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Twenty-Five Cents

Townships advance youth corps' payroll

By Gary M. Cates
staff writer

Pay for the "Blanchard kids," otherwise known as the Michigan Youth Corps, was in question last week in the Plymouth-Canton area.

The late arrival of state checks sent the corps' Plymouth-Canton coordinator's — Growth Works Inc. — hustling to cover today's payroll.

Last week, Growth Works' financial director Scott Levely asked the governments of Plymouth Township and Canton Township to advance the organization money so the workers could be paid.

Under the youth corps program, coordinating agencies are supposed to receive checks in advance from the state to cover 50 percent their anticipated summer payroll.

In Growth Works' case, the check was supposed to be in "last week or the week before," said Terry Carroll, grant coordinator for Plymouth and Canton townships.

"The state didn't come through with the 50 percent as quickly as we thought," Carroll said. "It was a matter of putting our people to work or not. Some organizations just aren't ready for the state checks."

roll. But the state checks arrived at Growth Works Friday, putting an end to the question of when the money would come.

THE PLYMOUTH Township board approved forwarding \$3,286 for an 11-member crew and supervisor working at Hilltop Golf Course. The Canton Township board approved forwarding \$3,090 for a eight-member crew and supervisor working at Fellows Creek Golf Course.

Although the youth corps crews are working at the municipal golf courses, their supervision comes through Growth Works. The setup is an attempt for the governments to avoid workers compensation claims.

"We did not want to pick up the program the way it stood (on workers comp claims). Growth Works picked it up as a favor," Carroll said.

"We figured if Growth Works was worried about the cash flow, the least we could do is to guarantee the payroll," he said.

Levely explained that Growth Works is "not a cash rich organization. It's not like we have money sitting around that we can advance or cover payments like this with."

Once the advance checks for the program run out, it's very possible the township governments again will be asked to cover the payroll. After the 50 percent advance runs out, coordinating agencies are supposed to voucher the state for the payroll.

THE CASH flow situation in the youth corps is something "each grant recipient knew about before getting into the program," according to Kelly.

The townships were certain any money they advanced would be repaid when the state checks came in, Carroll said.

"There's no worry about getting the money down the road," he said.

Other than the cash flow problem, Levely said the corps program was working out fine.

"We've been real pleased. We've got a lot of positive feedback from the public, the golfers," he said.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Hangin' around

The weather just didn't want to cooperate with the Plymouth Sidewalk Sale Friday. John Smith Clothing Company came up with a novel idea to fit the occasion.

St. Joseph's plans not yet final

By Arlene Funke
staff writer

Canton officials are unhappy about recent statements that a new St. Joseph Hospital outpatient facility is "99 percent sure" to be built in Plymouth.

Supervisor James Poole believes Canton still has a chance of snagging the new ambulatory care center that will be built in the area.

In recent months, officials from Plymouth and Canton have been wooing St. Joseph, which plans to expand services from its Ann Arbor base into western Wayne County. Last week, hospital spokesman Bill Brunker told the

Observer the facility will be "coming to Plymouth."

That prompted a response from Poole, who said St. Joseph recently renewed a year-old option to buy a piece of property in eastern Canton. Poole declined to specify the site because of real-estate confidentiality.

"If a decision had been, why would they renew an option?" Poole said. "You don't take an option unless you plan to use it."

ST. JOSEPH OFFICIALS plan to build an outpatient, ambulatory care

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School fights for full-time principal

By Scott Adler
staff writer

About 50 parents and teachers showed the Plymouth-Canton School Board that they are prepared to "fight for what we believe" Thursday night at a two-hour informal meeting in the Starkweather Elementary School gym.

Starkweather's Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) invited the school board to attend a meeting of parents and teachers concerning the use of a part-time principal in Starkweather and Tanager schools.

School Board President Glenn Schroeder, ex-president Tom Yack, board members Dave Artly and Roland Thomas, Community Relations Director Dick Egli, and Director of Elementary Education Shirley Spantel attended.

"We fight for what we believe and that's what we showed them tonight," said Helen Kelly, a Starkweather teacher. "This school needs a full-time principal and that's what we're fighting for. I think we've demonstrated a lot to the board and the community. We're not going to give up."

The school board is expected to become a "part-time" principal, splitting duties between Starkweather and Tanager.

THE BOARD, which made its decision in June, chose Starkweather and Tanager for the part-time principal because of the low number of students in each school. The population of Tanager, as of May 1983, was 300. Starkweather's was 340.

Other elementary schools in the district range from 485 students in Smith to 897 in Field.

The decision was an economic one, Egli said.

Many parents present wondered how the board could put a part-time principal in a school as "special as

Starkweather."

"There is nothing unique about Starkweather when you see how it compares with other schools in the district," Schroeder said, comparing the number of students in Starkweather to other schools in the district along with its Title I classification. "You do the children a disservice when you say they are disadvantaged. I was poor, but I was not disadvantaged."

Parent Carol Jones disagrees that Starkweather isn't a special school.

"Starkweather has the highest number of special education students in the district for elementaries (24) and the lowest total enrollment," she said, citing board figures for May.

Although teachers are with the children most often throughout the day, a principal is the person who helps the teachers' morale, Jones said. He is more than another adult supervisor for the kids, she added.

"YOU HAVE to have a leader," she said. "We want a full-time principal of class size ratios."

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at all" she added. "The school I will happen upon. We'll do it (we give) without a full-time principal but only because the person is heading off a trial."

"We're starting a precedent here. The responsibility of the teachers has increased so much since I started 20 years ago. We got watered down."

Another concern expressed by those assembled was that Starkweather was being "picked on" because it is a small school.

"We're being crucified because we're small," one parent said.

"You assume there is a crucifixion going on and I don't see any cross and

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Club cherishes 'classy chassis'

By Scott Adler
staff writer

The dream of many car buffs — and many people who aren't car buffs — is to own a Corvette.

For most, the sleek sports car will remain only a dream. But for the local residents in the Canton Corvette Club, the car is the basis for social activities and a deeper appreciation for what many call the finest American sports car.

The club was started three years ago

as a combination of social activities and car appreciation and has 23 families as members, president Matt Horvath of Canton said. Some of the members are more enthusiastic about the car aspect of the club than others, he said.

"Most of the people have as a second car," Horvath said. "But there are some families that have two."

The Walls family of Canton is one of those.

"We're not a typical case," said Denise Walls, who was one of the first

members in the club and has been secretary since it was founded. "We have two Corvettes (1966 and 1981). We also have a 1957 Chevy convertible and a 1976 Eldorado convertible. We don't drive any of them in the winter. We buy cars just to drive in the winter."

Gloria Anderson of Plymouth is crazy about the Corvette that she has had for nearly six years.

"I LOVE IT," she said. "I don't show mine; I just drive it. But not in the winter."

Anderson's husband, Art, bought the car for her and she joined the club as a social activity. But at first her spouse was leery.

"I joined the club without him," she said laughing. "He just wrinkled his nose. He thought the group was going to be a bunch of greasers or something. He just says, 'you take care of it, it's yours.'"

