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Remembering...

Angel Cruz, a Plymouth man who lost his leg in Vietnam, looks over the veterans memorials Monday following a service for Veterans Day. (Crier photo by Steve O'Leary)

Schools zero in on land for new elementary site

BY STEVE O'LEARY

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education gave Superintendent John Hoben the green light Monday to pursue a parcel of land for one of the district's two new elementary schools to be built with monies from the recent bond issue.

"The site is in the southwest section of the district in Canton. It's east of Canton Center Road and south of Ford. I can't get any more specific than that," said Hoben. "We came to the conclusion that the need is -- and will be -- the greatest in that area."

The board, which met in closed session Monday to discuss the purchase, is expected to officially validate the action at its Nov. 25 meeting, according to Roland Thomas, board vice president.

"There are a lot of procedural things that need to be done, both before and after we okay an option to purchase," he said. "For example, we'll need to have an environmental impact study done, and that certainly won't be done in the next few weeks, but we insist it be done. We have to watch out for the district's best interests."

Hoben found out Tuesday morning that the situation had changed from what

was expected. The land is being purchased by a developer, who will in turn sell 14 acres of a larger parcel to the district, if all goes according to plan.

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Comish splits over pro-tem

BY JIM TOTTEN

Despite expectations that the City of Plymouth Commission -- including three newly elected members -- might get off to a harmonious beginning, there was dissension Monday night during the selection of the new mayor pro-tem.

The seven city commissioners did unanimously support Robert Jones as Plymouth's new mayor. Jones led all candidates in the Nov. 5 commission election.

But even after pleas by incoming and outgoing commissioners to "bury the hatchet" and work in harmony, the commission split on the vote for the mayor pro-tem seat.

Douglas Miller was elected to the job in a 4-3 vote, with Jones and

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Library proposes CEP plan

BY KEN VOYLES

A new proposal has been made by the Canton Library Board to keep open one or both libraries at Centennial Educational Park (CEP) in the evening.

The proposal took on a formal form Monday during a meeting between Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials and members of the library board's planning committee, which developed the idea as part of its future planning efforts.

"I think they have some interest in it," said Dr. James Gillig, library board member and chair of the committee. "Money is a major concern right now, but there's interest to look at it further."

John M. Hoben, Plymouth-Canton's superintendent said he was still reviewing the idea including funding and staffing.

"I haven't really had a chance to assess the situation yet," he said. "I only learned about it at 11 a.m. Monday."

Gillig said the cost of such a proposal would run about \$40,000 a year. "It's not cheap," he said, "but it's a way to offer a lot of services."

"We see it as a proposal to benefit a lot of people without spending a lot of money," Gillig added. "We came to the conclusion that the hours there (at CEP) don't make much sense."

The proposal calls for operating one of both of the libraries at Canton and Salem highs once school ends until about 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday during the school year.

The libraries would likely be staffed by Canton Library employees, said Gillig, and an electronic link between the facilities would also be considered.

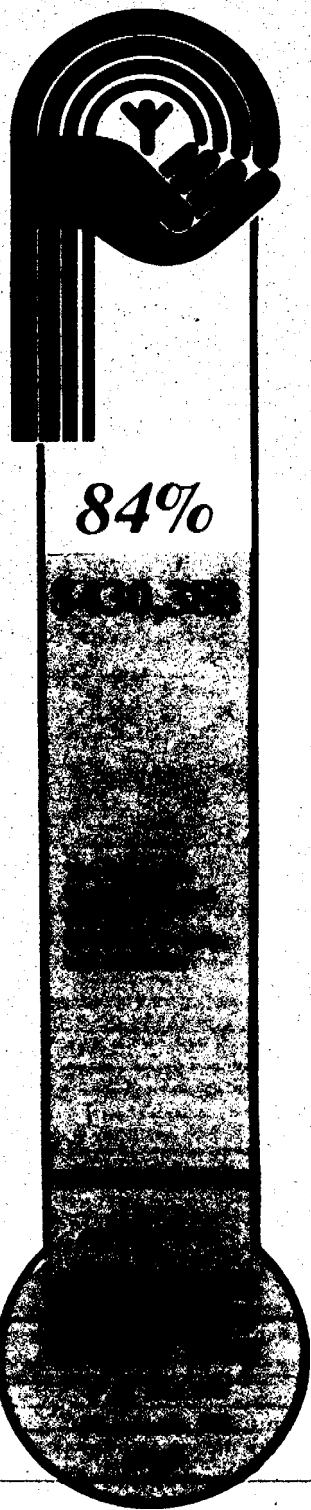
Costs would likely be shared.

"The question remains as to whether or not something can be worked out," Hoben told the Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education Monday night. "If we allow our students more time to use the library that would be good."

"It will be very novel," Gillig said. "It's a fairly major step for us, but we felt it was a way to provide better service to the community. Those are assets not currently being utilized."

The Canton Library is one of the busiest in southeast Michigan with more than 600,000 items circulated each year.

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Questions arise in year-old drowning of Salem graduate State police reopen Puckett case

BY STEVE O'LEARY

The Michigan State Police have reopened a case involving the apparent drowning death of a Salem High graduate last winter.

The body of Martin Rand Puckett, 33, was discovered Jan. 25, still inside the cab of his pickup truck, which was at the bottom of a frozen-over gravel pit behind his home in Green Oak Township. He was reported missing on Dec. 23, 1990, by his ex-wife, Mary Arlen, and was last seen Dec. 4, according to police reports.

According to Lt. William Pertner of

the Michigan State Police, the case was reopened a month ago at the behest of family members.

"We've reopened the case in an attempt to answer some of the questions they have raised," Pertner said. He said he could not say what was being investigated since the case is open.

At the time Puckett's body was recovered police treated the incident as an accident. It was ruled that Puckett drowned.

"If we find out the death was not accidental as was believed, we will pursue

it accordingly," he said. "I believe it will be resolved one way or the other within a month."

He added that there are no plans to exhume the body at this time, but he would not rule out the possibility.

Puckett's mother, Margie Orvis, said she hired an attorney to get the case reopened.

"There were a lot of questions that we weren't able to get answered," she said. "They (police) practically closed the case before the body was in the ground. We aren't satisfied. The cause of death was reported to be drowning, but the coroner's office found very little water in the lungs."

"That's the kind of question we want to get answered. We weren't satisfied with the original report."

The autopsy report states that the lungs were "heavy, voluminous,

subcrepitant and moist," and that the "bronchi contain a moderate amount of watery mucous."

Orvis added that her son, a construction worker, had "lots and lots of friends. He was very popular."

The Livingston County Coroner could not be reached to validate Orvis' concerns regarding the water in the lungs.

The autopsy report also reveals that Puckett had a blood alcohol level of .178. A level of .10 is considered to be an unlawful blood alcohol level.

According to attorney Michael Reeds, the life insurance question was integral in getting the case reopened.

Attorney Jack Holmes, who is working with Reeds, said the policy is for \$150,000.

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CEP marchers hope to repeat Band finals this weekend

BY STEVE O'LEARY

Marching band members from Centennial Educational Park (CEP) have been working overtime in hopes of holding on to the national title for another year.

"The kids have been practicing from two to five hours a day -- including in preparation for this weekend's competition in the Hoosierdome in Indianapolis," said Glen Adist, band-director at CEP. "They're as excited as can be about this, and rightly so. The routine is the best one I've ever seen, the most creative."

The CEP band will also be playing at the Pontiac Silverdome during the Thanksgiving Day game between the Lions and the Chicago Bears. As part of that deal, the band was allowed to use the Silverdome Tuesday to practice.

"It's good to play in large places like that in preparation for the Hoosierdome," Adist said.

The band, made up of 189 members from both high schools, has a 10 1/2 minute routine based on Stephen Sondheim songs.

"We already have well over 500 people going down to support the band," said



A member of the CEP band at last year's nationals. (Crier photo)

Pat Liljestrand, president of the band boosters association. She added that some people are still looking for rides down to Indianapolis, and anyone interested can get a hold of her through the high school band office.

Tickets will be available at the door and through Ticketmaster, and are \$9 for the preliminaries, which will begin at 12:15 p.m. Friday, and also for the finals, which will consist of the last 12 bands of the 54 who start out. The finals are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Saturday.

"Our plans are to stay for the Saturday competition," said Liljestrand. "We're confident we'll be playing Saturday night. The routine breaks a lot of new ground as far as marching bands go. It's very exciting."

"There will be probably 30,000 people watching us perform, so I hope everyone from Plymouth-Canton remembers to get real loud in support of us," Adist said. "It helps."

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35th District Court advisory group to review needs

Push for a third judge may be back

BY KEN VOYLES

The push for adding a third judge at the 35th District Court may be on again.

At a meeting of the court's advisory group next week the need for a third judge will be the main focus of discussion.

A five-year prospectus for the court will be reviewed by the advisory group, along with the court budget and the need for a third judge. The 35th District Court is one of the busiest in the entire state, according to state records.

The court district includes the cities of Plymouth and Northville and the townships of Plymouth, Canton and Northville. The advisory body is made up of representatives from each community.

Judge James Garber said the judgeship is on the agenda because action needs to be taken by the local communities if an effort is to be made next year to get the state to create the new position.

"Something will have to be done by the first of the year," he said, if the court is to be considered by the state court administrative office for a new judge. The court office makes recommendations to the legislature as to which communities should be okayed for a new judge.

"The advisory group is going to have to make a judgment," said Garber, who added that the state is now demanding that the local communities agree to the new judge plan prior to it going to the legislature.

Last year the legislature acted on a verbal agreement with the 35th District communities, but after it acted the communities decided not to proceed and voted 4-1 to hold off on a new judge.

Canton was the only community to show continued support for the new judge at that time.

The state legislature creates such legislative judge acts for the expansion of local courts only once every two years.

"We have to explain to them the facts of life," said Garber.

John MacDonald, the 35th's other judge, said the advisory group will look

at the increase in cases at the court as well as the impact new drunk driving laws will have on the court system. Under the new laws (they go into effect Jan. 1) such cases will have to be dealt with in 72 days.

"We want to apprise the communities of this," said MacDonald. "And we want to know if they are going to be supportive."

"I'm convinced we need a third judge, but I'm not sure if we're the guys who should be saying it," he added. "We want to try and get a commitment from them to go back and approve the idea."

MacDonald said the 35th remains at the top of the district court caseload list in the state. He said new laws for civil suits may also put greater demands on judges.

Since backing out of the plan last year, money has been set aside, said MacDonald, for future remodeling of the courthouse if and when a new judge is added.

"It's just a reality," he said. "We're not threatening."

MacDonald said if a third judge is not created for the court, residents can expect to see an increase in visiting judges and the use of magistrates. But, he added, there are only so many cases a magistrate can handle.

MacDonald's term expires in 1996, while Garber's is up in 1994.

"If we don't do it next year we might have to wait until 1995," said MacDonald, since the legislative act will not be considered again until 1994 when Garber's term expires.

"Of course, he added, "this is presuming the state will have a bill as in the past."

The court, located in the City of Plymouth, is in need of a new judge, said Steven Walters, Plymouth's city manager.

"There's no question of the need," he said. "There's just a tension between the need and the impact that has on revenues

to the local units of government. It is also a question of what is the right time to do this."

Walters, who sat on the advisory group for Northville when he was city manager there, said bringing in a new judge would decrease court revenues during the transition period.

"The feeling is that while a third judge is inevitable you have to project significant population increases over the long haul here. Obviously, two judges

will not be able to handle it in 10-15 years," said Walters. "I don't think any of the local communities can at this point project never needing a third judge."

Walters said setting aside money for the eventual changes at the court is logical since doing so may cut down on the revenue loss projected with the start of a third judge on the bench.

"I know everyone, including the judges, is sensitive to the revenue side of it," said Walters.

For new restaurant Developer eyes Twp. site

BY JIM TOTTON

A Florida restaurant owner wants to build a sports bar on property in Plymouth Township.

Gwyn Griffin, a former City of Plymouth resident, would like to see a pub and grill restaurant built near Sheldon and Five Mile roads. Griffin currently owns a sports bar called Jonathan's Pub and Grille in West Palm Beach, FL.

"We're considered one of the top three sports bars in the Palm Beach area," Griffin said.

Griffin said he has talked with local developer Robert DeMattia but not yet with township officials.

Preliminary design plans for what Griffin calls a family restaurant have been

completed, however, said Griffin. The plans show a bar and dining room area, a pool room and dance floor along with palm trees as decorations. Also, a volleyball area and locker rooms for men and women would be located inside the building.

He said the entire sports bar would be around 20,000 to 23,000 square feet.

"We've basically just getting everything rolling," Griffin said.

Originally, the Farmer Jack site in downtown Plymouth was considered, he said, but talks apparently fell through due to the cost involved in repairing the building.

Township officials said they have not yet been approached by Griffin.

Radisson idea goes before board

Two local businessmen interested in turning the former Radisson hotel into a senior citizens residence were expected to present their plans before the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees last night.

James Courtney and Ronald Cook, local real estate developers who purchased the site shortly after the Radisson shut down back on June 30, have said such a seniors complex would be "an asset" to

the community.

Courtney said Monday that the presentation will cover preliminary information for the board.

"It's pretty much preliminary right now," said Courtney. "This is our starting point in the township."

The Radisson is located on Northville Road. Columbia-Sussex Corporation bought the hotel from the Hilton chain in the mid 1980s.

Fire ruins Twp. condo

BY JIM TOTTON

A Plymouth Township couple narrowly escaped a fire Friday morning that destroyed part of their condominium in Plymouth Homestead Estates.

