 with a one day delay, that is, Tuesdays refuse will be picked up on Wednesday, etc., said Vogras.

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Holiday display

PAPER-STAINED GLASS WINDOWS. Diane Sproull's advanced art class at Central Middle School decorated the school's entrance with paper designs for the holidays. All 25 students took part in the decorating spree.

Baptist school cleared

Plymouth's Central Baptist Church School was cleared of charges by 35th District Court Judge Dunbar Davis that it broke state fire and safety laws, in a decision announced Thursday.

Charges were filed against the church school shortly after it opened this September with about 35 students. State fire officials claimed that the school did not meet proper safety standards.

Judge Davis ruled, however, that since the church had been used previously as a school building, that the law requiring schools to meet fire standards, does not apply.

Only buildings that had not previously been schools are required to meet the safety standards, ruled Davis.

According to testimony at the trial, Plymouth High School music classes were held at the Baptist Church.

Cantonites graduate from Ferris

Ferris State College in Big Rapids announced the names of students who graduated last quarter. Students receiving degrees from Canton were: Ronald Goldston of Irongate, Associate in Applied Science in Auto Service; Michael Goldston of Irongate Drive, Associate in Applied Science in Auto Service; Dennis Painter of Indian Creek, a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy, with high distinction.

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Cut a couple of inches off the trunk, because it will draw water better through a fresh cut. Keep the stand filled with water and set the tree away from fireplace, radiator or other heat source that could dry it out.

If you decide on an artificial tree, be sure it's labeled fire-resistant.

Use only light strings that have the Underwriters Laboratories label on them. Check all your lights for loose sockets or broken wires. Discard defective ones and replace them.

Never string lights on a metallic tree -- you're just asking for a shock if you do. Add the colors you want safely with a spotlight.

With young children around, it's best to put breakable ornaments and those with sharp points or edges on higher branches.

If you can't reach all of the tree from the floor, use a proper ladder or stepstool to give you the solid footing you need. Avoid unsafe makeshifts like chairs and boxes.

Real candles are a nice touch, but they are also a hazard. Put them in stable holders, and place them where they can't be easily knocked over. If you want to surround them with greenery, be sure to use only artificial boughs made from nonflammable materials. Never leave the house with real candles still burning.

Outdoor decorations are popular in many areas, and they're fun to look at. Use only lights that are rated for outdoor use, and check them carefully for defects. Avoid bright flashing lights that could distract drivers going by.

Be extra careful of your footing, especially if you are on the roof. Slippery conditions are common at this time of the year.

Use your ladder properly. Set it firmly, don't carry things up in your hands (haul them up once you get there), and don't lean out for an extra reach -- move the ladder as often as you have to.

Fasten decorations securely, so they can't blow or fall off and injure somebody.

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Whether it's a huge bash for everybody you know, or a small gathering of those closest to you. Whatever your plans, remember that any festivity can create problems that could turn into accidents.

Drinking is one of those problems. All too often, people respond to the holiday atmosphere by drinking more than they would otherwise. And then when they try to drive, the trouble starts.

Give your guests an edge on that kind of trouble by serving drinks that are reasonable -- even a bit on the light side. Never press a drink on anyone -- take "no" for an answer.

The body needs about an hour to get rid of the alcohol in one drink, and there's no way to speed up the process. Try to pace the drinking to allow for that, and close the bar about an hour before you expect the party to end. Ask your guests to stick around for coffee and food. The longer you can keep them from driving after their last drinks, the safer they are going to be.

If you have small children, empty all glasses and put liquor bottles away before going to bed after a party. Children often get up early and discover bottles and unfinished drinks left over from a party. For a small child, alcohol can be a deadly poison.

Avoid shallow foil "party" ashtrays -- they just don't do the job. Provide plenty of large, deep ashtrays and empty them often. Wastebaskets are a natural target for cigarettes, so put them away out of sight.

After the party, empty the ashtrays one last time and make a final survey for butts that might be smouldering and cause a fire later. Check rugs, under tables and chairs, under and between cushions in upholstered furniture.

The kitchen is a popular gathering place, but a crowd there while food is being prepared increases the chances of somebody getting hurt. So clear everybody out -- except maybe one or two to help.

Anything breakable should be put out of reach before the party, especially if there are small children around. If you can, it's a good idea to put an older, more responsible child in charge of the younger ones.

Sometimes "Home for the Holidays" means travel

at a time of year when you're likely to find unpredictable weather, slippery roads and poor visibility. You can also expect heavier traffic during the holidays. Your trips can be safe ones, though, if you just take a few simple precautions.

Be sure your batteries, tires, brakes, lights, wipers and exhaust system are in good condition before you start. Carry safety gear in the trunk for emergencies: booster cables, shovel, tow chain or strap, flares, traction mat, sand or rock salt, flashlight and tire chains.

Start your trip early, so you can adapt your speed to changing road conditions and visibility.

Whether the trip is long or short, buckle up your safety belts and put children in approved child restraints.

When you drive in town, you'll find that many hazards are intensified by the holidays. Pedestrians aren't always as careful as they should be, especially if they've been drinking. Shoppers loaded down with packages might not see you in time. Parking lots in shopping centers will be busier than ever during this season.

In residential areas, watch for kids on sleds, carolers crossing the streets -- and people coming from parties.

PLAN AHEAD

An emergency could strike your home at any time. Here are a few simple rules to follow to help your family through a crisis.

- Keep fire department, police, ambulance, doctor, and other emergency service numbers posted on or near your telephone.

- Keep a UL Listed multi-purpose fire extinguisher in your kitchen when preparing holiday meals -- and know how to use it.

- Don't use blow dryers and curling irons near water. Keep out of childrens reach.

- Smoke detectors are for your protection when your asleep. Purchase 2 or 3 smoke detectors. Best place for placement is at the top of the stairs in hallway on ceiling. Avoid placing too close to kitchen. Call fire department for particulars.

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'TIS THE SEASON, not only for holiday cheer, but for shoveling walks. City of Plymouth residents are reminded that they are responsible to keep their sidewalks clear -- for safety and convenience. Besides, it's good exercise, says Betty Sonnega, of Palmer Street, photographed shoveling snow after Sunday's snow storm. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)

Child's play

by Chas Child



Canton's farmland-preservation program needs help. Trustee Robert Greenstein, the township's preservation director, will have a hard time reaching the township's goal alone.

Not that Greenstein isn't talented. As the founder of the program, during his term as supervisor (1974-76), he has as much or more background and knowledge of how to implement the plan to purchase development rights of the land from the property holders.

Yet there's something missing. The problem is that Greenstein is too out-spoken, too fast-talking for his own good. An impatient politician, he's rubbed many people the wrong way since he launched the program.

The proper medicine for his and the township's problem was prescribed by Planning Commission Chairman Robert Padget two weeks ago. Padget recommended that the Board of Trustees establish a farmland preservation board, composed of a range of persons -- farmers, homeowners, elected officials -- to create a community consensus on the best way to proceed.

The different factions in the township must be brought together, said Padget. He's right. A project as big and far-reaching as the farmland-preservation effort must be led by a strong political coalition.

This is not to slight Greenstein. He has logged countless hours working on the project. But, in a way, the preservation program has out-grown him. It is not one politician's pet project anymore. It's a community-wide project that needs leaders from the whole community.



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Bartold ya'

by Patricia Bartold

About two years ago, one Plymouth Township official hatched the idea of buying the Teledyne Building, which is adjacent to the current township hall, to use for more office space.

And, since this is the time of year that folks traditionally review what they've accomplished over the past year (or years, as in this case), let's see what has been done to relieve the cramped quarters in township hall.

A brief chronology of the Teledyne building story goes like this:

*In August, 1978, township voters OK'd the purchase of the building and the land.

*About six weeks later, the building and site were purchased for \$117,500.

*In January, 1979, the board authorized spending \$9,250 for architectural drawings for renovating the buildings.

*However, in April the board axed a \$264,000 plan to renovate the current township hall and the Teledyne building and to create a walkway between the two buildings.

*Then in September the board approved spending \$94,900 for Teledyne building renovations, but denied other bids for renovating the current township hall.

To date, Plymouth Township has spent about \$58,030 for architectural drawings, fees, and electrical and plumbing work on the Teledyne Building according to the township accounting dept. No money has been spent on renovations for the township hall.

Meanwhile township employes have survived this wave of architectural drawings, specifications, and plans and are still working in their cramped office quarters in township hall. The original problem of relieving those conditions seems to have been lost in the political dickerings that has gone on between the board members.

When dealing with the federal government, two years may not seem like a long time for a problem to be identified, a plan of action to be formulated, and the condition to be relieved. But, in local government, two years is too long.

More spacious offices sure would have made a nice Christmas present for those two building department officials who have been stationed at the end of the corridor in the old building for months. Those two persons as well as all the other employes who are working elbow-to-elbow in township hall deserve consideration. Give them the space to do their work!

Was Crier's story
on Pugh irresponsible?

EDITOR:

Is The Crier involved in irresponsible journalism? A recent article certainly indicates as much.

In the paper's Dec. 12 edition Edward Wendover, publisher, attached City Commissioner Dave Pugh for his support of a bid on a city-purchased tractor costing \$4,875. He also accused Mr. Pugh and Mr. William Saxton, chairperson of the zoning board of appeals, of complicity in the granting of special governmental favors.

The Saxton Garden Center of Plymouth submitted a bid erroneously interpreted at \$105 higher than one offered by a Birmingham

firm (the Saxton bid eventually was the lowest).

If the City had purchased the Saxton tractor at the supposed higher price it would have represented an approximately 2 per cent increase over the lowest bid.

I believe Pugh correctly argued that the local availability of service justified acceptance of a slightly higher price. Any of us who have owned and operated a \$4,875 piece of machinery can appreciate the potential for service bills far in excess of \$105. Especially if the service had to be performed as far away as Birmingham.

Regardless, shouldn't city government support local business whenever possible? Local business does pay a sizable portion of the total tax burden. Bids are taken to ensure that a governmental purchase is made on a competitive basis. A bid 2 per cent higher than the lowest is clearly competitive.

It's not irresponsible to criticize a commissioner. The press should be a "watchdog" for the public and question the judgement of public officials as they deem necessary. However, there are ethical standards, even for newspaper editors.

In the interest of sensationalism Wendover accused Commissioner Pugh of supporting the Saxton bid in order to obtain a favorable vote from Saxton on Pugh's request for parking credits. As an observer of local government Mr. Wendover certainly is aware that the request for, and the granting of, parking credits is accomplished by deliberate procedure and routinely accorded.

Most local governmental committee work is tiresome and thankless, performed by dedicated men and women after completing their regular workday. They are mostly amateurs in this service, subject to mistakes.

Question their judgment, if you will, Mr. Wendover, but not their integrity when we know better. We all know Pugh and Saxton to be honest decent individuals, above reproach in this matter.

DENNIS BILA

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bila refers to a news story by Wendover in last week's Crier in which Pugh and Saxton were asked to comment on the issue of Pugh's vote. Wendover's opinions on the matter appear on today's editorial pages.

Pugh vote
simply
an oversight

Did City Commissioner Dave Pugh err in championing the cause of purchasing a tractor from a non-low bidder when he had a case pending before the zoning board of appeals of which the tractor store owner is chairman?

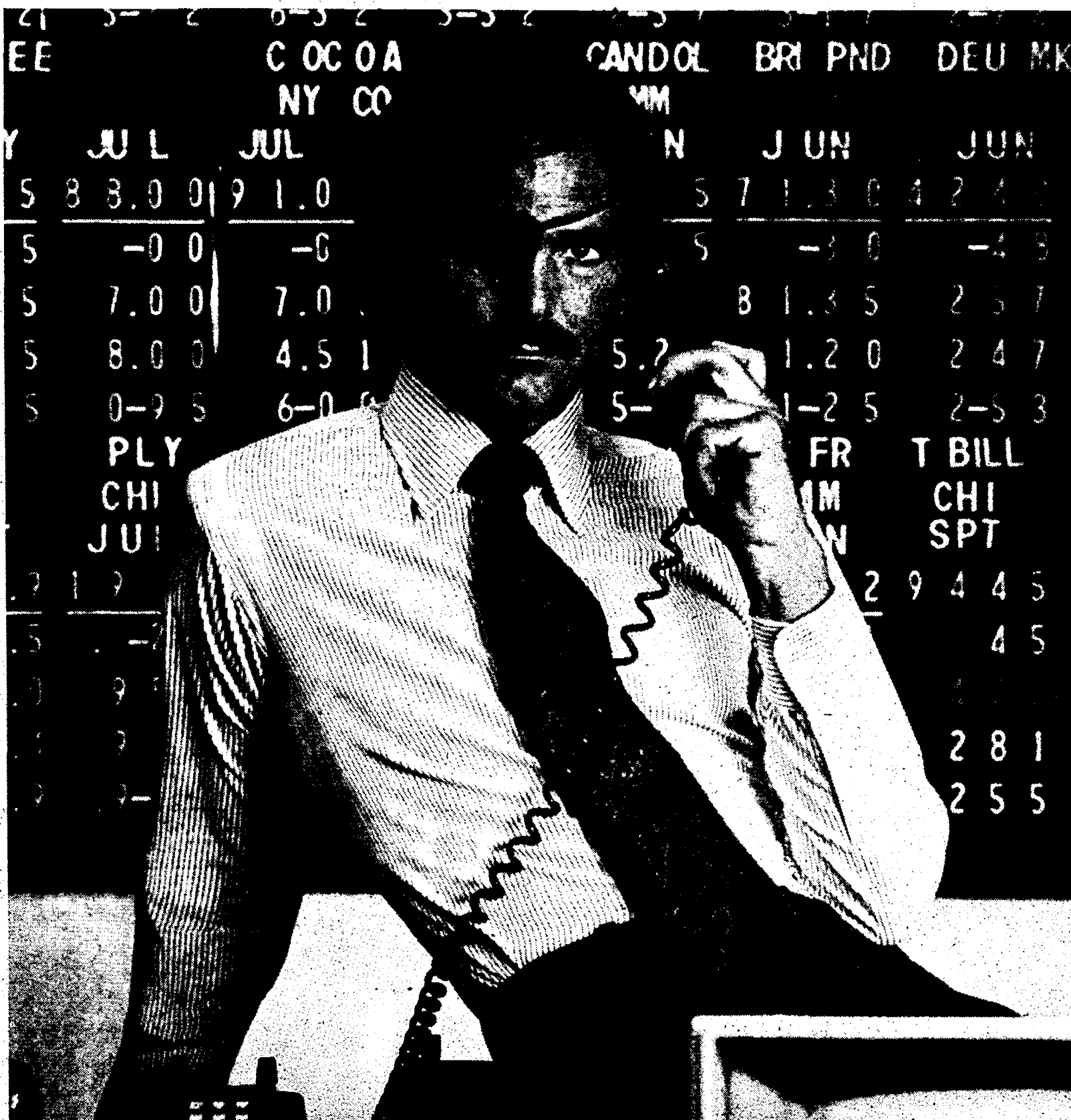
Probably, he did.

It's not that either Pugh or Bill Saxton, the independent-thinking ZBA chairman and owner of Saxton's Garden Center, swayed any actions because of the timing of the two governmental items of business. In the past, Pugh has voted on City Commission business that affected his business interests or holdings, but he has always carefully gone on record explaining what could be seen as a conflict. His open manner in the past is commendable.

Yet, on the vote granting what at the time was thought to be a higher bid while his parking credit application was pending with the ZBA, Pugh was not so careful.

All it would have taken was a simple explanation at the time. In the future let's hope Pugh remembers to face the real and imagined conflicts seen in his dual role in the community.

W. EDWARD WENDOVER



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BY PATRICIA BARTOLD

At noon, Monday, engineers at WSDP flipped the switch to increase their transmitting power from 10 to 200 watts.

The added power means the Centennial Educational Park's radio station will send a circular pattern of signals over 700 square miles extending west to Ann Arbor, south past Michigan Avenue, east to Detroit, and north to Oakland County.

