

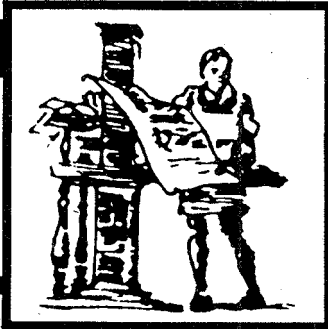
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Town mourns Judge Davis



Services today:

Services for Judge Dunbar Davis will be held at 11 a.m. today at the First Baptist Church 45000 N. Territorial Road. Burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth; arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Dunbar Davis at the Plymouth Fourth of July parade, one of his favorite events. (Crier photo by Anne Sullivan)

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

The community comes to a halt this morning to honor Judge Dunbar Davis who died Thursday in Florida.

Following this morning's funeral at First Baptist Church, with Pastor Paul F. White officiating, a procession will wind through Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth and will include cars from several local law enforcement agencies who were served by the prominent jurist.

The procession will end at Riverside Cemetery Mausoleum for a ceremony including an American Legion salute. Davis will then be buried within sight of the courthouse that bears his name.

Many well-wishers have contacted the family, said Susanne Steffes, daughter of the jurist and his wife, Martha. Friends crowded the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home yesterday afternoon and evening to pay honor.

Word of the jurist's death spread quickly Thursday night and Friday, although details could not be planned until his family could return to Plymouth from Florida during the holiday travel crush. The newspaper received many inquiries about details on visitation and the funeral over the Christmas weekend.

Davis, 81, was the founding judge of 35th District Court serving The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community.

Elected as the court's first judge in 1968, he retired in 1984 — never having been opposed for re-election — but remained active in community affairs.

Even as he battled cancer the past two years, he stayed in touch with colleagues, friends and neighbors from his home in Florida. Davis, and Martha, were frequent contributors to The Crier Curiosities.

Davis' mark on the 35th District Court — "genteel justice" it was called — has continued to this day, even as the courthouse is itself going through transitions.

He was known as a judge of "the little people," often taking extra time to explain the proceedings to lawyer-less defendants or to student groups watching in the courtroom.

Once, a teenager stood nervously in front of Judge Davis, saying he'd been unfairly ticketed for "excessive noise" from his car's muffler. "Is your car outside? the judge asked. "Yes, Your Honor," replied the young man.

"Let's go," said the judge. The courtroom crowd followed the young defendant and the judge outside, watched the teenager drive around the parking lot and the judge rule, "Not Guilty," followed by, "That's a very nice car young man."

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Yack vows to fight medical waste facility

Plans are in the works to make Canton the home of the state's largest medical waste incinerator — but not if Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack has anything to say about it.

Highland Co-gen has submitted a plan with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to build a 70.5 ton-per-day capacity incinerator at 5000 DeWitt Road in Canton. An application to run the facility has not been filed with the DNR.

The Canton plan was submitted to the DNR following Highland Park's rejection of a similar facility in their community

after heavy public outcry.

Hal Rosen of Dearborn Real Estate, the broker for the property in question, said there has been negotiations for a portion of the 30 acre parcel on behalf of Highland Co-gen, but a final agreement has not been reached. Canton planning officials said they have not been contacted by the company regarding the project.

Yack said Highland Co-gen has asked Canton for a concepts meeting — the first step in getting a plan off the ground.

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Jackson man charged with concealed weapon violation

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

After a game of freeway one-upmanship that ended in the alleged brandishing of a gun, Plymouth Township police will appeal for a more serious charge against the suspect being held in the case.

William Edwin Williams, 36, of Jackson was released on a \$25,000, 10 per cent cash bond awaiting a Jan. 6 preliminary exam. He has been charged with carrying a concealed weapon in a motor vehicle.

According to Plymouth Township Sgt. Antal, the incident started Friday afternoon on the freeway.

"Apparently, the complainant and

suspect were driving eastbound on M-14 when the suspect (Williams) passed the complainant and cut him off in traffic," Antal said.

Antal said that the complainant started to pass the other car when he noticed that the passenger-side window was down. The complainant said that he saw Williams pointing a gun at him.

"He slowed down and called the State Police on his cellular phone," Antal said. "They routed the call to the City of Plymouth and they sent it to us."

Antal said that the complainant followed Williams (staying in constant contact via cell phone) as he got off M-14 at

Sheldon Road and followed him to the Speedway gas station at 5 Mile and Sheldon Roads. According to Antal, the complainant saw Williams hide something behind the gas station before trailing him back to M-14.

Antal said that Williams headed to southbound I-275 and was stopped in the City of Wayne. Upon searching the area behind the Speedway at 5 Mile and

Sheldon, Township officers found a fully loaded Browning 9 mm. semi-automatic pistol.

Antal said that Plymouth Township Police will appeal to raise the charge to felonious assault.

"We tried to get felonious assault and felony firearms," Antal said, "Williams was on probation and this was a violation of his probation."

Township drops all charges in homeless shelter case

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

After being ticketed six times for two ordinance violations, the First United Methodist Church is off the hook as the township dropped all charges against the church.

In a hearing before outgoing 35th District Court Judge James Garber, Plymouth Township's Attorney Tim Cronin asked that all charges be dropped against the church. Garber agreed and denied Ron Lowe, pro-bono attorney for First United, his request that the township pay court costs.

According to Lowe, the move to drop the charges was less than Hoyle.

"I have mixed feelings about this, the township had no case against my client," Lowe said.

Lowe said that he has heard that the township would be reissuing the tickets

against the church and that he was disappointed that he will be prohibited from representing the church then.

"They did this to deprive my client," Lowe said. "It's my feeling that they also did this to go forum shopping, to hear this case in front of someone other than Judge Garber."

Lowe said that a new federal statute says that it is the township's burden to use the least restrictive means to mediate these cases.

"The township has never approached the church with its concerns," Lowe said. "We have never been advised, never contacted. You have to question what is the township's motivation. I don't know, I thought I did."

Earlier, Plymouth Township Building Official Charles McIlhargey said that the township was enforcing its ordinances.

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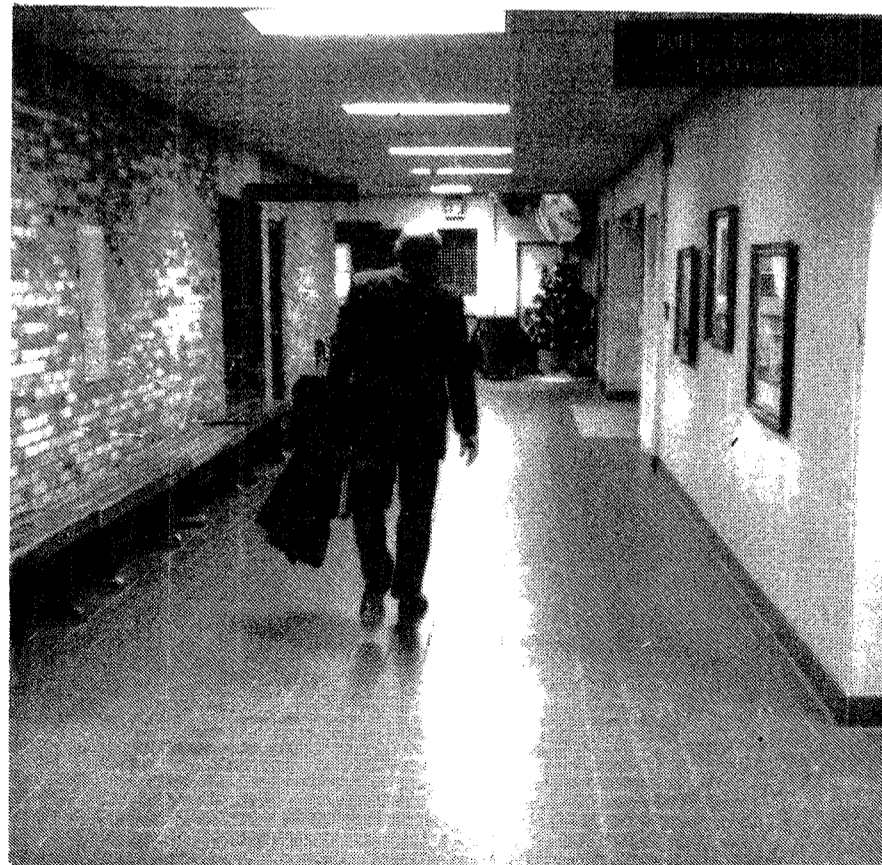
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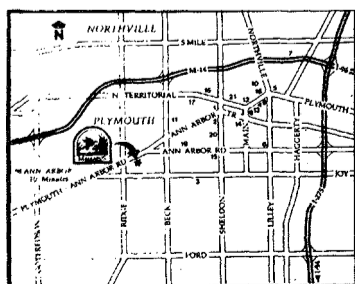
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Community mourns Judge Davis

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There are hundreds of "little people" stories about Davis.

When the court was reorganized into one building in 1981, it was named the Dunbar Davis Hall of Justice in recognition of what has been called the "best District Court in Michigan."

On the occasion of Davis' retirement in 1984, the late Bob Delaney, a noted defense attorney who served as the judge's first campaign manager, summed it up:

"I've been around working on cases all over the state, from Benton Harbor, to Marquette, to Hancock, and there is no district court run any better than this one, and that's because of Dunbar," Delaney said.

Retired U. S. Congressman Carl Pursell was a lifelong friend and frequent tennis partner to the jurist.

"He lived in two courts in his life — they were similar in nature — the court of law and the tennis court.

"The tennis court with two sides of the net was like two sides in a courtroom. It brought out his love of competition," said Pursell, who will offer a tribute to Davis during today's ceremonies.

"He was such a different person, it's hard to describe him. He was the only person I ever knew that had almost Christ-like qualities. He missed his calling, he could have been a poet laureate, classroom teacher or a minister — those were his three guiding lights in life.

"He had an enormous amount of pride in his discipline. He loved the jogging



trails — he loved life so much.

"He was just so courteous; in the middle of a tennis game he'd stop and shake hands with someone who came by. It didn't matter who it was — they're all God's creatures to Dunbar," said Pursell. The judge frequently used the Pursell backyard tennis court to practice.

Mike Watts, of Plymouth, whose business card describes him as "ne'er-do-well" and "scurrilous rogue" said he had

the occasion to stand in front of Davis for drunk driving charges.

"Mike, what are you doing in my courtroom?" Davis would start, Watts said. "After I explained my arrests, he gave me a verbal lambasting, not to mention the fine. He scolded me like one of his children in front of the whole court," Watts recalled.

"He always ended by saying he'd love

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Agenda

UPCOMING

- The Plymouth Community United Way will hold their annual meeting at 7 p.m. on Jan. 17 at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Administration Building. At the meeting, four board members and four officers will be elected, regular business will be heard and reports from the president, secretary and the treasurer will be given. The meeting is open to the public and refreshments will be served.

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Supervisor vows to fight medical waste facility in Canton

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Highland Co-gen may not get the reception they are looking for in Canton. "We feel we've done our share with the solid waste problem," said Yack, alluding to Canton's two other refuse facilities. "We are not interested anymore. Look east, look north, but don't look to us."

