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Tax collection fee unpopular here

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Even though the Michigan Supreme Court has ruled that a 1 percent collection/administration fee tacked on tax bills is constitutional, local property owners won't be burdened with the surcharge this year.

Nor will they likely see it in the immediate years to come, either.

The Canton Board last week formally voted against the fee this year and

indicated a desire to look at making that decision permanent.

IF THE TOWNSHIP levied the fee, Canton would collect about \$250,000, according to Canton Treasurer Gerald Brown.

"Two-thirds of my department is directly related to tax collection," Brown said. "Our collection of taxes probably costs just that. Actually if we collected the fee now it's a tax increase by any other name."

Plymouth Township hasn't included

the fee in its bills since the mid to late 1970s, said Plymouth Supervisor Maurice Breen.

The City of Plymouth stopped collecting the fee in 1984 to settle a lawsuit brought by disenchanted property owners.

Proponents of the collection fee say it's especially needed nowadays to make up for declining property values and ever-decreasing federal and state revenues.

Opponents say even though 1 percent isn't much — \$20, for example, on a

tax bill of \$2,000 — it's an underhanded way to obtain additional revenue.

"Where we are now, it would have to be a tremendously unusual situation for us to pass it," Breen said. "If we ever put it on, it's because we've run out of money and we have no other source."

BREEN PROPOSED reinstating the collection fee when he initially prepared the 1986 township budget, but dropped the recommendation when voters approved a police and fire tax increase in November.

A 1 percent fee would generate about \$130,000 for the township, Breen said.

Kenneth Way, Plymouth Treasurer, said the city last collected the administration fee in 1983 before discontinuing the practice to settle a lawsuit.

"Part of the agreement to drop the suit was we would never start it again," Way said.

However, the recent Supreme Court ruling may put that agreement in a different light.

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EXTRA-MILERS: Honored at the last regular Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meeting as Extra-Milers for performing above and beyond the call of duty were Elma Condash and Nic Cooper.

Elma is cafeteria manager at West Middle School. Trustee Dean Swartzwelder praised Condash because she will do whatever is appropriate to help her do the job better, because she demands excellence from her employees, and because she continually looks for new ways to improve her cafeteria.

Cooper, program coordinator for the Alternative Education at Plymouth Centennial Educational Park (CEP) was praised for being instrumental in developing a substance abuse program in the school district, working with parents on an individual basis, pioneering alternative education and helping a number of families get back on the right track.

BUZZ OFF: Plymouth Township Police will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, in Plymouth Township Hall, Ann Arbor Road at Mill, to discuss the community's Neighborhood Watch program. Part of the program will deal with annoyance telephone calls and how residents can handle them. Marcia Buhl, local corporate affairs manager for Michigan Bell, will discuss what customers should do when they receive annoying, harassing or obscene phone calls and how the telephone company can help. The meeting is open to the public.

MORE TALES: Tonquish Tales, the history of Indian life along the banks of the Tonquish River in Plymouth and Canton, is all sold out of its first printing and is ready its second printing. Coincidentally, the second printing will be leaving the publishers in Ann Arbor and arriving at local book stores in time to buy an unusual gift for that "hard-to-buy-for" person. Author Helen Gilbert of Plymouth is writing a second history piece on Indian life while the second printing of Tonquish Tales runs its course.

OUTSTANDING: Selected as Outstanding Young Men of America for 1985 are two residents of Plymouth: Robert M. Kring of Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, and Carl Dumas of Lynn Dr., Plymouth.

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Mel Drumm, laser coordinator at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, gazes at the laser that beams colors to the planetarium for the museum's laser-light show. Most of the equipment, including the laser, is housed in a room beneath the planetarium.

Staff photos by JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Holiday laser-light show lights up Cranbrook sky

ORNAMENTS — the holiday laser-light show featured at the Cranbrook Institute of Science planetarium — may be the most powerful color laser show in the country.

That's according to Cranbrook Institute of Science laser coordinator Mel Drumm. He recently installed a new system which has color ranging from the standard red, yellow, green and blue to brilliant purples, hot pinks, crimson, violet and all colors of the rainbow.

An interview with Drumm will be featured in Thursday's Entertainment section.

The show is directed to family audiences, where favorite Christmas tunes — both old and new — come to life in vibrant color. Featured are the Muppets in their unique version of the "Twelve Days of Christmas"; Bing Crosby crooning "White Christmas";

and old faithful "Frosty the Snowman" back for a second visit.

"Ornaments" will be shown at 3:45 p.m. Saturday and Sunday afternoons through December as well as at 2:15 p.m. Dec. 26, 27, 30 and 31. Three- and 4-year-olds normally are not permitted at planetarium shows, but they are invited to attend this special holiday program, which is sponsored in part by radio station WJR.

Fee for all laser shows is \$1.25 in addition to regular museum admission of \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and senior citizens.

For more information call 645-3230.

Cranbrook Institute of Science, 500 Lone Pine Road, is a division of Cranbrook Educational Community which also includes Cranbrook Academy of Art and Museum and Cranbrook Schools.

Murder trial awaits selection of jury

By Diane Gale
staff writer

Jury selection is slated to begin today in the trial of Dr. Charles Fisher, charged with the first degree murder of his wife, who died from complications after being gagged with duct tape around her mouth and nose in their Canton Township home.

Fisher, free on a \$250,000 bond or 10 percent surety, has been staying in Missouri with his parents and returned to Michigan in November for hearing dates in Wayne Circuit Court, according to Daniel Burress, Fisher's attorney.

Nine motions on various investiga-

tive procedures were filed by Burress, and have delayed jury selection in Circuit Judge Claudia Morcom's courtroom.

DECLINING TO ELABORATE on the motions, Burress said: "I wouldn't want to create publicity so anyone can say that I have, and that it will affect getting an impartial jury."

One Burress motion charged police investigators with mishandling photographs taken of Ella Marie Mercado-Fisher when she was at St. Joseph Hospital.

Mercado-Fisher was unconscious and

suffered from severe lack of oxygen to the brain July 15, 1984, when she arrived at Oakwood Hospital Canton Center. She was transported to St. Joseph Hospital for further treatment and died five days later.

Letters written by Mercado-Fisher's father, Manuel Mercado, to the Canton Township Police Department also were reviewed in a motion.

Last August, Burress convinced Wayne Circuit Judge Richard Kaufman to return the case to district court because he didn't have access to the letters during the preliminary examination.

Burress was given an opportunity to cross examine Mercado, and the case returned to circuit court.

Despite "inconsistencies" 35th District Court Judge James Garber ruled there was enough evidence supporting the first degree murder charge.

WHILE IN DISTRICT court the case became highly publicized. Testimony implied there had been a romantic relationship between Mercado-Fisher and her cousin, Javier Hortato.

Mercado testified that Fisher wrote letters and telephoned imploring him

to assist in stopping the relationship. Fisher, who maintains his innocence, said he was robbed, kicked in the knee and knocked unconscious by intruders of the Thornwood residence, Canton police initially reported.

Fisher told police he later found his wife with duct tape wrapped around her mouth and nose. When he regained consciousness he freed himself and removed the duct tape, which also was wrapped around his head, police said.

Burress has argued that residents in the Thornwood area experienced numerous break-ins around the time of the Mercado-Fisher attack.

Prison hearing delayed

By Doug Funke
staff writer

A hearing on a lawsuit brought by Plymouth Township against the state corrections department in Wayne Circuit Court over security at the Western Wayne Correctional Facility (WWCF) has been put on hold.

The state attorney general's office has petitioned the U.S. District Court in Detroit to take jurisdiction of the case.

"The plaintiff (township) claimed there is a violation of U.S. constitutional law and federal courts have jurisdiction to determine federal questions," said Louis Porter, a lawyer in the attorney general's office.

"I don't understand what constitutional violation they're alleging," Porter said, adding that the township's complaint touches on general principles of the right to be free in person and property.

Township lawyers had requested an injunction in circuit court to prevent the lodging in WWCF of any inmate who committed serious crimes until the facility is brought to medium-security standards. The hearing had been scheduled for Friday.

The WWCF, which opened as a state prison in August, was formerly the Detroit House of Corrections (DeHoCo).

THE LAWSUIT was prompted by two separate escapes from the facility earlier this fall.

Several corrective measures were subsequently taken, prison administrators said.

"They have done what they said they were going to do at the initial (Oct. 8) meeting," conceded Plymouth Township Supervisor Maurice Breen. "We have never said because you do this we will be satisfied. We still don't think it's a very secure facility."

"The whole idea is to keep encouraging them to improve the facility to a point it's at least tolerable," Breen added.

Porter doesn't see the situation quite the same way.

"I know several allegations in the complaint are untrue and we've denied most allegations as untrue," Porter said. "It seems that the plaintiffs haven't made a reasonable investigation of the facts before filing the complaint."

State Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, who brought corrections officials and local government leaders together for the Oct. 8 meeting, said he believes there's still room for improvement at the facility.

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A resident climbs the stairs to the Plymouth Post Office. Plymouth postal officials expect the rush to begin today.



Terri Dwyer of Westland handles Christmas parcels in Canton.



Gary Warren (left) and Jim Dahl hang evergreen boughs outside the Canton Post Office.

BILL BRESSLER/staff photographer

UNITED POST OFFICE

Ready for rush

POSTAL WORKERS IN Canton and Plymouth are getting ready for the annual holiday rush of residents with gift packages, stamps to buy, cards to mail and packages to weigh. Canton Township postal employees this past week strung evergreen boughs along the outside of the post office in Harvard Square shopping center at Ford and Sheldon. Plymouth postal employees on Pennington Avenue were dressing up a postage display case with holiday decor. This year, the holiday stamps include a bright red poinsettia issue and a Madonna and Child stamp. The Canton Post Office reports selling 80,000 holiday stamps by the beginning of December. This week, both post offices are expecting an onrush of clients with gift packages to weigh and mail for delivery within the United States or overseas.



Marcia Bastian of Canton sorts holiday parcels in the Canton Post Office.



Don Winkler offers Christmas stamps for sale.

Computer on your gift list?

By Susan Buck
staff writer

'Tis the season for gift giving and home computers will be found under many trees this Christmas.

For the first-time computer buyer, stepping into a computer store is akin to traveling in a foreign country. But it needn't feel that way if you have done the proper research and asked countless questions.

The first question is basic. What are your reasons for wanting a computer?

If you merely want to keep up with the Jones or have succumbed to Junior's pleas, you are already in trouble. Computers can either be a wise investment or an expensive plaything. That decision is yours.

"ONCE YOU have trotted out your paycheck and gone home with your little playmate, you will be on your own quite a bit," said Gary Johnson, a part-time computer teacher at Madonna College, during a seminar for first-time personal computer purchasers last week. "When you buy it, be ready to hug it and embrace it because it will be yours for a long time. You have to learn how to look through manuals. I don't want you to buy it unless you really need it."

Johnson, a Ford Motor Co. employee by day, came from the school of computer hard knocks. After 18 years in the data processing business and a \$6,500 investment in computer equipment, he realized that he made some "colossal errors" in buying his computer.

Through many informal discussions with computer owners, he stumbled upon the sad truth: "Within 12 months of purchase, 75 percent of the computers simply gathered dust."

But that doesn't have to be your tale of woe.

Once you set foot in the computer store, head straight for the software counter. Software is programs with specific instructions that make a computer perform specific jobs.

"THE COMPUTER by itself is absolutely worthless," said Johnson. "It just takes up space on your table. Software is the key."

If, for example, you are looking for a word processing program, visit many stores when you have ample time to shop. Johnson cautions against shopping for computers if you have only 30 minutes of spare time.

It is essential that all persons who

will be using the computer go along on the shopping expedition.

Ask to see the best word processing program the store carries and instruct the salesperson to put it into the computer. Inquire on which machines the program will work. Then ask the salesperson to go away. Open the manual and see how much you can do yourself. Repeat this procedure at many stores.

"The 11th commandment is 'Thou shalt comparison shop,'" said Johnson. "You sit down and feel comfortable with it before you even take out your checkbook. You get smart, you learn what to ask."

The salesperson is a key figure in the computer purchase, said Johnson. However, some of them know less than the person buying the computer. Learn to recognize the danger signals. If the salesperson needs to refer to a catalog or goes to get his boss, be careful.

"If you get to one of these places,

button your coat and leave," said Johnson.

SEVERAL COMPONENTS make up the computer package: the video screen, memory (the temporary storage space), disk (usually floppy disks on which information can be stored), disk drive (the machine that records and plays back information), the computer and the printer.

People sometimes mistake the screen as the computer, said Johnson. The actual computer is the circuitry that operates the machine.

Computer owners either use their machines solely to run programs or to do their own data processing — write their own programs.

Floppy disks can be purchased for about \$2. Ten or more can be purchased by the box. Disks must be inserted properly into the disk drive and lined up perfectly. They must not be abused or they will warp, Johnson said.

Performance can be affected when magnetized things like paper clips are kept too close.

If you are looking for a word processor, you will need to decide whether you want a dot matrix or a letter-quality printer.

A dot matrix printer forms characters by a series of dots; a letter-quality printer uses a single keystroke to form characters. The finished product looks like it was printed by a typewriter.

MANY PEOPLE choose a high-quality dot matrix printer that is similar to letter-quality because of cost and flexibility. A letter-quality printer cannot do graphics, Johnson said.

Johnson advises consumers to ask the salesperson what the character-per-minute rate is on the printer. Letter-quality printers print 45 characters per second; dot matrix printers can print 120 characters per second.

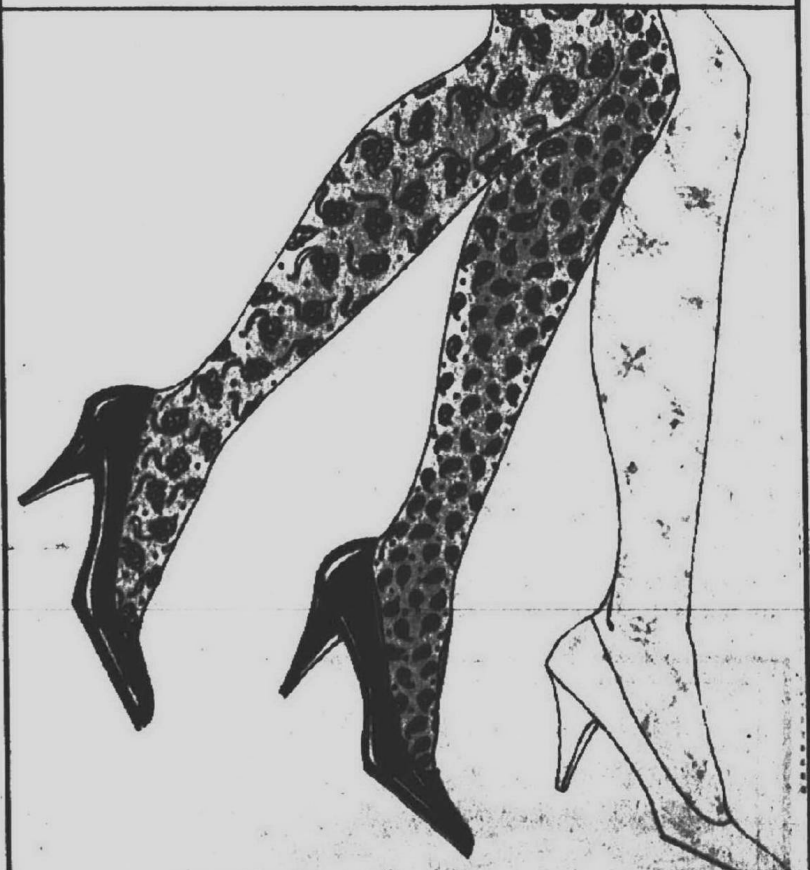


Douglas and Josefina Nott, potential computer buyers, examine the hardware at a recent Madonna College seminar for first-time personal computer purchasers.

