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P-C Schools discuss relocating 320 students

BY BRIAN CORBETT

A recommendation to relocate 320 elementary and middle school students for the 1996-97 school year was presented to the Plymouth-Canton School Board Monday night.

The 11-member Housing Committee's recommendation is a short-term solution to accommodate the housing and population explosion in The Plymouth-Canton Community.

The Housing Committee's recommendation was presented during the Superintendent's report and was not voted on by the school board. Two public meetings to discuss the 16 recommendations made by the Housing Committee — comprised of parents, administrators, teachers and support staff — will be held. The first will be Tuesday at Lowell Middle School from 7-9 p.m. and March 28 at Pioneer Middle School from 7-9 p.m. "Anybody can come to either of those two dates, places," P-C School Board President David Artley asked Executive Director of Research and Technology David Rodwell, "and talk about any of the specific items, offer any ideas, offer any additional facts and any special situations, etc.?"

"That is correct," Rodwell said. "This is an opportunity for us to systematically listen to the community and their concerns regarding these proposals. And it is important for the community to know that at this point, these are just proposals."

The Housing Committee's recommendations affect Allen, Smith, Isbister, Bird, Farrand, Gallimore, Eriksson, Field, Bentley, Hulsing and Hoben elementary schools, Tanger Center, and Lowell, Pioneer, West and East middle schools. Rodwell said one of the most important features of the Housing Committee's recommendations is obtaining a longer lease for Lowell Middle School, which is currently leased from the Livonia School District. "(Tuesday) morning in each of the middle schools and elementary schools," said Superintendent Charles Little, "We are going to put up maps that show what takes place for that building. It will show who is entering and who is leaving."

The E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey in downtown Plymouth, will have

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Shapona announces she will leave Canton Chamber

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

With more than five years under her belt as executive director of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, Linda Shapona is leaving to take the helm of the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

Shapona told the board of directors of her plans to leave Monday morning.

Canton Chamber of Commerce President Janet Volante said the board was surprised with Shapona's decision, but expressed thanks for her years of dedicated service.

"She's done very well for the Canton Chamber and she will be missed," she said. "Her life is chambers of commerce."

Shapona said her leaving is strictly a career move. "This is something I had to do for myself," she said. "I love the Canton Chamber

dearly."

Shapona will take the place of retiring Westland Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Joyce Wheeler, who is retiring after 22 years of service.

Wheeler said Shapona was actively recruited for the position. "When I told my board that I was retiring," Wheeler said, "they asked if I had any suggestions on who could be my replacement. I told them Linda Shapona would be great."

Shapona's tenure as executive director of the Canton Chamber of Commerce will be remembered as a time of tremendous growth and change.

Since she took the position in July of 1990, Shapona doubled membership in the organiza-

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Salute to Labor



The Community Crier salutes the working men and women of the community. See pgs. 11-17. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

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Damon's owner unveils latest
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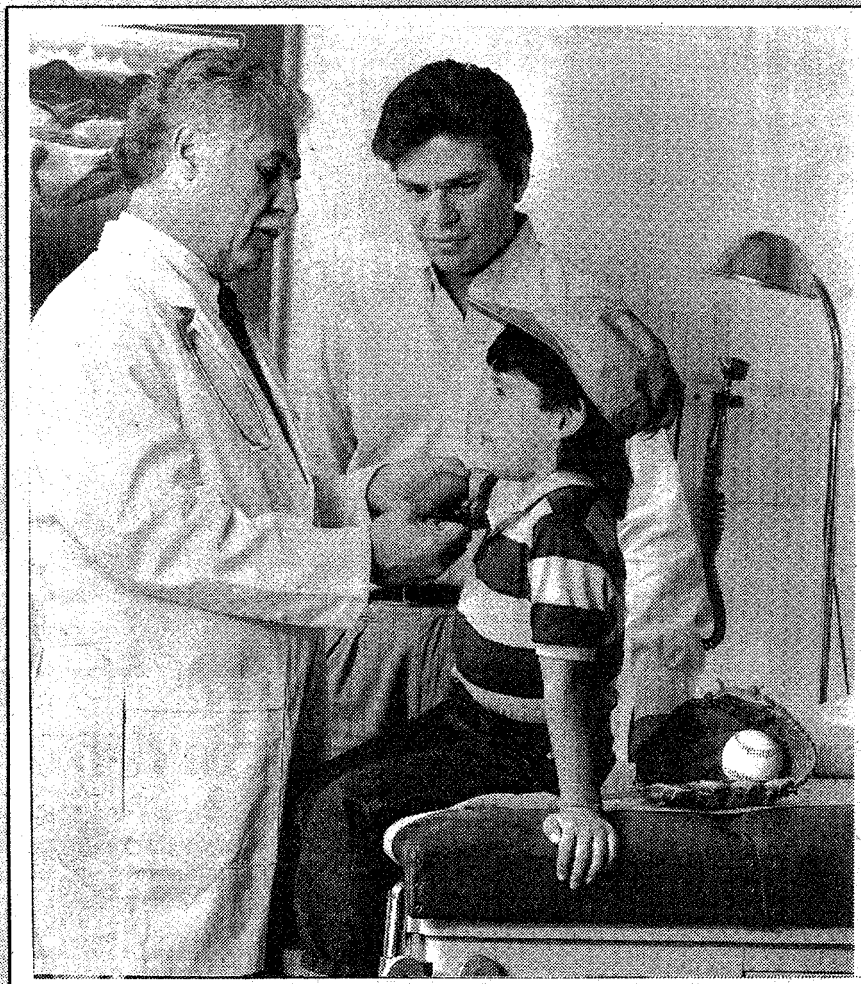
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Canton basketball team rolls
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Cops catch trio suspected of robbing Wilcox Road bank

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

Hours after the Comerica Bank branch on Wilcox Road was held up on Friday, Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry asked Sgt. Jim Jarvis for the police report on the bank robbery.

"Which one?" Jarvis said jokingly.

That's because four armed robberies have occurred since the beginning of the year, three of them at banks. Just three armed robberies were reported for all of 1995.

Township Police are trying to find the reason for the crime surge.

"Some of these people have worked in the area," Berry said. A knowledge of The Plymouth-Canton Community, and its easy access to I-96, may tempt some would-be criminals into thinking the Township is an easy mark, he said.

But it didn't work for Donald Lamont Lewis and Dwannie Wines III. Livonia Police caught the two Detroit residents within 20 minutes after the robbery took place, as they were driving eastbound on I-96. Lewis and Wines jumped out of the getaway car and fled into a Detroit neighborhood where police nabbed them, said FBI Special Agent Terry Booth.

Tommie Lee Booker, the third suspect who also lives in Detroit, was arrested Saturday. Booker, 26, was taken into custody by Detroit Police when he tried to report the getaway car as stolen.

The three were charged with five counts of armed bank robbery and use of a firearm during a federal crime of violence at their arraignment on Saturday at U.S. District Court in Detroit. They were remanded without bond to the Wayne County Jail in

Detroit.

Here's the police version of what happened: Shortly before 10:30 a.m., Wines, 26, and Lewis, 22, allegedly entered the bank, which is in the northeastern section of the Township near Haggerty Road. One robbery suspect was wearing a white surgical mask and the other was armed. One jumped over the counter, yelling at the tellers and the two customers to get down, police said.

They retrieved an undisclosed amount of cash, police said, and as they were leaving, said: "Thank you. Have a nice day ladies."

Berry said Township Police officers have a plan to eliminate the armed robberies.

"Just what we've been doing — catch them very quickly so they understand that we have a very quick response," he said.

He credited the efforts of the Livonia Police Department and the FBI in catching the bank robbers.

There have been a series of robberies since the new year began.

A Standard Federal bank branch was robbed on Jan. 5 and robbers stole cash from a branch of First of America on Feb. 26. Two days earlier, a woman delivering \$22 worth of Hungry Howie's pizza was robbed in the Township.

"We've definitely seen an increase in suburban bank robberies," Booth said.

"I have no idea why. I wish I had the answer because we could probably find the solution and put an end to them."

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maps that cover the entire school district. Families directly affected by the proposals will receive letters describing the Housing Committee's efforts and priorities.

Rodwell said the Housing Committee intends to preserve the integrity of the current educational program, keep neighborhoods together, maintain class size, and use all available space in its 14 elementary schools and five middle school buildings. "The Housing Committee met 11 times," said Rodwell, "visited many of the growth sites in the community, talked to City and Township officials, discussed alternatives with the public and worked through a comprehensive process of

assessing space and needs at district buildings."

The Housing Committee was formed late last year in response to Rodwell's annual report on enrollment and facilities, presented at the Nov. 13 board meeting. The report predicted massive growth and said several buildings were at or near capacity. Little reiterated the school district's difficult position Monday night. "I think it's very important that the community realizes that this growth situation is a challenge to the whole district," he said. "I think if you get a chance, if there's still Sunday afternoon drives, you really ought to go around and see even the changes that took place from the end of November until last week, in terms of

preparation by builders. And with things being calm nationally, we expect, some of the estimates we have had are huge in terms of the number of houses that could be built in the school district within the next year. Sometimes these estimates are in excess of 1,100 houses — and that would be just this building season. So it's important people recognize that this is a challenge for all of us. This is a big, big deal that's coming on, and we're appreciative of this committee and its efforts. There's a lot of work that's been done; we still have some more things to do."

P-C School Board Vice President Mark Horvath said, when the final recommendation is presented next month, he would like to be presented with busing cost implications and a chart showing the effect on capacity at schools.

Canton resident Ron Schneck asked why the construction of a new middle school was not included in the recommendations.

Little said it was highly likely a long-range plan will be presented April 22, "which will call for significant changes to the school district."

Also present at Monday's meeting in large numbers, was the Class Size Action Partnership (CAP) — a group of parents and educators concerned with the importance of class size to learning. Since the Housing Committee report, 1996-97 budget discussions, and contract negotiations are taking place this month, CAP urged the school district to use its money wisely by investing it in more teachers. Former school board member Sue Feiten said, "This is our opportunity, we need to invest in the kids."

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tion and tripled the budget. Member activities and programs expanded by 100 percent and she developed the first Program of Work and Strategic Plan for the chamber. She also sparked several innovative programs such as Leadership Canton and expanded the Canton Chamber of Commerce Dinner/Auction.

Shapona said she will still stay active in the community. "Canton is my hometown," she said. "I'll still be working on the Economic Development Corporation and I wouldn't miss the chamber auction for the world."

Volante said the board of directors

already began the search process for Shapona's replacement. "We will actively seek resumes from all over and will advertise in the local newspapers," she said. "We will also look at other chambers of commerce for interest."

For now, Shapona said she will concentrate on setting her ideas in motion at the Westland Chamber of Commerce when she begins in April. "There is a larger number of businesses in Westland," she said, "and there's a different type of commerce."

"I just want to expand the chamber and help it grow."

Shapona said her last day will be March 29.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- The Canton Basketball team faces Detroit Pershing tonight at 7 p.m. at Southfield-Lathrup High School.
- Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters will host a program for the Plymouth Historical Society called "A History of City Hall" tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Historical Museum.
- The Plymouth Poets present Irish Writer's Night at the Box Bar tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. The open mike program will feature the works of Tony Johnson, Jerry Malonie and Dr. Donald Morse. For more information call Rod Reinhart at 459-7319.

THE WEEKEND

- Dance Ensemble West is presenting "Dance Collection — 1996" Saturday at 4 p.m. The concert is the annual presentation of ballet and modern dance works. The performance will be held at Canton High School. Admission is \$7.

NEXT WEEK

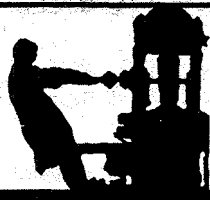
- The Plymouth City Commission meets Monday at 7 p.m. in the second floor meeting room of City Hall.

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Public notices

LEGAL NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PUBLIC TEST OF THE UNILECT PATRIOT ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM
FOR THE MARCH 19, 1996, PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: A public test of the Patriot Electronic Voting System will take place at 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, March 14, in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, for the Presidential Primary Election scheduled for March 19, 1996. Phone # 453-3840, extension 224.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

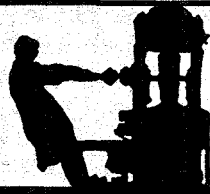
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Plymouth District Library
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
MARCH 19, 1996 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the Charter Township of Canton, notice is hereby given that a Presidential Primary will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday, March 19, 1996 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the purpose of voting for candidates seeking nomination to the office of President of the United States. The following list contains the names of the candidates who have qualified to appear on the Presidential primary ballot.

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15	Walker Elementary School	39932 Michigan Avenue
16 & 17	Bentley Elementary School	1100 S. Sheldon
20 & 26	Canton Administration Bldg.	1150 S. Canton Center
22	Hoben Elementary School	44680 Saltz Road
24 & 25	Plymouth Canton High School	8415 N. Canton Center

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The Office of Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 16, 1996 for absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to receive a ballot, or a ballot can be mailed on that date.

