

City ends Pilgrim Towers contracts

Effective Jan. 1 the City of Plymouth will end its real estate agreement with the Pilgrim Non-Profit Housing Corp. under which the city held land contracts on property at Ann Arbor Trail and the C & O tracks once proposed as the site of a senior citizens housing complex.

Under terms of a resolution approved Monday night by the city commission, the city will re-convey its deeds on the property to the housing corporation.

The move ends more than two years of city participation

in the project, which faltered nearly a year ago when state housing officials rejected the site because it was too near the railroad tracks.

The city held title to the proposed site's three parcels, purchased for some \$148,000 on behalf of the housing corporation.

When the site was rejected by the state housing commission, Pilgrim officials tried to sell it to the U.S. Postal Service as the site of a new post office considered for Plymouth. The Postal Service took out a month option on the parcels, but let those

elapse earlier this fall when a decision was made to indefinitely postpone plans for a new Plymouth Post Office.

Cost to the city for its participation in the project was \$631.14, with a loss of taxes which were abated on the parcels of \$1,058.41.

Disagreement arose Monday over the effective date for turning the parcels back to the housing corporation.

Re-conveyance of the property before Dec. 31 would have enabled to the city to collect 1975 taxes, on it when

summer tax bills are sent out in July.

Commissioner Jack Moehle proposed an amendment seeking to make the transaction effective immediately — before the end of the taxing year.

Commissioner Bev McAninch seconded the motion, but it failed 3-2, with Mayor Joe Bida, and Commissioners Norb Battermann and Tom Turner dissenting.

"This was not a business venture," said Commissioner Battermann in calling for the Jan. 1 reconveyance which was approved 3-2.



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In face of likely state aid formula

School officials scrap plans for operating levy

BY HANK MEIJER

Plymouth School officials have tentatively called off plans to ask the board of education to seek an increase next year in the school district's operating millage.

"A new operating millage appears to be out of the question at this time," said Ray Hoedel, the district's assistant superintendent for business. "Our legislators said 'don't even try.'"

State Sen. Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth), State Rep. Roy Smith (R-Ypsilanti) and State Rep. R. Robert Geake (R-Northville) met with Plymouth School officials Monday to discuss the effects on local schools of the state's new single business tax and the proposed cutbacks in state school aid to local district.

"The state financial picture is

worsening," Hoedel said. Halfway through the school year, the district has also already lost some \$366,000 in state aid, or about 2.3% of its budget, in two cutbacks ordered by Governor Milliken.

"There was an agreement among the legislators that we're going to get another cut in the spring," Hoedel added.

School officials had been studying the possibility of asking the board to place a millage request on the ballot next year.

The legislators advised school officials Monday that a state aid formula likely to be approved by their colleagues and signed by the governor would not enable local districts to fully benefit from millage increases voted by local taxpayers.

Under the state's new single

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Santa wins smiles

"WE'VE BEEN GOOD, SANTA," said Bruce St. Amaour of Plymouth Township and his sister Beverly last Saturday, as they were hoisted onto Santa's friendly lap in the Sheldon

Ann Arbor Rd. shopping center. For a sampling of some of the dozens of letters. Santa has received from local youngsters, see page 20. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)

Holiday deadlines set

Due to the approaching holidays, The Community Crier has announced a revised publication and deadline schedule.

The papers for the weeks of Christmas and New Year's will be published on Tuesdays: Dec. 23, and 30 respectively. This means editorial and advertising deadlines will be noon, Saturday, Dec. 20 and 27 for those issues. No exceptions can be made.

Crier carrier collections are due in the office by 2 p.m. Saturday Dec. 27 for the month.

In order to allow Crier employees time off for the holidays, the paper's offices will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 24; Christmas Day; and New Year's Day.

Parking structure proposed for city lot

UNOFFICIALLY PROPOSED, but slated for discussion by the Plymouth City Commission, is this triple deck parking structure for the Wiedeman Parking Lot next to the Mayflower Hotel. Plans were unveiled last week to the city planning commission, which voted unanimously to support the proposal in concept. The structure, which designer John Culotta said could be built in less than four weeks, would offer 273 parking spaces and cost roughly between \$700,000 and \$800,000. Culotta did not make any suggestions about how the lot would be financed, but told The Crier "the proper way to do it is to sell bonds." Mayflower

Hotel owner Ralph Lorenz, who had retained Culotta to propose a 40-space single deck lot in the rear half of the Wiedeman lot, objected to the building of a three deck lot next to his hotel's recently re-fac'd south side. Although he unofficially offered to pay for a deck covering only the back half of the lot, he said of the full-deck proposal, "While we do need parking, I should get the same consideration I gave the city in the beautification of that side of the hotel." Culotta's rendering is a view from Main St.



