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Downtown post office to stay open

BY AMY KIDWELL

The Plymouth post office located on Penniman Avenue — rumored to be closing in favor of the more modern facility near Beck Road — will remain open and operate as a full-service postal facility after all, according to U.S. Rep. Bill Ford.

That announcement was made last week and was part of a letter sent from the Postal Service to Ford's office

According to the letter — which was written by John Hagarty, manager of Postal Service legislative affairs, to Ford — the city had been negotiating to

buy the facility.

Those talks ended, however, when Detroit district Postal Service officials decided to utilize the facility to house small delivery bar code sorters in support of the postal automation system.

Yesterday it was confirmed by Ford's office that the introduction of the system would be in addition to keeping the site open as a full-service post office.

The city had wanted to purchase the building so it could rent space to the post office at a rate low enough, according City Manager Steve Walters, that

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Election Day:

Polls open 'til 8 on Proposal A; school district millage rally set for tomorrow

Polls remain open until 8 p.m. today for those wishing to cast ballots on the controversial Proposal A.

Then, at 7:20 p.m. tomorrow, supporters of the school district millage proposals will be holding an informational rally based on the outcome of Proposal A.

The one-hour rally will be held at the Canton High School gym.

Divorce dispute ends in tragic murder, suicide

You can't win a divorce...It's lose, lose, lose...He thought he could win.

—Don Tappan, brother of Janette Madsen

BY AMY KIDWELL

He was described as a very intelligent, creative man. He had worked his way through the ranks at Pioneer Electronics as a salesman and earned enough money to support a family of four and a \$500,000 Plymouth Township home.

She was described as a loving mother of two children, a devoted kindergarten teacher and a warm and caring person.

From the outside, it appeared to be the picture-perfect life.

But that picture was shattered last week when an impending divorce took an ugly turn and Don Madsen shot his way into the township home and killed his wife, Janette, while their two children — Kim, 15, and Dan, 7 — were in the house.

Then, almost 24 hours later, Madsen took his own life in the garage of his Northville condominium.

The quiet calm of the newly-built subdivision off Powell Road was shaken in the early morning hours when gunshots were heard just before 6 a.m.

Police said that Don entered the home by firing three shotgun rounds through the back door. He did not have a key to the house because neighbors say Janette had changed the locks and the

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Lest we forget Memorial Day 1993 got a wet greeting Monday, but it didn't dampen the spirits of those who marched in — or those who watched — this year's parade in Plymouth. Numerous honor guards passed in review during the parade, including the American Legion Passage Gayde Post 391 (above). And among those looking on — and trying to keep dry — was Stacey Mason. (Crier photos by Rudy DeChavez, above, and Eriq Lukasik, right) For more on the parade, see pg. 6.

New operators announced for Mayflower Meeting Place

BY AMY KIDWELL

In a new development concerning the Mayflower Hotel complex, the Lorenz family has announced that Great Events, an eastside catering company, will take over management of the Meeting House and the Mayflower Motor Inn starting Monday.

The announcement came while owners of the Mayflower Hotel and its court-appointed receiver, Hotel Investment Services, argue in court over the use of the Roundtable Club.

Great Events, which is based in St. Clair Shores, provides the food service at Cranbrook House in Birmingham, the Michigan State University Center in Troy and the McGregor Conference Center at Wayne State University.

Bill Steen, president of the company, said he and his staff are "enthusiastic about the Mayflower Meeting

Sheila Lorenz Osann, vice president of Lorenz Square, said that Great Events was selected because of its "12-

year culinary management experience."

According to Lorenz family members, the plan will result in renovations to the meeting house that will include the installation of handicapped bathrooms.

Anyone who has booked an event at the Meeting House can expect a smooth transition in management, the family said in a prepared press release.

Anyone having questions about events already booked at the facilities can call Great Events at 416-5100.

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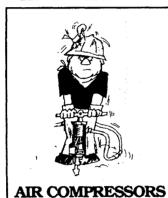
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Try to block Mettetal purchase fails; only affects future actions

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Too late to block a controversial state attempt to purchase Mettetal Airport, a state appropriations bill signed into law this year would prohibit such purchases in the future without legislative and gubernatorial approval.

In fact, Public Act 19 contains a specific provision that "requires line-item authorization in an appropriations act" for any acquisition of "an airport facility...for operation by the state or by a political subdivision."

The act also prohibits the future use of federal-local airport "discretionary contingencies" funds for such a purchase. The state Aeronautics Commission plans on using \$4.5 million in the current fund to buy Mettetal.

According to Nancy Green, an aide to state Sen. William Faust (D-12th District), the new language will not affect the purchase of Mettetal, but will control such purchases in the future.

Green also said that the regulation would apply to all requests for money made to the joint House-Senate Capital Outlay Committee.

Members of the committee — which drafted the airport portion of the appropriations bill — include local Sens. Bob Geake (R-6th District) and Lana Pollack (D-18th District).

Geake's district encompasses the area surrounding Mettetal, while Pollack represents the portion of Washtenaw County bordering The Plymouth-Canton Community.

Township hires two separate law firms to give different legal advice

BY AMY KIDWELL

Plymouth Township soon will be getting legal representation from two differ-

The decision was made last Tuesday when the Board of Trustees decided to hire Barlow and Lange to handle labor and employment issues.

The firm of Hemming, Polaczyk & Cronin has been hired to handle general municipal and prosecution cases.

Barlow and Lange won the bid by a close margin, with Trustees Mary Brooks, Ron Griffith and Marilyn Massengill voting against the firm.

The three said they felt the township would be better represented by Butzel Long, a larger, more widely known firm.

The remaining trustees, including Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy. expressed concerns that a larger firm would not give the township as much

As to the hiring of Hemming, Polaczyk & Cronin, Keen-McCarthy said that the firm has changed and that the township will no longer have problems as it has in the past.

"This is a new firm," she said. "There have been a lot of changes.

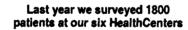
'They've gone out of their way to reduce cost," she said adding that the firm has a \$200,000 cap. "It is an excellent firm and they know the township already."

Keen-McCarthy added that there is a clause in the contract allowing the township to dissolve the contract within 30 days if problems should arise.

When Gerald Law was supervisor of the township, the township's contract with the firm created a conflict of interest because Law's brother worked in the

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No plastic, paper only, in Canton's new yard garbage collection plan

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

It's the end of an era in Canton **Township**

The plastic bag will no longer be accepted for use with yard waste.

According to Canton Township Clerk Loren Bennett, Canton will no longer pick up yard waste in plastic bags. He said that their new contract with the composter said that plastic bags full of compost would no longer be picked up from curbside nor allowed at the landfill.

But for the average homeowner, there won't be too much to get used to.

"It's not like recyclables where everything has to be separated and cleaned," Bennett said. "Composting material just has to be separate of the regular garbage."

Bennett suggests three ways to handle the change in composting pick-ups: The first is to buy a mulching mower, cutting out the middleman entirely.

The other two suggestions may be more economical.

"One thing to think about is buying

extra (trash) receptacles and marking them," Bennett said. "That way the haulers will have no trouble spotting them and they can be reused."

"Kraft makes a large paper bag," Bennett said. "It's about three feet high and is made to be biodegradable."

One drawback to the paper bag idea is that they are rather pricey. Bennett said that while they are expensive, they make good sense during the fall.

"When you're dealing with the high volume of waste that you get during the fall," he said. "It would make more sense to buy the bags.'

One thing that Bennett did stress was that leaving the leaves in the street was not a good idea.

"It would cost money to buy the equipment and hire the workers necessary to implement an operation like that,' Bennett said.

"If the leaves got washed down the sewer it could be an expensive problem to solve.'



Miller Woods



Friends, neighbors feud over need for fencing of preserve

BY CRAIG FARRAND

To fence or not to fence.

Is that even the question?

For the two sides debating the fencing of the Miller Woods preserve in Plymouth Township, that central issue has long since been lost in a sea of accusations, recriminations and even threats leveled against local businesses

On one side are the "Friends of Miller Woods." a committee of preservationists dedicated to protecting a nearly intact beech-maple climax

And to help protect the site from "mischievous" youngsters and roaming dogs, these "Friends" see a 4-foot chain link fence as the only way to keep

On the other side are "neighbors" of Miller Woods who live in the nearby Deer Creek subdivision — and who also cherish the value of the wooded area, but see a fence as detracting from precisely the mood the woods represent.

And caught in the middle are Detroit Edison,

the school district and area Kiwanians.

Oddly enough, after years of haggling over whether to even fence the area, a verbal compromise of sorts was reached late last year or so both sides thought — that would have protected the woods and maintained the aesthetic beauty of the area.

The compromise: install a chain link fence on three sides, but install a split-rail wooden fence with a wire mesh backing — on a portion of the side facing the homes. (See related story.)