On Monday, March 18, qualified absentee voters shall receive their ballots and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 P.M. Emergency absentee ballots ONLY will be issued on Election Day.

Handicapped Voters with an inaccessible polling place (that being Precinct 6, Royal Holiday Clubhouse, 39500 W. Warren Rd.) are eligible to vote without notice at the Clerk's Office until the close of voting at 8:00 P.M. on Election Day.

For further information regarding the above, please contact the Township Clerk at 397-5452.

Terry G. Bennett
Clerk

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
LEGAL NOTICE

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION ON MARCH 19, 1996

Notice is hereby given that a Presidential Primary will be held in the City of Plymouth and the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, March 19, 1996, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, in order that the Democratic and Republican voters in Michigan can nominate from among the candidates of their respective parties, the person they wish to have nominated from Michigan for the Office of the President of the United States.

Applications for absentee ballots for the City of Plymouth registered voters may be requested from the Clerk's Office, 201 South Main street, Plymouth. Phone Number 453-1234 extension 234 or 225. For the Charter Township of Plymouth, applications for absentee ballots may be obtained at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Phone number 453-3840 extension 224 or 228. Absentee ballots will be delivered to qualified absentee voters in person at the respective Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 16. On Monday, March 18, absentee voters may receive their ballots and must vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m.

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Precinct 3 Allen School 11100 Haggerty Road
Precinct 4 Township Clerk's Office 42350 Ann Arbor Road
Precinct 5 Bird School 220 N. Sheldon Road
Precinct 6 West Middle School 44401 Ann Arbor Trail
Precinct 7 United Assembly of God Church 46500 N. Territorial Road
Precinct 9 Church of the Nazarene 45801 Ann Arbor Road
Precinct 10 Fiegel School 39750 Joy Road
Precinct 11 First Baptist Church 45000 N. Territorial
Precinct 12 Pioneer Middle School 46081 Ann Arbor Road
Precincts 13 & 16 Lutheran Church of the Risen Christ 46250 Ann Arbor Road
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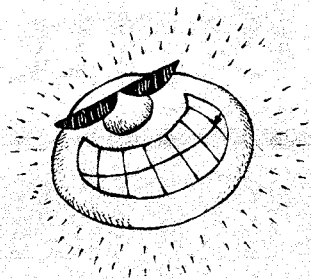
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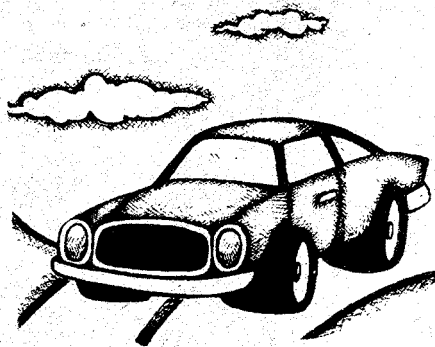
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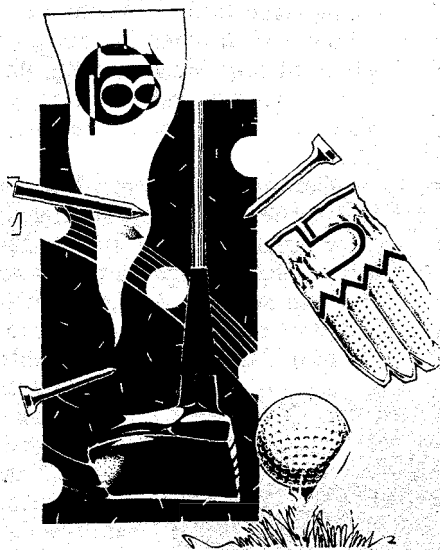
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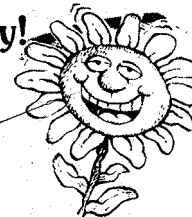
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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Danielle McGuire of Plymouth was named to the fall dean's list at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, OH. She is a sophomore studying at the university's division of health and human services. Her parents are Edward and Erma McGuire.

A winning Michigan Lottery ticket has yielded \$100,000 for a Plymouth resident. The winner, a 67-year-old man whose name was not revealed, bought a "Cash 5" ticket at the Mayflower Party Store in Plymouth. He told lottery officials he would spend his earnings on a new home and pay off his car loan.

Jim Bishop was inducted posthumously into the Bluffton College Athletic Hall of Fame on Feb. 17 at the college in Bluffton, OH. Bishop, who graduated from the school in 1956, was a four-year letterman in football, baseball and basketball. His widow, Nancy Holstetler Bishop, lives in Plymouth.

Samantha Mutski, who is a Michigan Humane Society volunteer, has been named a 1995 Hardee's Hometown Hero by the fast-food chain. She will be honored at an April 2 ceremony at the Detroit Public Library. Mutski finds homes for abused or abandoned pets and often takes the animals into her own home until another is found. She lives in Plymouth.

Canton resident Kara Eddlemon received the Theresa Loos Scholarship from Madonna University. She received \$1,000 from the Livonia school where she is a sign language studies major.

Jeremy L. Hill, an Air Force airman, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX. His mother, Sue M. Johnson, lives in Plymouth and his father, Gerald R. Hill, lives in Canton. Jeremy Hill is a 1994 graduate of Canton High School.

Test of Time

Historical Society, Museum hold position as City's keepers of the past

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

Back in 1948, post-World War II prosperity gripped most of the nation. But in Plymouth, the City feared its residents would forget its agricultural past as development sprouted.

That's why the Plymouth Historical Society was formed — to preserve those memories for future generations.

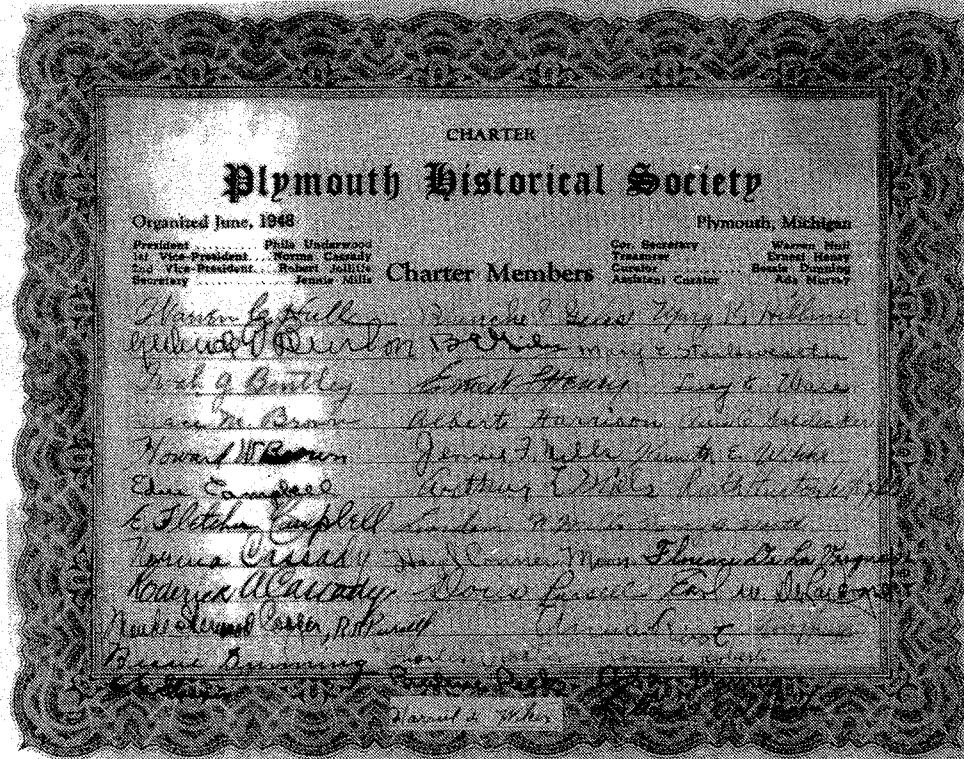
"It was a big, big thing for native Plymouth-ites," said Beth Stewart, the City's chief historian and director of its historical museum.

"They really wanted to preserve the history of what we were before that time."

The museum opened two decades later and is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, but don't send a card. Write a check instead, Stewart said.

She needs to raise about \$150,000 to obtain what she calls the biggest acquisition in the history of the museum: a collection of photographs, research papers and other Abraham Lincoln memorabilia.

Weldon Petz, a retired teacher and principal who lives in Oakland County,



The charter members of the Plymouth Historical Society probably had no idea their organization in 1948 would have such a profound impact on the preservation of the City's past.

owns the Lincoln materials. He lent a portion of his 40,000-item collection — considered the largest private collection in the Midwest — to the museum last year.

Plymouth beat out major university libraries for about 10,000 items in Petz's Lincoln collection. That's because the former educator wanted to ensure it would be easily accessible to students. About 4,000 visit the museum every year, Stewart said.

"The school children close by could use it and not have to go to a library or a university," Petz said.

Included in the collection is a book Lincoln read when he was a child; a photo of John Wilkes Booth, the president's assassin; and a lock of Lincoln's hair that was snipped on the day of his death.

The museum, meanwhile, reopens today after a week spent arranging two new exhibits. The first, "Made in Plymouth," highlights products manufactured in the City. Among the objects on display are an original 1915 Alter Touring Car, which was assembled here.

It was sold for \$685.

The other exhibit, "Plymouth-Canton Collects," showcases collectibles loaned to the museum by 40 residents of The Plymouth-Canton Community. Collections of glass top hats, painted antique china, and children's books that begin with the first three letters of the alphabet are dis-

played throughout the building.

The museum originally opened in the first half of the 1960s. It was housed in a historic home located at its present site. But it quickly outgrew the space, Stewart said.

So Margaret Dunning, whose mother was a charter member of the Plymouth Historical Society, decided to build one herself. It was finished in 1974. She said she wanted to honor her parents and the City she calls home.

"I hope it will continue to contribute to enough lives in the community and it will enrich the lives of others," said Dunning, who moved to Plymouth in 1926 and is a current member of the historical society.

It took another two years, Stewart said, to replicate a street of shops from centuries ago that house most of the museum's collection. The building opened to the public on Feb. 14, 1976.

"It's different than a lot of other places — like some museums you go in and it's the same dusty thing year after year," said Grace Van Dyke, who has been volunteering at the museum for eight years.

The museum boasts about 15,000 visitors each year and more than 25 active volunteers. The historical society, which acts as an advisory board to the museum, has 500 members.

**Photo and certificate
courtesy of Beth
Stewart and the
Plymouth Historical
Museum**



Dedication of the Dunning Memorial Building was held on a sunny day in May, 1973. There were 700 guests invited who lined up to be part of the ceremony.

Primary set for Tuesday

Local clerks not expecting heavy turnout, prepare for larger elections to come

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The presidential preference primary is scheduled for Tuesday, but local clerks are not expecting a large voter turnout for the first election of a busy year for local votecasters.

Canton Clerk Terry Bennett said she expects light voter turnout for her first election in office. "We've had about 1,400 absentee ballots returned," she said. "After Super Tuesday, the enthusiasm dies down."

For the first time, Michigan has removed the requirement to declare party preference in order to vote in the presidential preference primary, but qualified

Polling places open throughout the community from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday

persons still had to be registered by Feb. 20 to be eligible for Tuesday's election.

Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill said voter turnout in her community for the presidential preference primary will be strong.

"We sent out 3,888 applications and have about 1,000 ballots returned so far," she said. "That's a little higher than normal. I'm predicting about a 20 percent turnout. I hope it's a lot more than that."

Massengill said the new Unilect

touch-screen voting equipment will be in place for the upcoming election for the first time and added that no major problems with the machines are expected.

Bennett said clerks' offices around the state have been busy since the "motor voter" laws were signed into law in 1995.

Although Michigan has allowed voter registration through the Secretary of State's office for many years, other aspects of the law affect a local clerk's workload.

Prior to the Public Act 441, clerks could purge their voter logs every five years. Now, said Bennett, there are specific guidelines as to when a voter's name can be removed from the registration list. "In Canton alone this year," she said, "we've had more than 12,500 changes in registration status."

Canton has 37,000 registered voters.

Despite the changes, Bennett said the clerk's office would do its best to keep the upcoming elections running smoothly.

Farrow will run for school seat, Graham will not

BY BRIAN CORBETT

There will be at least one new member on the Plymouth-Canton School Board after this summer's elections to fill two, four-year terms.

While Trustee Jack Farrow said he will run for re-election, Trustee Barbara Graham said her eight-year stint is over. "No, no, no, I'm not running," said Graham after Monday night's school board meeting. "I decided that a long time ago."

Graham, who was elected in 1988 and is one of the school board's more outspoken members, said it was time to step down after more than a decade of school service. "Well, the eight years I've put in here," she said, "and the six years I put in as a school board member of Detroit, that's 14 years of my life. I think there's somebody else out there who can take it on."

Farrow, who was elected in 1992, said it was a foregone con-

clusion he would enter the race. "It was just a given," he said. "I just decided when I ran in 1992, you know, I made a commitment here. As long as the voters will have me, I'm willing to run."

