



Twp. favors signing police service contract

BY CHAS CHILD

Plymouth Township will probably not start its own police force, said Supervisor Maurice Breen.

"I do not want to commit ourselves to a big command force," said Breen after a meeting last Monday called to hear public comments on the township's police problem.

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners has announced that it will cease funding police patrols in the township on Feb. 1, 1981. Since May, the county sheriff's department has patrolled the township under a special contract.

Breen, trying to ensure no interruption of police protection, said he is leaning toward signing a contract with another municipality for police service.

"The most natural choice would be the City of Plymouth," said Breen, adding, though, that he has looked into the possibility of hiring police from other surrounding communities as well.

The township Board of Trustees is scheduled to decide which way to proceed on the question at its Jan. 6 meeting; he added.

Breen said that the chances are good that the sheriff will be granted an injunction from the court that would delay the end of the sheriff's patrol beyond Feb. 1.

At last Monday's meeting, some citizens suggested that the township may need a

service force eventually, so it might as well start building it now. "The longer we procrastinate, the harder it's going to get," said William Brown, a Michigan State Police officer who lives in the township. "You can abolish your force if it doesn't work."

Bill Keen, of Walnut Creek subdivision, however, said "I think we should contract with the city (of Plymouth) rather than duplicate services."

A third view was expressed by Jim Akhtar, of the sheriff's department. He said Sheriff William Lucas is fighting in court the board of commissioners' decision to eliminate county road patrol.

"The contract you have is with the sheriff, not the board of commissioners," said Akhtar. "The sheriff has no intention of leaving the township without protection. I don't think it's practical for the township to start its own force."

"We've received termination," replied Trustee Gerald Law. "So any protection from the sheriff would have to be done under a new contract." So even if the sheriff wins in court, the township will have to renegotiate the contract, he added. "We'll have to go through the same one-year procedure. The administration of the county is not pro-sheriff. It would be hard to continue with the sheriff."

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Schools postpone leasing Lowell Junior High

BY PATRICIA BARTOLD

By a 6-1 vote last Monday night, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education postponed signing the lease agreement with the Livonia schools for Lowell Junior High School.

It was postponed for "more clarification" on labor language in the proposed agreement. The contract will be reconsidered at the board's next meeting, Monday, Jan. 12, after school administrators iron out these details.

Leasing Lowell from Livonia will help ease overcrowding in Plymouth-Canton schools. Located at 8400 Hix Rd. in Westland, the school will be used as a fifth middle school for Plymouth-Canton students. Plymouth-Canton will pay \$1 per square foot, totalling \$96,000 per year, for leasing it.

With 27 regular classrooms, Lowell can house from 850 to 960 students.

School board members, led by Trustee Steve Harper, questioned whether the proposed lease, which calls for Livonia custodians to maintain Lowell, would violate the contract with Plymouth-Canton custodians. "I feel uncomfortable with using their personnel," said Harper.

"I don't think it's such a hot deal. There are unresolved labor issues that haven't been explored. I'd prefer to talk about it now at the front end rather than go into arbitration later at the back end."

Trustee Glenn Schroeder also criticized the proposed agreement. "I wish we had

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Youth robbed

A 16-year old Plymouth youth was robbed of \$60 in front of the Plymouth Hilton Friday as he was going in to apply for a job, according to Wayne County sheriffs.

A man, described by police as 26-27 years old, six feet tall, with wire-rim glasses, called the youth over to his car and pulled out a 22-caliber gun with a six-inch barrel.

"Give me your wallet," he told the youth.

The suspect was driving a 1970-72 dark blue Mustang with a chrome strip missing on the driver's panel and rust around the wheels, said police. He was wearing Levis and a green Army jacket and his dark hair was combed back, said Det. Ed Lindberg.

Police are seeking more information on the case.

GROWTH

Schools wrestle with overflowing classrooms

BY PATRICIA BARTOLD

With a budget approaching \$40 million, the Plymouth-Canton school district qualifies as local big business -- and it is still growing.

Days of the little red schoolhouse image are long gone, says Dan White, finance director. Yet he doesn't sound nostalgic.

Plymouth-Canton's record growth has provided challenges for school officials, he says. "There's a certain esprit de corps. It's a problem-solving district."

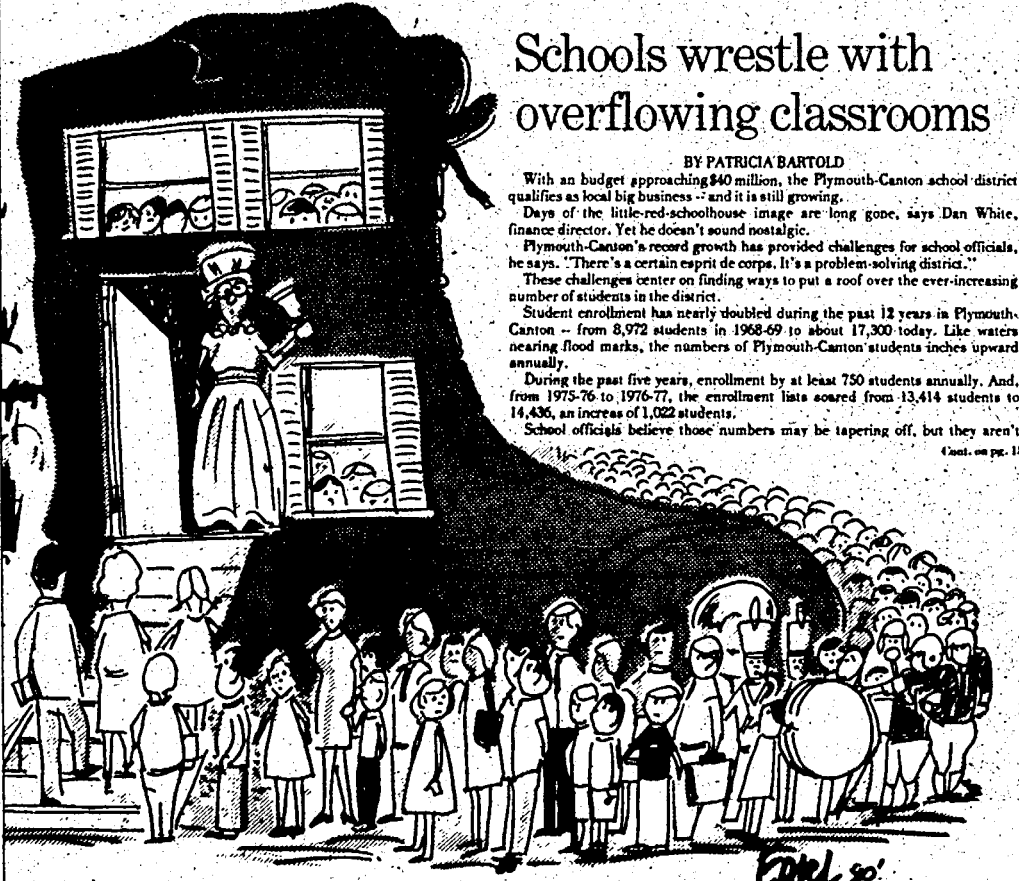
These challenges center on finding ways to put a roof over the ever-increasing number of students in the district.

Student enrollment has nearly doubled during the past 12 years in Plymouth-Canton -- from 8,972 students in 1968-69 to about 17,300 today. Like waters nearing flood marks, the numbers of Plymouth-Canton students inches upward annually.

During the past five years, enrollment by at least 750 students annually. And, from 1975-76 to 1976-77, the enrollment lists soared from 13,414 students to 14,436, an increase of 1,022 students.

School officials believe those numbers may be tapering off, but they aren't

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Growth in Plymouth-Canton

TOO MANY KIDS; NOT ENOUGH SCHOOLS. Just like the Old Lady Who Lived in a Shoe, above, who had "so many children she didn't know what to do," the Plymouth-Canton school district has enrolled more and more students each year. To read about growth in The Plymouth-Canton Community, turn to pg. 15. (Crier cartoon by Earl Lundine)

Tipsy drivers can get a lift

If you indulge a little too much in the bottled variety of holiday cheer this week, you may be able to get a ride from Canton law enforcement officers -- without the citation.

On Tuesday, Dec. 30, Canton ordinance officers will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. to transport anyone who has been drinking and doesn't want to drive home. Tipsy motorists should call 397-1000 between those hours for a ride.

After 5 p.m. on Dec. 30, as well as on New Year's Eve until midnight, Canton Police will be available for rides "from anywhere in Canton to anywhere in Canton," according to Lt. Larry Stewart. Motorists can call 397-3000 for police service on those dates.

Ordinance officers will also be available for rides on Jan. 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tune in Jan. 6 when our community stars on national TV -- See pg. 3

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ACTORS Karl Malden (seated left) and John Marley (seated at desk) are the only ones the camera sees, but they make up only part of the crowd in Marley's office. Marley plays managing editor Gorden Agee. (Daily Tribune photo by Dick Hunt)



MANY of the newspaper scenes were filmed at the Royal Oak Daily Tribune. Here, actors Ed Oldam (left) and David Regal (right), as cops, struggle with Karl Malden during a police search of the newsroom. (Daily Tribune photo by Dick Hunt)

Movie filmed in city to be on TV Jan. 6

Turn on your TV sets, Plymouth-Canton residents.

The-made-for-TV movie "Word of Honor," filmed in Plymouth in mid-September, will be aired Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 9 p.m. on Channel 2 (CBS).

The photographs on this page were taken by Dick Hunt, chief photographer for The Daily Tribune of Royal Oak, during the filming of the movie. One interesting note: While the film crew was setting up, shooting, and taking down, news reporters, editors, and photographers at The Daily Tribune

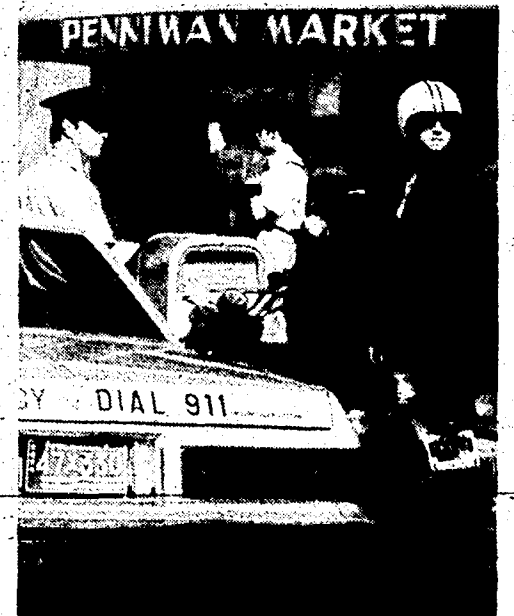
continued their work as they would normally, providing an authentic background for the setting of the story.

"Word of Honor" stars Karl Malden who portrays a reporter waging a battle to keep his sources secret during a murder trial. The movie is produced by Alex Karras and Susan Clark, his wife.

Filming for "Word of Honor" also took place in Kellogg Park and many local residents crowded into the park to appear in the shots.




'WORD OF HONOR' features a beauty pageant scene filmed in Plymouth's Kellogg Park. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)



A STREET scene on Penniman Avenue during filming of the movie. (Crier photo)

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Housing plans under review

BY PATRICIA BARTOLD

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will review proposed plans for housing students next fall at its workshop, Monday, Jan. 5.

Two new plans will be reviewed. The first, proposed by Supt. John M. Hoben calls for "phasing-in" sixth graders at middle schools. This would mean some elementary schools would house kindergarteners through fifth graders while others would house kindergarteners through sixth graders.

Also, some middle schools would house sixth through ninth graders while others would house seventh through ninth graders.

School board Trustee Tom Yack has proposed an alternative to the "phase-in" plan. Basically, his plan calls for placing a fifth elementary school, possibly Smith School, on the Extended School Year (ESY) calendar. His plan also calls for adding portable classrooms at both Smith and Gallimore schools.

Yack's plan was proposed as an alternative to Hoben's. Yack has criticized Hoben's plan, saying it would create unequal educational opportunities for some students in the school district.

Both plans were to be run through computers to find out which alternative would cause the least disruption to students in the district.

To house students next fall, the school board plans to realign the grades so that elementary schools would house K-6, middle

schools would house 7-9, and the high schools would house 10-12 grades. The plan also calls for putting more elementary schools on ESY and renting Lowell Junior High School from the Livonia school district.

However, Hoben told the school board recently that the original plan for housing students may not be adequate.

Hoben said a phase-in plan for middle schools would help relieve overcrowding at some elementary schools where the "housing crunch will hit the hardest."

Fourth, fifth, and sixth grade classes have more students enrolled than other classes, creating a "bubble," said Hoben. This "bubble" will cause some elementary schools to be overcrowded even if more schools are placed on ESY, said Hoben.


Both Yack's and Hoben's proposals were sent to a computer company, contracted with the school district, for programming.

The school board has also said "centrums" shouldn't be used as classrooms at Fiegel, Tanger, and Isbister schools. A "centrum" is a large area between two other classrooms which had been used as a classroom at Fiegel until some parents objected recently.

The board will consider housing plans at its workshop, Monday, Jan. 5, at school board offices, 454 S. Harvey St., Plymouth. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

School officials hope to finalize boundary changes for the 1981-82 school year by Feb. 1. A public hearing will be held before boundary changes are adopted.

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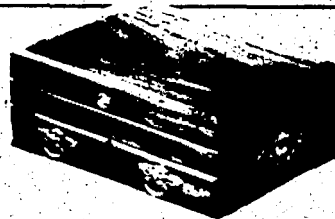
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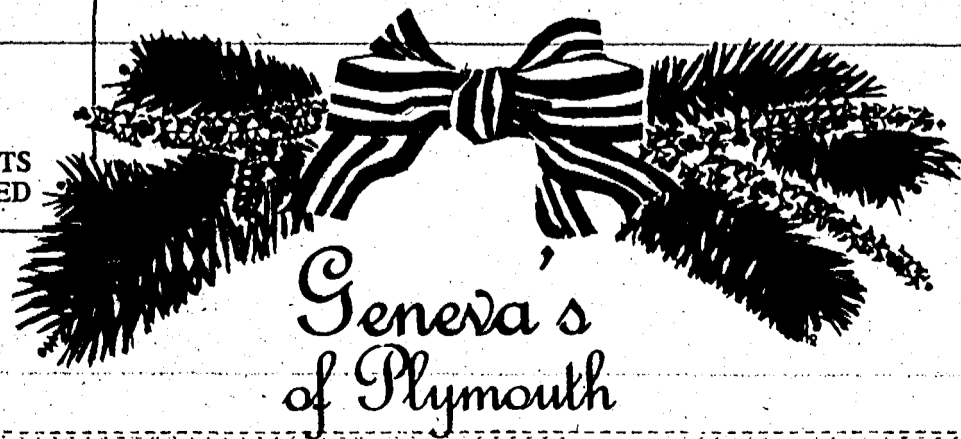
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Capital Cities assumes control

Omnicom changes hands

Capital Cities, Communications, majority owner of Plymouth-Canton's cable TV company, Omnicom, will assume active control of the firm.

Capital Cities announced that Peter Newell will ascend to the presidency of Omnicom on Jan. 1, 1981.

Current Omnicom president John Raines will step down Dec. 31. Raines and Hoarty & Raines Associates, Inc. will continue as cablevision consultants to Omnicom.

Capital Cities, which owns WJR radio station and other stations nationwide, had previously acquired 80 per cent of Omnicom of Michigan, Inc. from Hoarty & Raines, which founded Omnicom.

"One of my objectives will be to speed up the wiring of the community," said Newell. "There have been delays from the contractors. But I expect the City of Plymouth to be finished within a month. Plymouth Township will not be finished until March. And Canton I expect will be completed by the summer of 1981."

Newell added that he also expects to "solidify" plans for Omnicom's programming. "I intend to make it very locally oriented," he said. "The (system) concepts are valid now. It's a matter of fine-tuning them."

Newell was formerly the vice president and general manager of Capital Cities radio station KZLA in Los Angeles.

Woodmen Accident and Life Co. of Lincoln, Nebraska, has announced that of its 500 representatives, Pamela S. Nagy of Northville was the leading producer in the Sale of health insurance for October. Bruce Mirto, CLU of Plymouth, is the agency manager for the area.

getting down
to
business

Winners of the Old Village Shopping Spree have been announced by the Old Village Association.

During the drawing, held Dec. 15, first place was awarded to K. Babcock of Livonia, who won \$190 in gift certificates. Second place was won by Arlene Gorski of Livonia, who garnered \$105 in certificates, and third place of \$60 in gift certificates was won by Phyllis Evans of Canton.

A number of local businesses serve as bellwethers of the regional -- and even national -- economy.

