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CEP students helped build the cupola for historic Geer School. Some of the students are (from left) Dan Metzger, Steve Costello, Bob Royston, Joe Hunter and Wayne Robinson. Teacher Bud Omiatek is at left. (Crier photo by Eriq Lakasik)

Work of CEP students Cupola will crown Geer

BY JIM WHITE

Students from Centennial Educational Park (CEP) wood technology classes will get to see their work atop historic Geer School soon.

A cupola, which will be the "crowning glory" of the newly restored one room school house, was built by the students in their spare time.

The Geer restoration committee approached CEP instructors with the idea about a year and a half ago, according to Sem High wood tech teacher Bud Omiatek.

"It took time," said Omiatek on Thursday. "The original plan the architects came up with was too modern. So they had to work that out."

First and second year students in Omiatek's classes built the cupola from the final plans. Seven students worked

on the project in class between their own assigned projects and after school.

The students included: Steve Costello, Wayne Robinson, Rudy Castillo, Dan Metzger, Ryan McClintic, Dave Wallace, and Jeff Borenski.

"It was different from our usual projects," Metzger said. "I helped with the roofing and placing the siding. "It looks pretty good," he said. "I can say I left my mark on the school."

Building from scratch gave the students an idea of what goes into a construction project, Omiatek said. "It was a lot of work. I had to figure out the plans first before I could show them," he said.

Omiatek worked out the roofing angles and other construction aspects of the structure. His students -- primarily ninth and 10th graders, but

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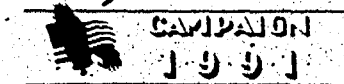
In Wayne County primary It's Amann, Poole

BY JIM WHITE

Bryan Amann and Jim Poole will face off in the general election May 7, for the 11th District Wayne County Commissioner seat.

Based on last night's unofficial results from all nine communities in the district, including Canton, Amann won the Democratic primary with 2,872 votes. Shirley Poling was second with 1,966.

Poole captured the Republican contest by a much narrower margin



with 646 votes, while the other Republican candidate, John McCarthy, picked up 620.

Though less than one per cent of the registered voters in Canton made it to the polls, both races were clinched in the township.

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DNR, owners huddle over soil contamination

BY PHILIP TARDANI

Officials from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Mettetal Airport will meet later this week to discuss alleged soil contamination at Mettetal.

Dow Parsons, environmental quality manager for the DNR in Livonia, said his office identified soil contaminated from jet fuel on Feb. 25.

He said the soil came from around tanks that were removed in December. It was not clear if the fuel leaked from the tanks or spilled out when they were removed, he added.

"There is a site of environmental contamination at Mettetal Airport," Parsons said. "We've told the property owner his responsibilities under the law."

An attorney for the Klochko family, owners of Mettetal, maintains, however, that there is no contamination there and that opponents of municipal ownership are conducting a "smear campaign."

"It appears that our client is the target of a well-organized smear campaign intended solely to block the sale of Mettetal Airport," attorney

Marty Burnstein said in a March 15 letter to the DNR. "To the best of our client's knowledge, there is now no land contamination at the Mettetal Airport."

Burnstein was referring to accusations from the Aaragon Investigation Agency that there is contamination from leaking tanks, paint, gas tanks, improper disposal of oil and other materials at Mettetal. The DNR has not been able to substantiate those claims, Parsons said.

"We poked around in response to those allegations and did not find anything that was readily evident," he said. "As far as we're concerned, those are simply unfounded accusations."

Tom Klochko said the soil from around the two tanks that were removed was examined by the Canton Fire Marshall Art Winkel and removed to the Woodland Meadows Landfill in Canton.

"We feel we've complied with what's required in the environmental laws," Klochko said, adding that he has "nothing to hide."

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New city manager on line

BY PHILIP TARDANI
 Less than one month after deciding to seek a new full time manager, the City of Plymouth has found its man.

Steve Walters, from Northville, starts June 1.

The city commission Monday night unanimously approved a three-year contract with Walters, guaranteeing him a salary of \$66,000 a year. Walters will also be director of the city's Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

"I think it's the right thing to do for my career," said Walters, who will turn 47 next week. "Plymouth is very

appealing to me, it's a very comfortable place for me."

The transition from Gordon Jaeger - who will retire as city manager after one year -- to Walters should bring some stability in the position, according to Mayor R. Jack Kenyon.

"Walters knows the Plymouth community, he knows the volatility of small towns," Kenyon said. "He knows what he's getting into."

Walters' experience with downtown matters in Northville was attractive to Plymouth DDA members, who approved the concept of paying the city for services provided by Walters and

other city officials involved in DDA work.

"Certainly the DDA program is very interesting to me," Walters said. "I've been through one and it can be a very satisfying thing."

Despite the DDA reimbursing the city for services, Walters' salary will not total more than \$66,000, however, according to Mayor Pro-tem Ronald Loiselle, who helped negotiate the contract.

Shared police, fire and dispatch services with Plymouth Township are another big issue in the city. Walters has been working on a plan to share dispatch services with Northville Township.

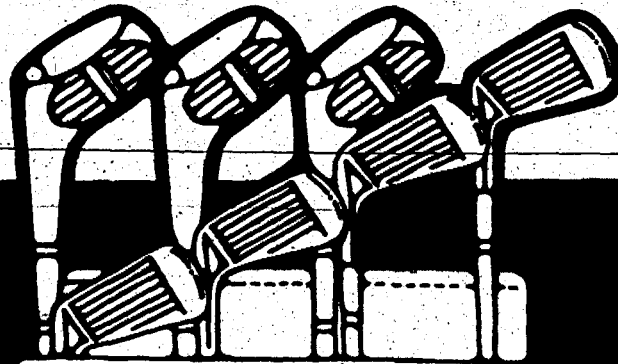
Township Supervisor Georgina Goss spoke highly of Walters.

"He's extremely intelligent, very capable and very confident," she said. "The City of Plymouth is fortunate to get him."

Christopher Johnson, mayor of Northville, cited Walters' innovation

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City program in red

Making a deal with recyclables

BY PHILIP TARDANI

Playing the market. That's how Assistant City Manager Paul Sincock describes the City of Plymouth's attempts to get the best price possible for all the plastic, tin, newspapers and glass residents are bringing to the recycling center behind city hall.

And so far, the market's not that good. In fact, after rental costs of \$60 a month and transfer costs of \$75 each time a container full of recyclables is picked up, the city's program is in the red.

"We get a return (from the recyclables), but it doesn't pay the cost of the container," Sincock said.

There has been some improvement lately, however.

Joe Russell, solid waste coordinator, recently lined up a Romulus company that will take newspapers free for six months.

The city had been paying \$200 each time a full container was picked up — about three times a month — and \$70 a month in rental fees, but now it's breaking even.

"I just started calling around other companies," Russell said, describing how he found a better deal with Nelson Paper Recycling. "We're not making any money (on the newspaper load) but we're certainly not paying to have it hauled away."

That improvement could be attributed to a better market for recycled newsprint — more and more newspapers, including the one you're reading, are at least partially made from it. So there is a use for those

bundles that accumulate in your basement.

Russell explained that there are three steps necessary before recycling can become profitable for a municipality. The first is the most well established: consumers bringing their plastic jugs and tin cans to a drop-off point so they can ultimately be re-used.

Step two: the material must then be reprocessed.

Step three completes the triangle and is vital: use of recycled materials in manufacturing processes, where they ultimately return as packaging for consumer goods or as your newspaper.

Markets for recycled Tide containers or Seagram's whiskey bottles are not well established. So the city has to pay to have them hauled away.

The consumer can help to make a difference, however, by "pre-cycling." Russell explained this as buying bulk products (which means less packaging), recyclable products, and — especially — those made of recycled goods. If it's made from recycled material, the triangle is complete.

Companies in the recycling business do pay for the material they pick up. Taylor Recycling pays the city \$7.50 a ton for green glass; \$20 a ton for clear glass; \$12.50 a ton for brown glass; \$10 a ton for tin; and \$20 a ton for plastic.

February's bill included five container exchanges at \$375 and rental of two containers at \$120. For the glass, plastic and tin taken, the city got a \$114 credit, making the final bill \$381.

January's bill was \$465. The savings in February are the result of a new compartmentalized glass and tin container, Russell said, with a larger



Recycling center employes Ryan Hahn and Ryan Kramer toss plastic jugs in a container behind city hall. (Crier photo by Eric Lukasik)

space for tin, which accumulates more quickly than glass. The new compartment will mean fewer exchange fees.

He also recently paid \$300 to dispose of 500 pounds of household batteries taken at the recycling center.

The solid waste coordinator said he wanted to get the word out that the city was not getting rich in the business.

"I've had people call and say, 'What are you doing with all the money you get from recycling?'" Russell said.

Participation at the center has increased since the city started its bag-tag

user fee system for residents. Fifty-six per cent of city households have brought materials to the center, according to city records.

Sincock sees the market for recyclable materials improving over time.

Meanwhile, he said, the city is doing all it can to go with the flow, changing aspects of the recycling center and looking for a better deal.

"We've had to constantly change how we do business," he said. "Joe has been playing the market, which has been very beneficial to us."

At middle schools

Restructuring could cost \$810,000

BY KEN VOYLES

A middle level restructuring at all five Plymouth-Canton Community Schools middle schools could cost more than \$810,000, it was revealed at Monday's Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education workshop.

During a presentation on the restructuring plan, a variety of options were presented to the board detailing ways to implement the concept.

The options included everything from implementing the plan at only two schools for little or no cost to a full blown package at all five middle schools.

The preliminary information, gathered by the Middle School Planning Committee, was designed to give the board a sense of what the program might look like and how much it might cost, said Thomas Tattan, director of secondary education in the district.

"We hope we can look at the middle level idea as a viable option," Tattan said. "Nothing has been formally adopted at this point, but a lot of research and study has been done."

"The question now is whether or not we get into the implementation

phase," he added.

Many of the options presented to the board will still have to be negotiated with the Plymouth-Canton Education Association (PCEA) representing

Charter vote scheduled

City of Plymouth residents will likely vote on a charter amendment as well as four commission seats this November.

City Clerk Linda Langmesser has canvassed petitions from the group Plymouth Concerned Citizens, who seek a charter amendment forbidding the city from owning or operating an airport.