Under its old 10-watts, WSDP could barely be picked up in some parts of the 54-square miles of the Plymouth-Canton school district, reports Jeff Cardinal, WSDP administrative coordinator.

More power also means that "WSDP is coming out of the sandbox to play with the big boys," says Cardinal. The station now boasts a Class A, non-commercial, public broadcasting station license "with all the rights and protection guaranteed to other Class A license stations," says Cardinal. When it transmitted 10 watts, WSDP held a Class D license.

According to Federal Communication Commission rules which were adopted recently, WSDP either had to increase its wattage or face the possibility of "being bumped" from the air by another station with more transmitting power, says Cardinal.

Under the new FCC rules, a 10-watt station isn't protected from being bumped. Now, with 200 watts, WSDP is protected and has all legal rights to petition the FCC if another station interferes within our range, he says.

WSDP's new transmitter arrived in late November. It stands about six feet tall and cost \$10,005. That tab was picked up by the

school district. "When it's all said and done, after installation fees, buying spare parts, and the frequency has been tested by an independent firm, it'll add up to a little under \$11,000," says Cardinal.

Thursday morning Chief Engineer Mike Schulte tested the transmitter. He reports it is broadcasting at 200 watts -- exactly like it should be. Schulte, a Canton High School graduate, is a sophomore at Michigan State University and was 17 when he earned his First Class Operator's license while working at WSDP.

To celebrate the power increase, staffers at WSDP are sponsoring "The Big Bash" Tuesday, Jan. 15 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the station's headquarters at Salem High School. Local school and government officials will be interviewed live during the party. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited to tour WSDP.

With 60 students on its staff, WSDP features local programming on news, sports, and music. The station is on the air at least 36 hours each week and usually logs 45 hours of air time, says Cardinal. In addition to its regular programs, WSDP also broadcasts high school basketball games (both boys and girls games) and Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meetings.


This week, WSDP will feature a Christmas special starting at noon, Dec. 21 until 8 p.m. when the Salem versus Canton basketball game will be aired. WSDP will also carry the basketball game Dec. 21.

Also on Dec. 24 from 4 to 10 p.m., WSDP will air holiday music hosted by Bruce Ruttenberg. The station will be off the air from Dec. 25 until Jan. 3, 1980.



WSDP CHIEF ENGINEER Mike Schulte flicks on the 'output' button of the radio station's new 200-watt transmitter. WSDP, located at the Centennial Educational Park, increased its power from 10 to 200 watts on Monday. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)


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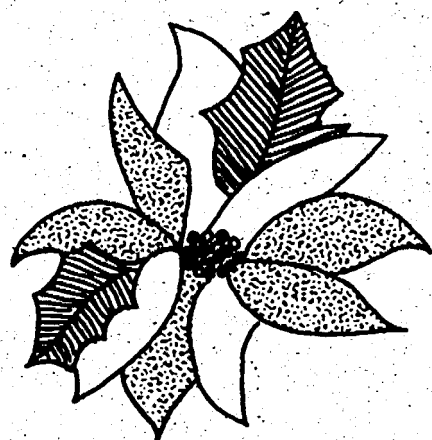
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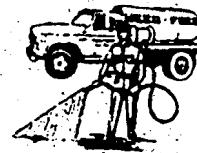


RENEE ZELENIK, above, shown with the old 10-watt transmitter, is the disk jockey for the Thursday jazz show from 2 to 4 p.m. on WSDP. The station is located at 88.1 on your FM dial.

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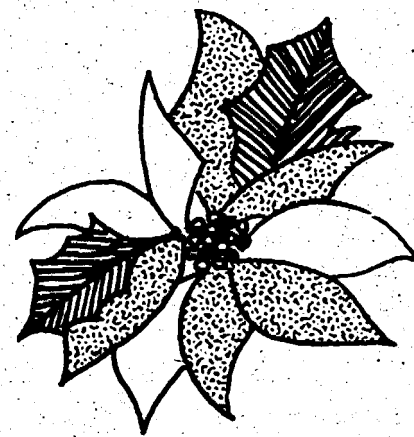
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DIVORCED AND SEPARATED CHRISTIANS

Bethany, a club for divorced and separated Christians, will meet Friday, Dec. 28 at Our Lady of Good Counsel's school library at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited.

EPIPHANY CHURCH PARTY

Members of the Epiphany Lutheran Church, 41390 Five Mile Rd., will meet for a Christmas party on Friday, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. The groups will sing carols, decorate the church, and make luminaries to light on the church property on Christmas Eve.

ERIKSSON SINGS

The Parent-Teacher Organization will have a Christmas sing featuring the instrumental ensemble on Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. at Eriksson School.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Girl Scouts can sign up for swimming lessons from Jan. 12 to March 22 during registration Jan. 7 at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth from 7 to 9 p.m. To register, scouts can bring a parent and a \$15 registration fee. For more details, call Martha Bentley at 453-4515.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING CLINIC

The first clinic for open cross-country skiing lessons will be held Jan. 17 at the fields adjacent to the Canton Township administration building. Cost is \$5.50 per person or \$3.50 if you supply your own equipment. Other clinics will be held Jan. 29 and Feb. 13. To register, call the Rec. Dept. at 397-1000 at least two days before the clinic.

NEW YEAR'S EVEN DINNER DANCE

The Plymouth Jaycees and Jaycettes are sponsoring a New Year's Even Dinner Dance at the Plymouth Cultural Center from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Price of \$20 per person includes a buffet dinner, continental breakfast and beer set-ups and favors. For tickets, call Nan Withers, 455-6613, Pat Kelly, 728-4973, or Phil Soper, 455-0130.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Members of Faith Community Church will gather for a candlelight service on Christmas Eve at 6:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School. Nursery care will be provided for small children. The public is invited.

CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAP

The Plymouth Jaycettes will wrap Christmas presents for a nominal charge at the Forest Place Mall on Fridays and Saturdays until Christmas. Friday hours are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday hours are from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. All proceeds will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Detroit.

DOUBLES BOWLING TOURNEY

A parent-child holiday doubles bowling tournament will be held Saturday, Dec. 29 at 9:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. at Super Bowl Lanes. To register, get a form from the Canton Parks and Recreation Department.

BENSON'S FRUIT CAKE SALE

The Plymouth Kiwanis is selling Benson's Fruit cakes during the holiday season. To buy a three-pound, \$5 cake, call Irene Bida at 425-2600 or a Kiwanis member.

ERIKSSON SINGS

A space-age pageant, "We Interrupt this Program," will be presented by the fourth and fifth grade choirs at Eriksson School on Dec. 19 at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Parents and families are welcome.

NURSERY TAKING APPLICATIONS

The Plymouth Community Nursery, Inc., a non-profit organization, is currently taking applications for enrolling children for classes in the fall, 1980. For more information, call Nancy Sullivan, 455-5916.

HANDICAPPED KIDS

Pre-primary special education services for children from birth to the age of six are now available through the Plymouth-Canton school district. If you have a child who may be mentally or emotionally impaired, has a physical or visual disability, a hearing or speech impairment or be a learning disabled child, please contact the Infant and Preschool Special Education Program (IPSEP) at Farrand School at 420-0363.

PAINT FOR FUN

You can attend the Paint for Fun oil painting class at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth on Thursdays from 1 to 3:30 p.m. There's no fee. For more information, call Fred Prussing at 459-1799.

RECREATION NIGHT

Men and women can sign up for recreation night which will be from Jan. 9 through March 12 at Field School. The activity, sponsored by the Canton Recreation Department, runs from 6:30 p.m. to 8 for women and from 8 to 9:45 for men.

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Registration will be Jan. 7 at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth from 7 to 9 p.m. for classes in beginners, advanced beginners,

intermediates, swimmers, and basic water and safety aides.

Girl Scouts can bring a parent and \$15 registration fee. Health forms and a permission slip will be available at the church, said Mary Lou Johnson, Girl Scout publicity person.

For more information, call Martha Bentley, senior scout advisor, at 453-4515.

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DISCOUNT PISTON TICKETS

Detroit Pistons discount tickets for the games on Dec. 28, Jan. 13 and Jan. 27 are on sale from the Canton Township Parks and Recreation Department. Normally \$7, the tickets are selling for \$4.50. Call 397-1000 for more details.

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Kids can visit with Santa at his workshop near the west entrance to Meijer Thrifty Acres until Sunday, Dec. 23 at 6 p.m. The workshop will be open on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 6:30 p.m. to 9, Saturdays from 1 p.m. to 5 and 6 p.m. to 9, and on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 6. On Mondays and Tuesdays, the workshop will be closed. There's no charge for a chat with Santa. A photographer can snap a picture of your child sitting on Santa's lap for \$2.50.

OLD VILLAGE HOME DECORATION CONTEST

Residents of Old Village can spruce up their homes and enter the First Annual Christmas Home Decoration Display Contest, sponsored by the Old Village Association. Judging will be done Dec. 22 and a basket of holiday food and beverages will be awarded to the winner. For more information, call 453-5254.

CODY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS REUNION

A 20-year class reunion for graduates of Cody High School will be held at the Plymouth Hilton Inn on June 14, 1980. Those who graduated in January or June, 1960 from Cody can call Barbara Reed of Plymouth at 459-3066 after 5 p.m.

WAYNE COUNTY NUTRITION PROGRAM

The City of Plymouth, in cooperation with the Wayne County Office on Aging, offers a Nutrition Program Monday through Friday, at Tonquish Manor, 1160 Sheridan. The nutrition program offers seniors a well-balanced meal at the site, or by calling 455-3670 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. All reservations must be made by Thursday of the preceding week. The program is free; however, a 50-cent donation is appreciated.

DISCO AND BALLROOM DANCING

Three dance classes will start in January, 1980. Beginning disco will be offered from 7 to 8 p.m. with continuing disco from 8 to 9 p.m. and ballroom dance from 9 to 10 p.m. The classes, sponsored by the Canton Township Parks and Recreation Dept., cost \$16 per person. For details, call 397-1000.



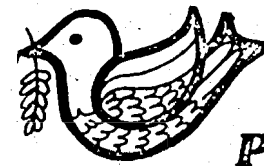
KIDS AT the Canton Township Recreation Department party enjoyed a visit with Santa and a magic show at the Rec. Hall on Saturday morning. Here Amy Scoull snatches a cookie during the party which drew about 150 youngsters. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)

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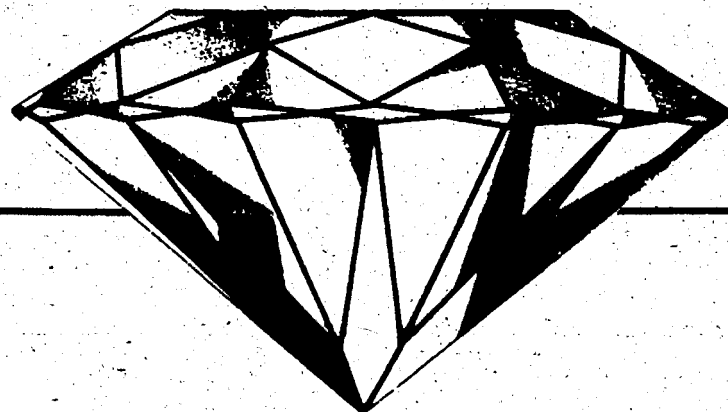


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A dream of every working mother is to take a week off in the middle of December. The idea of a whole week to shop, bake cookies, write cards, and decorate the house sounded fantastic.

Then came the invitation from my brother-in-law in New York for me to take my daughter to see the big city at Christmas. It was an offer I couldn't refuse, and besides I've always gotten things ready for Christmas while working in past years.

Being the organized person that I am, I planned my vacation so we could spend three and a half days in New York, which left three days for getting things ready for the holidays, before spending the weekend having an early Christmas with grandmas, aunts and uncles, and cousins.

The week was like an old time movie, where everything runs together -- the kid's first plane trip; Empire State Building; Statue of Liberty; World Trade Center; Rockefeller Center, with the big Christmas tree and ice skaters; Radio City Music Hall's Christmas Show; St. Patrick's Cathedral; Chinatown; Metropolitan Museum of Art; Lincoln Center, where we saw the Nutcracker, at the New York State Theatre; Times Square; Sandy Duncan starring in Peter Pan; riding the subways; Central Park; and window shopping along Fifth Avenue.

Once we were off the plane and back home, there was no time to catch up on lost sleep. With Christmas only a couple of weeks away, I baked cookies, while doing the laundry; decorated the tree with one hand, while running the vacuum with the other; and then there was the Christmas shopping.

Why is it after fighting for a parking place, almost getting knocked down the escalator, you finally find the perfect gift, only to discover they don't have it in the right size?

Finally the weekend arrives, and it's off to Grandma's house laden with the brightly wrapped packages, that you sat up half the night wrapping, with the help of a neighbor.

As Monday morning rolls around, it's back to work after an exhausting vacation. Suddenly, there you are faced with a mountain of work, realizing Christmas is only a week away. Stop the clock -- I still have half my shopping to do, I haven't started addressing cards, and what about that party we were going to have?

To all my friends -- I wish you a very happy holiday. Hopefully my cards will get in the mail sometime in January, and don't forget the New Years Eve Party has been postponed until March 1st.

Ledah selected

Ledah Schrader, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Schrader of Thornwood Drive in Plymouth, was chosen for the cheerleading squad at Central Michigan University. She is a 1979 graduate of Canton High School, where she was a cheerleader for three years. Her younger sister, Peggy, is a freshman cheerleader at Salem High School.



