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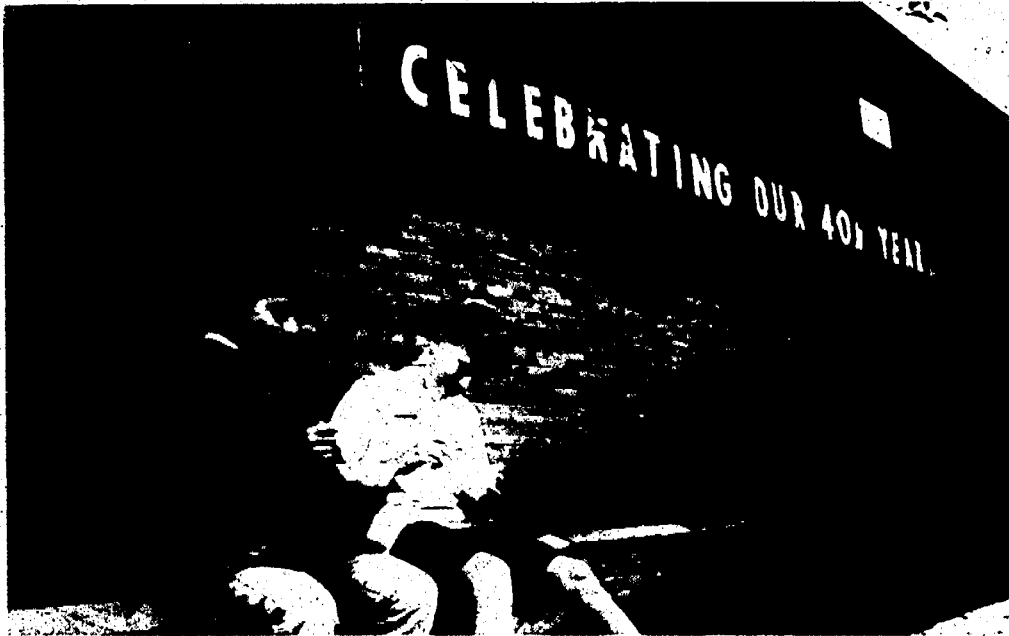
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Graduates of Bird School, 6th graders Cris Collins, left, and Wes Kersteas, dig into some chocolate sundaes during the 40th anniversary celebration on Friday. (Crier photo Eriq Lukasik)

## City gets \$205,000 in lawsuit

BY JIM TOTTEN

The City of Plymouth will receive \$205,000 in reimbursement from the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) stemming from a lawsuit with a former city employe.

City commissioners approved the out-of-court settlement with MMRMA, a Livonia-based firm, for the amount on Monday. The settlement states that the city will "release MMRMA from any further claims related to said case."

City attorney Ron Lowe said the settlement was for a "total release for anything that is arising out of the Talbot case."

MMRMA is the insurance carrier for the city.

The city filed the lawsuit in Wayne County Circuit Court on March 22 asking MMRMA to acknowledge its contract responsibilities for losses suffered by the city in the case of Talbot vs. City of Plymouth.

The city originally sought payment of about \$225,000 for the Talbot judgement and the legal fees.

What the commission decides to do with the money, Lowe said, is "strictly a policy decision."

Commissioner Jerry Vorva said the money should be returned to the taxpayers.

The commission has not yet made a decision on the reimbursement.

## School namesake remembered

# Bird celebrates 40 years

BY STEVE O'LEARY

During Nellie Bird's tenure as the first elementary school principal in the City of Plymouth, there was a ban on hiring women teachers who were married, free textbooks were made available to students from kindergarten through grade eight at no cost and the average starting salary for teachers with a master's degree was about \$1,500.

Things have changed quite a lot since then, and now the Plymouth Canton Community Schools District is generally thought of as one of the most progressive and efficient districts in the state.

Nellie E. Bird may or may not have played a direct role in that change, but one thing is clear: she was one of the most popular teachers and administrators the district has ever known, as evidenced by the 800-plus crowd at Bird Elementary School on Friday, celebrating the school's 40th anniversary at an ice cream social.

Nearly 800 chocolate sundaes were served up amidst shared memories and good cheer.

"The turnout was fantastic, we're very pleased," said Sandy Hanson, one of the Bird Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) members on the celebration committee. "The kids helped make and set up decorations, we had a number of displays with artifacts from 40 years ago and even some of Mrs. Bird's relatives were present, who said they thought the event was incredible."

Bird herself passed away in 1980 at the age of 98, but the activities Friday showed that her spirit undoubtedly lives on. She served the district as teacher and principal — at times simultaneously — for

more than 30 years.

"I always found Nellie to be interested in the development and happiness of the children, of each and every child," said Nancy Tanger, Bird's friend and colleague.

Tanger, for whom Tanger Elementary School was named after in 1966, was the first principal at the school named after her friend.

Bird school was dedicated on Sept. 30, 1951, one year after her retirement.

In 1952, Bird school began an outdoor

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## For Bird school area

# Parents seek slower speed

BY JIM TOTTEN

Parents of children attending Bird School on Sheldon Road want a posted school speed zone and guard rail to strengthen safety measures along the current 40 mph roadway.

"Although the overpass eliminates the need to cross the roads, the dangers for children walking along Sheldon cannot be denied," city resident Mary Templeton

wrote in a Sept. 20 letter to City of Plymouth Manager Steve Walters.

She not yet contacted Plymouth Township about her concerns.

The speed limit increase to 40 mph and the closeness of the road to the sidewalk, Templeton wrote, have created a potential safety problem for Bird School students. The increase in traffic since the

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## Her majesty

Sarah Krueger was crowned queen of the Salem homecoming court on Friday, and the Rocks football went on to win their game against Farmington (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

**PLUS:** This week's edition of The Crier features a home improvement section.

# Howmet closing called 'major loss'

BY KEN VOYLES

A manufacturing firm based in Plymouth for the past 22 years is closing down operations.

Howmet Corporation, which has operated out of its Ann Arbor Road facility since 1969, announced last week that the Plymouth site would be closing no later than April of next year as part of a consolidation plan.

The Plymouth work in vacuum and air melt materials will be integrated into Howmet's alloy facilities at Dover, NJ.

"We just don't have a need for two

alloy plants anymore," said Paul Sullivan, director of employes and staffing for Howmet. "It's an economical move. The capacity is such that we are selling more products but less alloys."

"We agonized over this," he added. "It would take something unbelievable for us to stay open. It's improbable that will happen."

The Plymouth facility employs 135 workers, mostly in manufacturing. Howmet, which supplies more than 16 million pounds of alloys a year, employs about 8,800 workers throughout the

country.

Reaction among workers at the Plymouth facility was bitter.

"We were the shining plant of the corporation and now we get the shaft," said Charles Lee, chief steward of the UAW Local 985 at the plant. "It's a major loss to this community. They say they are relocating the plant, but really they are shutting it down."

Of the staff at Howmet, 72 are union workers, said Lee, who has been employed by the firm for 20 years and is a former Plymouth resident. He said the

company is offering transfers to New Jersey to less than a half dozen employes.

"They are calling it a gradual shutdown," said Lee. "But there will be no production in Plymouth by the end of this year. It could even be sooner."

Lee said the announcement came as a surprise and shock to the staff. "They called me Tuesday night and told me to get my people together for a meeting Wednesday morning," he said. "We had just renegotiated our contract last December and have been very cooperative with them."

At the meeting, Lee said, the company announced it was ceasing operations and would not be offering transfers to the majority of the staff, many of whom are residents of The Plymouth-Canton Community.

"It's a thing we can thank Ronald Reagan and his Republicans for," Lee said.

Negotiations on the shutdown are expected to begin this week, he said.

A Howmet statement from David Squier, executive vice president and chief operating officer, said the plant closing would allow the firm to "more effectively serve its customers" in the aerospace and other industries.

## Canton alum

Alumni of Canton High are invited to attend an open house, sponsored by the Canton Executive Forum, during Homecoming Week (Oct. 7-12).

The open house is for all Canton High alumni that are in town during Homecoming. Cider and doughnuts will be served, and teachers and administrators will also be at the gathering for an informal visit.

The open house will be held Friday (Oct. 11) from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Canton High cafeteria.

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## Shrewsbury

Our Commissioners talk a good game... they have people convinced that problems in Plymouth can be solved by ignoring them. I am one Plymouth resident who is tired of the "style" but no substance approach of our Commissioners.

Where are the details? Details for a replacement of Farmer Jack... for the use of the Post Office Building... and why did we lose it in the first place? Details for solving our city's problems... details, details, details.

Plymouth has a reputation for rolling up our sleeves and getting to work. Let's get to work and support our business community. Let's find a replacement for Farmer Jack. Let's be creative with our use of the Post Office Building.

As Plymouth taxpayers our standards should be higher... we want details... we have a right to ask that. Details, not style.

By definition a community is comprised of people

with different beliefs and views. My role as your next City Commissioner is to see that no matter what a person thinks, they must be made to feel a part of the community.



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## State closes education program

# Hawthorn forced to halt day treatment

BY STEVE O'LEARY

To many, it seems like something out of Stephen King's nightmares.

Only these nightmares are all too real -- emotionally disturbed children with no place to go.

Sam Davis has heard from a number of families whose children were in the now-defunct day treatment program at Hawthorn Center in Northville. Nearly all of them have been what he calls "horror stories."

The day treatment program at the Northville facility were cut officially on Sept. 30.

State officials for the Department of Mental Health contend that the program cuts -- which affect at least one other area day treatment program -- are not due to any financial crunch as some have speculated, but rather to stay in keeping with Gov. John Engler's new policy that says, in effect, that the educational needs of these children should be met by the

local school districts, not by the state.

According to Davis, the state feels the school districts can handle the children and their various problems.

Davis, executive director for the Michigan Association for Emotionally Disturbed Children, a United Way agency that serves in a "watchdog" capacity, maintains that "the children have been made the pawns in a game and they shouldn't be. This is real life for them and their families -- not a Lansing chess game."

James Haveman, director of the Department of Mental Health, did not return calls to The Crier.

"This was a terrible decision on the part of the state, it's going to spell

disaster for a lot of kids," Davis said. "We're asking the legislature to review what the executive branch has done. I consider the move to be heartless."

He said a lot of the children from the program -- and those that would be helped by it in the future -- will fall through the cracks in the system and end up hospitalized when they may not otherwise have been.

"This type of program was the transitional step for some of these kids, the ones who may have been ready to be

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## Union St. residents oppose library expansion plans

BY JIM TOTTEN

Expansion plans for the current Dunning-Hough Library will not receive much support from some residents on Union Street in the City of Plymouth, especially those whose homes might be demolished if the work is approved.

"I love it here," said Gerald Kennedy who has lived at 226 Union St. for 12 years. "I hope they don't destroy it. I'll be disappointed."

The Plymouth Planning Commission will be discussing library expansion needs at the commission meeting tonight (Oct. 9) beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Several proposed concepts in the new library expansion feasibility study, approved by the Plymouth District Library Board in September, would entail leveling the three houses on Union Street just south of Church Street. The same

concepts would also require the house just north of Church to be razed.

Yet Pat Thomas, library director, said Monday the plans that would demolish houses north of Church Street are no longer being considered. Thomas said one resident from that area called and expressed concerns about the library expansion.

The expansion concept that is "least disruptive" and "cost effective," Thomas said, is what the board is trying to choose. She added the board wants the concept that will have "minimal impact" on residents who live in the area.

But Thomas stressed that no decisions have been made regarding library expansion. The study of proposed sites, she said, is currently being reviewed by the board.

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## Cut hits home for family

# Canton youth hospitalized

BY STEVE O'LEARY

Twelve-year-old Jeff Levine, of Canton, has been an in-patient at Hawthorn Center in Northville since mid-August.

According to his father Robert, Jeff had an "emotional reaction," or breakdown, due to his emotional inability to handle the many changes going on around him.

Key among those changes was the decision by the Michigan Department of Mental Health to cut the day treatment program at Hawthorn, which allowed the youngster to attend school in an environment that would also meet his disability -- he suffers from a learning

disorder -- and emotional instability.

"Jeff is not good at handling change, and that's an understatement," his father said. "When he learned that the program was being cut as of Sept. 30, coupled with the fact his therapist there was being let go due to budget cuts, well, it was just too much for him to handle."

"We hated to do it, but we had him put in Hawthorn on an in-patient basis," he said. "We really had no other choice."

Jeff had been in the day treatment program at the center for one year, during which time his father saw his son make great strides in overcoming low self-esteem and other emotional problems.

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## Seven ready for City election

BY JIM TOTTEN

The election for four open seats on the City of Plymouth Commission is less than a month away.

And the seven city residents seeking to fill those vacancies on the Nov. 5 election are Commissioner Robert Jones, Mayor Pro-tem Ronald Loiselle, William McAninch, Douglas Miller, Dennis Shrewsbury, Rosita Smith and Ken Way.



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The four seats open in this year's commission election are currently held by Mayor Jack Kenyon, Mary Childs, Jones and Loiselle.

Kenyon has decided not to run for reelection and Childs cannot seek another term under the city charter's rules.

The three candidates with the highest votes will be elected to four-year terms while the fourth one will be elected to a two-year term.

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## Chiefs homecoming court

Members of the 1991 Canton High School Homecoming Court included seniors Erica Peters, Jennifer Path, Jennifer Davis, April Billias, Nicole Sequin, Jamie Hanna, Joe Binder, Steve Hohl, Dave Bec and Kevin

Beach. Also included were juniors Erin Olenech and Mike Wdowiak, sophomores Lana Boroditsch, and freshmen Kelly Smith and Scott Warden. The queen will be crowned Friday. (Crier photo by Eric Lukaski)



# Community Opinions

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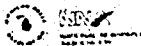
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### In Canton's best interest

## Brown should resign

For the good of Canton Township -- and his own peace of mind -- two-term Treasurer Gerald Brown should formally resign from the post.

While it is unfortunate that Brown's health has taken the turn that it has, delaying the inevitable does not help Brown or his constituents.

Brown said he does not plan to return to his role in the township government, a role he has handled admirably even when health troubles began to surface more than two years ago.

Nor should he return to the job, though undoubtedly his knowledge and expertise may still come in handy down the road when a successor needs a friendly piece of advice or counseling over financial matters.

The treasurer's job is an important dual role: first (for full-time pay) is the administrative task; secondly, the legislative part. If indeed this is a full-time job, Brown must adhere to his "less government spending" ideals and bow out.

While not everyone may have agreed with Brown's conservative approach to government spending, at least he was consistent most of the time and on the right track on some key issues.

Right now Brown is not doing the government in Canton any good by taking a temporary disability leave and hanging on for weeks or months as the nominal treasurer.

Besides, there is no need for him to be on the disability leave. He can resign at any point and still collect the long term coverage due him under Canton's employe policies.

Possibly there is an unknown medical reason that is keeping Brown from handing in his formal resignation.

