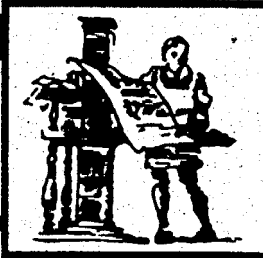


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## For homeless Seminary not part of church plans

BY ANNA MURRAY

Long-vacant St. John's Seminary, which has more than 50 dorm rooms, a kitchen, and bath facilities, is not being considered by the Archdiocese of Detroit as a site to house the homeless.

Ned McGrath, a spokesperson for the archdiocese, said Thursday that using the former Plymouth Township seminary as a homeless shelter is not among the church's current plans to help the needy.

"I wouldn't consider it a possibility at this time," said McGrath. He added the sale of the property is still tied up in court.

"It's not the best time to involve people depending on shelter," he said.

St. John's Provincial Seminary has been standing vacant since the summer of 1988. In October of 1990, the church ended an agreement with a Baltimore developer, John Erickson, to sell him the

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## AIDS crusader takes battle to Thailand

BY STEVE O'LEARY

Perhaps the most disturbing thing Greg Carl saw during his first two-year stint in Thailand with the Peace Corps was a five-year-old girl who had been sold into prostitution by her family.

Another girl was eight when she was "forced" to have her first sexual encounter. Another was 12. "And these aren't abnormal, as strange and as sick as it sounds," Carl said.

The 30-year-old Salem High graduate joined the Peace Corps during college at Kent State, when he decided he'd like to see more of the world and, he admits, "think about what I really wanted to do with my life."

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**RED CROSS:** The American Red Cross center in Canton is in trouble, due to a lack of donors. See pg. 2



William Myers, left, of Faith Moravian Church in Canton, Bill Bishop, of Family Service of Detroit and Wayne County, and Patrick Heron (right), of Catholic Social Services, discuss the new offices for "Canton Family Services" in the Canton Community Foundation Suite. (Crier photo by Ken Voyles)

## United Way agencies join in opening Canton center

BY KEN VOYLES

A unique collaborative effort will bring two major United Way human services agencies to Canton starting in January.

The agencies -- Catholic Social Services of Wayne County and Family Service of Detroit and Wayne County -- will open a counseling center in the Canton Community Foundation offices to bring the community the kind of human services not previously available in the township.

The move was announced Wednesday by William Myers Jr., president of the foundation and pastor at Faith Moravian Church.

"We'll provide them the office space and they will provide the services for residents," said Myers. "The people of Canton have been very supportive of the United Way but there aren't any United Way funded facilities here."

The new counseling center -- it has been dubbed Canton Family Services -- was organized by the United Way through discussions with the Canton Supervisor Tom Yack and the Canton Foundation Executive Board.

"We have an interesting mix of those of hearts in Canton and those without," said Myers. "For those in need there just

hasn't been anything in the past.

"We thought if Canton is giving money to United Way it might be nice for it to come back into the community," he added.

The foundation, which just last week moved into its new suites in the Canton Landing at 44958 Ford Rd., will provide the office space, a phone line, promotional materials and clerical support.

"If the foundation tried to do something like this it would be impossible," Myers said. "We want to utilize services that are available by bringing them here."

The new center is expected to begin Jan. 15; an open house is likely on that date as well.

"Two well-known and highly respected human services agencies will begin offering their services in Canton," Myers told those gathered for the Canton Economic Club luncheon Wednesday.

The two agencies will offer family, individual and marital counseling.

"This represents a couple of things for me," said Bill Bishop, president of Family Service of Detroit and Wayne County. "This represents community problem solving and a real community

collaboration.

"We want to be responsive to the needs here," he added. "And I'm told there is a real need in the community."

Bishop added, "This is exciting. We're tickled to be involved." He emphasized the importance of the project being billed as a collaborative effort.

Family Service has previously served Canton residents at its Livonia and

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# Attorney threatens P-C Schools Injunction issued in 'Robin Hood' law

BY STEVE O'LEARY

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent John Hoben told the board of education Monday that a

restraining order prohibiting school districts from paying monies to the county would be lifted within 15 days.

But Hoben's remarks are incorrect, according to the attorney in charge of the case.

"I expect the judge will lift the restraining order within 15 days," Hoben told the board at its Monday workshop meeting.

"That is, purely and simply, false. If he told the board that, he gave them entirely faulty information," said Frank Guido, attorney for the Wayne County Taxpayers Association.

The group is suing six school districts to block them from paying their share of the controversial act known as the "Robin Hood" law, which takes money from out-of-formula, or "rich" districts, and redistributes it to in-formula, or "poor" districts.

The six districts named so far in the Wayne County case are Plymouth-Canton, Northville, Dearborn, Crestwood, Livonia and Grosse Pointe. Guido indicated more have contacted him about joining the suit.

Plymouth-Canton stands to lose \$749,322 this year alone, while Northville would lose \$27,274.

Hoben told the board it would be in their "best interest to have a check ready to be signed at a moments notice."

"I'll tell the people of the district

this," Guido said, "if he (Hoben) sends a check to the county the people there will never see that money again. I guarantee that."

He added that if a check was sent, his group would "immediately file a motion of contempt naming the board members and the superintendent for violating the lawful order of a circuit court judge."

In fact, what happened on Dec. 10 was the temporary restraining order that had been issued Dec. 5 by Circuit Court Judge Roland Olzark blocking the districts from making their payments was changed into a preliminary injunction. The injunction restricts the districts from paying the county until the final court case is resolved.

The Crestwood district in Dearborn Heights had already sent half of their required monies prior to the filing of the restraining order. "Unfortunately, we weren't in time for them," Guido said.

Hoben said he feared the state -- which had been brought into the lawsuit by Olzark -- would penalize the districts involved, even though they are named as plaintiffs in the case.

"They are, though to say the least, passive plaintiffs," Guido said.

Guido, who is a member of the Dearborn Board of Education, said he intends to amend the document to prevent such retaliatory measures from being

taken.

"The judge has made it quite clear that he agrees with that line of thinking," he said. "He told them that if they even think about (penalizing the districts) we would slap them without a second thought," Guido said. "He said in no uncertain terms he would not stand for what would essentially be blackmail towards the school systems involved."

The order, which was read into law by Olzark in court and was expected to be signed Friday, also stated that any intention by the Michigan Department of Treasury, Michigan Department of Education, or Michigan Department of Attorney General must provide the plaintiffs with at least 15 days notice of their intent.

That allows Guido time to file an injunction against such action.

"I'm quite confident of success, and the judge, by issuing his orders" as he did, appears to be so too. It's a shame that the superintendent of Plymouth-Canton doesn't share in that kind of optimism, which would save his district's taxpayers a lot of money," Guido said. "I and a lot of other people are convinced this is unconstitutional."

The tax-base sharing law, or "tax-based stealing," as Guido referred to it, was

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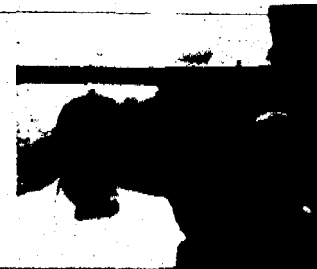
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# Canton Red Cross needs donations

BY ANNA MURRAY

Cots neatly line the walls. Juice and cookies await at a table nearby. There are snowy-white banners with the familiar red cross in the center. Thermometers, swabs, bags, and band-aids are ready.

But the nurses, receptionists and volunteer helpers all sit idle, their chins in their hands, tapping fingers on the tables, or staring out the windows.

The new American Red Cross donor center on Canton Center Road has no donors.

Or at least not enough ensure the center's survival, said Dolores Sakowski, a head nurse at the center.

"We opened during the Gulf War," said Sacowski, when the fervor to give blood was high.

The center began operations in February. The owner of the space in the Westgate Plaza shopping center in Canton donated the site to the Red Cross for the year. Now that time may be up, and Sacowski said she doesn't know what the future of the center is with so few donors.

Mark Cornillie, director of public relations for the Red Cross in Detroit, said that though there were no plans to shut the center down, production at the facility was not as good as had been hoped considering the population of Canton.

"All the centers are evaluated on performance," he said.

"We get about six pints per day," Sacowski said. "The most we ever got was 26, and that was during the war." Each donor gives one pint of blood.

"It's simply because people don't realize we're here," she said. The center is around the corner of the Westgate complex, and despite the sign they put on the road, many drive by without noticing. Community people still trek to Ann Arbor and Livonia to give blood, Sacowski said.

"A lot of people could come here," said Carol Dujsik, a nurse at the center. "It's much more convenient."

By this time, a few donors have trickled in.

Rev. Harvey Heneveld of Christ Community Church is lying on a cot. "My wife told me about it," he said. "I didn't know you were here."

David Newby, who has finished donating, is drinking juice at the recovery table. He said he heard about the Canton center from the Livonia Red Cross where he usually donates.

The need for blood is especially acute during the holiday season, Sacowski said.

"The last two weeks of December the blood supply really goes down," she said.

One thing that frustrates Sacowski is the tendency people have to give blood only when there has been an emergency. Usually, she said, by the time they've seen an explosion or crash on the nightly news and make it into the center, it's too

late to help anybody.

"At the time of the post office shooting," she said, "there was only one pint of the correct blood type on hand." She added that the Red Cross of Southeastern Michigan is usually 900 pints a week short of needed blood.

"I call that an emergency," said Jack Jones, a volunteer at the center. "What we really need is to get the people who never come in to come in once a year." Jones said most of the blood in the country is collected from repeat donors, who may come in as many as six times a year.

Sacowski said many people don't know how much blood many common procedures require. A hip replacement uses two to three pints of blood, and a liver transplant as many as 40, she said.

Sacowski said both the economy and public fear have helped to erode donors. She said since local factories have laid off workers, blood drives at the factories bring in fewer people. She also said people are afraid of getting AIDS.

"There is no way you can catch AIDS from giving blood," she said as she demonstrated how each needle is capped and thrown away after use.

When people arrive at the center, they fill out a questionnaire that screens for all the factors that might put a person at risk for AIDS. If a potential donor falls into any of the high-risk categories, his or her blood is not accepted. The donor is then interviewed to obtain more information. A donor can also disqualify himself at any time in the process. Finally, each donor must place a sticker on his or her registration sheet, saying whether the donated blood is safe. This process is anonymous.

The blood is tested later for any communicable diseases.

With these precautions, Sacowski said, both donors and recipients should be at ease.

After a quick check of blood pressure, temperature and iron levels, the donor gives blood, which takes between five and 15 minutes. Then it's juice and cookies.

The nurses say the process is quick, painless and affords an opportunity to lie down and relax.

"I hope we can stay open," said Dujsik. "For as many people as we have in this community, more should come here," she says.

The center is located at 6700 Canton Center Rd. It is open Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be open Christmas Eve and the Sunday

between Christmas and New Years -- "Save a Life Sunday" -- from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The toll-free number for appointments is 1-800-582-4383. The local number is 454-4340.



Carol Dujsik, nurse at the American Red Cross center in Canton attends donor Rev. Harvey Heneveld. (Crier photo by Anna Murray)

## Twp., City approach fire union Joint operations closer

BY ANNA MURRAY

A merger of the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township fire departments is inching closer to reality, with the city and township making a formal approach to the township fire union.

The union, however, is looking

askance at city and township administrative moves, saying they are late in coming.

Jim Haar, president of the firefighters' union in Plymouth Township, said he recently received a letter from the township's law firm, Law, Hemming, Essad and Polaczyk. It outlined the terms of the proposal the city and the township plan to make to the unions.

"The document was very vague and didn't answer a whole lot of our questions," said Haar. Haar said he thought recent news articles about the delay of joint operations prompted the letter.

Administrative attention is focused on  
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## Wants back pay Officer sues Twp.

BY ANNA MURRAY

A former Plymouth Township police officer, filed suit against the township Thursday for money he says the township owes him.

Tom Thompson is accusing the

township of holding as much as \$7,000 in retroactive pay.

Between January of 1990 and May of 1991, township police officers were without a contract, and negotiations were

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# Joint operations stalls full opening Twp's new fire station awaits staff

BY ANNA MURRAY

Recently, the fire station at the corner of Beck and North Territorial Roads received a temporary occupancy permit after fixing some minor code violations, which included a missing smoke detector.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Jerry Law said the fire department would host an open house at the new station Jan. 8, and refuted accusations that the township does not have the money to staff the new station or provide it with equipment.

"The fire truck has always been budgeted," he said. The matter of firefighters is more complicated, according to Law. "Actually we have not budgeted head-count-wise," he said.

He attributes this to the fact that joint operations negotiations with the City of Plymouth are still proceeding. If the township and the city decide to go ahead with joint operations, no new staff will be needed.

Instead, the City of Plymouth firefighters will be relocated throughout Plymouth Township. Law said the unions will be a key factor in the success of the negotiations.

Still, the township has begun the five-month-long eligibility and hiring process.

Law said the process will be completed in the spring. "Unless we are very close to an agreement with the city, we will go ahead and hire our own people," he said.

Currently there are 10 firefighters assigned to the station according to Plymouth Township, Fire Chief Larry Groth.

The township has also had to field criticism that the fire station is too ostentatious. On the inside, Law insists the fire house is just like any other.

In fact, the interior is a bland post-modern institutional layout, with milky white cinderblock walls, white-green fluorescent lighting, russet orange carpets, and chocolate brown doors.

Its amenities include a basic services kitchen in plain wood veneer, a lounge for the firefighters with a 22-inch television and a partitioned dormitory with a bed and lamp for each of the six full-time firefighters the facility can

accommodate.

The only assailable element of the interior may be the shiny brass lamps in the dormitory and lounge.

Law said the exterior design was part of a compromise with the neighborhood, which did not want an industrial-looking

building on that location. He says the style may be a prototype for other fire stations in residential neighborhoods.

Groth is proud of the new facilities, which include a state-of-the-art generator that allows to station to operate without

outside power, and a pressure tank that can provide firefighters throughout the area with instant refills for their air tanks.

"I told the board we were having it designed not for 10 years but for 50 years," Groth said.

## Classes teach grown-ups about kids Adults go back to school

BY STEVE O'LEARY

There's a new type of education going on in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools District -- adult education helping them to deal with children.

Dubbed the Parent Academy by Bird Elementary School parents Sue Nisch and Dorian Soper, the organizers of the academy, the group addresses many of the crucial issues that face parents in the 1990s -- particularly single parents and those where both members of the household work.

The group officially formed in September when Nisch and Soper approached Bird principal Claudia Kulnis with the idea.

"I thought it sounded great," she said. "This is something I've always believed in -- parental education is part of my basic teaching philosophy."

Kulnis added that the district was receptive to the idea from the beginning.

"The bottom line is that this promotes life-long learning, which is a

must in today's society," she said. "You can't just tell children what to do -- especially in this day and age -- you have to show them by example. You have to relate to them on their own terms."

The first meeting of the group was for Bird parents only, but has proven so popular it has now grown into a district-wide program, meeting at the Canton Little Theater at the Centennial Educational Park.

"We have had over 50 people at each of the three meetings so far, and the response has been great," Nisch said. So far, professional speakers have talked about subjects like, "What Teachers Want From Parents," how to teach your children to study better, and effective parenting.

The next meeting, scheduled for Jan. 16, will be titled "Your Child's Self Direction, Self Esteem and Self Discipline."

The meetings are monthly and held from 7-9 p.m.

"We're very, very excited about this and feel there's a real need for it," Soper said. "We feel it's extremely important for the parents and the children to work effectively together, and a lot of people just haven't learned to do that."

Soper, who has worked with similar groups at Children's Hospital, knew the Parent Academy could be done with no cost other than community cooperation.

"There are a lot of professional people in this community who have a lot to offer and are glad to do so when given the chance," she said.

Nisch added that the group is taking suggestions for topics for next year's meetings and is even considering a second group to address single parenting.

"We know there's a need for this type of thing, even though most people don't like to admit it," Soper said.

"Hey, parenting is a tough job -- the toughest one I've ever had. My kids are great but the more I learn the more effective I am as a parent," Nisch said.

"Face it, this isn't 'Leave It to Beaver' anymore," Nisch says. "Things have changed dramatically, and people need to learn to adjust. We're there to help with guest speakers and other types of interaction."

When school administrators and groups approached the group with funding, they politely declined.

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## Trustees vote own increase Canton board gets raise

The Canton Board of Trustees voted itself a pay increase during Tuesday night's meeting.

The salary of the part time trustees -- Robert Shefferly, Phil LaJoy, Elaine Kirchgatter and John Burdzyak -- increased from \$6,500 a year to \$7,000 a year. The pay hike is effective Jan. 1.

Earlier this year the board appropriated money in the 1991 budget to pay the trustees \$7,000 a year and then bump that to \$7,500 in 1992, but did not take any action until this week.

Back in 1979 the trustees were paid \$75 per meeting. That increased to \$100 per meeting in 1984, but in 1988 the trustees were paid by the year for the first time to the tune of \$6,000.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said the pay increases for trustees should have been brought before the board 11 months ago.

The board also approved salary increases for non-union classified employees Tuesday under recommendations by the Canton Merit Commission.

The pay hike -- for township staff such as the township engineer, parks and recreation superintendent -- is five per cent across the board. At the same time the board increased the non-union classified employee salary grade ranges by five per cent.

The hikes take effect Jan. 1.

## Crier holiday deadlines

Due to the upcoming holidays, The Community Crier will publish one more Saturday edition this month. The final edition of the year will be next Saturday, Dec. 28.

Deadlines for the Saturday, Dec. 28 edition are set for Thursday, Dec. 26 (the day after Christmas). Display advertising is due by 3 p.m., while classified advertising must be turned in by 2 p.m. News briefs are due by noon that day.

The Crier and COMMA, offices will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 24-25 and again on New Year's Day.

Carrier collections for The Crier will be Monday, Dec. 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



## Public notices

### NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY UNITED WAY

The Annual Meeting of the Plymouth Community United Way will be held at the Plymouth/Canton Community Schools Administration Building, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on Tuesday, January 21, 1992 at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect five board members, four officers, hear reports from the President, Secretary and Treasurer and conduct such other business as may come before the Board.

The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

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# Holidays in P-C

## *Celebrate the Season!*



Earlier this month Santa arrives in Plymouth.



Performers cut the rug at Wednesday's holiday show at Field Elementary School in Canton.

Right: Students from Room 14 at Bird Elementary School decorate a tree in Kellogg Park with ornaments they made themselves. The tree and the lights were donated by Unique Accessories. (Crier photo by Joyce Lukasik). Below: Members of the Plymouth Figure Skating Club slice the ice at their holiday show last weekend.



Left, Melissa Preznell, and right, Erin Andrews, sing with Santa in Plymouth.



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# Community opinions

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It's too bad that Gerry Law wasn't around in those days ... to protect the citizens of Bethlehem from the perils of housing the homeless...

## Homeless: Emergency!

EDITOR:  
Before the Plymouth-Canton-Northville area became so populated, it was a remote place where other cities sent the unwanted. Centers which administered to the mentally and physically impaired, TB patients, or criminals isolated these people from the rest of society.

As the community surrounding these institutions grew, numerous concerned-citizens' groups tried to prevent the establishment of more "asylums" such as family homes for the mentally impaired and government housing for senior citizens.

Paster John Grenfell, of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, has been trying to use his church as a refuge for the homeless.

It is quite obvious that Plymouth Township Supervisor Gerald Law is being pressured to prevent this temporary housing. Is it really necessary to have Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara declare the situation an "emergency?" To be homeless is an emergency. The real issue is there are fearful residents who think housing the homeless will endanger their community.

Christmas is a good time for all pastors to reflect with their people and remind them about the meaning of "living their faith." It is time for all pastors to accept the challenge of ecumenism and support a very special leader - Rev. Grenfell. He knows the meaning of "church."

PAT O'LOUGHLIN

# Tell it to Phyllis

By Phyllis Redfern



The hustle and bustle is almost over. There's only a few more "I forgot's" to get and one more trip to the grocery store. As we finished wrapping the last tin of cookies to send in the mail, we can finally start to relax and truly enjoy the holidays.

Excitement fills the air as we look forward to out of town company. Today is a big day at our house as I anxiously await the kid coming home from Tennessee. Snow may be great on Christmas but I sure don't want it until our holiday travelers are home in one piece.

Get together with family and friends are wonderful, especially with those you haven't seen in awhile. It is a time to reminisce about past holidays and all the fun we had. There are many funny stories waiting to be told and repeated again and again. "Do you remember when..."

Just thinking about it, I have so many wonderful holiday memories. As a child I can remember going to my grandpa and grandma's house when we all lived in Traverse City. Their Christmas tree only had blue lights on it. Grandma was very talented at knitting and always make all of our gifts. I don't think I ever had a pair of store bought mittens. In fact I still have some mittens she made.

Then there was the year I went shopping with dad to pick out just the right gift for mom. We got one of those pictures that light up (I don't even know if they still make them). I remember it was a fall scene. I also remember falling in the parking lot that night and landing smack on my nose. The pain wasn't bad and I barely managed to deal with a huge, red nose (with a scab on the end) during the holidays, but I couldn't endure being called Rudolf for two weeks by the world's most insensitive brothers.

Many of my holiday memories include my cousins and a special aunt and uncle. Since I practically lived at their house it is only natural that I have as many fond memories of things that happened at their house as my own. We always decorated cookies together and on Christmas day we got together for games. The year we were snowed in on Christmas Eve my brothers, cousins and I built snowmen and played in the snow for hours. That was my last Christmas at home and I have many special memories about that holiday season.

As you gather with family and friends this holiday season take a few minutes to laugh and reminisce about all the fun things that have happened during the years. Then spend some time doing something you can laugh about next year and the year after.

My wish for all of you this holiday season is a year filled with shining stars and loaded with happiness.

## Bid withdrawn

# Salem's Rider House saved

BY KEN VOYLES

The historic Rider House in Salem Township has apparently been saved.

The house, which had been sold to a Livonia doctor, will remain in the township following a decision at the Dec. 3 Salem Board of Trustees meeting.

Shawn Coil, who had purchased the house for removal from Salem for \$1,300, told the board that he was no longer interested in pursuing the house and was withdrawing his bid.

Coil, in a letter to the board, said he was concerned by the controversy created over removing the house from a site behind township hall on Six Mile Road.

The board accepted the letter, said Suzanne Witthoff, Salem treasurer, and rescinded its action to award the bid to Coil.

The board also agreed to develop a long range plan for the community before

any further efforts were made to remove or tear down the building.

The plan will be developed by a committee set up by the board. The group was expected to begin meeting this month.

"We feel awfully good about this at the present," said Don Riddering, president of the Salem Historical Society, which has opposed removing or tearing down the Rider House. "For right now, it's safe."

Riddering said the historic group made a proposal to the board to renovate the home. He said \$1,000 had been approved by the group to help maintain the home.

Other members of the historic group have said they will help pay for labor and shingles to repair the damaged roof, said Riddering.

"We also plan to go after some grants," he said. "There is support for this in the community."

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# New drunk driving laws start Jan. 1

BY STEVE O'LEARY

Revelers stumbling from New Year's Eve parties should be extra careful driving, particularly if they have -- as is often the custom -- imbibed a bit too much.

At 12:01 a.m. Jan. 1, 1992, tougher drunk driving laws go into effect and local law officials have every intent to enforce them.

"It will definitely help, and we'll be able to get more drunk drivers off of the road," said Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry.

"The new process will make things faster, which will get our officers back on the road quicker so they can possibly make more arrests," he said. "Safety is the key thing here."

The new laws will require swift penalties and increased penalties, including requiring the police officer to physically cut the offender's driver's license in half. A temporary license may then be issued.

A mandatory 30-day license suspension for even a first conviction will also be required, as will a 48-hour

jail term or 10 days of community service for a second conviction of drunk driving.

The new law will also make it harder for drivers to get temporary driver's licenses to drive to work or other hardship cases, according to 35th District Court Judge James Garber.

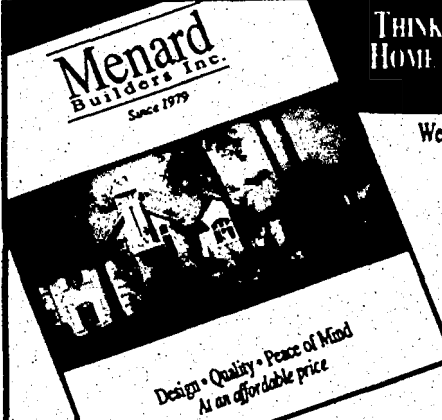
"There will be some problems, at least at first, because the law requires all cases to be resolved within 77 days," he said.

"That adds to the need for a third judge here. Time from other cases will now be taken up with more drunk driving cases."

But Garber feels the law is an important one.

"I think it will have some strong impact and fewer people will be inclined to drink and drive," he said. "But there is still a group of people who won't change their habits, and they'll be the ones who

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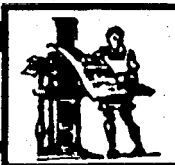
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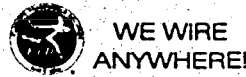
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### ST JOHN'S BLOOD DRIVE

A blood drive will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church on Sheldon Road Dec. 23 from 1-7 p.m. Babysitting available. Call the church at 453-0190 for information or to set up an appointment.