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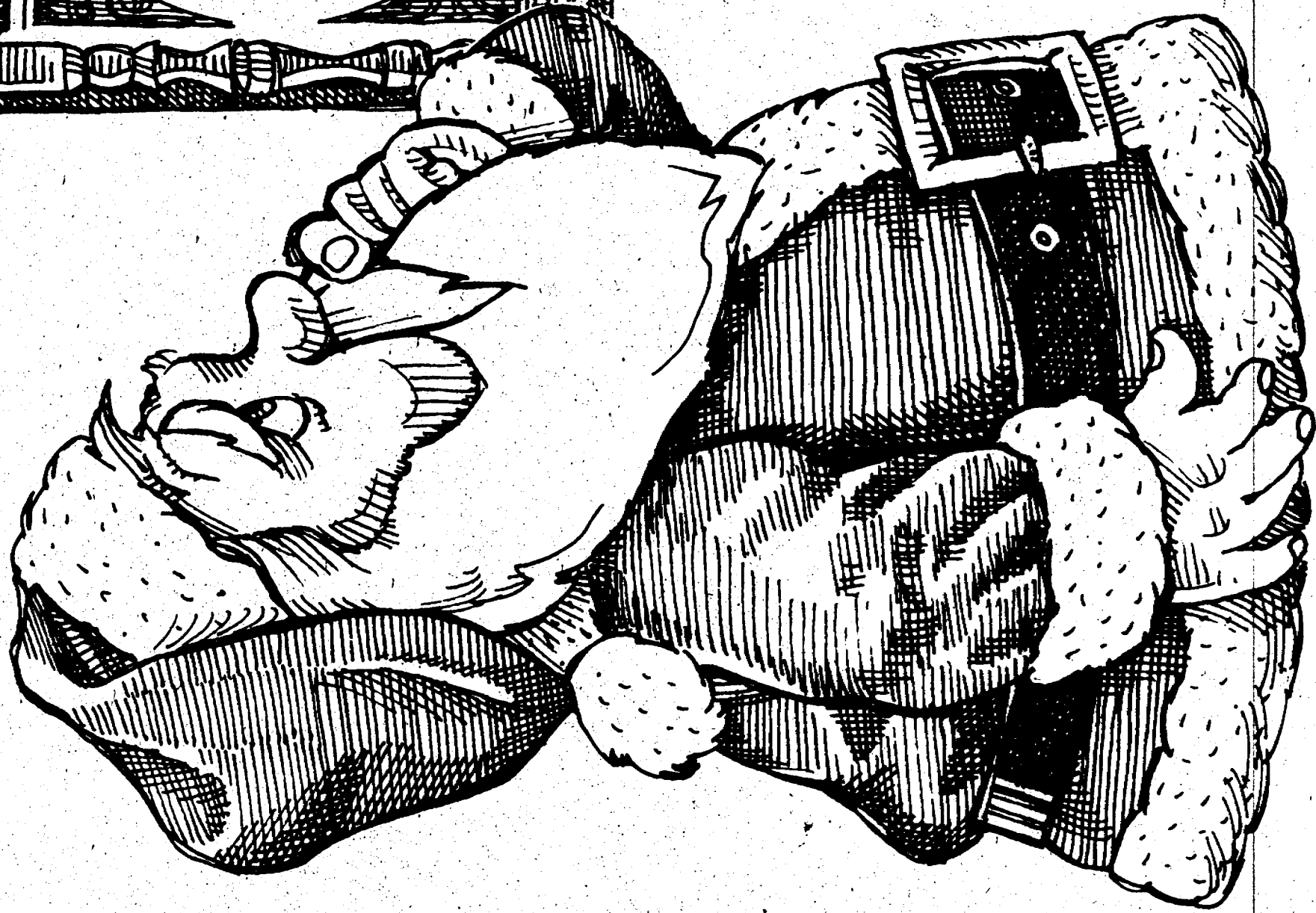
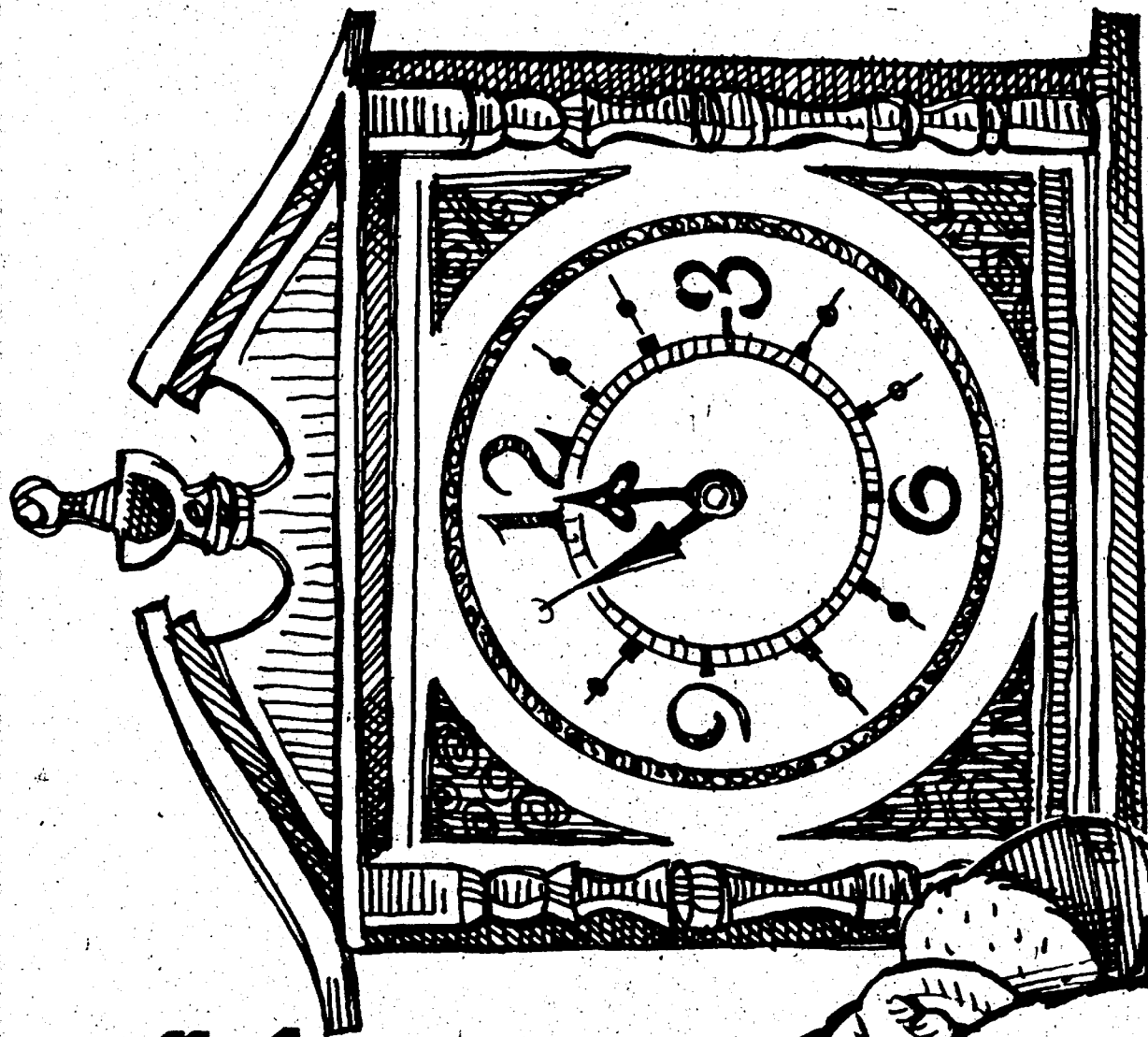


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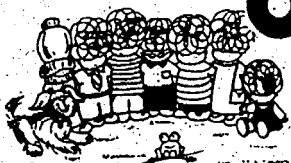
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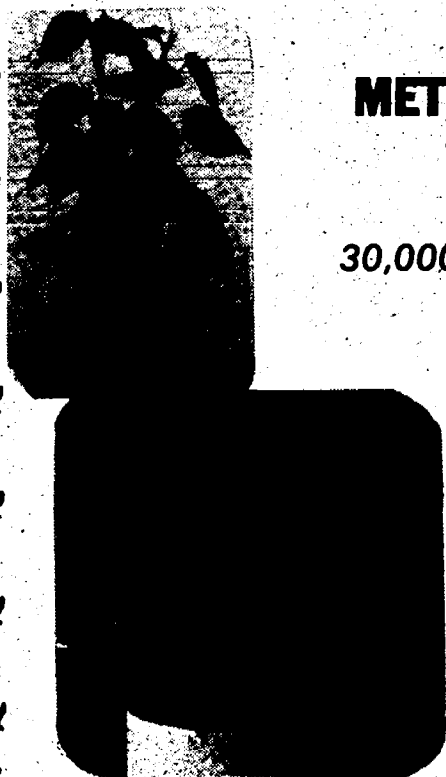
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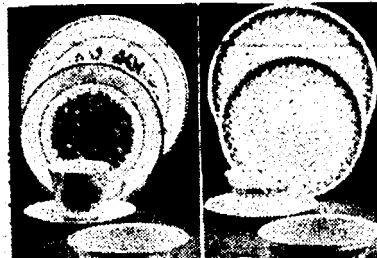


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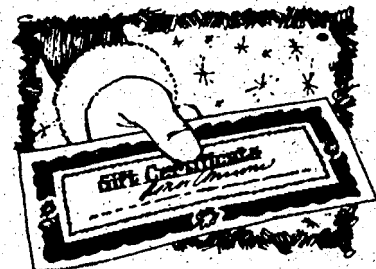
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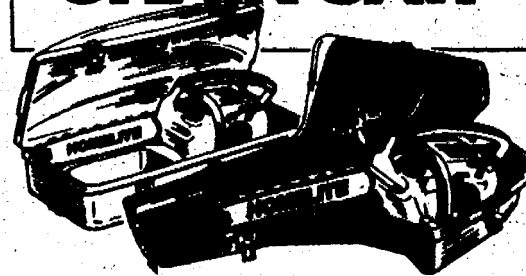


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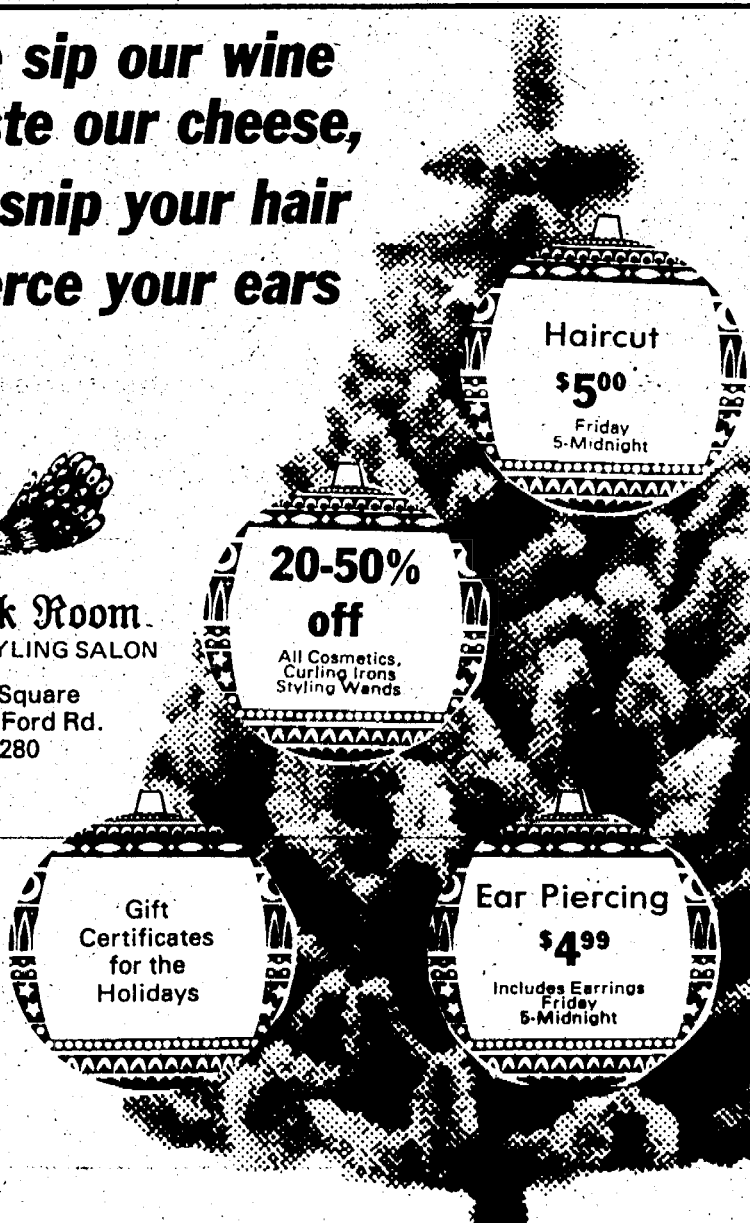
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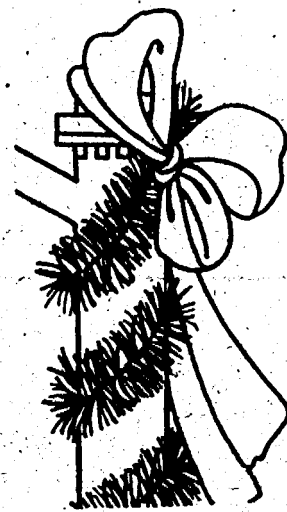
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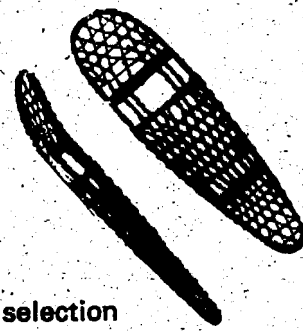
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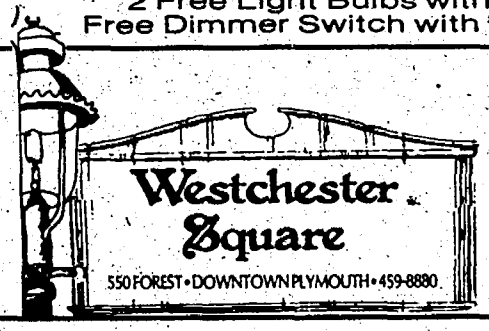
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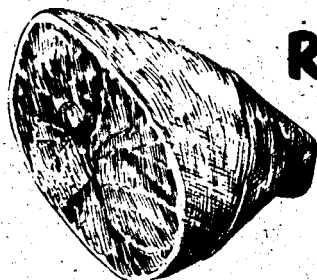
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The Community Crier

Ex - Crier employees organize

Members of the newly formed Crier Ex-Employees Association held their first annual Christmas Party last Wednesday evening at the Hillside Inn.

Members ate, mingled, and drank to excess. President and ex-photo editor Bill Bresler passed out annual bonuses.

The group was formed as a halfway program to assist ex-Crier employees and their families adjust to the real world.

Melanie Robinson, ex-bookkeeper, spoke on her adjustment problems. "It was difficult at first. Some of us have almost doubled our salaries. But at least I learned how to balance my checkbook."

Susan Bresler, wife of ex-photo editor Bresler, and therapy group moderator commented, "In some ways he's easier to live with, but I'm not used to having him underfoot evenings, weekends, or major holidays."

Canton gets farm scene

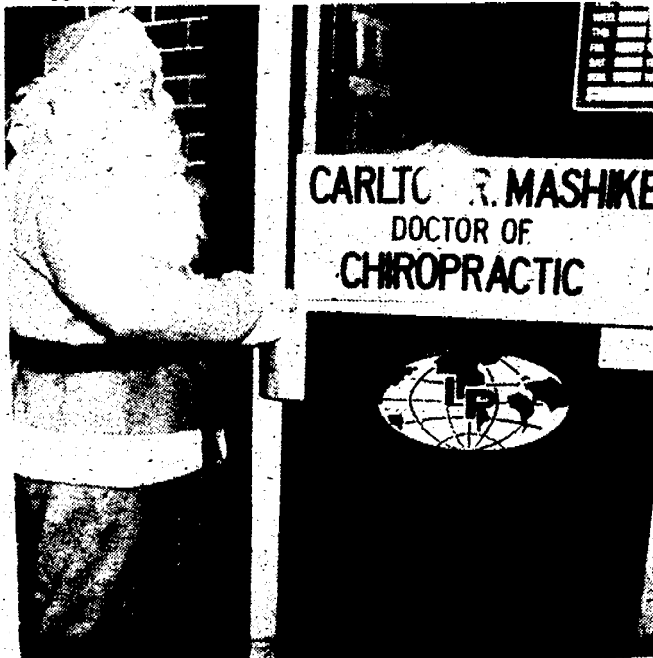
A painting depicting a barn and silo on Canton Center Road in Canton has been donated to the Canton Public Library by Mr. and Mrs. Ken Lally of Canton.

The canvas was painted by Lally's father and portrays a scene which may be viewed from the Canton Library which will be located on the third floor of the Canton Township Administration Building.

The painting will be displayed in the library which is scheduled to open in the late spring.

'TIS THE SEASON. They wined and dined and drank to excess at the first annual ex-Crier alternative Christmas party last Wednesday night. Posing in front of their old home-away-from-home are (standing) Bill Bresler, ex-photo editor; Melanie Robinson, ex-bookkeeper;

and Donna Lomas, ex-editor. Joining in the celebration were Susan Bresler and Patricia Bartold, a current Crier employee, who was the featured guest speaker.