It may be that he is awaiting word from his physicians on what he can expect from his condition down the road and is trying to plan for every eventuality.

One also has to think that Brown may want to have a say in how the Canton Board of Trustees goes about picking his replacement.

Brown said Monday that he isn't attempting to influence who that individual should be, but he does want to give the board some advice on what qualifications they should look for in a new treasurer. And the board would be wise to listen since Brown has played a key role in Canton administrative functions.

That selection process -- not something easily brought out in the open while Brown still remains treasurer -- looms more and more important as the community prepares for township elections next year.

Now is the time to begin sorting out the township's future needs in its finance department, but that cannot happen until Brown takes the next step and submits a resignation.

Two weeks ago when Brown read the letter announcing his taking of a temporary leave, it came as a surprise for many sitting next to the treasurer.

For others, what was more surprising is that Brown did not feel it was time to formally resign from his post. He did say, however, that "this temporary status is a necessary step" to participate in the disability program.

It may be hard to say, but the next "necessary" step is for Brown to resign.

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## Feds should show some good faith

When it comes to U.S. Post Office buildings, the City of Plymouth and the City of Rochester have a few things in common.

First, the post office building in Rochester, according to city manager Ken Johnson, was built during the 1930s. The Plymouth post office building was also built during the 1930s.

In the spring of 1989, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) of Rochester bought the postal facility after operations were moved to a new location.

Right now, City Manager Steve Walters, as director of the DDA, has begun negotiations with the U. S. Postal Service to purchase the downtown postal facility since operations (not completely, of course) have moved to the new Beck Road location.

The Postal Service appraised the Rochester site at \$380,000 and the

From the horse's mouth  
By Jim Totten



Plymouth site at \$390,000.

Johnson said Rochester bought the facility so "it could control the kind of development that went in." A restaurant,

he said, was picked as the best use for that important section of town. When a suitable plan came before the city, the building was re-sold, keeping the parking lot public.

And a restaurant called the Four Street Bistro now resides in that former P.O. building.

Plymouth might find itself in the exact same shoes and should hope for the same results as Rochester.

Except for maybe one, which is what Rochester paid for its building.

"They (postal officials) were very firm," he said about negotiations with the Postal Service. Rochester ended up paying \$380,000, the appraised value.

Maybe the first offer from the city should be \$3. If the city can play a little hard ball with the federal government, and save a lot of money in the process, it would definitely be worth it.

No one else is interested in the downtown building at this time. The Postal Service does not have several offers from which to choose, except one. The DDA.

Just maybe the feds might be willing to bend and give in a little. It would definitely be a good faith gesture to the community if they decided to sell the building for a symbolic \$3.

Maybe it might restore some of Americans' faith that the federal government works for the people.



# Community Opinions

## With Ryder House Salem shows neglect

### EDITOR:

At the October meeting of the Salem Township Board it was decided to have the historic Ryder House either removed or destroyed.

This is a prime example of willful destruction of public property by neglect on the part of elected officials.

Throughout the years the township board has refused to maintain the historic building until they created slum conditions in a prospering residential area of similar houses. (The valuations of adjoining properties have risen dramatically in recent years.)

But the selfish pursuit of the board for spanking new office space blinded them to the feasibility of rehabilitating the Ryder House for such uses. This same selfish blindness has kept them from appreciating the charm and historic character of the hamlet itself with the Ryder House being a cornerstone of a four corner crossing with interesting,

well-maintained 19th century buildings on the other three corners.

Now they say that they want to replace the house with an additional asphalt parking lot, which is a reflection of their thinking, ugly, unimaginative and insensitive. Shame! Shame! Shame!

If the Salem Walker Cemetery Association, the owners of Salem Walker Church on Angle Road, had behaved in this same callous way, Salem Township would now not be blessed with remarkable historic site No. S630 on the list of historic places in Michigan. This was accomplished by a private organization.

Why can not elected officials be as good stewards of property belonging to all of us?

As Moliere so aptly said, "It is not only what we do, but also what we do not do, for which we are accountable."

DONALD RIDDERING,  
SALEM HISTORIC SOCIETY

## Many helped safety house

### EDITOR:

Thank you, thank you, to the Plymouth community for your tremendous support of the Northville/Plymouth community Fire Safety House. The business community, major service clubs, small community groups and even individuals helped us to make our safety house a reality.

Your local firefighters raced a deadline of 30 days to have a completed unit for presentation at the Plymouth Fall Festival and the Northville Victorian Festival. Many manhours, all volunteer, made it happen and your contributions made it possible.

It would take an entire page of news print to list all who made this possible.

We are still in need of funds for educational materials and handouts to the children and adults when they tour the house. Contributions may be sent to the Plymouth Fire Department, 201 S. Main St., Plymouth 48170.

"We are still in need of our own tow vehicle and would appreciate any help in that area. We are hoping our local auto representatives could come up with some type of arrangement but so far that has been unsuccessful and we do not have money for such an expense.

Approximately 3,700 people were educated in what to do in case of a fire emergency in the home during this year's Fall Festival and another 1,200 at the Victorian Festival. The house will now tour schools, seniors complexes, special events and service clubs. If your group is planning a large event and would like the house there contact the Plymouth Fire Department.

Again, a tremendous "Thank you Plymouth." If we had fireworks we'd light the sky. The committee was just in awe at how well our citizens responded.

ROBERT L. JOHNS,  
PRESIDENT,  
FIRE SAFETY HOUSE

## Charity thanks

### EDITOR:

On behalf of the Plymouth Community United Way and our agencies, we wish to extend a sincere "Thank You" for sponsoring a campaign ad. Also, thanks for providing color in our Fall Festival Edition ad.

Your continued support serves as another reflection of your involvement in the community and is vital to our continued growth.

MARIE A. MORROW,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY UNITED WAY

## With malice toward none



The finishing touches to the Geer School outhouse are added by Chuck Hamlin and Gregg Dunphy of Vipperman Building. (Crier photo by W. Edward Wendover)

## Ode to the outhouse

The finishing touches are now being completed on an outhouse at Gotfredson and Ann Arbor roads.

While it's certainly unusual — this being 1991, not 1891 — there's even more significance than just the historical curiosity of being the only outhouse built around these parts lately.

What is significant here is exactly whose fannies will be hitting that outhouse seat in the cold winter months. Elementary school students from throughout the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools District will once again be attending classes in the lovingly restored one-room Geer School. And in order to keep it a one room school, the privy had to be built outside.

The program proves two things:

First, that Plymouth-Canton Schools are willing to provide as broad a range of educational experiences as possible. (The Geer School social studies experience will be launched as the schools are planning how to add new technology to every classroom in the district — both the 19th and 21st Centuries are coming to our schools.)

Secondly, since the Geer School project was made possible through generous donations and much volunteer labor, it proves once again that The Plymouth-Canton Community is a vibrant environ full of enthusiastic neighbors.

Hopefully, while young fannies are warming that outhouse seat on wintry days, the minds attached are realizing how fortunate they are to be experience the days of the Three Rs.

(A brief confession is owed here. When my parents bought a farm and moved here in 1963, we moved into the Geer School District — it wasn't a part of Plymouth Schools then. So I obviously have some strong feelings to see our old community center become a school again.)

# Commercial viability, serving residents are candidates' goals

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In a step towards friendly competition, the candidates have all signed an agreement not to use campaign signs. In a Aug. 15 letter, the candidates cited expense and "visual" pollution to the community as reasons for not using the signs.

Jones, 65, is serving his second term as commissioner and has also served on the planning commission. He retired in 1987 from ANR Pipeline Company as group vice-president.

"I feel everyone has a responsibility to the community and being on the

commission is a way I can fulfill this responsibility," Jones said about running for commissioner. One of his major concerns, he said, was efficient spending by the city as a way to keep taxes down.

Loiselle, 49, is serving his third term as commissioner and has also served two terms on the planning commission. He is a public accountant and has an office in the city.

"I feel that the local government has the most dramatic effect on the daily life of taxpayers," he said. The economic viability of the business community, he said, was his major concern.

McAninch, 68, is retired from Ford Motor Co. after 30 years of management work. He graduated from Plymouth High in 1941 and has been a city resident for over 25 years. He is one of the leaders of the Plymouth Concerned Citizens.

"Current Commissioners have too

often let outside special interests dominate city planning," McAninch wrote in a campaign pamphlet. "I fully intend to place the interests of the City's residents ahead of regional projects."

Miller, 42, is serving his second term as vice-chairperson of the planning commission and is also serving as chairperson of the city's Historic District Study Commission. He is an assistant director for inpatient pharmacy services at Henry Ford Hospital and an associate professor at Wayne State University.

"I think there has been a leadership vacuum over the past few years," he said, adding the commission is now "turning the corner" and will be able to work on future planning for the city. The commercial re-development of the city, he said, was his major concern.

Shrewsbury, 50, is an attorney with a general practice and is currently serving

his second term as president of the Suburban Bar Association. He ran against Gerald Law last year for 36th District State Representative and lost.

"My biggest thing is that I want to bring to the community a more open government," he said. "I don't think the city commission, with one exception, has been responsive enough to the community."

Smith, 52, has lived in the community for 20 years. This is her first time running for public office. She retired from Michigan Bell in 1983 and previously worked for Pacific Telephone in California.

"What I can say with certainty is that I will listen to all of my constituents," she said. "I share their concerns over high taxes, joint services with the township, losing our small town identity and fighting blight in the business district."

Way, 64, retired in 1990 after working over 38 years in City of Plymouth government. He began work as a police officer, then worked in the building department and later as treasury-assessor. He served as acting city manager three times.

"I've lived in Plymouth a long time, 40 years, and would like to donate some time," he said. "My concern, as always, is the city as a whole."

Way said he would be looking to review city policies and make possible changes.

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## With RR crossing grant

# Canton to adjust Haggerty

BY KEN VOYLES

The straightening of Haggerty Road at Joy Road will be completed sometime next spring or summer as part of a plan to complete the paving of Haggerty Road all the way south to Palmer.

Last night the Canton Board of Trustees were expected to take a step in that direction by approving funds for a new Haggerty railroad crossing north of Koppernick Road. Work on the railroad crossing will begin next year, said Tom Casari, Canton's engineer after other work along the road is finished this fall and winter.

Canton, along with Wayne County, received a grant to install the crossing.

The grant called for 10 per cent local funding, or about \$14,500. The project is part of a special assessment district.

Casari said that relocating the road -- Haggerty will be paved and straightened out at Joy Road -- calls for designing a new crossing. The paving of Haggerty from Joy to Koppernick covers about two-thirds of a mile, he said, and the total project will run to nearly \$1 million.

When the paving is complete next year the only part of Haggerty in Canton to be unpaved will be between Palmer and Michigan Avenue. Casari said paving that section of Haggerty is on the paving agenda for next year as well.

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## Township trustees agree on Ryder House sale

# Historic Salem home may become history

BY KEN VOYLES

A historic house in Salem Township may soon become the victim of the wrecking ball.

Last Tuesday the Salem Township Board of Trustees agreed to sell the Ryder House, built by Fred Ryder more than 80 years ago, until Nov. 1, but if no bids come it will be demolished and the basement filled and leveled.

The board said that the "enormous cost to repair the house" and bring it up to code, along with a "lack of real usefulness" for township functions made it necessary to remove the house from township property. The building is located behind township hall along Six Mile Road.

If a bid for the house is received it will then have to be removed from the site within 120 days, said the board, which voted 4-1 to make the move. Suzanne Witthoff was the only member of the board to oppose the move.

"This just shows how insensitive the board is to this kind of historic structure in Salem," said Donald Riddering, president of the Salem Historical Society. "They want new offices, new buildings and don't care that they have a beautiful little corner here."

Riddering said there are four historic buildings behind the current township hall, three of which are well maintained.

## Dell'Orco files appeal

Debra Dell'Orco, the mother of six children who perished in a tragic holiday fire last December, will go before the Canton Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) next week.

Dell'Orco, who survived the blaze along with three of her other children, is appealing to the ZBA over a township zoning ordinance regarding setback requirements for residential subdivisions.

The request, she said, is to allow reconstruction of her family home on the same foundation and existing basement. The Dell'Orco home is in the 40000 block of Proctor.

The ZBA will hear the appeal at its Oct. 17 meeting.

Debra Dell'Orco's husband Martin also perished in the fire, apparently caused by hot Christmas tree lights igniting the family tree.

At the time funds were donated to the family to the tune of \$200,000, Dell'Orco said that she wanted to rebuild her township home.

## Rep to speak

State Representative Justine Barns, of 38th District, will be the guest speaker tonight (Oct. 9) at the first open meeting sponsored by Psi Sigma Omega of Madonna University.

The group, a non-partisan political student organization, plans to promote political awareness through a series of public meetings.

Riddering pointed to the Salem Walker Church on Angle Road as evidence of how a structure can be saved. The church was renovated by the Salem Walker Cemetery Association and is now listed on the register of historic places in Michigan.

Riddering also said that the township board has refused to maintain the historic building allowing it to reach its current condition of disrepair.

Other members of the Salem

Historical Society have been at odds with the township government since last year over the house. The group first raised concerns about the neglect of the house by the board.

Roof repairs to the home were to have been completed this year, but nothing has been done about it, said members of the historic group.

James Melosh, former president of the historic society, has said that the issue is not one of the house's historic value but

one of "saving a piece of village history." He admitted that the home has no "tremendous significance as architecture."

"It's the setting and the village ambiance," Melosh has said during previous interviews about the home.

Melosh has also said that basic renovations would cost less than \$10,000.

Riddering called what is happening an example of "willful destruction of public property by neglect."

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# Friends & neighbors

## Pair seek building dates Home's origins full of mystery

BY KEN VOYLES

Sometimes the process of discovery is the most meaningful aspect to renovating a historic home -- whether it be finding out about the design and construction of the place or the people that called it home.

The Dibble home, located in the City of Plymouth on the corner of Harvey Street and Penniman Avenue and now under renovation as the office home of Dubois-Cooper Associates, is the focus of an exploration into its origins and its many guises over the years.

Under the watchful eye of local architect David Schaff and owners Jim Cooper and Barry Simescu the structure is again taking on the look that once made it one of Plymouth's more unique buildings -- a fine brick facade with strong wood treatments over a rambling two-story site.

But mystery still surrounds what was once home to Nettie Dibble, a local historian of sorts who wrote about Plymouth in the 1930s. When it was first built remains a debatable issue, even though it apparently took its current shape in the early 1920s.

"It was a pretty prominent building at one time," said Schaff, who believes there is evidence to date the origins of the place to the 1890s. "Probably the most interesting aspects to this is that you start to wonder exactly what was here -- it has seen so many changes.

"This is kind of a mystery," he added. "It's difficult in that so much of it changed. It's like digging something up. Someone told the owners it was built in the late 1890s. I tend to agree with that because of the brick and the foundation."