### WOMAN'S CLUB OF PLYMOUTH

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will gather at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth on Jan. 3 at 12:30 p.m. for a meeting. Discussion on "There is More to a Book than its Cover." Pat Thomas, Plymouth Library director, will discuss book collections. For further information call 454-0863.

### FIRST BLANKET DRIVE

Real Estate One is sponsoring its first annual Blanket Drive in support of the Salvation Army in Plymouth and the Emergency Shelter in of Metro Detroit. Blankets must be new in plastic wrapping and can be dropped off at Real Estate One, Inc., 217 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth. Blankets will be collected now through Christmas.

### EXERCISE PROGRAM AT CHURCH

Morning and evening exercise classes begin Jan. 6 and meet five days a week in aerobics, step aerobics, sports aerobics and Eldercise through the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. Childcare available. Proceeds help the Presbyterian Women's missions. Call 459-9485 for more information.

### PUBLIC SPEAKING SEMINAR

On Thursday nights beginning Jan. 16. The Holy Smoke Masters Toastmasters Club will offer speechcraft at the group's 6 p.m. dinner meetings in the Denny's in Westland. Call 455-1635.

### P-C SCHOOL'S MEAP MEETING

A discussion is planned Jan. 9 on "Changes in Mathematics and the MEAP," from 7-9 p.m. in the Canton High Little Theater. Dr. Susan Rigney and Barbara Church will lead the discussion. Parents are encouraged to attend. For more information call Church at 451-6711. She is the curriculum coordinator for math and science in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

### STORYTIME REGISTRATION AT LIBRARY

Registration for Toddler and Pre-School Storytime at the Plymouth District Library will be held the week of Jan. 6. Pre-schoolers, ages three to five and a half, register Jan. 8 at 10 a.m. (10:30 a.m. by phone). Sessions begin Jan. 15. Toddlers, ages two to three and a half, register Jan. 6 at 10 a.m. (10:30 a.m. by phone). Sessions begin Jan. 13. An evening Storytime will be expanded next year. Register for the new Family Storytime Jan. 8 at 6:30 p.m. (7 p.m. by phone). Sessions begin Jan. 15. For further information call 453-0750.

### TAG SCREENINGS IN JANUARY

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district will screen students for admission to the Talented and Gifted Program (TAG) in January. All third graders in the district will take cognitive tests Jan. 21 to Feb. 7. Parents of eligible third graders will be notified of further screening in March. For more information on the TAG program in Plymouth-Canton call the TAG office at 420-5357.

### LEARN TO SKI PROGRAM

Canton's Parks and Recreation Department is offering three Learn to Ski sessions at Riverview Highlands beginning the weeks of Jan. 6 and 13. Each session includes two lessons per week. Open to beginners and intermediate skiers, ages 16 and older, or eight through 15. The cost is \$45 per person, or \$35 with equipment. Registration has begun for the program. No residency requirements. For further details call 397-5110.

### MEN'S RECREATION NIGHT HOOP

The Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring another session of Mens Recreation Night Basketball for Canton residents at Erikson Elementary School for 10 weeks beginning Jan. 8. The cost is \$15 per person. Open at 6:45 p.m. Registration has begun. Call 397-5110 for further information.

### CIVITANS ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

The Plymouth-Canton Civitans annual Citizenship Essay Contest is underway at CEP. The topic is "Mass Media: The Effects on the American Public." Students enrolled in any high school, public, private or parochial within the boundaries of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district are eligible to enter. Prizes of \$125 for first, \$75 for second, \$50 for third. All entries must be submitted by midnight March 13, 1992, to Jerry Thompson, Canton English, room 224. Call 451-6600, ext. 344. Or contact Joe Henshaw at 453-7569.

### MADONNA UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION

On-campus registration for the winter term at Madonna University will continue Jan. 2 until 7 p.m., and Jan. 3 until 5 p.m. for new and returning students. Classes begin Jan. 6. For further information call 591-5052.

### URGENT CARE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Arbor Health Building Urgent Care in Plymouth will be closed on Christmas Day (Dec. 25) This will be the only change in hours of service during the holiday season. Patients needing non-emergency health care should seek assistance at the McAwley Health Building-Canton Urgent Care, which will be open Dec. 25 from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. (located on Ford Road).



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### 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.

### 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.

### SCHOOLCRAFT WINTER REGISTRATION

Schoolcraft College in-person winter registration will be held Jan. 6-8 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Winter classes begin Jan. 11. For further information call 462-4426.

### CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE AT MADONNA

The Madonna University men's baseball team will be selling Christmas trees in the east parking lot every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, through Dec. 22. Michigan grown and cut Scotch Pines, Blue Spruce, and Fir trees will sell for \$12 and up. Christmas wreaths will also be available. For more information call 591-5029.

### CANTON CRICKETS LOTTERY

The Canton Parks and Recreation pre-school program, Canton Crickets, will hold a lottery for a limited number of openings in its 1992 winter session. Lottery drawn today through Dec. 20. Visit the parks and recreation office to pick up a lottery number. For Canton residents only. Winners notified Jan. 6-10. For further information call 397-5110.

### CITY SANITARY SEWER REHAB PROGRAM

The City of Plymouth has started work on its sanitary sewer rehabilitation program. Sewers throughout the city will be cleaned and grouted. Notices will be sent in advance to residents and business owners prior to work being done on their streets.

### KIWANIS ANNUAL TRAVEL SERIES

The next Kiwanis Travel and Adventure Series session features Tom Sterling's "Footloose In Newfoundland." It will be held Jan. 8 at 8 p.m. in the Salem High auditorium. Season tickets are \$18, or \$4 for single tickets. Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth. Call 455-5100 for tickets or information.

### "FOR THE DURATION" EXHIBIT

The Plymouth Historical Museum "For the Duration" exhibit runs until Jan. 26 and features a look at World War II. The museum is open Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. For further information call 455-8940.

### LUMINARY SALE BY SYMPHONY LEAGUE, GARDEN GROUP

The Plymouth Symphony League and Trailwood Garden Club will sell holiday luminaries today (Dec. 21) at Kroger's on Ann Arbor Road and the Westchester Mall in downtown Plymouth. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$3.50 for kit of 10 candles and white paper bags. For further information call 459-0978 or 459-1999.

### ICE SCULPTURE GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST

The Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular, which runs from Jan. 15-20, will offer a Gingerbread House contest this year for adults and children. For just \$3.50 adults and \$1 children participants can enter their own creation into one of six categories. The houses will be judged and then put on display in the Westchester Mall throughout the ice festival. Entry forms and rules are available from the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce or from the Westchester Mall shops in Plymouth. For information call 459-1475 or 459-3264.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

The Mayflower-Lt. Gambles Post No. 6695 VFW will host a New Year's Eve Party Dec. 31 from 8:30 p.m. on at the VFW Post Home on Mill Street, Plymouth. Tickets are \$30 per person. RSVP deadline is Dec. 27. Proceeds will be used for community and veterans service work. Tickets includes dinner and dancing plus favors and other amenities. For information call 459-6700 or 453-0715.

### PRE-SCHOOL OPENINGS AT NEW MORNING

There are openings for three and four year olds in the pre-school program at New Morning School in Plymouth Township. For further information call 420-3331.

### HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Hospice of Southeastern Michigan will train interested persons as hospice volunteers to work in their communities Jan. 25 at Northville United Methodist Church on Eight Mile Road. To register and for further information call Shirley Moore at 559-9292.

### LOCAL FAMILIES NEEDED FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Foreign high school students will be arriving soon in The Plymouth-Canton Community and local host families are needed. For further information call the Pacific Intercultural Exchange at 1-800-245-6232. Students will be coming from Spain, Germany, Italy, Brazil and other countries.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

The First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth will celebrate Christmas Eve with three services (Dec. 24). A brief family service will be held at 5 p.m. with The Rev. Philip Rodgers narrating the fable "The Christmas Eve Donkey Who Snored." At 8 p.m. there will be a candlelight service. At 11 a.m. there will be another candlelight service. For further information call 453-6464.

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# New laws a 'long time coming'

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Other changes include the raises of fines.

The penalty for driving on a revoked license will now be raised to a maximum of \$500 from \$100, and the maximum fine for a first offense will now be \$500, and a maximum fine of \$1,000 for a second conviction.

The law creates a new five-year felony for conviction of drunk driving in cases where a long-term incapacitating injury occurs, and a 15-year felony when a death occurs.

Canton Director of Public Safety John Santomauro said this type of thing has been a long time coming.

"I believe the law is a reflection of community standards. People have become very intolerant of those who drink and drive," he said. "It may have been more socially acceptable 20 years ago, but no longer. People see it for what it is - a life threatening situation."

He added that a year or two down the road he wouldn't be surprised to see stricter laws come into effect.

Judge John MacDonald agreed with Garber that the new law will "definitely increase the need for a third judge in the 35th District Court, but it should help keep drunk drivers off of the road, especially as they become more aware of the law."

There are several different offenses

connected with drunk driving, including operating while impaired (OWI), which means a person's ability to operate their vehicle is visibly affected, but not necessarily significantly affected. A first offense can bring up to a \$300 fine, up to 90 days in jail or 45 days of community service, and a driver's license suspension of up to one year.

Operating under the influence of alcohol (OUIL) means the person's ability to drive is significantly affected. Unlawful blood Alcohol level (UBAL) - .10 percent - means the driver is legally

drunk regardless of his or her driving ability.

Penalties for OUIL and UBAL include any or all of the following: a fine of up to \$500, 90 days in jail, 45 days community service and up to a two-year license suspension with no chance for a restricted license for the first 30 days.

All of these are for first offenses only.

According to the state police, the average for a drunk driving conviction is about \$4,000 plus increased insurance costs (up to three times the current

premium). Average costs include a \$520 fine, \$3,000 in attorney costs, \$125 reinstatement fee, and a \$250 intervention program.

If you are arrested, you will be required to take a blood, breath, or urine test to determine the amount of alcohol or presence of other drugs in your blood. If you refuse to take the test, your license will be suspended for six months. Six points will also be added to your driving record.

Police ask that if you do drink, have a designated driver or take a taxi home. It may save a life.

# Foundation, United Way collaborate

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Dearborn offices.

Patrick Heron, administrative president of Catholic Social Services, said United Way contacted his organization about the idea.

"It was also clear from our own statistics that a lot of Canton folk were coming to our Taylor and Livonia offices for services," said Heron. "I think this is an excellent idea and I anticipate it will be a successful venture. It's clear to us that there is a demand for service in that area."

Heron said he was happy with the cooperation from Canton.

"Our staff is very enthusiastic about

it," he said. "We're committed to this venture. It's a busy season and I do not anticipate a slow start up."

Heron also said that some logistic matters would have to be worked out with Family Service in the next few weeks.

"I think for a segment of our community, it means human services will now be close at hand," said Yack. "I see it as a beginning to solving the human services puzzle. It's real positive that United Way responded as quickly as it did."

Bill Joyner, executive director of the foundation, said the attempt to bring social services into Canton began two

years ago.

"We've been trying to create this awareness," said Joyner. "And now we've found the people willing to cooperate with us."

"The foundation is ecstatic," he continued. "We're happy to be able to expand our space to make more room for us and to offer this kind of service."

The foundation has in fact already added the name Canton Family Services to its letterhead in anticipation of the project.

Residents seeking further information about the joint venture should call 454-5428.

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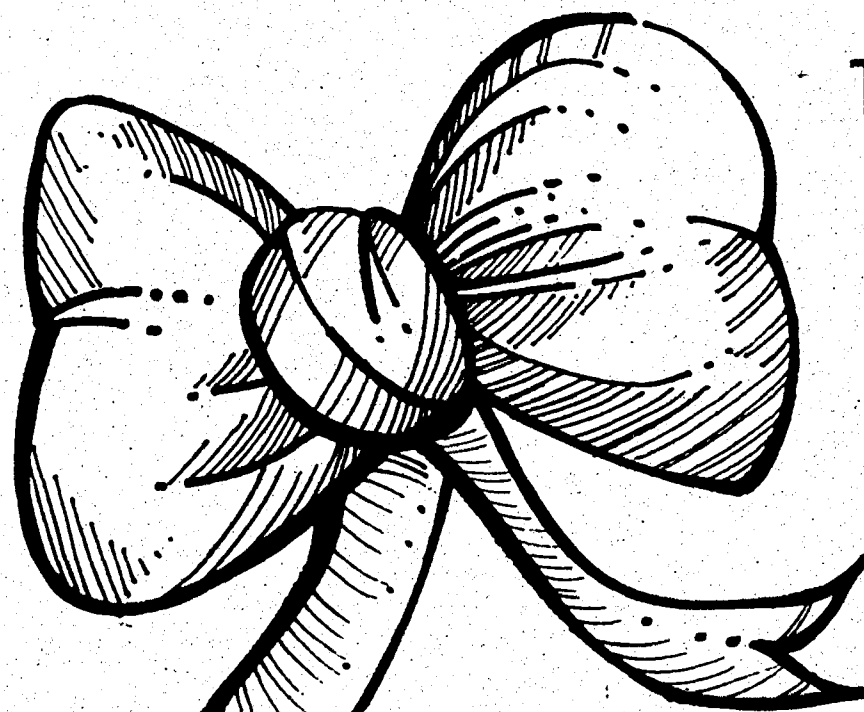
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5773 Canton Center Road  
Canton  
455-3200

**Blackwell Ford**  
41001 Plymouth Rd.  
Plymouth  
453-1100

**Real Estate One**  
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Plymouth  
455-7000

**Computer Connection**  
44473 Ann Arbor Rd.  
Plymouth 455-2983

**Select Air Systems**  
Heating & Air Conditioning  
Plymouth  
459-1954

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Plymouth  
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**Omnicom Cablevision**  
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459-7300

**Community Federal Credit Union**  
Plymouth 453-1200  
Canton 455-0400  
Northville 348-2920

**Kitchens by Stella**  
Ray Stella Contracting, Inc.  
747 S. Main • Plymouth  
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P.O. Box 5338 • Plymouth  
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# 35th Court convictions for month of November

ALCOHOL/SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
DISPOSITIONS FOR PUBLICATION  
Period Ending November 30, 1991

NAME, D/O/B RESIDENCE, OFFENSE,  
DESCRIPTION

Allesse, Robert Alan, Jr., 11/2/57  
Birmingham, OUIL 1st Offense  
Baker, Major, 6/12/71 Westland, Operate  
Impaired/1st Offense  
Bishop, Charles Bradley, 5/28/60 Livonia,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Blovins, Anthony Michael, 8/7/84 Ypsilanti,  
UBAL 1st Offense  
Borg, Joseph Paul, 9/4/47 Northville, OUIL  
1st Offense  
Boyles, Michael Patrick, 2/22/72 Plymouth,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Brown, Christopher Lance, 3/8/65 Belleville,  
OUIL 1st Offense  
Bryant, Darryl Charles, 8/19/42 Dearborn  
Hghts Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Buchwald, Thomas, 7/19/62 Plymouth, OUIL  
1st Offense  
Campbell, Stacey Lynn, 9/1/72 Rochester,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Chapman, Dennis Alan, 1/19/53 Plymouth,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Cordts, Robert Michael, 9/10/51 Garden City,  
OUIL 1st Offense  
Craig, Todd Christopher, 4/23/64 Romulus,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Creery, Thomas Banks III 12/29/69 Plymouth,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Debeauclair, Russell Bruce 8/6/43 Inkster,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Dee, Glenn Stuart 9/22/43 Livonia, Operate  
Impaired/1st Offense  
Delisio, Kevin Brian 4/20/74 Livonia, Operate  
Impaired/1st Offense  
Dempster, Suzanne Delores 9/5/72 Canton,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Dodd, Leonard Allan, Jr., 3/8/73 Canton, Open  
Intox In Motor Vehicle  
Duke, John Howard, 3/24/47 Plymouth, OUIL  
2nd Offense  
Dunn, Kelly Eugene, 8/26/69 Ypsilanti,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Ellerson, Beverly Ann, 8/20/54 Ypsilanti,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
England, Christine Lynn, 4/13/65 Canton,  
Host Law  
Erb, Larry Ralph, 8/8/53 Taylor, OUIL 1st  
Offense  
Escalera, Joe Louis, 12/15/61 Westland,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Evans, Jody Lynn, 12/1/66 Northville,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Faircloth, Ronald Oneal, 1/17/60 Ypsilanti,  
Possession of Marijuana  
Fantauzzi, Joseph Allen, 6/14/62 Garden City,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Ferrell, Franklin Bentley, 7/11/72 Garden City,  
OUIL 1st Offense  
Francis, Michael Kelly, 8/28/72 Northville,  
Minor Possession Open Alcohol  
Frederick, Edward John, 1/21/72 Romeo,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Garner, William Thomas II, 12/5/72  
Plymouth, Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Gold, Michael Joseph, 8/16/74 Plymouth,  
Host Law  
Gonyea, Jeffrey Charles, 4/22/69 Canton,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Gould, Jeffrey Sterling, 7/11/57 Dearborn  
Hghts OUIL 1st Offense  
Grostick, Michael James, 4/7/58 Plymouth,  
UBAL 1st Offense  
Hamilton, Betty Ann, 9/24/49 Northville,  
OUIL 1st Offense  
Harbin, Keith Edward, 8/11/60 Plymouth,  
UBAL 1st Offense  
Holowacky, James Anthony 12/5/57  
Plymouth, Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Hood, Girard, 2/23/66 Inkster, OUIL 1st  
Offense  
Horn, Dennis Steven, 2/2/72 Warren,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Hughes, Gary Alan, 1/22/62 Ypsilanti, OUIL  
1st Offense  
Hughes, Lisa Lenora, 3/19/67 Garden City,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Jennings, Jeffrey Michael, 12/8/73 Westland,  
Poss. Alcohol Under 21-Child

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following is a compilation of substance-abuse related convictions for the month of November (ending Nov. 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.

Johnson, Norma Ruth, 8/17/32 Ypsilanti,  
OUIL 1st Offense  
Jones, Michael Paul, 12/31/49 Westland,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Jubenville, Billie Sue, 4/5/56 Milan, Operate  
Impaired/1st Offense  
Kanla, Richard Mark, 12/4/52 Westland,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Kauranen, Veri Norman, 11/29/69 Livonia,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Kelm, Kinley Rae, 4/4/57 Northville, UBAL 1st  
Offense  
Kenney, Dawn Joy, 2/7/72 Canton, Operate  
Impaired/1st Offense  
Kuz, Darrell Michael, 12/4/71 Livonia,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Labon, David Joseph, Jr., 1/26/69 Plymouth,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Langa, Mark Gerard, 1/16/60 Garden City,  
OUIL 1st Offense  
Langer, Loucinda Beavers 10/29/39  
Plymouth, Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Langmesser, Frank Stephen 5/24/72 Plymouth  
Transport Open Intox in MV  
Leonard, Scott Curtis 10/27/70 Sterling Hghts  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Lewis, Audrey Mae, 6/5/38 Plymouth,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Lewis, William Franklin, 4/1/70 Farmington,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Lockwood, Michael Scott, 5/20/72 Livonia,  
OUIL 1st Offense  
Lynch, Albert Franklin II, 4/14/73 Northville,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Lynch, Samuel Joseph, 10/8/55 Ypsilanti,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Maccek, Parry Mathew, 6/4/67 Canton,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Makara, David Scott, 2/22/72 Plymouth,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Markos, Michael Alan, 7/24/57 Farmington  
Hills, OUIL 1st Offense  
Marshall, Erik Wayne, 6/11/72 Garden City,  
Open Intox in Motor Vehicle  
McEachen, Deanna Lynn, 5/25/66 Northville,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
McInerney, Stewart Kimbal 9/20/68 Canton,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
McPhail, Torrie Robert, 3/9/73 Northville,  
Poss Alcohol Under 21-Child  
Merriman, Michael Raymon, 6/18/66 Inkster,  
OUIL 1st Offense  
Miller, Paula Roberta, 10/27/64 Ypsilanti,  
OUIL/UBAL 1st Offense  
Minchert, Larry Louis, 12/16/70 Plymouth,  
Open Intox in Motor Vehicle  
Murray, James Scott, 3/20/62 Redford,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Murray, Joseph Andrew, 2/15/70 Canton,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Neil, Michael Jason, 9/3/70 Canton, Operate  
Impaired/1st Offense  
Nolan, Richard Paul, 3/24/49 Canton, Operate  
Impaired/1st Offense  
Noochester, Jinny Marie, 6/29/65 Northville,  
OUIL 1st Offense  
Ockuty, James Edward, 5/27/59 Toledo, OH,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Olson, Carol Joy, 12/22/50 Chicago, IL,  
UBAL 1st Offense  
Orlandini, Joseph Bernard, 2/21/72 Northville,  
Poss Alc by Minor MV Under, 21  
Parlin, Gary David, 1/6/61 Canton, Operate  
Impaired/1st Offense  
Paulson, Nora Lee, 2/27/62 Livonia, Operate  
Impaired/1st Offense  
Penner, Lydra Alice, 3/18/54 Westland,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Perkins, Jesse, 7/8/52 Canton, OUIL 1st  
Offense  
Plumridge, Brent Adam, 8/28/61 Ypsilanti,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Poole, Dawn Denise, 8/3/54 Plymouth,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense

Proctor, Charles Clyde, 1/24/73 Taylor, OUIL  
1st Offense  
Ratcliff, Patrick James, 10/16/72 Canton,  
Transport Open Intox in MV  
Ratcliff, Rex Allen, 4/28/71 Canton, Open  
Intox In Motor Vehicle  
Richardson, Kirk Michael, 1/28/62 Plymouth,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Riha, Lauri Jane, 6/27/65 Northville, Operate  
Impaired/1st Offense  
Schuette, Donald Wayne, 7/2/61 Saline, OUIL  
1st Offense  
Scott, Denise Mina, 11/10/46 Canton,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Shaw, Steven Patrick, 1/20/58 Garden City,  
OUIL 1st Offense  
Sherry, Michael Richard, 10/7/70 Romulus,  
Open Intox in Motor Vehicle

Sibert, Cynthia Lynn, 7/4/68 Cadillac,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Smith, Roger William, 6/10/64 Belleville, OUIL  
1st Offense  
Smiley, Robert James, 9/4/59 Leckrone, PA  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Snyder, Anthony William, 6/11/73 Plymouth,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Sonberger, Joseph Michael 3/5/63 Canton,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Stanford, Todd Michael, 11/26/69 Wayne,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Steslick, Michael Ernest, 7/28/49 Canton,  
OUIL 1st Offense  
Snyder, Eric Edward, 7/13/67 Garden City,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Traskos, Angela Catherine, 2/9/56 Canton,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Vallar, Gina Marie, 6/19/71 Lincoln Park,  
Operate Impaired/1st Offense  
Wagner, Robert Joseph, 9/2/62 Plymouth,  
UBAL 1st Offense  
Wais, Marc Allen, 2/10/63 Canton, OUIL 1st  
Offense  
Walbridge, Lee Allen, 3/4/63 Canton, Open  
Intox in Motor Vehicle  
Wilson, Kirk Harvey, 2/12/73 Livonia, OUIL  
1st Offense

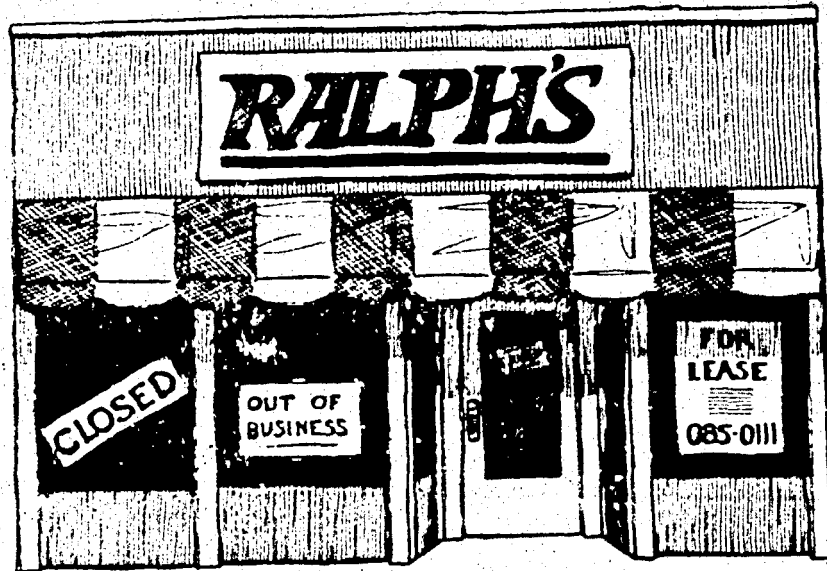
## CRIMINAL AND LICENSING PENALTIES FOR OUIL, OUID, UBAL AND OWI

OUIL/OUID/UBAL	OWI
<b>FIRST OFFENSE</b> * \$100 to \$500 Fine and/or * Up to 90 Days Jail and/or * Up to 45 Days Community Service * Driver License Suspension 6 Months to 2 Years (No Restricted License for First 30 Days)	<b>FIRST OFFENSE</b> * Up to \$300 Fine and/or * Up to 90 Days Jail and/or * Up to 45 Days Community Service * Driver License Suspension 3 Months to 1 Year
<b>SECOND OFFENSE</b> (Within 7 Years of a prior OUIL/OUID/UBAL) * \$200 to \$1,000 Fine and * 48 Hours to 1 Year Jail and/or * 10 to 90 Days Community Service * Driver License Revocation	<b>SECOND OFFENSE</b> (Within 7 Years) * \$200 to \$1,000 Fine and * Up to 1 Year Jail and/or * 10 to 90 Days Community Service * Driver License Suspension 6 Months to 2 Years (No Restricted License for First 60 Days)
<b>THIRD OFFENSE</b> (Within 10 Years of a prior OUIL/OUID/UBAL) * \$500 to \$5,000 Fine and/or * 1 to 5 Years Jail * Driver License Revocation	<b>THIRD OFFENSE</b> (Within 10 Years) * \$200 to \$1,000 Fine and * Up to 1 Year Jail and/or * 10 to 90 Days Community Service * Driver License Revocation
<b>ACCIDENT CAUSING LONG-TERM INCAPACITATING INJURY (Felony)</b> * \$1,000 to \$5,000 Fine and/or * Up to 5 Years Jail * Driver License Revocation	
<b>ACCIDENT CAUSING DEATH (Felony)</b> * \$2,500 to \$10,000 Fine and/or * Up to 15 Years Jail * Driver License Revocation	

