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Educational Park gets accreditation

By W. EDWARD WENDOVER

PLYMOUTH -- Plymouth's Centennial Education Park, which includes both Plymouth-Salem and Plymouth-Canton high schools, has passed its first full accreditation test.

School Supt. John M. Hoben has been notified by the North Central Assn. of Colleges and Secondary Schools (NCACSS) that "the high schools of the Plymouth Centennial Education Park have been placed on the list of secondary schools approved for the 1973-74 school year" by the NCACSS.

The NCACSS serves as the accrediting body for high schools and colleges in the northern midwestern portion of the country.

A team of some 25 teachers and administrators from other Michigan school districts visited the educational park in February to evaluate the two high schools and their programs.

It was as a result of that team's favorable report that the new Plymouth facility was accredited.

Plymouth High School had been accredited before and when the two new high schools were built, the NCACSS granted "provisional accreditation" to them until its team could visit the schools.

The accrediting group regularly visits each of its high schools every seven years looking at such general areas as:

- Auxiliary services, (clerical, food, health and transportation services).

- Guidance department.
- Instructional program.
- Learning materials center (libraries).
- School physical facilities.
- Staff and administration.
- Student activities program.

In addition, the NCACSS team evaluated the following subject areas:

- Art.
- Business education.
- Cooperative education.

- Driver education.
- English.
- Foreign language.
- Home economics.
- Home economics.
- Industrial education.
- Mathematics.
- Music.
- Physical education.
- Science.
- Social studies.
- Special education.

Hoben said the complete report on the NCACSS accreditation has not yet been released to the schools.

To maintain their accredited standings, the superintendent added, the schools must file a detailed report on the evaluation areas each year.

There was only one shortcoming cited in the NCACSS letter announcing the accreditation -- a high school math teacher who has four hours short of necessary course work. Hoben said the matter was slight and the teacher has been taking classes to bring him up to standards.



PLYMOUTH FIREMEN were called to 369 W. Ann Arbor Trail Wednesday evening to extinguish a mattress fire in Room 11 of the rooming house. Fire Chief George Schoeneman said the roomer, Wayne Petersen, had left the room for about 45 minutes. The fire

was discovered by another tenant. Schoeneman said apparently the fire was caused by a cigaret or sparks from a cigaret. The room had minor smoke and heat damage. No other part of the house was damaged, he said. (Staff photo by Bob Woodring)



IF IT WALKS LIKE A DUCK it must be one of Bob Beal's wounded mallards. Beal, who lives at 11131 Terry, rescued the pair of male ducks after another car had run over them and left

them to die. Much to the delight of neighborhood youngsters, he is nursing them back to health in his backyard swimming pool.

Good Samaritan rescues ducks (dogs, kittens...)

By HANK MEIJER

PLYMOUTH -- Bob Beal doesn't like to see ducks out of water. Or puppies.

18 join charge in C&O delay of 44 minutes

PLYMOUTH -- Eighteen persons, including Donald D. Starr of 717 McKinley, Plymouth who filed the complaint, have charged the C&O Railroad with blocking the Sheldon Road crossing for 44 minutes last Tuesday.

Signatures of the 18 persons were attached to the complaint given police.

The complaint said the crossing was blocked from 6:40 to 7:24 p.m., delaying "78 cars, four trucks, one motorcycle and one University of Michigan bus."

pies in the highway or new born kittens in a crate.

Two mallard ducks paddle across the swimming pool in his backyard at 11131 Terry.

Their heads are green, set on shapely necks. Their bills, the color of wet bamboo, open and close in an instant to retrieve the crumbs of hamburger bun Beal tosses into the water.

Plymouth's one-man humane society rescued the male mallards one morning last week on his way to work.

"I saw them go across the road," he said. "Somebody had hit them. They moved, but I didn't know whether it was the wind or whether they were still alive. I was kind of disgusted."

"Something made me stop and pick them up."

He found them lying in the road near Northville. One had an eye torn from its socket and dangling an inch below. Both were bleeding.

"I thought they were dead," he explained. "I put them in a box in the

backseat. When I got to work I asked some of the guys if they wanted a duck dinner. When I went back out to the car 20 minutes later the ducks were jumping all over the seat."

Beal put the birds in a bigger box and brought them home.

"Not again," was all Mrs. Beal could say. She thought of the snakes and battered birds and shocked raccoons her husband had dragged in in the past.

Beal applied salve to the mallards' wounds. He drained a sack on the punctured eye.

When the pair aren't swimming he keeps them in a cage with a rock on the top. "I don't want the kids to take them out," he said. "These ducks don't need anymore trouble."

The bird with the bad eye is independent. He hisses at 11-year old David Beal and his older sister Susan and other neighborhood kids who approach him. The other is gentler and

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Consolidation meetings, debate set this week

PLYMOUTH -- Do you have any questions about the consolidation of Plymouth and Plymouth Township which will be decided by voters in the two areas on May 7?

This is the week to get them answered.

The first opportunity will be Wednesday when the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce will host a "community luncheon" on consolidation at noon in the Mayflower Hotel Miles Standish Room.

Speaking will be Kenneth Ver Burg and Donald Peppard, two of the researchers from Michigan State University's Institute for Community Development who wrote the Plymouth - Plymouth Township consolidation report.

The public is invited to the luncheon. Reservations may be made by calling the Chamber office. Tickets are \$4.

Wednesday evening, the Ad Hoc Committee on Consolidation will hold its first public forum on the consolidation study at 8 p.m. in city hall.

Ver Burg, Peppard and the other MSU researchers who worked on the study will discuss their report and answer questions.

Last Tuesday the committee held a meeting for selected community leaders and officials to discuss the more technical points of the consolidation report.

Additional copies of the April 8 Plymouth Observer & Eccentric, which carried the major portions of the consolidation report will be available at that meeting free of charge as a public service.

A debate on the pros and cons of consolidation will be held Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Plymouth - Salem High School cafeteria.

Sponsored by the Plymouth Township Community Improvement Association, the debate will face John Thomas and Jim McKeon, speaking in

favor of consolidation, against Dick Gornick and another person (as yet not chosen) speaking against the issue.

Bandit captured, police praise 2

By W. EDWARD WENDOVER

PLYMOUTH -- State Police troopers credit two citizens with the capture of an alleged bandit in Plymouth Township Thursday afternoon.

According to Trooper David Gentry, the two men were responsible for capturing a California man charged with taking \$688 from Plaza Bowl on Ann Arbor Road at General Drive.

Chester E. McCracken, 27, of San Jose, Calif., stood mute at his arraignment before District Court Judge Dunbar Davis on two charges of larceny in a building and possession of stolen credit cards.

Davis ordered him jailed in lieu of \$15,000 bond and set his examination for April 29 in district court.

Gentry gave the following account of the crime and McCracken's capture:

At 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Frank Mocerri, owner and manager of the newly opened Plaza Bowl noticed

McCracken coming out of his office.

He questioned the man and, being suspicious, asked him to write down his name and address. Then Mocerri noticed his safe, which had contained about \$688, was empty.

Mocerri turned back to McCracken who was leaving through the front door and yelled out, "I've been robbed."

After chasing McCracken through the front door into the parking lot, Mocerri scuffled with the suspect and received a shot of a mace-like substance in the face from an aerosol fountain pen device.

It was then that Robert Hooton, a patron, and Joseph Barbee, an employee of the bowling alley, ran outside and chased McCracken. The two men scuffled with McCracken but were able to hold him until State Police Trooper Richard Rosen arrived to make the arrest.

Trooper Norm Maxwell also assisted in the arrest.

County approves Mocerri PUD plan

CANTON -- The Wayne County Planning Commission voted unanimously Wednesday to recommend approval of the planned unit development (PUD) proposed by Mocerri Investments.

The PUD is the residential portion of the controversial Mocerri Project which is proposed for the southeast corner of Joy and Sheldon roads.

By a 3-2 vote, the Canton Township board has denied the rezoning requested by Mocerri for the regional

shopping center portion of his proposal.

Dominic Mocerri and his attorney, Gil Franklin, say they have not yet decided whether to appeal that decision in court.

According to Maurice Roach, assistant director of the county planning commission, there was "very little discussion" of the Mocerri PUD at Wednesday's meeting before the vote.

The county planners' recommendation now goes to the township board for a final decision on the PUD.

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Madonna College confers 2 honorary degrees

Mother Mary Virginette, superior general of the Felician Sisters, will be one of two persons receiving honorary degrees at commencement exercises of Madonna College on April 28.

She will receive the doctor of humanities degree, as will Dr. Roger J. Voskuyl who is the commencement speaker.

Mother Virginette is serving the fourth year in a six-year term as head of the 6,000 member Order of St. Felix, with headquarters in Rome.

Before her election as superior general, she had served 12 years as mother superior of the Immaculate Conception Province in Lodi, N.J. At that time, she directed the order's work in Felician College, six high schools, three hospitals, two orphanages and 46 elementary schools.

She has spent much of her time recruiting new sisters and in the expansion of the order's services. She was educated at Villanova University, Fordham University, and Jagiellonian University in Poland where she received a degree in philosophy.

The commencement speaker, Dr. Voskuyl, is executive director of the Council for the Advancement of Small Colleges (CASC), Washington, DC.

Voskuyl is a graduate of Hope College and earned a PhD in chemistry from Harvard. He served as professor of chemistry and later as dean of the college at Wheaton College, Ill. from 1938 through 1950. At the request of the government, he served as a group leader and research chemist on the

Manhattan Project during 1943 and 1944.

Madonna is one of 100 member colleges in 37 states which participate in CASC cooperative service and consultative organization aimed to aid small colleges with common problems.

Voskuyl was a founding member of the council while president of Westmont College, Santa Barbara, Calif., a post he held from 1950 through 1968. Some 137 graduates will receive de-

grees during the ceremony, conferred by Sister Mary Danatha, Madonna president. Rho C. Marchand, a member of the faculty and assistant prosecutor for the Wayne County Circuit Court, will be master of ceremonies. Music will be provided by the Madonna Chorale, under the direction of Mrs. Patricia Derry.

Madonna College is owned and supported by the Felician Sisters of Livonia.



MOTHER MARY VIRGINETTE



ROGER VOSKUYL

House action on bottle bill seen Tuesday

Action is expected Tuesday (April 23) on a "bottle bill" by the committee on consumers and agriculture of the State House of Representatives.

It is expected that the bill (HB4926), which underwent three public hearings statewide in January, will be voted out of committee and sent to the full House.

The bill is a measure modeled after Oregon's bottle bill. As amended, the proposed Michigan bill would place a deposit of a nickel or dime (depending on the type of container) on all beer and soft drink containers sold in Michigan.

The deposit will give a strong incentive to return containers to the store, says Kathy Opperwall of the Michigan Returnable Coalition (MRC), and will make it practical again to use refillable containers over and over, thus saving energy and natural resources. Pull tab tops on metal cans are banned outright.

Dealers of soft drinks or beer would be required to redeem containers of the same size and type they sell, but could set up redemption facilities on or within 100 yards of the store premises. Bottler-distributors would likewise be required to refund deposits to retailers.

Many major environmental, farm and labor groups support HB4926.

Circuit court case on finance charges resumes Friday

By MARTHA MAHAN

Arguments to determine whether six large retailers will be ordered to rebate to customers finance charges, which a court has ruled were computed illegally, will resume Friday before Wayne County Circuit Judge Roland Olzark.

The hearing began last Thursday, April 18, after being adjourned from the original April 10 date.

Retailers involved are Sears, Roebuck & Co., Montgomery Ward, Winkelman's, Robinson Furniture Co., Joshua Doore and Federal's.

The case began as an individual suit against Robinson Furniture by a Westland truck driver, Richard Grigg. Suits against the five other retailers also were undertaken individually and the six later were joined as a class action.

The current hearing is to decide whether the case can continue as a class action and whether rebates to charge account customers can be managed efficiently.

Earlier, Judge Olzark ruled that the six firms illegally computed finance charges on charge accounts between 1967, when Michigan's Retail Installment Sales Act went into effect, and 1971.

Plaintiffs charged the retailers with having used a so-called previous-balance method of computing interest whereby customers were not credited for payments made during a billing cycle.

They claimed this method allowed stores to earn interest greater than the state allowed maximum of 1.7 per cent per month.

Most retailers, including the six defendants, now use what is known as the average daily balance method of computing interest.

Under this system, the finance charge is figured on an amount which is the sum of the actual balance each day during the billing cycle divided by the number of days in that cycle.

Research \$\$

The federal government is the largest source of the University of Michigan's research funds. In 1972-73, \$47.4 million, or 71.9 per cent, of the U-M's total research funds.

The University of Michigan's research expenditures in 1972-73 totaled \$65.9 million.

This week is Arbor Week

Arbor Week in Michigan has been proclaimed as April 21 - 27 by Gov. William Milliken.

In urging planting of trees this week, Milliken said that pressure on our forest lands has increased rapidly during the past several years as population and the concurrent need for additional lumber for homes, businesses and for recreational land has risen.

"Because Michigan's more highly populated areas have the most crucial need for trees, it is to the advantage of all of us that our natural resources be preserved and enlarged and that conservation and restoration of trees be considered a major step in continuing the benefits of our great natural heritage."

Michigan's forests, covering more than half of the state's land area, have been the basis for great industries throughout our history. Celebrating Arbor Week with ceremonies and tree plantings, Milliken added, will be a constant reminder of a priceless gift that must be preserved for this and future generations.

S'craft sign up to be April 29

Registration for the spring session at Schoolcraft College will be held on Monday, April 29, for both day and evening students. Classes will begin the next day.

Students who complete their studies during the condensed eight-week session may register in the auxiliary gym starting at 8:30 a.m.

Day students whose last names begin with the letters M through Z are taken from 9 to 10 a.m. Those with last names from A to L register from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Evening students will register in the auxiliary gym from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Schoolcraft will offer about 170 on-campus classes in more than 30 different subject areas this spring. In addition, 15 credit classes will be offered at the Schoolcraft Instructional Center, 29205 Florence, Garden City. The satellite campus has scheduled classes in business, advertising, English, math, law enforcement, political science, psychology, sociology and speech.

The main campus is located at 18600 Haggerty, north of 6 Mile, in Livonia.

Parent rap group forming

A parent rap group is being formed to furnish parents an avenue to discuss the current drug situation and its implications for their children.

The group will meet every Tuesday evening, beginning April 23, for six weeks from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Livonia Aide Crisis Center, 33110 Five Mile, Livonia.

Major purposes are to share experiences, explore parents' value systems, and improve communication skills.

Those meeting will share information about the current drug situation, explore local resources available to all residents, evaluate specific situations, provide an opportunity for goal setting, learn communication techniques, and clarify individual value systems.

The group is being sponsored by the Livonia Community Commission on Drug Abuse.

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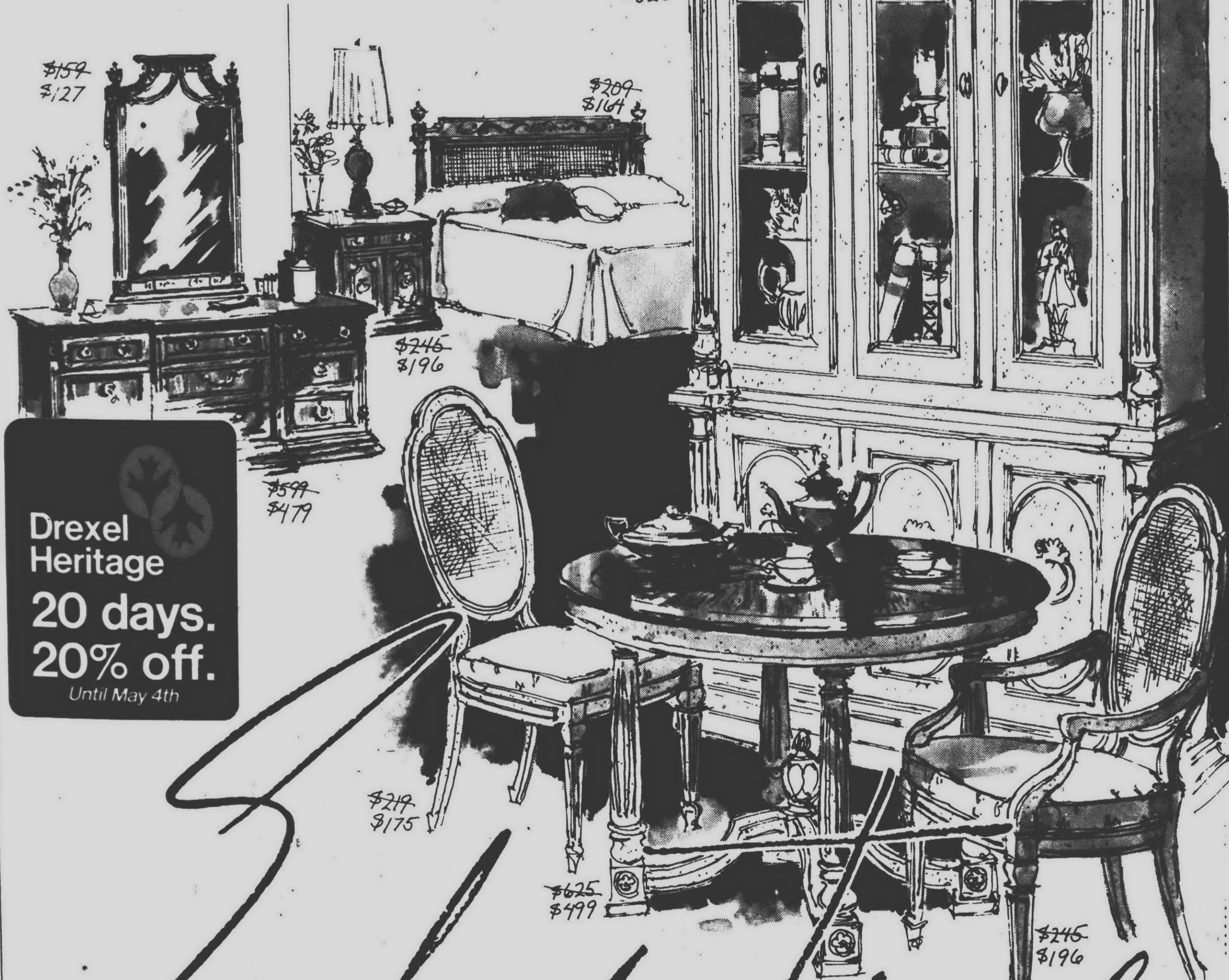
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Hewer's store recalls Canton's farming era

By W.W. EDGAR

PLYMOUTH — Few things please Charles Hewer, owner of the little feed store on Canton Center Road, more than to have someone walk in and tell him that it is like walking into a page of history.

When this happens he just smiles and tells you that he has kept it that way to let people know in these changing times what things were like when he came to Canton Township 55 years ago.

"Things have changed so much," he says, "and there is still so much more to come, that I'd like to preserve this place as a reminder of the old days."

Walking into the clean little shop with shelves lined with animal food is like having time turned back.

Scrupulously clean, the shop gives you a feeling that it should be preserved in the Smithsonian Institute as a cherished bit of Americana.

With a twinkle in his eye Charlie will tell you that he has been a poultry lover since his school days on Detroit's east side and that it was his desire to raise more stock that prompted his move to Canton Township right after World War I.

"I had five acres in those days," he says, "and not only raised chickens, but worked at Ford Motor Co., too. To help meet expenses we sold feed, and that's how this shop started 34 years ago."

As he checked the calendar there was a large black square drawn around April 17 and he commented, "This is our 63rd wedding anniversary, but Mildred has been confined to a nursing home with arthritis for the past two years and we won't be

doing much celebrating."

Aside from the cleanliness of his shop, Charlie is proud of a group of red and blue ribbons his entries have won at the poultry shows in the surrounding area.

Of particular interest are a blue ribbon his chickens won at the Michigan State Fair in 1939 and another at the Wayne County Fair in Northville in 1935.

"My parents died when I was 13 years old," Charlie explained, "and I have been on my own for a long time. That's one of the reasons we moved to Canton Township years ago. It was wide open and offered the chance to farm a bit and raise chickens."

"At that time Canton was considered the slowest township in the county and a fellow could live in peace and quiet. But we've had a real explosion in the past five years and people are moving closer and closer. They're making a lot of changes."

Then, looking across the road to Plymouth - Canton High School, he shook his head and admitted that he never had expected to see anything like that.

"Would you believe it?" he asked, "I often plowed that land that is now the school grounds and the football field. We never dreamed there would be anything like a big school here."

Then, for emphasis, he continued, "When our children were growing up they had to walk a couple of miles to school and over muddy roads at that."

Despite his age (he will be 84 in November) Charlie is still young at heart. As proof he has a large sign displayed on the wall that reads, "Be A Booster, Buster."

Through the years a lot of things have changed — but the old feed store is still a symbol of the past.