Commission shake-ups

BY PHILIP TARDANI

There were a few shake-ups on the Plymouth City Commission Monday night.

Former Mayor Pro-tem R. Jack Kenyon officially became mayor, following the recent resignation of Dennis Bila, who was mayor for over

two years. She has verified 1,007 signatures, about three times the number needed to hold a charter amendment election.

City Attorney Ronald Lowe said that according to state law, Concerned Citizens must submit a proposed amendment in "non-prejudicial, true and impartial language" of not more than 100 words explaining the proposed amendment.

Ronald Loisele was unanimously elected mayor pro-tem.

Robert Jones, who lost a seat on the commission to Kenyon by only a dozen votes in the 1989 city election, was unanimously appointed to take Bila's vacant commission seat.

Three major recommendations for transforming the middle grade schools were outlined Monday. They include: creating "small communities for learning" in each school; teaching a core academic program; and ensuring success for all Plymouth-Canton students.

Five options, detailing expenses of such a middle level transformation, were presented to the board.

• Option A, the "top of the line" option, said Tattan, would cost about \$810,000 and cover all five middle schools. It would also include the hiring of 20 new teachers, extending the day, adding a homeroom for students, and implementing both the "teaming" and "advisor/advisee" idea, and intramurals.

• Option B, would cost about \$480,000 and include implementing the program at all five schools, hiring of 13 teachers, teaming, student homeroom and an extended day, but would not include intramurals.

• Option C, would cost about \$300,000 and include implementing at all five schools, hiring eight teachers, teaming, and the homeroom concept.

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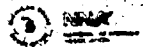
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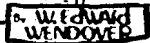
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SFC Greg Proctor, in his halo brace, stands with his mother Daisy in front of her home Friday. Proctor was injured in Saudi Arabia. (Crier photo by Phil Tardani)



With malice toward none

Does Steve Walters know what he's getting into?

There's the City of Plymouth budgetary belt-tightening ahead.

There's an anti-airport referendum coming up.

Sharing services between the city and the township faces hurdles like the city cops' 12-hour work shift.

Downtown Plymouth landlords complain about commercial vacancies and hope the newspaper won't mention the intersection of Ann Arbor Trail and Main where a disgusting-looking former gas station awaits restoration, a former women's shop sits visibly empty, and a long-time gift shop's windows are plastered with "everything must go banners." Three of four corners... thank God Kellogg Park is still in business.

And then there's the political turmoil at City Hall, fueled even more by those who believe the commission should have given at least a perfunctory "help wanted" notice for the city manager job before anointing Walters.

Through all that, one has to ask: does Walters know what he's getting into?

Yes, he does.

Having spent a brief stint at Plymouth City Hall and nearly two decades up the road a short piece at Northville, Walters has stayed in touch with Plymouth. Now watch him roll up his sleeves.

At least, that's what the commissioners hope -- an end to the turmoil would give Walters a great review when he comes up for review a year from now.

Local soldier lucky neck break isn't worse

The White pages

By Jim White



Greg Proctor is not used to being still. He is a sergeant first class in the Green Berets, after all. Those guys do active things like jump out of planes for a living.

But Proctor, 31, son of a Plymouth Township couple, has to take it easy for awhile. In January, while on patrol with the 5th Special Forces Group in Saudi Arabia, the vehicle Proctor was riding in came under fire. The driver lost control and the vehicle flipped over. Proctor's neck was jammed when the roof caved in on his head.

He crushed three vertebrae in his neck. Doctors in Germany repaired the vertebrae with a bone graft from his hip. He has had his head completely immobilized in a halo brace for seven weeks already, and is looking at another month, at least.

Still, Proctor knows it could have been a lot worse. Every doctor who has examined him has reminded him he ought to be dead.

While on convalescent leave from Walter Reed Hospital, he got a chance to come back to Plymouth last week. And he was walking.

"Things are going real good," he said. "I feel completely normal. But I'm getting tired of this brace."

The rest of his unit, which had been in the desert since the second week of August, returned home March 8. "I saw them on CNN," he said. "None of them were injured."

Proctor wasn't exactly sure what happened before he was injured. "We heard explosions behind us," he said. "It could have been Iraqis, but there was no way to tell where it was coming from."

An explosion in front of the vehicle shattered the windshield, and the vehicle flipped.

Proctor was riding in a Toyota Landcruiser at the time, one supplied to Allied forces by Japan in lieu of troops.

It was a half hour before Saudi soldiers found the Green Berets, and they were about to transport Proctor nine hours across the desert to Dahrhan in a truck. Luckily, U.S. Marines came to the rescue.

The Marines got him to a U.S. Navy field hospital, and from there he flew to Germany via the 5th Fleet hospital. Proctor wasn't sure if he would receive a Purple Heart.

"It was an interesting time," Proctor said of his desert experience. "It was somewhat adventurous. The Saudis were receptive. They didn't resent us being Americans and they tried to learn what we taught them."

And while he is certainly glad to be home, he is still chomping at the bit to get back to action.

Don't attack individuals

EDITOR:

In the community of Plymouth, we rely heavily on volunteers to provide the necessary leadership. Volunteers maintain the quality of life in Plymouth, as well as assist in its future success. Without this volunteer leadership, our town will be doomed to a process of decline. Recently, the Mettetal Airport issue has demonstrated how damaging an issue can become to ALL in the Plymouth community.

While it is important that issues be discussed and all sides be given the opportunity to express their views, it is absolutely essential that differences in opinions do not become personal attacks. When issues are transformed into personal attacks, they destroy our volunteer leaders' desire to serve.

What harm will this result in for the community? As clearly demonstrated by the resignation of Dennis Bilia as Mayor, the immediate and sad result is

the City of Plymouth loses a very committed and sincere individual who demonstrated his willingness to contribute time to the community.

Furthermore, in the future, likely it will become increasingly difficult to interest citizens in volunteering for service to the community of Plymouth.

On the other hand, while certain groups envision a gain relative to a specific issue, such as the Mettetal Airport, this gain may be very transitory and fleeting.

It is of utmost importance that we de-personalize the conflict when issues divide our community. The attempted recall of the city commission and the mayor is a clear example of an attempt to personalize an issue, thereby resulting in the loss of one of Plymouth's most dedicated and concerned volunteers.

THOMAS M. PROSE, M.D.



Community opinions

On the beat

By Phillip Tardant



My publisher begged appointment

As if it weren't hard enough to maintain a reporter's integrity, my publisher had to beg appointment to one of the hottest political bodies in town.

I'm talking about Ed Wendover and the Mettetal Airport Board. I know, the board by definition does not make political decisions.

But in this case perception, unfortunately, is reality.

And the Mettetal Airport Board is not just about an airport. The whole issue has spread like water disturbed by a stone, and every wave rippling from the center is political.

There's the recall scare. A charter amendment election. Canton's sovereigns taking exception to what they view as meddling south of Joy Road by the Plymouths. And what if Plymouth Concerned Citizens field candidates for the city commission this November? They would in essence be running against the Mettetal board.

So who do we find as a prominent member of the airport board?

The local watchdog, a newspaper publisher.

As Mayor Jack Kenyon put it, a fox is now in the pen with all the other crooks.

Meanwhile, Wendover's employes,

the men in the field, take flak for it. Both myself and my esteemed Irish colleague, Jim White, have heard how we can't report the truth on Mettetal because Wendover is on the board. And I guess I understand where that accusation is coming from, no matter how off base it is.

I would be proud to get fired for writing the truth in the face of a publisher who wanted to slant reality. My loyalty is to the readers, not the guy who signs my check. Newspaper people are by nature idealistic, or they wouldn't work so hard for so little money.

No question Wendover put his staff in a tight spot here. Even the perception of a conflict of interest is demoralizing for someone whose profession is based on impartiality.

But believe it or not, Wendover is no longer a part of editorial discussions relating to our position on the little airport everybody made a big fuss over. No matter what else you want to say about Wendover, he has integrity -- a lot of it.

I'm not saying I think he did us a favor by taking a seat on the board -- he didn't, and I think the reporters here have a right to be a little teed off.

We can still do our job, however. Which means chasing down the truth.

Bila legacy not bad

EDITOR:

Your editorial column referring to Dennis Bila as a "quitter" was a thoughtless stab in the back.

It is far more honorable for a mayor to resign than to be a stooge for a small influential group dominated by outsiders.

Bila will be remembered for his efforts to have the citizens of Plymouth obtain a meaningful vote on the controversial Mettetal Airport issue.

That is not a bad legacy.

WILLIAM BAUMGARTNER

Ernie's today's picture-book

EDITOR:

In his 'Glimpse at Yesterday,' Ernie Archer tells of Jack Wilcox showing him the "amazing picture-book" Wilcox House gardens.

The amazing picture-book garden of today in the City of Plymouth is Ernie Archer's own fabulous flower garden at 335 Roe St.

Blooming all summer long are literally thousands of colorful circular beds of flowers surrounding ornamental trees.

Ernie has received the city's beautification award many times. A visit to his garden is one of summer's special events, and spring is just around the corner.

PAT AND ERICK CARNE

Bila's not a quitter

EDITOR:

In stories which have been reported in the press recently, City Commission action at our meeting on March 4 has been inaccurately reported.

Although the mayor had indicated a desire to table the Airport Board appointments, there was no motion to do so. Therefore, no vote. The mayor also indicated a desire to go back to Plymouth Township and have the Joint Operating Agreement revised or an addendum added. Again, no motion and no vote. I would hardly call this a consensus.

The two motions regarding the airport issue were sponsored by the undersigned. I offered a motion that the mayor go ahead and make the appointments that night. Based upon information that Plymouth Township had acquiesced in delaying the appointment as well as changing the JOA (which later turned out to be totally inaccurate), my motion was voted down 5-2. My next motion was to rescind our action agreeing to participate with Plymouth Township in the Joint Operating Agreement at our meeting on Jan. 21. This motion lost 6-1. Again, hardly a consensus.

There was no need to lobby Commissioner Ron Loiselle because he had jointly sponsored the original motion with me. He and others were under the impression that Plymouth Township had agreed to a delay. As a consequence, he and Commissioner Mary Childs voted against the motion to appoint the Board that night. Later, when it came to light that he had been misled, the picture changed. The question was: were we going to honor the commitment we made to Plymouth Township when we voted 6-1 on Jan. 21, to enter into the Joint Operating Agreement with them, or were we going to renege.