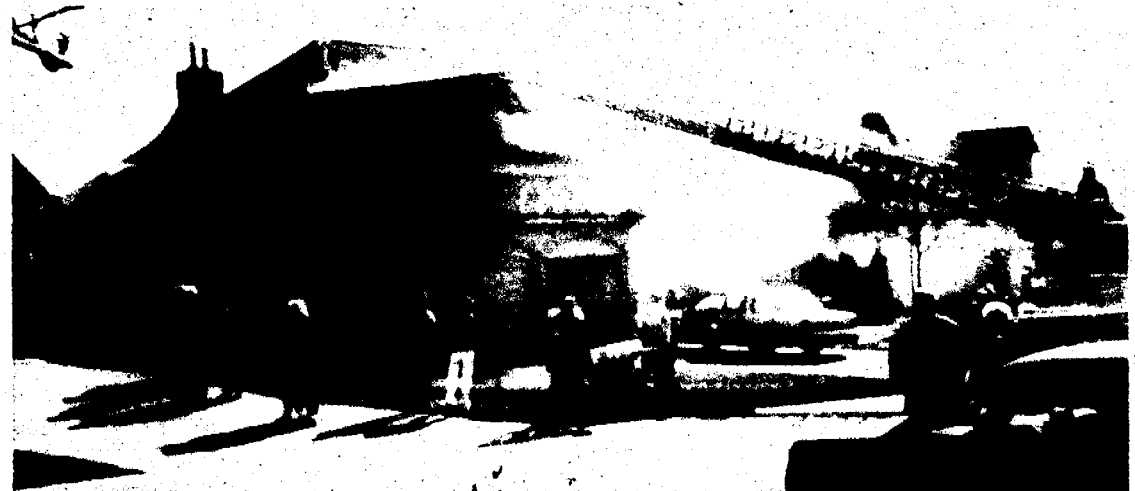
Standing outside in the cold November weather, the couple later watched as the charred remains of their personal property was brought out by relatives.

The fire department estimated property loss and damage at \$150,000.

Charles VanVleck, administrative assistant to the fire chief, said the fire started in either the bathroom or a master bedroom closet.

"The cause of the fire has not been determined," VanVleck said, adding it is not a suspicious fire at this time.

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Plymouth Township firefighters battle a blaze which destroyed a condominium in Plymouth Homestead Estates on Friday. (Cruer photo by Jim Totten)

Twp. fire hits condos

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It was rumored that an electrical appliance and panel box have been taken for testing.

The master bedroom, bathroom, closets and the attic area were all destroyed in the fire, VanVleck said. A fire wall prevented the blaze from

spreading to a condominium next door.

"Hey, the house is on fire, get the hell out," Felix Kubik, 71, said his wife Regina yelled to him upon seeing the smoke and hearing the fire alarm.

"We didn't have flames," he said, standing outside his home. "We had nothing but smoke."



Public notices

The Board Report

A brief review of actions at the regular

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meeting of November 11, 1991

The Board of Education meeting began with an "Extra Miler Award" presentation to James Griffith, Centennial Educational Park band director. Griffith was honored for 35 years of dedicated service to his band students. Trustee McClendon presented him with a framed "Extra Miler" certificate, a cloisonne pin of the flag of liberty and learning and a dining certificate for two donated by the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth.

Superintendent Hoben reported on a request by the Canton Township Library Board to begin staffing one of the high school libraries for four hours in the evening. Dr. Hoben and the administration will look at the possibility of meeting this request.

President Arley stated that the Administration Building Open House held on Sunday, Nov. 10 was a success. He thanked the East Middle School Band members who performed; Hoben Elementary School for making the welcome sign; the first-graders at Bird Elementary School who made the recycled paper chain used for the ribbon cutting; Kris Darby and CEP art students; and the parents and staff who planned the event.

Under citizens' comments, Steven Murray reiterated a request to the Board regarding information. Chuck Portelli, Plymouth-Canton Education Association president, informed the Board that the District topped its United Way fund drive goal of \$21,000 by collecting \$21,343.82 for the campaign. Teresa Pietraz addressed the Board on a concern over the location of a bus stop.

The Board approved the Consent Calendar which included:

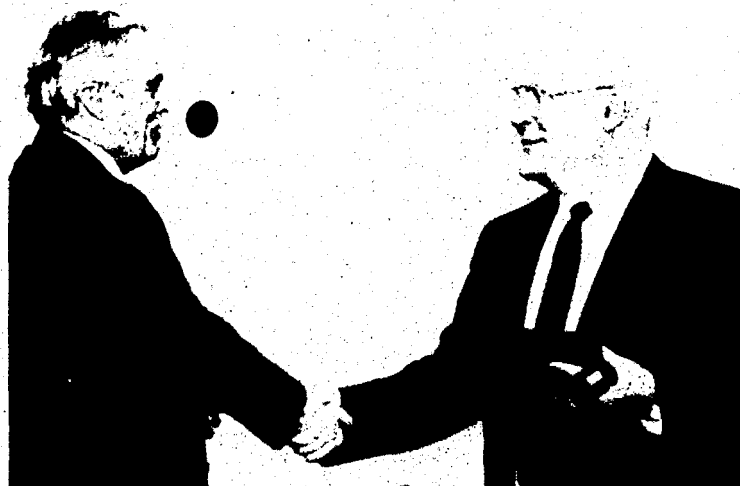
- payment of bills in the amount of \$2,809,886.79.
- the short-term leave of Cynthia Burnstein, English teacher at Salem High School.
- the health leave of James Mazer, teacher at Central Middle School.

The Board approved:

- the Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 1991 as submitted by the public accounting firm, Plante & Moran.
- the Schools of Choice Planning Committee, in compliance with the 1991-92 State School Aid Act Section 23a.
- the expulsion of student EXP-91/92-11-S4.
- an additional legal resolution required for the sale of 1991 Bond Project bonds. This was done at the request of Thomas Nordberg, the District's bond attorney.

A workshop meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Administration Building to update the Board on the Bond Project. The next regular meeting is Monday, Nov. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

This report is brought to you as a means of communicating your Board of Education's actions. If you have questions about these actions or would like further information about your schools, call 451-3188.



Outgoing Mayor R. Jack Kenyon congratulates Robert Jones, who was unanimously selected by fellow City of Plymouth Commissioners as mayor Tuesday night. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

Miller mayor pro-tem

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commissioners James Jabara, Miller, and John Vos supporting the motion.

Commissioners William McAninch, Dennis Shrewsbury and Jerry Vorva voted against the motion, and in favor of Vorva for mayor pro-tem.

"All seven of us have decided to bury the hatchet," McAninch said before nominating Vorva for mayor pro-tem.

"I am committed to working with this commission and all its members in harmony," Shrewsbury said, adding he would be "very disappointed" if Vorva was not nominated as mayor pro-tem.

"I strongly urge each and every one of us to put the past behind us and go forward as a team," Jones said after the voting in his remarks to the commission.

Jones said city finances and maintaining a healthy downtown were two crucial issues facing the new commission. Public frustration with elected government officials, he said, was another one.

"It seems that the whole country is frustrated with the action or non-action of our government," he said.

Outgoing Mayor Jack Kenyon and commissioners Mary Childs, Ronald Loiselle, who have all served various public positions, received special recognition for their dedication to the city.

In his last words as mayor, Kenyon said the diversity of the new city commission could be its strength but also posed a "potential for paralysis."

Theatre to celebrate anniversary Penn is 50 years old

BY KEN VOYLES

The Penn Theatre is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its opening in three weeks by offering residents a chance to see the movie which originally premiered there on Dec. 4, 1941.

The special showings of "Week-End in Havana" will be held Dec. 4-5 to remember both the day and date of the original opening. The film will be shown at 3, 5, 7 and 9 p.m. each day.

Admission will be 30 cents, the original price charged when the Penn opened. Special keepsake tickets have been printed for the showings. They match the look of the original tickets - showing the actual cost of the ticket as 27 cents, plus three cents tax - and will be given to patrons as a souvenir.

Lloyd Oliver, manager of the Penn and chief projectionist, said he has had the technicolor film reserved for over a year.

"We've been planning this for a year," he said. "We're not going to be making money. It's strictly for the people to enjoy."

Banners and several vintage automobiles will help proclaim the

special film showings and the marquee will announce the anniversary. Still photos of the movie will also be on display in the Penn lobby.

Along with "Week-End in Havana," the showings will feature a short subject, "Pieces of Silver: 100 years of Film," from Eastman Kodak. Concessions, at current prices, will also be available.

The original 750-seat Penn (currently 660 seats) was built by Harry Lush who later sold it to Margaret Wilson. Bonnie Smith purchased the theatre from Wilson and has been running it ever since.

Since its opening, the Penn hasn't changed much, said Oliver. The front lobby was altered and some of the seats removed due to damage, but overall the art deco design, originally with an Egyptian motif, has remained intact.

"Week-End in Havana" stars Alice Faye, Carmen Miranda, John Payne and Cesar Romero.

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Indignation amusing

Comatose messenger of Schools

EDITOR:

I cannot help being amused by your indignation at the method and timing the school district employed in notifying the Crier of the quickly scheduled Friday, Oct. 25, 1991 Plymouth-Canton School Board meeting.

Wake up and smell the coffee!

I have been a resident of Plymouth Township for 10 years and during that period The Crier has been the faithful, willing and comatose messenger for the district with few, if any, exceptions. Press releases are routinely printed without review or analysis. District officials are used to having it their way with the local

media. Why change now?

For example, information made available at that meeting but never questioned is typical of the lethargic reporting I have unfortunately come to expect.

It was noted the reissuance of old bonds would "save" the district \$7 million dollars. What will be the effect of this savings? Will it reduce the principal? Was this "savings" previously taken into account but never publicized? Can or will this money be added to the bond fund to be used at the discretion of the District?

We'll never know.

RICHARD S. SAMECK

Garber stand unusually parochial

EDITOR:

I read with interest your editorial entitled "Garber Should Stay Home." I understand your point of view, but it is uncharacteristically parochial.

You elude to some theory that Michigan judges should only serve the specific electorate that elects them. The Michigan Constitution, however, calls for "One Court of Justice." This means all judges have a duty to serve all the citizens of Michigan. The Chief Justice of Michigan may assign any judge to any court in the State of Michigan.

Enough theory, let's talk about Jim Garber. There is no disagreement that he is one of the finest judges in Michigan. Your editorial cites the detriment that results from his work downtown (i.e. a nine per cent loss to his district court docket). Let's talk about some of the benefits you didn't discuss.

When I have applied subtle, albeit persistent, pressure upon Garber to leave the comfort of the 35th District Court and come downtown to handle complicated criminal or civil cases, it is with the knowledge that Plymouth residents, like myself, may lose his expertise on a few district court cases in our community.

Contrasted with that information, I know the expertise he brings to the cases downtown provides, not only a higher degree of justice than might not otherwise occur, but great savings to all the taxpayers of the State of Michigan. The latest example of his efforts makes this point.

At my request Garber accepted an assignment to a complicated civil case involving one of Michigan's largest industrial firms and the construction of a glass producing factory being built in Indonesia.

Tens of millions of dollars, important property rights, and significant potential costs to the taxpayers of Michigan in

litigating this complicated, and lengthy matter, were at stake. His handling of that case, not only saved the taxpayers of Michigan tens of thousands of dollars in reduced costs in the manner in which he brought the parties together, but enhanced the ultimate justice resulting from that case.

This is but one example where Garber has worked to the great benefit of all the citizens of the State of Michigan during the time he has been away from the 35th District Court.

Finally, let me assure you that all the time Garber spends dealing with these complicated matters in Circuit Court, I

provide a visiting judge to the 35th District Court at absolutely no expense to the 35th District Court. This was one of Garber's non-negotiable positions. Furthermore, I have been able to fund that expense without any costs to the taxpayers. I utilize user fees from our mediation process to cover that expense.

Therefore, I believe all the citizens of the State of Michigan, including those served by the 35th District Court gain more from Garber's work outside the 35th District Court, than they lose by his absence.

RICHARD C. KAUFMAN,
CHIEF JUDGE
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Thanks for supporting chamber

EDITOR:

On Nov. 1, 1991 the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce held the Annual Auction Dinner at the Laurel Manor.

This event was even more successful than last year with approximately 600 people in attendance.

Proceeds were close to \$30,000 which will enable the Plymouth Chamber to continue their efforts toward the betterment of the community for another year.

Therefore, on behalf of the Board of Directors, Plymouth Community

Chamber of Commerce, I would like to thank each member of the Auction Committee for their hard work which made this event so successful.

I would also like to express our thanks to the community for supporting the dinner and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. The loyalty and dedication of those individuals, pulling together for a vital tomorrow, truly made this an event to remember.

W.E. DANIELS,
PRESIDENT-ELECT
PLYMOUTH CHAMBER

Prudent to check rumors

EDITOR:

I'm responding to a request by Greg Goodman concerning a remark I made during the candidates forum at The Crier.

I had said, "I would be very concerned if the former president of the DDA turns around and becomes a partial owner of a restaurant at that site." These remarks were in response to a question by The Crier staff about the city buying the Post Office building.

I did not have an opportunity to check with Greg at that time, and I gave my conditional response based on rumors I had heard concerning the building.

I accept Greg Goodman's statement that he has no interest in the Post Office building and further, I agree, it would have been prudent of me to check the rumors with him.

WILLIAM McANINCH

Community opinions



Conciliation not likely

It's going to be a long two years with the new Plymouth City Commission.

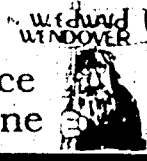
The hard feelings that divided City politics for the past two years over the city manager position and Mettetal Airport have left folks feeling a bit on edge.

