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P-C school budget to offer little more -- and less...

BY DAN BODENE

Five months into the budget year for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, there's some good news and some bad news in the General Fund.

The good news is that the district has \$244,000 more than expected.

Candy kids no sweet treat

BY RACHAEL DOLSON

Six juveniles and one adult selling Christmas candy were arrested Saturday for peddling without a license. Police said two or more of them may be responsible for thefts in a Plymouth neighborhood.

Francis E. Holland, 36, of Westland, representing Michigan Elite Teens, had brought six teens into the Plymouth neighborhood to sell Christmas candy, Plymouth Police Commander Ralph White said. "They may have been selling the candy for charity or it may be a sham," White said. "It's not unusual for adults working with a reputable organization to do this -- bring a bunch of kids in a van, drop them off, and arrange to meet them later."

White said alert neighbors saw the candy-selling juveniles, in two separate incidents, break into neighborhood homes.

The scenario for at least two of the juveniles, White said, was to knock on the door of homes -- if people were home they would try to sell candy and if not they would break into the home.

At the home of Jane Sisco, 1351 Ross, a neighbor reported that the boys had tried to sell candy, and finding no one home, had tried to break in a side door, police said. An audible alarm was activated and the boys went to the next house selling candy, police said.

Another neighbor reported that he had seen two males selling candy and later saw them leaving the home of James McKeon, 1302 Ross, in the late afternoon, police said. The rear door of the McKeon home had been pried open, police said, and several rooms had been searched.

Two other homes in the area had been broken into and may be related, police said.

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The bad news is that the district has \$1,207,786 less than expected.

District assistant superintendent for business Ray Hoedel says local revenues have increased in two areas. One is the schools' adult education program -- the district received about \$30,000 more than originally estimated.

The other area was in project revenues. Plymouth-Canton schools got \$262,000 more than expected (although Project Fund costs escalated, too).

Federal project expenditures include costs for alternative education, vocational education special needs, Indian education, Headstart, energy and other areas.

State revenues haven't fared that well. The district has lost about \$48,000. Most

of that loss comes from a decrease in membership aid; at the "Fourth Friday Count" the district tallied 31 fewer students than anticipated. Superintendent John Hoben says the district lost 118 students during the schools' employe strike in the fall.

Hoedel says total revenues, revised as of Nov. 30, are estimated at \$41,306,000.

Expenditures will jump this year because of the 3 per cent pay increase given to district employe groups. When the budget was approved in June, no increase was budgeted because contract negotiations were still in progress.

On the brighter side, Hoedel says the district has done well with summer tax collections. Summer collections ranged from 78 per cent participation in Salem

Township, to 92 per cent in Canton and Plymouth townships.

The district's Food Service Fund financial report for September through November showed a \$21,000 loss, although food service managers predict a turnaround by the end of the year.

Most of that loss was from the "satellite" program. Satellite schools -- those with meals transported in from other kitchens -- include Salem and Canton high schools; and Farrand, Gallimore, Isbister, Starkweather and Tanger elementaries.

The satellite program accounted for an \$18,990 loss for the first three months of the school year. But Jack Chandler of Interstate United, the company which administers the district's food service program, says Plymouth-Canton schools would have lost an additional \$3,700 without the satellite program.

Chandler says the food service budget should "come close to the budget projection from June" as the year progresses.

Hoedel says although food and labor costs have risen, the district has not increased lunch prices this year.

Violations in Canton Twp. government?

BY CHERYL EBERWEIN

Have Canton politicians and employes been breaking the law? Canton Treasurer Maria Sterlini said she thinks so.

Sterlini told other board members and administrative employes that there have been "serious violations of the law occurring in the township" in the past year and a half at the Dec. 13 board meeting. She would not say who had committed the violations or what the violations involved.

"I believe I have faithfully executed the law as treasurer of Canton," Sterlini said at the meeting. "It is unfortunate that up to this point there has been no communication or understanding. I spoke with the attorney about these violations."

Although other board members asked the treasurer to explain what the alleged violations involved, Sterlini did not name

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Candle harmony in Kellogg Park

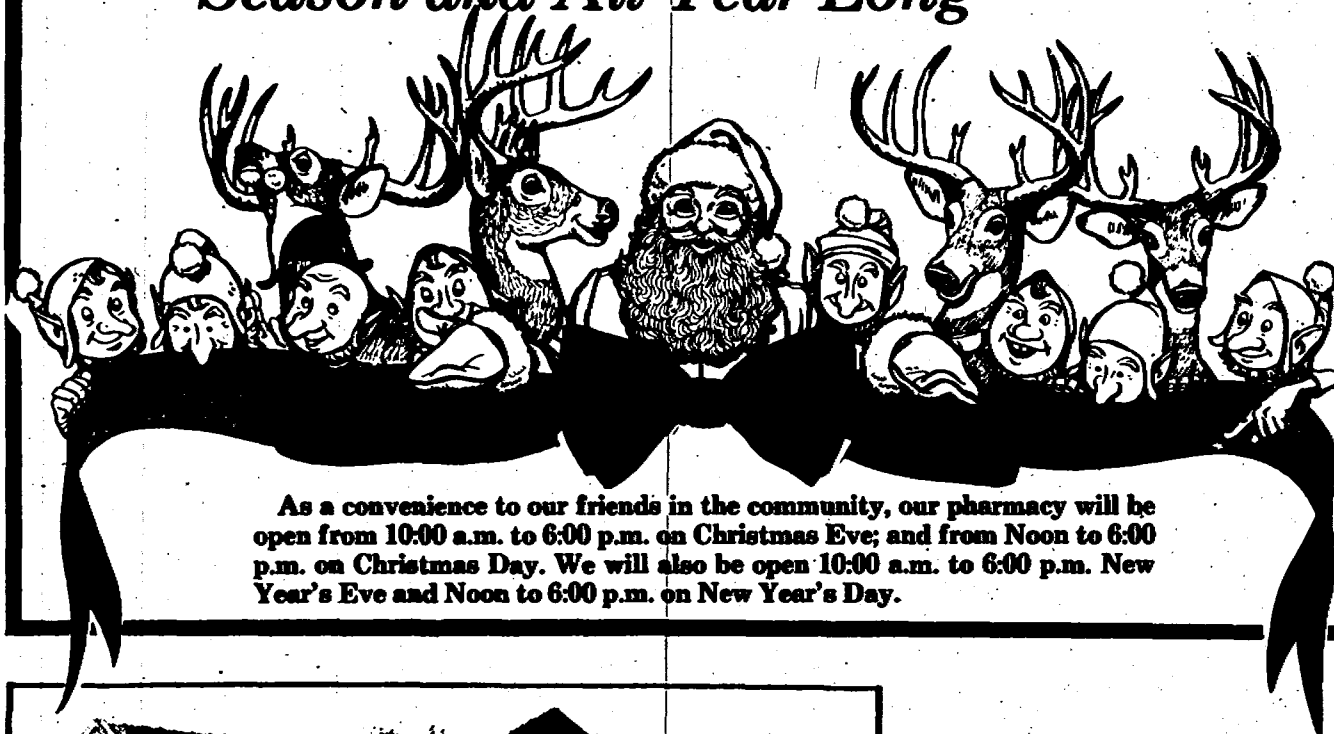
MORE THAN 200 people braved cold weather in Plymouth's Kellogg Park Thursday night to join in celebrating the community's second annual carol sing. The First Baptist Church of Plymouth presented the Christmas story and traditional carols to the crowd, and Plymouth Community Chorus Director Mike Gross also led them in songs. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd)

Last minute gifts? See pgs. 23-27 for ideas!



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County investigates Miscarriages related?

BY CHERYL EBERWEIN

The Wayne County Health Department has begun an investigation which may lead to the possible cause for five spontaneous miscarriages in a Canton neighborhood.

The miscarriages were reported to the Health Department by five different women who live in a one block radius of one another in the northern part of the township. Wayne County Health officials would not release details of which neighborhood the women lived in.

Dr. Don Lawrenchuk, medical director for the Health Department said county officials are gathering information on the cases. Lawrenchuk said the the Health Department is particularly concerned from an environmental standpoint.

"It is highly unusual for four healthy women to spontaneously abort within a one mile radius of one another," Lawrenchuk said. "We are looking at the environment for something possible in the air, water or soil." (The fifth case reported her miscarriage after Lawrenchuk's comments were made.)

Lawrenchuk said there should be no problems with the water since most Canton residents are serviced by Detroit water. "We are starting preliminary

investigations. Certainly these cases deviate from the norm. We don't know whether this is due to the environment or chance alone - that certainly is possible too."

Lawrenchuk said the County Health Department has no suspicions about the cases at the present time. "There are no toxic waste sites or pollution problems that we know of in that area. There is no heavy industry or no PCB spills, but we still need to look at this, and we can't close our eyes to it," he said.

Dr. Val Vangieson, environmental epidemiologist for the Health Department has been conducting investigations on the cases. Vangieson said the study could take some time to conduct.

"We can't think of anything in the area (which may have caused the abortions) unless something turns up," Vangieson said. "It will be at least a month before we can get any data together."

Vangieson said the Health Department is unsure if it has anything leading anywhere on the cases. "We can't put a finger on these cases. Other than a hormonal function, it's hard to find something in the way of a menace. We're not sure if we have anything yet."

Steering committee formed

Schools budget work begins

It's a long way off to June, 1984, but work has already begun on the school district budget which must be adopted then.

The first meeting on the 1984-85 budget was held Nov. 16. At that meeting, members of the school board finance committee decided to form a budget steering committee. An initial list of budget "decision packages" was also drawn up.

School board members approved the 16-member budget steering committee on Dec. 12.

Committee members include representatives from the administrative cabinet; several other district departments such as finance, audit, transportation, maintenance and community education; and representatives from elementary, middle and high schools.

The committee will assist in the development of the 1984-85 operating budget. Part of that duty will be to come up with three potential levels of cutbacks for each of the budget decision packages.

Decision packages will be set up for:

- Administrative support
- After school activities
- Aides allocation
- Alternative education
- Athletics in middle and high schools
- Block grant allocation
- Bus replacement
- Certified staffing
- Clerical support
- Custodial-maintenance support
- Major maintenance
- Special education
- Transportation services
- Instruction - textbooks and equipment
- New funding - positions and programs

The budget committee will meet five more times before the budget is adopted

next summer. In addition, the budget will be discussed at many other meetings of the superintendent's cabinet, administrative council and Board of Education.

Two special meetings have also been scheduled with representatives of all employe bargaining units.

A public hearing on the 1984-85 budget will be held June 18, 1984. The school board is expected to adopt the budget one week later.

Will 'son' have a happy New Year?

BY RACHAEL DOLSON

Who'll take this poor orphan boy home for the holidays?

Not Plymouth Township, who says maybe they'll take him in mid-January.

Not Canton Township, who has just ignored much-maligned stepchild lately.

But the City of Plymouth - with nothing to lose and little to gain - reluctantly agreed Monday to take the unwanted urchin into its bosom.

The kid that nobody is really sure they want, of course, is the 'Son of Supersewer' project - to create a Huron Valley wastewater treatment system for communities in western Wayne and Oakland counties.

But it doesn't look like Son of Supersewer is going to have a Happy New Year. The state department of natural resources (DNR) has said that the "Wayne - Oakland construction agreement" must be signed by all participating communities by the end of 1983 in order to qualify for a federal grant to pay for 75 per cent of the sewer project.

If the communities wait until after the first of the year, federal participation

could drop to 55 per cent or even to zero per cent - or so the DNR says.

But Plymouth Township, who will account for about seven per cent of the Son if it is ever built, isn't in a big hurry to sign the agreement. "We're still not happy," Plymouth Township Supervisor Maurice Breen said. The township board may consider signing the agreement at its first meeting in January, he said.

The currently proposed agreement, according to Plymouth City Attorney Charles Lowe, is a contract to make a contract.

Monday night the city agreed to sign the contract - despite the fact that they have no need for additional sewer capacity in the foreseeable future.

The city got out of the plan in during its infancy because it had adequate sewer service with the Rouge River wastewater system.

Lowe assured the city commission that they had no financial commitment by signing the contract - in all areas of the contract, he said, the city was shown as "zero" participation. Furthermore, Lowe

asked for a letter of understanding from Son's lawyers agreeing that the city was not obligating itself to pay for any of the new construction.

Why sign the contract then?

City engineer Ken West said the contract would preserve the city's right to buy sewer capacity in the future. "If for more reason the Rouge system could not handle our sewage for some reason, we could buy capacity in the new system ... if we got a paper industry or something else that had a lot of wastewater we could exceed our current capacity," West said.

Also, the contract allows the city to send a representative to the 'rate review committee' which can comment and make recommendations on the rates and policies established by the Detroit Water and Sewer Board.

The commission reluctantly approved the contract on a 6-1 vote with commissioner Mary Ellen McKercher voting no. McKercher said the contract was being rushed through and she could not vote for something she had had so little time to study.



Let's hear it for Santa

SMILES AND LAUGHTER filled the day for youngsters enrolled in the schools' IPSEP program. The class held its annual Christmas party Dec. 14. Above, Natasha DeGraff claps for Santa, while at right, Brian Williams, Danny and Mike De La Garza, Julia Esters and Sean Bowers greet Chuck E. Cheese. (Crier photos by Jay Keenan)



Canton board approves proposal

BY CHERYL EBERWEIN

In a six to one vote Dec. 13, the Canton Township Board accepted a proposal which set the guidelines for an organizational study to be conducted in the township administration.

The purpose of the study, as discussed at the Dec. 6 meeting, is to smooth personnel problems between administrative departments, and to define which duties elected officials and department heads are responsible for.

In a presentation to the Board Dec. 13, Personnel Director Daniel Durack said the principal objectives of the study are to evaluate the functions and services provided by the finance and treasury departments and to develop recommendations to improve the organization and operations of these departments.

Although Trustee Robert Padget was the only board member who voted against the study proposal, Canton treasurer Maria Sterlini voiced strong reservations about its value. "Any organizational study must study the laws, government duties and responsibilities of the clerk, treasurer and so on," Sterlini said. "I am confident I am as aware of the laws regulating the treasurer's department as I can be."

Sterlini told the board she has spoken with representatives from the Michigan Township Association and has retained her own attorney to answer questions about the duties and functions of the treasurer. "There are serious violations in the law regarding this matter," Sterlini told board members (see related story Pg. 1).

Major activities to be performed through the study include:

- Review existing documentation governing the treasury and finance departments. The review will look at the Charter Township Act, other state laws, other township policies and regulations, merit ordinances and clerical bargaining unit agreements.

- Interview the treasurer and finance director and their staffs and analyze the organization and departmental procedures.

- Interview other key township administrators (eg. the supervisor and clerk) and review the relationship of the treasury and finance departments with other township functions and services.

- Evaluate the scope of the departmental services provided.

- Identify key organizational issues and opportunities for improvement and develop recommendations to enhance the effectiveness of the organization and operations of the departments of the treasurer and finance.

- Prepare and present a final project report to the board. The report shall contain specific recommendations about department relations and where department functions are best performed.

In addition to these recommendations, the board also agreed to offer the Michigan Township Association and Michigan State University a chance to conduct organizational studies as well.