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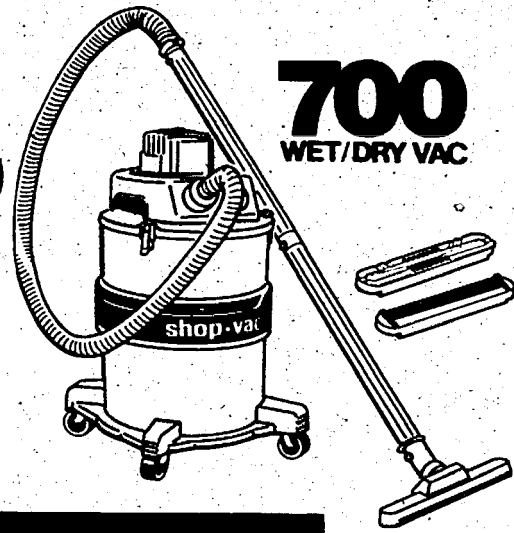
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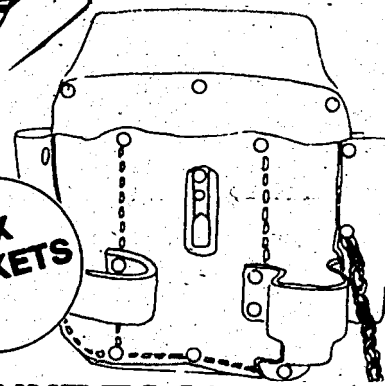
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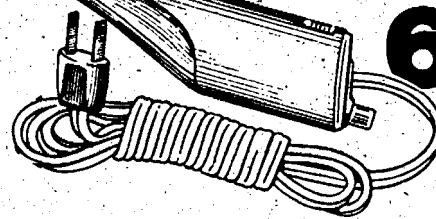


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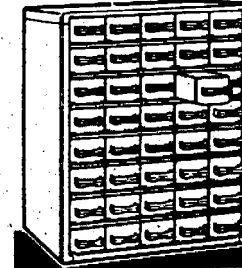
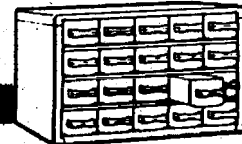
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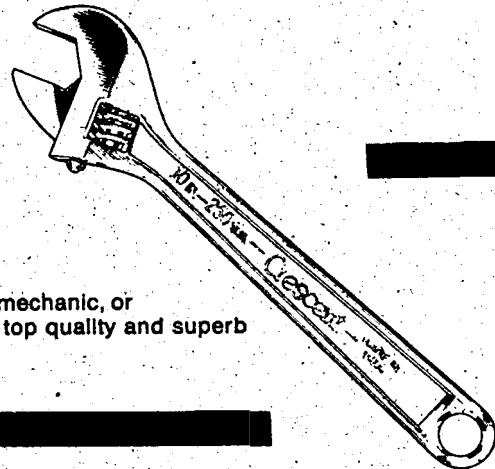


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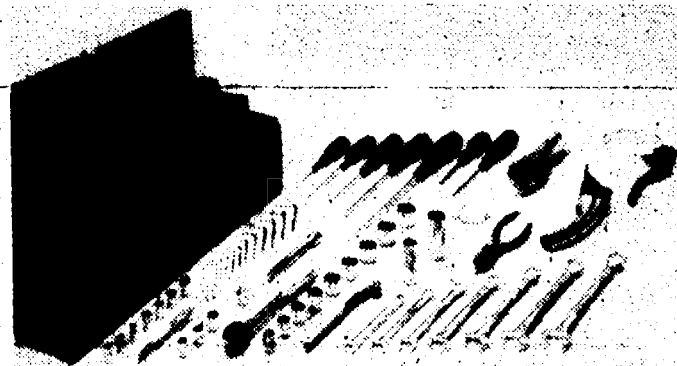
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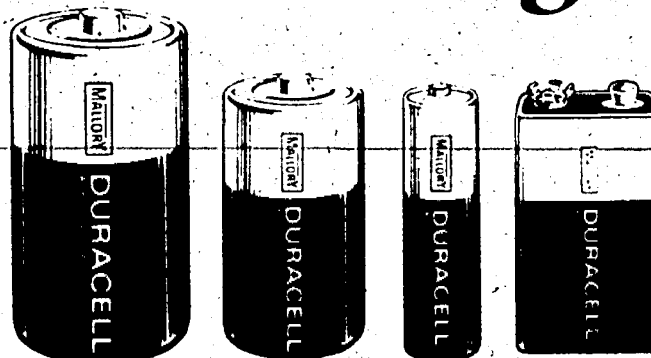


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State DNR investigating Fan vents fuming over downtown fuel oil spill

BY CHAS CHILD.

A state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) investigator said a vent and fan system in the basement of the Mayflower Meeting House will probably keep fumes from an underground oil spill from bothering office workers and other persons in the building.

According to Dan Schultz, of the DNR's Oil and Hazardous Materials Control Division, heating oil spilled into the ground under the building from a tank at the Standard service station next door, at the corner of Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail.

From the ground the oil was pumped into the sump of the Meeting House building, he said. The oil's odor then spread to the first floor, especially into the Plymouth office of the Livonia-based newspaper chain, the Observer and Eccentric.

"The newspaper office had the worst problem," said Ralph Lorenz, owner of the Meeting House building.

"Standard Oil Company has agreed to keep the oil fumes down," said Schultz, adding that the firm has paid for the vent and fan system. "The sump acts as a recovery well," which, in time, will probably solve the problem.

Doug Swatosh, who purchased the service station after the spill, said the leaking

fuel-oil tank was replaced when it was discovered as the source of the spill in April of this year.

"The city fire marshal has inspected the spill and said there's no fire danger," said Schultz. "Fuel oil has a high flash point. If it were gasoline, it would be a different matter."

Lorenz added that so far there's been no odor problem in the second story Meeting House rooms of the building.

"We will be monitoring the problem," said Schultz. "But the vent and fans should take care of the odor problem." Gradually, the oil will disperse and be skimmed on the sump, he said.

Lorenz said that if the problem remains, the solution would be to dig up and remove the oil-stained earth under the building.

This action is not recommended, however, said Schultz, because there are many pipes and lines buried in that area and the building is old.

"It was an annoyance," said Emory Daniels, editor of the Plymouth Observer. "The odor caused headaches and nausea in some. We went months without smelling it, but we've had some bad weeks."

Since the fan and vent were installed, the fuel oil's smell hasn't been noticed, he added.

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The Plymouth Community Fund
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An 'excited' chairman

OVER THE TOP. Plymouth Community Fund Chairman John Czuba writes the grand total on the big board, marking a successful 1979 Fund drive. More on the story on page 1. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)

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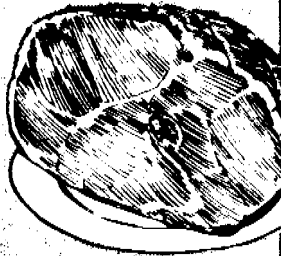
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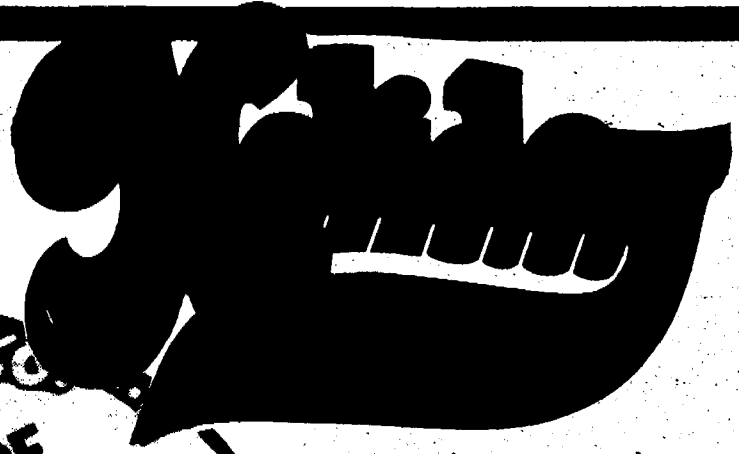
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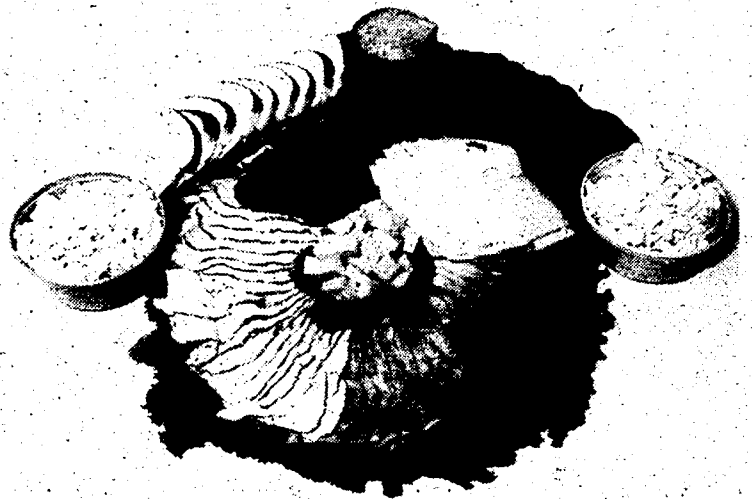
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Bologna leaves Center's post

Marian Tucker of Rochester has been elected chairperson of the Citizen's Advisory Council of Plymouth Center. She succeeds Jack Bologna, President of George Odiorne Associates of Plymouth, who served as the Council's first Chairperson from August, 1978 until November, 1979.

Tucker has a long history of involvement in community action projects for the developmentally disabled. For six years she served as a board member of the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Services Board.

In departing from the role of chairperson, Bologna said, in part, this regarding the accomplishments and concerns of the Citizen's Advisory Council:

"Since its formation, the Council has seen a number of notable improvements. The logging and investigation of abuse and neglect cases is much improved. The staff-to-resident ratio is at or very near the court mandated number. The amount and quality of staff training has improved considerably.

"The service delivery system has been upgraded, including case management, treatment and rehabilitation planning and evaluation systems. The professional staff has been enhanced in both numbers and areas of expertise.

"Improvements have not reached optimum levels," he added, and the staff must be encouraged and affirmed to continue its efforts at upgrading all delivery and support systems. Abuse and neglect cases must be monitored closely to insure that residents' rights are completely protected."

addenda & errata

Last week's Crier incorrectly reported that the City of Plymouth Cultural Center costs were running ahead of the current budget. The costs cited in a memo from City Parks and Recreation Director Chuck Skene were from the budget year ending June 30, 1979.

Due to a typographical error, last week's Crier incorrectly listed the Plymouth Community Fund's contribution to Growth Work as two per cent. It should have been listed as a 22 per cent contribution toward Growth Work's general revenue.

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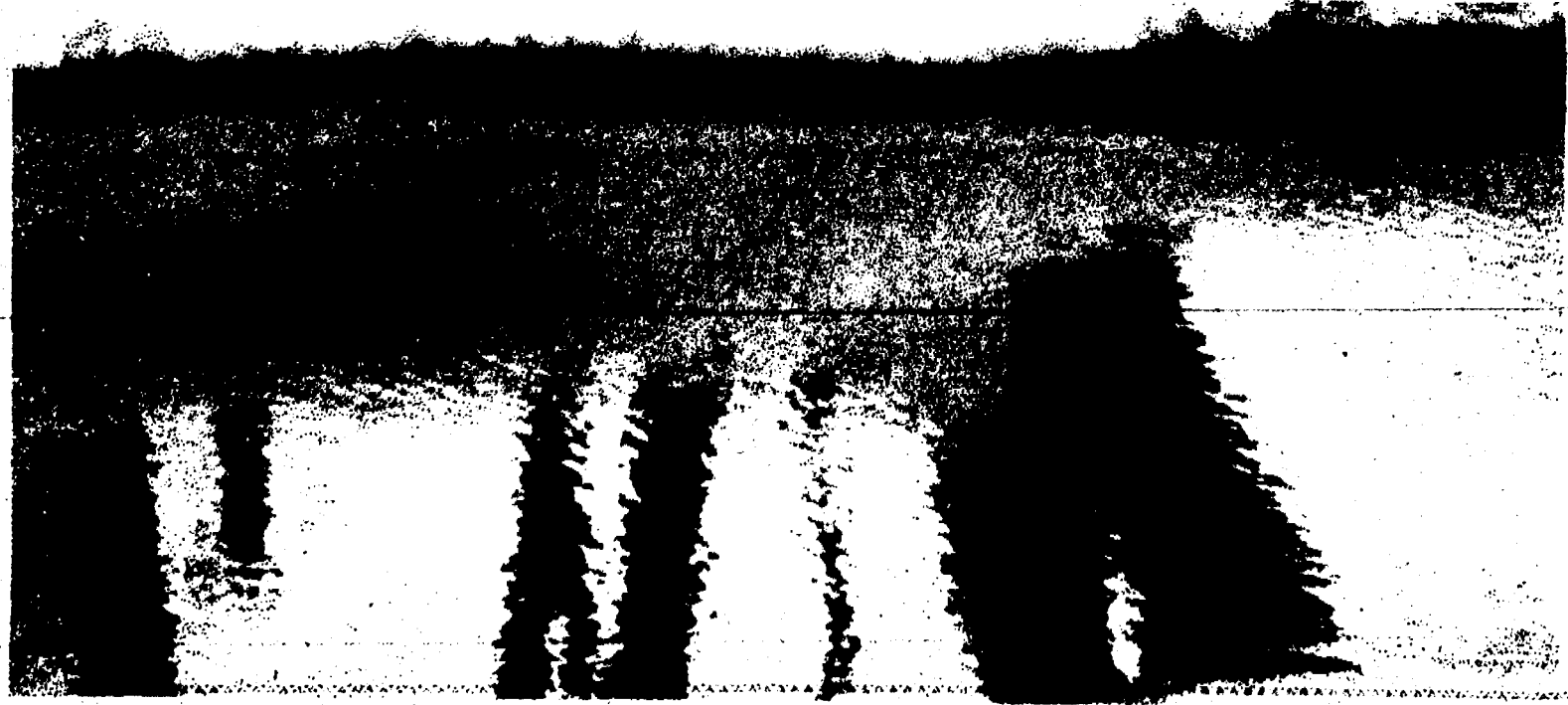
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A MITTENED TREE. First and second graders from Mrs. Gay Swallow's class decked out their Christmas tree with mittens, socks, and hats to give to kids who visit the schools' clothing bank. Posed in front of the tree are (from left to right) Jill Costello, Jason Blankenship, Michael Donhoet, and Neal Lao. Persons wishing to donate to the tree can call Miller School.

Lake Pointe hosts dinner

Lake Pointe Village Branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association held its Christmas meeting and pot-luck dinner last week at Pioneer Middle School. Handmade Christmas items were featured in a holiday auction: Bunny Hallway was chairman of the evening, with Carol Vos, Camille Zornow, Diane Spade, Lenore Howe, Judy Sharrar, and Elizabeth Gribble serving on the committee.



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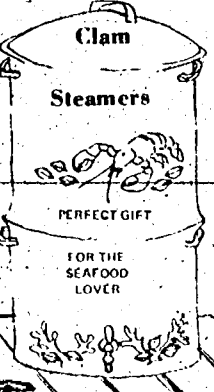


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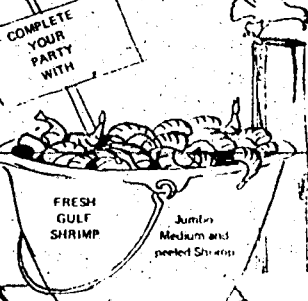


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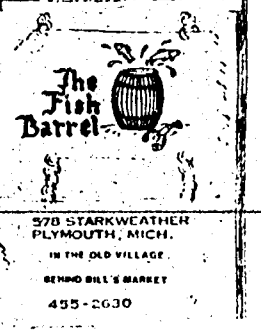
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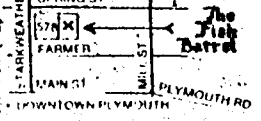
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NOT SHY AT ALL. Three-year old Brian Luke snuggles up to Santa to whisper his Christmas wishes during the Farrand School party on Monday afternoon.



MICHAEL PINION, four, is taking a moment out to play as he goes down the ramp on a carpet-covered board during the IPSEP party Monday afternoon.

Crier photos by
Robert Cameron

Special kids enjoy Santa at Christmas party

Preschoolers who are enrolled in the Infant and Preschool Special Education Program at Farrand School enjoyed a visit with Santa Monday afternoon.

Their parents and brother and sisters were also invited to the holiday party which lasted from 1 to 3 p.m. Featured during the festivities was a sing-along and homemade cookies and punch. About 50 attended the party.