*Excuse not to advertise No. 109:*

**“I don’t need to advertise.  
I have enough business.”**

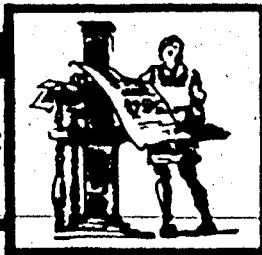
*This ad is dedicated to a produce store on Main Street who less than a month after using Excuse No. 109, moved out -- in the middle of the night.*



*The Crier's advertising consultants, the largest-numbered, longest-serving ad specialists serving The Plymouth-Canton Community have heard it all. We thought we'd share a few of our favorite reasons we've heard why some business people don't advertise.*

- # 1 Advertising never works.
- # 4 I'm going through a divorce and my wife is suing me.
- # 5 I'm going through a divorce and my husband is suing me.
- # 8 I spent all my money on stocking the shop.
- # 12 I've never had to advertise.
- # 17 The newspaper makes too much money.
- # 25 I don't have anything to advertise.
- # 31 I have to paint the outside of my store.
- # 38 My accountant says I can't spend any money.
- # 39 My lawyer says I can't spend any money.
- # 40 My husband says I can't spend any money.
- # 41 My wife says I can't spend any money.
- # 42 My partner says I can't spend any money.
- # 47 We're not trying to make any more money right now.
- # 48 We have enough business.
- # 54 I only need the yellow pages.
- # 59 My customers don't read.
- # 68 My competitors advertise.
- # 69 My competitors will know my prices.
- # 76 I'm saving all money for a buying trip to Toronto.
- # 82 My brother-in-law is taking a marketing course in night school and he says advertising doesn't work.
- # 84 My cousin's next-door-neighbor's kids are putting fliers on windshields downtown -- I think.
- # 88 I advertise on our matchbook covers.
- # 89 I mail to our customer list.
- # 93 I don't get any advertising allotment from the home office/parent company.
- # 98 I don't have any co-op dollars.
- # 101 My ad budget's set until 1992.
- # 106 The road in front is under construction.
- # 110 My name is well known in town.
- # 112 I don't have a checkbook yet.
- # 113 I'm waiting for a check from my last customer.
- # 121 The newspaper ran a story on my business.
- # 122 The newspaper hasn't run a story on my business.
- # 123 The newspaper ran a story on one of my competitors.
- # 124 Your newspaper ran a story when I crashed my car into the hotel lobby.
- # 137 The newspaper prints "negative" letters.
- # 138 The newspaper doesn't print "negative" letters.
- # 140 The newspaper favors Canton High School.
- # 141 The newspaper favors Salem High School.
- # 142 The newspaper favors the Rotary Club.
- # 143 The newspaper favors the Lions Club.
- # 144 The newspaper favors the Kiwanis Club.
- # 148 The newspaper prints too much Plymouth news.
- # 149 The newspaper prints too much Canton news.
- # 155 The newspaper is in league with Township Hall.
- # 156 The newspaper is always picking on Township Hall.

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# Community deaths

## Prochazka, aviator

Laddie F. Prochazka, 77, of Plymouth, died Dec. 2. Services were held Dec. 6 at the Lambert-Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home with Rev. William J. Pettit officiating. Mr. Prochazka was a pilot and an aviation maintenance mechanic. He is survived by his wife, Gertrude Prochazka; sons, David Prochazka, of Flushing, James Prochazka, of Walled Lake, William Prochazka, of Plymouth, and Charles Prochazka, of Plymouth; daughters, Karen Marsh, of Cambridge, MA, Kathy Prochazka, of Canton, Mary Jaroh, of Canton, and Sandra, of Ann Arbor; and brothers Gus Prochazka, of Florida, and Donald Prochazka, of Ohio.

## Becoskey, engineer

Andrew J. Becoskey, 73, of Plymouth, died Dec. 1. Services were held Dec. 4 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with Rev. Matthew Ellis officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Becoskey worked at St. John's Seminary for 28 years as a power house engineer. He retired in 1980. He was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church and the Plymouth Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his wife, Verna Becoskey; son, Andrew Becoskey, of Redford; daughter, Karen Becoskey; sister, Helen Hibian, of New Jersey; grandchildren, Jeff and Dawn; and great grandchildren Jessie, Courtney and Aubrey.

## Pullen, homemaker

Clara Pullen, 92, of Plymouth died Dec. 6. Services are to be held at a later date. Mrs. Pullen was a homemaker who came to Plymouth eight months ago. She was a member of the Detroit chapter of the Eastern Star and of the Detroit Garden Club.

She is survived by her brother, John Gamble, of Florida; three nieces and two nephews. Local arrangements were handled by the Schrader Funeral Home.

## Rupp, a homemaker

Mabel A. Rupp, 77, of Livonia, died Nov. 25. Services were held on Nov. 27 at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy with the Rev. William P. Myers, Jr. officiating. Burial was also at the White Chapel Cemetery.

Mrs. Rupp was a homemaker who moved to Livonia in 1952 from Grand Rapids. She is survived by daughter, Joan Blessing Butz, of Livonia; brother, Ford Moore, of Roseville; grandchildren, Craig Blessing, of Rome, NY, Cathy Literski, of Howell, Jeffrey Blessing, of Livonia, Laurie Anne Blessing, of Novi, Suzanne Hwozdik, of Milford, Julie Genter, of Milford, and Michael Genter, of Clarkston; and four great grandchildren.

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader Funeral Home.

## Ash, local farmer

Edward W. Ash, 68, of Northville, died Nov. 22. Services were held Nov. 25 at the Schrader Funeral Home with Pastor Helwig officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Ash spent most of his life as a farmer. From 1966 to 1986 he was the supervisor of building maintenance at Schoolcraft College. He moved to Northville from Livonia in 1972 and was a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Plymouth.

He is survived by wife, Yvonne Ash, of Northville; children, Marvin Ash, of Troy, Lenore Kramer, of Livonia, William Ash, of Plymouth, and Joanna Moyer, of Livonia; sisters, Lucile Prieskorn, of Brighton, Mildred Ash, of Plymouth, and Ethel Eckles, of Plymouth; and grandchildren Laura and Danny Kramer, and Colton Ash.

Memorials may be made to St. Peter's Evangelical Church, the American Cancer Society and Angela Hospice Home Care.

## LeBourdais, retiree

Albert C. LeBourdais, 77, of Plymouth, died Nov. 26. Services were held Nov. 30 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Linwood.

Mr. LeBourdais was a retired tool and die maker for Goddard and Goddard of Detroit where he worked for 34 years. He moved to Plymouth from Detroit in 1975 and was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church. Mr. LeBourdais also belonged to the American Kennel Club.

He is survived by his wife, Amanda M. LeBourdais, of Plymouth; son, Ronald LeBourdais, of Garden City; daughter, Marilyn Craner, of Ontario, Canada; sisters, Margaret Provo, Thelma Jesky, Norrine Sylvester, and Barbara Blohm, all of Linwood, and Madonna Huskins, of Bay City; brothers, Orville, Carl, and Kenneth LeBourdais, all of Linwood; and grandchildren, Kelly Craner, of Canada, Claudine LeBourdais, of Garden City, and Bryan Craner, of Canada.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation. Local arrangements were handled by the Schrader Funeral Home.

## Smith, cost estimator

Joseph D. Smith, 73, of Northville Township, died Nov. 15. Services were held Monday, Nov. 18 at the Schrader Funeral Home with Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating. Burial was in Rural Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Smith was a cost estimator at the Rouge Office Building for 25 years. He retired in 1976. He moved to the Northville community in 1986 and had been active in Northville politics.

Survivors include: daughters Joyce E. Majzlik, of Canton, and Mary Jo Abad, of Farmington Hills; son Ronald Smith, of Farmington Hills; three brothers and eight grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Leader Dogs For the Blind. Local arrangements were handled by Schrader Funeral Home.


## Rogge, supervisor

Irwin Rogge, 68, of Canton died Dec. 1. Services were Dec. 4 at the Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home with Rev. Victor F. Halboth officiating. Burial was in the Glen Eden Cemetery in Redford.

Mr. Rogge had worked at the Schwarz Foundry as maintenance supervisor for 51 years. He was a member of the Danish Brotherhood.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian Rogge, of Canton; sons, David Rogge, of Grand Rapids, and Craig Rogge, of Redford Township; brother, James Rogge, of Arizona; sister, Marlene Havrelko, of Madison Heights; and five grandchildren, Tim, Mark, Alicia, Dane and Kelsi.

Memorials may be made to the Angelica Hospice or the American Cancer Society.



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**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
43065 Joy Road, Canton  
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Dr. David A. Hay, Senior Pastor  
Sunday School for All Ages 9:45 am  
Sunday Services 11:00 am, 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study & Clubs 7:00 pm  
Plymouth Christian Academy 459-3505

**PRAISE CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD**  
585 N. Mill St., Plymouth  
455-1070  
Nursery Available All Services  
Sunday School (ages 2-19) 10 am  
Sunday Morning Worship 10 am  
Praise Celebration (Sunday) 8 pm  
Bible Study & Kids Clubs (Wed.) 7 pm  
Roderick Trusty, Pastor  
Brian Tucker, Assoc. & Music Pastor  
Bill Lawless, Youth Pastor  
Liz Graves, Administrative Assistant  
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9:00 am - 11 am  
Dr. Kenneth D. Lister, Interim Pastor

**PLYMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH**  
42021 Ann Arbor Trail,  
453-5534  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Night Family Night 7:00 pm  
Pastor William Barber, Jr.  
Asst. Pastor Robert J. Eddy  
*"The Church on the Grow"*

**RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
(Missouri Synod)  
46250 Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth  
(one mile west of Sheldon)  
453-5252  
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am  
Family Sunday School Hour 9:45 am  
Rev. K.M. Mehl, Pastor  
K. N. Hinrichs, Vicar

**ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Saturday Worship 5:30 pm  
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Dynamic Youth Groups  
Ongoing Adult Education & Fellowship  
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Sports Programs & Community Outreach  
**WE CARE ABOUT YOU**  
SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES  
7000 N. Sheldon, Canton Township  
459-3333  
(Just south of Warron Road)

## Bobieralski, of Canton

Gerald A. Bobieralski, 56, of Canton died Dec. 16. Services were held Dec. 18 at Our Lady of Good Counsel with Rev. Joseph A. Plawewski officiating. Burial was in United Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Bobieralski worked for Barry's Clothing for many years, and was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

He is survived by his father Andrew Sobieralski, of Warren; son Norman G. Sobieralski, of Canton; brother Andrew Sobieralski, of Warren; and his grandson, Mathew.

Local arrangements were handled by the Lambert-Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

## Bellanger, truck driver

Richard Earl Bellanger, 34, of Belleville died Dec. 5. Services were held Dec. 10 at the Schrader Funeral Home with Rev. Joseph A. Plawewski officiating. Burial was in Riverside cemetery.

Mr. Bellanger was a truck driver for Johnson Manufacturing in Plymouth. He lived in Plymouth until 1984 and attended Salem High School.

He is survived by his son, Anthony R. Bellanger, of Inkster; his parents, Earl and Christine Bellanger, of Plymouth; his brother, Ronald S. Bellanger, of Plymouth; and many aunts and uncles.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society.

## Honey, GM worker

Robert D. Honey, 82, of Venice, FL, died Dec. 9. Services were held Dec. 12 at the Lemon Bay Funeral Home, Venice Chapel in Florida. Burial was in Venice Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Honey was a former Plymouth resident and machine operator at GM Hydromatic in Ypsilanti. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and a member of the Venice Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth V. Honey; daughters Norma Sayers, of Venice, FL, and Patricia Bedrosian, of Plymouth; son, John Graydon, of Lawrence; sisters Olene Ford, of Flint, and Octavia Pace, of Flint; and brother, Thomas Honey, of Port Charlotte, FL.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice of Southwest Florida in Sarasota.

## Hohnbaum, homemaker

Elva K. Hohnbaum, 88, of Plymouth, died Dec. 2. Services were held Dec. 5 at the Lambert-Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home with Rev. John N. Grenfell, Jr. officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Hohnbaum was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

She is survived by her son Charles, of Plymouth, four grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Organ Fund of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

## Stover, homemaker

Maxine M. Stover, 75, of Westland died Dec. 6. Services were held Dec. 9 at the Lambert-Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home With Dr. Jerry Yarnell officiating. Burial was at Arborcrest Cemetery in Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Stover was a homemaker and a nurse.

She is survived by her daughters, Earlene Smith, of Canton, and Karen Donbrock, of Belleville; her grandchildren, Shelley, Rachel, Paul, David and Anthony; great grandchildren Somman and Lauren.

## Weller, retiree

Naomi Pearl Weller, 89, of Plymouth died Dec. 16. Services were held Dec. 20 at the Newburg United Methodist Church with Rev. David E. Ray officiating. Burial was in Ottawa Park Cemetery in Clarkson.

Mrs. Weller came to Plymouth in 1955. She worked for 10 years at the Packaging Corporation of America before she retired. She was a member of the Newburg United Methodist Church of Livonia, Tonquish Creek Manor Senior Citizens, and was one of the original members of the Creditors of Plymouth.

She is survived by her sons, Herbert Weller, of Keego Harbor, and Byron Janet, of Springfield, OH; brother Henry Hall, of Flint; sister, Lillian Pinch, of Ludington; 14 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Newburg Methodist Church.

Local arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home.

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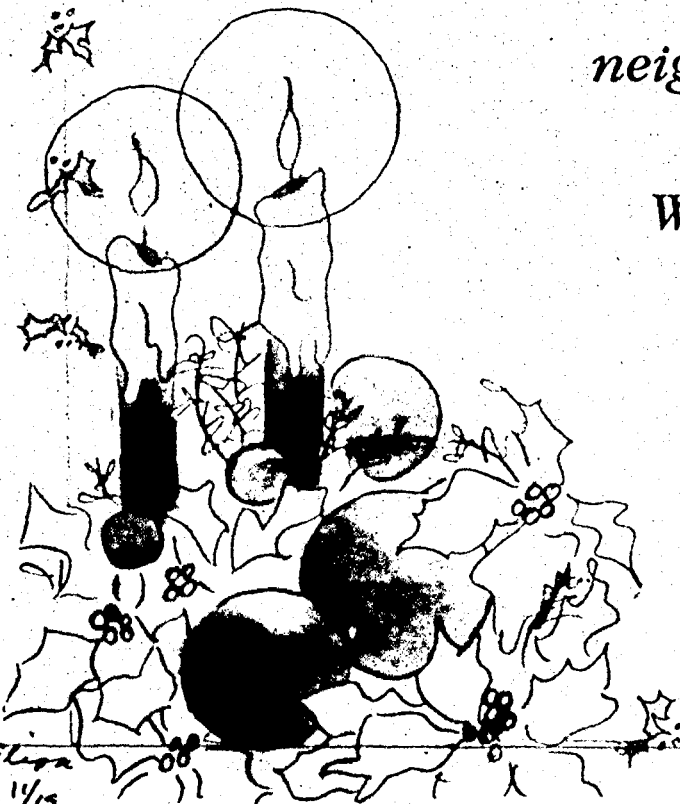
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# Places to be

## Mass media focus of Civitan essay contest

How does the mass media affect the American public?

This is the question the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club is asking essayists to answer in its annual Citizenship Essay contest. Any student under 21 years of age enrolled in any school -- public or private -- in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' district area is invited to compete for the prizes.

First place awards are \$125, second place, \$75, and 3rd, \$50. But these amounts will be increased \$25 for each group of five entrants after the first 10 submissions.

Entries will be judged by a panel of eight -- three teachers from Canton and

three from Salem High, and one judge apiece from The Crier and Observer newspapers. Essays will be judged upon originality of thought and expression, factual accuracy of supporting data, sentence structure, spelling, capitalization and punctuation.

Students must address the topic, "Mass Media: The Effects on the American Public."

All entries must be submitted to Jerry Thompson, Canton English, room 224, extension 344 by midnight March 13, 1992.

Further questions may be directed to Joe Henshaw, of the Plymouth-Canton Civitan, at 453-7569.

## Men's rec night in Canton

Canton hoopsters are invited to take to the court at men's recreation night basketball starting on Jan. 8.

This weekly event, open to Canton residents, is sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services at the

Eriksson Elementary School gym and runs 10 weeks. The fee is \$15 per person.

The men's basketball night is scheduled from 6:45-9:45 p.m. For further information call 397-5110.

## MEAP meeting on tap

Changes in the math curriculum and the new Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) will be the topic of discussion at a meeting at Canton High School Jan. 9.

Dr. Susan Rigney, the Michigan Department of Education MEAP mathematics coordinator, and Barbara Church the Plymouth-Canton

Community Schools curriculum coordinator will discuss the new MEAP mathematics test to be administered this fall to fourth, seventh, and 10th graders as well as the recent changes in the national math standards for all grades.

The discussion takes place from 7-9 p.m. at the Canton High School Little Theater and is free. For more information call Church at 451-6711.

## Storytime at library

It's nearly story time at the Plymouth District Library.

On Mondays and Wednesdays from Jan. 13 through Feb. 3, toddlers and preschoolers can indulge in a favorite activity, listening to stories in the City of Plymouth facility.

Registration is Jan. 8 for ages three and a half to five years. Registration may be made at 10 a.m. in person or at 10:30 a.m. by phone. Preschooler

sessions are on Wednesdays.

Toddler story time is a family affair and takes place in the evening on Mondays. Parents, grandparents and brothers and sisters are invited to attend. Registration for ages two to three and a half is on Jan. 6 at 10 a.m. for those who register in person and at 10:30 a.m. for those who register by phone.

For further details call 453-0750.

## TAG sign-up planned

Elementary school parents who think their children may be academically gifted can nominate them to participate in a screening process in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district.

Since all third graders will take the cognitive ability test from Jan. 21 to Feb. 7, parents of third graders need not nominate them. Nomination packets will be available for parents of grades two through seven from Jan. 6-17. Parents

through seven from Jan. 6-17. Parents must return the form no later than Jan. 21.

The TAG -- talented and gifted -- program operates at five classrooms at Allen Elementary School and four at East Middle School. Students are transported from their homes schools to a TAG location.

For more information call the TAG office 420-5357.

## Ski lessons offered

If you've ever wanted to learn to ski, the Canton Parks and Recreation Department is offering the chance.

The recreation department is conducting a learn-to-ski program. Each session consists of two lessons per week for two weeks and costs \$45 per person, \$35 if you have your own equipment.

The first session takes place the week of Jan. 6 and 13. The second session takes place the weeks of Jan. 20 and 27. The third session will be held the weeks of Feb. 3 and 10.

Skiers must provide their own transportation to Riverview Highlands Ski Area. Each lesson will last 45

minutes with free skiing afterwards.

Juniors -- ages eight through 15 -- begin instruction at 5 p.m. Seniors start at 7 p.m.

For further information call 397-5110.

## Addenda & errata

A report of an accident last Monday evening at Sheldon and Ann Arbor roads involving a 1976 Oldsmobile and a 1988 Ford Domino's delivery vehicle incorrectly stated that the driver of the Ford was ticketed for failure to yield. The Domino's driver was not ticketed, only the driver of the Oldsmobile.

The State of Michigan pays \$52,770 of a judge's salary at 35th District Court. Local governments pay \$41,042. The state then makes a "standardization" payment of another \$36,938. That amount is then subtracted from the \$41,042 payment, reducing the actual local total payment to \$4,104.

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A brief family service will take place at 5 p.m. with children encouraged to attend. Rev. Phillip Magee will narrate the story of "The Christmas Eve Donkey Who Snored." At 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. there will be a candlelight services.

On Dec. 29, the Sunday after Christmas, there will be only one service at 7:00 p.m.

# Lawsuit seeks back pay from Twp.

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under way. When the new contract was signed the officers were paid retroactive wages representing a 4.25 per cent increase.

Thompson, who quit the department

## Parents

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"We're a parents group for parents," Soper says. "We don't want any interference from the schools as far as telling us what to do."

"Don't take that wrong," she added, "the school people have been great. They just can't believe we've done as much as we have on a strictly volunteer basis. But, the bottom line is, we -- the parents -- don't want to lose control."

"This is a strictly grass-roots effort, we want to keep it very, very simple," Nisch said. "So far, that's what we've done and it's working out fantastically."

on April 27, 1990; did not receive the wage adjustment.

"The township is in violation of contract law," Thompson told the township board of trustees at Wednesday night's meeting. "I do not know why I should not be getting my back pay."

Township Supervisor, Gerald Law, responded that Thompson had signed a release form that all employees sign when they leave their jobs with the township.

"It states that all the monies owed to them have been paid to them," Law said. "It's a standard release. We really don't

feel that people can come back and say you owe us," he said.

Thompson said in an interview that the form he signed pertained only to benefits and not to retroactive salary.

Thompson filed his suit in 35th District Court's small claims division. He is seeking \$1,500.

"Under Michigan tort law, I can't sue for court fees, attorney fees or damages," he said. He said he was afraid the township would try to drag out the case until his expenses exceeded the \$7,000 he said he is owed.

Thompson will represent himself in court. He said he anticipates that the township will want to appeal the case to district court.

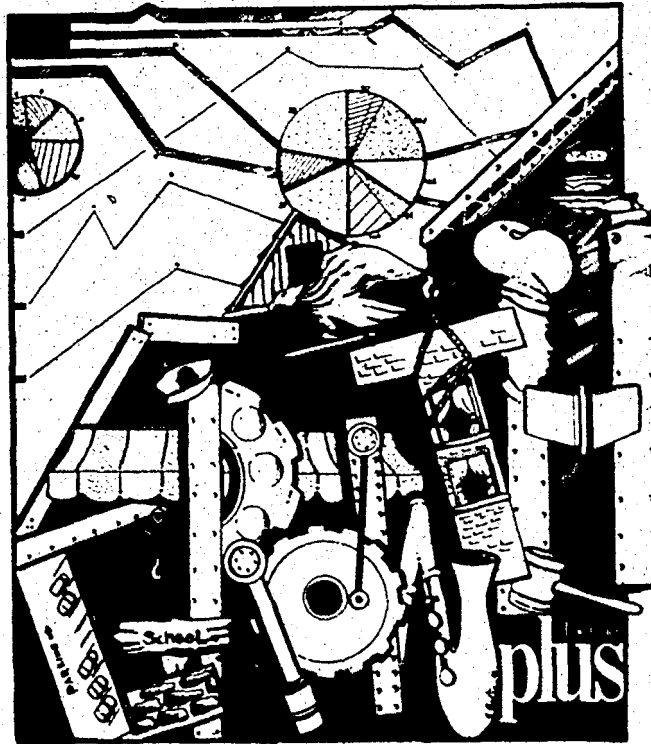
If the township does, he said, they will have to pay the court fee and he would amend his case for the full amount.

Thompson said he quit the township police department because he didn't agree with the way it was run.

Thompson is now operating his own pest control company. As a police officer he said he made \$22,000 a year.

## Coming January 8

The Crier examines the GROWTH in the Plymouth-Canton and Northville areas



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# Business newsmakers

Dr. Donald Schultz, a resident of Plymouth, has been named vice president of private affairs for Henry Ford Health System. Dr. Schultz will serve as an advocate for doctors in private practice in the community hospitals within the Henry Ford health care system.

Before accepting this post, Dr. Schultz headed a staff of 200 doctors at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Sioux City, Iowa.

Donald R. Trim, president of the Plymouth-based Wade-Trim Group, has been elected a fellow of the American Consulting Engineers Council, a professional association of 5,000 consulting engineers.

Trim has been a member of the ACEC for 26 years. Trim received his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan. He is a registered engineer in Michigan, Ohio and Florida and a registered land surveyor in Michigan.

Canton resident Allan Van Buhler has been promoted to the director of product marketing for Allnet Communications Services, Inc., a telecommunications and long-distance firm.

Van Buhler has worked for Allnet since 1985. He holds an M.B.A. from Wayne State University.

Three employees of the Finlan Insurance Agency in Plymouth have been recognized by the Society of

Certified Insurance Counselors. Russell Hoisington, Kirkland Kohn and Richard Raison were honored for their efforts in insurance education. Award winners rank in the top 1% of agents in the nation.