According to the DNR, there are two other locations in the state that are licensed to burn medical waste. They are Valley City Refuse Disposal in Grand Rapids, which runs a facility that has a 15 ton-per-day capacity; and Castle Medical Disposal in Hamtramck, which has a 50 ton-per-day capacity.

Officials at Highland Co-gen could not be reached for comment.



(left to right) Judges James Garber, Dunbar Davis and John MacDonald in a picture taken 10 years ago when MacDonald won the election bid for Davis's seat on the 35th District Court bench.

YEAR IN review 1994



Friends & neighbors

JANUARY

• 49 years after being discharged from the U.S. Army, Plymouth resident Ed Wensley got the eight medals (the Bronze Star and Purple Heart among them) he earned for his service during WWII in the Pacific theatre. Wensley used his native American heritage to help the Army out by conversing with other units in Chippewa, a language that the Japanese could not decipher.

• After finding a long-lost daughter and her family living in California, Canton resident Walt Montgomery almost lost his new family in the January earthquake. While the family was living near the quake's epicenter, none were injured when the walls of their apartment buckled.

FEBRUARY

• The Travis House, a historical farmhouse in Canton, was added to the Cherry Hill Historical District to be used as a working farm exhibit in the future.

Renovations on the 100+ year old home are still ongoing.

MARCH

• Charlotte Moore-Viculin arranged the music and helped coordinate the lyrics for "Two Peninsulas — One People," which she and her songwriting partner submitted to the state government as a possible state song.

• Smith Elementary parents form a food cooperative to provide lower cost food and generate needed funds for the schools.

MAY

• Students from Jaux, France come to the Plymouth-Canton community as part of a 10-year exchange program for fifth and sixth grade students.

• Five year-old Amanda Sitko, of Plymouth Township, saved her pregnant mother's life by calling 911 when she fell



Throughout 1994, the best stories about Neighbors in the News were about members of the community that worked to help their neighbors. Above, Carl Berry, Marie Morrow and Jerry Trumpka lend a hand with the Rotary Club's equipment for the handicapped drive and, below, Tom and Peter Rockwell work together to put the finishing touches on a carving for the Plymouth Dream Playscape.

down a flight of stairs. Amanda was later given an official commendation by the Plymouth Township Police in November for her quick action.

• Architects of the Plymouth Dream Playscape go to the schools for suggestions from students on the structure's shape.

JUNE

• 13-month-old Kali Pierce, daughter of David and Dena Pierce of Plymouth, was named Pee-Wee Miss Michigan.

JULY

• The American Legion announces the opening of their new post, the Beasley-Zalensy Post, in Plymouth township.

• 35th District Court Magistrate Mary Childs performs her 1,000th wedding service at the court. She started performing the services in 1979.

AUGUST

• Plymouth resident Gary Barber's

photography takes top-five honors in the Michigan Renaissance Festival Photo contest.

• The D&M Art Studio and the Plymouth Cultural Center hold the Fourth Annual Children's Art Show. over 180 Plymouth-Canton Students take part in the show.

SEPTEMBER

• In the wake of a fatal plane crash near Canton-Plymouth Mettetal Airport, the Plymouth Rotarians honored the civilians who ran to the rescue of the occupants trapped in the plane. The Rotarians said that their actions at the crash were an example of their motto, "Service Above Self."

OCTOBER

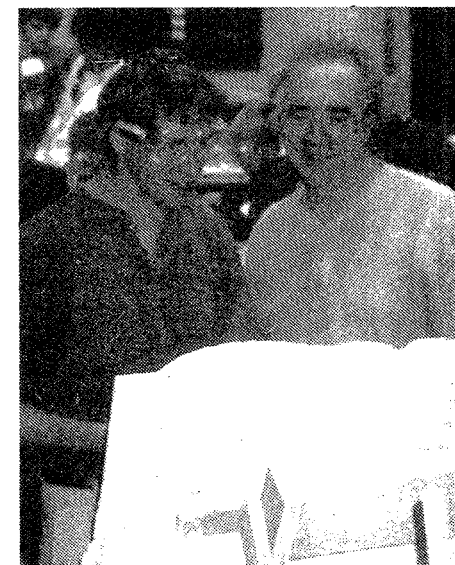
• Plymouth resident Ashley Bowsman wins the Sebastian International Corp.'s art competition with her rendering of the rainforest. Her art won her a trip to the Brazillian Rainforest where she and 24 other school kids learned about the endangered area of the world.

• Former Plymouth resident Jeffrey Kleinsmith is honored twice. Once for his distinguished service as a member of the U.S. Secret Service Uniformed Division for exemplary work in Washington D.C., and again for his winning of five medals in swimming in the International Law Enforcement Games in Birmingham, AL.

NOVEMBER

• The PCEP Marching Band takes top honors as the best high school marching band in Michigan at the finals at Eastern Michigan University. The band went on to place sixth at the "Bands of America" national contest a week later.

• Peter Rockwell, son of Illustrator Norman Rockwell, returned to Plymouth to do a carving for the Plymouth Dream Playscape. Rockwell designed and carved the existing sculptures in McClumpha park where the playscape will be located.



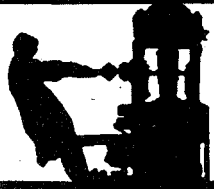
DECEMBER

• Professor Richard T. Arlen, a member of the Schoolcraft College Accounting Department, retires after 25 years of teaching. Aside from teaching countless students in his quarter-century at Schoolcraft, he also published a textbook: "College Accounting: An Introduction."

Bowl-bound



Members of the Canton High Pom-pon squad will be trekking cross country to take part in the Fiesta Bowl in Phoenix, AZ. Pictured here are Melissa Davis, Stacey Gravette and Kelly Capaldi.



Public notices

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - SPECIAL MEETING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1994

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:34 and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present except Mrs. Mueller who was excused.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda as submitted for the December 20, 1994, Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened the public hearing at 7:44 p.m. After hearing no comments the public hearing was closed at 7:45 p.m. Mr. Curmi moved to approve Resolution No. 94-12-20-24 granting the request of Diebolt International, Inc./Dadco for a five (5) year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. Supported by Ms. Arnold.

Roll call: Ayes: Arnold, Griffith
Nays: Brooks, Curmi, Massengill, McCarthy
Absent: Mueller

Motion fails.

The entire resolution is in the official minutes filed in the Clerk's Office. The following roll call was taken on the original motion.

Roll call: Ayes: Arnold, Brooks, Curmi, Griffith, Massengill, McCarthy
Nays: None.

Resolution declared adopted.

It was moved by Mrs. Massengill and supported by Mrs. Brooks to approved Resolution No. 94-12-20-26. The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the Township Supervisor has presented the 1994 and 1995 budgets for the IR Fund and the SW Fund. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforementioned budgets be adopted as activity budgets as presented.

Roll call: Ayes: Arnold, Brooks, Curmi, Griffith, Massengill, McCarthy
Nays: None
Absent: Mueller

Resolution declared adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Griffith and supported by Mrs. Massengill to approved Resolution No. 94-12-20-27 for the right of First Refusal for the Sale of Wayne County Sewer Capacity to the City of Plymouth and convey the River Oaks By-Pass Sanitary Sewer to the City of Plymouth. The entire resolution is in the official minutes filed in the Clerk's Office.

Roll call: Ayes: Arnold, Brooks, Curmi, Griffith, Massengill, McCarthy
Nays: None
Absent: Mueller

Resolution declared adopted.

It was moved by Mrs. Massengill and supported by Mrs. Brooks at 8:15 p.m. that a closed session be called for the purpose of discussing pending litigation RE: CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH VS. KEVIN MILES.

This is a permissible purpose under the Michigan's Open Meeting Act, Public Act No. 267 of 1976, as amended by Act. No. 256 of 1978 Article 15.268, Section 8, Paragraph (e).

It was moved by Ms. Arnold and supported by Mrs. Brooks to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on December 20, 1994. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on January 24, 1995.

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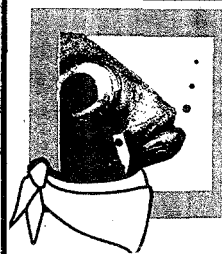
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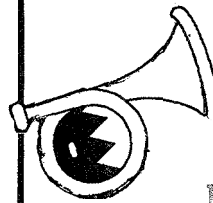
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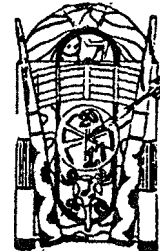
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Community mourns Judge Davis' passing

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to see me visit him in his courtroom, but not as a defendant. He'll be deeply missed by me," said the "scurrilous rogue" who said he plans to attend the Davis funeral.

"He was the best judge I've ever run into and I've had many occasions to be in court," chuckled Watts. "Judge (Davis) was fair, but when you had it coming he saw that you got it.

"I genuinely liked the man as a human being, not just as a judge," said Watts. "The State of Michigan lost a good judge." (Watts is not the Mike Watts, also of Plymouth, who heads the Ice Sculpture Spectacular.)

Ron Lowe, the newly-elected 35th District Court judge, worked as Davis' court officer while he was a high school student. "My first memories of Dunbar are of him as my Sunday School teacher where he taught me to trust in God," Lowe said.

"Later, as a jurist, he taught me fair play," said the incoming judge.

Some court watchers have remarked at the irony of how Davis' death came just as his colleague, Judge James N. Garber, was packing up his personal effects from the courtroom which Lowe — Davis' former court officer — occupies next week as judge.

The ironies go even further.

Lowe's father, Charles Lowe, who preceded his son as City of Plymouth attorney, succeeded Davis in his law practice when he took the bench. "He was knowledgeable in the law and compassionate in his judgment," said the senior Lowe.

Garber, who worked with Davis to bring the multi-courtroom district court operation into one modern court, praised his colleague's tone at the court.

"It was shortly after I joined him on the (35th) bench, Dunbar and I were talking about some arcane procedure we were using," Garber recalled, "I said I think the (State of Michigan) court rules may cover it.

"Dunbar replied, 'Jim, I found out that things go a lot smoother if I let them (the

State courts) run their court their way and I run my court my way,'" Garber said.

"A lot of his justice came from the stomach, not from the law books," said his colleague.

"And at this (district court) level, that's as it should be."

John MacDonald succeeded Davis when he retired.

"Dunbar helped me in every way. He was always gracious and kind," MacDonald said.

"He helped set the standard for the transition from the municipal courts to district court. We've kept the patterns of continuing a well-respected court and Dunbar certainly gets much of the credit for that," MacDonald said.

Besides his wife, Martha, and daughter, Susanne Steffes, of Livonia, Davis leaves another daughter, Kay Cole, of Casa Grande, AZ; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The judge was a life member of Plymouth Rock Lodge F&AM, and the Plymouth Evening Kiwanis Club. He was a 1933 graduate of Earlham College and

a 1936 graduate of University of Michigan Law School. After serving as an MP at the Army's Fort Custer, he returned to Plymouth.

Having performed some 4,000 weddings and taught many school classes, Davis was known for his love of poetry and literature, reciting in his strong North Carolina accent.