But that was then, and this is now: As of two weeks ago, the deal appeared off once again, with the "Friends" claiming the homeowners have been intransigent and the homeowners accusing the "Friends" of altering the deal.

And that has meant war — a war of words, signs and threats.

The property itself is owned by the Plymouth-Canton School District, and has been designated a nature preserve. In January, bowing to the

Emily Kemnitz (left), is the leader of the "Friends of Miller Woods," a group of preservationists in favor of fencing in the nature preserve plus an adjacent Edison easement. Mike and Jan Schmalhurst (above) are opposed to any fence that runs across their back yard, and insist that the easement should not be included in the project. (Crier photos by Craig Farrand, left, and Eriq Lukasik, right)

What is the real 'truth' in Miller Woods debate?

In the tale of Miller Woods, so much has been said by so many sides, that the truth has often been obscured or at least colored to fit an argument.

In fact, much of the finger-pointing itself has since been flavored with personal attack and innuendo.

But can the truth be found? A closer look:

•ITEM: Emily Kemnitz, of the "Friends of Miller Woods," says her group already has compromised on lowering the height of the fence from 6 to 4 feet.

According to Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, the group was told that township ordinance prohibits 6-foot fences except under certain circumstances — such as a privacy fence around a swimming pool.

Instead, although the group was told its option was to petition the Zoning Board for a variance, Keen-McCarthy said the group was advised to work out a compromise with the homeowners.

The "Friends" never sought a variance.

•ITEM: Kemnitz said an original agreement with the district included fencing in the Detroit Edison easement to the north. Her argument for fencing the area is to prevent destruction of the woods by individuals coming through the easement area.

Partly true:

Although Edison says it has no problem with fencing the easement, on Jan. 11, the school board approved only the fencing of the woods; no mention was made of the easement.

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Is it too late to compromise and make both sides happy?

BY CRAIG FARRAND

Is it too late to compromise on fencing Miller Woods?

The answer lies in about 20 feet of

In one breath, both sides in the debate claim they have already compromised too much — and to no avail.

But in the next breath, they independently have offered each other yet another way out.

Although the issue originally was whether or not to fence Miller Woods, that is just no longer the case: As of two weeks ago, the "Friends of Miller Woods" are preparing again to seek bids on constructing the barrier.

And, Emily Kemnitz, leader of the "Friends" organization, said she is willing to pursue a split-rail/wire mesh concept along the east side to satisfy the homeowners.

And the homeowners living behind the site have conceded the need for installing a fence — if for no other reason than to placate the fears of preservationists concerned with the wood's protection.

All that's left is where that fence will

The situation:

•Kemnitz insists that the fence must encompass a Detroit Edison easement lying to the north of the woods in order to receive a Please see pg. 5

further inhibit youngsters bent on damaging the site.

•The school board, in its Jan. 11 resolution, however, approved fencing only Miller Woods proper; no mention is made of fencing the Edison easement.

•The homeowners see the fencing of the easement as a less-than-appealing addition to their back yard.

The solutions:

Sides do battle over fencing of Miller Woods

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arguments of the "Friends," the school board approved the installation of the fence; bowing to residents concerns, provisions were made that it be set 10 feet in from the property line to obscure its view from those living behind the woods.

(The fence also has to be set in 60 feet from the middle of Powell, essentially obscuring it from view from the road.)

At issue this time: The "Friends" now want the fence to encompass a Detroit Edison right-of-way lying north of the site. And that means having the fence cut across open space behind the \$300,000-plus homes — in plain view.

And that, according to the family living at the foot of the easement, was the

last straw:

"If they run the fence right across the easement, we'll be looking at a bare fence with nothing more than debris piled behind it," said Jan Schmalhurst.

"That's not what we want to look at.

"We received permission from Edison to mow the grass in the easement behind our home because we have to look at it," she said. "It's not like the woods; this just gets overgrown and then when Edison needs to come into the area, they bulldoze everything."

In its Jan. 11 resolution, the board made no mention of fencing the easement, and at least one board member said privately that he didn't see the need for it.

Still, even if the easement were to be fenced, the Schmalhursts say they could

live with it if two criteria were met: Camouflage the mesh with the split-rail fence, and cross the easement 40 feet further away from their home, leaving them to continue mowing the grass directly behind their house.

"In any other situation there would be give and take," said Mike Schmalhurst. "So if there has to be a fence, then, yes, it should be a split-rail.

"But now (the "Friends") want to run a fence right across our back yard, enclosing an easement that isn't even part of the woods."

But, the "Friends" say, neither is the easement part of the Schmalhursts' property — and so the mowing has only further inflamed the situation.

"They act as if the easement is part of their back yard," said "Friends" leader Emily Kemnitz. "But it isn't.

"And we feel very strongly that (the easement) has to be fenced, too, because it offers such an easy way to get into the woods."

The response?

Jan Schmalhurst: "We want the woods protected, too — and no, (the easement is) not our property, but it is our view."

Ironically, both sides have received permission from Detroit Edison to do both: The Schmalhursts received the OK to mow the grass, and the "Friends" received the OK to fence the area — but Edison would just as soon stay out of the debate altogether.

"We would prefer that the easement

not be fenced in," said Edison spokesman Scott Simon, "but we have no problem with the idea, as long as we have direct access to the easement."

To that end, fencing plans call for a gate to be installed at the west end of the easement — with Edison holding the key.

And as to the mowing?
"There's nothing formal, but we do have a 'gentleman's agreement' with the

have a 'gentleman's agreement' with the Schmalhursts," Simon said.

Bending over backward to be a good corporate neighbor, Edison already has

corporate neighbor, Edison already has offered the use of its nearby parking lot for visitors to the woods, with the school district having extended its insurance coverage to the lot.

And while Edison sits back and remains beyond the fray, the local Kiwanians haven't been quite so lucky.

Once approached by the "Friends" to help fund the fence project — a project they saw as little different from any other community effort — the Plymouth Kiwanians have since become the targets of the homeowners' wrath.

In fact, since February the homeowners have launched a word-of-mouth boycott of area businesses who support the Kiwanis and display the club's logo.

And that's a step which has caused more than a little consternation for Dr. Robert Evans, president of the Kiwanis Foundation — which made the actual contribution to the fence project.

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What are real 'truths' of feud?

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In addition, the homeowners have countered that to enter the woods through the easement would mean entering through their own back yards — and that they would allow no such thing.

•ITEM: Kemnitz said the "Friends" compromised all along on offering to install a split-rail fence along the east side of the woods facing the homeowners.

True:

But what has become the point of contention is where the fence will cross the Detroit Edison easement (see map).

•ITEM: The homeowners have attacked the Kiwanis for funding the fence project, threatening other Kiwanis fundraisers and warning of boycotts against businesses supporting the Kiwanis.

True:

As a result of the threats, the Kiwanis Foundation has donated \$8,500 to the project and has completely detached itself from further involvement.

In addition, the business community is outraged over the blackmail.

•ITEM: Both sides want to protect Miller Woods.

True, but:

The concept of protecting the site's integrity is open to complex interpretation:

Kemnitz complains of trampled wild flowers and plants, but walks into these areas herself during tours; she talks of protecting the natural feel of the land, but brings in wood chips to line walkways bordered by lumberyard timbers.

Likewise, however, the homeowners attack Kemnitz for precisely that kind of action — as they tramp into the woods from their homes without following any path whatsoever.

•ITEM: This entire matter has gotten blown completely out of proportion.

Probably true:

"I've lived in this town since 1958," said Dr. Robert Evans, president of the Kiwanis Foundation, "and I've seen disputes in this town before.

"But when one side lost, usually down the road people moved on.

"But not this time. It's gotten personal."

Sides clash over Miller Woods

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"In essence, we gave some funds to the school district's Educational Excellence Foundation to help preserve and protect this site," Evans said recently.

"But when Harold Fischer and I got involved, little did we expect to become the target of the opposition."

As Evans tells it, the Kiwanis — there are now three different Plymouth groups that meet at different times — saw the fence project in the same light as the building of shelters in Plymouth Township Park.

"Our mistake," Evans said, "was that we took it upon ourselves to approach the school board about getting approval (for the fence) — and right away it became our project."

As a result, the "Kiwanis connection" became a rallying point of sorts for the area homeowners trying to block the project: The Schmalhursts and others admit to threatening the Kiwanians' other fundraising efforts and to warning of boycotts against area businesses supporting the Kiwanis if the fencing went as planned.

What set off homeowner retaliation was the Jan. 11 school board resolution: Not only did a battle of signs ensue, but the complaints escalated into threats. "What happened was when the neighbors lost their argument (to prevent the fence)," Evans said, "they went to the Kiwanis Foundation and threatened never to buy peanuts during our fund-raiser and to boycott businesses displaying our decal in their window."