The club, which costs an annual fee of \$24, is having its second annual show from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, at Marty Feldman Chevrolet on Grand River in Novi.

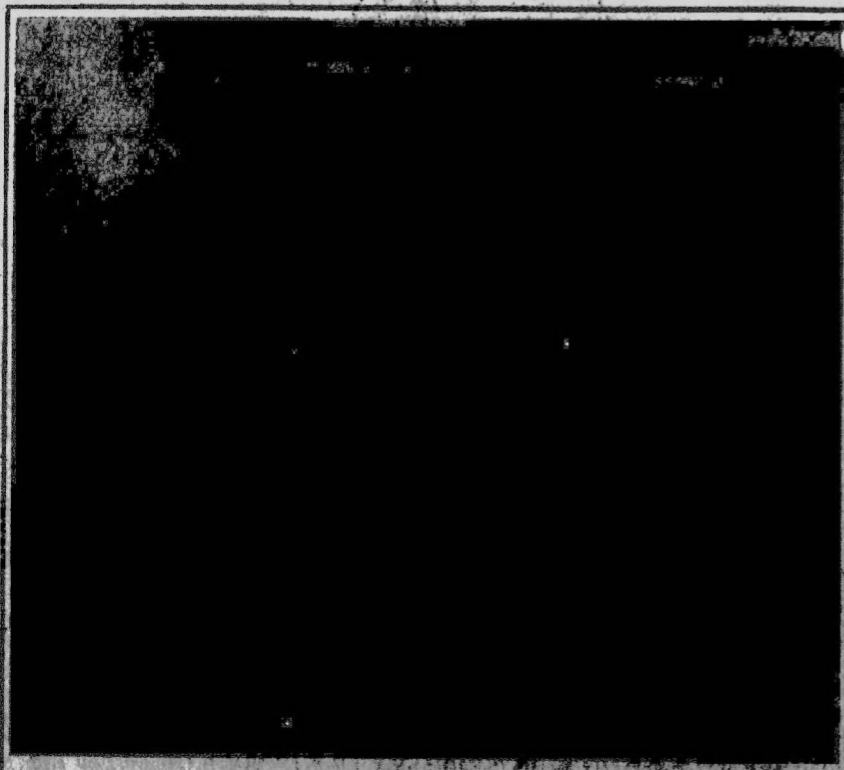
The club raises money for various charities, Walls said. Last year, the show went well and they were able to raise \$500 for muscular dystrophy. This year the proceeds go to Ronald McDonald House.

They will hand out 81 trophies, according to Walls, who says there will be three trophies in 27 different divisions.

Last year nearly 55 show cars and almost 1,000 people attend the event, she said. This year should be even better, she added.

"It's just a hobby," Walls said of her family's car collections. "These are just a big boy's toy, that's all."

For more information on the Corvette show or the club, call Chris at 459-2238 or Linda at 961-1423.



Ted White and Margaret Wilson in their new computer store on Farmington Avenue.

New computer store features data service

By Scott Adler
staff writer

Theodore White went shopping for computers and didn't like what he saw. Did he get mad? He got so mad, in fact, he started his own company in order to sell the computers the way he thinks they should be sold.

Along with former Penn Theatre owner Margaret Wilson, White has opened Computer Time at 778 Farmington in downtown Plymouth. The store opened June 29.

"I went shopping for computers and wasn't happy with the way I was treated," said White, a Waterford businessman. "They wanted to drive the thing in my trunk and give me a book and said, 'Give me a call if you have any problems.' I don't spend my \$4,000 that way."

Wilson, who told the Penn Dec. 1, wasn't ready to jump back into business right away. Until she had lunch

with White, that is. "I sold the Penn and was thinking about taking the next six months off," she said. "I thought I deserved a vacation, but this came up."

Despite the speed in which the computer industry has been growing the past 10 years, neither Wilson nor White had any knowledge of computers. So they went to classes to learn.

THEY ALSO hired experienced and knowledgeable sales personnel to give the customer what White didn't get the first time he went shopping for a computer, he said.

"We started this business because we think that people are entitled to the service I think I should have gotten," White said. "There is a definite need that isn't being served."

One of the things Computer Time has to offer, according to Wilson, is

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Grant applications spark debate at regional meeting

Two local grant applications are close to final approval after hardening some roughbacks at a Regional Clearinghouse Review Committee (RC3) meeting Thursday.

Plymouth's \$761,600 request for an addition to the Denning-Hough Library received RC3 approval, while Plymouth Township's \$6-million request for a senior citizen complex received conditional approval from the committee.

The RC3 is composed of elected officials chosen by the Southeastern Michigan Council of Government's (SEMCOG) General Assembly who serve as a local review committee for federal and state grant applications.

Plymouth's library request, for a 10,000-square-foot addition to the Main Street site, was protested by representatives from Canton Township.

Plymouth is seeking funding through the Public Works Impact Program of the U.S. Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration.

"Canton is not part of the Denning-Hough area of service," said James Gillig, a member of Canton's library board.

"Canton spends twice as much per resident and grows as Plymouth does. We circulate 10,000 more books to Plymouth residents than Denning-Hough does to our residents. We provide more service to them than they do to us," Gillig said.

Plymouth used the Canton population in calculating the number of residents that would benefit from the proposed addition.

"The only reason that the city of Plymouth used the population for Canton Township is because we still serve at least 10 percent of the township's residents through our public library," according to City Manager Henry Graper.

"You cannot restrict the use of your library to anyone as long as you call it a public library and accept funds from the State of Michigan," Graper said.

However, Canton Supervisor James Poole differs with Graper's claim.

"Since the opening of the Canton Public Library several years ago, the service provided by the Plymouth Library to Canton residents has been minimal," Poole said.

Plymouth's representative at the RC3 meeting, Engineer Ken West, asked that Canton's population be deleted from the application.

The application has been forwarded to the Economic Development Administration with the unanimous recommendation of the RC3.

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP'S grant request was a case of "Which comes first, the chicken or the egg?" according to John Amberger, SEMCOG executive director and non-voting chairman of the RC3.

The application was filed by the Plymouth Non-Profit Housing Association of which township resident Frank Millington is president. It received conditional approval from RC3, dependent on the developer's resolution of several concerns.

"Several attempts to put the housing in the city of Plymouth have failed," Millington told the committee.

The proposed 22-acre site is on the east side of Ridge Road, south of Five Mile. The development, consisting of several one-, two-, and three-story buildings, would provide 150 units with 40 efficiency units and 110 one-bedroom units.

Millington's association has drawn plans for the development, but still needs to iron out a number of things before construction could begin.

It is seeking funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Among the items to be ironed out are provisions for the building of a supermarket, pharmacy and medical office near the complex, as well as providing public transportation for the residents.

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Gamble pays off for local clothier

Most folks who take a gamble in life and win are satisfied. But Bernie Morrison, owner of Famous Men's Wear on Penniman Avenue in Plymouth gambled twice and now is satisfied for the rest of his life.

"I always wanted to be my own boss," he said after eating lunch the other day, "and I always wanted to be in a place I liked — not only the environment, but the people, too. And I found that."