The Plymouth firm, Soil and Materials Engineers, Inc., has announced that Daniel O. Roeser has joined their staff as project geologist in their environmental division.

Roeser has a bachelor's degree in geology from the University of Rochester. He has specialized in environmental assessments and the handling of hazardous materials both as a former Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and for a private company in California.

Dave Buck, a resident of Plymouth has been elected vice chairperson of the Michigan Affiliate Board of Directors of the American Diabetes Association.

Mr. Buck is designer at Ford Motor Co., and serves on the public relations committee of the Michigan affiliate.

Plymouth resident Sally Repeck has been named administrator of the Caring Program for Children. The program is a cooperative effort by the State of Michigan and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan to provide health insurance to uninsured children. Repeck

will coordinate the program's fundraising activities.

Repeck is the executive director of the American Humanic Program at Wayne State University. She chairs the Wayne County Social Services Board and serves as a member of Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the Downtown Development Authority.

Gerald Grady, Jr., of Canton, has been promoted to account executive from manager at Follmer, Rudzewicz and Company. He joined the firm in 1985. The company specializes in computer information systems. Grady has a degree from Eastern Michigan.

Twelve Plymouth-Canton residents were among 312 employees recently honored by Catherine McAuley Health Systems in Ann Arbor for completing 10 or more years of service.

Local service award winners included: Adrienne McMonagle, Theresa Aldini, Lynnette Bow, Kimberly Caves, Lillian Drauss, Arlene Erickson, Kathleen Evans, Barbara Farley, Judith MacDonald, Mary Poskie, Ellnor Sheridan and Monica Woods.

After four years in New York City, Plymouth resident James D. Herter has returned to the area to practice dentistry. Dr. Herter practices for the Robison Dental Group in Canton's Canton Professional Park on Canton Center Road. He attended Plymouth-Canton schools and has degrees from U-M and New York University. His grandfather Donald Rank spent 29 years as a teacher and principal in Plymouth.

Canton resident Jeffrey L. Howald has been promoted to vice president and senior accounting officer for Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit. He served in the controllers department since joining the bank in 1988. Most recently he served as vice president. He has a degree from Western Michigan.

Top awards were presented by Michigan's House of Representatives to the R.A. DeMattia Company, Plymouth township, for its outstanding contributions in child care at the Michigan Child Care Challenge award ceremony in Lansing last month. DeMattia's Discovery Learning Center, located in Metro West Industrial Park, was one of five winners in the New Kids on the Block category for companies offering child care benefits.



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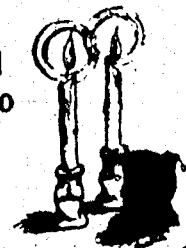
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# Cunningham expects team to improve Canton gymnastics coach hopeful

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Canton gymnastics coach John Cunningham has a strategy for his team this year.

The veteran coach will enter his gymnasts in the toughest competition he can and as early in the season as he can.

"I like to find out early how we stand state wide," said Cunningham.

The Chiefs have 15 regular season meets, and their second meet of the season is in the Troy Athens Invitational.

"The Troy Athens Invitational traditionally invites the power house teams around the state," said Cunningham, who expects to get an inkling as to where the Chiefs stand after this meet. "It gives us an opportunity to compete with teams we don't see in the dual meets or the region."

He sees this season as a "learning and

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growing year" but expects the Chiefs will do well in their competitions.

"I'm very confident we will qualify for the state this year," said Cunningham.

The national rankings released earlier this month placed the Canton squad in the number 25 position.

Last year, the Chiefs placed third in the state, and Cunningham has lost only six seniors. Seven gymnasts from last year's team were all-American, and four of those are returning this year.

Junior Kim Rennolds, an all-American last year, is the Chiefs number one gymnast. She holds four of the possible five school records for her team.

Cunningham said he hopes she will be going after that fifth record, and to break her own records this year.

Co-captain Dawn Clifford, senior, was an all-American last year. She has been an all-American on the beam since her freshman year. And co-captain Jenny Tedesco, junior, was all-American last year on the bars, beam and floor events.

Senior Laura Anderson was all-American on the bars.

In addition to the all-Americans returning, Cunningham has nine more varsity competitors coming back this year.

Among those returning are two seniors, Pam Casogols and Alicia King. Lettered juniors returning are Kathy Tiffin, Kim Wagenschutz, and Melanie Newsom. Sophomore varsity gymnasts coming back to the team are Adrienne Brenner, Cara Stillings, Jennifer Wamke, and Julie Bak.

Joining the Chiefs for the first time are sophomore Kim Lewke and freshman Mindy Sofen. Both Lewke and Sofen have competed in club gymnastics and made the move this year to school teams.

"I don't have any superstars," said Cunningham. "It's a well balanced team." Many of the gymnasts are young and he sees a good potential for growth.

The coach said he is confident the team will get better with each meet of the season.

"I am pleased I can say the team will get better," said Cunningham. "I expect this will be a growing team (and) it will take a while to get the momentum going and get our scores up."

The Chiefs have a tough season ahead of them. They open the season Jan. 8 at Ann Arbor Huron, and compete in five meets, including two invitationals before competing at home. Canton's first home meet is Jan. 22, against Westland John Glenn.

Cunningham admits that starting the season with five away meets may make it a little tougher on his team.

"You can talk about a home court advantage," said Cunningham. "But in gymnastics, the apparatus changes from school to school. It's more difficult to score and do well in an away meet."

Two seniors from last year's team will be back with the squad this year.

Dani Mirto will return as an assistant to Cunningham. "She knows the team and she's makes a good demonstrator," said Cunningham. "The kids laugh when I give them examples of what I want them to do."

And Jill Mikaelian will return to her team as a helper.

## Chiefs win by 2

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points, 31-20.

It was point-for-point in the third quarter as both teams tossed in eight points, ending the third 39-28.

"In the second half, their full court press bothered us and got them back in the game," said VanWagoner. "That made it a close game."

The Chiefs scored five points in the fourth quarter, and Dearborn tossed in 14 points, trying to catch Canton.

"It was a missed lay-up with one second left that saved us from a tie," said VanWagoner. "Tuesday was my birthday

and that was my birthday present. It was a good win for us."

Leading scorers for Canton were Derrick McDonald and Jon Paupore, who each had 10 points.

Hal Heard lead the Chiefs in rebounds with 14. Mike Stafford had seven rebounds and six assists.

Canton's record is now 2-1.

The Chiefs have one more game this year -- Thursday night -- then break for the holidays. When they return, Canton starts the year with another non-conference game, against Ypsilanti, and begin conference play in mid January.



Canton gymnastics coach John Cunningham helps senior Kim Wagenschutz on the balance beam. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

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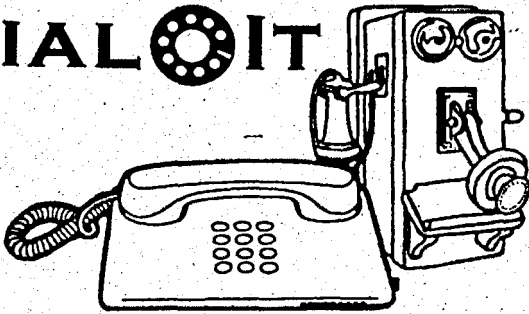
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# City firefighters feel left out of talks

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the township union because they must make the major concession if the two departments merge.

Plymouth Township firefighters operate under Act 78, a civil service act that prevents the department from hiring or promoting anybody from outside the department, said Steve Walters, City of Plymouth Manager.

First, the township department must consider candidates who are already in the department, he said.

The letter to the township union

proposes that three captains from the city would become captains in the combined system, over the heads of township men who, under Act 78, have first shot at any new position. The letter asks the union to waive its rights under Act 78.

The letter suggests other changes to take place in the merger. A new position, assistant chief, would be created in the township to accommodate the city chief. All city firefighters would join the township with their seniority and rank intact. Pay would become uniform--which ever salary is the highest, township or city, would be adopted.

The township union is asked to reply with a letter waiving their rights under Act 78 and accepting the outlined proposals.

"We have to evaluate the proposal with the members," said Haar. He said there was not enough information to resolve differences in sick time, vacation time and holidays.

Township Supervisor, Gerald Law said he didn't think the union would have a problem with the proposal.

"But we'll probably know a lot more in January about whether we're making serious progress or just spinning our wheels," he said.

Meanwhile, the city union says it feels left out.

"We're not being involved in what supposedly is the groundwork," said Douglas Eldridge, vice president of the city firefighters union. "We haven't

gotten anything on paper," he said. "We're awaiting any word of any meeting."

Eldridge says the city and township have used the unions as a scapegoat to explain the delay in joint operations. But he says his union is ready to cooperate.

"We don't want the citizens in either community to think the unions torpedoed it," he said.

Law said the city and township are currently renegotiating the contracts of the telephone dispatchers unions. These are the people who answer 911 calls.

Law says he does not foresee many problems in this area because the talks only involve six people, three in the township and three in the city.

He added that any merger of the police departments was unforeseeable, as the departments are so dissimilar in their operations.

## Using St. John's for homeless

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major buildings and 38 acres for \$5.5 million.

Erickson, president of Retirement and Health Services Corp., had intended to convert the seminary into senior citizen housing and is suing the church.

A January hearing is expected at the U.S. District Court in Detroit.

But despite the court battle, St. John's could potentially resolve the health and zoning problems that have blocked some local churches -- like First United Methodist -- from housing the homeless.

Several local churches have expressed interest in participating in programs that transport the homeless nightly from Detroit to suburban churches.

"St. John's might be a different situation (from First United Methodist), said Township Supervisor Gerald Law

Thursday.

Law said St. John's opened as a seminary before current zoning ordinances were in place. He said that though the seminary stands in an area zoned for single families, the township would consider it roughly equivalent to a school or a church, which have special exemptions.

"This means somebody could come to the (township) planning commission and request a special use for a short period of time." This, he said, would include housing the homeless.

In terms of ownership, the future of St. John's remains murky. At one time, there had been hints that the Detroit Tigers might be interested in the site on Sheldon and Five Mile roads.

The seminary stands near 1,000 acres recently bought by developer Robert DeMattia for an office complex, golf course and residential community.

Some suspect the church may now be able to find a buyer for the full 175 acres and seminary that they had originally listed at \$20 million.

Earlier this year it had been speculated that Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia was interested in the site. Ward is currently trying to move ahead with plans to build a new facility at Six Mile and Haggerty roads.

## P-C Schools

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approved by the legislature in September. The total money due from the six districts is approximately \$3.5 million.

"I feel we're totally in the right and our view will be upheld. We aren't out for any personal agendas, we're fighting what we feel is an unfair state policy," Guido said.

## Tickets now on sale Guild plans 'Camelot'

A enchanting musical tale recounting the legend of King Arthur and the nights of the Round Table is planned by the Plymouth Theatre Guild. "Camelot" will be performed Jan. 24-25, Jan. 31, Feb. 1 and Feb. 7-8 at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Regional Hospital. Tickets for the show are now on sale. For reservations or information 11349-7110. Student and group rates are available.

Tickets are \$9 at the door for adults or \$8 in advance. Seniors and youths get in for \$8 at the door or \$7 in advance.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Penniman Deli in Plymouth or Sir Speedy Printing in Plymouth.

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"Camelot" is a well known work by the team of Lerner and Loewe.

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### Curiosities

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### Curiosities

Pat Newman now owns a horse. See it race at Northville Downs.

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MERRY FIRST CHRISTMAS EMMAI

Did Tony pick his business location because it's right next door to...?

Yes Kay, Michigan will beat O.S.U.

### Curiosities

I have decorated Christmas trees before but never Christmas toes. Sounds interesting.

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Every time I stop in at Brass & Iron Beds of Plymouth, I have this overwhelming urge to try out one of the samples.

All the best to everyone at Select Air Systems for a great holiday season and a super new year.

### Curiosities

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# Crier Classifieds

## Curiosities

A fearful idea now suddenly drove the blood in torrents upon my heart, and for a brief period I once more relapsed into insensibility. Upon recovering, I at once started to my feet, trembling convulsively in every fibre. I thrust my arms wildly above and around me in all directions. I felt nothing; yet dreaded to move a step, lest I should be impeded by the walls of a tomb. Perspiration burst from every pore, and stood in cold big beads upon my forehead. The agony of suspense grew at length intolerable, and I cautiously moved forward, with my arms extended, and my eyes straining from their sockets in the hope of catching some faint ray of light. I proceeded for many paces; but still all was blackness and vacancy.  
- Edgar Allan Poe  
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NOM & DAD ON MELTON: Have a very merry Christmas!

MERRY CHRISTMAS Mark Kemodiel

## Curiosities

HI HAMILTON - Beuregard

If you go to the trouble to look it up, PLEASE copy it and send it down!!!

Blue - Chess strategies abound under the Christmas tree. Red

Now it's L & L's turn. McDonalds & Red Roof.

WELCOME HOME RONI

MOM: If it's this week are you in Honolulu, St. Pete or Grand Rapids?

I hate it when ALL the ad guys get PMS at the same time . . . or is it MSRS?

They can't ALL be D.H., can they?

K - Thanks for pics of Bishop - Love, Me

Please notify Jack of all the upcoming parties.

VICKI in Salem Twp: Happy Holiday!

Blue did Red's job the other day. Hopefully, the photos will turn out!

Deb - I hope you and Gary win lots of money.

Hey: Karen, Shawn, Rebecca, Liz and Kathie. Have a Merry Christmas! Your co-worker, Kevin!

MARTHA AND DUNBAR: thanks for the fruit cake! Beuregard and the staff.

If you don't have a computer, you'll have to blame your mistakes on the microwave oven.

Seasons Greetings to everyone at the Side Street Pub. You're a great bunch of folks. You too Bill!

Holiday Greetings and hugs are the best presents.

## Curiosities

Dad - Hope retirement suits you. Now take it easy and have some fun!!!! Ken & Sue

FRED HILL: what do you mean "Go Bucks"? Is this an anti-deer hunting slogan on your Christmas card? - Jeasica

Shawn - Did you forget something?

Great Christmas Party gang!

Martha and Dunbar - Thanks for the fruit cake. The Crier staff

MERRY CHRISTMAS Amber Kemodiel

THY soul shall find itself alone - Alone of all on earth - unknown The cause - but none are near to pry into thine hour of secrecy. Be silent in that solitude, Which is not loneliness - for then The spirits of the dead, who stood in life before thee, are again In death around thee - be still; For the night, tho' clear, shall frown; And the stars shall not look down From their thrones. In the dark heaven, With light like Hope to mortals given, But their red orbs, without beam, To thy withering heart shall seem As a burning, and a fever Which would cling to thee forever. But 'twill leave thee, as each star In the morning light afar Will fly thee - and vanish: - But its thought thou canst not banish. The creath of God will be still; And the mist upon the hill By that summer breeze unbroken Shall charm thee - as a token, And a symbol which shall be Secrecy in thee. - Edgar Allen Poe

## Curiosities

All Red wants for Christmas is a Flashy curlo from Blue!

CONGRATULATIONS ROB HAYES and Joanna Robbins on your Nov. 8 marriage.

MANY THANKS TO JACK & KRISTEN AT Porterhouse for helping make Michelle, Greg & Erika's holidays a little brighter.

Dear Santa, Honest I've been good this year.

"You never listen to me . . ." CG should say to SG

Hi Jillian!

Bobbie, Stevie & Jayle are doing a great job in the back room. Just be sure you keep them secluded from the public.

Karen, when do you find time to make all those cookies and candy?

"All I want for Christmas is a CURIOSITY"

Sue is smiling - her families are all coming into town from New York and New Jersey.

Kathie, is that the letter C or G?

Geneva, thanks for the Santa Pin, the hugs and especially the friendship. Love, Phyllis

GEORGE GUYOR  
I sure like having you around!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Welcome, Mike and Margo. Congrats on the new baby! K & S

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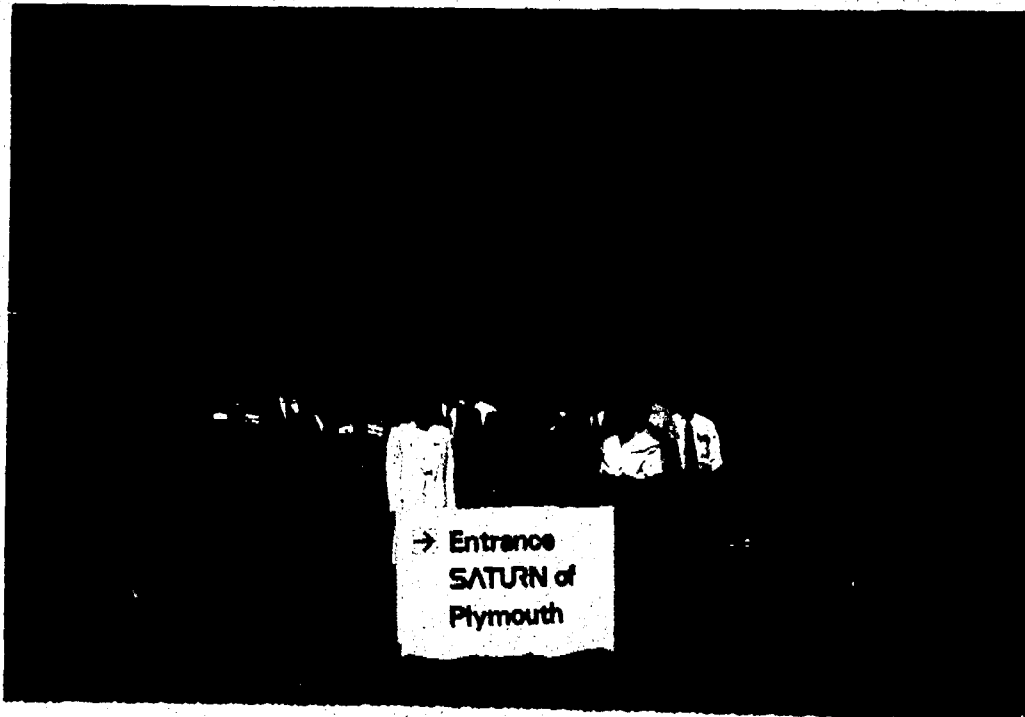
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## The Road to Pearl Harbor

Clara Alexander recalls what life was like in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community 50 years ago, on the eve of America's entry into World War II. For a look back at what industry and commerce was like then in P-C-N, see pg. 40.



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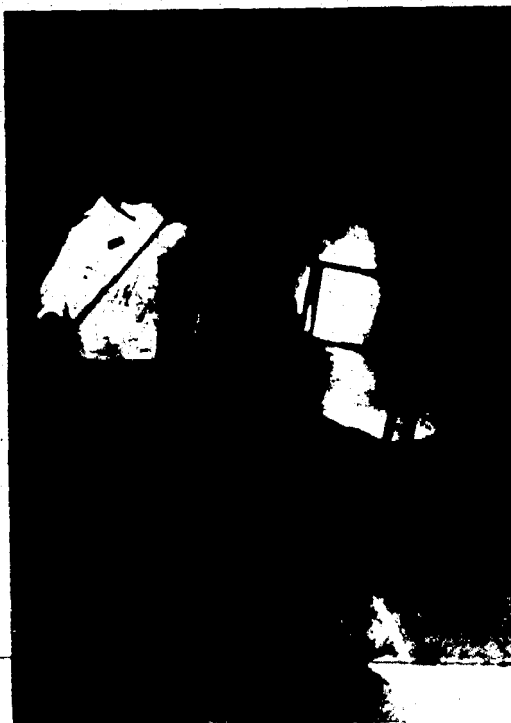
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# Uses ceramics Dentist makes high tech teeth

BY JAY KEENAN

In this age of high-tech development, it isn't uncommon for people to search for cosmetic improvement, convenience, and sound quality wrapped up into one package.

Dr. Robert Goldenberg, 46, a Canton dentist, who operates his profession out of McAuley Health Building on Ford Road, is one person who can understand such sentiments.

So when the affable general practitioner and his staff espied the chance to upgrade an already successful practice by bringing in a new computerized ceramic reconstruction machine (CEREC), they decided to seize the opportunity.

"We wanted to basically keep ourselves abreast with the high technology," said Goldenberg. "We wanted to be able to provide our patients with the high tech, highest quality services that are available, which is the way our office is really catered."

And since the time CEREC came to Canton in April, Goldenberg said that many of his patients have been pleased with the luxury of having their teeth restored in a fashion similar to their natural hardness, strength and appearance.



Dr. Robert Goldenberg uses CEREC, a CAD/CAM system, to reconstruct ceramic teeth for patients at his Canton practice. (Crier photo by Jay Keenan)

And perhaps the biggest advantage, said Goldenberg, is the fact that approximately 85 per cent of cases can be done in just one visit.

"I haven't had anybody who hasn't loved it," said Goldenberg. "I did it on several of my staff people when we first got the machine and they can't believe it. For me personally, it's wonderful. It's so exciting to be able to provide the service. But the results are so dramatic it's like a mid-life crisis."

CEREC, which has been available to U.S. practices for over two years, is currently used in approximately 75 practices throughout the country. But only two other dental offices in Michigan have it -- one in Saginaw and the other in Holland.

First developed in Europe where about 1,000 systems are in use, CEREC costs over \$50,000 and is the first computer aided design/manufacturing system having clinical applications for treating patients in dentistry.

Perhaps one of the most dramatic results as an alternative method for restoring teeth by CEREC is the estetic factor. When a patient goes in for a cavity to be filled, the final outcome appears as though the tooth regained its natural appearance, color and hardness -- a much more appealing substitute for the traditional silver or gold fillings.

"It really comes down to restoring the tooth in a more permanent matter and establishing the original strength of the tooth in a way that looks nice," said Goldenberg. "And when you restore this material, it's a cast ceramic material. It's not porcelain. Porcelain is harder than tooth structure. It's a cast ceramic with the same hardness as enamel. So it wears the same (as enamel) because it's bonded to the tooth. It just doesn't have the tendency to wear out.

"In other words, a convenient gold or amalgum silver filling sits in a hole with some cement to hold it in," he said. "This is bonded to the tooth. So it's not only holding the teeth together, but it attaches to both the filling and to the tooth, giving the tooth additional strength."

Many patients who have suffered from eroded teeth can now enjoy benefits provided by CEREC that were never available to them in the past.

"If the patient has erosion on the lower teeth, for instance, where they've ground their teeth a lot -- and you get a lot of that in older people -- there was nothing you could do short of putting a crown a tooth," said Goldenberg. "You can use gold and silver, by you wouldn't want that in front of your mouth.

"This allows you to restore the tooth to its original hardness and original shape. You may then still continue to wear it down, but you are back to what you started with.

"It took 60 years to get there, but it may take you another 60 years to go the rest of the way," he said.

In spite of such phenomenal advancements CEREC has contributed to the field of dentistry, Goldenberg conceded that this procedure may not be for every dental patient. "It's not applicable for every instance," he said. "For example, if the tooth is badly broken down on all surfaces, generally it will require a convenient crown."

However, most people who have the option of accepting this new procedure at the McAuley Center will opt for the newer method, according to Goldenberg.

Goldenberg also pointed out that although there are other techniques available that produce tooth-color fillings, such substances tend to wear out a lot faster.

"Amalgums, composites, things like that are cheaper, but they have to be replaced a little bit more," he said. "so this is a one-time fix in most cases."

The process of preparing a tooth for a crown or inlay by the CEREC method begins after the cavity site or filling has been drilled out. But in lieu of having to go through the procedure of conventional impressions, temporaries and second visits, the impressions are made over the patients tooth with an optical scanner wand, which is located at the side of the three-foot high machine.

This miniature camera then inputs an optical image of the prepared tooth in less than one second onto the small CEREC computer screen. The dentist draws the proper dimensions and measurements for the CEREC inlay.

Then, a block of cast ceramic material is put into the milling machine, located in a compartment next to the screen, and the ceramic is milled to the specifications provided by the computer software.

The process is usually completed in about 45 to 90 minutes.

CEREC, which is manufactured by the German based Siemens Ag and distributed by Siemens/Pelton & Crane of Charlotte, NC, was noticed for the first time by Goldenberg at the Chicago Mid-winter Dental Meeting in 1989.

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# CEREC teeth are on cutting edge

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Goldenberg and his eight-person staff decided to bring the machine into his practice after completing a continuing education course.

"After spending three days in a seminar environment where I really had some hands on experience, I just realized this is the restoration of the future, and that is just what we wanted to be," Goldenberg said. "And the machine is very user friendly. It's not that difficult to use."

Goldenberg, who has operated out of his current Canton office for five years, added that this new procedure has helped increase his clientele. "I think it has," he said, "because I think people are aware of cosmetics and people want to look better."

"This lady right here," Goldenberg said, referring to a patient who just left, "she came in today because she heard about it, and when she smiles, she sees these gray teeth, and she didn't want to have gray teeth."

"People here are very aware of what a good quality service can provide, and that's the kind of thing we try to provide. It's been just a pleasant experience working in Canton, so far," he said.

Despite the enthusiasm many people have about CEREC, Goldenberg does not believe all dental practices will go into this system.

"I think only a select few will use this," Goldenberg said. "Dentistry is the U.S. is kind of breaking out into this system."

"I think this type of procedure is something that would gear itself to the higher quality offices," he said. "I don't think everybody's interested in it -- both patient and dentist."