Sterlini accuses Canton of violations of the law

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specific incidents or individuals. Trustee Stephen Larson asked the treasurer to put them in writing and give copies to the board.

"I want the treasurer to advise me in writing what the serious violations of the law are," Larson said. "If you fail to notify the board about serious violations, then you are responsible. We (the board) all want copies," Larson added.

Tempers flared slightly when Sterlini did not present actual violations to the board at the meeting.

"You have made serious accusations and I want to be privy to what those accusations involve," Trustee Robert Padget said. "When can we expect an answer?"

Larson told Sterlini it was incumbent upon her that she tell other board members what the alleged violations were. "You have a responsibility to tell us."

Sterlini said the following day that she wanted to discuss the violations with a township attorney but was not allowed to do so.

"I can't meet with the township attorney," she said. "I approached the supervisor with this request and it has been censored since day one."

Sterlini said there has been nothing malicious intended in the violations, but

board members and the administration do not have a basic understanding of her department.

"I don't know how long we'll operate if things aren't corrected," Sterlini said.

Personnel director Daniel Durack said he is unaware of any violations in township operations. "The treasurer didn't give me any specifics about the (alleged) violations, but I think they may have to do with the legal and state mandated requirements for work by the treasurer versus the finance department," he said.

"I've never had anyone accuse anyone of serious violations of the law before," Durack continued. "I have not been made aware personally of any violations. If there are violations I want to know about them so first we can stop them and second, if something needs to be done with their legal ramifications, they can be looked into."

"I'm not aware of anything minor yet alone serious violations," Durack said.

Sterlini was unsure when she would present the board with written copies of the alleged violations. "I found out I couldn't discuss this with the attorney, but I don't want to take it back to the board and drag it out. The township meetings have sunken to the lowest of the low and if they go to that level again I'll walk out."



Lighting the way

CANTON GLOWED Sunday night, thanks to the Canton Beautification Committee. The group sold illuminaries to light up Canton's streets for Christmas. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd)

Door to door peddlers charged in scams

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Thieves broke into the home of Robert Budlong, 1600 Old Salem, between noon and 3 p.m., police said. Thieves entered through the garage and broke into the house through the door, police said. Missing from the house were jewelry and cash valued at \$200.

The home of Charles Brown, 1599 Lexington, was broken into between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m., police said. Missing was a wrapped Christmas present with a wallet pocket calculator inside, police said.

White said the six juveniles and Holland were arrested shortly after 4:30 p.m. Charged with peddling without a permit were:

- A 14-year-old Westland boy.

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- A 17-year-old Garden City boy.
- A 16-year-old Westland boy.

Holland, 3473 John Hawk, Westland, was charged with peddling without a permit and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

White said detectives are still investigating the four break-ins and charges may be filed later.

"We are trying to determine just who was involved in the break-ins... it may be that the whole thing is a sham, or it may be that two of the boys were just taking advantage of the situation," White said.

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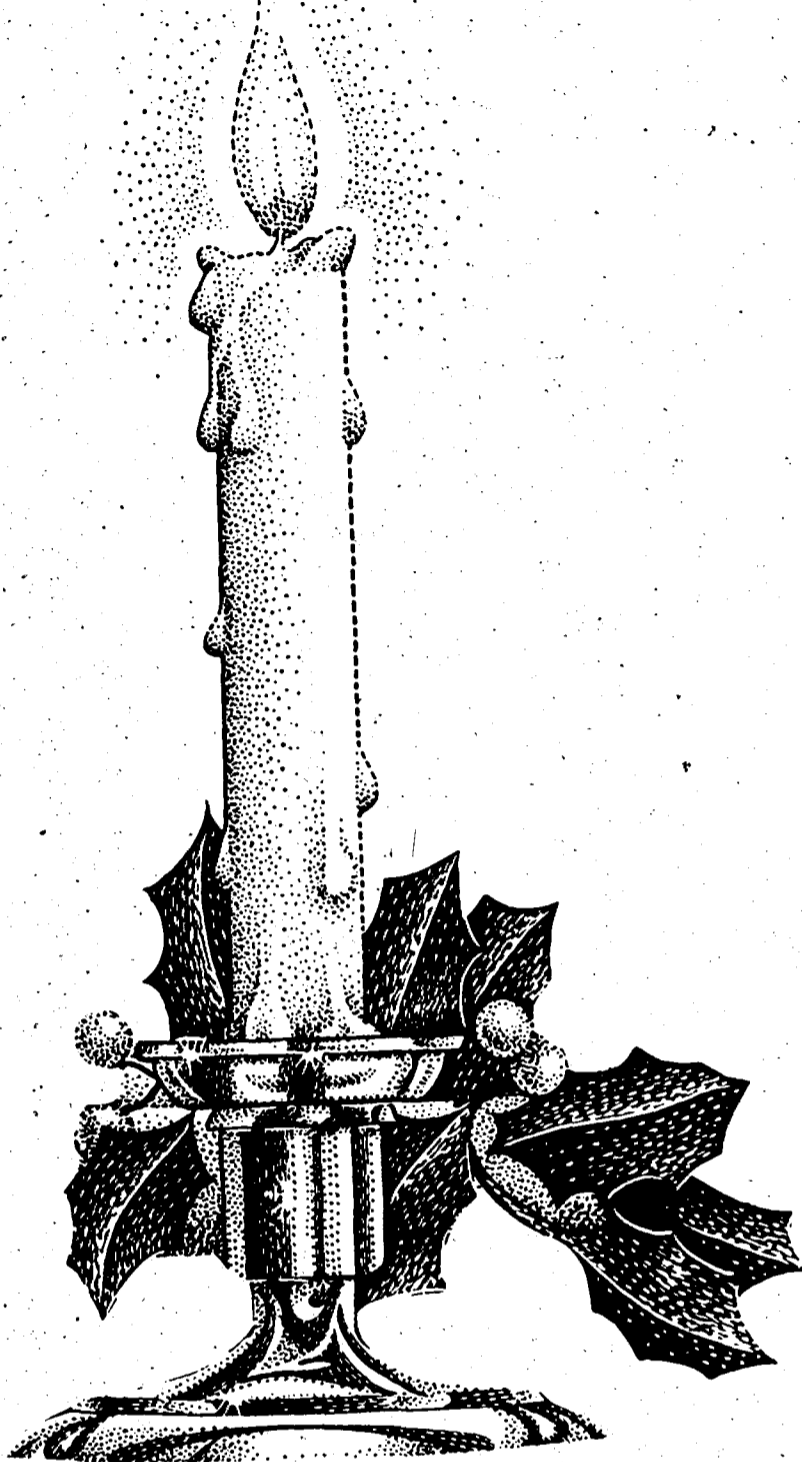
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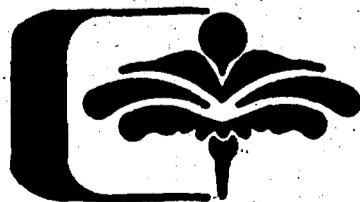


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Inclement weather caused an accident between a school bus and a car at Five Mile and Northville roads in Plymouth Township on Tuesday, Dec. 6, school officials said.

A bus carrying Farrand Elementary School students was going south on Northville Road at 4:15 p.m. when the car in front of it had trouble stopping at the stop light at Northville and Hines Park, school officials said.

The car tried to stop for the light and

turned crossways in front of the bus, and the bus going about five miles per hour struck the car, officials said.

Both the car and the bus were driven from the scene, officials said. Initially, however, the driver had a difficult time restarting the bus and a second bus was brought in to take the children home, officials said.

"We've had a couple days where the bad weather started in the afternoon - right at dismissal time. It hasn't been good for us," a spokesman said.

Man catches hand in snowblower

A maintenance man at the Stoneybrooke Apartment Complex in Canton was hospitalized Dec. 6 after catching his hand in a snowblower, Canton fire reports said.

According to fire department reports, Rick Gorski, 27, of Avondale St., Westland, was using a lawn tractor with a snowblower attached to the front end when the accident occurred around 7:30 p.m.

Sergeant Don Adams of the Canton Fire

Department said Gorski left the tractor running while trying to clear snow from one of the snow chutes when his left hand became caught. Canton firemen worked for a half hour before finally freeing Gorski's hand. The jaws were used and the front end of the tractor was dismantled in order to free Gorski.

Gorski was transported to St. Mary's Hospital with cuts on his first and second fingers.

City Center gets its license

The City of Plymouth paid \$1,370 in fees to the state Liquor Control Commission for the City's new liquor license for the Cultural Center.


The City Commission voted on Monday, Dec. 5 to pay the \$1,370 to the state - \$70 in inspection fee charges and a \$1,300 license fee.

The commission voted earlier this year to apply for a license for the Cultural

Center under a new state law which allows medium-sized cities a liquor license for their civic center or other meeting building.

The liquor license, new glassware and tableware, and tighter control over the caterers allowed at the Cultural Center are all part of the city administration's plan to upgrade the Cultural Center and make it operate on a break-even basis.

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P-C students play Santa in several charitable drives

LOCAL STUDENTS have been busy lately, spreading good cheer to those less fortunate. Among many projects coordinated through Plymouth-Canton schools so far were: (below, left) A Focus: Hope toy and gift Christmas Drive handled by Canton High students under the direction of teacher Mike McCauley, which resulted in a well-stocked Christmas tree (bottom, left); a canned food drive (below, right) for the Salvation Army, also coordinated by McCauley and put together by members of the Canton

High Executive Forum, National Honor Society and psychology classes, including (clockwise, from far left) Pam Bankowski, Ida Williams, Christine Townsend, Lynnette Poole and Amy Emerson; and (below, center) a passel of canned goods collected by Charles Portelli's 6th grade class at Hulsing Elementary, including (from left) Brian Mikosz, Marnie McDonell and Heather Greenshields. (Crier photos by Chris Boyd and Cheryl Eberwein)



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Millington: When in doubt, move forward!

EDITOR:

Recently I was honored by Plymouth Township on my 83rd birthday with a great party at Friendship Station. I mention this because Supervisor Breen stressed the lack of Millington letters to the Township and the Crier, those to him pointing out things to be done and how to do them. Well! Things are being done. Currently, the Township Hall is being enlarged at both ends. This no doubt is forward planning. I have heard several rumors, no doubt all false. One rumor is that Sterlini, of Canton, is moving in. A second is that it will insulate Maury's office from the noise of wrong-way traffic entering from Ann Arbor Road. Third, with Ann Arbor Road closed off, everyone will have to use the Mill Street entrance.

A sign is planned to guide one in. Things must really be improving. I never thought I would live to see Maury having his picture taken with the Fire Department (Crier 12-7-83).

There are a great many other interesting subjects for conversation. With apologies to Fred Delano, how about the price of Michigan potatoes? One year ago the going price was around six cents a pound at this time of the year. If you love potatoes or are on a tight budget, do not expect your local supermarket to be your savior. These lowly spuds are on (sale) 10 pounds for \$2.49. Next month they plan on displaying potatoes with the fruit. Now if you can afford to drive just over the I-275 overpass on Ann Arbor Road, you will

only pay \$1.49 for 10 pounds, from the same farms. This price is the highest they ever asked. They are not "on sale". They are "for sale".

For diversity, let's consider Wendover's vendetta on "Open Meetings or Freedom of Information versus City of Plymouth" (Crier 12-7-83). Attorney Lowe advises that "yes" they violated the law but the "intent" was honest. Guess how much this opinion cost the City? Why am I interested? Well! My approach is that laws were enacted to serve as a guide and not as a straitjacket. The intent is very important. Even lawyers and juries have trouble interpreting some. This is why we have judges. Even Circuit Court judges (Tom Foley excepted) cannot interpret the law which states, "Government employees may not strike".

I just happen to have been involved while serving as a director on a government body. I held a closed committee meeting of volunteers. At the board level, I was challenged by two people who warned me I was in violation of the open meeting act and predicted dire consequences, and we had better employ legal council. My reply: "I will assume all responsibility, let the other person hire their attorney first. When in doubt, move forward". Well! Someone got excited and employed legal council. The answer supported me. Confidence is a great thing!

How about the school board recall for a good one. Here we have a small group objecting to the elected board not giving to the Union (not the teachers as individuals) the keys to the vault. They accuse the board of using the law to defend the rights of all taxpayers and renters. They say nothing about violating the no-strike law which is paramount. Having negotiated a union, I would suggest that these people get elected and sit on the other side of the table. I guarantee they will not sleep nights. I have, in years gone by, criticized fiscal policies of school boards; but I have never accused them of being too liberal where tax money was involved. Recalls have a place in politics, I grant, but let us use good judgement. We read enough derogatory news about other areas of Wayne County. Let us not get involved in issues on which we have nothing to gain. We can only lose. Plymouth is not the place.

And now to close on a more simple subject. Have you visited the Township Park, the Township's golf course, or the seniors' Friendship Station, and noted all the improvements, particularly the asphalt paving, trees, etc., put in this fall. Rumor has it that Breen and Graper are running neck and neck, as Fred Delano would say, to see who can outdo the other. We all benefit. Keep in mind that the Township paid for golf club improvements, not the lessee.

Finally, if you like fresh white fish at \$1.99 a pound, try that little meat market on South Main. Not only is the price right, that personable lady behind the counter will even fillet it for you!

This is offered with apologies to your young journalists who do a pretty good job alone.

FRANK MILLINGTON

Through Bifocals

By Fred DeLano



If you live in Canton, either of the Plymouths, or either of the Northvilles, one of the most coveted of the votes you will be privileged to cast in 1984 will be that for judge of the 35th District Court.

The person elected will succeed the distinguished Dunbar-Davis on the bench during the first week of January, 1985.

Already the maneuvering among members of the legal profession for support of their brethren is gathering considerable steam, and if that surprises you, consider the stakes.

The term is for six years, the annual salary is in excess of \$60,000, there are excellent monetary provisions upon retirement, re-election as an incumbent is always a strong likelihood, and the prestige inherent in the title of "Judge" is just a shade short of av some.

Right now, the names one hears bandied about most often as possible candidates in the Aug. 7 non-partisan primary — from which two finalists will be chosen for the run-off in the Nov. 6 general election — are these:

From Canton (most populous of the 35th District's units) — former township supervisor Noel Culbert, Walter Hink, and maybe Robert Greenstein, but only if he recovers sufficiently from serious spinal injuries suffered recently when he was thrown by a horse.

From the Plymouths (No. 2 in population and voter strength) — township supervisor Maurice Breen, John Thomas, James McCarthy, John Vos, Donald Morgan and Carole Levitte.

From the Northvilles (smallest of the 35th's governmental entities both in population and voter totals) — township supervisor John MacDonald.

The Michigan constitution specifies that to run for judge a person must be licensed to practice law in this state. He or she also must be domiciled in this district, even though the candidate's law office might be somewhere else.

Deadline for filing nominating petitions will be 4 p.m., Tuesday, June 5. Official withdrawal will be permitted until the same hour three days later, Friday, June 8. Election officials in the Wayne County Clerk's office say that in the 35th, it will take a minimum of 154 valid signatures to put a name on the ballot.

The possible candidacy of Ms. Levitte, who is one of four state-appointed Administrative Law Judges serving the Plymouth-based Michigan Racing Commission, offers an added dimension to the 1984 contest.