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Budget deals seen on parks, sheriff and youth

By Tim Richard
staff writer

Wayne County Executive William Lucas has a \$2.1 million difference with the County Commission on six budget matters. Last week the commission gave Lucas a 14-1 whipping by overriding his budget vetoes.

Which items will they agree on? Commissioner Milton Mack, D-Wayne, gave this assessment:

- It's "reasonable" to expect compromise on services the public sees — parks (including western Wayne's Hines Park), Sheriff Robert Ficano's department and the youth assistance program.

- There's "unlikely" to be compromise on items relating to Lucas' personal staff, his management audit division and his closely controlled Economic Development Corp.

THE \$195 million general fund budget for the fiscal year that began Dec. 1 was out of balance, and in the words of Chairman John Hertel, D-Harper Woods, "things had to be cut."

On the day after Thanksgiving, Lucas announced a deal with the federal marshal's office that would bring net revenue of \$2.1 million to the county. The executive asked that all six areas of the budget be restored.

"We're still doubtful of the total amount of money under the federal marshal's contract," said Hertel after last week's commission meeting. "Some of that has to go to care for prisoners."

The chairman said that when commissioners determine how much is really available, "possibly some services can be restored through supplemental appropriations."

He didn't say which, but Mack, his close supporter and confidant, pinpointed parks, the sheriff and the youth assistance program. Mack said he would personally work for the park funding.

LUCAS' VETO message said "we are very close to arriving at a workable solution" through compromise negotiations with commissioners.

That failed to happen. One reason, said Hertel, was that Lucas insisted his staff be maintained.

Another, said Commissioner Kay Beard, D-Ann Arbor, was that Lucas was "not getting good information" from his staff.

Only Commissioner Stanley Rozycki, D-Detroit, voted to uphold Lucas' vetoes. Suburban commissioners Mack, Beard, Mary Dumas, R-Livonia, and Richard Manning, D-Redford, voted to override.

Hertel publicly blistered Lucas for releasing his veto message to the press before delivering it to the commission. The chairman also said he rejected Lucas' request for a Nov. 29 emergency meeting of the commission because "there is no necessity to call emergencies. You make the term 'emergency' meaningless."

HERE IS where the parties stand on items where compromise is likely:

Parks — Last year's budget was \$2.5 million, and Lucas currently wants almost the same amount. His veto of the \$2 million commission appropriation was overridden.

Lucas warns that the commission's budget would cut staffing by nearly 29 percent, eliminate the recreation division and wipe out "activities days" — days when Hines Park was closed to motorized traffic.

Working strongly for greater funding is Eric Reickel, the parks director Lucas hired away from Oakland County last year. Regarded as one of the top professionals in the nation, Reickel might consider leaving Wayne County if his program is decimated.

Sheriff — Last year the department got \$46.7 million. This year Lucas proposed \$45.7 million, and the commission gave him \$1 million less.

The cuts, if sustained, would reduce parks security and eliminate the warrant squad (which seeks out wanted persons) and the drunk-driving squad. Lucas said the jobs are required under the labor contract with the sheriff's union.

Youth assistance — The executive asked \$310,000 and got \$38,000 less. Lucas said the money is needed "to effectively monitor and implement the program."

THE AREAS where Lucas is "unlikely," in Mack's words, to get a compromise are these:

Executive staff — Lucas asked \$1.8 million and got \$270,000 less. Cut were chief of staff Dennis Nystrom, some travel money, several public relations jobs and bodyguards.

Hertel said Lucas should proceed with layoff notices. Asked if the commission would approve a salary for Nystrom if Lucas nominated him for the never-filled charter position of deputy executive, Hertel said, "We would approve money if a person were nominated (by Lucas) and approved (by the commission)."

Hertel added that Lucas is still free to assign Nystrom, a controversial personality who irritates commissioners, in a spot other than a \$71,000 chief of staff position.

Bringing Lucas' problems to a head is the fact that he turned Republican last year and has been drumming up statewide support to run for governor. The commission remains 14-1 Democratic.

Economic Development Corp. — Lucas asked for \$363,000 and got \$100,000 less. The executive calls jobs a high priority for county government. The commission has been at odds

with Lucas over EDC board positions. The commission would like to reject several directors whom Lucas would like to reappoint. But a quirk in the law allows them to stay in place until their successors are appointed and confirmed — and Lucas won't appoint successors.

Management audit division — Lucas asked \$231,000 and got zero. He credits the division with implementing more than \$9 million in budget savings last fiscal year and anticipates another \$1.5 million savings this year.

STILL ANOTHER disagreement has to do with the drain commissioner's office.

County commissioners voted to reassign some personnel from Drain Commissioner Charles Youngblood to a separate three-member Drain Board where Hertel commands a majority.

Lucas argues that a state ruling says they may not be reassigned. "The appropriate mechanism for reorganizing the drain office is a charter amendment that eliminates the elected office of drain commissioner," said Lucas, who again asked the commission to put such a proposal on the ballot.

Nature blesses flora

Thanks to Mother Nature the Plymouth area can enjoy one of the nicest Yuletides they have had in years.

And it is shown now on where the trees are being sold and in the greenhouses where the poinsettias are on display.

"We haven't had a season like this," said Dennis Sparr, manager of Sparr Greenhouses on Joy at Lilley. "The moisture she supplied this summer has made possible the finest looking trees we have had, and I have been here 35 years."

As Sparr spoke he was looking out into a room where between 25,000 and 30,000 poinsettias were on display.

"They are the finest, so far as looks are concerned, that I have seen in the years I have been here."

It was the same at the Roadside, on Joy just east of Main in Canton, which has been a popular Christmas tree stand for years. The people there, who are handling close to 1,000 trees, explain that the trees look better this year — taller and broader.

WHILE THESE two centers were praising Mother Nature for her help Mrs. Joseph Graye of the Graye Greenhouse, at Joy and Lilley, pointed out that the sun shined on just the right days this year and the flowers show that in their beauty.

For years there had been a Christmas tree sales area at the corner of Haggerty and Ann Arbor Road. But a year ago this area was turned over to

builders and office buildings have taken the place of the tree merchants.

Roadside has been in business at the same location for more than 20 years. Over that period it has built on a clientele that pays a visit each year; in fact many already have selected their trees.

Sparrs, the largest of the lot, has been on the corner of Joy and Lilley for 50 years and now is in charge of the son who has been active for the last 35 years.

"We are just glorified farmers" he said, "but we love to work with the ground and especially enjoy working with the Christmas trees and flowers during the Christmas season."

Most of the trees this year have come from the Lake City up north, an area which has supplied the trees for years.

At Roadside no records are expected to be broken.

"We have our unusual amount of trees and, if weather holds up, that number will be sufficient to care for our regular customers."

It was the same at Sparrs where there are countless numbers of trees and Sparr explains "there are more where they came from if we need them."

At all three places all the other trimmings in the various type of plants and flowers are available. The display of poinsettias, with 25,000 to 30,000 plants on display, is a sight to behold.

So, with the work of human hands and the contribution of Mother Nature, Plymouth is headed for one of the nicest settings for the Yuletide.

Prison hearing put on hold

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"What they have really promised to do — X, Y, Z corrections — we've been notified they made those corrections," Law said. "They did seven or eight things they said were immediate problems."

"I THINK they could probably do more," Law continued. "It's not the corrections department's fault. Thirteen million dollars has been allocated for renovations. How fast they can spend or move is a bureaucratic problem."

Inmates now live dormitory-style at WWCF, Law said. Medium-security designation requires one inmate to a cell.

"The township is saying let's get a clarification of what is medium security and what is the duty of the state to protect the public," Law said. "The outcome should be very interesting."

State Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, said he's been to WWCF a couple of times since renovations were started.

"I'm satisfied they not only have good security with physical relocation, but have established a working relationship with both city and township police departments," he said.

Geake said he believes that enough improvements have been accomplished to increase the prison population from the 350 inmates corrections officials had said they would hold until such renovations were made.

Porter said he doubts the federal court will decide whether to take the case until after the holidays.

Repeated efforts to contact a WWCF administrator for comment were unsuccessful.

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EXCELLENCE: The humanities program at Plymouth Salem High School, coordinated by Cynthia Burnstein, is one of 150 schools nationwide named a Center of Excellence by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). The schools were selected from a field of more than 700 schools. Salem and other schools chosen as finalists were visited this fall by NCTE evaluators.

TOOTH FELLOWS: Three local dentists are among those who recently earned the Academy

of General Dentistry's prestigious Fellowship Award. To earn the award, the academy members had to complete more than 500 hours of continuing education within 10 years and pass an examination. So honored were:

Nils Korsnes, who graduated from the University of Detroit dental school in 1964 and has been practicing in Plymouth since 1966. A former instructor at U-D dental school, Dr. Korsnes is a member of several dental associations;

Donald J. Davies, who graduated from University of Michigan dental school in 1954 and has been practicing in Plymouth since 1956. Dr. Davies, who practices in Plymouth with his son Donald, belongs to several dental societies;

Joseph R. Smulsky, who graduated from the University of Detroit dental school in 1967 and has been practicing in Canton since 1969. Dr. Smulsky is a member of several dental societies and is active in the Rotary Club of Plymouth.

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CHANNEL 8

MONDAY (Dec. 9)

5 p.m. . . . Tell Me a Story — Gina and the kids talk about sports. The story is "George Goes Out West."
 5:30 p.m. . . . Healthcize — Tone up your body with exercises for legs, arms and waist at Total Spa in Canton.
 6 p.m. . . . Masters of Dance — Host Mary Ellen Stewart interviews several students.
 6:30 p.m. . . . The Food Chain — Host Debi Silverman talks about nutritional needs and problems in pregnancy.
 7 p.m. . . . Come Craft With Me — Kay Micallef with Melissa Smith who makes prairie dolls.
 7:30 p.m. . . . High School Sports — Plymouth Salem Rocks vs. Plymouth Canton Chiefs in wrestling season opener. Followed by varsity basketball action Salem High and Trenton.
 9:30 p.m. . . . Single Touch Live — J.P. McCarthy and co-hosts discuss the single scene while viewers can call in to report events for singles and to discuss problems and solutions singles face each day.

TUESDAY (Dec. 10)

5 p.m. . . . Cinematique — John Martin and Ace Hunter review classic movies on Family Home Theater: "Gentle Giant," "Blackmail," and "Blue Beard."
 5:30 p.m. . . . Economic Club of Detroit — Henry Kissingner speaks about the latest in American economics.
 6:30 p.m. . . . Investment Times — Brian Davis and Jim Lanzi discuss investment opportunities.
 7 p.m. . . . Beyond the Moon — Host Mike Best talks Frank Galea, as-

tronomy instructor. In the Night Sky is the Big Dipper, Stellar Evolution.
 7:30 p.m. . . . Great Blueberry Jam — Local jazz and rock bands.
 8:30 p.m. . . . Songs of Yesterday — Students of Charolette Moore-Viculin Studio of Music perform at Dearie Days in Plymouth's Old Village.
 9:30 p.m. . . . Single Touch — J.P. McCarthy and singles over 30 talk about "change."

WEDNESDAY (Dec. 11) (Wednesday programming same as Monday's schedule for Omni-8).

CHANNEL 15

MONDAY (Dec. 9)

noon . . . Total Fitness — Jackie Starr helps you tone up with aerobics.
 12:30 p.m. . . . For Your Health — Host Pat Sciberras talks with Clara Kohn, president of World Medical Relief.
 1 p.m. . . . Cooking With Cas — Cas prepares shrimp cakes with a fish sauce dip.
 1:30 p.m. . . . Michelle's Craft Show — Michelle Wozniak makes Christmas net wreaths.
 2 p.m. . . . Human Images — The psychology club at Centennial Educational Park (CEP) discuss christianity with two Christian students.
 2:30 p.m. . . . Wayne County Line — Commissioner Mary Dumas hosts representatives from Wayne County Extension Service.
 3 p.m. . . . Express Yourself — Omega Company presents "Vespers," a dance of spiritual joy.
 3:30 p.m. . . . Sandy Show — Sandy Preblich talks with make-up artist Suzanne Farhat and gets free

make up tips for Christmas.
 4 p.m. . . . Northville H.S. Winter Concert.
 5 p.m. . . . First Presbyterian Church of Northville Presents: A Celebration — This week's sermon is entitled, "Reading the Signs of the Times."
 6 p.m. . . . MESC Job Show — Careers in floral design, floriculture field, types of businesses that use floral decorations, and other related occupations.
 6:30 p.m. . . . Marching Band Competition — Oxford and Trenton high school marching bands in Flight II competitions at the 1984 state championships at Plymouth Centennial Educational Park.
 7 p.m. . . . Legislative Floor Debate — Host Maria Holmes talks with state Sen. Robert Geake about issues currently before the Legislature.
 7:30 p.m. . . . The City That Forgot Christmas — An animated special from Lutheran Television.
 8 p.m. . . . Amazing Grace — A children's musical from the Berean Baptist Church of the Plymouth-Canton area.
 9 p.m. . . . Focus on South Africa — Speaker Sonny Venkatratham, ex-political prisoner, talks with students at CEP.