As a young man more than a half century ago he worked with his father in the family clothing store on West Fort Street in Detroit.

"You see, I was born and raised in the clothing business but I wasn't satisfied until I owned by own business. That day came and the gamble has paid off."

Morrison said that his father failed in business because he gave away most of the inventory to the poor people during the Depression. It was then Morrison broke away and went to work at Sam's clothing store in Detroit.

"But I wasn't satisfied. I wanted to be my own boss. So I gambled. I opened a small store in Northville and liked it. But like all young fellows I wanted to branch out and then I came to Plymouth.

"But I still was restless. I wanted to grow. So I opened several places on the east side of Detroit and prospered to an extent. Then I took my second gamble."

MORRISON DECIDED to look to the

future for a more relaxing life, pick one place, and settle down. With that in mind he sold the east side stores and concentrated on Plymouth.

"That was my second gamble. And I won again."

"I always liked Plymouth and the people. But I never thought I would see the great changes that have taken place. This is an active community that attracts people from all sections of southeast Michigan and there is something going on all the time.

"It is a lively place and more people must have thought like I do. For the changes have been the addition of shopping areas like Forest Avenue and Old Village and the action in all other parts.

"That second gamble sure has paid off. I am content to stay right where I

am, and I have never regretted any move I have made."

As an example he told of the unusual sale in Plymouth Saturday when the stores opened at 8 in the morning and stayed open until 6:30 p.m. for the Mayflower Hot Air Balloon Festival.

"I thought it was an unusual idea. I couldn't imagine anyone getting up at that hour of the morning to go shopping but I joined in the program.

"Much to my surprise when I arrived at the store I had trouble finding a place to park. All the stores were crowded.

"Would you believe it, I did as much business in that hour and a half as I usually do all day on Saturday.

"It was just further proof that the second gamble I took was just like the first — it paid off."

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MONDAY (Aug. 1)

3 p.m. ... Consumer Index — Program features tips on how to save money when shopping.

3:30 p.m. ... Sandy! — Sandy Preblich talks with Jim Poole, Canton Township Supervisor, and Mike Gorman, finance director, about what's happening in Canton Township.

4 p.m. ... Plymouth Profiles — Jack Wilcox speaks with Plymouth historian Dr. Same Hudson.

4:30 p.m. ... Hamtramck Sports Talk — Host Bob Cabertowicz talks with Gill Koss, coach of a woman's softball team and looks at local standings.

5 p.m. ... Voices Speak Out — A discussion of the New Age movement between host Carole Williams and guest Constance Cumbey an attorney involved in work against the anti-Christ movement.

6 p.m. ... Single Touch — J.P. McCarthy and Kathy Freese talk with Bob Goswami and Nancy McCarthy, two local singles.

6:30 p.m. ... Cooking with Cas — Learn how to cook good things by cooking with Cas.

7 p.m. ... Legislative Floor Debate — State Rep. Gerald Law makes his final appearance for the summer. He and the other lawmakers will return in September when session resumes.

7:30 p.m. ... Venice — A local band performs at a school dance.

8:30 p.m. ... Northville July 4th Fireworks — See the spectacular colors of the Northville Fireworks display.

9 p.m. ... Plymouth July 4th Fireworks — Relive the excitement of the fireworks display from Plymouth.

9:30 p.m. ... Polish Centennial Dancers — This is a special performance put on during the Canton Festival.

10 p.m. ... My Summer Vacation — See youngsters put on their best dance performances.

9 p.m. ... Box Bar vs Stoyans Inn Baseball Game.

10:30 p.m. ... Plymouth Canton Hockey Association Carnival — A look at the association's July 15 carnival.

WEDNESDAY (Aug. 3)

3 p.m. ... Legislative Floor Debate.

3:30 p.m. ... Venice.

4:30 p.m. ... Northville July 4 Fireworks.

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THURSDAY (Aug. 4)

3 p.m. ... Canton BPW Presents.

4 p.m. ... Canton Country Festival.

4:30 p.m. ... Coach's Clinic.

5 p.m. ... Box Bar vs Stoyans Inn Baseball Game.

6:30 p.m. ... Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association Carnival.

7 p.m. ... Rave Review.

7:30 p.m. ... Doctor's Bag.

8 p.m. ... It's A Woman's World.

8:30 p.m. ... Your Financial Future.

9 p.m. ... MESC Job Show.

9:30 p.m. ... Youth View.

10 p.m. ... Beat of the City.

10:30 p.m. ... Polka Time.

FRIDAY (Aug. 5)

3 p.m. ... Venice.

4 p.m. ... Plymouth July 4 Fireworks.

4:30 p.m. ... Wayne's Cultural Clinic — Wayne Dabney's guests this week include The Dittiles.

5:30 p.m. ... Hank Luks vs. Crime — Show No. 32 features guest Richard Merriot and David Hayes talking about home fire and smoke protection.

6 p.m. ... Yugoslavian Variety Hour.

7 p.m. ... Health Talks — Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Scoliosis and Sports Medicine are all topics of discussion.

7:30 p.m. ... Focus on Ability — Helpful information for handicappers.

8 p.m. ... TNT True Adventure Trails — Girls Elm Cicada Camp and swift raccoons are featured this week.

8:30 p.m. ... Divine Plan.

9 p.m. ... Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

9:30 p.m. ... Wayne County — A New Perspective.

10 p.m. ... Northville July 4 Fireworks.

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10:30 p.m. ... Sandy!

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(Shows are repeated: Tues- days at 4 p.m.; Wednesdays at 7 p.m.)

MONDAY (Aug. 1)

7 p.m. ... Stephen Dunning, professor of English at University of Michigan, shares some of his poetry and what it is like to be a writer. Recorded in Salem Library during National Library Week.

TUESDAY (July 12)

3 p.m. ... Rave Review — More teen dancing from Canton

3:30 p.m. ... Doctor's Bag — Ivy Arlock of Vic Tanny's Jazzercise program gives hosts Dr. Andrew Colman and Suzanne Skubick a workout.

4 p.m. ... It's A Woman's World — Sandra Florek and Sylvia Vukmi-kovich, from Schoolcraft College, discuss how they assist women who want to return to college and cover subjects of financial aid, child care, enrollment, and study habits. Next, Marilyn Walsh, a Michigan Artist, tells how she gave up the security of full-time work to paint.

4:30 p.m. ... Your Financial Future — Hosts Barry Hyman and Paul Messimer along with Dick Saren talk about taxation.

5 p.m. ... MESC Job Show — Job listings in this area.

5:30 p.m. ... Youth View — World convention of full gospel businessmen's fellowship.

6 p.m. ... Beat of the City — Wayne County Executive Bill Lucas discusses county affairs.

6:30 p.m. ... Polka Time — The debate show of Hamtramck Polka Time. A regular weekly show featuring of course polka dancing.

7 p.m. ... Canton DPW Presents — The topic of this program is spouse abuse and how to deal with it.

8 p.m. ... Canton Country Festival — A look back at some of the fun and festivities of the Canton Country Festival.