The price to have CEREC restoration done is basically the same as it would be for a conventional crown or inlay, while a small



Canton dentist Robert Goldenberg is one of the first dentist in the country to use the CEREC system. (Crier photo by Jay Keenan)

CEREC filling is somewhat more expensive than traditional mercury amalgam, according to Goldenberg.

A 1962 graduate of Oak Park High School, Goldenberg began his own experiences in the dental world after graduating from the University of Michigan Dental School in 1969.

While with the U.S. Air Force for three years, Goldenberg learned endodontics.

After his discharge Goldenberg joined a practice in Ann Arbor but also worked out of Garden City and Allen Park. He eventually worked his way to full time at the Garden City practice, but the partnership broke up nearly five years ago.

That's when Goldenberg, who lives in Ann Arbor with his family, joined his current practice in Canton -- hard work and family support, he said, helped his career flourish.

The new technology has also helped him diversify.

"This technology really makes it fun to be a dentist," he said.

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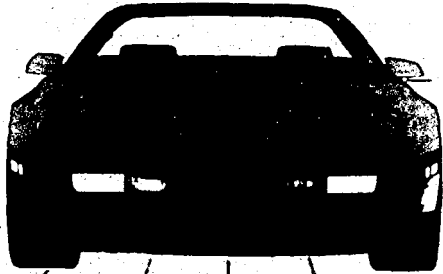
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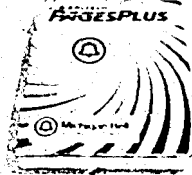
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# A cheaper way to fix concrete

BY JIM WHITE

Don't replace concrete if you can lift it.

That's the "common sense" credo by which Metro Concrete Lifting, a new Canton business, operates.

Since incorporating in March, Metro has been jacking up sunken concrete slabs by pumping a mixture of flume sand and cement underneath them.

"It's neat, it's cheaper, it's common sense," said Jim Jameson, one of the owners of Metro. "There is no downtime involved. You can drive on the slab immediately."

The process is called mudjacking and Metro has used it to lift sidewalks, driveways, and pool decks.

Mudjacking involves drilling a hole pattern in the concrete that needs to be lifted. Then the flume sand (which is 80 per cent sand and 20 per cent clay) and cement mixture is pumped under hydraulic pressure through the holes.

As the slurry fills the void beneath the slab, the slab is raised to its original level. Then the holes are patched.

The process will not work if the concrete is badly broken up, nor will it work on asphalt, said Jameson. But when he is able to lift a slab, he can do it for about 45 per cent of the cost of slab replacement.

Jameson, 30, learned about mudjacking while with a Grand Rapids company. When he decided to go off on his own, he met Ron Maas, who operates Maas Enterprises, a Canton rubbish removal firm.

"I told him this was a hell of an idea," said Jameson and the two formed Metro.

Maas took an old semi tractor and converted it into a dump truck. Now Maas ensures the equipment is running and Jameson lines up the work.

Metro is one of only a few private firms in the business, said Jameson.

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Metro Concrete mudjacker Jim Hixson (left) pumps slurry underneath a driveway in the rain. Foreman Jim Reid (center) and Jim Jameson, a part owner, look on. (Crier photo by Jim White)

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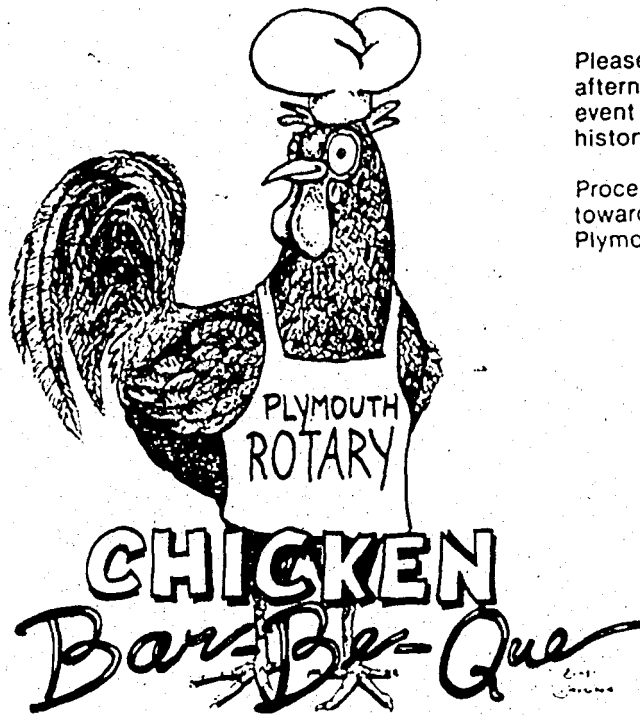
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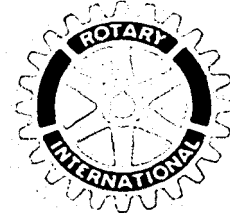
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Jim Reid, front left, and Jim Jameson inspect a driveway being lifted by Jim Hixson. As much as five cubic yards of slurry may have to be pumped

under a driveway slab to lift it. The fourth member of Metro Concrete's crew, not pictured, is Doug Greene. (Crier photo by Jim White)

## Jackers can fix roads, patios, walks

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"The state of Michigan has two mudjacking crews, though," he said. "Bridge approaches and on-off ramps are famous for settling because they sit on fill dirt."

Road repair was what gave rise to mudjacking, Jameson said. "A guy by the name of Poulton worked for the road commission out in California," he said. "They built a highway from San Jose to Oakland in the mid 1930s.

"The road dropped right away," he said. "So Poulton made a crude machine that was run by air pressure. He jacked it back up."

One reason there are few private firms is because it takes some expertise and some capital, said Jameson. "It's not cheap, you just don't buy a machine and start. You have to have someone who knows how to do it."

Metro's expert is foreman Jim Reid, who has been lifting slabs for five years.

Slabs sink, said Jameson, because the subsoil no longer supports them. "There are basically two reasons for that. Either water erosion washes out the subsoil, or Mother Nature causes the ground to settle."

Slabs in areas with clay subsoil (like Canton) are at a disadvantage because clay is easily washed away. "The best subsoil," said Jameson, "is sand because it compacts."

A sunken slab can cause a trip edge. Low slabs near a house will also drain water back towards the foundation instead of away from it.

"You then have two choices," said Jameson. "Jack it or replace it."

Holes about one and three quarter inches in diameter are drilled only in the area that needs to be lifted. A driveway slab is about

four inches thick, but sometimes you can look into a void underneath that is about eight inches deep, Jameson said.

To fill a bigger void, more water is added to the sand-cement slurry. The slab is jacked up until the trip edge is eliminated.

"We eyeball it or sometimes we use levels," said Reid. "You can also pour water on it and make sure it is draining right."

The time it takes to do a job is totally dependent on the square footage involved.

"We may do a sidewalk in an hour," said Jameson. "It may take six or eight wheelbarrow loads of slurry."

A driveway or patio could take days. Metro's machine can pump about a half yard of slurry in an hour. The Metro truck carries five yards of slurry and if more is needed, the crew has to go back to Canton for more sand.

Jameson hopes to have a second truck on the road by next summer.

Metro does a lot of work for Canton, mostly lifting sidewalks, Jameson said. The firm has also handled jobs for homeowners and municipalities from Ann Arbor to Riverview to West Bloomfield.

"We did Chuck Daly's driveway last week," he said. "The boys got some Pistons souvenirs out of it."

When completing a job, the Metro crew also insures that joints in the concrete are sealed. Otherwise water may seep in and when it freezes in the winter, it can heave the slab.

"If you get through the first season, you're home free," said Jameson. "It's a permanent fix." He added that a Wisconsin mudjacker who has been working for 18 years told him that less than one per cent of his customers ever needed him to come back.



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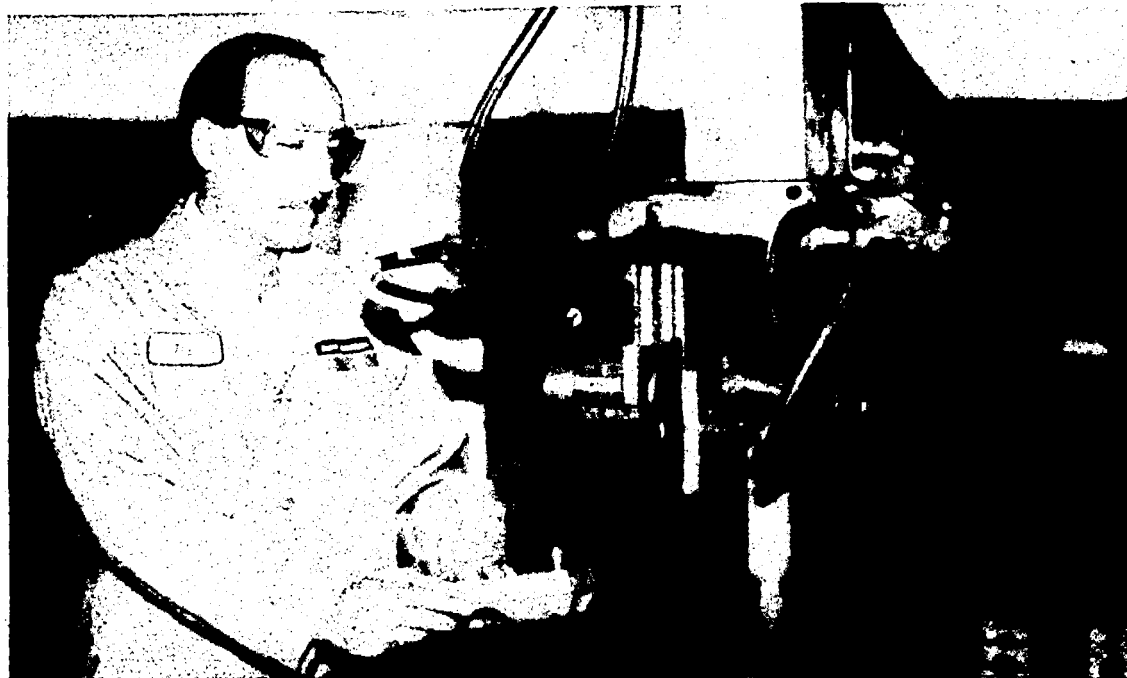
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Todd Klenk operates one of the testing machines at Dow Corning's applications development facility in Plymouth Township. (Crier photo by Friq Lukasik)



# Dow Corning opens Twp. to world

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

With regional headquarters in Brussels, Australia, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Brazil and Mexico it is easy to see how thinking globally is a universal theme for Dow Corning in Plymouth Township.

"Our purpose has been to work with not only North American, but global automotive customers," said Bill Henninger, automotive industry manager at Dow Corning. "We are a facility that is dedicated to one industry, the automotive industry."

Dow Corning is a chemical corporation that opened its Plymouth Township office three years ago. The corporation, founded in 1943, is a joint venture of the Dow Chemical Company and Corning Incorporated.

More than 5,000 products are manufactured by Dow Corning for approximately 40,000 customers. Sales during 1990 are reported at \$1.718 billion, with a net income of \$171.1 million.

Though Dow Corning is classified as a chemical company, the actual development and manufacturing of the materials occurs in Midland, the corporate headquarters location.

The Plymouth Township location receives materials from Midland and is responsible for testing the viability of the products, he said. High tech machinery and robotics are used for the testing, he added.

"Basically we're not here to develop materials, we don't need another site to develop materials," Henninger explained. "We let the Ph.D's and chemists work on that in Midland and in Brussels and in Japan while we work on the applications development."

The corporation works mostly with the latest of silicone technology, Henninger said.

"Silicones are a kind of chemistry which have a number of unique properties that have turned into globally, a \$5 billion industry," he said.

Many silicone properties provided by Dow Corning are chemical, heat and weather resistant materials. These materials are usually used as sealants or roof coatings because they do not degrade in ultra-violet light, he said.

Because of the heat and chemical resistance, a lot of "under the hood" automotive testing is done with engine gasketing and lubrication, he said.

Another new property Dow Corning is working with is a fuel resistant capability. Flex-fuel vehicles will run on either gasoline or

combination of gasoline and methanol which is an alcohol.

"The driving influence is the need for clean air. The car companies are working on these flex-fuel vehicles as one of the solutions to trying to clean up the environment," he said.

Dow Corning is currently working on an experimental Crown Victoria flex-fuel car, he said.

Though Henninger envisions flex-fuel cars merging into the auto industry within the next three years, many companies do not want to take the first step.

"Nobody really wants to be first," Henninger said, citing expenses related to the special fuel needed for the car.

"You can't make a car that runs on methanol or on 85 per cent methanol if you can't go to a service station and buy the fuel that makes it work best," he said.

Other materials made by Dow Corning include silicone properties suitable for implantation, Henninger said. Part of the corporation is a medical materials business which sells prosthetic devices such as mammary implants, hip and finger joints, and catheters.

Students from Northville schools have recently joined Dow Corning as a part of a high school intern program, Henninger said.

"Partnership for Education" is a program Dow Corning formed with the Northville schools that invites high school seniors from science and math classes to come to the corporation for a tour of the facility, he said. Internships, though a new aspect of the corporation, are also encouraged.

"The purpose is to teach them more about business and hopefully increase their interest in science and technology," Henninger explained.

"We really hope it works out and is an ongoing program," he added.

With half of Dow Corning's sales occurring outside of the U.S., it is hard to pin point the main automotive customers, Henninger said.

"You can't speak of 'the big three,' in the United States there are 12 manufacturers," he said. "So I really refer to it as 'the big 12.' We have to deal with not only the Americans, but with the Japanese and Europeans at this point in time."

Because of Dow Corning's choice to work on a global scale, the customers have a lot to gain, Henninger said.

"Our customers benefit because they get essentially world class technology, as opposed to technology that's limited to what people in Plymouth, Michigan or Detroit think," he said.



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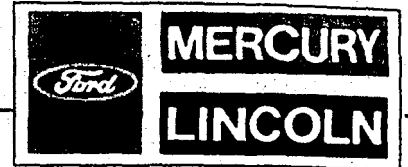
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LuAnne DeBeliso, part of the Pianocrafters team, has been trained by husband Pat to work on the moving parts of a piano. Some parts must be sanded in insure their fit. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

# Piano restorer a grand master



Pat DeBeliso polishes a restored piano he has nearly completed. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)



BY BRIAN ELLIOTT

You might call him a carpenter, or you might consider him a bit of a historian.

He has also been called a technician, a salesman and a refinisher.

Actually, he is all of these and a few more. Pat DeBeliso rebuilds and restores old pianos. Not just any old pianos, but Steinways, Chickering's, Mason Hamlins and Bechsteins.

He and his wife LuAnne, both in their 30s, own Pianocrafters, a small but growing business in the City of Plymouth that specializes in the custom restoration, refinishing and repair of grand pianos made between the early 1920s and the late 1940s.

Many people assume that this is a skill that can only be passed on from one generation to the next. But DeBeliso actually went to school for it.

"I knew that I wanted to do this when I left high school," he said. "So I asked the principal of my high school and he referred me to a local piano tuner who told me about a special school."

In 1975 DeBeliso earned his degree from Niles Bryant College in Sacramento, CA. He went to work for Smiley Brothers making Baldwin Pianos.

Soon, he began to feel the quality of the product was digressing.

"Basically, I got fed up," DeBeliso said. "I could see that the real quality was built into the old Steinways and a few other pianos and decided to go into business for myself."

Starting off in his garage in 1978, DeBeliso got an early break when he bumped into Steven Stills at the Sidestreet Pub in Plymouth.

"I sent him over a drink and he invited me to join him," DeBeliso said. "When he learned that I was restoring an old Chickering he immediately asked me to show it to him."

"I had no idea that he loved Chickering's," added DeBeliso. "It was only a matter of minutes after seeing it when he asked me how much."

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# Craftsman paid his dues Celebrity gigs enliven work

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Shortly after, the word got around about DeBeliso's work and business increased. In addition to his restoration work, DeBeliso was also on call as a piano technician and tuner and would regularly get work from the Premier Center and the Westin Hotel. "There wasn't much money in those jobs back then but I guess I had to pay some dues," DeBeliso said. "There were some side



Pat DeBeliso makes adjustments while tuning a piano. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

"She was standing just offstage while I checked out my tuning by playing some obscure tune," he said. "Bette recognized it and urged me to continue to play. We ended up singing it together. It's something I'll always remember."

Another job he won't likely forget is when he was asked to tune the piano in Frank Sinatra's suite at the Westin Hotel in Detroit.

"I'm working on this piano and Frank brings over a lamp so I could see better," said DeBeliso. "After I finished we watched Hogan's Heroes together while having a drink. Then Perry Como called."

The occasional celebrity gigs added excitement to DeBeliso's work. But with more referrals and additional pianos to work on, he found himself having to hire and painstakingly train additional craftsmen.

His wife now concentrates on the moving parts -- "the brains," said DeBeliso -- of the instrument while his brother Tim works on the stringing.

DeBeliso is able to spend more time on what he considers the heart and soul of the piano -- the soundboard.

"This is what I examine first when I consider whether or not to restore an old piano," he said. "Too often a music store or restoration shop will tell people that if a soundboard is cracked then it must be replaced."

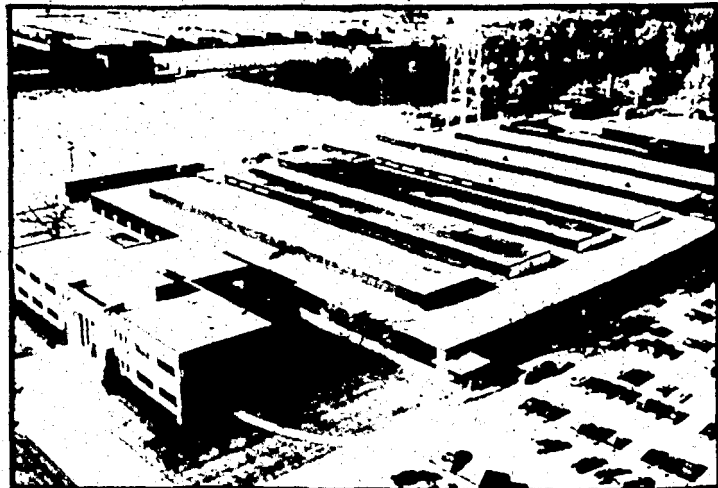
DeBeliso feels this advice is a disservice to both the customer and the piano.

He stressed that the piano's heart and soul is the soundboard. When that is changed, the piano's sound is changed and it loses its unique personality.

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Pat DeBeliso plays a piano to insure the tuning is perfect. (Crier photo by Eric Lukasik)

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"In a way these pianos give me some immortality since they will be around long after I'm gone," he added. "I feel this is why we get so many calls from promoters and big name performers. They know they're going to get a quality Steinway concert grand that has been perfected to the very last detail."

Detail is something like a religion at Pianocrafters. DeBeliso was trying to find green felt that was identical to the original on a 1901 Bechstein he was restoring.

Who would know if he just used something similar?

"I would," he said, summing up his philosophy towards his craft.

Another area where DeBeliso refuses to cut corners is in finishing the wood.

"We strip it down to the bare wood and start all over," he said. "There are some things we could cut corners on here, too, but we don't. When the piano leaves here it has been refurbished down to every necessary detail and the only further work on it is an occasional service call to see that it is in tune."

Besides keeping busy with his growing list of requests for pianos, repairs and tunings, DeBeliso also has to go on buying trips. With LuAnne's help, business is running smoothly, and the DeBelisos are considering expansion.

"We really would like to expand both the work area and the showroom," he said. "I would like each stage of our operation to have its own area. This would help us to expand and grow further."

"This work is something I'm proud of and would like to see it continue," he added.



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Laurie J. Budd, of marketing support, demonstrates how check images are called up on the computer screen using InfoImage technology. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)



Charles S. VanArk, imaging systems installation manager, inspects the InfoImage check processing system before it is installed for a customer. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

# Unisys takes lead with image system

BY JIM TOTTEN

Speed. It is the key ingredient in check processing.

Since more than 48 billion checks were processed in 1988 in the U.S. alone, and the number keeps increasing, high-speed and accuracy become essential for banks and other financial institutions.

In this world of lightning automation, Unisys Corporation, of Plymouth Township, could be starting a revolution.

At its plant on Plymouth Road, Unisys has developed a new product line called InfoImage based on a technology called 'imaging'. As checks and documents are processed, their images are electronically captured and stored on optical disks.

These images can then be retrieved and sent to businesses and banks throughout the world, eliminating the movement of the actual checks or documents.

"By using imaging, we have been able to reduce the physical movement of paper," said Eddie Henderson, Unisys vice-president and assistant general manager. "It takes nearly all the paper handling out of the system."

Check processing centers in the U.S. today handle two to three million checks every day said Frank Tucker, director of development. In one minute, check reader/sorters can read 1,800 to 2,600 items. Although the numbers are staggering, manual labor is still a vital part in the process.

Even at this rapid speed, checks will be handled as many as 14 times before the processing is complete. These steps include data entry, verification/balancing, encoding, processing by reader sorters, microfilming, repassing, balancing, correcting, dispatching and fine sorting.

With InfoImage paper handling is eliminated, Tucker said.

Tighter federal regulations have also created a demand for high-speed accuracy among check processing systems at banks. The bank from which a check is drawn on must notify the bank-of-first-deposit by 4 p.m. the next day whether the check is bad, or it takes the lost.

"The advantages to a bank are just unbelievable," said Tucker.

Instead of the actual checks being used, stored images can be used for verification, corrections, and the other processing steps. Tucker said that imaging systems should be able to handle about four to five million checks each day.

The image of a check or document can be called up and visually displayed on a computer terminal. For verification, check images can be transmitted to other banks without the physical check ever moving.

Images stored on optical disks, instead of the paper, will be used for financial records.

"All aspects of banking can be imaged," Tucker said.

Initial research and surveying for a new check processing system began in 1983 Tucker said. Two years alone were spent just researching and defining the new system. The first InfoImage product was released on the market last year.

With the development, it looks like Unisys is almost one to three years ahead of its competition in this area.

"By luck or by paying attention in the beginning of the system, we got ahead," Tucker said.

Along with talented people brought in for the research and development of InfoImage, the customers (the banks) worked closely with Unisys during this period.

"It was a joint effort between banks and our people," Tucker said. "We met with bank advisors about what they wanted."

"We're very closely coupled with the banks," Henderson said, adding this was a unique situation for the supplier and customer to be working together.

The Unisys plant employs about 1,400 people, of which 800 work in some capacity on InfoImage. This group belongs to the Document Processing and Imaging System division working to develop reader-sorter products.

"This whole plant considers this product a mission-critical project," said Janet Schmit, manager of human resources. "The real focus of this place is InfoImage."

Schmit said that during the development of InfoImage, different departments have had to work closely together.

"There are many interdependences that it does require good team work," she said.

Henderson described the production of the InfoImage systems as a "systems integration."

"We pull together all the parts; units, workstations, disk drives and we integrate it into a system tailored for a specific bank," Henderson said. "The advantage is that we make sure it is customized for the customer."

The InfoImage product line is a combination of the standard check processing systems which have been modified with InfoImage technology.

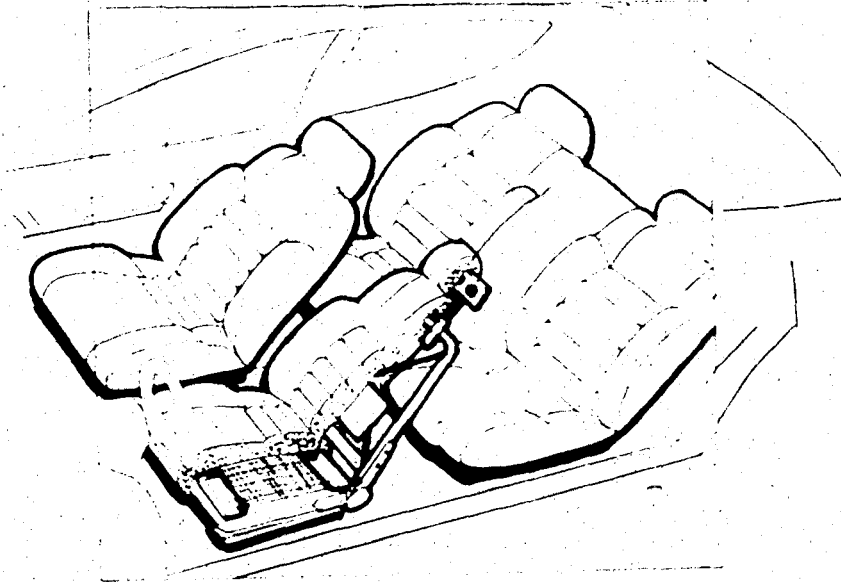
Henderson said all parts of the processing system including the basic module, pocket module, image camera, logic gate, circuit cards, storage reliever module and image work stations will be tested at Unisys before shipment. A team of engineers then dismantle the system, take it to the bank and assemble it.

"The customer gets a product guaranteed to be operational," he said. Two to three weeks are needed to fully test a complete InfoImage system before its use. Henderson said installation takes about a seven day work week.

Financial institutions currently using InfoImage systems include Comerica in Michigan, Huntington Bancshares in Ohio, Signet in Virginia and EDP in Italy.