TUESDAY (Dec. 10)

noon . . . Hamtramck Rotary.
 12:30 p.m. . . . Psychic Sciences — Ellie talks with Irene Rucinski, psychic.
 1 p.m. . . . St. Florian Close Up.
 1:30 p.m. . . . Bowling USA.
 2 p.m. . . . Miles to Go — A special on the problems of the handicapped.
 2:30 p.m. . . . Yeshua Christmas Special — A documentary of is-

Jerusalem.
 3 p.m. . . . Quiz Bowl — Area high schools compete.
 3:30 p.m. . . . Omnicom Game of Week — 1985 NABF World Series, rerun by request. Northville vs. Northwestern in Mickey Mantle Series.
 5 p.m. . . . Meads Mill Hobby Day — Skiing.
 5:30 p.m. . . . Applied Trigonometry — A series of programs that present and solve problems of trigonometry. Hosted by Dan Williams.
 6 p.m. . . . Canton Update — Hosts Sandy Preblich and Jim Poole discuss political, social and legal issues in Canton.
 6:30 p.m. . . . Social Security Quiz.
 7 p.m. . . . Klazz Akt Breakin.
 7:30 p.m. . . . Live Call-In With Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force — Students, parents and professionals discuss how to prevent and what to do about drug abuse.
 8:30 p.m. . . . Variety Showcase — Balduck Mountain Ramblers entertain, bluegrass style.
 9:30 p.m. . . . Youth View — The new video of and an interview with Carman. Also a visit with the director of Michigan's substance abuse agency.

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 4 p.m. . . . Focus on South Africa.
 5 p.m. . . . Total Fitness.
 5:30 p.m. . . . For Your Health.

Pursell is backing Gramm-Rudman bill

U.S. Rep. Carl D. Pursell, R-Plymouth, has joined an effort to link balanced-budget legislation with a Balanced Budget Amendment.
 "The time has come for us to put an end to the practice of spending beyond our means," said Pursell, who represents the 2nd District.
 "We can talk all we want about legislation which will balance the budget for us. The plain and simple fact is, Congress has yet to exercise fiscal re-

sponsibility and pay no to overspending.
 "We need the Balanced Budget Amendment and we need it passed now. Many of our states and cities operate under balanced budget laws — it's time the federal government did the same."
 Pursell, along with 110 bipartisan members of Congressional Leaders United for a Balanced Budget (CLUBB), will link action on Gramm-

Rudman-Mack to a Balanced Budget Amendment.
 "If we are serious about controlling the deficit and are willing to say how we are going to do it by law, we also should be willing to guarantee it by enacting an amendment to the Constitution," said Pursell.
 "Even if Gramm-Rudman is passed, and enforced, there are no guarantees beyond 1991. If we passed the amendment this year and the states ratified

it, it would enforce that balanced budget after 1991."
 It's time to put legislators to a test, said Pursell. "If they claim to support reducing the deficit, then they shouldn't have a problem voting for a Balanced Budget Amendment."
 The Balanced Budget Amendment passed the U.S. Senate in 1982 but fell 43 votes short of the necessary two-thirds in the House.

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 8 p.m. . . . Express Yourself.
 8:30 p.m. . . . The Sandy Show.
 9 p.m. . . . Northville H.S. Winter Concert.

FRIDAYS
 6-10:30 p.m. . . . Canton Township Board meeting.

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● PLYMOUTH LIBRARY BOARD
Monday, Dec. 9 — The Plymouth District Library Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Dunning-Hough Library for its regular monthly meeting. The session is open to the public.

● SMITH PFO
Tuesday, Dec. 10 — Smith Elementary School PFO will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the media center of the school on McKinley. Every parent welcome.

● HOLIDAY CREATIONS
Thursday, Dec. 11 — Capture the holiday spirit in a creation you can make yourself. Canton Public Library will have four artists in the library meeting room from 7 to 8:30 p.m. to show how to make holiday decorations and gifts they designed themselves. You can learn how to make a centerpiece, fabric ornaments, a wreath, and a pen-on-glass gift. Register to attend by calling 397-0999 or sign up in person.

● RUMMAGE SALE

Wednesday, Thursday, Dec. 11-12 — Community Education Department of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will sponsor a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Starkweather Center, 550 N. Holbrook, Plymouth. Proceeds from the sale of donated items will be given to the Community Literacy Council which trains Laubach tutors to assist adults with reading difficulties. Donations of clean, usable clothing for children and adults, toys, games, sporting equipment and small household items will be accepted at Starkweather Center on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 9, 10. The center is one block north of Plymouth Road and two blocks east of Mill in Old Village.

● COFFEE WITH PRINCIPAL

Thursday, Dec. 12 — Parents of students at Plymouth Centennial Educational Park (CEP) are invited to the Coffee With the Principal beginning 9:30 a.m. in the conference room at Plymouth Canton High School, Canton Center Road just south of Joy. Speaking with parents will be principals Bill Brown and Tom Tattan, and Sharon Streat.

● CEP HOLIDAY BALL

Saturday, Dec. 14 — The Centennial Educational Park (CEP) Ball will be 8-11 p.m. in Plymouth Canton High

School. Tickets are \$5 a couple or \$3 single.

● CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Saturday, Dec. 14 — Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring its annual Children's Christmas Parties for ages 3-12. The children will enjoy movies, games, refreshments and a special visit with Santa Claus in person. Times are 9:30-10:30 a.m. for ages 3-7 and 10:45-11:45 a.m. for ages 8 up to 12. It is necessary to register in advance by calling 397-1000 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

● POLISH CAROLS

Sunday, Dec. 15 — Madonna College will present Polonaise Chorale, a concert of Polish Christmas Carols, beginning at 4 p.m. in the Activities Center of the campus at I-96 and Levan, Livonia. Featured will be traditional Polish and English carols and poetry and an audience sing-along. A cake and coffee reception will follow the concert. Admission is free.

● HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, Dec. 17 — Smith Elementa-

ry School PFO will sponsor a Christmas Holiday Open House at the school beginning at 7 p.m. There will be caroling around the Christmas tree in front of the school and refreshments in the gym afterward. All rooms will be decorated and open to the public.

● GUARANTEED WHITE CHRISTMAS

Thursday, Dec. 19 — The Canton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its "Guaranteed White Christmas" contest for Canton residents. The contest winner will have his yard covered with snow on Friday, Dec. 20, and receive a copy of Bing

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● BLOOD DONATIONS

Saturday, Dec. 21 — The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Jeanette Pontiac, 14949 Sheldon, Plymouth, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The visit is sponsored by the CNP Girl Scouts. For

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● MUPPETS ON TOUR

Saturday, Dec. 28 — A special family field trip to see "The Muppets on Tour" stage show will leave Canton Township Administration Building at 9:30 a.m. for Cobo Arena Mini-Theatre. The charge is \$7 per person for admittance ticket and transportation. Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring the trip to see Jim Henson's famous in-pets, all bigger than life. Space is limited, so sign up early by calling 397-1000 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

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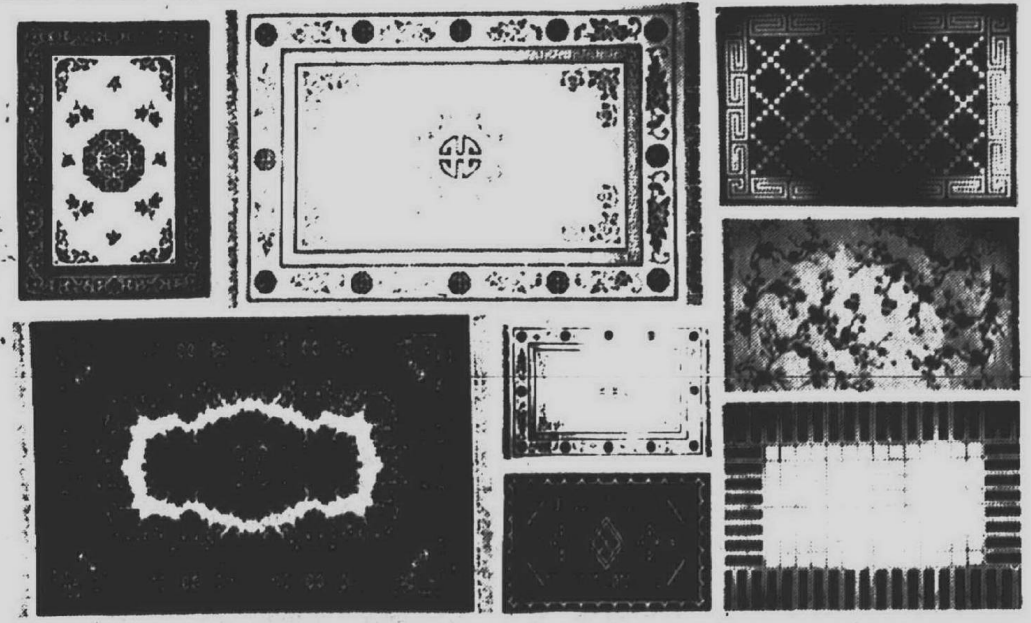
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When Margaret and Carl Wall, freshly out of Olivet College and newly married, decided to build a house on the outskirts of Plymouth they consulted several architects but finally decided on Frank Lloyd Wright.

The Walls had seen and were impressed with houses Wright had designed in Michigan. One was the Goetsch-Winkler house built in Okemos in 1939; the other was the Affleck house built in Bloomfield Hills in 1940.

Before the Walls went to Wisconsin to visit Wright in the summer of 1941 they had already purchased a 30-acre site on Beck facing Hilltop Golf Course. They bought the land from the Ever

Jolliffes who lived in a large house on a nearby hill where they conducted a summer school for children.

At Wright's request the Walls provided him with photos and a topographical map of the property. The plans arrived in about a month's time. Construction began in September, was under the supervision of Harold Turner, at Wright's suggestion. Turner had built seven other Wright houses. Carl acted as general contractor. During the year it took to build the house, the Walls rented the Claude Gebhardt's.

THE HOUSE Wright designed includes five bedrooms, 3½ bathrooms, a



past and present

Sam Hudson

living room, a dining room and an unusual kitchen.

It is a single-story affair built to follow the contours of a hill. The design is basically a series of hexagons with no right angles. Since it appeared to resemble the pattern of a snowflake, Wright called it by that name, "Snowflake."

For building materials, Wright specified cypress wood, brick, glass and concrete. He located the house on the property in such a way that the dining room always enjoyed the morning sun. The living room received the setting sun.

"One of the basic design characteris-

tics of the prairie houses in the Wright Eave," Carl explained in a paper he wrote in 1979. "To me this is always a sure way to tell a Wright design — to see these beautiful low, long-appearing eaves, which emphasize the horizontal lines. There is a horizontal line on our house which includes a terrace wall, long trellis and carport roof which measures over 150 feet long. The house is situated on a hill but follows the slope so that there are four different floor levels and seven roof levels, and yet carry this long horizontal line. Only Mr. Wright's genius could bring this about with such beauty and integrity in the design."

Wright told the Walls that he liked to "bring the outside in and the inside out." Rooms were so arranged that the natural beauty of the outdoors could be seen.

"In our house," wrote Wall, "You will find a fish pond and gardens in the dining area. In another house Wright designed a room around a tree and allowed it to grow through the roof."

WRIGHT WAS AMONG the first to use exposed brick walls in the interior rooms.

When he designed the Wall home, he instructed Turner to use the wrong side of the brick facing out. Normally hidden, the wrong side of the brick is the more colorful and textured. Wright said the wrong side gave the wall a younger look.

At the request of the Walls, Wright incorporated into his design of their living room wall a large carved piece of European cherry wood. The cherry wood panel was created by Milton Horn's collaboration on the panel with Wright. Carl and Margaret, Horn, and

Joseph Brewer, president of Olivet College, spent some time with Wright at Taliesin in Wisconsin working out the details.

Carl says the experience "will always remain for me an enriching experience and fond memory."

Plymouth got its second Frank Lloyd Wright house in 1953. In that year, Monnie and Lou Goddard, longtime friends of the Walls, had Wright design a house which they built on 7½ acres adjacent to the Wall property.

The Goddard House was the 28th Wright house built in Michigan. Only three more were to follow.

Unlike the Wall's "Snowflake" home, the house Wright designed for the Goddards is rectangular in shape. It is located on the brow of a hill. Its large living room, encased in glass, faces east.

Goddard, a competitor of Wall in the tool business, was well known in business and civic circles in Plymouth until he and Monnie moved to Sedona, Ariz., a number of years ago. The house is now the residence of the Jack E. Cooks.



In this pose, Frank Lloyd Wright shows the style he felt comfortable wearing.

From the looks on the faces of the shoppers jamming the stores these days, they are not enjoying the Christmas shopping.

It is a far cry from the first Christmas present we set out to buy and surprise our Mother.

It had been some time since our father passed away, and she seemed worried about gifts for her five children.

It was difficult enough to keep the family going, but she didn't want the holidays to pass without having something in our stockings on Christmas morning. As the days went by, we youngsters got together and decided to get her something to make the day one she would remember. But what to get her was a question.

THEN, BY CHANCE, one day we all walked into the town drug store. It was run by folks living not too far from us, and the owner knew the task we were facing. He chatted with us for a while, then turned our visit into seeking information about our Christmas.

"What are you going to get your



the stroller

W.W. Edgar

mother?" he asked.

When we looked blank, he made a suggestion.

"Why not get her one of these latest Victrolas?" he asked.

We looked stunned — all five of us. And for a good reason. These Victrolas had just come on the market. This was before we had radio or television. And it was quite the thing to have one of the new machines that played records.

We just stared at the druggist, and he finally said, "Don't worry about the cost. I will only charge you what you can raise."

We were stunned but decided to try and earn some money and get the Victrola for Mother.

a surprise as that Victrola was on the Christmas morning far away.

The druggist not only packed the Victrola in a box but also placed several Christmas records. What a treat.

We taught Mother how to use it, and she played it by the hour. She told everyone how good Santa Claus had been to her.

That little machine made things much easier for us, too. When we wanted to get her a gift, we bought the latest records for her, and what a time she had.

THERE POSSIBLY are not druggists or other merchants around today like Mr. Lawall, the druggist back home.

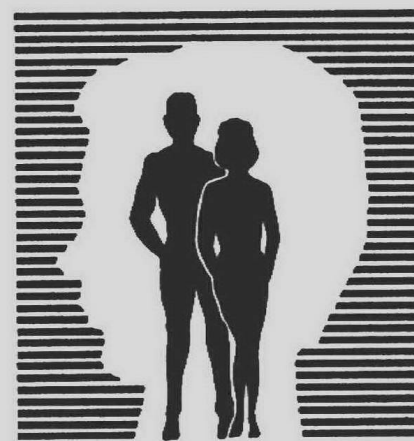
He had a new-fangled talking machine that became a symbol of a real Christmas. It was that spirit that made possible that gift to a widowed woman and her family. But it was a real Christmas for him.