CHARLES AND MILDRED HEWER, long-time Canton residents, just celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary. They own Hewer's feed store on Canton Center Road across from Centennial Education Park.

Diane Los is deputy treasurer

CANTON—Diane Los was appointed Canton Township deputy treasurer by the board of trustees this week.

The recommendation for her appointment came from Township Treasurer Grant Campbell. He said the appointment was in compliance with a state law requiring each treasurer to have an assistant.

"She does all the work anyway," he laughed.



CHARLES HEWER talks of the times when the Centennial Education Park, across the street from his feed and grain store, was a field which he plowed. His store, with its polished wood shelves stocked full of farm products, also brings back memories of Canton's by-gone agricultural days. (Staff photo by Doug Johnson)



"Brevities" appears in each issue of the Plymouth Observer & Eccentric for notices of upcoming non-commercial events. Send or deliver the necessary information for your event to: The Plymouth Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. (at Levan Road), Livonia, Mich. 48150. Items cannot be taken over the phone. Deadline for Thursday's "Brevities" is noon Tuesday; for Monday's "Brevities" it's noon Thursday. Allow at least three days for mail delivery.

WOMEN'S GOLF LEAGUE MEETING

Monday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m. the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will hold a meeting for women interested in a golf league which would play Friday mornings at Hilltop Golf Course. The meeting will be held at the Cultural Center.

CAYCE STUDY GROUP

Tuesday, April 23, at 8 p.m. the SFG Study Group I will present a lecture - workshop based on Edgar Cayce's readings on "home and marriage" at the Plymouth Credit Union, 300 S. Harvey St. For further information contact Mrs. Steve Veresh of 4240 Clemons Drive.

TENNIS CLUB

Tuesday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department tennis club will meet at the Cultural Center. Tennis enthusiasts are invited to attend.

AARP MEETING

Wednesday, April 24, at Plymouth Presbyterian Church the Plymouth - Northville chapter of the American Assn. of Retired Persons (AARP) will hold its monthly meeting. There will be no pot luck this month. The program consists of a string quartet from Garden City Junior High School followed by a film, "No Reservations Needed," and a talk by George Giblin, Lower Huron Metro Park superintendent.

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

Wednesday, April 24, at noon the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce will hold a luncheon on consolidation at the Mayflower Hotel. Speakers will be

Kenneth Ver Burg and Don Peppard, two of the Michigan State researchers who wrote the consolidation report for Plymouth and Plymouth Township. Cost is \$4. Reservations may be made by contacting the Chamber office. The public is invited.

DANCE CLASSES START

Starting this week, the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor dance classes for children and adults. To register and for more details contact the recreation office.

CONSOLIDATION DEBATE

Thursday, April 25, at 8 p.m. the Plymouth Township Community Improvement Assn. will host a debate on the pros and cons of consolidation at the Plymouth - Salem High School cafeteria.

ANTIQUA SHOW

Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28, the Plymouth Theater Guild is sponsoring the Tri - State Antiqua Show and Sale at the Mayflower Meeting House. Hours are: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is 50 cents.

PHS '34 REUNION

Saturday, June 29, at the K of C Hall in Plymouth, the Plymouth High School class of 1934 is having its 40th reunion. Efforts are being made to contact all the class members for the event which will include refreshments and dancing. For further information contact Catherine (Dunn) Cichocki at 453 - 6698 or Harold Stevens at 453 - 2932.

ROCK 'N ROLL REVIVAL

Saturday, May 4 at 8:30 p.m. the Canton Township Newcomers Club will hold a rock 'n roll revival at the Plymouth Community Cultural Center. Tickets will include beer, pizza, and setups. Prizes will be awarded for the best '50s dress.

THEATER GUILD BENEFIT

April 25, 26 and 27 at 8 p.m. the Plymouth Theater Guild will present "Seven Nuns in Las Vegas" in the Central Middle School auditorium as a benefit for Joey Crissey. Tickets are \$2.50 for adults and \$2 for students.

PANCAKE SUPPER

Saturday, April 27, at 8 p.m. the Associates of Michigan Christian College in Rochester will hold a pancake supper at the Grange Hall on Union Street in Plymouth. Serving runs from 5 to 8 p.m. Price is \$1.50 per person and tickets may be purchased at the door. All proceeds from the all - you - can eat affair will go to the college.

WHITE CANE WEEK

April 29 through May 4 the Plymouth Lions Club will be selling lapel buttons to raise money for the blind.

ICE SHOW

Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 5 at 3 p.m. the figure skaters in the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Dept. skating program will present Plymouth's first ice show at the Plymouth Community Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. More than 340 skaters will take part. Tickets are available at \$1.75 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens from the recreation office at the center.

OUR HOUSE CRISIS TRAINING

Tuesday, May 7, will mark the start of a crisis training for Our House volunteers. For information contact Denise Daro or Tom DeMott through Our House's "Buzz Line" (455 - 4900).

MICHIGAN WEEK

May 18 through 25 will be Michigan Week. The eight days, in order celebrated, will be: Community Pride Day, Spiritual Foundations Day, Government Day, Heritage Day, Livelihood Day, Education Day, Hospitality Day, Youth Day.

FOOD DRIVE FOR INDIANS

Bluebird Troop 686 has been running a drive to collect food and small household items for Michigan Indian missions and schools. Additional food donations may be made by contacting Hank Crucial, chairman of the Western Wayne County Conservation Assn., at 476 - 7176.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Registration is now being held for the Canton Township Recreation Women's Golf League which will play at Fellows Creek Golf Course at 9 a.m. on Fridays. The season runs from May 31 to Aug. 2. All interested women, from novice to skilled, residents and non - residents may enter. Lessons will be offered for novices. For more information call Brenda Pollack at Canton Township Hall.

POWER SKATING CLINIC

Applications are now available for a power skating clinic that will be held Aug. 19 to 24 and from Aug. 26 to 31 at the Plymouth Community Cultural Center ice rink. For information contact the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Dept. which is sponsoring the clinics.

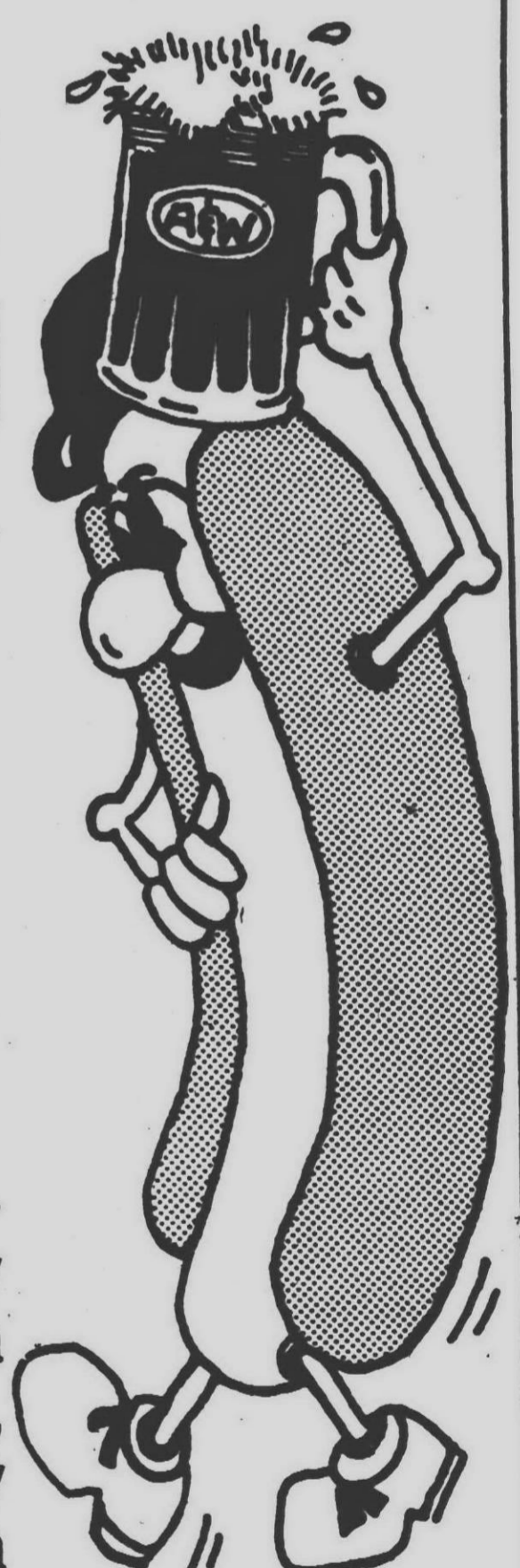
MD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

This year's muscular dystrophy drive is seeking district leaders and marchers for the June 4 drive. For information contact Jeanne Vicini, Plymouth chairman, (455 - 6278).

SOFTBALL ORGANIZING

The Plymouth Parks and Recreation Dept. is organizing leagues for men's modified softball and women's slo - pitch softball. For details on team entries, contact the parks department.

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Senior party plans Salem Witchcraft

PLYMOUTH — The Salem Witchcraft has been signed to play for the senior graduation party at Plymouth - Salem High School Wednesday, June 12.

The group was signed on the advice of student representatives attending the organizational meeting.

Co-chairmen Nancy Johnson and Nan Cooper have begun lining up committees and are soliciting parent volunteers for help. William Moore is serving as treasurer and Mary Smith as chairman of the entertainment committee.

The party will be from 10:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. at the school with a charge of \$5 per ticket.

The party is under auspices of the Plymouth - Canton - Northville YMCA.

Donations are sought of trading stamps which will be used to secure prizes. Nita Brown, chairman of the prize committee, also asks for contributions of other prizes as well.

Those wishing to donate trading

stamps may leave them at the general office of either Plymouth - Salem or Plymouth - Canton high schools, Our Lady of Good Counsel office or at Plymouth Office Supply.

"Good entertainment, good music, good food and good friends in a good location makes the perfect party," Mrs. Johnson said. "With the cost so reasonable, we plan on a good response."

\$600 fee was for water tap

CANTON — Mrs. Fred Hill of 6165 Lilley, formerly of 1548 Elmhurst in Canton Township, has reported that the \$600 "tap - in fee" which current owners of the house claimed the Hills paid to the county for sewer service was actually a \$630 fee for water.

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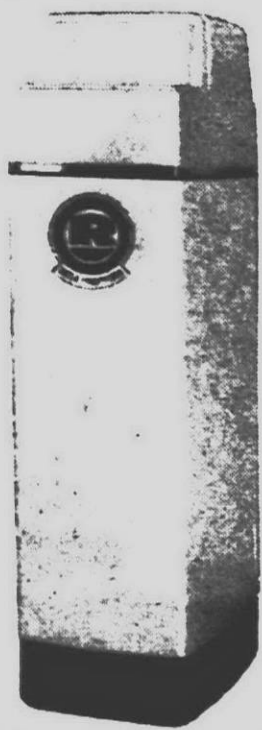
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Examination waived in warehouse case

LIVONIA — Pretrial examination for two of four Plymouth residents charged with the April 8 breaking and entering of the Great Lakes Drug warehouse on Levan, was waived Thursday by their attorneys. The other two had their examination postponed until May 7.

Appearing before Livonia District Judge James Mies, Kimberly Fae Wilson, 17, of 305 W. Spring, and Jeffrey J. Beaudrie, 18, of 11861 Butternut, were bound over to circuit court for a hearing May 6.

Jonathan R. Kilgour, 20, of 47122 Beechcrest, and Gregory F. Wassman, 19, of 42522 Ashley Ct., through their attorneys, had the examination adjourned.

Bond on all four was reduced from \$10,000 each to \$3,500. All are free on bond.

The four were arrested by Livonia officers at the warehouse following a tip. They are charged with "breaking and entering a business place."

Detective Sgt. Frank Brandemihl said the Livonia police intelligence bureau was tipped off that a break-in of the building was slated for April 8.

Samaritan

Continued from Page 1A allows the children to touch and handle him.

"One-eyed Hermie," as the kids call him, is threatening to fly off one of these days.

Beal plans to release both birds soon. He'll bring them back to a pond near where he found them. "That's probably where their mates are."

It's not the first time he's been a good samaritan for hurt and wayward beasts. According to David and Susan his record includes the rescue of 10 puppies from a box in the middle of Haggerty, 32 abandoned cats, and an assortment of homeless snakes.

"I can't stand to see any kind of animal mistreated," Beal said. "If people would just push animals to the side of the road when they know they've hit something, many animals who've just been stunned might be revived. Otherwise they get run over a dozen times and they're just squashed meat."

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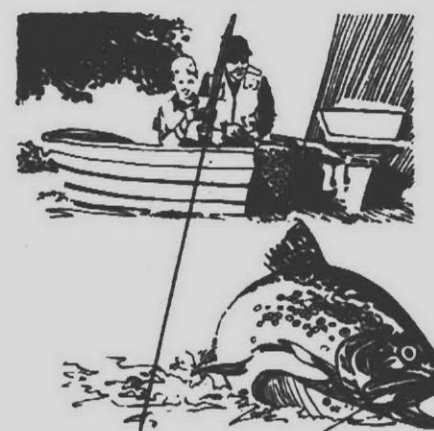
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MEMBERS of the Oakway Symphony Orchestra will present chamber concerts in Farmington High School on April 23, and in Livonia's Bentley High School on April 25, at 9:45 a.m. Oakway

Conductor Francesco DiBlasi (far right) will provide narration and a solo performance.

Club focuses on animals

The subject is animals for the Tuesday, April 23 meeting of the Westland Camera Club. The meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. in Room 134 of John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette. Guests are welcome.

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The program will highlight a movement of a Haydn String Quartet, Die Bankelsangerlieder (Bench Singers Song, anonymous) for brass quintet and Saint - Saens Septet for piano, trumpet and strings. Soloists for this work will be Muriel Kilby and DiBlasi.

Schools interested in presenting similar concerts next fall are urged to send a representative to the April 23 or 25 concert.

The concerts are sponsored through the Detroit Federation of Musicians and the Music Performance Trust Fund.

Gardeners warned of con-men

Coming of spring marks the appearance of miracle con-men who prey on home gardeners and landscapers. "Don't be taken in by these racketeers" is the warning sounded by Attorney General Frank J. Kelley, B. Dale Ball, agricultural director, and the Michigan Association of Nurserymen (MAN).

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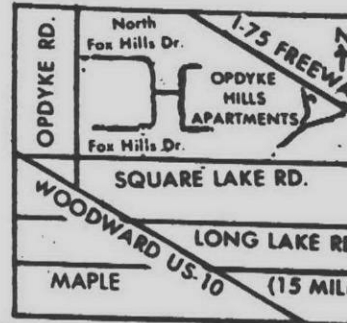
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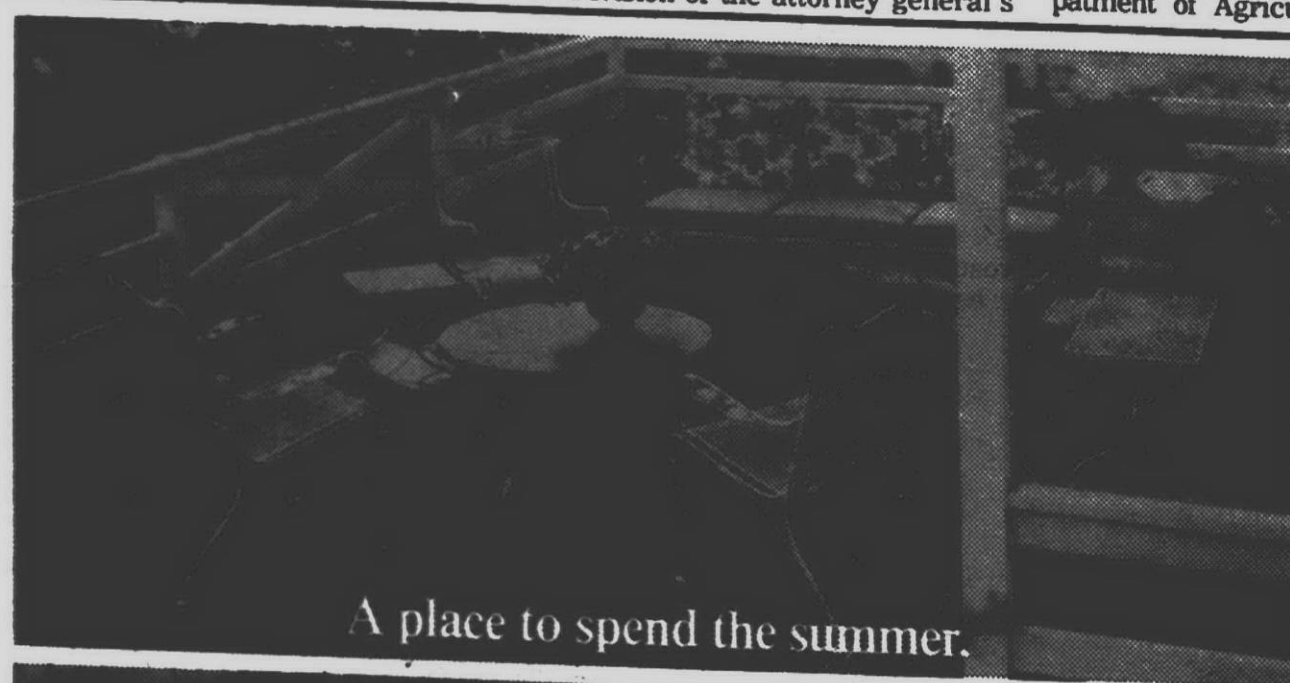
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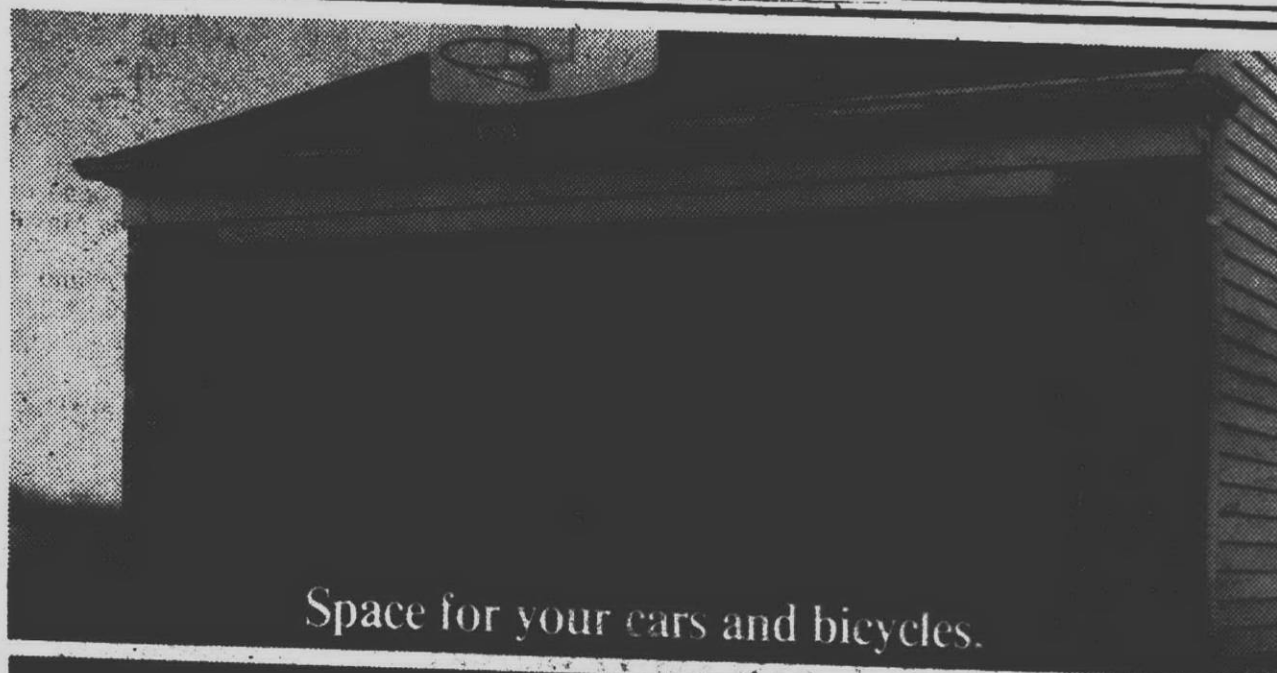