That stems from the fact that we have not yet had a woman on the local bench, plus her outspoken interest in evaluating her chances if she does make a run for it.

Still, there's an even more intriguing element and it involves both Breen and MacDonald. As township supervisors, their terms expire in November and, of course, both have the option of running for re-election. The alternative, other than to retire to private law practice, is to run for the bench.

Where the fun arises is in the fact that while they can't be on the ballot both for judge and supervisor, it is permissible for either or both men to circulate two sets of nominating petitions, then deciding at the last minute which route to go.

Such a ploy might be called dirty pool by other aspirants, but political games never were meant for the faint-hearted in the first place.

Attorneys will tell you that the reputation of the 35th District Court is among the best in Michigan. In large part this is due directly to Judge Davis, now ready for his 16th and final year as a jurist. Enhancing that reputation since his own election as our second judge has been the conduct and work of Judge James Garber.

Davis must step down because the Michigan Constitution states, "No person shall be elected or appointed to a judicial office after reaching the age of 70 years." The judge already has passed that milestone.

If you are interested in the idiosyncrasies of our system, consider that Dunbar would face no such ban if he were running for re-election to such a trivial office as President of the United States!

Merry Christmas

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community opinions

Needed: People to keep Country Fest great

With Christmas songs festively ringing through the air, and holiday snowflakes (or raindrops, as the case has been lately) tickling faces, most people think of little else but the season at hand.

There are, however, some noticeable exceptions to this observation - especially in Canton.

Remove yourself for a moment from the holiday tasks of gift wrapping and cookie baking. Put down the last strands of tinsel and think back for a moment - to June. Along with summer, there was something else going on in Canton which turned the month into an occasion rather than another cluster of days.

The Canton Country Festival took place June 12 through 19. This home-brewed holiday presented Canton residents and visitors alike with a parade, dancing and entertainment, rodeos, a carnival, a casino, pet shows, art shows, talent shows, hot buttery corn and food of all sorts.

While the festival came off with swagger and polish, most people didn't see or appreciate the tremendous effort put out in order to accomplish this feat. The Country Fest board and all of its volunteers had devoted hours of their time to make the event kick with good ole'

Scouts' help was great, say seniors

EDITOR:

On behalf of the Senior Citizens and the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, I would like to thank the local Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troops that helped us with the tremendous task of raking leaves this season. I know the Seniors who had this service really appreciate the kindness and consideration shown by these fine young ladies and gentlemen. They are a nice reflection of the "good" that never hits the front pages in most newspapers.

A heartfelt thanks to: Linda Strickland and Carol Steffanni, Troop 411; Judy Clemens, Troop 210; Mr. Gene Buchan, Troop 1534 (Boys); Mrs. Lemanek and Mrs. Russell, Troop 643; Diane Wilder, Troop 608; Mary Gaffield, Troop 328.

And lastly, a sincere thank you to Cheryl Eberwein for her support and assistance throughout the leaf-raking program.

SARAH DELMORE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY
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Michelle did well

EDITOR:

Your Michelle Wilson recently presented to the Old Village Association general meeting, important facts on advertising. The points covered were beneficial to all members and we are grateful to her for her fine presentation.

BILL WAUN, PRESIDENT,
OLD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION



From the Inside Looking Out

By Cheryl Eberwein

Canton flavor.

What has all this to do with the Christmas season and December rain? I spoke with Dr. James Gillig, president of the Country Festival Board two weeks ago. Rumor had it that the Country Festival was on its last leg. There were not enough volunteers to fill up board seats, yet alone staff volunteer positions on the committee. Chances of survival seemed slim for the unique celebration.

Sadly, Gillig confirmed at least some of

the rumors. The board was, indeed, having difficulty finding members willing to donate their time and energy. 'I envy the spirit of volunteerism which Plymouth residents have,' Gillig told me.

The same people have served on the Country Fest board for five, six, even seven years, Gillig said. They're becoming burned out. Other volunteers aren't receiving any training before serving on the board because Country Festival forces have been stretched slim.

"We're just not as productive as we'd like to be," Gillig said. "Big festivals aren't created overnight and we constantly struggle to get people involved."

In Canton's continuous search for those things which identify the community as unique and whole, the Country Festival has played an increasingly

important role. What a loss it would be if the festival died because new volunteers and fresh efforts to keep it rolling were not available.

The Country Fest doers have a celebration in June to plan for - along with December celebrations. Their Christmas goodwill has been extended to unknown neighbors throughout the year - through the Country Festival. June isn't that far off, and they could use some extra community goodwill and spirit this holiday season. Rather than mourn the loss of Country Festival in years to come, why not help plan its continued growth and improvement, starting with this year.

Omnicom's service makes me angry

EDITOR:

I'm thoroughly disgusted with the way Omnicom Cablevision does business.

Unfortunately those of us who want the service that they provide have to put up with their independent, monopolistic attitudes.

My initial phone call to them to inquire about when service in my area would begin was met with rudeness unparalleled in my recent experience. The guy at the Omnicom phone acted as if the whole thing was none of my business.

On the installation day, I called twice to make sure that the installers were still coming, since it got later and later, and my installation was scheduled for between 9:00 am and 1 pm. I was reassured that they were just running behind because of snow, and that the men would not quit for the day until the scheduled installations were done.

Finally, at 5:30, I phoned the Omnicom office to inquire, and was told that two installers hadn't come in that day, so they were short handed, and then with the weather, "we told them to come on in. You can reschedule for another day."

Well, I had someone sitting at my apartment all day long waiting for them to come between 9 and 1. I work and cannot afford to take a day off for such a small event.

Omnicom did not have the common business courtesy to inform me at any time during the day when I called them, of their difficulties.

To top the episode off, the stations to be hooked up according to the installation order were different than the ones I paid for. (I have them on my receipt.)

A case of complete incompetence.

I recall a letter in The Plymouth Canton Community Crier commending Omnicom on their ability to give a tour to some group. But, giving tours is not their business. Serving cable customers is.

Is it too late to get a different company in Plymouth?

NAME WITHHELD BY REQUEST

Thanks for Christmas help

EDITOR:

We at the Canton College of Beauty and Plymouth-Canton School of Hair Design would like to thank all the merchants and friends in The Plymouth-Canton Community who contributed to our effort to help the needy people in The Plymouth Canton Community this Christmas season, through the Salvation Army and the Canton Goodfellows.

We would like to list all those who helped make our CARE CUTS a success again this year:

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Andy's Hallmark	Tadmores	Mountain Rags
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All By Hand	Towne Classics	Franks Nursery
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Dunkin Donuts	Mr. Steak (Canton)	Rainbow Shops
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Country Cupboard	Plymouth Book World	Gold and Silver Goodies
Plymouth Burger King	Beitner Jewelry	Chic Boutique
Doll House	Maria's Bakery	Canton Sports
Donut Scene	Margie Roe's flowers	Canton Bakery
Harold Stein	Johnson's Restaurant	R. Steward and Eleanor J. Neynaber
Hardees (Plymouth)	Laurie Pauley	Walker and Buzenberg Furniture
The Community Crier	Dan Kearney	Heide's Bill Ruehr Florist
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Edie Denton and Julie Pitts, who collected most all the items from the above listed merchants. As well as all the students and instructors who volunteered their time and talents.

Thank you all sincerely for everything, and Merry Christmas!

M. LEHMAN
CANTON COLLEGE OF BEAUTY

Donations aided Marines

EDITOR:

During a community collection of Christmas cards and basic personal items for care packages to the Marines in Beirut, I was invaluablely aided by many organizations and neighbors.

I appreciate the support given me in this project and would like to thank those who helped. Cards were collected by JoAnn Baumley, Bird School children, many Blunk Street neighbors, Cindi Burnstein's humanities classes, Farrand School children, First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Koeninger, Our Lady of

Good Counsel Church and School and Smith School children.

The following groups and local businesses generously donated products: Audette Office Supply, Bill Brown Ford, Inc., Century Novelty, Denise Timko and the Plymouth Postal Workers, Kemnitz Fine Candies, Little Book Center, The Paper Parade, Den 2 Pack 293 Scouts, St. Peter's Lutheran School and Church.

I hope I've not forgotten anyone and hope some of us hear from our Marines in the coming weeks.

SUE WITMER

Coniferous den gods found in P - C community

(Editor's note: This unconventional look at the Christmas season was written by Plymouth Township resident Ronald Edwards. Maybe Edwards knows something we don't...)

To: Zogg, Interplanetary Cultural Affairs Director
 From: Nalog, Cultural Affairs Officer - Observation Ship Zeta II
 Re: Preliminary Social-Cultural Survey of Alpha Type Life Forms on Planet Earth

Sir, this third observation expedition was indeed fortunate as our fly-over schedule coincided with the religious ritual time of man on earth. As you know sir, the nature and direction of the earthman's religious propensities have long been objects of discussion and

speculation within our department. The fortunate timing of this expedition enabled us to observe and identify much of this behavior. This alone would have more than justified the cost of the expedition. However, in addition, we were able to observe in detail a most interesting and very peculiarly human behavior.

The human religious drive rises to a fervor as they approach the end of their calendar year. This comes during the time of long nights and cold days. Each individual family unit is comprised of one large male and one large female and usually several smaller males and females.

This pack will secure a large, usually living, coniferous tree god and bring it to

its den and install it as the pack den god.

All the members of the pack make a big demonstration of accepting and welcoming the den god into the den. They hang symbols outside the den that apparently indicate that the god has taken up residence there.

The pack goes through great lengths to adorn and beautify these gods. They hang a great assortment of medals and decorations of varied shapes, sizes, and colors on these den gods. They spray them with powders and scents. They string elongated ribbons on them. They place lights (powered by their primitive form of electrical energy) all over these gods. All the other packs that visit the den make obsecence to these gods by

chanting to each other and admiring the den gods.

After the god is installed in the den the members of the pack and sometimes members of other packs present love offerings and gifts to the god. These offerings and gifts are most generally packaged and decorated with multicolored papers and ribbons and may be virtually any size or shape.

The offerings and gifts are placed at the feet of the den god very reverently and zealously. Frequently individual members of the pack will show off their offerings to another member and just as frequently they will seem to admire and cherish each others offering to the den god.

This process of offering gifts and admiring den gods goes on for several days but then just when the den god appears to be the center of their lives and the recipients of their attentions the earthlings exhibit a most peculiar behavior. It is also to be noted that this strange behavior occurs in each den almost simultaneously.

The members of the pack gather around the den god and with much bravado and laughter take the offerings back from the den god and give them to each other! When the packages are opened it turns out that the contents were items originally intended for the members of the pack!

Shortly thereafter the den god is stripped of its ornaments and decorations and discarded from the den. Thus the revolution of the pack against the den gods is complete.

Canton lot splits may mean extra tax dollars

Buyers interested in purchasing some Canton property may purchase more than they've bargained for if not cautious.

Canton treasurer Maria Sterlini told the Canton Township Board that unsuspecting buyers may be purchasing property with unknown back taxes if a title search is not carried back far enough. The unknown back taxes are the result of property splits.

"When a property is split, and there are back taxes on it the tax numbers change and the buyers may not know about them if they don't go back far enough," Sterlini said. "Although the township is not legally responsible for this situation, it is morally responsible to let people know about these taxes."

Sterlini told the board a title search on

the property may not always show all of the back taxes owed on the property because of a split. "These people don't even realize their property could go up for tax sale," she added.

"I know what the treasurer is trying to

do here and I think it's a good idea," Supervisor James Poole said.

The board voted to table the topic to investigate how property owners could be notified of back taxes due to property splits more carefully in the future.

Middle school artists sought

Middle School Artists take note of your chance to win money for your talent.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) will sponsor their annual Student Fine Arts Award for students at the Middle School level (6th to 9th grade).

The purpose of the awards is to encourage further study in the students' particular area of interest, such as drama,

music, sculpture, creative writing, painting, crafts, dance and photography. A total of 500 dollars will be divided among the qualified applicants.

The deadline for submitting applications is Thursday, Jan. 26. Applications are available in all Plymouth-Canton Middle School offices.

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Court finances reviewed

BY RACHAEL DOLSON

The 35th District Court received a \$12,000 advance from the City of Plymouth to meet its January 1984 bills - but only after the City Commission had discussed the current state of finances for the court.

City Commissioner Eldon Martin asked the city administration why the court was asking for an advance for 1984 when it has yet to pay its building debt payments to the city for November and December of this year.

The Dunbar Davis Hall of Justice was built under the auspices of the city municipal building authority. The authority sold the bonds and guaranteed the debt payments which were to be made by the city.

"Because of problems with Northville and Plymouth Township, (the court did not have the money)," Plymouth City Manager Henry Graper said, "and we basically lent it to them so the payments were made on time."

Graper said the City of Northville had

been making payments late, due to its financial state. Plymouth Township is unhappy with the way the participation formula is set up and has been withholding its payments, Graper said.

Other communities have been asked to make advance payments to start 1984, Graper said, totalling \$145,000. "The court has had this problem in January for the last two years. They have payroll and other expenses to meet, but revenue will not start coming in until later," he said.

Graper said the city is due a "rebate" for 1983, based on the money it paid in the amount of use. "We hope to receive that money back soon, before we pay the advance. It (the refund) is more than the advance," Graper said.

When the new court was built, the plan was for 35th district to begin showing a profit by 1985, Graper said. Judge James Garber, who will be chief justice after Judge Dunbar Davis retires in the fall, "has assured me that the court could be in a profit position by 1985," the city manager said.



Hi Santa!

AFTER A MORNING of fun at the Canton Recreation Center Party on Saturday, kids enjoy a visit from Santa. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd.)

Canton reluctantly pays for '83 district court usage

Canton will pay its share of the 35th District Court's operating budget - but only grudgingly.

The Canton Township Board approved paying the court \$58,500 in '84 appropriations in a six to one vote. Trustee Carol Bodenmiller voted against paying the court the revenues.

"This is an advance of \$58,500 which will be credited to Canton's cost of

operation of the court," John Flodin, clerk for the township said. "If we don't pay this I don't know what will happen. If Canton and the four other communities which support the court don't adequately fund its operation, I suppose the court would go to the state and make it known that it's not being given adequate funds."

Flodin said the difference in funding would probably be taken out of state

shared revenues.

George Wiland, court administrator, sent the board a letter saying the money was Canton's share of a \$150,000 appropriation requested from the five communities to allow the court to operate before 1984 revenues start flowing. The portion of money requested is based upon 1983 court usage.

The 35th District Court serves Plymouth and Northville as well as Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships.

Although board members agreed to pay the court's request they questioned why the expense was necessary. "I think this is a game of charades," Trustee Robert Padgett said.

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See the Community Chorus, Channel 2 on Christmas Eve

The Plymouth Community Chorus under the direction of Mike Gross will appear in an hour-long television presentation titled "Christmas Eve" on Saturday, Dec. 24. The program will be seen from 7 to 8 p.m. on Channel 2 - WJBK.

Traditional favorites will include

White Christmas, The Christmas Song, I'll Be Home for Christmas, Jingle Bells, O Holy Night, Sleigh Ride, Do You Hear What I Hear, We Need A Little Christmas and closing with Silent Night.