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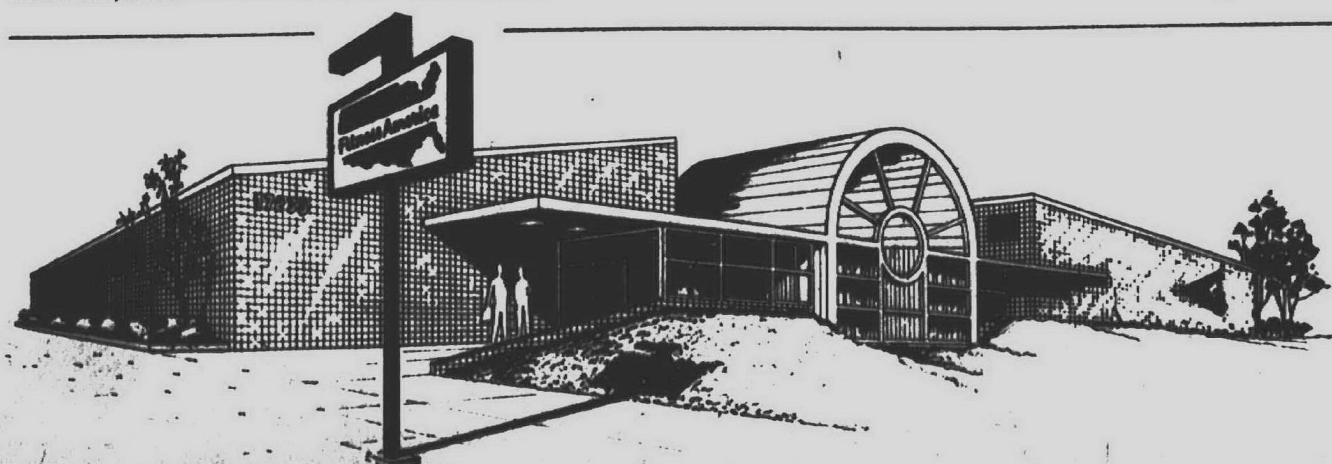
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● STOP-SMOKING CLINIC

Smokers who want to kick the habit will have their chance at sessions beginning 7:30 p.m. Dec. 9-13 and 16 in the Little Theater of Plymouth Canton High School on Canton Center Road just south of Joy. The plan consists of evening group therapy sessions, films and a daily personal plan program for home or work. The programs are conducted by Dr. Arthur Weaver, associate professor of surgery at Wayne State University, and his associate John Swanson, health education specialist of Canton. No preregistration is required for the clinic. A donation will be taken to cover expenses. For further information, call 459-0894.

● HOLIDAY DEPRESSION

The upcoming holiday season should be a happy time but, in reality, this time of the year can be highly stressful and filled with anxiety and depression for many people. As a public service Psychotherapy & Counseling Services of Northville has prepared a brochure that discusses some of the major areas of stress brought on by the holiday season, and offers some practical advice on how to cope more effectively with these issues. This brochure is available at no charge by calling 348-1100 during regular business hours.

● DIABETIC SUPPORT

A Diabetic Support Group will begin meeting 7-8 p.m. the third Monday of each month at Oakwood Hospital Canton Center at Warren and Canton Center roads in Canton.

● BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Free blood-pressure checks are offered by members of the Volunteer Guild of Oakwood Hospital Canton Center 6-8 p.m. each Tuesday in the main lobby of the hospital at Warren and Canton Center roads in Canton.

● RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Adult Red Cross volunteers are needed at St.

Mary Hospital, Levan and Five Mile, Livonia. Day and evening hours are available for anyone interested in helping hospital personnel and patients. For information, call the Red Cross at 422-2787.

● CPR CLASS

CPR Heart Saver classes are taught the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in Oakwood Hospital Canton Center, Warren at Canton Center Road. This course covers one-person CPR on an adult, and what to do for a person with an obstructed airway.

● 'TELE-CARE'

Senior citizens in Plymouth-Canton may participate in a "Tele-Care" program in which telephone contact is made daily with senior citizens to check on their well-being. For more information, Canton residents may call 397-1000, Ext. 278, and Plymouth residents may call 453-3840, Ext. 37, or 453-2671, Plymouth Township Hall.

● OAKWOOD VOLUNTEER GUILD

The Volunteer Guild at Oakwood Hospital Canton Center continues to offer free blood pressure checks 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays at the hospital, 7300 Canton Center Road at Warren.

● CRISIS COUNSELING

If you want help in solving a problem, are looking for a referral, or need information about drugs or alcohol, counselors at Turning Point Counseling and Crisis Intervention Center can help. Counselors are available 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Other hours are available by appointment. Phone 455-4900.

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● TURNING POINT

If you need help solving a problem, need someone to listen, a referral or information about drugs and alcohol, counselors at Turning Point can help. Counselors are available 6:30-10:30 p.m. Monday through Friday by calling 455-4900. Turning Point also provides short-term, low-cost counseling by appointment. Turning Point is a component program of Growth Works Inc. of Plymouth.

● TOUGH LOVE

Tough Love, a self-help group for parents troubled by teenage behavior, meets at 7 p.m. Mondays in the Faith Community Church on Warren at Canton Center Road in Canton.

● JOBS FOR 55 & OLDER

The employment program of the Wayne County Office on Aging is accepting applications. The programs include direct job placement and on-the-job training with pay for a variety of positions in such fields as health care, sales, secretarial, clerical and maintenance. Assistance is provided for job search skills, resume writing, interview techniques, self-confidence building and goal-setting. Eligibility criteria include being age 55 or older, a low income resident of western Wayne County or downriver (excluding Detroit). For information, call 467-3454.

● EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

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● SENIOR CHORE SERVICE

The Conference of Western Wayne Chore Program has been funded for fiscal year 1986 beginning Oct. 1, 1985. The program provides assistance with light household maintenance tasks including lawn mowing, snow removal and window/wall washing. Persons must be 60 or older and own their own home. The program is for senior citizens living in Plymouth, Plymouth Township, and Canton and replaces the home chore program previously con-

ducted by Plymouth Recreation Department. There is no charge for the service. For information, call 525-8690.

● BEGINNING STRINGS

Group lessons for beginners on violin, viola or cello are being sponsored by the Plymouth Youth Symphony. The class is being taught by Janita Hauk, instructor of violin at Madonna College and strings specialist at Ladywood High School. The class, the only string opportunity for elementary school age children in Plymouth-Canton, meets 7:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the instrumental music department at Plymouth Salem High School. For information, call 459-1665 or 459-0074.

● SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The Plymouth-Canton Special Olympics Parent Advisory Council (SOPAC) will be sponsoring a Special Olympics program for mentally impaired individuals ages 6 and older in the Plym-

outh-Canton area. Anyone wishing information on registration for the upcoming season or who would like to volunteer to help, call 451-6610 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or 397-7911 after 5 p.m.

● NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Plymouth Police Department is organizing a Neighborhood Watch program for city residents. Anyone interested in becoming involved in the program may call 453-8600 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. The program is a protection against residential break-ins and burglaries.

● CANTON BEAUTIFIERS

The Canton Beautification Committee meets at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Canton Township Hall, Canton Center Road south of Proctor.

● FENCING CLUB

A free fencing club meets Thursdays

at Field Elementary School, 1000 Haggerty, Canton Township. People with prior fencing experience desired. Contact Bruce Davis at 455-6418.

● ASSERTIVENESS FOR WOMEN

Small group sessions are being offered to deal with the effects of changing roles and lifestyles of women: depression, stress, low self-esteem and non-assertion. Ask for Sandy at Canton Mental Health Services, phone 459-6580 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. or at 481-0017 after 5 p.m.

● SENIOR CITIZENS

The Senior Network will answer questions and help solve problems for people 60 and older. The program, provided by the Out-Wayne County Area Council on Aging, has information about programs and services for older people. Call 422-1052 between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Opens office

Perry Meghnot, M.D., has opened an office in the Arbor Health Building, Ann Arbor Trail at Harvey, Plymouth. An obstetrician/gynecologist specializing in infertility, Dr. Meghnot is on staff at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. Meghnot and wife, Lillian, have three daughters: Neda, majoring in business at Bapson College, Boston; Roya, an actress in the soap opera "Loving"; and Jilla, an art major in Boston Museum of Fine Arts.



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4:05 p.m. . . . This Day in History.
5:05 p.m. . . . Family Health — Getting in shape for winter.
8-10 p.m. . . . 88 Escape — Host Noelle Torrance.

TUESDAY (Dec. 10)

4:05 p.m. . . . This Day in History.
5:05 p.m. . . . Family Health — Cause and treatment for headaches.
6:10 p.m. . . . Family Report — Adoption, part V.

WEDNESDAY (Dec. 11)

7:30 a.m. to noon . . . Adult contemporary music.
4:05 p.m. . . . This Day in History.
5:05 p.m. . . . Family Health — Mus-

cle tension headaches.
6:10 p.m. . . . Community Focus — Host Noelle Torrance.

THURSDAY (Dec. 12)

4:05 p.m. . . . This Day in History — Students from Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools report on historical events.
5:05 p.m. . . . Family Health — What happens when a person has a stroke?
6 p.m. . . . News File at Six — Julie

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FRIDAY (Dec. 13)

4:05 p.m. . . . This Day in History.
5:05 p.m. . . . Family Health — Christmas safety tips.
6:10 p.m. . . . CEP Sports Weekly — Dan Johnston hosts.

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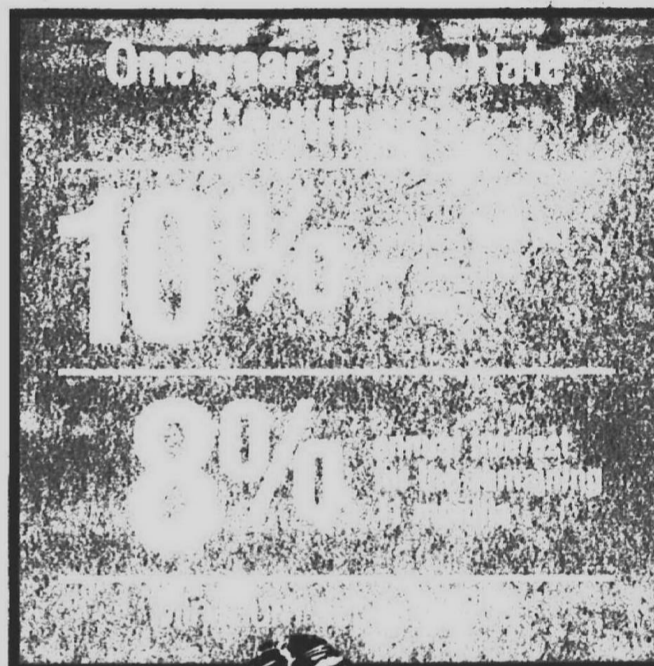
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Continental Chocolate Cake

- 4 squares unsweetened chocolate
 - 2 cups sugar
 - 1-1/2 cups buttermilk
 - 2 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1-1/2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 3/4 cup butter or margarine
 - 3 eggs
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Continental Flair Frosting
Chocolate Wedges

Melt chocolate in saucepan over very low heat. Add 1/2 cup of the sugar and 1/2 cup of the buttermilk; stir until well blended. Cool thoroughly.

Mix flour with baking powder, soda and salt. Cream butter; gradually add remaining sugar, beating until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well. Blend in about one-fourth of the flour mixture. Then add the chocolate mixture and vanilla. Add remaining flour mixture alternately with remaining buttermilk, beating thoroughly after each addition. Pour into 2 greased and floured 9-inch layer pans. Bake at 350° for about 40 minutes, or until cake springs back when lightly pressed. Cool cakes in pans 10 minutes; then remove from pans and finish cooling on racks.

At high altitudes, reduce sugar to 1-2/3 cups, adding 1/3 cup to the melted chocolate, increase all-purpose flour to 2-1/4 cups, reduce baking powder to 1 teaspoon and add 1 additional tablespoon buttermilk. Bake in three 9-inch layer pans at 375° for 25 to 30 minutes.

Frost tops and sides of cake layers with Continental Flair Frosting, reserving 3/4 cup frosting for garnish. Using a star tip, pipe rosettes around base of cake and one large rosette in center of cake. Pipe a circle on top of cake about 1 inch from edge. Place 16 Chocolate Wedges on top of cake with points toward center.

Continental Flair Frosting

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup heavy cream or evaporated milk
- 4 squares unsweetened chocolate
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1 teaspoon rum extract or vanilla

Combine sugar and cream in saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Reduce heat and simmer gently for 6 minutes. Remove from heat. Add chocolate and stir until chocolate is melted. Stir in butter and rum extract. Chill until mixture begins to thicken; then beat until thick and creamy and of spreading consistency. Makes 2-1/2 cups.

Chocolate Wedges

- 4 squares semi-sweet chocolate*
- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine

*Or use 1 package (4 oz.) sweet cooking chocolate.

Melt chocolate with butter in saucepan over very low heat, stirring constantly. Trace two 8-inch circles on waxed paper-lined baking sheet. Pour half of the chocolate onto each circle and spread evenly to cover. Chill until firm, at least 30 minutes. Cut each circle in 16 wedges and lift gently from paper with a knife. Store on waxed paper in refrigerator or freezer. Use to garnish desserts. Makes 32 wedges.

Pina Colada Cake

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 cups sugar
- 3 teaspoons double-acting baking powder
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup oil
- 6 eggs, separated
- 3/4 cup cold water
- 1 cup flaked coconut
- 1 tablespoon grated orange rind
- 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1 can (8 oz.) crushed pineapple in juice
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1/3 cup light rum*

*Or use 1/3 cup unsweetened pineapple juice and 1 tablespoon rum extract.

Mix flour with sugar, baking powder and salt in bowl. Make a well in center and add oil, egg yolks, water, coconut and orange rind. Beat until smooth. Beat egg whites with cream of tartar until stiff peaks form. Gradually pour egg yolk mixture over egg whites, folding gently just until blended. (Do not beat or stir.) Pour into ungreased 10-inch tube pan. Bake at 325° for 1 hour and 15 minutes, or until cake springs back when lightly pressed. Invert pan on funnel to cool completely.

Combine pineapple, sugar and butter in saucepan. Cook and stir until mixture comes to a boil; boil 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Remove from heat and stir in rum. Remove cake from pan, place on serving plate and prick with cake tester or wooden pick. Carefully spoon warm syrup over cake. Garnish with additional coconut and candied cherries, if desired.

It's here -- that glorious time of the year when you say "Happy Holidays," and people you meet on the street give a nod and produce an engaging smile. It's a time of family reunions and, of course, a time to gather friends to share the warmth of your home. That's where hospitality begins -- at home -- along with wonderfully delicious food.

Whether this trio of irresistible cakes is the focal point of an informal dessert buffet party, or just one cake is finale to a holiday meal, guests will be enchanted with your creative flair. Recognizing that the season of dessert indulgences often begins with rich chocolate offerings, three types of Baker's chocolate are represented in these recipes from the Baker's chocolate and coconut collection. Imagine the chocoholic's dream come true with a bevy of desserts that offer the delicate flavor of sweet cooking chocolate, superb blend of semi-sweet chocolate and deep, rich unsweetened chocolate!