Nominating petitions are available for any resident of the school district who is registered to vote. Petition forms are available at the administration building — the E.J. McClendon Educational Center — in downtown Plymouth at 454 S. Harvey St. Persons seeking candidacy have until April 8 at 4 p.m. to file their nominating petitions. The petitions must contain a minimum of 27 valid signatures of those who are registered to vote in The Plymouth-Canton School District.

Voting will take place at the annual school election polling places between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday, June 10. For more information, call the school election office at 416-3095.

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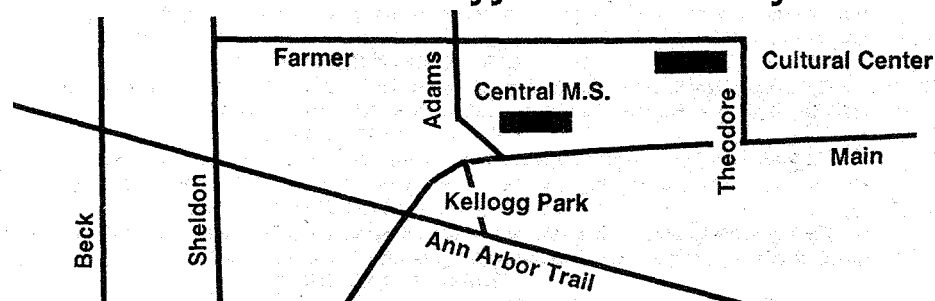
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Groups...

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS COFFEE
 March 21 at 7 p.m. For more information, call Lori at 416-9001. All members are welcome and encouraged to bring any Plymouth friends and neighbors interested in Newcomers.

PLYMOUTH YMCA SPRING CLASSES
 Plymouth YMCA is currently taking registration for spring classes, including T-Ball, C-Ball, softball, soccer, youth golf lessons, karate, dance/gymnastics, tumbling, theme party Tuesday and other programs. For more information, call 453-2904.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
 Members in Canton, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Wayne, Westland and Livonia will have a membership meeting at 7:45 p.m. March 21 in Room C of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Dr., at Farmington and Five Mile roads.

PLYMOUTH ROCK LODGE NO. 47 F. & A.M.
 Will sponsor Plymouth-Canton Clothing Bank at their annual charity dinner Friday. The cost of the dinner, served at 7 p.m., is \$10 at the Plymouth Masonic Temple. Reservations needed. For more information, call 453-1242.

THE PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY LEAGUE
 Will hold its annual Game and Card Party March 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Fox Hills Country Club. For tickets and information, call 459-3156.

V.F.W. POST #6695/SELF DEFENSE FOR WOMEN
 At the V.F.W. Post, 1426 S. Mill St. in Plymouth, Tuesday from 7:30-9 p.m. Sgt. Jim Jarvis of the Plymouth Township Police will explain the procedures shown on the video tape. Open to the public. No charge. Refreshments served. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary. For more information, call 459-2394.

ST. JOHN NEUMANN CHURCH NURSES CLUB
 Thomas Renkes, BSN, M.S., RN will speak on Teen Alcohol and Substance Abuse tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at 44800 Warren Rd.

AARP-FREE TAX ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS
 The tax aide program sponsored by AARP is entirely free until April 15 at the Summit on the Park, the Cultural Center and the Northville Senior Center. Home visits are available. Appointments are a must. In Canton, call 397-5444; in Plymouth, call 455-6620; in Northville, call (810) 349-4140.

THE SENIOR ALLIANCE AREA AGENCY ON AGING
 Current entry level positions available through the Senior Community Service Employment Program. Positions are currently available in non-profit and governmental agencies. Individuals must meet some guidelines. For more information, call (800) 815-1112.

THE PLYMOUTH-CANTON JUNIOR BASEBALL LEAGUE
 Register today from 7-9 p.m. at the Canton High School cafeteria, ages seven to 15 for boys and ages seven to 16 for girls. Fees vary from \$55 to \$65 per player. Family plan available for \$140. Birth certificate required. Playing age as of July 31, 1996. Adult help is needed. Call 453-2040 or 455-1402 for baseball and 455-3422 for softball.

PLYMOUTH REPUBLICAN CLUB
 The Plymouth Republican Club hold their regular meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Water Club Grill at 6 p.m. For more information, call Tom Hickey at 455-7110.

CANTON PARKS AND REC
 The Recreation Center on the corner of Michigan Avenue and Sheldon Road will be available for community group and individual rental through April. Canton groups and residents only. For more information, call 397-5110.

STU ROCKAFELLOW AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
 The Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society will hold their regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month on the second floor of the Plymouth City Hall. For more information, call 455-7652. Amateur radio classes will be held Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall. For more information, call 454-4061.

PLYMOUTH OPTIMIST CLUB
 The Plymouth Optimist Club meets every first and third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Hotel. Meetings include dinner and a speaker. For further information contact Felix Rotter at 453-2375. The Optimist Club will sell entertainment books for \$40 until Monday. For more information, call 453-8253 or 728-7619.

PLYMOUTH BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB
 The club is offering two scholarships for women who live in the City or township, are a single head of household; have financial need, high school or GED diploma; and be accepted to or attending school. Apply throughout the year. Awards need based. For more information, call 453-4845.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY WRITER'S CLUB
 The second and fourth Thursday of every month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Writers of all experience levels are welcome. For more information, call 416-0418

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

CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB
 The Canton Republican Club, which meets on the third Thursday of each month, will be meeting at Cherry Hill School at 7 p.m. For more information, call Melissa McLaughlin at 495-0304.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON JAYCEES
 The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees hold monthly meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call the Jaycee Hotline at 453-8407.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING
 The Plymouth-Canton Civitan club will hold their monthly dinner meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Water Club Bar & Grill. For more information, call Margaret at 455-6989.

GOD'S GOLDEN GIRLS
 Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites women over 50 to join "God's Golden Girls." The organization meets the third Friday of each month at noon. Lunch is free, but reservations are a must. For more information, call Pattie at 981-0286.

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 People supportive of smokers' rights can meet on the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at Denny's. For more information, call Marc at 455-1635.

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The Community Crier staff will choose an outstanding act of kindness and present a \$50.00 reward to the kind person, and \$25 each to the runners-up. So if you know somebody who deserves a reward, let us know. Who knows, maybe together we can help start new habits. We need to receive your nominations by March 22.

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A five-week program (April 25-May 23, 7-9 p.m.) at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Rd. in Plymouth, designed to help grieving people find hope and healing through group interaction. Learn the characteristics of grief, to share feelings and to receive support from others. Professional facilitator will lead the group that is limited to 20 people. For more information, call 459-2250.

COMMUNITY MID-DAY LENTEN SERVICES

"Journeying Through The Cross" sponsored by the Plymouth Ministerial Association. Everyone is welcome. Noon services on Wednesdays of Lent will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St. in Plymouth, followed by luncheon of bread and soup. Donation to cover lunch and Plymouth Salvation Army. Worship today through March 27. First Presbyterian, Our Lady of Good Counsel, New Life Lutheran, Salvation Army, First United Methodist and St. John's Episcopal.

PLYMOUTH: FROM INDIAN TRIALS TO STREETScape

Narrated by Emily Kemnitz, granddaughter of the first city manager and inventor of the City's seal, Sidney Strong. The program is free and is sponsored by the Friends of the Library, but registration is needed. Tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Chamber in Plymouth City Hall. For more information, call 453-0750.

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP POLICE/DETROIT LIONS FUNDRAISER

The Plymouth Township Police have accepted a challenge to play the Detroit Lions in a fundraiser basketball game May 2 at the Central Middle School Gym, 650 W. Church. The game will benefit many local charities such as, the United Way, Salvation Army and the Boy Scouts. Kids participating in Special Olympics will attend as honored guests. Family, \$45; couples, \$25; singles, \$15. For more information, call 453-1049.

SPRING ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

Hosted by the City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., March 22-23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and March 24 from 12-5 p.m. 65 crafters. Free admission and parking. For more information, call 455-6620.

BABYSITTING CLASS

The Plymouth District Library is offering a seven-week program of training for ages 11 to 15. A certificate will be awarded to those meeting attendance requirements, but CPR is not included. The group will meet Wednesdays, today through March 27 at 7 p.m. at the library. For more information, call 453-0750.

Health...

FITNESS CLASSES

At St. John's Church, 574 Sheldon Rd. Aerobics, Step, Weight and Intro to Step classes offered by Aerobic Fitness Co. Morning, evening and Saturday classes. Childcare available mornings. Classes ongoing, join anytime. Six-week sessions \$33-75. For more information, call (810) 348-1280.

BREASTFEEDING CLASS

Learn the basics at the U of M Plymouth Health Center, 9398 Lilley Rd., March 20 from 7-9 p.m. \$15. M-Care members receive discount. For more information, call 459-0820.

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LUNCHTIME EXERCISE

Lunch hour open skate at the Culture Center, 525 Farmer St. Fees are reduced from regular open skate fees. Mondays: noon to 1:20 p.m.; Wednesdays: 11:30 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.; Fridays: 11:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. \$2 for City resident or full time worker in the City (please bring pay stub). \$2.50 non resident. Fifty cents skate rental. For more information, call 455-6623.

AEROBICS CLASS

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will hold low/high aerobics classes weekly beginning Tuesday. \$40-one day a week, \$54-two days a week, \$69 unlimited, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Kathi at (810) 349-7928.

EMERGENCY PHARMACEUTICAL PROGRAM

Qualified Plymouth seniors can receive a month's supply of medication, available at the township hall the second and third Fridays of each month. For an appointment, call 455-7526.

SMOKE STOPPERS

The McAuley Health building will hold a continuing stop-smoking clinic with a free assessment. Patch users are welcome. For more information, call Pat Harris at 712-4141.

Schools...

P-C SCHOOLS ELECTION PETITIONS

Nominating petitions are now available for any resident of the school district who is registered to vote. Petition forms are now available at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey St., in downtown Plymouth. Nominating petitions must be filed by April 8 at 4 p.m. April 11 is the last day a candidate can withdraw from the ballot. The school election is June 10, and two four-year terms, will be filled. For more information, call 416-3095.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 1996/97 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration will be held at all Plymouth-Canton elementary school during the week of March 25. To register, the child must be five years old by Dec. 1. Also needed for registration: child's birth certificate (call Michigan Dept. of Public Health at (517) 335-8655; proof of residency (ex. property tax bill — driver's license is unacceptable); child's social security number; child's record of immunization (call Wayne County Health Dept. at 467-3319).

WORKSHOP FOR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND PARENTS

Tomorrow at 7 p.m. A free program open to all juniors and their parents presented by the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park counseling staff. Topic: "Preparing to Live and Work in the 21st Century." Last year, more than 500 students and parents were educated on a timeline of events, now through the student's senior year. For more information, call 455-6988 or 416-7761.



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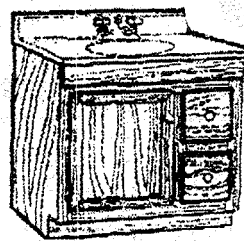
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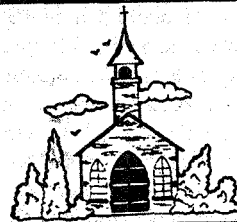
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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

The next meeting for the Plymouth community Retail Committee is March 19 at 6:15 p.m. downstairs at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's office. Future meetings will be the third Tuesday of each month with a goal of creating a new retail environment.

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce invites local businesses to its annual State of the Community Breakfast March 20 at the Mayflower Hotel at 7:30 a.m.. Registration at 7:15 a.m. \$10. The speakers are: City Mayor Ron Loiselle, Wayne County Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter and Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy.

Plymouth resident Cary G. Varblow, CFP, recently earned membership in Lutheran Brotherhood's 1995 Executives' Club. Varblow is associated with the organization's Karl Mueller Agency in Rochester Hills. Only six percent of the more than 1,600 Lutheran Brotherhood representatives qualified for this recognition in 1995 — one of the highest sales honors.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce Annual Auction/Dinner Dance is set for Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$45 per person and includes a dinner of beef or chicken, and entertainment. For more information, call 453-4040.

The R.A. DeMattia Company, a Plymouth-based design, construction and land development firm has announced two new projects. DeMattia will construct a 125,000 square foot research and development facility for Inalfa Roof Systems in Auburn Hills. The second project involves additions and renovation of various research areas at the existing Johnson Controls building, located in Plymouth Township.

Carol A. Leroue was recently certified by Real Estate Training Institute of Charlotte, NC, as a CBR® Certified Buyer Representative. Leroue is an associate broker with Coldwell Banker Preferred, 44644 Ann Arbor Rd., and is now trained in the representation of home purchasers. Buyer representation is an emerging national trend in real estate and Leroue has proved her professionalism by obtaining the CBR® certificate.