A BIT HESITANT about his chat with Santa is two-year old Francesca Manzari who attended the Christmas party for special education youngsters at Farrand School Monday. On the left is Kyle Wolfe, three, and Lisa Larson, five, is pictured on the right.



YUM YUM. Popping a cookie into his mouth is Tony Witt, three, during the Christmas party for kids in the Infant and Preschool Special Education Program. Holding Tony is Lynn Jablonski.



Good-hearted goodfellows

CHRISTMAS FOR NEEDY Canton families will be made brighter by the efforts of the Canton Goodfellows. Saturday, the Goodfellows, with help from Canton senior citizens wrapped gifts for the needy at Canton Township Hall Saturday. Above, helpers take clothes, food, and toys from the large bags for wrapping. Below, Grace Hanning and her seven-year-old granddaughter help out. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)



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Gallimore School celebrates Christmas with play,



"ON THE FIRST DAY OF CHRISTMAS . . ." Students at Gallimore School presented a holiday program last night. Here with the chorus turning up in the background are kids dis-

playing the 12 days of Christmas, one of the numbers in the program. The show featured students on Track D. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)

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PRACTICING THEIR AUTOHARPS for Gallimore School's holiday program are Erika Soderholm, left; and Bev Huband, right. The show was performed last night. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)



ON STAGE. Under the direction of music teacher Norma Forster, Track D students at Gallimore School sang and danced during their holiday show last night. Standing in the foreground are the students from the Christmas story flanked by the angels in the background. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)

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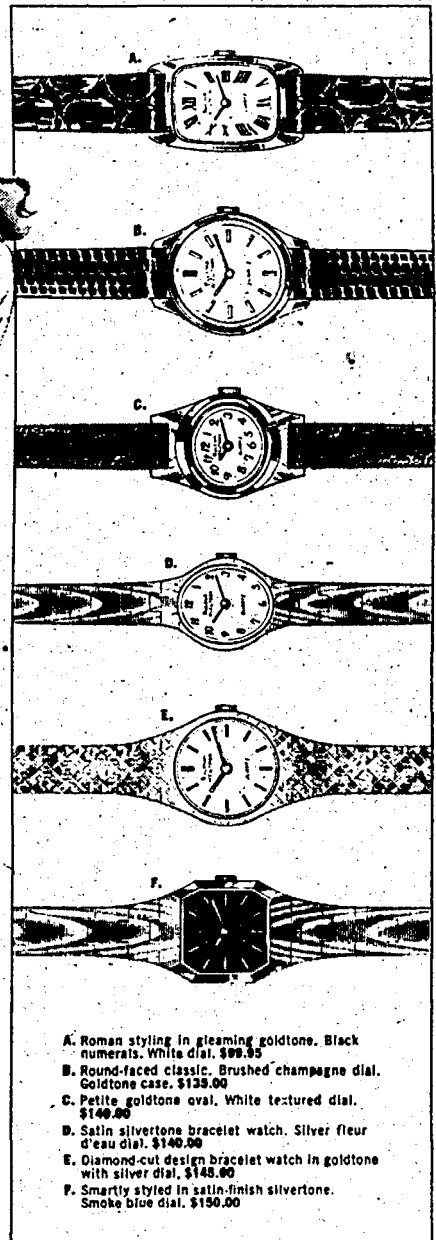
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If you happen to be an old newspaper collector, you should have a valuable insight into the wisdom of investing in real estate during inflation. As a case in point, one home recently sold for \$52,000. Five years ago this same home sold for \$35,000.

True, prices were never higher but for that matter, prices probably will never be lower either. For example, if this \$35,000 home increased in value at a rate of only 6% per year, in ten years it will be worth \$62,680. In twenty years, the same house will be selling at \$112,250. And a 6% appreciation is conservative in these days of double digit inflation.

When mortgage money is tight, the opportunity to buy the right home at the right price will never be better. When the flow of money increases, so does the demand for homes and, consequently the scarcity of selection at the right price. Shakespearean advice applies: If to buy or not to buy is the question, 'twere well if it were done now.

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Plymouth teacher appreciates small comforts at air base in rural Japan

Chris Hoeplich, a former teacher at Central Middle School, is currently teaching art at Sollars Elementary School at the Air Force Base in Misawa, Japan.

Since arriving in the fall, her parents, Fred and Ruth Hoeplich of Plymouth, say that she has sent home many letters, pictures, and tapes to keep her family informed about her experiences there.

Ruth has compiled some of those letters and wants to share Chris's experiences with her former students and the rest of the Plymouth-Canton Community.

"Because Chris was a 'late hire' all the Bachelor Officer's Quarters on the base were taken by the time she arrived so she was invited to stay with the Kinslers. Bob Kinsler was graduated from Plymouth High School.

"After a month, Chris found her own home -- a brown metal, two bedroom house with a shelter for her 1972 brown Toyota in the town of Misawa (population 27,000).

"At home, Chris's creature comforts are fairly rural--the house has no central heating; instead its heated with kerosene stoves. The hot water tank and stove are fired by propane tanks."

Her mom also reports that it's possible for Chris to go sight-seeing fairly close to the Air Force Base. "The trick is to fill the gas tank at the base (79 cents a gallon) and drive until the gas register reads one-half tank to avoid paying \$5 a gallon for gas in the countryside."

Chris has also relied on her conversational guide to the Japanese language which she



CHRIS HOEPRICH

purchased in Plymouth before leaving, at least once during her stay there. Her mom recounts the following tale:

"After Chris and three colleagues traveled to a nearby town, they parked their car in a parking structure and ate at a Chinese restaurant (Chris says they don't particularly like the Japanese cuisine. After dinner, they returned to the parking structure and it was locked 'tighter than a drum'. Their car was

the only one left parked there.

"By this time, crowds of laughing Japanese surrounded the four teachers because it's impossible to be inconspicuous when you tower a full head and one-half over the tallest male. Chris indicated that they wanted to go to the police station and eventually the garage was unlocked and all four teachers piled into the small auto amidst howls of laughter from the crowd.

"It was an excellent example of Japanese kindness and hospitality whenever we went," wrote Chris.

The next week, the teachers returned and gave the police a plate of cookies in return for their kindness.

Chris also wrote that she has gone to a chrysanthemum festival and saw beautiful, formal gardens with all varieties of chrysanthemums in Japanese homes.

At school, Chris reports that: "the kids are the same everywhere." "The little ones hug her when they get off the bus and the bigger ones bicker and fight until someone settles their disputes," writes her mom.

Chris has also become involved in many extra-curricular activities at school, as she did when she taught at Central Middle School, says her mom.

During the holidays, Chris will spend nine days in Tokyo when she will spend New Year's Eve with three of her friends. "It sounds like a good thing to do for a holiday away from home," says her mother.



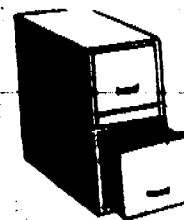
CHECKING OUT THE POPCORN. Dishing out a bowl of popcorn with a \$517 donation to the Plymouth Community Fund nestled inside is Laura Van DerRoost with Linda Rutan and Iris Robb. They are

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Holiday time brings blues along with cheer

BY PATRICIA BARTOLD

Don't be surprised if all the hustle and bustle of the holiday season not only wears you out—but also gets you down.

"More persons are depressed this time of year and spring is even worse," says Dr. Prehlad Vachher, a local psychiatrist. False expectations coupled with the "idea that people are supposed to be happy this time of year," result in disappointments and stressful times, says Dr. Vachher.

There are a number of circumstances, which can happen any time of year, that can lead to depression, including divorce, loneliness, memories of happier holidays in the past, and marriage, financial, or family problems, notes Dr. Vachher. "People have very high expectations this time of year."

These expectations, however, don't always lead to stressful situations. "Stress is different for different people. We don't concentrate on the impossible task of relieving stress—we work on helping people to cope with stress effectively," HE SAYS.

Vachher uses this example to illustrate his point: "While winning \$1 million lottery could be a lucky event for one person, it could cause a lot of stress for another."

Attitude is important, he says. "It's not necessarily what happens to you that's important, but how you react to it." Stress can be a beneficial force; some persons perform better when they're under stress, he

continues.

However, stress can often lead to depression, too, he adds.

To cope with stress effectively during the holidays, Vachher says that these ideas may help:

"Don't set your expectations too high. 'If you expect to receive \$100 for Christmas, but don't, you'll be disappointed. So, try to keep things in perspective.'"

"Take the holidays in a stride—eat, drink, and be merry moderately without putting strain on your physical health.

"Develop a support system of family, friends, and neighbors whose company you enjoy to share some of your thoughts.

"Think positively" and don't dwell on unhappy thoughts.

"Do things for other people because it's good for you.

"Don't let family visits become ugly. 'Arguments can be good for airing different opinions and ideas, but arguments which only lead to bickering and pettiness can be avoided. Take a walk or leave the room if such an argument starts at your home during the holidays,' he says.

"Finally, meditate or pray over the holiday season. 'People have been doing that for years and such a quiet time helps calm us down,' he says. Churches, synagogues, and other religious groups help provide support during the holiday season, he says.

Congratulations, grads

Plymouth students graduating after fall term from Michigan State University are:

Kim Brannock of Brookside Drive, Bachelor of Arts in General Business Administration; Peggy Geroj of Orangelawn, Bachelor of Arts in Marketing; James Hough of Stonecrest, Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering; Blair Simmons of Gotfredson Road, Bachelor of Arts in Accounting; and Constance Voytas of Ann Street, Bachelor of Arts in Telecommunication.



RUDY SCHMIDT

Schmidt at Polaris school

Rudy Michael Schmidt, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Schmidt, recently completed the 16 week Polaris Electronics School in 14 weeks.

The school, located at Dam Neck, Va., teaches electronic training for the advanced submarine strategic weapons systems courses. Schmidt, a 1977 graduate of Canton High School will continue his technical training at the Trident Missile Technician School in Dam Neck.

He is a fire control technician (ballistic missile) third class in the U.S. Navy. His parents live at 8898 Corrine, Plymouth.

City copy charge: 50¢

A new wrinkle to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act has been added by the City of Plymouth -- copies at 50 cents per page.

By a unanimous vote Monday night, the City Commission voted to establish a policy on copying charges based on an estimated cost breakdown as follows:

- *Supplies - 6 cents per page
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*Fringe benefits - 12.25 cents per page
At the advice of City Manager Henry Graper, the commission rounded off the 49 cents per page estimated total to 50 cents per page as the charge for information copied for those requesting it under the act.

Graper told the commission he would devise a reduced rate for multiple copies made at one time.

Bridget graduates with honors

Bridget Broderick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Broderick of Arthur Street in Plymouth, graduated with honors from the University of Michigan. She received a BA in Arts and Letters.

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Township residents, to show their concern for the Iranian hostages, were urged by the board to send a Christmas card to the Americans held in the United States embassy in Tehran.

"During this Christmas season there exists a special need to reassure the hostages that the people of this nation have not forgotten them," said the resolution made by Trustee Stephen Larson.

The cards should be sent to The American Hostages, The American Embassy, 260 Taleghani Ave., Tehran, Iran, c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2 to junket

On Monday night, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education OK'd sending two of its members to the National School Board Association Conference in California, but refused to send a third member.

*Member Richard Arlen's bid for the \$830 trip was denied after a motion made by Flossie Tonda. "He's up for re-election in June. I can't see spending \$800 to send him if he may not be re-elected," she said.

The conference will be held in San Francisco in April and the board authorized sending Secretary Elaine Kirchgatter and Sylvia Stetz, who was elected to the board in June.

Asked later if he were going to run for re-election, Arlen said he was looking at it "positively now, but it's still too early to tell." Arlen, however, was absent at the time of the vote on the conference and it passed unanimously.

community deaths

Hennings

Olga T. Hennings, 91, of Northville, died Dec. 13. Funeral services were held Dec. 15 at Casterline Funeral Home in Northville with The Rev. William C. Lindholm of Holy Cross Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Mrs. Hennings is survived by her husband, Robert; sons, Robert of Northville and William of California; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Also included among her relatives are Fran Hennings, her daughter-in-law, who is an advertising consultant for the Community Crier, and Terry Hennings, her granddaughter, who is a teacher at Hulsing School in Canton.

Mrs. Hennings lived in Northville for six

years. She was a homemaker and a member of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Livonia and the Northville Senior Citizens Club.

Collier

Louise Collier, 99, died at Northwest General Hospital on Dec. 11. Funeral services were held Dec. 13 at Lambert Funeral Home with The Rev. Arthur E. Smith officiating. Burial was at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Seneca, Ill.

She is survived by her son, William I. Collier of Plymouth Township; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Collier was a housewife and a member of Metropolitan United Methodist Church of Detroit.

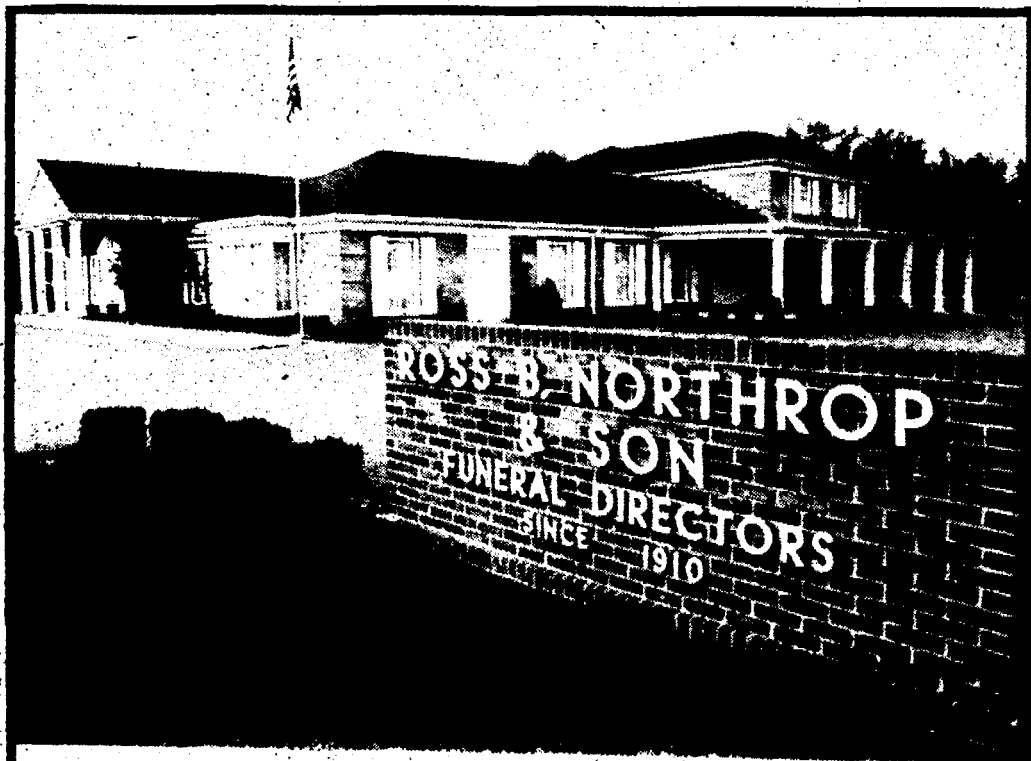
Streetlights on Ford Rd.?

Let there be light (on Ford Road).

No, He hasn't ordered street lights on Ford Road, but the Detroit Edison has asked Canton's Board of Trustees whether it wants them. The firm told the board that since it is working elsewhere on existing lights on Ford, with the current construction, the board may want to consider lighting Canton's section of the road.

In a preliminary discussion of the issue last Tuesday, Supervisor Noel Culbert said, "One of the ugliest sites is the commercial strip along stretches like Plymouth Road in Livonia, caused by the conglomeration of utility poles, lights, and signs. We should investigate it, though."

The board voted to look into Edison's proposal.



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Schools ponder delaying election

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we should consider money," said Harper. According to figures from school administrators, retaining the middle schools as they are now would mean about \$4 million more if a bond proposal was defeated by the voters.