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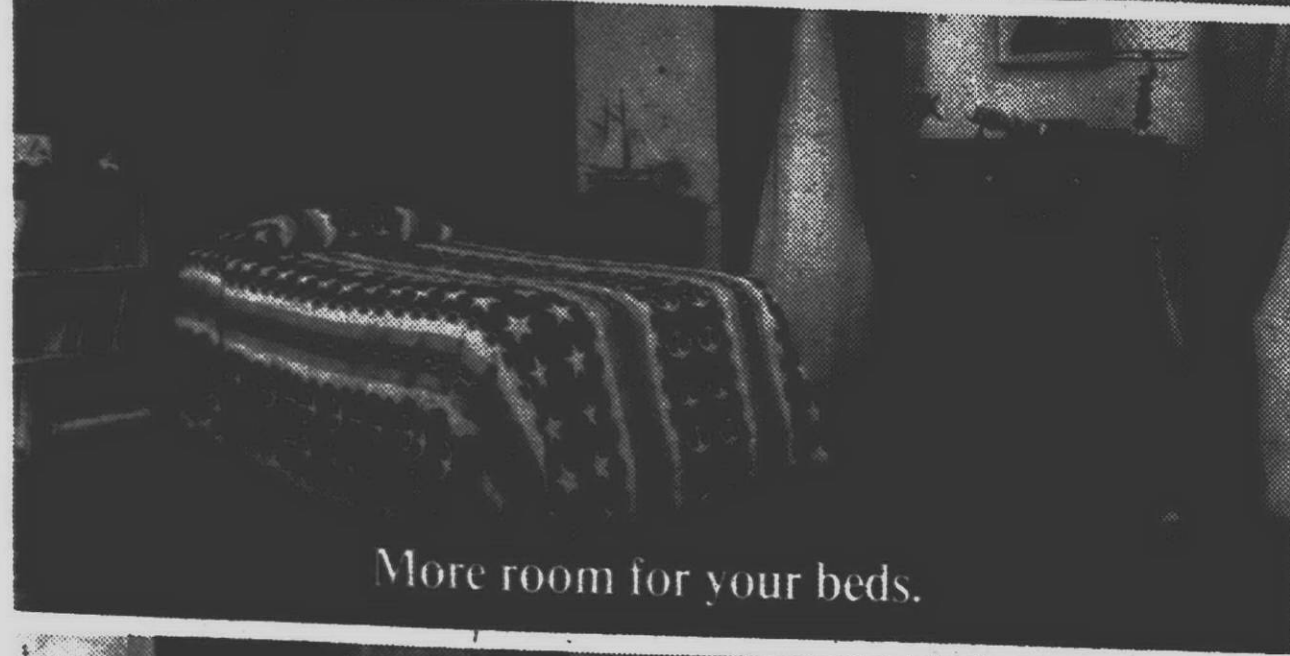
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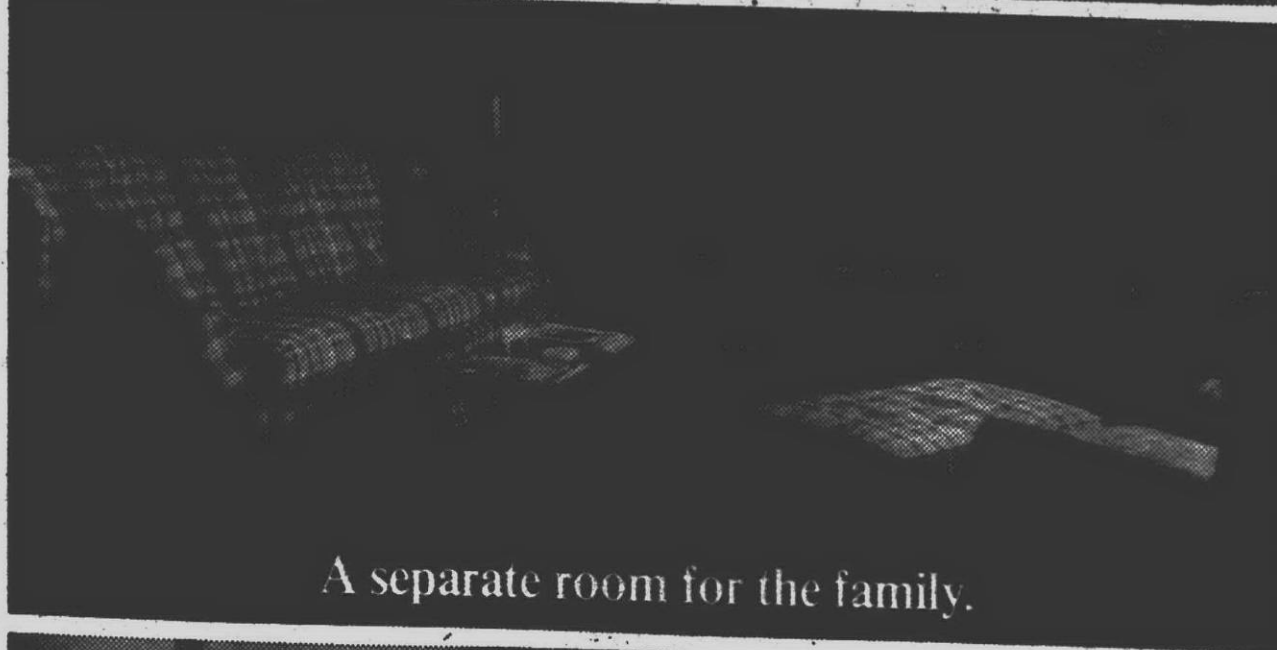
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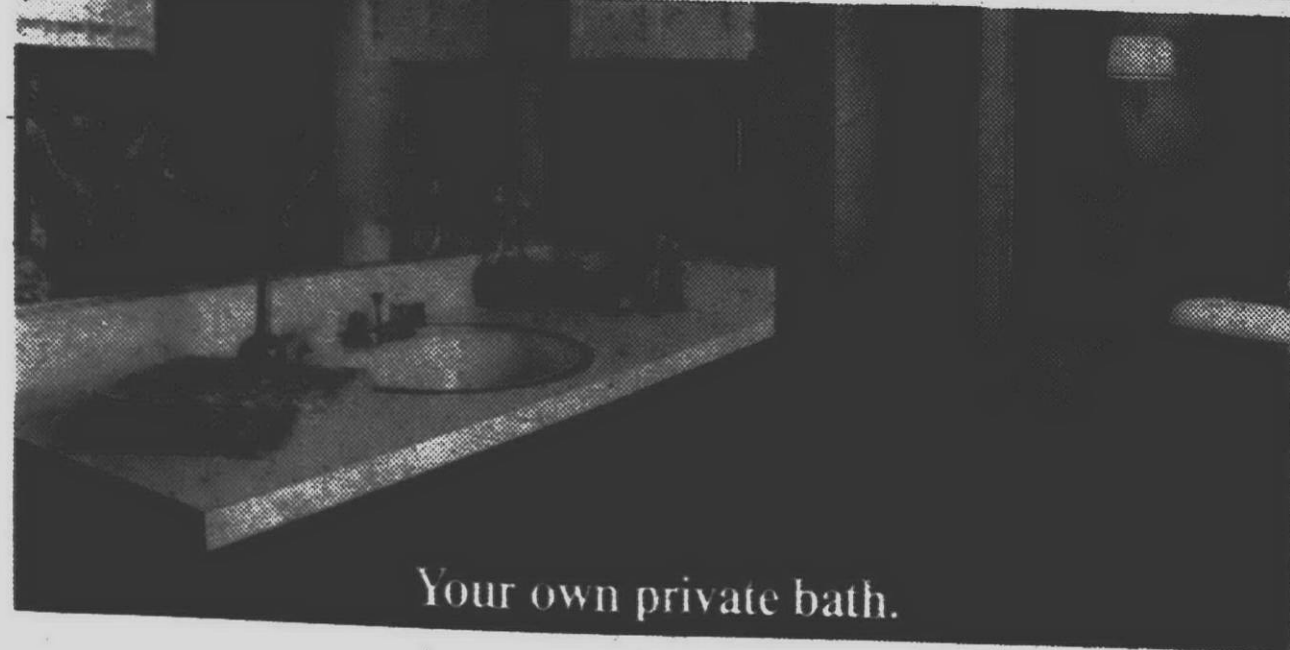
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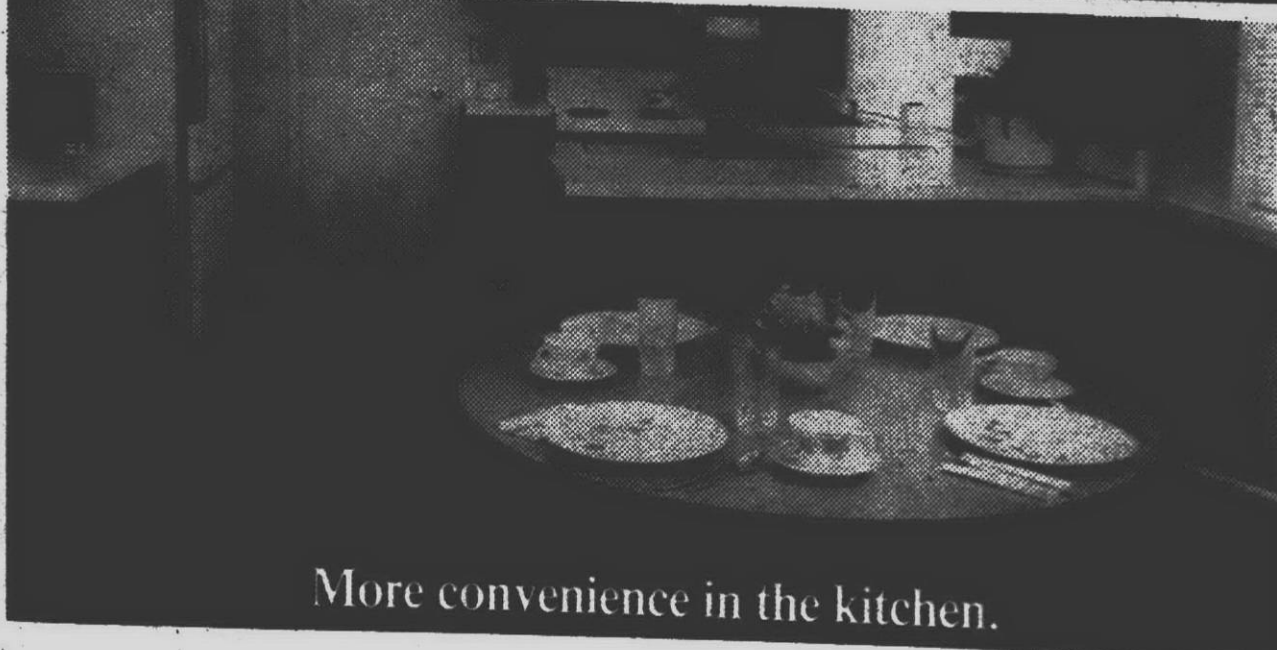
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Area Deaths And Funerals

GEORGIA L. BAKER — Services for Mrs. Baker, 49, of 34521 John Hawk, Westland, were in Prayer Baptist Church with arrangements by R. G. and G. R. Harris Funeral Home. The Revs. Jack Story and Herman Taylor officiated. Burial was in North Carolina.

Mrs. Baker died suddenly April 15 of a heart attack. She was a homemaker and a member of Prayer Baptist Church.

Survivors are: husband Otis V.; son Gregory; daughters Mrs. Rellon (Beverly) Loftis and Mrs. Richard (Brenda) Easterling; four sisters and brothers, and two grandchildren.

ALEXANDER CROSSAN — Services for Mr. Crossan, 71, of Detroit were in the Harry J. Will Funeral Home with the Rev. William Wager of Aldersgate Methodist Church officiating. Burial was at Acacia Park Cemetery.

Mr. Crossan died April 16 at Metropolitan Hospital West, Westland. He was a retired maintenance employe of Rockwell-Standard Co.

Survivors are: daughters Mrs. George (Patricia Jean) Stefan of Redford Township and Mrs. Joseph (Margaret Ann) Tomaselli of Toledo; sister Mrs. Crissy Dufferin of Scotland; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

ALBERT C. DAYTON — Services for Mr. Dayton, former owner of Liberty Street Hardware in Plymouth, were in Grace Episcopal Church in Ravenna, Ohio. Mr. Dayton died April 1 in Atlanta, Ga., where he had gone for treatment. He owned the hardware store in the late 1940's.

Survivors are: wife Thelma; four children; his mother, Mrs. H. Dayton of Richmond, Mich.; two brothers; two sisters, and five grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the Cancer Control Society, 2043 N. Berendo St., Los Angeles, Calif., 90027.

DELWIN G. FOLEY — Services for Mr. Foley, 78, of 1199 S. Sheldon Rd., Plymouth, were in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Daniel Foley, S.J. officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mr. Foley died April 14 at St. Mary

Hospital. He was a sprinkler fitter and moved to Plymouth from Detroit two years ago.

Survivors are: wife Flora; daughter Miss Elizabeth Foley of Sault Ste. Marie; sons Patrick and Michael, both of Plymouth, and five grandchildren.

MILDRED O. GUTH — Services for Miss Guth, 70, of Detroit, were in Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Detroit, with arrangements by the Harry J. Will Funeral Home. The Rev. John C. Streit officiated. Burial was at Woodmere Cemetery.

Miss Guth died April 14 in Providence Hospital. She was a retired clerk for Michigan Bell Telephone Co.

Survivors are: brothers Erwin and Louis, both of Detroit, and a sister, Mrs. Henrietta Kamin of Plymouth.

JOHN O. LEE — Services for Mr. Lee, 47, of 11218 Morgan, Plymouth, were in the Harry J. Will Funeral Home with Rev. William Wager of Aldersgate Methodist Church officiating. Burial was at Evergreen Cemetery.

Mr. Lee died suddenly of a heart attack April 16. He was a supervisor in accounting for Ford Motor Co.'s Lincoln - Mercury Division. He had lived in Plymouth since 1963.

Survivors are: wife Linda; and children, John, Randy and Pierre.

GILBERT MACY — Services for Mr. Macy, 50, of Garden City, were in Caldwell - Mulligan Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Mr. Macy died April 18 at Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital. He was a tool and die maker for Republic Tool and Die Co.

Survivors are: wife Doris; sons Wayne, Gary, Dale and Garden City Police Sgt. Dennis Macy; daughter, Mrs. Doris Ann Jung; two sisters, one brother and seven grandchildren.

HOWARD B. MARBURGER — Services for Mr. Marburger, 60, of 586 Harding, Plymouth, were in Casterline Funeral Home, Northville, with Rev. Dean Klump of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Marburg died suddenly April 15. He was a manufacturing supervisor for Burrighs Adding Machine Co., Plymouth, and had lived in Plymouth 38 years. He was a member of Northville Lodge 186, F&AM.

Survivors are: wife Gladys; son Douglas of Monrovia, Calif.; sisters Mrs. Edna Keith of Plymouth and Mrs. Kathryn Dienhart of Wisconsin; brothers Jack of Tennessee and Irvin of Northville.

TERESA A. McCARTER — Services for Teresa McCarter, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McCarter who moved to Harrison from Plymouth last year, were in Coker

Funeral Home, Harrison, with Rev. James Gesell officiating. Interment was at Frost Township Cemetery, Harrison.

Teresa died April 14 in Saginaw. She was a seventh grade student in Harrison Community Schools.

Survivors are her parents; sister Elaine of Harrison; and her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Cochran of Westland.

JANE SAWKA — Services for Mrs. Sawka, 67, of Oak Park were in St. John Bosco Catholic Church following a rosary and prayers in the Harry J. Will Funeral Home. The Rev. Fr. Paul Chateau of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church of Oak Park officiated. Burial was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Mrs. Sawka died of a heart attack April 15 at her residence. She was housekeeper at Our Lady of Fatima Church.

Survivors are: daughters Mrs. Irene Flesher of Detroit and Mrs. Maurice (Janet) Dewey of Union Lake; brother Stanley Gale of Redford Township, and 10 grandchildren.

ANNE E. SMITH — Services for Mrs. Smith, 79, of 29609 Barkley, Livonia, were in St. Genevieve Catholic Church with arrangements by Manns - Ferguson Funeral Home. The Rev. Fr. F. A. Wolber officiated. Burial was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Mrs. Smith died April 16 at Dorvin Convalescent Home after a long illness. She was a former bookkeeper for American Electric Heater Co. Survivors are a son, Philip J.; a sister, and three grandchildren.

DANIEL H. TURNER — Private memorial services for Mr. Turner, 54, of 36944 Blanchard, Farmington, were in Hammond - Haas Funeral Home with the Rev. Lloyd Brasure of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville officiating. Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Mr. Turner died April 13 at his residence. He was employed at American Cleaning Corp. and formerly was with Turner Cartage and Storage Co. He was a member of Ashlar Lodge 91, F&AM; Moslem Shrine and Plymouth Elks. He served as a sergeant major in the U. S. Marine Corps in the Pacific during World War II and was wounded on Okinawa.

Survivors are: wife Wilma; sons Daniel W. and James B.; daughter Mrs. R. Bert (Sue) Davies, sister Mrs. Grace Cowling, and three grandchildren.

Schoolcraft planning dinner for seniors

Spaghetti dinners have been planned by Schoolcraft College in recognition of all graduating seniors of high schools in the college district.

Invitations have gone out for Monday, April 29, to Bentley and Ladywood high school seniors. Dinner tickets, on a first come basis, are available at the counseling office in each school.

On April 30, guests will be from Stevenson and Northville, and on May 1 from Plymouth and Clarenceville high schools. Thursday, May 2, has been reserved for Churchill, Garden City East and Garden City West.

On the final night, May 3, the college will host Franklin High School, any other students unable to attend the previous nights, and new students who will be attending Schoolcraft this spring.

This is the second year the college has hosted the dinner. Menu includes salad, spaghetti with meatballs, garlic bread and beverage.

Following dinner, there will be a concert by folksinger and entertainer Ron Coden. He is an entertainer from Oak Park who will be appearing in the summer Flip Wilson replacement show.

Those helping to plan the dinner include: Patrick Newman, counselor in charge of student activities; students Cindy Carrow, Denise Thibeau and James Vaughn of Plymouth, and Art Pepin and Tom Wicher of Livonia.

High school students should look for information on posters and in daily announcements in each school.

Edward McNally, vice president for student affairs, says: "The dinners are in recognition of the graduating seniors. Whether these seniors are planning to come here, or someplace else, or not planning to attend college

at all, they will enjoy a visit to our campus as much as we will enjoy having them."

Dinners will be in the upper level of Waterman Campus Center. The college is at 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, between Six and Seven Mile.

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Schoolcraft hosts safety seminar

Schoolcraft College will be the site of an all-day construction safety seminar sponsored by the State Construction Safety Institute in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Labor, Friday, April 26.

Private company and governmental construction supervisory personnel will be invited to participate in the seminar, which will be devoted to Michigan's new role in Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) regulations.

The Livonia meeting is one of 27 being conducted in 20 cities to explain federal and state OSHA regulations, enforcement procedures, reporting requirements, inspections, and company safety programs.

The sessions run from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. including lunch. The program is designed to interest managerial personnel for small construction firms, utilities supervisors, and governmental agencies involved in construction.

Lindsay Hayes, consultant in occupational and construction safety and former acting area director of the Michigan office of the U.S. Department of Labor, will serve as seminar director.

David Gardner, executive secretary of the Construction Safety Institute, said the seminars will review federal and state occupational safety and health laws, handling of violation citations, inspection procedures, and the relationship between enforcing agencies. Company safety programs, reporting and record-keeping, and accident procedures also will be discussed.

Registration fee of \$40 will cover luncheon, materials and information kits.

Advance registration and information concerning the seminar schedule can be obtained from the Construction Safety Institute, Inc., 200 - B Mill Street, Lansing, 48933.



JANICE ROGGENBECK of Redford will participate in a program by the Detroit City Ballet April 25, at 8:30 p.m. in the Detroit Institute of Arts Auditorium.

Detroit Ballet is coming April 25

Two area residents will perform with the Detroit City Ballet on Thursday, April 25, at 8:30 p.m. in the Detroit Institute of Arts Auditorium, Farnsworth and John R.

Participating from the area will be LaDonna Reddington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Reddington of Livonia, and Janice Roggenbeck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roggenbeck of Redford.

Miss Reddington, 17, is a senior at Ladywood High School in Livonia. Aside from dancing, she is also involved in theater at school, is a member of the drama club, concert choir, honors ensemble choral group, Care Club and is vice president of the student council.

Miss Roggenbeck, 17, is a senior at Thurs on High School in Redford. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the German Club. Both Miss Roggenbeck and Miss Reddington are students at Miss Jean's Dance Arts in Livonia, under the direction of Mrs. Jean Gloria Newell.

The program for the April 25 concert will feature "Caprice" by Saint Saens, "Etude" by Brahms, "Rag" by Scott Joplin and "Shostakovich Suite" by Dmitri Shostakovich.

Tickets at \$2.50 and \$2 are available at Hudson's, Grinnell's and the Institute box office.

New ideas may merit \$ award

Wayne County employees could earn up to \$1,000 for cost saving ideas or suggestions for improving safety standards, communications, employee morale or encouraging innovation and open minded attitudes.

The board of commissioners recently approved the suggestion award program involving the more than 8,000 county employees.

It was proposed by Commissioner Richard E. Manning (D - Redford).

The program will start about June 1 and a five - member committee will review all suggestions and determine the amount of the rewards.

Commissioner Conrad L. Mallett (D - Detroit) is award committee chairman. Manning is vice - chairman. The minimum award will be \$5 and the maximum \$1,000.