One of these is Daisy Plastics of Canton, which formerly supplied parts to vacuum cleaner manufacturers.

Al Daly, who heads up Daisy, has always maintained he could gauge the economy's strength by the vacuum cleaner part orders. "I've always figured it's a barometer."

Right now, Daly says, "it's slow... because all the parts manufacturing has gone back to the factory."

To keep his plant busy, Daly has taken on manufacturing of key chain rings and picture frames.

But if Daisy Plastics is any indication of the smaller manufacturing companies in The Plymouth-Canton Community the economy's effects are being felt here.

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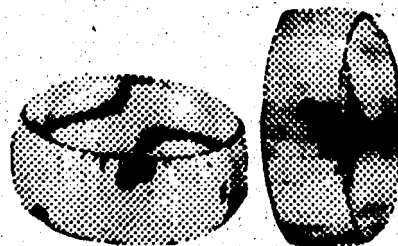
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NEARLY DESTROYED by the fire on Christmas Eve, the Pitts home in Canton was further ravaged by water and smoke damage. Until the family can make other living arrangements, they will be staying with friends in Garden City. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)

Fire destroys Canton home

About the only thing Bobby Pitts has to be thankful for is that his whole family got out of the house.

At 10 p.m. Christmas Eve, Pitts and his father-in-law, Delmar Johnson, smelled smoke in the Pitts house on Beck Road just north of Geddes. They called the Fire Department but the blaze apparently started between the floors of the two-story house and spread rapidly.

"We carried a few things out, but we couldn't get much," Pitts remembers. "That smoke gets to you pretty fast."

Luckily, the family evacuated the building in time and no one was hurt. "We lost a lot of personal stuff, but I got to thinking, everybody got out -- I feel a little bit better," said Pitts.

By the time Canton's Fire Department reached the house, the senior officer determined more water would be needed -- there are no hydrants in that area of the township. Van Buren and Superior Townships provided much-needed tanker trucks and manpower to fight the fire.

Damage was extensive, however. Sgt. Mike Rorabacher of the Canton Fire Department says although the lower floor of the house is still standing, "I'd hate to be the one to fix it." Smoke and water damage all but ruined everything in the house.

Rorabacher said a faulty stove pipe was

probably the cause of the first. "It runs up through the house," he explained. "It seemed to fail somewhere between the floors -- either by separating or splitting. Once the fire got between the floors, it was pretty tough to stop."

"I don't know about rebuilding the place," says Pitts. "I just don't think it's fixable." Until some temporary living arrangements on his property can be made, Pitts and his wife Jackie Sue and son Bobby Joe will be staying with friends in Garden City. "It was something else," he adds. "We all got out, though."

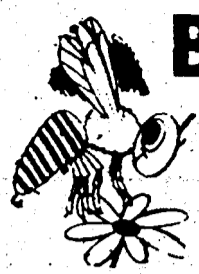
"That's the thing with those old farmhouses," says Rorabacher. "They're built really well, but they don't withstand fires."

Hoben's married

John M. Hoben, Plymouth-Canton's school superintendent, was married last Friday to Nancy Soper, assistant superintendent of instruction for the Northville schools.

They were married at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Following a reception at the Hillside Inn Restaurant, the couple took a honeymoon cruise to Venezuela.

Hoben is expected to return today.



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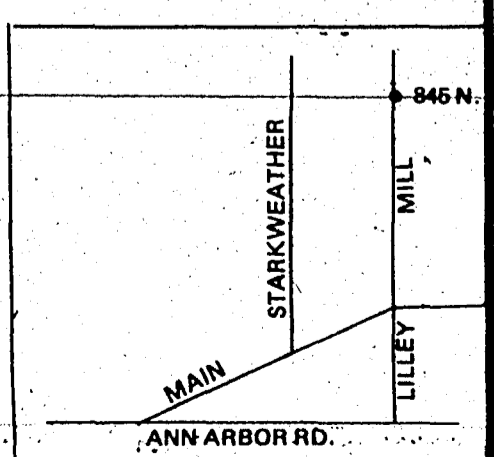
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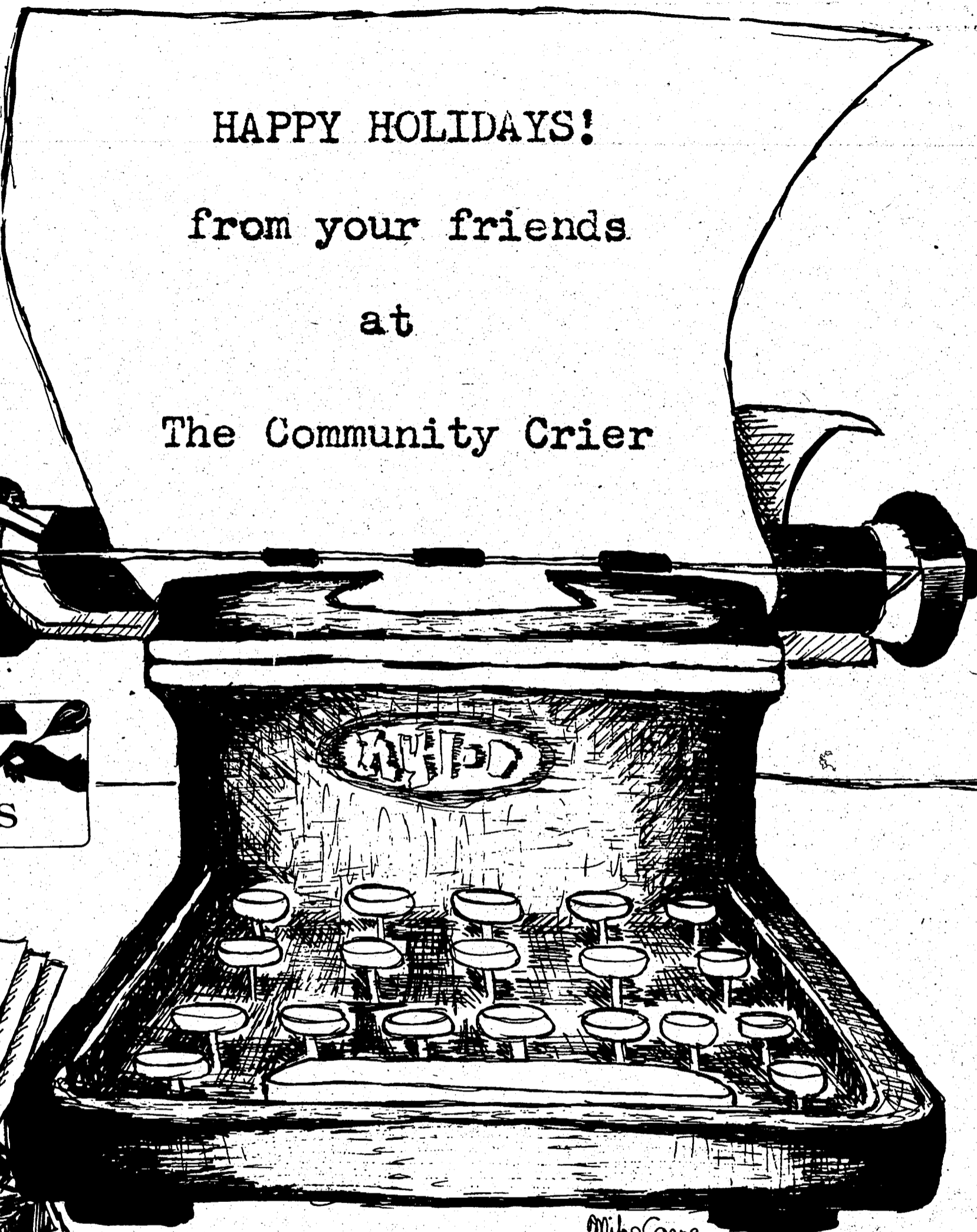
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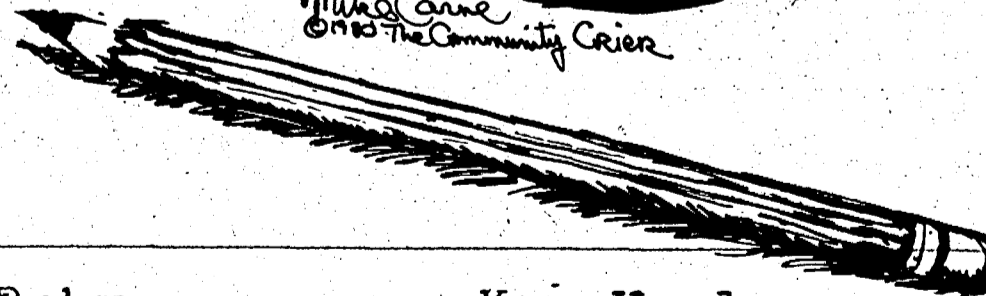
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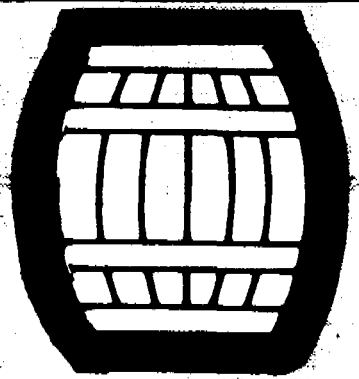
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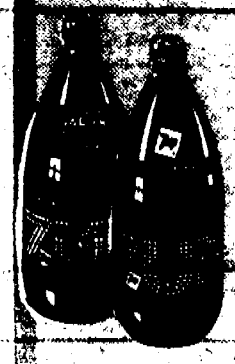
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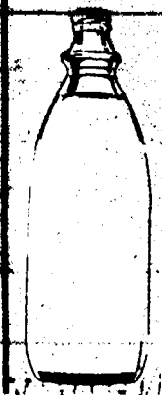
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MORRIS models his cast before finally being rid of it last Tuesday. After breaking his paw and badly bruising his shoulder, the kitten wore the brace for several weeks before it was removed last week, leaving a fully-healed leg. Normal cat activities have fully resumed. (Crier photo by Mike Henshaw)

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Morris just seems to get all the clean breaks...

BY MIKE HENSHAW

The little brown and white ball of fur teeters on the edge of the armchair for several moments, finally falling toward the floor. For most kittens the landing would be graceful, light with nary a sound.

Morris, however, lands hard. A large, bulky cast extends from his left shoulder to his paw, sending him nose first into the carpet. Onlookers in the room wince for the little Calico, but he spryly jumps up and takes off toward an icicle dangling on the Christmas tree.

"He doesn't seem to feel any pain," said Janet Bennett. "He is just as active as any unhurt kitten."

Morris is staying with Bob and Janet Bennett, of Plymouth Township, with their two dogs, until daughter Jackie's marriage in March. It was Jackie who took Morris, now four months old, to the vet Nov. 28 after he was hurt in the workroom of S&W Hardware.

In October Morris' mother had wandered over near the hardware store and eventually became the store pet. When the weather started to get colder in early November, mother cat apparently decided it was time to bring her four offspring into the warmth of S & W, and the number of "store pets" suddenly became five.

Eventually Morris' three siblings were adopted into new homes, and when S & W closed up Thanksgiving Eve, until Friday morning, Morris and his mother were playing in the workroom.

Over the holiday break the two felines

somehow managed to knock over a pickup tire, which landed on Morris, trapping him under it until Friday morning when store employes Bob Fulton and Pat Villerot heard his cries and discovered his predicament. Morris seemed to recover from the shock of the accident, but when Jackie, who also works at S & W, noticed how badly the kitten was favoring his left paw, she took him to the vet. X-rays revealed a broken paw and a badly bruised shoulder. Not much to be thankful for during the holiday season.

After the cast was put on, Jackie managed to talk her dad into letting Morris recover in their house, and eventually persuaded her fiancé, Ed, who was steadfast against having a cat, into keeping him once they were married.

"He is just so cute," she said, "that I knew I just couldn't give him up after he was healthy."

S & W co-owner Warren Smith paid for Morris' medical expense following the accident, which totaled \$94.

"We had taken him and the mama cat in and were taking care of them, and the accident did happen in the store," he said. "Everyone likes him."

Everyone seemed to fall for the little kitten. Gretchen and Marmaduke, the Bennetts' two large dogs, accepted Morris very well. Like everyone else, they delighted in watching the kitten scamper around the house. Morris would just drag his cast along when he ran or walked, and was able to jump and play like any other kitten.

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S-craft choir to hold tryouts

The Schoolcraft College Community Choir will hold auditions for a limited number of openings prior to its first two rehearsals on Jan. 13 and 20.

Director Marilyn Jones has scheduled also auditions at 6:30 p.m. with tenors and basses at 7 on Jan. 13. Sopranos will audition at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 20. All auditions are scheduled in room 310 of the Forum Bldg. Choir officers will be available to talk with prospective members and answer questions about the group. Light refreshments will be served during the audition period. Regular rehearsal begins at 7:30 p.m.

The major work for this season will be Mendelssohn's oratorio "Elijah" which will be performed with the Plymouth Symphony on April 26.

The 65-member choir, designed for those with previous singing experience, represents 17 communities within the metropolitan area and a wide range of ages and musical backgrounds. Rehearsals combine sight reading, voice training, music theory, practice of concert music and a social "coffee break."

Offered through continuing education at the college, the choir is a credit-free class available at a \$20 semester fee regardless of residence. Participants may register at the Jan. 27 rehearsal. "Elijah" scores will be available for purchase at the first two meetings.

Jones, who is in her sixth years as Community Choir director, holds a doctorate in Music Education from the University of Michigan. She is choral director at Renaissance High School in Detroit.

Further information may be obtained by

calling choir president Shari Clason at 349-8175 or the Community Services Office at 591-6400, extension 409. Schoolcraft College is located on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.



Grand Commander

DANIEL A. SEWESKY of Canton was recently installed as Grand Commander of Mauresa Caravan no. 217, Order of the Alhambra. The organization is noted in the Plymouth, Canton and Northville communities for its aid and assistance to the retarded. (Photo courtesy Order of the Alhambra)

Morris is finally on the road to recovery


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On Tuesday, the cast was finally removed, and Morris' paw appeared to be perfectly healthy once again.

"He's climbing the walls, causing plenty of trouble," says Jackie. "Of course he was

doing that when he had the cast on."

Ironically, it seems the accident the little Calico had on Thanksgiving resulted in him finally having a home of his own. Morris it seems, does have cause to be thankful after all.


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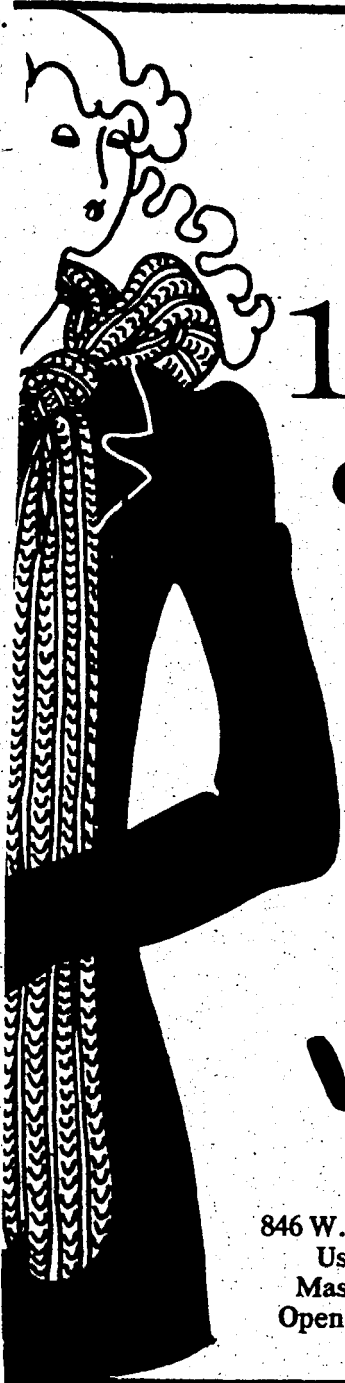
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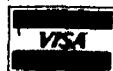
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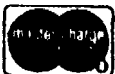
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(Editor's note: What does a college senior do when he returns to Plymouth-Canton for Christmas vacation? Crier columnist Phyllis Redfern interviewed Craig Brass, a senior at Bowling Green State University, to find out. Brass, The Crier's assistant sports editor, four years ago, can often be found lurking in the late hours, in search of the perfect cheeseburger to satisfy his holiday hunger pangs. Here are some excerpts from the interview.)

"They come home every December, much like the swallows to Capistrano, but more like the buzzards to Hinckley. They come from just about everywhere, but mostly from East Lansing, Ann Arbor, Mt. Pleasant, and Kalamazoo. They are college students.