8:30 p.m. ... Coach's Clinic — Coach Dennis Colligan of Northville High School, softball coach shows different quarterbacking techniques.

SATURDAY (Aug. 6)

noon ... Isbister School Program — A school program from this past spring starring the students of Isbister.

2 p.m. ... My Summer Vacation.

3 p.m. ... Polish Centennial Dancers.

Box Bar vs Stoyans Inn Baseball Game.

5 p.m. ... Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association Carnival.

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MONDAY (Aug. 1)

9 p.m. ... Consumer Index.

9:30 p.m. ... Single Touch — Live.

10 p.m. ... Single Touch.

10:30 p.m. ... Legislative Floor Debate.

TUESDAY (Aug. 2)

9 p.m. ... Rave Review.

9:30 p.m. ... The Doctor's Bag.

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Model airplanes for MD

By Mary Fleckman
staff writer

THEIR planes soar through the air with the greatest of ease: here a World War II trainer jet, there an AT6 Texan, and beyond a full gamut of jets, seaplanes and just about every model historical and current.

Unlike other air shows, the pilots of these crafts are stationed on the ground. Their model aircraft fly at their command via radio control.

Collectively, the group of 175 flying enthusiasts are known as the Livonia Rib Crackers, although they draw membership from several suburban communities.

"We're open to anyone. We've had members as young as 11 up to age 70 and above," said Rick Lewandowski, club spokesman.

The club recently held an airshow for the Muscular Dystrophy Association between Lilly and Main Street in Canton. The event included refreshments, demonstrations, ultralight airplane rides, skydivers and a chance for the public to fly the radio-controlled airplanes.

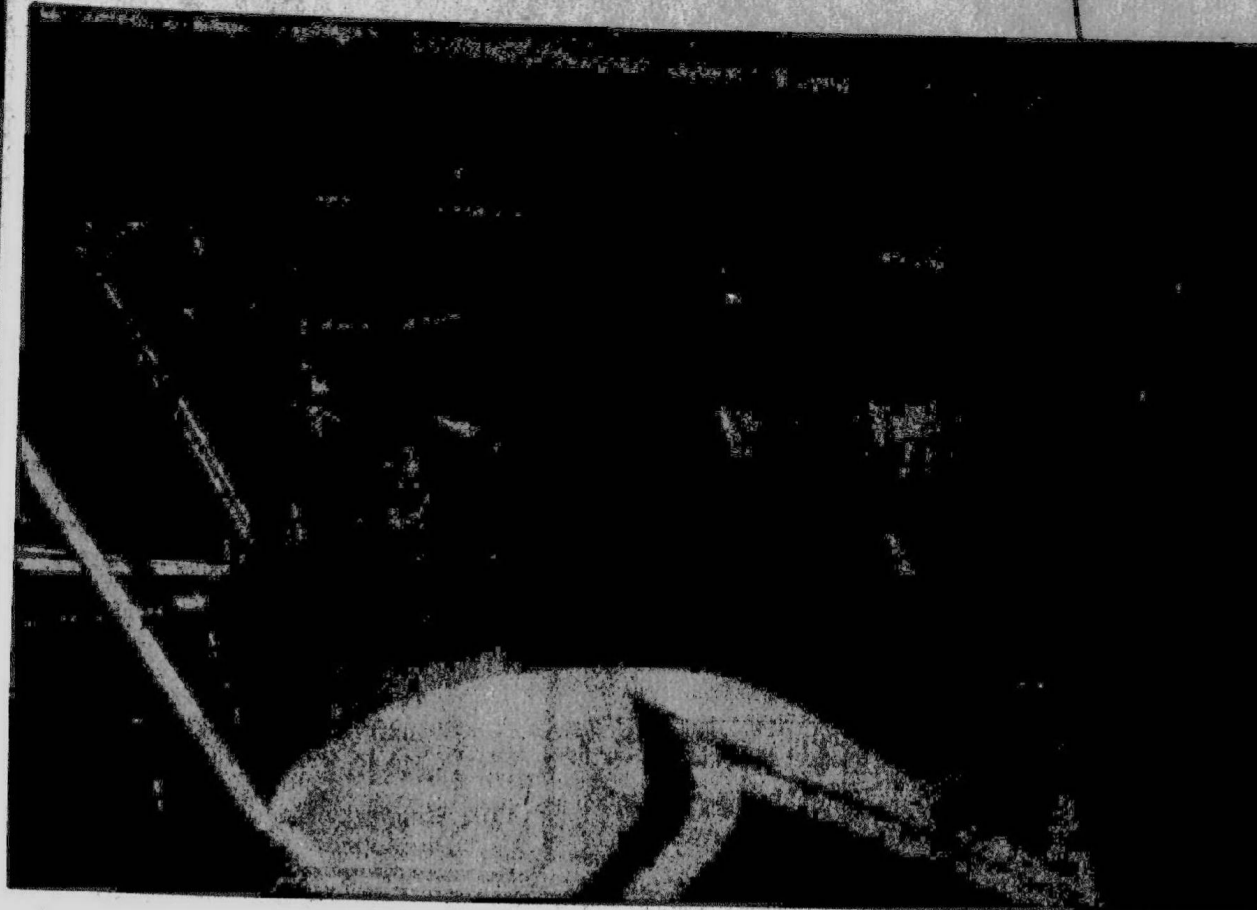
"It's a hobby that attracts people interested in aircraft. The cost of flying is so expensive, this is as close as you can get to the real thing."

Another club member, Don McLean, likes the satisfaction that comes from building his own aircraft.

"All the principles involved in real aircraft are copied in models," said McLean, who builds to 1/4 scale. "We

use the same laws of physics: power to weight ratio, high lift wing, symmetrical wing."

Members can build from kits or from scratch. Size of the aircraft range from 30-inch wing span to 18-foot wing span, according to McLean. The biggest models may cost thousands of dollars and take 100 hours or more to build.



Keith Shaw, from Ann Arbor, and his look-a-like pilot (at left) ready the bi-plane aircraft for flight. Shaw is a member of the Ann Arbor Falcons.



Matt Goelzer, 10, tries to entice his cock-a-poo dog Puddin into flying his P-39 Air Cobra airplane.



Controlling the model airplanes involves using a radio transmitter which has a variety of buttons and switches.



Several of the younger observers enjoyed watching the planes fly, as well as the free ball cone and suckers.



Ed Katz, a member of the Rib Crackers Club, tones his plane before the show.

Staff photos by Rob Reed and Margene Johnston

tonquish tales



Helen Gilbert

A strange wind blew off Lake Michigan that morning in September 1833. It was violent and dangerous, and carried with it a fierce undertow which almost drowned several unwary braves who were fishing in the bay.

The waves roared right into the dirty She-gog-on streets making them swash with their own debris. There was no harbor, no breakwater, and the river flowed directly into the lake.

At night the sound of the pounding surf echoed for blocks along the dismal streets of hovels and rooming houses, dirty saloons, and unkempt trading posts.

WHEN THE DAWN broke the storm had spent itself; the morning sun shone upon one of the most colorful sights in the world — an encampment of about 5,000 Algonquin, Potawatomi, Chipewa, and Ottawa in their gorgeous pow-pow regalia.