The grade-realignment proposal, which was tentatively OK'd by the board, is less costly because there are lower air conditioning costs, Central Middle wouldn't be converted to a high school, and additional classrooms wouldn't be built at the CEP.

Proposal A calls for a \$12 or \$13 million bond proposal to be voted on by Plymouth-Canton residents. In comparison, Proposal B (which calls for keeping the same grade structure) would call for a bond proposal

ranging from \$15 to \$25 million. Also included in a bond proposal are energy-conservation renovations.

One reason some board members, lead by Yack, favored changing the grade alignment was because the school district may be facing overcrowded classrooms at the CEP again in 1984-85 even if Central Middle were converted into a high school, according to enrollment projections from the school district.

Grade realignment has been recommended by various bond committees who have studied the district's growth, said Board Member Flossie Tonda. "We're not being accountable or responsible to the public (if we don't listen to their recommendations)," she said.

School administrators said grade realignment would not mean drastic program

changes for students and board member Elaine Kirchgatter favored making sure that band, art, music and other special classes are offered for ninth graders in junior highs like they are offered at the CEP now.

Elementary principals would be "very acceptable" to having sixth graders there, Barbara Bowman, a school administrator.


A new timetable for the bond proposal to be put before the voters calls for a Thursday, March 27, 1980 election date. The board may discuss the final components of the bond proposal at its next meeting, Jan. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at school board offices, 454 S. Harvey St., Plymouth.

According to the new schedule, the board will finalize the 1980 bond proposal on Monday, Jan. 14 at its regular meeting.



*A chip off
the old block*

MEAGHAN FORD, center, was sworn into the U.S. Navy by her father, right, Timothy C. Ford, Plymouth chief of police, on Dec. 3. The Navy cadet, a 1977, graduate of Canton High School, attended Schoolcraft College before joining the Navy. After completing entry training at Orlando, Fla., she will start technical training as a hospital corpsman at Great Lakes, Ill. and Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Ford will specialize in physical and occupational therapy. Also in attendance during her swearing-in ceremony was Alice Ford, her mother, on the left, and other Navy officers. (Photo compliments of the U.S. Navy Recruiting Station in Plymouth)

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Next concert Jan. 27

Symphony brought joy on many levels

BY P. D. MORSE

Last Saturday and Sunday was "Plymouth Symphony Weekend."

Saturday featured the first annual Children's Concert. The purpose of this presentation was to bring an appreciation of symphonic music to younger members of the community.

The Symphony presented three pieces: the Egmont Overture by Beethoven; Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun by Debussy; and the Hungarian Dance No. 5 by Brahms. Each of these selections was preceded by a humorous and informative description of the music by the conductor, Carl St. Clair.

The program gave a sampling of types of music encountered by a symphony, the powerful and colorful Egmont Overture, the quiet and contemplative Prelude, and the fiery Hungarian Dance. The selections seemed aimed at older children, but the attendance and applause was tremendous.

The concert also featured the Plymouth Suzuki Society. The Society uses the Suzuki method to teach violin, and the results were quite impressive. More advanced students up to age 12 were able to play relatively complex pieces but students as young as three years old did a very credible job with "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." They performed with poise in front of the packed Salem High auditorium and clearly stole the show.

On Sunday afternoon, the Symphony repeated the three selections played at the Children's Concert, this time without the conductors comments. But, the highlight of the afternoon was "Amahl and the Night Visitors," a one-act opera written by Gian Carlo Menotti in 1951 for the National Broadcasting Company for television production.

Amahl is the story of a poor crippled boy and his widowed mother and their encounter with three kings who are following a strange star in the sky to bring gifts to the child whose birth it announces. The family has nothing to give the kings, but Amahl gathers the shepherds who live nearby to sing and dance for the kings, thus giving them the only gifts the poor village has. When the shepherds leave, the kings sleep, and Amahl's mother is so overcome with the vast wealth the kings carry that she tries to steal a little to help her son. She is caught, but the kings, realizing her plight, offer it to her, but only after explaining that it is for the Savior, the child they seek.

The mother is overwhelmed by this and gives back the gold for them to take to the

Savior. Amahl, also wishing to give something, offers his crutch, and suddenly can walk, run, and dance. He personally wants to thank the child whose birth has worked this miracle, and the opera ends with Amahl and the three kings following the star.

Menotti wrote the opera for a stage production, preferring the symbolic simplicity of the stage to the versatility of the television screen. In keeping with Menotti's intent, the David Aiken Company, which presented Sunday's performance, used only the interior of Amahl's hut as a set. But this allows a creative use of the entire auditorium in the performance. The kings entered from the balcony, much to the awe and delight of the children seated there, and the shepherds entered from the back of the main floor.

This was an effective way to involve the audience in the performance.

Amahl was played by Gian Carlo Vellutino, a very talented performer at age 11, who brought a light-hearted humor to the role of the crippled shepherd. Rosemary Kuhlmann, as Amahl's mother, was outstanding as the worried widow trying to take care of her son. She provided the opera's most dramatic and moving scenes when she tries to convince the kings that Amahl is the child they seek and as she struggles with herself in her decision to take some of the king's riches.

Richard Knoll, David Aiken, and Kevin Langan brought balance to the performance as the kings in search of the Savior. The chorus and dancers were drawn from local talent and were directed by Oliver Wagner.

The performance was sold out, but snow and ice kept many from attending. Those that made it were well rewarded for their efforts.

The next performance of the Plymouth Symphony is on Jan. 27, 1980, and features violist Margaret K. Lang in the William Walton Concerto for Viola and Orchestra. Tickets are \$4 and are available from Beitner Jewelry in Plymouth.

Teacher takes trip to China

Joe Taylor, a teacher at Field Elementary School, has been given a 90-day sabbatical leave to tour China.

After his visit, Taylor said, "I envision setting up a Chinese classroom for Plymouth-Canton students."

Taylor and his wife will visit "as many classrooms as possible" during their stay and want to study the work habits, lifestyle, and school curriculum of the Chinese people. "I want to bring back as many Chinese articles as I can including, students' work, texts, artwork, minerals, shells, and even a Chinese Coke bottle," he said.

To help arrange the visit, Taylor has been corresponding with a dean at a Chinese university who had studied at the University of Michigan.

Taylor's sabbatical, which will start in March, 1980, was approved at last Monday night's Board of Education meeting

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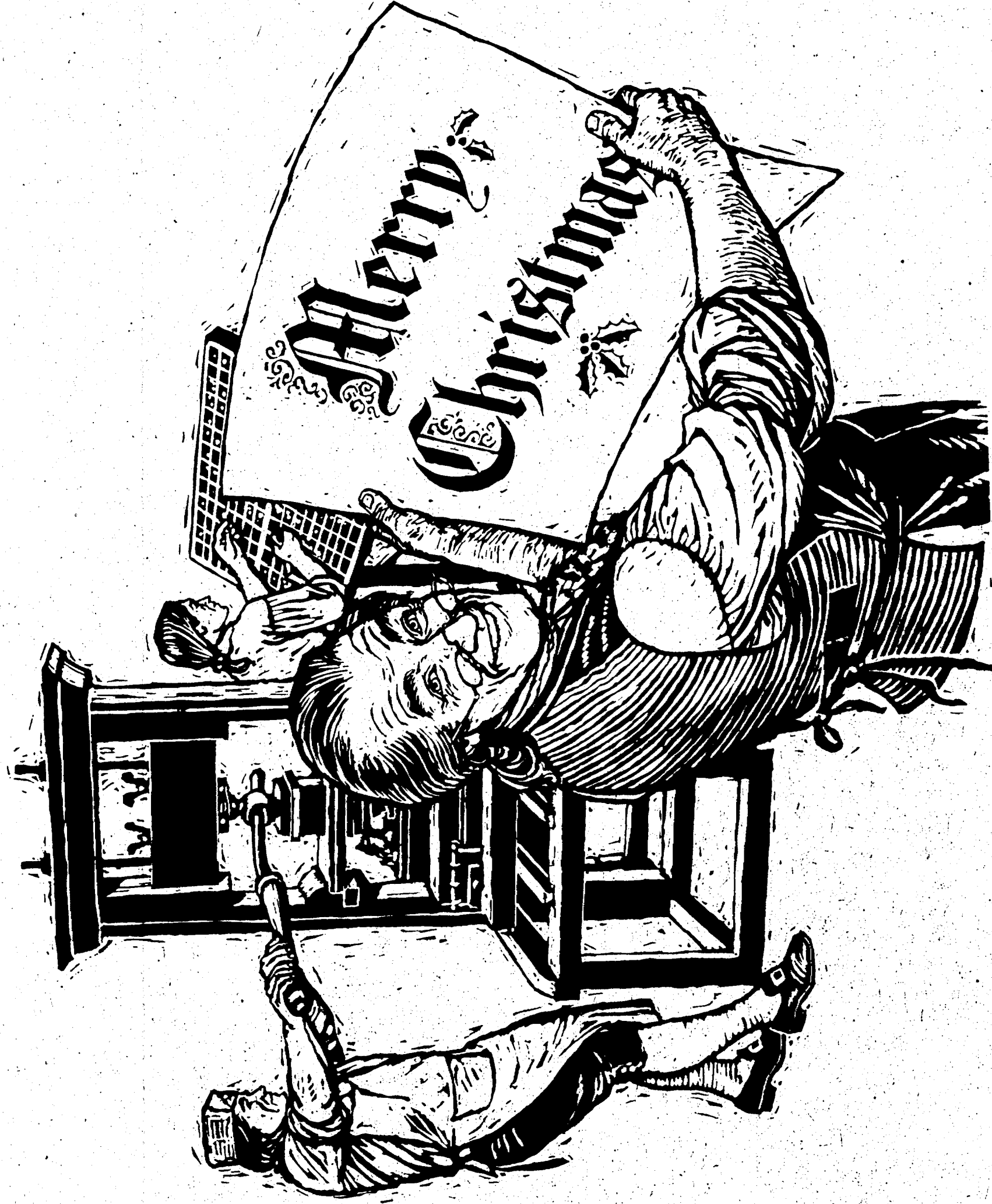
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Sports

Canton names new gridiron coach

BY MIKE HENSHAW

Richard Barr, a physical education teacher at Canton, has been named the new Canton varsity football coach, replacing Dave Schuele, who resigned at the end of this season.

At a press conference held Friday afternoon, Canton principal Kent Buikema introduced the 39-year-old Barr by saying he was "very pleased that Dick has accepted our head coaching position." He said that Barr would satisfy the need for a year-long program at Canton and would be able to develop a better relationship with the students and between the Canton and Salem football programs.

Barr, a Canton resident, learned that he had been chosen over four other candidates last Wednesday night. He is a graduate of Detroit MacKenzie High School and the University of Detroit. His 15 years of coaching experience began at MacKenzie in 1964 as a reserve assistant coach and he served as the reserve head coach at Mackenzie in 1966 and 1967. In 1968 and 1969 he was a varsity assistant coach at Detroit St. Andrew High School.

Barr and his family, wife Beverly and daughters Michelle, 12, and Jennifer, 9, moved to the district in 1970. He was the 7th grade coach at East Middle that year and the 9th grade coach at Central Middle school in 1971. Barr then served as the Salem junior varsity coach from 1972-1976 before becoming a varsity assistant to Salem coach Tom Moshimer in 1977, a position he held up through this year.

Barr was the defensive coordinator at

Salem and was in charge of the offensive backs and the kicking game. He described his new position as an "exciting challenge" and said he was anxious to get started.

"I am very pleased to be here. I feel fortunate to get the job," Barr said. "I think that there is talent in the school and there are a lot of things I want to do to improve the program."

Barr listed the selection of his seven assistant coaches and the beginning of a weight-lifting program for next year's players as his top priorities. He said that Bob Khoenle, an assistant to Schuele last season, would be back but that he had not yet decided on any of the remaining six

assistant-coach openings.

He plans to install a wishbone offense similar to that of Salem and said that his team would attend, along with Salem, the Midland football camp in mid August.

He takes over a program that, under Schuele's four-year direction, compiled a 6-30 overall record and this year went 0-9. Schuele, a Livonia resident and teacher at Highland Park High School, labeled the daily traveling and constant changes in his coaching staff as the reasons for his resignation.

He denied that parental pressure was a factor in his resignation although a group of parents were calling for a new coach within the district to be hired.



RICHARD BARR

Rock cagers win again

BY KEN VOYLES

Effort made the difference last weekend as the Salem cagers knocked off Suburban Eight League basketball opponent Dearborn Edsel Ford, 68-55 at the Salem gym.

Senior Howard Monk and sophomore Scott Bublin turned in the strongest efforts for the Rocks, tallying 21 points and 16 points, respectively. Monk and Bublin were also key men on the offensive and defensive boards for Salem.

"I'm fairly satisfied with the win. We're 2-0 in the league now," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "You have to have at least seven players on a team and I think we have good talent at those seven positions. Our job will be to develop that talent."

Bublin came off the bench in the first quarter and quickly pumped in eight points to

help the Rocks to a 16-7 first quarter margin.

"We took them (Edsel Ford) out of their game plan early on. We played good basketball in the first quarter. Our defense worked well also. When the defense breaks down you lose your concentration," said Thomann.

In the final eight minutes of play it was touch and go for the Rocks as a tough Edsel Ford team took over the tempo of the game and slowly closed the gap. The trend had started in the third quarter and continued through the first four minutes of the fourth quarter. Edsel Ford pulled within five points 50-45 with just over five minutes remaining to play.

Monk turned things around for the Rocks when he brought the house down with a breakaway slam dunk. After that basket Salem seemed assured of the win.

"We lost our concentration in the fourth quarter. You need to play a full 32 minutes out on the court and I think we only played 25 minutes," Thomann said.

Besides Monk and Bublin, senior Rob Neu tossed in nine points, senior Jim Anderson had eight and Mike Sharp tallied six.

Salem's junior varsity demolished Edsel Ford, 56-34.



SENIOR JIM ANDERSON brings the ball up court for Salem during its clash with Suburban Eight League for Dearborn Edsel Ford. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)



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Houle paces Chief cagers

BY MIKE HENSHAW

Canton got 16 points from junior Sean Houle and 13 points from senior Brad Westin and survived periods of sloppy play to post a 58-54 Western Six league victory over Northville Friday night.

The Chiefs enter Thursday's Christmas tournament game against Livonia Stevenson with a 2-0 mark, 1-0 in the Western Six.

Canton coach Craig Bell, although pleased with the important league win, believed that his team was capable of playing better basketball.

"It wasn't a very well played game," Bell said. "We had a lot of turnovers and missed freethrows and did not play very good inside defense."

The Chiefs led at the half 29-24, despite 11 points by Dave Ward, the Mustangs' 6-6 center. The first quarter ended in a 15-15 deadlock.

Northville fought back in the third quarter, outscoring the Chiefs 15-8 to take a 39-37 lead into the final stanza.

Two freethrows by Houle tied it at 39-39, and the lead then exchanged hands five times before Northville took a 47-45 lead on a basket by Mike Wagner with four minutes left in the game.

Senior co-captain Dave Visser's two freethrows tied it up for Canton with 3:34 remaining and then the Chiefs turned three Mustang turnovers into six quick points to take a 53-47 lead at the 2:17 mark. Junior Dave Malek and senior Scott Adler connected on 20 footers and then Adler found Houle open for an easy lay-up to give Canton its final lead.

"That was the turning point," said Northville coach Tim Lutes. "We fought to a two-point lead and then after they tied it up, lost the ball three straight times."

The Mustangs pulled to within one at 53-52 when the Chiefs committed three turnovers of their own, but a basket by Westin and two freethrows by Adler and one by Visser after Northville was forced to foul with time running out sealed the victory.

In addition to Houle and Westin's 29 points, the Chiefs got 10 points from Adler and nine from Visser. Malek added six points and Dave Ursa and Ken Vankirk added two points each.