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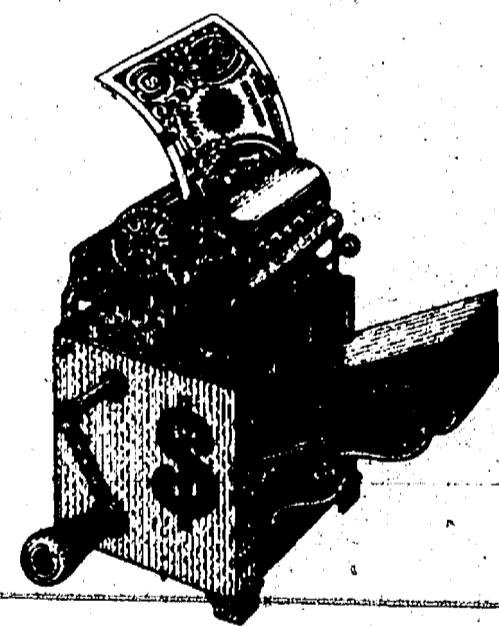


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Builders to get bills

Audit shows Canton owed \$800,000

BY KATHY KUENZER

Canton Township has found itself on the short end of nearly \$800,000.

After audits of the General Fund in July and the Water and Sewer Department in November, Township Treasurer Carl Parsell reported last week that a total of nearly \$800,000 is currently owed the township, the majority of the amount in builders' and developers' fees and sewer contracts.

Parsell attributed the debts to what he called the "country store" method of fee collection at township offices before he initiated new billing and record keeping procedures this year.

In a letter to the state treasurer and attorney general, Parsell outlined the present situation and pointed out that "There's no sign of any misappropriation of funds....This whole unfortunate situation developed because of lack of proper record-keeping procedures, lack of proper filing of contracts, under-trained personnel, and total lack of proper and accepted office checks and balances."

Parsell is currently compiling a list of parties who owe fees so bills can be sent. He does not intend to make the list public.

"How much can be recovered is not known at this time," said Parsell. "Everyone connected with Canton Township before 1974 shares some responsibility for the mess and the loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars."

The bulk of the \$800,000 debt was accrued from 1971 through 1974. Grant Campbell, township treasurer during those years, could not be reached for comment on the matter.

Supervisor Bob Greenstein is optimistic about the township's chances for collecting the back fees.

"It looks as if we can recover a vast majority of it," he said. He added that township officials have already discussed the matter with two of the township's major developers, who agreed to pay their previously unbilled fees.

That move was encouraging, he said, because other developers may follow suit.

He praised Parsell and his staff for the discovery of the shortages and the manner in which the discrepancy was revealed.

"They did a marvelous job," he said. "We tried to handle it in a most dignified way."



Snow dove defies warm weather

A GREAT WHITE DOVE was sculpted from snow Saturday by a group of Lake Pointe youngsters. Taking a hand in the creation, which suffered that weekend from Michigan's

record warm weather, were (from left) Brian Riblett, Andy Wells and Tom Maguran. Chris Wells (foreground) watched. Also helping on the project, but not shown, was Mark Olson. (Crier photo by Hank Meijer.)

Give Santa a jingle

Santa may be working overtime these days, but thanks to the Plymouth Jaycees, he still finds time to talk with local youngsters.

Children who would like to talk with Santa but won't have a chance to visit him at his house may call him Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 22 and 23, between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. at 453 - 1200.

Give him a call, kids, the Jaycees say, he is looking forward to hearing from you.

Parent group, board meet on scheduling

Leaders of the Concerned Parents and organization opposed to the modular scheduling system at Centennial Educational Park, met with several members of the Plymouth School Board last Thursday at the board's offices to discuss the modular system and ways in which its members can have a voice in school affairs.

Board President Marda Benson, Treasurer Tom Yack and Members Gary Mirto and Joe Gray attended the informal meeting, at which the Concerned Parents expressed support for a return to traditional class scheduling.

Several participants said the meeting was a fruitful one which could pave the way for better communication between the Concerned Parents and the board in the future.