For example, take Paul Nastoff, one of the time-honored citizen watchdogs in the tradition of Loyd Sharland, Jack Wilcox and Tony Licatta. Last week's Crier quoted him as the only unofficial city source in predicting that Bob Jones would be the next mayor (as he was named Monday).

The title bestowed on Nastoff was City Hall Gadfly. Paul was upset because our dictionary gives two definitions: first a pesky insect; secondly, "one that acts as a provocative stimulus." We took the latter (obviously) as a compliment for Paul, he took umbrage.

Or, for example, take the loud fellow in the Cleveland Browns sweatshirt on election night, who on crowding in as election results were posted at the newspaper office, felt the need to be both defensive and obnoxious (bellowing that its great Ron Loiselle had not been re-

With malice toward none



elected) and letting his enthusiasm embarrass him.

Although the city's issues and personalities have been more strident lately, the need to work together to solve problems is even more acute than ever.

But conciliation does not appear to be likely.

The commission's last minute (it occurred at 7:16 p.m. before the 7:30 meeting Monday) tap of Doug Miller as mayor pro tem over Jerry Vorva, triggered the 4-3 split vote that bodes ill for the next two years.

Futurists in the city shudder because they are also historians and recall the era when Bill McAninch's wife, Bev, and Commissioner Jack Mochle, battled the other commissioners to 5-2 votes on several issues.

A 4-3 commission could be even more combative. (Attention commissioners: don't bother to write in saying you're your-own-person, just show us for the next two years.)

City of Plymouth Commissioner Jerry Vorva has taken criticism to a new level. He now enters the realm of obnoxious and divisive.

Vorva's recent actions are a good example.

He sent out an election flier with a photo of the City of Plymouth Commission, but all the commissioners' faces were whited out except his own.

Could his message be he is the only one worthy to seat on the city commission, tackling the hard issues and using his leadership skills to help better the city? He might be doing some of this, but he is DEFINITELY not the only one.

I've watched the other commissioners use their individual skills to solve problems and address important issues plenty of times.

"To say we're not concerned with what happens here is unfair," commissioner Jim Jabara said at the Nov. 4 pre-commission meeting. The other commissioners were also insulted by the Vorva piece, which was sent out just before the Nov. 5 election.

Also printed on the flier were details of his lawsuit against the city, city finance practices and the mismanagement by former city manager Henry Graper. If the commission had leadership and fiscal integrity, according to Vorva, the above problems would never have happened.

If Vorva wants to make such

From the horse's mouth
By Jim Totten



allegations (which these are), he should have made them to the commissioners face-to-face. Instead, he mailed out a brochure.

The funny thing is, he was not even a candidate in the election. Endorsing a candidate is one thing, but his actions only create animosities between he and other commissioners.

His outbreaks during commission meetings would have gradually isolated him, but Vorva now has two new commissioners who have supported him. If the commissioners truly meant what they said about working in "harmony," they will learn to compromise with each other.

Starting off in a delicate stage, the commissioners could easily draw the line and split the group into a regular 4-3 voting pattern.

It should be noted that Vorva was not the only one taking part in divisive actions prior to the election. Commissioner John Vos, who also was not running, helped fund a campaign endorsement that slammed other candidates.

Loiselle's leadership will be missed

EDITOR:

I would like to congratulate all the new Plymouth City Commissioners on their recent victory in the past week's election.

I think that potential leadership for the city is incredible but only time will tell if all the promises made going into the election will be kept.

I am very disappointed in the election turnout.

Potentially there are 7,284 registered voters in the city of Plymouth and although the figures were about normal, only about 26 per cent of those voters took the time to go to the polls and vote.

I have just recently become a registered voter in the city of Plymouth and I consider voting one of the highest privileges of being an American.

I feel deeply ashamed that such a low turnout at the polls occurs at every election and proposal. I've been to the polls every opportunity that was offered to me and it has never taken me more than five minutes to walk from my car into the building, get verified, go into the booth, vote, and walk back to my car.

There are so many people that complain about the problems within the city but when it comes time to do something about it, those same people

can't take five minutes out of their busy days to express their opinions at the polls.

The City of Plymouth is going to miss the efforts of one man that has been involved in city government for close to 14 years.

He was effective in a very quiet way, working behind the scenes. He worked under pressure, sometimes long hours and many times did not receive credit where it was due. He didn't run for the position of city commissioner for personal satisfaction, he sought election because he loved the people and the city of Plymouth, he wanted to get involved.

A great deal of change for the better occurred during his era because he stood strong in what he believed in and worked hard for the city.

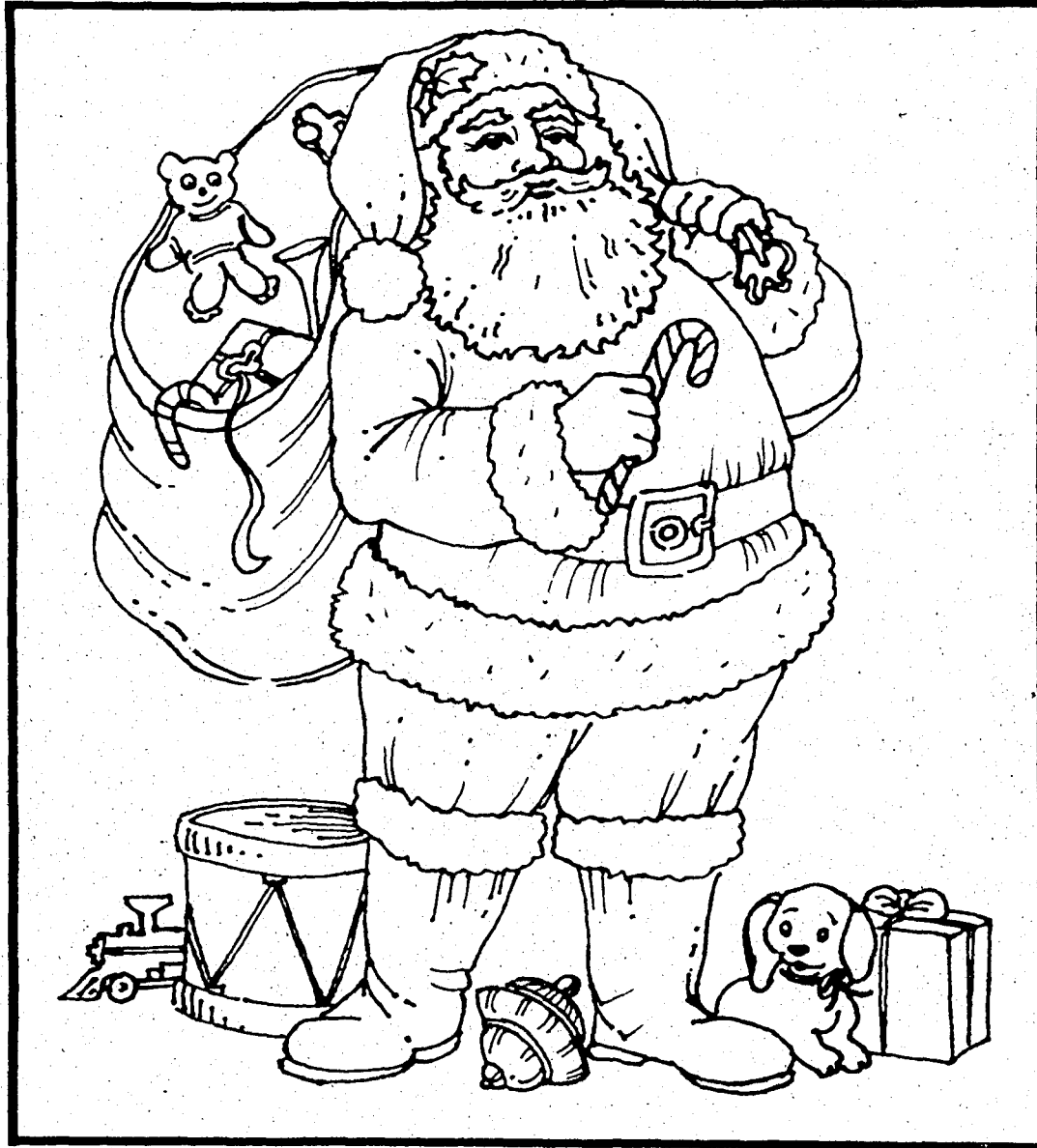
The man I am talking about is Ronald G. Loiselle

I have the utmost respect for this man not only as a highly successful leader but also as my father.

The voters of the City of Plymouth will miss his leadership, involvement, and deep concern for the city. I'm very proud of him for all he has stood for in the past 19 years: honesty, integrity, led by a deep sense of pride for our city.

LANCE G. LOISELLE

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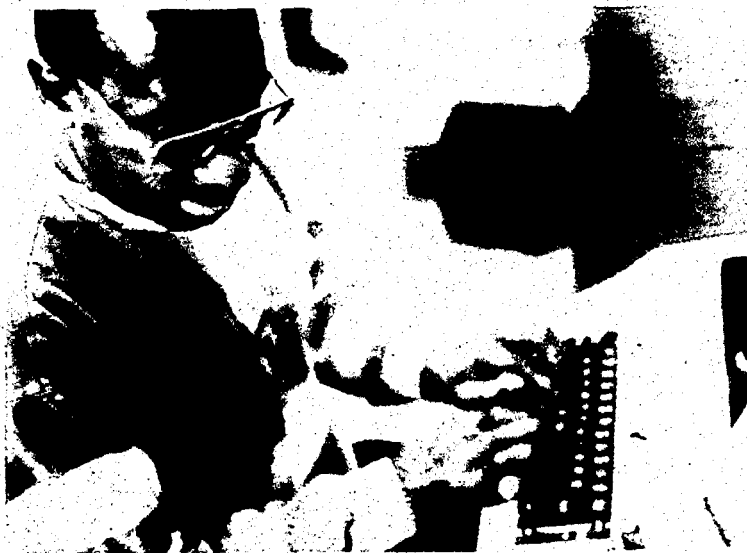
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Romando L. Valeroso III types out part of novel he is writing about his Vietnam experiences. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)



Sitting in his cell, Willie J. Birmingham has brought himself to new levels of self-expression by writing poetry. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)



Friends & neighbors

Through newly published book

Prisoners search beyond the bars

BY JIM TOTTON

Although they have spent more than 10 years in Plymouth Township, Willie J. Birmingham and Romando L. Valeroso III know very little about their community.

They have never gone downtown to Kellogg Park for summer concerts or the nearby ice cream shop or spend time with the family during holidays.

They do not live in comfortable homes under maple trees, walk to the nearby ice cream shop or spend time with the family during holidays.

As prisoners at the medium-security Western Wayne Correctional Facility on Five Mile Road, Birmingham, 55, and Valeroso III, 47, know only small rooms, steel-barred windows and barbed wire.

But they, along with a handful of other prisoners, have learned that they can write. They have expressed thoughts and emotions so well that a book containing their poems and short stories has been published.

The book, "Gittin' Down: Profiles From Michigan Prison Writers," developed out of a writing program conducted by ArtsGrowth Opportunities, Inc.

"Writing is our effort to say something that is meaningful," said Birmingham, who was a student in a prison writing class.

Writing was an opportunity to express thoughts that are kept in, Birmingham said, and not discussed. When the class began, he said there was a feeling of

apprehension among those participating.

"We pretty much thought our own thoughts and went our own ways," he said. "We were strangers."

He had been writing for several years, but creative writing was new for him. A Detroit resident, Birmingham has been incarcerated for the last 13 years and is serving a life sentence for criminal sexual conduct.

"Initially, when the program began, there were times when I wondered whether I could get up in class and read what I had written," he said.

But those feelings disappeared as they became more comfortable reading aloud and discussing their writing. "There was a time and a way in which we could disclose," he said. "The more we read, the more we would disclose."

When the class began, exercises were used to help the prisoners loosen up and become comfortable expressing thoughts and emotions in their writings, said Lolita Hernandez, the main teacher of the class.

"It is not easy for people in prison to relate to each other honestly and warmly," she said.

"They critiqued each other in a wonderful way," she said. Being in all male group, the support within the class was unique, she added.

Critiquing each other's writing, the prisoners learned how to accept criticism and help each other improve as writers. In addition, the prisoners started to commit

more time to writing and began to meet outside of class to discuss and read aloud their work.

This dedication, Hernandez said, showed that they were developing a writer's group.

"I never saw myself as a writer," said Valeroso, who was a member of the first writing class. A Vietnam veteran, he kept a journal about his military experience that he planned to use for a novel. But he could not organize the many pages or begin to face his own feelings about Vietnam until participating in the class.

"I never knew how to put the novel in form before the class," he said. "It helped me gain insight that I could complete this novel."

Studying poetry, short stories, essays and even poetry through music during the class has given him the confidence to work on his novel. Well-known area poets and writers, including Trinidad Sanchez and John Sinclair, also came into Western Wayne Correctional to teach and read their works aloud.

"They came in just to give us that time," he said, which helped inspire the prisoners. "A lot of people gave freely to assist us. We felt we could give a side that no one had seen."

Valeroso, who is originally from the South Bronx, has been incarcerated for the last 18 years. He is serving two life sentences for armed robbery and assault to commit murder and does not know when he will leave prison.

"I have no idea of exactly when I will be released," he said. "Just doing time."

Of the 14 who signed up for the first class in October of 1989, Valeroso said only four remained at the end. During the second class, only six of the 15 who signed up remained until the end.

Prisoners would read their work aloud during class and critique each other. In the beginning, the criticism was very difficult to accept for Valeroso, but he learned his strengths and weaknesses in writing.

"The class taught me how to accept criticism," he said.

He described his fellow inmates as "tough critics" and knew he was improving when they complimented his work.