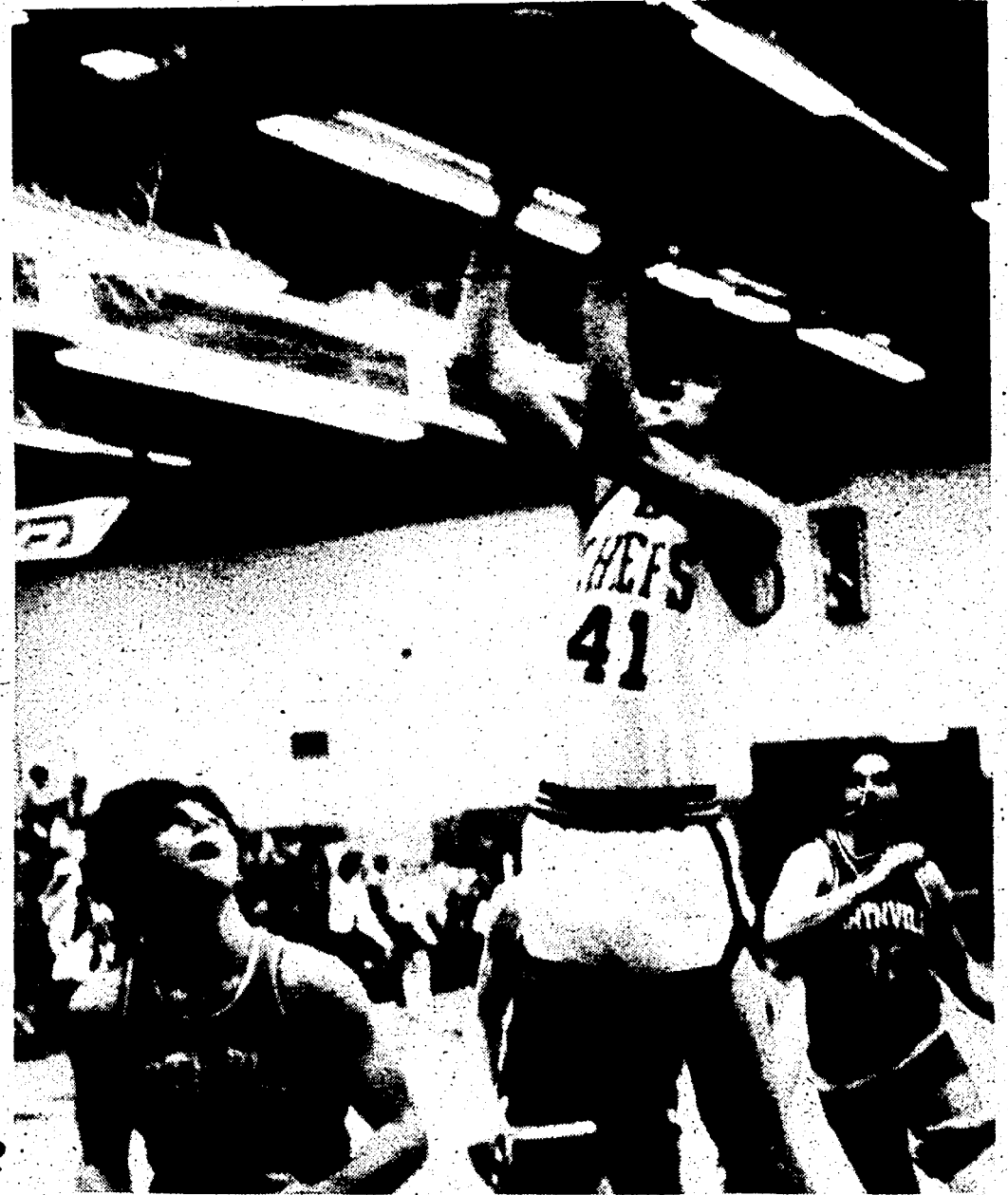
Dave Greer came off the bench to lead Northville with 16 points and Wagner and Ward each scored 12 points. The Mustangs connected on 20 of 26 freethrows while the Chiefs made good on only 16 of 30 attempts.

"We held together when they made a run at us," said Bell. "We were able to find the open man down the stretch when we had to."

The Chiefs face Stevenson tomorrow night at 7 p.m. in the opening game of the annual Christmas tournament, held this year at Salem, before facing their CEP counterpart Friday night at 8:30 p.m. in the second round.

The junior varsity Chiefs also upped their record to 2-0 by destroying Northville 72-39. Tom Harris led Canton with 14 points, followed by Don Dombay and Steve Tuttle with 12 points each and Jerry Slaton with 11.

"We had great defensive intensity," said coach Dave Van Wagoner. "Our defense led to a lot of easy lay-up baskets."



CANTON'S SEAN HOULE (41) pumps in a one handed jumper while two Northville players look on. Houle paced the Chiefs offensive attack against the Mustangs and led them to the Western Six League victory. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)

Open gym time available

The Plymouth Department of Parks and Recreation will once again this year sponsor an Open Gym at Central Middle School.

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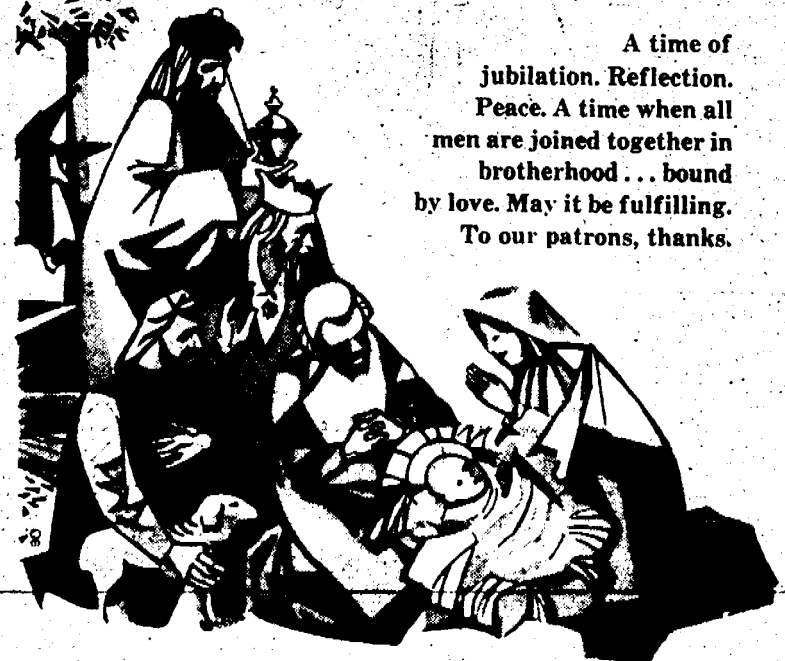


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Basically by Ken Voyles

This is the continuing saga of my high school basketball education.

To tell you all the truth I never really enjoyed this game of basketball either in my youth or early adulthood. However, for the past two weeks my mind has been radically changing.

It all started with the Salem girls and their fine effort at the district and regional competition. I noticed right from the start how good the game is from the spectators' view. That is the view I take when watching the cagers in action. Being with the press is nice. I get to sit right down on the floor and check out the action.

Being a basketball spectator or a sports reporter really doesn't matter. What matters is the ability to watch the game closely and notice the finer elements.

Basketball is a game of surges, said Salem boys coach Fred Thomann after his cagers had defeated Edsel Ford. The idea is to extend your own surge as long as possible while holding the other team's to a minimum.

I agree. That is a good starting point when trying to learn the game from the viewer's angle. One team dumps in five quick baskets just eating up the floor. The other charges back as best as possible and so it goes.

I think highly of coach Thomann but that view doesn't satisfy me completely. I tend to look at things, especially sports in a more subtle way. I like the minor points. What I'm trying to say is I like to abstract sports, including basketball.

So what do I see? What do I look for? Being fairly uneducated in the sport, I watch the players. I watch their moves, their expressions, their joys and their pains. I follow the ebb and flow of the game in that fashion.

Howard Monk, for example, is a very exciting player to watch even when he is not directly in the action. He works full-time on the court.

That's just an example, nothing more. Another thing I do is try to understand the coach's tactics for the game, for the quarter or just for an inbounds pass.

There are a lot of tricks in the game and it can be deceiving to watch. Nothing more than a quick change of defense can be confusing to the eye. But no matter what, I have to go back to the dance metaphor.

Even when the action looks confused and very anarchistic, in reality the players' moves all seem to fit; like gears, like clockwork. I would imagine that's what Thomann or coach Craig Bell tries to do with five individuals. Work them until they have that clockwork, or until the Rob Neu's and the Scott Alders can think together.

Well, so far I've seen both Salem basketball squads and nothing of Canton.

My able assistant Mike Henshaw has covered the Chiefs for me so far. I'm still in the education stage and still a little awed at the ability the Plymouth cagers possess on the courts.

I understand basketball has quite a tradition with the two schools, both in the boys version and the girls. Great.

I look forward to seeing the Chiefs basketball style. I am familiar with the Rocks and becoming more so with every game. Now it's Canton's turn. I shall see the Chiefs for the first time at the Christmas Classic this Thursday and Friday.

Speaking of the tournament, it should be some very exciting high school basketball. The likes of Canton, Salem, Stevenson, and Churchill in the same gym can only be outstanding.

The Spartans (my old alma mater) will come on strong especially against its cross-city rival Churchill. And Salem and Canton. Hang on to your seat.

Still rambling on about basketball I must mention my first experience watching junior varsity basketball. I arrived early for the Rocks Friday night game and caught the final quarter of the JV struggle.

The game is the same but I really think the action is faster. It's still a game of surges more or less, but speed is a big part for the JV squads. Coach Bob Blohm has a fine starting five on his 1979 edition, but the team lacks depth. They should still have a strong season and give Salem some players it will need in the future.

Blackhawks win tourney

The Plymouth-Canton Blackhawks of the Bantam B Hockey League won a Thanksgiving Tournament in Novi last weekend by defeating all four of its opponents.

A goal by John Foley with 16 seconds left in the championship game with Southfield gave the Blackhawks the tournament. The final score in the game was 6-5.

The team sports a 16-2-2 overall record and is among the top squads in the Inter-City Hockey League in the Bantam Division.

Among the players on the Blackhawk team, Tom Smith, Mike Miller, Mike Doumanion, Scott Oldfield, Ray Trapamier and Jon Belhart boast 20 or more points for the season. In goal for the squad is Bob Mount, with four shutouts to his credit.

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JUNIOR VARSITY wrestler Dave Naples takes a breather after his match against Northville Friday. The J.V. Chiefs also lost to the Mustangs, 42-21. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)

Salem wins Westland tourney

The Salem wrestling team registered 213 team points Saturday to beat 15 other schools and win the Westland John Glenn Invitational tournament. Glenn was second with 172 points. Canton placed ninth.

Rock wrestlers captured two first-place finishes, three second places, two third places, two fourths and a fifth to score in 11 of the 14 weight classes.

Salem's Jim Schultz finished first for Salem in the 105 pound division, as did Mark Ross at 126 pounds. Schultz was later named the tournament's outstanding wrestler.

Second place finishes for the Rocks were recorded by Jeff Brown (119 pounds), Scott Piper (155 pounds), and Marty Piper (185 pounds).

Coming in third for Salem were Jerry Valchine (138 pounds) and Steve Szilagyi (167 pounds).

Jeff Vojeck (98 pounds) and Stan Snider (198 pounds) each placed fourth for the Rocks, and Jeff Dunson came in fifth at 112 pounds. Salem failed to place in only the 145 pound and heavyweight categories.

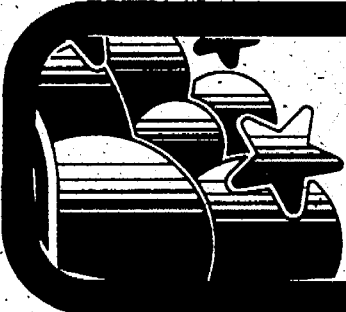
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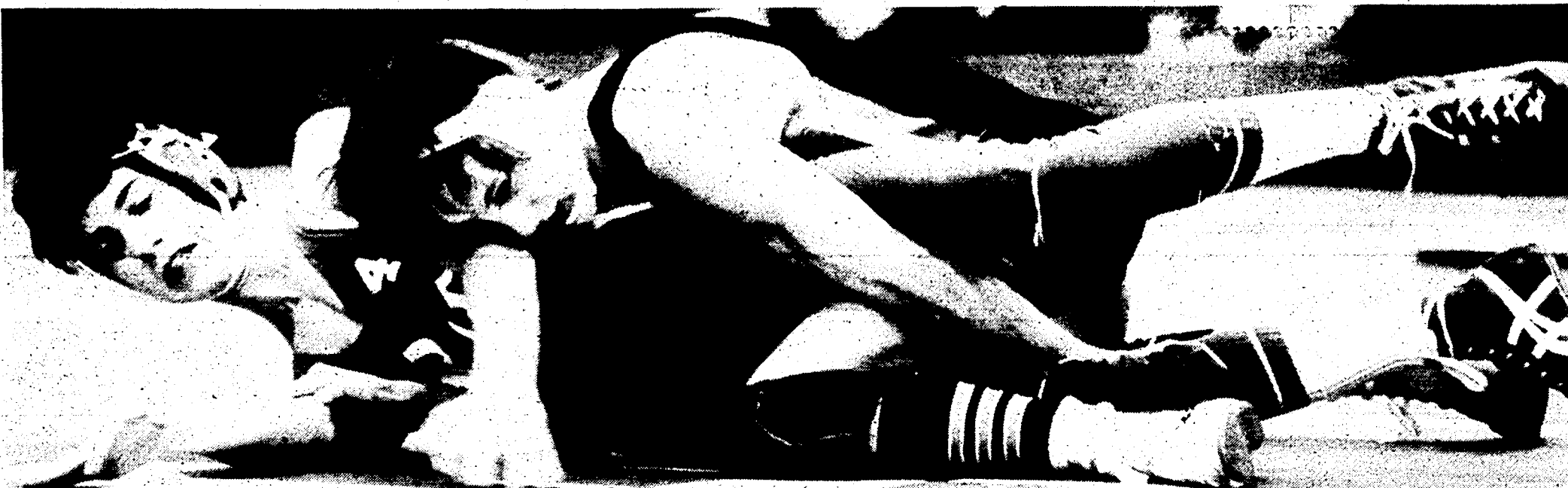
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CANTON SOPHOMORE Brett Haarala struggles to escape from the grasp of his Northville opponent Friday night. The Chiefs lost the close Western Six league contest, 38-31, to the Mus-

tangs. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)

Salem wins John Glenn tournament, Canton ninth

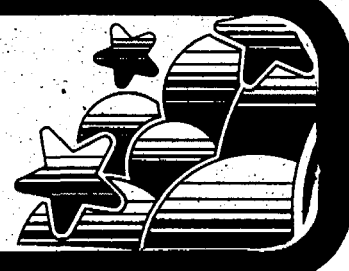
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pounds and Dave Bennett at 138 pounds. Paul Mooney (185 pounds), Steve Hamblin (145 pounds), and Todd Bartlett (98 pounds) each finished in sixth place.

Thursday night Canton lost a tough Western Six league dual meet to Northville, 38-31. Salem's scheduled contest with Allen Park was canceled.
Winners for Canton were Bartlett at 98

pounds, Tim Racer at 132 pounds, Bennett at 138 pounds, Hamblin at 145 pounds, and Mooney at 185 pounds. The Chiefs led 31-26 going into the final two matches, but the Northville heavyweight wrestlers came up

with consecutive pins to win the meet.
Canton wrestles West Bloomfield Wednesday while Salem will compete in the Wayne Invitational tournament Saturday.

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Chief swimmers win

The Canton boys swim team opened its dual meet season Thursday with an easy 117-53 victory over Redford Union.

"It wasn't much of a test," said first year Canton coach Bill Hahn. "They were a very weak team. We had some pretty good performances and showed a definite improvement from the RU invitational in some of our times."