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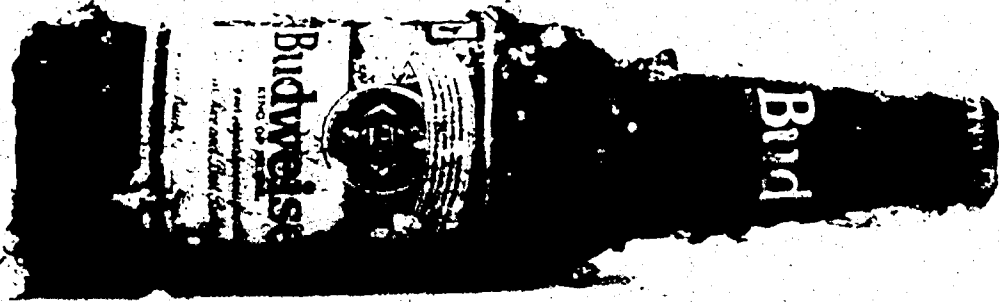
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# Robotics firm retains human touch

BY JOE CABADAS

In Plymouth Township, there is a company that produces paint spray robots, the epitome of a high tech firm.

However, Graco Robotics, Inc. (GRI), is a firm that also believes in the human touch of customer service and striving for excellence.

"We are set up to provide service 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days of the year," said Norman Fender, the executive vice president of marketing and sales. "If there is a problem, we will be there in 24 hours with parts and service."

An example of this service is that when GRI sets up its robots in a customer's auto or industrial plant, they send their engineers out in the field to stay with a project until the robotic system is up and running. In some cases, it may be six months before a project is ready to run on its own.

"Better than half our business is repeat sales. So we have served the customer well and we are well regarded for that," Fender said.

Despite the fact that ABB Robotics bought Graco in June, the new owners will continue GRI's business, honoring customer contracts and providing services.

According to Nick Rizvi, ABB Graco Robotics' new president, "This company is a center of excellence for paint finishing. The reason ABB bought this company was to establish a big systems engineering facility in North America.

"ABB has had a paint finishing robotics range for the last seven to eight years," he said. "That product range will be merged with the product range of Graco Robotics and out of that will come a new generation of more powerful and more sophisticated robotics systems.

"Our main competitors are Japanese robotics companies," said



Karl Worth manipulates one of GRI's robots by use of a remote hand set. (Crier photo by Eric Lukasik)

Rizvi. "The Japanese offer mostly products. They are not, at this time, able to offer complete solutions. Our strength is to offer the complete solution, not just the robot units but the complete line which will paint a part on a car body in a specified cycle time and at a specified point."

About 110 out of Graco Robotics' 130 employees were kept by ABB. Another 15 personnel from a small ABB company in Toledo will be moving into the Plymouth Township facility in five months as the companies are merged.

People still build the robots at GRI. Not enough paint robots are produced to justify the cost of utilizing robots in assembly.

Many local subcontractors, including some in the Plymouth area, are used to provide sheet metal work, components, electrical engineering services, and wiring of the robots.

"Our machines are quite reliable," said Fender. "We like to think that we are the Maytag repairmen. When these machines go into automotive plants, they are expected to run two to three shifts per day."

In industrial work, robots are used for welding, for handling objects, and for applying sealing components and so on. The paint finishing business only represents between six and eight per cent of the robots used.

"It is a very tricky area (paint finishing) because when you buy a car, it should look perfect," Rizvi said. "Paint finish is something that could be subjective and it has to be very accurate and ver exact."

Graco Inc., a Minneapolis based company, and Edon Finishing Systems established GRI in 1981 to manufacture and market spray painting robots. In 1986, Graco bought out Edon's share and became GRI's sole owner.

Fender said, "Graco is the world's largest supplier of paint pumping and regulating and handling equipment. This was the basis of our marriage with them. Graco provided the fluid handling equipment and we provided the application device -- the robot arm."

However, competition was tough from Japanese and European companies that were entering the American market. "Graco managed to remain alive and gained the respect and acceptance from our dedication to serve our customers," said Fender.

Before ABB's acquisition of Graco Robotics, the company was only producing 100 to 150 machines in a good year.

"It was difficult to maintain profitability and then to reinvest in the technology. We decided to significantly invest in research and development but we suffered profit-wise," Fender said.

Eventually, Graco decided to sell its robotic subsidiary to ABB Robotics on June 28 and concentrate on its fluid handling and application systems. "ABB was building several hundred machines per month and could afford the costs of R&D and still remain profitable," Fender said.

ABB Robotics, of New Berlin, WI, is a leading supplier of industrial robot systems which are used for tasks from welding to painting. Also, ABB Robotics is part of the vast, multi-national Asea Brown Boveri Corporation.

"ABB is a merger of two larger electrical companies, one Swedish and one Swiss," Rizvi said. "ABB is a world-wide company comparable to General Electric."

According to Fender, ABB has assets of \$27 to \$30 billion with some 217,000 employees worldwide.

In June, before ABB's buyout of Graco Robotics, GRI moved from Livonia to its new home at Plymouth Township's Metro West Technology Park.

"Many of our operations (in Livonia), were in separate facilities," said Fender. "Communications between the facilities were difficult, especially in the winter months when we were moving products from building to building. People, instead of walking out through the parking lot, wouldn't go."

The company has consolidated all its operations under one roof of the 100,000 square foot, bi-level facility. "The building was custom built for the kind of operations we're in," said Rizvi. "It has been laid out to run a robotics paint finishing business."

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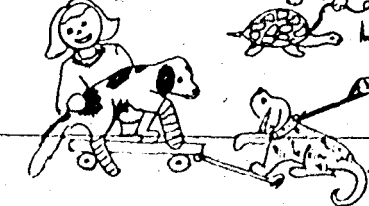
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# Auto industry main user Sprayers can do hazardous work

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Included in the Plymouth facilities are administration offices for management and engineers, a demonstration lab, a training room, the assembly bay where the robots are built, and research and development offices.

"We hope we can grow into it," Fender said. "The facility was built for double our current capacity."

The demonstration lab is important because it allows the engineers and potential customers to see how the robots need to be placed. "With a robot system," Fender said, "as compared to a man, you have to have more precise control over the paint and the location of the product."

"It (the robot) typically does not have the adaptive capability that a man would have," he said. "A man can look at it and see the finish going on and make a decision to move in or move out, to put more finish on or less, or go change the paint."

A robot sprayer also needs to be flexible to paint various nooks and crannies. The robotics arm has a number of joints simulating the flexibility of a human's elbow and wrist joints. Also, the robots can be mounted on rails so they can travel a short distance with a car as they spray.

Robotics offers the opportunity to get the operator out of a hazardous, volatile area," said Fender. "Because most materials are confirmed or suspected of being carcinogenic."

"Automotive builders and part suppliers are the main customers of this kind of technology," Rizvi said. "More than half of our assignments are from the big three."

GRI supplies sprayer robots to Chrysler, Ford, Harley Davidson, and is just starting to penetrate General Motors.

Besides the automotive industry, spray robots could become more and more prevalent in the other industries such as aerospace, furniture finishing, and home appliances. However, some companies don't feel purchasing robots is a justifiable expense, so these industries only represent 25 to 30 per cent of GRI's business.

"But what's helping the (economic) justification is the cost of paint materials," said Fender. "The cost of materials is becoming more expensive and as users put a great demand on the finish -- protective finish or beautifying finish -- the expense is going up."

If the paint chemistry and the environment is properly controlled, the use of robots reduces overspray by 10 to 40 per cent. Overspray is a term that refers to the amount of paint that is lost because it does not adhere to the surface of the object being spray painted.

"We've seen many jobs pay for themselves in less than a year just on paint savings," said Fender.

Rizvi has been president of ABB GRI since the buyout. "I'm trying to understand this company," he said. "I want to get to know the people, to get to know the customers, and the surroundings."

"I was born in India," said Rizvi. "I came for an education in England and then I landed in Sweden because my wife is Swedish. I spent about 24 years in Sweden."

Rizvi has been with ABB for 20 years, serving in a number of roles in the different companies owned by the corporation. "I have been with robotics for the last 15 years," he said. "Almost since the inception of the technology."

ABB has had operations in the United States since 1978 and Rizvi has visited companies on the East coast and in Michigan on a number of occasions.

"This is the first time I have taken an assignment to live here for a long period," said Rizvi. "But at this moment I am here only temporarily. I am working out of Sweden so I have had to obtain all the permissions as a foreigner to be able to work here as permanent."

Rizvi's wife and family will be moving to Michigan from Germany near the end of August. "I had heard a lot about Detroit before. When I heard that the company was in Detroit, and I mentioned it to my family they didn't think that Detroit was something to long for," he said.

"It was a very positive experience to see that the sullied reputation which Detroit has concerns only downtown," said Rizvi. "The rest of Detroit, especially the west-northwest is a very pleasant area. That's my opinion after staying two months in this area. Plymouth has excellent surroundings here, open space, the green pastures, and the good roads."

ABB Graco's other executive, Norman Fender, has more intimate knowledge of the company's operation since he helped to found it.

"I spent most of my life, since I was a little kid, in paint. I always wanted to paint," said Fender. "And I've been painting ever since, from bicycles to cars."

Fender graduated from the University of Toledo as a mechanical engineer. Then he went to work for a company called DeVilbiss in 1966 as a sales engineer. In the early 1970s, he said, "I headed up a specialist group and the robot came into that group as a specialty product. In a short period of time, we realized that the robot was something that needed total dedication and was not just another product."

Later, Fender and some of his associates left DeVilbiss and he was one of the founders of Graco Robotics in 1981. "I think that the driving force was that we didn't think that the customer's needs were being served, from the standpoint of quality and dedication to service what you sold," he said.

"We also felt we had some innovative notions that, in those days, were difficult to practice in the organization that we were associated with. So we went on to pursue that endeavor."

"As we go into the future," Fender said, "robots that are more easily programmed -- possibly robots that program themselves with sensors or vision systems -- will literally make their own program based on what's presented before them."

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BY JIM TOTTEN

Made in the U.S. still means something to the communities of Plymouth, Canton, and Northville. Within the boundaries of P-C-N, businesses and industries produce a number of items ranging from food to furniture to automotive parts among others.

This is only a sampling of the products made in P-C-N. Information about products made here was gathered from several sources, including the three Chambers of Commerce that supplied names of businesses producing their own items.

# MADE HERE



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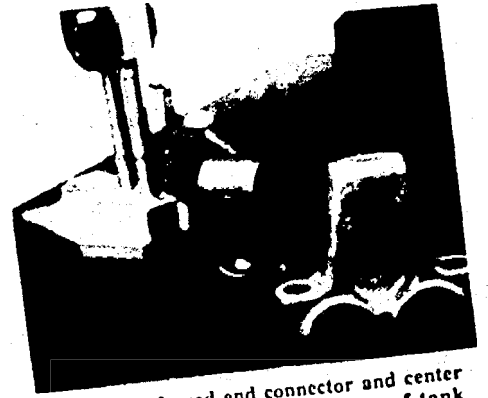
Frame Works II, on Ford Road, makes custom frames and matting. With a Canton location for six years, Frame Works has been in business for 16 years.

Item Products Inc. located its branch office in Canton a year ago. Item Products produces aluminum extrusion which is used to make several items including tables. The business has been producing extrusions for five years.

Canton is also home to an industry which produces 20,000 tons of cast steel shot each year. Metaltec Steel Abrasive Company, on Joy Road, makes steel shot for cleaning engine head castings. Three shifts round the clock make the shot ranging in size from grains of sand to small pellets. Metaltec employs 36 people and has been in Canton since 1981.

Plymouth Township is home to the Clips & Clamps Industries, on Keel Street. The company makes clips, brackets, clamps, washers for use in the automotive and light/heavy duty truck industry. In business since 1954, Clips & Clamps employs 26 people and has been in Plymouth since 1985.

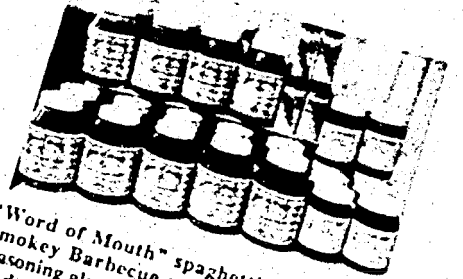
The paint manufacturer, Dhake Industries, on Northville Road, also calls Plymouth Township its home. Dhake produces paint used by the automobile industries for plastic parts. It has been in Plymouth for six years and employs 15 people.



The steel forged end connector and center guide are the main components of tank tracks for the M-1 tank/armored personnel carrier and are made by Gil-Mar Manufacturing Company, of Canton Township.



Shear Intensity produces a line of athletic/casual clothing featuring cotton and nylon lycra leggings, shorts, sweats, raglan tops and skirts at its Canton location.



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Laying out lines of homemade pasta in the City of Plymouth is Mama Mucci's, on Fleet Street. Pasta is made the 'old Italian' way and is available in almost two dozen flavors including egg, tomato, sweet basil, spinach and squid. Mama Mucci's pasta can be found in restaurants throughout the Detroit metropolitan area. It has been in Plymouth for three years and employs about 12 people.

For ice cream lovers, Cloverdale Farms Dairy, on Forest Avenue, in the City of Plymouth, weekly churns out homemade ice cream. Some of the more popular flavors include vanilla, praline pecan, chocolate chip, strawberry cheesecake and M&M. Cloverdale serves up ice cream at its restaurant and also supplies local supermarkets. It has been in Plymouth since 1933 and employs 25 people.

Residents with a sweet tooth can head straight for Grunwald's House of Fudge in Forest Place in the City of Plymouth. Chocolate, chocolate



Savino Ice, of Plymouth Township, makes tasty Italian ice and Italian sorbet which are available at area supermarkets, ice cream parlors and restaurants.



For those who crave eclairs or napoleons, the Baker's Rack, on Forest Avenue, would be the place to stop.

walnut, penuche, butter pecan, and rocky road fudge are available along with others at the House of Fudge. Peanut brittle and homemade chocolates are also produced at the business which employs five people and has been in Plymouth since 1982.

Also on N. Mill is Pringle's Pastries which makes cheesecakes, tarts, muffins, cookies and wedding cakes. They have been in Plymouth for three years and employ three people.

During the fall season, wine and fresh donuts can be found at one location in Northville. The Northville Winery, located in Parmenter's Cider-Mill, on Baseline Road, has been making wine since 1983. Those made include a strawberry, hard cider, chardonnay (grape), Cabernet (grape), an apple and others. Parmenter's Cider Mill turns out fresh, hot spice and plain donuts along with cider. About 30 employees work during the fall season. The mill dates back to 1873 and has been owned by the Bodker family since 1968.

Allen Monuments, Inc., on S. Main Street, has been making headstones for 55 years in the City of Northville. The headstones are made from granite, bronze and marble. Eight people work at Allen Monuments.

Car wash equipment and coated abrasives (sandpaper) are made in the City of Northville at the Belanger, Inc., which has two locations in the city. Belanger sends its equipment and abrasives to places both national and international. About 145 employees work at Belanger which has been in Northville for 22 years.

Metal stampings used in the automobile industry are made at Anger Manufacturing Company, on Baseline Road, in the City of Northville. Anger produces brackets, fenders, underbody chassis pieces, alternator brackets, door hinges and other items. The company has been located in Northville since 1964 and employs 25 people.

Metal stampings are also made at Warren Products, on Baseline Road. Along with metal components for the automotive industry, Warren produces humidifier cabinets and pieces for refrigerator units. It has been in business in Northville for almost 50 years and employs 50 people.

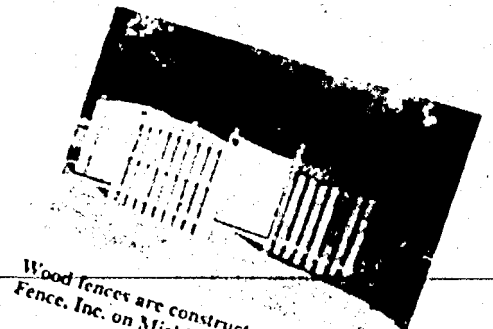
Flavors such as cherry, strawberry, blueberry, pure vanilla and others are produced at Northville Laboratories, on Rural Hill Road, in the City of Northville. Northville Laboratories makes flavors for dairy products, candy and ice cream which are sent throughout the U.S. A division of Jogue, it has been in business over 20 years and employs eight people.



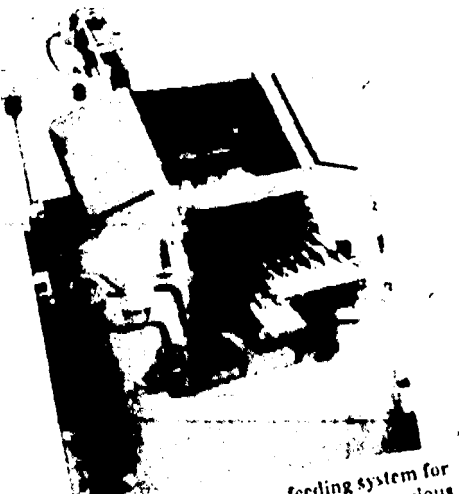
Guernsey Farms Dairy, in Northville, makes award-winning ice cream such as butter pecan.



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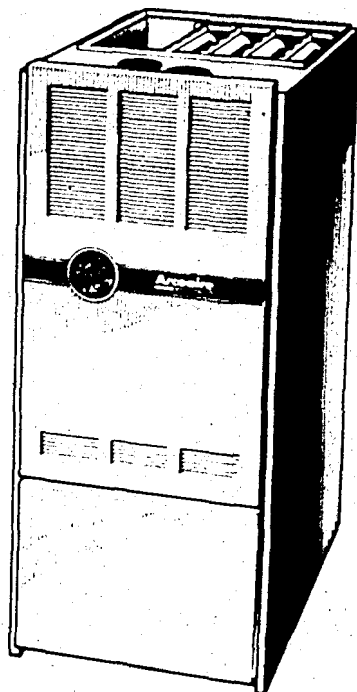
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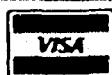
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A Rofin-Sinar worker tests a laser used in a wide variety of industrial applications at the Plymouth Township location. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

## Laser firm cuts bright future

BY SANDRA STEELE

With expansion plans already underway, Rofin-Sinar, an international producer of laser beam sources and guiding systems, is keeping pace with the future.

Its history in Plymouth Township only began in 1990. But the story of its jaunt across land and sea from Germany and California to Plymouth's doorstep actually began in 1917 with Albert Einstein's development of the laser theory.

Like the poets and painters long inspired by moonbeams, scientists are still inventing similes for the laser's extraordinary beam. The surgeon's scalpel is like the printer's press is like the cutter's blade, and the list goes on with seemingly endless possibilities.

In 1981, the scientists with Rofin-Sinar Laser, of Germany, zeroed in on their own development of the industrial carbon dioxide laser. This laser was first developed by GTE Sylvania in 1971, and acquired by Spectra Physics in San Jose, CA, in 1979.

The Siemens Corporation acquired the German company as well as the Industrial Laser Division of Spectra-Physics, and in 1988, established Rofin-Sinar Inc. as a world wide subsidiary.

The carbon dioxide laser marked the beginning of an industrial transformation. Commanded by a computer, and guided to its target by a maze of mirrors and lenses, the high-powered beam is able to process materials with remarkable speed and precision.

Above all, the laser is flexible and may be used for a wide range of application, including cutting, welding, and surface treatment.

But there is one more advantage that captivated manufacturers everywhere; laser processing is ideally suited to automation. The laser beam is not subject to wear, the workpiece and positioning system are not subject to mechanical forces and heat-affected zones are minimal.

Industry was sold on the phenomena of the laser.

Rofin-Sinar continued their research throughout the 1980s and proved that ever greater precision and flexibility could be achieved by varying the pulse and shape of the high-powered beam. In 1989, they introduced the ND: YAG laser.

The precision and flexibility of the YAG laser was unmatched, but its sensitivity in the harsh environment of the factory gave it a bad rap. After all, as Richard Walker, vice president of marketing

in the firm's Plymouth office, pointed out, there were no Ph.D.s in the factory to tend to the sensitive needs of a highly specialized computer system.

As doubts spread about the practicality of the YAG laser in an industrial setting, Rofin-Sinar set out to erase them by creating a system that would be more user friendly.

While research and development was going on in both San Jose and Germany, Rofin-Sinar could not ignore its major customer base. With 50 per cent of its business coming from the automotive industry, Plymouth was clearly the place to be.

"Our goal is to involve the customers in the applications development from the beginning," said Walker. "And we can't do that if we're in California."

Rofin-Sinar opened the doors to its sales center in Plymouth Township's Metro West Technological Park in 1990. The current need to expand is a measure of their success.

"We've got the distinction (here) of not producing anything," said Walker. "We serve the market, that's all. We have six regional sales managers nationwide, and two of them are in Plymouth."

Although the center takes command from Siemens, it relies on daily communication with Rofin-Sinar in Germany. The center has become a second home for customers, providing such services as training, parts, application development, process development, systems engineering, and beam delivery. With staff members from all over the world floating in and out, the ambiance is international.

The lasers range in price from \$100,000 to \$600,000, depending on the customer's needs. "People are willing to pay for flexibility," Walker said.

The highly specialized computers give rather than take commands, thus simplifying the laser's operation by industrial personnel. If the system shuts down the computer will direct the worker to the source of the problem, saving time and the frenzy of a guessing game.

With fiber-optics now at the force of their research, Rofin-Sinar is determined to stay in the lead by putting 14 per cent of their sales back into research and development. "We're not driven by quarterly figures," Walker said, "but take a long-term view."

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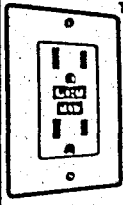
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# 50 years ago

# Diverse commerce thrived in P-C-N

BY MICHELLE TREGEMBO WILSON

A visitor to this community on the eve of World War II would find Plymouth a bustling center of commercial activity for the farmland that extended for miles in all directions.

Businesses prospered, putting the depression behind them. Local industries began to expand in preparation for the approaching war.

Ruth Huston served as Plymouth's first female mayor. The local A&P advertised onions at 33 cents for 10 pounds, fresh creamery butter at 36 cents per pound and Emperor grapes at eight cents per pound. Double dip ice cream cones cost five cents at Cloverdale's Dairy on Ann Arbor Trail. The P&A theater on Penniman Avenue charged 25 cents adult admission and 10 cents for children.

The structure of downtown Plymouth, centered at Main and Penniman, had many similarities to today's buildings. Both the Mayflower Hotel, at Main and Ann Arbor Trail, and Schrader's Funeral Home, on Main north of Penniman, existed in their present locations but less expanded than today.

The Mayflower featured a coffee shop and boasted in their ads to be "modern and fireproof." Additional businesses stood where Schrader's present day parking lot is. Most of the buildings between the Mayflower and Schrader's existed then, but with different occupants.

These included a D&C dimestore on the northwest corner of Main and Ann Arbor Trail, Taylor and Blyton department store, two drug stores, and the Plymouth United Savings Bank, in the same building that is today's National Bank of Detroit. One notable difference to that section of Main Street across from Kellogg Park was a public comfort station with both men's and women's restrooms and a drinking fountain, where the walkway to the parking structure is today.



Betty Pint, above left, is organizing the 50-year reunion for Plymouth High's Class of '41. Doris and Bill Wernett, right, show off a photo of her family home in Old Village. (Crier photos by Michelle Tregembo Wilson)

Betty Pint, a lifelong local resident and organizer of the Plymouth High School (PHS) class of 1941 50 year reunion, remembers the two drugstores on that block of Main. Blickenstaff's, commonly called "Blick's," evolved into today's Wiltse's Community Pharmacy. Dodge Drugstore was only two doors away. Both had soda fountains especially popular with younger residents.

"What made them popular was who they had as soda jerks. You went to the one your friends were working at," says Pint.

The cosmetic counter at D&C provided Pint's first job while in high school. After graduation she worked for a short time at Dunn

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Steel and then at the telephone company (the present location of Wade Trim on Ann Arbor Trail across from Kellogg Park) before going on to Plymouth United Savings Bank (later NBD) where she stayed for 41 years.

Mary Jane (Olsaver) Showalter, a 1941 PHS graduate and current resident of Wheaton, Illinois, also fondly remembers going to Blick's Drugstore after school on many afternoons for a Tin Roof sundae. She worked nearby after school and summers for her father, Dr. John Olsaver, whose dental office was above the bank building. (His original office is on display at the Plymouth Historical Museum.)

She also recalls that Tuesday was 'dish night' at the P&A -- moviegoers received a dish with their admission.

Connor Hardware stood on the northwest corner of Main and Penniman, in the same building that houses the Antique Emporium today. Showalter remembers Connor's as a "real old-fashioned store with wooden floors and sort-of dark. It had an upstairs and downstairs and you could get almost anything."

Several businesses sat on the northeast corner of Penniman and Main, where the First Federal of Michigan bank is today. These included Homer "Homey" Jewell's barber shop and Ken and Ork's lunch counter. Homes and businesses had recently been torn down to make way for the Penn Theatre, with an expected completion of early fall 1941. The opening was delayed until December of strikes in the builder's supply and trucking industries.

Another popular restaurant, Ellis's, sat on Main where Schrader's parking lot is today. It could seat 50.



McCormick & Dearing tractor sales office at the corner of Maple and Deer in 1938. (Photo courtesy of Plymouth Historical Museum)

Smitty's Place, a lunch counter and Detroit News distributor, only 12 feet wide, was one of the businesses between Connor Hardware and Schrader's on Main.