"He always had something appropriate to say from the Bible or a poem," Steffes said, recalling her father. "He was funny and he was wise.

"I learned a lot from him, how he dealt with people," Steffes said. "If I could be as wise as he was, I'd be happy."

Davis would beam as he recited some line appropriate for the occasion. One of his favorite poems, "Desiderata," by Max Ehrman, ended with a line Davis often quoted that was typical of his own outlook:

"With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be Careful. Strive to be happy." (Pursell said he plans to use that poem in his eulogy today.)



Community deaths

Ioma M. Bassett, 76, homemaker
Ioma M. Bassett, a homemaker from Livonia, died Dec. 5, 1994, at the age of 76.

She is survived by her sons; Robert (Sue) and Evan (Barb), five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home and interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Janet Perry, 58, dental employee

Janet Perry, a 30-year employee of Stillman Dental Associates from Canton, died Dec. 17, 1994, at the age of 58.

She is survived by her husband; Clarence, daughter; Sharon, son; Michael and two grandchildren.

Services, arranged by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

Elizabeth Clinton, 72, homemaker

Elizabeth Clinton, a homemaker from Canton, died Dec. 16, 1994, at the age of 72.

She is survived by her husband;

Donald, sons; Kevin and Peter, daughter; Patricia, two brothers, three sisters and 11 grandchildren.

Services were held at the McCabe Funeral Home.

Mary T. McAninch, 67, nurse

Mary T. McAninch, a registered nurse from Canton, died Dec. 9, 1994, at the age of 67.

She is survived by her daughters; Susan (Tomas) and Therese (Thomas), two sisters, one brother and 10 grandchildren.

Services, arranged by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

John F. Grubb, 76, General Motors

John F. Grubb, a General Motors purchasing agent from Plymouth, died Dec. 21, 1994, at the age of 76.

He is survived by his wife; Ruth, three sons, one daughter and 9 grandchildren.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Park.

Duane Rutenbar, 66, electrician

Duane N. Rutenbar, an electrician from Garden City, died Dec. 19, 1994, at the age of 66.

He is survived by his wife; Patsy, daughter; Bonnie (Ray), and brothers Delbert and Laverne.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Annie M. Macfarlane, 96, board of education employee

Annie M. Macfarlane, a 20-year resident of Plymouth and employee of the Detroit Board of Education, died Dec. 21, 1994, at the age of 96.

She is survived by a son, a sister and two grandchildren.

Services were held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, interment was at Grand Lawn Cemetery.

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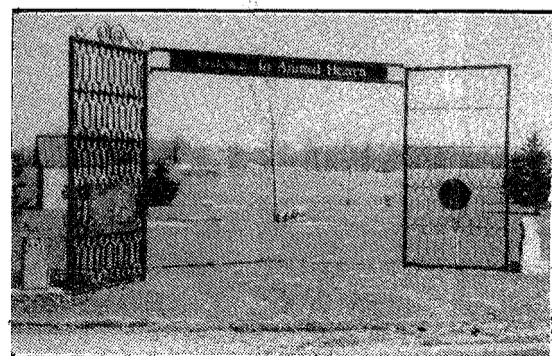


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YEAR IN review 1994



Getting down to business

JANUARY

•Good Food Company had just opened on Ford Road in Canton. The alternative supermarket in Canton Corners Mall specializes in healthy foods and organic products.

•The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, which brings more than 500,000 to downtown Plymouth meant ringing cash registers for local merchants. The frigid temperatures were especially important to Pam Haase, owner of the Plymouth Coffee Bean Company and Rob Scott, owner of Outback Cappuccino Bar.

FEBRUARY

•Gil-Mar Manufacturing in Canton, the largest producer of tank tracks and other tread-driven vehicles in the United States, was granted an abatement for their 50,000-square-foot addition from the Canton Board of Trustees.

•Rose's Restaurant opened in Canton specializing in homemade Italian food. The business was opened by Richard, Ernie and Chris Costantino, who use their mother Rose's recipes for their homestyle Italian cooking.

MARCH

•Downtown Development Authority Director Steve Guile pushed for businesses in downtown Plymouth to keep longer hours by distributing flyers showing how much money was lost by closing early.

•Thai Bistro opened in Canton and was quickly recognized as one of the top Thai restaurants in the Metro Detroit area by the Detroit News, Detroit Free Press (and many members of The Crier staff).

APRIL

•John Cleveland announced plans for the purchase of Italian Cucina. Cleveland later opened the Water Club Bar & Grill, which specializes in seafood dishes, at the Plymouth Township location.

•Petix Formal Wear in downtown Plymouth celebrated their 50th anniversary. The clothier specializes in formal wear and fine men's attire.

MAY

•The Canton Chamber of Commerce kicked off their Leadership Canton program at Fellows Creek Golf Club. Leadership Canton is a program to create



Business in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community was brisk this year with the opening of several new businesses, several others moving to the community and others sadly leaving.

a community organization that allows Canton residents to hone their leadership skills and get acquainted with the community as a whole.

•The Canton Chamber of Commerce also awarded their Small Business Person of the Year and Athena Awards in May. The Small Business Person of the Year Award went to Better Built Fence owner Frankie Middleton and the Athena Award went to Key Services owner Carol Felker.

JUNE

•The Canton Meijer store faced a sympathy stike from union employees as part of the union's strike at Meijer's Toledo, OH store. The picketing caused Meijer to rethink their policy regarding security — forcing groups like the Salvation Army bellringers to find a new store to collect for the holidays.

•Kenny's — a local watering hole in

Canton — was sold in June. The name changed to 1st Place, but the "sports bar" atmosphere remained.

JULY

•Dick Scott's Buick dealership was sold to Bob Jeannotte, owner of Bob Jeannotte Pontiac. Jeannotte announced plans to move the dealership from its location on Ann Arbor Road to a new building on Sheldon Road near their Pontiac business.

•Action Distributing of Livonia made a bid on the Highland Appliance headquarters on Sheldon Road in Plymouth.

AUGUST

•Griffin Funeral Home opened the doors to their newest chapel in Canton. The family owned business is located on Ford Road near Lilley.

•The Mayflower Hotel in downtown Plymouth was sold to Mayflower

Properties. Renovations are expected at the historic landmark.

SEPTEMBER

•Canton announced their Community Speakers Bureau program. The program is designed to keep residents informed as to what is happening at all levels of government as well as provide an open forum during which residents can interact with staff members on various issues.

•Venture Outdoors opened their doors in downtown Plymouth. The Penniman Avenue store offers upscale clothing, backpacks, technical outerwear, camping equipment and cold weather gear.

OCTOBER

•Canton named Kevin Mill Operations Manager and Gary Johnson grounds superintendent to Pheasant Run Golf Course.

•The Canton Township Planning Commission amended their zoning ordinance to create a new "village shopping" district. The change eliminated the C-1 "neighborhood commercial" district throughout the community. The intent of the change is to provide residential-scale convenience and personal service uses.

NOVEMBER

•The Canton Chamber of Commerce released results from their 59 Second Survey. The Canton community was praised in the survey with 93 per cent of the respondents saying Canton would grow in the next six months and 100 percent of those answering that Canton is a good place to do business.

•The fate of the Wilcox House in downtown Plymouth was anyone's guess in November, as owner Jack Wilcox began seeking proposals for the property. A final decision should be made by March 3, 1995.

DECEMBER

•O&D Bush Jewelers in Plymouth celebrated their 50th anniversary in business. The store moved to their Ann Arbor Trail location in 1977, following a move from Detroit.

•Dearborn Moving and Storage relocated to Canton. Company officials noted the ability for expansion and Canton's friendly business atmosphere as top reasons for their move from Livonia.

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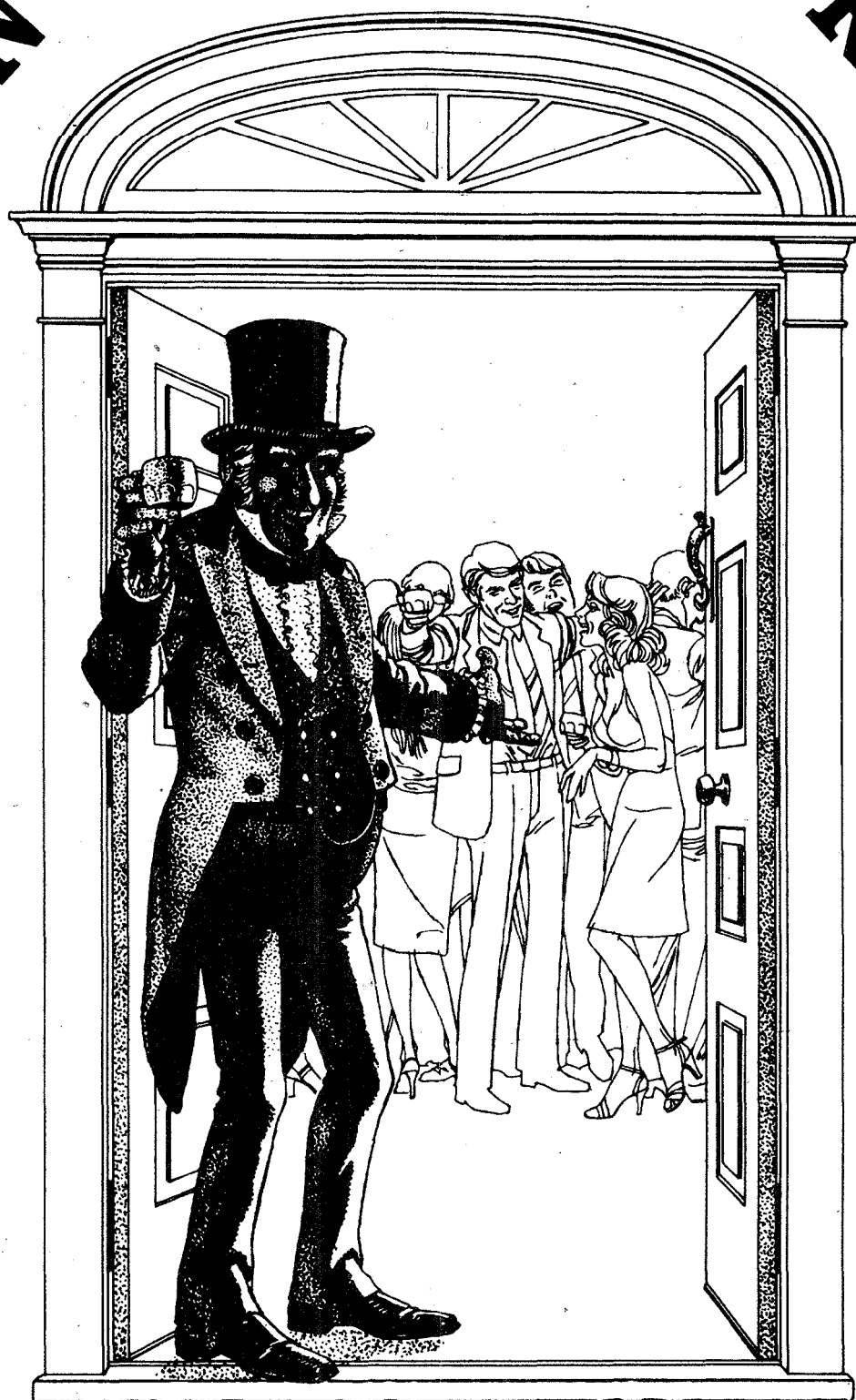
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- Know the truth about sobering up.**
Alcohol's effect on you depends on:

 - Your body weight
 - Your sex (females are affected at lower alcohol levels.)
 - How fast you drink
 - How recently you have eaten
 - Your mood

Traditional remedies such as cold showers, fresh air, black coffee and exercise have **No Effect** on blood-alcohol content. Only **Time** — alcohol concentration decreases about .015% per hours — will help.
- Set an example.**
Actions speak louder than words, especially to kids.