Accompanist on the piano is Carol Chen and playing the bass fiddle is Ron Utterbeck.

Candlelight and singing

Presbyterians plan services

Special Christmas events are planned by the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and will feature the following services:

- A 5 p.m. family service with emphasis upon families with children. Cherub carollers, shalom choirs and youngsters of the church school will participate in a celebration in word and song entitled "Twelve Gifts of Christmas" and the offering of special coin containers for the denominational Christmas collection.

- A 8 p.m. candlelight communion service with the lighting of individual candles and the singing of "Silent Night" ending the service. Music by a harpist, chimes and organ will be from 7:30 to 8 p.m. Present members and alumni of the

Agape Singers will provide music. Minister Phillip Rodgers Magee's Christmas Eve communion meditation will be "Candles."

- A 11 p.m. candlelight communion service with the lighting of individual candles and the singing of "Silent Night" ending the service. Music by instrumentalists, chimes and organ from 10:30 to 11 p.m. The Chancel Choir and instrumentalists will provide music during the worship.

- On Christmas Day there will be one service at 10 a.m. The meditation will be "Simple Gifts in Bright Wrappings." Music will be by members of the Chancel and Agape choirs. Nursery only with no church school.

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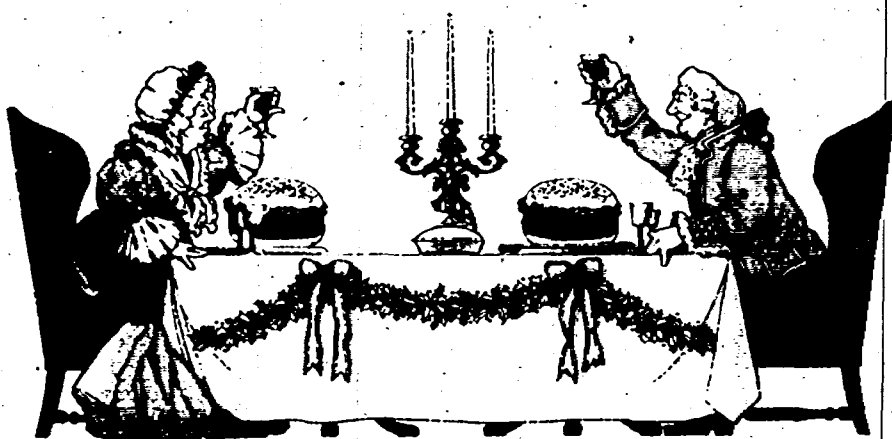
Sticky fingers, but all for a good cause



LOOK MA!! Elementary students throughout the Plymouth-Canton School District have been getting fingerprinted by the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth. The Kiwanis are scheduled to fingerprint students at five elementary schools this year. The activity may be the one time when kids are encouraged to get their hands dirty -- and their parents reap the benefits! Above, left, Kelly Smith holds out her dirty work for everyone to see. Above, center, Veronica Krohn gets a little help in making her fingerprints from (left) Betty Stehler and (right) Janet Vea. Above right, the icky part! Michelle Rusin grimaces as she tries a little soap after her inky experience. Sandra Crenshaw helps Veronica wash up. Below, right, Todd Allen isn't quite sure about the whole procedure to begin with. Anyone interested in learning more about the Kiwanis fingerprinting program may call Dick Anderson at Plymouth Glass at 453-3434. (Crier photos by Cheryl Eberwein)



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City OKed abatements on \$2.6 million in projects

BY RACHAEL DOLSON

The Plymouth City Commission Monday okayed tax abatements on \$2.6 million worth of new construction projects planned for the city in the upcoming year.

All of the abatements were approved for the maximum - 50 per cent reduction for a period of 12 years.

Automobile dealer Dick Scott plans to do \$2.1 million worth of work to the current A and W Root Beer Stand to expand his showroom over to that lot. Cost of land improvements is estimated at \$1.5 million, cost of building improvements \$350,000, and cost of new building equipment is \$250,000, according to Scott's report.

He plans to demolish the A and W, expand the showroom, expand the service department, and generally modernize his present facility. The year-long expansion and modernization project would begin in May 1984.

Scott is the only car dealership left in the city, City Manager Henry Graper said, the rest have moved to Plymouth Township. Scott has purchased property across from Ford Motor Company on Sheldon Road, but "now he feels that if he could receive tax abatement on a portion of the (project planned for the) purchase, as well as the addition that he's going to be putting on, he'll be able to keep the facility within the City of Plymouth," Graper said.

The current taxes on 200 W. Ann Arbor Road are \$16,716 annually. With a tax abatement, Scott will pay \$50,000 on his

complex according to city estimates. Without a tax abatement on the new portion he would pay \$84,966.

Frank Bauss plans a rental office building for the vacant lot next to First of America, 575 S. Main. Originally E. F. Hutton was to be the first tenant for the new building, but the company said it would have to wait too long and instead chose another downtown location.

Bauss said he still plans to rent the building. Construction of the \$427,000 building would begin this month with occupancy slated for June 1984. The 6464-square foot building would provide permanent employment for 30 workers and temporary employment for 90 construction workers.

Current taxes on the empty property are \$2,471, and taxes on the finished product would be \$16,350 annually. With the abatement passed by the City Commission Monday, yearly taxes will be \$9,411, according to city estimates.

Also approved for abatement was an office building project planned for 754 S. Main St. by Robert T. Laird. About \$71,000 in improvements are planned and are in progress already. Laird plans a new pitch roof, addition of front, rear and side facades and renovation of the building's interior of the existing office building.

Work on the site is scheduled for completion by May 1984, with 18 construction jobs and eight fulltime jobs created because of the project.

Current taxes on the building are \$2,974 and taxes on the improved building would be \$5,282, but with the

approved abatement - annual taxes will be \$4,100.

William and Carol Barringer plan restoration work to 1145 Starkweather including reconstruction of front face of building and interior of structure, plus landscaping and parking lot repair. The project is scheduled for completion on March 31, 1984.

Graper said the city administration is investigating the Barringer's situation to see if they would not be better off without the abatement since their project of \$22,000 only increase their taxes by \$700.

"However, if we find out that they are better off with the abatement, we feel they deserve it and the commission should okay their request," Graper said.

The recent flurry of tax abatement requests was due to the Dec. 31 sunset date for the state law permitting commercial abatements. However, the state house recently approved a six-month extension to the act the the state senate is expected to consider the measure later this week, Graper said.

Kibler baby home, but labels still needed by Ticker Club

Canton resident Barbara Kibler was featured in the Wednesday, Nov. 23 issue of The Crier. Kibler, the mother of an infant with heart and liver defects, is active in the Ticker Club, a group that collects various proof of purchase items to redeem for equipment for Children's Hospital in Detroit.

The article in The Crier "brought a heartwarming response from local residents" who sent their Heinz baby food labels, and offered their services and best wishes, she said.

Baby Emily arrived home from the hospital the day the feature story appeared in the paper, Kibler said.

Kibler said she received a generous offer from Beginners Inn for free classes for her four-year-old daughter, Kelly. Kelly's attendance at nursery school will give Barbara Kibler more time to spend on Emily's medical care and feeding.


This week the Ticker Club is devoting a special effort to collecting Frito Lays bags of eight ounces or more. If the club can collect 5,000 bags by Jan. 2, Frito Lay will give the club \$2,000 to spend on their Children's Hospital projects.

Mail the bags to 1173 Canterbury Circle, Canton, 48187. The club is also still collecting proofs of purchase from Heinz baby food.



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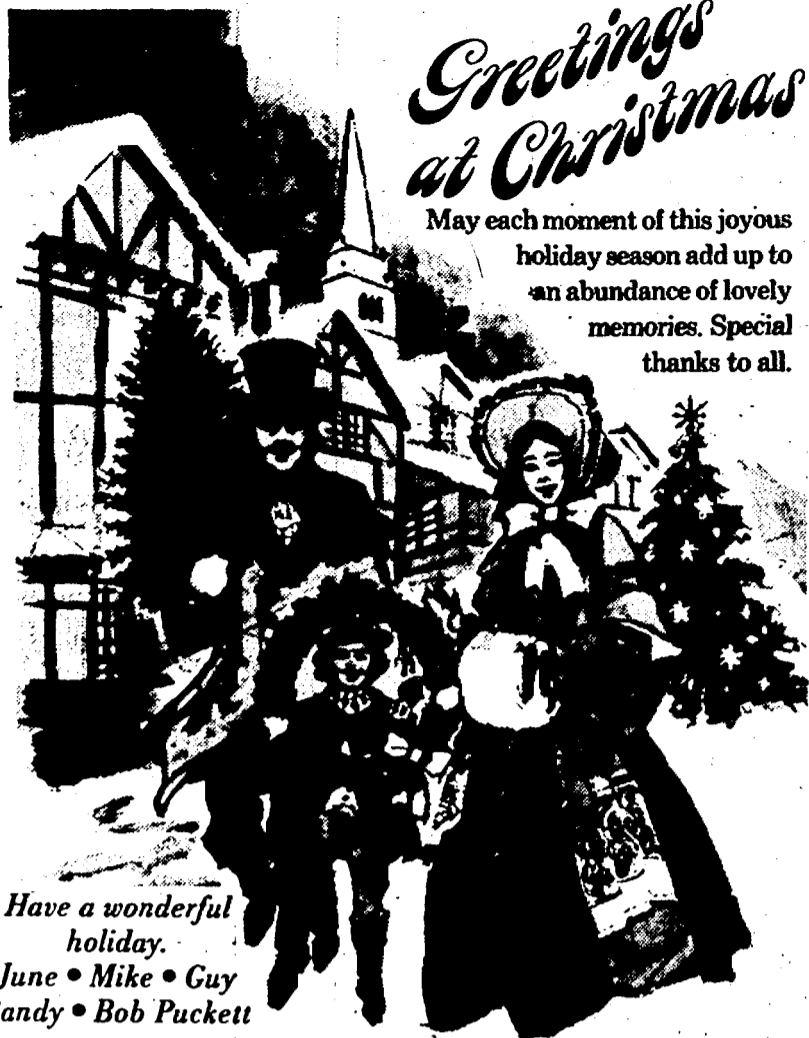
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MADONNA OFFERS TELECOURSES

Madonna College in cooperation with the Southeast Michigan Educational Television Consortium and Channel 56 will be offering five telecourses during its upcoming winter term. Scheduled courses are in business, history, humanities and natural science. For further information call 591-5038.

BEGINNING RACQUETBALL LESSONS

The Canton Parks and Recreation Department in conjunction with Rose Shores of Canton is offering Beginning Racquetball lessons starting on Jan. 10. Call 397-1000 for further details between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

The Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post No. 6695 VFW will have a New Years Party featuring a five piece country and western band, continuous food, party favors, a 100 dollar door prize and a cash bar. The party starts at 9 p.m. Call 459-6700 for more information.

DYNAMIC AEROBICS CLASSES

The Canton Township Parks and Recreation Department in conjunction with the Wayne-Westland YMCA, will be offering eight-week sessions of Dynamic Aerobics classes starting Jan. 3. Call 397-1000 for further details.

CALL SANTA CLAUS

Children ten and under can call Santa and Mrs. Claus at the North Pole on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and from 2 to 4 p.m. now through Dec. 21.

SLEEPING BEAUTY PLAYS

"Sleeping Beauty" will be presented at the Marquis Theatre in Northville on Dec. 27 at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 28 at 2:30 p.m. and Dec. 31 at 11 a.m. Tickets are three dollars at the door. Call 349-8110 for information.

TOASTMASTERS MEET

Learn how to speak-up and move ahead. Visit the Oral Majority Toastmasters Club. The club meets every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in Denny's Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road east of I-275. For further information call Phyllis at 455-1635.

DIET FOR BREASTFEEDING MOTHERS

The Plymouth-Canton La Leche League will meet Dec. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at 215 Adams St. in Plymouth. Questions concerning the diet of breastfeeding mothers will be covered when the topic of "Nutrition and Weaning" is discussed. Everyone welcome. For more information call Laura at 459-6585 or Gloria at 464-9714.

TRAILWOOD GARDEN CLUB

Trailwood Garden Club has a few Christmas Luminaries left, call 455-9024 or 459-1999 anytime.

PCAAT CHANGES MEETING LOCATION

The Jan. 11 meeting of the Plymouth Canton Association for the Academically Talented (PCAAT) will feature district TAG Coordinator Cheryl Johnson. The meeting will be held at the West Middle School Cafetorium on Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 7:30 p.m. The location change is for this month only.

COMPUTER CLASSES AT MADONNA COLLEGE

"Computers for Non-Computer People" is an introduction to the basic operations of computers. The class meets on Tuesdays starting Jan. 10 from 6 to 10 p.m. The fee is 70 dollars.

"Overview of Micro-Computers for Educators", is designed to make educators comfortable with computers. Three sections are scheduled to begin the week of Jan. 9 from 4 to 7 p.m. on either Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays for three weeks. The fee is 65 dollars.

"Job Control Language", will be the topic of a class for people with advanced computer skills. The course meets Saturdays, Jan. 14 and 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee is 65 dollars.

For more information on any of these classes call 591-5188.

SWEET ADELINES SING

Midwest Harmony Chapter, Sweet Adelines Inc., will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Kirk of Our Savior Church, Westland, on Cherry Hill between Wayne and Newburgh roads. For further information call Barb Williams at 721-3861.

FOCUS HOPE CHRISTMAS DRIVE

New or good condition toys and gifts are needed for the Focus Hope Christmas Drive. Students at Plymouth-Canton High School will wrap the gifts that are donated. Drop them off at room 256 at Canton High School, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. The toys will be wrapped and taken to Focus Hope on Dec. 21 or 22. For further information call Mike McCauley at 451-6386.

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Residents of Country Club and Sunflower Subdivisions are invited to a party at the clubhouse beginning at 8 p.m. The cost is 45 dollars per couple. This includes a buffet dinner, open bar, live band and party favors. For information call 459-0370 or 459-6026.

LEARN TO SKI

The Canton Parks and recreation Department is offering a four-week, learn-to-ski program at Riverview Highlands Ski Area. The once-a-week course is for beginners. There is a special Junior Program for children age nine to 15. Call 397-1000 for more information.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY PROGRAM

The American Cancer Society is sponsoring a Focus on Living program for cancer patients, family members and friends. This month's session is on Wednesday, Dec. 21 in the faculty lounge on the first floor of St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia.

FRIENDSHIP STATION SEEKS MORE MEMBERS

The Plymouth Township "Friendship Station" senior club is searching for new members for 1984. The club is holding a New Year's Eve party Friday, Dec. 30. Dinner will be served at 6:30 followed by entertainment and dancing from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For further information about the club, call Eugene Sund at 420-0614.

LIVING NATIVITY AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

A living nativity accompanied by a 35 voice choir will be presented Christmas Eve on the front lawn of the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial Road. There will be two performances at 7:30 and 8:15 p.m. All visitors are welcome and encouraged to wear warm clothing for the 20 minute production.