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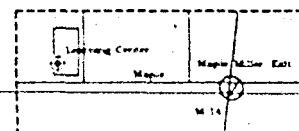
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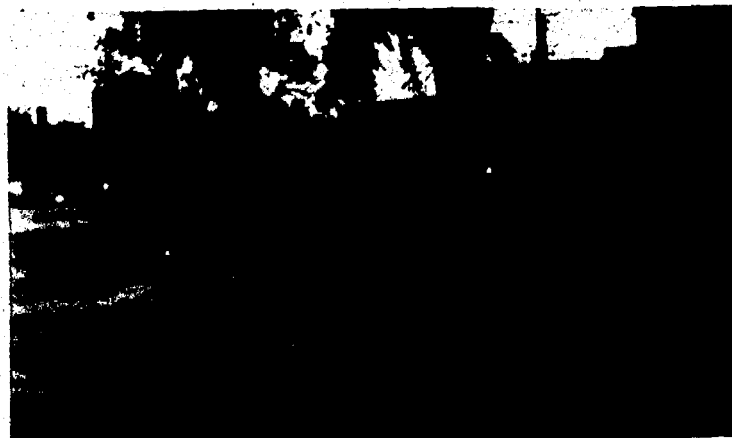
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In 1939, the Tonquish Creek drain was covered. Photos depict what is now the Central parking deck before and after construction. Huston Hardware,



In the photo at right, is now The Crier building. (Photos courtesy of the Plymouth Historical Museum)

# P-C-N looked different 50 years ago

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Cliff Smith, who worked in the eatery owned by his father, Glenn Smith, recalls five cent coffee, 25 cent breakfasts and 30 cent hot roast beef sandwiches with mashed potatoes. In 1941 Smith's Detroit News circulation topped 1,000.

The businesses on Penniman Avenue between Main and Harvey operated in many of the same buildings seen today. The largest missing structure is the P&A movie theater, lost in a 1967 fire. In 1941 Huston Hardware operated out of the current Community Crier building. Penniman Avenue stores included several meat markets and small groceries.

Robert Schultz, president of Vico Products Company, recalls that Penniman Avenue had sidewalks with very high curbs. There were also rings once used to tie up horses. Schultz, 64, moved to Plymouth in 1941.

The stretch of Ann Arbor Trail businesses from Plymouth Office Supply west to Harvey Street didn't exist in 1941. In their place stood the Plymouth Artificial Ice Company. The ice was both manufactured and stored in the large building, owned by John J. McLaren and then by his son John D. McLaren. John D.'s wife, Billie McLaren remembers still having residential ice customers in 1941.

Today's central parking deck was mainly open space with some trees in 1941. Tonquish Creek, which flows through the middle of the lot, had recently been covered. Businesses hadn't moved to Forest Avenue yet, but soon Stop and Shop would be the first to open. Cloverdale's Dairy on Ann Arbor Trail and Alfred "Dutch" West's International Harvester dealership at Main and Maple would both soon move to Forest Avenue too.

Some types of 1941 businesses don't exist today. For example, the 1941 Polk's city directory for Plymouth and Northville lists four coal companies in Plymouth. The 1941 issues of the Plymouth Mail newspaper contain advertisements from several rendering companies: "Cash for Dead and Disabled Horses \$3, Cattle \$2. Free Service on Small Animals."

Saxton's Lawn and Garden Center on Ann Arbor Trail is one of the businesses still here from 1941, but with some different merchandise.

Bill Saxton, 15 in 1941, said his father, Dean Saxton, moved the business to its present location in 1937. Baby chicks, feed, hay and straw were among the items carried.

Schrader's Funeral Home, another current business, also offered ambulance service to Ann Arbor in 1941 for a \$10 charge.

Other Plymouth companies still around today include C.L. Finlan Insurance, AAA, and William Bartel & Sons Florist on Plymouth Road. Some types of businesses were in the same concentration as today. For example, the Polk's directory lists six Plymouth car dealers in 1941: Chevrolet, Willys-American, Pontiac, Buick, Ford and Hudson.

Major Plymouth employers in 1941 included Daisy Corporation, Dunn Steel, Burroughs Adding Machine Company, and many smaller companies. Others worked for Ford Motor Company factories in surrounding areas. Many local industries were expanding to produce war materials. In the Aug. 1, 1941 Plymouth Mail, Burroughs announced plans to build an addition for defense work.

In June 1941 the new Kelsey Hayes munitions factory east of town was completed, with machines still being put into place and workers being trained with eventual expected employment of 2000. Jobs were considered to be short-term. "But like all munition and arms factories just the minute the emergency is over, all of the employees will be out of jobs," said an article in the Plymouth Mail.

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Branta Flying Club's new air field at Joy and Lilley roads in Canton received official approval from the Michigan State Board of Aeronautics in October 1941. The hangar was under construction and the field undergoing grading and seeding.

Many outlying settlements had strong ties to Plymouth. One noted example is Livonia's Rosedale Gardens, bounded by Plymouth Road, West Chicago, Hubbard Road and Merriman Road.

Rosedale Gardens was a subdivision of homes with few businesses, essentially a suburb of Plymouth. Plymouth was the closest community and served as their center for shopping and banking. Students from Rosedale also attended high school in Plymouth.

Some Plymouth residents commuted to Detroit for work, many on the train. Clara (Gayde) Alexander, 91, recalls the days when her husband, Lisle Alexander, boarded the morning train in Old Village, then called Lower Town, for his job with the American Legion in downtown Detroit. He returned home on the train each evening.

Downtown Detroit was also a popular shopping destination. "Hudson's was the place to shop in those days," says Alexander.

Betty Pint remembers making the trip to Hudson's downtown at least twice a year -- in the fall before school started and in the spring before Easter.

Bill Saxton recalls driving to downtown Detroit on Plymouth Rd. With no speed limit posted on Plymouth Road, rural to the Detroit city limits, drivers could travel 70 mph and reach downtown in the same time it takes today on the expressway.

Lower Town, Plymouth's current Old Village, was thriving in 1941. Bill Wernett, raised on a Sheldon Road farm when the road was still dirt and stopped at Joy Road, and Doris (Starkweather) Wernett, who grew up at Starkweather and Liberty, both graduated from PHS in 1941.

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They remember Lower Town having a variety of businesses. Area residents could get "everything we needed except clothing," says Wernett. Businesses included at least four groceries or meat markets, two barber shops, a hardware, and a drugstore.

Beyer Pharmacy was the drugstore in Lower Town, on Liberty. Owner Otto Beyer had died and his two daughters were running the store.

Farming and dairying were the main occupations in Canton. Businesses included several small grocery stores and two dairies. Canton residents divided their commercial and educational patterns between Plymouth, Wayne, Belleville and Ypsilanti.

Children of Canton's farmers often worked at other jobs such as factory work. Roy Schultz, of Canton, said that "farmers usually had big families. Some kids had to get other jobs at some time." Also, some farms had hired hands whose wages included room and board.

Plymouth also served as a center of entertainment in 1941. Downtown had two bowling alley-pool halls and the P&A theater. Picnics were popular in both Riverside and Cass Benton parks. Clara Alexander remembers grilling steaks in the park and watching baseball games.

Roy and Tillie (Saner) Schultz, a Plymouth High 1941 graduate, remember attending dances for entertainment. One of the popular Canton dance halls was above West's store in Cherry Hill at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge. Sheldon Hall was another Canton location. Others were in the small communities of Salem and Newburgh. Each dance hall was open on a different night of the week.

The Schultz's also recall card games, home parties and school events as popular entertainment.



Clara Alexander recalls the days when her husband caught the train in Lower Town -- now Old Village -- to go to work in Detroit every day. (Crier photo by Michelle Tregembo Wilson)

The Northville community was also a bustling center of industry and commerce some 50 years ago and a key center for the Ford Motor Company.

In 1936 the Northville Ford Valve Plant, moved into the building that is today associated with the plant, and was in full operation on the site of what was an old mill.

But a wide array of other businesses flourished in Northville, giving it a diversity beyond just being a key "cottage industry" center for the Ford company.

Some of the key industries and commercial ventures included:

Allen Monuments, which moved to Griswold in 1941, was owned by then mayor of Northville Mike Allen. Today it is run by his son and grandson.

By the end of World War II the Foundry Flask and Equipment Co. had set up shop in Northville as well. The Manning and Locklin Gravel Company's base of operations was on the old Griswold Farm.

Jan Reed organized F&R Tool and Gauge Company -- now Reef Manufacturing -- in 1939, while the Stenz Liniment Co. patented a horse liniment in 1941. Another gravel company, Thomson Sand and Gravel, operated off Seven Mile Road.

Harold Bloom opened his insurance agency more than 50 years ago, while Casterline Funeral Home was launched in 1937. A Northville Cloverdale Farms Dairy also opened in 1939, and Red Rose Dairy was renamed Guernsey Farms Dairy in 1940.

Northville also touted a Penniman Allen Movie Theatre and the Northville Lanes bowling alley, which was purchased by Angie Gadioli in 1941.

Warren Products, founded in 1940, moved to Northville in 1941, specializing in metal fabricating, stamping and welding.

Northville Downs harness race track opened up in 1944 on the site of a private golf course. The first night of racing was Sept. 1, 1944. Admission was 60 cents.

And... recording much of the history of the Northville community has been The Northville Record newspaper.

The first edition, then called the Wayne County Record, hit the streets on July 15, 1869.

Plymouth's plunge into World War II with the rest of the nation at the end of 1941 began a period of profound change for the community.

Growth in industry brought new residents to the area. The Oct. 3, 1941 Plymouth Mail discussed a growing housing problem for new defense workers. With the end of the war and the rise of the suburbs, the farmland separating Plymouth from Detroit and other places would eventually disappear.

Plymouth then became more of a "bedroom community" than the completely self-sufficient small town it once was.

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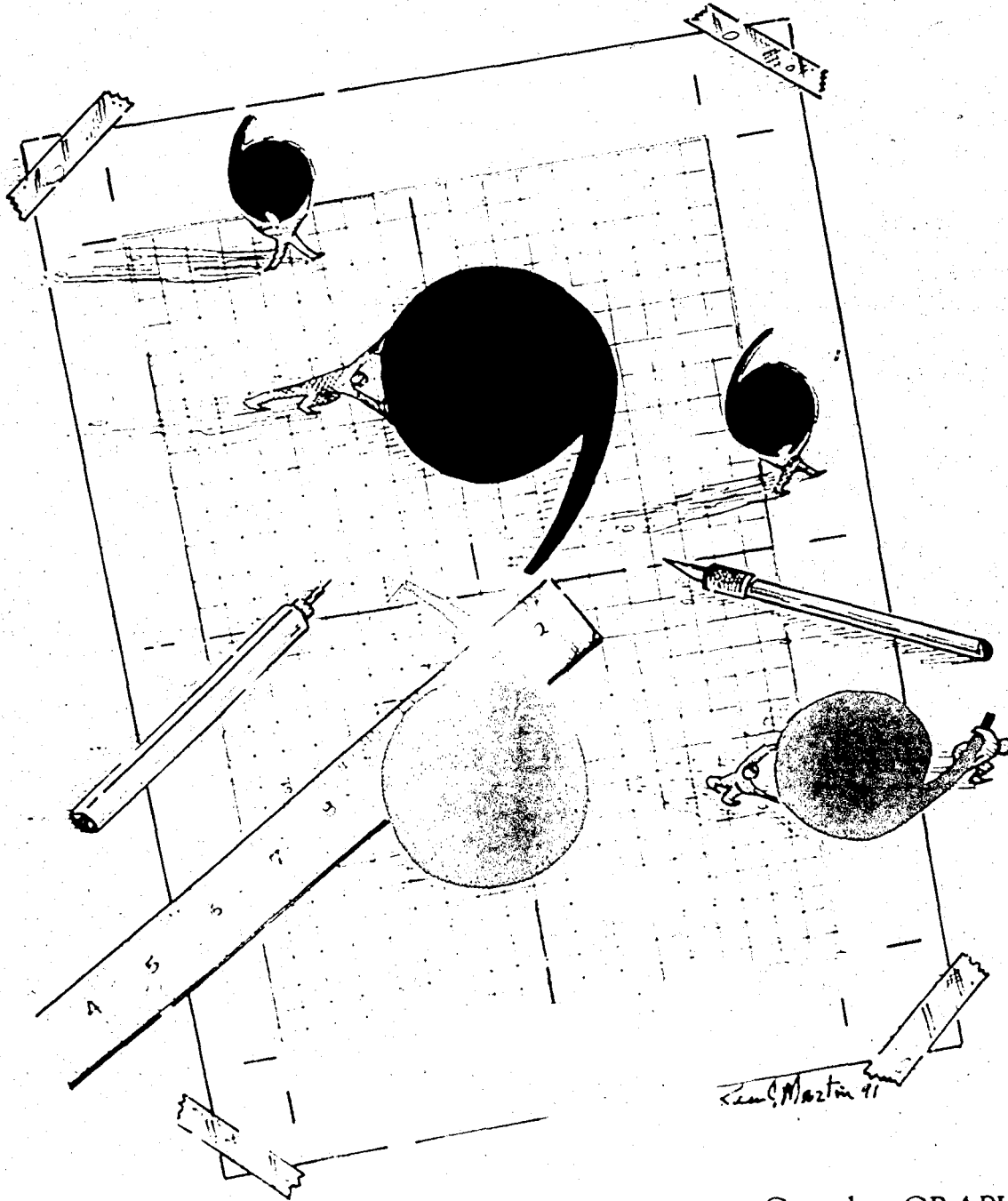
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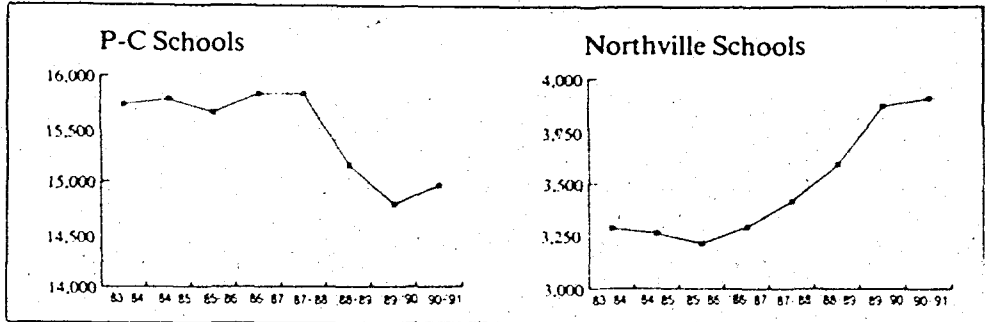
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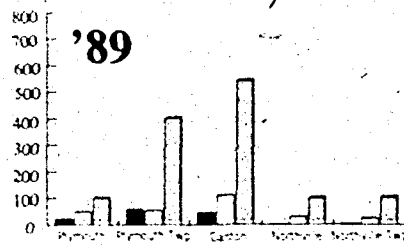
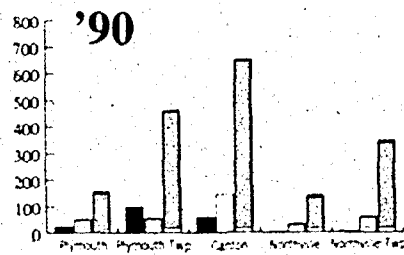
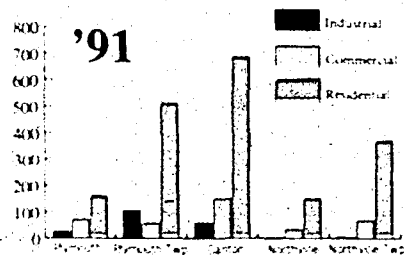
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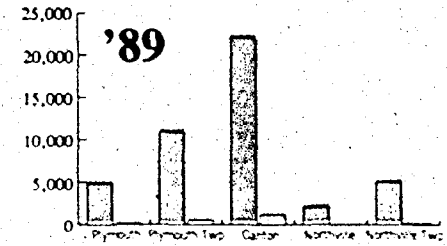
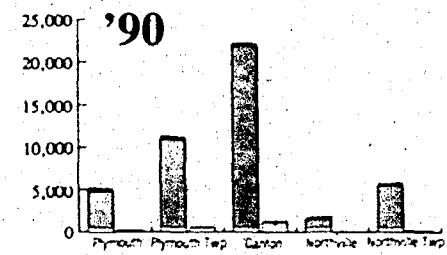
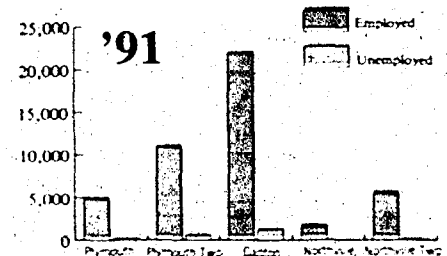
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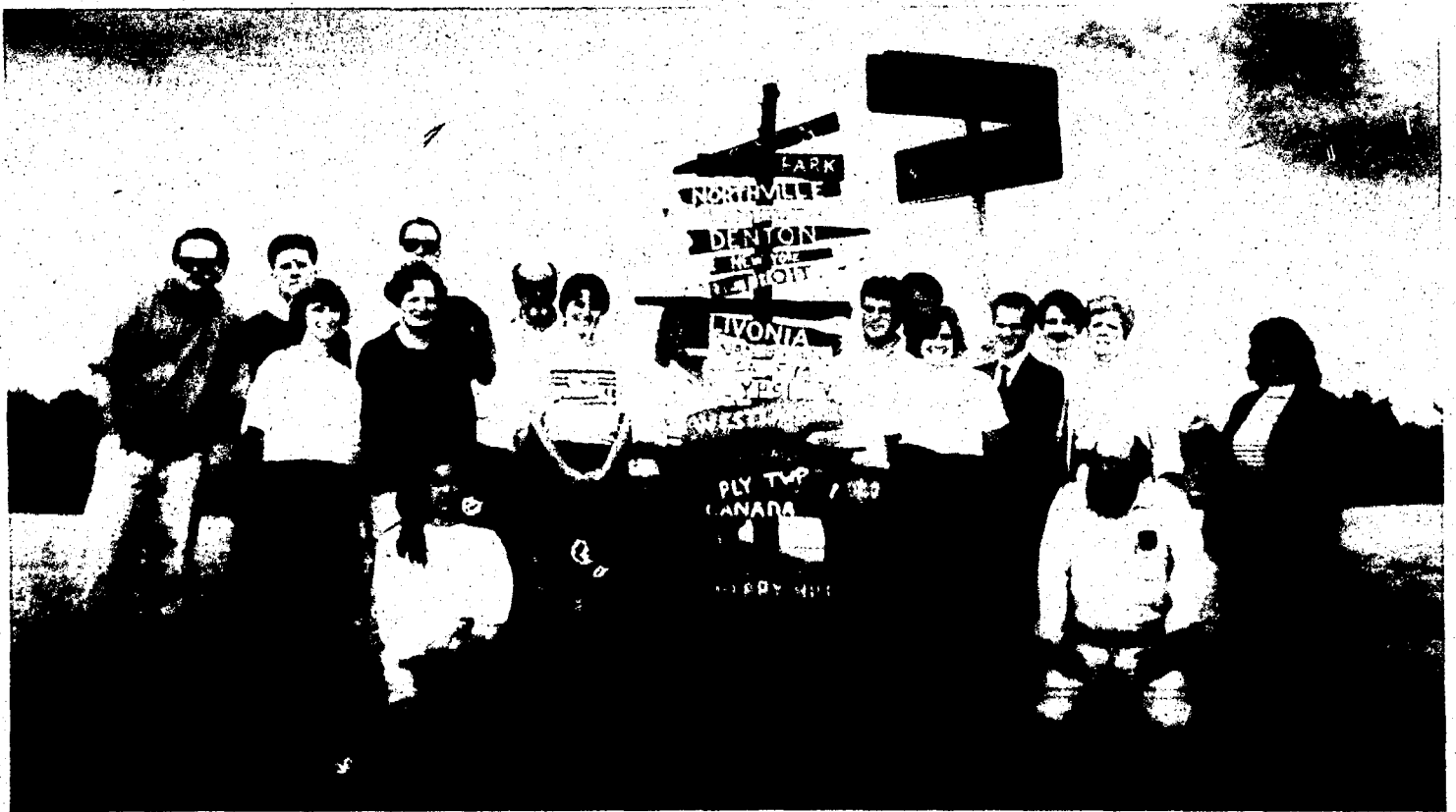
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	Business	10,508	11,094	12,465
<b>Canton</b> (prefixes 397, 495, 981)	Residential	10,341	10,532	12,372
	Business	1,924	2,147	2,355
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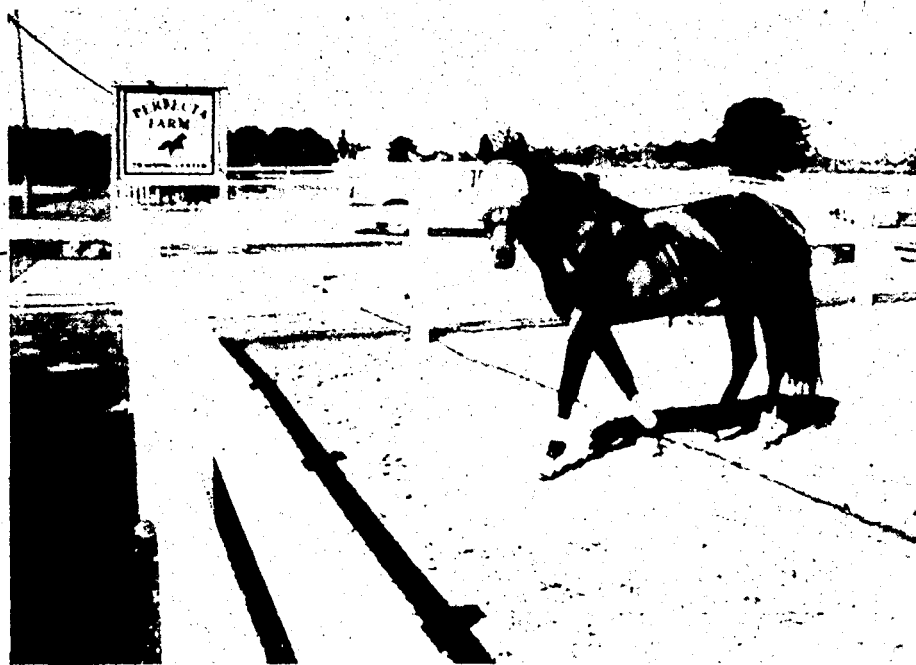
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Fred Goethe, a trainer at Salem Township's Perfecta Farm Training Center, rubs down a horse after a tough workout.

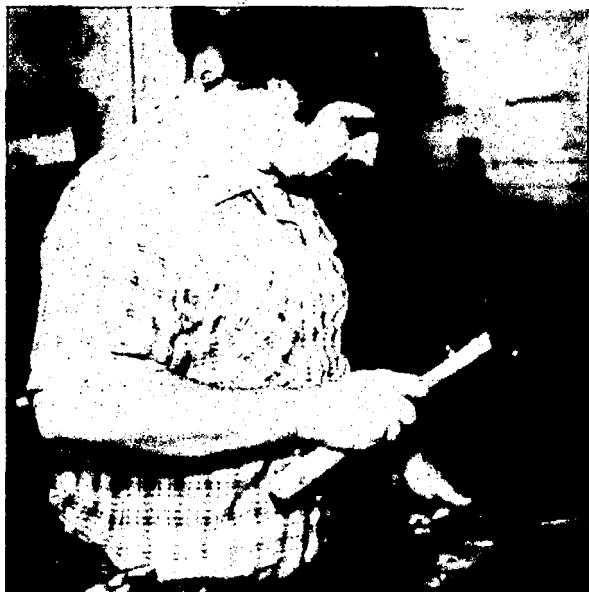
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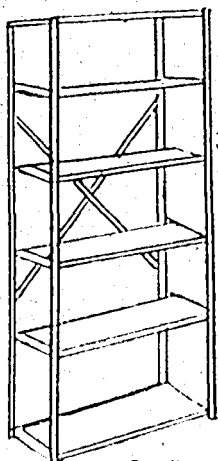
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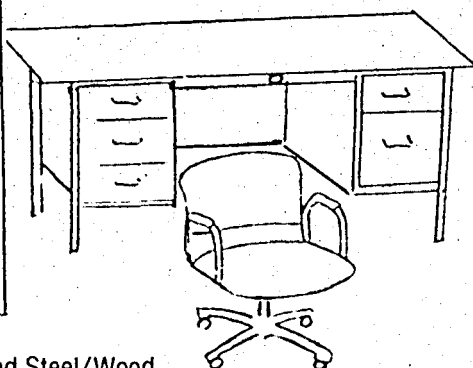
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**Rudolph/Libbe:  
Building a  
local identity**

BY KEN VOYLES

The litany of clients is overwhelming — BASF, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Ohio, Bowling Green University, Campbell's, Chessie System, Chevrolet, Delta Airlines, Detroit Edison, Ford Motor Co., General Mills, Goodyear, IBM, Marathon, Mazda, McDonald's, Nabisco, NASA, J.C. Penney, Pizza Hut, Standard Oil, Union Carbide, University of Michigan, Whirlpool and Xerox.