Others on the award committee are: Eugene Guido, president of Local 1659, American Federation of state, county and municipal employees; Don McGee, Civic Service Commission; and Charles Sanson, Board of Auditors.

All county employees are eligible to submit suggestions, but the ideas will not be considered which are expected as a part of an employee's regular work.



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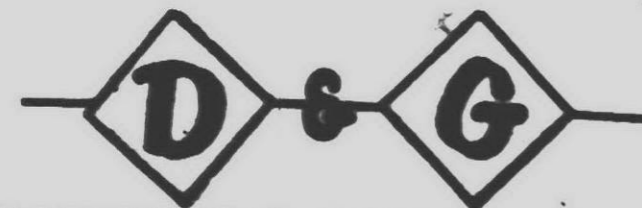
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Greenhouse operation realizes long-time dream of resident

By W.W. EDGAR

PLYMOUTH - Bill Ruehr, the young blond who has been a familiar figure around Heide's greenhouse at Mill and Liberty streets, is realizing a dream he has had since his high school days.

He's remodeling the entire operation and when it is finished there will be a three-pronged operation that will include a vegetable market, the garden center and a flower shop that raises and sells its own plants.

"Ever since I was a kid working around here," he said during a rare spare moment, "I constantly urged my father to remodel the place, bring it up to date and thus become a great asset to the community."

For years he wouldn't listen," Bill went on, "Then about two years ago he consented and we planned the changes before he left for a vacation in Germany."

Bill halted a moment and then said, softly, "He never came back. He died over there. And now I am carrying out the job for both of us."

When the elder Ruehr died, Norm, Bill's brother, inherited the flower shop at Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey Street and Bill took over the greenhouse.

Prior to the elder Ruehr's death he had built up a reputation as the "Poinsettia King" of Wayne County.

There was something about the poinsettias that stood them apart from those in other areas. He started this reign as the "King" shortly after purchasing the business from Heide, the original owner, in 1939.

Recently, Norm sold the downtown flower shop to several out-of-towners and Bill is left alone to carry on the family's flower tradition.

In the process of revamping the place, Bill is eliminating approximately 30 per cent of the greenhouse to provide a parking area for the vegetable market.

"The heating bills were killing us," he confided. "Would you believe it, our bill for one month was above \$1,100."

The entire enterprise now will be another bright spot in Old Village and give the entire community a vegetable market. And now that Don Lightfoot has retired from his traditional spot on South Main Street, Bill's market will be the only one in the Village and the downtown business section.

Aside from the remodeling of the greenhouse, two other changes already have been made and both of them should prove popular.

Forte's Antique Shop has taken over the corner store and the Miller Upholsterers, who have been in business for 18 years, have moved in next door.

Under his present plan, Bill will conduct the vegetable market on one end of the building. It will feature vegetables obtained from the farmers. The center will be the old Garden Center for the sale of seeds and equipment with the flower shop at the end toward Liberty Street.

While remodeling the old place, young Bill is planning several new promotional ideas, among them a monthly flower program for business offices, banks and even perpetual flowers in the cemeteries.

This idea was born after he had prepared the many boxes of geraniums displayed a year ago in Old Village.

You see, he's still dreaming.



EXTENSIVE RENOVATION of what was formerly the Heide's Greenhouse on Mill Street is now nearly complete and the Village Market produce stand has been added by Bill Ruehr. (Staff photo)

A Saturday with nature

Schoolcraft College will again offer a series of classes, starting May 4, on the natural history of Michigan.

biology department and will be taught by four instructors.

The community services course consists of four Saturday morning field trips to various areas nearby. The trips are sponsored by the college

William Ryan will be responsible for the first session entitled "Life in the Geologic Past of Michigan," a laboratory experience with specimens and slides.

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On May 11, the topic will be "A Focus on Wild Flowers" taught by Roger Sutherland and will include a morning hike.

"A Spring Bird Trip" will be May 18 with Grover Niergarth. This session will include a leisurely field trip through the Proud Lake area concentrating on the varied bird life.

The final session with Raymond Stiles will be "The Lichens - Two of a Kind." A brief classroom orientation followed by a field trip will acquaint participants with this unique combination of algae and fungi.

Tuition is \$11 for residents of

Schoolcraft district and \$22 for non-residents. Registration deadline is May 3 with the Registrar's Office, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia 48150.



KEITH W. GRICE

American Title opens office here

PLYMOUTH - American Title Insurance Co. has announced opening of a branch office at 498 S. Main St., and appointment of Keith W. Grice as office manager.

The new facility will provide complete title services and escrow facilities for the community, according to Stanley M. Fisher, executive vice president.

The company serves realtors, builders, attorneys, investors, banks and savings and loan associations in real estate transactions.

'Good Times' German Club plans festival

PLYMOUTH - Even if you can't pronounce "Gemutlichkeits" the newly formed Plymouth German Club will let you join.

Officially the name of the club is the Plymouth German Gemutlichkeits (German for "good times") Club, the group hopes to hold a German ethnic festival at the Plymouth Community Cultural Center on June 14 and 15.

According to Bob Fitzner, vice president of the club, the group is meeting at the cultural center the next three Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. to discuss plans for the fest.

The meetings are held in the center's arts and crafts room.

At its last meeting the club elected these officers: Tim Schelling, president; Fitzner, vice president; Alex Schneider, treasurer; Edith Scherer, secretary; and Roger Feller and Rudolf Koppen, board members.

ROTC honors 2 Plymouthites

PLYMOUTH - Two Plymouth residents were honored recently in an Eastern Michigan University ROTC awards ceremony.

Cadet Neils E. Hansen Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Neils K. Hansen of 11477 Aspen Dr., received the Assn. of the U. S. Army Award. He is a junior majoring in political science.

Cadet Edward Proskie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Proskie of 48725 Ann Arbor Rd., also received an award. Proskie is a sophomore majoring in management.



NOTICE TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that applications for ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS, from those individuals qualified and desiring to vote absentee, will be received at the Office of the City Clerk up to and including 2:00 P.M., Eastern Daylight Time, on SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1974, for the City of Plymouth Special Election to be held on Tuesday, May 7, 1974, on the CONSOLIDATION of the CITY OF PLYMOUTH and the TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH.

PAUL V. BRUMFIELD, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, May 6, 1974, at 7:30 P.M., Eastern Daylight Time, a public hearing will be held by the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Michigan, in the Commission Chamber of the City Hall, said City, upon the question of necessity in regard to the proposed especially assessed local or public improvement described as follows:

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At said hearing, objections to said improvement will be heard. The report of the City Manager and the resolution of the City Commission are on file in the office of the City Clerk at the City Hall for public examination.

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How can anyone overstate the importance of the decision voters in the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township must make in two weeks?

A vote either way in the May 7 consolidation election is important. A "yes" vote means a change in our local governmental structures and a "no" vote means we probably won't get the opportunity to make any such changes for some time.

It behooves everyone who plans to vote on the consolidation issue to do so intelligently.

Consolidation is a complicated issue. There are many facets of local government operation that will be af-

ected should the two governments merge into one.

Each voter should know the facts on the matter — and it just happens this

is the week you'll have several opportunities to do that.

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce is holding a public noon luncheon Wednesday in the Mayflower Hotel featuring Ken Ver Burg and Don Peppard, two of the Michigan State University researchers who wrote the city-township consolidation report.

Wednesday evening the MSU researchers and the Ad Hoc Committee on consolidation will hold a public forum on the consolidation report at 8 p.m. in city hall. There will be a period for questions and answers.

On Thursday, the Plymouth Township Community Improvement Association will sponsor a debate on consolidation in Plymouth - Salem High School's cafeteria at 8 p.m. Two speakers will present each side.

So there's plenty of opportunity to get all the information on the consolidation issue this week.

For such an important election, the voters should take advantage of these three meetings to assemble their information first hand.

Many voters say they have already made up their minds. If they have, they're cheating themselves and their neighbors by not looking at all the facts and opinions.

Whatever the outcome of the election on May 7, the people of Plymouth city and township should be able to look back on it afterward and say, honestly, that it was a well-informed decision of the voters.

If not, the voters have only cheated themselves.

Making an intelligent decision is easy — if you've got the facts. Otherwise it's simply an emotional choice and, on such an important issue, a travesty of the election process.



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THE AGENDA for the April 10 Plymouth School Board meeting was mailed out April 5 and arrived at the Plymouth Observer & Eccentric offices on April 17, two days before the agenda for the April 23 meeting arrived. The Observer & Eccentric has received many complaints lately about mail service.

Report more 'accurately,' don't stress controversy

EDITOR:

Where was I Monday night (April 1) or where was the Plymouth Observer and Eccentric reporter? We both thought we were at the Plymouth Board of Education workshop at the board office.

After reading the headlines, "Schools May OK 45 - 15," and then the article written by Jan Williams, I was more than positive we both were not at the same meeting.

And this is not the first time these discrepancies have occurred between what was said and done at school board meetings and what was reported in the Observer.

I, for one, know the school board meetings are not always reported accurately.

This leads me to wonder about the Canton Township, Plymouth Township and City of Plymouth planning commission meetings, township trustee meetings, city commission meetings and other citizen committee meetings and the way they are reported.

The citizens of Plymouth Township, City of Plymouth and Canton Township look to your newspaper for accurate reporting and read your newspaper articles for information. Your articles influence lots of people's thinking and the way they vote on various issues.

However, your newspaper often prefers to stress to the public the happenings at the school board meetings which will cause controversy. Such as the verbal exchange between two board members over random choice at middle school and high school; a board member's so-called "fist fight" with a citizen at board meetings, etc.

This type reporting does not help in still confidence in our elected board.

READERS FORUM

As an interested parent and concerned citizen, I have attended each of the bi-monthly board meetings since August. I felt this would be the only way I could honestly evaluate the board as a group and as individuals.

I've listened to what problems the board and administration were confronted with and how they reached their many complex decisions. Their decisions have not always been the most popular but have been in the best interest of the majority of the students and taxpayers in the Plymouth Community School District.

In my opinion they are doing a tremendous job. How many of us could stand up to the pressure of all the abuse, criticism and disapproval they receive? I'm even more surprised that we have anyone running for these school board positions.

To the citizens of the Plymouth School District, I ask you to attend these board meetings and get your information first hand and accurately.

I believe many taxpayers would change their attitude when they find out the numerous ways and time the board of education spends in trying to help save money as well as spend it.

Some of this information you never read in the newspaper.

JENELL POWELL
Canton

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Our stories are not meant to be verbatim transcripts of public meetings. Often times the reporter must ask questions which weren't raised in

front of the public and thus the story is not based solely on the meeting.

In this particular story, we regretfully created a mistaken impression that the 45 - 15 plan might be implemented district wide. This was corrected in the following edition.

In defense of the reporter, Jan Williams, who wrote the story which Mrs. Powell refers to, the schools had never released a specific proposal for the 45 - 15 plan until after her story appeared April 4.

Mrs. Powell also criticizes us for emphasizing "negative" stories about the schools. Perhaps she has missed the many feature stories on the various programs Plymouth schools offer.

We feel it is important for our readers to get all the news — good and bad.

PCJBA 'Thanks for cooperation'

EDITOR:

Thank you for your cooperation in printing our league standings and other articles during the past junior basketball season.

We appreciate all the help we can get in spreading the word about our program in this growing community.
GERALD H TRIPLETT
President, PCJBA

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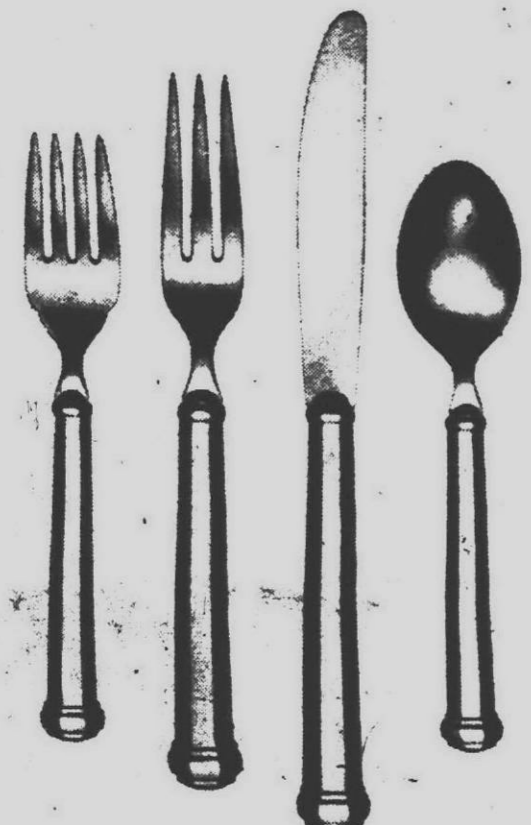


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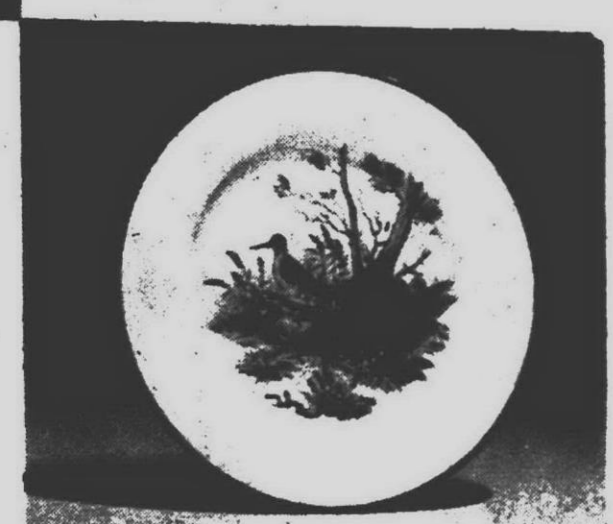
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FOR THE EARTH

BY MARGARET MILLER

Concern for the earth describes a project that can be spotted by grocery shoppers all over the area this week.

This is Earth Week, a special time designated several years ago for thinking more about our environment and how we can stop polluting it.

So Concern, Inc., a group of environmentalists centered in Troy and enrolling members in many other areas, is working with Wrigley supermarkets to make Ms. (or Mr.) Shopper more aware of the products going into the shopping cart and the effect their use can have on the environment.

Concern, Inc., says a portion of its stated aims, "seeks to educate the American consumer to exercise selective buying practices in the market to demonstrate concern for the environment."

The statement added that the group "believes that by developing such buying habits consumers can persuade business and industry of the genuine emerging market for products that are not environmentally harmful."

As the plan works during Earth Week, Wrigley stores are displaying small green and white tags, designed by Concern, Inc., and embodying the earth symbol, at strategic points in the store.

Three types of labels are posted, representing three of the four areas of

pollution with which Concern concerns itself. They are water, waste, air and health pollution.

STOP WATER POLLUTION — USE LOW - PHOSPHATE CLEANERS reads the signs posted by the laundry products.

In that area, explained Pauline Areen of Troy, a Concern representative, the organization recommends using any soap or washing soda. Pine Sol and Lestoil cleaners are recommended as less water-polluting, and the detergents that carry the "No - Phosphate" label are Trend, Dynamo or Miracle White.

Concern's advice, as posted in the soft drink and canned goods aisles at Wrigley, is **STOP WASTE POLLUTION — BUY THOUGHTFULLY — AVOID OVER - PACKAGING.**

There the advice is to choose large economy sizes that use less metal than several small cans, and to buy drinks in returnable bottles.

STOP HEALTH POLLUTION — READ LABELS CAREFULLY say the signs that shoppers can read in the cereal and bread aisles.

"Choose foods without harmful additives," recommends Concern. "Cereals such as granola and oatmeal, brown rice, wheat germ, whole grain and rye breads are better for everyone's health."

Concern also has recommendations to battle air pollution, although these signs are not being posted in the current drive.

In that area, Mrs. Areen said, the organization recommends health and beauty aids and cooking products that are packaged in glass or paper rather than plastic.

In one of its Consumer Guide Eco-Tips, distributed monthly by the group, Concern quoted Richard Vaughan, director of the federal bureau of Solid Waste Management. He said:

"When packaging containers manufactured of polyvinyl chloride are burned, corrosive gases are formed capable of severely damaging air cleaning devices in incinerators.

"In addition, if excessive quantities are emitted from the incinerators, damage to plants and buildings may result.

"We are not recommending specific products, only preferred packaging, in this area," said Mrs. Areen. With that stipulation, she suggested a shopper would do well to choose products such as Prell, Scope, Micrin, Vitalis, Tums, Lawreys and Spice Island seasons, Tang, Walsbes and Indian Summer fruit juices, and Camelot, Karo and Wesson products in syrups and cooking oils.

Concern has headquarters at 1 Northfield Plaza, Troy. All interested in supporting the organization or receiving its Eco - Tip bulletins may call the office.

Environmentalists offer tips for shopping ecologically



MRS. GRACE GLUSKIN (left) of Bloomfield Township, executive director of Concern, Inc., points out a non-polluting buy to Mrs. Joan

Knight, shopping in a Wrigley store near her Livonia home. (Staff photo by Bob Woodring)

FOR LIBRARIES



HARRY JEWELL (left), points out the reproduction of the Declaration of Independence in his new book that has been present-

ed to the two Livonia libraries. With him are Mrs. Barbara Medwedeff, representing the Livonia AAUW, donor of the books, and

Stanley Bien, head librarian at the Noble branch. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

AAUW donates new book to provide some good reading for National Library Week

BY MARGARET MILLER

If you live in Livonia, a good way to celebrate National Library Week April 21 to 27 might be to dip into a new book that takes a different slant on government today.

Recently presented to both the Alfred Noble and Carl Sandberg library branches by the Livonia branch of the American Association of University Women, the book is titled "The Bicentennial — a new look."

It is written by Harry Jewell of Grosse Ile, who came along to discuss its basic idea when Mrs. Barbara Medwedeff of the Livonia AAUW made the presentation to Stanley Bien, head librarian at the Noble branch.

He said his book outlines the premise that moral law was at work in the founding of this country and that people must renew understanding of

that law if the nation is to continue great.

"People need to learn more about the history of our country," Jewell added. "I would like to get them to spend more time in their libraries.

"I have found no professional group which complements its responsibility with more dedication and more trained talent than those who serve library patrons."

The road that led Harry Jewell to his belief in moral law for society and government and thus to the writing of "The Bicentennial — a new look" began with a law degree and then some scientific developmental work.

"I came to Detroit after I graduated from Harvard law school," he said, "and I was with a law firm for a while but decided I didn't want to make that my life.

"So I got into developmental work, and developed the first multiple vitamin."

After selling that discovery to Lever Brothers, who marketed it with the trade name Vims, Jewell figured "I was on the road to discovery and great success."

But further attempts in the field didn't go as well.

"I realized I was trying to make the chemicals do what they could not do," he said. "I was not using the laws that govern their relationships.

"And then it hit me that there are basic relationships in all fields and I could use my law background and my scientific studies to see that all fields are governed by basic laws."

Jewell said he is convinced this basic law applies not only to such areas

as chemistry but also to the social sciences, "which have been referred to as inexact."

"The basis for much of today's confusion," he declared, "is that we have not had a pattern in our government." Jewell said Thomas Jefferson and the other framers of the Declaration of Independence were aware of these laws.

That document, he pointed out, uses the term "according to the laws of nature and nature's God."

"But Jefferson, one of the most articulate young men of his day, did not originate the concept," Jewell added. "He was putting into words the understanding of that day, as it was expounded to the people by the preachers in their Election Day and Thanksgiving Day sermons."

Many of these sermons are included in his 183 - page book, he said, along with a facsimile reproduction of the Declaration of Independence.

What has happened to the U.S. government, Jewell contends, is that opinions and interpretations have been substituted for basic moral law as it was understood at the time of the country's founding and stated in the Ten Commandments, the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights.

He concludes his bicentennial book with the statement:

"Today, most people want justice, but it too will be mostly wishful until more of us insist on keeping the simple, simple — until we follow the formula taken from the experience of time and from the nature of the world.

"First, we must look to the commandments to provide a standard for cultivating our voluntary behavior.

"Next, we must employ the laws of creation — that basic nature our founding fathers came to understand, as a guide for regulating and enforcing our affairs with one another."

FOR SECRETARIES

Louise Watson is secretary of year

When Mrs. Louise Watson was in high school she wanted to become a beautician. Her parents wanted her to become a secretary.

Evidently her parents were right, for on April 24, Mrs. Watson, who lives in Westland, will be named secretary of the year by the Town and Country Chapter of the National Secretaries Assn.

There will be a banquet of the organization at Win Schuler's in Ann Arbor, and Mrs. Watson will invite her boss, J.P. Thomas, division manager of Consumers Power Co. in Livonia. During the ceremonies, held to observe the 23rd annual Secretaries Week, she will be given a dozen roses and a charm for her charm bracelet.