When it's time to cut the rich Continental Chocolate Cake, be sure to keep the Chocolate Wedges intact on every slice. Each semi-sweet wedge, arranged in fan-like fashion, rests on creamy Continental Flair Frosting. Beneath it all is a moist cake made of unsweetened chocolate and garnished with frosting rosettes around its base.

For a change of pace -- and for those who adore rum flavor -- cut ever so gently into the pina colada cake. It's crowned with a flurry of coconut, with garnish of thin strips of candied red and green cherries arranged to resemble poinsettias. The cake batter has delicate flaked coconut blended throughout. A pineapple-rum glaze enhances a truly light-textured chiffon cake.

Festive and fabulous with sweet cooking chocolate Christmas trees perched on rosettes of whipped topping, the Sweet Chocolate Holiday Roll deserves center stage. Here's a fragile sponge cake roll prepared with sweet cooking chocolate, and it's doubly delectable because the Mocha Filling also boasts sweet cooking chocolate as an ingredient. Frosted with a Sweet Chocolate Glaze, there is a dusting of confectioners sugar over cake and trees.

With these recipes that are as special as the season itself, your holiday hospitality will be unforgettable!

Sweet Chocolate Holiday Roll

- 1 package (4 oz.) sweet cooking chocolate
 - 1/4 cup water
 - 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
 - 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
 - 3/4 cup sifted cake flour
 - 3/4 teaspoon double-acting baking powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 5 eggs, at room temperature
 - 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- Mocha Filling
Sweet Chocolate Glaze
Chocolate Christmas Trees

Heat chocolate, water and butter in saucepan over low heat, stirring until mixture is smooth. Remove from heat and stir in soda; cool slightly.

Sift flour with baking powder and salt. Beat eggs in large mixer bowl at high speed of electric mixer, adding granulated sugar gradually and beating until fluffy, thick and light in color. Sift flour mixture over egg mixture and fold in gently until blended. Then gradually fold in chocolate mixture. (Do not over-mix.) Pour into 15 x 10-inch jelly roll pan, which has been greased, lined on bottom with waxed paper and greased again. Bake at 350° for 18 to 20 minutes.

Turn out onto cloth, sprinkled lightly with confectioners sugar. Quickly remove paper and trim off crisp edges. Starting with short side, roll up cake, rolling cloth in cake. Cool on rack for about 1 hour. Unroll. Fill sponge roll with Mocha Filling; frost with Sweet Chocolate Glaze. Chill. Using a star tip, pipe rosettes of thawed whipped topping on top of cake roll. Carefully place Chocolate Christmas Trees on rosettes. Dust cake with confectioners sugar.

Mocha Filling

- 1/2 package (9 squares) sweet cooking chocolate
- 1 teaspoon instant quality coffee or decaffeinated instant coffee
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups frozen non-dairy whipped topping, thawed

Heat chocolate, instant coffee and water in small saucepan over very low heat, stirring constantly, until chocolate is melted and coffee is dissolved. Stir in vanilla. Cool; then blend in whipped topping. Makes about 2 cups.

Sweet Chocolate Glaze

- 1 package (4 oz.) sweet cooking chocolate
- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine
- 3 tablespoons water
- 1 cup unsifted confectioners sugar
- Dash of salt
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Heat chocolate, butter and water in saucepan over very low heat, stirring constantly until chocolate is melted and mixture is smooth. Combine sugar and salt in bowl. Gradually stir in chocolate mixture; blend well. Add vanilla. Makes about 1 cup.

Chocolate Christmas Trees

- 1/2 package (9 squares) sweet cooking chocolate
- Frozen non-dairy whipped topping, thawed
- Silver dragees

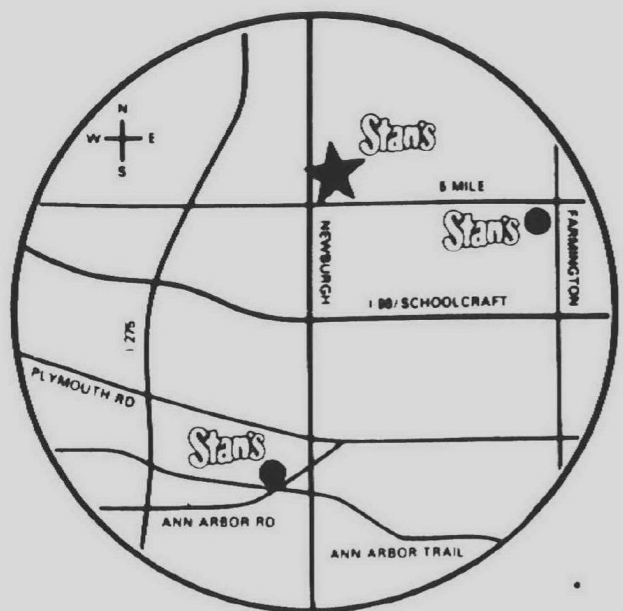
Melt chocolate in saucepan over very low heat, stirring constantly; cool. Pour chocolate into parchment cone or plastic-lined pastry bag fitted with fine writing tip. Pipe chocolate onto waxed paper-lined baking sheet in triangular tree shapes about 2 inches long and 1-1/2 inches wide at base. Pipe lines in centers of triangles to simulate trunk and branches. Chill until firm, at least 15 minutes.

Carefully remove triangles from waxed paper with a knife and arrange three triangles to form each tree. Top each tree with whipped topping and a silver dragee. Makes 30 triangles or 10 trees.

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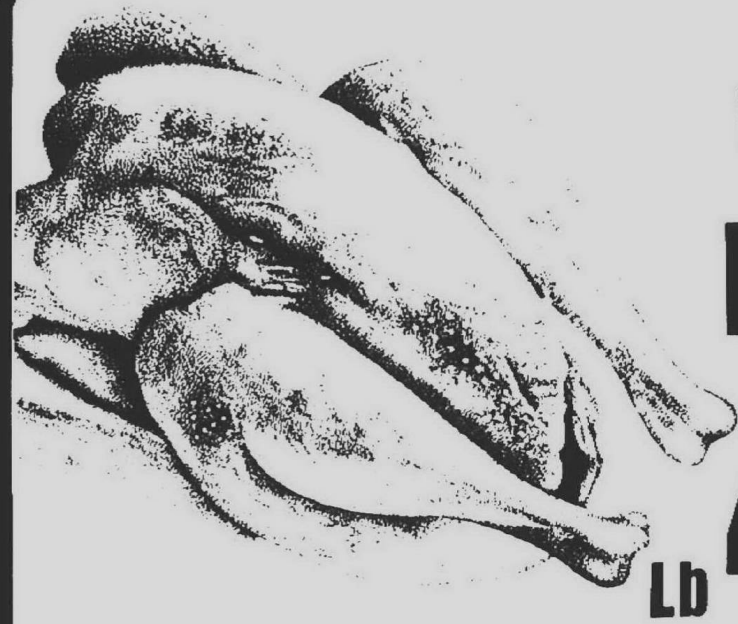
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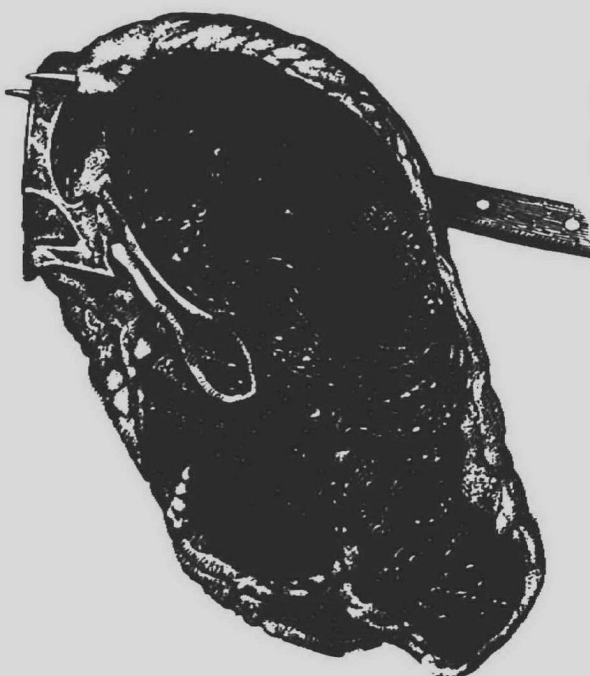
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New ham product added to meet consumer need

Hams (and their labels), they are a-changin'. And these changes will make it easier for consumers to select the perfect ham for any season. With the holiday's approaching, many families will be looking for that perfect ham to serve for their special holiday gathering. What kind of ham should consumers look for in the supermarket that will be flavorful and juicy without overstressing the budget? The answer for some could be a new ham product that's available called "ham and water product."

This new "ham and water product" is the result of new U.S. Department of Agriculture ham labeling regulations that went into effect in April. These new regulations established four categories of hams and ham products that are based on minimum protein levels. In the past, ham regulations were based on the amount of water added to the ham as a result of injecting the curing solution.

The four ham categories are: ham; ham with natural juices; ham, water added; and ham and water product.

The first three categories have very specific protein requirements. The last category, ham and water product, con-

tains more water than the protein-controlled ham brands, making them moist, tender and less expensive to purchase. Its label must provide the exact amounts of any added ingredients.

THIS NEW category is the result of consumer demand. According to the USDA, processors have found that many consumers prefer pork products with more moisture. And they have also found that consumer tests, to date, have shown these new hams may be popular.

For a festive holiday meal, serve the ham with a cooked sauce prepared with frozen raspberries and whole berry cranberry sauce. A portion of the sauce may be used to glaze during the last 20 minutes of cooking.

BAKED HAM WITH CRAN-RASPBERRY SAUCE
Preparation time: 10 minutes
Cooking time: (fully-cooked hams): 2 to 2 hours and 45 minutes
Cooking time: (cook-before-eating hams): 2 to 3 hours

5-7 lbs. smoked half ham with water added
1 package (10 oz.) frozen raspberries in

light syrup, defrosted
1 cup whole cranberry sauce
Mustard greens, if desired
Fresh cranberries, if desired

Place ham, fat side up, on rack in open roasting pan. Insert roast meat thermometer so bulb is centered in the thickest part but not resting in fat or bone. Do not add water. Do not cover. Roast in 325 degrees F oven until the meat thermometer registers 130 degrees F to 140 degrees F for "fully-cooked" half ham (18 to 24 minutes per pound); 160 degrees F for a "cook-before-eating" half ham (22 to 25 minutes per pound). Meanwhile drain raspberry syrup into medium saucepan; reserve raspberries. Add cranberry sauce to saucepan and cook over medium heat 10 minutes or until mixture slightly thickens. Press raspberries through sieve to remove seeds, if desired. Stir in raspberries. Brush ham with a small amount of the sauce 20 minutes before end of cooking time. Serve remaining sauce with ham. Garnish ham with mustard greens and cranberries, if desired.

Note: A smoked half ham will yield two to three 3oz. cooked servings per pound.



Flavorful and juicy Baked Ham with Cran-Raspberry Sauce will be the hit of the holiday season.

So long, salt: Glazed hens made flavorful with low-sodium soy sauce

In this delightfully festive recipe, cranberry sauce, brown sugar, onion, cinnamon and low-sodium soy sauce combine in a warm garnet-colored glaze for succulent Rock Cornish hens.

The rich, flavor-enhancing qualities of all-purpose, naturally brewed soy sauce are well known. The only difference in low-sodium soy sauce is that 40 percent of the salt is extracted after brewing — a real plus for those con-

cerned about the amount of sodium in their diet. This is one recipe you'll want to serve all year long — not just at holiday time.

CRANBERRY GLAZED HENS
4 fresh or frozen Rock Cornish hens (thawed, if frozen)
1 can (8 oz.) jellied cranberry sauce
1 Tbsp brown sugar, packed
3 Tbsp. low-sodium soy sauce

1 tsp. onion powder
¼ tsp. ground cinnamon

Remove and discard giblets and necks from hens. Rinse under cold running water; drain well and pat dry. Combine cranberry sauce, brown sugar, soy sauce, onion powder, cinnamon and 3 Tbsp. water in small saucepan. Heat over medium heat until cranberry sauce dissolves and mixture is smooth

(do not boil). Remove from heat and cool slightly. Place hens, breast side up, on rack in shallow pan. Thoroughly brush cavities and skin of hens with glaze. Bake in 375 degrees oven 70 minutes, brushing hens with glaze every 35 minutes. Cover hens loosely with aluminum foil; return to oven and bake 30 minutes longer, or until hens are tender. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. Makes 4 servings.

Jumbo shrimp: huge success

Grilled Prawns with Curry Butter from the Madrona Manor, in the heart of California's Sonoma County Wine country, make a spectacular presentation. Jumbo shrimp are marinated in white wine and garlic, then grilled or broiled. A pungent curry butter flavored with cumin and parsley accents the mild flavor of the shrimp.



A bed of vegetable rice medley accompanies Grilled Prawns with Curry Butter.

GRILLED PRAWNS WITH CURRY BUTTER
¼ cup dry white wine
1 lemon, thinly sliced
2 cloves of garlic, minced
¼ cup olive oil
Dash of saffron (optional)
20 to 24 jumbo shrimp, shelled and deveined, with tail on
1½ cups water
1 Tbsp. butter or margarine
1 package (5.2 oz.) long grain rice vegetable medley mix

Combine wine, lemon, garlic, oil and saffron if desired. Place shrimp in mixture and marinate for 1 hour. About 30 minutes before serving, combine water, butter and contents of rice and seasoning packets in medium saucepan. Bring to boil. Cover tightly and simmer 20 to 25 minutes, or until all water is absorbed. About 10 minutes before serving, place shrimp on skewers. Brush with marinade. Grill or broil 4 inches from heat source, about 3 minutes on each side; do not over-cook. Serve shrimp with a dollop of Curry Butter and rice. Makes 4 servings.

CURRY BUTTER
¼ cup butter or margarine, softened
2 Tbsp. curry powder
1 tsp. ground cumin
1 tsp. minced parsley
1 jalapeno pepper, minced (optional)
Salt and pepper to taste

Combine all the ingredients. Allow to stand at least one hour for flavors to blend. Serve at room temperature.

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Seasoned steak: low-cal and quick

QUICK, EASY and low in calories. That's what today's busy Americans want. But finding recipes or foods that fit these requirements is a challenging, if not frustrating, experience for many shoppers. Seasoned Steak and Mushrooms is one recipe that can help ease that transition from the hectic work-place world to the equally busy at-home environment.

A convenient recipe contains eight ingredients, can be prepared in under 30 minutes, makes two to four servings and includes a minimum amount of preparation. Seasoned Steak and Mushrooms contains just eight ingredients and can be prepared in about 20 minutes.

It takes only 10 minutes to season a beef eye round steak with mashed garlic, salt, thyme and pepper paste. While the steak is panbroiled in a lightly oiled, heated frying pan, sliced mushrooms are cooked and seasoned with parsley and thyme. When the steak has finished cooking, it is carved into thin

slices and served with the mushrooms to make a very quickly prepared meal for two.