Since a special commission meeting had already been called for Saturday, March 9, it was generally agreed to put the item on the agenda that morning. If we couldn't do it that morning, it was going to be scheduled for March 26 when myself and Commissioner Childs would both be available. Since our Monday vote had been predicated upon misinformation, adding it to the Saturday agenda was totally appropriate. In the meantime, Mayor Dennis Bila resigned.

In the interim, Plymouth Township officials had been contacted (one of whom had attended our Monday Commission meeting) and it was quite evident that our vote delaying the appointments had been wrong. Accordingly, a new resolution was proffered at the Saturday meeting to have Mayor Jack Kenyon go ahead and make the two board appointments. Now, that more accurate information came to light, this motion passed unanimously, 5-0. Now that's what I call a consensus!

There were no clandestine meetings between Commission members and representatives of Plymouth Township

as has been alleged. Three commissioners and Supervisor Maurice Breen got together for breakfast one morning. This wasn't on someone's back porch, in the basement, or out of town. It was in the main dining room of the Mayflower Hotel at a table adjacent to Dennis Bila II's law partner. The meeting certainly wasn't intended to be secret. This meeting was no more clandestine than the meetings that the undersigned has had with the former mayor, Supervisor Breen, and occasionally another commissioner every Saturday morning at the Main Street Cafe for two months. I would hardly call those breakfast meetings clandestine either.

I even telephoned the mayor and left a message for him to call me regarding the meeting which had taken place at the Mayflower, but he never returned my telephone call. The message was left some two to three hours before he decided to resign.

Remember, I am the commissioner who nominated Dennis Bila for mayor. I felt that we had worked well together for a long time. He did a good job as mayor and I am sorry he resigned.

I felt that he could have ridden out the storm with a little more communication with his fellow commissioners, but the decision to resign was his and I respect it. I wouldn't call him a "quitter." I would prefer to remember him as someone who was attempting to appease both sides on an issue that could not be resolved in that manner.

I sincerely believe that the anti-airport citizens group are partly at fault -- at least indirectly. Now that the Charter election is going to be held this November, perhaps they can put all of their effort towards that and we can have less rhetoric. I hope so. If one of the purposes behind all of the vocal recrimination, attempts at intimidation, harassment, recall, and the like were intended to force one or more of the commissioners to resign, I believe they achieved that purpose. That is unfortunate.

JOHN F. VOS III

Rotary apolitical

EDITOR:

Some recent comments in letters to the editor and from other sources appear to imply that the Plymouth Rotary Club has endorsed the proposal that Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth acquire and operate Mettetal Airport. This is simply not true and I would like to try to correct that misperception.

In accordance with the policy of Plymouth Rotary Club not to endorse political candidates or political issues, we have neither endorsed nor opposed the airport issue.

I would appreciate your assistance in communicating this fact to the citizens of the Plymouth community.

E. J. McLENDON
PRESIDENT,
PLYMOUTH ROTARY CLUB

Jaeger to draw plan for services

BY-PHILIP TARDANI

By the end of the week, Plymouth City Manager Gordon Jaeger hopes to come up with a blue print for joining city and township police, fire and dispatch services.

The plan will outline how shared services -- long talked of as a way to provide better service at a lower cost -- can become reality.

"I'm going to put together basically

a step-by-step process," said the city manager, who retires May 1. "I'll come up with all the things that have to be done to put together fire, police, dispatch or all of them."

Jaeger is going forward with the plan after meeting with Plymouth Township Supervisor Maurice Breen. Breen said the planning document will give his board of trustees some direction on the matter.

"Before the board members can thoughtfully discuss anything, they need the administration to present something," Breen said. "If it's going to be of any value, it will be comprehensive."

And comprehensive the document promises to be. Contracts with five labor unions will come into play, and Jaeger still has to address questions such as how to pay for and share the

cost of joint services, how they'll be administered and the extent of local accountability.

"I think if everyone goes into it with a positive attitude, it can be done," however, Jaeger said. "It's not an insurmountable thing."

The separate police departments will probably be the most difficult to combine, Jaeger said, because

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Public notices

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF REPROGRAMMING OF CDBG FUNDS

On Tuesday, March 12, 1991, at a duly noticed public hearing before the Board of Trustees, the following amendments were made to the FY 1989 and FY 1990 Community Development Block Grant program: reprogramming of \$6,630.00 from Sheldon School renovation, reprogramming of \$32,277.00 from the Salvation Army and Suburban West Community Center (FY 1989, and closing out Salvation Army data base project), the reprogramming of \$5,000.00 from the senior center roof (closing out said project), the reprogramming of \$5,000.00 from the Michigan Avenue sidewalk (closing out said project), and the reprogramming of \$20,000.00 from Suburban West Community Center (FY 1990, and closing out said project). Funds so reprogrammed were reprogrammed into the following projects: Canton-Place drive and parking and landscaping (\$45,000.00), and Griffin Park landscaping (\$23,907.00). Questions about these project amendments may be directed to: Gerald Martin, Resource Development Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188; 397-5417.
PUBLISH: The Community Crier, March 20, 1991.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WAYNE COUNTY PARK SYSTEM GRANT APPLICATION — RECREATION BOND PROGRAM Sponsored by Michigan Department of Natural Resources

The Wayne County Parks Division is hosting a public hearing on Wayne County Parks Division's grant application for funds through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources 1991 Recreation Bond Program. The projects being submitted for funding are as follows:

1. Middle Rouge Parkway (Westland) — Restoration of Nankin Mills
2. Middle Rouge Parkway (Livonia) — Nankin Pond Bird Tower
3. Middle Rouge Parkway (Plymouth) — Wilcox Plant Renovation
4. Elizabeth Park (Trenton) — Northshore Riverwalk

The Public Hearing is scheduled for March 21, 1991, at 7:00 p.m. at the Wayne County Parks Division Administrative Offices, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, Michigan, 48185, 2nd floor conference room. The Wayne County Executive, Edward H. McNamara, extends a personal invitation to citizens of Wayne County to attend the hearing and review the grant applications. For more information, call Mr. Hurley J. Coleman, Jr., Director of Parks, at 261-1990. Thank you for your interest.
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES — REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1991

Supervisor Breen 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. Hulsing moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of February 26, 1991 as submitted. Supported by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all.

Mrs. Hulsing asked that the agenda be amended by adding Items G.3 and G.4 under G. Community Development; Resolution No. 91-3-12-05 under I.1; Item J.8 under J. New Business, and Item K. A-6 and K. A-7 under Communications.

- G.3 Shirley Barney, Community Development Director
RE: Request for Board Rating of Evaluation from Overview Study Groups
- G.4 Shirley Barney, Community Development Director
RE: Status Review of Final Consent Judgment for Liberty Park
- I.1 Maurice Breen, Supervisor
RE: Mettetal Airport — Clarification of the Authority of the Airport Board via Resolution No. 91-3-12-05
- J.8 Rosemary Harvey, Financial Director
RE: Loan of Funds to Western Townships Utilities Authority
- K. A-6 Communication from Wayne County Chapter of the Michigan Township Association along with minutes and Treasurer's Report
- K. A-7 Civil Service Commission Minutes of February 28, 1991

Mrs. Hulsing then moved to approve the agenda as amended for the March 12, 1991 Regular Board of Trustees meeting. Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes all.

Supervisor Breen directed that the following proclamation be spread on the minutes:
WHEREAS, The Charter Township of Plymouth deems it appropriate to recognize the Knights of Columbus, Father Victor J. Renaud Council, No. 3292; and for its continued efforts to aid the mentally retarded in special ways; and

WHEREAS, The Plymouth Council of the Knights of Columbus undertakes many activities to support charities within our community; and

WHEREAS, To date, they have been able to raise approximately \$80,000.00 to help the mentally retarded.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Maurice M. Breen, Supervisor of the Charter Township of Plymouth, do herein proclaim the week of March 17th through March 23, 1991, as

"HELP THE MENTALLY RETARDED WEEK"

in the Township of Plymouth and urge all the citizens of our community to support the efforts of the Knights of Columbus in raising funds for this worthwhile charity.

Mr. Munfakh moved to adopt Ordinance No. 83.56 and to amend Sections 5.2, 6.2 and 32.2 of Zoning Ordinance 83 clarifying a caretaker's residence for mortuaries as requested by the Community Development Director under Application No. 1122 effective April 12, 1991. Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes all.

Mr. Griffith moved to adopt Ordinance No. 83.57 and approve the rezoning of the property located at 42370 Ann Arbor Road from C-2, General Commercial to PL, Public Lands as requested by the Community Development Director in Application No. 1123. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mrs. Barney addressed the Board reviewing the Overview From Study Groups Report derived from the comments made at the Joint Board of Trustees/Planning Commission meeting asking the Board to review and rank them in order of importance and return the study by the end of March. After the responses are received, the results will be tallied and serve as a basis for the next meeting to be held in May, 1991.

No action to be taken at this time.

Mrs. Barney addressed the Board updating the status of the Final Consent Judgment for Liberty Park that was approved by the Board of Trustees on September 11, 1990 indicating that the Final Consent Judgment will have a slight modification to the footprint in that the building size will be reduced. Minimum setbacks and number of units will be the same and the buildings will be of brick and wood siding.

Supervisor Breen asked for comments from the public as to any item that was not on the adopted agenda. There were none.

Supervisor Breen addressed the Board reviewing Plymouth Mayor Jack Kenyon's, letter of March 8, 1991 appointing Edward Wendover and Wesley Kapper, to the Board of the Joint Operating Agreement of the City and Township of Plymouth; reviewed Edward Wendover's letter of March 11, 1991 to the Plymouth Township residents; and read the following motion passed by the City of Plymouth, "That the Joint Operating Agreement authorized by a vote of the Commission on January 21, 1991, be implemented by the appointment of two (2) Board Members by

the Mayor and authorize these appointees to act as agents of the City of Plymouth for the purpose of public sponsorship of the airport."

Mrs. Hulsing moved to approve Resolution No. 91-3-12-05. Supported by Mr. Griffith.

The entire resolution is incorporated into the official minutes on file in the Clerk's Office.