As construction firms go Rudolph/Libbe is a giant — the skyline of Toledo, the company's home town, would not be recognizable today if you removed those buildings designed and built by Libbe.

Now the firm has moved into Canton and established a Michigan operations office, an office fully staffed and equipped to handle the myriad array of jobs in southeast Michigan.

"Our biggest project to date was a \$50 million expansion at Ford's Wixom operation," said Dick Duwel, director of business development in Canton. "That project convinced us to open this regional office in March of 1990. We had done a lot of business up here and found this to be the best market to expand.

"We had looked at other areas but we wanted to capitalize on our presence here and formalize that," he added. "We are interested in community involvement also and we wanted to see that transplanted up here."

Rudolph/Libbe is one of the largest construction firms in the midwest with annual construction projects totaling more than \$200 million. The general contractor and construction firm offers a full spectrum of professional construction services, including general construction, construction management, designing, building, and real estate development.

The firm, which does most of its work within a 100-mile radius of its Toledo headquarters, employs about 450 including some 35 staff at the Canton operation off of Koppernick Road.

Founded in 1955 by two brothers and a cousin, Libbe started as small operation that today, even though a giant in the industry, tries to remember its roots. No job is too big or too small for the builder, said John Libbe, administrative manager of the Michigan Operation and one of those instrumental in opening the Canton center.

"Seventy per cent of our dollar volume is with repeat customers," said Duwel, a Northville resident who formerly worked for Ford and R.A. DeMattia. "We work at keeping our customers. Our approach is simple. We do what we say we'll do. When you believe it, it's easy.

"That starts with the top people and their philosophy trickles down," he added.

Rudolph/Libbe is unique in that it retains in-house control over all crafts within general construction trades, performing all functions from design to actual construction.

"What's unique about us is that we're not just contract brokers," Duwel said. "We do a lot of our own work and that gives us advantages in controlling costs. We're complete in that regard."

Last year the firm celebrated its 35th anniversary by donating a playground to the City of Toledo, a major customer. Previous work in the city includes Toledo Transit Authority, Toledo Board of Education, Toledo Clutch and Brake Service, Toledo Edison, Toledo Airport, Toledo Hospital, Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo Zoological Society and the University of Toledo.

Since moving into Canton company officials have met with Canton Supervisor Tom Yack and other township officials, hoping to evolve a close community connection here also. Duwel said the firm has and will meet with other key government officials throughout western Wayne County.

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John Libbe, left, and Dick Duwel stand in front of their Canton office which opened in March, 1990. The construction firm, one of the largest in the midwest, designed and built many of the buildings in the Toledo skyline. (Crier photo by Ken Voyles)

# Firm seeks to grow in Canton

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"It's very important for us," said Duwel, who pointed out that firm has a fully staffed facility in Canton with warehousing for equipment, as well as administration, and project manager functions.

During discussions with Canton officials it became obvious, said Duwel, that the township is very interested in "upgrading" industrial facilities in the community.

In that sense they couldn't have gone to a better firm. Rudolph/Libbe's projects not only vary greatly in size and scope but also in the nature of the intended facility.

The Panda exhibit at the Toledo Zoo, for example, was built by Libbe, as was the Islamic Center of Greater Toledo. The firm also built Toledo's new convention center and led the renovation of the St. Mary's Church in Monroe. And while most of the company's work has been centered in Toledo and areas in Michigan, it also has a track record in 22 other states.

It has built quite a relationship with Ford Motor Company, a relationship that grew as Rudolph/Libbe grew, said Duwel, who was chief architect at the automotive giant before moving into the construction business.



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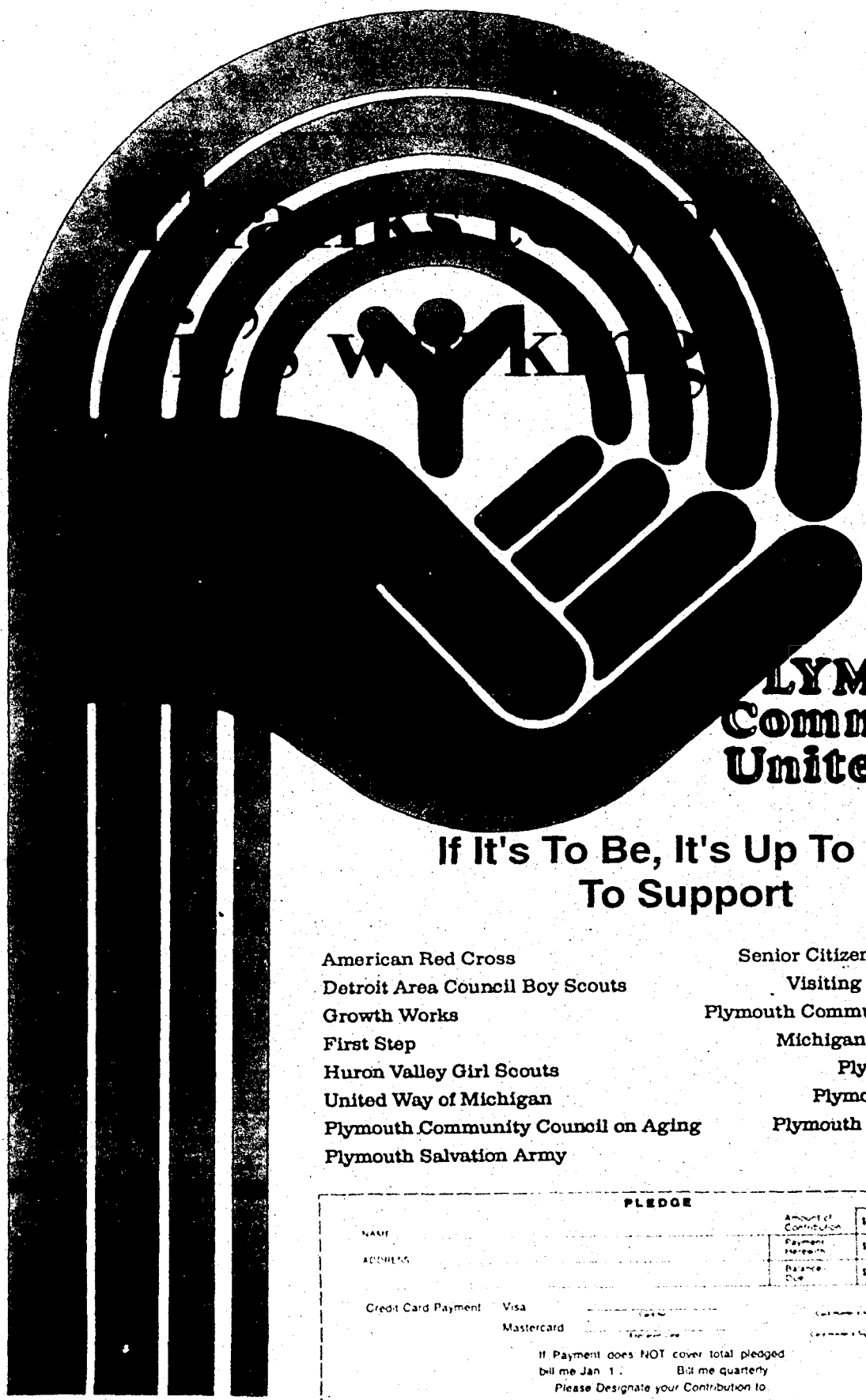
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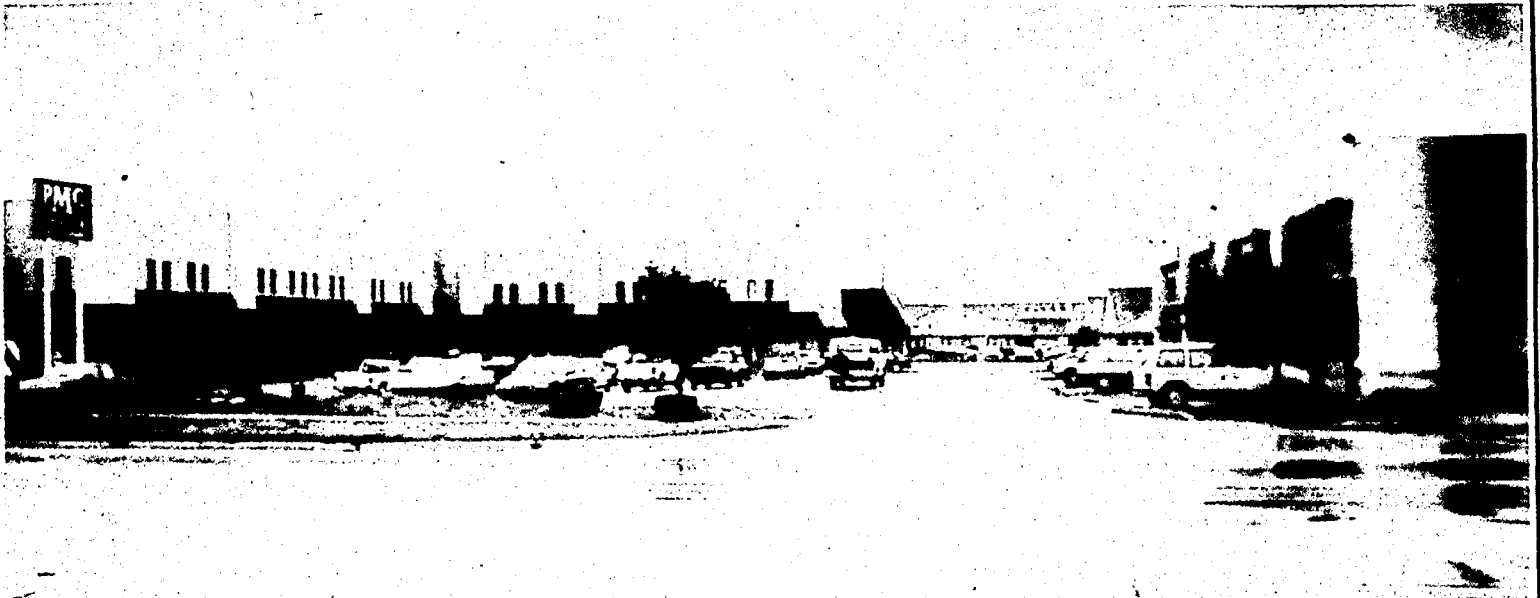
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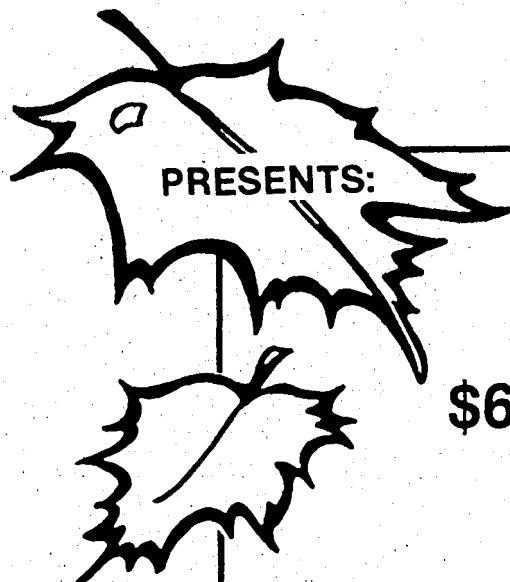
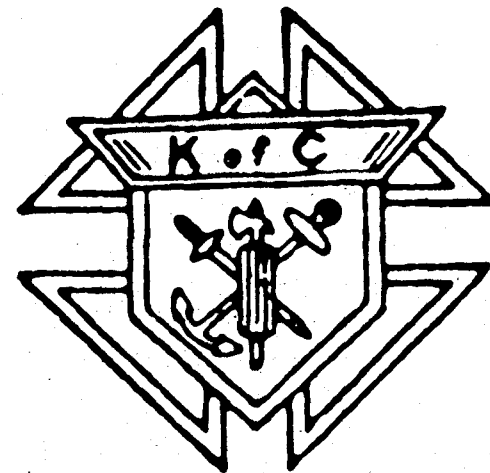


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# Syschk agency runs like 'family'

BY CHERYL VATCHER

A blue farmhouse with white trim situated on Seven Mile in Northville is home to a thriving business -- Syschk.

The business recently celebrated its 10th anniversary on July 4th. The owners, a husband and wife team of 28 years, Donald and Virginia Wertman, sponsored a dunk tank where the employes could dunk Donald Wertman as many times as they liked.



Virginia and Donald Wertman stand on the porch of their farmhouse which is home to their temporary agency business, Syschk. (Crier photo by Eric Lukaszik)

Syschk is a leading supplier of permanent and temporary technical workers including programmers, system analysts, project managers, engineering and PC support personnel.

"We are a temporary agency, but we have a license for permanent placement," said Donald Wertman. "Someone starting out temporary may work into permanent. Since they are on a contract with us through the temporary job, we will negotiate a fee for the placement."

The Wertmans purchased their 100-year-old farmhouse in February, 1990. They are presently restoring it. The outside of the house shows its elegance with light blue and white trim, along with a bright red barn at the end of the gravel driveway.

"Restorations are taking place on the inside which has needed work because of its age," said Virginia Wertman.

"We are also buying plants and flowers to put outside that would resemble the era in which it was built," she said. "For example it would be nice to plant roses and lilacs with an old fashioned fence and lamppost."

The Wertmans moved their business to Northville after finding the historic farmhouse.

"As for using it as a residence, we decided not to, because we live in Milford," said Virginia Wertman. "But this is a working farmhouse and there is no reason why the next owner could not just move into it like a residence because it is set up that way."

"I have been looking for antiques from that era to furnish the inside," she continued. "There are already some items in place such as one high chair in the dining room."

"Because of the age of the farmhouse and possible historical significance, we filed papers in Lansing approximately six months ago for designation as a historical site," her husband added.

"This company is not run like the typical office or traditional style business," he said. "For example, we take Fridays off and come in here on Sundays to do maintenance work and other things that need to be done."

"Our company functions in a casual atmosphere where our sales staff runs their own schedule and hours," Virginia Wertman said. "They have to discipline themselves to be successful here. We present them with the opportunity and it's up to them to grab it."

Being a family owned company means that the employes are treated like the Wertmans' own children, Theresa, 27, and D.J., 25.

"We want everyone to feel like they are part of the family, and can come to us if they need something," both said.

"One of our employes, Rageevan Katil, doesn't have any family around here, so if he needs family we are here for him," Virginia Wertman said.

The rest of the staff consists of approximately 50 people, programmers, technical writers, engineers, CAD-CAM operators, system analysts, project managers, and PC support personnel.

"The employes we have are specialists," Donald Wertman said. "We do not hire inexperienced people. We need to give the client exactly what they need, because they need a particular job done."

"The client is willing to pay a good salary for a specialist."

Because this agency is different from its competitors in that it may place temporary and permanent workers, it is also unique in its salary and benefit program.

"I feel that it is better to work for an agency such as ours as we will try to get the most money for our employes," he said. "And a man and a woman will make the same dollar amount for the same job."

"A lot of our good employes will work here for a while, then find a permanent job elsewhere, and then find that they don't like it there, and end up back here with us," she added.

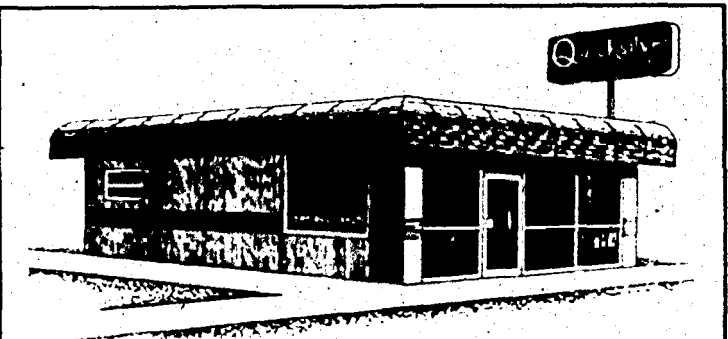
This agency deals with different size firms.

"Some of our Fortune 500 companies are Chrysler, Ford, GM, Dow-Corning and Consumer Power," he said. "At the present time Chrysler is our major client. Two of our smaller firms are M.T.A. and Flint, Inc."

"With both small and Fortune 500 companies, our business brings in approximately two to three million a year," he said.

Financially the Wertmans aren't in it to become rich themselves.

"The goal of our business is to give as much as we can to our employes," Donald Wertman said.



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# Metaltec steels bainite business

## 'The Shot' heard across Canton

BY KEN VOYLES

You would not know by just looking at their facility, but a Canton company is among the most important producers of steel shot in Michigan, if not the Great Lakes.



Metaltec President Gary Stevers shows off a jar of the final product, thousands of bb size steel shot. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

Just think about this for a moment:

Metaltec Steel Abrasive Company quietly produces about one million pounds of steel shot each week using two foundries and three shifts at it's operation along Joy Road.

And to tell that by looking is nigh impossible -- the operation's dark, rambling, building off the CSX tracks doesn't attract much attention.

But that one million pounds of shot each week sure does. If you add that up over one year it works out to more than 50 million pounds, or 25,000 tons, of various sized bainite shot, ranging in size from grain-like specks to sturdy bbs.

There are 17 million shot in one pound of the smallest size, versus 17,000 shot in a pound of the larger more bb-like shot.

"We work three shifts here around the clock," said Metaltec president Gary Stevers recently. "But we're also a drop in the bucket. Something like 265,000 tons of shot are produced each year in this country.

"We are an entity that you need," added Stevers. "People need it whether they know it or not. Foundries are something you just can't replace. They will never go away."

Metaltec uses two main furnaces -- temperatures inside them reaches over 3100 degrees -- during the pouring of the shot, employing about 36 people, mostly in the manufacturing end of things.

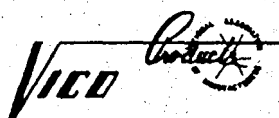
"This is a fill-out foundry with the U.S. Bureau of Mines," Stevers said. "If we go to war we become a viable part of the government."

Founded in 1981 Metaltec mainly supplies shot for the casting industry, with a client base of about 400 companies across the country.

Stevens, who started with the firm as a maintenance worker before becoming plant manager and vice president, said the multi-million dollar operation feeds shot to a wide variety of firms.

The majority of the work, though, is with auto companies -- Metaltec supplies 100 per cent of the shot needs for the Delco plant on Eckles Road. Other local companies with ties to Metaltec include Plymouth Shafting, Hercules and Baron Drawn Steel companies.

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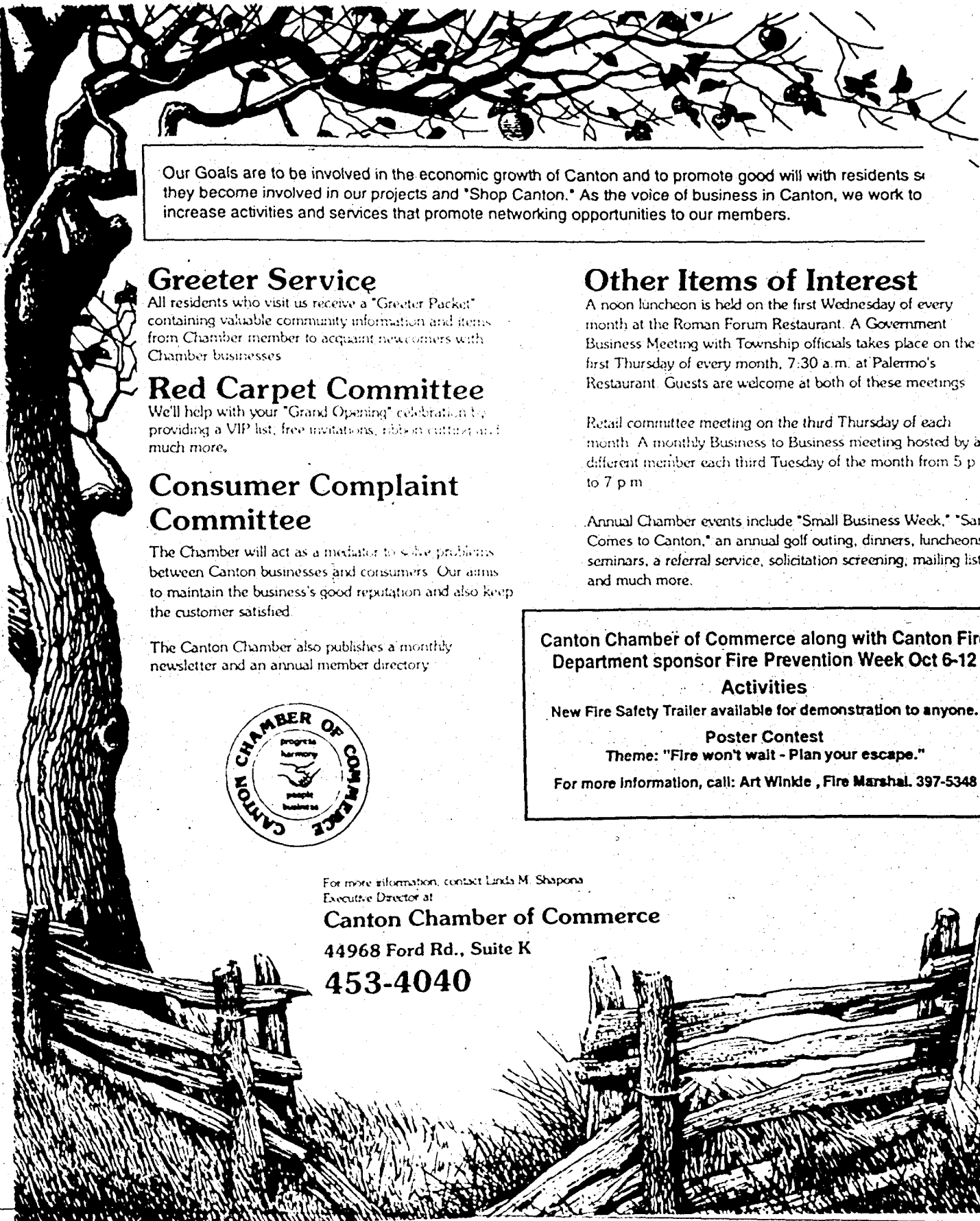
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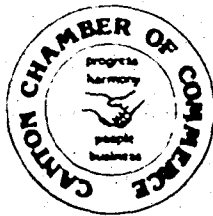
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# Cranks out 50 million pounds Foundry runs around the clock

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"The most unique thing about us is that the steel shot we produce is structurally different than our competitors," said Stevers.

The bainite shot was originated in Germany and Metaltec has a license to produce it through MetaltechnikSchmidt (or GMBH) of Stuttgart.

There are only two licensed bainite producers in the world outside of Germany -- Metaltec in Canton and a South African firm.

Steel shot is mainly used to clean metal castings, such as engine blocks, and should be as nearly spherical as possible with a minimum of elongated particles, tails, hollows, broken pieces, slag and dirt.

The shot is also used in "peening" ballpeen hammers in which a machine "imparts" the shot onto the surface of the hammer.

But the main use is for cleaning a myriad array of casts. The shot is used in a machine that works much like a sand blaster; bbs have a lifetime of three to 300 times through a machine.

"Our niche with bainite is that the bbs retain uniformity and shape and wear at an even rate," said Stevers. "Everyone else produces Martensite tempered shot. Our's typically lasts 30 per cent longer."



At the end of the line: thousands of steel shot funnel into storage drums. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)



Don Hunt, Metaltec plant manager, inspects a load of scrap on its way into the round-the-clock furnaces. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

Metaltec also works with Ferrite, a compound of ferric oxide and other oxides, used in pigments, bases, and dyes. Ferrite that is broken down is captured and put on the backs of cassettes and video tapes.

"We're still developing this product but we're breaking new ground," said Stevers.

Shot is formed from scrap metals which are melted down before "secret" alloys are added. The hot metal is then poured and cast on a water stream which atomizes it (reduces it to fine particles or spray). When the molten metal is "dropped" on the water, bbs form.

The machine then "sweeps" the shot out and it is ready for screening, sorting and packaging.

Inside the plant Don Hunt, plant manager, said scrap metal is fed into the furnace by conveyor belt at one end. When it comes out the other end as molten metal every effort is made to control the stream of superhot metal to be certain of the eventual quality of the bbs.

The water used into the process reaches well below ground level (it too has to be cooled in ponds behind the building). And the furnaces themselves often take five hours to cool when not in use.

Once the furnace is full and ready to pour, employees in the lab analyze the content of metal using a spectrometer and make the necessary alloy adjustments.

"We do a lot of testing here of the content," said Hunt.

Hunt points out the bbs which seem to be everywhere -- you get use to walking lightly on the very product Metaltec produces. Special bins are set aside for the non-round shot that also comes out during the process, while large containers hold thousands of pounds.

"From the time we start a pour to the finish it takes about two hours and 20 minutes," said Stevers, who travels to Germany about once a year. "This is a field where things can be pretty hush-hush."

"But it's not hard to figure out what we do," he added. "We like where we are at here in Canton and we'll do everything we can to stay here."

Metaltec also has clients overseas in Taiwan, Japan and Germany and its furnaces use to be a "showpiece" for the company which manufactured the equipment.

"We're a very diversified company," said Stevers, "that specializes in steel shot."



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