Just recently, Evans said, the Kiwanians had turned over \$8,500 to the Educational Excellence Foundation — and hoped to wash his hands of the entire matter.

"We probably won't be involved at all in erecting the fence or pulling permits," Evans said. "Where the money goes now is completely up to the 'Friends of Miller Woods."

Which, for Kemnitz, means getting bids for the work — and which, based on earlier estimates, could cost more than \$10,000. Fortunately, in addition to the Kiwanis donation, Kemnitz said that her organization already has \$6,000, giving the "Friends" more than enough to do the job.

In the meantime, two sets of signs can be seen by visitors to Miller Woods:

•Those within the compound telling of township ordinances prohibiting bikes and pets; and

•those ringing the area saying simply "Don't Fence Miller Woods."

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•Kemnitz has offered to run a split-rail fence backed by a wire mesh across the easement, and suggests the planting of such vegetation as wild black raspberries, elderberries or sumac "that would offer a nice cover that is also native to the area."

•The homeowners would like the

northeast fence line to "notch" around an approximately 20-by-40 foot section of the easement, giving them a buffer zone of neatly trimmed grass.

And Edison's response: Officials have given OKs to both the "Friends" and the neighbors to fence and mow, respectively.

Hybrid electric cars to cruise through area

Look for some unusual vehicles making their way through Salem, Northville and Plymouth Friday when college students come cruising through the area in their hybrid electric cars.

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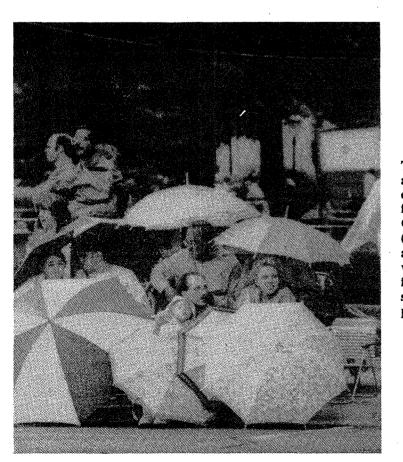
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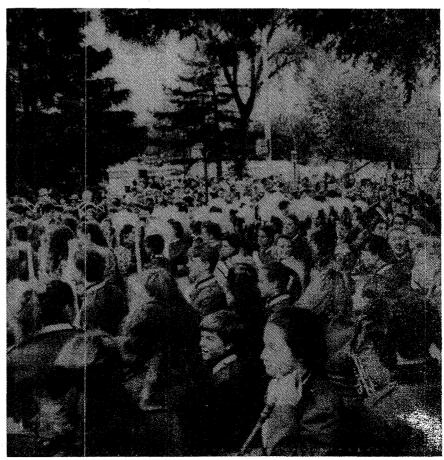








The weather wasn't ideal and parade goers dressed appropriately for the day (left). The CEP marching band (right), color guards and a fife and drum corps waited in Kellogg Park for Memorial Day services to begin (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik).



Divorce proceedings end in murder, suicide

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alarm code

Kim, who was already awake and getting ready for school, was the first to call police after the shooting: Taking her phone with her, she dialed 911 from under her bed and told police operator Dorothy Bulmer that she had heard gunfire and believed her mother had been shot.

In a series of taped recordings of 911 calls, the following exchange was heard:

"Who would have shot your mom?" Bulmer asked.

"I think my dad. They're divorced," Kim said, her voice quivering. "I just want to know if my brother is OK."

When police arrived at the home on Paciocco Court, the police dispatcher told Kim to leave the house with her brother. Police entered the home after the children came out and found Janette lying near the bottom of the stairs.

She had been shot three times, once by the shotgun and twice by a handgun.

About an hour later, Madsen himself called a Detroit TV station and tearfully admitted to shooting his wife. According to TV reports, he was calling from his car phone and thought to be somewhere on the road.

Police learned later, however, that Madsen had actually driven to his Northville condominium, located at Seven Mile and Sheldon.

When officers arrived at that location a standoff ensued that lasted until 4:30 Thursday morning when police found him dead in his car. Although details are still sketchy, police say that Madsen died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

As Kim was on the phone with Bulmer, her brother used another phone line to call his neighbor, Linda Wells.

She then called 911, in which this exchange was recorded:

"I just got a call from a little friend of mine," Wells told the operator. "His name is Dan Madsen. He's at home and he said his mother has just been shot



Services are being held today at St. Colette Church in Livonia for Janette Madsen, who died May 25, 1993, at the age of 41.

Born March 25, 1952, in Toledo, Janette graduated from Ladywood High School in 1970 and went on to earn a BS degree in special education in 1974 and a MA degree in early childhood education in 1977.

She worked in the Dearborn Public Schools for 18 years and had been working as a kindergarten teacher at William Ford Elementary School before she died.

According to district officials, she had developed programs for the mentally impaired and started developmental early childhood education in the district

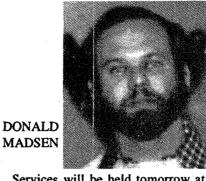
She is survived by her children, Kim, 15, and Dan, 7; parents, Donald Tappan and M. Christine; sisters Nancy Welch and Patricia Curmi; brother, Donald; five nieces and two nephews.

Memorial contributions can be made to the March of Dimes, Salvation Army, Children's Hospital of Michigan or the Plymouth Association of Retarded Children.

dead. He wants me to go over there."

Bulmer responded by saying officers were on the way and not to enter the

Once Dan made it to his sister's room,



Services will be held tomorrow at the Vermeulen Funeral Home In Plymouth for Northville resident Don Madsen, 41, who died May 26, 1993.

Mr. Madsen was born June 19, 1951. He started his career at Pioneer Electronics as a salesman and in the year before he died, he had worked for various other companies.

He is survived by his two children, Kim, 15, and Dan, 7, and his parents, Edward and Blanche Madsen of Florida.

he told police he had seen a gray Honda leave the house.

Police later said, however, that Don was calling from his leased Cadillac and did not know what happened to the Honda

Sharon Krause, another neighbor, said that at 5:43 a.m., she heard "three loud shots, then four or five far away shots."

She did not call police, however, and said that when "police came to my door at 8:30, my first thought was 'Oh my god, he's got her."

Krause said that for the past year the Madsens had been going through a "nasty" divorce, and said that Janette had complained about harassing actions by Don that included: cutting phone lines, altering the house alarm and taking her car.

According to Krause, Janette told her that Don stole her car and when the judge ordered him to give her his Porsche, he refused saying that it didn't work.

He then, according to Krause, drove to the house and revved the Porsche in the driveway for days.

"He's been unbelievable since the divorce started," Krause said.

Janette's brother, Don Tappan said his sister "didn't want her children to think this was a normal marriage," adding that she said she had been suffering from verbal abuse.

Tappan said his sister made the final decision to divorce Don when Kim said she could "handle" the situation.

Early reports said that Don violated a restraining order by entering the home. Police later explained that the restraining order was given when he was still living in the home and specified that he was not to physically assault Janette.

Because of the divorce proceedings, the home was placed in receivership and sold. Ironically, Janette and the two children were set to move out this week.

During one phone call to the TV station, Don said he had killed his wife because he had been unable to get custody of his children. Court documents, however, show that Janette had agreed to visitation on weekends and one night a week.

Within hours of the shooting, the entire metro Detroit area knew what was happening because Don called the TV station and confessed to what he had done.

He also made phone calls to police and friends and said he was on the road traveling west.

Police later said they believe he was calling from his car phone at his Northville condominium because when they traced his cellular call, it placed him within a three-mile radius of the Plymouth Township home on Paciocco Court.

Janette worked as a kindergarten teacher at William Ford Elementary School in Dearborn, where the flag flew at half staff the day she died.

And while their parents' lives have ended, the futures of the two children now reside with family members who said they will be "well taken care of."

"Now the chil can grieve the loss of their parents and get on with their lives," Tappan said. "We're relieved it's all over."

School officials said that counselors at Bird Elementary and Canton High School had been working with children who were friends of Kim and Dan's. The counselors reported that students were "numb" following the events.

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Plymouth Township police, State Police and officials from the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office spent most of Wednesday at the home of Janette Madsen, who was shot to death by her estranged husband Donald. Don Madsen then committed suicide early Thursday morning. (Crier photo by Amy Kidwell)

Downtown post office to stay open

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"there would be no excuse not to (use)

The only problem was determining what to do with the remaining space. According to Walters, several possibilities were discussed, such as using the space as a restaurant, for the Arts Council or for small businesses.

Now, however, "it sort of solves itself." Walters said. "It certainly secures the post office being downtown.'

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New church readers

The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Plymouth has elected two new readers.