In order to help customers identify which beef cuts are low in calories, many supermarkets are participating in a meat industry program called Meat Nutri-Facts. The program provides basic nutrient information on calorie, fat, sodium, cholesterol, protein, iron, zinc, thiamin, niacin and B-12 on many fresh meat cuts at the meat case.

In addition, the program highlights the meat cuts that contain less than 200 calories per three-ounce, cooked, trimmed serving with a special package sticker saying "Under 200 Calories."

A beef eye round steak, in terms of calories, is the leanest of all beef cuts in the supermarket meat case. It contains just 158 calories for a single, three-ounce cooked, trimmed serving.

When the eye round steak is used to prepare Seasoned Steak and Mushrooms, the total calorie content is kept to under 200 calories — 191 calories

per serving. Convenient and low in calories — that's what today's cooks can expect from Seasoned Steak and Mushrooms.

SEASONED STEAK AND MUSHROOMS

- Preparation time: 10 minutes
- Cooking time: 8 to 10 minutes
- 1 beef round steak, cut 1-inch thick (7-8 ounces)
- 1 clove of garlic, minced
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. dried thyme leaves, divided
- 1/4 tsp. cracked black pepper
- 1 cup sliced mushroom

- 1 Tbsp. butter
- 1 tsp. snipped parsley

Mash garlic and salt together to form paste. Combine paste with 1/4 tsp. thyme and pepper. Press mixture into both sides of steak. Heat medium frying pan over medium heat. Brush pan lightly with oil. Add steak and pan-broil 8-10 minutes, turning once. Move steak to one side; add mushrooms and cook in butter during last 2-3 minutes. Stir in parsley and remaining thyme. Carve steak across the grain into thin slices. Serve sliced steak with mushrooms. 2 servings.

French chef speaks language of food

George is a chef in Montreal. We got together several times during his vacation and talked food. Better make that communicated.

George speaks no English. I speak no French. My wife cooked a Mexican dinner. Several of the guests spoke only Spanish. You can't get much more international.

With the help of a translator and sign language, I learned that George is the chef at a French restaurant that seats 180 and caters to businessmen at lunchtime.

George does the shopping in the morning, just like all good French chefs do, and then prepares the menu. There are six main dishes featured daily, plus another half-dozen specialties that can be ordered. Most are fish and chicken dishes, some are beef.

I was lucky to be invited to sample George's culinary style. He prepared dinner for eight, including himself, featuring steak flambe.

The appetizer was Pacific smoked salmon from British Columbia that he carried all the way from Montreal just for the occasion. The salmon was thinly sliced, covering a tray, with paper-thin onion and lemon slices, topped with a rose carved from a tomato.

The salad was avocado stuffed with crab meat.



pilot light
Greg Melikov

In Montreal, George buys avocados shipped from Israel.

The steak flambe was neatly trimmed sirloin, broiled in the oven. He poured on the cognac, lit up and served the steaks with a simple, peppered cream sauce, accompanied by those cute, small vegetables you mostly are served at chic hotel restaurants.

I gave my compliments to the chef via the toast. Naturally, it was red wine.

My version of steak flambe is slightly different.

- STEAK FLAMBE FOR TWO**
- 2 thick beef steaks, excess fat trimmed
 - 1/4 cup butter
 - 1/4 tsp. each salt and black pepper
 - 1/2 cup beef bouillon
 - 2 tsp. prepared mustard
 - 1 1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

- 1/4 tsp. each bottled steak sauce and ground ginger
- 1/4 cup brandy, slightly warmed in saucepan

In large skillet, fry steaks in 2 Tbsp. heated butter until desired doneness, remove from pan, sprinkle with salt and pepper and keep warm. Add to skillet remaining butter, bouillon, mustard, steak sauce and ginger, mix well and slowly bring to boil, stirring. Return steaks to skillet, ignite brandy, pour over meat and serve at once.

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Ellie Graham

KATHY LYNCH of Canton was named November Leader of the Month for the Plymouth-Canton-Northville area by the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council. Kathy is in her fifth year as leader of Cadette Troup 367.

She has been involved in scouting for more than 25 years, as a Girl Scout through seniors, earning the Curved Bar. In 1955, she was a delegate to the National Convention and has met both Lady Baden-Powell and her daughter, Betty Clay. Kathy has served as a volunteer in a variety of positions in both the Michigan Metro Council and Huron Valley.

The Lynches are a scouting family. Her husband, Terry, is a registered troop committee person. Daughters Bridget and Katie are Senior Girl Scouts and Meghan is a Cadette. Son Patrick, 8, surrounded by all this Girl Scout action, is interested in soccer.

In naming Kathy leader-of-the-month, the council cited her for: "getting to know each of the 24 girls in her troop individually; instilling a real pride of Girl Scouting in the girls; finding a way to bring out each girl's talents."

"Kathy enjoys helping girls grow from their Girl Scout experience and then giving of themselves to the community in service such as 'Adopt a Grandparent' and participating as program aides at day camp."

Congratulations, Kathy.

THERE'S GOING to be a sing-along at Sunday's Plymouth Symphony Orchestra Christmas concert. The word has gone out that concert-goers should take along a score of "The Messiah," if they have one around the house.

The audience will join the orchestra and Madrigal Chorale of Southfield in singing three excerpts from the "Messiah" — "And the Glory of the Lord," "For Unto Us a Child is Born" and the "Hallelujah Chorus." And if that doesn't inspire a Christmas mood, nothing will.

CAROL GILLESPIE, a student at the Northwood Institute, was initiated into Alpha Phi International Fraternity at the Midland Country Club, Midland. Carol's parents are James and Regina Gillespie of Plymouth.

Last spring, the women jumped rope to raise more than \$1,000 for the American Heart Association. Alpha Phi also presented a check for \$1,000 to the Midland Hospital toward its new cardiac care unit. Cardiac aid is the fraternity's major philanthropy.

THURSDAY'S snow didn't faze the party bridge players.

Forty-one of the faithful showed up at the Plymouth Cultural Center. (Boyd Shaffer sat out so there were 10 tables in play.) Evelyn Beck had high score with 6,090 points. Fred Margangelo came in second with 5,640.

MEMBERS OF THE West Suburban Stamp will have their Christmas party at 6:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16. They will be dining Italian-style at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall in Northville.

The stamp collectors will sit down to a seven-course dinner — soup, pasta, antipasto salad, Italian steak, Italian chicken, Italian sausage, zucchini, baked potato, fruit — plus all the Italian bread they can stow away.

Those who haven't made reservations should call Ralph Mortonson, 464-1060, or Ed Dubin, 699-1026.

They will resume their regular meetings in January.

CHARLES ROOT is donating 25 copies of his new book, "The House on Ann Street," to the Plymouth Historical Society. They will be offered for sale in the Historical Museum gift shop.

He recounts memories of growing up on Ann Street, Plymouth, in his second book. Charles and his wife, Doris, are life members of the Plymouth Historical Society. They now live in Venice, Fla. Charles' parents, Charles and Anna Root, were charter members of the society.

Symphony, chorale invites audience to sing along

The Madrigal Chorale of Southfield will join the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra Sunday afternoon in a celebration of the Christmas season. Carolyn Eynon, artistic director of the chorale for more than seven years, will be guest conductor.

Eynon is the former choral director of the music department at Andover High School in Bloomfield Hills and the vocal and hand-bell ensemble, The Jills. She has taught conducting at the University of Michigan School of Music, where she earned her undergraduate degree and is a doctoral candidate in choral conducting.

She was selected an Outstanding Woman in America in 1980.

The opening number of the concert will be "In dulci Jubilo," with brass and chorale.

"LAUD TO THE Nativity" by Ottorino Respighi will feature three soloists.

Jennifer Mickel, the angel, is new to the Detroit area. The coloratura soprano comes from Bloomington, Ind., where she studied voice with Rini Guist and Virginia MacWatters at Indiana University School of Music. She is a member of the Michigan Lyric Opera Company, where she will be heard in upcoming performances of "The Mikado" and "Die Fledermaus."

Ruth Lapeyre will be Maria. She moved to Michigan recently from New Orleans, where she performed with the New Orleans Symphony and the Concert Choir of New Orleans. Her most recent solo performance was with the Michigan Lyric Opera Theater in September.

Michael Hendricks, the shepherd, is a graduate of Michigan State University. He has performed with most major

metropolitan Detroit orchestras, including the Windsor Symphony. Hendricks recently completed the Michigan Opera Theater 1985 artist-in-residence state tour. He appeared in the dual role of John Gray and Filch in Kurt Weill's "Beggars' Opera."

COMPOSER OTTORINO Respighi was a gifted violinist. He studied violin and composition under Rimsky-Korsakov in Russia at the turn of the century. Later, he became music instructor at the Musical Lyceum of the Academy of St. Cecilia in Rome, and later, director for the Royal Academy of Italy.

Respighi's style is one of colorful melodies and full, rich harmonies. He was enamored of the Baroque period and tried to incorporate its forms, structures and decorations into his works. He revered the past, and it is expressed with dramatic flair in Respighi's contemporary musical language.

THE MADRIGAL Chorale of Southfield is made up of 70 men and women — volunteers singers. They came from a wide variety of lifestyles and occupations, bank managers, lawyers, housewives, students and quite a few music teachers.

The Southfield choir began in 1914 under the direction of Charles Morse. Morse founded two separate choruses, the all-male Orpheus Club and its female counterpart, the Madrigal Club of Detroit. Both continued for 64 seasons.

In 1978-79, bowing to lack of interest and financial troubles, the groups combined to form the present Madrigal Chorale, with a new home in Southfield and its first woman director, Carolyn Eynon.

Denise Ogden, chorale accompanist,

is a Southfield resident on the staff of the Southfield-Lathrup High School vocal music department. She has a music education degree in piano performance as well as an advanced certificate in piano pedagogy from Madonna College.

A RARE ADDITION to the Christmas program will be Bruce Smith's performance on the viola d'amore. Smith will be soloist for "What Child Is This" in the Many Moods of Christmas medley.

The viola d'amore had its origins in the middle of the 17th century in Italy. Smith became interested in ancient stringed instruments at Interlochen in 1960 when he met a recent German immigrant, George Kellschek. Kellschek made historical musical instruments, and Smith spent several summers working with him.

Smith completed his degree at the Eastman School of Music in 1965 and his doctorate at the University of Michigan in 1977 with a major in musicology.

The audience and chorale will join the orchestra in a Christmas carol sing-along of "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen," "Good King Wenceslas," "Deck the Halls," "Hark The Herald Angels" and "The First Noel."

A SING-ALONG of choruses from the "Messiah" will complete the program.

The concert will be 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, in the auditorium of Plymouth Salem High School, Joy Road west of Canton Center.

Tickets for the concert are \$6 for adults, \$3.50 for older persons and full-time college students, and \$1 for students 12th grade and under.

Tickets will be available at the box



Carolyn Eynon will be guest conductor at Sunday's holiday concert by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and the Madrigal Chorale of Southfield in the Plymouth Salem High School auditorium.

office before the concert. Advance sale tickets may be bought in Plymouth at Beitner Jewelry on Ann Arbor Trail, in Canton at Arnoldt Williams Music on Canton Center Road, and in Livonia at Hammell Music Inc. on Middlebelt.

FREE TRANSPORTATION for older persons is provided from Tonquish Creek Manor on Sheridan Avenue, Plymouth. Plymouth is providing its double-decker bus to transport Project Foster Patron recipients. The bus will

pick up residents at the Northville Senior Citizens Center, Wishing Well Manor in Northville, Presbyterian Village in Redford Township and West Trail Nursing Home in Plymouth.

Free baby-sitting for preschoolers is provided at the high school during the concert. The Christmas concert is made possible by the city of Plymouth, a grant from the state of Michigan through the Michigan Council for the Arts, and the Plymouth Symphony League.



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Christmas at museum

It's Christmas at the Plymouth Historical Museum, and in the Victorian parlor the candles, popcorn strings and old-fashioned glass ornaments decorate the tree. Toy trains of all gauges are in a holiday display. The museum is open 1-4 p.m. Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$1 for adults, 50 cents for youths 11-17 and 25 cents for children 5-10.

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● ST. JOHN NEUMANN GUILD
St. John Neumann Women's Guild will have its Christmas dinner at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Parish Hall. Donations of new, unwrapped baby items will be collected. Call 981-4421 for information.

● LAMAZE ORIENTATION
Introduction to the Lamaze birth technique will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, at Newburg Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Birth film will be shown. There is a \$1 per person charge at the door. For information, call the Plymouth Childbirth Education Association, 459-7477.

● LIBRARY PLANS 2 CHRISTMAS PARTIES FOR CHILDREN
Dunning Hough Library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth will present two Christmas parties for children Saturday, Dec. 21. The first, at 10:30 a.m., will be for children ages 3 1/2-5. The second party at 1:30 p.m. will be for 6-11-year-olds. Both parties will last approximately one hour and will feature stories, games and crafts. Parents must remain in the library during the parties. Register in person or by telephone before Wednesday, Dec. 18, by calling 453-0750.

● PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS
Plymouth-Canton Parents Without Partners will have a social meeting 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at the Taylor Moose Lodge. For information, call Pat, 721-2202, or Ellen, 455-3851. Admission is \$2 or \$3 after 9:30 p.m.

● LAMAZE SERIES
Seven-week Lamaze series begins at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, at Newburg Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For information and to register, call the Plymouth Childbirth Education Association, 459-7477.

● LAKE POINTE GARDEN CLUB
Lake Pointe Village branch of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association will meet in the Farrand School Library Thursday, Dec. 12. Guest speaker Grover Niergarth of Brighton will discuss, "Fine Feathered

Friends." Ruth Horn is evening chair. Co-hostesses are Jean Pink, Marianne Blaszcak, Bernadine Witkowski and Linda Regan.

● CANTON NEWCOMERS ARTS & CRAFTS GROUP
Group will make a Hershey Kiss Tree the evening of Thursday, Dec. 14. Call Regina, 455-6408, for time, place and needed materials.

● CANTON NEWCOMERS LADIES DAY OUT
Group will meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, in the Canton K mart parking lot before leaving for Meadow Brook Hall for a tour and lunch. Call Arlene, 459-1797, for information.

● ST. KENNETH'S GUILD
St. Kenneth's Catholic Church Women's Guild will its annual Christmas luncheon at Hillside Inn Tuesday, Dec. 10. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. and luncheon is served at noon.

● OVERVIEW OF DIVORCE
The Women's Justice Center will sponsor an overview of the divorce process 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at its office, in the University of Detroit Law School, 651 E. Jefferson Room 343, Detroit. Speaker will be Sharon L. Edwards, attorney. For more information, call 961-7073 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Parking is available at rear of building.