Mr. Munfakh moved to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. C-91-01 for Sump Pump Collections Systems for Plymouth Township as proposed effective March 15, 1991. Supported by Mr. Griffith.

The full text of the ordinance is available for perusal in the Clerk's office in the Township Hall.

Mr. Horton moved to approve the Utility Easement for Gary E. Hall, located at 46350 North Territorial Road as the easement has been approved by the Township Engineer as to form and Township Attorney as to form and content. Supported by Mrs. Hulsing. Ayes all.

Mr. Anulewicz addressed the Board updating the progress of the Master Plan proposed update Report received with no action taken at this time.

Mr. Munfakh moved to request that the Township attorney continue to approve the easements as to form and substance and to request the administration to develop a program for title work with each easement. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Griffith moved that the contract for the Morrison S.A.D. paving project be conditionally awarded to Asphalt Specialties, Inc., in the amount of \$53,699.25 and further move that Tuesday, April 9, 1991 be established as the hearing date for the Resident's Assessment Hearing. Supported by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all.

Mr. Munfakh moved to support the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Safety Town Program with a contribution of \$10.00 per student for those who reside within the Township. Supported by Mrs. Hulsing. Ayes all.

Mr. Horton moved to approve Application No. 256 to reserve the baseball diamonds at the Township Park from March 12, 1991 through May 19, 1991 and Application No. 258 to reserve the Pavilion on June 1, 1991 consistent with the activities proposed in March 4, 1991 letter from Bob Kerfoot, Our Lady of Good Counsel CYO Baseball. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mr. Horton moved to approve the proposed Gold Course rates for 1991 as proposed by John Jawor. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

They are as follows:

Proposed Rates for 1991:

	9 Holes	18 Holes
Weekdays	10.00	15.00
Weekends & Holidays	11.00	18.00
Seniors	10.00	11.00
Juniors	9.00	10.00

Mr. Stewart moved to table the recommendation that the Director of Public Services be given the authority to approve applications for use of the Township Park for Review as a Resolution and/or Policy to the August 13, 1991 meeting. Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes all.

Mrs. Brooks moved to approve the purchase of defibrillators from EMS, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$10,000. In addition, the Board amends the 1991 Fire Department budget to increase the equipment purchase account by \$10,000.00. Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes all.

Mrs. Hulsing moved to excuse Supervisor Breen from voting on the W.T.U.A. loan. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mr. Munfakh asked to be excused from voting on the W.T.U.A. loan.

Mr. Horton moved to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign a loan agreement with the Western Townships Utilities Authority in the amount of \$196,314.00 according to the terms and conditions outlined in the draft proposal to be repaid by April 1, 1991. Supported by Mrs. Hulsing.

Roll call:

Ayes: Horton, Hulsing, Brooks, Griffith, Stewart

Nays: None

Excused: Munfakh, Breen

Motion passed.

Mrs. Hulsing moved to accept and file the Communications and Resolutions as listed. Supported by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all.

Mr. Munfakh moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes all.

Ether Hulsing, Township Clerk
Susan Koch, Recording Secretary
Plymouth Charter Township

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on March 12, 1991. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on March 26, 1991.
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Canton amends zoning language for airports

BY JIM WHITE

Canton's Board of Trustees effectively froze Mettetal Airport in time last Tuesday night to insure it would not expand as a publicly owned facility.

The board voted 6-1 to change the zoning ordinances concerning "small aircraft landing fields."

Airports will now be allowed only in general industrial districts, and will not be permitted in light industrial areas.

Mettetal's site at Joy and Lilley roads is zoned light industrial.

The text amendment makes Mettetal a nonconforming use. The airport will be permitted to continue operations as they presently exist, but no expansion that would increase intensity in use will be allowed.

Improvements made as part of routine maintenance or to increase safety are all that will be permitted, according to Dave Nicholson, Canton planner.

Trustee Elaine Kirchgatter was the only member of the board who voted against the change. She said she would go along with the recommendations of

the Canton and Wayne County planning commissions, both of which rejected the change.

Several members of the board said the move was not intended to "strangle" the airport, as the Canton planning commissioners had feared.

"We are not zoning the airport out of existence," said Treasurer Gerald Brown.

"We are just zoning the airport out of expansion," added trustee John Prenticzky.

Supervisor Tom Yack said he was the one who requested the proposal from the planning services department.

Airport board convenes

BY PHILIP TARDANI

About 30 citizens attended the first Mettetal Airport Board meeting Saturday, according to City of Plymouth representative Wes Kappler.

questions from citizens regarding the airport.

"There were quite a number of questions submitted that we are

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The board also took its first action with a resolution pledging to keep the airport classified as U-3, meaning there will be no expansion of the facility. The Michigan Aeronautics Commission had originally planned to make Mettetal an T-5 facility, meaning it could accommodate small jets.

"We will not make any changes from a U-3 type to any other use," Kappler said.

The board would like to extend the airport runway further south, however, he added, so landing aircraft will not come in so low over Joy Road.

The board also took written

Contamination

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In accordance with the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Act of 1988, Parsons said the Klochkos would have to determine the extent of contamination before cleaning it up. More soil or groundwater could be tainted, he added, and it is too soon to speculate how long any cleanup could take.

"It could take years, it could be taken care of fairly quickly," Parsons said.

Meanwhile, the Mettetal Airport Board, consisting of two members from the City of Plymouth and two from Plymouth Township, met for the first time Saturday.

Airport board member Wes Kappler said the site would have to be environmentally sound before the airport became publicly owned.

"Before the state or federal government will put any (grant) money in it, they will make sure the property is clean, and so will we," Kappler said.



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Friends & Neighbors



Maria Bortell rehearses her role as Maggie in "Boys' Life." The production is currently being staged by the University of Detroit Mercy's Theatre Company. (Crier photo by Eric Lukasiak)

World's a stage for local woman

BY JIM WHITE

All the world — literally — has been a stage for Maria Bortell, or at least a good part of it.

Bortell, a 23-year-old former Plymouth resident and 1986 Salem High School graduate, is currently starring in a Theatre Company production of "Boys' Life" at the University of Detroit Mercy. Theater and music have been the senior's ticket to Greece and the Soviet Union already, and a trip to Italy may be in the works.

"I never had any money to travel," she said, but she won the part of the High Priestess in the opera "Agamemnon," and she wound up touring Greece with the Theatre Company for a month last summer.

"Greece was great. We stayed on the island of Spetsai for pre-production. I learned a bit of the language, and we took classes in ancient theater and Greek history.

"We performed on Spetsai, in Argos, and in Athens — all the old places," she said. "And we went to Olympia and Delphi, just to see the ruins."

Bortell was also inspired by her trip to the Soviet Union in the summer of 1989, which she made with the Marygrove College chamber choir. "It is an absolutely beautiful country," she said.

"We were in Latvia and Lithuania right before the protests. They were the nicest places. Russia and Belorussia are more held back.

"Riga was one of my favorite places," she said. "It's like a little Ann Arbor, with little artist shops. And we went to some underground jazz bars in Leningrad. They are like the clubs downtown (in Detroit) only the ambience is nicer, because they are in another country."

Bortell did find the USSR a little different from living here in the land of

plenty. "The food was not very good, and there wasn't a lot of it," she said. And Soviet citizens trade a lot to obtain things they cannot normally buy.

"I traded my leather motorcycle jacket to a soldier for his full dress coat with all the brass buttons and medals," she said.

Greece was a little different. "It is a paradise. You can buy your Diet Pepsi, which is important to me, to Americans."

Theater is what she has wanted to do.

She was in Centennial Educational Park (CEP) productions before graduating from Salem. Bortell will graduate from the University of Detroit Mercy with a music major and minors in theater and English.

"I always kept up my academics," she said. "I was in the honor society, on the dean's list. Then I've had my separate life in theater. It keeps me going."

Her art has already helped expand her horizons. She will finish school in May and must start now to broaden her art before thinking about going back to graduate school.

"I will pursue commercials to get my union card here," Bortell said, "before doing something stupid like going to New York or L.A. I'd rather stay here and work than go out there and be a waitress."

Performing live theater is first choice for the multi-talented Bortell.

But she could fall back on choreography, dance, directing, or artistic design. "You can learn from every little thing.

"I see people I went to (high) school with and they say, 'So, you still do that, you want to be a star?' But that's not it. I could teach in theater. As long as you are making enough to survive, you are successful."

Low voter turnout in 11th

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Poling, a Canton resident who had been appointed interim county commissioner in December, was roughly 400 votes down when the rest of the district had been tallied. She could only muster 438 votes in Canton while Amann gained 929.

Canton provided even more drama in the Republican race. McCarthy, of Rockwood, was leading throughout the rest of the district by about 120 votes. But Poole, a former Canton Supervisor, won Canton, 416 votes to 267.

"I am never surprised by election results," said Poole Tuesday night. "The rest of the district doesn't know who I am or what I stand for."

"Of course I'm disappointed, but I knew Jim was very strong in Canton," McCarthy said. "It was a good experience, and there'll be other elections."

There was elation in the Amann camp. "It feels great," Amann said.

"I think a lot of people, particularly in Canton, are independent thinkers and voted person, not party. I am the most qualified for the job," he said.

Poling could not be reached for comment.

The Democratic race was viewed by some as a struggle between the county

executive, who supported Amann, and the UAW, who endorsed Poling. Robert Beeny, Thomas Hartnett, Jimmie Raspberry, and Warren Troy rounded out the field.

Beeny, a Wayne city council member, finished third with 680 votes, 429 in his home town. But even that was not enough to beat Amann, also a Wayne resident. Amann garnered 631 Wayne votes. Wayne likely had the highest voter turnout, attracting 15 per cent to the polls.

"We went in knowing we were an underdog," Beeny said.

Raspberry, a longtime elected official in Romulus, collected 255 of his 319 total votes in his home community.

"I'm one of those old-fashioned types. The people have spoken, and I abide by it," he said.

Canton residents Hartnett and Troy collected 101 and 55 votes, respectively.

"It's a first attempt," said Troy. Hartnett also promised he wouldn't disappear. "I'm interested in local politics," he said. "Maybe next year."

Voter turnout for the special election was fairly small throughout the district, said election officials. Rockwood reported nine per cent and Huron Township reported a 10 per cent turnout.