The new readers, Douglas Mason and Patricia Moore, will take the place of Richard Arlen and Brenda Krachenberg, whose terms as readers end Sunday.

Mason is a Realtor with Coldwell Banker, and Moore is the principal of Central Middle School.



Places to be

Art show gets close

Get ready: The 13th Annual Art in the Park — set for July 17 and 18 — is getting closer.

Plymouth's Art in the Park, called the second best art fair in Southeast Michigan, will feature 350 artists and will "take over" Ann Arbor Trail, according to its director Dianne Quinn.

And that will be a first: As in the first time a downtown festival has closed Ann Arbor Trail, said Quinn.

The festival has experienced a growth spurt in the last three years and this year's festivities will be the biggest ever, she said.

Choral show is set

Students from East Middle School will join forces tomorrow night to present "A Disney Spectacular." The show will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the school's

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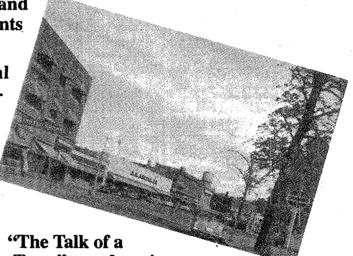
What do you know of the history of this area?

Well, there are those who know a lot - and who have shared that knowledge with students in a Canton High School English class.

This knowledge, in the form of an "oral history" of The Plymouth-Canton Community was transcribed by the students and set to paper.

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HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

American host families are being sought for high school students from Western and Eastern Europe, Asia, South America an Australia for the 1993-94 school year in a program sponsored by the American Intercultural Student Exchange.

Call 1-800-SIBLING for more information.

HEAD START PROGRAM RECRUITING

The Plymouth-Canton Head Start program is recruiting children for its 1993-94 season. The program, sponsored by the school district and federal government, provides education to parents of 3 to 4-year-old's. The program is free to those who qualify. For information, call 451-6656.

SENIOR PARTY

Attention senior students at Canton or Salem High School. You are invited to a senior class party scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on June 13. The party will run until 4 a.m. and will be held at Plymouth Salem High School. It is a closed party and only graduates will be admitted. Also, nobody will be admitted after 11 p.m.

Advance sale tickets include a T-shirt and are \$20. Tickets at the door are \$22. Advanced sale tickets can be purchased during lunch hours starting May 25 and at graduation rehearsal June 9.

RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE

The Ladies Guild of Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Canton will sponsor a Spring Rummage and Bake Sale to be held June 3 and 4 from 9 a.m.to 5 p.m. at 42690 Cherry Hill. For more information, call 981-0286.

HUGE GARAGE SALE

Today through Saturday there will be a garage sale at St. Thomas a'Beckett Church. The Church is located on the southeast corner of Cherry Hill and Lilley. The times will be 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the second, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for both the third and the fourth, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the fifth.

A NOVI PLAYERS PRODUCTION

The Novi Players, in cooperation with Moosehead Productions, will close their season with "Masters Degrees," a three act comedy at the Novi Center. The show is the third produced for local authors Marc Holland and Michael Davis-both Canton High School grad-

The show will run the first three weekends in June with 8 p.m. performances on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. performances on Sundays. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door.

CANTON FIVE MILE RUN

On June 19, Canton Parks and Recreation will host the 15th annual Canton Five Mile Run. Men and women of all ages can participate. Registration is \$8.50; late registration (anything after June 17) is \$10. The race begins at 9 a.m. and starts on Proctor Road next to the administration building. Awards and prizes will be handed out after the race. This year's grand prize is a travel gift certificate.

Register in person or by mail to: Canton Parks and Recreation, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188. For more information, call 397-5110.

"RING OF FIRE"

Beginning June 19, the Detroit Science Center, located at 5020 John R at Warren in Detroit's Cultural Center, will feature the new Omnimax film "Ring of Fire." The film features scenes of a fiery volcanic eruption in Hawaii and the flattened forests on Mount St. Helens. Viewers will experience the center's six-track total-surround sound system and a 67 foot domed screen that literally wraps around them.

A special opening rate of \$4 will be offered on June 19 and 20. The film will be shown daily through Dec. 31. For more information call 577-8400.

"LIFE WITH DIABETES"

Annapolis Hospital, located in Wayne, will offer "Life with Diabetes," a six-week course covering topics such as diet, exercise and medications. The class starts June 9. To register call 467-5555.

1993 JULIETTE LOW OPEN

Tee times are still available for anyone who wishes to participate in the 1993 Juliette Low Open sponsored by the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council. The event is scheduled for June 11 at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth. The day will end with a steak dinner at the clubhouse and prizes will be given. Interested golfers should call the council at 483-2370 or (800) 552-4929 ext. 224.

ARTHRITIS PRESENTATION

The Arthritis Foundation will present Dr. Joseph Weiss and Occupational Therapist Michelle Green at a public forum offering information about dealing with arthritis and providing a question/answer period. The presentation will be held at 7 p.m. June 8 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Preregistration is required. Call (800) 968-3030.

PARENT APPRECIATION

Central Baptist Church will be having their parent appreciation day on Sunday, June 6, 1993 at 10:30 a.m. This will be followed by a singspiration and dinner (by reservation only). For more information call 455-7711 or 495-0671.



What's Happening

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HOCKEY SKATING SKILLS LESSONS

The city of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will be offering hockey skating skills classes this Summer. Classes will be offered on Friday afternoons, or Saturday mornings starting in mid June. The Friday afternoon classes will start on June 18, and run for 10 weeks. The cost is \$90.00 for the City of Plymouth residents, and \$99.00 for noncity residents. The Saturday morning class will start June 19, and run 8 weeks. The cost of this class is \$72.00 for residents, and \$80.00 for non-city residents. For more info call 455-6620.

HEALTH SCREENING FOR SENIORS

The Medical Team, a certified home health agency, is providing tests to persons 60 years or older who reside in Southern and Western Wayne County. They will be at the Plymouth Cultural Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 10. For more info call the Medical Team at 358-2260 or toll free at 1-800-382-5940.

FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL

Canton Place Senior High-Rise is having it's 2nd Annual Family Fun Festival on July 10, 1993. The proceeds from this fundraiser go directly into Canton Place "Helping Hand Fund" to help seniors in the need of assistance with food or medicine. Please respond to Ginnie Hauck at Canton Place by March 1,1993 if you are able to help in any way.

AMUSEMENT PARK TICKETS FOR SALE

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is offering discount discount tickets to area amusement parks and attractions. They will be available for sale from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more info call 397-5110.

TRIP TO TIGER GAME

Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring it's first Family Trip to the Detroit Tigers game on Saturday, June 5 vs. the Angels. \$10 per person. Canton residents only. For further info call 397-5110.

CANTON SOFTBALL

Canton softball is accepting registration for it's 1993 summer season. Season begins June 29, 14 game season entry fee is \$495 per team. No residency requirement. Men, women, and coed leagues will be offered. Call 483-5600 ext.102.

SUPERVISED SUMMER CAMP

For children ages 5-15. Monday through Friday beginning Monday June 21, 1993 through Friday, August 6, 1993. Heritage Park, behind Canton Township Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. \$33 per child per week or \$195 per child for 7 weeks. Fee includes beverage, one hot dog cookout per week, field trip, special activities, and use of equipment and take-home craft projects. Registration by mail or in person at the Canton Township Parks and Recreation Department. Registration began on Monday May 24.

FREE BLOOD SCREENING

Family home care, inc. In conjunction with Beyer Drugs, offers free blood pressure screening each month. The next screening will be on June 7, 1993 at Beyer Drugs, 480 N. Main Street, from 1-5 p.m.

SPITFIRE RUNNING CLUB ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Spitfire women's summer track team and the men's and women's road running club are accepting membership applications. There is a \$25.00 membership fee for either program. If Interested, call Mike or Betty Krafchak at 451-5966.

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Now open for fall of '93 enrollment for families of children ages 3 to Prekindergarten. Programs are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for Children who are four. This year there will be an additional Tuesday and Thursday program for children who are three. If you need further information call 981-0286.

CANTON CRICKETS

For children ages 3 & 4. Preschool program that offers crafts, low organized games, story time, special events, snack time. The program runs from July 6 through August 12. Registration begins Monday June 7 for more info call 397-5110.

CLASSIC FARMFEST ANTIQUE TRACTOR & ENGINE SHOW

To be held at the Washtenaw farm council grounds on June 11,12,13 is located approximately 4 miles west of Ann Arbor, Michigan of I-94 at exit 175. The proceeds of this event will go to benefit the local 4-H youth programs. The show is open to both clubs and individuals and there is no charge to exhibitors, with plenty of free parking and rustic camping. Daily Pass is \$2 the weekend are \$5. Kids 6 and under are free.