"If you can satisfy the convicts, you can satisfy anyone," he said, laughing. "If I could please six to eight in the class, I knew I was on my way."

"Everyone here is not a hard-core criminal," he said. "But everyone is convicted."

The class never intended to write a book. The prisoners were "writing to be writing" Valeroso said, when one day, Hernandez said the group might have the makings of a book.

The writing program was developed by Hernandez and Jacquelyn Spring, director of ArtsGrowth. The program was sponsored by a grant from the Michigan

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Tell it to Phyllis

By Phyllis Redfern



Walking into a teenager's bedroom can be like walking into some mysterious trap. If you go in too far you're not quite sure whether or not you'll be able to find your way out again.

Believe it or not I can remember back to the days when I was a teenager. And I have to admit, my room was a mess. I used to have piles of clothes draped over the chair, the end of my bed or anyplace else they would fit. Gee, I wonder how I ever had enough clean clothes to wear.

Then something happened when I became the mother of a teenager. It's amazing the difference in your point of view when you're on the outside looking in, compared to when you were on the inside living in the comforts of the mess. I cleaned my kids rooms a few times, threatened to throw everything out more than once and eventually decided to simply close their doors. I figured as long as there weren't any terrible smells coming from the rooms, there weren't any dead bodies or half eaten dinners hiding in there.

When the kids went away to college I was pleasantly surprised at how clean they kept their rooms. I'm not sure if that was because they knew I was coming to visit or because they had to share the room with someone.

Last week when I walked into my room I couldn't believe it. It hasn't looked that bad since I was a teenager, but the mess was quite different than it used to be. Other than a sweatshirt dangling on the back of a chair and my tennis shoes half under by bed, all my clothes had been taken care of.

I was surprised at the mountains of junk I had accumulated. Books were stacked in one area, wrapping paper and ribbon in one corner, credit union statements and insurance forms were covering the dresser and in different areas throughout the room were piles of papers and notebooks from every board and committee I serve on.

My house is never spotless, but there is usually some kind of order to it. I guess in my hectic schedule of dashing off to work in the morning and coming home at night after a meeting, I hadn't taken time to pay attention to my surroundings.

Thank heavens mom isn't due for a visit soon. I'm not sure much of what I do surprises her anymore, but this mess might push it.

I spent hours sorting through the stuff and only managed to get one section of the room clean. To make matters worse, I think the junk multiplies when I'm not looking.

It would be great to have a maid to clean up after me, but she would probably throw out all the wrong things. I guess I'll just have to kick this housecleaning thing into high gear. Maybe if I keep at it, I'll be done in time to start decorating for the holidays.

Ford giving PCAC \$50,000

The Plymouth Community Arts Council's (PCAC) "Celebrate the Arts" fundraising campaign will get a major boost this week.

The Ford Motor Company is expected to present the PCAC with a check for \$50,000 Thursday (Nov. 14).

The fundraising campaign is to help pay for the restoration of the Wilcox Mill and turn its into the PCAC's Wilcox Mill Arts Center.

The campaign goal is \$765,000. Funds will come from grants, corporate sponsors like Ford, local business sources and individual residents.

The campaign runs until January. Restoration of the mill is expected to begin in the spring.

For further information on the campaign call Kathryn Savitskie, the PCAC's executive director, at 455-5260.

Canton turns on holiday lights

White holiday lights will bring in the festive spirit among Canton businesses this evening (Nov. 13).

All holiday lights will be turned on simultaneously by businesses during the fourth annual Holiday Lighting Gala.

The event is coordinated by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and will take place at the McDonald's, located at 44900 Ford Road.

The lighting will begin at 6 p.m.

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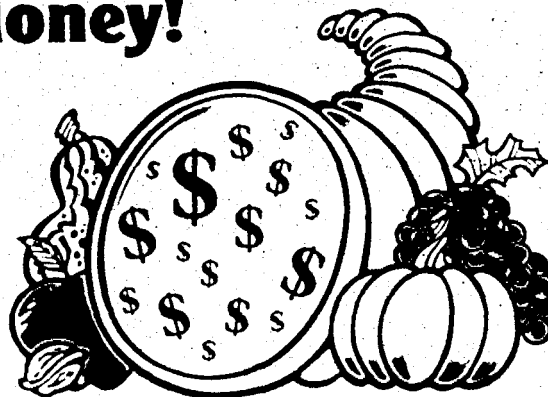
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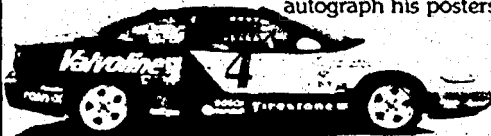
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN BAZAAR

The First Presbyterian Church Women's Association is hosting a bazaar on Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds to help local and worldwide mission projects. Used toys, craft items, bake sale, attic treasures. For further information call 453-6464.

HOLY SMOKE MASTERS TOASTMASTERS

Join the Holy Smoke Masters Toastmasters Club meeting Thursday at 6 p.m. at Denny's in Westland. For information call 455-1635.

CANTON LIBRARY MUSIC SERIES

The Friends of the Canton Public Library will offer a 1991-92 Musical Series beginning. Shows are shows Feb. 14, 1992 and May 1, 1992. All performances start at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays in the library meeting room. Tickets available at the reception desk. The cost is \$5 per concert or \$12 for the series of three shows. For details call 397-0999.

SCHOLARSHIP CRAFT SHOW

A craft show sponsored by Delta Kappa Gamma's Scholarship Program will be held Nov. 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Canton High School. Crafters wanted for the show. Call 455-9624.

Open to the public. For information call the PCAC office at 455-5260. Car pools will be available.

NEW MORNING CRAFTS SHOW

"A Celebration of the Arts," a fine arts and select crafts show including 70 juried artists will be held Nov. 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Northville Recreation Center. Lunch available. Admission is \$1.50 and goes to benefit New Morning School in Plymouth Township. For further information call 420-3467.

BENEFIT CARD PARTY AND LUNCHEON

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will meet at noon on Nov. 15 in the Fellowship Hall at the First United Methodist Church on North Territorial Road for a benefit card party and luncheon. There will be door prizes and table prizes. Tickets are \$7. Reservations by Nov. 8. For reservations or information call 455-7367 or 459-5468. Proceeds used for civic projects.

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION NIGHT

1992 graduates and their parents are invited to a Financial Aid Information Night at Salem High's library Nov. 20 from 7-9 p.m. Judy Tatum will present information on how to finance school after high school. For information call 451-6600.

CAREER PLANNING TEST PLANNED

A career planning test will be offered Nov. 23 at 8 a.m. in the Salem High cafeteria for high school students. Registration began this week in the Salem counseling offices. The cost is \$5 and is needed in order to register for the test. Registration ends Nov. 13.

ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

St. Thomas A'Becket Church, on Lilley Road in Canton, will hold a bake sale and arts and crafts exhibit with 75 artisans Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$1 and 50 cents for seniors, children ages seven to 12. There are also still a few tables available. Call Terri at 397-5886 or Annette at 397-0878. Proceeds will benefit the church.

CANTON CHAMBER CELEBRATES 20 YEARS SERVICE

The Canton Chamber of Commerce celebrates 20 years of service with its 4th Annual Dinner/Auction and Raffle at Fellows Creek on Jan. 25, 1992. Cash donations of \$200 will receive special recognition. This is the chamber's major fundraiser. To donate to the auction or help the chamber call 453-4040.

PUTTING ON THE GLITZ

Tickets for the Plymouth Symphony League's Christmas Ball are available at Mc and Mr. Jones (459-4900) in Plymouth. "Putting on the Glitz" is sponsored by Prelude members of the league and will be held Dec. 7 at the Mayflower Meeting House. Begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m. Dancing until 1 a.m. with Breakaway. Tickets are \$65 per couple and \$32.50 for a single. For further details call Pat McCombs at 453-7537.

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM'S USO SHOW

"Thanks for the Memories," a 50th anniversary celebration of the USO will be held Nov. 22 at the Mayflower Meeting House. Hosted by the Plymouth Historical Museum, the program includes an evening of music and entertainment from a real World War II USO show. Tickets are \$30 for the museum fundraiser. Evening begins at 6 p.m. with social hour. Dinner at 7 p.m. For further information call 455-8940.

BENEFIT CARD PARTY, LUNCHEON

The Woman's Club of Michigan will host a benefit card party and luncheon Nov. 15 at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. Begins at noon. Tickets are \$7 and include lunch. RSVP by Nov. 8. For information or tickets call 459-5468 or 455-7367.

THE ART OF FRESCO PAINTING IN ITALY

Dr. Marvin Eisenberg will present "The Art of Fresco Painting in Italy" for Venture on Nov. 13 and 20. Held at the St. John's Episcopal Church of Plymouth with coffee at 10:15 a.m. and lecture at 10:30 a.m. The series is \$20, single tickets are \$10. Eisenberg is an art professor at U of M. For information call 455-0782 or 459-1875.

Be A Prognosticator!

When will the first Snow Fall?

The official judges of the First Snowfall to cover and stick to the ground:
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Chief Robert Scoggins (Plymouth City)
Chief John Santomauro (Canton)

The Winner will receive:

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- 1 Snow Shovel from Saxtons
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NAME _____ Pick the date and time of the First Snow Fall:
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TIME: _____ AM/PM

All entries must be received by Nov. 15, 1991. Winner to be announced in the Wednesday publication of The Crier after the first snowfall.



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RED CROSS COURSES OFFERED

The new American Red Cross office in Canton is offering a variety of courses over the next two months, including CPR, standard first aid and more. To register or for further details call the Plymouth-Canton Center at 422-2787.

CANTON CHAMBER MONTHLY GOVT MTG

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host a Business to Business meeting planned for Nov. 19. The chamber is now located at 5820 Canton Center Rd., Suite 105.

FAMILY SERVICE DINNER AND AUCTION

Family Service of Detroit and Wayne County, which serves Canton residents, will host its Third Annual Family Fest Auction Nov. 20 from 6-10 p.m. at Roma's of Livonia. Tickets are \$50 for dinner and auction (silent and live). Proceeds support counseling, education and support services to clients throughout parts of Wayne County. Call 961-1584 for further information. A United Way agency.

WORKING TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN WORKER

"Working," a Tribute to the American Worker, will be presented by the Plymouth Park Players of Salem and Canton highs, on Nov. 21-23 at 8 p.m. in the Salem High auditorium. Tickets are \$4. For further information call 459-3518.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE MAIL-IN REGISTRATION

Schoolcraft College's mail-in registration for winter courses will be held through Nov. 16. Winter classes start Jan. 11. For information or winter course schedule call 462-4426.

NORTHVILLE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Northville Genealogical Society will meet Thursday, Nov. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Mill Race Historical Village to discuss tips for locating one's ancestral village in Europe. Open to the public. For further information call 348-1718 or 349-6370.

PLYMOUTH BREATHERS CLUB MTG

The Plymouth Breathers Club will meet today (Nov. 13) at 1:30 p.m. in the McAuley Health Center on Ann Arbor Trail. The group meets the second Wednesday of each month. For further details call 572-5367.

CANTON LIGHTS UP FOR HOLIDAYS

The Christmas season officially begins in Canton this evening (Nov. 13) at 6 p.m. when township businesses turn on their holiday lights. The lighting is sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce. For more information call 453-4040.

COMMUNITY CHORUS HOLIDAY CONCERT

The Plymouth Community Chorus holiday concert, "Christmas Treasures," is set for Dec. 6-7 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 8 at 4 p.m. in the Salem High auditorium. Tickets are available at The Giftfiddler in Northville or by calling 455-4080. Tickets are \$6 adults and \$4 for seniors and children. Group rates available.

CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSO MTG

The Central Middle School PTSO will meet Nov. 21 to discuss the middle school restructuring plan in the district. Tom Tattan, executive director of secondary education in the Plymouth-Canton Schools, will be the guest speaker. The 7:30 p.m. meeting is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

BANJO DUO AT CULTRAL CENTER

The popular banjo and guitar playing duo, The Song Sisters, will be presenting a family concert at the Plymouth Cultural Center Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. Registration required. Call the Plymouth District Library to register, starting Dec. 9. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Plymouth District Library. Call 453-0750.

USED SPORTS EQUIPMENT SALE

Canton's Parks and Recreation will sponsor its seventh annual Used Sports Equipment Sale on Dec. 7 at Coventry Commons Shopping Center. Residents are invited to sell their used sports or recreational equipment. Sale runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For full details call 397-5110.

PLYMOUTH CANTON COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Plymouth-Canton Flotilla 11-11 will hold its regular meeting Nov. 26 in the counselor's office at Salem High. Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. For further information about the group call Shirley Kinsler at 455-2676.

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS COFFEE

The Plymouth Newcomers club will hold a membership coffee Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m. for prospective members. Residents of Plymouth and Plymouth Township who have lived in the community for two years or less are eligible to join. For further information call 459-2212.

AUTUMN DINNER MEETING

The Plymouth Branch of the American Association of University Women will conduct its Autumn Dinner Meeting at Ernestos in Plymouth on Nov. 21. Starts at 6:30 p.m. Guests welcome. For dinner reservations call 455-1457.

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The Plymouth Theatre Guild will hold a general membership meeting Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Regional Hospital. Discussion on next performance, "Camelot." For more details call 349-7110.