The little village, a tawdry frontier outpost at best, held together by the militia at old Fort Dearborn, was completely surrounded this September day. On every side as far as eyes could see were Indian camps.

On the flat prairie beyond the village were row after row of tipi and wigwams, many bearing the insignia or totem of a clan.

There was the Turtle clan, and over there were the symbols of the Hare; further to the west, the Eagle group. So they kept themselves together but separate.

Beyond the village in the woods near the lake were hundreds more. It was so crowded that the latecomers were camping on the dunes of the beach. The cacophonous dissonance of their dialectal differences, and their strenuous efforts to understand each other in spite of these differences, turned the scene into a veritable Tower of Babel.

THE MICHIGAN POTOWATOMI under the leadership of Chief Leopold Pokagon had drawn an ideal camping spot at the lake near the edge of the woods.

Leopold and his good wife Elizabeth, who was a relative of Chief Tonquish, had been assigned to this preferred spot.

The Pokagons were christianized Indians who had visited Father Gabriel Richard many years before, and through their intercession a church had been established for their clan in Bertrand Township, Berrien County. Pokagon's brilliant son, Simon, was attend-

ing college at the fledgling, little backwoods college that became the University of Notre Dame.

Simon was to become chief of the tribe one day, and a student and world traveler, an autor of several remarkable books, a poet widely respected here and abroad.

Simon Pokagon was a brilliant man — a genius. He spoke five languages fluently and was regarded as the best-educated Indian in the world. Recondite, abstruse, profound — a man who commanded respect, even awe, from white and Indian alike.

LET US RETURN to Chicago where pandemonium reigns.

Look at the mob in the street! There must be a thousand young braves in that wild throng. Their revelry was born of futility. According to John Catton, a young lawyer who witnessed the spectacle, the noisy din was made by "beating on hollow vessels" and "striking sticks and clubs together."

The richly costumed braves along the bank of the river on the north side, "stopping in front of every house they passed to perform their dance." Catton added that they "finally crossed the north branch of the river and proceeded along the west side of the south branch to the vicinity of the present Lake Street, where they performed in front of the Sauganash Hotel.

Most reporters of that era say that they continued down Lake Street to the Exchange Coffee House where they danced again. Then to the Tremont House Hotel where a number of white women appeared at the windows. The Indians brandished their war clubs quite merrily, bowling with delight at the terror they created. The women quickly bolted their doors, terrified at the prospect of imminent death.

The columns of young warriors continued their dance on to Fort Dearborn where they performed for the men of the garrison. More sophisticated than the women of the hotels, the officers knew that they were watching a far-well.

The officers and their men knew what every sentient Indian knew that this was not a celebration but a dance to commemorate the customs of their ancestors. It was a dance of death and all Chicago rocked with its convulsions.

THAT EVENING A familiar face pitched his wigwam near the Pokagons. What a wonderful surprise! It was the wrinkled, old craggy-

facéd Shaman of the Tonquish. He was delayed by the storm, he said. He was too proud to tell the truth, that he had to proceed at a snail's pace because he was almost too old to travel from his home along the river in Cass County, Mich. He was warmly greeted by the Pokagons who helped him establish his wigwam and gave him food for his evening meal.

"A bad omen," the Shaman kept muttering, a "very bad omen." What are you talking about?, Leopold inquired. "That storm means the Great Spirit is protesting," Shaman replied. "Spirit no like Chemokemon's tricks. You watch out for tricks, Pokagon. I not sleep 'til you promise."

And so Leopold assured him that he would be alert to the Chemokemon's schemes. (Chemokemon to these Indians meant the man with the long knife, the white man. It is a fiction that the Indians of this era called the white man "pale face." This is a myth from some Daniel Boone movie or James Fenimore Cooper stories, but it is not historically true. In the Indian sign language and in the spoken language and in the picture writing the name used for white man was not "pale face" but "man-with-a-hat-on.")

It had taken many weeks for them to assemble. They had come from Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, Ontario — from seemingly everywhere. Old Hickory's agents had convinced them there would be plenty of free food, meat and whiskey for all furnished by the government. There was a lot these Indians did not know about the great, white father in Washington (Andrew Jackson) but they were to learn soon enough about the price of this "free" whiskey.

CHARLES J. LATROBE, a young traveler who witnessed the parley, spoke of Indians singing and chanting every night.

The light of the camp fires illuminated their gaily painted faces. The Indians raced their ponies down the muddy streets and every wigwam you "peak into" reported Latrobe, you may "witness the chief sitting in dogged silence while the women argued over gift trifles."

Sometimes the women were more saturated with the fumes of whiskey than the braves. From some tents you could hear wild laughter, and others were quiet and orderly. It was a very human drama.

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Lucas picking weapons in hospital showdown

By Tim Richard
staff writer

It's already known that County Executive William Lucas will veto the County Commission's ordinance which would take away much of his control of Wayne County General Hospital.

The question is: Which weapons will Lucas use in his showdown battle?

After the commission Thursday passed the ordinance sponsored by Kay Beard, D-Inkster, Commissioner Milton Mack, D-Wayne, outlined what Michigan's first executive under a county charter could do to destroy "as sloppy a piece of legislation as I've ever seen."

And in an interview, Lucas confirmed he is eyeing some of those weapons.

LUCAS' OPTIONS are many, as Mack listed them:

- He can try to woo back a few of the five black commissioners who voted solidly in favor of the ordinance against Lucas' wishes. Otherwise, Beard, whose ordinance was adopted

Employees to vote Thursday on 4-day week

Some 1,400 union members working for Wayne County will vote Thursday on a new contract that could help them avoid four-day weeks imposed by County Executive William Lucas.

"The offer represents the county's efforts to balance the needs for savings in its labor costs with its desire to provide its employees a fair wage and compensation package," Lucas said.

If it's accepted, he said, "the play for four-day work weeks could end as early as December."

The executive's decision to cut payroll costs by 20 percent by reducing the work week was upheld last week by Circuit Judge Henry J. Szymanski.

George Maurer Jr., attorney for Council 35 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), said he would appeal the ruling. AFSCME argues that members taking total layoffs would receive more in unemployment compensation than they would by having their work week and wages reduced 20 percent.

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—Milton Mack
Wayne Commissioner

by an 11-3 vote, will have the 10 votes she needs to override an executive veto.

"The blacks are mad," Mack said. "They think Lucas' appointments aren't black enough. And the Detroiters are worried about indigent health care."

• He can ask circuit court for a declaratory judgment that the ordinance violates the county charter and state law. Asked if he would do that, Lucas replied, "I just might."

Lucas argues that the ordinance reduces his charter-given appointment power over the hospital governing board and violates the charter by giving the hospital board a budget shortcut around his office. But he admits his batting average in court has been low.

• He could decline to act under the ordinance, allowing hospital board posts to remain vacant, removing administrators and submitting a budget without a \$14-million subsidy for the \$63-million operation.

That's highly likely. "I would not fund it," Lucas said in the interview.