Some friends from the past

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following narrative was prepared by Ernie Archer and his sister Eileen Williams and presented to the members of the Plymouth Historical Society at its anniversary meeting on Feb. 14.

(PART TWO)

Main Street and Penniman Avenue were the hub of activity in the downtown area. Memory says there was a traffic signal of some sorts in the middle of the intersection. We used to cross diagonally, go to the center, wait for traffic to clear and go on across.

Fred Hadley's father-in-law, Homer Jewell, had a barber shop on one corner, next to him was a shoe repair. Mr. Ball had a photo studio upstairs. There was a German bakery and a small Kroger store.

Directly across the street on the corner was Conner's hardware, later to become a women's apparel shop owned by Norma Cassidy.

Tippy Smith's father had a small restaurant and sold the best bag of popcorn ever. There was a jewelry store owned by Winnifred Draper's father. She married Elmore Carney who became an optometrist, a profession carried on by his son, James. Down the street was the Schrader's Funeral Home, a three generation family affair.

Speaking of Schrader's, there used to be a so-called 'blind pig' on Five Mile Road on the outskirts of town. One day the body of a woman was found along the road, taken to Schrader's and help was asked in identification. My little sister, Eileen, and her best friend sneaked into Schrader's, viewed the body and sneaked out. Of course, they could not identify it.

Milton Orr from my class of 1933 worked at Bill's Market in Lower Town (now Old Village), and sub-

Glimpse At Yesterday

sequently purchased it.

Margaret Dunning started her clothing store business on Main Street in one formerly owned by Abe Goldstein. Other business locations were Pettingill's Grocery, Dave Galen's Meat Market, Blunk's Furniture, The Palace of Sweets, Terry's Bakery, two banks, Dodge Drug, and the Blickenstaff Drug, Cal Simon's Clothing and Willoughby Shoe Store. Dr. Peck (another Plymouth legend), Dr. Cooper, Dr. Brisbois, and Dr. Patterson were to me the core of our medical profession.

For a few years we had a hospital run by the Weist sisters. Going down Main and heading north and on the other side of the railroad tracks was McLaren's Plymouth Elevator (another three generation business), Allison Chevrolet and Beyer's Drug Store. Bob Jolliffe was quite a prominent figure in the business world. The Penniman-Allen Theatre with its silent films and wonderful organ music was indeed a very rare treat.

Forget not the Mayflower Hotel. Before he became manager and owner, Ralph Lorenz attended college in Ypsilanti. Jim Stimpson and I commuted to Cleary College. On Fridays, we would pick up Ralph's laundry and bring it home to his mother and then return it to him on Monday. Let's say Jim and I helped keep Ralph clean.

Of course, we cannot overlook the famous Chief of Police Charlie Thume. He knew everyone by his first name and watched kids like a mother hen. To "coon melons" was his

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Tell it to Phyllis

By Phyllis Redfern



Plymouth students named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Lawrence Technological University are: Ralph Jones, Michael Poszywak, Robert Bailey and Sandra Dudek. Students from Canton included on the list are: Scott Sumner and Maurice Valentini.

Canton students on the honors list at Central Michigan University are: Martin Adamian of Barchester; Jennifer Fife of Highgate Court; Dawn Miller of Hillsboro; and Jeffery Montgomery of Capri. Students from Plymouth included on the list are: Marcia Hannewald of Weed Road; Marlene of Kowalski of Oakcliffe; and Matthew Pilon of New England Court (straight A's).

Area students named to the distinguished student list at Purdue University are: Robin Fielman of Robin Court; and Julie Millard of Drury Lane in Plymouth; and Matthew Littleton of Chadwick in Canton.

Plymouth students receiving degrees from Central Michigan University are: Elizabeth Frigge of Greenbrook, BS in Psychology; Jill Hanley of Sheldon, BS in Social Science; Lynette Nagy of Napier, BS in Business Administration; Matthew Pilon of New England Court, BA in Recreation; Kathy Ross of Ann Arbor Road, BS in Finance Management; and Lori Schauder of Tennyson, BS in Psychology.



JULIA WREN

Fond remembrances of Plymouth

favorite pastime. Charlie caught my two brothers with several others in the act and marched my brothers home to face mother -- a fate worse than death.

During the late 1930s one of the favorite types of recreation was basketball. Games were played in the gym of the old Plymouth High School. My sister was one of a group of young Plymouthites who played on a team sponsored by the Daisy Mfg. Co.

One year, after they had taken the city championship, Cass Hough said that Daisy would treat the team to a dinner and show. Two cars of players went to Detroit, had dinner and decided to go to a burlesque, something none had ever done before.

They more or less sneaked out of the theatre in embarrassment fearful that they might see someone they knew. The next day as my sister was walking to work, she met Mildred Barnes, a secretary for Cass, in front of the Daisy building.

Mildred asked how the evening had gone and what show they had seen. My

Happy birthday!

Julia B. Wren, a longtime resident of the City of Plymouth, reached the century mark Thursday. When she was born March 14, 1891, Benjamin Harrison was president of the U.S.

A party was held for Julia in Ann Arbor, where she now lives. Her daughter Barbara Sulkowski and grandson Mark Sulkowski, both of Plymouth; and granddaughter Ann Marsh, of Kansas City, helped her celebrate.

One gathers many memories over 100 years. Julia earned her nursing degree at Ferris State College and vividly remembers the influenza epidemic which swept the country from 1917-1919.

quick thinking sister responded, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." But she didn't stick around for further questioning.

I shall be ever grateful for the education I received in Plymouth, the friends I have acquired and my own cherished environment.

I shall always treasure the memory of a Model T Ford, three adults, five red-haired kids, a dog and their belongings as they ventured the move to Plymouth. I can understand how the first Pilgrims felt when they sailed on the famous Mayflower and landed on Plymouth Rock.

Reflecting quickly back in time, I was lucky to have made it out of Rosebush. We owned a cow, and it was my daily chore to take it to pasture in the morning and bring it home at night. One evening, my sweet innocent sister Eileen hid in the brush, jumped out, scared the cow and I was dragged all the way home. Don't ask, why didn't dumb little me just let go of the rope?

Again, I love you, City of Plymouth, please be my Valentine.



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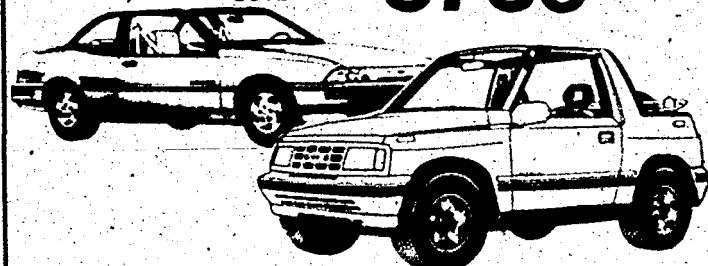
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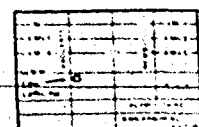
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A NIGHT OF MUSIC AND HISTORY

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra (PSO) and Plymouth Historical Museum will host "A Night of Music and History," on April 12, featuring Norman Fischer, cellist. "Cello Primo," the PSO concert, will begin at 8 p.m. in the Salem High auditorium. An afterglow will then be held after the performance at the Plymouth museum. The afterglow features an exhibit on Carnegie Hall, and a celebration of the PSO's 45th anniversary. Tickets are \$10. Call 455-8940 or 451-2112 for information.

PCAC FURNITURE TALK

The Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) will sponsor a free discussion on 18th century furniture reproductions presented by Michael Camp, a Plymouth furniture maker. It will be held March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Camp's workshop at 495 Amelia, City of Plymouth. For reservations call 455-5260.

MCAULEY BUSINESS BREAKFAST

A business breakfast featuring a discussion on the Michigan Health Initiative Grant will be held March 27 at 7:30 a.m. in the Arbor Health Building, City of Plymouth. The fee is \$5. For further information call 572-5261.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

Plymouth Canton Steelers Junior League Football registration will be held April 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Canton High cafeteria. Players and cheerleaders ages eight to 14 are eligible. Cost is \$65 for players and cheerleaders and \$185 family maximum. Call in advance and bring birth certificate. For full details call Sue Herman at 455-7299.

MEET OTHER MOTHERS MTG

MOM (Meet Other Mothers) will hold a group meeting Friday (March 22) at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth at 9:30 a.m. For further information call 459-7465 or 453-6134.

CONCERT CHOIR EASTER PAGEANT

The Concert Choir of the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene will present an Easter Pageant of music and drama on March 29 and March 31 at 7:30 p.m. Celebrating the first Easter in the new sanctuary at 45801 Ann Arbor Rd. Free admission. For more information call 453-1525.

HOMEMADE FINNISH BAKERY

A special treat for Easter - fresh homemade Finnish bakery open on Saturday, March 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Detroit Laestadian Lutheran Congregation, 290 Fairground, City of Plymouth.

S'CRAFT MAIL-IN REGISTRATION

Schoolcraft College's mail-in registration for spring courses is being held from April 1-13. For further information call 462-4430.

CIVITANS ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

The Plymouth-Canton Civitans Club will host its Annual Garage Sale at the Gathering in the City of Plymouth on April 27 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Donations currently being sought. To donate call 464-1129, 455-0004, or 459-0234 to arrange for pick-up. Proceeds go to help Civitan projects such as Special Olympics.

WOOLGATHER'S KNITTING GUILD

The Woolgather's Knitting Guild, affiliated with the Knitting Guild of America, will host a meeting on Thursday (March 21) at 6:30 p.m. upstairs at the Dunning-Hough Library in the City of Plymouth. For further information call Jeanine Lowe at 455-1964 or Marge Lewandowski at 525-9122.

GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST

St. Michael Lutheran Church will host its 16th Annual Men's Good Friday Breakfast on March 29 at 7:45 a.m. at the Sheldon Road church in Canton. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for those under 10. Call 459-3333 for full details. Guest speaker planned also.

HANDCRAFTERS ARTS, CRAFTS SHOW

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KIWANIS COMMUNITY MEETING

Michigan's Lt. Gov. Connie Binsfeld will be the featured speaker during the upcoming Community Meeting hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth and the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce on March 21. Lunch, which is \$8 per person, starts at noon in the Mayflower Meeting House. For reservations call 453-1540.