● ST. KENNETH GUILD BAKE SALE
Members of the Women's Guild of St. Kenneth Catholic Church will have a bake sale noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, and after masses Sunday, Dec. 15, in the parish center, Haggerty south of Five Mile. Co-chairs are Kathryn Rangel and Joan Remsburg.

● CANTON NEWCOMERS MOMS & TOTS GROUP
Deadline is Dec. 15 (call Anne 981-5717) for reservations for the group's Christmas party. They will meet at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, at Faith Community Church. Admission is \$2 per family. Moms should bring a gift for their own child with the name on the package.

● BRADLEY CHILDBIRTH METHOD
An eight-week series of classes in the Bradley Method of Natural Childbirth is planned as well as early pregnancy classes. For more information and to register, call 453-9171.

● VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AARP TAX RETURN PROGRAM
Volunteers are needed to help senior citizens fill out their tax returns. Classes are planned the first two weeks in January to train the volunteers for the program sponsored by the local chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons. The free tax-help sessions will begin in February and run for 10 weeks through April 15. Volunteers pledge four hours per week of their time. For information or to volunteer, call Marion Elton, 455-1980.

● CIVITAN ESSAY CONTEST
Plymouth-Canton Civitan Citizenship Essay Contest is in progress and will continue until deadline date of March 15. All high school students in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools area are eligible to compete. The topic is "Is There Too Much Sex and Violence in the Youth-Oriented Record and Video Cassette Market?" First prize, \$100; second, \$50; and third, \$25. Information available at Plymouth Canton and Salem high schools general offices, or call Joe Henshaw, contest chairman, 451-6321, or 453-7569.

● ORANGES, GRAPEFRUIT SALE
Tree-ripened Florida oranges and grapefruit are available November through March, shipped by express truck from Indian River Groves. Orders are being taken by Plymouth Seventh Day Adventist Junior Academy volunteers. To order, call 3423 or 981-1308, between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Pickup is at 5757 Lilley, near Ford.

● MEL'S TOY COLLECTION
Mel's Golden Razor, 595 Forest, Plymouth, will be collecting new and used toys for needy and handicapped children through Dec. 14. Just drop them off at the shop. Thanks to community generosity, Mel's annual toy

collection has meant a happy Christmas to dozens of youngsters.

● CERAMICS CLASS
Open ceramics class Thursday evenings at the Salvation Army in Plymouth is available to interested people. For details, call 453-5464.

● MOMS AND TOT MORNING PLAY
A Morning Play Group for Moms and Tots sponsored by the Canton Newcomers will be on the fourth Friday of each month in members' homes. Sit back and relax over coffee with other mothers of infants and preschoolers while they play. For reservations and more information, call Linda at 981-0727.

● CANTONS JCS SELL CAR BOOSTER SEATS
Canton Jaycees have limited number of car booster seats for sale for \$10 each. To order, call Karen Tocco, 981-0580, or Patti Kelly, 721-3959.

● CANTON JAYCEES INVITE NEW MEMBERS
The Canton Jaycees encourages all men and women 18-35, who are interested in leadership training, personal growth and management skills, to attend the monthly general membership meetings. Group meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at the Roman Forum Restaurant, Ford Road. For more information, call Patti Kelly, 721-3959.

● VFW PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Mayflower Lt. Gamble Ladies Auxiliary Veterans of Foreign Wars will have a pancake breakfast the first Sunday of every month at the VFW Hall, 1426 S. Mill, just north of Ann Arbor Road. Menu includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, toast and French toast. Cost is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children 5 and under.

● ST. JOHN NEUMANN SENIORS
The 50-Up Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the church on Warren Road, west of Sheldon. New members are welcome. For information, call Betty Gruchala, president.

● EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP
Institute for the Study of Eating Disorders sponsors support groups for family and friends of persons suffering from eating disorders 6-7:30 p.m. every other Friday at the institute, 23800 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 201, Farmington Hills. For information, call 474-1144.

● BIRD SCHOOL GIRLS MAY JOIN BROWNIES, JR. GIRL SCOUTS
All Bird Elementary School girls in grades 1-3 are eligible to become Brownie Girl Scouts. Those in grades 4-6 can become Junior Girl Scouts. To get in on the fun, call Judi Clemens, 453-3615, for information.

● POLISH DANCE CLASSES
The Centennial Dancers of Plymouth is offering fall classes in a variety of dances, preschool through adult ballroom dancing at the beginner and advanced levels. An aerobic class and an ethnic class are new this year. For information, call Chris, 459-5696, or Joanne, 464-1263.

● U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Canton Flotilla 11-11 meets the fourth Tuesday of the month in Room 2510, Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, just west of Canton Center. The comparatively new flotilla welcomes new members. Call Robert Kinler, 455-2676, for information.

● TAKE OFF POUNDS
TOPS Chapter 1236 meets every Thursday evening in Faith Community Church, 46001 Warren, Canton. Weight-in starts at 6:30 p.m., with a meeting following, 7-8 p.m. For information, call 981-0446.

● CIVIL AIR PATROL
U.S. Air Force Auxiliary Squadron 16-1 invites interested people to attend its weekly meetings, 6:30-10 p.m. Thursdays on the fourth floor of the main building, Willow Run Airport. Any U.S. citizen 13 years of age and older may become a volunteer. For information, call Robert Eizen, commander, 326-9673.

● OPTIMISTS
Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Mondays of each month in the Miles Standish Room of the Mayflower Hotel. Plymouth and Canton residents may call 453-8547 for membership information.

● CHORUS COOKBOOK
Plymouth Community Chorus new cookbook, "All Our Best," is available at Plymouth Book World and from chorus members. Price is \$7.95.

● TOPS MEETING
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Central Middle School, Main Street at Church, Plymouth. Ideas on weight reduction are discussed. For information, call 453-4756 or 455-1583.

● CANTON BPW
Canton Business and Professional Women meets the second Monday of each month at the Roman Forum Restaurant on Ford Road, cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30, and program at 7:30. Dinner charge is \$7.50 per person. Call Susan Pack, 455-0873, for information.

● SWEET ADELINES
Midwest Harmony Chapter of Sweet Adelines rehearses in the Senior Citizen Fire Station Center, 10800 Farmington Road, Livonia, just south of Plymouth Road. Women who like to sing four-part harmony are invited to attend. For information, call Pat Daubenmier of Canton, 981-4098, or Barbara Williams of Westland, 721-3861.

● ZESTERS
Zesters, a club for Canton residents 55 and older, meets at 12:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Canton Recreation Center, 44237 Michigan at Sheldon. Membership fees are \$1 to join and \$1.50 per month. For more information about the club, call the Canton senior citizen office, 397-1000, Ext. 278.

● EPILEPSY GROUP
Epilepsy Support Program, a self-help group, meets 7:30 p.m. in All Saints Lutheran Church, Newburgh at Joy, Livonia, on the first and third Thursday of each month for two hours.



Gullidge-Hurley

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene F. Gullidge of Orhan, Canton Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Anne, to Ronald Eugene Hurley II, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ronald G. Hurley of Wolfriver Drive, Plymouth Township. Both are graduates of Plymouth Canton High School. The bride-elect is employed at Stan's Market, Livonia. Her fiancé is employed by Phoenix Metal Corp. They plan a June wedding in Divine Savior Church.

holiday fairs

The season of holiday fairs, craft shows and bazaars is here and the Observer will keep a running calendar of the shows sponsored by non-profit organizations. Send hours, dates, location and special features of your event to: The Observer, 489 S. Main, Plymouth 48170, or drop off a news release at the office.

3 CITIES ART CLUB HOLIDAY SHOW AND SALE
Saturday, Sunday, Dec. 14-15 — The Three Cities Art Club annual Christmas show and sale will be in Westchester Square on Forest Street, Plymouth. Admission is free. Framed and unframed pictures in all mediums will be available at a wide range of prices. Hours

will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Approximately 25 artists will have their works in the show and sale.
LUMINARY SALE
Saturday, Dec. 14 — Sonata group of

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On March 3, a group of French students, their teacher and bilingual counselor will arrive in Plymouth for a three-week visit in local homes. Then, on April 7, the Plymouth students will fly to France for three-week visit in French homes.

The program is sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for the first time. Dearborn and Walled Lake have participated in the program and report excellent results.

The French Back-to-Back program is the only exchange program for students in the 10 and 11-year-old age bracket.

GEORGE DODSON, principal of Smith School is the teacher and Anria DelPizzo, of New Morning School, is bilingual instructor for the weekly classes. They will accompany the students to France. They also are preparing a musical program to present to their French hosts. The French students will present a program when they are in Plymouth.

While the expenses of the French students coming here are paid by the French National Education Department, the American children's expenses in France are paid by their families. When the French visitors are here, host families pay provide food, entertainment and lodging.

However, funds will be needed for educational experiences such as field trips, transportation and the cost of printing the program for the musicale. The success of the program will depend on the financial support of local businesses, community groups and individuals.

Last week the group put on a potluck dinner at Smith School as a fund-raiser for the project.

Youngsters in the French Back-to-Back Program and their schools are: Bird — Karin Reahard, Kelly Kirkpatrick, Shelley Downs, Brad Darling, Kurt Krause, Paul Christiansen, Alexis Bohlander, George Allison and Andrea Ramsey; Eriksson — Amanda Parrish, Madhavi Dandu; Farrand — Raymond Carlson; Field — Benjamin Sovereign; Gallimore — Corey Anne Gulkewicz; Isbister — Justin McClain, Bradley Yeager, John Snow, Amy Mayo, Jeff Nielson, Heather Moore, Alisa Barlage; Smith — Anne Vernon, Katie Held, Katie Gerard, Chris Lee; and New Morning, Marco Ezio DelPizzo.

The program broadens the scope of the students, creates new friendships, and promotes greater understanding between the two countries.

For information about the program, call Nancy Vernon, 455-7153, or Jill McClain, 459-1445.

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Robert and Jennifer Hoernschemeyer of Amy Lane, Canton Township, announce the birth of their daughter, Breanne Marie, Nov. 14 in Women's Hospital, Ann Arbor. They have a son, Robert, 2. Grandparents are Orville and Lois Palmer of Detroit and Mary Belle Hoernschemeyer of Grosse Pointe Farms. Great-grandmother is Stella Groene of Cincinnati, Ohio.

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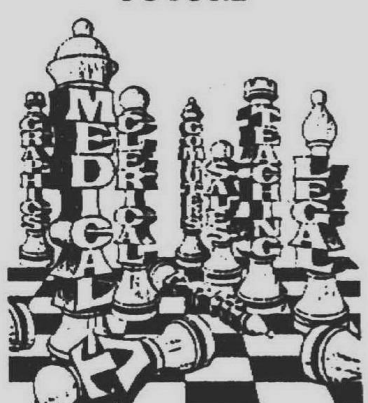
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Salem opens with convincing victory

By Chris McCosky
staff writer

The Plymouth Salem boys basketball team was mighty impressive in its season opener Friday night, ripping Trenton, 65-40.

But, it would be best to wait until after Tuesday night before putting it into proper perspective.

"We'll sit back and savor this one for a while because we have to go into Southfield Tuesday," said second-year Salem coach Bob Brodie.

The Rocks played as if they had 10 games under their belts. Brodie had his troops deployed in a swarming man-to-man defense that would yield but one successful field goal and two free throws to Trenton in the first quarter.

Offensively, Paul Makara and Mike Hale spearheaded an attack that amassed 20 first quarter points.

The issue was decided halfway through the quarter and Brodie played all 11 players throughout the game.

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WHEN ASKED whether the blowout was a result of his team's outstanding play or Trenton's futility, Brodie said, "I think we were really good. The kids played hard. Trenton's not a bad basketball team. They seemed really tight at first."

Salem was, in fact, nearly flawless in every phase of the game.

• The defense gave up just eight field goals and 22 points through three quarters while forcing 17 turnovers.

"We had good help-side defense," Brodie said. "With their offensive set, it became a three-on-five game when they had the ball."

• The Rocks dominated the boards on both ends of the court. Junior Jeff Justice pulled in 10 rebounds and Tom D'Angelo pulled in seven and blocked

three shots.

• The team shot well from the perimeter connecting on better than 50 percent (27-for-53). Makara and Antonio Diaz led the victors with 12 points each. Hale added nine and Justice eight. All 11 players scored.

Diaz, a transfer student from Spain, demonstrated a soft shooting touch for a 6-6 post player. Most of his points came from 10 to 12 feet out.

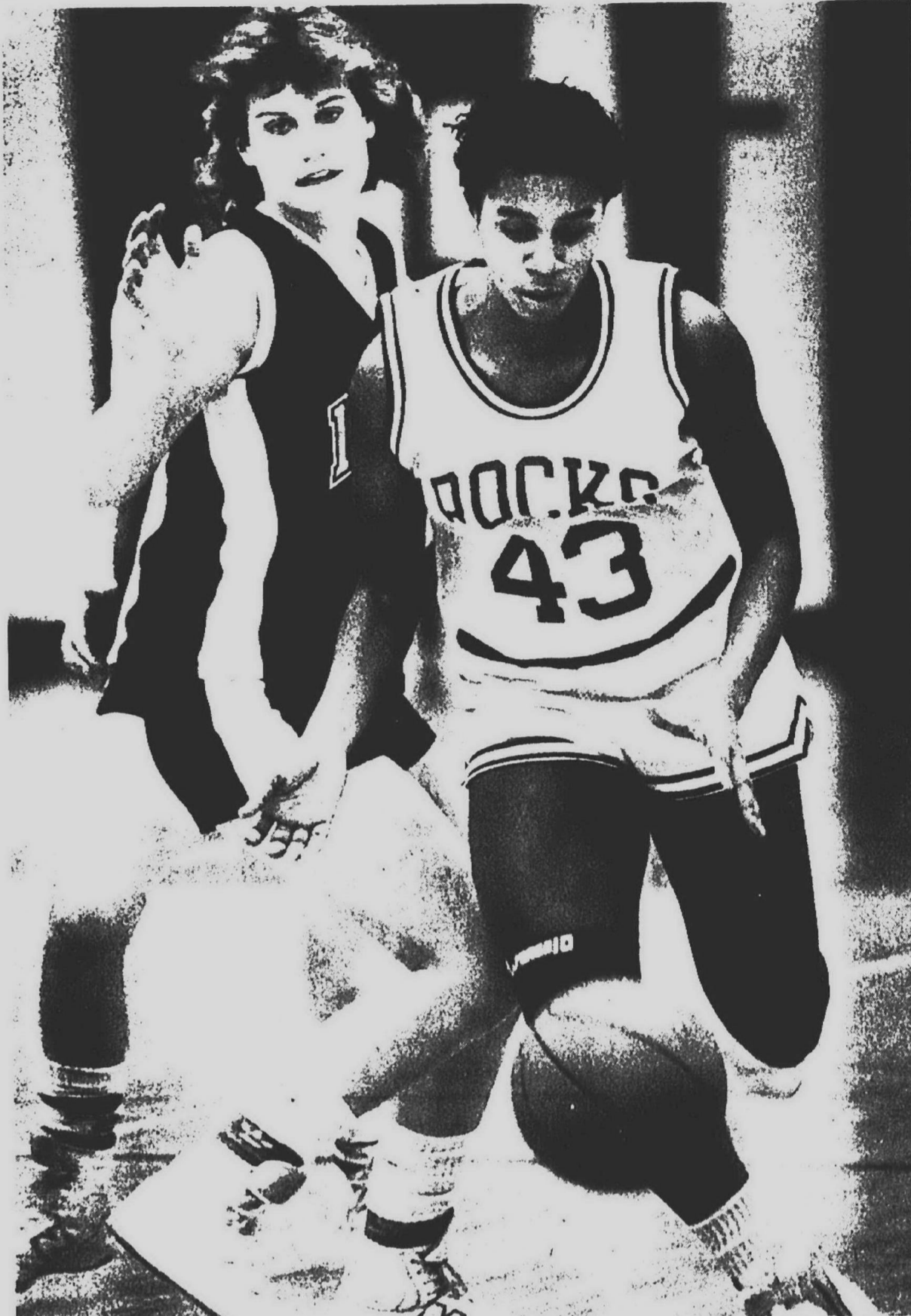
"He came to us from Spain with sound fundamental skills," Brodie said.