The honor is being bestowed on Mrs. Watson mainly because of her activities in behalf of the National Secretaries Assn. which she has served as committee chairman, corre-

sponding secretary, vice president, and as president.

If her organization is proud of her work, she is also proud of the work it does.

"Before I joined NSA, I never would have thought it possible that I would some day become president of a chapter," Mrs. Watson said. "But they believe in getting a member involved and in giving her small responsibilities at first to strengthen her confidence."

Mrs. Watson enjoys the variety of her work. "My boss is involved in a lot of civic organizations, and when he is involved I get involved too," she said. "It is interesting to meet people of the community and always be concerned with different things."

A widow, Mrs. Watson has lived for five years in Westland. She has three sons, Keith, Joe and Dennis. Would she like to be secretary to the president of the United States? "Not right now," said Mrs. Watson.

Judge Mies talks to women

"Will the Computer Replace the Quill in the Michigan Courts?" is the subject of the speech to be given by Judge James E. Mies of the 18th Judicial District Court, Livonia, to the American Society of Women Accountants on Tuesday, April 23, at the Dearborn Inn.

President of the Michigan District Judges' Assn., Judge Mies is also vice - president of the North American Judges Assn.

He serves as a member of the Standard Jury Instructions Committee and the National Advisory Council of the Center for the Administration of Justice.

There will be a reception for Judge Mies and guests of members at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Those interested in making reservations may contact Mrs. A.P. Ferrio, 46 Woodward Heights, Pleasant Ridge.

TAP TAP TAPPING AWAY at the symbol of her trade is Mrs. Louise Watson of Westland, recently named secretary-of-the-year by the Town and Country chapter of the National Secretaries Association. She will be honored April 24 at a banquet given by the organization. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)



Wegienek - Marshall

Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. Wegienek of Danbridge Road, Plymouth, announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen M., to Kevin J. Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Marshall of Riverside Drive, Livonia. The bride-elect is a 1972 graduate of Plymouth High School and her fiancé graduated from Bentley High School in 1972. Both are students at Michigan State University. They plan to be married in September.



Chimko - Doyle

Mr. and Mrs. John Chimko of Iowa Avenue, Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Denise Marie, to K. Scott Doyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Doyle of Wyoming, Mich. The bride-elect is a graduate from Ladywood High School in 1970 and is now a senior at Michigan State University, where she is a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. Her fiancé is a senior at MSU. A July wedding is planned.

Armenian youth to protest importing Turkish heroin

BY SHERRY KAHAN

In 1915 the Turkish government massacred 1.5 million Armenians, a Christian minority living in their country.

That was far away and long ago. But activities on Wednesday, April 24 by the Armenian Youth Federation will bring it close to home and up to date. Fearing a similar "massacre" of the youth of this country from Turkish heroin, this group of young people from the Detroit metropolitan area is protesting any governmental action that might mean additional opium, from which heroin is made, getting into this country.

Choosing the date on which the Armenian community commemorates the 1915 tragedy, April 24, the 150 members of the organization including several from Livonia, Westland and Plymouth, will leaflet as many areas as they can manage.

These will include busy spots in Detroit as well as such college campuses as the University of Michigan (both in Ann Arbor and Dearborn), Wayne State University, University of Detroit, Central Michigan University, Michigan State University, Eastern Michigan University and Western Michigan University. They also hope to appear in shopping cen-

ters including the Livonia Mall.

Specifically the youth group fears cancellation of the agreement between the U.S. and Turkey under which Turkish farmers ceased growing opium.

"Eighty per cent of the illicit opium supplies in this country come from Turkey," said Nancy Gavoro of Livonia, who is a member of the planning committee.

"Our organization feels an obligation to the youth of this country to expose the fact that most of our heroin has been made from Turkish opium."

"It is sad to know that someone as young as junior high students can obtain it. We know heroin is very addictive. But if it is not available to the people who try to solve their problems with it, then they won't get started," she added.

The aim of the Armenian Youth Federation is to stop heroin at the source, not only to help potential addicts but to prevent drug related crime."

She said it made her boiling mad recently when she read that American drug companies are bringing pressure to bear on the American government to cancel this agreement with Turkey.

They feel they can save money buying Turkish opium, used medically in morphine, she added.

"What is good for the public is more important than what is good for the pharmaceutical companies," stated Nancy. "And we want the public to know what is going on."

Nancy and her brother, Mark, a student at the University of Michigan, are among the Livonians who will be reminding the public of massacres, both old and new, on Wednesday.

Joining them will be Pat and Rose Ann Darakdjian, Levon Hachigian, Richard Kamar, Karen Kiefer, Vanessa Marderosian and Haig Nisharian.

Oram and Levon Chodanian of Westland and Cheryl Hagopian of Plymouth will also be out with leaflets to commemorate a disaster that took place 59 years ago and perhaps to prevent another.

Adoption head will be speaker

Margaret Pfeiffer, head of the adoption division of the Wayne County Juvenile Court, will be guest speaker at the 25th anniversary luncheon of the Detroit Auxiliary of the Lutheran Children's Friend Society.

The event will be Tuesday, April 23, at noon in the Unity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 14301 Burt, Detroit, following an 11 a.m. service. Those wishing to make reservations may contact Mrs. John Schade, 1830 Starhope, Grosse Pointe.

'America' films to be shown in Farmington

The Farmington American Association of University Women will begin its presentation of the Alistair Cooke film series, "America" Tuesday, April 23, at 8 p.m. in the Farmington Public Library on 12 Mile.

Admission is free. On April 23, the two segments shown will be The New Found Land and Home Away from Home. Making a Revolution and Inventing a Nation will be offered April 30. On May 1 viewers will see Gone West and The Haunted West.

Scheduled for May 14 is A Firebell in the Night and Domesticating a Wilderness; for May 21, Money on the Land and The Huddled Masses; for May 28, The Promise Fulfilled and The Promise Broken together with The Arsenal, and for June 4, The First Impact and The More Abundant Life.



TO PROTEST THE GROWING OF OPIUM in Turkey, these three members of the Armenian Youth Federation will help their organization distribute leaflets in areas of Detroit as well as many universities on April 24. From left are Nancy Gavoro, a Stevenson High School student; Haig Nisharian, a graduate of Clarenceville High School, and Pat Darakdjian, who attends Schoolcraft College. (Staff photo by Doug Johnson)

Rummage sale offers treasures, French styles

While the rummage sale Saturday, May 2 at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills offers the usual rummage sale items such as toys, books, jewelry and glassware, it has a feature that is unusual.

In its French Room will be found famous name designer fashions and brand new merchandise. Shoppers can reach these items through a special entrance apart from the usual rummage shopping.

Considered the largest rummage sale in the area, the event is sponsored twice annually by the Episcopal Churchwomen. It will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church at Lone Pine and Cranbrook.

Specializing in unusual items, the sale this year will include Chinese porcelain pieces, Chinese garments and a nostalgic assortment of old playbills and theater programs dating back to 1900. Patchwork quilts will also be sold.

More than 2,500 people were attracted last fall to the rummage sale, proceeds of which will benefit more than 60 local charities in the Detroit and Pontiac areas.

EMU class for women

A new course, which takes as its premise the fact that women are an important resource in the nation's economy is scheduled for the summer and fall sessions at Eastern Michigan University.

Offered by the economics department, it will be taught by Mary McCarthy, who believes the course will be valuable to both men and women.

With women an ever-increasing percentage of the work force, the course will focus on their impact in various areas. It will take up their rise in importance in labor unions and the effect of this on organized labor.

Continuing differences between men and women in employment opportunity and pay will come under scrutiny, but Mrs. McCarthy emphasizes that an effort will be made to find causes of these differences. She feels that in certain cases pay differentials are justified.

Another facet of the course will be women's activities in the home and in the community. Its value to men is that it will give them useful information about women in case they work with them.

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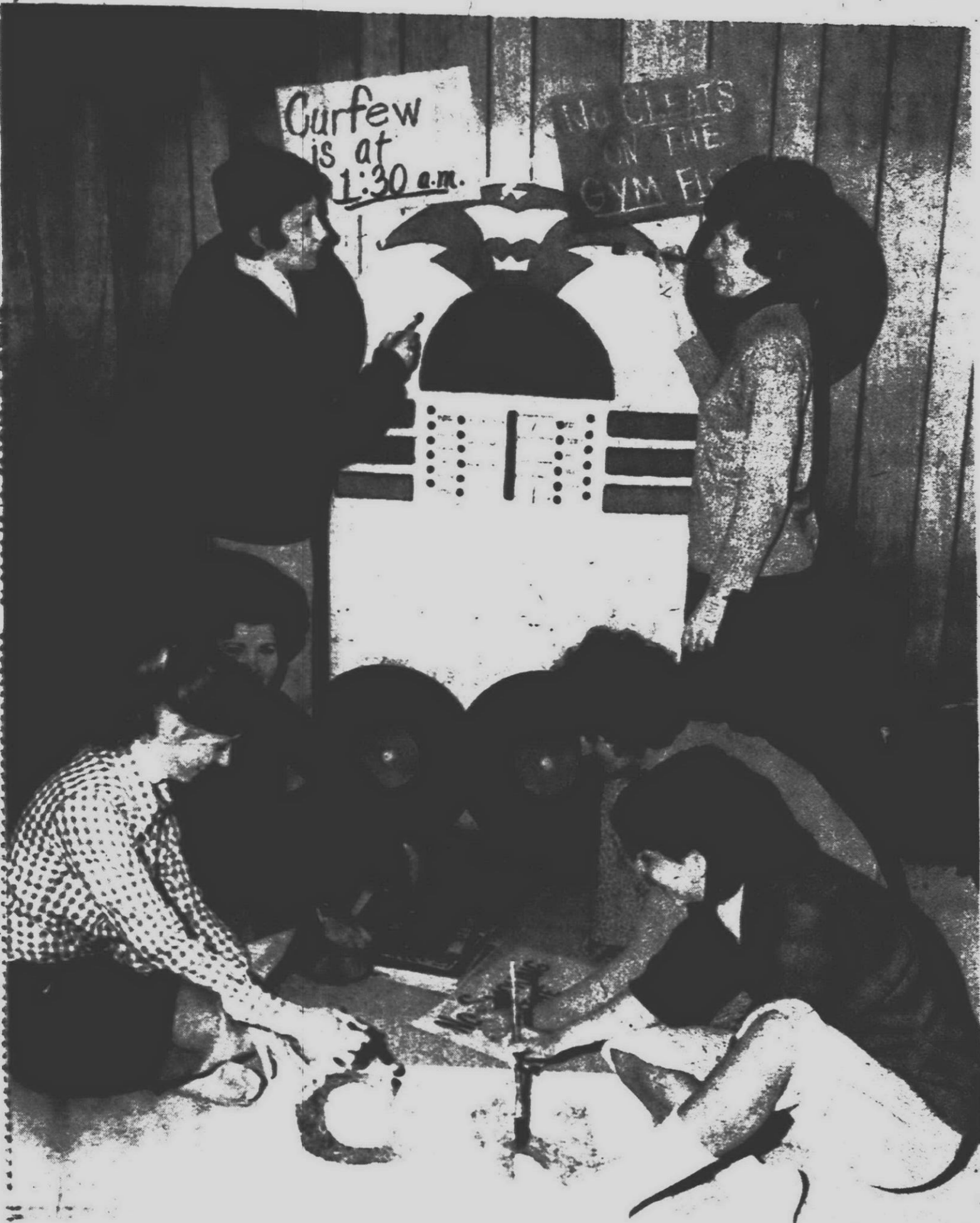
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Plea bargaining gives away the store -- Ford

By MAURIE WALKER

PLYMOUTH — "What can we do when we have a court system that gives away the store?"

This was the comment of Plymouth Police Chief Timothy Ford to Gov. William Milliken's recent special message to the State Legislature on criminal justice.

The governor advocates doing away with plea bargaining, a process where the defense, prosecution and judge agree to accept a guilty plea to a charge carrying lesser penalties than the one for which the arrest was made.

"The police are never a part of plea bargaining; in fact we resist and oppose the system," Ford said.

"We are always ready to proceed on the merits of a criminal charge. Police only start the process, from then on it is taken out of our hands."

To the governor's statement that, "Let us serve notice to the cop on the take, the lazy prosecutor, the gullible judge, that the people of Michigan will not tolerate them any longer," Ford said:

"I agree with the governor that we should attack corruption, gullibility and laziness in the law enforcement system whenever we find it.

"I would argue, however, that no single level of the criminal justice system is without its corruption, laziness and gullibility as he would seem to imply by his statement."

Milliken said existing handgun control laws which are now on the books should be "fully enforced by prosecutors and the courts." These, he said, are not now strictly enforced.

Ford said handgun control should be automatic.

"Commission of a crime involving a

handgun should bring the maximum sentence, not the minimum as is so often the case," Ford said.

Milliken's message stresses the law as a weapon against crime. He said:

"First of all, I propose a sweeping and fundamental reform of our sentencing practices. Many experts on criminal justice have recently come to this conclusion: It is not the severity but the certainty of punishment which can deter conscious criminal acts."

The governor said, "We must convey to the thug who has been flouting the law for years that we are through playing games. And we must face up to the fact that the smart criminals have been playing games with criminal justice and winning with appalling regularity."

Milliken also proposes that sentencing for major crimes be restructured under our law so that offenders will face progressively severe mandatory sentences for each additional offense.

"The objectives cited by the governor and his ideas are beautiful.

"We police officers agree and are convinced he is right. Now all that is necessary is to convince other levels of the criminal justice system."

Miss Prevo finishes Army specialist class

PLYMOUTH — WAC Pvt. Sandra B. Prevo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore H. Prevo of 424 N. Main St., has completed the data communications terminal specialist course at the U. S. Army Southeastern Signal School, Ft. Gordon, Ga.

BRUSH UP ON YOUR "chicken," "stroll," and "twist." The Canton Township Newcomers Club is holding a "Rock 'n Roll Revival" at 8:30 p.m. May 4 in the Plymouth Community Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. Disc Jockey Dick Purtan will emcee the event. Prizes will be awarded to those couples best representing the '50s dress pegged pants, "points," greased back hair or frat apparel for men, and

bobby socks, long skirts, and DA or ponytail hairstyles for women. Beer, pizza and setups will be provided with the tickets. Working on decorations for the nostalgia-filled event are (clockwise from left front): Sue Bunch, Barb Bladzick, Judy Koch, Phyllis Redfern, Carol Ditter and Ann Buck. (Staff photo by Bob Woodring)

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The screening will select 10 outstanding student soloists to perform May 17 and 18 at Central Michigan University during Youth Arts Festival of Michigan Week.

Semifinal and final auditions will be held April 20 at CMU in Mt. Pleasant. The 10 soloists will perform with either the Ann Arbor Huron or Detroit Cass Tech high school orchestras.

Stephens and Miss Lang were named to the screening after their solo performances at the State Solo and Ensemble Festival.

Eastern honors 18

PLYMOUTH — Eighteen Plymouth students at Eastern Michigan University were honored for academic excellence at special convocations.

Gina Lukens of 287 Irvin was cited for earning all A's and two others barely missed.

Donald Ayotte of 41118 Russet earned a 3.99 grade point average based on a four point scale and Kathryn Williams of 5886 Edinburgh had a cumulative average of 3.92.

The others, all with grade point averages of 3.5 or better, were: Beverly Britton of 14515 Shadywood, Lynne Elton of 368 N. Harvey, Robert Froberg of 12454 Woodgate Dr., Niels Hansen of 11477 Aspen Dr.

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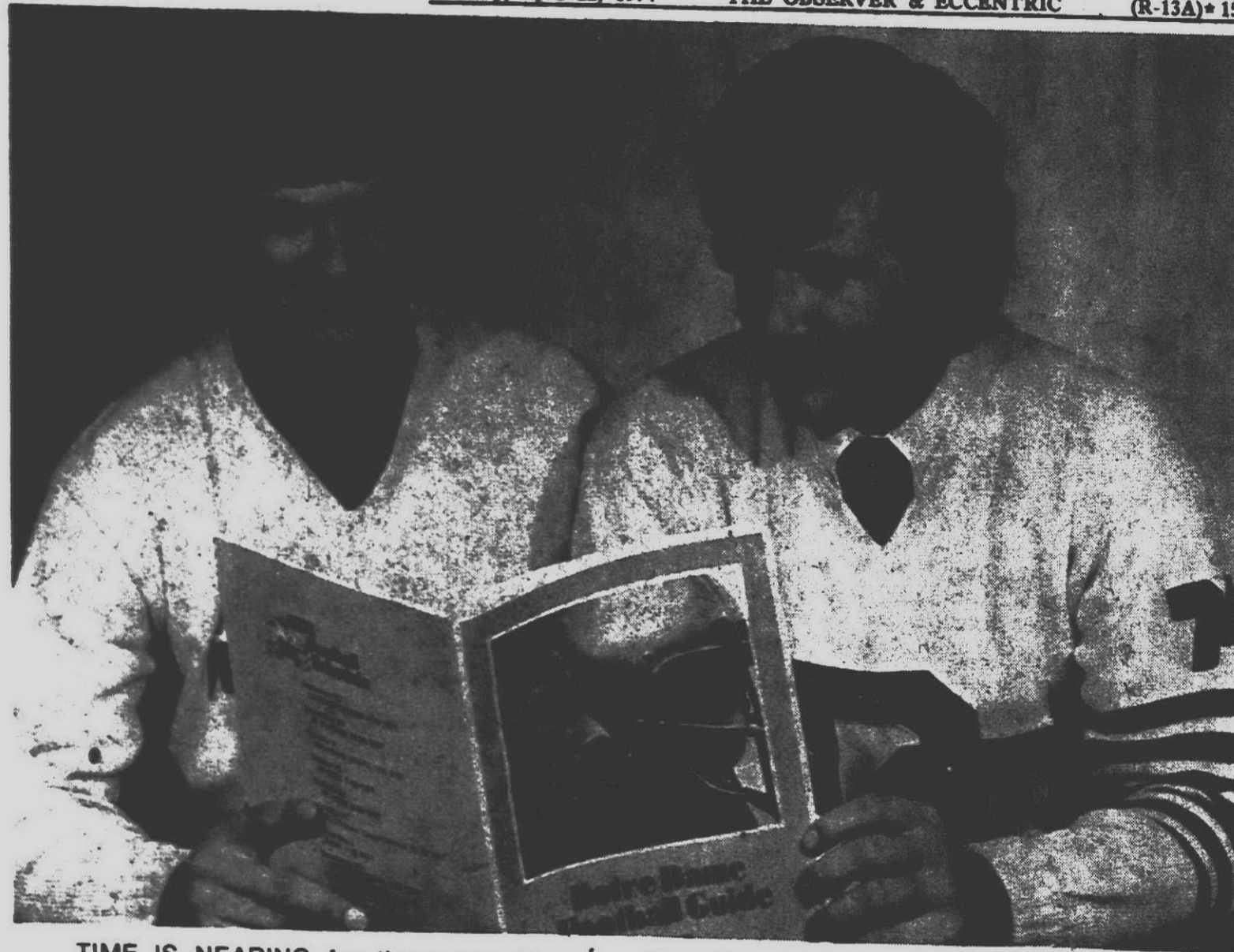
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TIME IS NEARING for these two Livonia youths to don Notre Dame's "fighting Irish" football colors in preparation for the 1974 collegiate football scene. Ed Kasparek (left) and Gary Forystek (right), both all-state grid stars from Divine Child High, have signed letters of intent for Notre Dame. (Staff photo)

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Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

The 16 states which have legalized parimutuel wagering on harness racing collected an all-time high total of \$173,793,145 in taxes on the sport during 1973.

A record \$2,293,161,493 was wagered at the nation's harness tracks while attendance was 26,517,729... second only to the 27,203,645 turnstile mark set in 1971 and up from the 25,425,367 registered in 1972.

The percentages of increase in 1973 over 1972 are 10 per cent for wagering and four per cent in attendance.

The increases were achieved despite a 6.5 per cent drop in average handle and a nine per cent decrease in average attendance in the state of New York where legalized off-track betting operations have made sharp inroads. About 40 per cent of the nation's harness track patronage and wagering is compiled in New York.

With one week remaining of the Pompano Park meeting, Ted Taylor, one of the top drivers in the metropolitan Detroit area for years, had a total of 94 victories. That placed him far ahead of any of his rivals at the Florida track.

Ted, who is expected to check into Hazel Park with his large public stable in another week, had ambitions of stretching his total to 106 before the end of the meeting last Saturday.

The end of racing at Pompano Park will find several stables shipping into the east side track during the next few days.

Heading the list will be Taylor, who

is handling the powerful Earl Forsyth stable of Birmingham among others; Don Hall with the United Stock Farm stable owned by Sid Beryin and his associates; Harold Fisher of Adrian; and Frank O'Mara, who also calls Adrian his home these days.

Jack Ackerman, who competed annually in the Detroit area for more years than he cares to remember, stayed until closing night at Pompano Park but is expected to take off for Chicago where he does most of his summer racing now.