PLYMOUTH ROCK CHARITY DINNER

The Plymouth Rock 47 will host a charity dinner for the Plymouth-Canton Clothing Bank on March 22 at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth Masonic Temple on Penniman Avenue. Tickets available through March 18. For information or reservations call 453-1242, 420-4468 or 453-4586. The cost is \$8.

SPECIAL DESERT STORM CONCERT

The Plymouth Community Band will hold a special concert on March 22 dedicated to troops in Operation Desert Storm. The concert will feature American military and patriotic music. Begins at 8 p.m. in the Canton High Little Theatre. Residents are encouraged to send the names of family and friends serving in Desert Storm to the band for a special printed program, copies of which will be available to send to service personnel. Send names to: Plymouth Community Band, P.O. Box 745, Plymouth, MI, 48170.

'FUN AND FROLIC' AT EAST

Teachers and students will take to the stage at East Middle School in a revival of the "Fun and Frolic," all-school talent show planned for March 27 at 7 p.m. in the East gym. Tickets will go on sale March 18. Adult tickets are \$2, while students get in for \$1. All tickets at the door will be \$2. Proceeds will be added to the spring charity projects for CATCH (Caring Athletes Team for Children's and Henry Ford Hospitals). For further details call East at 451-6565.

SPRING ICE SKATING LESSONS

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Dept. will offer spring ice skating lessons at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Registration for group lessons will be held March 21 from 6-8 p.m. Lessons begin the week of March 25. The cost for Plymouth-Canton Schools district residents is \$18, for Northville and Novi residents, \$20, and \$22 for all other non-residents. Classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced skaters available. For further information call 455-6620.

P-C COAST GUARD FLOTILLA MTG

The Plymouth-Canton Flotilla of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will hold its monthly meeting on March 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the counselor's office at Salem High School. For further information call 453-7548.

HOLY SMOKE TOASTMASTERS

Join the Holy Smoke Masters Toastmasters Thursday meeting at Denny's in Westland. For information call 455-1635.

ORAL MAJORITY TOASTMASTERS

Oral Majority Toastmasters meets every Tuesday evening at 6:15 p.m. at Denny's on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. For information call 535-1435 or 455-1910.

MOTHER OF TWIN CLUB MTG

The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Twins Club will host its monthly meeting on March 21. Speaker from Westland Fire Department will discuss safety. For information call Anne at 455-9637.

NEWCOMERS MEMBER COFFEE

The Plymouth Newcomers Club membership coffee will be held March 21 at 10:30 a.m. For newcomers to Plymouth who have lived here for less than two years. If interested call 454-0152.

WOMAN'S CLUB OF PLYMOUTH

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will meet at the First Presbyterian Church on April 5 at 12:30 p.m. The program is "What's My Color?" by Tami Bidwell, a color consultant. For further information call 453-5034.

PCAC SPRING CLASSES

The Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) is offering a spring session of art classes for both children and adults. Classes begin the week of April 15. For further information on individual classes call 455-5260.

IT'S TEA TIME

"It's Tea Time," is the name of the new exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum in the City of Plymouth. It features artifacts and collectibles associated with an afternoon tea. The exhibit runs now through April 28. For information call 455-8940. The museum is open on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, 50 cents for students 5-17 and under five get in free. Family rate is \$4.

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The Community Crier

Though numbers may change Schools review budget

BY KEN VOYLES

Even with all of the uncertainties in Lansing lately, officials in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district plan to proceed on a 1991-92 budget review.

But it appears clear, said the officials, that any current budget discussions will have to be based on the knowledge that the numbers could change in the near future.

The district's budget process gets underway this Saturday (March 23) during a special workshop session of the Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education.

"We have to press forward," said Dean Swartzwelder, president of the school board. "We will have to assume the present figures and funding system until something happens."

Ray Hoedel, the district's associate superintendent for business, called the preliminary budget which the board will look at Saturday a "hold the line" budget.

Hoedel said the district will have a good handle on its expected expenditures for next year, but revenues remain a question mark.

"We're trying to get our best

estimate on the district's SEV (State Equalized Valuation) total this week," said Hoedel, adding that the district will also project the Headlee Amendment rollback for next year and make the assumption that the millage renewal of 17.74 mills on the ballot in June will be approved by Plymouth-Canton voters.

Hoedel said the budget this year contains "no surprises..."
He added that recapture figures -- money the district will lose from its state aid package -- will be more than \$1 million.

"We're trying to be pessimistically realistic," he said.

John M. Hoben, district superintendent, said he did not expect a state aid package for education until this fall.

The board's Saturday workshop will focus on an overview of the 1991-92 budget, along with a series of 15 "decision packages," areas in the budget where there is need for the board to give the administration further direction.

That workshop will be held at Hoben Elementary School beginning at 8 a.m.

Cupola ready for Geer

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including one who has already graduated -- did the hammer and nail work. Then students from the vocational auto program painted it.

The white square cupola stands about six and a half feet from the floor to the roof peak and is about three feet wide. "That was a big consideration," Omiatek said. "It had to go out the doors (of the wood shop)."

Its siding and roofing are made of cedar. When it is placed on the roof of Geer, a bell will be hung inside.

Carpenters at Geer still have to complete work before the cupola can be moved.

"The original plan was to carry it (up to the roof) by hand," Omiatek

said. "We were to build it in sections. But that all changed. Now we will have to move it up there by crane."

Geer School, located at Godfredson and Ann Arbor Road, was built in 1880. It has already been almost completely renovated, including new doors, while electrical and heating work is currently being done.

It is expected to be ready for students during the 1991-92 school year, according to officials in the Plymouth Canton Community Schools district.

It is expected that the cupola will be the school house's crowning glory.

"Hopefully, it will be up for many years," said Omiatek.

In northwest Canton Compromise still sought

BY JIM WHITE

Members of the newly formed Northwest Canton Homeowners Association are trying to reach a compromise before Monday with developers interested in building subdivisions in their rural corner of the township.

Developers Bob Paciocco and Joe Bloch have requested that two separate land parcels north of Warren between Beck and Ridge roads be rezoned R-2, meaning up to two houses could be built per acre. Currently, the land is zoned rural residential (RR). Houses are built on lots larger than one acre.

The Canton Planning Commission agreed to postpone a vote on the rezoning on March 4 in the hope a compromise could be reached.

Bruce Patterson, a Canton attorney, agreed to facilitate a meeting between the homeowners, the builders, Supervisor Tom Yack, and planning commissioners.

That meeting was held March 8. Northwest Canton president Phyllis Johnson hopes another meeting can be scheduled this week before the Planning Commission meets again Monday (March 25).

"Our first meeting was just for brainstorming," Johnson said Monday. "Mr. Paciocco is going to be coming back with some of his ideas on paper, so we can discuss them further." Bloch was not at the meeting, she said.

Joining services proves challenging

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respective comp times differ and the officers work different schedules.

City officers work 12-hour shifts, while township police do eight-hour tours.

Carl Berry, Plymouth Township police chief, said he opposes a 12-hour shift because it entails built-in overtime. The shift time is negotiable, however, he added.

"I will do and use any shift that is efficient," he said.

Fear of police layoffs is unfounded, according to Jaeger.

"I don't envision reducing the number of police officers at all," he said. "If there are going to be ultimate reductions in manpower, it should come through attrition."

Combining fire departments will also offers challenges. Township firefighters are hired under the Civil Service Act 78 as well as being unionized.

Layoffs may also be avoided in any potential combined fire department because the township needs firefighters to staff its new station at the corner of Beck and North Territorial roads.

If dispatching units are combined, he said, it is likely the department will be housed in the existing township center because of the upgraded equipment -- including a new computer system -- located there.

"The township dispatching system is much more sophisticated," he said. "They've done what we need to do."

Judi Van Houten, president of the dispatchers' union of POAM (Police Officers Association of Michigan), said it was too soon to worry about layoffs.

"There are going to be a lot of discussions going back and forth between the two governments," she said. "They do have to come to the unions and we have to have a meeting of the minds on this. We really don't have anything at this point to be concerned about."

Van Houten added that dispatchers in the city view a merger as a takeover rather than a joining of departments.

"I don't know that it's necessarily been presented in a complete picture to them," she said.

David Hayes, a union rep for the Plymouth Township Police Officers Association, agreed that it is too soon to formulate any concrete answers about a potential merger.

"They (the union officers) are still concerned about layoffs," Hayes said. "I can't give them any answers because

I don't know. It (shared services) is new to me, new to the association and new to the City of Plymouth.

"No one's ever been through this before."

Jaeger said there is "no way" shared services will be implemented before he leaves on May 1.

"It's going to take time," he said. "Hopefully it will start to go down the path."

The Plymouth City Commission Monday appointed Mayor Pro-tem Ronald Loiselle and Commissioner John Vos III to a shared services study committee that will report back to the whole commission.

The township is expected to appoint two members of its own on March 26.

NW Canton

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"I am waiting for a call from the township, to see when the next meeting will be. We'll see what more we can discuss."

Planning commissioners—John Burdziak and Robert Shefferly, Yack, and Clerk Loren Bennett were at the brainstorming session, Johnson said.

"I'm just very glad we're having this exchange of ideas," she said.

The homeowners want to preserve the rural character of northwest Canton, but some residents have said a compromise may be reached if developers agree to build houses on acre lots.

Yack said Monday that the township is also waiting to hear back from Paciocco.

He added it was possible the planning commission could stall their vote again if a meeting with the developer could not be arranged in time.

Massey zoning

The Plymouth Township Planning Commission will tonight (March 20) consider another request to rezone a parcel of land off Ann Arbor Road to accommodate a car dealership.

Don Massey, owner of Don Massey Cadillac, is requesting a parcel of land north of Ann Arbor Road, west of Haggerty and east of Southworth be rezoned from single family and office service to general commercial.

According to his application, Massey wants special use approval for a car dealership, offices and multiple residential units.



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The convention will run from noon to midnight Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$15 for adults and \$9 for children 12 and under. Passes good for both days are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children.

Special guests at the convention will

include Mike McCartney (Paul's brother), a musician, author, and world renowned photographer; Bill Harry, publisher of the Liverpool Mersey Beat newspaper in the early 1960s and author of several books on the Beatles; and Detroit's own John Sinclair. Other special guests will be announced at a later date.