The parent group earlier this fall presented the board of education with a survey which indicated that a sizable majority of those parents responding to the poll preferred traditional scheduling to modular.

Post office bidders try again

Bids for a new postal contract station in Canton Township were due yesterday afternoon, according to postal officials.

Bids submitted in November by three bidders were all rejected as being too high. Since locations of the three bidders

were considered ideal, however, new bids were not advertised or sought from other township locations.

Announcement of the winning bid, if one is deemed acceptable, is expected by the first of the year.



CANTON TOWNSHIP GOODFELLOWS took to the streets last Saturday and Sunday to raise money for the annual project of providing those less fortunate with a Christmas. The sale of newspapers by the "Old Newsboys" netted the group some \$1,371 to be used for the purchase of food and gifts for needy Canton families and to ensure there will be 'no kiddie withouta Christmas'. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)

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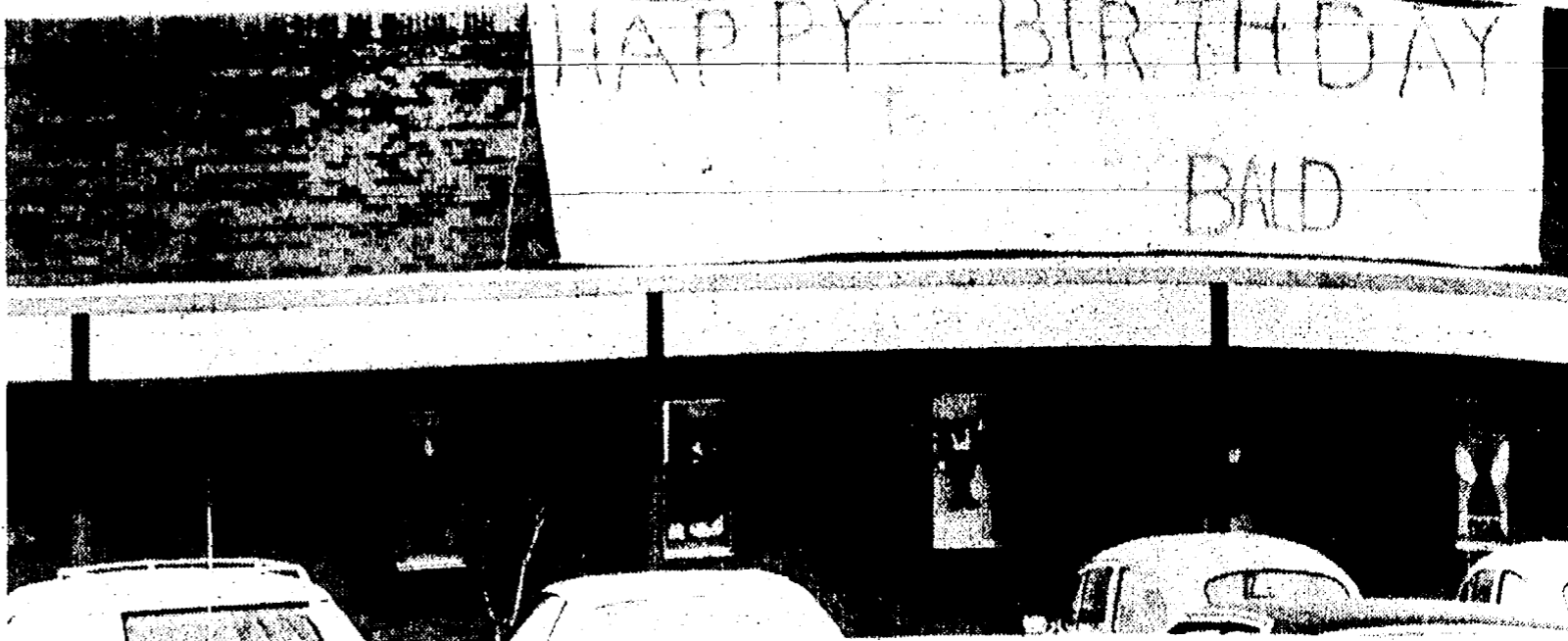
The Plymouth City Commission Monday night approved the purchase of two new 1976 Plymouth for police patrol cars. The vehicles will be purchased from the low bidder, Colony Chrysler-Plymouth for \$4,512.55 each.