Misty Duck

Restaurant is latest addition to David Khoury's growing Canton eatery empire

BY BRIAN CORBETT

It's going to take a little renovation to turn a Big Boy into a Misty Duck.

David Khoury, owner of Damon's Clubhouse-The Place For Ribs, in Canton, has announced plans to open the Misty Duck Bistro just down the road. "It's the old Big Boy I closed Dec. 3," said Khoury. "I opened it in 1976. I've been a franchisee since then, and now I've decided to go in a little different direction."

The Misty Duck Bistro, which should be open for business June 1, will fill a void in the booming Canton restaurant scene, according to Khoury. "As we all know there's quite a few restaurants in Canton," said Khoury, "especially on the Ford Road strip. There's a lot of restaurants to go to. But I think we've settled on a restaurant that's going to fit a niche. That is: formal dining at casual prices. We're going to have music during the week. It will have a fireplace. It will have an upscale look, heavy in decor and ambience."

There will also be a small bar and lounge area in the restaurant. While the Misty Duck will be 80 percent non-smoking, Khoury said he will add to the restaurant's originality by having cigar-smoking parties. "We are planning on having cigar-smoking parties," he said, "because a lot of cigar smokers are being discriminated against. We'll probably have it once a quarter. We'll have a fixed menu, probably steak. It'll be a full course meal with a selection of fine cigars. We'll allow smoking probably throughout the entire restaurant. It'll be a set price for the entire evening."

Of course, all the special events and novelties in the world wouldn't make a restaurant successful if it weren't for the food.

And Khoury believes he has assembled a management team, Executive Chef Brad Kimelman and General Manager Bill

Khoury, that will meet his high standards of restaurating. "Brad comes here with high reviews from (Detroit Sunday Journal Restaurant Critic) Molly Abraham," said Khoury.

The menu will consist of fresh fish flown in twice a week from the west and east coasts, homemade soups, steaks, pastas and wild game. Khoury's favorite? "Atlantic salmon wrapped in grape leaves with herbs and spices," he said.

To wash it all down, Khoury will serve domestic and imported wines while musical entertainment soothes full stomachs. "We're going to have music," Khoury said. "We'll have jazz a couple nights a week, country, just music, you know; maybe hit tunes from Broadway. We might even entertain having high school jazz bands, blue grass. We're going to be very flexible and give the Canton people what they want."

That's the approach an owner has to take, Khoury said, when you're trying to make a living along the commercial haven of Ford Road. "The Ford Road corridor, the competition on Ford Road," Khoury said, "is very tough. But if you have the right concept to compete, the competition is an enhancement to your business, because what it does is provide a reason to bring people to."

And Khoury should know, he's been at it for 20 years — and will probably be at it for many decades to come.

A franchisee for Damon's, Khoury has plans to open six more locations to add to his Canton outlet. It's a possibility the Misty Duck Bistro could fly to other locations as well. On his way to a storied career, Khoury is satisfied with the methods he has used to attain his progress. "The secret to success is, I think, finding quality people to be part of your organization," said Khoury. "And give them the opportunity for growth, and the atmosphere to work in, and responsibilities that give them opportunities to develop their own skills."

Gino's records 30 years of pizza pizzazz

BY BRIAN CORBETT

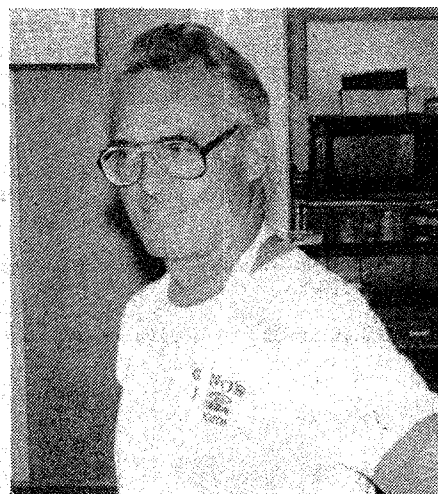
A cup of coffee, a conversation and a dream.

"One of these days," a young George Martucci said to a friend in the early 1960s, "I'm going to get into the pizza business."

No doubt to the delight of pizza lovers in The Plymouth-Canton Community, Martucci made his dream come true when he opened Gino's Pizza, which will celebrate its 30th anniversary in Plymouth Township on March 20. It is the oldest pizzeria with one owner in Plymouth. "I'm happy," said Martucci. "I've been here the longest, and I hope I stay."

And to think this long-time purveyor of pizza might still be serving coffee to his wearied customers at a Farmington truck stop. That's where Martucci was in the early 1960s when he was keeping an accountant friend company during his coffee break. "I said, 'One of these days, I'm going to get into the pizza business, and then he said one of his clients had three pizza places,'" Martucci said, "and he was looking to sell one of his stores. And I said, 'If you think it's a good deal.' And he said, 'You have to be there every day. You can't be an absentee owner.'"

Martucci made the commitment, and



GEORGE MARTUCCI

opened Gino's in Detroit in 1961. Martucci came to his current location on Ann Arbor Trail between Haggerty and I-275 five years later when a friend's father offered him the building. Plymouth Township was a little different then, but as much as it's changed, it's stayed the same. "There were no houses out here, no expressways," said Martucci, recollecting. "But a lot of the same people came in, only their kids are coming in now too."

What isn't the same is the competition — there's a lot more of it. But Martucci

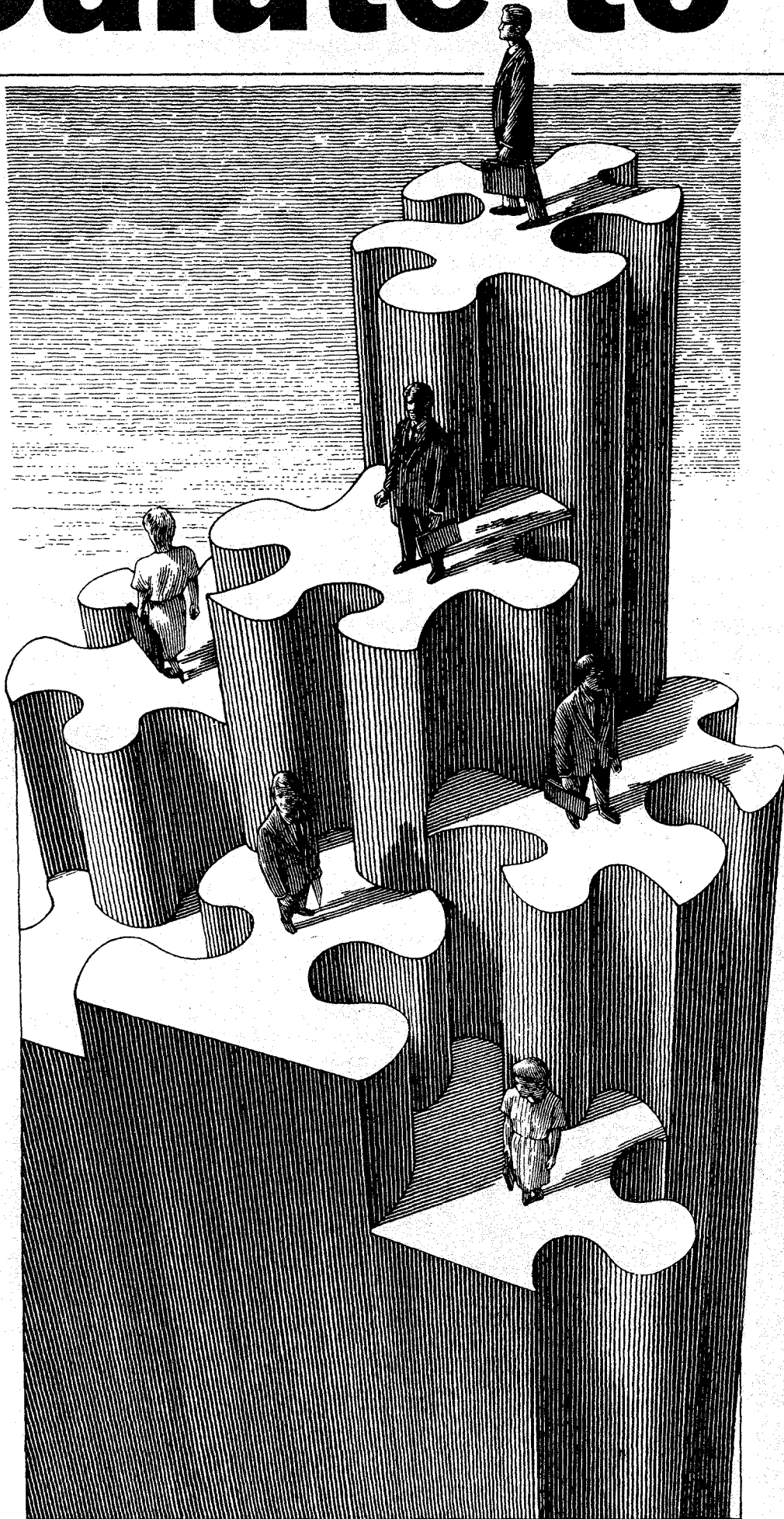
believes his family-run business has — and will continue — to prosper because of the preparation and ingredients each pizza receives. "There is a lot more competition," said Martucci, "and also, the people are changing today. They don't believe all that stuff: 'This is for free, or two for one...' I don't do that. I don't offer coupons. I buy the best. I sell the best."

People have noticed — including the competition. "I've delivered to other pizza places in Plymouth," Martucci said. "They'll call and order. And I'll ask them, 'Can the delivery guy come in the back door, because he's a little embarrassed.' And they said, 'Oh, we don't care.'"

Maybe it's the homemade dough, or the fresh California tomatoes, or having coworkers, such as store manager Jerry Hill, who are also close friends. "He's helped build Gino's to what it is today," Martucci said of Hill.

Whatever the reason, Martucci, who is also known by his business name ("I always tell them it's my stage name"), has been successful in Plymouth, and he is grateful for his success. "It's just been a great community," said Martucci. "The community has been very, very good to me."

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BY JANET ARMSTRONG

The Plymouth-Canton business community has embraced the students of the Plymouth-Canton School District through a program called the Business Partnership Program.

According to program director Betty Bloch it is essential that both business and the educational system be intertwined.

"The more that the schools and the community know about each other the better off they are," she said.

The program, which began in 1989, now has more than 50 companies taking part and keeps growing each year, said Bloch.

"I think there are various reasons that businesses take part in

the program," said Bloch. "One of the main reasons is that the students of The Plymouth-Canton Community are their future employees.

"Part of it is that the community as a whole needs to support education."

According to Plymouth-Canton Schools Public Relations Director Judy Evola, the support that the schools get from these businesses varies.

"Chrysler donated a 1995 Jeep Cherokee to a class at the Park (PCEP) to dismantle and learn about the technology behind it," said Evola.

Some of the local companies taking part in the partnership include NBD, which opened branches at Bird, Fiegel and Miller elementary schools; Walker/Buzenberg Furniture has a partnership with a high school interior design class; and Procoil has worked with the students of Central Middle School on team building exercises.

The more that the program grows the more interest there is in it, Bloch said.

"The more we can do the more people are ready to take part," she said. "It's great, it needs to keep growing and it will."

The experiences for the students are immeasurable, said Bloch.

"Even if the experience teaches them that they're not interested in a certain career, it's important that they have a chance to find that out for themselves," she said.

And, Bloch added, this program is an additional educational benefit to the students.

"Students don't just learn in school," she said. "They learn in and from the world around them."