 - Be a good host. Serve food, non-alcoholic beverages.
 - Be a DESIGNATED DRIVER
 - Take away the keys from an intoxicated driver.
 - Make a choice to say "no thanks — I'm driving."
 - Remember — It's OK to say No!
 - Wear your seat belt and insist others do.



MADD's Program Volunteer Opportunities

Victim Assistance

- Victim Rights Information
- Legal/Counseling Referrals
- Court Attendance/Support
- Victim Support Groups
- Victim Advocacy
- Candlelight Vigil

Criminal Justice

- Death Notification Services
- Court Monitoring
- Victim Impact Panels

Public Awareness

- Speakers Bureau
- Media Relations
- Community Awareness Task Force
- Project LifeRide on New Year's Eve
- Red Ribbon Campaign
- K.I.S.S.
- State Fair
- Police Life Savers Banquet

Youth Programs

- Operation Prom/Graduation
- Poster/Essay Contest
- School Assemblies

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fact: It is estimated that **two out of every five Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash during their lifetime.**

fact: Estimated economic cost of drunk driving is \$46 billion (NHTSA, 1992) each year.

fact: According to the National High School Senior Survey seniors reporting any alcohol use in the prior month fell from a peak of 72% in 1980 to 51% in 1992. (University of Michigan, 1993).

fact: Nearly nine out of ten of those in jail (86%) for DWI had previously been sentenced to probation, jail or prison for DWI or for other offense. (BUS, 1992)

fact: Based on NHTSA's estimates, alcohol-related crashes cost society \$46.1 billion, yet this conservative estimate does not include pain, suffering and lost quality of life. These indirect costs raise the alcohol-related crash figure to a staggering \$148 billion in 1992. (Miller & Blincoe, 1993)

1992 Holiday Statistics

Holiday	Total Traffic Fatalities	Percent Alcohol-Related
New Year's Day '92	118	74.8%
Spring Break	969	51.5%
St. Patrick's Day	38	59.8%
Memorial Day	422	55.8%
Graduation 1st Week	335	56.5%
Graduation 2nd Week	367	58.9%
Graduation 3rd Week	340	55.2%
Fourth of July	350	55.9%
Labor Day	446	53.2%
Halloween	411	52.7%
Thanksgiving	399	56.5%
From Thanksgiving to New Year's Eve	3,801	43.1%
Christmas	391	49.5%
New Year's Eve	106	43.3%



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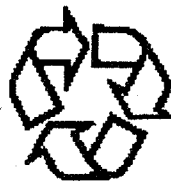
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JAYCEE FOOD BASKETS
The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees are looking for volunteers 21 to 39 years old for their holiday food basket program. They need help with the food baskets, food and toys donation, gift wrapping and basket delivery. For more information, call either 453-8407 or 455-8676.

STORAGE AUCTION
America's Budget Storage in Canton will hold an auction on the contents of storage units to recoup unpaid rent to the highest bidder on Jan. 5. For more information, call America's Budget Storage 459-6444.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
The Plymouth community Arts Council will hold auditions for their spring production "T.H.E. Club" on Jan. 17, 18 and 19 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for performances in March. The participation fee is \$50 per person. For more information, call Jennifer Tobin at 453-5212.

60+ CLUB
The 60+ Club will hold its general meeting on Jan. 4. at the First United Methodist Church at noon. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass. For more information, call Lola Schueder at 453-7999.

UNITED WAY AIRLINE RAFFLE
The Plymouth Community United Way will wrap up their 1994 drive with a raffle for two round-trip tickets to anywhere Northwest Airlines flies. Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. The drawing for the tickets will be at the Plymouth Community United Way meeting on Jan. 17. For more information, call 453-6879.

CANTON NEWCOMERS
The Canton Newcomers club will hold their general meeting-pizza party and game night on Jan. 4 at the Sunflower Clubhouse at 7 p.m. For more information, call either 453-3693 or 416-4915.

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS
The Plymouth Newcomers will hold their general meeting on Jan. 12 at the Water Club bar and grill at 11:30 a.m. with speaker Randy Lorenz. For more information, call Bev at 454-3663 or Kathy at 455-8336.

AARP TAX AID PROGRAM
Volunteers are needed to do tax returns for seniors (IRS provides instruction) for 4 hours a week from Feb. 1 to April 15 at locations in Plymouth, Canton and Northville. For more information, call Bill Von Glahn at 453-8253.

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The Plymouth District Library will hold registration for toddler-parent programs, family evening storytimes and pre-school programs on Jan. 10, Jan. 11 and Jan. 11 respectively. For more information, call 453-0750.

AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIPS
The Beasley-Zalensy Post of the American Legion is offering two \$500 scholarships for children of veterans. Information on applicants should be received by the post by Feb. 1, 1995. For more information, call the post at 451-3574.

PLYMOUTH WOMAN'S CLUB
The first Plymouth Woman's Club meeting of 1995 will be held on Jan. 6, 1994, at the First Methodist Church. The speaker will be Carol Fink, president of Happy Trails.

LIVING TRUST SEMINAR
The Plymouth Cultural Center will host financial expert Paul LeDuc to answer questions about reducing taxes for heirs through a living trust from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, free of charge.

HIGH SCHOOL REUNION PLANNING
There will be a meeting to plan the 20th high school reunion of the Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem classes of 1975. For more information about the meeting, call 455-1230.

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS
New Morning School will take registrations for 4 and 5 year-old children for M, W or M, W, F preschool classes. For more information about enrolling in the parent cooperative, call 420-3331.

ADOPT-A-MAGAZINE
The Plymouth District Library is looking for individuals, businesses and community groups to donate the cost of a magazine subscription to one of the over 300 periodicals the library keeps in stock. The sponsor's name will appear on the label and the donation is federal and state tax deductible. For more information, call the library at 453-0750.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
United Home Health Services in Canton is looking for volunteers for companionship, telephone reassurance and conducting phone surveys with the ill, disabled and elderly. For more information, call Diana at 981-8820.

SYMPHONY LEAGUE FUNDRAISER
The Plymouth Symphony League will be selling Entertainment 1995 coupon book as a fundraiser for the symphony. Books are \$40. For more information, call 453-3016.

CLOTHING BANK
The Clothing Bank will be open to distribute donations of clothing to families in need on Tuesdays only from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. during the school year. To make an appointment or for more information, call 416-6179.

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35th District court loses, gains judge in 1994

The year 1994 will be remembered as a time of transition in the 35th District Court.

Judge James Garber announced his retirement from the bench and Plymouth City Attorney Ron Lowe won the Nov. 8 election to succeed him.

Garber will retire at the end of this year — at which time Lowe will resign as city attorney and take Garber's place on the bench.

Garber started out as a staff attorney with the Wayne County Road Commission, but most of his career was spent with the Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, where he eventually served as Chief of the Criminal Division from 1969 to 1973.

A brief stint in private practice left him time to position himself from when the 35th District Court was granted a second judge's seat — as it suddenly was in 1978. He ran second in the primary — as Lowe did this year — but defeated Phil Ogilvie in the final runoff (Lowe beat Plymouth attorney Steve Boak).

His major accomplishment at the 35th District Court while serving with Dunbar Davis (who died this week — see story on pg. 1) was to spearhead the consolidation of the court and construction of the modern courthouse at 660 Plymouth Rd.

Since his days with the county prosecutor's office, Jim has also lectured and participated extensively in the field of law and criminal justice.

Lowe followed a different legal path than Garber, but his civic achievements were similar. Both Garber and Lowe are very active in community functions.

Lowe said his career was shaped by his generation.

"Like most in my generation, I believe I am one of those products of the '60s," he said in an interview before the election.

"When I went to law school, I thought I would be able to help the community better itself. I have spent countless hours as a volunteer and it is rewarding to know this community has improved."



Outgoing Judge James Garber, judge-elect Ron Lowe and Judge John MacDonald on election night. Lowe will serve as 35th District Court Judge until he goes up for re-election in 2001.

Canton growth

People and industry flocked to growing community in 1994 but...

Like past years, the story in Canton is the community's continued growth.

Once a small farming community, Canton has grown to more than 60,000 residents.

Although most of the growth has been positive, the community is experiencing some growing pains.

Canton has attracted many new businesses and many new residents.

Construction on the Summit recreational facility got underway this year as did the finishing touches on Pheasant Run Golf Club.

New restaurants sprung up along Ford Road and other major community arteries. The new restaurants include Damon's, which is just receiving its finishing touches and Rose's, which opened early this year.

Businesses such as Dearborn Moving and Storage have called Canton their home in 1994 and many more are waiting to build, such as long-time Plymouth business Mama Mucci's. Other Canton businesses such as Gil-Mar Manufacturing have expanded their operations.

Canton's leaders hope that the community's location between Detroit and Ann Arbor continues to pay off with economic dividends. Hopes are high that improvements at Willow Run Airport will mean more business for Canton.

Although construction is leveling off in the community, Canton can expect more growth in the future.

...growth has taken its toll in traffic accidents

Growth is often a positive thing for a community, but in Canton, growth has also meant an increase in fatal auto accidents, including one that stands out in 1994.

The accident — which occurred the first week of September — occurred when a Canton fire department emergency vehicle struck a car that did not yield for a red flashing light at the corner of Warren and Canton Center Roads.

The wreck left Samir Alfred Ansara, 44, and his wife of 18 years, Nadia Samir Ansara, 36, both of Westland, dead.

The couple's 1987 Cadillac was struck broadside by the emergency medical vehicle while the care was traveling eastbound on Warren Road.

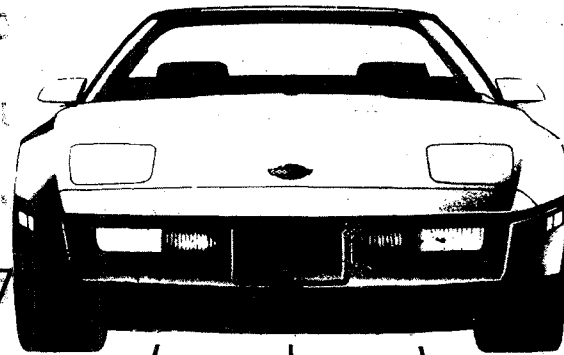
The 30-year-old, seven-year veteran of the Canton Fire Department, who was driving the emergency vehicle suffered a closed head injury in the accident, but was later released from the hospital. The other fire fighter, a 33-year-old, two-year veteran of the department was treated and released with leg injuries.