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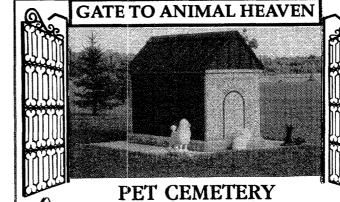
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Sports

Canton kickers take districts, Salem ends season, Chiefs advance to regionals tonight in Northville

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

It came down to the last four minutes of play to resolve for this year the battle between the Canton and Salem soccer teams as to which team would advance to

Salem was going for the tie, to push the game into overtime and for a shot at a win, and Canton was trying to hold to its lead and the win.

The athletes in red claimed the victory and the kickers in blue will be hanging up their uniforms as Canton earned a 2-1

It's always a close match-up when Canton and Salem face off. In regular season play earlier this year, the two teams left the field scoreless when the game was over, but the tides shifted and Canton kicked one more goal into the net Friday night than Salem. And the Chiefs advance to the regionals this week.

"Ah, 2-1, you can't get much closer than that," said Salem coach Ken Johnson.

Colleen Connell put Canton on the boards after only nine minutes of play. She kicked the ball in on an assist from Leah Hutko.

Hutko scored Canton's second goal with three minutes left in the first half, on an assist from Melissa Tomei.

The Chiefs led 2-0 at halftime.

The Rocks were on the board with four minutes left. Kris Goff fired a kick at Canton's goal, but goalie Jori Welchans knocked the ball down. Rock Kelly Lukasik was there and kicked it in the net. The remaining four minutes, the Rocks gave it their all to tie the game, but weren't able to knock another one into

"We tried to tie it up," said Johnson. "But we weren't able to."

Canton made 11 attempts at the goal, Salem had nine.

Freshman Julie Busik was in the goal for Salem during the district finals. It was her fourth game for the Rocks. She ends the season with three shutouts.

She stepped up to the position after teammate Mesha Chinon requested to be moved out of the goal and back to her field position, and Mandy Blumberg suffered an injury.

"We did pretty well this season, playing 8 of the top 10 teams," said Johnson. His squad finishes with a 9-3-4

To make it to the district finals, Salem beat Ann Arbor Huron on Wednesday, 3-

Kelly Lukasik scored the first goal on an assist from Mari Hoff at 11 minutes.

Hoff scored the second goal at the 32 minute mark on an assist from Jenny Bazarelli. Caryn Tatterton scored the third goal on an assist from Hoff at 35 minutes. The game was scoreless in the second half.

"We probably played our best game of the season (Wednesday)," said Johnson.

Three starters will graduate in June. Kris Goff, who is heading to Michigan State on scholarship to play soccer and Michelle Cronin, who received a scholarship to play soccer at George Mason in Virginia. Both contributed greatly to Salem's defense. Tatterton will also graduate. She knocked in 20 goals for Salem this season.

Canton defeated Pinckney 3-0 on Wednesday to qualify for the district championship. Canton is regional bound with a 17-1-1 record.

First round of regionals are tonight against Churchill at Northville.

"It's always exciting to beat Salem." said Don Smith, Canton coach. "It's all big, big game for us. We worked hard for the victory, but we've got to take it one game at a time from here on in. Every game will be tough. There are no easy ball games left to be sure."

If Canton wins tonight, they play in the regional championship on Saturday at 1 p.m. at Northville.

Undefeated in conference, Canton sluggers win title

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

A wee bit of the "old sod" may have given Canton the psychological edge it needed to win the conference championship last Wednesday against Walled Lake Central. The Chiefs defeated the Vikings 3-0.

When it gets close to the end of the season, where every game counts, Canton softball coach Jim Arnold will go to great lengths to keep his team calm and

It's the first time the Chiefs were undefeated through conference play, and Arnold didn't want the conference championship game to break the record. Canton was 10-0 going into the game and Central was 9-1, so the threat was real, both teams could end with a 10-1 record, but he wanted no part of that.

Feeling his squad was nervous heading into the game, Arnold worked on calming their nerves.

The game was at Walled Lake. To give his squad that extra edge of feeling like it was their home court, Arnold dug up some infield dirt the night before and brought it with him to the game. He gave a handful to each player to spread around their position.

Arnold wouldn't admit to any superstitions, but said the team hadn't lost a game at home and he wanted them to feel they were playing at home. Spreading some of the "old sod" around their positions may have given the Chiefs their edge, as they claimed the conference championship.

It wasn't a typical Canton lineup Wednesday. Pitcher Colleen Connell took first base. "Colleen did an outstanding job," said Arnold. "Both of our first basemen were out with injury. We worked hard at practice with her at first base. She did a real good job for us."

Kelly Holmes was on the mound and threw a one-hitter and pitched 14 strikeouts.

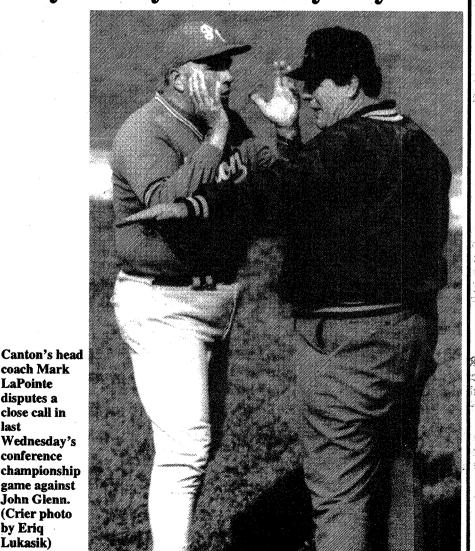
Sarah Rowe started the game with a walk. She stole second to get into scoring position. A ground ball got her to third and she stole home.

Holmes hit a line drive past the centerfielder in the second inning and legged out a home run.

Tina Shaefer hit in the third run in the fourth inning. Bases were loaded with no outs, when Rowe popped out and Kate Strahan flew out. Shaefer singled to bring a runner home.

The Chiefs started district competition yesterday, results were not available at press time. If Canton won yesterday, the Chiefs will play in the district finals Saturday.

Why can't you see it my way?



coach Mark LaPointe disputes a close call in last Wednesday's conference championship game against John Glenn. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

Canton hurls to conference championship

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Keeping the tradition alive, that's how Canton baseball coach Mark LaPointe saw it as the Chiefs beat John Glenn 5-3 for the conference title last Wednesday.

The Chiefs fought back hard all season from their 9-12 record last year, to restore pride into their team, and carry on the baseball tradition well established at Canton high. The Canton sluggers proved they can play ball with the best of teams, peaked at the right time and earned this year's conference championship.

Craig Benedict was on the mound and went the distance, hurling nine strikeouts, giving up nine hits and and four walks. He is 5-3 overall and 4-2 in the league.

A couple of key plays defensively saved the game for Canton. Junior Sam Brannock pulled the Chiefs out of a tight spot in the fifth inning. Glenn had two runners on with one out and Brannock robbed the Rockets of a two-run home run that would have tied the game. Halting any damage Glenn had hoped to do to Canton's lead.

In the sixth inning, Canton was leading 5-2, the Rockets had two runners on and two outs. Glenn's Derek Besco was at the plate and sent the ball flying toward the left field fence. Canton senior Ryan Fordham snagged the ball at the fence to get the Chiefs out of the inning.

"It was nice to see the turnaround and what happened to Ryan," said LaPointe. "He had a horrible pre-game batting practice and was upset. I said 'Don't worry, you'll have a better at bat in the game.' and that was a key (to the win)." In addition to his defensive contributions, Fordham slugged a key hit with bases

loaded and two outs in the fifth inning, which put Canton in lead.

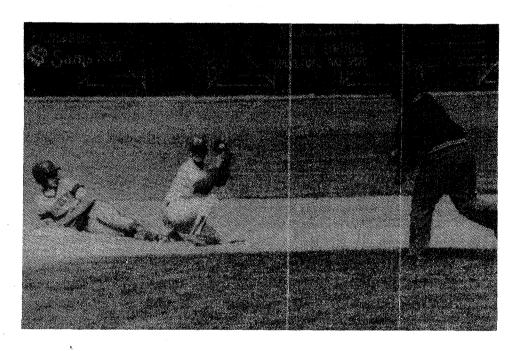
"Craig and Ryan came up big in a big game and that's what winners do," said LaPointe.

Canton is now 22-11 and the Chiefs hold division and conference titles this year.

"The turnaround is because of the kids and Fred Crissey and the tradition he started here," said LaPointe. "He's the closest thing I had to a dad. I'm doing his work. What he laid out, what he taught and because of the tradition here.

"We played a very, very good team to win the conference championship. Glenn is a well coached, physically big team. They can run, hit and pitch well. We gave them our best, I hope they gave us their best."