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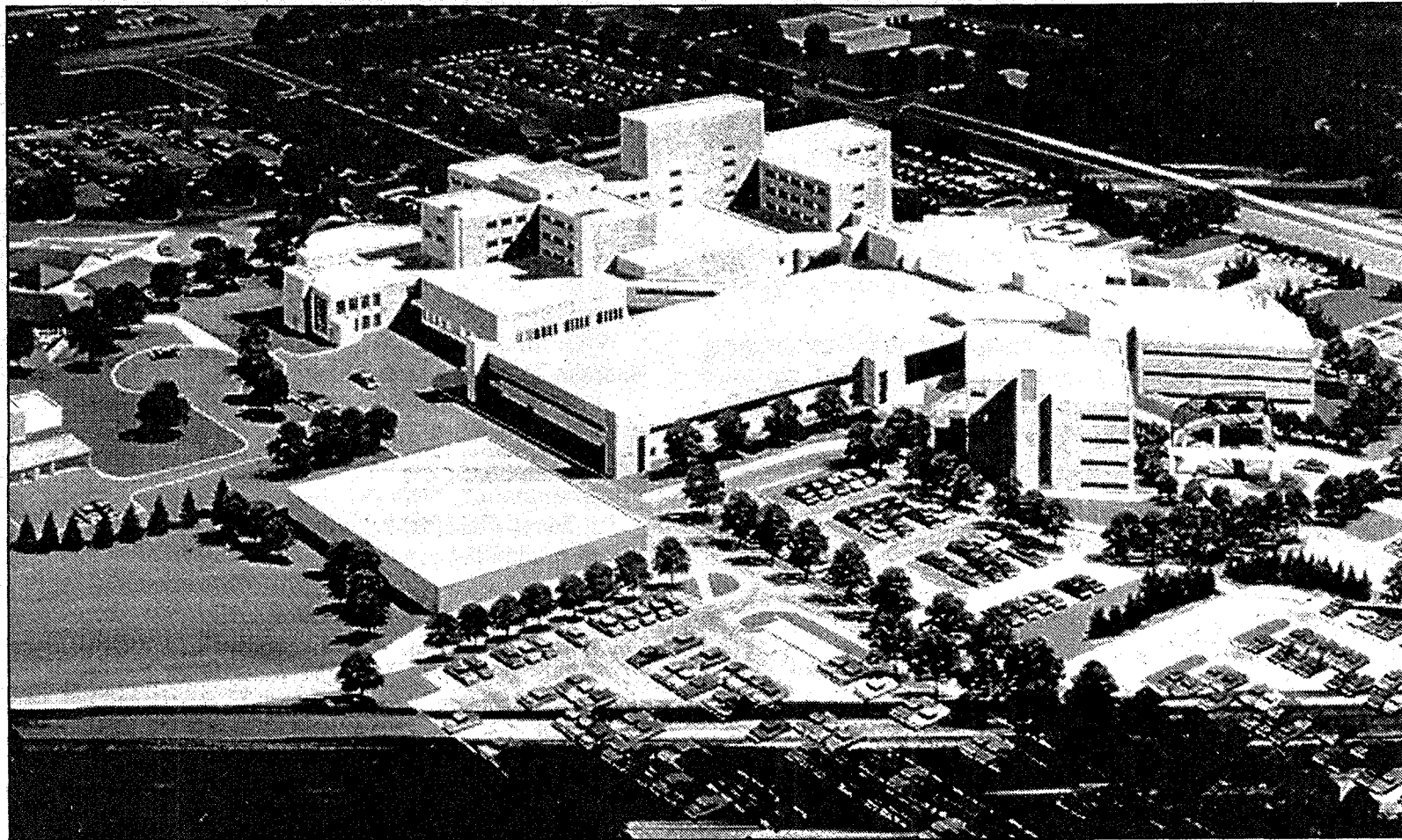
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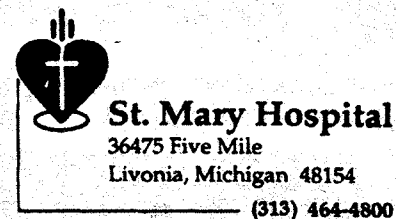
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Job Growth

Plymouth Township is home to some of fastest growing industrial parks, business growth centers in Metro Detroit, Michigan

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

The Plymouth-Canton Community is known for community festivals and the school system. Soon it may become known as "Industrial Park Central."

Many may have noticed all the new homes being built in Plymouth Township and Canton, but mammoth industrial park construction has gone on virtually unnoticed.

According to Jim Anulewicz, the director of public services for the Township, the reason the development of these parks has been so quiet is location.

"When the expressway first came through the township, it was upsetting to see the community cut in half," said Anulewicz. "But we took advantage of the expressway.

"On the north side we concentrated on building up industry."

Anulewicz said there are many reasons that developers are enticed by the township.

"It's an excellent location with easy access to the expressway and it's a short distance to the airport and to major Michigan universities," he said. "Our community also has a master plan that is well planned out. We have a philosophy of enforcement to protect our residents, ensuring separations and protecting business and high technology."

Another reason businesses decide to make this community their home has to do with a skilled and plentiful work force, according to Anulewicz.

"Now they (business) have an opportunity for their employees to choose a nice environment to work in and live in a nice community," he said.

Anulewicz said that many Township residents have expressed shock at how many businesses make this community their home.

"We'll have people come to the Department of Public Service Building shocked," he said. "They never realized how much industry and high technology there is here or how nice it is."

While the Township makes a good home for these parks, Anulewicz said, the Township reaps many benefits from the businesses.

"Beyond obviously taxes, from my perspective, you'll find that communities that are successful have a good mixture of commercial and residential. Show me a community that doesn't have that and I'll show you a community that isn't successful," he said.

He added that these businesses and corporations have made sincere efforts to help the community.

"These businesses want to be good corporate residents," said Anulewicz. "They are making a commitment to make this community better."

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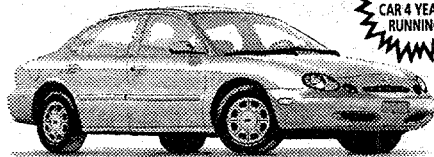
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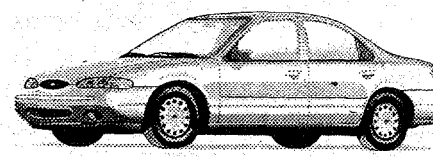
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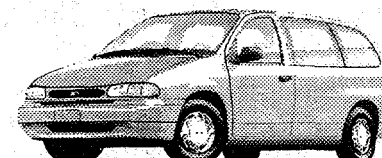
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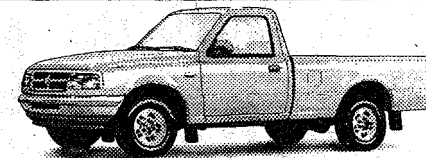
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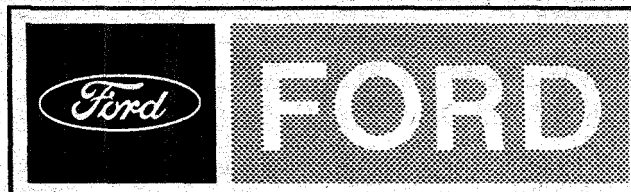
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Striking back

Crier reporter has saluted labor for past 8 months on picket line

On my third day as the newest staff writer of The Community Crier, I met Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry.

He was nice enough, until I told him my true identity: I was one of those striking newspaper workers, a reporter at The Detroit News.

His smile faded. His eyes narrowed. "Well, you know, I'm suing the unions," Berry said.

He began to detail the violence he said was committed by union members striking at the newspaper distribution plant off Sheldon Road. Some of the lighter infractions were vandalism, pushing and shoving, and shouting things that would make an 18-year-old boy blush.

"I don't care if it's the newspapers or the unions," Berry said. "They broke the law."

What could I say? The chief was probably right. But those incidents aren't just violent. They're acts of frustration, lack of power.

Exactly eight months ago today, I walked off the job with 2,500 other union workers. I left my \$40,000-a-year salary, fabulous Blue Cross-Blue Shield benefits and the job security and prestige of writing for a major metropolitan newspaper.

Walking the Line

By Liz Seymour



It's been the worst eight months of my life.

I was visiting my parents on the east coast when the strike vote was taken last July. I probably wouldn't have voted for it. I liked my job and I was treated well. Frankly, newspapers aren't exactly a growth industry. A strike won't improve the long-term prospects.

But when the word came, the picketing began and the labor dispute got ugly, I knew I was out for the duration.

Crossing a picket line taints you. It shows you can be bought. What kind of a reporter has no integrity? I didn't want to go on strike, but that's not enough of a reason to betray the majority who did.

Such views don't pay the rent.

At the beginning of the strike, I did some freelance writing. Then I emptied my credit union savings account. I sold my company stock two months later to pay my student loans. My savings bonds were cashed in last November.

Working at The News gave me my first opportunity to build a savings account. After seven months on strike, \$10,000 was gone.

When my savings began to disappear, I gave up my apartment and moved my furniture to my parent's garage in New Jersey. I commuted back to Michigan — driving 10 hours one way and sleeping on friends' couches twice a month for four months — to earn my \$160 strike benefits.

Now I'm back again. I'm writing more freelance stories. I go to the food bank every Saturday. And The Crier was good enough to give me a job — at a substantial pay cut.

So when my editor told me this special section was called "Salute to Labor," I realized why I was asked to write a column. Saluting labor is what I've been doing for almost a year.

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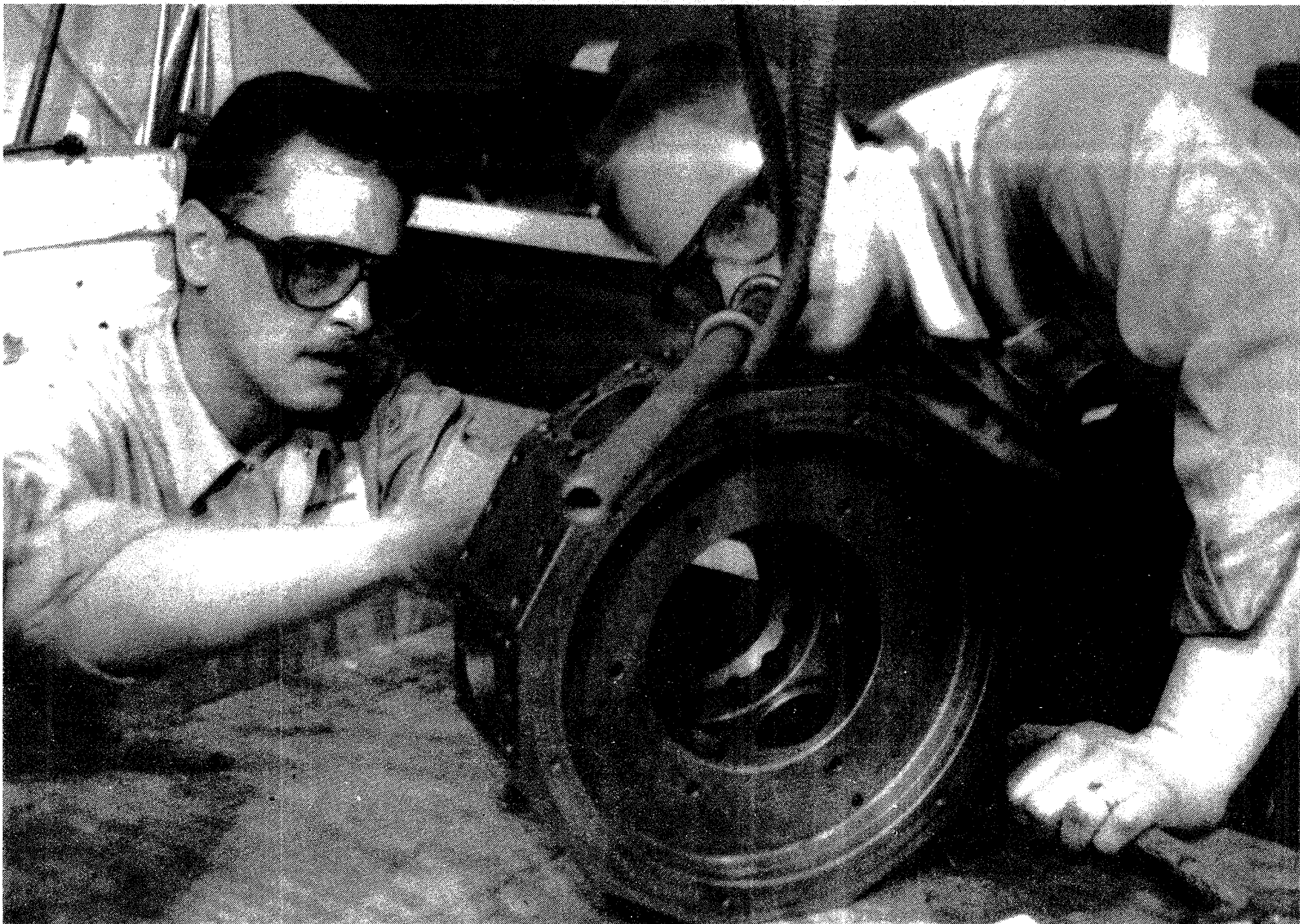
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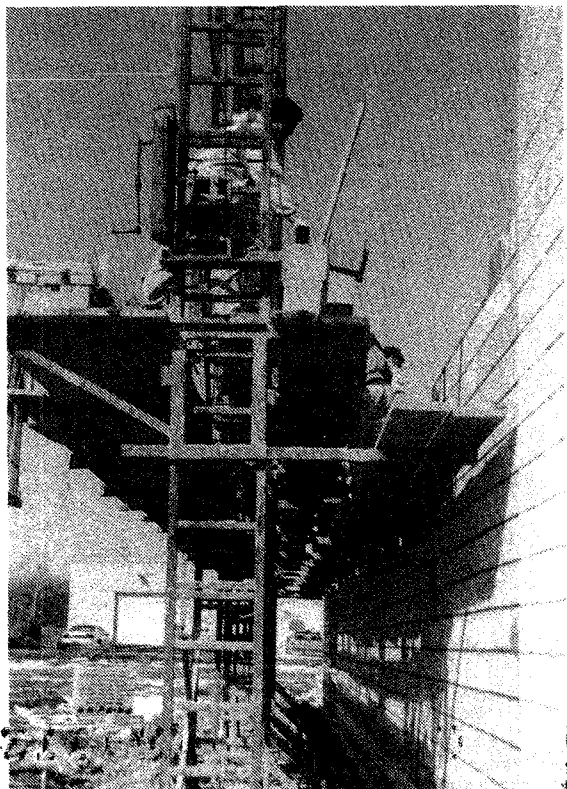
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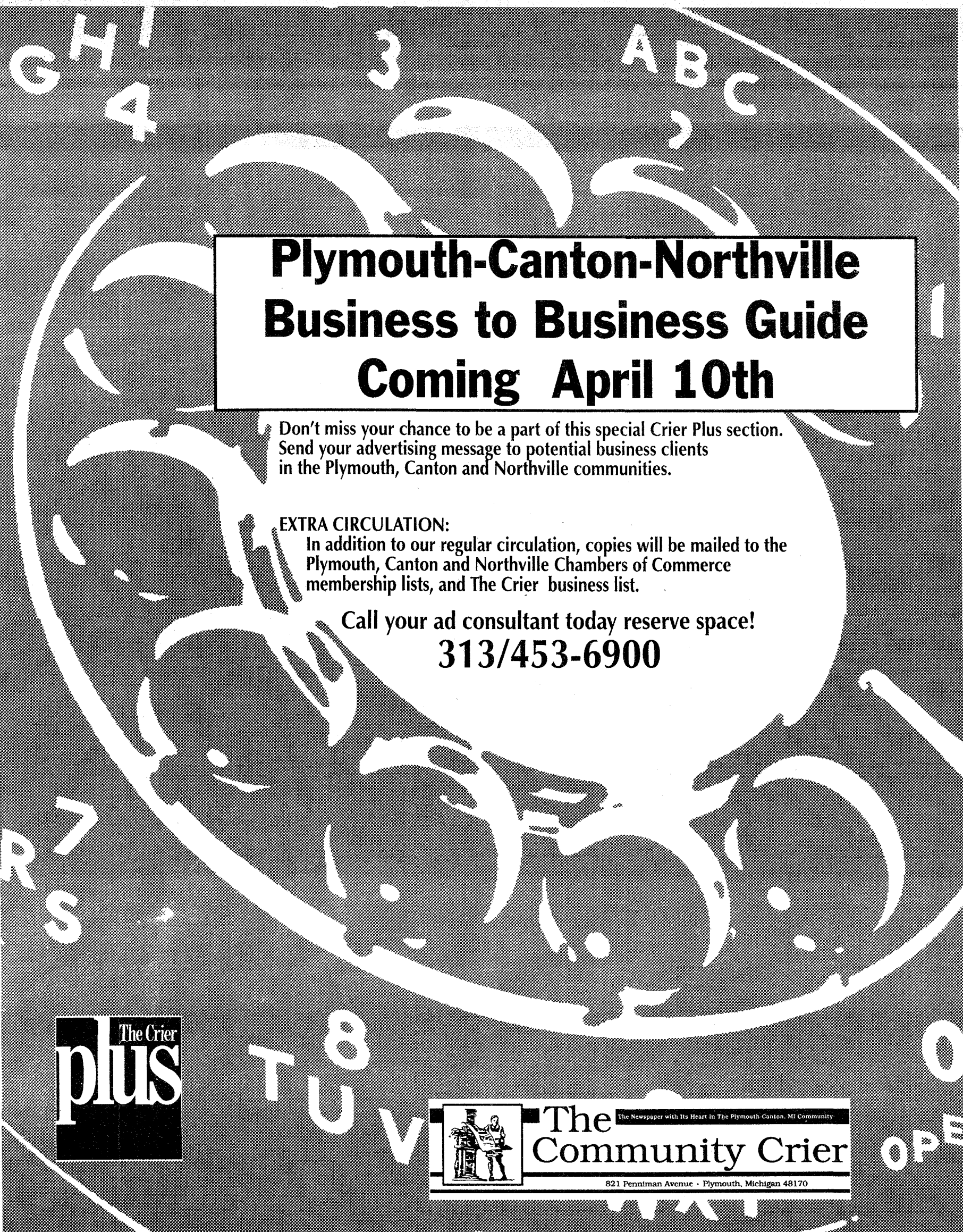
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RUBY C. BRAINARD