WISER PRESENTS FINANCE PROGRAM

The Plymouth WISER group will hold a program on finance and legal problems at its Jan 3 meeting. The group will meet at 8 p.m. in the Plymouth Historical Museum basement at Main and Church streets. For further information call Women's Resource Center at 591-6400, ext. 430.

tell it to Phyllis



Sitting by the fireplace looking at the Christmas tree with its glimmering lights and decorations is the perfect holiday setting. As I sit here glancing at the tree and the flames dancing in the fireplace, memories of other Christmases drift through my mind.

We never had a fireplace when I was a kid, so Santa always had to come through the front door. Every year on Christmas Eve before we went to bed, my brothers and I put cookies and milk on the table for Santa and a carrot for Rudolph.

One year (I have no idea how old I was) I remember shopping with my mom and seeing a store window filled with toys. The only toy that stood out in my mind was a little set of silverware. I wanted so much for Santa to bring me that silverware, but I was afraid to get my hopes up too much because I knew Santa had a lot of boys and girls to remember on Christmas and you didn't always get the things you asked for.

Christmas morning when I went downstairs and saw that shining set of silverware under the tree, it was a dream come true. Santa hadn't forgotten. Although the silverware was actually cardboard covered with some kind of silver coating and obviously not very expensive, since my family couldn't afford much, it was one of the best Christmas gifts I've ever received.

Many other Christmas memories drift through my mind. I remember the year Judy (the girl who lived next door) and I received dolls almost alike. We spent many afternoons together playing with our babies.

I remember going over to my grandma and grandpa's on Christmas Eve and eating cookies and fruitcake. Grandma made the best cookies in the world, but I didn't much care for the fruitcake.

They always had a short, fat Christmas tree with all blue lights on it. Grandma used to hang all her Christmas cards around the archway, a tradition we still follow at our house.

I remember watching Aunt Betty and Uncle Penny making Christmas candy, and helping them and my cousins decorate cookies. I've tried making the same kind of candy, but for some reason all I end up with is a mess of nothing.

Then there were the years when the whole family was together. One year my grandma and grandpa spent the holidays with us. We were snowed in on Christmas and my brothers and I spent the day playing in the snow with our cousins, who lived two houses away.

Last Sunday was another special Christmas memory when mom, my two brothers and their families celebrated the holiday at our house. Mom even brought over some of her famous date filled cookies.

The holidays are a special time of year. I hope this Christmas is filled with many memories for all of you. **MERRY CHRISTMAS.**

Army Reservist James Hodgson III of Brookshire in Canton has been promoted to the rank of Major. The part-time soldier is Assistant G-1 (personnel officer) at Headquarters in Inkster.

Laura Bigelow, Michelle Bourassa, Laura Kresta, Jayne Kowas, Lisa Lunden, Stephanie Orme and Lisa Westbay recently graduated from the Plymouth Modeling and Finishing Academy in Plymouth.

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(Editor's note: This is the second article in an informational series prepared by the Plymouth Township Office of Emergency Preparedness. See Omnicom cable listings for air times of tapes on winter survival.)

Snow flurries can suddenly turn into a vicious winter storm, causing us to measure a snowfall in feet instead of inches. Forced home isolation can then be a very real possibility, but certain preparations will ease the hardships you

and your family could suffer. Here are some tips to help you at home during severe winter weather.

Two necessities you cannot do without are food and heat. Stock an emergency supply of food. Even if you are within walking distance of a grocery store, their supplies may dwindle if roads are closed to supply trucks. Include food that requires no cooking or refrigeration, or have emergency cooking facilities in case of power failure. Natural foods allow the

body to produce its own heat efficiently, especially quick-energy foods like raisins and other dried fruits.

Try to keep an adequate supply of fuel in your home. Regular supplies may be limited by storm conditions, so use it sparingly. Conserve fuel by keeping the house cooler than usual and temporarily closing off unnecessary rooms.

Power lines are downed easily during winter storms. Have a flashlight, candles and matches, a battery-powered radio, and extra batteries.

Severe winter weather does not necessarily involve a storm. Extremely low temperatures can cause problems, too.

In an emergency, an alternative heating source would keep at least one room warm enough to live in. This could be a coal-, wood-, or oil-burning stove, fireplace, or space heater. However, use emergency heating equipment carefully. Proper ventilation is essential, and use extra caution to prevent fire. Keep a fire extinguisher handy. In a storm, help from the fire department may be delayed or unavailable. Learn how to handle alternative heating sources safely; a local dealer can help you.

If your heat goes out, keep water pipes from freezing by wrapping them in pipe insulation or newspapers covered with plastic to keep out moisture. Let each faucet drip a little to avoid freezing. Know how to shut off the water coming into the house — as a last resort, you may have to shut off the main valve to keep the pipes from bursting.

If the pipes do freeze, remove the insulation and wrap them with rags. Open every faucet all the way, and pour hot water over the pipes.

This article is based on information provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Charter Township of Plymouth Office of Emergency Preparedness.



Study on study

In last week's Crier, it was erroneously reported that the Canton Township Board approved an organizational study for the township administration at its Dec. 6 meeting ("Canton study to solve dept. fights?", pg. 3). The Board actually approved a proposal which asked Dan Durack, personnel director for the township, to further investigate the study.

Omnicom Christmas offerings

Looking for some humorous Christmas entertainment? Omnicom's 'Project Friday LIVE' may fit the bill.

On Friday, Dec. 23, from 8 p.m. to midnight, show co-hosts C.J. McZoom (Chris Johnston) and Spaz Getti (Greg Furhman) will entertain viewers with four hours of a live Christmas special.

The co-hosts expect a visit from Santa Claus, will sing Christmas carols, and will talk to viewers about the meaning of Christmas on the special.

The following Friday, 'Project Friday' will air at its regular time of 11 p.m.

On Dec. 31 'Project Friday' co-hosts will ring in the New Year from a remote location. A three hour special starting at 10 p.m. will feature guest hosts, and a New Year's Eve party in progress.

Another Omnicom holiday show 'People Who Care' is geared for those individuals interested in helping the needy of Wayne County. The program focuses on hunger in Wayne County and those organizations trying to collect food for Christmas meals. The special half hour show can be seen on channel 15 on Thursday Dec. 22 at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The show can also be seen tonight on channel eight at 10:30 p.m.

Omnicom has also announced that it will not be on the air on the following dates: Friday, Dec. 23 (except for 'Project Friday', 8 p.m. to midnight); Saturday, Dec. 24; Monday, Dec. 26; Saturday, Dec. 31 (except for the special edition of 'Project Friday'); Monday, Jan. 2; and Tuesday, Jan. 3.

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Man sentenced for Aug. assault and fire

BY RACHAEL DOLSON

Sheldon Bleyle, 26, of Belleville has been convicted of third degree criminal sexual conduct, burning of personal property, and malicious destruction of property in connection with an August 13 incident in Plymouth.

Bleyle was convicted two weeks ago in Wayne County Circuit Court and this week a judge sentenced him to:

- two to 15 years for the criminal sexual conduct conviction.
- two to four years for the burning of personal property charge.
- two to four years for malicious destruction of property.

Bleyle sexually assaulted a 23-year-old Plymouth woman and then set fire to her apartment on Amelia Street, the

prosecution charged during the trial.

The Plymouth woman told police that Bleyle, a former boyfriend, had been harassing her by phone for several weeks prior to the incident. He came to the door of her apartment at 8:30 a.m. that Sunday and she let him in because she was afraid of what he would do if he was upset, she told police.

The woman fled her apartment at about 10:50 a.m., after Bleyle had assaulted her, and dressed in a robe, went to the neighbors and called police, police said.

Bleyle set the bedroom of the apartment on fire after she left, and then escaped in his car. He turned himself into police about 10 days later, after a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Man in gold car sought Stranded woman assaulted

Police are looking for a man, believed to be about 20 years old, who sexually assaulted an Ann Arbor woman Thursday after her car broke down in Plymouth Township.

A 34-year-old woman told police that she developed car problems about 6:30 p.m. while she was eastbound on M-14 at Sheldon Road. She began walking along Sheldon and as she approached John Alden she noticed a gold, full-sized, older car at the intersection facing Sheldon, police said.

The car was occupied by a white male, with dark hair and a mustache, about 20

years old, and the window of the car was rolled down, the woman told police.

She said she had walked about one-half block further when she was attacked from behind, police said. The assailant put his right arm around her upper body and with his left arm grabbed her in the pubic region, police said.

The woman began screaming and swinging her arms, police said, and the suspect fled north across front yards towards John Alden Road.

The man is described as dark hair, six feet tall, medium build, with a tan and blue ski jacket on.

Stroh's mug runneth over?

If Stroh's has its way, there will be even more beer in Plymouth by next fall.

Edward Rucker, representing the Stroh's Distributorship, has asked the city for a tax abatement on an addition he plans for his facility at 110 W. Ann Arbor Road.

Rucker told the city he plans a 10,000-square foot building and modernization to the old facility -- plus extensive reconstruction to water and sewer service. He plans to start in June of next year and be finished by November.

The City Commission voted Monday night to hold a public hearing on Monday, Jan. 16 on Rucker's request.

Total cost of the project is estimated to be \$550,000 -- \$50,000 in land im-

provements, \$400,000 in building work, and \$100,000 in fixed building equipment. Graper said the construction work at the site will create 10 temporary jobs, and the addition will create five permanent jobs.

"This is a worthwhile project (for consideration of tax abatement)," Graper told the commission Monday. "It will allow him to expand his business, yet stay within our city limits. He will also be able to correct some problems he has had with drainage on the site.

"Shortly after I came here I said we have to take good care of the people we have and we will not have to sell our city, ... they'll do it for us," Graper said.

Westland man beat by 3 felons

Three men got out of a car last Tuesday and began beating a Westland man with their fists and a cane, police said.

An employe at the Pump and Pantry at Mill and Ann Arbor Trail said a burgandy Pontiac Sunbird stopped at eastbound Ann Arbor Trail at Mill Street, police said. Three white males jumped out of a vehicle and began physically assaulting Kurt Urban, of 34548 Fountain, police said.

The witness said the men beat Urban with fists and the cane on his head and body, he fell down, and they continued to beat and kick him, police said.

The men then jumped back into the car and escaped eastbound on Ann Arbor Trail, police said. Urban refused treatment at the scene, police said, and was transported by friends to Oakwood Hospital.

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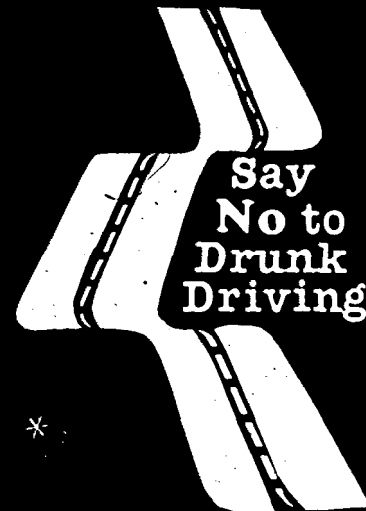
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community deaths



'Pete' Essick, ace gardener

Walter (Pete) Essick, 80, Adams St., in Plymouth, died Dec. 16. Funeral services were held Dec. 19 at the Schrader Funeral Home.

Mr. Essick retired in 1965 from Ford Motor Co. after 31 years with the company. He came to the Plymouth Community in 1925 from Georgia. He was known locally for his gardening abilities. He was a member of the Bethesda United Methodist Church of Bethesda, NC. He

was a member of Plymouth Rock Lodge No. 47 F.&A.M. He was a member of Union Chapter No. 55, Northville. He was given a life membership Nov. 6, 1968. He joined in 1931.

He is survived by his wife Mildred, his sons Ronald Essick of Granville, OH and Jay Hanna of Plymouth and six grandchildren.

Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

Fischer

Evelyn M. Fischer, 88, of West Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth died on Dec. 11. Private family services were held at Sheldon Cemetery with the Rev. John N. Grenfell Jr. officiating. Arrangements were by Schrader Funeral Home.

Mrs. Fischer was a life-long Plymouth resident and a member of the First United Methodist Church. She was a member of the Plymouth Grange.

She is survived by three sons; Harry C. of Sun City Center, Florida; Ralph L. of Scottsdale, Arizona; Harold E. of Plymouth; 14 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; three sisters and one brother, all residents of Florida.

Memorial contributions may be given to the First United Methodist Church.

Wallace

Jack Wallace, 58, of Starkweather Street in Plymouth, died on Dec. 6. Funeral services were held privately. Local arrangements were by the Schrader Funeral Home.

Mr. Wallace is survived by his sister, Mary Virginia Jamieson of Plymouth; his nephew, Charles Jamieson of Westland; his nephew, Timothy C. Jamieson of Plymouth; and his nephew, Milton Jamieson of Channel View, TX.

Mr. Wallace was a job oiler with Ford Motor Company for 30 years. He came to the Plymouth community in 1948 from Missouri.

Robert Utter, served on Fall Fest, Kiwanis boards

Robert Cranston Utter, 69, of Colony Farm Circle, in Plymouth, died Dec. 14. Memorial services were held Dec. 18 at St. John's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Fr. Robert S. Shank, Jr. officiating.

Mr. Utter was with American Airlines for 39 years. He retired in 1979. He had been a manager of passenger service at Detroit Metro at the time of his retirement. He was a member of the Economic Club of Detroit. He settled in the Plymouth Community in 1956. He was

the former chairman of the Fall Festival, past President of the Plymouth Kiwanis and past Lt. District Governor of Kiwanis. He was a former member of the Plymouth School Board.

He is survived by his wife Betty, his daughters, Susan Graham Harper of Northville, Barbara Mills of Vancouver, B.C. and Judith Beck of New Philadelphia, OH, four grandchildren and a niece.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation through the Plymouth Kiwanis Evening Club or the Chi Psi Lodge at U of M, 620 South State St., Ann Arbor.

Badalamente

Francis A. Badalamente, 55, of Lancaster St. in Livonia, died Dec. 15. Funeral Services were held Dec. 17 at the Schrader Funeral Home.

Mr. Badalamente was a sales representative with Kraft Foods for 37 years. He came to the Livonia Community in 1963 from Inkster. He was a member of St. Edith's Catholic Church in Livonia.

He is survived by his wife Ruth, his daughters Lynn McComb of Livonia, Dawn Badalamente of Livonia and Kathleen Badalamente of Westland, his son Mark Badalamente of Livonia, one grandson and a brother, Domic Badalamente of White Lake.

Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Heart Association or the Michigan Cancer Society.

Jones

Eleanor D. Jones, 56, of Peters St., in Canton Twp., died Dec. 15. Funeral services were held Dec. 17 at the Schrader Funeral Home.

Mrs. Jones was a homemaker. She came to the Canton Community in 1967 from Detroit. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth.

She is survived by her husband Walter, her daughters Shirley Mitchell of Adrian, her daughter Margaret Lattimore of Northville, two sons John and Michael, both of Canton, six grandchildren, five brothers and one sister.

Burial was at Pine Grove Cemetery in Emerson Twp.

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Maria Holmes makes her debut

There is a new star in Omnicom's Maria Wilson Holmes production! The arrival is Karissa Maria Holmes, new daughter of Maria and King Solomon Holmes Jr. of Ypsilanti.

Karissa weighed 8 pounds three ounces, was 20 inches long and has brown eyes and black hair. She made her debut Dec. 12 at 3:15 p.m. at the University of Detroit's Women's hospital.