THE FINAL element of the success story was Salem's depth. The Rocks never skipped a beat when it went to its bench. Players like Grant Williams, Tony Moore and Ted Hanosh gave Brodie inspired play.

For Trenton, Dave Wilkie was the lone good news. He led all scorers with 19 points, hitting 11 of his points in the final quarter.

"It was a nice way to start the season," Brodie said.

But wait until at least Tuesday before uncorking the champagne.



Every elite team has an elite player. Salem has Dena Head.

BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Out-foxed

Mercy masters Captains' ship



By Chris McCosky
staff writer

"We came into this tournament as underdogs, but we came out of it Mercy."

So said Farmington Hills Mercy basketball coach Larry Baker after his team handed Waterford Kettering its first loss of the season, 44-39, Thursday night in the Class A regional final at Plymouth Salem.

The win gives Mercy its sixth consecutive regional crown — no team in the history of girls basketball in the state of Michigan has matched that feat.

Thursday's game was breathtaking. Both teams took after each other like alley cats. Several times Mercy appeared ready to bury Kettering — each time the Captains came scratching back into contention.

In the end, Kettering had the ball with under a minute to play trailing by a basket. With 16 seconds left, Julie Nickman put up a short jumper that went in — and out.

THE PROSPECT of defeat overwhelmed the Captains and their large and unruly throng of fans. The final 14 seconds were ugly in contrast to 31:46 of brilliant basketball.

While Kettering came unglued, Mercy's Yvette Maisson — a cool customer in the face of serious pressure throughout the game — nailed four free throws, including a technical foul. Missy Duczynski added another free throw to lock up the win.

"The two teams are very similar," Baker said. "They do a lot of the same

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Plymouth area team garners touch football's national crown

Standard Paper of Plymouth swept through a 50-team field unbeaten to capture the Bud Light-National Touch Football League championship last weekend in St. Louis.

Standard Paper, which won the Plymouth mens league and finished second in the state tournament, became the first team from Michigan to win the title since Royal Oak did that in 1975.

"Last year we placed sixth at the national tournament," said Keith Carroll, one of five players named to the All-American team from Standard Paper. "We've traveled a lot the last seven years or so, so we knew were close to the top this year — Top 10 I'd say."

THE TEAM used a smothering defense and some timely scoring to post six consecutive victories. The team gave up just 43 points.

"We had a lot of luck on our side, that's for sure," Carroll said. "But, that's the way it always goes."

You have to be good to be lucky. John's Garage of Chicago was Paper's first victim. A Dave-Zelmanski-to-Gary-Kirts touchdown pass in the final minute of the game gave the team a 9-7 win.

Mike Jolly, former U-M and Green Bay Packers star, and Keith Carroll caught scoring passes to lead Paper to a 14-13 win over Penn Distributing of Philadelphia.

Zelmanski threw two touchdown passes to Cliff Beaudoin in the third round to help Paper to a 16-7 win against Kirks of Columbus, Ohio.

In game four, Standard Paper knocked off Kirks again, 20-13. Gary Zelmanski made a game-saving interception in the final minutes.

IN THE semifinals, Standard Paper beat Hill Distributing of Columbus 6-3 on Dave Zelmanski's touchdown pass to Carroll.

The championship game was a breeze for the local team — 21-0 over G.I.B.B.S. of Cleveland.

Five members of the team were placed on the Bud Light All-American team: Beaudoin, Carroll, Dave Zelmanski, Gary Zelmanski and Mike Jolly.

Standard Paper's touch football club, managed and sponsored by Tom Gable, has been in existence for 20 years.

This was a banner year for the club. Aside from the Plymouth league title and the national crown, the team was runnerup at the Vince Lombardi charity tournament in Two Rivers, Wis., and champion of both the Patten Park Tournament and the Silverdome tournament.

By Chris McCosky
staff writer

A reporter had the nerve to suggest to Plymouth Salem girls basketball coach Fred Thomann, that while there's sorrow over losing to Farmington Hills Mercy in the regional tournament, there's a good deal to look forward to next year.

This just two days after Salem's 57-46 loss in the regional semifinals which abruptly stopped a successful season for the Rocks.

"We don't want to end the year thinking about next year," Thomann said. "We like to deal with what happened this year first. We didn't accomplish as much as we would have liked to, but we

did win our division, we won our conference and we won the district — we just fell a little short in the regionals."

The 1985 basketball season was a bit turbulent at times for the Rocks, but when it was over, it can be looked back on as a success.

"With the exception of three or four games, we played awfully good basketball this year. We got progressively better, and, as a coach, that's what you strive for," Thomann said.

THE SEASON began ominously for the Rocks. Losses to Livonia Ladywood and Detroit St. Martin DePorres in the U-M Dearborn Tip-off Classic had Salem reeling.

But, the team regrouped and ran off a long win streak. In the middle of the streak was a victory over Mercy. After that win, Salem began a series of sloppily played games which culminated in a 25-24 loss to Plymouth Canton.

"It was a period of the season where we flattened out. There was no growth and no progress," Thomann said. "Fortunately, right around game 16 we stepped up into another level of intensity."

The snapping of the drought occurred simultaneously with senior Julie Tortora's insertion into the starting lineup as point guard.

For the last three weeks of the season, Salem was a powerful basketball unit, and it took a first-rate effort from a very good Mercy team to stop the run.

"What it came down to was that their players were ready to play and perform that night better than our kids. Not by much, just enough to sway the balance," Thomann said.

SALEM'S SEASON ended one game shy of 20 wins, 19-4. But don't shed too many tears for the Rocks. Because the team that will step into the gym next year could be the best girls team the park has produced.

Tortora, Laura Clifford, Leslie Plichta and Suzie Balconi will be gone. Their contributions to the team were sizeable and their services will certainly be missed.

But, as Brian Gilles once said when he left his post as Salem baseball coach, the barn is full.

Dena Head, the first blue-chip, major college player to pass through Salem in a long time, will be back for her junior season. Her game matured tremendously through the course of this season.

Every elite team has its elite player. Flint Northwestern has Tonya Edwards. River Rouge has Franthea Price. Benton Harbor had Lisa Harvey. Ladywood had Emily Wagner, Char Govan and others. Mercy had Sarah Basford, Mary Rosowski, Annette Ruggiero and others. Salem has Dena Head.

ALSO RETURNING are Jessica Handley and Kristen Hostynski who will have to provide the senior leadership that is vital to a team's success. Part of Salem's success this year could be attributed to the leadership offered by Balconi and Tortora.

Keri McBride and Stacy Sovine saw considerable playing time as sophomores this season and were effective inside players. They will be major contributors.

Michelle Cygan, a junior this season, didn't see a lot of time but she will be pushing for playing time next year.

But a significant piece of the 1986 puzzle could be Jill Estey. She made the varsity team as a freshman this year, but Thomann wisely kept her on the junior varsity to amass some playing time. A point guard, Estey possesses remarkable ball handling skills and court awareness for one so young.

Yes, 1985 ended much too suddenly for the Rocks. But the prospects for 1986 are much too exciting to keep under wraps for six months.



Salem's seniors: back row, Leslie Plichta and Laura Clifford; front, Julie Tortora and Suzie Balconi.

'Miracle' has a great Santa

Performances of "Miracle on 34th Street," presented by the Actors Alliance Theatre Company, continue Fridays-Sundays through Saturday, Jan. 4, in Southfield. For ticket information, call 642-1326.

Kris Kringle is alive and well and championing the spirit of Christmas in the Actors Alliance Theatre Company's production, "Miracle on 34th Street."

Jonathon Round plays Kris as a right jolly Santa, the kind any kid could believe in. The beard and white hair seem like the real thing, even from the front row, and Round comes with his own honest padding. Best of all is his delightful giggle. Not for him the false cheer of rowdy Santas who "Ho, Ho, Ho" so loudly they blast shy kiddies out of their laps.

This Kris Kringle is a gentle, elderly fellow who knows miracles happen, and he really listens to what the children say when they sit on his lap at Macy's department store where he works as resident Santa.

Unfortunately, nobody listens to him when he maintains he really, truly is Santa Claus. Instead they say he's crazy, and they subject him to tests given by a nasty psychologist who's part

Grinch and the other part Scrooge.

EVENTUALLY the prevailing powers of common sense put Kris' sanity on trial before a magistrate of the State of New York. Given the time of year and the charm of the children who testify on his behalf, can there be any doubt how the trial comes out?

Of course, Kris does have a cracker-jack lawyer, Fred Gayley, played as a square, stiff good guy by Randy Swansey. And Fred is in love with Doris Walker, a 1940s-style Yuppie with a daughter she's determined to raise in total honesty. That means no evasions and no Santa Claus.

Kelly Boczek is an unselfconscious delight as Susan. She comes to know and love Kris Kringle and to believe he is Santa despite her sensible upbringing. Even her uptight mother, played by Dorry Peltyn, begins to thaw under the combined spell of Kris Kringle and the persuasive lawyer.

Director Jeff Nahan adapted the stage version of "Miracle on 34th Street" from the book and movie scripts. He uses narrator voices to clarify plot complexities. The narration is a good idea that generally works well, except when he overworks it toward



Cathle Breidenbach

the end of the first act. Then it's distracting to have the storyteller lines jump rapidly from character to character and to have individual sentences chopped up and narrated by as many as three different people.

The level of acting in "Miracle" is top-notch, making it redundant when the narrators tell the audience what the characters are showing. Just by looking at Round's slumped shoulders and weary eyes as he's driven off to the psychiatric hospital, any kid can see very well that Kris feels depressed and withdrawn, yet the narrators feel the need to tell us. One 10-year-old sitting next to me said the narrators overdid it then, but all in all, she said she loved the show.

DIRECTOR Nahan has put together a worthy ensemble cast to carry the multiple roles in the tale. Eight adult players and four children appear and reappear in different parts. It's a pleasure to see good actors and actresses transform themselves from one character to another with just the addition of a hat or a pair of glasses or a switch in accent. When it comes to communicating with body English, Maggie Wysocki is an all-out comic master.

A Christmas play wouldn't be complete without some cute kids. "Miracle" has five, including the delightful Kelly, and they handle themselves like professionals on stage.



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Spielberg explores young Sherlock's exciting schooldays

"Young Sherlock Holmes" (PG-13) is a perfect blending of the spirit of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the British theater and Steven Spielberg's cinema magic.

At open and close, a fond disclaimer announces that this film is an affectionate speculation regarding Sherlock Holmes' early years, about which Doyle did not write. That spirit, a rich British sense of theater, and Industrial Light and Magic's superior animation and special effects infuse "Young Sherlock Holmes," making it a very entertaining film.

London 1870, just before Christmas, and a new boy, John H. Watson (Alan Cox), enters a posh English school. His oft-stated goal: to become a doctor. He is befriended by Sherlock Holmes (Nicholas Rowe), the school's leading intellect, best student, fine athlete and an extremely popular person.

Holmes impresses Watson with his deductive powers, and a fast friendship develops. Holmes has three other close relationships: Elizabeth (Sophie Ward), who lives at the school with her eccentric inventor-uncle, Cragwitch (Freddie Jones); the former headmaster, who has been allowed to live there in his retirement, and the school's fencing instructor, Rathe (Anthony Higgins).

THE FILM opens with a mysterious hooded creature blowpiping Mr. Bobster (Patrick Newell). Bobster hallucinates after being hit by the drugged dart. In fact, his visions drive him to suicide, a fate that soon befalls others, including Elizabeth's Uncle Cragwitch.

Holmes, with Watson in tow, recognizes the suspicious similarities in these deaths but is unable to convince Sgt. Lestrade (Roger Ashton-Griffiths) of Scotland Yard.

The filmic representation of the poor suicide victims' hallucinations provides Industrial Light and Magic ample opportunity to demonstrate its skill when nonexistent fire, aggressive pheasants attacking restaurant patrons, and a host of decorative Victorian gargoyles come to life. These animated figures are always intriguing, usually violent and hostile, but never excessive as is the fashion these days. The attack of the French pastries is my favorite.

This admirable restraint in hallucinatory violence is matched by the violence level throughout. While there is plenty of it, the depiction is tense and suspenseful without becoming gross. To some extent this is a function of the film's time and place, Victorian London. Audiences tend to be less influenced by the impact of violence in faraway places.

In the main, however, the film uses violence for the sake of the story, not for its own sake. That makes a tremendous difference in its ultimate impact.

STEPHEN GOLDBLATT'S cinematography effectively captures the mood and atmosphere of Victorian London. The dank and eerie graveyard sequence, London at night and the hidden passages of the religious cult's temple are lit well enough to see but dark and misty enough to stimulate anxiety. In the school, as well as other daytime sequences, the slightly diffused, warm tones provide nostalgic evocation of the past.

The stimulation of the mind and eye to believe, visually, is complemented by the British theatrical style so evident in the acting. The cast uniformly possesses extensive English stage, film and television credits. The actors' experience and talent create credible, enjoyable images.

In particular, Rowe and Cox as Holmes and Watson build a warm, pleasant and touching relationship that becomes as enjoyable as their adventures. The audience comes to care for these people — they have dimension, and that adds immeasurably to the film experience.

So there you have it: excitement, special effects, sword fights, mysterious religious cults and three very personable young people whose intelligence, good looks and sense of duty engage our sensibilities. Good entertainment for all.



Alan Cox is John H. Watson, a new student at the school, who

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