"Finals are over and most of them don't have much of anything to do. They sleep, usually eat a meal or two, and then they leave. Who knows where they go, they just go. Off to meet the others of their species who have returned for the holidays.

Some of them work, some of them spend the days Christmas shopping. But hardly any of them spend time at home, which is a bit strange since that is where they came back. Do the buzzards spend all of their time in Cleveland after they return to Hinckley?

"To see one of them at night at home is a real rarity. They are out and about doing who knows what, but it probably isn't any different than what their parents did when they were young. At times it seems as though they came home to see their friends exclusively, and that home is just a Holiday Inn with a car in the driveway that is available for use.

"Why do they leave at 10 p.m. and come home at 3 a.m.? Probably because that is how they live at college. For those of you parents that attended college, you do remember that life style, don't you? If the college students came home and immediately tried to adapt to the hometown life -- bed by 11 p.m., up at 8 a.m. -- I'm sure you would find these people slipping into a type of cultural shock known only to people going to Alaska and finding out that the sun sometimes never rises.

"The college student finds the hometown life just as off-beat as hometowners find the college student's life. They get home and practically nothing is open after 11 p.m. Most of the students don't get out of the shower until 11 p.m. Only a few party stores are open that late, and it must take at least a week to find those. But the biggest shock is that there is nowhere to eat. A crime, a great social injustice, no fast food joints to be found open between here and East Lansing.

"But there is a cheeseburger at the end of the tunnel. For those of you who would like to witness a college student, perhaps even one of your own, there are a couple of places that they can be found. Granted, it means you may have to stay up until 2 or 3 a.m., but they can be spotted. However, I advise you not to go into these places. There is plenty of window space so you can see them from the outside. It's probably safer anyway; college students can be very dangerous when eating.

"I wouldn't worry about college students. They do appreciate the people at home and all they do for them; it's just that they enjoy spending time with each other, especially if their friends go to different schools.

"It could be worse, they could have stayed at school and not have come home at all. Although at times it may seem like a better alternative. The place where they eat? I'm not going to be the one to let the secret out. Besides, that would be like knowing who shot J.R. And, that show just isn't fun anymore, is it?"

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TEEN SKI TRIP

A ski trip for teens sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Department will be held Jan. 23 at Alpine Valley Ski Area. Limit is 20 people, to leave the Canton Administration Building at 5 p.m. and return at midnight. Cost is \$15 without equipment, \$8.50 if own equipment is brought. For more information or to register, call the Recreation Department at 397-1000.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS

The Novi-Northville Parents Without Partners will meet Jan. 13 at the Glass Crutch Lounge in Northville. Newcomers will be greeted at 8 p.m., the program will begin at 8:30 p.m., and the meeting will start at 9 a.m.

RECREATION NIGHT

A recreation night for men and women on Wednesday evenings for 10 weeks beginning Jan. 21, costing \$10 per person is being sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Department. Held at Walker School on Michigan Ave., the activities for women will be held from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m., and for men from 8:30 to 10:15 p.m. Register in person or by mail to the Canton Parks and Recreation, 1150 S. Canton Center, telephone 397-1000.

ROCK AND MINERAL SOCIETY

The Plymouth Rock and Mineral Society will hold its 5th Annual Open House on Feb. 15 from noon to 5 p.m. at the Cultural Center, featuring demonstrations, movies, displays and sales. Cost is 50 cents for adults, 25 cents for children. For more information, call Dave Thomas at 453-7402.

X-C SKI CLINICS

Canton's Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring cross country ski clinics, on Jan. 14 and 29, and on Feb. 10 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$5.50 per person which includes equipment rental, or \$3.50 per person if equipment is brought. Applicants must reserve a spot two days prior to each clinic date. For more information, call 397-1000.

CANTON NEWCOMERS

The next general meeting of the Canton Newcomers Club will be held Jan. 7 at Pioneer School, 46081 W. Ann Arbor Rd., beginning at 7 p.m. Techniques for skin care, makeup and hair care will be discussed.

HVRC CONFERENCE

The Regional Conference of the Huron Valley Parents Without Partners clubs will be held Jan. 9 to 11 at the Holiday Inn West Bank at 2900 Jackson Rd. in Ann Arbor. Registration costs \$22. For more information, or to register, call Jan at 485-2566 or Elaine at 971-7291.

LA LECHE LEAGUE -- MORNING

"Baby arrives: The Family and the Breastfed Baby," is the topic for the third meeting in the series to be held at the home of Nancy Karmann, 6575 Paul Revere, Canton. The meeting set for Jan. 6, begins at 9:30 a.m. All mothers and babies welcome. For more information, call Millie Conway, 455-6115, Kay Williams, 455-1840 or Cris Glenn, 981-3308.

MY FAVORITE THINGS

The theme of the Dunning-Hough Library's six-week winter storytime program will be "My Favorite Things," and will be held Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m. Sessions will begin Jan. 20 or 21. Registration for 3 1/2 to 5 year olds will be held in the library on Jan. 13 at 10 a.m.

LA LECHE LEAGUE -- EVENING

"Nutrition and Weaning," is the subject Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the home of Erin McGraw, 215 Adams, Plymouth. It is the fourth and last meeting of the series. All interested mothers and babies are welcome. For more information, call Kay Semion, 981-1028 or Patty Cincotta, 455-3249.

AGAWA CANYON SNOW TRAIN TOUR

Preparations are being made for an Agawa Canyon Snow Train Tour for three days and two nights, from Jan. 16 to 18. Cost is \$137 complete, and includes bus fare, lodging, meals and baggage handling in addition to the train tour. For more information, call Irene Murphy at 453-3379.

PANCAKES FOR BREAKFAST

The Ladies Auxiliary to Mayflower Post 6695 VFW will have its monthly pancake breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 4, at the VFW Hall, 1426 Mill St., Plymouth. Serving hours are from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. The cost for breakfast is \$2.

ADULT SKI WEEKENDS

Several skiing weekends have been put together for adults through the Michigan Recreation and Park Association and the Canton Recreation Department. Packages include lodging, breakfast, dinner, lift tickets, entertainment and round trip transportation. Weekends are available for Schuss Mountain and Sugar Loaf, and begin on Jan. 2. For reservations and details, call the Recreation Department at 397-1000.

SENIOR IN-HOME SERVICES

In-Home services will be offered to senior citizens over 60 years who reside in Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and Northville Township sponsored by the Out-Wayne County Area Agency on Aging. To receive services, or for more information, call Traci Johnson at 455-6627.

SINGLES BOWLING TOURNEY

The Fourth Annual Singles Bowling Tournament, sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Department, will begin Jan. 14 for Track B, Jan. 28 for Track C, Feb. 18 for Track D and March 11 for Track A. Age groups are eight and under, nine to 11 and 12 to 14. Cost is \$2.75 for two games for ages eight and under, and \$3.25 for three games for other age groups. For more information or entry blanks, contact the Recreation Department at 397-1000.

CANTON CRICKETS

Canton Crickets, a preschool program for 3- and 4-year-olds, will meet Monday through Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m., from Jan. 5 through April 17. Cost is \$37.50 per 15 week, one day session per child. Limit is 15 children per class. Registration starts Dec. 2 at 8:30 a.m. at the Canton Parks and Recreation offices. For more information, call 397-1000.



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Lowell contract needs more review, says board

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more control over supplies," he said referring to the clause which says Livonia will provide custodial supplies for which Livonia will be reimbursed by Plymouth-Canton.

"There's a lot that's subject to interpretation (in this proposed contract)," said Schroeder.

Furthermore, he criticized the maintenance and custodial clauses which call for Livonia to provide routine maintenance, but Plymouth-Canton to pay for any capital outlay or building alterations costs. If the parking lot needs resurfacing or the boiler breaks down or the roof needs repair -- who will pay for it? asked Schroeder.

"Let's set this aside for better language," he said.

Charles "Trav" Griffin, a representative of the Plymouth-Canton custodians, urged the board not to sign the agreement. "It's a direct violation of our contract (to have Livonia employes do our work)," he said.

According to Griffin, the custodians' contract with the Plymouth-Canton schools says no other group shall be subcontracted to work in the school district.

"Even though our employes wouldn't be put out of work, with the economic condition of the state, this contract could affect our employes," said Griffin.

Griffin asked the board to postpone signing the contract or to renegotiate it. "We want Plymouth-Canton employes to be the custodial and maintenance staff," he said.

Livonia currently leases schools to the Northville school district, Wayne County, and the Michigan State Police, said Ray Hoedel, assistant superintendent for finance. Livonia, which suffers from declining enrollment, has recently closed at least 20 schools, he added.

Asked why Livonia should maintain Lowell, Hoedel replied, "It's their building. They are vitally interested in protecting it and want to maintain their own level of

employment. They want to protect their investment."

Norm Kee, assistant superintendent for employe relations, said the proposed lease would not violate the custodians' contract with the Plymouth-Canton school board. "I see no violation of a contract," he said. "There's nothing in the contract which says that if we have Plymouth-Canton students in Lowell, we must supply the custodians, too."

Plymouth-Canton school officials plan to rent Lowell next year, however the school board has not decided which students will attend school there next fall.

Projected costs of opening Lowell are \$543,000.

The lease would extend for five years beginning July 1, 1981 unless "otherwise agreed to by both parties."

The school board has asked its labor attorneys to review the contract with Plymouth-Canton custodians and the proposed lease agreement before the board signs the lease.

Trustee Sylvia Stetz dissented in the 6-1 vote to postpone signing the lease agreement.


Twp. police

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The township's police problem is further complicated by the possibility of an attempt by the City of Plymouth to annex the township. State law says that a charter township must either start its own police force or contract with the county sheriff to be safe from annexation.

To satisfy this requirement Breen said the township may want to hire a policeman, along with a service contract with an outside department.

"We've had no direct talks with the city (about a police contract) but there probably will be before Jan. 6," said Breen.

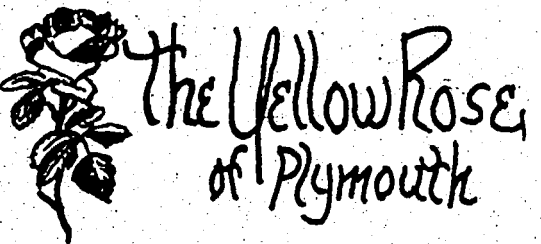


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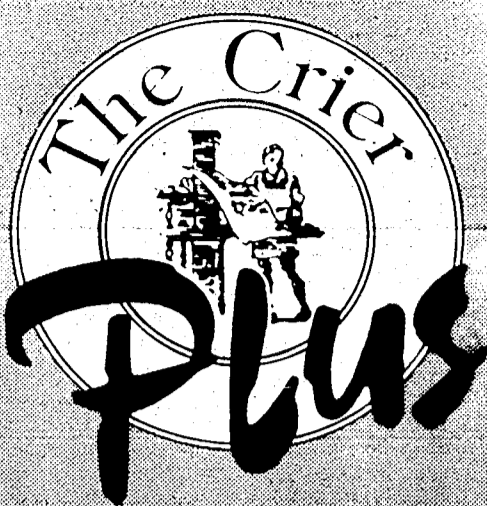
 

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Schools wrestle with overflowing classrooms

BY PATRICIA BARTOLD

With an budget approaching \$40 million, the Plymouth-Canton school district qualifies as local big business -- and it is still growing.

Days of the little-red-schoolhouse image are long gone, says Dan White, finance director. Yet he doesn't sound nostalgic.

Plymouth-Canton's record growth has provided challenges for school officials, he says. "There's a certain esprit de corps. It's a problem-solving district."

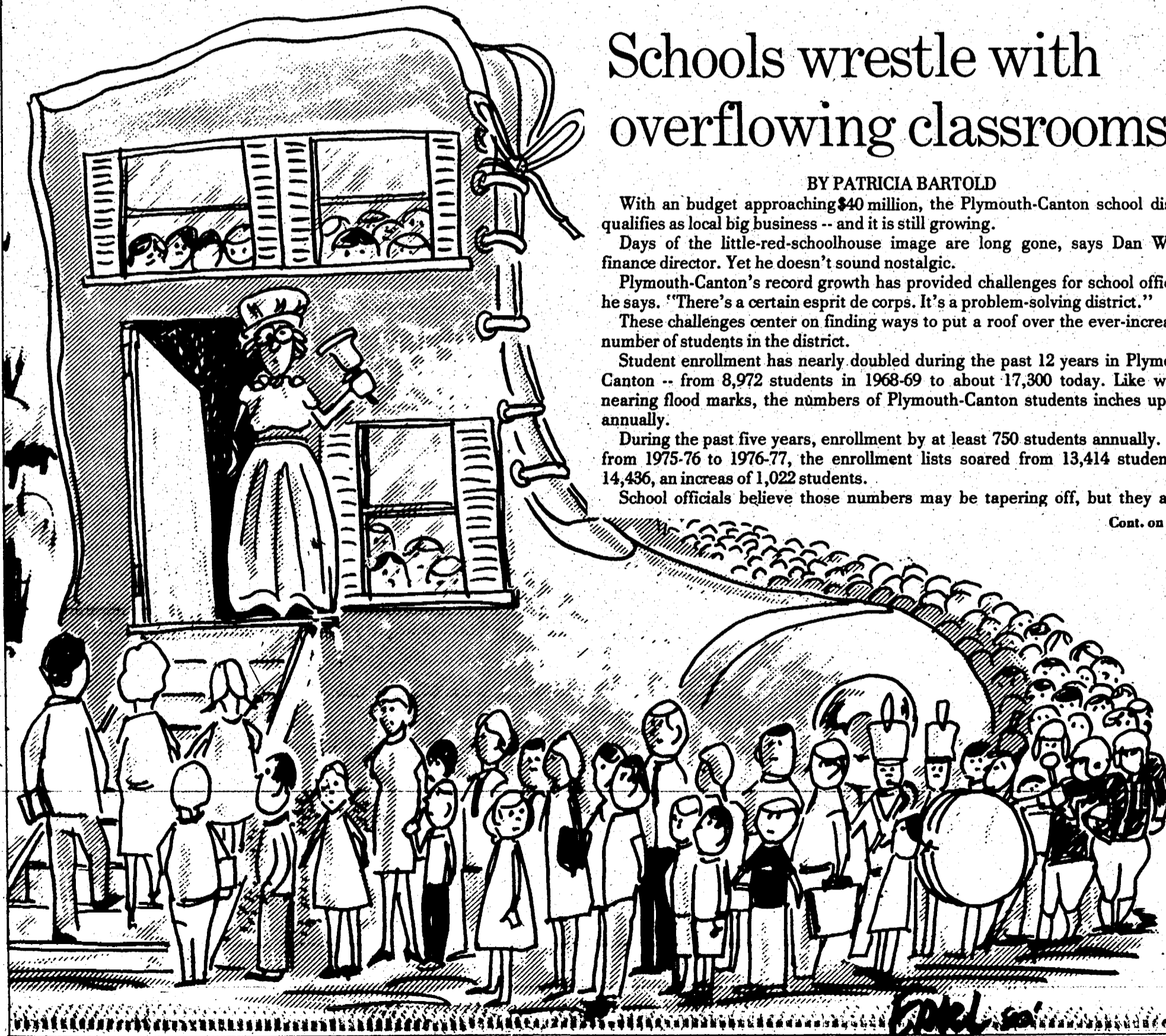
These challenges center on finding ways to put a roof over the ever-increasing number of students in the district.

Student enrollment has nearly doubled during the past 12 years in Plymouth-Canton -- from 8,972 students in 1968-69 to about 17,300 today. Like waters nearing flood marks, the numbers of Plymouth-Canton students inches upward annually.

During the past five years, enrollment by at least 750 students annually. And, from 1975-76 to 1976-77, the enrollment lists soared from 13,414 students to 14,436, an increase of 1,022 students.