BEARD, KNOWING she had her political ducks lined up, smiled silently as the commission held a public hearing on, debated, and then voted on her ordinance, which guarantees that the institution in Westland with 1,125 employees will remain a county operation.

Among the 11 supporting her were Richard Manning, D-Redford; Mary Dumas, R-Livonia; and Edward Plawewski Jr., D-Dearborn Heights.

The opponents were Mack, who views himself as a defender of the charter rather than Lucas' "point man," and John Hertel, D-Harper Woods, a former state senator and one-time executive hopeful himself. Two commissioners were absent.

"It took over 100 years of struggling with Wayne County as a headless form of government," Hertel said. "Now that

we have a head of government, you people want to cut off his arms and make him powerless."

MACK SAID the ordinance would cut off the executive's arms by allowing the commission to submit a list of 10 nominees from whom Lucas would have to make board appointments.

There would be two lists: five Detroiters and five suburbanites. The executive would have to pick an attorney, a physician, a health care professional and union representative from the list.

Mack said that if Lucas picked (say) an attorney and a physician from the Detroit list, he would be forced to pick the health care professional and union representative from the suburban list, and thus the County Commission effectively would be dictating board choices.

"This poses the greatest threat to county reform," Mack said. "There is no question it goes 180 degrees contrary to the will of the people. . . . The County Commission is trying to subvert the county executive's office."

Calling the ordinance anti-Lucas, Mack said, "The current county executive will not be county executive forever. If we destroy it for this county executive, we destroy it for all county executives."

IN AN ESPECIALLY bitter tone, Commissioner Bernard Kilpatrick, D-Detroit, accused the Lucas administration of bringing "the national policies of Ronald Reagan to Wayne County . . . balancing the budget on the backs of the poor."

"It's easy for Touche Ross (auditors hired by Lucas) and the chamber of

SC goes after bad debts

Students who seek to drop a class at Schoolcraft College will find a more liberal refund policy in the fall, but those who haven't repaid their loans may hear a bill collector at the door.

A new policy approved by the board of trustees last week will allow students to receive a 100-percent refund up to the end of the "drop-add" period.

Previously, refunds were scaled down the longer a student waited. The new policy is expected to reduce the number of refund appeals, according to President Richard McDowell.

BAD DEBTS totaling \$3,443 were delinquent 90 days and longer as of

commerce to cheer for the sale of the county hospital — it doesn't affect them," Kilpatrick said.

Sammuel Turner, D-Detroit, former board chairman, saw it as a rich versus poor issue.

"The poor people are always going to be at the bottom of the priority level. They (commissioners) are not going to turn their backs on poor people. We won't sit idly by and let the poor people go down," Turner said.

Commissioners unanimously approved an amendment by Arthur Carter, D-Detroit, to prohibit leasing of the hospital to an outside agency without County Commission approval. The commission already was considered to have authority to approve any sale of the hospital.

ED DORE, a legislative liaison for Lucas, told commissioners the administration is negotiating with the state to have the University of Michigan take over operation of the hospital.

"This would reduce our options and bargaining ability," Dore said of the ordinance.

The ordinance was also opposed by spokesmen for Civic Searchlight and the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce.

It was favored by a spokesman for

Beard vs. Lucas

Calling the county's annual \$14 million subsidy of the hospital an intolerable burden, County Executive William Lucas has been looking for ways to turn the hospital over to a private, or semi-private organization. But Commissioner Kay Beard, D-Inkster, was smiling last week as the county commission voted 11-2 for an ordinance which would guarantee county control of the hospital.

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Lucas names council for job training program

Livonia, Plymouth, Redford Township and Westland residents are among 28 appointed by Wayne County Executive William Lucas to the Private Industry Council administering the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA).

After a long political battle, Wayne County was selected by Gov. James J. Blanchard as the unit of government to administer the federal JTPA for most suburbs. The county's service area excludes Detroit and the down-river area, taking in the northwestern suburbs, Highland Park, Hamtramck and the Grosse Pointes.

"JTPA is designed to prepare youth and unskilled adults for entry into the labor force and to provide job training for economically

disadvantaged individuals facing serious barriers to employment," said Lucas.

PIC is to produce a plan for the service delivery area covering training, job search, relocation assistance and job development for persons facing layoffs.

One of the appointees is Robert FitzPatrick, executive director of the Wayne County Economic Development Corp. and Lucas' Republican rival in the 1982 county executive race.

Among four educators is Richard McDowell, president of Schoolcraft College and one of three local government members is Maurice Eren, supervisor of Plymouth Township.

AMONG 18 business appointees are: Ralph Lorenz, owner of the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth; William Austin, director of the Livonia Community Credit Union; Daniel Bergstrom, Bergstrom Plumbing & Heating in Redford Township; Mary Ann Crosswell, manager of the First Federal office in Westland; and Victor Wilkines, general manager of Howmet Corp.'s metal products division in Plymouth.

Five labor representatives include Sandra Florek, a counselor at Schoolcraft, as well as representatives of the Ironworkers, United Auto Workers, Teamsters and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

The program is designed to prepare youth and unskilled adults for entry into the labor force and to provide job training for the economically disadvantaged.

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Marinated Butterflied Lamb

- 4 to 5-pound leg of lamb (sirloin off)
- 1 cup coarsely chopped carrots
- 1 cup sliced celery
- 4 sprigs parsley
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 cups water
- 1/4 cup California brandy
- 1-1/4 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon basil leaves
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

Remove fell, trim excess fat and "butterfly" leg of lamb following directions provided in box (or have your meat retailer prepare it). Trim lamb across shank and sirloin ends to form a uniformly-shaped rectangle. (Use this lamb, approximately 1-1/4 pounds, for the Braised Lamb recipe.) Make a vegetable garni with carrots, celery, parsley and garlic. Place in saucepan; add water, cover and simmer 15 minutes. Stir in brandy, salt, basil and pepper and continue cooking, covered, 10 minutes. Cool. Place lamb in utility dish or plastic bag. Pour marinade over lamb, turning to coat. Cover dish or tie bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 4 to 6 hours or overnight, turning several times. Thread 2 long metal skewers through lamb to secure and facilitate turning roast. Place lamb on outdoor grill 5 to 7 inches from heat.* Broil at moderate temperature over ash-covered coals to desired degree of doneness: 140°F. for rare; 160°F. for medium and 170°F. for well done. Allow 40 to 60 minutes total cooking time, depending on doneness desired. Turn leg several times, brushing with marinade during cooking. Carve into thin slices. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