Tina Ansara, 16 and Lisa Ansara, 12, both passengers in the vehicle were also injured in the accident, but have since recovered.

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Hoben retires, Little takes over the reins

After 23 years as superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton School District, John Hoben retired from his post on June 30, 1994.

Hoben, who started his career in the district as a teacher in 1955, took the job of superintendent in 1972 after serving as acting superintendent for four months.

Hoben said that he would like to pursue a writing interest, but would not give specifics. He said that he would be interested in any project that didn't "tie him down."

The school board then went into a months long search, through a private firm, to find the next superintendent. The result of the search was that Dr. Charles Little, from Hamburg, NY, would be Hoben's successor for the top administrative position in the P-C School District.

After six months as the Superintendent for the Plymouth-Canton School District, Charles Little has settled into the community nicely. At the Dec. 19 meeting of the Plymouth-Canton School board, the trustees gave Little an A grade for his first six months in the community.

"The transition was pretty easy for me, school district issues are the same," Little said. "It's always a little touchy when you're selling your house. I like this area, it's very close to the country."

For the most part, Little said that he has been well received in the district.

"I think the people in the community and the teachers have been very open," Little said. "We got to a lot of issues early, some of them were touchy, but we're getting things accomplished."

The vote on May 14 was 6-1, in favor of Little with Trustee Carl Battishill supporting the selection of Westwood (MA) Supt. Robert Monson.

Little, Monson and Dr. Gary Hughes, of the Durand (MI) School District, had been called back for second-round interviews by the board.

The three were culled from an original list of six prime candidates for the position submitted by the district's outside search firm, Bickert, Prophet and Assoc.

Little said that one of the things that he viewed as important to his job was making the residents of the area understand that the schools and the community are interconnected.

"What goes in the schools goes in the community as well," Little said.

"We are in desperate need of money to provide better instruction," Little said. "The issue of school finance is off track in Michigan, it's out of the hands of local people. Even though there will be an opportunity to vote on an enhancement millage in two years, we would have to share that money with the county."

Little said that he would be discussing options with local legislators to see if there is something that they can do to help the schools.

"I don't think that the district knows what the implications to the schools are, they



After 23 years of seeing John Hoben at P-C School District meetings, the retiring veteran was replaced by Charles Little of Hamburg, NY, as the superintendent of the district. Little said he would focus on getting the public to realize the connectedness between a community and its schools in the coming year.

were just happy to see 75 per cent of their property tax rolled back," Little said.

Little said, with the changing of the high school curriculum, the schools are working towards turning out better equipped graduates.

"The new requirements are going to be three years of math and science so that graduates will be able to do more," Little said. "We'll be looking at how the program works at the end of the school year."

"The job of education is competitive now, the public school's monopoly is being challenged," Little said. "We have to reach the top of the heap, we have to compete on a world scale. It'll take a while but slow and steady wins the race."

Out of the flames

Crash near Mettetal takes one life, defines five as real-life heroes

In the wake of a Sept. 3 airplane crash that took the life of one and injured five others, results of the investigation into the accident's cause will be a long time coming.

The crash just outside Mettetal Airport is still being investigated by both the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB).

According to witness reports, the plane took off from Mettetal and cleared Joy Road heading North. Later, the plane lost altitude and the left wing tip clipped a tree in front of Make-All Ceramics, driving the nose of the plane into the ground. The plane rolled end-over-end before coming to a stop and catching fire.

Workers at the complex Darrell Perry, Steve Enders, Jim Pyda and Ron Steakley were the first on the scene after the crash. The four of them, armed with fire extinguishers, pulled the survivors out of the burning plane before the cockpit was completely engulfed in flames.

The pilot of the plane, Lawrence Gillelan, died in the crash.

According to Plymouth Rotary Acting President Ed Schulz, the Rotarians gave the four an award for their actions, but hadn't ever given an award of this type in the past.

"We've always given recognition awards for people in the community," Schulz said. "But we've never given an award to a member of the community for heroic efforts."

Schulz said that even though the Rotarians haven't given a heroic award before, it still fits with their motto, 'Service Above Self.'

"We have a lot of members who are pilots," Schulz said. "One of our members, Tom Kennedy, was landing his plane just as the one that crashed was taking off. He was at the scene very quickly."

Schulz said that the Rotarians thought that it is important to honor those who pulled the survivors from the wreckage of the plane.

"If they weren't there to take the initiative, there would have been more casualties," Schulz said.

Tom Kennedy, a witness to the crash, explained how he could not have made it to the site on time. "I thought that I was going to be the first on the scene but when I got there I saw four individuals at the scene of the wreck," Kennedy said. "They entered the burning cockpit to save the survivors with hoses and chemical extinguishers."



The cause of the Sept. 3 crash in Plymouth Township is still under investigation by the NTSB and the FAA. According to Mitch Robbins of the NTSB, a small-plane crash gets as much scrutiny as a 747 airliner does.

"Seconds after the survivors were free the expanding gas vapors in the cockpit made it inaccessible," Kennedy said.

Kennedy also said that the pilot of the plane, Gillelan, was also honored for bringing his crippled plane to the ground with a minimum of casualties.

Darrell Perry of Detroit, who was working in the complex where the plane went down, was one of the first people on the scene.

"I saw the plane as it was coming in and thought it was too low," Perry said. "My first instinct was to call for help then I thought, 'oh no,'"

Steve Enders of Sterling Heights was also at work when Gillelan's plane began having

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Municipalities approve, discuss joint, combined services

The merging of Plymouth and Plymouth Township Fire Departments took its last step as the city commission passed the Intergovernmental Fire Service Agreement, despite strong opposition from some commissioners.

Commissioner Bill McAninch, displeased with some aspects of the agreement, pushed to take the agreement back to the negotiation table.

He said two provisions of the cost formula — the addition of emergency runs and population factors, and that the township's annual cost cannot exceed 75 per cent of total cost for the life of the 10-year contract — were not fair and would set a negative precedent for future negotiations of this nature.

"I'd rather have no agreement than a bad one," McAninch said. "The use of population and fire runs are not legitimate. This is not a cost formula I can live with."

The ultimate concern of McAninch was to postpone the vote and send the agreement back to the township for a final negotiation, which he hoped would lead to the elimination of the cap.

McAninch's request was rejected 4-3 (Commissioners Stella Green, Dennis Shrewsbury and McAninch all voted in favor of sending it back).

Mayor Douglas Miller, casting the deciding vote, said going back to the negotiating table after lengthy discussions would be counterproductive.

"There is no sense in sending me back to try for the best possible deal when I've already done that," Miller said.

The Intergovernmental Agreement was accepted by the commission 5-2, as McAninch and Greene voted against.

Miller said the merged departments, an idea spawned five years ago, proposed in March this year and negotiated heavily since then, is a true benefit to both communities.

"We are getting an improved level of service at a lower cost," Miller said. "It is a real benefit for the community."

McAninch, adamantly opposed to the previously mentioned parts of the cost formula, said he felt the deal was not in the best interest of taxpayers.

He said such a deal would set a precedence for future negotiations with the township or other municipalities.

"I believe the formula fails to meet two fundamental requirements.

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Mettetal crash kills one, defines five others as real-life heroes

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problems. "We came in that day to get some odds and ends done when we heard and engine failure, we opened the blinds and all we saw was airplane."

Enders said that as he ran out with a fire extinguisher, he saw Perry already trying to get Gillelan out of the plane as it began to catch fire.

"I am glad that they are all right," Enders said.

Jim Pyda, the third of the men on the

scene, was out getting his mail when Gillelan's plane hit the ground.

"I saw the plane coming down, cartwheel and tumble to a stop," Pyda said. "The next thing I knew I was grabbing the nearest fire extinguisher and running for the plane."

It was Pyda who put the term hero in its proper context for the crash.

"This is not about us, it is about helping someone else out," Pyda said.

"Whether it's changing a tire or what

happened with the plane, we were just helping someone out."

According to Chicago NTSB Air Safety Investigator Mitch Robbins, there won't be official word on the cause of the crash for a long time.

"The preliminary report has been sent to Washington D.C.," Robbins said in September.

"But it will be several months before the final report is published."

Robbins said that the preliminary

report is comprised of simple factual information such as the type of plane involved, where the accident happened and whether there were any injuries involved.

According to Robbins, all of the information in the preliminary report would go into a database and that there was a lot of work yet to be done.

"I can't speculate on the cause of the accident," Robbins said. "There is still a lot of follow-up work to be done."

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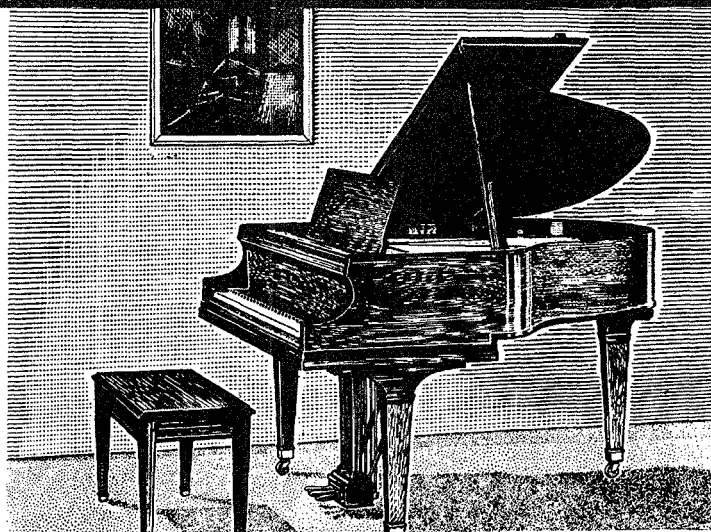
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The year in photos

The Canton Senior's Kitchen Band was one of the star performers at the 39th Annual Plymouth Fall Festival. (Crier photo by George Gentry)

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The year in photos

Plymouth Township Fire Chief Larry Groth and Plymouth Fire Chief Alan Matthews shake hands to signify the end of negotiations in the merging of township and city fire departments. The two departments are currently conducting joint training exercises to familiarize themselves with each department's equipment. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)



The Canton Liberty Fest, now three years old, is quickly becoming an attraction in June. With live music, food from all over the township and the best classic car show in Western Wayne County, the Liberty Fest is an attraction that never fails to attract, even in poor weather. (Crier photo by George Gentry)



Municipalities approve, discuss joint, combined services

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"Fairness to the city's taxpayers and establishing the right precedent for future cost sharing agreements," McAninch said.

City manager Steven Walters said the agreement is fair for Plymouth taxpayers, due to the township's size and frequency of fire service needs.

"In the long run, their taxpayers will be paying more for fire service," he said.

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees approved the agreement at its Oct. 11 regular meeting.

In addition, an unrelated merger of four police dispatch and lockups is in the works.

After two-and-a-half years of discussions about joint police dispatch and lockup went nowhere, a renewed effort is rapidly gaining speed in Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and Northville Township.

"The preliminary numbers suggest it will work," said Northville Mayor Chris Johnson.