Meanwhile, Racing Secretary Bill Connors expects Doug Ackerman to arrive most any day now from California for his usual powerful string of pacers and trotters.

Doug follows the usual schedule of leaving in the early fall to go to Hollywood Park, then moves to the San Francisco section and back to southern California for the Los Alamitos season... then to Michigan.

From the desk of Racing Commissioner Leo Shirley comes word of the lifting of the suspension of Roger Edwards' driver-trainer license.

The official order reads: "This appeal from the ruling of the stewards suspending the occupational license of Roger Edwards for an alleged violation of rule 315 (d) having been heard on Sept. 20, 1973 and continued without date for further investigation and upon finding that the testimony of a principal witness is not credit worthy."

"It is ordered that the stay of the suspension heretofore granted be set aside. It is further ordered that the complaint be dismissed."

The receipt of such an order from the Racing Commissioner means that our recent complaint about not receiving the official rulings is now being answered. One can only thank the commissioner for taking such quick action on a complaint from the media.

McGaughey's 307 headlines OCC

Sophomore Pat McGaughey shot a 307 for four rounds to lead Orchard Ridge golfers to a sixth place recently in the northern collegiate division of the University of Miami Invitational at Miami, Fla.

The Raiders were the only junior college in the 28-school division of the tourney. The University of Michigan took first place.

This year's Orchard Ridge squad includes McGaughey, a graduate of Royal Oak Kimball; Les Branch of Novi; and Ray Mead and Tom Makyshyn of Southfield. All are veterans of last year's 11-1 campaign.

Freshmen on the squad this year are Bob Fortner of Birmingham Sea-holm, John Knox of Royal Oak Kimball, Bob Mead of Southfield, and Craig Thornton of Rochester.

Michigan Okinawan karate matches set for Plymouth

The first Michigan Okinawan open karate championship will take place at Central Middle School in Plymouth on Saturday, May 18.

Registration is set for 10 a.m. with eliminations kicking off at noon and continuing through finals. Entry fee is \$6 for Kymite, \$6 for Kata and \$8 for both.

The Kymite division will be broken down into novice pee wee (age 12 and under); advanced pee wee (12 and under); novice junior (13-16); advanced junior (13-16); and for women including white, green, brown, black light weight and black heavy weight.

The Kata will be broken down into pee wee (12 and under); junior (13-16) for white, green, brown and black belts.

There will be first, second and third place awards in all divisions with \$100 being awarded to the grand champion pro. Robert L. White and John L. Nichols are the directors. White is the owner of the Karate Health Spa on 849 Penniman in Plymouth.

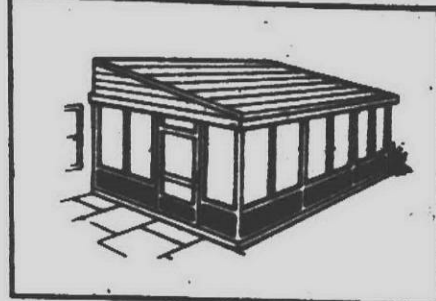
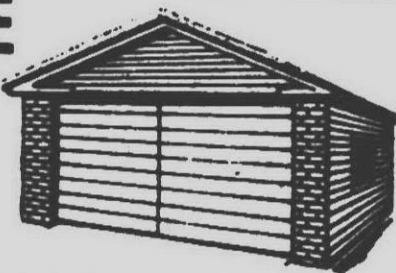
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In The Pocket



By W.W. EDGAR

Ann Setlock, one of the veterans of the women's all-star leagues, has done it again.

With a finish as exciting as any in years she won the high average championship and thus earned the right to enter the throne room after an absence of several years.

Trailing Kathy Springs, her youthful rival, by a single pin on the final night of the season in the Ladies Major League, Ann left no doubt about her right to the title when she rolled games of 178, 246 and 265 for a 689 - second highest of the season - to leave her challenger far behind.

It was a most satisfying triumph for Ann, who has been fighting the ravages of a bad back for more than a year. It wasn't too long ago that she was on the verge of retiring from major competition. Then, she decided to give it one more try and crowned the year with success by posting an average well above 196.

With this average, Ann joins the elite of women's bowling in America

The women bowlers also set a record as a group when three teams - Motown, Pinky's Sport Shop and Jac

Ro - tied for the league championship in the Bowlerettes circuit.

It was the first triple tie ever recorded in the league that has been in existence for more than a quarter of a century.

In a roll-off at Motor Lanes Anita, Cantaline's Jac - Ro team showed the way and earned the trophy in a thrilling finish.

The new champions will be crowned at the annual banquet Friday night when the official figures and averages will be announced.

The members of the Goebel team are keeping their fingers crossed - and for a good reason.

Unless some sharpshooter comes through in the next two weeks before the ABC tournament closes at Indianapolis, the Goebel group will claim three titles.

Captain Bob Hart is at the head of the list in the individual all-events with 2087 and shares the doubles with Chuck Sunseri at 1419, while the team tops the team all-events with 9575.

Very few teams in the long history

of the ABC have done better than that.

This is a big week for the junior bowlers and they'll be establishing something of a record when more than 1,000 will attend the Livonia Parks and Recreation banquet.

This group has grown so large that the banquet is being conducted over a four night period at Roma Hall.

The high scoring continued in the Wonderland Lanes Classic with another pair of 700's, and a team count of 3338.

Chuck Bonza won the pace setting roll that wasn't decided until the final ball. He linked games of 222, 258 and 226 for a 706 to beat John Mc Keever by a single pin.

The annual tournament sponsored by the Greater Detroit Bowling Association got under way last Saturday night at Satellite Bowl with the largest turnout in years.

With the fuel shortage still having an effect, the attendance this year is expected to shatter all previous marks.

Stevenson batsmen stun sputtering Eagles, 6-1

Five sophomores strong, the Spartans of Stevenson High pulled off one of the early baseball season surprises in a stunning victory over Thurston, 6-1.

It was Stevenson's first outing of the season and Coach George VanWagoner just wasn't sure what to expect from his batsmen.

VanWagoner was starting five sophomores while Thurston sports one of the more experienced and powerful clubs in the area, coming off a 16-11 season.

Greg Sipus got the call for mound

chores for Stevenson and the 6-foot-3, 170 pound sophomore responded with a three-hitter, walking one and striking out three.

John Roy got two of the hits off Sipus and Ray Ivey the other.

Ken McLean and Rick Bylin hurled for Thurston with Stevenson collecting eight hits and starter McLean taking the loss.

Stevenson started with three runs in the second inning on two hits. Steve Brown opened with a double, and Jim Snyder was safe on an error on a sacrifice bunt. Bob Hope walked to fill

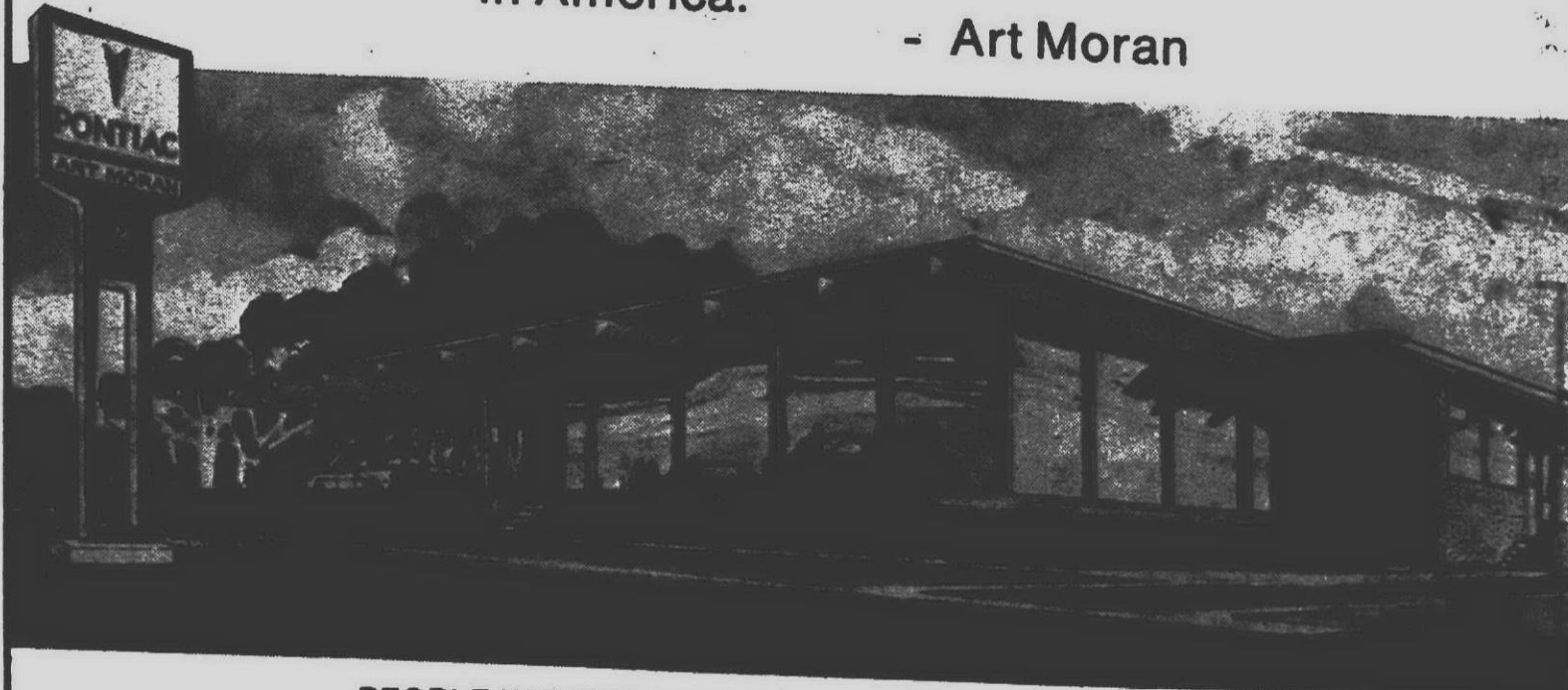
the bases. McLean retired Jim Treharne on strikes for out No. 1 but McLean walked Sipus on a three-two pitch to force in Brown. John Kollis was hit by a pitch to score another and Rob Rose singled to make it 3-0.

Thurston's solo tally came in the fourth when Roy doubled and dashed in on a hit by Ivey. A Stevenson double play, Rose to Brown to Snyder halted that threat.

The Spartans put the contest on ice in the sixth with three more runs and again on only two hits.

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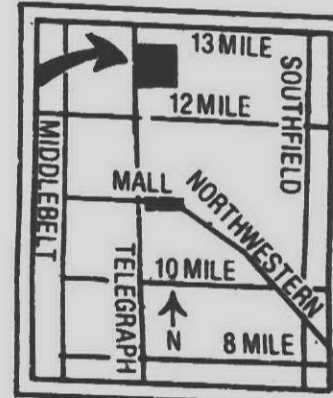
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Horse fancier makes a living that way



BOB KALISH
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Bob Kalish, a prominent Southfield harness horse fancier, has chosen an unusual way to make a living.

He is the "king of the claimers" at Michigan standardbred tracks.

Kalish is currently campaigning a stable of 16 head at the Hazel Park Harness Raceway and this number varies from week to week and day to day as Kalish gains horses and loses others on claims.

The claiming race is a device which is intended to let a trainer name the classification in which his horse belongs. For a pre-determined amount of money, usually from \$2,500 to \$25,000, a rival horseman may "claim" or purchase any horse in a claiming race but he must declare his

intention before the race starts. If a man enters his horse in a \$5,000 claiming race, for example, he must sell his horse for \$5,000 to the first horseman who claims him.

Kalish has prospered by claiming horses for which other owners have seen only a limited future or no future at all. And, more often than not, he makes winners out of them. He does so well with these rejects that, year after year, his stable is among the most consistent at Hazel Park.

He doesn't breed his own stock. He refuses to purchase yearlings and has never had a big stake horse in his barn. None of his horses will ever cut it on the Grand Circuit. Kalish has never spent more than \$15,000 - a relatively small sum in harness racing - for a horse. Yet in victories and earnings his stable may be as good as any in Michigan, and better than most.

Each year he claims or buys about 40 horses at a cost of around \$500,000. And each year he winds up with a profit of around \$75,000 after expenses.

He will not keep a horse that does not produce for him. If he perceives that he has made an unprofitable claim, he gets rid of the horse and accepts his loss. If a horse stops winning, he gets rid of the animal. There is little sentiment in his business. He is in racing to make money. For him, that's the fun of the sport.

When he first began racing horses in 1948, he lost \$5,000 the first year. His wife, Fanny, who didn't think much of the idea anyway, asked him

if he was ready to give it up. "Honey, I've never been a loser at anything," he told her. "The day I leave horse racing, I won't leave as a loser."

For 40 years, Kalish worked in the parking lot business and founded the General Parking Company which he sold in 1968 because the business was boring him to death. Since the late '40s, he had owned and raced harness horses as a hobby - but the hobby took more and more of his time.

He studied the sport, he analyzed developments and he became, for an amateur, quite knowledgeable. When he went into harness racing as a full time business in 1968, he was ready.

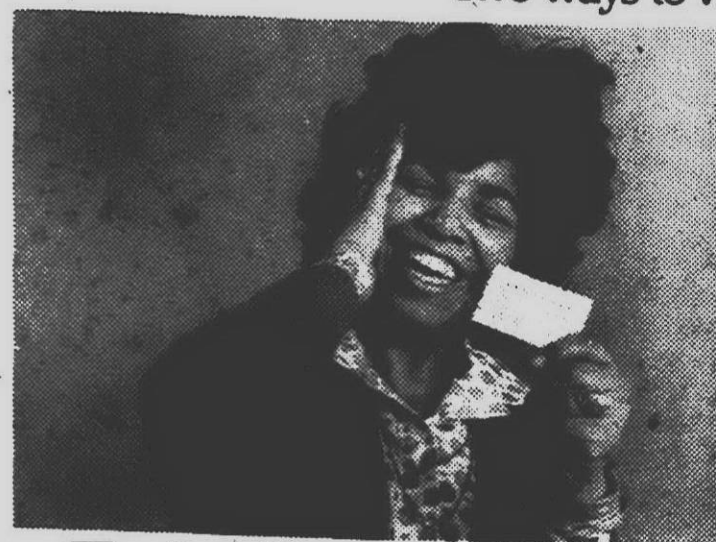
"Harness racing is the greatest sport in the world," he declares. "It's fascinating and a daily challenge. A horse is a living thing. He can't tell you what his ailments are - you've got to find them. Dealing in horses keeps you sharp, alert and young."

Lottery losers could be Lottery winners!

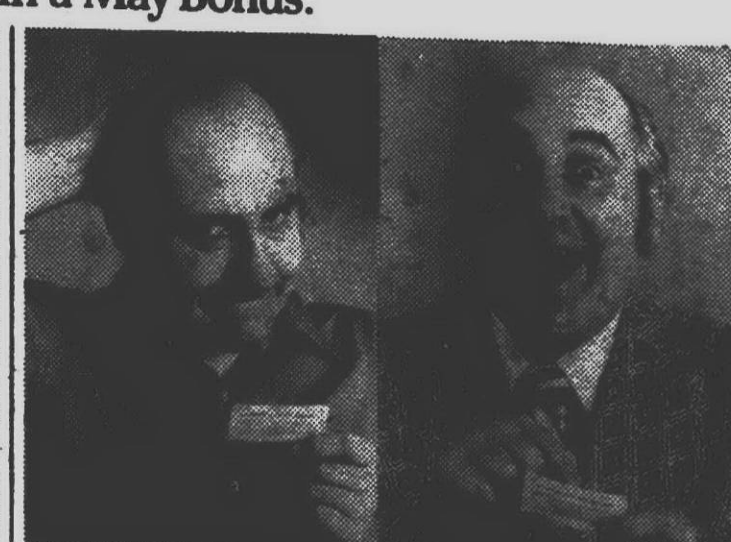
May is "DOUBLE BONUS" month!

Tickets go on sale noon April 23. Dozens of \$500 Bonus prizes each week for five weeks. Plus a Losers' Drawing with an estimated 180 prizes of \$1,000 each. That's in addition to over a million dollars in regular prizes each week.

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#2: If you're a Lottery loser in May, you can be a Lottery winner in a special drawing June 6. An estimated 180 May losers will win \$1,000 each in our special Losers' Drawing.

Buy Lottery tickets with May drawing dates. After the drawing of the Regular Weekly numbers and the Second Chance numbers on each of the May drawing dates, three Bonus numbers will be drawn. Any ticket dated for that weekly drawing matching any two of these three sets of numbers automatically wins a \$500 prize. Matching one set of Bonus numbers does not qualify for a \$25 prize.

Hang on to your May losing Lottery tickets! All tickets with drawing dates of May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 that fail to win any prize become eligible for the special Losers' Drawing. On June 6, three Losers' numbers will be drawn. Any one ticket matching two of these three sets of numbers wins a \$1,000 prize. Matching one set of Losers' numbers does not qualify for a \$25 prize. Remember: Only May Lottery tickets which have not won a prize are eligible for the Losers' Drawing. Tickets with the June 6 drawing date are not eligible. Total May Double Bonus prizes: \$270,000!



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1st week May Bonus tickets go on sale noon April 23 at statewide agency locations.

READY TO TAKE on her opponents in the table-top game of Air Hockey is Miss Linda Tewanger who captured top honors in the Westland Arcade 5-tourney and made it to the state semi-finals. (Staff photo by Tom Donoghue)

Clyde Nichols joins housing commission

PLYMOUTH — Clyde Nichols, 1381 Palmer, has been appointed by City Manager Fred Yockey to fill the vacancy on the Housing Commission. An account executive with Samson Hill, a division of the Adistra Corporation, Nichols attended the University of Toledo and the University of Illinois. His term will expire on Dec. 1, 1978.

AF assigns Robert Fitch

PLYMOUTH — Airman Robert J. Fitch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Fitch of 11611 Aspen Drive, has been assigned to Chanute AFB, Ill., after completing Air Force basic training. The 1973 Plymouth Salem graduate has been assigned to the Technical Training Center at Chanute for specialized training in the aircraft maintenance field.



A DIESEL ENGINE was presented to the Centennial Education Park auto shop by Detroit Diesel Allison recently. Kenneth Hulsing (center) made the presentation while Ron Goldstein (left) a student planning for a career in diesel engine work and Dick Panko, a teacher at the park, inspect the gift. (Staff photo by Bob Woodring)

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Wiretaps needed, grand jury member says

By BOB ERICKSON

LIVONIA — George Kettunen, a Livonia resident who has been a member of the Wayne County Citizens Grand Jury for the past 18 months, has charged Detroit Recorder's Court Judge George Crockett and Detroit Mayor Coleman Young with playing politics in their criticism of the grand jury's accomplishments.

In a speech before the Republican Club of Livonia last week, Kettunen said that Crockett and Young "have done a disservice to the grand jury by their criticisms of our accomplishments of the past 18 months and in calling for a one-man grand jury to do the job that we have allegedly failed to do in narcotics traffic and police corruption."

Kettunen, while admitting that "the sphere of our investigation into narcotics was somewhat limited," placed the blame for the failure "to reach

the higher echelons of the drug conspiracy" on the State Legislature's refusal to enact legislation authorizing "court supervised electronic surveillance."

"If Mayor Young was interested in this area," Kettunen charged, "he would have worked toward that end while he was a legislator."

"What the grand jury needs is a tool," Kettunen said, referring to the use of electronic surveillance or "bugging" equipment. "People tell me 'You Republicans are all bug-happy!' but you're not going to get at the higher-ups without the proper tools."

Kettunen said that he was aware that people are currently uneasy over the issue of electronic surveillance because of the often indiscriminate use of such tools revealed in connection with the Watergate affair and other federal operations.

But, he said, the grand jury and the Wayne County Organized Crime Task Force must have such a capability if they are to get at the roots of narcotics traffic and police corruption.

"These people are so highly insulated that you have to have the tools to get something tangible," he said. "We never got any higher than sergeant in investigating police corruption, because we didn't have the tools."

Kettunen believes that Crockett's call for a one-man grand jury to replace the 17-member citizens grand jury is unwarranted. He cites the fact he is impeached only the look into a single area of crime (like drugs or police corruption) and would not, as would the citizens grand jury, be able to branch out into other areas of organized crime.

While Kettunen has called for "public officials to lay aside politics," he also admitted that "there is no question that he (Crockett) means well — I just disagree with his approach."

Plymouth will host stamp show

Michigan's largest stamp show will be presented by the West Suburban Stamp Club on April 27 and 28, in Plymouth Central School, Church at Main Street.

Hours for the show are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 28.

The show will feature outstanding dealers from several different states and various exhibitions. Admission is free.

Art exhibition is scheduled

The Palette and Brush Club will present its 28th annual exhibition April 28 through May 3, in the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit.