School officials believe those numbers may be tapering off, but they aren't

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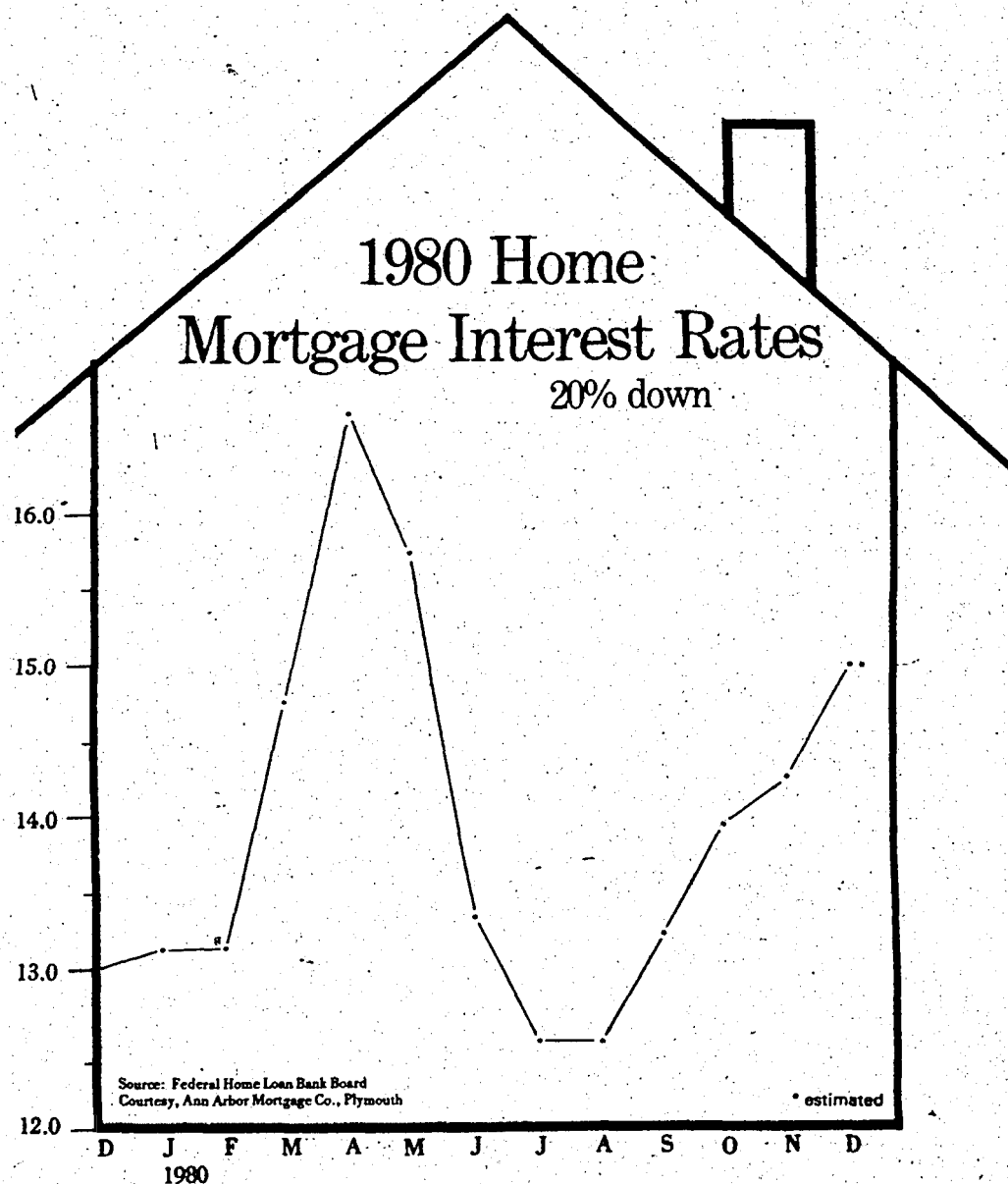
Want a new home?

Interest rates will probably end your hopes

BY CHAS CHILD

In case you've been living at the North Pole for the last year, the real estate market in the Plymouth-Canton Community is in a deep slumber, if not in a serious coma.

The sky-high interest rates have simply put the average house in the community out of the reach of most persons. The slump has not only idled virtually everyone in the construction business, but threatens to revolutionize the whole system of financing homes sales.



And if you hadn't already guessed, the big loser in all this will be the consumer, the home-buyer. In the future, mortgages will probably be more expensive, and the financial institutions that lend you money may end up with part of your profits.

The present market, in a word, is "bad," said local realtor Joe Hudson, of J.L. Hudson Real Estate. "There are more listings now than I can ever remember." And the prime cause is the high interest rates, he said. Despite continued high unemployment in the metro-Detroit area, demand for housing is still high; buyers simply can't afford the high cost of borrowing money.

"There was a time, about five months ago, when the interest rate for mortgages dropped to about 13 per cent," said Hudson. "Our office was full during those weeks. I'd never thought I'd see the day when people would be happy with a 13 per cent mortgage."

This brief thaw was quickly squelched by the Federal Reserve, though. Seeing inflation gather steam, the Fed quickly moved to restrict the money supply and thereby boost the cost of lending nationwide.

The stagnation may soon suffocate the pillar of the post-war housing boom, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage. Banks and Saving and Loan institutions cannot afford, in these days of double-digit inflation, to tie themselves down to long-range mortgages, said Hudson.

As interest rates rise, the lenders want to be able to adjust the lending rate, he said. So banks and S&Ls are moving toward adjustable rate mortgages. At regular intervals, usually three, five, or seven years, the mortgage rate is adjusted, up or down, according to the prevailing borrowing rate.

Lending institutions in six states are also experimenting with a modified mortgage that gives the lenders a share, perhaps a third, of the homeowner's profits when he sells. This type of mortgage features substantially lower rates, which puts houses within reach of the average buyer.

These new methods of financing homes may well perk up sales, said realtor Ken Dividock, of Canton's Century 21 office. "New home sales are virtually nonexistent," he said. "The builders aren't doing anything."

In fact, Republic Homes, a major builder in Canton, is dumping lots in subdivisions, he said. "I've never seen this before," he said. "Usually, they hang in there and ride it out. It shows little optimism."

Another bad sign: Homeowners are selling their houses for less than the purchase price, especially if they bought at the peak of the real-estate boom, about one year ago.

For example, said Dividock, a house purchased for \$75,000 last year was recently sold for \$73,000 "just to get rid of it."

"I'm very pessimistic about the future," said Dividock. Money will be harder and more expensive to borrow, he said. "Everyone saw what the oil companies did as they're jumping on the bandwagon."

This will probably mean that homes will not be the rock-solid investment that they used to be. "You won't see people buying homes and 30 years later retiring on the equity," he said.

And is there anything the consumer can do about this squeeze? "If it's all there is, people will accept it," said Dividock.

New state law will raise local residential taxes

BY CHAS CHILD

Thanks in part to a new state law, assessments of homes in the Plymouth-Canton Community will be going up next year.

Passed in 1979, the law will assign a separate SEV factor to each category of property: residential, commercial and industrial, and others.

What's an SEV factor? It's a number assigned by the state, by which assessments of a municipality are multiplied to figure a property's taxable value. It is supposed to equalize assessments between communities and to adjust assessments to one-half of their true market value.

Through this year's taxes, each municipality received a single SEV, which was applied to all types of property. But next year, a different SEV-factor will be applied to each.

And why will this raise residential assessments? Because in the past, commercial and industrial property have been generally overassessed, said George McEachren, director of Wayne County's Bureau of Taxation. Therefore, the SEV factor for each municipality was lowered to compensate for this over assess-

ment. So residential property assessments were kept down by this lower SEV factor.

But next year, residential property will be released from the single SEV factor system. Residential property will receive its own factor. And since it has been generally underassessed, residential SEVs will rise across the state so taxable assessments will more accurately reflect true cash values.

Here are the local 1981 SEV factors, recently released by the county Bureau of Taxation:

	1980	1981
Canton	1.54	1.8309
Plymouth Twp.	1.59	2.0186
City of Plymouth	1.25	1.5070

If the SEV system had stayed on the old set-up, the three SEVs would look like this: Canton, 1.7555; Plymouth Township, 1.8595; City of Plymouth, 1.4679. All these are substantially lower than the real 1981 figure.

Builders turn to condos

BY CHAS CHILD

Construction of homes in Canton Township has slowed to a trickle. But that doesn't mean growth in the township has ended.

A number of commercial projects were approved in 1980. "The Center," a large indoor recreation complex on Haggerty south of Ford, for example, was OKd, as were some office and professional projects.

The trend toward such developments fit a pattern, according to Canton's planning staff. "Community Services are catching up with residential growth," said David Nicholson, Canton's assistant planner. "The hospital (Oakwood) and churches, and legal and medical offices are a direct result of residential growth. It's a pattern of suburban growth."

Besides The Center and the branch of Oakwood Hospital, township officials have also OKd a substantial addition to the Canton Professional Center, at the corner of Joy and Canton Center roads. When completed, the center will be the largest office complex in the Plymouth-Canton Community, Nicholson said.

This compares starkly to the number of new homes built so far this year: A grand total of 48. Last year, that figure was 661, while in 1978, more than 1,500 homes were built in Canton.

Housing, though, has not stopped altogether. Double-digit inflation has sent interest rates on home mortgages skyrocketing, thereby putting most standard subdivision homes out of reach of the average buyer. There is still a strong demand for housing, however, which is leading developers to turn to smaller and less-expensive homes, including condominiums.

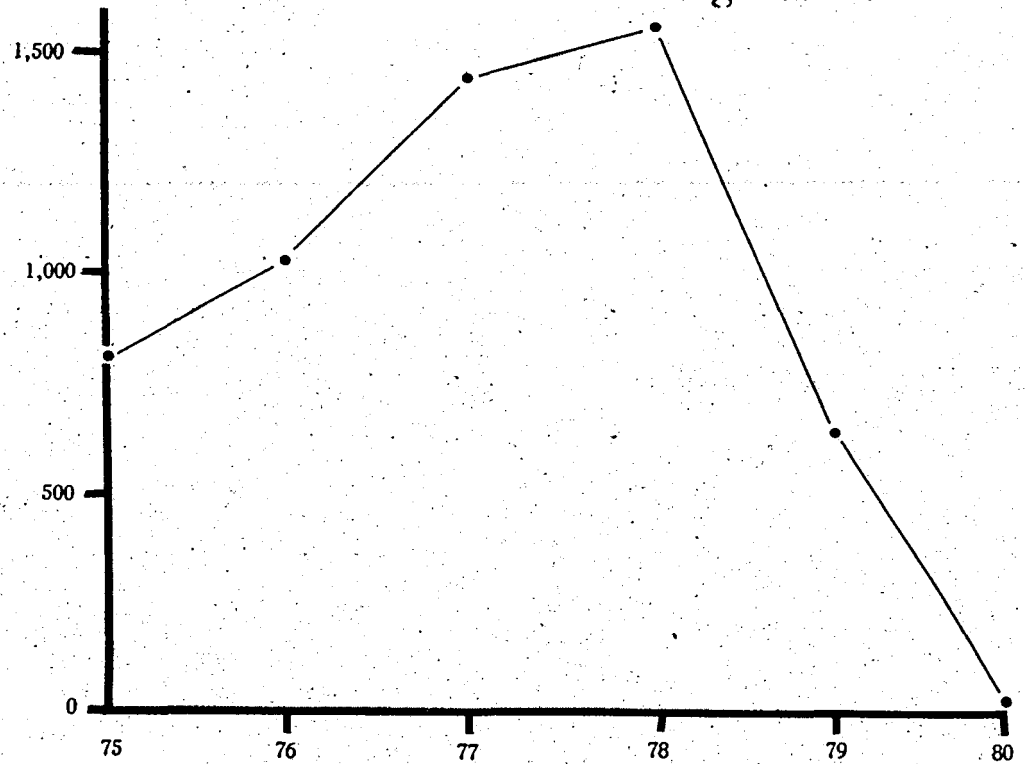
For example, Canton approved two new condominium projects this year: The Huntington West development, 242 units, on Lilley south of Cherry Hill; and Foxthorne, 208 units, at the corner of Lilley and Warren.

"There were more condominiums approved in the last year, than in all of the last five years," Nicholson said.

James Kosteva, the township's planning director, added that many builders are turning to smaller houses, like Cape Cod-style homes, rather than the traditional Colonials popular in Canton.

The trend toward commercial projects is, in a way, a relief for the township. In the last 10 years Canton's population more than quadrupled, from about 11,000

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in 1970 to 48,360 today. This growth strained all local services, particularly police and schools.

The catch-up development of churches and medical offices is "indicative that Canton is becoming more than just a bedroom community," said Kosteva.

Canton still has a way to go, however, before it becomes a full-fledged community: The industrial sector still lags behind other development, said the planner. This may change in the coming years, he added.

A representative from the state Department of Commerce said that Canton is potentially becoming one of the prime industrial areas in Michigan, Kosteva said. First, nearby Livonia, a suburban industrial giant, is rapidly running out of space for new development. "Ten-acre lots in Livonia are becoming scarce," said Kosteva. "We have acreage."

"All indications are that we'll be the place to locate in the 1980s," Kosteva said.

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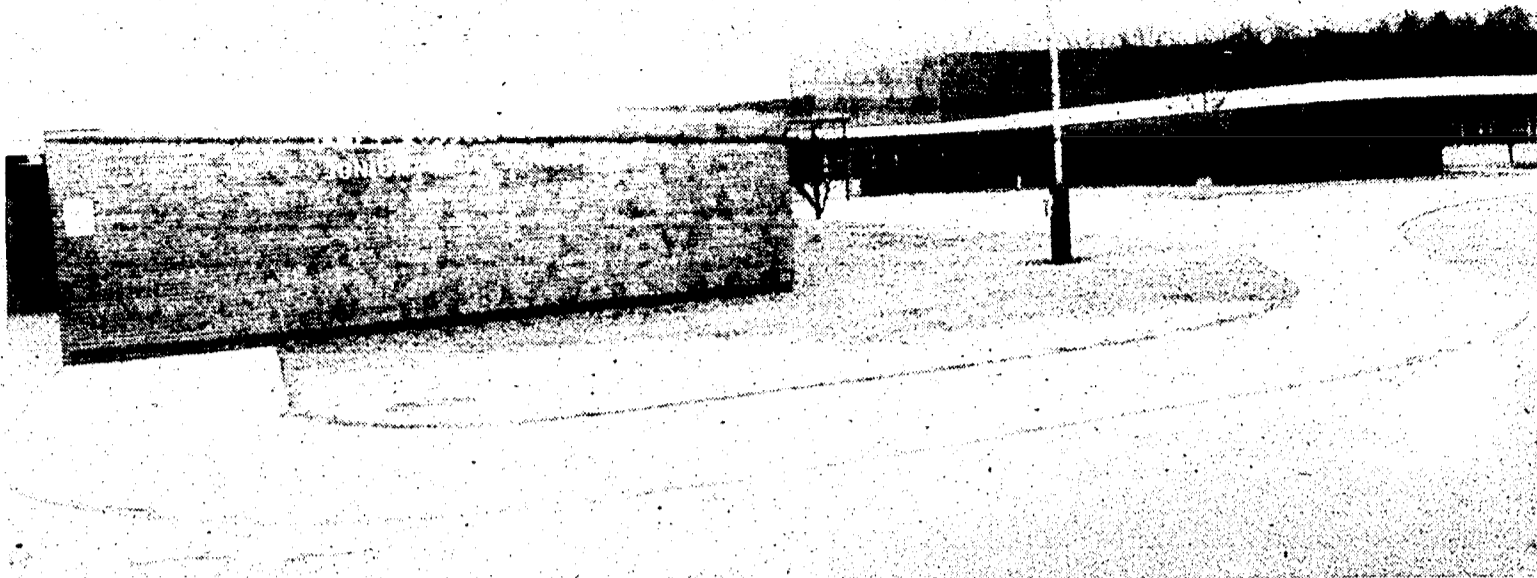
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THE Plymouth-Canton School District will likely lease Lowell Junior High in Livonia to house overflow students. (Crier photo)



School growth means higher costs for taxpayers

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certain. Last year, enrollment grew by about 300 students, a decline by past years' standards. Construction of new homes remains the key issue; the district's growth reflects the construction industry. Simply put, new-home construction means new families -- with children to enroll -- move into the district.

Additional students means the district hires more teachers, dishes out more school lunches, buys more buses, and must provide more pencils, crayons and other supplies. For example, 747 teachers were employed by the district in May, 1979; a year later, the district employed 783 teachers.

Although these figures fluctuate monthly, they show that more kids mean hiring more teachers.

Other figures also translate. From July to October, 1979, the school district issued 3,733 checks from the general fund. During the same four months in 1980, a total of 3,914 checks were issued.

Even the number of hot dogs purchased in Plymouth-Canton schools increased. Cafeteria workers dished out 23,833 hot dogs on four days in October compared to 21,909 on four days in October, 1979.

The district's budget also increased. Up 11.7 per cent, the budget grew from \$34,599,594 last year to \$38,660,000 this year.

These figures contrast sharply with most school districts in Michigan facing problems associated with declining enrollment. Plymouth-Canton rates as one of the fastest growing districts in the state.

When will student enrollment peak?

The rise in student enrollment hinges on construction of new homes, primarily in western Plymouth Township and Canton. Although construction has been nearly nil for the past year, school officials are worried about a new upsurge.

Plans for new homes are staked out in western Plymouth Township and Canton, says Board President Carol Davis. A total of 280 homes are staked out near Ridge and Ann Arbor Trail, she says. "That's another elementary school if those homes are built."