Karissa is the first grandchild for King Solomon Sr. and Earlene Holmes of Ypsilanti.

Maria Holmes works in the

programming department at Omnicom and has promised Karissa will make a television debut soon.

A new Poole!

Casey Travis Poole was born Dec. 5 to Gary and LeRhea Poole of Canton. Casey weighed 11 pounds, seven ounces and was born at Beyer Hospital.

Casey's grandparents are Jim and Greta Poole of Canton and Dareld and Carolyn McKinley of Plymouth. Casey also has a brother, Camron who is three and a half-years-old.



Welcome, Amber

Christopher and Lisa Feedback of Plymouth are the proud new parents of a daughter, Amber Nicole, born Oct. 20. Amber weighed 10 pounds, seven and a half ounces and was born at 1:11 p.m.

Amber's grandparents are Michael and Helen Keeth of Plymouth, Ronald and Jean Cody of Trenton, and Willard and Catherine Feedback of Gibraltar. The Feedbacks also have a 5-year-old daughter, Christina.

Hello, Anabelle

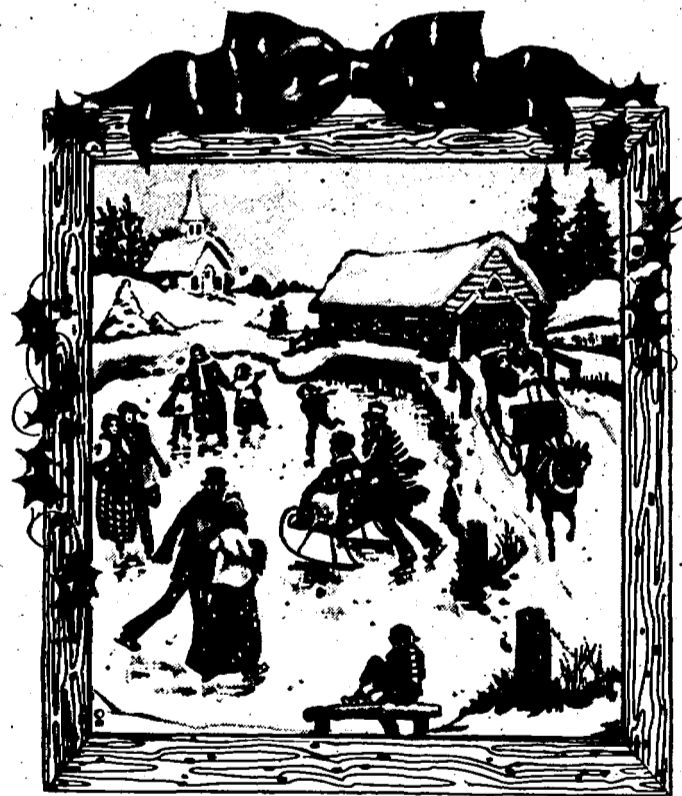
Antonina and Gordon Crumbie are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Anabelle Marie. She was born on Nov. 27 at 3:52 a.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital weighing five pounds and 15 and one-half ounces and measuring 19 inches.

Anabelle Marie is the sister of Vanesa and Erik, and the granddaughter of Marie Milenoua and Eunice Crumbie, both of Plymouth. Anabelle is the fourth generation to be born in Plymouth and the fifth to live here.

Mallory's here

Kevin and Janet Urban of Elmhurst Avenue in Canton was pleased to announce the birth of a daughter, Mallory Grace, born on Nov. 30.

Mallory weighed five pounds and 14 ounces at her birth at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Mallory has a sister at home, Shannon, age 3.



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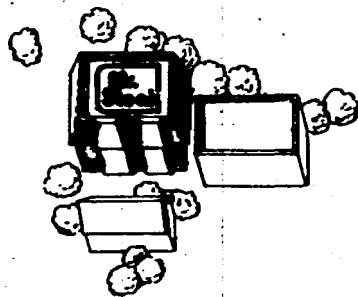
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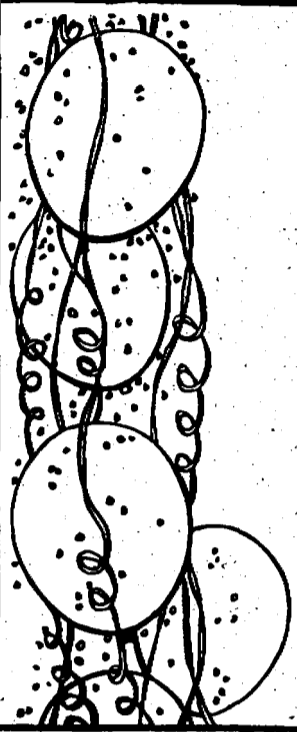
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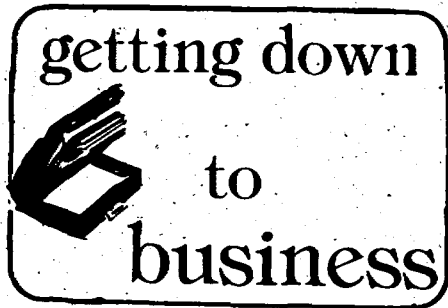
STAN CRANE, of Gold and Silver Goodies, shows off some glittering Christmas gifts. (Crier photo by Rachael Dolson)

Don Chiodo has gone into the gold and silver business - in a corner of Heidi's Bill Ruehr Florist shop on Mill Street in Old Village.

Gold and Silver Goodies opened a month ago - and once the holidays are over they plan to expand the floor space of the shop, said Stan Crane.

"It's just a small space, but we have a larger selection than most stores who spread their stock all over," Crane said. "We are just buying modern, popular items - like free form gold rings and diamond cut jewelry," Crane said.

Goodies has last minute Christmas ideas ranging in price from five point diamond earrings for \$19.99 to diamond rings priced from three dollars a point, Crane said.



COBBLESTONE CORNER'S Debbie Hosch and Susan Porter have some new and used toys to make your Christmas a happy yet inexpensive one. (Crier photo by Rachael Dolson)

Davis wins 'First' computer

Garlene S. Davis of Canton was the grand prize winner of the First of America drawing held in connection with the grand opening of the new office in Canton, on the corner of Joy and Sheldon roads.

Davis received a Commodore 64 personal computer complete with color monitor and disk drive.

The first prize winner was Edard Brambs of Livonia, who received a Marantz stereo radio. The second prize

winner was Carolyn Westfall of Plymouth, who received a Minolta disc camera.

Patricia S. Travis, manager of the Canton office, said "The drawing ended a three week open house at the new location. She expressed the bank's congratulations to each of the winners and appreciation to all in the community who joined in the celebration.

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A Christmas spree!

WINNERS OF \$1,000 SHOPPING SPREE in Plymouth were Jill and Tim Campbell of Redford Township. The shopping gift certificates were given away by Down River Federal Savings and Loan to celebrate the grand opening of their new Plymouth office on South Main Street. At left, is Mary Beth Mana of the new office. Ten \$100 gift certificates were given away in individual daily drawings. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd)

Once-loved toys on sale

An affordable Christmas for your children may be as close as Plymouth's Old Village.

Nestled in the lower level of 689 N. Mill, Cobblestone Corners offers used toys at an average of 66 per cent off their new counterparts.

The shop was opened in September by Plymouth Township residents Debbie Hosch and Susan Porter, the mothers of five boys, ages one to six.

Besides once-loved toys, the shop offers some new toys, used baby furniture, some children's clothing, and crafts on consignment from local artists. English smocking classes and material pleating are done as well.

Hosch said Cobblestone Corners is modeled after Mom's Toy Store on the east side. "There were several used clothing stores in the area - but none that specialized in toys," Hosch said.

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Chiefs extend win streak to three

BY BOB BUDLONG

At the beginning of the season, Canton basketball Coach Dave VanWagoner said that there were three things that his club had to do in order to be successful.

They had to play tough defense, execute their fast-break, and they had to be able to rebound with taller opponents.

So far, the Chiefs have been doing all three, and have been doing them well.

After a season opening loss to Ypsilanti, Canton has won three in a row.

Their latest victims were Northville and Farmington, last week.

On Tuesday night, the Chiefs took on divisional pre-season favorite Northville in Canton's home-opener and beat them 57-52.

The game's momentum swung between the two squads until the Chiefs regained control late in the third quarter.

Canton jumped out to a quick 10-2 lead, but the Mustangs then outscored the Chiefs 22-4 to grab a 24-12 lead with 3:39 left in the first half.

Canton then went on their own scoring spree, scoring 13 of the next 15 points to pull within a point at halftime, 26-25.

In the second half, the Chiefs managed to fight back and pull out the victory, as Gary Thomas scored 10 points and Mike Jennings added nine in the final half.

According to VanWagoner, it was a combination of good defense and smart playing that was responsible for the victory.

"We played some real nice man-to-man defense there in the second half. We have a lot of smart ball players who know how to win when it's winning time," VanWagoner said.

Overall, Thomas scored 18 points for the Chiefs. Jennings had 15 and Mark Bennett had 13 to lead the attack.

On Friday, the Chiefs completely dominated Farmington, as they won by a score of 63-46.

The first period ended with Farmington on top 14-13, but that would be the last time they had the lead all night long.

Canton scored 20 points in each of the next two quarters and never looked back.

Once again, Thomas had the hot hand, scoring 19 points, all in the first three quarters. Bennett and Jim Schlicker each added 10 and Elijah Rogers chipped in with eight.

But the statistic that impressed VanWagoner the most was the rebounding totals.

Canton doesn't start a player over 6'2", while Farmington had a player at 6'6" and one standing 6'5".

However, when the game came in, the

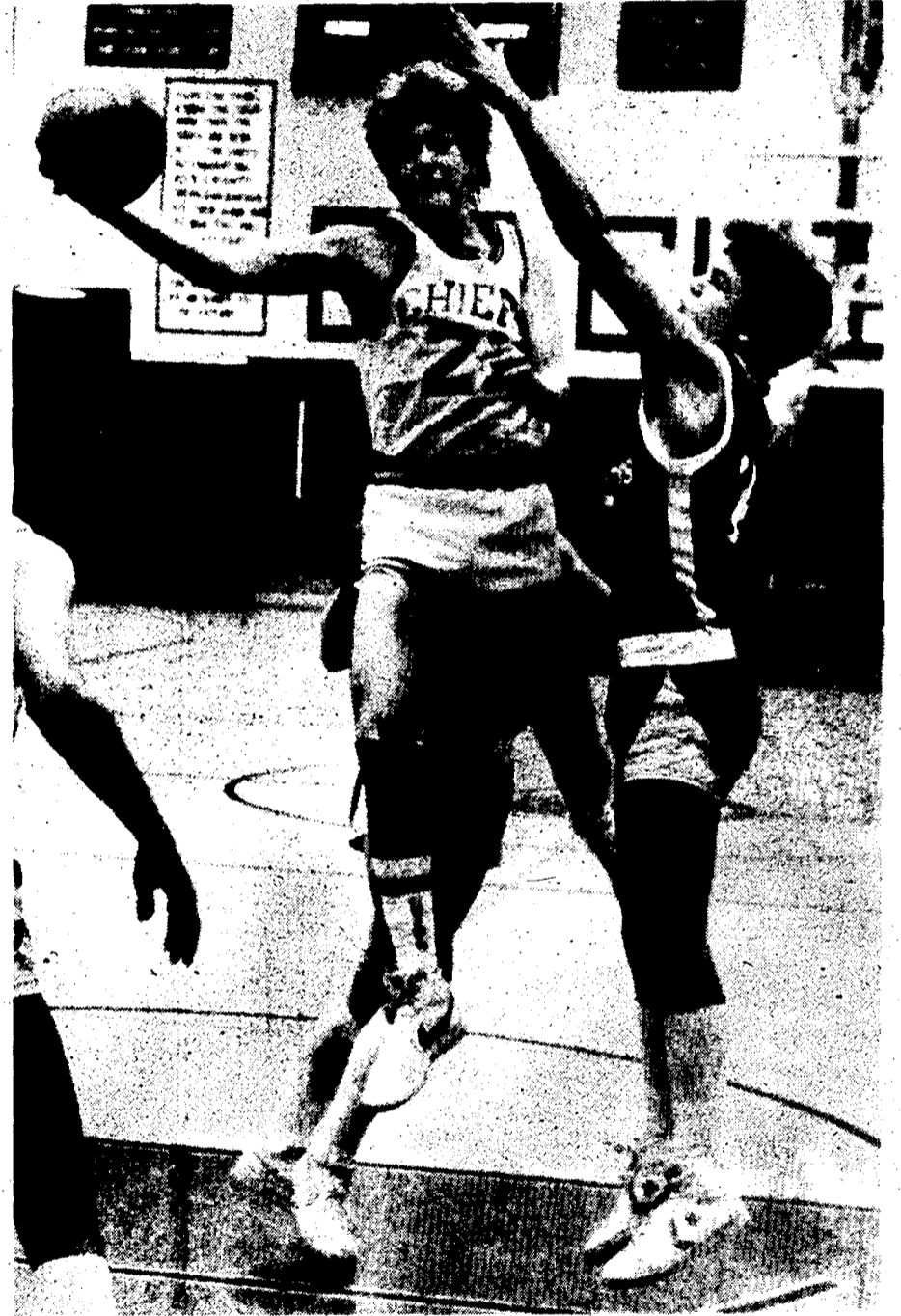
Chiefs had out-rebounded Farmington 46-19.

It was a good all-around effort for Canton.

"Mike Jennings and Elijah Rogers did a nice job on the boards. Mark Bennett made some of the best passes I've ever

seen in a high school game, and Elijah is really coming around. He's really playing up to his potential," VanWagoner said.

The Chiefs are now 3-1 overall and in first place in the western division of the Western Lakes Activities Association with a 3-0 league mark.



CANTON'S MARK BENNETT dishes off one of his passes against the Farmington Falcons, Friday. The Chiefs won the game handily by the score of 63-46. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd.)

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Canton wrestling invite set

The 7th Annual Plymouth Canton Civitan Invitational Wrestling Tournament will take place on Thursday, Dec. 29th, and it will provide local residents with the chance to see some great wrestling talent.

The tournament will include, Canton and Salem, Brother Rice, Dearborn, Portage Northern, Saginaw, Brighton, and West Bloomfield.

It will be a double elimination tournament, with trophies donated by the

Civitan Club, going to the first and second place teams, as well as the to the winning coach, the outstanding wrestler of the meet and to the top four finishers in each division.

The meet will start at 11:30 and the finals will take place around 6 p.m.

Admission is 75 cents for students and \$1 for adults at the pre-liminaries and \$1 for students and \$1.50 for adults at the finals.

Dameron and Jeannotte win at Wayne invite

BY TIM McKERCHER

The young Salem wrestling team put another big win under their belts, last Thursday, topping Farmington Harrison, 41-18.

Dennis Dameron started things off at the 98 pound division, beating Cliff Alcantara, 11-5. At the 105 pound division, Sean May was pinned by Todd Smithee, giving the early edge to Harrison.

It was an easy win for Dave Dameron at 112, his opponent failed to make weight and he won by void. At 119, Kevin Freeman lost to Dennis Romps, Keith Kwasny beat Rob Davis, 10-2 at the 126

pound division and senior John Jeannotte pinned Brian Freeman at the 132 pound division giving Salem a 18-9 lead.