The four elected leaders of the communities, Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy, Plymouth Mayor Doug Miller, Northville

Township Supervisor Karen Baja, and Johnson have discussed:

- Joint dispatch including an upgrade to 800 megahertz and record keeping.

- Joint lockup of prisoners.

- An "off-site" location for the four police departments' joint service center.

Two locations have been discussed as a possible site for a new facility: the 35th District Court building or the Wayne County property at Five Mile and Sheldon Roads.

Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters said, "There's so much similarity of the four (governmental units), the cost savings distribute equally."

The renewed discussions on the joint police services began in earnest following a Conference of Western Wayne meeting with a conversation between Baja, Keen-McCarthy and Johnson in November.

The City of Northville also has the option to link with Novi to the north, but Johnson said, "Long range, we'd probably be better off in the 35th District group. I've tended to prefer that because of the court."

Walters said that the decision between locating a joint service facility at the courthouse or at Five Mile and

Sheldon made little difference geographically but that the courthouse has one appeal.

"We already own it," he said, adding that the five governments which jointly operate the court could make an adjustment financially to accommodate Canton Township not participating in a joint lockup-radio center.

Because of its size, and efficiency of its current system, Canton will not be a part of any joint dispatch agreement.

City and township officials have received a report from the "Fire-Rescue Communications Process Action Team," comprised of public safety personnel in the city and township of Plymouth.

That report urged a centralized dispatch operation for the two Plymouths.

The report calls for a short term solution that would fit into the long term goal of joint communications. Dispatch is the second step in combined services for Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

The question becomes, what's next? And who will be involved?

"The four have nothing to gain without the lockup too," said Johnson.

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Plymouth DDA on track for spring construction

Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority finally got the go-ahead for its on-again, off-again streetscape plan for the downtown area.

The DDA finalized and approved a measure which will start the process of selling bonds to finance the \$2.4 million project. The resolution will be forwarded to the City Commission for action on Tuesday.

"With bonds, you can spread out the development cost over a long period of time," Steve Guile said. "Plus, the city general fund will have no financial obligation and we will not be drawing any money from the schools."

Guile has lauded the downtown streetscape since its inception. A refurbished downtown, he said, will increase property values and increase retail revenues.

That refurbishment includes the addition of islands to ease traffic flow that would hopefully appeal to shoppers.

Those islands would be located on Main, between Penniman and Ann Arbor Trail, and Ann Arbor Trail by Forest Avenue.

Guile said Plymouth is averaging \$21.5 million yearly in downtown retail sales with more than 1,000 employees. "In the last two years, we have had 20 new businesses. Granted, we've lost 11, but that is still an increase," he said.

The DDA's original estimate for the project was \$5 million. In 1992, the amount of revenue the DDA could capture was reduced. That move cut the estimate in half. Guile believes any previous funding glitches and interferences could be behind the DDA.

"With funding operating at such a stop-and-start pace, bond sales could be the answer," he said.

Because the city will have no obligation to pay anything from its budget, Guile said the DDA would be able to approach the state for any additional funds that may be needed.

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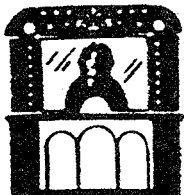
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Politics 1994

November elections marked by political mudslinging at every level...

For the most part, politics in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community were muddy this year.

Poison-pen fliers and fighting words flew this political season more than ever.

Although some races were especially bad, some — like the Boak vs. Lowe judges race — were low key.

Some of the more notable political mudslinging this year was:

- Republican John Schall's portrayal of Democrat Lynn Rivers — his opponent in the race for the 13th Congressional District — as an ultra liberal. And her portrayal of him as a right-wing conservative;

- A Republican group's printing of campaign literature that looked like official

documentation from Canton that said a tax increase was in the future if Democrat Donna Clark beat Republican Deborah Whyman for the 21st State House seat;

- Republican Bruce Patterson making Democrat Ken Warfield look like a foul-mouthed buffoon — while Warfield worked to portray Patterson as a self-serving conservative who would not represent the entire district;

- Democrat Carolyn Blanchard, who ran a photo of Cynthia Burgess McGuire in her campaign literature and later sent letters apologizing for running the photo, lost the bid for the 20th State Senate seat to Republican Gerry Law.

This is just a sampling of the mud that flew during the election — and the type of mud that will probably fly every election.

Canton township is big winner with three going on to elected office

In politics, Canton was the big winner this year. For the first time ever, a state senator, state representative and county commissioner are from Canton.

All three are republicans — and all three easily defeated their opponents in the Nov. 8 election.

Loren Bennett — Canton's clerk — defeated Trav Griffin in the 8th State Senate race; longtime Canton resident Deborah Whyman retained her seat in the 21st State House district by beating Van Buren Township

Trustee Donna Clark; and Canton attorney Bruce Patterson soundly defeated Wayne's Ken Warfield.

The three acknowledge their ties to Canton, but are quick to point out that they each have districts they represent.

Although distinct in many ways, the three districts share some common problems such as environmental issues, economic growth, transportation/traffic and taxation.

The three legislators vow to work together whenever they can on the issues.

There is one problem the people of Canton will face because of Bennett's election to the state senate — a special election to fill his vacated clerk's office.

The special election is expected to be held in early spring, but a date has not been set.

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Potential noise, traffic at heart of Temple Baptist issue

The Redford Township church seeking to build a large facility on 56 acres it owns at Ridge and North Territorial Roads filed a lawsuit against Plymouth Township and the Planning Commission.

On Aug. 17, the commission denied the church's request to construct a facility expected to house up to 4,000 worshippers, sports fields and concerts.

According to the Rev. Brad Powell, the church's lawsuit is based on what he feels is a violation of religious freedom.

"We meet all land use criteria and zoning requirements," Powell said. "Our rights were violated by their decision."

Powell said the lawsuit, filed in Wayne County Circuit Court, should in no way be construed as vindictive of the Plymouth community.

"We have no animosity toward any elected officials, appointed officials or the community," Powell said. "We love and value Plymouth Township and we look forward to be a part of its enhancing."

Powell said in doing so, the township is dictating how church's conduct worship by saying Temple Baptist and its 4,000-plus members are too much for the location.

"Very clearly they are saying they believe worship should be done in numbers of 200 or 300 at a time," Powell said. "This is certainly not a land use issue."

The attorney representing Temple Baptist, Joseph Galvin, said the suit's goal is to let the church develop its property as it sees fit.

"This is suit is to develop the property for a religious complex," Galvin said.

He said the church is also seeking monetary compensation in a damage claim caused by the delay.

"It's a question in the increase of consulting fees and holding the land without use," Galvin said. "The amount will be determined later by the judge."

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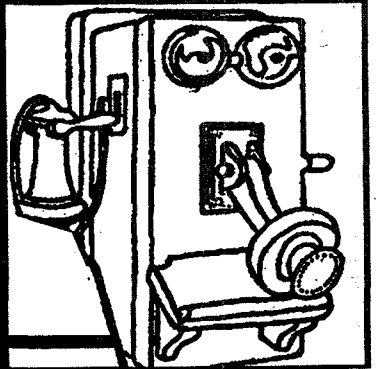
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Kenn: Who ever wins the Squirrel Wars?

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Happy New Year Crierstaff. M.L.

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"Sometimes you have to drop a piano on me..." Cheryll Hanlin

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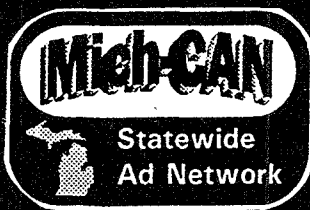
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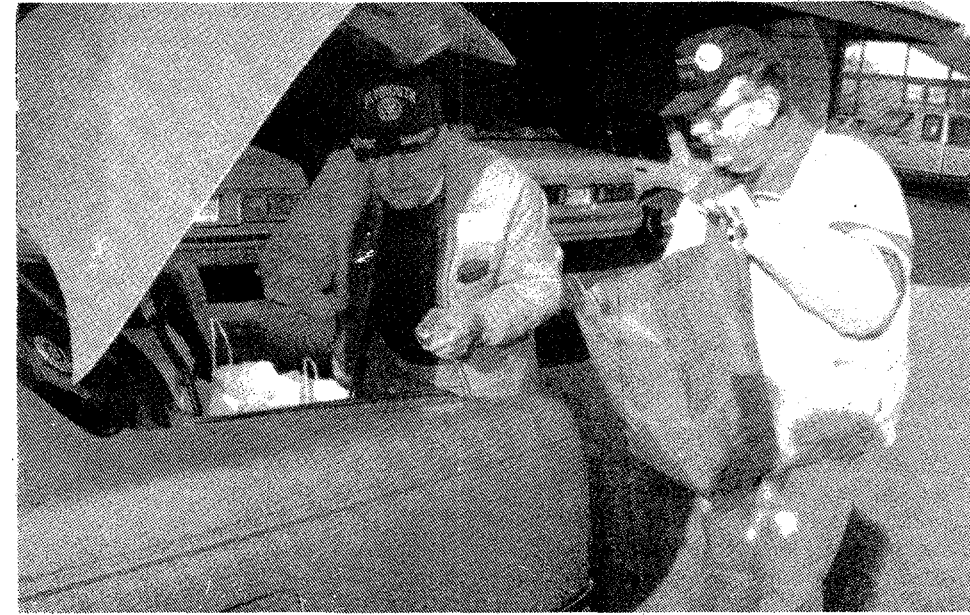
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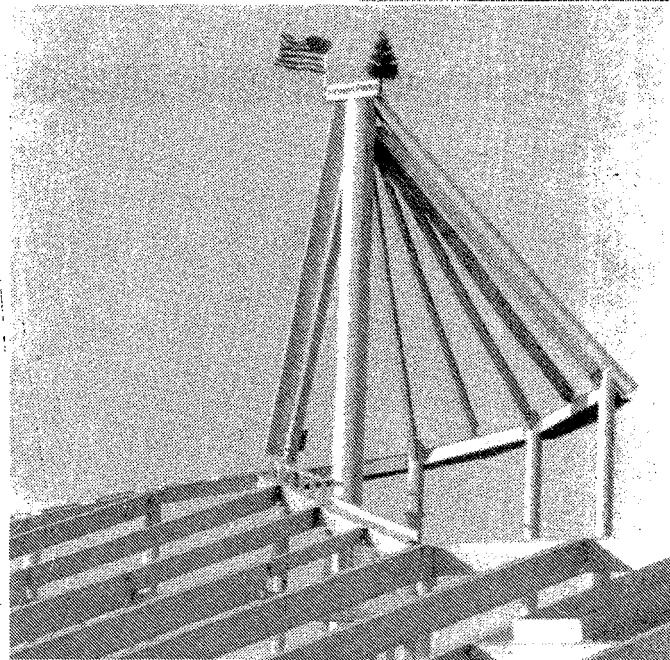
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Dick Taylor and Tom White load Christmas Dinner for the area "Meals on Wheels" program.

Pat Retzlaff and Rebecca Yarbrough, local organizers for the area "Toys for Tots" drive prepare donations for Christmas delivery.

Christman Construction got into the holiday spirit by placing a Christmas tree atop the new Summit Recreation Center being built in Canton (right).