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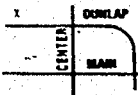
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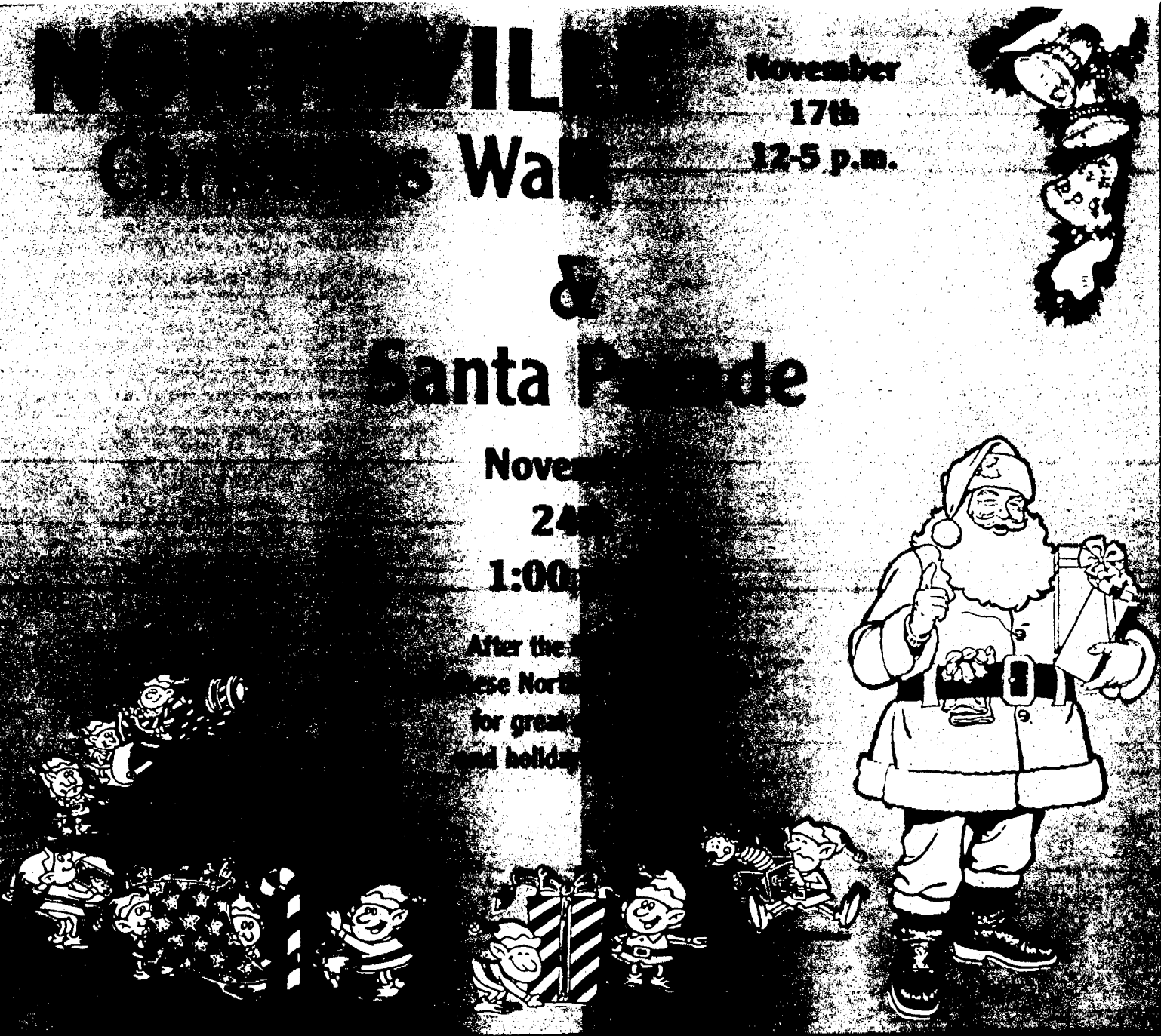


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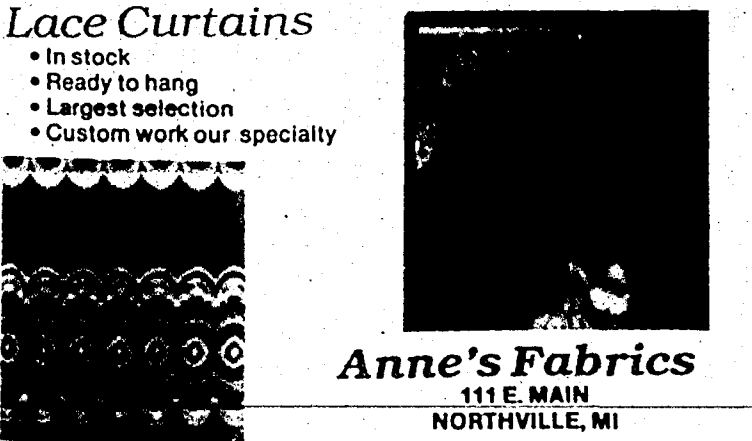
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NAME, D/O/B RESIDENCE, OFFENSE DESCRIPTION

Abramson, Richard Carl, 5/15/58 Garden City, Attempted Open Intox In MV

Behen, Adam Joseph, 8/19/69 Westland, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Belanger, William Charles, 9/26/59 Livonia, Attempted Impaired

Blackburn, Max Frederick, 2/10/73 Plymouth, Poss Alc by Minor M/V Under

Boal, Charles Robert, Jr., 1/1/58 Waterford, OUIL 1st Offense

Brehmer, Randall Lee, 3/2/66 Northville, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Breitenbeck, Joel Anthony, 7/6/67 Plymouth, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Brewer, Delos Rinaud, 6/11/73 Inkster, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Broskey, Kenneth Wayne, 9/18/64 Plymouth, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Burg, Susan Linda, 4/23/54 Plymouth, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Burr, John Timothy, 8/9/63 Wixom, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Cameron, James William, 5/29/66 Livonia, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Cameron, Scott David, 1/12/67 Dearborn Hgt Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Ceccarelli, Joseph Brian 4/21/71 Redford Twp. Minor Possession Open Alcohol

Chynoweth, Keith William, 3/31/57 Belleville, OUID 1st Offense

Dabrowski, Daron Edward, 4/27/67 Hazel Park, OUIL 1st Offense

Davis, Charles Underhill, 10/3/48 Everett, WA, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Denton, Robert Anthony, 6/25/56 Plymouth, OUIL 1st Offense

Dolby, Christopher A., 4/15/70 Westland, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a compilation of substance-abuse related convictions for the month of October (ending Oct. 31) at the 35th District Court. Information for the list was provided by the court and ranges over 476 different substance-abuse categories. The court handles cases for the cities of Northville and Plymouth, along with Northville, Plymouth and Canton townships. The Crier is running this list each month on a trial basis at the request of the Plymouth-Canton Substance Abuse Task Force.

Downey, Patrick Michael, 9/16/35 Novi, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Fitzhugh, Glen Patrick, 4/30/66 Ypsilanti, OUIL 1st Offense

Fowler, Kevin Joseph, 8/31/61 Northville, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Freeland, David James, 10/12/52 Waterford, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Gagnon, Kevin Scott, 7/26/66 Livonia, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Garaer, Gene, 4/3/26 Livonia, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Gonyea, Jerry Allen, 5/24/60 Canton, OUIL 1st Offense

Gonyea, Jerry Allen, 5/24/60 Canton, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Greene, James Richard, 5/23/62 Plymouth, OUIL 1st Offense

Groh, Thomas Edward, 10/6/53 Canton, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Hall, John Samuel II, 5/17/67 Walled Lake, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Hayes, Roger Alan, 9/22/60 Westland, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Hister, Maurice Cleophus, 2/20/63 Detroit, OUIL/UBAL 1st Offense

Holcomb, Steven Joel, 6/16/55 Pinckney, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Johanson, Sherry Ann, 07/16/56 Livonia, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Kaminski, Katrina Marie, 10/23/70 Canton, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Keboe, Darrea Michael, 10/23/70 Northville, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Keyes Thomas Francis, 12/8/54 Detroit, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Korody, Donald Andrew, 8/24/63 Belleville, OUIL 1st Offense

Kraft, Brian Dean, 1/11/73 Canton, Poss Alc by Minor M/V Under

Lavelle, Lori B., 8/29/69 Canton, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Lehto, Robert Ludwig, 8/18/43 Canton, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Lemanski, Gregory Allen, 12/22/66 Canton, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Logan, Robert Christopher 4/22/50 Woodhaven, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Mack, Jeffrey Thomas 8/3/69 Plymouth, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Madison, Cletus Ray 10/1/56 Taylor, OUIL 1st Offense

Martin, Bruce Walter, 11/28/60 Northville, Attempt Intox Person Dr

Mathias, Richard Michael, 6/4/71 Novi, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Matthews, Shawn Derrick, 8/7/72 Northville, Transport Open Intox

Mayer, Gregory Mathew, 3/18/46 Northville, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

McFadden, Donald Lawrence, 2/7/39 Westland, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Mettetal, Ian Geoffrey, 3/11/65 Plymouth, OUIL/UBAL, 1st Offense

Millis, Joseph Michael, 7/23/70 Plymouth, OUIL 1st Offense

Morgan, Gary David, 4/8/65 Canton, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Mott, William Lyle, 9/3/53 Romulus, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Mullens, Terrie Lynn, 5/5/60 Plymouth, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Nail, Nancy Marie, 2/6/44 Canton, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Nowicki, William Robert, 7/29/35 Garden City, OUIL 1st Offense

Pappalardo, Alan John, 5/2/48 Brighton, OUIL 1st Offense

Penner, Gregory Scott, 10/21/65 Westland, OUIL 1st Offense

Petre, Gerald Michael, 1/31/66 Westland, OUIL 1st Offense

Prince, Samuel Kenneth, 1/26/59 Detroit, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Rest, Linn Eric, 6/17/72 Canton, Poss Alcohol Under 21-Civil

Rivard, David William, 4/4/53 Canton, OUIL 1st Offense

Rudd, Travis Keeton, 6/18/65 Jackson, OUIL 1st Offense

Rumball, Michael Allan, 4/22/65 Warren, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Running, Steven William, 3/8/56 Belleville, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Sabo, John Robert, 6/29/69 Westland, OUIL 1st Offense

Sample, William Francis, Jr., 7/25/65 Plymouth, OUIL 1st Offense

Schmidt, Randall Lee, 5/18/59 Wixom, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Schlierer, John, 7/14/73 Westland, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Sherman, Steven Jeffery, 11/11/68 Orionville, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Shupe, Jerry Allen, 9/16/54 Novi, UBAL 1st Offense

Slatten, Jerry Wayne, 4/6/57 Flat Rock, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Stelmuck, Robert Joseph, 2/3/70 Canton, OUIL/UBAL 1st Offense

Strohmer, Ronald Hugh, 2/8/37 Canton, OUIL/UBAL, 1st Offense

Sullivan, Patrick Thomas I, 4/27/36, Wixom, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Sweet, Cedric Clermont, Jr., 4/18/45 White Lake, OUIL 1st Offense

Thalacker, Cynthia Louise, 11/12/68 Canton, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Therrien, Peter Vincent, 10/14/54 Detroit, OUIL, 1st Offense

Thomas, Ronald Edward, 7/23/51 Detroit, Possess of Paraphernalia

Thomas, Steven Joseph, 7/16/63 Westland, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Vega, Todd Michael, 10/13/69 Canton, UBAL, 1st Offense

Walby, Paul Murdock, 11/26/63 W.Bloomfield, Operate Impaired, 1st Offense

Warnick, David Clint, 3/7/57 Canton, OUIL 1st Offense

Webster, Mark Dwayne, 1/30/65 Kinsley, OUIL 1st Offense

Weldman, John Michael, 9/17/57 Ypsilanti, UBAL 1st Offense

Wells, Terry Randall, 2/12/72 Plymouth, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Wertanen, Kirk Julian, 4/9/74 Plymouth, OUIL/UBAL 1st Offense

Wieland, Alan Keith, 11/25/55 Redford Twp., Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Wilson, David Rothwell, Jr., 12/7/51 Livonia, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Wright, Michael Clarkson, 01/02/57 Northville, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

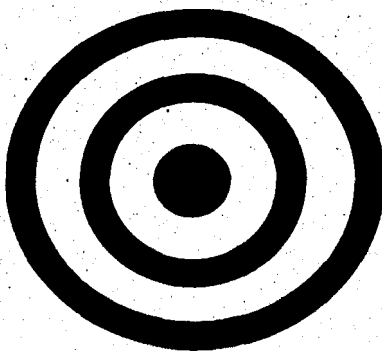
Zabra, Kathleen Marie, 9/21/70 Dearborn Hgt, Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Zusich, Gregory, John, 10/24/66 Plymouth, OUIL, 1st Offense

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Salem reunion goes on despite scam

BY KEN VOYLES

The Salem High Class of 1981 10-year reunion will go ahead as planned on Nov. 29 despite word out of Chicago late last week that the company paid to organize the event had closed its doors.

According to Alison (Nagy) Ellingson, with the reunion organizing committee, the reunion will proceed as planned at the Mayflower Hotel despite the company, Reunions, A Class Organization, Inc., failing to complete arrangements for the

event or refunding any of \$4,900.

"I was shocked when I heard about it," said Ellingson. "I still feel confident we can pull it off as planned. We may have pizza instead of chicken."

The only money the organizing committee has is a \$300 deposit with the Mayflower. Money raised through ticket sales and given to Reunions has disappeared.

"That \$300 is all we have," said Ellingson.

Salem's was one of 28 reunions planned this month and sponsored by Reunions. Last Thursday it was revealed that Reunions had terminated operations.

It was still unclear, however, whether the firm had ever filed for bankruptcy.

Nick Kulka, owner of Silver Sounds in Canton, first discovered the odd circumstances surrounding Reunions when he received a call from Sharon Persico, president of the Salem class. Persico had called Reunions but had been unable to get through to anyone.