At the 138 pound division, Sam Robles lost a tough match to Greg McCoy but the Rocks then put together three back-to-back victories that helped secure the win. Andy Ward beat Mike Dunn, 11-4, at 138, Bruce Zak beat Pat McFadden 6-1 at 155, and Eric Retting outmuscled Pat Dugas, 4-0 at the 167 pound division to give the Rocks a 29-12 lead.

Randy Blaylock was pinned by Dave Delekta at the 185 pound division but the Rocks then won the final two matches by

void, Brian Johnson at 198 and Marc Cygan at heavy weight to cap the 41-18 victory.

Salem then traveled to Wayne to compete in the Wayne Invitational, where they finished in fifth place with 85 points. Montrose won the meet with 120, Saline came in second with 111, and Wayne Memorial was third with 95.

The Rocks had two champions at the tournament, Dave Dameron at 112 and Jeannotte at 132.

Jeannotte won three tough matches, pinning his final opponent for the title. Dameron put in an exceptional performance, winning his division and being

named the meet's outstanding wrestler.

"He had an outstanding performance, he beat two undefeated wrestlers," said Coach Ron Krueger.

Rick Vershave also had a good day for Salem, he finished third in the 119 pound division. Robles put in a hard day's work, he finished fourth at the 138 pound division, losing to the eventual champion, Mike Murdoch.

The Salem wrestlers are now busy distributing all their grapefruit and oranges from their fund raiser, and preparing for the Canton Invitational which will be held Dec. 29th.

Cirbes to compete at nationals

BY TIM McKERCHER

The national figure skating finals will take place Jan. 17th in Salt Lake City Utah and the city of Plymouth will be well represented.

Gwen Cirbes, an eighth grader at Central Middle School, will compete in the ladies novice division.

The nationals are the final step of a nationwide elimination tourney. The top three girls from three regions of the U.S. (east, midwest, and west), will compete for top rankings.

Gwen finished second in the mid-western competition held at the

beginning of Dec. in Minnesota.

The Plymouth skater will have to perform a figures routine as well as compete in a free style event.

Gwen hasn't set any solid goals for the upcoming competition, "I'm just going to go and see what happens. I'm just going to skate the best I can," she said.

Gwen skates about 24 hours a week, and is working on preparing herself for the high altitude of Utah. The young skater started her career in Plymouth, she first skated at the Cultural Center when she was four years old. She started skating seriously when she turned seven.

Theresa Romano has been coaching Gwen for three years. "She works extremely hard and has a good chance of placing," said Romano, "There is a lot of potential."

Chris Cirbes, Gwen's mother, described her daughter's talents, "She's persistent, she doesn't give up. She really enjoys skating," her mother said, "I guess she gets confidence from skating."

Gwen hasn't set any goals for the career in skating, "I'm just going to go as far as I can," she said.

Her mother looked at the topic with the same attitude, "I think she'll continue to compete as long as she's good at it. I think she would like to take her eighth

test, her gold test. Then she could teach, or maybe go professional."

The Olympics could be a realistic goal for Gwen. "I'd have to move up to the senior division in order to qualify, and we're not sure if I'm going to move up or stay back in juniors and get more experience," said Gwen.

Her mother was also not certain of the Olympic goal, "One skater every four years makes it as a gold medal winner, and the skaters themselves know the odds, but it's always a goal."

Whether Gwen becomes a professional skater, or wins a gold medal is uncertain, but one thing is certain. She will perform well in the nationals, Jan. 17th.



GWEN CIRBES laces up her skates for yet another practice session. The Plymouth eighth-grader will compete in the national figure skating finals Jan. 17. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd.)

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Rock swimmers take two firsts, win relays

BY BOB BUDLONG

The final score was closer than a lot of people expected, but the results of the Western Lakes Conference Swimming and Diving relays weren't.

Salem, the pre-season favorite to repeat as league champions took top honors at the Relays Saturday, but they got a tough challenge.

The challenge came from Livonia Stevenson. The Rocks, who won the league meet last year by more than 100 points beat Stevenson by just 11, 85-74.

Salem Coach Chuck Olson said he expected the meet to be close.

"I thought we had a good chance to win it. I felt it would also be between Stevenson, Livonia Churchill and possibly Northville," he said.

Canton Coach Hooker Wellman, whose squad finished seventh with 28 points said he learned something from the meet.

"I wasn't sure how we'd do, but definitely I think we've got a real tough league," he said.

The Rocks finished the night with two first place finishes and a number of seconds.

The team of Erik Kleinsmith, Bob Bowling, Greg Wolff and Scott Anderson were first in the 400 yard freestyle relay, and also the crescendo relay (50 yds, 100, 150, 200).

The best Canton could do was a second place in the 200 yard breaststroke relay with the team of Jim Luce, Dean Roberts, Jeff Casler and Joe McBratnie.

The diving duo from Canton also grabbed a second place. Andy Flower and Chris Jeanotte were the Chief divers with a total score of 337.35.

Both Olson and Wellman were pleased with the results of the meet.

"We swam much better Saturday. If they keep working and keep healthy we'll be all right," Olson said.

"I think we're going to surprise a lot of people. I think we're better than we showed," Wellman said.

Wellman was also impressed with the

meet itself.

"The Rotaries do a great job. The trophies are beautiful, Chuck Olson over at Salem does a great job running the

meet, it's just real well run.

"There's nothing cheap at all about this meet," Wellman said.



SALEM BACKSTROKER Don Harwood churns up the water at the conference relays last Saturday. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd)

Salem B-ball takes win over W.L. Western

BY TIM McKERCHER

The Salem boy's basketball team only had one game last week, but they made the most of it, rolling over Walled Lake Western, 76-51.

Salem bounced out to a big first quarter lead, taking an 18-7 advantage. They continued to dominate the fast paced game, moving out to a dominating 21 point lead at the end of the first half,

44-23.

In the third quarter, Western mounted a comeback outscoring Salem, 17-14, but it wasn't nearly enough to get them back in the contest. The fourth quarter was all Salem's, they outscored the Warriors, 18-11 to wrap up their third straight victory.

"It was a decent game," said Coach Fred Thomann, "We had a 21 point lead at half and the rest of the game followed

in that framework. It was a good game, it was over early for all intense purposes."

By jumping out to such a big lead, the Rocks were able to test their bench.

"We try to use a lot of different players, and different combinations," said Thomann, "We're getting decent playing time from our seniors, and our juniors are coming along. It's getting to the point where our juniors are starting to

challenge for some playing time and it's up to our seniors to hold them off."

Rick Berberet was the high scorer for Salem, he poured in 18. Erich Hartnett and LeSean Haygood both scored 14 points and Jeff Arnold followed with 11.

Chura Kyle was the leading scorer for Western with eight.

The Rocks next contest is against Stevenson on Jan. 6th.

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Chief wrestlers lose to flu and injuries

BY TIM MCKERCHER

"It was a big week for Canton wrestling," said Coach Dan Chrenko. And a big week it was for the fighting Chiefs.

Canton lost two dual meets last Tuesday, Belleville beat the Chiefs, 48-20 and Romulus topped the squad 43-24. But Canton didn't field a full team in either of the two meets. Against Belleville they had 11 wrestlers instead of 13, and against Romulus, they wrestled with only ten men.

The team was struck by a series of injuries and the flu bug floating around school.

Three Chiefs put together fine performances for Canton. Jim Melson won both of his heavyweight matches by pins, as did Scott Tasker at the 145 pound division. And Tim Collins continued his season tear on the mats, beating both of his opponents for the night.

"It was good experience for us, and that's what we need right now," said Chrenko. "You're never pleased with a loss, but it wasn't in the league, that's the big thing."

Canton moved on to face Bentley on Thursday in what Chrenko called, "one of the most exciting dual meets we've ever had."

The Chiefs toppled the Bulldogs, 34-33. "We pinned them where we had to pin them," Chrenko said, "We won six matches and we had five pins."

Canton was still plagued by injuries, Dave Dunford was out with the flu and Todd Gatoni still hasn't returned from his hand injury.

"Bentley has five excellent wrestlers and wrestled the best we could around those five. I was pleased with the kids performance because it wasn't the strongest line-up we've had, but the kids didn't give up," said Chrenko.

Jeff Condit recorded one of the pins for the Chiefs at the 98 pound division. Heath Smith put in a strong performance at the 112 division, pinning his opponent. "He's really coming on for us, he's doing a real nice job," said Chrenko about Smith.

Jim Parks was the next winner for Canton, he won by decision at the 132 pound division. Collins recorded his twelfth win of the year, pinning his opponent at 138, Tasker also won at 145, and Wain Yeung tallied the last victory at the 167 division. The Chiefs then lost the last three divisions but accumulated enough points to hang on to the victory.

"It seems like we kind of backed into the victory, but we felt we wrestled well enough to win," Chrenko said, "The guys have worked so hard they weren't going to beat themselves, and they didn't."

This moved the Chiefs record to 3-0 in the league.

Next on the schedule for Canton was the 16 team Garden City Invitational. The Chiefs put in another superior performance, finishing in fourth place.

A team called Gebralter Carlson came in first with 180 points. Novi was second with 175 and Robichaud finished just in front of Canton with 118 points.

Collins again shined for Canton, the senior grappler captured the 138 pound division by pinning three of his op-

ponents and beating the fourth, 11-0. Larry Janiga also had a great day for Canton, he won the 145 pound division.

Melson fought to a tough second place finish in the heavy weight division and Smith had another strong performance, finishing third in a very tough 108 pound weight class.

"We had a good day over there," said Chrenko, "We were again hurt by injuries, we only took 11 wrestlers over

there and Wain Yeung got hurt in the second round, so actually we only had 10.

"I was pleased because it was the first time we had scored over 100 points in meet. 100 points is kind of the magic mark, that means you're doing some pretty good wrestling," Chrenko added.

The Chiefs will now start preparing for their own invitational, to be held on Thursday, Dec. 29th at Phase III starting at 11:30 a.m.

Salem sophomore sets goal

BY BOB BUDLONG

When the 1988 Olympics roll around, local figure skating followers may see a familiar face on their television.

That face may belong to none other than Deveny Deck, a sophomore at Salem High.

Only in her sixth year of skating, Deveny will be competing in the national pairs figure skating tournament January 17-22 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

"My mom introduced me to it (skating) in the Parks and Rec at the Cultural Center, and I just got better and better," the soft-spoken 15 year old said.

Deveny's first competition came when she was nine years old and she finished just sixth. In her next competition however, she took first and from that point on she was on a roll.

"I just continued to learn from my mistakes," Deveny said.

In order for a skater to be successful, he or she needs a blend of talent, hard work and coaching. Deveny feels she has

all of the above.

"I could always do the unusual moves, plus I'm a hard worker. I guess it's a combination of those two: a little talent and a lot of hard work," she said.

The coaching is also well under control.

Deveny and her partner, 22-year-old Kevin Pait have been skating together for three years under the direction of Johnny Johns, a former United States Pairs champion and Olympic competitor.

Deveny and Pait practice every day except for Thursday. Pait picks Deveny up from school at 1 p.m., and together they make the journey to the Detroit Skating Club, where they work out.

And these aren't just little two hour practices.

According to Deveny, sometimes she doesn't get home until 10 p.m., and then there's homework.

"It's quite difficult," she admits. "But I manage to get the homework done," she said.

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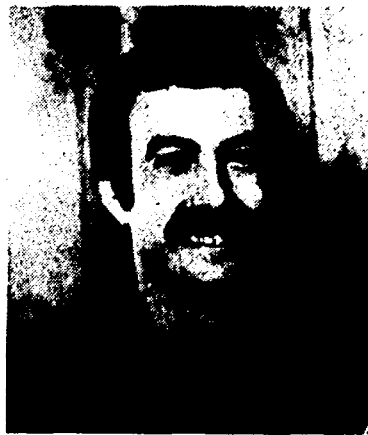
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Skatin' Station speeds to wins

BY TIM McKERCHER

The turbo charged Skatin' Station Speed Team hosted their first intra club novice meet last Saturday, and the squad rolled past all of their opponents.

Co-coaches Larry Parascandolo and Chuck Jackson combined the efforts and talents of all their team members to total 11 first place finishes, 10 second place finishes and five third place finishes.

The skaters were broke down into divisions by their ages and into either A for advanced or B for beginner.

In the elementary A boys division, Woody Lynch finished second and John Chapuseaux captured the first place title.

In freshmen B girls, Angie Radzikowski came in third and Jeff Davies placed in the freshmen B boys division. In freshmen A girls, Candy Wallace finished in first place.

In sophomore B men, Matt Sargent came in second and Bob Coleman finished first.

Skatin' Station had a clean sweep of the sophomore A ladies division, Tammy DeFrance finished third, Shiela Craft came in second and Debbie Lynch won the division.

In junior B men, John Crane came in second. Skatin' Station pulled out another clean sweep in the junior A men's division, Mike Ventola came in third, Jim Shupe second, and Gerad Sparr finished first.

Rob Michael was the division champion for Skatin' Station in the Senior B men's division.

The competition then went on to the relays.

In the freshmen two girl division, Candy Wallace and Angie Radzikowski skated to a second place finish. And in the freshmen two boy division, Jeff Davies and Derek Olson skated their way to a second place finish, while John Chapuseaux and Woody Lynch won the division.

In the freshmen two mixed division, Angie Radzikowski and Woody Lynch teamed up to finish third and Candy Wallace and John Chapuseaux came in first.

Tammy DeFrance and Tracy Henry finished second in the senior two lady division, while Shiela Craft and Debbie Lynch powered their way to the first place finish.

The senior two men division teamed Phil (Pepi) Chapuseaux and Jim Shupe who combined for a second place finish. In the sophomore two men's division, Bob Coleman and Matt Sargent were victorious in rounding the rink faster than any other team, giving them the first place award.

The Skatin' Station team swept another category in the event, this time it was the senior two mixed division. Phil (Pepi) Chapuseaux and Shiela Craft finished third, Tammy DeFrance and Bob Coleman were second and Gerad Sparr and Debbie Lynch were first.

"The meet ran very smoothly," said Parascandola, "It was the smoothest meet of the year. Woody Lynch and Austin Lynch, President of Skatin' Station Inc. have to be commended."

The Skatin' Station team is two years old.

They practice four times a week, two hour sessions and develop all areas of speed development. "We work on technique, stretching out and stroking the floor, stretching your stride," said Parascandola.

"There's no body contact in speed

skating, people compare it to roller derby and it's got nothing to do with it. There are referees and people are disqualified if they cause body contact," Parascandolo added.

The Skatin' Station, with the smooth performance of this meet, hopes to get the bid for the 1985 state meet.

Deck sets goal

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Among her classes, Deveny is enrolled in advanced Biology and Spanish II, and earns good grades. Her last report card showed a 3.4 average on a 4.0 scale.

Deveny is optimistic about her and Pat's chances at the nationals.

"I think we have a pretty good chance. We're from one of the toughest regions and usually when you do well in a tough region you do well in the nationals," she said.

After the national competition, Deveny has set her sights on the 1988 Olympics, and she thinks she has a chance.