The building has indeed since many changes. What may have started as a home at the turn of the century was extensively

altered in 1922, according to the original drawings by architect C. Howard Crane that still remain intact.

Dibble lived in the house until the 1940s and later it became a doctor's office. In the 1960s it became a dentist's office and was remodeled again. Then two years ago Cooper and Simescu, who are manufacturer's reps in the wastewater treatment equipment business, bought the house to renovate as office space for their company.

"We would like to know exactly when something was first built here but we're not sure," said Cooper, who as a boy growing up in Plymouth remembered seeing the red bricked house that was later completely covered in siding just removed this past summer. "There's a deed reference to 1898 and other people have come by and said they remember the place."

Schaff said the best direct evidence of the home's origins is the mis-matched brick. There are two types covering the building, some in spots where it is obvious windows were bricked in. "The redder brick has an old limestone mortar and is similar to that found on the Baker House (a Victorian era home on Main Street). It looks like they added a second story with newer brick," he said. "That's probably my best clue."

The house also once included a carriage port on the southside, said Schaff, that looked much like the one at the Wilcox House. It was removed in the 1960s. It also features several interesting window treatments in brick and some of the wood trim is in good shape. A "pineapple" portico on the northside was either added, or renovated, during the 1922 work.

Schaff called the front entrance off



Jim Cooper and Barry Simescu are rescuing "this old house." (Crier photo by Ken Voyles)

Penniman a "classical looking" facade.

A former resident, Vera Woods, remembers her grandfather doing much of the carpentry work on the home in the early 20s. "That pineapple design was really something in those days," she said. "It was all the rage." Woods said she also remembered a barn or shed across Penniman that may point to its older origins.

Another clue to its turn of the century origins is the foundation, said Schaff and Cooper. Though much of the outside foundation looks like cut-block -- dating it much later than 1898 -- in the basement Cooper has found evidence of a fieldstone foundation used in what's now known as a "Michigan basement."

Schaff said there are still signs of a cellar entrance, while the brick under the pineapple portico may have origins in the previous century as well. But Schaff admits that the "porch" under the portico doesn't fit with the entrance since such designs usually featured a very small porch so as not to overshadow the portico itself.

"It's not a completely accurate renovation we are doing," he said. "But we wanted to retain much of the original character. The trickiest part has been removing the siding and cleaning and saving the brick work." Cooper said the cleaning was done with a special chemical and a hi-pressure water hose.

Most of the brick will remain, though some parts of the house will be recovered with a special vinyl siding, said Schaff. Shutters will also be added to the windows -- there are more than 35 on the house. A new roof was added earlier this year.

The inside of the home was gutted first, said Cooper and Simescu, and turned into airy office areas. "It was a mess of little spaces when we moved in," said Cooper. Simescu said it looked like a "rat's maze" inside before nearly two dumpsters full of stuff was removed during the renovation. There were even apartments upstairs and in an attic space.

Cooper said there are other clues to the house being older than 1922. "Those 1922 drawings we have say things like 'take off old brick,' 'remove and repair' this and that," he said. "And I think a lot of the window trim dates to the turn of the century."

Inside moldings, cut-up and in pieces when they moved in, are also "vintage," said Cooper.

"I'm asking people about this place all the time and I buy old postcards looking for old pictures of it," said Cooper, who haunts antique stores looking for original images of the place. A hunt is also on at the Plymouth Historical Museum for photos of the building prior to the 1920s. "We'd like to know more about it."

"It's a great old building," said Simescu. "It's a very interesting place and we're happy with the way it is turning out. My surprise has been the cost. It isn't as bad as I thought it would be."

"The building is fundamentally in good shape," he added. "Mostly it has been cosmetic work. We have found the right architect and builder (Cash Builders). And that's very important."

"It's fun to go through the history of this place," said Cooper, who admitted they were trying to make the building into a functional space and not so much an authentic historical renovation. "We've found much of what was done in terms of remodeling was done well."

Simescu added that his best piece of advice for others who might have a mystery on their hands. "Don't be afraid of doing something," he said.



The old "Dibble" house at Penniman and Harvey features a solid old brick treatment and "pineapple" portico (right). (Crier photo by Ken Voyles)



# Tell it to Phyllis

By Phyllis Redfern



Laura Flaskamp of Hanford in Canton has accepted the position of physical education teacher and assistant varsity softball coach at Victor Valley High School in Victorville, CA. She is a 1991 graduate of C.M.U.

Dawnell Dryja of Canton, was crowned Junior Miss Dance of America 1992 by Dance Masters of America at the National Convention in Las Vegas. She will be appearing as a featured dancer this December, along with Desil Adams of Dallas, TX in the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company's annual presentation of the holiday classic, The Nutcracker (performed this year with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra).

Students from Plymouth receiving degrees from MSU are:

David Anason of McKinley, BS in Civil Engineering; Chris Anderson of Ann Arbor Road, BA in MLM-Operations Mgmt; Walter Bartels of Tavistock, MRIR in Labor Relations; Diana Baumgartner of N Territorial, BA in Journalism; Cecilia Cabello of Joy Road, BS in Food Service; Ann Donoghue, MS in Large Animal Clinical Science; Gregory Garrett of Butternut, BS in Civil Engineering; Suzanne Gibbons of Albert, DVM in Veterinary Medicine; Beverly Gildhaus of Turtlehead, BA in Social Science; Karin Harris of Parkview, BA in Economics; Michelle Hirschauer of N Territorial, BA in Gen Business Adm; Karen Holmstead of Colony Farm Court, BA in Financial Adm.

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## By 2 townships Airport JOA likely approved

BY JIM TOTTEN

A new agreement for jointly operating Mettetal Airport was expected to be passed by both Plymouth Township and Canton last night.

The joint operating agreement (JOA) was on the agendas of both trustee boards.

The JOA follows a "memorandum of understanding" approved by Plymouth and Canton trustees in August that established guidelines for owning and operating Mettetal.

To avoid further antagonism and a lawsuit between the two communities over Mettetal, supervisors Gerald Law and Tom Yack along with township trustee Abe Mumfakh and Canton clerk Loren Bennett drafted the understanding.

A previous JOA between the township and the City of Plymouth was rescinded in September.

Township Supervisor Gerald Law said Thursday that the agreement sets forth the powers of the airport board, which will have four members. He said the airport board will oversee the budget, hiring and the day-to-day operation of the airport.

Also, Canton will have 50 per cent

representation on the board, based on the agreement.

As stated in the memorandum of understanding, any land purchase or runway construction will need approval from the trustees.

Law said the JOA is an attempt to "start with a fresh approach" towards the airport. The trustees will seek, he said, to "appoint people who haven't been involved in the issue."

"We have to define a project for the airport and submit it to the FAA," he said, which is the next step for obtaining a federal grant for purchasing the airport.

The township trustees turned down a federal grant from the FAA to purchase the airport in August so an agreement could be worked out with Canton.

## School bids

Work on historic Sheldon School in Canton will begin later this fall.

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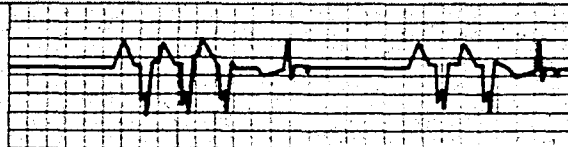
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### JAYCEES HAUNTED FOREST

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees and the City of Plymouth will co-sponsor their 2nd annual Haunted Forest Oct. 17-19 and Oct. 25-30 in the woods on the north side of the Ford Motor Sheldon Plant across from the M-14 Sheldon Road exit. Ten tours per evening starting at 7:30 p.m. Minimum of 10 people per tour. Admittance is \$4 per person, \$3 if paid in advance, while children under five get in free. Proceeds to go to fund Jaycee projects. Reservations must be made through the Plymouth Parks and Recreation by calling 455-1266. Ask for Elvira. To help out with the walk call Jaycee rep Chuck Lowe at 459-1516.

### FIRST MEETING OF PLYMOUTH BREATHER'S

The first meeting of the Plymouth Breather's Club will be held at McAuley Health Center in Plymouth today (Oct. 9) at 1:30 p.m. The club is for adults concerned with respiratory illness. Carol Hetzel, RRT, will lead the discussion. The group will meet the second Wednesday of each month. For full details call 572-5367.

### FARRAND PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Farrand Elementary School PTO is sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast Oct. 26 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. The cost is \$3.50 and includes sausages, beverages and all-you-can-eat pancakes. Children under three eat for free. Open to the public. Tickets in advance or at Farrand on Oct. 9-11.

### THEATRE GUILD PRESENTS "MAGNOLIAS"

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will perform "Steel Magnolias" Oct. 25-27, Nov. 3-3 and 8-9 at the Water Tower Theatre in Northville. Performances start at 8 p.m., except Sunday at 6 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$7. Seniors and students get in for \$6. Season and group rates available. Dollar off tickets if purchased in advance. Available in advance at the Penniman Deli and Sir Speedy Printing. For tickets or details call the guild at 349-7110.

### PLYMOUTH BPW LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Oct. 21 meeting of the Plymouth Business and Professional Women (BPW) will discuss legislative issues concerning women. State Rep. Georgina Goss will speak. To be held at 6 p.m. in the Mayflower Hotel. For dinner and meeting reservations call Maggie at 437-0317.

### ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE AT CANTON

The Canton High Executive Forum will be sponsoring an Alumni Open House Friday, Oct. 11 from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Canton cafeteria. Open to all Canton alumni. Cider and doughnuts will be served.

### SCHOOLCRAFT MADRIGAL DINNER

The Schoolcraft College Music and Culinary Arts departments will host the 15th Annual Christmas Madrigal Dinner at the Waterman Campus Center Dec. 12-14 from 7:30-11 p.m. Tickets are now on sale and cost \$25 per person. Includes prime rib feast, Madrigal Singers performance and other holiday fanfare. For information call 462-4417.

### PLYMOUTH CHAMBER DINNER/AUCTION

The 38th Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Dinner/Auction is planned for Nov. 1 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are \$35 per person. There will be a gourmet dinner, live and silent auctions and entertainment. Reserved seating. For tickets or information call 453-1540.

### PLYMOUTH AGLOW FELLOWSHIP BANQUET

The Plymouth Aglow Fellowship Women's Aglow Banquet is set for Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. in Leright's restaurant. Tickets are \$12. Men and women invited. Music and door prize. For reservations call 397-1111, 397-2973.

### VIVIANS CRAFT BAZAAR

The Vivians will host a Craft Bazaar Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Plymouth Elks, 41700 Ann Arbor Rd. Free raffles, baked goods, refreshments, crafts and more. For information call the Elks at 453-1780 or 533-8108, 453-5293, 349-2851.

### BLOOD DRIVE AT VFW

The Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post 6695 VFW, Ladies Auxiliary and Plymouth Elks will host a Blood Drive Oct. 16 from 2-8 p.m. at the Elks facility at 41700 Ann Arbor Rd. For information call 459-6700 or 349-6366.

### ST. KENNETH BLOOD DRIVE

St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, will hold an American Red Cross Blood Drive Oct. 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parish social hall. Walk-ins are welcome.


### NEWCOMERS MEMBERSHIP COFFEE

The Plymouth Newcomers Club will host a membership coffee Oct. 17 at 10:30 a.m. Club is open to persons who have lived in Plymouth city or township for less than two years. For more information call 454-0393 or 459-2212.

### CANTON VFW SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Canton VFW 6967 will host its 5th Annual Spaghetti Dinner Thursday, Oct. 10 from 7-9 p.m. at the Mayflower-Lt. Gamble VFW Post on Mill Street in Plymouth. Tickets available at the door and are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children 12 and under. Dinner includes spaghetti, bread, salad, beer, soft drinks and milk. There will not be any music or dancing, however, this year. For information call 451-0718 or 397-8975.

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# Canton Challenge Fest dates, name, may change

BY KEN VOYLES

The Canton Challenge Festival will likely be moved to the July 4th weekend next year if a recommendation from Canton Parks and Recreation Superintendent Mike Gouin is followed by the Canton Board of Trustees.

Gouin, who gave a detailed report on the status of the festival at last week's board meeting, said the festival name may also change since the composition of events has changed during the three years the event has been held in the township.

"The festival is evolving and the Challenge Festival title may not be appropriate anymore," said Gouin, who told the board that moving the festival from the Memorial Day weekend to July

4th would not hurt the event.

Originally the festival -- first held in 1989 -- was tied into the big Memorial Day weekend soccer tournament with events spread over two weeks. Gouin said the soccer tournament, one of the biggest events held annually in Canton, will survive with or without the festival.

He also told the board that holding the festival in May taxes the township's maintenance personnel and the community park system.

"We really want to look at the timing," Gouin said. "We'd like to look at moving the festival next year to see how it does. We get hundreds of calls from people asking us what the township is doing on the Fourth of July." The Fourth of July falls on a Saturday next

year.

A fireworks display, which usually kicks off the festival, would be appropriate around the July 4th holiday, he said. He also suggested a music festival at the township's new amphitheater, which will be open next year as part of the Canton Recreation Complex expansion behind township hall. He also said that a classic car show might be a good addition to the event.

"There could also be an arts theme," said Gouin, "though we don't want to push aside what has been done in the past.

"We also need a greater emphasis on food service during the festival," he added. "We want to make every effort to improve the festival this year."

Gouin said the festival needs to be "internalized" more for township residents and organized by township staff. He said the community can save money on the project by bringing in staff to work on the festival.

He said the goal isn't to have staff run the festival "forever" and suggested that a citizens committee, a "working" citizens committee, would be a good idea to share work during the festival itself.

Robert Shefferly, a board trustee, said, "I think you're on the right track."

The board has not yet decided on what to do about the 1992 festival, but it's likely that the topic will be discussed in the near future so as to give organizers time to prepare for next year.



## Community deaths

### Bowen, library volunteer

Frank C. Bowen, 81, of Redford Township, died Sept. 29 in Redford. Memorial services were held Oct. 6 at the First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Philip Rodgers Magee officiating.

Mr. Bowen, a native of Tokeka, Kansas, moved to Detroit in 1939 and was a Plymouth resident until he and his wife recently moved into Presbyterian Village. He was an Eagle Scout and member of the Boy Scouts of America for over 50 years. He was also a volunteer at the Plymouth Library.

He was also a retired insurance counselor and estate planner for Trans America Insurance Co. He had received a B.A. from Washburn University and his master's from the Wharton School of Business.

Survivors include wife Helen; daughters Judith B. Tressler, of Big Rapids, and Sue Boitos, of Livonia. He also had two brothers and four grandsons.

Local arrangements were handled by Schrader Funeral Home.

### Tapper, a homemaker

Fern Tapper, 72, of Canton, died Sept. 27 in Ann Arbor. Funeral services were held Sept. 30 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with Fr. George Charnley officiating. Burial was in the Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Tapper, a native of Reading, PA, moved to Canton in 1986 from Redford Township. She was a member of the Senior Citizens Club and the Pioneers of Canton.