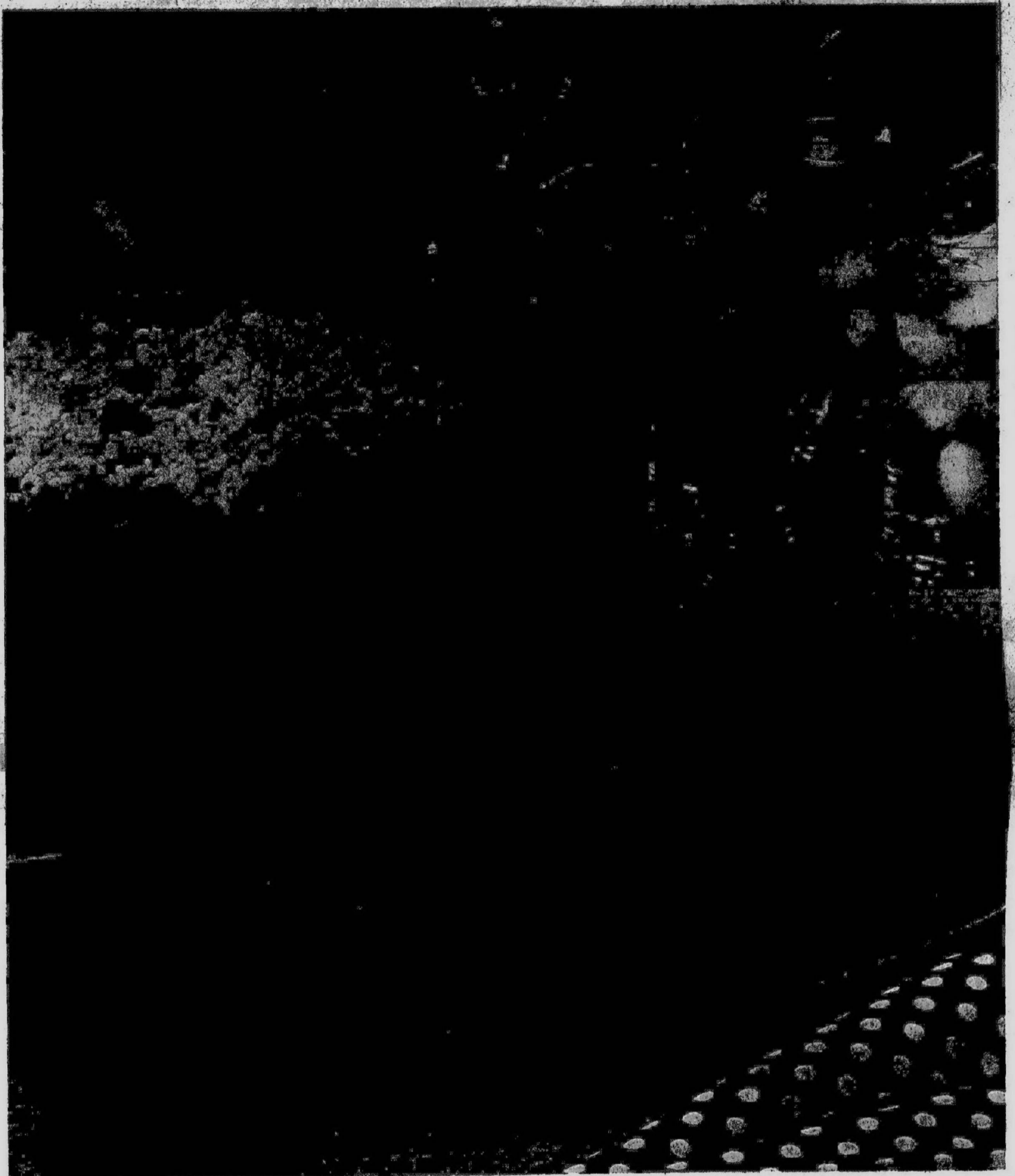
*Follow manufacturer's directions for broiling on covered or gas grill. The above directions can be followed for broiling the butterflied leg on a rack in the broiler pan of a range.

Rice and lamb have been eaten together in the Middle East for centuries. So it's no accident that this salad with Middle East seasonings and ingredients goes so well with lamb.

Middle East Rice Salad

- 3 cups hot cooked rice
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 3/4 teaspoon seasoned pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon each salt, crumbled rosemary leaves, oregano leaves and minced garlic
- 1/4 teaspoon mint leaves, crumbled
- 1 small zucchini, thinly sliced
- 1 medium tomato, peeled, seeded and chopped
- 4 ounces Feta cheese, cut into small cubes (about 2/3 cup)

Spoon rice into large mixing bowl. Blend oil, lemon juice, seasoned pepper, salt, rosemary, oregano, garlic and mint. Stir into rice. Cover and let cool. Add zucchini, tomato and cheese, stirring lightly to combine. Serve at room temperature or chill before serving. Makes 6 servings.



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Braised Lamb with Gingered Rice

(unillustrated)

- 1-1/4 pounds boneless lamb, cut into 3/4 to 1-inch pieces
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1 cup water
- Dash nutmeg
- 1 small onion, cut into 8 wedges
- 3 tablespoons raisins
- 1 tablespoon California brandy
- 1 medium cooking apple, cubed
- Ginger Rice*

Dredge lamb in combined flour, salt and pepper. Brown lamb in cooking oil in large frying pan. Pour off drippings. Add water and nutmeg. Cover and cook slowly 20 minutes. Add onion, raisins and brandy and continue cooking, covered, 20 minutes. Stir in apple and continue cooking, covered, 5 minutes. Makes 4 to 5 servings.