Enrollment projects reveal that 18,200 students could be attending school in Plymouth-Canton by 1983-84. Those projections, however, are "based on a lot of ifs," says Davis.

The economy may not swing back; interest rates may remain extremely high; and, water and sewer problems in Canton may curtail growth, she notes. Growth plainly worries school officials.

Meanwhile, officials are concentrating on housing students who have moved into the district over the past decade. Next fall, the school board plans to: rent Lowell Junior High School from Livonia, a neighboring district; put more elementary schools on the Extended School Year (ESY) calendar; and, realign the grades in schools so that students K-6 are in elementary schools, 7-9 are in middle schools, and 10-12 are in high schools (instead of the current K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 configuration).

This plan is aimed at relieving overcrowded classrooms at Salem and Canton high schools. About 4,700 students are enrolled there now; they were built to house 4,200 students.

Why doesn't the district build more schools?

Plymouth-Canton voters have been extremely reluctant to approve a bond issue for construction of new schools. Voters have seen neighboring school districts, such as Livonia, build schools in the 1960s which have turned out to be "white elephants" when the district's enrollment declined.

The district's last successful bond issue was in June, 1974. Since then, student enrollment has soared from 12,656 to 17,300 today.

The passage of the 1974 bond issue for \$9.9 million allowed the district to build three new elementary schools, Hulsing, Eriksson, and Field as well as the Phase III athletic complex at the high schools.

Since 1974, three bond issues have been put on the ballot, however all met defeat.

The ESY calendar has helped house students. Adopted at six elementary schools and one middle school in the mid-1970s, ESY calls for students to go to school year-round, 45 days in classes, followed by a 15-day vacation.

An ESY school can increase its housing capacity one-third in comparison to a school following a traditional September-to-June calendar.

Even though ESY has relieved the housing crunch in the district, it has also been controversial. Both parents and teachers have complained, saying it is confusing, disruptive, and causes more problems than it solves.

For example, scheduling special activities, particularly at Pioneer Middle School, is both time-consuming and problematic. How can the football team practice when one-quarter of the students are on vacation all the time? Also, ESY teachers vacate their classrooms about every six weeks in order to allow another teacher to move in.

ESY has also strained the district's operating budget. ESY schools are air-conditioned and cost about \$100,000 more to operate annually than schools on a traditional calendar.

In addition to the burgeoning student population, ESY and other expenses have burdened the district's operating budget. Homeowners' taxes have risen, but these increases haven't meant more dollars for the school district.

When assessment go up on homes, state aid to Plymouth-Canton has generally decreased. The net result is that local taxpayers are supporting the district more than in previous years when compared to the state.

The end result? "We're trying to do more with less," says the school board president.

White, the district's finance director, agrees. The state continues to place more of the responsibility of educating local students on the local taxpayer, he says. In addition, programs, such as bilingual and special education, are mandated by the state or federal government, yet the funds for those programs are not necessarily provided says White.

What are the three biggest challenges facing Plymouth-Canton school officials today?

First, the board will have to house students, says Davis, board president. By changing boundaries, realigning grades and putting more schools on ESY, the housing crunch should be relieved temporarily, she notes.

Second, the school board "must convince people that the alternative program (ESY) accepted five years ago is still a good one," she says.

Finally, financing the same programs and curricula offered by the district today will be hard in the future, she says. Inflation takes its toll on the school district, too, she adds.

By placing more schools on ESY and realigning grades next fall, the district will pay about \$1 million, she says. "The advantage of ESY is that the district hasn't had to build more schools," she says, "but it costs more money to put schools on ESY and operate them."

The school board is also considering asking voters to approve a \$1.9 to \$2.5 million bond issue, either in a March or June special election.

Passage of a bond proposal proves to be less expensive for a taxpayer than approving additional millage, she says. Costs for a bond are spread over years, whereas additional millage is usually over a shorter span of time, she says.

Preparing a school budget is different than preparing a household budget, Davis says. In the schools, there are many unknowns, such as state and county aid, student enrollment, and programs mandated by law, says Davis. "But, in our house we know how much money we have to work with.

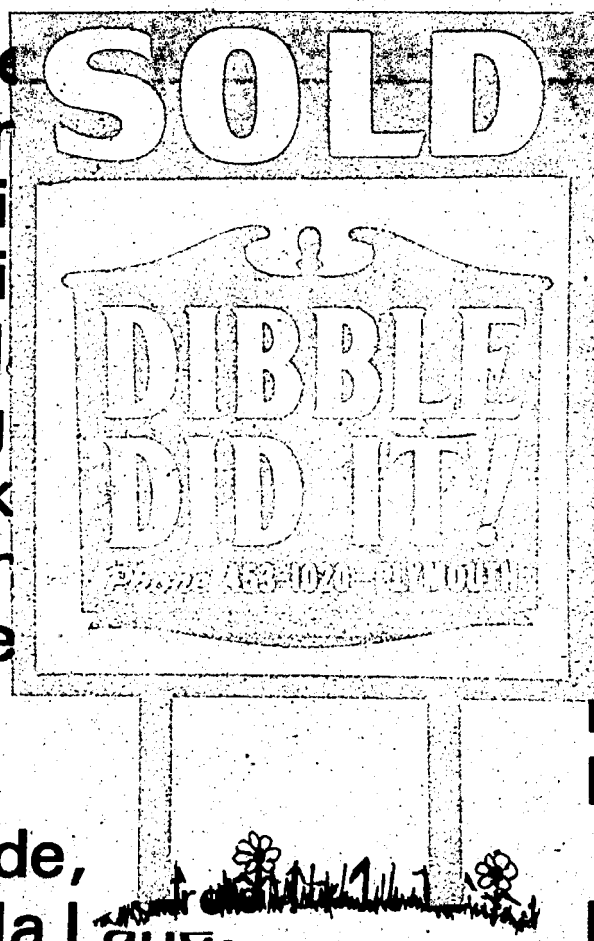
"It's very difficult to do a budget for the schools because it has to be adopted by Nov. 1.

"These challenges (of housing students) won't go away," she says. "I feel confident we'll be changing boundaries (to house new students) every two-to-three years in this district."

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Plymouth-Canton railroads steam waiting drivers

BY DAN BODENE

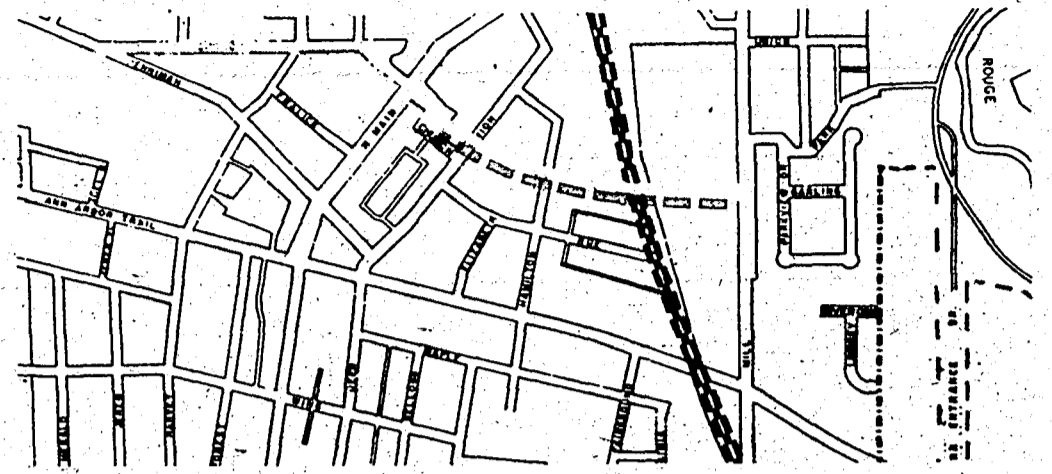
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In the gentler words of Plymouth historian Sam Hudson, "Where appreciation had once been expressed for what the railroad was doing for Plymouth, there were now complaints about what the railroad was doing to Plymouth."

Although Hudson was speaking of when the automobile first began to replace the commuter train as a popular mode of transportation, the problems still exist today not only in Plymouth, but in Canton too.

Both the city and Canton are currently examining possible solutions to long waits at railroad crossings. Plymouth may propose an overpass, while Canton seeks to have lights and gate arms installed at two of its crossings.

The issue dates back to the earliest days of the communities. According to Hudson in his book, "The Story of Plymouth, Michigan: A Midwest Microcosm," the city began wrestling with the railroad grade separation problem as early as



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1937, when it was first mentioned in the city's annual report. Residents voted to build a grade separation at Main Street during the 1939-40 fiscal year, but nothing came of the decision.

In the early 1950s, according to Hudson, the issue was still being debated, and cost estimates examined. At that time, the cost of resolving the crossing problem was guessed at more than \$500,00. In the 1960s the estimate had risen to \$1.5 to \$2 million. Now, according to city engineer Ken West, the cost of installing a railroad overpass in Plymouth may exceed \$4 million.

Canton's problems with railroad crossings may have sprung up later than Plymouth's, but with the rapid growth of the township they may be equally as important and equally as hard to resolve.

According to Gerald Hemming, township attorney, four crossing sites are now being debated in the courts and at Township Hall. Resulting from a 1974 lawsuit against Wayne County, railroad crossings throughout the county were investigated by the state Department of Transportation (DOT). "Unfortunately, Canton's crossings were among the first to be looked at," explained Hemming.

Since then, the township has fought the DOT in the courts and conducted a series of public hearings to try and resolve the ongoing problem.

The details of the crossing solutions are different for Plymouth and Canton, but the problem is the same. Motorists and residents are constantly inconvenienced by delays in traffic and threatened by unsafe crossing conditions.

Because of the places in which the railroads intersect in Plymouth and Canton, the resolution of the crossings must be quite different. Plymouth's proposal of an overpass, for example, is tempered by various considerations due to the densely populated and industrialized areas the railroad passes through.

"One of the problems is that wherever we put in an overpass, we have to wipe out a bit of property to get a grade in differently," says West. "The alternative is to take a little of the right-of-way from both sides of a street, or a lot from one side. Then you have to provide for ingress and egress for businesses (near the overpass) -- service-drive types of things. And they add to construction costs."

Canton's problem is a little different. The DOT has examined four crossing sites in the township, at Lotz, Lilley, Haggerty and Koppernick roads. After their study, the DOT recommended the Lotz and Lilley crossings be closed, and lights and gate arms be installed at the Haggerty and Koppernick crossings.

As it stands, the township is fighting the Lotz and Lilley crossings, citing problems with emergency-vehicle access, and a legal question involving a state constitutional law forbidding the closing of an established road.

Plymouth will approach its problem with a vote of the people. "The city administration may propose a bond issue to fund the overpass," explains City Manager Henry Graper, Jr. "We certainly wouldn't just jump in and say we're using this area without an engineer's study."

West has studied four possible locations for the overpass, at Sheldon Road, Farmer Street, Main Street and Church Street. Of the four, West says the Church Street proposal is the most economical.

At that location the overpass would cross the railroad tracks through the Adistra property. The proposal would include extending Church Street to Mill, and would probably involve buying two or three homes at market price. Graper and West believe this alternative is the most logical and inexpensive.

Canton's situation may be resolved at considerably less expense to the township. The fight against the Lotz and Lilley closings is still in progress in the courts and the issue of the gate crossings will not be resolved without several more public hearings.

The cost of installing two gate arms will approach \$120,000, according to Hemming, and will be borne by the railroad and Wayne County. Understandably, however, the railroad is reluctant to commit that much money during tough economic times and it may take some convincing to get the gates installed, Hemming said.

Plymouth's overpass might also take some time to become a reality, according to Graper. He says he doesn't expect the issue to come before the people soon, adding, "I just don't think in these economic times the people will vote a three-mill increase, which is what the project would take. Right now, it just doesn't have a chance."

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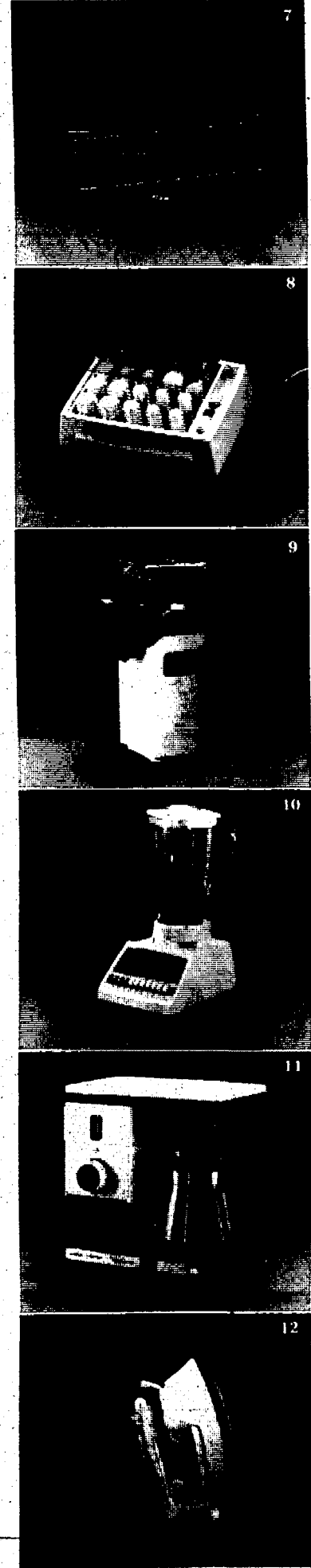
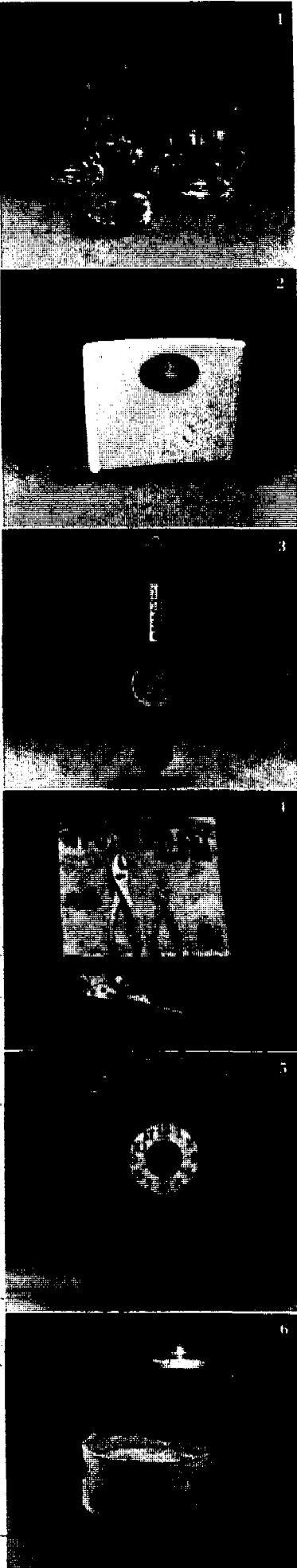
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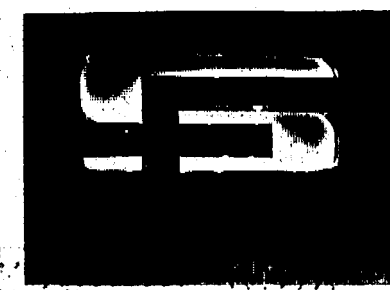
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Future of Canton's farmland still up in the air

BY CHAS CHILD

Canton's newly elected Board of Trustees inherited much unfinished business from its predecessors. And probably none so important as the still-unresolved farmland-preservation issue.

For six years now proposals to save the remaining farmland in Western Canton have been studied, hashed over, argued, and even voted on by township officials and citizens.

It's safe to say most Cantonites support efforts to maintain the rural character of the township. But again and again good intentions have collided with the same brick wall: no money.

No state or federal funds have materialized, despite the lobbying efforts of township officials, and in 1978, Canton voters rejected a proposal to assess four mills to pay for the program.

"Now, we should have a resolution of the issue," said newly elected Trustee Robert Padget. "That's the most important thing. A community can't flounder around without a decision."

The major proposal on record to save agriculture in Canton is the plan to purchase the "development rights" of about 5,000 farm acres in the western half of the township. Under the plan, the farmer or landowner would still hold title to his property; he simply couldn't develop the land or sell to a developer. The township would hold these rights.

How much would the landowner receive for these development rights? A substantial sum, which would depend on how much his land is worth, both as farmland and as developable land.

The landowner would receive the difference between these two prices per acre. So, if a certain acre was currently assessed at \$2,500, yet was worth \$1,000 as farmland, the farmer would receive \$1,500 for the development rights.