Ruby C. Brainard, a Plymouth Township resident, died March 3, 1996 at the age of 77.

Brainard was born Nov. 11, 1918 in Cassville, WI. Brainard came to Plymouth Township 19 years ago from St. Joseph. Brainard was a public schools teacher in the St. Joseph School District for 15 years before retiring in 1980.

She enjoyed traveling, attending elderhostels, collecting rocks and spending time with her family.

Mrs. Brainard is preceded in death by her husband, Robert, who died in 1966. Mrs. Brainard is survived by her daughters, Ann E. (David) VanWagoner of Plymouth, and Barbara J. (Gary) Kish of Orion Township; her son, James R. (Debbie) Engler of Los Alamos, NM; grandchildren, Jenna VanWagoner, Amy, Sara, and Hannah Kish and Bob and Andy Brainard.

Services for Mrs. Brainard were held Thursday, March 7 at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in St. Joseph, Mother N. DeLiza Spangler officiating. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial was at Riverview Cemetery in St. Joseph. Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 17220 W. 12 Mile Rd., Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076 or the Michigan Parkinson Foundation, 3990 John R., Detroit, MI 48201-9983.

JEAN REHNER BERRY

Jean Rehner Berry, 77, died Feb. 17, 1996 at her residence in Plymouth.

Mrs. Berry was born in Marquette on Nov. 3, 1918 to the late Pearl and Yngve Rehner.

Mrs. Berry graduated from the Henry Ford Hospital nursing program in 1940. During W.W. II, she served as a nurse with the World Health Organization in Italy. She met her husband there in 1946. Mrs. Berry assisted pediatricians at Garden City Medical Center for 20 years and retired in 1984.

Mrs. Berry donated her body to the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor.

Memorial services for Mrs. Berry will be at 10 a.m., March 23, 1996 in the Plymouth Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main in Plymouth. Memorial contributions to the Angela Hospice in Livonia would be appreciated by the family.

Surviving Mrs. Berry are her husband Tom of Plymouth; children Bruce, Eileen, Gordon, Phyllis, Easton, Sandy LaPointe, Ron Marcia Coll, Stu, Craig and Wally; five grandchildren; two brothers, Lowell and Phil Rehner; three nieces and two nephews.

Arrangements by the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville.

ERVIN E. LOWE

Ervin E. Lowe, a Colorado Springs, CO resident, died March 9, 1996 at the age of 74.

Mr. Lowe was born Sept. 19, 1921 in Fyffe, AL. He served in the U.S. Army during W.W. II and work as a Cadillac salesman for most of his life.

Mr. Lowe is survived by his wife, Betty J. (Wilson); daughter, Judith D. Hinote of Plymouth; sons, Stephen (Arlene) of Wayne, Ronald (Rose) of Brighton, and Dale (Cate) of Marquette; sisters, Era Mathis, Janette Weatherby and Eva Nell Winters; brother, Benny; eight grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Services for Mr. Lowe will be held tomorrow at 11 a.m. at the Collier-Butler Funeral Home in Gadsden, AL with Rev. P.W. Mitchell officiating.

Burial will be at the Rainbow Memorial Gardens in Rainbow City, AL. Local arrangements by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be made to the Olivet Nazarene University Foundation, Kankakee, IL 60901 and Arbor Hospice, 3810 Parkard Rd., Suite 200, Ann Arbor, MI 48108.

Marvin A. Thorman, 65 carpenter

Marvin A. Thorman, a Plymouth resident, died March 4, 1996.

He is survived by his wife, JoAnn of Plymouth, his mother, a nephew and a niece.

Services were held at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church with Pastor Peter M. Berg and Pastor Paul E. Schaefer officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Robert A. Wingard, 77, claims adjuster

Robert A. Wingard, a Northville resident, died March 4, 1996.

He is survived by his wife Geraldine; a daughter; son Richard (Margaret) Wingard; five grandchildren; one great grandchild; and his brother Richard.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with Fr. Jim Livingston officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Marilynn E. Rafferty, 50, surgical technologist

Marilynn E. Rafferty, a Plymouth resident, died March 5, 1996.

She is survived by her husband, Edmund III; son, Edmund IV; daughter, Mary Kathryn; her father; and several sisters.


Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with Fr. John Sullivan officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Clarence E. Hiller, 99, foreman

Clarence E. Hiller, a Plymouth resident, died March 10, 1996.


He is survived by two sons; two granddaughters; and one great grandchild.

Services will be held at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home today at noon with Rev. Steven R. Rottgers officiating. Burial will be at the White Chapel in Troy.



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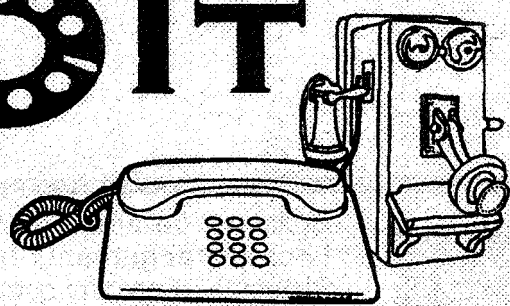
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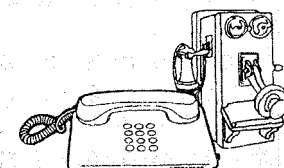
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STEVE HERBRUCK is older.

LIZ HARTWICK: Are there any directions for the stocking caps you make? I need to knit. Geneva

FISHING SOON!

Golf season is here. It's above 40 degrees.

No, Janet you cannot show off the bathing suit to the outside world.

CHUCK SKENE and KEN WEST are older again.

WELCOME BACK LISA

MIKE TYSON: who cares? The big one is George Foreman...and he's going to whup ya!

ROB'S DAD: Thank you. I needed that! Geneva

Aren't baby cartoons fun!

MARTHA DAVIS: What would I do without your love and encouragement?

CONGRATULATIONS STEVE-The headaches are all yours now—

JUNE H. I read your three books during a very difficult weekend. Reading is my way of escaping. Thank you, you nice person. G.

Lynn doesn't like that I'm in the Nascar pool—all the cars do is go around and around and around.

MARY ANN WILLIAMS AND FAMILY: Welcome to Plymouth! Our weather at this moment does not compare to Richmond, VA, but our hearts are warm, and we are delighted that you are to be a part of our small and friendly town of Plymouth. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help you "feel at home." Geneva

Isn't Dad a nice guy?

Curiosities

GRAM E--Been thinking of you all week--have you been eating your carrots? Remember to go to that wonderful health food store for your juice! P.S. Tell Jane and Marietta we said hello!

JIM LUNN and PEPPER truly are doing a good job of keeping things in KY in order. Thanks for the nice call--it was good to hear from you--Steph and Rob

RITA MCCARTHY, GRANDMOTHER OF A LITTLE WILLIAMS GIRL. Welcome to Plymouth. Richmond's loss is our gain, and we are not above bragging a bit. What a delight to have you in our Community. Let's be friends. G.G.

ERNIE ARCHER. Come back, come back, wherever you are. We need you in Plymouth, not at University Hospital! It's those pretty nurses, isn't it?

LEE is a better dart thrower than Kristy--he's also taller, but then isn't everybody?

MARGARET D. If I had given that edifice and it was to be torn down, I would still take it home a brick at a time.

CAFE BON HOMME has great veal bones--Beauregard

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PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY. What a dedicated group! The new exhibit you are working on sounds wonderful! As a matter of fact, it will be nice to know what Plymouth people collect.

I AM NO LIZ HARTWICK, but I try. G.

IT'S NOT THE GIN, it's the tonic."—Jay Densmore, 1996.

Maura broke 3 of her nails during the BIG Guide mailing and kept her composure. The real question is how Lisa L. would have handled the same situation...Hmmm.

"IT'S REALLY the anchovy olives that'll get ya"—Ted Boloven, 1966

STEPHANIE shares really special books from her "child-childhood" and even her "adult-childhood."

MEG BARFS BIRDSEED on the new couch. Oh-oh.

GEORGE AND GRACIE re-united at last.

Jeanne and Michelle got a taste of what it's like being a Crier carrier last week. You too can become a Crier carrier! Call Maura at The Crier, 313/453-6900.

ROB-Francis Jewelry Galleries phone number is 459-1980; NOT 455-1980, OR NOT 459-1480;459-1980. Frank

BARBARA KING

Thanks for being such a great neighbor! We appreciate you turning in the pictures and are looking for their owner! The Crier Staff

FABE MIRTO FELL TWICE in his life: once for Edith and once for NBD. Be careful!



WHO IS THIS? (Please call The Crier to pick up the film you lost, 313/453-6900

So what if I wear plastic bags on my feet! At least I'm playing it safe!

Curiosities

How come Lisa L's hair looked so good at 3:30 a.m. last week? Maura needs to know all of her secrets. Maybe not going to bed vs. going to before showing up at work has something to do with it?Hmmm...Hmmm...

Karen--Do you have a couple of plastic bags I can borrow? I'll be sure to return them to you.