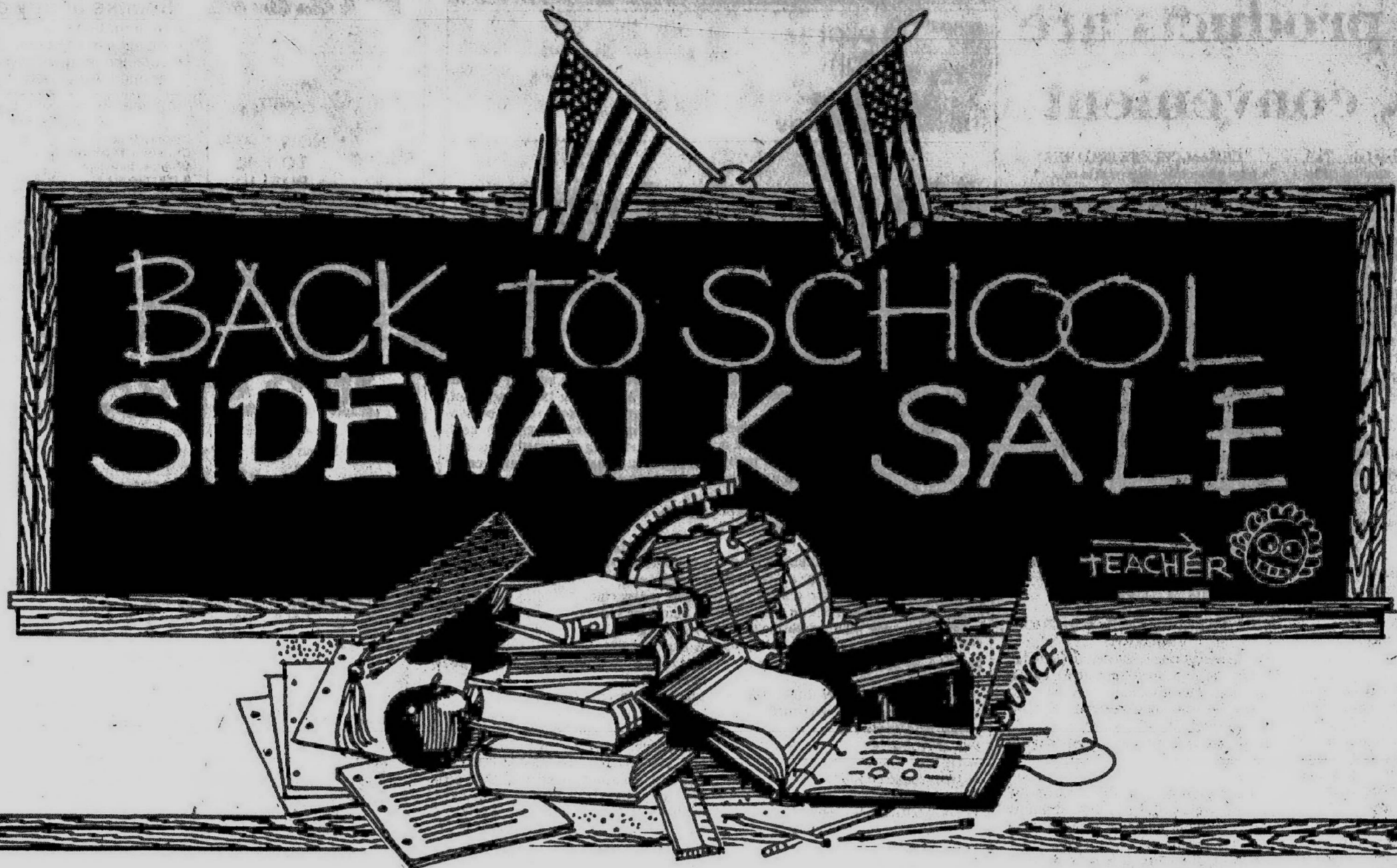
*Gingered Rice

- 3/4 cup uncooked rice
- 1-1/2 cups water
- 1 teaspoon butter or margarine
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon finely chopped crystallized ginger
- 2 tablespoons snipped parsley

Bring rice and water to a boil in a small saucepan. Reduce heat to simmer and add butter or margarine, salt and ginger. Cover and cook 15 minutes or until rice is tender and liquid is absorbed. Add parsley; fluff rice with a fork.

After the leg of lamb has been butterflied for the grill, quite a bit of meat remains on the bone. Trim the meat from the bone and use for this recipe. Flavored with brandy and served over ginger-flavored rice, in no time lamb is turned into another first-class meal.





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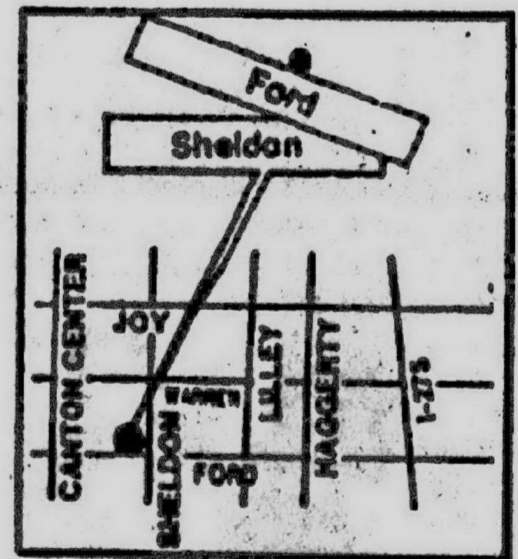
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Summer studio workshop does 'A Pair of Plays'



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THE THEATRE Guild of Livonia-Redford opens its second Summer Studio with "A Pair of Plays" at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and the weekend of Aug. 18 at the playhouse, 18188 Beach-Daly Road, south of Five Mile Road, in Redford.

The workshop, which was first offered last summer, provides an opportunity to learn new skills and brush up on old ones. Newcomers get a chance and technicians branch out into new areas, such as set construction, lighting and makeup.

Many individuals who never had the chance before are getting involved and experiencing community theater.

Last summer Dave Tucker of Livonia received his first chance to direct a play, "Boy God," then went on to direct "Move Over Mrs. Marikam" during the regular season.

This year the first play is directed by Judy Pierson of Livonia who has never directed a play, although she long has been active in the guild.

Her assistant director is Sar Suomi, who also is from Livonia.

Cast members in both plays have various levels of experience, some of whom have no experience. Cast members include Tom Loomis of South Lyons, Alan Madeleine of Northville, Colleen Hackney of Livonia, Carol Loomis of South Lyons, Wendy Milano of Livonia, Steve Sell of Dearborn, Dan Taylor of Livonia and Dennis Kleinsmith of Westland.

The second play is directed by Tom Hinks of Plymouth, who also has never directed a play for TGLR. He is assisted by Ann Reilly of Lathrup Village. Members of the cast are Robin Abrams of Southfield, Karen Collareso of Livonia, Donna Eno of Livonia, Dan Taylor of Livonia, Rob Tucker of Livonia and Ric Winfrey of Westland.

Tickets are \$2.50 and may be reserved by calling 348-2817.

THE SUMMER Studio of the TGLR will present a dance workshop from 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Aug. 9 and continuing until Sept. 8, for a total of 10 classes.

The classes will be held at the Theatre Guild Playhouse.

Fee will be \$3 per class or \$30 for the entire course. Class size will be limited to 10 to insure individual attention.

The class will be taught by James Posanti of Ann Arbor, who is known in the area as a director and choreographer. Instruction will be in the theater jazz dance style.

Participants are being encouraged to attend all classes for continuity and development of style and technique. Students should wear tights and leotards and appropriate footwear (or bare feet).

First half of the class will consist of a basic jazz warmup and stretch routine. Second part of the class will be putting dance combinations together and learning how to perform them.

For registration information call 721-4849.

SPOTLIGHT Players will hold auditions for the comedy "You Can't Take It With You" at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8, and Tuesday, Aug. 9, at the First United Methodist Church, 3759 Newberry, off Michigan Avenue, in Wayne.
For further information call 995-6117.

THE SECOND annual Jewish Film Festival will be held from Sunday, Aug. 21, to Thursday, Sept. 1, at the Southfield Civic Center Recreation Building, 36890 Evergreen, Southfield.

The film festival is sponsored by the Labor Zionist Alliance, National Committee for Labor Zionist Activities, Labor Zionist Institute and Hacholim Labor Zionist Youth.

The film schedule includes "Isaac Singer's Nightmare and Mrs. Papko's Beard" and "Yiddish: The Memo-Look," Aug. 21; "Green Fields" (Greene Felder), Aug. 25; "End of Innocence: June 19, 1952," "Danzig" and "The Falashes," Aug. 28; and "The Wooden Gun," Sept. 1.

Series tickets or single tickets may be purchased at the Labor Zionist office, 25906 Greenfield, Suite 205A, Oak Park 48237. A self-addressed, stamped envelope must be enclosed.

For further information, call the LZA office at 987-3170.

THE FILM "The Fixer" will be shown by the American Jewish Congress at its next theater party at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, at the United Hebrew Schools Auditorium, 21550 W. 12 Mile Road in Southfield.

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