LaPointe is feasting on the teams performance his first season as head coach. But he's focusing his attention on what lies ahead as Canton starts post season play, where every game is a big game.



Canton second baseman Adam Gilles stops a John Glenn baserunner in the conference title game last Wednesday (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik).

Salem, Canton runners finish 1, 2 at conference

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Salem and Canton girls track teams battled it out to a one-two finish last Wednesday at the Western Lakes Activities Association's conference meet against 12 teams.

The conference meet came down to a battle between the red and blue. The Rocks won scoring 142 points and claimed the conference title for the second consecutive year. Canton was second with 136.5. Stevenson was third with 94 and North Farmington was fourth with 51.

Coming out of the field events, Salem was trailing Canton. But two back to back running events sowed it up for Salem. The Rocks scored 19 points in the 400 dash and came right back and racked up 18 points in the 300 hurdles. The 37 points pushed Salem over the top.

"It was a lot closer than we expected toward the end, but we pulled it out," said Salem coach Mark Gregor. "It was a total team effort. We scored in 15 of 16 events."

Salem's Stacy Witthoff, Kelly Stankov, Courtney Sheldon and Lynda Sebestyen set a new 3200 relay school record, finishing in 9:39.9, cutting 3 seconds from their record set at the regional meet. The Rocks beat out Walled Lake Western who had been seeded number one in this event.

Salem took five more firsts, including the 800 relay. An event Salem won for the last four years at the conference meet. Sarah Hamilton, Dana Driscoll, Marcia Parker and Tonya Wheeler won the event in 1:46.6, tying the conference record. Driscoll and Wheeler were in the relay all four years the Rocks won it.

Canton runners scored in every event. Ndu Okwumadua and Lana Boroditsch had excellent days. Okwumadua took first in two events and anchored two relays which scored heavily for the Chiefs.

Boroditsch was first in the 1600, finishing in 5:13.8 and she set a new school record in the 3200, running 11:40.1.

Karina Kilpelainin set a new school record in the 100 hurdles, finishing in 15.6.

"You know kids like Ndu, Lana, Karina and Selena are going to score for us, but others scored," said Canton coach George Przygodski.

Becky Baigrie and Kathy Koshizawa put forth extra efforts in the conference meet and scored points for Canton in their final meet this year.

Canton will be competing in nine events at the state meet next week. Salem will be competing in 11.

The state meet is Saturday in Grand

Neighbors in sports

Canton kicker Colleen Connell will be heading south next year to Missouri Valley College in Marshall, MO.

Connell is an all-conference player and a four-year varsity letter winner. She is one of the team captains this year.

Tom Baker, Salem High senior was selected to compete in the Puma Cup Invitational all-star soccer tournament June 10-13 in Oneonta, New York. He is one of 16 players selected to represent the Midwest region in the tournament.

Baker is a four year varsity player at Salem and will be playing soccer at the University of Virginia in the fall.

Salem softball

Salem defeated Livonia Franklin Wednesday, 14-1, on the softball diamonds to end its regular season second in the Lakes division and third in the conference.

The Rocks started district play yesterday. Results were not available at press time. They battled with Franklin again. A win Tuesday and the Rocks will play Ladywood Saturday.



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Community deaths

Hubbard, 70, Ford retiree

Harold W. Hubbard of Plymouth, a retired inspector with Ford Motor Co.'s Valve Plant, died May 15, 1993, at the age of 70.

Mr. Hubbard, who was born March 2, 1923 in Minneapolis, was a veteran of World War II and was a member of VFW Post 9885 in Westland.

He is survived by his daughters Kathryn Taylor and Wendy Hotchkin; stepson Charles Barry; seven grandchildren; and two sisters.

Services were held at Casterline Funeral Home, with the Rev. Dr. Douglas Vernon. Interment was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

VanKeuren, 74, truck driver

Donald F. VanKeuren of Canton, a long-time truck driver, died May 12, 1993, at the age of 74.

Born Jan. 29, 1919 in St. Katherine, Ontario, Mr. VanKeuren is survived by his wife, Dorothy; sons Clifford Case, Ronald Case and Gary Case; and 10 grandchildren. Services were arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Stewart, 89, homemaker

Helen Stewart, a homemaker from Plymouth Township, died May 21, 1993, two weeks after her 89th birthday.

Mrs. Stewart, who was born May 7, 1904 in Winona, MI, is survived by two sisters and a brother; her daughter-in-law, Betty Nulty of Plymouth; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

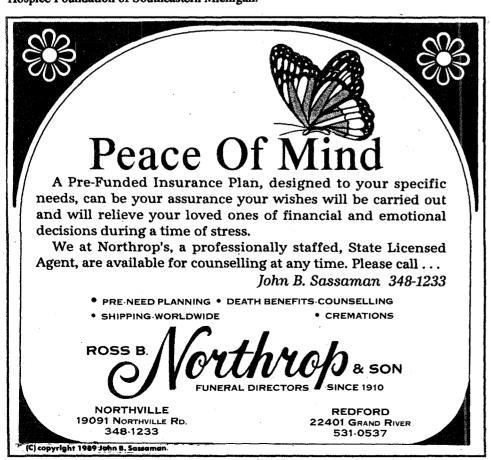
Services were held at the Schrader Funeral Home, with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating. Interment was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Watson, 54, manager

Norman Watson of Canton, a plant manager in an automotive-related company, died May 11, 1993, at the age of 54.

Mr. Watson, who was born Oct. 22, 1938 in Detroit, is survived by his wife, Joan; daughters Kathleen Orban, Colleen Howard and Cheryl Greenhalge; sons Robert Bell and Craig Bell; six grandchildren; and six sisters and brothers.

Services, arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home, were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton, with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Interment as at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be made to the Hospice Foundation of Southeastern Michigan.



Balawajder, 69, Polish immigrant

Helen Balawaider of Plymouth, a women's fashion designer who immigrated from Poland, died May 12, 1993, at the age of 69. Mrs. Balawajder was born Nov. 21, 1923, in Poland, and was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, in 1986, and is survived by her sons Edward Markowski, Albert Markowski, Henry Balawajder and William Bentley; daughters Donna Ptak and Josephine Malinowski; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services, arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home, were held at Good Counsel, with the Rev. David Lesniak officiating. Interment was at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association.

McNamara, 81, steel salesman

William F. McNamara of Plymouth, a 35-year steel salesmen for Bethlehem Steel, died May 10, 1993, at the age of 81. Born Aug. 12, 1911 in Wisconsin, Mr. McNamara came to Plymouth in 1958.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, was a Shriner in the Masonic Lodge of Peoria, IL, was president of Bradbury Condominium Association, and past president and member of the Plymouth Community Council on Aging.

Mr. McNamara is survived by his wife, Janet; sons Tucker and Michael; daughters Margaret Gyll, Lynn Prebola and Molly Hayes; six grandchildren; and one sister.

Services, arranged by Schrader Funeral Home, were held at the first Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. David Krehbiel officiating.

Moszynski, 69, GM engineer

Ted H. Moszynski of Plymouth, a retired engineer with General Motors, died May 23, 1993, at the age of 69. Mr. Moszynski, born Jan. 12, 1924, in West Virginia, came to Plymouth in 1964.

He served in the Army during World War II and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

Mr. Moszynski is survived by his wife, Dorothy; daughter Dora Aalbregtse of Illinois; son Gary of Plymouth; and two brothers.

Services were held at the Schrader Funeral Home, with the Rev. David Krehbiel officiating. Interment was at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Memorial contributions can be made to the Diabetes Association.

Steward, 69, GM carpenter

James G. Steward of Canton, who moved to The Community in 1957 from nearby Wayne, died May 20, 1993, at the age of 69.

Mr. Steward, who was born Feb. 15, 1924, in Kentucky, worked as a carpenter for General Motors for 33 years at the Willow Run Plant. He served in the Army during World War II, and was a member of the Tri-City Assembly of God in Canton.

Mr. Steward is survived by his wife, Ellen; daughters Patricia Lambert, Judy Jarskey and Wanda Kanakis; sons Larry, James and Paul; eight grandchildren; three brothers; and

Services were held at the Schrader Funeral Home, with the Rev. Rocky Barra officiating. Interment was at United Memorial Gardens in Superior Township. Memorial contributions can be made to the Angela Hospice.



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Classic Camaros coming to Canton

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Get out to the garage and put the chamois to the Chevelle — the classic car show at the 1993 Canton Liberty Fest wants to showcase your classic ride.

According to Pat Tanski, coordinator of the car show, last year's event boasted several local classic cars.

"Most of the cars from last year's show were owned by Canton residents," Tanski said. "We had no idea that there were that many classic cars in Canton."

This year, the car show, held along the pond in Heritage Park, will run for two days instead of one. The show, open to all makes and models of automobiles, is still taking applications.