Survivors include Husband Walfred H., of Canton; daughter Judith Meiselbach, of Canton; sons David, of Harrison Township, Thomas, of Livonia, Dennis, of Livonia, and Timothy of Denver. Mrs. Tapper also had 12 grandchildren, three sisters and one brother.

Local arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

### Mitton, church member

Janet Mitton, 45, of Plymouth Township, passed away in her hometown on Sept. 28. Funeral services were held Oct. 2 at Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Raymond Babb officiating.

Mitton, a member of the Merriman Road Baptist Church of Garden City, moved to the Plymouth community from Livonia, where she was born, in 1965. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include husband Thomas H.; son Thomas A.; and daughter Mary Loraine, all of Plymouth. Brothers and sisters include Joseph Tarrow, Roland Tarrow, June Hubenzmidt, Jean Donaldson, Stanley Tarrow, Dorothy Weeks, Sharon Thomason, Shirley Tarrow, Gail Mitton and Joan Dayus.

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# Appliance firm to open in Canton

BY KEN VOYLES

ABC Warehouse, which has bought the long vacant Grand Central Station on Ford Road in Canton, may be open as early as the first week of November.

The Canton Planning Commission recently approved plans for landscape revisions at the site, east of Sheldon Road on the south side of Ford Road. Besides the landscape work, it is expected that major renovations of the interior will be completed prior to the opening later this year.

The 33,600 square foot mall, largely vacant since it was constructed in the mid-1980s, currently houses two small businesses, which will remain once ABC moves in. ABC, however, is expected to take much of

the space. There may also be slots for other tenants on the site.

Dave Nicholson, Canton's planner, said that the exterior of the building will also be modified, though no increase in square footage is expected.

"We're happy to see someone substantial come in to buy and rescue it," said Nicholson, who called the site one of the township's former "white elephant" development projects. "We're just happy to have a rescuer."

Tony DeFalco, senior vice president for ABC, said the operation will open sometime during the first two weeks in November.

DeFalco said he also expects Mickey Shorr's and Pet Supplies outlets to open at the site in the near future.



## Getting down to business

### P-C-N residents taking the lead

An open house will be held this afternoon (Oct. 9) at the new soil and materials engineers, Inc. offices in the Plymouth Oaks industrial park in Plymouth Township.

A dedication and ribbon cutting ceremonies for the new Michigan Bell Learning Center is planned on Oct. 28 at 8:30 a.m. in the Metro West Technology Park in Plymouth Township.

Bob Carrigan and his son Mark, both of Plymouth, have opened the newest AlphaGraphics Printshops Of The Future franchise in the Coventry Commons Shopping Center on Joy Road in Canton. Bob Carrigan previously worked as director of human resources for the Plastic Technology Group of Johnson Controls, Inc., and Mark was a design engineer for PMI Food Equipment Group in Troy, OH. AlphaGraphics offers a complete line of reproduction services.

John Matthews, formerly of Plymouth, has been promoted to the regional marketing director post at Little Caesars Pizza. Matthews will oversee all marketing functions for the chain's Chicago, Indianapolis, St. Louis and London, England, regional markets.

Bernie M. Ronisch has been promoted project manager/estimator from estimator at the R.A. DeMattia

Company in Plymouth Township. Tom Crawford has been promoted to the position of project manager for design/build operations from project engineer/superintendent at DeMattia. He has been with the firm for three years.

A resident of Canton, Glen Barnhouse, has been named produce merchandise manager for The Kroger Co. Michigan Marketing Area. Barnhouse joined Kroger's as a stock clerk in Akron, OH in 1967. Recently he oversaw merchandising and procurement of natural foods at Kroger's corporate offices.

Andersen Consulting's Michigan practice has promoted Dale DeLoy, of Plymouth, to a manager post. He was a senior consultant for the firm. DeLoy has a degree from Hope College. Paula Walworth, also of Plymouth, was promoted as well. She has a degree from Baylor University.

John Shileusky, of Plymouth, and president of Michigan Community Insurance Agency of Farmington Hills has been recognized by the Society of Certified Insurance Counselors as being among the top one per cent of insurance agents in the country committed to a formal, professional program of continuing insurance education. To earn the honor he completed five separate institutes and 100 hours of class study.



William Ferman receives his Optometrist of the Year award.

Dr. William C. Ferman, of Plymouth, recently received the Optometrist of the Year award from the Michigan Optometric Association, the group's top annual award. Ferman practices in Plymouth with his son Gregory. Ferman is a graduate of the Northern Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago. He has also won the association's Keyperson Award.

A resident of Plymouth, Richard W. Stallings, has joined the metro Detroit office of the international accounting firm Grant Thornton as a principal and head of the Management Consulting Department. Stallings joined the firm after serving 12 years as senior manager and consultant with Andersen Consulting. He has degrees from Wake Forest and Notre Dame.

The Automotive Systems Group of Johnson Controls, located in Plymouth Township, has new additions to the corporate staff. Dr. Jay W. Schultz and Bob Velanovich join the company as vice president of engineering and director of engineering, respectively.

Wordhouse Financial Planning and Education, Inc., has opened new offices in the Parkview Professional Building in Plymouth. Phyllis J. Wordhouse is of president of the firm.

Dairy Mart Convenience Stores,

located in Plymouth and other cities in the midwest, is helping to raise funds to support the Jimmy Fund of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Alex Blalvas, MD, has been named medical director of Older Adult Services at the Center for Mental Health and Chemical Dependency, a unit of the Catherine McAuley Health System. His private practice is located at the Arbor Health Building in Plymouth.

Timothy M. Bender, of Plymouth, has been promoted to the new position of National Accounts Manager at LEGO Systems, Inc. He will be responsible for managing LEGO systems' top volume retailer. He joined the firm in 1984 and most recently held the position of associate national accounts manager. He has a degree from Bradley University.

The Agency and Partners Inc., of Plymouth, was recently selected by Oiles America Corporation to provide public relations and advertising services for the Plymouth manufacturer.

Lee Phillips has been promoted to the position of local origination coordinator in the Local Programming Department of Omnicom Cablevision. Phillips has been with Omnicom since 1989 as a public affairs associate producer. His responsibilities will involve pre-production and on-location production of Omnicom's video coverage of major community events.

Gallimore Elementary School received a \$1,000 donation from the Kroger's store in Canton last month to be used for computer software and playground equipment.

Gallimore and Kroger are involved in a business-education partnership sponsored by the school district and local chambers of commerce. Last year students saved more than \$200,000 worth of Kroger receipts which the school submitted in exchange for two IBM computers.

### Canton facility going up

Construction has begun on the new Builders Square site along Ford Road between Lilley and Haggerty roads in Canton.

The construction follows more than six months of planning for the project, which features an 82,000 square foot building.

According to Dave Nicholson, Canton's planner, part of "grand scheme" for the area is the construction of an access road to the site (next to Mans Do It Center) from Lilley Road. The Builders Square facility is being built on property where a motor mall was once proposed for Canton, Nicholson said.

Builders Square is owned by the Kmart Corporation.

A company spokesperson said the business should be open sometime next spring.

**What's Happening**

To list your group's event in this calendar, send or deliver the notice IN WRITING to: The Crier, 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI, 48170. Information received BY NOON FRIDAY will be used for Wednesday's calendar (space permitting).

**MOM GROUP MEETING**

MOM (Meet Other Mothers) will hold a group meeting Oct. 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. MOM is a support group for mothers. For further details call 348-8057 or 421-6745.

**SCHOOLCRAFT COMEDY NIGHT**

Schoolcraft College presents Comedy Night '91 this Friday, Oct. 11. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for students, staff and alumni and \$9 for the general public. Beer, wine and food will be available. Patrons must be 21. Features Heywood Bankes. For further information call 462-4422.

**MADONNA UNIVERSITY OPEN HOUSE**

Madonna University will host an open house for prospective students Nov. 2 from 1-4 p.m. in the Take 5 Lounge. Meet faculty and students. Also that weekend is the university's Arts and Craft's Show. For further information call 591-5052.

**"HEALING MASS" AT OUR LADY**

Father Peter Rooney will conduct a special "Healing Mass" Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. in Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Plymouth. All are invited. Rooney is a renowned healing priest of the International Compassion Ministry.

**HOLLIDAY FALL COLOR TOURS**

The Holliday Nature Preserve Association will host a Fall Color Tour Oct. 12 at 9 a.m. in the William P. Holliday Nature Preserve. Meet at the entrance to the Ellsworth Trail near Nankin Mill. Another color tour is planned Oct. 19 at 9 a.m. at the Cowan Road entrance. The final color tour of the season is set for Oct. 26 at 9 a.m. at the Koppemick Road entrance in Canton. For information about the tours or the organization call 261-3633. There is no cost for the tours.

**DAR MEETING PLANNED**

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) will meet Oct. 21 at 1 p.m. at 1305 Woodland Place, Plymouth, to hear about legislation from Senator Robert Geake. For further information 348-1718 or 453-1774.

**VIETNAM VETS MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The Plymouth-Canton Chapter 528 Vietnam Veteran of America will hold a general membership meeting Oct. 14 at the Mayflower-Lt. Gamble VFW Post 6695 Home on Mill Street, Plymouth. Open to Vietnam era veterans (8-5-64 to 5-7-75). For further information call 455-9381 or 453-8180.

**PLYMOUTH-CANTON COAST GUARD FLOTILLA**

The Plymouth-Canton Flotilla, 9th Central District 11 Division 11 Flotilla will hold its monthly meeting in the counselor's office at Salem High School Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m. If interested in the Coast Guard Auxiliary call Hal Young, flotilla captain, at 453-7548.

**PLYMOUTH YMCA CLASSES**

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is offering a variety of classes for the public this fall. Includes: Kreatives, Ladies Slim and Volleyball, Stop Smoking and Weight Control Clinic, Men's Volleyball, My Morning Out, and Y Tumble Bears. For full details on individual courses call 453-2904.

**CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Canton Historical Society will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cherry Hill School. Karen Porter, of First Step, will be the speaker. Open to the public. For further information call 397-0088.

**PLYMOUTH GOODFELLOW MTG CALENDAR**

The Plymouth Goodfellows will meet tonight (Oct. 9) at 7:30 p.m. in Plymouth City Hall for picture night. The group will then meet Nov. 6 and Dec. 7 (the paper sale). All meetings at the Plymouth City Hall at 7:30 p.m. For further information call 453-7284 or 453-4987.

**YOUNG AT HEART-ELDERCISE**

For the Young at Heart-Eldercise meets every Tuesday and Friday mornings at 9 a.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, Plymouth. Non-impact exercise class for seniors. Sponsored by the Presbyterian Women, proceeds benefit their missions. For details call 459-9485.

**COLUMBUS DAY HERBAL TALK**

Brookville Gardens will feature a talk on this country's native herbs as a Columbus Day celebration., Oct. 12 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Free herbal refreshments served. For further information call 455-8602.

**MONSTROUS HALLOWEEN HUNT**

Madonna University will host its 4th annual Monstrous Halloween Hunt Oct. 27 at noon and 5 p.m. For kids of all ages. Held at the Madonna Activities Center. Admission is free. Games, booths, candy and pinatas. For full details call 591-5056.

**NORTHVILLE, CANTON BLOOD DRIVES**

Blood drives are planned Oct. 19 at Northville's Our Lady of Victory Church (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; call 349-1668) and Oct. 28 at Canton's St. Michael Lutheran Church (1:30-7:30 p.m.; call 459-3333 or 778-5600).

**COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING**

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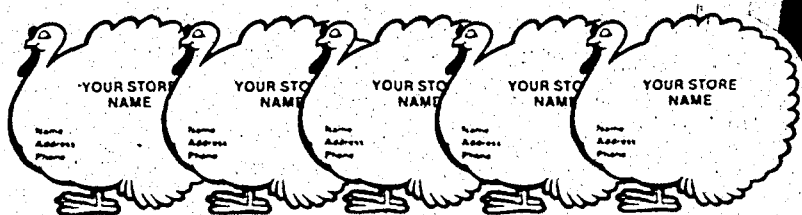
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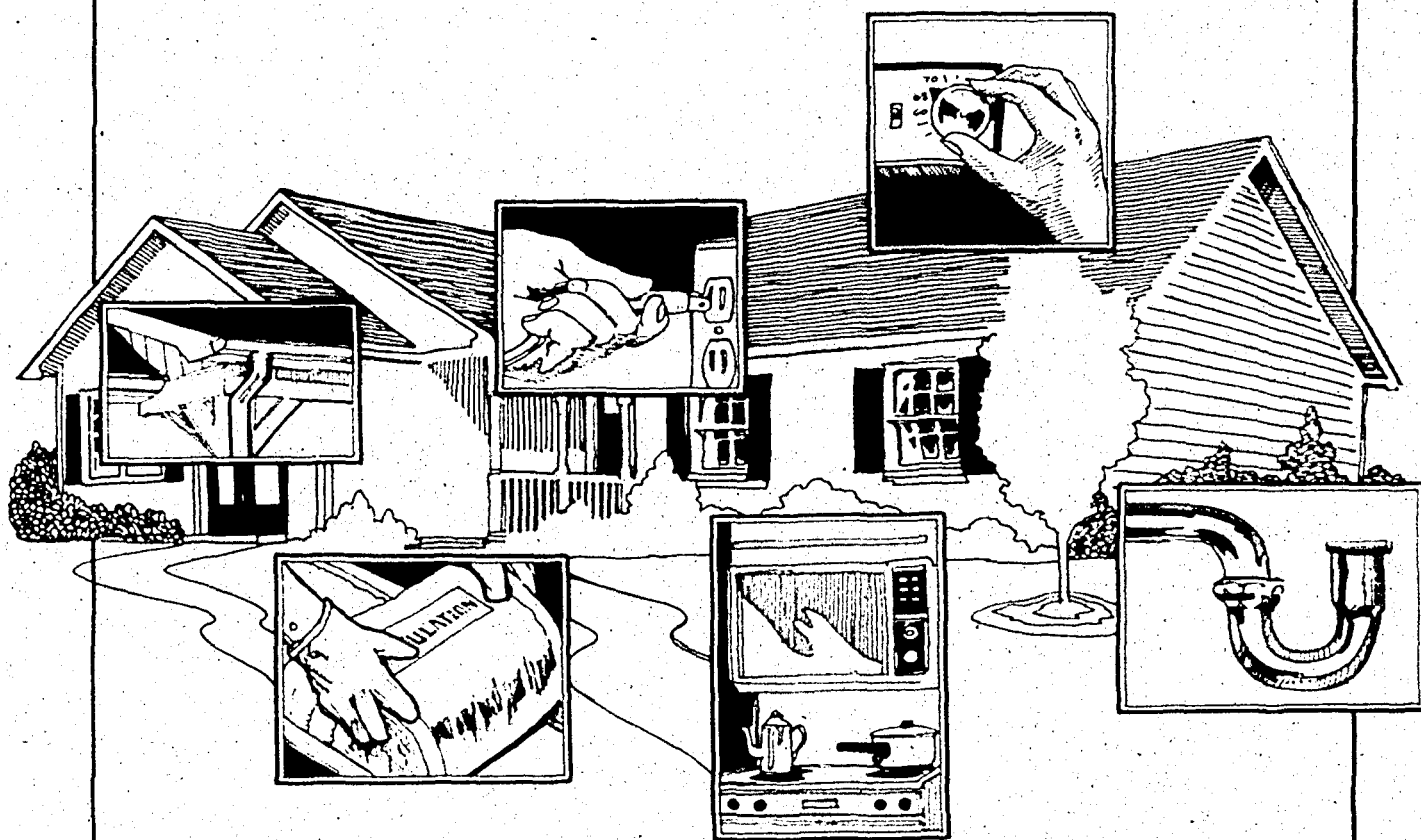


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# Maintenance prevents 'slips'

BY CHERYL VATCHER

Home improvement means more than building additions to your house.