It was estimated in 1978 that it would cost \$16 million to purchase the development rights of about 5,000 acres. A proposal to assess four mills to raise this sum was rejected that year by township voters. The margin was 53 per cent "no" and 47 per cent "yes," which most observers call a

"narrow" defeat, considering the size of the millage.

After the election, township officials, particularly former Trustee Robert Greenstein, the director of Canton's farm preservation effort, pushed to find an outside source of money. A bill in the U.S. Congress to fund pilot preservation programs across the country, though, was defeated. And money from the state of Michigan or private foundations also proved unavailable.

"If we're going to do it, it'll have to be funded locally," believes Padget, who led the program to educate citizens about the program before the 1978 election.

In fact, voters may see sometime in 1981 another, probably smaller, millage proposal to fund the plan. The board of trustees last year voted to resolve the issue by May, 1981. Many trustees believed the landowners needed to have an answer, one way or the other, on the future of their property.

A smaller millage might be enough to get the program started, said Padget. Suffolk County, N.Y., which has a successful development rights program, started slowly, he added. Its purchase plan was not fully funded at the beginning.

In any case, the new board of trustees should reach a consensus on its future plans, said Trustee Carol Bodenmiller. "Until you get it, you're at a standstill. At strong supporter of a farm preservation program, Bodenmiller added that she would like the board to make a firm commitment to move ahead. "Canton is further ahead (on preservation plans) than anyone in Michigan," she said. "And now is the time to prepare, when development pressure is low."

She admits, though, that it's doubtful whether Canton voters, in the current economic slump, will approve a preservation millage.

And if the millage fails? The board will probably turn to a growth-control policy, perhaps tying growth to the townships' ability to provide services, such as water, sewer, police, and others.

So it's likely, after six years of discussion, that Canton citizens will see a decision on the preservation issue in 1981.



FARMERS still tend their fields in Canton as politicians argue the fate of their land. (Crier photo)

Plymouth Twp.'s housing, growth falls off a ledge

BY PATRICIA BARTOLD

"Disastrous."

Joe Attard, chief building official, sums up the housing industry in Plymouth Township by simply saying that one word.

"It's common knowledge," he adds. "It's been a bad year. I'm not an economist or a banker, but interest rates keep going up. I just hope they go down by May."

The township, which saw its biggest building boom in 1977 when 402 single-family dwelling permits were issued, has become a victim of the general downturn of the state's economy: Through the end of November, 24 building permits for single-family dwellings had been issued for 1980. Last year, township building officials issued 174.

New construction in the township is "very, very sluggish," says Attard. For example, Hidden Heights subdivision, located off Ann Arbor Trail near I-275, has 60 lots plotted. However, four homes have been completed. "I don't even think they've been sold yet."

Young persons are hurt the most by the high interest rates, forcing them to live in trailers or apartments longer before purchasing a home, he adds.

This downside in the new home market has caused homeowners to fix up, paint up, and make do with the homes they already own.

Addition, alteration, and conversion permits issued in the township have remained at a steady pace. In 1978, 114 were issued. Last year, 121 were approved. Though November, 126 had been issued. "It seems to be quite stable," says Attard.

"People cannot afford new mortgages. So they keep what they've got."

With about 7,800 homes and 22,824 residents, Plymouth Township still has

room for expansion -- mostly along its western borders. "Yes, there is a lot of room for growth, particularly if agricultural land in the western edges was rezoned. But the township generally wants to keep that (western) land open (so it probably won't be rezoned)," says the chief building official.

Agricultural zoning permits require constructing a home on a minimum of five acres of land.

However, the opening of the M-14 expressway, a thorough fare from Ann Arbor to Plymouth along the northwestern border of the township, has helped create easier accessibility for the construction of industrial and commercial sites. Through November, nine commercial permits had been approved by the township; last year, a total of three was granted.

For example, near the Sheldon Road exit on M-14, construction of Rock Tool Company has been approved. Other commercial plans under development include the construction of Steak and Ate Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road next to I-275; a Bank of the Commonwealth office on Ann Arbor Road near Haggerty; and, Vic Tanny recreational facility, also on Ann Arbor Road near Haggerty.

These developments will boost the township's tax base. In 1979, the State Equalized Valuation (SEV) for the township was \$1,147,789. In 1980, the SEV grew to \$1,293,230.

How does Attard envision the future?

"I would like to see single-family dwellings under construction. But I've no indicators of when it will pick up again," he says.

"If some builder could design a home for \$50,000 -- maybe a prefab that they can maintain and enjoy, then perhaps we'd see a building boom."

"People are desperate for a home that they can afford."



WASHBOARD roads are a common site in Canton. (Crier photo)

Funds to pave roads in community dry up

BY DAN BODENE

Second only to the fortunes of the automobile, on which a good part of Canton's economy rests, is the need for good roads

And Canton has certainly had its share of problems with roads.

Owing to its status as a charter township, Canton is technically not responsible for much of the maintenance or improvements on its roads -- Wayne County Road Commission is. But due to the county's strapped finances, many improvements and much regular maintenance of Canton's roads may go by the boards in the coming months.

Gerald Dresselhouse, chief maintenance engineer of the county Road Commission, explains his crews are responsible for the care and maintenance of 1,800 miles of state, county and township roads. That costs money, he says, which comes in great part from the federal government.

In past year, when federal funding was not as constricted as it is now, road improvement projects such as paving were accomplished more rapidly. Now, "Our program has been cut down to about 25 per cent of what it was," according to Bill Beckley, engineer of streets for Wayne County.

Significant reductions in the Road Commission's budget mean significant reductions in services -- services which don't come cheap. The cost of paving a road to Class A standards, which is needed to accommodate industrial growth, runs at approximately \$1.2 million per mile. An overhead signal light costs approximately \$18,000 to install, said Dresselhouse. In each project in the township, Wayne County is responsible for 10 per cent of funding, with the federal government picking up the rest.

Therefore, completion of road improvement projects in the township is now uncertain at best. Ken Mosher, Canton's engineer, explains, "The way things have gone with federal funding, everything has been pretty much sidelined."

However, there is still a current priority list on file at the county. The list is completed for primary roads on a need basis, according to Beckley. "The Urban Systems Task Force determines the priorities," he says. "The county Planning Department and other agencies also examine priorities and provide input."

The Task Force is composed of representatives of the Road Commission and members of planning departments of various municipalities, Beckley added. The priority list itself is formulated for projects years in advance, but a speedy resolution of the completion of them is not always possible. "Sometimes things at the top of the list are not done for years," admits Beckley.

Although the actual priorities are established on a continuity basis throughout the county, funding presents the most obvious block to completion of various projects.

The Road Commission relies mainly on revenues from the state's gas and weight tax for funding -- a source which has dwindled in past months. Asked if those revenues could be increased with a hike in the tax, State Representative Thomas Brown, who represents Canton, commented, "Not too many legislators want to raise any tax right now." Although Brown suggests Canton investigate the possibility of a road improvement millage, township supervisor James Poole vetoed the idea for now.

"We can ask the people to vote on that kind of a millage, but I can't imagine it being approved," Poole said. Canton is currently prioritizing its own improvement projects, he added. "Things are being surveyed now, such as roads, red lights and signal lights. Our first priority is to get a \$1,700 signal in front of Eriksson School," he said. "The others are well downstream -- they are not even in the 'sit down and talk' stage."

Although Canton has progressed significantly from the days of wagon ruts and one-lane dirt tracks, problems still arise from the modern multi-lane interchanges now available to township motorists. And until the county's financial situation improves drastically, which seems unlikely, those problems will remain for a long time.

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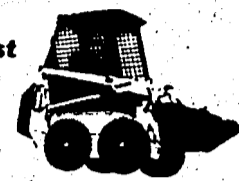
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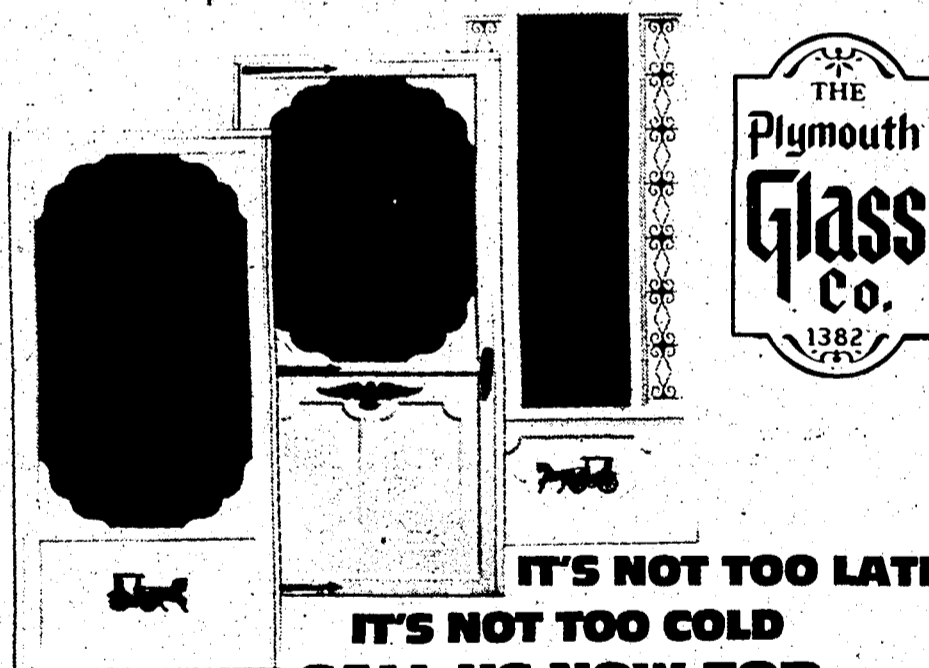
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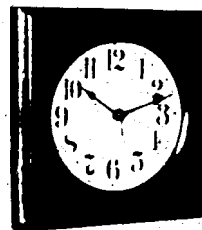
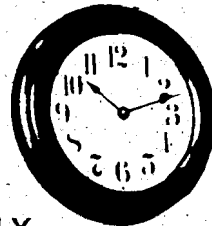
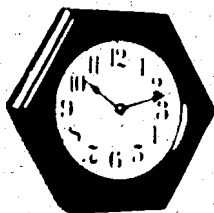
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community deaths



Baker

Elizabeth "Sue" Baker, 38, of Canton, died Dec. 21 at St. Mary Hospital. Funeral services were held Dec. 23 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with The Rev. Fr. Edward J. Bladwin officiating. Arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

She is survived by her husband, Daniel R.; mother, Cora Brandon of Livonia; sons, Terry of Redford and Daniel P. at home; and brother, Michael Brandon of Redford.

An office manager for Detroit Testing Laboratories, Mrs. Baker was also a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Memorial contributions can be sent to the Michigan Kidney or Diabetes Foundation.

Green

H. Robert Green, a teacher at Gallimore School, died Dec. 4. Funeral services were held Dec. 8 at Kaul Funeral Home in St. Clair with The Rev. J.R. McDonald officiating.

He is survived by his parents, Beatrice and Harry Green of Florida; sister, Dona Slater of Mt. Clemens; nephews, Raymond, Dane and Karen Wilson.

A resident of Northville Township, Mr. Green was 49. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War. He had taught at Gallimore School for 16 years and taught a class of fourth and fifth graders this year.

Tax seminars for senior citizens set

A tax aid program for senior citizens will be held again this year at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

"Help for the Elderly," sponsored by the Plymouth-Northville Chapter, American Association of Retired Persons, will be held

George A. Bartz, 61, of Canton, died Dec. 19 at Wayne County General Hospital. Funeral services were held Dec. 22 at Schrader Funeral Home with Pastor Leonard J. Koeninger officiating. Burial was at Knollwood Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Anna; son, George A., Jr.; brother, John of Canton; sisters, Lillian Johnson and Lila Borovsky; and two grandchildren.

A retired tool and die maker with Ford Motor Company, Mr. Bartz was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, where memorial contributions can be sent.

Brightbill

Wesley R. Brightbill, 42, of Plymouth, died Dec. 25 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Funeral services were held Dec. 29 at Schrader Funeral Home with Pastor William M. Stahl officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Sylvia R.; father, Darwin E. of Port Austin; sons, Danny R. of Grand Rapids and David W. at home; daughter, Darci L. at home; and brothers, Thomas E. of Plymouth and Darwin E., Jr. of Livonia.

A former office supervisor with Michigan Bell, Mr. Brightbill was also a member of the Livonia Elks BPOE No. 2246.

Jan. 14, 15 and 16 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for instruction by federal representatives, and one Jan. 19 from 9 a.m. to noon for state tax information.

Classes are open to the public.

Canton man shot, wounded

John Genrich, 22, of Canton, was critically wounded Dec. 21 when he was shot by a female impersonator in Detroit.

Genrich received a stomach wound at approximately 8 a.m. in front of 312 Rose-dale on Detroit's east side, according to Detroit police. A witness said a man wearing a woman's coat, high heels and a wig fled the car after the shooting, according to police.

Admitted to Henry Ford Hospital in critical condition, Genrich underwent surgery for the wound, and is now listed in fair condition. Police said they have no suspects in the shooting.

Alcohol effects

An Alcohol Awareness Program sponsored by the 35th District Court will begin Jan. 6.

Held in the court, located on the second floor of the Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main, the first session will be held Jan. 6 at 8 p.m. and will feature Frank Hollingsworth, who will discuss "Pharmacology of Alcohol -- Effect on Body - Physical."

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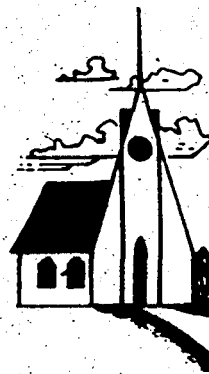
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sports

Stevenson slips by Salem for Christmas title

BY KEN VOYLES
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Here's the results of the 1980 Christmas Basketball Tournament at Livonia Churchill Monday and Tuesday, and involving Livonia Churchill, Stevenson, Canton and Salem.

SALEM—STEVENSON

Down by seven points with 7:27 left to play in the game, the Salem basketball squad was almost able to overcome the margin and win the Christmas Tournament championship. Livonia Stevenson, however, had other ideas and the Spartans held on to win the annual holiday classic, 45-44, Tuesday night.

With four minutes left in the game, the Rocks had closed to 45-40. Jon Huddy had tallied the Spartans final points with 4:47 remaining when he sank two free throws.

Mike Sharp then hit a bucket for the Rocks and John Cohen added a second with 1:41 left to close to 45-44. Salem was to get a final chance to score when Bill Keyes fouled David Miller with seven seconds left.

Miller, who had collected four points in the fourth quarter, missed his first shot. The ball was rebounded by Cohen who put

up a shot in the crowd under the basket. It missed. Miller got the rebound and the final attempt but the ball was blocked with not time left on the clock.

"I thought three overtimes last night (Monday) took a lot out of our players," said Salem Coach Fred Thomann. "Mentally we had a hard time getting in the game, but in the end, we were right there."

"Defensively I thought we did a nice job. Stevenson's a team that likes to score 60 points," continued Thomann.

Leigh Langkabel and Shar paced the Rocks to a 13-11 lead at the end of the first quarter. Langkabel scored five points and Sharp had four.

The Rocks seemed to run out of steam in the second quarter and the Spartans took advantage of the fact, tying the score at 17 with 4:32 left in the half.

Stevenson then went ahead and held a two-point margin until the intermission when the score was 25-23.

In the third quarter, the Spartans continued to hold the tempo of the game. Keyes scored eight points leading the Spartans to a 37-32 lead going into the final period.

"I thought there were times in the first half when we just lost our intensity," said Thomann. "They got the momentum, but we

made a hell of a run at them."

Miller scored eight points for Salem, while Langkabel, Sharp and Cohen added six points each.

Keyes paced the Spartans with 18 points, while Kevin Saunders added eight.

CANTON—CHURCHILL

After losing a heartbreaker to Salem Monday night, the Canton basketball squad bounced back and beat Churchill, 52-41, Tuesday in the consolation game of the Christmas tourney.