The exhibition opening and reception is Sunday, April 28, from 2 to 5 p.m. The public is invited. Gallery hours at the Scarab Club are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The participating artists have each won numerous awards and have exhibited in many galleries. Works in oil, acrylic, watercolor, graphic, mixed media and sculpture will be displayed.

The show will be juried by Zubei Kachadoorian, local painter and educator.

WSDP (89.3 fm)

WSDP is an educational radio station run by the Plymouth School District as a workshop for its high school communicating arts classes. The following is a schedule of its regular programming (special programs may cause the schedule to vary). At times not indicated between these shows, an afternoon musicale is in progress.

- 10 a.m. Sign on and music, Monday - Friday.
- 10:25 News, Monday - Friday.
- 10:30 News special, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; classical music, Wednesday, Friday.
- 11 Classical music, Monday, Tuesday; WUOM classical music, Thursday.
- 11:30 Half hour of "The Artist," Wednesday.
- Noon News, Monday - Friday.
- 12:05 An hour of "The Artist" followed by afternoon musical, Monday, Friday; "Ear Play," Tuesday; "Five Minute Package" special followed by the afternoon music show, Wednesday.
- 2 News, Monday - Friday.
- 2:30 WUOM "Five Minute Package" special, Wednesday.
- 3:05 "Ear Play," Thursday.
- 3:30 Hour long "Rock Preview," Thursday.
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'Open meeting' proposal watered down in House?

LANSING — For almost a year now, the House of Representatives in Lansing has been wrestling with a proposed open meetings bill. Intent of the bill is to make meetings of all government bodies open to the public.

The bill was originally introduced in May of 1973 and was just recently reported onto the floor by the House Judiciary Committee.

The proposal, Substitute House Bill 4938, has been so watered down that it may be worse than the original state laws it was meant to improve, claims Rep. Perry Bullard (D-53rd).

"The version now before the House provides far too many opportunities for public officials to meet in secret to discuss and make deals on important public issues," he says. "Furthermore, the current version has no meaningful enforcement provisions."

Bullard is going to offer amendments which would prohibit governmental bodies from holding secret meetings on the following:

Employment or appointment of public officials — hiring decisions made behind closed doors encourage nepotism and other improper favoritism;

Discussions on litigation, other contractual relationships, or collective bargaining — secret discussion of contractual relationships makes it easy for deals to be made in private and ratified in public.

Discussion of negotiation of the purchase or sale of property. Thousands and sometimes millions of dollars are involved in purchase and sale of land, buildings and equipment, Bullard says. "To leave these matters to closed, secret meetings without public scrutiny is inviting abuse of public trust. Such abuses may include convincing a government body to adopt certain specifications that only one buyer, seller or contractor could meet, or making outright 'deals' on a

quid pro quo basis or for long-term benefits."

To enable citizens to attend government meetings and to make them open, he continues, the following enforcement provisions must be restored to the bill:

Violators of any provision of the act are guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined \$100; and, violators of any provision are liable in a civil action for a civil fine of \$500, payable to the plaintiff.

"If we are to have effective and enforceable open meetings legislation," he concludes, "these changes must be made on the floor of the House. There is no excuse for conducting public business in secret."

"But we will only have a chance for openness in government if the people make their desire for open decision-making known to their state legislators in the next few days."

The bill reported to the House floor reads, in part: "It is vital in a democratic society that public business be performed in an open and public manner so that citizens are advised of the performance of public officials and of the deliberations resulting in decisions which constitute public policy."

The bill defines public body as any state or local governmental entity which is empowered by state constitution, statute, charter, ordinance or rule to exercise governmental authority or perform a governmental function.

"Decision" is defined as any determination, action, vote, or disposition upon a motion, proposal, resolution, order, bill or measure on which a vote by members of a public body is required and by which a public body effectuates public policy.

"Meeting" is defined as convening of a public body to make a decision or to DELIBERATE TOWARD a deci-

sion on any matter but does not mean an on-site inspection of a project or program. An "executive session" is defined as any meeting, or part of a meeting, which is closed to the public.

It would appear clearly from these definitions, and other provisions, that the practice of school boards and city councils of meeting privately to discuss issues and then merely voting in public would be forbidden. However, such isn't the case when the exclusions are totaled.

The third section, for instance, reads: "All decisions of a public body shall be made at a meeting open to the public except as otherwise provided in this section." Identical wording is used for "deliberations."

The bill requires a roll call vote be taken for any executive session with the vote and purpose for calling the session recorded in the minutes.

Executive sessions are allowed for such things as discussion of: Personnel matters; litigation, collective bargaining, and contractual relationship; sale or purchase of real property; or to consider records which are specifically exempt by law from public inspection.

Originally, violation of the law provided for a fine of \$1,000. This has been amended to lower the fine to \$100.

OEO extension for 3 years urged by Esch

Legislation to extend the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) for three years and transfer its jurisdiction to the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) has been introduced by U.S. Rep. Marvin Esch (R-Ann Arbor).

Esch, whose 2nd District includes Livonia and Plymouth, sponsored the legislation with two other Michigan congressmen — Garry Brown of the 3rd District and Philip Ruppe of the 11th District.

The measure would extend urban and rural community action programs, day care projects, community economic development, and poverty programs.

"We have long believed that OEO must be reformed — not abolished — and that OEO has become a vital tool in helping the poor help themselves," Esch says.

The bill would transfer OEO programs from the Office of the President to an office supervised by an assistant secretary of HEW.

The bill would authorize \$1.4 billion for each of the next three fiscal years. Legislation which now finances OEO programs is due to expire June 30.

"It is time we recognize that whether OEO remains a separate agency, there continues to be a pressing need for a single office to monitor, operate, and direct federal assistance to the poor and disadvantaged, be it in HEW or elsewhere."

Kelley asks PSC to reconsider gas rate

Attorney General Frank J. Kelley called upon the State Public Service Commission (PSC) to reconsider its most recent rate increase for Consumers Power Co. and enter in its place an order that would:

1. Limit Consumers Power's gas rate increase to 15 per cent instead of the 52 per cent increase previously allowed;

2. Hold up additional rate increases scheduled to take effect this spring unless and until the investigation of Consumers' Marysville gas plant, construction cost overruns is completed and public hearings are held; and

3. Roll back the 21 per cent electric rate increase granted Consumers to a 13 per cent increase which is the estimated increase in the cost of fuel burned in the company's electric generating plants.

The PSC hearing resulted from Kelley's formal request that the hikes approved for Consumers in January be reconsidered. In making his request Kelley noted that the average monthly gas bills of Consumers Power customers "will soon be approximately 54 per cent higher than customers of Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. are paying for the same amount of gas."

In Kelley's statement to the PSC, the following points were made:

•Consumers Power's gas rates will be up 52 per cent by May, compared to one year ago, as a result of recent increases approved by the PSC.

•Consumers Power's electric rates will be up 21 per cent by the end of the year, as a result of recent rate increases approved by the PSC.

•A large portion of these rate increases were based on "juggling the books" and "accounting gimmicks," rather than on actual cost increases.

•A substantial part of the 52 per cent gas rate increase is based upon huge cost overruns at the company's Marysville manufactured gas plant. Six months ago, the PSC expressed shock at the cost overruns; announced that it would commence an investigation to be complete within nine months; but the investigation has not yet begun.

•Consumers Power overcharged "many or most" of its customers five per cent in February, above the rates approved by the PSC.

Group to focus on transportation problem areas

Dr. John L. Hazard, professor of marketing and transportation administration at Michigan State University, will be the featured speaker at a 6:30 p.m. dinner meeting April 24 of the Detroit area chapter of Delta Nu Alpha, professional transportation fraternity.

Dr. Hazard will discuss "Transportation Futures — Problems of Mobility and Access. The meeting will be held in the Holiday Inn, 26555 Telegraph, Southfield, and is open to members of other transportation organizations.

Country auction features treasures from inner city

About 2,000 items will be on sale during the "Country Auction of Inner City Treasures" to be held at Wayne State University on Saturday, May 4.

The treasures were obtained from Detroit's old houses one step ahead of the wrecking company's bulldozer.

Buyers will be given a chance to browse from 10 to 11 a.m. before the bidding begins. Informed alumni sales persons will be there to assist.

The site will be 5000 Cass at the corner of W. Warren. Admission is \$2 per person, which includes refreshments, with proceeds going to the WSU Campus Beautification Fund.

The auction is the idea of an energetic WSU alumna, Marquerite Hague, who first began salvaging from the houses to be used in decorating her Birmingham home. She soon had all she could use but, not content to see thousands of irreplaceable old relics destroyed, she struck on the idea of the auction.

"The items for sale this year are even more intriguing than a year ago," says Mrs. Hague, "and we have added more alumni volunteers to help."

Working with her are Mrs. Irving Dworking of Farmington and Ms. Gerri King of the campus beautification project.

Last year, hundreds jammed into the old campus building to offer bids

for old iron railings, church pews, dozens of doors and windows, cabinets, lamps, and merchandise that defied description.

An added dimension this year will be handmade quilts made by students of the Detroit Bunche School. A further dimension will be mural painting by art students on the side of the Kelly Williams Studio on Woodward near Warren, one block away. Williams, a 53-year-old artist, has joined in to help make this year's auction even more of a community affair.

There will also be antique hardware, paneling, interesting old lumber, old books and sheet music, a selection of counter tops, and a creativity corner.

Two professional auctioneers will conduct the sales. Special items have been tagged for the auction and others have been priced for a quick sale.

A final closeout will be held Sunday, May 5, from noon until closing. There will be free admission for the closeout.

Persons having items to contribute are asked to contact Mrs. Hague or call the WSU Alumni House. The auction still needs "items of nostalgic value" that people don't want to throw away but don't have room to keep — such as old bottles, furniture, and yard items.

Report shows teachers are losing inflation battle

In 47 states, it is costing teachers to teach, according to a new National Education Assn. report which shows them losing the battle against rampant inflation.

"Financial sacrifice should not be the badge of courage for sticking to one's job," NEA President Helen D. Wise commented. "It's truly a sad situation when it costs teachers to remain part of one of society's most useful professions. It is high time teachers be admitted to the mainstream of the nation's economy."

Dr. Wise announced a massive NEA political action campaign, with teacher power mobilized to elect a Congress committed to securing for education its rightful high status among the country's priorities.

"Teachers are upset about the runaway rate of inflation," Ms. Wise declared. "Teachers are angry about tax breaks for big business and wealthy citizens such as Richard Nixon and other fat cats while teachers and school go begging for tax relief."

"They're mad about a skyrocketing defense budget which leaves the na-

tion's beleaguered schools to compete with the Pentagon for the inflated dollar.

"And, they're mad about record corporate profits while public education faces its most critical financial crisis in history with no relief in sight."

The NEA report shows Michigan teachers losing four per cent purchasing power this school year compared to last.

The survey compares the average percentage increase of teacher salaries in each state with the estimated 9 per cent rise in the cost of living from Sept. 1, 1973 to Aug. 31, 1974.

Teachers' salaries are not even moderate using a U.S. Department of Labor standard as a guide. In fall 1972, a "moderate standard" budget required \$11,446, whereas the average classroom teacher's pay was a sub-moderate \$10,164. Thus a teacher received, on a national average less than 90 per cent of the moderate standard.

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Artist's conception of the new UNRA/WWOCB headquarters at Drake and Grand River in Farmington

Realtor board to move office from Redford to Farmington

The Western Wayne Oakland County Board of Realtors' main office is now located at 11677 Beech Daly in Redford Township. However, in the next few months it will move into new facilities in Farmington. The building now under construction will triple the existing space required to hold the computers, multi-list activities, administration and educational emphasis of the organization.

The computer system will require additional space due to the tremendous use of systems in the multi-listing activities. The activities include processing over 250 listings a day. Also, the processing of approximately \$2 million business a day, of sales. Also, the photography of over 40,000 listings a year. All of this requires speed, accuracy and economic

efficiency. The new building shall assist these goals.

Classrooms will also be constructed to accommodate the continuance of education of every multi-list member. The organization feels that the more educated and professional a member is -- the more responsive he/she shall be to the public.

The classrooms will complement the existing education efforts on a Realtor basis. This shall be accomplished through continued professional seminars as has been the case for 54 years.

The building will also house the expanded administrative staff. The staff is responsible for the day to day operation of the corporations. All are highly specialized experts in the fields of real estate and management.

Their major emphasis is upon the multi-listing activities and guarding the professional ethics of the organizations. The new facilities will allow the administration to function in a more efficient manner due to increased space requirements.

The building itself will consist of two floors, one main administrative building and two wings. The Drake Road and Grand River location lends itself to a campus atmosphere. The large expansive lawns are studded with big shade trees lending an air of quiet solitude to the busy corporate offices.

The new headquarters will be a beautiful, modern structure of sedate beauty. The organization will certainly have attractive headquarters for the years ahead.



Roberta Eighmy, of Teepee Realty, was honored by the two organizations as 'Realtor-Associate of the year.' She started in real estate in 1954 and has been involved in a variety of Women's Council activities. Bobbie has also been busy with activities at the national level and was the choice of the board for the honor over several other candidates.

Bold, Blue R in all offices

As part of this year's Realtor Week celebration (April 21-26), the Western Wayne Oakland County Board of Realtors announced all Realtors will display the new "big, bold, blue R" in their offices.

The "R" is a new trademark and identifies members of the National Association of Realtors.

According to Mrs. Lois Dicks, board president, the new name and trademark signify the Association's reaffirmation of its determination to protect the right of the American property owner to a decent place to live and work.

"The National Association of Realtors has a tradition of being the voice of America's property owners. That is why the theme for Realtor Week 1974 is -- The REALTOR -- a Voice for America's Property Owner," she said.

"We're continuing to work at all levels -- in Washington and with state and local governments -- to achieve legislation that makes home ownership possible."

President Mrs. Dicks pointed to the Association's recent proposal of national legislation to ease the mortgage money as an example of this work.

Mrs. Dicks observed that the new

trademark identifies the Association's members as experts in the real estate industry. The term Realtor is a federally registered trademark reserved for use of the National Association and only its members are allowed to use it.

It is for this reason the term Realtor now appears in both the trademark and the Association name.

The Realtor trademark also identifies the world's largest business association. "Wherever you are -- in any of the 50 states or Puerto Rico -- there's a Realtor to serve you," said Mrs. Dicks.

Adopt a new trademark

The Western Wayne Oakland County Board of Realtors has announced its adoption of a new trademark in conjunction with a change in the name of its national organization. The new trademark identifies the National Association of Realtors, formerly the National Association of Real Estate Boards.

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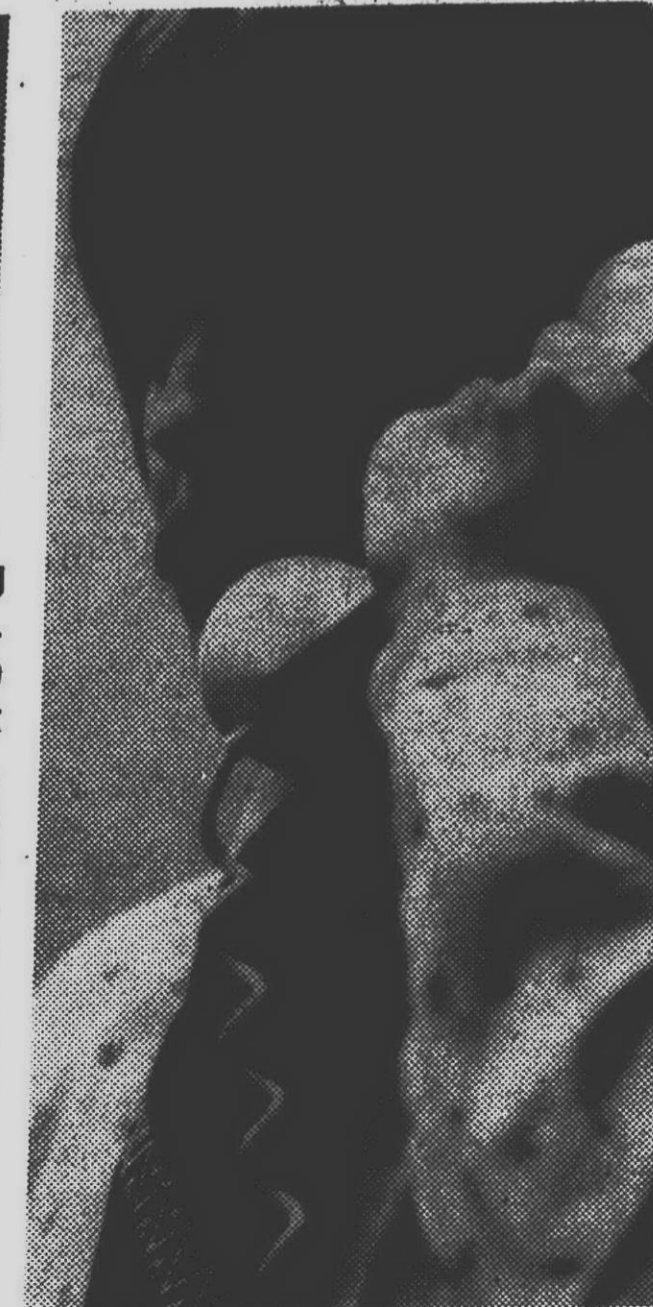
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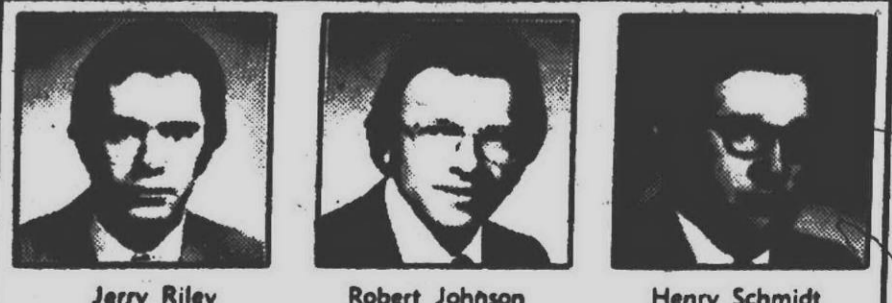


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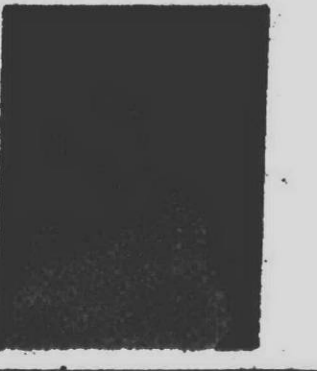
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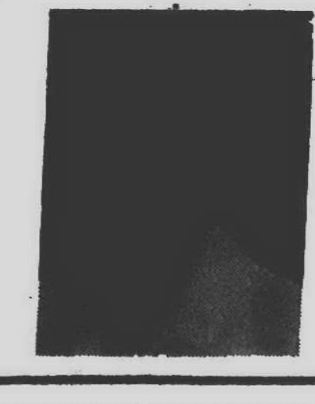
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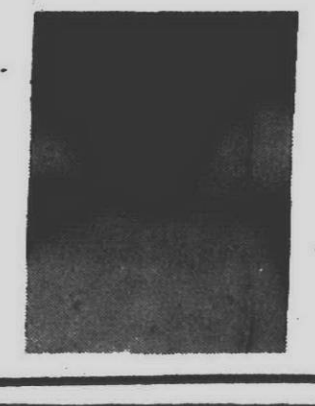
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Housing market isn't as tight as many economists predict

By MICHAEL D. SAMONEK
Executive Vice President

Several important trends in the economic picture have occurred in the last few months. The first is the general concern of economists and others with the processes of growth and development. The impact of an emerging housing market as a vital role player in growth and economic development has occurred.

Also, the recent trends and attempts between income housing, quality housing and quantity of available housing have become important factors. Obviously, all of these items are related to economic policy, however, the integration of the theories has not been completed.

Today, it may be assumed that little attention is paid to this theory. However, the metropolitan areas of Detroit have seen advances in these areas. Direction is the key word in comprehending the various vital functions within the real estate market.

Direction toward increased property ownership or away from it. Direction toward tighter federal government control. Direction toward higher tax rates. Direction toward tax reform. The central question asked by most prospective buyers is "... how much will my house be worth next year?"

The best way to answer is to compare the sales/value in dollars as they relate in the local communities.