So she called Kulka, who was providing music for her wedding. Kulka called the Better Business Bureau in Chicago who found everything moved out of the Reunions office and the firm's accounts closed.

Kulka is now helping organize local businesses to help the various reunion groups who may have lost money in the deal.

Kulka said there are hundreds of classes on the firm's active client list. "A lot of people have lost money," he said. "Not one of those groups received any word of this from Reunions."

Members of the Salem class should contact Ellingson at 425-5906.

"I'm confident we're still going to have a great evening," she said.

Companies wanting to help should contact Kulka at Silver Sounds, 454-5424.

Graper still holds job

BY JIM TOTTEN

Speculation is running rampant about whether Henry Graper, former City of Plymouth manager, will remain as the current city manager in Sault Ste. Marie.

Recent editorials in The Evening News, the Sault Ste. Marie newspaper, have stated that Graper could be on his way out as city manager.

The city commission, The Evening News has hinted, would rather have Graper find another job before the end of the year. Otherwise, the commission would have to give Graper a 120-day dismissal notice.

At this point, however, no official action has been taken to remove Graper from his job.

What is at issue is Graper's second evaluation as city manager.

According to The Evening News, the city commission, upon learning about Graper's health problems in January, decided to conduct a job evaluation in April. But when Graper did not meet certain standards, another evaluation was planned.

The city commission scheduled the second evaluation in September, postponed it to October and has apparently delayed it again.

The commission is examining Graper's performance in budget management, supervision of department heads, commission relations, intergovernmental relations and community relations.

OLGC site plans

Our Lady of Good Counsel will be submitting site plans to the City of Plymouth Planning Commission tonight (Nov. 13).

The plans from Our Lady request permission to build an auxiliary building on the northwest corner of the property. Additional parking places would also be made on the existing property.

OLGC received planning commission approval for similar plans in January, but local residents filed a lawsuit against the proposal. An agreement was reached among the residents, OLGC and the city to dismiss the site plan approval and begin the process again.

The planning commission meets at 7:30 p.m. in the city hall.

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Group presses road debate

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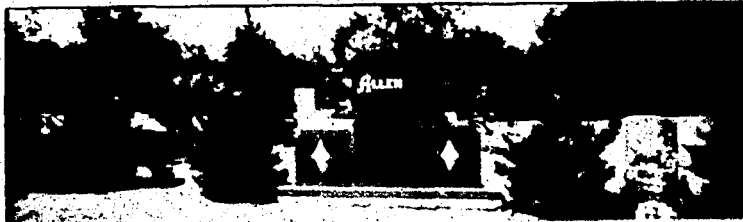
The same group also plans to meet with the Plymouth Township Planning Commission at its Nov. 20 meeting.

Among the concerns raised by the chamber and business owners along the east-west roadway are issues over signage and traffic.

Ann Arbor Road is a boundary road between the city and township.

One concern expected to be discussed is the ordinances governing signage, for example, which differ between the two communities making it difficult to give the road a uniform look.

It is expected that the group will ask for representatives from both planning commissions to join the committee and help in the study of Ann Arbor Road.



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Community Deaths

Edelbrock, auto dealer

James Edward Edelbrock, 71, died of cancer in Boynton Beach, CA on Nov. 5. Services were held at Schrader Funeral Home, followed by a funeral mass at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with Father William Pettit officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Edelbrock was the owner of Edelbrock Chevrolet in Plymouth and co-owner of Berry Pontiac in Plymouth during the 1960s. He was a former sales manager at Jack Selle Buick in Plymouth and retired in 1983 from Driesback Cadillac, where he was a salesman. He was also a member of the Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780. After residing in Plymouth for 40 years, he moved to Florida following his retirement.

Survivors include: wife Marian; brothers Karl and Richard Edelbrock, both of Findlay, OH; daughters Cheryl Scott, of Sterling Heights, and Karen Toomey, of Ann Arbor; son Keith Tighe, of Deerfield Beach; eight step-brothers and sisters; five grandchildren; and 12 nieces and nephews.

Local arrangements were handled by Schrader Funeral Home.

Rae, Burroughs retiree

Katherine "Kitty" Rae, 75, of Westland, died Nov. 2. Services were held Nov. 5 at Schrader Funeral Home with Pastor Jack R. Williams officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Rae moved to the Plymouth community in 1936 from Union City, TN. She worked at Burroughs for 25 years, taking a medical leave in 1971.

Survivors include: daughters Imogene Warren, of Garden City, Juanita Cummings, of Westland, and Christine Jones, of Georgia; son Millard Joe Rea, of Westland; daughters Mary Jane Mechan, of New Jersey, Judith Rea, of Westland, and Kathy J. Brown, of Westland; brother Quincy McCullough, of Jackson; and nine grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Angela Hospice.

Local arrangements were handled by Schrader Funeral Home.

Parks, Chrysler retiree

Elmer Lee Parks, 87, of Plymouth, died Nov. 1 in Wayne. Services were held Tuesday, Nov. 5 at the Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was in the Denmark Township Cemetery, in Reese.

Mr. Parks retired 23 years ago from Chrysler, where he had been employed for 34 years.

Survivors include: sons Bruce E. Parks, of Plymouth, and William of WI; daughter Dorothy Tyson, of WI; eight brothers and sisters; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were handled by Schrader Funeral Home.

Hohl, WW I nurse

Elsie Rachel Hohl, 94, of Plymouth, died Oct. 31 in Plymouth. Services were held Monday, Nov. 4 at the Schrader Funeral Home with Rev. Leland L. Seese officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Hohl, a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, moved to the Plymouth community in 1942 from Illinois. She was a Red Cross nurse during World War I. She taught school in a one-room schoolhouse in Illinois and attended Browns Business College for two years, but was a homemaker most of her life.

Survivors include: daughters Doris Grimes, of Plymouth, and Joann Cole, of South Lyon; son Wayne Hohl, of Denver; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were handled by Schrader Funeral Home.

Castro, Ford retiree

Manuel B. Castro, 91, of Canton, died Nov. 7 in Livonia. Services were held Monday, Nov. 11 at the Lambert-Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home with Rev. William C. Moore officiating.

Mr. Castro was a retired Ford Motor Co. employe. He was born in Coruna, Spain.

Survivors include: daughter Angela Braun, of Traverse City; stepchildren Sandra Crisan, Joseph Rey, of Plymouth, Roger, Jack and Harold Blyma, and Joanne Beaver; and one grandchild, Nicole Braun.

Memorials may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association, 17251 W. 12 Mile Rd., Suite 103, Southfield, MI, 48076.

Local arrangements were handled by the Lambert-Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Rider House sold by Salem trustees

BY KEN VOYLES

The Salem Township Board of Trustees accepted a bid to sell the historic Rider House at its meeting last Tuesday.

The board, however, split on the controversial decision 3-2.

The action came despite pleas by members of the Salem Historical Society and other residents to save the house built by Fred Rider around 1897. Treasurer Suzanne Withoff and Supervisor Michael Geary dissented on the vote.

The bid of \$1,300 covers the sale and removal of the home. It was made by Sean Coil, of Livonia. There is no word on what his plans to do with the building, which currently sits behind township hall along Six Mile Road.

Don Riddering, president of the township historical group, said those who want the house saved are examining their options, including possible legal action to stop the sale.

He said the group may even consider

raising money to buy the house.

"We lost a round that night," said Riddering. "The board is absolutely inflexible. You just can't get through to them."

The historical group presented the board with a position paper favoring the retaining of the house at its present location.

The statement says removing the house is a "stopgap plan for short range office expansion."

It also says the house could "have many uses as the township grows." Replacing the house with parking space

"does not seem to fit with the concept of a village green," said the statement.

Riddering said the board has also budgeted funds for the upkeep of the house, but the money has not been spent.

The society urged the board to rescind its actions of Oct. 1 putting the house up for sale; stabilize the condition of the building; find community uses for the house; let the historical group join in care of the building; and create a historical commission to look over all such issues in Salem.

"We presented all this and could not phase them," said Riddering. There are

about 75 members in the Salem Historical Society, which has led opposition to the removal or destruction of the historic home.

The house was built by Fred Rider (there's been a dispute over the spelling of Rider, but a 1839 Washtenaw County map locates a Rider farmstead). Captain Ira Rider was one of the early settlers (1831) and first postmaster (1832). According to the society, the name Riders was originally applied to the area that is today Salem Township.

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Fire strikes Mayflower

BY JIM TOTTEN

Fire raced between walls and ceilings in the Mayflower Hotel addition over the Weidman parking lot Saturday before being extinguished by the City of Plymouth Fire Department.

Plymouth Fire Chief Al Matthews said Monday there was "extensive burning" between the walls and ceiling around room 169, on the first floor, that caused minimal damage. He said the damage is estimated at \$25,000 structural and \$2,500 for furnishings.

No one was injured during the fire, and damage was limited to four hotel rooms.

"We attribute the cause of the fire to one of the electrical fixtures," he said, based on preliminary examinations. The lightening unit, including an infrared heating lamp, in the bathroom will be examined to determine the cause of the fire.

"This was definitely an accidental fire," he added.

"It had the potential of being a very serious fire," he said. But fire stopping (material used to prevent fires from spreading) between floors helped slow the spread of the blaze.

The fire began on the first floor and burned through the ceiling to spread to the second floor. Third floor pipes that lead straight up from room 169 were covered with an ash film.

He said the fire department responded to a report of smoke coming from the cupola on top of the building. Firefighters found smoke on all three floors, with it heaviest on the first floor. The firefighters had to open up ceilings and walls to find the fire.

"At no time did they encounter any fire, which was kind of unusual," he said.

The water sprinkler in room 169 was activated, probably by the heat from the fire, Matthews said.



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Community chorus to play Holiday show set

Voices will be booming the holiday cheer in unison during the Plymouth Community Chorus' Christmas concert.

The 110-voice chorus is comprised of members from the Detroit Metropolitan area. Under the direction of Michael Gross, the chorus has been together 17 years. The concert is entitled, "Christmas Treasures."

The community chorus will perform on Dec. 6 and 7 at 8 p.m., and Dec. 8 at 4 p.m. The concerts will be held at the Salem High auditorium.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and children. They are available at Sideways in Plymouth and The Gitfiddler in Northville, or by calling 455-4080.

Pharmacist to speak today

Lung disease and pulmonary infections will be discussed at the second meeting of the Plymouth Breathers Club this afternoon (Nov. 13).

The public is welcome to attend the talk by Paul Coulon, pharmacist, who will answer any personal concerns from the audience about the two subjects.

The Plymouth Breathers Club meets the second Wednesday of every month and

features guest speakers, films and discussion on health-related topics. The meetings are also a special opportunity for residents with chronic illnesses to share with each other.

The meeting starts at 1:30 p.m. at the McAuley Health Center on Ann Arbor Trail.

For more information call 572-5367.

In Northville this weekend Christmas walk scheduled

Decorations will be flying high this weekend in Northville as both the downtown merchants and the historical Mill Race Village host their annual "Christmas Walk."

Local Quester groups will be decorating the village homes, school, church, blacksmith shop and general store which will be open for viewing.

Crafts including ornaments, weaving, stocking stuffers and others will be on sale. Also, a weaver and blacksmith will be demonstrating their trades.

Admission is a \$1, and all proceeds from the event support the maintenance

and further restoration of the Village.

The Mill Race Village "Christmas Walk" will be held noon to 5 p.m. on both Nov. 16 and 17. The village is located on Griswold, just north of Main Street.

A Dickens Christmas will be the theme of the "Christmas Walk" sponsored by the downtown merchants on Nov. 17.

All the downtown shops will be open from noon to 5 p.m., and strolling musicians dressed in costumes will be making their way around the town.

For more information on the Mill Race Village "Christmas Walk" call Jan Juhasz at 420-0703

Genealogy to be discussed

Ever wanted to know more about your family's history?

"Tips For Locating Your Ancestral Village In Europe," will be the topic discussed at the Northville Genealogical Society meeting Thursday (Nov. 14).

Jan Zaleski, an accredited genealogist, will be the guest speaker. The public is

welcome to attend.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Mill Race Historical Village, located on Griswold Avenue north of Main Street.

For more information call Gladys Scott at 348-1718 or Lenore Haas at 349-6370.

USO anniversary Nov. 22

The Plymouth Historical Museum will be sponsoring a 50th anniversary celebration of the USO on Nov. 22 at the Mayflower Meeting House.

The fundraiser donation is \$30 per person. Tables of eight may be reserved.

For tickets or more information call 455-8940.