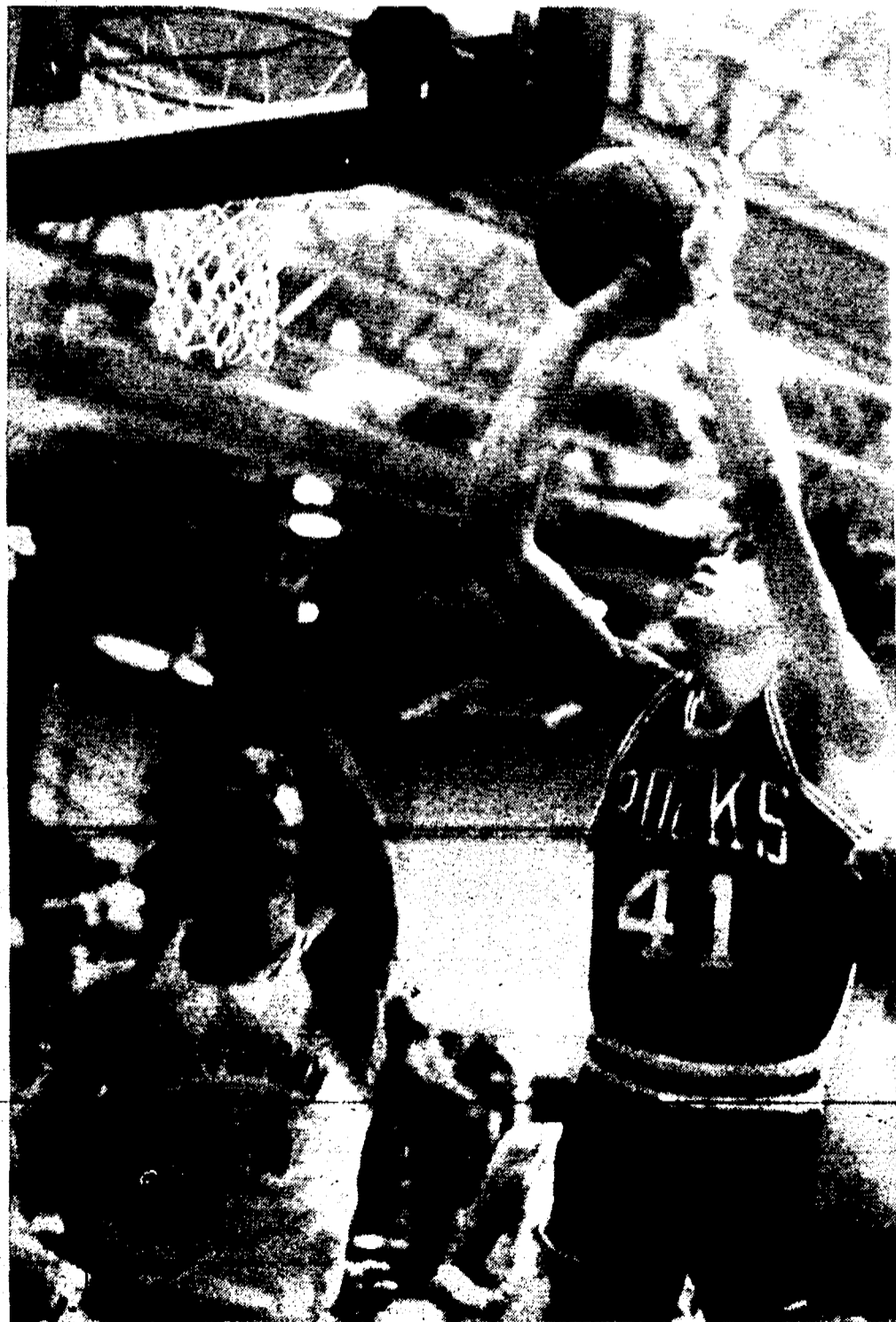
Matt Thomas led the Chiefs' scoring attack against the Chargers, pumping in 16 points. Sean Houle and Dave Malek each added 13 for Canton.

The Chiefs outrebounded Churchill 29-18, and Houle and Steve Tuttle combined for 24 of the 29 rebounds. Tuttle had 10 and Houle 14.

Canton and the Chargers met once before this season and the Chiefs, using defense as its weapon, came out on top 66-55.

The Chiefs put together another solid

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SALEM'S Leigh Langkabel is in excellent position to add two points to the Rocks tally against Livonia Stevenson in the finals of the Christmas tournament, which the Spartans won. (Crier photo by Jay Keenan)



BOTH CANTON'S Bill Childs (11) and Salem's Mike McBride seem out of position to rebound the ball during heated action in the Rocks, Chiefs Christmas clash. (Crier photo by Jay Keenan)

Chiefs host area matmen

Tomorrow, the Canton wrestling squad, along with the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club, will host the 4th Annual Canton Civitan Invitational.

The eight-team event will start at 11:30 a.m. with consolation finals at 6 p.m. and championship finals at 7 p.m.

Besides Canton and Salem, Redford Thurston, Birmingham Seaholm, Birmingham Brother Rice, Dearborn, Lincoln Park and West Bloomfield will field teams for the competition.

Tickets are 75 cents for students and \$1.25 for adults. The finals will cost \$1.50.

The Rocks won the tournament last year and the Chiefs finished third.

Chiefs crush Western Six Chargers.

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defensive performance in the holiday tournament, forcing Churchill into several ball-handling errors, while holding the team foul total to seven.

"Once we stepped out and put defensive pressure on their guards, we got the turnovers and were able to score," Canton Coach Bell said after the game.

Bell also commended Steve Tuttle on having a good game defensively. "He guarded Scott Conrad and held him to just nine points," Bell said. Conrad, Churchill's six-foot six center, had scored 19 points the first time the two teams met.

Canton, which led 29-26 at the half, also were 10 for 17 from the free throw line.

The Chiefs resume regular season play Jan. 6, when they face Farmington at Farmington. The next home game is Jan. 9 against Waterford Mott.

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THREE-ARMED David Miller grabs a rebound, despite the presence of the mysterious third arm.

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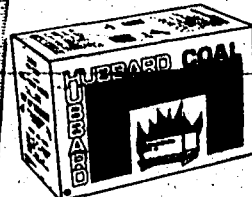
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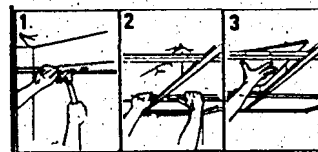
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3 overtimes -- It's Salem over Canton in cage classic

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SALEM—CANTON

Mike McBride hit a 15-foot jumper with four seconds left in the third overtime period to lift the Salem Rocks to a 57-56 win over Canton's Chiefs in the first round of the Christmas Tournament at Churchill on Monday.

McBride was also responsible for sending the game into a third overtime when he went to the foul line with no time on the clock, Canton in front 53-51, and sank two pressure free throws to tie it at 53-53.

The end of regulation time left the score tied 43-43. Paul Horton had hit one of two shots at the foul line with 1:05 remaining to tie the score 43-43. Both the Chiefs and the Rocks had a couple more chances to score before the buzzer sounded, including Scott Bublin's last second shot for Salem that missed.

The first overtime period started when Chief Sean Houle hit a basket at the 2:43 mark (three minutes to each overtime). Horton tied it up at 45-45 with a basket at 1:43, Houle hit another at 1:08 and Bublin tied it again for the Rocks with 33 seconds left, after the Rocks had gotten the ball on a Canton traveling call. The first overtime ended 47-47.

In the second overtime, Houle put Canton back on top 49-47 with 2:41 left. Bill Childs sank one of two free throws for the Chiefs to push the lead to 51-47.

With one minute left, Rock co-captain Sharp hit a basket and Bublin tied it again at 51-51 with 27 seconds left.

Canton's Steve Tuttle put the Chiefs on top 53-51 with 17 seconds left, but then Houle fouled McBride with no time left.

In the third overtime, Dave Malek hit a bucket for Canton with 58 seconds left to put them on top 55-53. Bublin responded with a basket at the 43-second mark to tie the game. Horton then fouled Houle with 16

seconds remaining.

Houle made the first free throw, missed the second. Horton got the rebound for Salem and the squad rushed up the court with McBride firing the shot with four seconds left.

The regulation game had been a scrappy affair as were all three overtime and by the games end both squads were on the verge of collapse.

"I really thought our kids held their concentration down the stretch," said Salem's Thomann. "we seemed to be constantly playing from behind especially in the overtimes and because of that it was a tremendous win for us."

"McBride did a nice job for us as did David Miller on defense against Houle," continued the coach. "Bublin had a good offensive night and Paul Horton played as good as he has so far this year."

"That game could have gone either way," said Canton's Coach Craig Bell. "We played our hearts out. It's too bad -- going that long and to lose that way."

"I was surprised at Tuttle's inside game. He really showed improvement. Houle also had a fine night for us," Bell said.

Houle had eight points and Tuttle collected six to pace the Chiefs to a 12-10 margin at the end of the first quarter. McBride tallied four points for the Rocks in the first period, while Bublin, Horton and Langkabel added a basket each.

Canton scored eight points in the second quarter to the Rocks nine points to lead 20-19 at the intermission.

Tuttle and Houle continued to be the Chiefs only offense. They each had four points in the quarter. Bublin, Langkabel, Horton and Norm Haygood tallied buckets for Salem as they worked to stay with the Chiefs.

The Rocks had a strong third period and

were able to take a 32-49 lead by the end of the quarter.

Bublin paced Salem in the quarter with two baskets, while McBride, Horton, Cohen and Sharp contributed one apiece.

Tuttle and Houle continued to do all of Canton's scoring until the 56-second mark when Malek hit a basket to close the score to 30-29, Salem. Cohen ended the quarter, though, for Salem with 14 seconds left, to spread the margin, 32-29.

The Rocks continued to hold their margin until the 6:22 mark of the final quarter when Tuttle put Canton ahead 35-34. That didn't last long as Miller and Sharp put the Rocks

on top 38-35. With 1:43 left to play, Bill Childs scored the Chiefs final regulation points to put them ahead 43-42, before Horton tied it with his free throw.

"Our defense was at times very good. Our full court pressure was better than we thought it would be," continued Thomann. "We really spent tonight."

Houle and Tuttle were high scorers in the game with 27 and 19, respectively.

Salem's scoring was more balanced. Bublin scored 16, while Horton and McBride had 11 each. Langkabel tallied eight, while Sharp had six.

The Rocks next regular season game will be home on Jan. 6 against Ypsilanti.

Open skating at Center

The City of Plymouth Department of Parks and Recreation will continue its special holiday open skating program through this week at the Cultural Center.

Today, open skating hours will be 9 to 11 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 1 to 3 p.m. and 3 to 5:20 p.m.

Those hours will be repeated tomorrow, while on Wednesday, there will be open skating from 9 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m.

The building will be closed New Year's Day.

Hours will resume this Friday with times from 9 to 11 a.m., 1 to 3 p.m. and 3 to 5:20 p.m.

On Saturday, hours will be 9 to 11 p.m. and on Sunday there will be skating from 2 to 3:30 p.m. and 3:30 to 5 p.m.

The cost for residents of the Plymouth-Canton School District is \$1.25 for adults and \$1 for children. Skate rental is 50 cents. For more information call 455-6620.

Skate outside in Canton

Outdoor ice skating will be again made available this winter season as soon as the Canton Township Parks and Recreation turns on the flood gates and gets its outdoor rinks ready for public use.

The locations for this winter's rinks will

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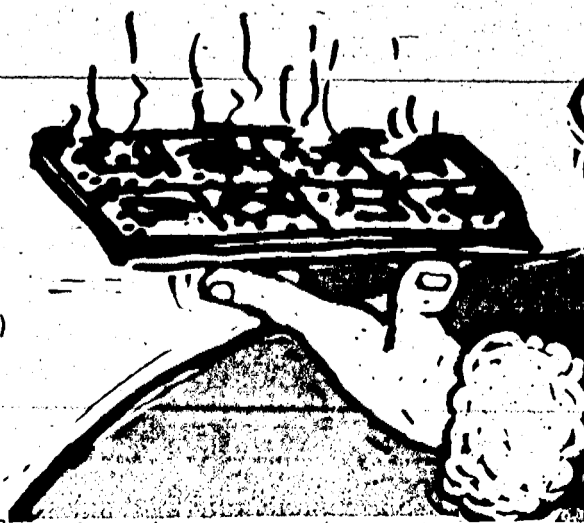
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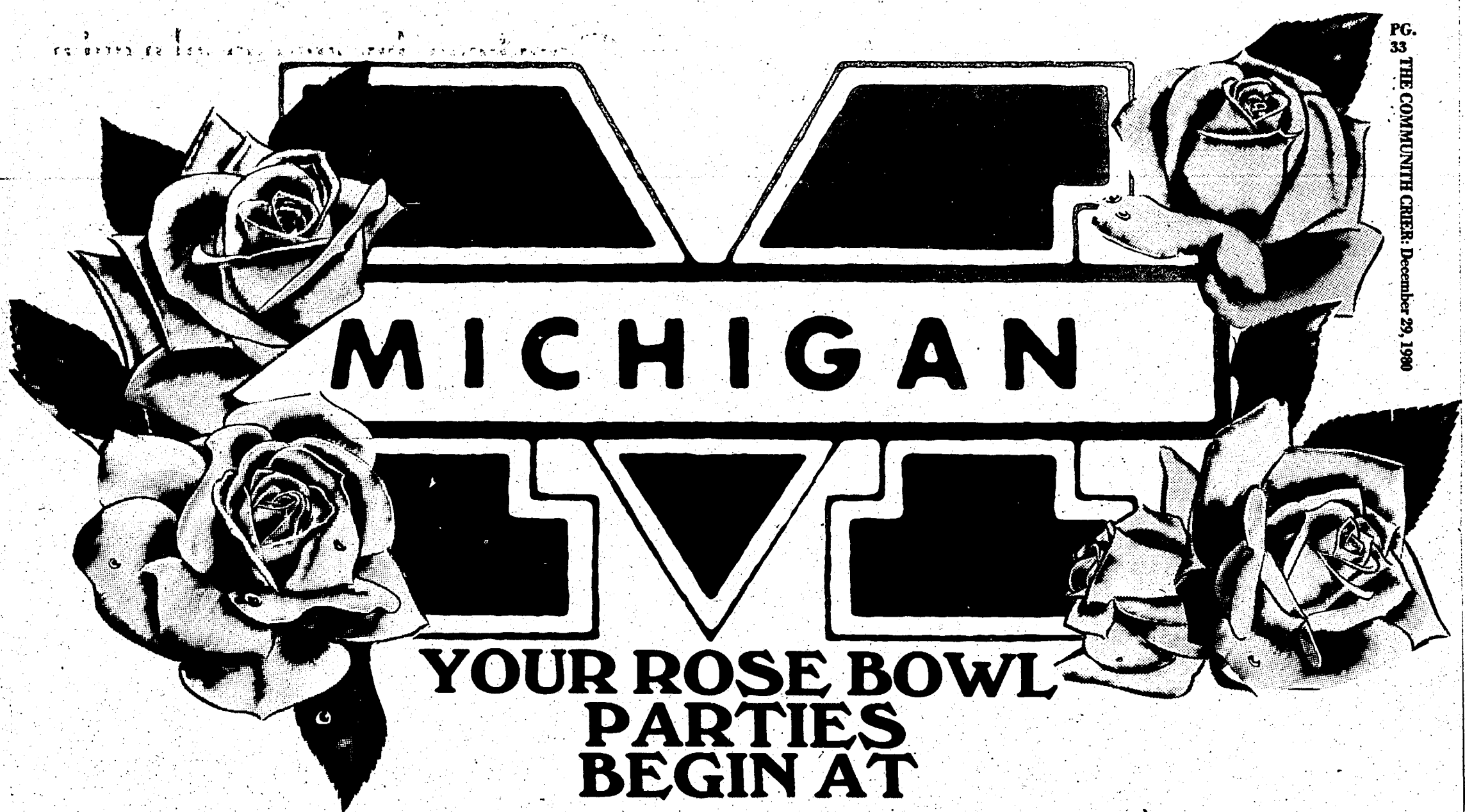
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Brighton wins invitational, Salem 2nd and Canton 6th

Salem hosted the second annual Plymouth-Canton Swim Invitational last weekend and came away with a second place.

Brighton won the meet with 269 points. The Rocks picked up 258 points, while Westland John Glenn was third and Canton was sixth.

Salem's 200-yard medley relay squad of Bruce Harwood, Gary Workman, Jeff Kleinsmith and Paul Perkowski clocked 1:48.3 to win that race.

Canton was fifth with a time of 1:52.3.

Bob Simrak was fourth in the 200-yard individual medley for the Chiefs as he timed 2:16.

Perkowski won the 50-yard freestyle for the Rocks with a time of 23.4 seconds and Doug Kleinsmith was fifth in that race, 24.2 seconds.

Joe Rudelic won the diving competition for Salem with 401.55 points. Todd Riedel finished third for the Rocks, 319.95. Steve Gaggi was sixth for Canton, 265.35.

Jeff Kleinsmith was second in the 100-yard butterfly race for Salem, 59.6 seconds and Bruce Harwood was fourth, 1:00.9.


Pete Stern was second for Canton in the 100-yard freestyle, 52.5 seconds, while Salem's Doug Kleinsmith and Tim Harwood were fifth and sixth, respectively.

Russ Shaffer clocked 5:18.2 for second in the 500-yard freestyle for the Rocks.