The conditions on the outside of a house, such as sidewalks, and driveways, and the inside of a house, like laundry rooms, and bathrooms, kitchens and family rooms, need to be properly maintained.

"With numerous lawsuits being brought forward because of slip and fall injuries, the condition of your property is important," said Brian P. Murphy, the owner of Basic Ideas, Inc., a firm specializing in safety consultant work. "My job as a safety consultant is to prevent accidents or I try to control them when possible.

"As a safety consultant for the home owner, I would inspect the house and property for improvement," he added.

Murphy has 26 years of experience in the business. He spent four years in Milwaukee then moved to the Detroit area in 1969. He came to Plymouth in 1979 and started his consulting business in 1981. He also has 18 years experience in the insurance business.

The best way to a house is to go through each room to see what needs to be corrected, he said.

"Throughout your house you can look for the condition of stairs, handrails, and floor surfaces," Murphy said. Make sure, for example, that the handrails are in good condition, and that if there are stairs that they also are not a hazard.

"With floor surfaces that are either ceramic and or slate that also are highly waxed can be slippery," he said.

"With your carpeting, you should check to see if it is all properly tacked down with no seams being exposed," he said.

Throughout all houses there are a lot of different electrical hookups that should be checked for safety.

"For any electrical exposure that is close to water, the codes set forth that the electrical has to be grounded. This is called Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters. The newer houses usually have this system built into them. The older ones don't have this," said Murphy.

"The rooms that the GFCI should be in are the laundry room, bathroom, and kitchen, and should be within six feet of the sink. This GFCI will interrupt an overload of the circuits being used," he said. "Now even the electric plugs are grounded where before they were not."

Another important aspect of the electrical system is the breaker box.

"Don't bury it, and don't block it. Allow easy access so you don't have to climb over it. You should also use some kind of marking system so you know which breakers go where, or if it is in an older house then the fuses should be marked," he said. "Before you even check an electrical system, make sure you turn off the breaker or fuse. If you mark your breakers it will be easier to find out which ones work. In the newer houses there are usually two electrical systems in one room. In a kitchen there can be as many as three circuits including one for a garbage disposal and another for a microwave."

"In homes especially where there are children, put little plug caps, 80 that a child cannot put in a piece of metal and get zapped. The covers are inexpensive."

A lot of appliances now come self-insulated with the motor unit 8C you don't need a third prong. Most appliances now use only two prongs, Murphy said.

Another part of home improvement is checking to see that your light fixtures are operating efficiently.

"A lot of light fixtures are fully enclosed. The air can't get in there to cool the light bulb down. When you take the glass cover off the light bulb it says what wattage to use. If it says to use so than don't use a 120 watt bulb even though the light will be much brighter. The light bulb gives off enough heat as anyone who has touched one will agree. If you use the higher wattage, it could melt things too," he said.



Brian P. Murphy, a safety consultant, with Basic Ideas, Inc. inspects a deteriorating step that was not properly maintained. (Crier photo by Ken Voyles)

"In the industrial or commercial environment, extension cords are not allowed. But in the home people use them too much. And it is important to know that there are some extension cords that are better than others," he said.

The worst kind of electric cords are the lighter weight ones. They melt and short out quicker, said Murphy.

"Also, with more extension cords there are more trip hazards. And the farther you run extension cords, the weaker the electricity gets," he added.

Since a lot of families use throw rugs or door mats, they should be aware of the slip factor.

When you are using the throw rugs or other rugs, make sure that there is non-slip material underneath it, especially if it is on a hardwood floor so that there will be less falls. When you put a throw rug over another rug, you want to make it as smooth as possible so that people don't trip, according to Murphy.

Another aspect to home safety relates to chemicals that are in a household and garage area. This especially includes items in a kitchen.

"Chemicals in your kitchen must be tamperproof. It's also important to put locks on cabinets to keep the children out. Even if it's not a strong lock, after a couple of tugs, the child will go do something else," Murphy explained.

When preparing to work in the garage, one should make sure that supplies and tools there are organized. Make sure that paint thinners, and varnishes are in proper containers. If you have liquid gas, store it in a container for flammable liquids. Don't buy the cheap containers because they leak fumes. Purchasing the more expensive containers gives you a safety factor, he said.

"When it comes to your home improvement, identify the hazard, and eliminate the hazard as best as you can," Murphy said.



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# Energy-saving tips can save money

BY STEVE O'LEARY

A few extra minutes spent making additional home improvement precautions can save homeowners potentially hundreds of dollars in energy-saving costs per year.

Some of the methods are quite simple and have likely been drummed into many a head already -- things like switching off lights and the television before leaving the room -- but there are other methods, not as widespread, though just as simple and effective once known.

In a nutshell, by practicing energy efficiency around the house, you may save electricity and fuel costs, money which goes right back into your pocket. And with the economy the way it is, every little bit helps.

Things such as space heating, water heating, refrigeration, cooking, dishwashing and doing the laundry all offer opportunities to consumers interested.

According to staff at a local Detroit Edison office, the knowledgeable householder can save some big bucks, especially through the coming winter months.

"It may not seem like much on the surface -- a penny here, a nickel there -- but it adds up fast," they said.

Edison and Consumers Power staff offered up a literal smorgasbord of cost-cutting tips.

Simple things such as wearing a sweater and turning down the thermostat helps you keep warm without overheating every nook and cranny in the house. Make sure windows are closed tightly and, while it may not be pleasing aesthetically, taping plastic over the windows for added insulation can help, especially with older windows and frames.

Also, check out those storm windows every so often. They may need to be replaced.

Other natural -- but often overlooked -- energy-savers include closing vents in unused portions of the home, keeping doors shut on attached

garages, and opening the curtains on sunny days, remembering to close those same shades and curtains at night to keep that heat inside where it belongs.

Make sure heat vents are clear of obstructions, including drapes and furniture. And they tend to act as magnets for large toys in households where there are children present. Check them daily.

Hot water heaters are one of, if not the biggest, single energy user in the house (not including teenagers, of course). There are ways to save energy -- and hence money -- there as well, by following a few useful tips.

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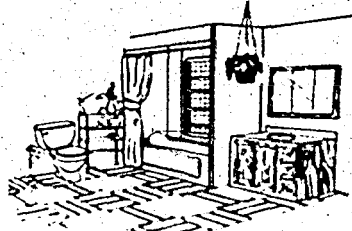
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Obvious things -- which many of us are guilty of -- include letting the water run continuously while doing things like brushing your teeth. A wash basin need not be filled to the brim to wash up or shave, although using a wash basin to clean up is much more cost-efficient than washing with running water.

Naturally, repair leaky faucets as soon as possible -- not only do they waste water, but the constant "drip, drip, drip" can send one searching for a therapist. Seriously, a leak of only one drop per second wastes 200 gallons of hot water a month.

Remember, begin with the basics such as those outlined here.

Leaving the refrigerator door closed as much as possible -- try and decide what you'd like prior to opening the door -- and the same goes for the freezer section. Energy must be used to chill the warm air that is let in. Again, a little thinking in advance can really work to your benefit.

When running the dishwasher, wait until you have a full load, since a partial load uses just as much energy as a full one. Use the "air dry"

feature, which allows the dishes to allow naturally, as opposed to using high heat.

When doing laundry, use cold or warm water whenever possible, and set the water level to meet the needs of each specific load. Too many people tend to leave the water setting on "high" and forget about it.

Again, try and wash a full load, because that uses up the same amount of electrical energy as a partial one. Also, avoid over-drying and its a good idea to dry one load right after another while the dryer is still hot.

One of the most popular -- and effective -- ways of cutting down on energy remains to be turning down the heat while you sleep.

After all, wouldn't you rather be snuggled tightly in bed with the covers pulled up, reading that latest best-selling Stephen King book you purchased with the money you saved than having it go to waste? And for those so inclined, forget about the book and just snuggle. Body heat is fine, and few things beat it.

These things may sound like a lot to remember, but it's all a matter of getting in the routine. You'll be helping the environment, the national economy and, on a more personal level, putting extra money in your pocket.

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# Growth rate for P-C-N decreases

BY JIM TOTTEN

Preliminary figures through July (1991) from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) show that 381 new residential units were built in the Plymouth-Canton-Northville communities.

Jim Thomas, of information services for SEMCOG, said that 534 residential units had been constructed during those seven months in 1990.

This represents a 29 per cent decline in residential units from last year, he said.

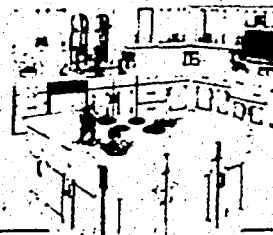
The decrease in residential units was also the trend for all of Wayne County, according to a construction report from the Michigan Association of Home Builders.

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# Upscale condos start trend?

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Wayne County experienced a 33 per cent drop in new residential construction from last year. The report showed 2,850 residential units went up by August, 1990, while only 1,909 units went up by August of this year.

The slow down is the result of several healthy years of residential development in the Plymouth-Canton-Northville communities, replacing much of the available vacant property in certain areas, according to local officials.

Two new single family houses were built this year in the City of Plymouth, according to Jim Penn, of the building department.

"We don't have a lot of vacant property here," Penn said. "We're pretty much built up."

He said there are about two dozen lots that new homes could be built on, but property is kept for use as a side yard.

The city is still waiting on the Wilcox project which is planned to have two apartment buildings with 30 units each when completed.

Plymouth Township, through August of this year, had 68 single family homes built compared to 102 units through August of 1990.

Through August, Canton has gained 239 single family residential units and 21 condominium/apartment units, compared to 307 single family and 117 multi-family units at the same time in 1990, according to Canton planners.

"I think we'll hit the 307 mark and may very well exceed that," said Judith Bocklage, associate planner for Canton. She said residential construction has been staying at about the same level.

Bocklage said the subdivisions under construction were Brookside Four (33 units), Fox Fun (64 units), Glengary One (127 units), Glengary Two (84 units), Maple Ridge Woods (51 units), and Sunflower Nine (114 units).

"We're attracting move-up buyers," Bocklage said, who are people looking for bigger homes with larger lots.

"There really isn't much interest with developers building apartment type units," she said since that market is saturated in Canton.

The newest trend, according to Bocklage, will be in up-scale condominiums for couples without children that feature a garage, full basement, spacious living quarters and no clubhouse or pool.

Northville Township has gained 84 residential single family and condominium units by August of this year, according to Michelle Sharon, of the building department. In 1990, the township had gained 105 units by August.

Sharon said the new projects under construction feature up-scale residential units. Condominiums in the Blue Heron development on Beck Road start at \$250,000, and the homes at Crestwood Manor start at \$300,000.

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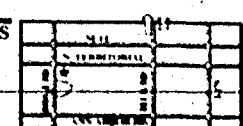
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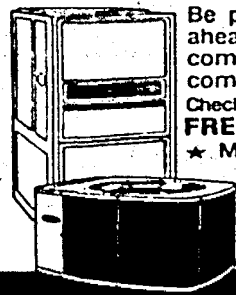
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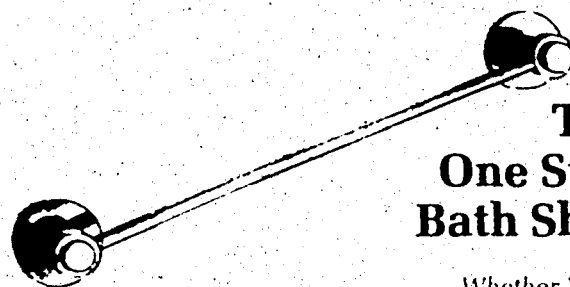
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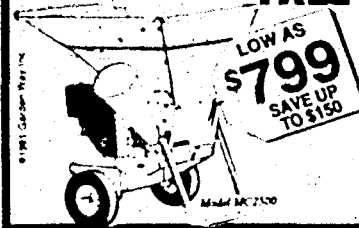
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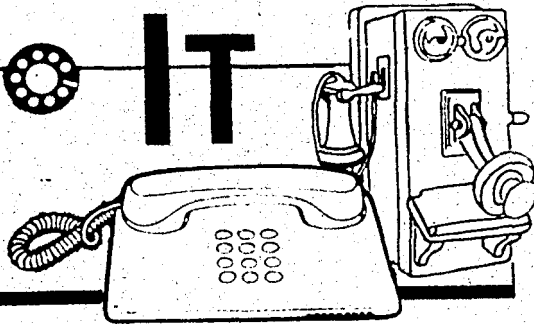
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# Piano concert scheduled New symphony season opens Friday

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra (PSO) will open its 46th season with a duo piano concert on Friday (Oct. 11).

Pianists Ralph and Albertine Votapek will perform Mozart's Concerto No. 10 during a program celebrating the composer.

The symphony orchestra will also perform Mozart's "Impressario Overture" and Brahms' "Symphony No. 2." The conductor is Russell Reed, professor and former conductor at EMU.

The two pianists are graduates of the Juilliard School of Music, in New York, and have appeared in concerts throughout

Europe, Russia, and South America. They have also performed with orchestras in New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Detroit. The Votapeks are members of the piano faculty at Michigan State University and perform regularly.

The concert will start at 8 p.m. at Salem High Auditorium. Tickets are \$11 adults, \$10 seniors/college and \$5 students K-12.

Starting a new policy all seats will be reserved this year.

Following the concert, all are welcome to attend the gala afterglow at

the Novi Hilton Hotel from 10 p.m. to midnight. There will be complimentary champagne, piano entertainment, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, mini-deserts and a cash bar with a donation (\$10 adults and \$5 students K-12).

Tickets for PSO concerts are available at: Beitner Jewelry, 904 Ann Arbor Tr., Plymouth; Evola Music Center, 215 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth; Gitfiddler, 302 E. Main, Northville; Bookstall on the Main, 116 E. Main, Northville; Dearborn Music Co., 42679 Ford Rd., Canton; and the Box Office 30 minutes before performances.