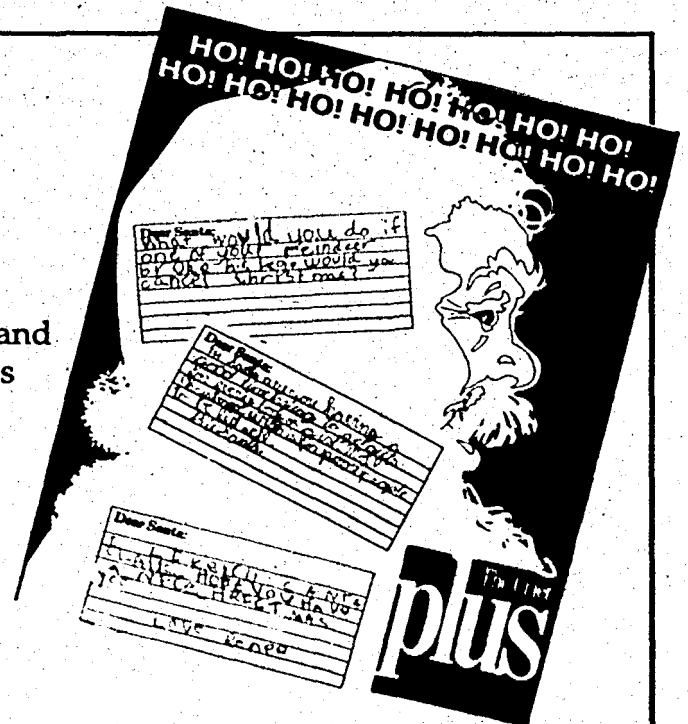
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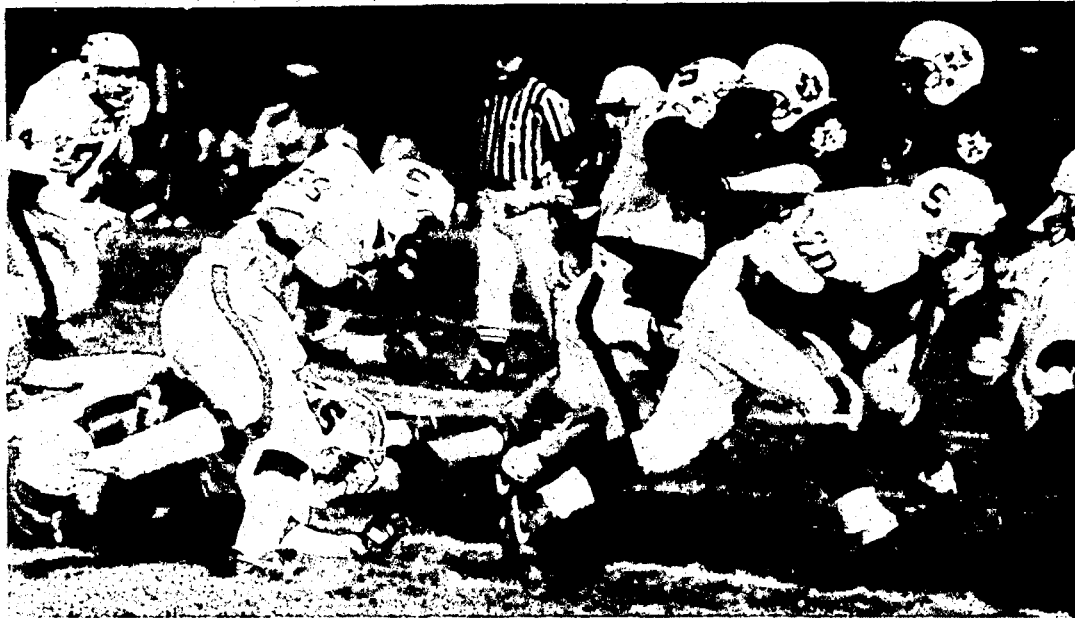
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Sports



Left, Salem's Leon Hister plows forward for yards in Friday regional action against Adrian. Above, a Salem player is consoled by a member of the coaching staff. (Crier photos by Eriq Lukasik, left, and Jay Keenan, above)

In regional game against Adrian

Last minute mistake drops Rocks

BY JAY KEENAN

Fate dealt Salem High's football team a rough blow Friday night.

A confusing set of circumstances in the closing seconds helped lead to the Rocks' ouster from the Class AA state playoffs, as Adrian High edged the Rocks, 24-19, in a thrilling but heartbreaking regional semi-final contest at Adrian's Maple Stadium.

On a drive that appeared as though it would advance the Rocks into the second round of the playoffs, Salem lost track of downs deep in Maple territory and it proved costly.

With the Rocks on the Maple three-yard line and 20 seconds to go, Salem coach Tom Moshimer called Salem's final time out to set up a possible winning score.

What the Salem coach and his players were not aware of, however, was the fact that on the very next play the Rocks would be working on third down, and not second down as the scoreboard indicated.

Quarterback Pete Zantop ran the following play to the two, and then lofted an incomplete pass with a hurried up offense to stop the clock with one second left.

But the Rocks did not realize that they had just wasted their fourth and final down as a dismayed Moshimer watched the celebrating Maple defense march off the field.

"I looked at the scoreboard clock and it showed second down when I was on the field," explained Moshimer. "So I thought we had three downs to go. We called the play and then our plan was to throw a pass to stop the clock on third down and then set up what we needed to set up for a fourth down play.

"But what I wasn't aware of was that it was third down and not second. And so it was my error. Had I known what down it was more we would have done things a lot differently. The down markers are also way down at the end of the field, so from the sidelines we can't see them. So we have to rely on the clock and our own charts.

"But we were in what we call a two-minute drill where we have a group of plays that the quarterback uses where there's no huddle -- he calls them at the line.

"We've practiced for that situation every week," said Moshimer. "So what happened was we were moving up the field at a pretty good clip. And so all we had to go on really, as to whether we made a first down or not was to look at the scoreboard clock. And everything was happening so fast.

"That's when we called the time outs and I went out on the field. I looked at the scoreboard clock, which was behind us, and it said second down. And instead of checking with the referees, which I

probably should have done, but at the time I didn't think of it."

Adrian coach Al Romao, whose team is now 8-2 and will face Ann Arbor Pioneer in the regional finals, also conceded that he thought the final play was third down also.

"We actually thought whoever had the ball last would win," said Romano. "We feel fortunate we got the break that we did."

Salem, which bowed out with a 7-3 record, made its last ditch drive from the Rocks' own 24 with 2:28 left to go. On that series, Zantop rattled off completions to Alfonso Hysko, Pat Martinez, and a pair to Rob Shepley to bring the ball to the Adrian 16.

Ed Gundry then took a pitch from Zantop and hit Leon Hister with a pass at the seven. After an incomplete pass on first down (the play Salem "forgot about"), Dan Burké followed with a four-yard scamper to the three, before the Rocks proceeded with their final two fateful plays.

Salem, which normally keeps the ball on the ground, completed seven of 13 passes in the second half. Zantop was six for 13 on the night for 119 yards.

"I've heard some people say that Salem doesn't pass well," said Romano. "A better statement would be is they don't pass often, because when they pass, they pass well. And (Zantop) was 30-for-52 during the regular season. Salem has a

very fine team."

Prior to the final drive, Salem had its second to last series thwarted when the officials failed to call a clear-cut pass interference against Adrian when Zantop tried to pass to Scott Helmstadter on fourth down at 4:34.

"It was definitely a pass interference," said Moshimer. "The films bear that out. He went right over the top of him. The ball was more than a yard away from our player when he (the Adrian defender) hit him."

Both team's offense struggled at the outset, as the first quarter ended in a scoreless deadlock.

The Maples also managed to hold Salem's top running back Hister to just 86 yards on 24 tries -- well below his season average. During the regular campaign, Hister rushed for 1,426 yards on 215 carries with 19 touchdowns.

"They did a great job on defense on us," said Moshimer. "They wanted to take the option away from us. And when you get into a playoff situation like this, you're playing a good team."

Adrian drew first blood in the second quarter when Enrique Salazar bocked a Salem punt deep in Rock territory that was recovered in the endzone by Derek DeLand at 9:57. The extra point kick was blocked.

Canton hoops stomp Glenn in playoffs

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

It was a blowout in the first round of basketball playoffs for the Canton girls squad, who beat Westland John Glenn by 20 points last week.

The Chiefs walked off the court with a 46-26 victory.

Stephanie Gray was the leading scorer for Canton. She tossed in 23 points, half of the team's total score. Britta Anderson was good for eight and Amy Westerhold had six.

"We were consistent throughout the game and had a pretty solid defense," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. "Our offense had some trouble with their zones, but we got some good shots, some second shots and we got inside."

The Chiefs outscored the Rockets in every quarter. In the first, Canton scored 12, and Glenn scored seven.

The Chiefs' play was consistent. They scored 13 in the second quarter and Glenn tossed in nine. Canton led 25-16 at the half.

"We played a solid defense," said Blohm. "In the first half they had scoring opportunities. Our defense and rebounding was good. We limited them to eight field goals and three in the second half."

The Chiefs tossed in eight points in the third quarter and 13 in the fourth. They held Glenn to five in the third and the fourth.



Canton's Amy Westerhold in action during last week's playoff game. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

"We got through the first round and we stayed alive," said Blohm.

The Chiefs traveled to Livonia Stevenson yesterday in the second round. At press time the game was not complete.

Blohm anticipated a very tough game. The Chiefs beat Stevenson, at home, by three in regular season play.

"It will be a tough game (against Stevenson)," said Blohm.

The Chiefs were back-to-back conference champions in 1988 and 89. They lost last year in the second round to Livonia Franklin.

in the meet. I took Susan from the 500 yard, freestyle and swam her in the 100. We outscored Northville 6-1 in that event."

But the meet was still close, and not until the 200 yard freestyle relay, when the team of April Billins, Beth Berger, Susan Daoust and Jill Mellis took first place in 1:47.21, had Canton locked up the victory.

Records and personal bests were set all night.

Amy Kodrik took first place in diving with 243.70 points, and went undefeated in the conference. Her only loss this year was Tuesday night, to Ann Arbor Huron's Stephanie Forrest, last year's state diving champion.

The Canton squad had eight personal bests in the meet against Northville. Cooper had two, the 50 yard and the 100 yard freestyle.

The Chiefs start conference preliminaries today at Salem.

Canton flippers end season in victory

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

The Salem girls swim team ended the dual meet season with a 97-89 victory over North Farmington, Thursday.

The Salem squad took five first places and had two personal bests.

Kristin Stackpole, Amy Austin, Candi Bosse and Mandi Ras took first in the 200 yard medley relay, finishing in 1:58.49.

Gridders lose close game

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Gundry, however, answered back by returning the ensuing kickoff 65 yards to the Maple 28. Four plays later, Zantop faked Adrian out with an 18-yard TD run on the option to make it six-all at 8:02.

A 16-yard pass from quarterback Mark Arbaugh to DeLand with 3:42 remaining gave the Maples a 12-6 advantage at intermission.

Salem opened the scoring in the third period on a drive that went 67 yards.

Aided by 10 consecutive running plays and a 13-yard pass to Mark Cirella, Hister broke lose with an eight-yard TD jaunt at 6:04. John Truskowski's extra point kick gave the Rocks a 13-12 margin.

But Adrian, which puts a heavy emphasis on its passing game with a one running back, two wideout and two wingback spread, began to divulge its option on the following series. That drive was capped by a two-yard TD run by Matt Kennedy to make it 18-13 with 42 seconds showing on the clock.

"They had excellent skill people," said Moshimer. "We have not played a team this year with better skill people than them. Actually their four receivers and backs were excellent."

"These kids are not real big but they're extremely quick and they all caught the

ball well. And so we're dealing with that, and if you spread out and try to cut down their passing game and try to defend that, then they start running that option, and he was a good option quarterback.

"And when they start doing that, you've got to decide what you're going to stop and what you're going to let them do. And we didn't do either very well as a matter of fact. But they didn't stop us either fro the second quarter on."

At the outset of the final stanza, Salem bounced back when Zantop fired a short pass to Burke near midfield, who managed to keep his balance, avoid being pushed out of bounds, and scamper all the way for a 56-yard TD at 11:49 That gave the Rocks a 19-18 edge.

The Maples, though, consumed over five minutes on their second straight series and went ahead for good on a four-yard option run by Arbaugh at 6:30.

"What they did was something we didn't anticipate, was them controlling the ball like they did," Moshimer said. "And they took a lot of time off the clock on their drives, and even though they were throwing the ball a little bit, they were catching it and staying in bounds."

"They were running the option and that kind of stuff in there and they took a lot of time off the clock, which is what we like to do."

"I really feel for those kids," added Moshimer.

Defense gives Salem the win

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

The Salem girls basketball team pumped up the defense in the second half to come from behind and defeat Walled Lake Western 52-33; Thursday in the first round of conference playoffs.

"It was their strategy to hold the ball and slow the game in the first half," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "We had great scoring opportunities but we couldn't convert them, and we fell behind."

Western tossed in eight points in both the first and second quarters, and held Salem to five in the first and seven in the second quarter, to end the half with Salem trailing Western by four, 16-12.

But that was all to change as the second half began.

"In the second half our defense was tougher, and we had a nice half," said Thomann.

The Rocks tossed in 15 points in the third quarter, more than doubling their score, and held Western to four, ending the third with a seven point lead, 27-20.

Both teams had their highest scoring

quarters in the fourth. Salem scored an additional 23 points, and Western tossed in 13, giving the Rocks a 19-point victory.

Leading scorers for Salem were Darcie Miller and Cyndi Platter who each tossed in 12. Emily Giuliani had nine, Christy Parimucha had six, and Leslie Gotts had five.

Platter and Giuliani lead the Rocks in rebounds with 10 each. Miller had nine.

An outstanding team effort in the second half is what Thomann credits for the playoff win. "We increased our defensive pressure in the second half and that really helped us."

Salem faced Livonia Franklin yesterday in the second round of playoffs. The game was not complete at press time.

Winners in the second round games yesterday will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Salem gym to battle for first and second place in the conference.

The two losing teams will face each other at 5 p.m. Saturday, to battle for third and fourth place.

Swimmers capture division

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

The final week of regular competition was bittersweet for the Canton girls swim team.

The Chiefs experienced their first loss of the season last Tuesday, when they swam against the fifth ranked team in the state, Ann Arbor Huron, and lost 113-73.

But that loss didn't upset the Canton squad, or slow the performances.

The Chiefs had their sights set on defeating Northville Thursday, and earning the division championship. And two days later they did exactly that, winning their final meet of the season 50-43.

This was not an easy win. The Chiefs went to Northville as the underdog. Northville is a very competitive team, and scoring in the five-lane pool is different than all the other pools in the conference.