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Band concert for troops

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For further information call 349-7640.

Lt. Guv at Kiwanis lunch

Michigan's new Lt. Gov. Connie Binsfield will speak at a noon Community Meeting on March 21 at the Mayflower Meeting House.

The meeting is being sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Colonial

Plymouth and the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce. The public is welcome.

Lunch is \$8 per person. A special invitation has been extended to the Canton Economic Club.

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Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the Regional Director of the FDIC at its Regional Office, 305 Walker Dr., Suite 3100, Chicago, IL 60606, before processing of the application has been completed. Processing will be completed no earlier than the 30th day following either the first date of this publication or the date of receipt of the application by the FDIC, whichever is later. The period may be extended by the Regional Director for good cause. The nonconfidential portion of the application file is available for inspection within one day following the request for such file. It may be inspected in the FDIC's Regional Office during regular business hours. Photocopies of information to the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request. A schedule of charges for such copies can be obtained from the Regional Office.

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Community Deaths

Bergman, driver for local paper



FRANK BERGMAN

Memorial services for Francis "Frank" R. Bergman, 75, of Plymouth Township, were held Sunday at Schrader Funeral Home.

Mr. Bergman died Thursday after a brief illness. He had been a route driver for The Community Crier for several years and was also a photographer, having come to Plymouth from Livonia in 1975.

"Frank was the old hand among the drivers," said Crier Publisher W. Edward Waddover. "He would take each new driver under his wing and teach them the ropes."

"He was also a very outspoken citizen -- always happy to discuss current local events with the newspaper staff," Waddover said. "So everyone at the paper and with Fleet Street businesses knew Frank, not just the colleagues at the paper's circulation loading dock."

Mr. Bergman is survived by his wife, Doris; daughters, Bette (David) Morse, of Connecticut, and Shirley Bergman of Romeo; son, Philip Bergman, of Connecticut; three grandchildren; and stepson, Ronald Colton, of Grand Rapids.

Sanford Burr officiated at the services for the Ispeming native. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Cancer Care Center Fund, P.O. Box 995, Ann Arbor, 48106.

Lorenz, toolmaker

Hans Lorenz, 74, of Plymouth, died March 5 in Ann Arbor. Funeral services were held March 7 at Schrader Funeral Home with Dr. Gilbert Sanders, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery.

Mr. Lorenz came to the Plymouth community in 1964 from Wayne. He was a toolmaker at Detroit Diesel Allison for 31 years before retiring in 1981.

He was a member of the Plymouth Elks BPOE 1780 and was the past exalted ruler.

Survivors include: wife Ruth Lorenz, of Plymouth; sons Donald, of Westland, and Dennis, of Canton; step children Dennis Joyce, of Plymouth, Dale Joyce, of Mesa, AZ, Elizabeth Ryan, of Redford, and Mart Joyce, of Chandler, AZ; sister Irene Marceau, of Muskegon; and eight grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Plymouth Elks major projects for handicapped children.

Rew, builder

Robert A. Rew, 46, of Northville, died March 2 in Novi. A memorial service was held March 7 at Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Kenneth Gruebel officiating.

A private residential contractor, Mr. Rew lived in Plymouth from 1945 to 1965, when he moved to Northville. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1963 and received a bachelor of science degree from Lawrence Institute of Technology. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era.

Survivors include: brother Jon "Bill" Rew, of Novi; nephews Jon Tyler Rew, serving in the U.S. Air Force, and Todd Rew, of Ypsilanti; step children Michelle Buck, Barbara Buck, Rhonda Buck, Joy Buck, and William Buck, all of Northville; and step grandson Cody Buck.

Browning, DIT grad

Ronald Lee Browning, 56, of Johnson City, TN, died March 2 at Mountain Home Veteran's Hospital in Johnson City. Funeral services were conducted at Evans Funeral Home in Chapmanville, WV, with the Rev. Sherman Smith officiating. Burial was at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Pecks Mill, WV, with Rick Ware of Charleston playing the bagpipes.

Mr. Browning was a Plymouth resident for 33 years. He was a supervisor at the Delco Product Division of General Motors in Livonia and a graduate of the Detroit Institute of Technology, where he majored in industrial management. Mr. Browning was also a former president of the Goodfellows/Old Newsboys Association in Plymouth.

Survivors include: wife Dodie Elizabeth, of Johnson City; daughter Ronna Diane Browning, of Plymouth; son Randall Craig Browning, of Johnson City; mother Berdie Hill, of Florida; and sisters Merideth A. Daniels and Barbara S. Westmark, of Florida.

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Tim Bielaczyc, left, service director for Bob Jeannotte Pontiac, and Bob Jeannotte congratulate each other on earning the highest customer service index of any Pontiac dealership in Michigan. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukaski)

Jeannotte 1st in state

BY KEN KETTENBEIL

Beyond the rows of shiny new cars, a shaky market still threatens local car dealerships, which now more than ever stress customer service to attract buyers.

Russ Baltazar, general sales manager at Bob Jeannotte Pontiac in Plymouth Township, said dealerships can also overcome the negative images that sometime come with buying a new car by showing that they care.

25 years for Gino's

BY JIM WHITE

"No coupons, no two for one, no free trips to India. You look at the menu, if you like it, you buy it."

Such has been George Martucci's code ever since he got into the pizza business 33 years ago.

This month, the 60-year-old owner of Gino's Italian Pizza, 40504 Ann Arbor Tr. in Plymouth Township, is celebrating his 25th anniversary at the same location.

"We're family-owned, this is no franchise," said Martucci Thursday. "This is a milestone."

There are no gimmicks at Gino's, just good food.

"Nothing's ever made ahead of time," said Martucci. "Everything's fresh. I buy all my ingredients locally. I stay here, because I love this community."

Martucci grew up in Detroit and ran his first store in the neighborhood of Wyoming and Schoolcraft. He acquired his recipe for pizza when he bought that store.

He moved his home to Plymouth in 1963 and opened Gino's on March 20, 1966. In commemoration of the anniversary, special T-shirts and hats will be on sale throughout the month.

"We want the community to know there is a reputable dealership right here in town," Baltazar said.

The approach has paid off at Jeannotte, which was recently recognized by the Pontiac Motor Division for having the highest Customer Satisfaction Index -- a 92.4 per cent -- of a Pontiac dealership in Michigan.

"We are very proud of the award," Baltazar said. "We are still number one this year as we strive for a CSI of 100 per cent."

This is the first time the dealership has received the award in its 15-year history in the community.

According to Baltazar, foreign car dealers have stressed customer service for years, training their dealers around the world on how to care for each individual buyer.

"We took this as a challenge and we want the community to know we care for our customers just as much as they do," he said.

Baltazar said that in order to achieve the rating a dealership needs to incorporate a team concept. The customer is first from the time they enter the showroom until they drive the car off the lot, and later with any service needed through the service department.

"Everyone here plays a role in our team," he said.

Bob Jeannotte and other staff members developed the program to earn the latest recognition, programs that included sales concepts and attitudes, product knowledge and extensive follow up calls.

"If we don't take care of the customer they won't take care of us," Baltazar said, adding that a solid commitment is needed by all dealership departments to ensure satisfaction.

Middle school concepts mulled

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• Option D, would not cost the district any money and could be implemented at all five middle schools, but it would call for teaming before and after school, and teachers teaching six classes.

• Option E, would cost about \$230,000 and include implementing the program at only two middle schools, hiring six teachers, teaming, homeroom and the extended school day. The disadvantage of that option, said Taitan, would be the creation of differences between district middle schools.

Board President Dean Swartzweiler said the district still needed to find out whether it could go ahead with the middle level idea "contractually" through the PCEA.

He also said the district needed to

look at its financial position as well as find out exactly how staff feel about the program and options.

"It is imperative to have a high percentage of the staff support and understand this, and the parents," Swartzweiler said.

The board is expected to meet with Goldman in executive session Monday to give him further direction in dealing with the teachers union on the plan.

Dave Artley, board vice president, agreed that staff and parent support were "crucial" to the success of any middle level program, but he added that the plans as presented Monday "excites me."

No formal discussions have begun with the PCEA, said Goldman, but a recent teacher survey showed apparent support for the concept of restructuring in the middle schools.

Walters plans to stay in City a while

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as a top skill and said the Northville manager of 17 years has left his mark.

"His strongest point is the ability to get from point 'A' to point 'B' -- he's very creative at finding solutions," Johnson said.

Plymouth's new manager is also an expert at formulating a feasible budget, according to Johnson.

"The fact that the budget comes in every year on time and on the money is a real tribute," he said. "He puts a real tight control on budgetary matters."

Outgoing manager Jaeger praised the commission for finding a

replacement quickly.

"I'm very pleased the decision has been made this early and you'll be able to make a smooth transition," he said.

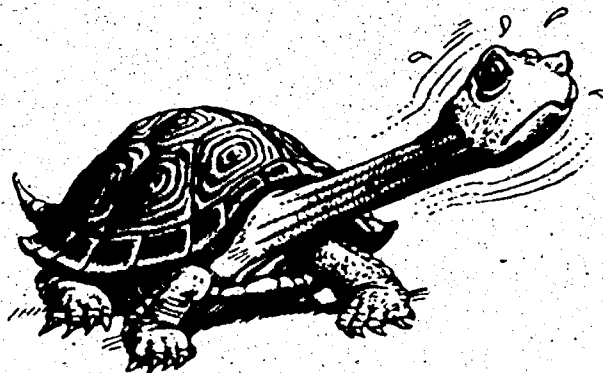
Kenyon said he will ask the commission to appoint Assistant City Manager Paul Sincoc as acting manager during the lag time between Jaeger and Walters.

The new manager hinted he may be in Plymouth for quite some time.

"I don't move around very often," he said. "It's conceivable I'll work in Plymouth until I'm 60 and then retire."

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Sports

CEP gymnasts 2nd, 3rd at states

BY RITA DERBIN

Friday night was a long, hot night for the Centennial Educational Park gymnasts.

With 144 points, the Rocks gymnastics team finished second to the record setting 148.95 points racked up by number one ranked Muskegon Mona Shores Friday night at the state gymnastics meet. Canton, with 138 points, finished third.