"I'm young enough (she turns 16 this month). From here, it's just a matter of timing," she revealed.

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By action of the Board of Trustees, the following dates have been established for the 1984 fiscal
year:

January 10, 24
February 14, 28
March 13, 27
April 10, 24
May 8, 22
June 12, 26

July 10, 24
August 14, 28
September 11, 25
October 9, 23
November 7, 13
December 4, 18

The Board meets in the Assembly Room at the Township Hall, 42350 East Ann Arbor Road,
Plymouth, Michigan 48170 at 7:30 p.m.

Phone Number: 453-3840.

Esther Hulsing, Clerk

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES — REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 13, 1983

SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the
Flag. All members were present.

Mrs. Fidge moved to approve the minutes as submitted of the Regular Meeting of December 6,
1983. Supported by Mr. Pruner. Ayes all.

Mr. West moved to approve payment of bills in the Total General Fund of \$142,643.62 and Total
Water and Sewer of \$117,605.98 for a Grand Total of \$260,249.60. Supported by Mrs. Lynch. Ayes all
on the Roll Call vote.

Mrs. Hulsing requested to add to the agenda under J. OLD BUSINESS, 4.a) Plante & Moran,
Auditors, Re: Federal Revenue Sharing Budget and b) Re: Debt Service Budget and 5. Accounting
Department Re: Budget Amendment to Solid Waste Management and Block Grant Budgets. Also,
under ANY OTHER BUSINESS, Maurice Breen, Supervisor, Re: Contract Wages of the D.P.W.

Mrs. Hulsing recommended adoption of the agenda as added to. Supported by Mr. West. Ayes all.

Mrs. Fidge moved to approve the participation in the Therapeutic Recreation Program as requested
to the extent of the \$1,200 subject to the plan's sponsor providing the liability insurance for in-
demnification as recommended by the attorney, for one year, and then review it. Supported by Mr.
Pruner. Ayes all.

Mr. Horton moved to approve the Radio Maintenance Contract with Communications Services, Inc.
as requested by Chief Berry for \$235 per month for all radio equipment maintenance with a 1%
discount applied to payment received within 10 days of billing. Supported by Mrs. Fidge. Ayes all.

Mr. West moved that the Board accept the recommendation of Chief Berry that the Township lease
two 1984 Celebrity two-door vehicles without the additional equipment, twenty-four months, 15,000
miles per year for \$213.75 per month for each. Supported by Mrs. Lynch. Ayes all.

Mr. Horton moved to approve the change-over requested in Mr. Bailey's report of December 8,
regarding the Plymouth Road Watermain Replacement increasing the total amount from \$63,044.75 to
\$67,724.40. Supported by Mr. Pruner. Ayes all.

Mrs. Fidge moved to approve the acceptance of the contract improvements in the Plymouth Road
Watermain replacement. Supported by Mr. West. Ayes all.

Mrs. Hulsing moved the adoption of the Federal Revenue Sharing Budget and the Debt Service
Funds Budget for 1983 as submitted on the recommendation of the auditors. Supported by Mr. West.
Ayes all.

The following dates were suggested for the Township Board — 1984:

January 10, 24; February 14, 28; March 13, 27; April 10, 24; May 8, 22; June 12, 26; July 10, 24;
August 14, 28; September 11, 25; October 9, 23; November 7 (Wednesday), 13 and December 4, 18.

Mr. West moved to approve and adopt the suggested meeting dates for the township Board — 1984
as presented by the Township Clerk. Supported by Mrs. Lynch. Ayes all.

All Board members, except Mr. Horton, requested reservations for seminars only, at the 1984 MTA
State Convention.

Mrs. Fidge moved to approve to authorize a check in the amount of \$691.00 for transmittal to the
Out-Wayne County Area on Aging for planning and coordinating services. Supported by Mrs. Lynch.
Ayes all.

Mrs. Fidge moved to authorize the Administration to use whatever resources are necessary to
determine the legal problems and the realism of the request by the Plymouth Community Family
YMCA to obtain Plymouth Township property bounded by Powell and Beck Roads and Ann Arbor
Trail. Supported by Mr. Pruner. Ayes all.

Mrs. Fidge moved to receive and file all items under L. COMMUNICATIONS - RESOLUTIONS -
REPORTS. Supported by Mr. West. Ayes all.

Report on Compensation Committee Meeting.

Mrs. Fidge moved to adopt Paragraph A — "A performance bonus of thirty cents per actual hour
worked excluding premium time to be paid to those classified as Technical/Clerical as defined on the
matrix. Amounts to be based on the time period January 1, 1983 through December 31, 1983. Checks
to be distributed no later than December 22, 1983 for hours worked between January 1, 1983 and
November 30, 1983. December 1, 1983 through December 31, 1983 to be paid to employees in
January, 1984." Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes all.

Mrs. Fidge moved to table the remainder of the compensation Report to January 10, 1984. Supported
by Mr. Horton. Ayes all on the roll call vote, except Hulsing and Lynch who voted no.

Mrs. Hulsing moved, at 8:37 p.m., that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss the wages of
the D.P.W. relative to union contract negotiations — Teamsters State, County, and Municipal Workers
— Local #214. Supported by Mr. West. Ayes all on the roll call vote.

At 9:12 p.m. Board members returned to the Assembly Room. Mrs. Fidge moved the meeting ad-
journed. Supported by Mr. West. Ayes all.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Esther Hulsing, Clerk

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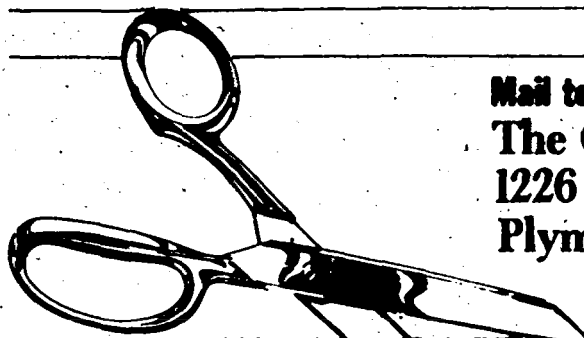


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P.S. Say Hi to Three Beers Later for me.

Dear Pennsylvanian:
Sales directors are forever saying they know everything. What happened? And the idea was that YOU were supposed to buy the drinks!

Dan Landers

Congratulations are in order for Judith Anne and Irving Zeldman on their 25th Anniversary — Dinner out with friends and family were a real treat for this couple — of course, you know Judith Anne's in Plymouth is owned by Irving H. Zeldman.

Dear Dan Landers;
My husband went to a naughty bar Friday night so I decided to give him coal for Christmas. Then, Sunday he cleaned the whole house and finished the Christmas cards. Now I'm not so sure. What does he deserve?

Better Hall

Dear Better Hall:
What he deserves isn't printable, but give him the coal and new broom anyway.

Dan Landers

Dear Dan Landers:
My G.I. BNI benefits are about to run out and the only university which has accepted me for its graduate school in Journalism is Missouri. Should I slit my wrists or what?

D. Ploma Bound

Dear D. Ploma Bound:
You should thank your lucky stars you don't have to go to Michigan State, that's what!

Dan Landers

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ASK LARRY OLSON about BARELY finishing the Rotary swim race.

JESSICA eats Zingerman Delicatessen bagels. (So does Dyna)

FISH: Ham once, twice OK — but thrice? Who else would do that so close to Hanukah?

Congratulations to the newlyweds — Craig and Susie. Pasek or Allen??

Phyllis — Thanks for lunch — last week's Birthday Girl

Mike — expected more than I got in your Christmas card. MN

Shop at "The Portehouse"
Sam says, "You can't beat it."

Dan, Did the package arrive? Two more coming.

Love, Mom

MIKE HAGGERTY — Are you going to be open New Year's Eve? Did you get our reservations? Have a happy holiday.

The Crier Gang

BUD — The Brittle was great!



HAPPY 15th BIRTHDAY RAY SETLOCK.
We're so proud of you.
Love Mom, Dad and Michael

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Crier Christmas Classifieds

Merry Christmas to everyone who I've had the pleasure to work with during this holiday season. May you have the best of holidays for you and your families.
John Andersen

CC — You put the "marry" in Christmas.

Merry Christmas Jennie & Emma.
From Grandpa & Granny

Dear Santa,
I want a Butter Cookie with Jelly Bear, Baby Angel Cake, Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing and a tape recorder with tapes.
Love, Penny Smith

Merry Christmas Michelle Roberts. Has Reginald hung his stocking yet?
Love, Grandma & Grandpa

Merry Christmas Jamie Roberts. We hope you have a super holiday.
Love, Grandma & Grandpa

Merry Christmas David & Sue from Mom & Dad. Say Happy Holidays for us to Pat & Granny.

C.E.
I hope the Holiday Season brings you and your family joy and happiness.
Guess who?

Merry Christmas Ed, Jean, Jessica, Phyllis, Debbie, Ron, Dan, Cheryl, Rachael, Fran, bob, Michelle, John, Annie, Lorrie, Sallie, bob, Chris, Karen, C.T., Kathy, Anne, Nina, Ardis, Mary Clare, and all my other local friends. Sorry I can't be with you.
Your friend in Scranton, Pennsylvania

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All.
Jack (in the Box Bar)

The Holidays are a time to pause, and be grateful for the friendship we have in this community. We came as strangers a mere 10 years ago and you warmly welcomed us. And we found our place where we belong ...
Fran and Bob Hennings

Merry Christmas to all our friends and relatives from Jody, Donna, Laura, and Jennifer Barnes.

Dave, Terri, Laura, and Jennifer — Your Christmas Party Sunday was terrific — Merry Christmas — Mr. & Mrs. B

Merry Christmas to Peter and the staff at Salon International. You're the greatest salon around.
A Devoted Customer

Merry Christmas to all our relatives and friends.
The Arnold's

Merry Christmas! to all our Crier Carriers and Drivers.
Annie, Donna and Judy

Sallie needs a new robe for Christmas.

Lorrie — We put this curiosity in to wish you a Merry Christmas. You should get enough care for a barbeque, how about Tuesday?
Some Who Know

Charlie — My Christmas wish — A cozy fire — a glass of wine — and you beside me forever.
Love, J.P.

Happy Holidays to all my Crier friends and co-workers. You have made life so much more interesting in just 3 short months — thanks for your patience.
Jan

Look at the best tree in town — as you drive down South Main, look skyward in the 900 block.

Merry Christmas to Mrs. G., her friend & their calico cats!

Carol L., Merry Christmas. Can't wait to get back to school so we can relax, huh?
Love, J.B.

Merry Christmas to all The Crier kids.
Love, Mom

Dear Santa,
I've asked for the same thing for the last few years. Please try to find him in your bag.

Merry Christmas to all the basement moles ... from the Attic Rats.

Merry Christmas Famous Joe from all your girl friends.

Merry Christmas to everyone in the P.C.A.C. Thanks for the beautiful plant.
Phyllis

Merry, Merry Christmas! Chris and Mishelle.
Signed, Santa Claus

This Crier kid has been very good! No coal. Thanks!

Dear Santa:
Scott Ransom has been a good boy this year. Please bring him 2 six packs!

Alicia: Please come to our house for Christmas? Santa will be dropping off your gifts there!

Merry Christmas Mary Jane! Santa Claus knows you have been a good girl this year! Ho! Ho! Ho!

Can we please leave the attic for Christmas Day?
The Attic Rats

Thanks Mom for being you all year!
Merry Christmas, Lorrie

Happy Holidays Annie ... What is that thing?

Thanks Phyllis for the great Christmas Cookie Marathon! Merry Christmas! Chris & Mishelle

Merry Christmas Scott!
I Love You
Guess Who

P.S. Clue #1 ... my neck is stiff.

Thanks Crier Mom (you know who you are) for being understanding, patient, calm, crazy, looney, great, etc. etc. Merry Christmas.
You Crier Kids

P.S. No coal, please.

Dear Jeff & Alice,
For Christmas I would like you to please bring me 3 nieces & 2 nephews.
Thank You, Aunt Lorrie

David: It is time to come home now! Tell the Navy you will be back sometime after the holidays. Santa said so!

Merry Christmas and good luck diploma-bound!

Santa knows Colin has been good and bad this year. But when he was bad it was fun, so maybe he'll get good presents anyhow.

Rachael's been so good she already found one Christmas present — fake logs for the fake fireplace!

Herbie — Fred and Ernie say Merry Christmas in their own special way.

Everyone who wants to — come over the Crumbs on Christmas Eve.

Merry Christmas from The Crier staff to the Plymouth Police force.

Dear Uncle Sam — you are getting the best Christmas present ever — my brother Roger

The owners of Karl's Family Restaurant wish you Happy Holidays!

Sophia & Karl
Mom, Dad, Jo, Roger, Tudor and some new guy — Merry Christmas! RD

Mom, Dad, Craig, Clint: Merry Christmas. Don't worry ... this was free.
The Left-Handed Cheapskate

Mom & Dad ... Merry Christmas. Thanks for making my Christmas break a good one. (I still can't wait to go back.)
Love, John

Wonderful Christmas for all 5 generations at the Lapenta house this year — you know George Lapenta owns Little Book Center — Happy Holidays!

Fran

Merry Christmas, Mike, in Scranton. How's it going?
The Nalepka's

Merry Christmas Dan in Scranton.
Love Ya, Mom, Dad, Nancy

Wishing joyful and healthy Holidays to all our clients, especially the senior citizens.
From Lottie, Val, Lucita, Marylou, also from our new professional manicurist Sue —
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Merry Christmas to my wonderful mother and friend. I love you. Marie
(Sam & Caesar too)

Much Holiday Merriment to the Attic Rats from the Basement Moles.

Suzie sings Christmas carols at the Old Shillelagh.

Merry Christmas Matt Ronayne and the whole Ronayne Clan (all 20 or 30 of you!)
— A.S.

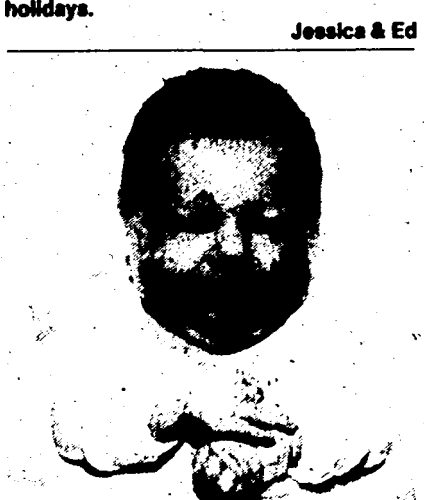
Merry Christmas Nanny and Bumpa. We love you.
Don, Ellen, M.C., Anne, Maggie and Magic

Welcome home Mary Clare and Maggie.
Your Loving Family

Merry Christmas to Linda at the Baker's Rack. We'll have to get together soon.
Anne

HAVE HAPPY HOLIDAYS! We wish all our readers and clients a wonderful season. The Community Crier and Comma, staff.

PLEASE, enjoy the warm times that a family together bring during these holidays.
Jessica & Ed



MERRY 1ST CHRISTMAS TO AMBER FEEBACK AND MERRY 5TH CHRISTMAS TO HER BIG SISTER, CHRISSY.

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