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## Brickley speaks at museum



JUSTICE JAMES H. BRICKLEY

The Bill of Rights will be the centerpiece of a program, sponsored by the Plymouth Historical Museum and the Suburban Bar Association, that will feature Michigan Supreme Court Justice James H. Brickley.

The public is invited to attend the free meeting tonight (Oct. 9) to celebrate the Bill of Rights.

Justice Brickley's talk is entitled, "200th Anniversary of the Bill of Rights: A view from Michigan and from the citizen." Brickley has served in all levels of government including municipal, county, state and federal. He has served as special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, on the Detroit Common Council, and as chief assistant prosecue

Brickley was appointed to the Michigan Supreme Court by Governor William Milliken in 1982.

The program will be held at the Plymouth Historical Museum, located at 155 S. Main St., in Plymouth. The museum will open at 6:30 p.m. for tours and the program will start at 7:30 p.m. with refreshments following.

## Guild offers 'Magnolias'

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will open its 45th season on Oct. 25 with Robert Harling's "Steel Magnolias".

A small town beauty shop in Louisiana is the scene for the comedy drama that focuses on a group of women chatting, gossiping and sharing personal moments while getting their hair done.

The drama is directed by Kimberly Britt, of Royal Oak, with Bobbie Judd, of Plymouth, helping as assistant director and stage manager. Elizabeth Racer, of Plymouth, will play Shelby, a daughter with a strong will trying to lead a normal life.

Performances will be Oct. 25, 26, 27

and Nov. 1, 2, 3, 8 and 9. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m., while Sunday shows are at 6 p.m.

Tickets purchased at the door are \$7, and \$6 for seniors and students. Season tickets and group rates are also available. Tickets purchased in advance are a dollar off.

Tickets are available in advance at Penniman Deli, 820 Penniman Ave. and Sir Speedy Printing, 485 S. Main St., in Plymouth.

All performances will be held at the Water Tower Theatre located on the campus of Northville Regional Hospital, on Seven Mile Road.

## Woods will come alive at Annual haunted forest

The woods will come alive with ghosts and ghastrly creatures as the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees and the City of Plymouth sponsor their 2nd annual Haunted Forest in October.

The stout-hearted will walk for 20 minutes on a trail through the midnight forest, located just north of the Ford Motor Company Sheldon Plant. The event is for children and adults of all ages but not recommended for toddlers.

The haunted forest will be held October 17-19 and 25-30.

Ten tours will be offered per evening

starting at 7:30 p.m.

Cost is \$4 per person and \$3 if paid in advance. Children under five are free. Proceeds will go towards Jaycee community projects.

Reservations are required and may be made through the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department. Call Elvira at 455-1266 on weekdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For further information, or for people interested in helping the Jaycees on the haunted forest, call Chuck Lowe at 453-3737.

## Breathing club begins

The Plymouth Breather's Club, a new group teaching proper breathing techniques, will have its first meeting today (Oct. 9) at McAuley Health Center in Plymouth.

Adults concerned with respiratory illness and anyone interested in learning exercises to help open airways and make breathing easier are encouraged to attend.

The club meets the second Wednesday of every month and features discussion on topics related to lung health. Healthcare professionals are on hand to answer questions, and individuals can share with others who cope with chronic illness.

The meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the McAuley Center, 990 W. Ann Arbor Tr.

For more information call 572-5367.

## PTO breakfast

Flapjacks with syrup will be right up! The public is invited to a pancake breakfast on Oct. 26 sponsored by the Farrand School PTO.

The breakfast includes sausages, beverages and all-you-can-eat pancakes.

The cost is \$3.50 and children under three are free.

## Halloween parties set

Fanged and ghoulish creatures will not want to miss the Halloween Parties on Oct. 26 sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services.

The parties, for children ages 12 and under, will feature cartoons, games, refreshments and prizes. Children should arrive in their costumes.

The party for children ages three to

seven will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Children ages 12 and under will be from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

Reservations are required and those interested should call 397-5110.

The Canton Recreation Center, at Michigan and Sheldon Roads, will be the site for the parties.

# Bird school celebrates anniversary

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education camping program, one of many innovative programs the district has seen over the years. In that program, teachers went on campouts with their students. Unfortunately, the popular program was cancelled in 1980 for financial reasons.

It was the kind of program that Bird was pleased to see in the school which carried her name, according to those that knew her.

And Bird was always one for doing things in different ways, as long as they worked.

As a principal, Bird was given the responsibility of hiring the best teachers she could find. She once explained her technique for getting those teachers to come to Plymouth: "I'd find out how much they were making and offer them \$50 more," she reportedly said.

She told Samuel Hudson, the author of a book documenting the history of the school district, that the thing she was most proud of was earning her master's degree from the University of Michigan.

"I worked 20 summers to get that," she said. She also recalled with amusement that she received a "B" in a class she never even attended.

Bird moved to Plymouth with her husband and daughters in 1917 and was immediately asked to teach, based on her experience in more rural teaching areas.

Because she was widowed at a young age, Bird survived the periodic purges of

married women teachers in the then-backwards community.

"No more married women are to be hired," was the word from the school board in 1928.

The motion did not affect those women already working for the district. In 1932, a motion was passed which effectively nullified contracts of married women teachers, even if they had been hired prior to the first ban. It was not until 1938 that married women were to be hired again by the district.

There were other bans as well. According to Tanger, teachers were also prohibited from attending movies on Sundays. No one seems sure now why that was.

But good things were happening then as well. In 1938, for example, textbooks were provided for elementary students for the first time, taking quite a financial burden off of families during those tough times. School bands were also formed for the first time.

And Bird survived it all. Her career with the district lasted 33 years, 24 of which were spent as a principal.

At one point in time, Bird was principal of two schools concurrently: Central and Starkweather. In 1937, she was relieved of double-duty and spent all of her time at Central, half-day as principal and the other half teaching third grade.

She retired in 1950, and continued to live alone in the Plymouth community well into her 80s. She remained active in many church and civic activities, collected antiques and engaged in the study of the new math when it became all the rage, according to Hudson's book and the recollections of friends and relatives.

The Bird PTO will sponsor a tree planting ceremony later this year, according to Hanson. Students are donating their own money to help purchase the tree to honor the person

their school was named for.

The PTO is also sponsoring a "Nellie E. Bird Book Collection" as an addition to the school library. Each book donated will be labeled with a special sticker naming the book's donor.

"Guidelines for donating books -- to insure we don't get 50 copies of the same thing and such -- are still being worked out, although the program is currently in place," Hanson said. "People can call the school for more information. It's a very worthwhile program and tribute to Mrs. Bird."

## Speed worries parents

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road was expanded to five lanes was another concern.

She wrote that Main Street for Smith School and Haggerty Road for Allen Elementary currently have posted school speed zones at 25 mph.

A similar school speed zone for the Bird School area, Templeton wrote, and a guard rail on Sheldon from Ann Arbor Trail to Penniman, is what the parents propose.

"We are a group of parents," Templeton said Monday, "who have gotten together to put some kind of safety measure in place there."

She said the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) supported the safety measures at a Sept. 17 meeting.

The group would like the support of the city commission before seeking approval from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education. In addition, the group is planning to

present the proposals to the Plymouth-Canton Schools Safety Committee on Oct. 23.

An evaluation of traffic violations on Sheldon Road near the school area was conducted by the Plymouth police department and presented to the city commission on Monday. The report showed that there were 52 speeding infractions on Sheldon Road to date this year near the school.

The report showed there were 114 speeding violations in that same area during 1990.

The commission took no action since traffic results from Plymouth Township

Police, which also patrols the road, were not yet available.

Since Sheldon is a county road, speed zone changes or adding a guard rail would require Wayne County approval.

Templeton said the group is getting approval from local government before proceeding to the county.

## Open house scheduled

An open house to "show off" the newly renovated and expanded Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administration offices and home to the board of education has been tentatively scheduled for 3-5 p.m. Nov. 10, according to Richard Egli, administrative assistant for community relations.

The reconstruction and additions to the offices at 454 S. Harvey, City of Plymouth, took about one year and cost \$1.9 million. During the construction period, most offices were relocated to the Tanger building.

During the open house, there will be a tour of the facility, a "very brief ribbon-

cutting ceremony," displays of student art projects and refreshments, Egli said.

The offices reopened the first week in July, but the open house had been put on the back burner until the school year was underway and running smoothly.

According to Raymond Hoedel, associate superintendent for business and operations, "the building was pretty much gutted. It's essentially a new building, we just kept the shell."

The building was purchased by the district in 1972 from Michigan Bell for \$145,000. Prior to that, the district administration offices were located on Mill Street.

## Candidate forum set

Candidates for the upcoming City of Plymouth Commission election will be in full view on Oct. 23 during a candidate's forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Plymouth-Canton-Northville.

The seven candidates will have an opportunity to make a two minute opening statement before answering written questions from the audience.

Linda DePoorter, of the Oakland Area League, will be the moderator. Onmicom will also be taping the forum for a later presentation.

The forum will start at 7:30 p.m. in the city commission chamber (upstairs) at Plymouth City Hall.

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## Building dedicated

Madonna University recently acquired the Angelo DiPonio Building through a \$1.2 million donation from the Angelo and Margaret DiPonio Foundation. Angelo DiPonio was a local builder in addition to being a trustee at the college. At a dedication ceremony last Wednesday, Mary Wawerzynski, (left) dean of the nursing unit, presents Margaret DiPonio (right) with a plaque thanking her following the unveiling of a land-colored photograph of the couple, which will remain in the building, to be used by the Madonna nursing program. (Crier photo by Ken Voyles)

## City to review library plan

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"I have mixed feelings," said Shirley Wooley, of 236 Union St. She and her husband, Virgil, have lived at the home since 1981.

"Why should they tear down those buildings?" she asked. "Why are they going for that kind of expansion?"

The study concludes that "it will be necessary to abandon or demolish the existing facility and build a new library" to meet the needs outlined in a space needs study commissioned last year. It also determined that a new library could

incorporate both the area where the existing library is located as well as adjacent property.

Based on the study, the current 18,680 square foot building needs to be expanded to 48,000 square feet.

The library board will meet on Oct. 21 to discuss library sites. Thomas said a site may be selected by the board at its November meeting. She said a "concrete decision" about property acquisition could come at that meeting.

## Hawthorn loses program

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mainstreamed. For others, it was a place to find out if they needed to become in-patients," he said.

According to Dr. Harold Lockett, director of Hawthorn, the center has lost "a significant and important part of our service that is preventative in nature for many children who may otherwise be hospitalized."

He added that the day treatment program also cut down on the length of many hospitalized patients, because they also attended the program sessions and were thus better integrated into the social mainstream, at least in a limited setting.

The Hawthorn program served youths aged five to 18, and the hospital has a capacity of 118. The day treatment program has served as many as 90 youths at one time, but state budget cuts had already limited that. At the time of the cut-off, there were 50 patients in the program, with at least 30 more on a waiting list, according to Lockett.

Lockett also disagrees with the theory behind the cut.

"We were told the state doesn't feel the day treatment program should exist,

essentially because they see it as an educational thing, and they want to remove the educational aspect from the center.

"We stated that this is not an educational program or institution, but rather that it's a treatment program which uses education as a part of the treatment, but it fell on deaf ears in Lansing," he said.

"I think day programs are necessary, and it's very strange, because they are being emphasized in most parts of the country, while they're being cut back here. They actually serve to save money, as well as to better serve the needs of the children and their families," Lockett said.

It costs Hawthorn approximately \$450 a day for in-patient care, as opposed to \$150 for the day treatment program. Only a portion of the cost is typically paid by the patient, with the majority being paid by insurance or state funds.

Lockett said approximately nine children from the day treatment program have entered the hospital as in-patients in the last two weeks. They include families from Plymouth, Canton and Northville, he said.

# Cuts affect youth

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The day treatment program allowed for educational and psychological therapy to be given in a controlled environment during the day and for the child to still live at home.

"In the program, my family was together. It was better for everyone, no matter how you looked at it. Now, because of Jeff's in-patient status, my family has been broken up. And he's petrified. Imagine being 12 and taken away from your family," his father said.

Jeff had been getting used to his new home in Canton, where the family moved to in June from Livonia and was making new friends slowly, but surely.

It was in Livonia, while attending Adams Elementary School, that Jeff's problems came to a head. His father's voice still shakes with rage when he speaks of the teacher there who allegedly not only allowed the other children to humiliate his son due to his Attention Deficit Disorder, or ADD, but actually

degraded the boy as well.

"The other kids would tell me things later, things the teacher had said and done that just fill me with hate for what he did to Jeff," he said. "One child showed me a seat in the very back of the classroom and said 'that's where (the teacher) makes the bad kids sit.' It was well back from the other seats. I came to find out that he made Jeff sit there all of the time.

ADD can be overcome with the correct medication in moderation, according to Carlos Ruiz, chairperson of the Hawthorn citizen's advisory committee and executive director of Fairlane Mental Health Centre, located in Dearborn.

"Done in conjunction with behavior management and a good client-therapist relationship, this type of thing can be controlled," Ruiz said.

But Levine still simmers at the thought of what his son has been through -- and is still paying for.

"There's a child who has low self esteem, is heckled by his fellow students for being slow, and is shunned by his teacher. If I had the time or the resources, I'd truly love to go after that man in a court of law," he said. "But we decided to put all of our efforts in moving forward, not looking back. I didn't want the desire for revenge to take away from my focus of helping Jeff improve.

"What that teacher did was vile. Simply vile."

Levine feels sure that fear of going to public school again as a result of the program being shut down added to or triggered Jeff's emotional breakdown, even though he said that in talking with officials in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools District, and in particular at Lowell Middle School, where Jeff would have attended, he was impressed, but he didn't get the answers he sought.

"Who knows, it may have worked out for Jeff here, but his fear from past experiences just pushed him over the edge this time, at least in conjunction with everything else that was going on," his father said.

And some of the damage done to him

was being undone at Hawthorn, where they were trained to deal with the youngster's outbursts and depression.

"And now the state -- Gov. Engler and

his flunkys -- has taken away the only program that has ever given the family hope, the only one that has ever helped Jeff. He's a casualty of political gamesmanship," said the elder Levine.

"I can't describe the way I feel when I hear about state funding for city libraries that residents of other cities can't even use or basketball courts being built with those same state funds. Money that could be used to help my son and any number like him," Levine said. "How can they justify that? How?"

According to Patrick O'Donnell, director of special programs and special services for the Plymouth-Canton district, help may be available for Jeff when he's released from the hospital.

"We offer a variety of services that many districts don't," he said. "We've been watching the situation carefully for years -- government has always used threats against social programs -- and we wanted to be ready, as well as to provide the best services possible to the more than 1,500 special education students in the district, and that's in addition to more than 200 we transport to other center-based programs, similar to the one Hawthorn had. We have added about nine students to those programs due to the closing of that program."