When the Canton squad lost the first event of the night, coach Hooker Wellman was concerned. Walking into the meet, he knew the Northville squad was the favorite, and this was their senior night, that is the last home meet of the season where all seniors on the team are recognized for their performances all year.

It was touch and go for most of the meet. Wellman's confidence didn't rise until the 100 yard free style event, when Jeni Cooper took first place in 57.4, and Susan Pritchard took second in 58.28.

"That was the key scoring for the meet," said Wellman. "It made a difference

The Rocks end their dual meet season with a 6-5 record.

"We swam fairly consistent all year," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "We had some good points and some low points. It's pretty much how we expected our dual meet season to go."

Twelve teams will converge at the Salem pool today (Nov. 13) as the conference preliminaries begin at 2 p.m.

"Our top swimmers should be in the top six," said Olson. "If they're in the top six, they can win, but that's not going to be easy. I'm looking forward to them swimming quite well."

Conference diving competition begins at 2:30 p.m. Thursday. The conference finals will start at 6 p.m. Friday. All conference finals will be at the Salem pool.

Prisoners

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Council of the Arts, which has since been cut by Governor John Engler.

ArtsGrowth had previously supplied visual arts instruction to the prisoners, and the writing program was a new idea.

Initially, most of the men who volunteered for the class thought only "basic writing" would be taught, Hernandez said, and did not expect to be writing poems or short stories.

But with writing, discussions, rewriting and a little pushing from Hernandez, the group produced quality material.

"I think we got some rich material out of them," she said. "If you aim high, you get higher results.

"They had to work with what was inside of them," she added. "It ended up being quite therapeutic."

The discipline the prisoners learned from writing, she said, and the ability to think creatively will help them make positive contributions.

"What kinds of work they do in the prison really isn't teaching them to think," she said, and would like to see more non-traditional programs used in prisons.

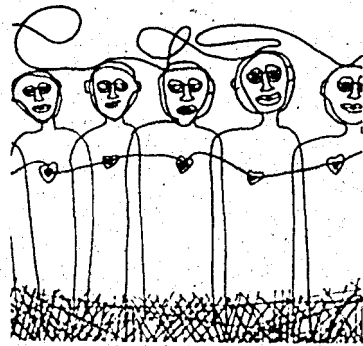
Self-expression was the motive for most of the writing, Birmingham said.

"If you look at yourself, you can deal with it," he said. "These guys are writing for self-expression, finding a level that they could express themselves."

Birmingham described the writing as a foundation to build on and even a path towards rehabilitation.

"Beneath all of this stuff thrown out on top of us," he said, "we put together something that somebody could respect... All of this (writing) is real stuff.

GITTIN DOWN Profiles From Michigan Prison Writers



This is the recently published book of prison writings.

"The writing, it gives you a sense of self-worth," he said, adding this self-worth will help inmates achieve goals.

He feels the writing program should be implemented in all prisons as part of the rehabilitation process.

"Ninety per cent (of prisoners) are willing to involve themselves in constructive things," he said. "Let's make sure these people come back with an appropriate attitude when they come out."

"Gittin' Down" is available at the following bookstores: Borders Books in Ann Arbor and Birmingham; Casa de Unidad Cultural Arts and Media Center, and Marwil Bookstore, in Detroit; Falling Water Books and Collectables, and Shaman Drum Bookshop, in Ann Arbor; Third Coast Booksellers, in Grosse Pointe Park.

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P-C Schools site

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The district had expected to purchase the land from the owner.

"This way, it's easier for the owner, because he only has one party to deal with -- the developer who is purchasing the entire site -- instead of two," said Raymond Hoedel, associate superintendent for business and operations.

Hoedel said the cost to the district should remain about the same.

The executive session was not in vain, even if the board came out of it intent on pursuing an option to buy, which, as it turned out, was from the wrong party, Hoedel said.

"The big thing is that we had a consensus among the board members and administrators of where the second site should be, and we can now work with the developer to purchase the section of land we want," Hoedel said.

He added that he believes the developer

intends to put single-family homes on the remaining acreage.

The site of the first new elementary school, known as the Sunflower site, is on Warren Road between Canton Center and Beck roads. The district already owns that land.

Library plan

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"We've gotten so busy at our library that something has to be done," said Gillig. "It's a natural idea.

"We have busyness problems at the library but they are problems of success," he added.

Gillig also chairs the school district's 2010 Vision committee as part of the Blue Ribbon study group looking at the district's future.

Gillig admitted that there were aspects to the plan that still needed further study,

Reaves is top senior

A former Canton resident and longtime J.L. Hudson's Thanksgiving Day Parade Santa Claus has been named the outstanding senior citizens in Michigan.

Gene "Santa" Reaves will be honored by the Michigan Jaycees at a ceremony this weekend in Romulus.

Reaves, 89, was recently named the outstanding senior by the service group.

Last year Reaves was honored as the senior of the year by the Michigan Parks and Recreation Association.

The Westland resident is the original Thanksgiving Day Parade Santa in Detroit. He annually organizes a

Christmas fund to collect items for various needy organizations.

Joanne Yarkley, a member of the Westland Jaycees nominating committee, said the award is a major honor.

"When they called us they asked us if he was still alive," she said. "All of the things he has done and he's still only 89."

One of Reaves' favorite sayings puts his honor in perspective:

"I do not have the power to cure them, but I do have the power to make them happy."

MSP reopen drowning case

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Puckett's ex-wife was named as the beneficiary, according to Holmes.

"Mary Arlen, the ex-wife, sued the insurance company to get payment of money. Mrs. Orvis was brought into the suit by the insurance company as a counter-descendant," Holmes said.

On Oct. 28, Judge Daniel Burress of Livingston County Circuit Court found in favor of Arlen, Holmes said. His office is appealing that decision.

"The Michigan State Police agreed to reopen the case after hearing some of our

concerns. It isn't that unusual for them to do so when there are a lot of unanswered questions," Reeds said.

Puckett's landlord first discovered the former Plymouth resident's tool box frozen in the ice in mid-January. Trees at the top of the embankment leading into the pit were damaged as if something -- such as a vehicle -- had scraped against them, police said then.

Divers were called in, the truck was discovered and removed from the water, and the body was still inside. Police said the tool box may have floated to the surface from the bed of the truck before the pit froze over.

Puckett's ex-wife could not be reached for comment.

Salem's Rider House sold

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"We really need a historic commission," said Riddering. "Those buildings behind township hall have economic and historic value."

Withoff said the whole issue remains "a little confusing." She added that she opposed the sale because Salem is a "very historical village.

"I agree with a lot of the residents,"

she said. "We need to pursue (saving) it."

Township officials have said the cost of saving the house or moving it to a new site would be too much for the community.

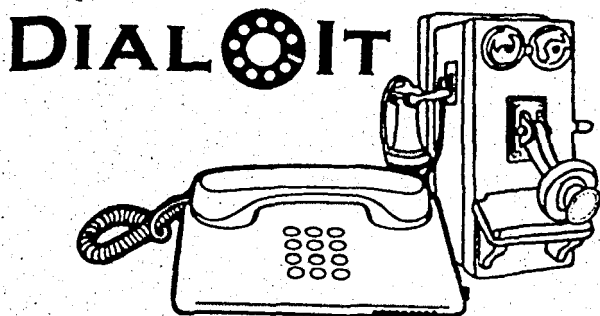
Robert Christensen, National Historic Register coordinator for Michigan, said Salem should "take a good, hard look at its historic resources" and plan for their protection.

DARE drawing slated

The grand prize \$2500 in the DARE/Plymouth Canton Jaycees drawing is less than a month away.

Calendars are available for sale at \$10 at the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce office or from members of the Jaycees. The final drawing will be held December 3 at 9:30 a.m. at The Crier office.

The big winner in the recent drawing was Margie Robert who won \$120. Barb Miller won \$50 and was also one of three \$20 winners. Kris Rowe and Karol Hardy each won \$20. In the next to the last drawing the 26 people who won \$10 are: Helen Senia, James Paul Schemanske, Kathie Elmore, Mary Kheder, Jill Lockhart, Larry McElroy, Geneva Guenther, Karen Guyor, Debbie Hooper, Phyllis Redfern, Brent McVeigh, Kristopher Mauin, Rebecca Ponte, Tonya Smith, Chuck Lowe, Jim Vermeulen, Mary Childs, Robert Askew, Michael Gardner, Laura Baird, Charles Lowe, Diane VanLandingham, Barbara Graham, Chuck Lowe, Pat Norval and Christine Northmore.



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MARGARET GLOMSKI is older than I am (especially this week) -- Ed.

Mae West's Observation: To err is human, but it feels divine.

Kim from Dr. Johnson's office reads the Curiosities MOST weeks.

Brendan (TAZ) -- Happy 5th Birthday!

"Yeah Bill, I tried Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken and it's great!"

MOM & DAD ON MELTON: Jenny was glad to see you last Saturday!

MARY REPECK makes great mashed potatoes.

Kathie Elmore -- looking forward to seeing you!

Curiosities

Nothing's worse than a tipped over OUT-HOUSE!

"We don't smile while we work."

JESSICA SAYS: $x^2 - 3x - 10 = 0$.

Steph -- you're getting better every week.

IS ERIN MURTO bound for MSU? (Take that Dad!)

ELECT BOB VAN FLEET to Middletown N.Y. City Council next time around. -- Jessica, Sally, Ed

How's MOUSE MOUNTAIN?

Let's all get ready to sing... (Carol Book is almost here!)

Roger -- I'm getting hungry for venison.

SHANNON & DAMON: great job in school; you must take after your Aunt Sally. Congratulations.

HOW MANY shopping days until Christmas?

FATHER ERNEST PORCARI -- You really "sock it to 'em," don't you Father?

Gall, thanks for Charile the Chimney Sweep. He looks great by the fireplace.

Deb are you back to normal yet? Thanks for raking all the leaves.

Some are "neateners" and some of us aren't.

Louella -- The girls looked beautiful, and you did it. Aren't you proud?

Jess you owe me a hug -- check the stamp box.

KAREN & Jim: what a beautiful statement of loving & caring you made in the celebration of your marriage on Saturday. Thank you for your vows & hopefully renewing the vows of others.

JOHN FOLINO IS 60!

Watch out -- the Editor is aging next Wednesday.

STEVE MANSFIELD IS OLDER AGAIN.

Curiosities

We really can spell "Stitchery" -- even though we did it phonetically last week.

Margaret Glomski got a home made birthday cake on her birthday.

WHAT AN EXCITING GAME with Northwestern! 2 great teams playing to a fight conclusion. -- A Spartan

THE MEADOWS & BROCKWELL FAMILIES -- How wonderful to be a part of this happy occasion.

ONLY 41 SHOPPING DAYS 'til Christmas. (Sundays count!) Beat the rush.

Melanie -- can we play bridge in February? -- Phyllis

KENN should run for fire chief! Burning popcorn or bowling pins? No problem!

Thanks Dad & Mom for a delicious lunch at the Ground Round!

Mom, I think you need a little more practice with cards.

JACK: for next Turkey drawing visit sign of the "J."

"Everything comes to he who hustles while he waits." -- Thomas Edison

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(& Beauregard)

Dr. Morse -- remember the brake next time!

Curiosities

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The new Shawn is here! I wonder if she will switch to bib overalls when she goes country?

Hey Karen -- what were those two letters I like so much?



What happened to the old cliché? If you scratch my back I'll scratch yours.

Everything's coming up roses in Ann Arbor. (On the football field). I wonder if they're growing so well because of Moo U's visit.



Time is getting short. Jack needs HELP!

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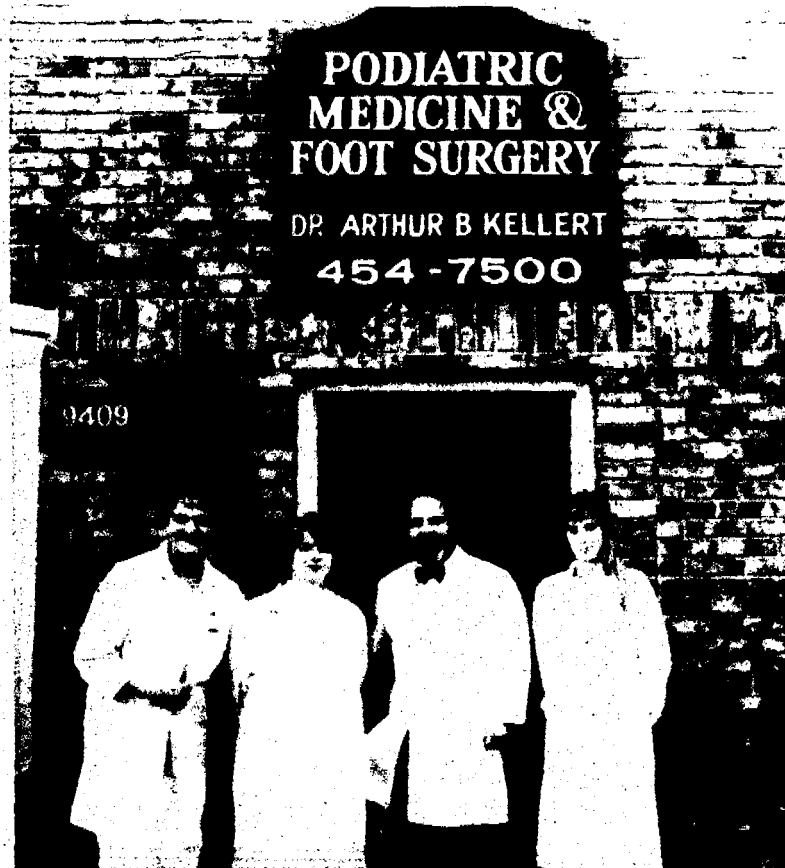
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