For example:

AVERAGE SALE PRICE	AREA
1972	1973
1. Redford Township	25,000 26,000
2. Dearborn	27,270 28,300
3. Garden City, Westland, Inkster, Wayne	23,310 24,070
4. Livonia	31,945 32,800
5. Farmington	30,500 31,000
6. Southfield	36,771 36,207
7. Orchard Lake, Bloomfield, W. Bloomfield	46,079 46,507
8. W. Oakland County	31,151 34,004
9. Northville	48,100 44,133
10. Plymouth-Canton	34,500 35,000

Sales - up 0.5% compared with 1972
Listings - up 6.7% compared with 1972

Average sale price - up 5.4% compared with 1972

This comparison is striking in that many believe the real estate market to be tight. The figures indicate a strong, viable, functioning market. The figures become more overwhelming when you consider the



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present local market with a comparable market (i.e. Toronto, Canada).
In Toronto, you will not be able to deduct your mortgage interest payments on your income tax. You will not be able to deduct your property taxes. The average Torontoian's combined annual income is \$13,500. Less than 50% of the population are homeowners.
If you applied for a loan in Toronto you would pay 10 1/2%. Meanwhile, housing prices have increased 100% every year for the last three consecutive years. Housing costs have risen 50% in the last three months. The average metropolitan lot with 50 feet of frontage - vacant will cost you \$35,000. If you place a 1000-1200 square foot building upon that land the combined cost of land and building will bring the cost to \$55,000-\$65,000.
Imagine the restrictiveness of such a market. Imagine how destructive such a market would be in our metropolitan area. People could not find housing. Home ownership would come to a halt. The young buyer would be excluded. The elderly could not afford to live. Your income would have to exceed \$25,000 annually to "keep-up" with your mortgage payments. Now you can understand the importance of a viable real estate market.
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'Little Woman' prime factor in house buying

Surveys show the wife is the prime mover in the decision to buy a new home.

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Three stages identify the basic housing markets: newlywed, first and the upgrade stage.

NEWLYWED STAGE: respond favorably to the idea of "being your own boss" and to the opportunity to furnish and/or decorate a home to their own tastes.

Primary concerns: privacy has a very strong appeal, expressed

in isolation" from other people. Maintenance chores and the responsibilities of house ownership are repugnant to newlyweds; this is why 70% of these families are renters.

Pleasing each other is one of the strongest goals. Both respond to the idea that the other "deserves nothing but the best". A place to have fun together is very appealing.

FIRST HOUSE STAGE: primary concerns: children are the focal point. The house is first and foremost a place to bring up children. Image of the neighborhood as a "safe place to raise children," proximity to good schools,

playgrounds, traffic safety, are important. Areas like recreation rooms should be stressed because of their use by children, not adults.

Privacy now means a way for members of the family to get away from one another; wife sees the master bedroom for the husband-wife relationship at night, and for sewing, ironing, etc. during the day. Husband sees the master bedroom as one room the children will never enter.

Pride of ownership is very strong. Men like the challenge of improving and adding to the house; women now consider the

home the center of their existence.

UPGRADE STAGE: husband doesn't want to move at all, but wife thinks he should buy her a bigger, better house. The decision to buy rests in large part now on how discontented the wife is with the inconveniences of her present house.

Primary concerns: newness is a virtue; both like the idea of less work to keep it up. Community is now of more concern than the house itself; as children become teenagers, anxiety about the neighborhood increases. Privacy now ranked much higher by the husband than the wife.

Realtors ask changes in property tax setup

For at least 2,300 years, taxation based upon real property has been a significant source of revenue for governments. In Aristotle's time, Athens levied property taxes upon land and houses, as well as upon slaves, cattle, furniture and money. Land-based taxation was used extensively in medieval Europe, and the importance of this form of tax assessment has been considerable in the history of the United States.

Although real property taxation has been a durable institution, it has hardly been a popular one, especially in the United States. Real estate taxes were imposed only sporadically, usually during emergencies, in the American colonies, and it was not until well into the 19th century that they were generally adopted by the states on a uniform and universal basis. (An early Supreme Court decision had interpreted the Constitution as prohibiting the Federal Government from engaging in this type of taxation.)

Today, however, property taxes, including real estate taxes, account for over \$40 billion in revenue annually, or more than four-fifths of the total tax revenues of local government in this country. Moreover, property taxes, until recently a matter primarily of state and local concern, have become a national issue.

The President has called for a study of the property tax by the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, and his administration has indicated that it intends to make this type of taxation a priority issue in the current Congress. The Senate Sub-Committee on Intergovernmental Relations has held hearings on the property tax, and the Supreme Court has handed down a far-reaching decision concerning the use of property taxes as the basis of financing of public schools.

The authors of a 1973 report on property taxes prepared for the United States Chamber of Commerce say: "In spite of the unpopularity of the property tax, there is no reason to believe that the demise of the tax is just around the corner."

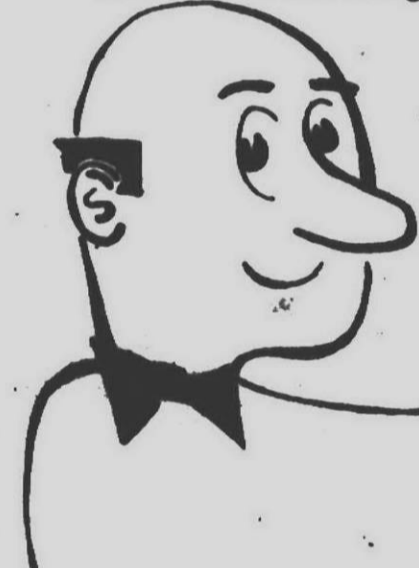
Recognizing the inevitability of real property taxation, the National Association of Realtors at its recent na-

tional convention in Washington, D.C., proposed a number of reforms to make the tax more equitable. The Realtors proposed:

- The imposition of meaningful limitations on total real property taxes;
- Insurance that revenue from real estate taxes be used for purposes related to real property;
- Development of sources of revenue other than real property;
- Halting of the creation of further tax-exempt classes of property, and the reduction of present exemptions;
- The taxation of mobile homes on a basis equivalent to real property;
- The use of qualified tax assessors and recognized appraisal techniques in appraising real property.

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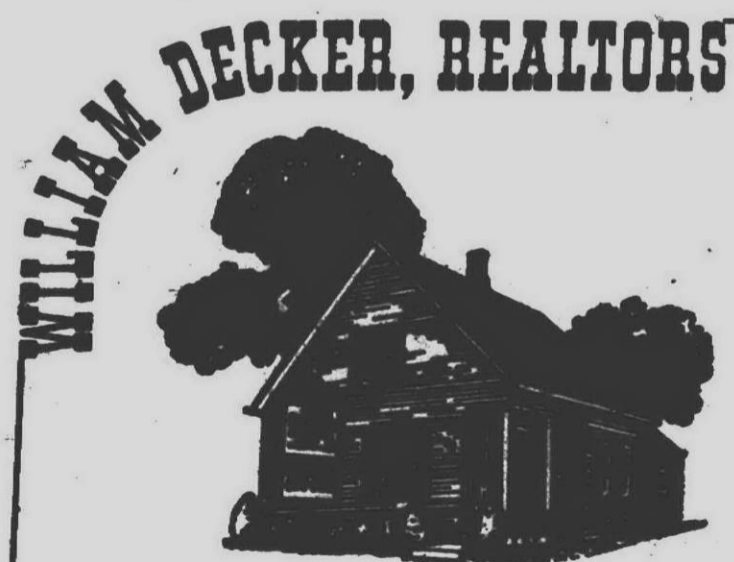
Through daily activities, the Western Wayne Oakland County Board of Realtors will seek to increase public awareness of the part property ownership plays in the free enterprise system.

"The goal and the cause of home ownership as outlined by the Realtor is one of the primary reasons for the celebration of Realtor Week. It is our intention to point out how Realtors serve the real estate needs of all Americans and to reaffirm our commitment to home ownership," Executive Vice-President, Michael Samonek concluded.

Realtor Week activities planned by the Western Wayne Oakland County Board of Realtors include:

An annual dinner-dance to be held April 25 at the Thunderbird Hilton, in Plymouth Township on Northville Road.

Activities will begin at 6 p.m. and will be held to honor the Realtor Movement Realtor Week will be observed through April 26.



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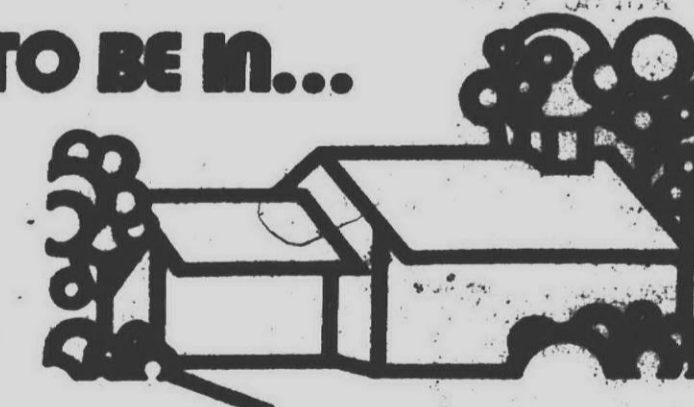
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Education group has big role in UNRA programs

By LOUISE CUTLER
Chairman Education Committee

The education chairman of the professional standards is always a member of the United Northwestern Realty Association board of directors. Mrs. Cutler has been a member of the board for the past two years.

The committee is composed of brokers and sales associates who voluntarily serve and donate their time.

Its duties are to sponsor educational programs and library facilities to increase the professional competence of all members, work with the state Real Estate Department of Licensing and Regulations, institutions of learning and others to provide a full range of real estate courses and study materials; plan and produce orientation sessions, educational con-

ferences, seminars and similar events; recommend textbooks and films for member use.

Past records reveal that prior to 1955 professional standard classes consisted of a two or three hour period with the brokers welcoming new members and a presentation on the real estate code of ethics.

In 1955 the UNRA membership had grown to 600 with approximately 15-20 new members attending the monthly education classes.

In 1960, one thousand members were on the roster of the UNRA with 50-60 at-



LOUISE CUTLER

tending the monthly professional standards education classes. More programs at this time were incorporated into the teaching methods of this course.

Some of the new innovations were salesman's responsibility to the public, civil rights responsibility, bylaws and rules and regulations, cooperation between brokers.

In January 1966, the UNRA through its growth and service to the community had grown to a membership of 1,200. The education committee at this time increased the classes to five mornings. It also revised the curriculum to include two mandatory college level real estate courses to be completed within an 18 month period after joining the UNRA.

This past year the committee has certified a number of trade schools, colleges and universities for the basic fundamentals in a real estate course.

This course, which is the first required college level course for our members was previously recognized only if it was taken through an approved college or university. Persons who took the class in a vocational or trade school could receive credit only after passing an equivalency exam given at the UNRA office. The second course is an elective in the real estate field.

Realtors join in move to assist homeowners

"The Realtor - A Voice For America's Property Owner," is the 1974 theme for Realtor Week, Realtor Associate Lois Dicks, president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Board of Realtors announced today.

Realtor Week is part of a nationwide observance during April 21-26.

This year's observance emphasizes the positive role a Realtor performs as a voice for property owners on the local, state and national level.

"At present," Realtor Associate Mrs. Dicks said, "seven out of every 10 families own their own homes, and it is imperative their voice be heard."



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By LOIS C. DICKS,
President

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A Realtor and Realtor associate is a dues paying member of a local Board of Realtors which is affiliated with the State and National Associations. He is required to complete a course of instruction covering not only the by-laws of his local board but also those of State and National. He agrees to abide by the bylaws, standard operating procedures and the constitution of the National Association of Realtors.

Most importantly, a Realtor acknowledges the Code of Ethics as set forth by the National Association and he pledges to adhere to it. As a result, he has a deeper sense of obligation to his client, his community, and his country, a fact which should insure the public of a more qualified type of service and a very real interest in protecting their individual rights pertaining to all phases of real estate.

The Western Wayne Oakland County Board of Realtors is one of the largest and most progressive in the country. The governing body is a

Board of Directors consisting of 12 members elected by the membership for a term of three years having as officers a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer whose duties are indicated by their respective titles. The work of the board is carried on through the various committees which are chaired by the officers and directors.

The Education Committee sponsors educational programs that tend to increase the professional competence of all members. It works with the Real Estate Department of Licensing and Regulations as well as institutes of learning to provide a full range of real estate courses and study material. It plans and produces orientation sessions, educational conferences and seminars. This committee recommends text books and films for the use of the membership.

Finance and budget committee proposes the annual budget and conducts reviews of monthly, quarterly and annual financial statements and annual CPA audit.

Professional standards committee hears complaints involving arbitration of disputes and alleged breaches of professional conduct. It promulgates policies for the improvement of ethical practices.

The membership committee investigates the eligibility and qualifications of applicants and makes its recommendations to the board of directors.

The by-laws committee from time to time reviews suggested changes by the membership at the request of the

board and makes recommendations.

Public relations committee promotes the publication of information relative to real estate conditions generally and brings to the attention of the board any advertising or items of publicity which may be dishonest or harmful to real estate interests.

The legislative committee promotes private ownership of real property by encouraging favorable legislation through civic participation at the local level. It recommends action at-

fecting city, township and county zoning ordinances and equal opportunity in housing for all persons.

For the most part these Realtors and their Associates are dedicated men and women -- improving themselves through continuing education; striving for more equitable and just legislation -- working to create better public relations -- but primarily and most importantly they are intent on increasing their service to you -- our clients and customers.

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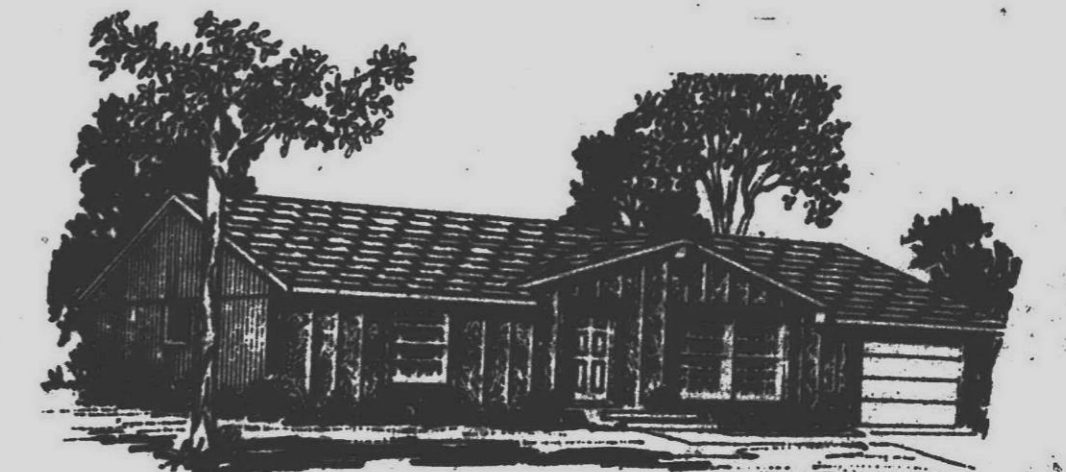
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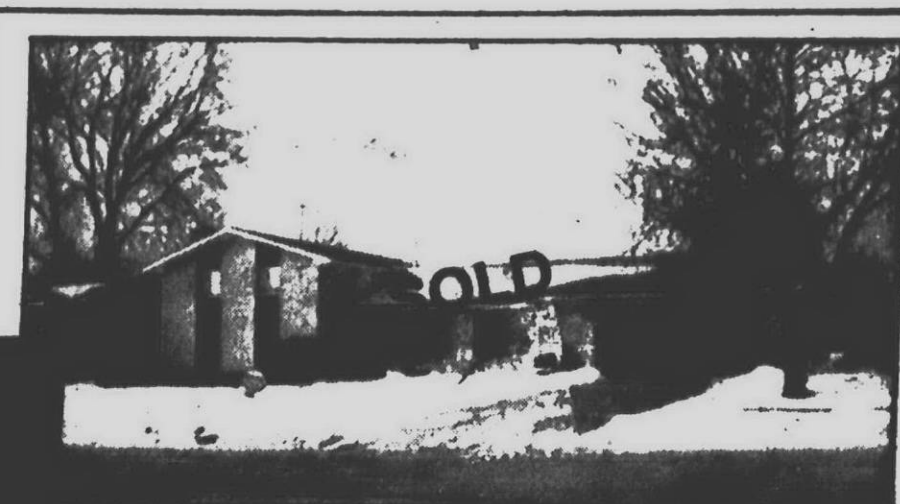
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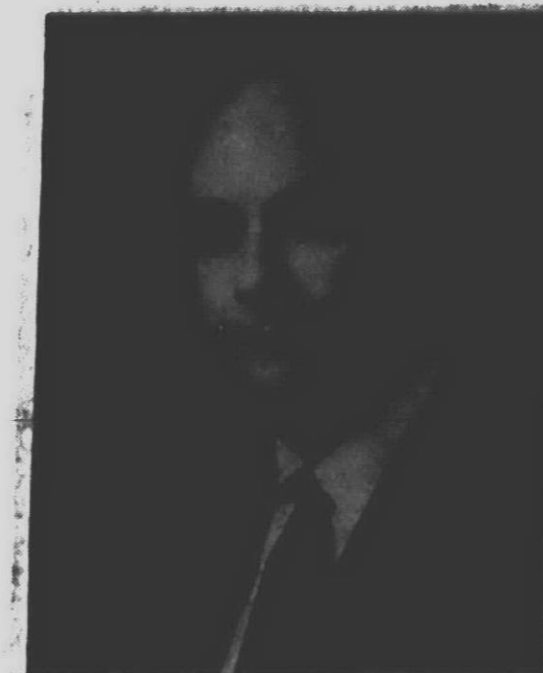
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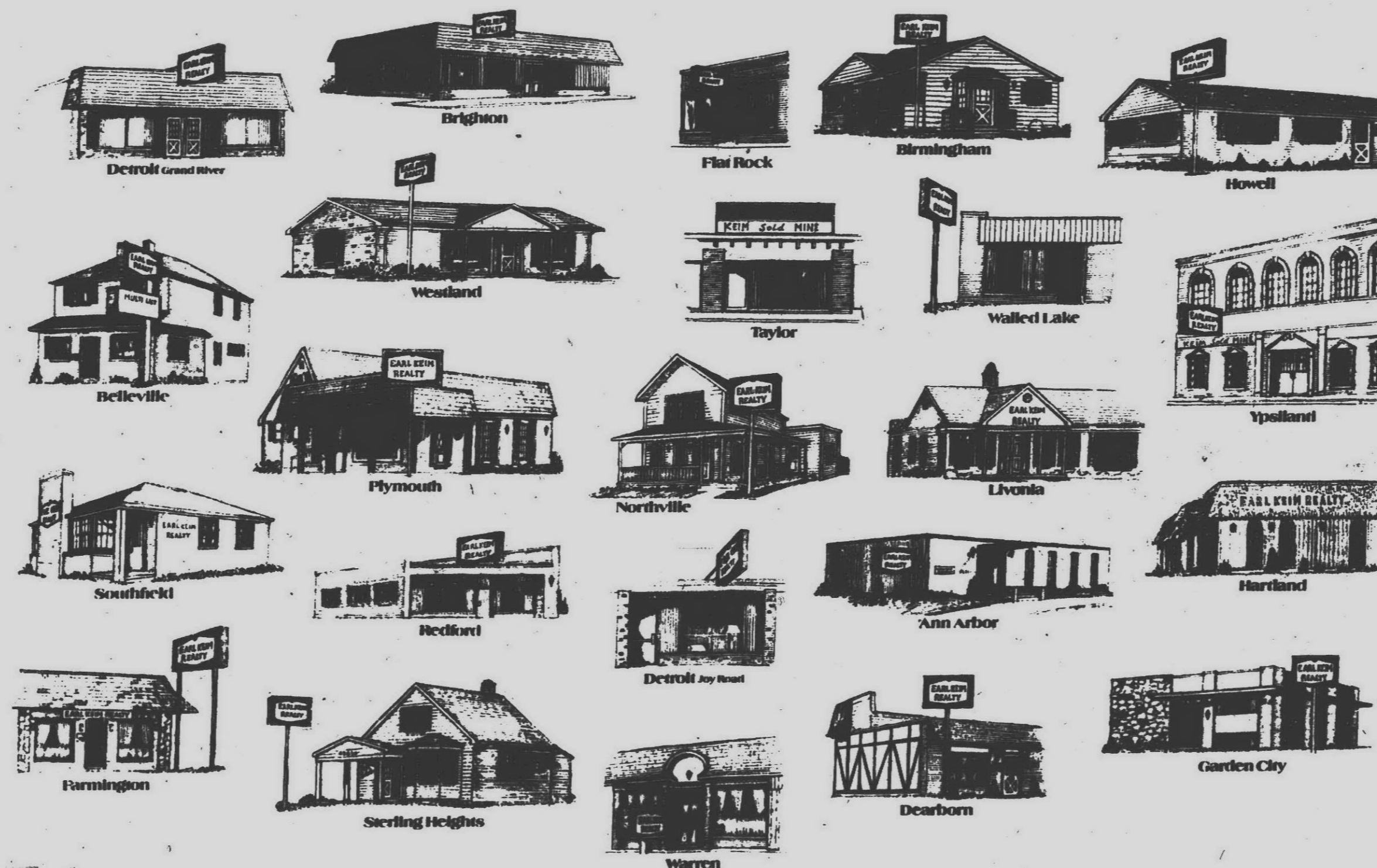


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