O'Donnell said the district has resource rooms in each school where students can go for an hour or two a day for academic or emotional support. If more help is needed, there are five self-contained classrooms in the district -- two elementary, two in middle schools and one at Canton High School -- where emotional outbursts and other such behavior would be less disruptive than in other classrooms.

If the severity of the problem warrants it, students are transported to out-of-district center-based schools, each based on grade level and the type of problem. There are center-based schools utilized by the district in Livonia, Northville, Redford, Wayne-Westland and even one in this district, he said.

Levine said he will contact the district to clarify some of the possible help available for Jeff.

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Salem's Candi Bosse (left) and Canton's Jill Mellis (right) battle it out in the 100 butterfly race Thursday. (Crier photo by Jim Keenan)

## Chiefs sink rival Rocks

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

It was a tough match between cross campus rivals as the Canton and Salem girls swim teams met at Salem's pool last Thursday.

The Chiefs sank their rival Rocks 105-81.

The Chiefs were a power house, coming out strong, taking first and second place in the first event of the meet, setting the pace for the evening.

Canton walked away with eight first

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# Sports

## Climb over .500

### Rocks take hoop win

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Grabbing an early lead and hanging -- that was the key to Salem's rousing 48-41 win over Northville Saturday, according to Salem coach Fred Thomann.

Northville was 8-1 going into the game, but the Rocks grabbed the lead by the end of the first quarter, 11-5. Salem then tossed in 12 more points in the second quarter while holding the Mustangs to eight, to lead by 10 points at the half.

"It was a very fast paced game with a lot of action and an upbeat tempo," said

Thomann. "Our defense was really good in the first half."

Darcie Miller grabbed a dozen balls off the backboard for the Rocks, but also had a strong offensive game with 19 points. Leslie Gots shot in 11 points. Christy Parimucha led Salem in assists with six.

Both teams came out strong in the second half and Northville cut the Rocks lead to 31-24 by the end of the third quarter.

Northville then closed the score to within four points in the final stanza but, "we were able to stop them and take it out to six," said Thomann. Both squads tossed in 17 points in that quarter and Salem held on for the win.

Two days earlier Salem defeated North Farmington, improving its overall record to 5-4. The Rocks are undefeated (3-0) in conference play. Miller led Salem with 18 points against North before fouling out.

## Rocks' soccer

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

It was a great week for freshman goalie Paul Dood and the Salem boys soccer team as the Rocks chalked up two shutouts last week, defeating Troy 2-0 on Saturday, and Farmington 3-0 last Wednesday.

Troy was ranked number five in the state, and Salem number nine, making this an even sweeter victory.

"It was a tough game," said Salem coach Ken Johnson. "We came out to play, and played well after our win on Wednesday. We wanted to show them that the loss to Athens last week was a fluke."

It was a very windy day, and the game was filled with action. "Matt Lee played good defense," said Johnson. "And Dood had some good saves." Dood defended the net against six shots on goal by Troy.

The only goal scored in the first half was kicked in by Salem's Joe Perron, assisted by Tom Baker.

In the second half, Salem came out stronger and more determined but the Troy defense was strong. Salem scored again on a direct free kick by Tom Baker, and prevented their opponents from scoring.

## Canton soccer

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

The Canton boys soccer team split its week with a 3-2 victory over Northville last Wednesday, and a 2-0 loss to Stevenson, the number one ranked team in the state on Monday.

Less than two minutes into the second half, Northville kicked in the first goal of the game.

Ten minutes later Chris Hayes scored on a penalty kick for Canton to tie the game 1-1. Northville gained the lead on a penalty kick and carried the lead until six minutes were left to play, and Jason Ripp knocked in the second goal for Canton after a long skirmish at the Northville net.

With two minutes left to play, Canton freshmen Graham Wilks and Jeff Fliss came through for the Chiefs as Wilks scored on an assist from Fliss, giving Canton the lead for the first time in the game.



A Salem hoopster gets off a shot Thursday in the Rocks contest with North Farmington. (Crier photo by Chris Kozio)



The big play. Salem receiver Pat Martinez beats the defenders and makes a tough grab with 50 seconds left in the first half of the Rocks Friday contest with Farmington. (Crier photo by Erik Lukasik)

## Rocks fly to grid victory

BY JAY KEENAN

Farmington High's plan to bottle-up the Salem High grid squad's tenacious running attack backfired Friday night.

And in the end, the Rocks came through with flying colors in their homecoming game as Salem dumped the Falcons, 35-15 in a Western Lakes League contest.

The Falcon's early strategy was to shut the door on Salem's standout running back Leon Hister and make quarterback Pete Zantop carry the ball in his stead. The Rocks, though, found several windows to escape through.

Hister, who had just 12 yards in the first quarter, started to pick up the slack late in the first half and eventually finished with 116 yards on 18 carries. He got plenty of help from Zantop, who ran for 107 yards on 16 tries, and Dan Burke's 89 yards. Zantop also completed four of seven passes for 54 yards.

"They took Hister away early in the game," said Salem coach Tom Moshimer, whose team is now 3-2 overall and 2-1 in league play. "They sent their outside linebackers in and took the pitch away.

"The only way we were able to get it to him was to toss it on the quick pitch," Moshimer added.

Salem struggled at the outset, but scored late in the first period on a four-

### Salem XC

The Salem boys cross country team finished third out of eight teams at the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational Meet on Saturday with 75 points.

Finishing first for Salem and sixth overall was Derek Cudini with a time of 17:33.

Their dual meet record is 4-0, and in division competition, Salem is 3-0.

The Salem girls cross country team won its meet last Thursday against Farmington, 22-33, improving the team's overall record to 3-1, and their division record to 2-1.

yard touchdown run by Burke with 31 seconds on the clock, capping a 64-yard drive. The extra point was missed and the Rocks led 6-0.

Farmington, however, answered back on the ensuing kickoff as Chris Marting ran it back 88-yards for the TD and converted the extra point to make it 7-6. The Rocks almost ran out of time on their 92-yard scoring drive late in the second quarter, which consumed nearly six minutes of the period.

Aided by several important runs by Hister, Salem got as close as the Falcon 15, but were stymied by penalties (holding and illegal procedure) which helped bring them back to the Farmington 30. The Rocks, however, then came through with what Moshimer noted as the big play of the game.

On fourth down, Zantop lofted a pass up the middle to Pat Martinez, who leapt high in the air to catch the ball in the midst of traffic as he crossed into the endzone for the TD with 50 seconds remaining. Burke then trotted in for the two-pointer to give Salem a 14-7

halftime lead.

Salem made it 21-7 at 9:02 in the third quarter on a four-yard TD dash by Hister followed by John Truskowski's extra point kick, but Farmington narrowed the margin to 21-15 when Marting took it in from 12 yards out and followed with a two-point conversion four and one-half minutes later.

But for the rest of the period, the Rocks dominated possession and scored on a four-yard dash by Burke with 21 seconds remaining to make it 27-15. Zantop preceded that touchdown run with four consecutive carries for 23 yards.

Hister iced it for Salem early in the final quarter with a 36-yard scamper to close out the scoring.

"Tonight's game was not pretty, but we came back and moved the ball with a lot more authority in the second half," said Moshimer. "We were sluggish in the first half, but we'll correct that. We were lucky to be ahead in the first half."

Salem's next game will be on the road Friday against league nemesis Livonia Stevenson. Kick-off is set for 7:30 p.m.

## CEP girl swimmers race each other

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places, including a first in diving where Amy Kodrik broke the varsity record with 247.45 points. The previous record was 232.37, held by Lisa DeJong.

Freshman Katie McWhirter and sophomore Jill Mellis were double winners for the Chiefs Thursday night, where each swimmer took two first places.

McWhirter started the pace that lead the Chiefs to victory, taking first place in the first event of the meet, in the 200 yard free style at 2:07.17. Finishing less than a half-second behind her was freshman Susan Pritchard at 2:07.60.

Mellis took first place in the 200 yard individual medley, finishing at 2:20.91. Mellis also took first place in the 100 yard butterfly, where she qualified for the

state meet at 1:01.80.

Jenni Cooper took first for Canton in the 100 yard free style, finishing in 57.21.

McWhirter also took first place in the 500 yard freestyle, finishing in 5:43.15.

In the 100 yard backstroke, Janet Roberts finished in 1:07.04, taking first place for the Chiefs.

In the 400 yard free style relay, the team of Mellis, Roberts, Susan Pritchard and Jenni Cooper finished first at 3:55.52.

"I was a little bit surprised by the results of the meet," said Canton coach Hooker Wellman. "Taking first and second place in the 200 yard free style set the pace for the team," he continued. "Salem didn't swim bad, we just swam better. I was very pleased."

## Chiefs fall in gridiron overtime

BY JAY KEENAN

Many of those faithful football souls near the Livonia Franklin High gridiron Saturday afternoon had reason to be thankful for the way the Michigan prep overtime rule is set up.

The ruling, which gives both teams a series of downs from 10 yards out, provided the only way either Canton High's Chiefs or Franklin could launch a scoring opportunity.

Canton, however, wound up getting the least amount of gratification as the Chiefs fell to the Patriots, 6-3 in a hapless Western Lakes League contest after one overtime series.

The game, which was a scoreless deadlock at the end of regulation, finally ended when Jason Facione bounced off a Canton tackler and just barely fought his way into the endzone on a fourth down-and-one situation. The Chiefs preceded that score with a 14-yard field goal by Jeff Nafe on fourth-and-two.

It was another frustrating offensive effort for Canton, which had several potential scoring drives thwarted by costly penalties. The Chiefs were also hurt by two pass interceptions in the contest.

"It was a sloppy game," said Canton coach Bob Khoenle, whose team is now 1-4 overall and 0-3 in the league. "We just couldn't do much on offense, and they couldn't do much on offense. It was a case of making mistakes up and down the field. We'd get something going -- penalty. They'd get something going -- penalty. It seemed like penalty flags were flying all over the place.

"This wasn't a very good game execution-wise."

Steve Hohl contributed 75 yards on 18 carries in Canton's rushing game. Mark Meszaros chipped in with 33 yards. Quarterback Kevin Shankie completed three of 10 passes, which included a 25-yard pass to Eric Arnold and a 12-yard toss to Jon Knowlson.

Canton will entertain league rival Livonia Churchill Friday in its homecoming game. Kickoff time will be at 7:30 p.m.

Although Canton dominated the meet, Salem finished with four first places and one personal best against Canton.

Finishing first for Salem at 1:58.4 in the medley relay was the team of Kristin Stackpoole, Amy Austin, Candi Bosse and Mandi Ras.

Salem walked away with first place in the 50 yard free style with Ras finishing in 26.07.

The team of Austin, Toni Lupo, Jane Seidelman and Ras finished the 200 yard free style relay in 1:48.2, taking first place for Salem.

Austin took an individual first in the 100 yard breaststroke, finishing at 1:14.83.

Bosse took second place in the 200 yard individual medley with a personal best at 2:23.31.

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# Twp. approves millage, new budget

BY JIM TOTTON

The Plymouth Township Trustees made two decisions regarding their finances during their meeting last Tuesday.

First, the trustees approved a millage

rate of 3.6096 for this year which is a decrease from the 1990 millage of 4.0188. But since the State Equalized Valuation (SEV) of the township has increased for 1991, the new millage will represent a 5.4 per cent increase for

inflation allowed under the Headlee Amendment.

Finance Director Rosemary Harvey said at the meeting that the township will lose \$120,639 if the authorized increase for inflation was eliminated. She added that the township has one of the lowest millages in Wayne County.

The 1990 SEV was \$693,809,150, and the 1991 SEV was \$746,528,002.

The trustees also approved the proposed 1992 general fund budget that leaves a \$351,558 fund balance for the end of the fiscal year.

Harvey said Monday the main changes from last year's budget were for the police and fire departments.

The increases planned for the fire department, she said, result from the new fire station (number three) at Beck and North Territorial Roads. She said six new firefighters need to be hired and a pumper bought for the new station.

The budget for the fire department will increase \$308,041 over last year.

Increases in the police department, she said, were budgeted since the current building is scheduled for an expansion. Harvey said the building is too small for the 18 patrol officers, four sergeants and one chief who work out of the building.

The budget for the police department will increase \$339,879 over last year.

Harvey noted that police and fire

expenditures for 1991 exceeded its revenues by \$1,681,120. She said state shared revenue funds were normally used to cover this deficit, but could not continue indefinitely.

"Police and fire was eating almost all of it (state shared revenue)," she said.

"We didn't want to depend on revenue sharing 100 per cent," she said. "You don't want to be in a situation where you are relying on that."

The trustees will need to decide, she said, on how it wants to handle the financial burden of expenditures growing quicker than revenues.

"We are now at the point where in order to operate, we need more money than is coming in," Harvey said.

"The only way to get an increase in revenues in the township is to ask for millage," she said. A millage increase would require a vote by township residents.

Another possible change in township financing would be the addition of a third judgeship which was mentioned at the trustee meeting.

The amount of funds returned to the township from 35th District Court, which is financed by traffic tickets, would decrease significantly, according to Harvey.

She said the another judgeship would cost the township about \$351,000.

## CEP marchers win trophy

The Centennial Educational Park (CEP) Marching Band has won the Governor's Trophy for the sixth consecutive year.

The marchers competed in the 18th annual Michigan Invitational Marching Band Tournament Sunday at Flint's Atwood Stadium and won the trophy with a score of 79.1.

In addition to being the best of the 20 bands at the competition, the CEP marchers received awards for the best winds, color guard, and marching and maneuvering in the Flight I competition.

This Saturday (Oct. 12) the band will travel to Toledo to compete in the Bands of America Mid-East Regional contest at the University of Toledo.

## P-C people in the news

Plymouth American Legion Post past commander **Cornelius Van Boven** attended the 73rd American Legion National Convention in Phoenix, AZ, last month. Van Boven was an elected delegate representing the 17th District of Michigan.

**Gene R. Overholt**, of Plymouth, has been named as chairperson of the Kiwanis International Committee of Past International Presidents. Overholt is a past president of the Kiwanis International and the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth. In his new role

Overholt will recommend new programs and policies to the Kiwanis board.

The Plymouth Business and Professional Women have named **Joanne H. Delaney** as the 1991 Woman of Achievement. Delaney has served as the BPW District 9 assistant director, the Plymouth BPW president and vice president and is currently co-chair of the BPW Bingo Fundraising Committee. She has also been influential in developing career scholarship programs for the BPW and served as BPW newsletter editor.

## DARE drawing winners

In the most recent DARE/Plymouth Jaycees drawing held last week **Chuck Lowe** was the big winner, taking home \$120.