Tanski said that the show will be much bigger this year.

"We've been taking applications right and left," she said. "We're looking at 100 cars on the first day (Saturday) and over 200 on the second day."

It only costs \$8 to register for the event. Tanski said that the deadline for applications would be "flexible."

"We took applications as late as two days before the show last year," Tanski said

The Camaro Club, a group of 28 collectors and their 40-odd Camaros, are co-sponsoring the car show.

While sales of advance reservations has been brisk, the response from automobile clubs around Michigan has been weak.

According to Jeanne Driscoll, President of the Camaro Club, the Liberty



The Camaro Club, seen here at the Chevrolet Headquarters, will be at the Canton Liberty Fest. (Crier photo courtesy of the Camaro Club).

Community deaths

Thompson, 62, Ford autoworker

Charles M. Thompson of Plymouth, a 38-year employe of Ford Motor Co., died May 22, 1993, at the age of 62. Born Sept. 5, 1930 in Dennis, KS, he came to Plymouth in 1937

Mr. Thompson, who was a member of the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, served in the Army during the Korean War where he received the bronze star.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie; sister Kathleen Priehs of Florida; two brothers; and his father, Ray, of Plymouth.

Services were held at the Schrader Funeral Home, with the Rev. J. Mark Barnes officiating. Interment was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation and the American Heart Association.

Jennison, 54, ordained minister

The Rev. Kenneth R. Jennison of Plymouth, an ordained minister who served as pastor of the Madison Heights Baptist Church from 1975 to 1979, died May 17, 1993, at the age of 54. Born July 29, 1938, in Carthage, MO, he moved to Plymouth from Louisiana in 1969.

Mr. Jennison worked as an employe relations associate for Ford Motor Co. and was a collector and rebuilder of classic Ford Mustangs. He served in the Army and was also a ember of Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

He is survived by his son, Kenneth, of Oklahoma; a brother; and a sister.

Services, arranged by the Schrader Funeral Home, were held at Ward Presbyterian, with the Rev. Mark Brewer officiating. Interment was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Forsyth, 24, sales representative

Carl R. Forsyth, formerly of Canton, was killed in an automobile accident in White Lake Township on May 22, 199. He was 24.

Mr. Forsyth, who was born Jan. 17, 1969, in Detroit, worked as a sales representative for Financial Services of America and Filtra Systems. He was graduated from Plymouth Salem High School and was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church of Canton.

He is survived by his parents, Barry and Kathleen; brothers Jim and Larry; sister Laurie; and a niece, Lexi Victoria.

Services were held at the Harris Funeral Home, with the Rev. Tim Dilena officiating. Interment was at Mount Hope Cemetery in Livonia.

Bradshaw, 72, retired linesman

William W. Bradshaw, formerly of Plymouth and a veteran of World War II, died May 25, 1993, at the age of 72. Mr. Bradshaw, born Aug. 12, 1920, in Tennessee, was a retired linesman for Consumers Power Co.

Preceded in death by his wife, Colleen, in 1989, he is survived by his son, Phil; two grandchildren; and a brother.

Services were held at the Schrader Funeral Home, with the Rev. Kay Thorsteinson officiating. Interment was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be made to the Henry Ford Hospice or the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

Fest car show will be eclipsed by another, larger show on the same weekend.

"The St. Ignace Car Show is a big yearly event for clubs in Michigan," Driscoll said. "They expect to have 20,000 cars there this year."

As a result, Driscoll and Tanski had originally planned to make Saturday car club day. Due to lack of commitment, they have decided to change Saturday's event to Canton resident's day.

According to Driscoll, there is no problem finding participants in Canton.

"There are a tremendous amount of classic cars in Canton," she said. "I didn't know how many great cars are here.

Driscoll said that there is a difference

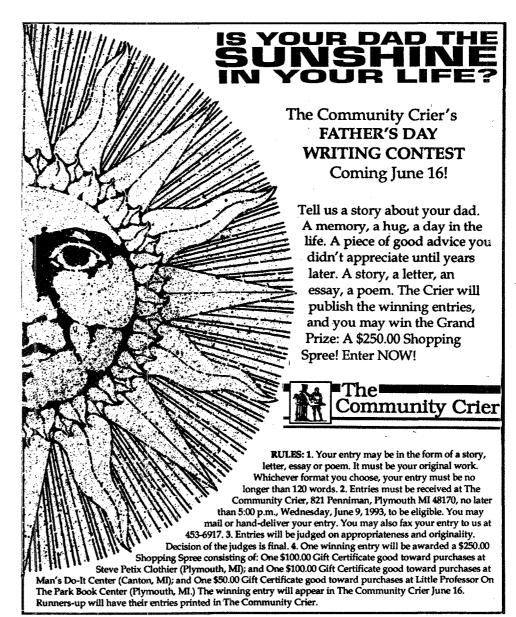
between the car shows on the east and west sides of Detroit.

"There are almost no car shows west of Detroit," she said. "The east side is saturated with them."

Driscoll also said that the Liberty Fest at Heritage Park is a fantastic place for a car show.

"It's a really beautiful place for a car show," she said. "The best thing about it is that there are things to do."

"At most car shows, all you do is sit next to your car all day. It's nice to be able to see the art shows and the paddleboats, not just a parking lot full of cars."



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Liz celebrates

Harold & Elsie - It's getting closer!

Amy Loe - We had fun at the lake Friday!

Kara E - are you reading this? I told you I'd write something.

Ferdi - I told you so!

5 more days for seniors!

Karen did I write enough curios yet?

Tracy - I get Matt's stereo

Bird will never find out where I live if she can't even read a map.

Big Chief (Dad) - when are we going to a Tiger's game? Liz

Six more days and I'm out of here!

Look out Jack!!

MOM ON MELTON: Sure enjoys barbeque.

Steve is so-o-o anxious to try Adobe Illustrator, he jumps right in.

Shirley had to take Shana Tucker in for her physical Wed. Like most females she is hard to handle.

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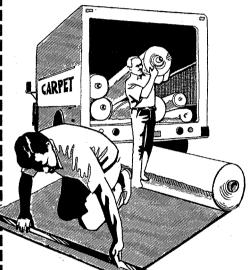
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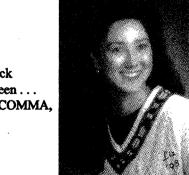
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Ed - It sure was nice having a vacation last week! And I didn't even need to leave the

Jack wishes to thank Jeff & Tim (the 2nd place team) for the enjoyable evening of golf.

Thank you Lord, Jacquie had not hit me in

Carol is nifty. (a little birdie told me). Right B.

Porterhouse - Thank you for the lovely bouquet. COMMA,

Mrs. Carroll if you're reading this right now this is my last journal entry. I'm scared and I was scared about doing my presentation. I wanted to make it short and to the point.

A BiG Thank You to the person who swept the stairs. It looks wonderful!

Alex is a chicken!!!

We would've never ran off on you!

Happy Birthday Don Johnson! -- Liz

We're all working for the weekend

Your message could be here. Place your curiosity today!

Curiosities

He's Baaaaaack!!

Karen - Make sure you give Jack a hard time

Karen kusses at komputers - (Boy, I LOVE Adobe Illustrator)

Elaine is a slacker!

Softball is no excuse for an award.

I had to go to my honors ceremony so you

Liz, maybe... uh, umm, hmm... but at least ! don't go to lakes that are closed (good enough comeback??)

Bad comeback Elaine

Porterhouse now has bouquets of spring

Karen have fun on your vacation, we'll try to hold down the fort.

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I thought I was hearing birds.

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Community opinions

Is there a solution to Miller Woods feud? Maybe

Hello P-C,

Common ground?

How about no man's land...

That might be a better description of that elusive place lying somewhere between the "Friends" and the "Neighbors" of Miller Woods

Some might suggest that it lies in a 20-by-40foot rectangle of the Detroit Edison easement running north of the site.

Others, however, would suggest it's merely a state of mind.

In either case, it's an issue that has turned ugly — or, quite possibly, just uglier.

Consider, for example, that neither side in the dispute can seem to help but ridicule and attack the views of the other.

Consider that the homeowners involved have threatened boycotts of the Kiwanis and those businesses supporting the comunity group.

Consider that every layer of "fact" is usually supported by something other that the truth, and nothing but the truth.

And, ironically, consider that there aren't even any villains involved; there may be no bad guys — but it's gotten real hard to find any good guys, either.

I won't trouble you with the details here—read all about it elsewhere in this week's Crier—but instead, let me dwell on the fact that there are ways of solving this problem:

•One, the "Friends of Miller Woods" can fence in Miller Woods proper — which is all the school board approved — and rely on the "Neighbors of Miller Woods" to be the eyes, ears and safety patrol for the Detroit Edison

Gatekeeping
By Craig Farrand



easement lying to the north.