The Chiefs won nine of the 11 events, despite swimming without all-american tri-captain Paul Petersen, who was ill.

Jeff Seipple, Ron Hurley, Dave Smith, and Mike Sherwood combined to win the 200-yard medley relay event for Canton with a time of 1:52.7.

The Chief 400-yard relay team of Bob Simrack, Keith Greenleaf, Troy Haarala,

and Sherwood also took first-place honors.

Individual firsts for Canton were recorded by Simrack in the 200-yard freestyle (1:58.31) and 500-yard freestyle (5:23) events, Seipple in the 100-yard backstroke (1:05.01), Hurley in the 100-yard butterfly (:59.94), and Sherwood in the 50-yard freestyle (:23.9).

The Chiefs, defending Western Six league champions, open Jan. 8 league competition against Northville, who, with 13 returning swimmers from last year's 12-0 team, have to be considered favorites to repeat this season.

Petersen, a senior, heads the list of returnees. Last year's state champion in the 100-yard butterfly and breaststroke events, Hahn says he can swim in any event he is

needed.

Tri-captains along with Petersen are seniors Greenleaf and Smith. Greenleaf will swim the 500-yard freestyle event along with the 400-yard relay and Smith will compete in the 50-yard freestyle and 200-yard medley relay events.

Other returning seniors include Haarala (freestyle), Seipple (backstroke), Jeff Rice (freestyle), Pat Gilligan (freestyle).

Juniors back are Vince Tobin (butterfly) and Ryan Smith (breaststroke), and returning sophomores include Simrack (freestyle), Hurley (butterfly), Steve Gaggi (diving), and Pete Stern (freestyle).

Sherwood, a senior transfer student from Belleville, will swim freestyle for the Chiefs also.

Cage classic at Salem gym

There will be plenty of good high school basketball tomorrow and Friday at the Salem gym as the two Plymouth high schools host the 1979 edition of the Christmas Basketball Classic.

Salem and Canton will go head-to-head with Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Churchill in two days of action. The tournament rules have changed slightly since the first classic was held some eight years ago.

This season, as with last year, the four teams will each play two other teams. There will be no out-right tourney champion -- just four good basketball games.

On Thursday, at 6:30 p.m. Canton will battle Stevenson followed by Salem and Churchill at 8 p.m. Tickets for both night are \$1. On Friday, the two rivals will play each other: Churchill and Stevenson will battle first at 6:30 followed by the Rocks and the Chiefs at 8 p.m.

Salem is 3-0 right now, while Canton is 2-0, Stevenson is 2-1 and the Chargers from Churchill are 1-2.

"The basketball tradition at these four schools has been tremendous," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "We set the tournament up so that we would have a natural rivalry for the last night of play. I think this tournament has pretty good merit."

It will then be possible for two schools to each win two games. Salem captured two games last year when the tournament was held at Churchill. The Rocks defeated Canton and Churchill. Thomann, however, stresses the no-winner angle of the classic.

"It's always been good basketball at the classic. Redford Thurston used to be in it but dropped out so now we have four very fine teams all of which have been conference champions in the past few years."

Plymouth basketball standings

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"B" LEAGUE GIRLS

T-Birds	3-0
Apollos	2-1
Wings	2-1
Dolphins	2-1
76ers	1-2
Blues	1-2
Stars	1-2
Flyers	0-3

Results: T-Birds 19, Wings 17; Blues 25, Flyers 14; Stars 19, Apollos 17; Dolphins 24, 76ers 20.

AA LEAGUE GIRLS

Jets	3-0
Cubs	1-2
Flames	1-2
Jays	1-2

Results: Jays 31, Flames 20; Jets 42, Cubs 27.

"B" LEAGUE BOYS

AMERICAN

Bulldogs	3-0
Knicks	3-0
Sonics	3-0
Celtics	2-1
Lakers	2-1

Chargers	1-2
Rocks	0-3
Mustangs	0-3
Royals	0-3

NATIONAL

Cougars	3-0
76ers	3-0
Bulls	2-1
Hawks	2-1
Pistons	1-2
Stags	1-2
Trojans	1-2
Bullets	1-2
Nats	1-2
Warriors	0-3

Results: Lakers 30, Royals 18; Bulldogs 28, Mustangs 18; Bullets 37, Stags 31; Celtics 46, Chargers 27; Hawks 32, Warriors 24; Knicks 40, Darts 32; 76ers 53, Pistons 34; Nats 35, Trojans 26; Cougars 25, Bulls 17; Sonics 39, Rocks 20.

"AA" LEAGUE BOYS

Wolverines	4-0
Badgers	3-1
Spartans	3-1
Hoosiers	2-1
Hawkeyes	1-3
Gophers	1-3

Wildcats	0-3
Boilermakers	0-3
Results: Badgers 37, Hoosiers 22; Hawkeyes 55, Boilermakers 45; Wolverines 58, Gophers 40; Spartans 54, Wildcats 38.	

"A" LEAGUE BOYS

AMERICAN

Knicks	3-0
Royals	3-0
Mustangs	2-1
Rocks	2-1
Celtics	1-2
Lakers	1-2
Chargers	0-3

NATIONAL

Pistons	3-0
Bullets	2-1
Bulls	2-1
Cougars	1-2
Nats	1-2
76ers	1-2
Sonics	0-3
Warriors	0-3
Results: Mustang 31, 76ers 28; Royals 40, Warriors 26; Lakers 25, Cougars 24; Knicks 28, Nats 25; Celtics 28, Sonics 23; Bulls 37, Stags 26; Pistons 50, Rocks 44; Bullets 43, Chargers 16.	



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by Barbara M. Olson

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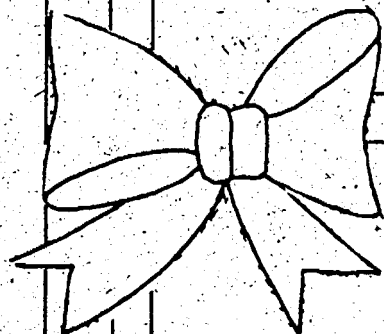
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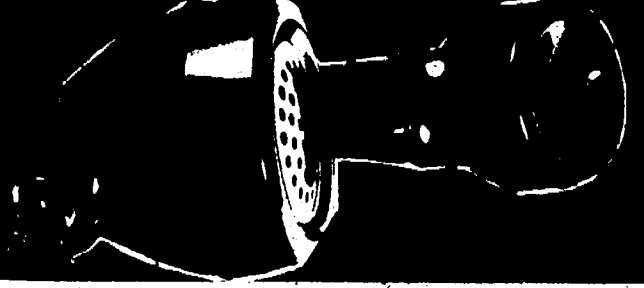
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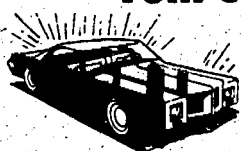
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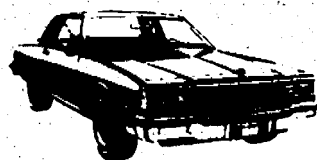
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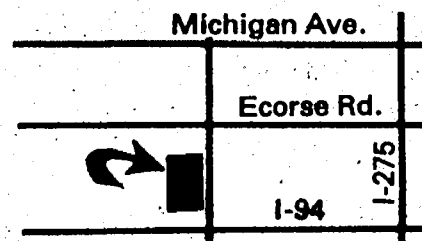
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 Your Kristkindl

ASK CHAS what happens when there is an exception to the basic math rule, "the whole equals the sum of the parts" -- or in his case a car that's running.

RICH, you should have opened that bottle during the second game, -- a nice gesture on your part, letting your wife win!

SALLY ROBY: when you're tired of just sitting home, call Wendover for a job.

JEFF HORTON (& Sam) were up measuring for Santa Claus . . . will he fit?

WHEN driving's slippery, there's one slight hitch, but if you lose it, just hit the ditch!

Curiosities

JESSICA eats coffee cake.

MARGARET BIDWELL is older again. We won't say how old because last year she got mad when we said she was 40 . . . or was it 30 . . . maybe 50? (And D.R. has fallen arches).

Don't tell me -- I'll figure it out . . . December, right? Now, could somebody tell me where the office is? - Uncle Mike.

BARB does not like Jamie T. or Dave F.!

IBI - have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Love SKIBI.

A certain artsy & expensive architect is a little older today. Happy B-day E. in O.V.!

Ma - I hung your Christmas ornaments on my three-foot ivy. Quite decorative. All I need now is a Perry Como Christmas record . . . I'm dreamin' . . .

It's time for **Pat McKercher** to pig out on maple cookies. Must be he's another year older.

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To our **KRISTKINDL**, the Fredrick Family "The peace of the Lord."

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"June 23. Public Notice! I, Jim Mulligan, no longer have a sewing machine for sale. I smashed it. Don't call 555-1212 as the phone has been taken out. I have not been carrying on with Mrs. Kelly. Until last week she was my housekeeper.

Merry Christmas to Fred & Mary Carne, & Dorothy Cavin in Canton.

Dany & Ken: It's not just Barb, we've got pictures of you, too . . .
 North Blighters

Hi T.V., Georgee D., Georgee C., Lambkins, Snowie, Merry Christmas from Celery.

Merry Christmas Pat & Erick from Mike, Denise, Kim, Mark, Callie, Julio, Kilo, Meatball, Bob, Fidel and Honkie.

Turkey with a Straw, Roast Beef with a spoon . . . what's next?

Charleston S.C.? Hmmm.

LaVerne, thanks for covering my vacation, I told you it wasn't easy putting up with the staff.

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I wish they all could be California Girls . . .

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY COMMISSION

Monday, January 7, 1980

Notice is hereby given that the Plymouth City commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 7, 1980, at 7:30 p.m., in the Commission chamber of the City Hall regarding past, present, and future Community Development Block Grant Program funding uses.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites the submission of sealed bids on TWO LIBRARY BOOK SECURITY SYSTEMS for use in the schools of the district. Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. on the 7th day of January 1980, at the Board of Education Building, 454 South Harvey Street, Plymouth, Michigan at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. Specifications and bid form may be obtained at the Purchasing Office. The right to reject any and/or all bids is reserved. Any bid submitted will be binding for thirty days subsequent to the date of bid opening.

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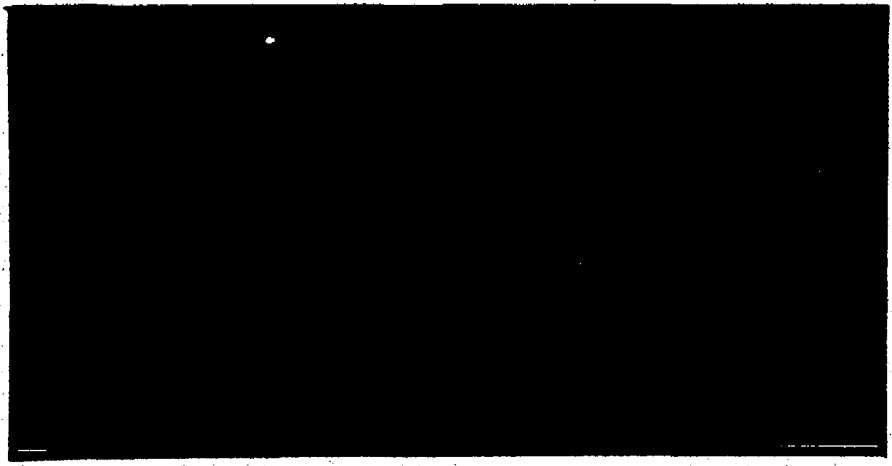
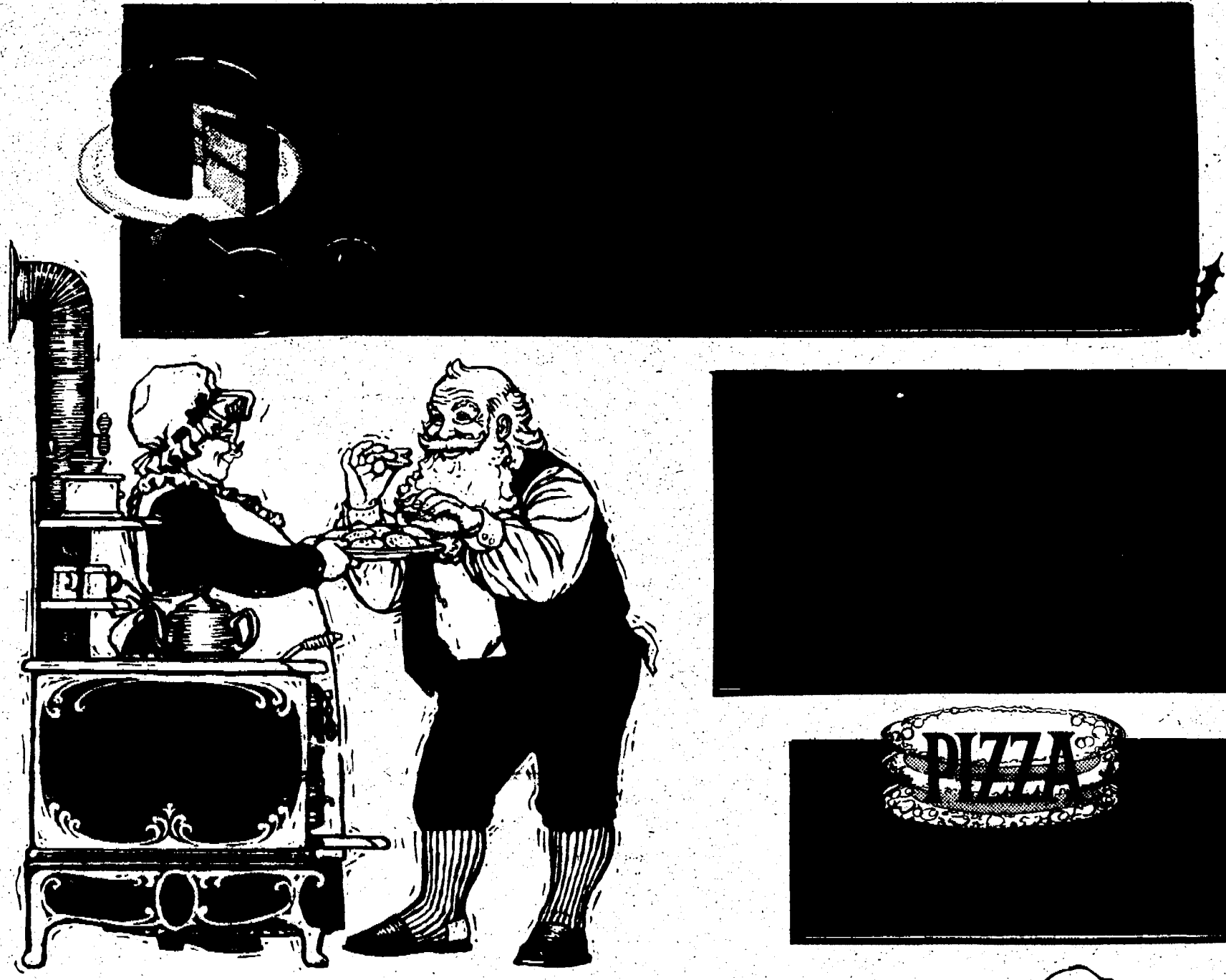
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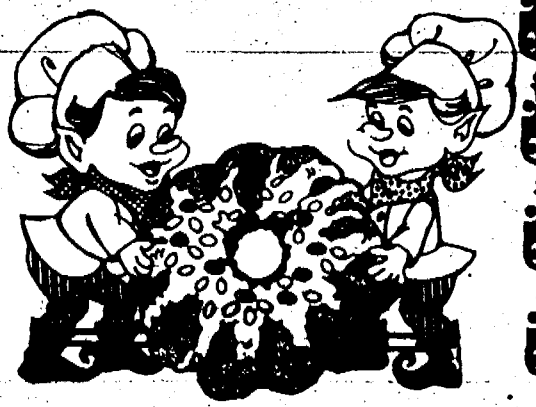
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