**Patt Blackmore**, **Mary Heskett** and **Nanci Mavin** won \$20 apiece.

There were also 26 \$10 winners including:

**Mark Stamper**, **Phyllis Redfern**, **Cindy Sweet**, **Gordon Sutton**, **Charles McIlhargey**, **Michael Jetchick**, **Mary Jane Schemanske**, **Ronita Krelling**, **Sharon Thomas**, **Gary Gregory**, **Verna George**,

In the previous DARE drawing the winners included: **Jack Armstrong**, **Debbie Rutherford**, **Richard Myers**, **Larry McElroy**, **Elli Balash**, **Don Van Landingham**, **Verna Hogle**, **Tom Bida**, **Wende Sharma** and **Delores Biagrolli**. **Doug Rapp**, **Barb Miller**, **Scott Kapler**, **Marilyn Meredith**, **Jim Bilicki**, **Barb Miller**, the Plymouth Police Officers Association, **Denise Weber**, **Don Esper**, **Ron Lowe**, **Richard Zylka**, **David Howard**, **Nan Cooper**, **Ed Wendover** and **Jack Seder**.

## Historic tour a big hit

Fair skies and a warm autumn sun shone on a group of folks who took a special tour of early Indian sites and mills throughout The Plymouth-Canton Community.

Four Indian sites and four mills were visited during the Sunday afternoon tour following at potluck at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

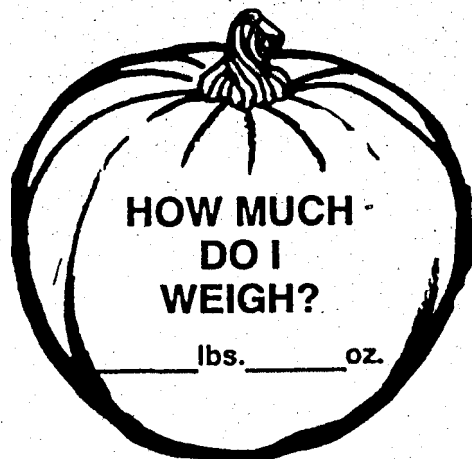
The tour was led by noted author **Helen Gilbert** and **Gary Stone**, an expert on local mills. "It was the largest crowd we have had for a while," said **Jackie Kenyon**, president of the historic society. "We were all pleased."

**Betty Childs**, the museum's education chairperson also spoke.

**Beth Stewart**, museum director at the Plymouth Historical Museum, said residents are encouraged to help the museum and historic society with future projects.

Volunteers are need to help index the Plymouth Mail newspaper, the community's original newspaper. Other projects include an exhibit on World War II, scheduled to open in November, and a Christmas show in December.

**Gilbert** will return in January of next year with a special slide show featuring spring gardens in Williamsburg and Charleston.



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**JESSICSA** eats pierogies for breakfast; cold lentils for dinner.

I guess I'll have to get Shawn to blush. It's easier on the skin.

Peg & Debbie. I'm fairly sure I'll see you Nov. 9th. But I think I'll finish 2nd so I don't have to do it next year.

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Amy, your dad said you needed the F. B. because he always obeys the law.

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"YOU KNOW WHAT I noticed, the regular Cokes are heavier -- they sink -- the Diet Cokes float." -- Ted Bpoolover, 1991

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**MEL AND JOE:** I was just helping enforce the cat leash law. -- Beauregard.

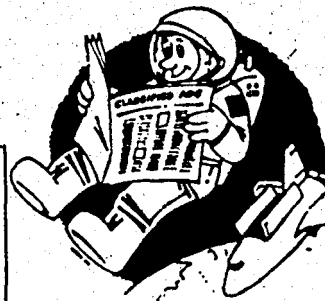
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# Crier Classifieds

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**Chipper/Shredders** - Commercial-quality Troy-Bilt Chipper/Shredders designed and priced for every sized property. For Free Catalog with Models, Specs, and Special Savings now in effect, call Toll-Free 1-800-441-2727. Dept. H.

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**REMODELING & NEW CONSTRUCTION**  
 Roofing, siding, decks, additions, and drywall. All home repairs and improvements. Licensed and insured. James Fisher, licensed builder, 455-1108.  
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 Ceiling fans installed  
 (starting at \$30.00)  
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 Free estimates  
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Trimming, topping, removals and stumps. 25 years experience. Free Estimates. 420-8888.

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### AMERICAN AUTO REPAIR

Certified, quality repairs, downtown Plymouth. Personal service from Mike - owner, manager and mechanic, 451-7330.

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Small jobs, carpentry, electrical, plumbing and painting. Insured. Bob: 496-0113.

**HOME IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS OF ALL KINDS. NO JOB TOO SMALL. LOCAL REFERENCES. FREE ESTIMATES.**

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PHONE: PLYMOUTH 953-0529

**HOUSECLEANING:** Bi-weekly, monthly. Quality unmatched by any service. References. Call Yicky 861-2977.

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Brand new cellular nutrition program. Feel great! Lose weight! Call 459-8969  
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## Childcare

A loving young grandmother and Madonna College graduate. I will care for your children in my home near Smith school. Plymouth. 463-8835.

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Firewood - mixed hardwood. \$60 face cord delivered. 942-8917 before 5pm. 453-8786 after.

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30 Years Experience

\$7.00

Mr. Phillips 453-0108

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Elegant Wedding Photography  
 453-8872

## Articles For Sale

Kenmore electric dryer \$75 and 6 ft. Broyhill couch \$75. 941-5702

Sell the items you no longer use with an ad in The Crier. Call 463-6900 today!

## Articles For Sale

Evergreen trees for sale. Varieties up to 15 feet tall. We deliver and plant from \$5 & up per tree. 453-0681 or 349-5480.

For Sale - one upholstered chair, electric heater, step ladder, feather pillows, chair cushions, throw rugs, 2 gold, 2 blue. 453-3987

Safe sex is cool and convenient, latex condoms delivered privately to you: 5 for \$3, 10 for \$8. Send money to Conveniently Yours, P.O. Box 48, New Hudson, MI 48165.

Pumpkins, you pick 'em. Corn stalks, gourds, miniature pumpkins, Canton Center Rd. between Joy and Ann Arbor Road. 453-8291.

Buy it - Sell it! Here - Call 453-6900 to place your ad in The Crier's classifieds.

## Auctions

### Absolut Nursery Auction

Sat., October 19th, 8:00am

Open to the general public

Vidosh Landscape Supply Co.

27400 Beck Rd.

Novi, MI 48374

Located: 1/4 mile south of I-96 on Beck Rd. between Grand River & I-96

Partial listing of stock: Azaleas, arborvitaes, cotoneaster, burning bush, forsythia, junipers, rhododendrons, holly, spreading yews, viburnum, flowering crabapples, dogwoods, maples, flowering pears, pine, spruce, amelanchies, large and small shade trees.

Terms: Cash & carry day of auction. Payable by check, credit card or certified funds.

Removal: Oct. 19th - Nov. 1st Delivery and planting arrangements can be made day of auction.

## Antiques

**ANN ARBOR ANTIQUES MARKET - THE BRUSHER SHOW.** Sunday, Oct. 20, 9055 Ann Arbor Saline Road, Exit 175 off I-94. Over 350 dealers in quality antiques and select collectibles, all items guaranteed as represented and under cover, 9am - 4pm. Admission \$3.00, Third Sundays, 23rd season. The Original!!!

Find that collectible you have been looking for. Place an ad in The Crier Classifieds. Call 463-6900

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October 12, 9-6. Girls clothes, sizes 10-14. Dollhouse furniture, books, games, etc.

## Apartments for Rent

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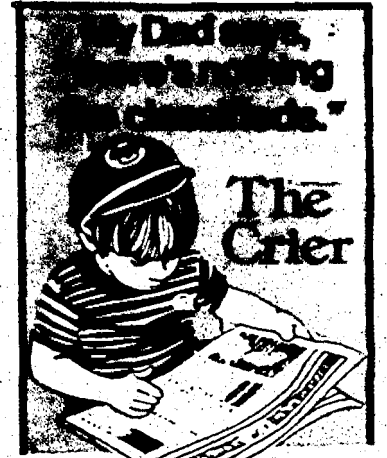
-All appliances & individually controlled heat and air conditioning.

Call Village Green at:

458-7080

## Wanted to Rent

Wanted - sleeping room. Can do home repair, carpeting, plumbing, electric. 453-2671.



# Employment Market

## Help Wanted

**POSTAL JOBS AVAILABLE!** Many positions. Great benefits. Call 1-805-682-7555 Ext. P-2007.

**HAIR STYLIST** - beautician or barber. Must have clientele. 453-5020

**REAL ESTATE SALES** - Position and training available for individual interested in dynamic career with unlimited income potential in lovely Plymouth location. Call Joanne Bryngelson, Coldwell, Banker, Schweitzer, 453-6800.

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MAKE \$180 WEEKLY clipping coupons at home! We mail checks each Friday! Application, send long self-addressed stamped envelope: NATIONAL COUPON NETWORK, 24831 Alcala, Suite C-202-127, Laguna Hills, CA 92653

## Help Wanted

**GOVERNMENT JOBS NOW HIRING!!!** Both skilled and unskilled workers needed in your area. \$16,500 to \$72,000 plus benefits. For list of current jobs and application to apply from home. Call 1-800-800-1968 EXT A255.

Jobs in Kuwait Tax Free Construction Workers \$75,000. Engineering \$200,000. Oil Field Workers \$100,000. Call 1-800-743-3440 Ext. 1186.

Dependable person 18 years or older to do odd jobs for small Plymouth business part-time. 458-6630

Car cleaning part-time, full-time positions. Willing to train. Plymouth: 459-8088

Looking for a job with some variety? Needed, non-smoking mature retail assistant/caretaker for healthy, happy 3-month girl, in my home and in place of business; part-time, three days a week, 4-5 hours daily. For more information, call Becky 478-1867 or 465-8638.

## Help Wanted

### EDUCATIONAL SALES

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### CABLE TV JOBS

No experience necessary. \$11.50/hr. For information, call 1-800-737-6282, extension 4410. 8am-5pm, 7 days. \$12.95 fee.

Assistance for single lady - grocery shopping, laundry. Call 453-3308 after 4pm call 463-8614.

Adult sitter for 12-year-old. 3:30 to 11:30 p.m., my home. Four days. \$85 a week. Non-smoker. 454-9835

Find the help you need FAST here! **LOCALLY.** Place an ad in The Crier 453-6900.

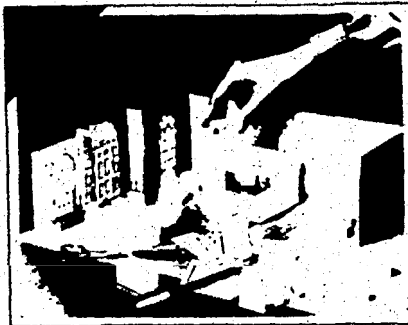


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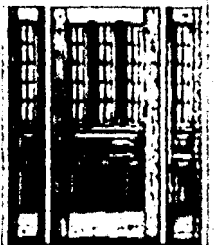
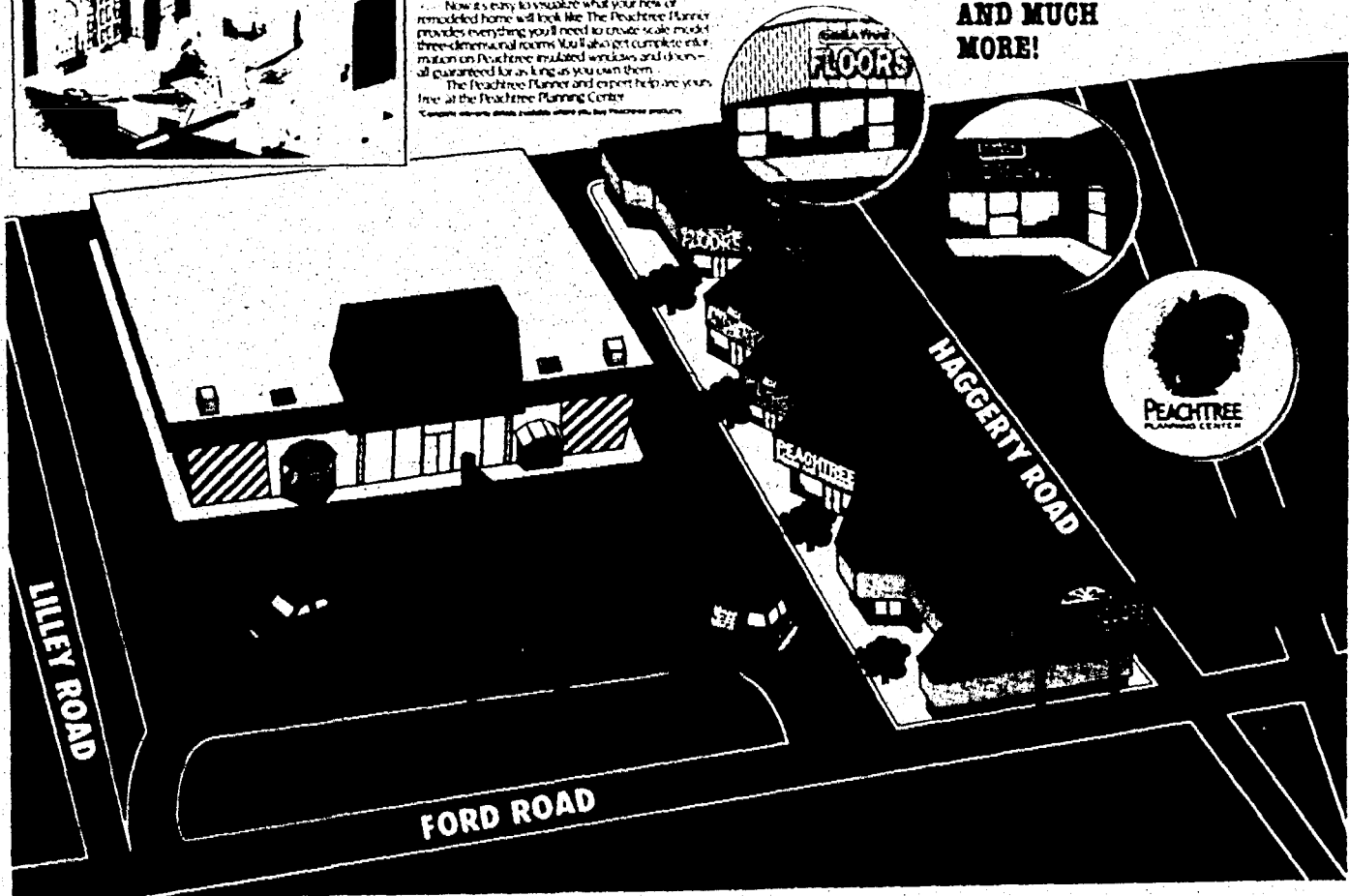
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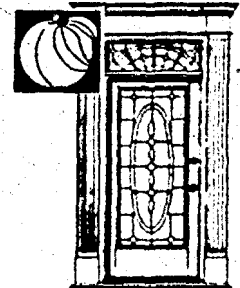
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