Paul Neschich was second for the Rocks in the 100-yard backstroke, 1:02.2, and Bruce Harwood was third, 1:02.22.

Workman was third in the 100-yard breast stroke for Salem, 1:09.1, while Jim Luce was sixth for the Chiefs, 1:11.3.

Salem was third and Canton was sixth in the 400-yard freestyle relay.



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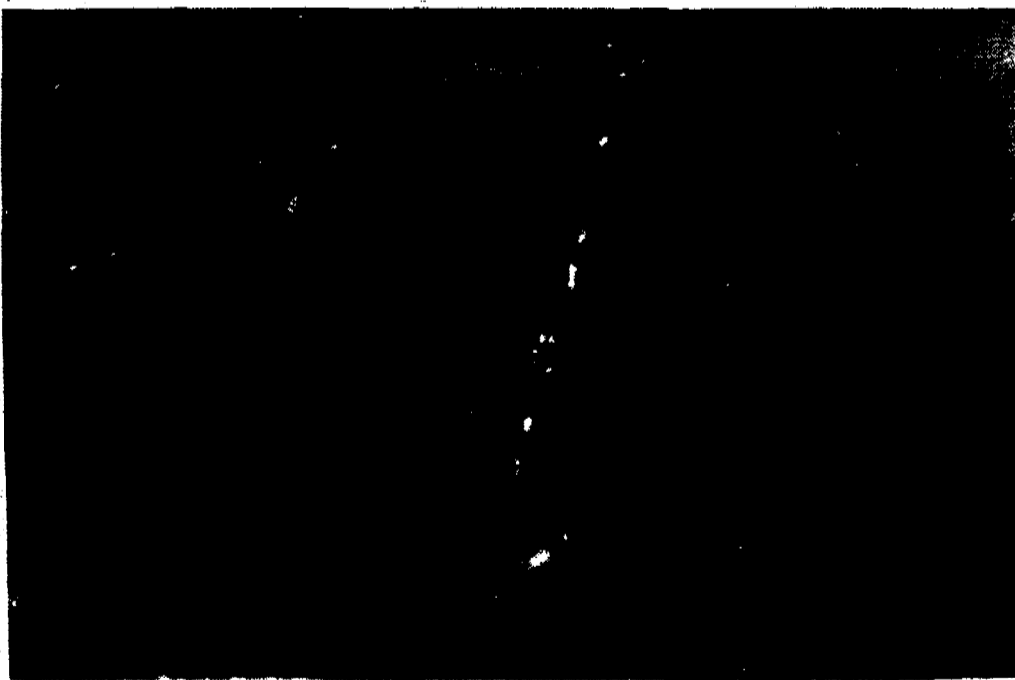
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JOE MCBRATNIE does the backstroke in the 100-yard race during the Rotary swim meet at Salem's pool. Canton was sixth in the competition but still had a fair showing. (Crier photo by Jay Keenan)

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SALEM'S PAUL Neschich is surrounded by the foamy stuff as he does the backstroke for the Rocks in the Rotary Invitational hosted by Salem. Salem was second in the competition. (Crier photo by Jay Keenan)

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SALEM WRESTLING Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Tues. Dec. 30, 1980	Canton Invitational	T	11:30 a.m.
Sat. Jan. 3, 1981	Huron Quod	T	
Thurs. Jan. 8, 1981	Bedford	H	6:00
Sat. Jan. 10, 1981	Salem Invitational	H	10:30 a.m.
Thurs. Jan. 15, 1981	Dearborn	H	6:30
Sat. Jan. 17, 1981	N. Farmington Invitational	T	
Thurs. Jan. 22, 1981	Belleville	T	6:30
Sat. Jan. 24, 1981	Monroe Invitational	T	
Thurs. Jan. 29, 1981	Edsel Ford	H	6:30
Sat. Jan. 31, 1981	John Glenn "B" Invitational	T	12:00
Thurs. Feb. 5, 1981	Bentley	T	6:30
Sat. Feb. 7, 1981	Suburban-8	T.B.A.	
Sat. Feb. 14, 1981	Districts	T.B.A.	
Sat. Feb. 21, 1981	Regionals	T.B.A.	
Sat. Feb. 27 & 28, 1981	State	T.B.A.	

Express are soccer champs in 8-year-old division

The Plymouth Express repated as Fall champions of the Plymouth Parks and Recreation under eight-year-old soccer league recently.

The players and coaches of the team included Eric Granata, Joshua Blunt, K.C. Kirkpatrick, Michael Bromet, Scott Bright,

Mark Henry, Matthew Cook, and Douglas Nevi.

Also on the squad were Derek Olson, Leanne Gurchak, Mellissa Vernon, Brandon Baker, Geoffrey Eisenlord, Jeffrey Nafe, Dave Eisenlord, Chet Herman, Tony Pappas, Larry Olson, Rolfe Krachenberg and Steve Bromet.

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Mite hockey tourney enters final rounds of play

The Plymouth-Canton 1980 Mite Hockey Tournament will wind up action this week with semi final games tonight and the finals on Wednesday.

Some 13 teams started the competition last week with round-robin play until the top four teams in two divisions, Blue and Red, were sorted out.

The final standings in the Red Division were: Brighton, first, 3-1-1, Plymouth

North Stars, second, 3-1-1, Plymouth Blackhawks, third, 3-2-0, Brighton Blackhawks, fourth, 2-1-2, Livonia Bruins, fifth, 1-3-1, and Farmington Red Wings, sixth, 0-4-1.

The final standings in the Blue Division were: Brighton Leafs, first, 4-0-1, Livonia Leafs, second, 3-2-0, MicMac, third, 2-2-1, Plymouth Bruins, fourth, 2-3-0, Plymouth Islanders, fifth, 2-3-0, Livonia Flyers, sixth, 2-3-0, and Dearborn Heights By-Rite, seventh

at 1-4-0.

Tonight the Plymouth Bruins will take on the Brighton North Stars at 5:30 p.m., starting off the final round of semi-final action. The Brighton Blackhawks will play the Brighton Leafs at 6:30 p.m. in game two that night, while the Plymouth Blackhawks face the Livonia Leafs at 7:30 p.m. and MicMac meets the Plymouth North Stars at 8:30 p.m.

The top four teams from the three semi final rounds will battle this Wednesday for the tourney trophy, at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The consolation game will start at 11 a.m. with the championship finals set for 12:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children. The Plymouth Hockey Association will also be raffling off a "Basket of Cheer" on Wednesday. Tickets are \$1.

Plymouth-Canton Junior basketball standings

PCJBA
as of Dec. 20, 1980

"B" Girls League

76ers	3-0
Blues	2-1
Appollos	2-1
Wings	2-1
T-Birds	2-1
Dolphins	1-2
Stars	1-2
Flyers	1-2
Angels	1-2
Nets	0-3

Results: Angels 22, Appollos 12; Flyers 38, Nets 17; Wings 20, Stars 19; 76ers 20, Dolphins 14; T-Birds 25, Blues 17.

"AAA" Girls League

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

Results: Cubs 21, Angels 18; Jets 24, Flames 18.

"B" Boys League

AMERICAN	3-0
Celtics	3-0
Mustangs	3-0

Royals	2-1
Rocks	2-1
Darts	2-1
76ers	1-2
Bulldogs	1-2
Lakers	1-2
Chargers	0-3
Knicks	0-3

NATIONAL

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

Results: Cougars 32, Bulls 11; Darts 40, Knicks 34; Pistons 33, Sonics 22; Celtics 35, Chargers 12; Hawks 20, Warriors 19; Rocks 41, 76ers 32; Stags 32, Bullets 23; Royals 34, Lakers 25; Mustangs 52, Bullets 23; Trojans 41, Nats 25.

"AA" Boys League

Wolverines	3-0
Badgers	2-1
Gophers	2-1

Hawkeyes	2-1
Hooisers	2-1
Boilmakers	1-2
Spartans	0-3
Wildcats	0-3

Results: Wolverines 47, Hawkeyes 33; Badgers 45, Wildcats 28; Hooisers 73, Spartans 59; Gophers 45, Boilmakers 41.

"AAA" Boys League

Pistons	3-0
Jazz	2-1
Spurs	1-1
Suns	1-1
Warriors	1-2
Bucks	0-3

Results: Pistons 72, Suns 57; Spurs 55, Warriors 50; Pistons 75, Warriors 52; Jazz 51, Bucks 50.

"A" Boys League

AMERICAN	3-0
Chargers	2-1
Bullets	2-1
Celtics	2-1
Cougars	2-1
Hawks	2-1
Rocks	1-2
Sonics	1-2
Knicks	0-3

Stags	0-3
NATIONAL	
Royals	3-0
Pistons	3-0
Mustangs	2-1
Lakers	2-1
Nats	1-2
Bulls	1-2
Trojans	1-2
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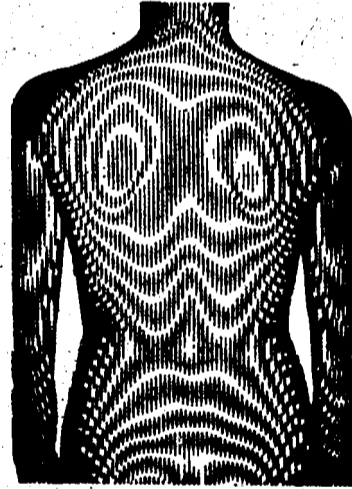
Results: Lakers 24, Rocks 20; Hawks 28, Bullets 24; Cougars 26, Sonics 18; Chargers 50, Stag 34; Celtics 50, Knicks 35; Royals 27, Trojans 16; 76ers 33, Warriors 22; Pistons 35, Nats 21; Mustangs 38, Bulls 23.

Tickets for girls sports

The winter girls varsity sports program at Salem and Canton will get under way next week with the sports of volleyball and gymnastics the main arena for the females.

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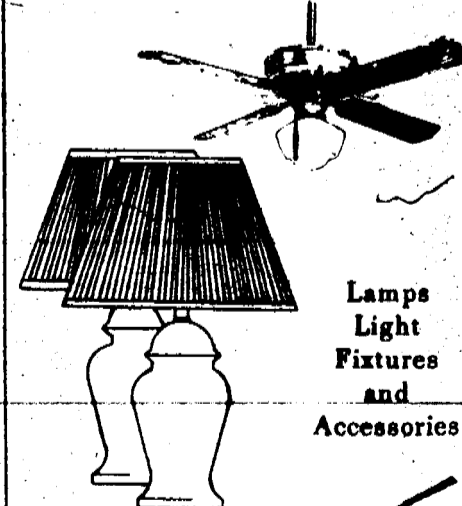
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And so it goes.

Patti, I'm really sorry. It will never happen again. M.

Patti -- Happy New Year (boy, will it ever be!) Love Mike.

Patti -- Disregard Vicky's curiosity.

Charlie, Judy
Strolling down the main drag at 8 a.m. bearing a birthday cake made the day (and night) all the more memorable. Mank thanks.

Pat

Welcome Jim.

Mom and Dad in Wisconsin: This is my last free curio. Hll

Marion Darwish.
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Congratulations Kathy lungate, a Graduate of the University of Arizona. Mom, Dad & the whole family are proud.

MIKE & PATTI... In a week of important announcements, that one was great news.

Did KENN & LINDA read those limmericks? The one on Grace is great.

THANKS SANTA! Jessica

Curiosities

Next time you take me to a singles party, warn me first!

AUNT DOROTHY: sleeping with the printing press isn't too bad, it doesn't nag or throw temper tantrums. The address is right.

JESSICA loves dad's sirloin steak with shallot and wine sauce.

THIS SPARTAN wishes the Wolverines best of luck despite Bo.

SECERT SANTA... that's the only place I ever get a chance to read. Thanks. The Shop Steward.

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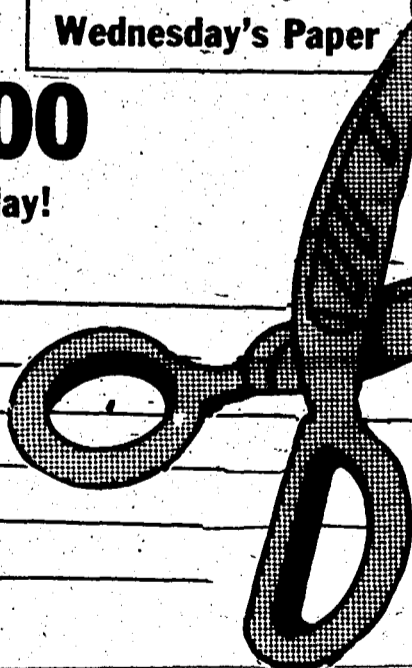
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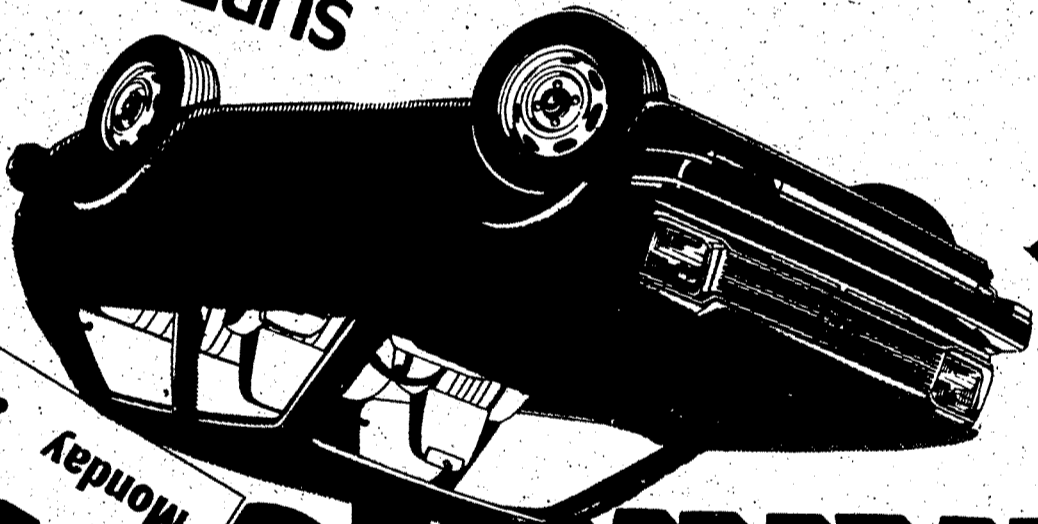
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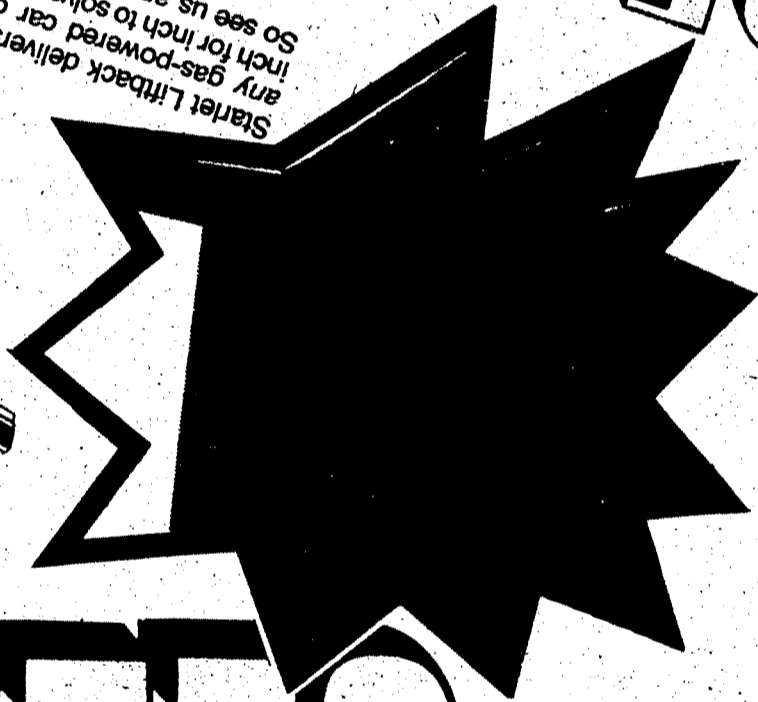
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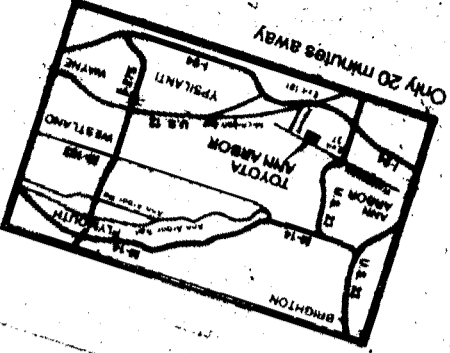
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