Master Sgt. Rick McWhirter of the U.S. Marine Corps takes a break from the annual Toys for Tots campaign by telling his secret wishes to Santa.

One of Taylor and White's stops was at Peter and Marie Melwiski's house, where they shared some Christmas cheer.



YEAR IN review 1994



Sports

JANUARY

•For the first time in four years the Canton gymnastics team topped arch rival Salem, in competition at the Troy Athens Invitational. The victory ended a 22 dual-meet winning streak that Salem had against Canton.

•The Salem volleyball team advanced to the finals of the Plymouth Festival Tournament, only to be upset by Dexter.

FEBRUARY

•The Canton gymnastics team held the number one ranking in the state coaches poll. In a meet at John Glenn, the Chiefs scored a 140.7, the highest recorded score in the state this year.

•The Salem basketball team clinched the division title of the Western Lakes Activities Association with senior James Head leading the way.

MARCH

•In the state gymnastics meet, Salem finished third overall and Canton finished fifth. Freshman Katey Gilles won the all-around state championship. She tied a state record for the vault with scores of 9.65 and 9.5.

•Kim Berres, a junior at Canton, repeated as Level 10 State Gymnastics Champion. She out-performed 58 competitors from across the state.

APRIL

•The Canton girls basketball team was named the Class A Academic All-State Basketball Team by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan. The Chief hoopsters carried a combined 3.6 grade point average, the highest team total ever.

•Stacey Churan of Canton, returns to the women's national midget hockey championships with her team, Little Ceasers. She sports a miraculous 1.30 goals against average.

MAY

•The Salem girls track team wins the 21- team Central Michigan University relays.

•The Canton Chiefs soccer team shared a Western Lakes Activities Association title with Stevenson.

JUNE

•The inaugural First of America Challenge at the Fox Hills Country Club. Michelle McGann, Nancy Lopez, Meg Mallon, Curtis Strange and Tom

Weiskopf traded drives and putts in the skins contest.

•More than a 1,000 runners and walkers participated in the 15th Annual Father's Day Run in Downtown Plymouth.

JULY

•The Spitfire youth track qualifies ten members for the National Track and Field Championships in Gainesville, Fl.

•The Michigan Special Olympics organization sponsored its summer sports classic in Canton. Almost 800 athletes

participated.

AUGUST

•Salem football player Ron Shepley was an East All-Star at the 14th annual Michigan High School All-Star game. Nominated by coach Tom Moshimer, Shepley now plays for Ferris State University.

•The Salem Cheerleaders win the Leadership Award at the Universal Cheerleader's Association meet.

SEPTEMBER

•Coach Tom Williams and the Salem freshmen girls basketball team win the Mercy Hoops Classic.

•For the first time since 1990, the Salem girls swim team defeated Canton in a dual-meet.

OCTOBER

•The Salem boys golf team journeyed to East Lansing to take part in the state finals tournament. Jeff Lear, Mike Hjelmstad, Mark Wesner, Ryan Andrzejewski and Brian Covington shoot a combined 332 score.

•The Canton Marching Band captured the Ruth Hughes Grand Champion Traveling Trophy and Best of Show Color Guard at the fifth annual Huron Valley Invitational.

NOVEMBER

•In a fierce gridiron battle, pitting neighborhood pride and campus bragging rights, the Salem Rocks defeated the Canton Chiefs in the last football game of the year.

•The Canton Chiefs boys soccer team posted a 20-1-3 slate on the way to winning the state championship. In the last game against DeLaSalle, the Chiefs won in dramatic fashion by scoring an overtime goal to win. Midfieldman Graham Wilk headed in a pass from defenseman Todd Stonestreet to break a scoreless deadlock and win the game.

DECEMBER

•Led by Sarah Warnke and Amincie Crayton, the Canton Chiefs girls basketball team advance to the state semi-finals before bowing out to eventual state champions, Flint Northern. The Chiefs were 19-5 and were district and regional champions.

•The Salem boys basketball team and the Canton gymnastics team are ranked in the top ten after early season victories.



(above) Canton swimmers Melissa Cook (left) and Kari Jackson prepare for the regional swim meet earlier this fall. (below) The Salem cheerleading squad performed at the national championships in Orlando again in 1994.

Rock tidal wave

Salem sinks Canton in their only meet of the swim season

BY BRIAN CORBETT

In the only head on head competition of the year, the Salem swimmers left Canton in its wake, posting a 134-52 dual meet victory.

Salem coach Chuck Olson said, "We swam very well for the first meet. We've still got a long way to go though. There were actually some very good races, we're just a little more powerful."

The Rocks captured every event against its campus rivals, except the diving competition where the Chiefs finished first and second.

"It's not like basketball or football, you can't upset the big boys," said Canton coach Clint Smiley, referring to Salem's powerhouse lineup. The Rocks finished fifth in the state last year and have the potential to return to the state swim meet and challenge for the Class A title. Smiley said, "Salem will run away with this league."

If the results of the meet are any indication of what is to come, the rest of the Western Lakes Activities Association(WLAA) had better take caution to Smiley's prediction.

The Rocks dominated, finishing with impressive times in several races. In the 200 freestyle Eric Seidelman cruised to 1:50.33 mark. The 100 breaststroke featured Andy Dettling finishing with a 1:05.50 time.

Dettling's contribution was even more impressive considering he had been out a week with an injury. Olson said, "He couldn't be in the (WLAA conference) relay meet. He was real excited to get back in the water."

The Rocks' 200 medley relay team was in top form also, with a 1:47.49 time. Composed of John McLenaghan, Tim Buchanan and Dave Bracht, the relay unit is one of the most dangerous in the state.

Mark Dettling, Rodolfo Palma and Joe Irwin provide more depth for Salem who is now 1-0 and winners of the WLAA relays.

For Canton, the dual meet with their arch rivals wasn't a complete washout. Senior divers Jason Fowler and Darryl Ballios finished first and second in their respective competitions. Smiley said, "It was definitely our highlight."

Canton had admirable performances in several other races. Jason Stirling has a promising future after a successful showing in the 200 free style. Pat Krause also stepped up his efficiency during 100 fly race. Smiley said, He's(Krause) pretty good for this part of the year."

Scott Mailden and Jason McMann clocked in just seconds after Dettling in the 100 backstroke competition. And in the 200 medley relay both Chiefs' team finished under two minutes, even though one swimmer had the misfortune of losing his goggles. "We're really happy with those," Smiley said of the relay times.

Both squads don't return to action until January because of Christmas break. But both coaches plan on working their swimmers hard by holding practices during the holidays.

"We're going to work real hard over Christmas," Smiley said. Despite the lopsided victory, Olson sees room for improvement on his team also. "We didn't have any state cut times and that's one of our goals. We'll practice hard over break and hope to improve upon some of these times."

Young Chief wrestling program expands roster, hope for upcoming season

BY BRIAN CORBETT

After two years of financial hardships and pay-to-play clauses that dramatically effected roster numbers, Salem wrestling coach Ron Krueger can look to the 1994-95 season with renewed enthusiasm.

"The fine turnout is a big plus," Krueger said. "This is the first year in two years the kids haven't had to pay-to-play. We've been down, but the kids we've had have worked real hard."

The expanded roster and new faces has brought a wave of energy to a program that is struggling to regain the respect it once had. Krueger said, "We want to be like teams in the past when we used to have good teams."

This year's group seems poised to start the climb up the mountain of respect. Krueger said, "We've have a lot of enthusiasm and talent, if you don't have talent you're not going to develop."

The tremendous athletic ability on the team is hindered by a lack of experience. "We're young this year, but we have a lot of potential," Krueger said.

With a plethora underclassmen, Krueger knows his team will evolve throughout the year and carry the momentum in to next season. "We may not get where we want to get by the end of the year, but next year we'll be a little older and a little wiser," Krueger said.

Seniors Phil Mitchell, Brian Harreld and Nate Moreland hope to speed up that process. All were members of the team last year and would like to improve on their previous personal and team performances.

Mitchell will wrestle at 134 lbs. and already enjoyed some success this year by placing third at the Holt meet. Harreld returns to the mat this year after sitting out last season with an

injury. Krueger said, "He's a real good wrestler." Moreland will see action as a heavyweight. "He's real strong, tough kid," Krueger said. "I'm hoping all the seniors will step up."

Joining the seniors are a host of up and coming wrestlers. Juniors Dave Poppney(146 lbs.), Jeremy Brethaupt(160 lbs.) and Clayton Walker (heavyweight) will fill the holes in various weight classes.

Krueger will rely on several sophomores and freshmen to round out his wrestling crew. Justin Beiau(126 lbs.), Craig Mitchell(119 lbs.), Eric Coburn (112 lbs.) and Sean Hughes(100/106 lbs.) are all expected to be critical contributors.

As the season progresses, Krueger anticipates some shuffling among wrestlers until everyone is comfortable and competitive with their wrestling weight. Krueger said Coburn could move down to 108 lbs. and Hughes will wrestle in two different classes before a decision is made. Also, Walker and Moreland will share the heavyweight duties.

Salem has already got off on the right foot by having respectful showings at Holt and Catholic Central. A midst fierce competition, Salem placed fifth out of eighth teams at the Catholic Central Tournament.

"We have a lot of athletic ability. It's just that in wrestling you have to develop your moves, it just takes a little time," Krueger said.

If the Rocks plan on contending for the Western Lakes Activities Association title, they must improve considerably to match up with Stevenson, the defending champions. Krueger said, "They got every kid back. I don't see anybody beating Stevenson."

Among the dark horses Krueger looks to contend with are Walled Lake Central and Northville.

p.m. versus Novi.

The Salem Wrestling team has a meet tomorrow at home at 10 a.m. hosting the "B" Invitational.

The Salem Gymnastics team next meet is against Walled Lake Western at home on Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m.

The Salem Varsity Volleyball team will travel to Portage Northern for an invitational on Saturday, Jan. 7 at 8 a.m.

The Chiefs face Livonia Stevenson on

the road at 6 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 6 and Ann Arbor Huron on the road at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 10.

The Canton Boys Swimming team next meet is at Ann Arbor Huron on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m.

The Canton Wrestling team will participate in the Salem "B" Invitational on Thursday, Dec. 29 at 10 a.m.

The Canton Gymnastics team next meet is at North Farmington on Monday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m.

Sports shorts

The Canton Soccerdome, the area's premier indoor soccer arena, will be host to a holiday tournament Dec. 28-29.

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Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a Roller Skating/Inline/Rollerblade Hockey League Program at the Skatin' Station II in Canton.

It's \$40 including skate rental for each class and \$95 for the Roller Hockey League.

Registration begins Dec. 19 and there are no residency requirements. Inline class-15 and under; Beginner children-15 and under; Beginner adults-18 and over and the Roller Blade Hockey League-7 and under; 8-10 and 11-14 age groups. Canton Parks and Recreation Services is located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton MI 48188.

The City of Plymouth Department of Parks and Recreation Department has announced its holiday open skating schedule.