Sophomore Kim Miller led the Salem squad with a third place in all around competition with 37.15 points. Teammates Alysia Sofios was eighth (36.40) and Courtney Gonyea was ninth (36.05).

For Canton, Kim Rennolds finished 12th in all around competition and qualified on vault (9.25) and floor (9.3) Saturday. She finished eighth in both events in team competition and improved both for an eighth place Saturday on vault and ninth on floor in individual competition.

"We survived a very long night," said Canton coach John Cunningham, who said the gym was about 80 degrees, and was displeased that his team started their third event at 11 p.m. and finally finished around midnight. "I think we were a little tired on beam, our third event, but we woke up and had a great floor."

In team competition, Miller was first on floor (9.5), third on vault (9.3) and beam (9.35) and ninth on bars (9.0). The top 10 finishes qualified her for individual honors in every event on Saturday.

Other Salem team scores on vault included Courtney Gonyea, 9.1; Autumn Bunch, 9.0; and Alysia Sofios, 8.8.

On bars, Alysia Sofios tied Miller for ninth place to qualify for Saturday's individual competition, Gonyea finished with 8.6; and Sarah Makins had an 8.5. For Canton, Jenny Tedesco was 22nd on bars with 8.6 and Laura Anderson was 30th (8.3).

On beam, Courtney Gonyea finished eighth with an 8.95 to advance to the individual competition. Sofios was 12th with an 8.85 and Makias had an 8.3. For Canton, Johanna Anderson, who will be an alternate to the senior national gymnastics team representing Michigan in Colorado Springs this summer, was 18th on beam with 8.5 and Heather Murphy was 21st (8.35).

On floor, Sofios was second with 9.45 and Gonyea was fifth (9.4) to qualify for the second day of competition. Bunch finished with an 8.45. For Canton, Johanna Anderson and Murphy tied for 19th (9.0).

"It was a pretty good meet on Friday," said Salem coach Kathi McBride, who coached her last meet

for the Rocks. The 11-year coach will be moving to Washington this summer to be with her husband. "I was pleased with the team effort. In the two-day competition, no one fell off the beam--that's a first for us this year."

McBride and Cunningham both added that the support shown toward the CEP teams in the meet was appreciated.

"The kids who weren't competing were supporting us from the stands," McBride said. "And I think a lot of people in the gym were behind us."

On Saturday, the Rocks had several gymnasts competing for individual

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Salem's Kim Miller makes a move on the balance beam during Friday's individual states. (Crier photo by Barb Cheiman)

Swimmers shine, but miss finals

BY RITA DERBIN

There were no finalists, but the Canton swim team chose the state meet to put in some of its best times of the year.

Sophomore Craig Steshetz put on quite a performance at the meet, held at University of Michigan two weeks ago, helping the Chiefs set three new varsity records.

The 200-yard medley relay of Doug Nevi, Ron Trosin, Mark Ealovega and Steshetz finished their season with a Chief varsity record of 1:40.80. Other varsity records were set by Steshetz in the 50-yard freestyle (22.61) and the 200-yard freestyle relay of Steshetz, Ealovega, Mike Orris and Jeff Clark (1:31.5). Steshetz also qualified for state in the 100-yard breaststroke and finished with a time of 1:02.08.

"We did real well," said Canton

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A Salem gymnast prepares to do a flip on the beam. (Crier photo by Barb Cheiman)



A Canton gymnast poised to finish her routine during the state competition. (Crier photo by Barb Cheiman)

Rocks, Chiefs gymnasts

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Miller finished second on beam and floor, fifth on bars and sixth on vault. Most impressive for Miller was the successful back handspring she completed on beam -- the first backward tricks she had done in years -- which McBride praised saying, "people don't understand how hard that was for her to do."

Sofios tied with Miller for second on floor with what McBride says "was one of the best floor routines she's ever had." She also finished ninth on bars.

Gonyea placed fifth on beam and floor in individual competition. On floor she did a nice double full and overall, had a "nice, clean routine," according to McBride.



Canton's boys basketball team in Class A regional action last Wednesday and Friday. Canton was knocked out of the state tournament by Belleville. (Crier photos by Eriq Lukasik - left - and Shawn Guidéau - above.)

Chiefs finish at 16-9 Canton hoops bumped from region

BY RITA DERBIN

Overpowered and undermanned, the Canton basketball team's season came to an end Friday night in Wyandotte.

Missing two starters, the Chiefs (16-9) were downed 72-53, by the Belleville Tigers (24-1) in the Class A Regional finals. The regional finals were the farthest any Canton squad had advanced in the state tournament.

"We got beat by a very good team -- Belleville is ranked fourth in the state," said coach Dave VanWagoner. "I think we played well at the end of the season and gave it a good run -- we were one of the final 16 teams left in the state."

The Canton squad, playing Friday's games without the services of Mike Stafford and injured senior forward Kevin Holmes, could not stop the physical game of the Tigers.

It appeared to be a blowout early on as the Tigers jumped out to a 4-2 lead, but Canton came back.

VanWagoner, whose frustration showed when he, along with guard Karl Wukie, picked up double technical fouls in the first half over protesting the number of fouls the Chiefs were picking up, said his team could not get things going offensively once they got close.

"Their press bothered us in the last couple minutes of the first half and they stuck it to us after that."

Derrick McDonald led the Chiefs with 20 points. Brett Howell and Hal Heard added 10 points and Wukie had eight points while playing a solid floor game. Tony Coshatt added five points and 13 rebounds.

"Hal is coming on," said VanWagoner of his junior reserve forward, who played an outstanding game in Holmes' absence. "If he puts on a little strength I think he'll be a good player for us next year."

Last Wednesday night, the Chiefs defeated Wyandotte-Roosevelt in the regional semi-finals, 67-36.

McDonald led all scorers with 17 points. He was followed by Coshatt

with 13 points and 17 rebounds and Jon Paupore with 11 points. Wukie and Howell added strong floor games for the Chiefs, who played a great defensive game, according to VanWagoner.

"Basically it was a really good win," he said. "We stuck to our game plan and everyone played well and it got us to the finals."

The Canton squad was led throughout the year by four seniors -- Rob Wilson, Wukie, Howell and Holmes -- who according to VanWagoner, will be missed.

"We had four quality seniors who did a great job for us," he said. "They were all very dedicated young men -- the Canton basketball program will miss them."

The successful basketball season was a topper to a year of accomplishments for Wukie and Howell, who led the Chiefs' football team to the regional finals.

"Brett I were talking last week how great it was to be in the quarter finals in football for the first time and then the regional finals in basketball," said Wukie. "We had a great year -- better than anyone thought."

"No one gave us a chance but we knew we'd be good if we came along as planned -- going into the districts we knew it would be tough but if we played like we were capable we knew we could win," he added. "Beating Salem was nice -- knowing it would be the last time I faced them."

"We started off slow because we were playing tough teams," said Howell. "But once we got into the conference we started winning -- the tough schedule really helped us in the districts."

"I only had a week break between football and basketball so I'm happy to finally get a break," Howell added. "It's nice to look back now that it's finally over and know we set two records -- in football and basketball. I know I'll miss it all in a couple weeks."

Rob Wilson, who made the shot that

beat Salem in overtime in the district finals, was also sad to see the season end.

"I was a little disappointed in my performance -- I expected more of myself -- but how we did as a team was the most important," Wilson said. "We got farther than any other team so far but look out for next year's team because they'll be good."

Holmes, who is recovering from a fractured hip sustained in a car accident Friday morning, missed the regional finals, but was pleased with the team effort.

"We worked hard over the summer to be ready," he said.

Swimmers

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coach Hooker Wellman. "We had two seniors finishing up at state -- Nevi and Trosin -- but the rest will be back."

"We had a good time -- we had a lot of fun and had just a great season," he added.

For Salem, senior Curt Witthoff led the team, qualifying for two individual events and two relay teams. Going to state were the 200-yard medley relay of Curt Witthoff, Jon Stridiron, Matt Erickson and Albert Sneath; and Witthoff in the 200-yard individual medley relay and 100-yard backstroke.

Other qualifiers included Sneath in the 100-yard butterfly; the 200-yard freestyle of Joe Pawluszka, Matt Erickson, Brett Petrosky and Gary Bergman; and the 400-yard freestyle relay of Pawluszka, Bergman, Witthoff.

"I thought we had a couple shots at making the top 12 but just missed," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "But the kids did a great job to qualify."

"It was an outstanding year -- we did outstanding at the conference meet -- the (state qualifiers) did a nice job of hitting the times when they had to," Olson added.



A Salem gymnast flips over the state meet. (Crier photo by Barb Chelman)

Overall, the Rocks' coach was pleased because the girls did as well as they could.

"Everybody concentrated and did a good job," she said. "It was a long season and I'm proud of the girls and hope the school can find a good replacement."

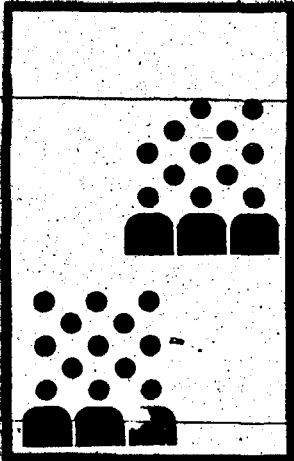
McBride added that Gary Balconi, the Salem athletic director, and Canton coach John Cunningham were to be commended for all the support and enthusiasm they have shown toward making the Centennial Educational Park schools such successes.

"Balconi has always been behind us 100 per cent and John Cunningham taught me a lot and helped me out with learning the sport and politics of gymnastics."

Cunningham added that, with the help of assistant Becky Martin, his team should be proud that they placed higher than any other Canton team, and that out of 70 teams in the state, they finished third.

"I'm happy we could go in there and do as well as we did," he said. "It was the CEP teams against the world and we did good."

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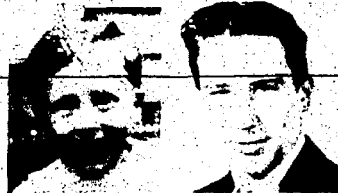
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Thanks SHAWN for helping me out Friday night! -Rita



Jerry Pinkerton - wasn't it just yesterday that you turned 20? Well, guess what! On Monday you'll be 50! Happy Birthday.

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Curiosities

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Curiosities

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