PAUL BUNYAN!

The Pearson family will be coming to Plymouth for Easter! Hooray!

GRANDMA LUNN--We all have been thinking about you, and hope you're spirits are high--just know that there are a lot of folks who love ya! Steph and Rob

Dad E. and Kathy E. Yeah, isn't he great! You are right in saying so--I am very lucky! Kathy--hope you're feeling better, I guess the best antibiotics arrived just in time (C-O-O-K-I-E-S!) Love, Steph

YOUR VOTE COUNTS! Vote in the presidential primary next Tuesday. If you don't like who is on the ballot, write in someone else.

JERRY SINDICI (a.k.a. The Robin's Nest in Old Village) is always helping someone.

"I GOTTA GET BACK, some people have a job."—Ken Vogras, 1996 (YES. THAT KEN VOGRAS)

Have a happy birthday, Aunt Connie! Love, everybody and Amanda

It's Quinn (as in "The Mighty") No doubt about it. Trust me.

237 days until Clinton is re-elected.

SEE AND HEAR the "real" Norma Rae at Laurel Manor Banquet Center on April 25--Call 459-7733 for tickets

Jack and Billy's Holiday with Brian is almost over--what an experience to be treasured forever. Thanks Steph.

Did anyone catch that hump day was followed by leap day?

Stackmaster Armstong. A blues band? Nope--Just Jack at GUIDE time.

DOREEN KEPHART do not despair--your inner demons are never as great as you think--and REMEMBER you will always be beautiful regardless of the length of your hair. Your Sis.

Rob--one could not ask or envision one as great as you...every day is more and more joy-filled. You fulfill all my expectations and needs, I love you. Steph.

ALEX KIRKBRIDE: Hope your day is a great one! Love Uncle Rob and Aunt Steph

What do Jim Manzo and Bill Clinton have in common? Can't be!

Bob Thanks for the great weekend!

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Sports

Sports shorts

The Canton basketball team was named the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLLA) Conference champion with their 10-1 record. John Glenn was second at 9-2 and Northville was third at 7-4. Salem finished seventh at 5-6.

The WLLA All-Conference and Division basketball teams were announced.

Making the All-Conference team from Canton were seniors Ron Hunter and Mark Bray. Junior Nick Hurley from Canton make the All-Western and junior Andres Lopez from Salem made the All-Lakes team.

Receiving honorable mention from Canton was senior Brandon Hartke and juniors Matt Ammons and Donte Scott. From Salem sophomore Andy Power and freshman Mike Korduba received honorable mention.

Jake Baker of Plymouth finished a fine senior season for Grand Valley State University men's basketball team. The 6' 4" forward — a Salem graduate — is a four-time letter winner. He averaged 5.7 points and 2.5 rebounds in his career for the Lakers. He shot well from the field and was 38 percent in three-point shooting and 75 percent in free throw shooting.

One of Baker's highlights this season was a 15-point effort against Ashland University. The Lakers finished the 1995-96 season with a 11-15 overall record and were 9-9 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Freshman Kim Berres of Plymouth lead the Illinois women's gymnastics team to its fourth straight win by beating Southeast Missouri State in a dual meet 193.625 to 192.525 on March 2.

Performing the best in her young career, the Canton graduate Berres set a school record in the all-around exercise with a score of 39.325. She placed first in the floor exercise with a career high 9.825, second in the parallel bars with a career high 9.825, and second on the balance beam with a 9.825.

Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring its spring session of Men's Recreational Basketball for Canton residents only. It begins March 27 from 6:45-9:45 p.m. and will run for 10 weeks at a cost of \$25. Registration began March 4 and the deadline is March 25. Call 397-5110 for more information.

Chiefs finish 2nd in state gymnastics, Rocks take 10th

BY MATT HUCAL

CANTON

Canton's Katey Gilles, trying to regain the state gymnastics individual title last Saturday at Troy, split her head open on her first event — the beam — and seemingly prevented her from winning the title.

Trying to land her dismount, Gilles smacked her head on the beam and received three stitches. She received an 8.7 and 15th place in an event she usually gets a nine in, and she ended the day in third place in Division I with 36.65 points, 0.7 points behind the all around winner. She was third on the bars with a 9.25, second on the vault with a 9.2, and second on the floor with a 9.5.

In state team competition last Friday at Troy, the Chiefs finished in second place, with Holland the only team ahead of them. Canton finished with 141.85 points to Holland's 144.85. Gilles contributed her part by finishing with a school record 37.85 in the all around.

Canton had a shot to beat Holland and was leading after two events, but a Holland gymnast received a 9.8 on the vault that swung things back their way.

"We had an excellent day, it's like winning. We thought we could win, the only wrinkle was that Holland needed to have a bad day and we had to have a great day," Canton coach John Cunningham said.

Cunningham found satisfaction in beating a tough Northville team by 0.5 points, and beating the second-ranked team in the state, Rochester Adams, by a point. He also enjoyed doing so well with his team when Holland and Northville have many more Division I gymnasts.

Individually in Division II, Brie Wall finished the all around in 10th place with 35.2 points and Kim Nowak finished in 15th place with 34.7 points. On the beam, Wall was fifth with an 8.95 and Nowak was eighth with an 8.8. On the bars Nowak was 17th with an 8.55, on the vault Wall and Nowak were 17th with an 8.75. On the floor, Wall was seventh with a 9.1, Nowak was 14th

with a 9.0, and Brooke Larson was 18th with an 8.95.

Along with the team success, Cunningham learned he will receive the Michigan High School Coaches and Judges Association Coach of the Year award for the second consecutive year.

"This was from a combination of really good kids and attitudes all year. It's the team that rewards the coach," Cunningham said.

"This is probably the best team I've ever coached."

SALEM

Salem coach Pam Yockey figured her team would finish either 10th, 11th, or 12th at the state team competition last Friday, considering the rankings of the teams she was competing against. So her team's 10th-place finish was just about what she was looking for.

"We were doing what we've been doing all year. We were consistent and exceptional," Yockey said.

The Rocks ended up with 135.85 points, behind Holt and in front of Troy.

In the Division I individual competition last Saturday, Kristen Kosik finished the all-around a strong seventh with 36 points as Brooke Kilby was 24th with 33.55 points. On the floor Kosik was fourth with a 9.35, on the beam she was 11th with an 8.85 and on the vault she was fifth with a 9.0. On the bars Kosik was 10th with an 8.8 and Kilby was 21st with an 8.5.

In Division II Zoe Yockey finished the all-around in 20th place with 34.2 points.

About her team's state finals appearance, Yockey recognizes that her squad finished only two places behind last year's team and finished with two less points although they lost two seniors to graduation.

"This was quite a unique group of girls. They showed a lot of gymnastics presence, were great team competitors, it was always for the team," Yockey said.

Jarvey honored by MHSFCA

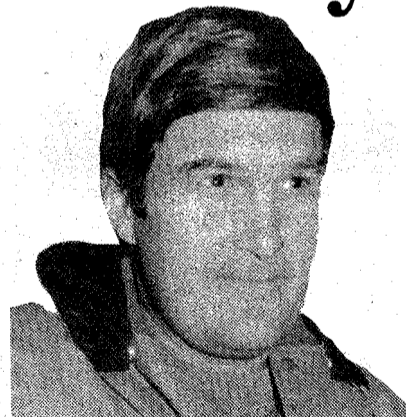
BY MATT HUCAL

After years of sending plays into games and pulling players out of games from the sideline of a field, Salem football coach James Jarvey is being recognized as one of the best.

This Saturday Jarvey — along with 21 other coaches from all around the state — will be inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association (MHSFCA) Hall of Fame at U of M.

The steps for being inducted into the Hall of Fame begins with the coach being nominated by somebody. In Jarvey's case he was nominated by Salem head coach Tom Moshimer a few years ago. The prerequisite for joining is at least 20 years of coaching and/or 100 career wins. Now after the waiting that had to take place because of the large amount of applicants, Jarvey is now joining.

It was 27 years ago when Jarvey first began his journey into coaching, at Clarenceville High School for four years. That gave him the experience to come over to Canton in 1972. He coached the Chiefs for another four years before transferring over to Salem, where he's been for almost



JAMES JARVEY

20 years. For two years he coached the junior varsity, he then moved up to varsity and is now the defensive coordinator and offensive line coach.

Jarvey and Moshimer really hit it off as fellow coaches, and both have built up a staff that has, for the most part, stayed together throughout the years.

"The camaraderie between us (Moshimer and himself) has been very good," Jarvey said. "At our Saturday meetings we'll go head to head about certain

things, but we always come out of it respecting each other."

What Jarvey enjoys the most about his high school coaching are the new faces and the ability those kids bring with them to the team.

"There have been some great kids who have passed through over the years," Jarvey said.

The two years that Jarvey says he fondly remembers are 1987 and 1988 when he was able to coach his son on the varsity squad. "I got to watch him grow as a player those two years," Jarvey said.

During all of these years helping to run the Salem football team, Jarvey has had to deal with the fact that he teaches math for a rival school — Canton. During the day, he said he's neutral about it, but once Friday night rolls around he's an all around Salem Rock.

As for the honor of joining the elite group of Michigan coaches who have already joined the Hall of Fame, Jarvey is grateful for what he's been able to achieve.

He said: "I'm very excited about this, it's a tremendous opportunity that doesn't come along that often."



Sports

Shooting for the Top

Canton basketball faces state powerhouse Detroit Pershing tonight at 7 p.m.

BY MATT HUCAL

Well, they've gotten this far. If only a prediction could be made about what's going to happen tonight during the Canton basketball team's regional game against top-ranked Detroit Pershing at Southfield-Lathrup High School at 7 p.m. This is how they got there.

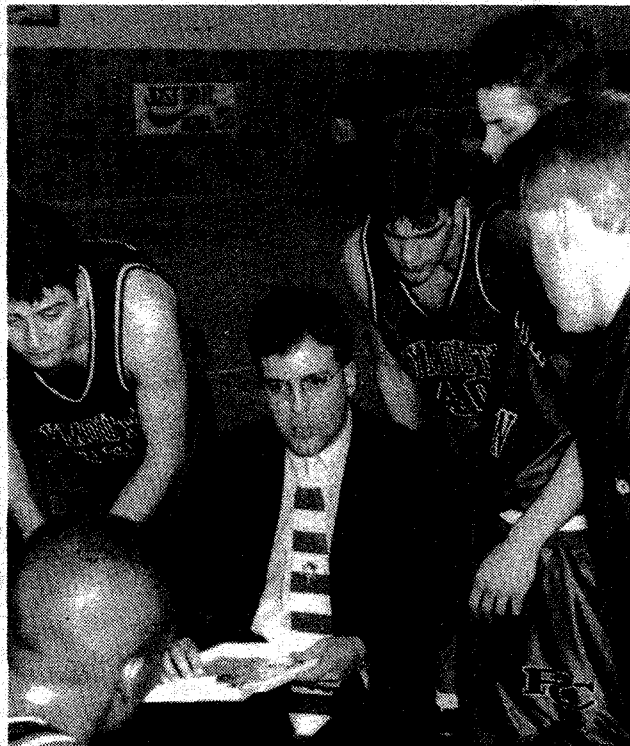
It all began with Canton's first game of the Novi district on March 4 against Novi. In a game that the Chiefs let Novi stay pretty close in until the fourth quarter by playing flat, Canton finished strong and won, 57-34.

It was then on to last Thursday's game against a lowly Franklin team who possess a strong player in 6'8" Matt Bauman. The Chiefs succeeded in giving their fans a near heart attack by playing another sluggish game until the fourth quarter, when they pulled away and won, 64-43.

Because of some strange scheduling that made Canton play Franklin on Thursday instead of a Wednesday game, the Chiefs were asked to play two games in two days. The district final was on Friday, as they collided with a Northville team that handed them their only loss of the season back on January 26, 42-40.

Northville didn't look as sharp as their last meeting with Canton. The Chiefs won, 59-41, by keeping a margin throughout and playing with Rob Johnson and Ron Hunter in the game — two of their top players who were out against Northville last time.

In Friday's game, Canton's 41-30 third quarter lead was extended during the fourth quarter as the Chiefs relied on their usual sharp, crisp passing while looking



Canton coach Dan Young maps out a play. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

for the open shot. They apparently found a lot of open shots as indicated by their 23-36 field goal shooting and adding 10 points off 13 free throw shots.

"We played very well and shot the ball great all game," Canton coach Dan Young said.

With 4:30 left in the fourth quarter Hunter helped put Northville away as he scored on a breakaway to make the score 49-33. Then, with three minutes left, Hunter blocked a Northville shot which led to a breakaway by teammate Nick Hurley. He was fouled in the act of shooting and made both free throw shots to make it 51-33, thus putting the knife in Northville's back.

Leading the Chiefs in scoring against Northville was Hunter with 18 points, Johnson with 12 points, Hurley with 10 points, and Mark Bray with nine points.

Now, what should Canton do in order to beat nationally-ranked Pershing tonight and seek revenge for last year's loss at the same point in the playoffs, 63-38?