Dec. 29 8:40-11:40, 1-2:40 p.m., 4-5:20 p.m.; Dec. 30 9:40-11:40 a.m., 11:50 a.m.-12:50 p.m., 7-8 p.m.; Dec. 31 No Open Skating; Jan. 1 Closed; Jan. 2 8:40-9:40 a.m., 12-1:20 p.m., 5:35-6:50 p.m., 7-8 p.m.; Jan. 3 9:40-11:30 a.m., 1-2:30 p.m.; Jan. 4 8:30-10 a.m., 11:20 a.m.-1:20 p.m.; Jan. 5 8:40-11:40 a.m., 1-2:40 p.m., 4-5:20 p.m.; Jan. 6 9:40-11:40 a.m., 11:50 a.m.-12:50 p.m.; Jan. 7 No Open Skating; Jan. 8 12-1:20 p.m., 1:30-2:50 p.m. City residents: Adults \$2.75; Children \$2.00; Seniors \$1.50.

On Deck

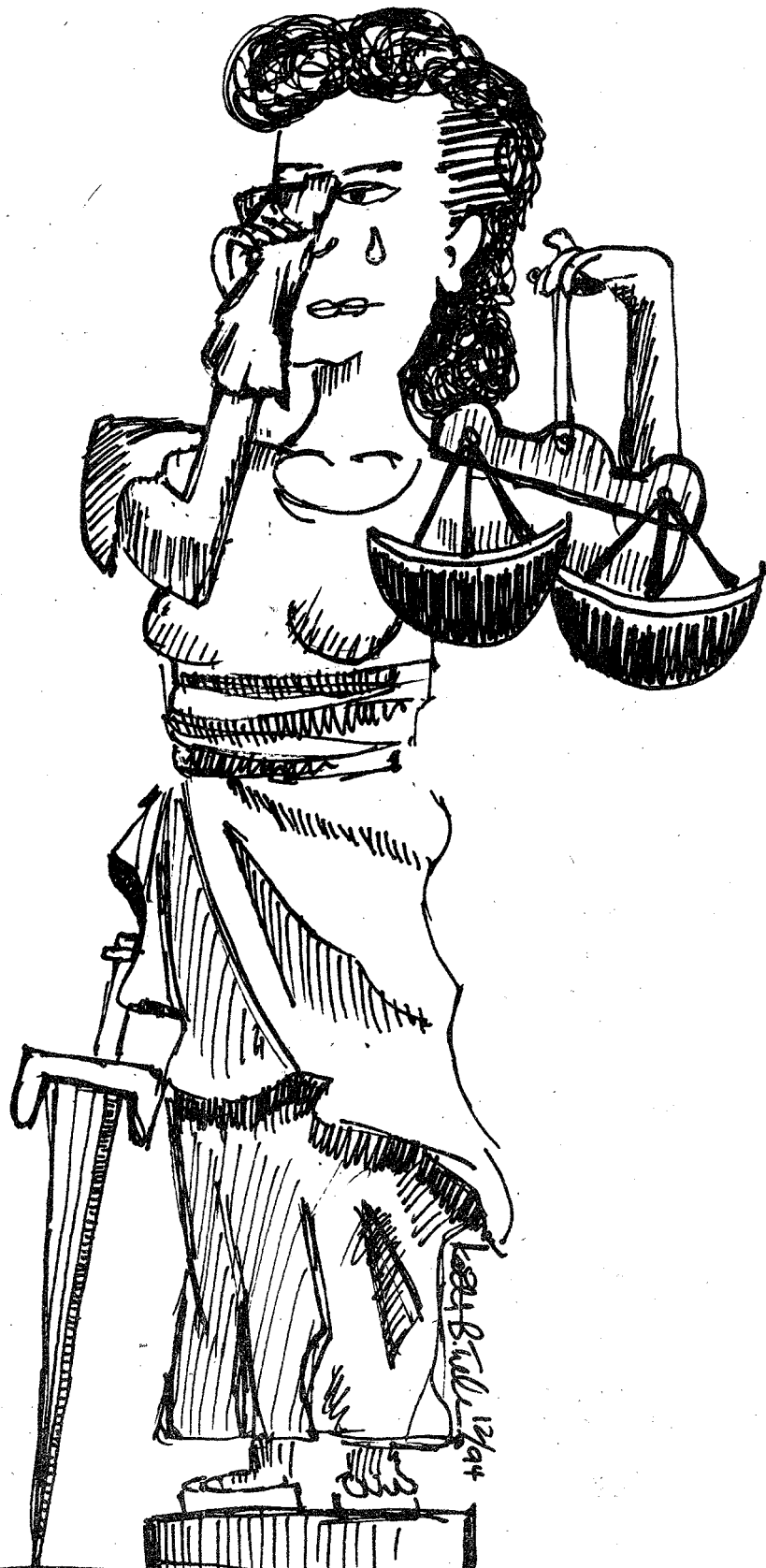
The Salem Varsity Basketball team will play Tuesday, Jan. 3 on the road at 5:30 p.m. against Riverview and Friday, Jan. 6 at home at 6:00 p.m. against Walled Lake Western.

The Salem Boys Swimming team next meet is Thursday, Jan. 12 at home at 7



Community opinions

The Passing of Justice



Hon. DUNBAR DAVIS
1913-1994

With the death of Dunbar Davis, founding judge of The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community's 35th District Court, it has been said a thousand times since Thursday:

"Dunbar's Legacy Lives On."

Although the community has lost a friend, we have only strengthened our resolve that the values the noted jurist brought to our local legal system live on.

He was the "little people's" judge.

A poor litigant without a lawyer got as fair a shot in front of the 35th District

Court as any well-heeled corporation gets. Dunbar set that tradition, and the court continues it to this day.

He was a "community activist" even after he retired from the bench.

Dunbar's civic commitment has continued with his successors to the local bench — Jim Garber, John MacDonald and Ron Lowe. Our community looks to its judges to be active in many forms of leadership.

For one last time, "All rise for the Honorable Dunbar Davis."

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Sledding ban in Twp. is example of short-sighted attitude of officials

EDITOR:

Has Plymouth become Retirement Village North? The latest decision to prohibit sledding in the Township Park is just another example of the short-sighted, anti-family attitude of our Plymouth officials.

Our children have few recreational activities in this area. Where is the public leadership on this issue? We see no efforts expended to really provide quality of life improvements for families with youngsters. Perhaps we should look to our neighbors in Canton for creative ideas on community development. They clearly understand the relationship between recreational opportunities

and the over-all benefit to the community.

If there were problems in recent years at the sledding hill, why wasn't appropriate action taken during the spring and summer months? This seems like an attempt to delay action until the matter is forgotten.

At the very minimum, we need public basketball and tennis courts, outdoor winter facilities and serious consideration should be given to a public pool. Our children deserve more than merely wandering the streets of downtown Plymouth. When children have something to do, they aren't likely to be looking for trouble.

JON AND NANCY PILON

In next week's Crier: Keep an eye out for the best of community opinions

in the second installment of The Crier's 1994 Year in Review issue.



Community opinions

Tradition

Some things never change, some could never be the same

First morning of my first week: I am a little frightened to go to the Mayflower Hotel for early morning coffee...is there still a round table there for local biz folk to chat-start their day? Is the old listening post for the local newspaper guy gone? I have heard the Lorenzes are no longer there, their special presence gone. But, wait: there is the round table, a few guys sitting there. I haul up a chair with Bob Bake, Carl Berry, Scot Lorenz (our grandfathers having sat there before us), joining us are John Thomas, Dan Smith, Mike Hobun, Craig Fleming, and Jim Stevens...and the Talk of The Town continues it's 50 or 60 year old vibration... this morning mostly about old Mr. Markham's mistress and historic Wilcox House on the park. I recall magician Roy Rue practicing a card trick or two, Ralph Lorenz fine tuning a waiter, or my Dad scribbling a newsy note...me doing the same thing right now (on purpose)...life carrying itself on, the good stuff staying alive...new faces mixed with old generations, keeping the founding spirit alive.

Some one at the table gives Bob Bake a hard time, saying he's not a Plymouth native. Not knowing that Northville long ago was the North Village of Plymouth. My mother was born in Northville, my

Native Son

By Randy Eaton



grandmother it's first telephone operator. If Bob's not a 'Home Boy', neither am I.

Now, I am crossing Penniman, trying for the post office, and Ted Campbell grabs my arm, pushing me into a waiting camper where Dick Anderson hands me a 'Welcome' cup of hot chocolate (they're bell ringing for a Kiwanis charity) surprise hugs all 'round; I walk into Minerva's clothing store on Forest after an absence of 30 years and Minerva herself recognizes me, her husband Herb was my teacher when I was a young ad salesman for the Plymouth Mail newspaper; I cross Ann Arbor Trail to visit Beitner's Jewelers, where Fred helped me buy my first ever quality wrist watch, and find Bill Beitner still there, almost as tho time had stood still (save for the passing of his dad last year).

Now, it's almost noon and time for a Rotary meeting Tom Kennedy and Carl Berry have invited me to: bump right into John Gaffield, local photographer of honorable stature, and my old, almost relative, Win Schrader. I

end up sitting at a table with John Vos and Ken Hulsing and realize I am probably the only third generation Plymouth Rotarian in the hall having been a member here 30 years ago. I am honored to be fined a buck my the 'Fines Chairman', Dan Smith, for "being famous!"

Then, there is seeing this from my son Mat's eyes. Driving him through Eaton Estates out on Territorial, visiting his grandparent's marbled tomb at Parkside, grey haired ladies telling him how wonderful the grandmother he never met was. Seeing the special nature of this place permeate him, and his natural part of it becoming him. Matty has come home, too.

It makes a dad's heart very warm.

And, now it's the holiday season...that special time of the year when we all sit down in front of a dead tree and eat candy from our socks and make New Year's Resolutions...people coming from all over the place to see our outdoor lights; and, we stop a while to honor our spirituality.

Principal had no right to keep Christmas gifts meant for handicapped children

EDITOR:

I was feeling the spirit of Christmas at its best this afternoon until I received my copy of The Crier and read that Principal Christine Clinton-Cali of the Old Village School took on the role of the Grinch of our community. As a member of a local service club (Plymouth Rotary) I was upset that she decided to keep gifts given to and intended for these handicapped children to take home from the local Lions' Club.

I've been on all ends of this one. As a disabled person, I remember the Detroit Rotary Club providing a Christmas party and gifts at the school I attended each year through grade school. I've raised a disabled child.

I've also worked through Rotary on projects to provide for children like these.

As a child, I would have been very disappointed had this happened to me. As a parent, I would have been upset if this had happened to my child. As a community volunteer I would plan to provide for these children outside the school setting next year to insure that their gifts go home with them.

Principal Clinton-Cali has over-stepped her authority. School policy has nothing to do with this. I view it as a poor excuse to help ease the school's budget at the expense of the kids.

JERRY TRUMPKA

The Community Crier



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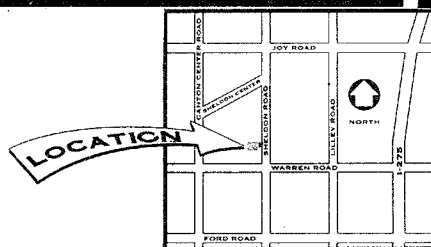
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