•Two, the "Friends of Miller Woods" can extend their fence to encompass the Edison easement — which the school board didn't approve — and completely alienate the people living right next to this site.

•Three, the "Friends of Miller Woods" can "notch" their fence to zig-zag around a 20-by-40-foot portion of the Edison easement, leaving a buffer zone behind their back yard — and creating more "Friends" for the wood.

•Four, the "Neighbors of Miller Woods" can accept graciously a split-rail fenceline across their back yard — especially since any zig-zag would deny access to the easternmost power pole right behind their home — and plant climbing vines to camouflage the view.

Oh, my choice?

Well, before I give it, let me cover a few other bases (no cheating and reading the ending of my column):

First, the homeowners were completely out of line in threatening the Kiwanis with boycotts; this group did exactly what community organizations are supposed to do: seek out worthy causes and help improve their towns.

And the Kiwanians were perfectly proper in contributing to this project.

Second, enough of the finger-pointing and

accusations over abusing the woods: I've listened to and observed both sides enough to know I won't be submitting any names to the Vatican for sainthood.

Third, the fact is that the "Neighbors of Miller Woods" are a valuable asset to the site: Wouldn't you want these people — who live right next to a place you're trying protect — on your side?

I would.

And finally, I dare both sides to sit down in front of someone like me and hash it out.

Why? Because I really don't care one way or the other: I'm not from around here, so Miller Woods is just another stand of trees (and we've got lots of those where I come from).

And two, I find it hard to relate to people living in \$300,000 homes. (Nothing personal; they are nice people.)

So, hey, let's talk.

OK, about my preliminary choice?

Well, I wish that no fence were needed to begin with — but since that seems to be a forgone conclusion, I guess I'd take door No. 1 or 4

Sound like waffling? Not really:

I just want the "Friends" to convince me that the easement still needs fencing if the "neighbors" would agree to keep an eye on things, or why a zig-zag wouldn't work.

And I want the "Neighbors" to explain to me how Edison is going to get access to that last pole in their back yard if the fence zig-zagged, and why planting elderberries wouldn't solve the sightline problem.

Nobel Peace Prize, here I come...

Let's say 'yes' to education and support both millages

EDITOR

My husband and I moved here from North Olmsted, Ohio in 1985. We chose the Plymouth-Canton area because of the community atmosphere and the quality of the schools.

Even though we thought our school were excellent there, we are still amazed at the opportunities both our children have had in P-C that they would not have had in Ohio.

My daughter has gone on to the University of Michigan. All her friends are attending college. Some have gone on to schools like Cornell, Duke, Northwestern and USC. My son and daughter have participated in many extracurricular activities. These activities have done more than just take up their time; they have learned life skills, such as how to work together on a team, how to achieve excellence and how to adjust when you fall short, how to be a good friend, how to work for the good of the

group, how to use your time productively, how to get good grades when taking hard courses, and still have time to pursue your dream, how to expand your horizons and try things you never thought you'd be good at. The list of learnings is endless.

Although the classroom is the most important part of formal school learning, I believe education is more than sitting in a classroom. People learn by doing, experimenting and failing. If you learn to write in English, what better way to practice than to work on the yearbook or the school newspaper. If your aspirations lie in the theater, you must have a play to practice and perform.

What if you are in the Eagle Scouts and your troop meets in the local elementary school? These activities will suffer if the millage is defeated because our buildings will no longer be open after regular school hours.

I hear some people say that we should

bare bones our schools; let them sacrifice, too. I suppose that could relieve some frustration as to what is actually happening in our world. Society is rapidly changing in sometimes frightening ways.

I truly believe that Lansing is trying to balance its budget by getting out of the business of education. And I also believe that no one up there cares about my child's education the way I do.

I do not intend to ruin the opportuni-

ties of the present and future children of this community for what amounts to a handful of change per day. Let Lansing get its house in order.

The 4 mills will give our school two years of stability while they are coming to terms with the financial problems of this state.

I will vote yes for the 4 mills and I hope and pray there are many more out there who feel as I do.

SUSAN KONOVALIV

Vote 'no' on both millage proposals

EDITOR

I would like to present a "no" vote on any new or renewal millages.

The Plymouth-Canton schools are over-administrated by overpaid administrators.

These administrators' primary job, I repeat primary, is to protect their jobs.

They should be weeded out and credit be given to those who do the work: the classroom teachers.

I have lived and worked in the district for many years, I have seen the waste and the administrative incompetence.

Vote "no" until the weeding gets done. BRIAN KOLKA



Community opinions

High taxes aren't fault of district; vote 'yes'

EDITOR

We strongly support (both) the millages to be voted on June 14. We believe the continued quality of the Plymouth and Canton communities demands a "yes" vote on these extremely important issues

One of the significant factors that attracted us to Plymouth 16 years ago when our family was very young was the quality of its schools. We have always valued this community and believed we made an excellent choice.

The educational programs that our four children have experienced throughout the elementary and middle schools and the Plymouth-Canton Education Park have been outstanding. Just like us, we believe many other families have been and continue to be attracted to Plymouth and Canton because of the quality of the public schools.

We realize that our taxes are high. But that is not the fault of the school system. It is the result of the education financing system in this state. It is also a consequence of the type of community in which we live — one that is primarily residential, with a relatively low industrial tax base. Because we value and have chosen to live in this type of community, we should expect to pay for it when necessary.

(Officials of) the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools must be commended for the excellent way they have managed our funds. With an average cost per student well below the average for Wayne County, they have nevertheless been able to provide a program second to none. With the requested additional mills, they will be able to continue such a program.

Our school system is an important community asset, and like any asset, it requires continuing investment to keep its value. Plymouth and Canton must remain quality communities. In order to compete with other communities, maintain and increase our property values and attract new families who are also interested in excellent educations for their children, we must assure the excellent educational programs that we have here are continued.

We will be voting in support of the millages and strongly urge that you do,

GARY AND MARY BETH FRY

Were Streetscape petitioners straight?

EDITOR:

The current petition being circulated to put the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) "Streetscape" plan on the August ballot is not being fairly represented.

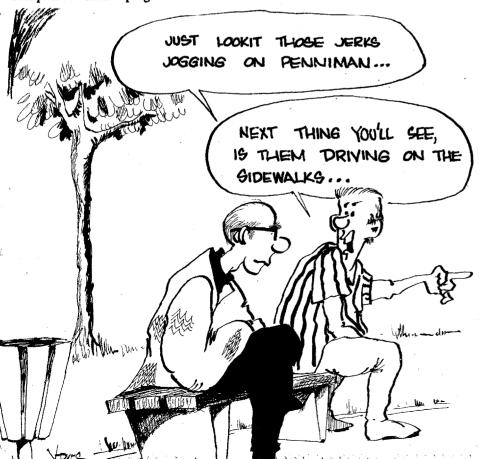
who were misinformed. They thought they were signing a petition to proceed with the Streetscape plan. My neighbors also indicated they were told the project would cost several million dollars and was being done without anyone's knowledge.

This plan has been in progress for over

three years. Signing this petition will delay any improvements to the downtown area. The public should be aware of the facts.

Fact: The DDA boundaries are Church Street to Wing, and Harvey Street to Union.

Fact: The DDA was created in 1983 after state legislation approved cities to capture a portion of tax money from properties in the DDA area. These monies are to be used for the enhancement and improvement of the DDA area – (including) business promotion, recruitment and retention.



Fact: The Streetscape project is \$2.4 million, not "millions." Northville's project in the early early '80s was \$2.2 million. In today's dollars this would be equivalent to \$4.4 million.

Fact: The project will be paid for with DDA revenues and not through the central fund.

Fact: The City Commission voted to take additional steps to proceed with the plan, after the plan was presented at several public meetings.

Fact: Improvements will include repair of existing sidewalks, curbs, and the lighting system. The improvement to the lighting system will result in a net savings to the city's central fund of approximately \$13,000 per year. Trees, benches, and a Main Street boulevard will also be included.

Fact: There were several lawsuits filed in 1992 for incidents that occurred on DDA sidewalks.

Fact: Sidewalk and curb repairs have not been done to any major extent in the business district for over 30 years.

Fact: City Manager Steve Walters and DDA Director Steve Guile have completed successful Streetscape projects in Northville and Dowagiac. These men are very experienced.

Fact: The individual circulating the petition has very little knowledge of the DDA, as he has rarely attended the DDA public meetings.

This project is not only needed and overdue, (but also) will benefit both downtown businesses and the general taxpayers. Without proceeding with this project, General Fund expenditures will have to be used for sidewalk and curb repairs which are badly needed.

Plymouth must improve its downtown to become competitive now and in the future. Please support the Streetscape project!

JANE BIRD

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