According to Young, the Chiefs biggest and tallest obstacle is in the form of all-everything 6'9" Winfred Walton — who's considered to be the best player in Michigan and one of the top in the country while playing the shooting guard.

And in the process of trying in some way to stop Walton, Canton will have to contain the rest of the team, as Pershing has a very deep bench.

"This team is great. They have size, quickness and lots of guys," Young said. "It's an honor to go play the number one team and we're excited to go back to last year's game. We've worked hard all year to get here."

Going into the game 22-1 should at least give the Chiefs the confidence and knowledge that they have a shot to pull off the win.

Salem hoops bows out to Northville in districts

BY MATT HUCAL

Salem coach Bob Brodie led his team to an 8-13 record before bowing out last Thursday in their Novi district game to a Northville team they beat 75-56 the last time they met.

The 71-46 bouncing the Rocks received was a strange occurrence to Brodie, who figured his squad would play a lot better.

"It was a combination of us not playing well and Northville being on top of their game," Brodie said.

Salem had a tough time executing their inside game that usually consists of Kirk Craggs, Andres Lopez and Ryan Hoffman, with Mike Corduba contributing.

"We weren't patient enough and had a tough time getting the ball inside to our big guys. We ended up taking quick shots," Brodie said.

Northville led 43-26 at halftime and with the help of the Rocks 19 turnovers began scoring at will.

"Defensively, we just couldn't stay with them and they started scoring every which way," Brodie said.

Northville's Ben Szostek scored 23

points and Mark Sander scored 19 points to lead their team. Szostek was hurt the first time they met, so he certainly was a major factor in the outcome of both games.

Lopez and Ryan Andrejewski each had 12 points to lead the Rocks.

About the season Brodie had mixed feelings.

"I'm happy from the standpoint that

nearly all the players received a lot of game time and experience, but unhappy at the outcome and inconsistency (not finishing close games) we finished the season with," he said.

Rock volleyball ends season with second best record in school history

BY MATT HUCAL

Volleyball is a game where you can't let up at all, and the Salem team found that out the hard way against Ladywood last Saturday at Fernadale in a regional semifinal match.

The Rocks were eliminated from the playoffs by the score of 9-15, 17-15, 12-15. That third game may haunt this Salem team for quite a while.

Leading 12-3 in the third game, Salem either got lackadaisical with such a large margin of a lead, or they got scared about trying to hold it. Either way, Ladywood got a few points and as quick as a cat had racked up 12 straight points on a stunned Rock team.

Salem co-coach Alle Suffety tried summing up that final game. "We had them and were in a position to win, and I really believed we had it won, but we just stopped serve receiving after they started coming back from our 12-3 lead," Suffety said.

"We played up and down. When we got the lead, we got excited, and when they started coming back, we got scared."

In the second game, Salem led 8-3 at one point and were able to hold onto it in order to win.

Suffety's team received the usual performance from Shellye Sills as she led the Rocks with 17 kills, including nine in the second game. Jenny Trott had five kills and nine digs, Karissa Socia had four kills, and Amanda Abraham had four kills, three solo blocks, and three assist blocks. Setter Karen Springsteen had 14 assists in 29 attempts and added three aces.

The accomplishments the Salem team can look back on are their undefeated 11-0 league record which kept alive their streak of 34 straight league wins that's spanned over the last three years. They also had a 44-8-2 record, which is second best in Salem history. "This team displayed some of the greatest showing of heart than any team recently. They worked hard and made us (the coaches) work real hard," Suffety said.

Some examples of that heart were against Walled Lake Central when Salem beat them after losing to them earlier in the season. Another time was when they beat Ladywood early in the season during the Schoolcraft Invitational.

"These girls had a nice mix of leadership from the seniors and the younger players," Suffety said.



Community opinions

Canton's loss is Westland's gain

The community is losing one of its best ambassadors. Canton Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Linda Shapona is leaving her position to take the helm of the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

She will be missed by many throughout The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. That's because her influence and leadership went beyond the boundaries of Canton — she helped set the business agenda for the whole community.

She was not without her detractors. Her hands-on leadership style ruffled a few feathers at a time when Canton was still transforming itself from a rural, agricultural community to the fastest-growing area in Metro Detroit.

But as time passes, Shapona's record will speak for itself. She helped doubled the membership of the chamber and tripled the budget. Programs were increased by 100 percent under her leadership.

Most importantly, she launched several new chamber programs including Leadership Canton and also kept the chamber in the spotlight as a community leader through involvement in programs such as the Canton Liberty Fest and Third Thursday Update.

Luckily, Shapona still calls Canton home. She said she will be involved in the community through her appointment to the Canton Economic Development Corporation.

Canton's loss will be Westland's gain. If Shapona leads the Westland Chamber of Commerce like she did in Canton, the business community in Westland will have a lot to smile about.

The Westland Chamber of Commerce worked hard to secure those smiles. They actively recruited Shapona when long-time Westland Executive Director Joyce Wheeler announced her retirement.

Shapona takes with her to Westland more than five years of experience. The Canton Chamber of Commerce will have a hard time replacing Shapona. Although chamber president Janet Volante said the search would be open to applicants throughout the state, the aim of the search should focus on someone from Canton. With the incredible changes the community is facing, it would be difficult for someone not familiar with Canton to fill Shapona's shoes.

Regardless of who replaces Shapona, their job will be difficult.

The leadership she has shown will not be forgotten by the people of Canton.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Column ignored fact that smoking is dangerous to kids

EDITOR:

As I read your March 6 "No Curves" column, titled "Tobacco is least of City's problems," I concluded that you must be unaware of certain facts or you would not hold the opinion that underage smoking is not worth the time given it by the Plymouth City Commission.

I do not agree with your opinion that "...with other teen problems out there such as gang violence, drug use, parental abuse and teen pregnancy, it's hard to get worked up over something like smoking." You do admit that drug use is an important problem, but you have not taken into account the following information.

Studies indicate a direct link between smoking cigarettes and the eventual use of alcohol, marijuana and other drugs. I realize that not all underage smoking leads to underage drinking or drug use, but here are some frightening statistics: 12- to 17-year-olds who had smoked cigarettes in the past 30 days were three times more likely to have had alcohol, eight times more likely to have smoked marijuana, and 22 times more likely to have used cocaine in those same 30 days. (Source: Preventing Tobacco Use Among Young People: A Report of the Surgeon General)

The State of Michigan is currently in the process of mandating stronger penalties for sellers of cigarettes to underage young people. By ignoring underage smoking, the City of Plymouth would be ignoring the stronger stand being taken by the state. They would also be sending the message to young smokers that it's okay to begin a habit that easily becomes an addiction, can lead to the use of other substances, and at the very least, leads to threatening health problems.

I doubt you meant to mislead anyone with your column, but I suggest you need to become more informed — perhaps by speaking to

someone at Growth Works, a short walk from your newspaper's office to get the staff's perspective on underage smoking. Their mission is to help young people and their families deal with serious problems. I am aware that Sue Davis, who is on the P-C School Board and Growth Works staff, has worked hard to get the court system to follow through on the smoking tickets issued by the Canton Police Department at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. She obviously is convinced that underage smoking should be taken seriously.

As a parent, I've been involved for many years in our school district and community. I've heard enough speakers on topics such as teen gangs and substance abuse to know something about the problems. I've also heard parents ask the school district numerous times to get tough on smoking. Underage smoking should not be ignored by the City of Plymouth. If smoking is wrong on school property, it is wrong elsewhere for the same reasons: it is illegal and can be a "gateway" to other substances as well as lead to health hazards. In my opinion, the City Commission should be commended for spending the time and effort on a new tobacco ordinance.

Your statement that "a call to the parents would be just as effective" as "facing a \$50 fine plus 16 hours community service for the first offense" is not really believable. Parents, from what I've seen and heard, have little effect on their offspring's decision to start or continue to smoke. Other than being a role model by not smoking and not allowing it in the home or in their sight, they have little control. Knowing that other adults have a strong opinion and will take a stand, as in the case of the City Commission, can reinforce parental disapproval or discipline. This is another way to teach young people that actions have consequences — a good lesson for people of all ages to learn.

JANET SOCKOLOSKY

Walters: Graham not fired

EDITOR:

The March 6 issue of The Community Crier included an article headlined "Finance director fired," which reported that "The City finance director was fired by the Plymouth City Commission Monday for alleged poor job performance." This is not correct, and the story does a disservice to the employee involved. I would like to clarify the facts.

The finance director has not been fired. However, concerns about the responsibilities and technical requirements of the finance director's position have resulted in the City desiring to replace the current employee. Therefore, I have been negotiating an agreement with the finance director by which he would

resign, and the City would provide severance pay and protection of retirement benefits for the employee.

This is being done in an attempt to be fair to both the employee and the City government's needs.

However, such agreements ultimately require the approval of the City Commission. At last Monday's meeting, the City Commission was approving a proposed employment termination agreement from the City's side, as recommended by the City Manager. The employee would also have to accept the agreement for it to go into effect.

STEVEN L. WALTERS

PLYMOUTH CITY MANAGER



Community opinions

Graham's 'departure' is expected from current administration

The departure of Bill Graham remains the burning question at City Hall.

Why?

Why is it the burning question? Why is he "departing?"

As a "hometown boy" who knows all the "old timers" from his early banking days, "Mr. Bill" always kept an open door and a ready ear at City Hall. He has been immensely popular with both the constituents and his colleagues in the City.

The finance director's role in any organization is not necessarily a pleasant one — he or she must keep the financial affairs in line.

Ironically, although Bill was a friend of the departed Henry Graper, it was often only Bill that kept Hank's finances from running amuck. Bill's friendship with Hank earned him inappropriate mistrust from some.

Two city managers later, that is still the albatross around Bill's neck — and also why he wasn't tapped as full-fledged manager after serving as acting City Honcho.

He continued well in finance. He knew the law and the rules when the current city manager, Steve Walters, slid Police Chief Bob Scoggins a \$14,000 "moving reimbursement." But his challenge of that may have led to his eventual undoing.

Bill also raised red flags about the City offering its credit for the Plymouth Community Arts Council to buy a building.

Walters wants city staffers to play ball his way. And so City Hall's personality has changed since he arrived. As happens when many new top guns hit town, the "holdovers" from previous regimes get axed, forced out or banished to hide in their office.

Bill, for obvious reasons, isn't talking. He's quietly finishing out a difficult time at City Hall.

So it leaves to speculation whether Graham's "departure" was more sinister than simply a difference of opinion and style between he and Walters.

What was the average age of City of Plymouth department heads before Walters arrived, compared to the average age after Bill's departure?

Elsewhere on these opinion pages is a letter from

With malice toward none

By W. Edward Wendover



Walters saying Bill wasn't "fired." Bill was on vacation last week, so his lawyer spoke for him. "There is no agreement," the lawyer said. And, despite his letter, Walters admits that the termination was not Bill's idea and that Bill had no choice.

Fired.

When it's all said and done, maybe Bill's leaving will turn into a "retirement." But for the moment, he's being fired.

That's a strong word to see used for a friend.

In addition to Walters, a number of Bill's friends objected to that word in last Wednesday's Crier headline.

"Unfair to Bill," they said. "Unwilling termination" wouldn't fit in a headline," said Crier Editor Rob Kirkbride.

The Kill the Messenger Crowd has since started calling the City Hall crowd to ask, "Why was Bill fired?"

That's a fair question.

So is, "Why were the DDA financials for six months slow in coming and then suddenly show up when Bill's on vacation and his termination's been announced without him?"

Walters is accused of micromanaging. He's accused of neutering his department heads. Every City Hall employee knows the number of days until retirement, say some.

The mood at City Hall won't get better with Bill's firing either — even if it eventually turns into a retirement where Bill gets to keep his medical benefits and receives a gold watch from Walters at the party.

City Commissioners should be held accountable. If they want what will be left when Walters leaves, they should allow him to continue on the current course.

If they question that, Bill's firing might provide the rallying point.

Canton Fire and Police Union help with burn center appreciated

EDITOR:

The University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center would like to publicly say thank you to the Canton Fire Department, which sponsored the Red Wings Alumni vs. the Canton Fire and Police Departments Hockey Game on Jan. 27. Red Wing alumnus Gordie Howe helped to bring in a huge crowd and the fundraiser was a tremendous success.

We would like to thank the firefighters who devoted a great deal of time and energy to this event. We

know how much effort goes into these activities and we greatly appreciate their dedication. The hockey game raised an accumulated \$12,000 for the Trauma Burn Center, which is an incredible number for one evening!

Donations like this one are very important to the trauma and burn care that our patients receive. These funds will go toward continuing research in skin care and infection, nurse education, and sending young burn survivors to a summer camp. Without

the help we receive from departments like Canton, none of this would be possible.

Special thanks are in order for Sgt. Jim Davison of the Canton Fire Department. His coordination efforts and support were invaluable to the successful outcome of this event. From all of us at the University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center, thank you for all your hard work!

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