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'Happy Birthday, Baldy'

TANGER SCHOOL PRINCIPAL Earl Gibson received a unique birthday greeting from his staff and students last Friday when he arrived at school. The sign, posted for all to see,

echoes the principal's own philosophy, which he carries on a car bumper sticker -- "Bald is Beautiful." (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)

City defers paving approval

The Plymouth City Commission Monday night deferred until its first January meeting approval of the necessity of the proposed 1976 city street paving program.

The move followed a public hearing at which residents of one street slated for paving, S. Holbrook from Union to its south end, questioned the need for the paving and the city's plan to create a cul-de-sac turnaround at the street's dead-end.

The \$140,000 paving program -- to be paid for in part

through special assessments of affected property owners and in part by the city -- is planned to include parts of five streets, all of them in the eastern section of the city.

Scheduled for paving are: Davis St. from Farmer to the C & O tracks, Cherry St. from Dunn to W. Pearl, W. Pearl St. from the C & O tracks to Starkweather, E. Liberty St. from N. Mill to York and S. Holbrook from Union to its south end.

City Engineer Allan Gove was directed by the commission to meet with Holbrook St.

residents about the need for a cul-de-sac on their street and property that would be needed for the turnaround right-of-way.

In an introduction to the proposed improvements, Gove said that since the city began its street paving program in 1970, the percentage of city streets considered to be in adequate condition has climbed from about 64 per cent to 89.2 per cent.

City Manager Fred Yockey said the paving program improved the image of the community and improves the level of upkeep of abutting properties.

Some Davis, Pearl and Liberty St. Residents also expressed mixed feelings about the proposed improvements.

Should the city approve next month the necessity for the paving, a second hearing would then be scheduled to determine the assessment rolls.

Easements gain

Easements are falling into place to permit plans to proceed on the \$2 million sanitary sewer project designed to serve present and future residents of the western section of Plymouth Township.

When progress lagged on obtaining of the easements earlier this fall, former township Treasurer Elizabeth Holmes was hired to meet with property owners across whose lands the sewer would stretch.

Canton keeps growing

An annual report of 1975 building activity in Canton Township released last week by Chief Building Inspector Charles Thompson shows that building in the township, especially new home construction, continues to boom.

Through Dec. 15, the total value of all construction in the township reached an estimated \$25,600,000. While that figure reflects a decline from the 1974 total of \$39,400,000, much of the earlier total was accounted for by large commercial structures such as the Meijer Thrifty Acres and the K-Mart stores and by the S.S. Kresge warehouse.

A total of 730 single family building permits were issued through November of this year, compared to 751 for the entire year of 1974.

Officials expect the final total for this year to exceed the number issued during 1974.

No building permits have been issued so far this year for multiple family dwellings, while in 1974 permits were issued for 38 buildings and a total of 360 units.



Beer truck overturns

A BEER TRUCK collided with a car Friday afternoon on Northville Rd. near Hines Dr. Truckdriver Richard Nulty, 23, of Plymouth,

and a 53-year old Howell man at the wheel of the car were uninjured. Neither was ticketed. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron.)



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PCF inches toward goal

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"Since the regular drive ended, we have gotten between \$1,500 and \$1,600, and it's still coming," she said. "Every day I

go to pick up the mail I think this might be the day when it stops, but so far that hasn't happened."

Most contributions are from residents who say they mislaid checks or weren't in town when the drive was in full swing.

But one pleasant surprise, says Mrs. Proctor, was from a company that said it had reconsi-

dered its contribution and was enclosing a check for an extra \$250.

"It's never too late to contribute," Mrs. Proctor reminds local residents and businesses. "We do have 12 agencies that can use a lot of help."

This year's PCF goal was \$230,000, with \$215,254 raised in the campaign.



Rotary, Lions help those in need

ROTARIAN BOB BEYER and his colleagues ringing bells for the Salvation Army, and candy cane-selling Lions joined in a friendly rivalry Friday to help brighten the holidays for the less fortunate. (Crier photo)

Signs to mark growth

The four-by-eight foot signs feature the phrase "CANTON IS GROWING" superimposed over a large green tree, with "NEW HOME OF" over a replaceable insert that will bear the name of the future business.

The free-standing signs will be constructed, erected, maintained and removed at township expense. They will be placed in front of new businesses "probably after site plan approval have been granted," said Greenstein, but final determination will come from the supervisor's office.

The signs would be removed once the business has put up its own permanent sign.

Greenstein said he hoped the

signs would show prospective businessmen the names of other businesses locating in the township.

Canton Chamber of Commerce president Bart Berg said he believed the board "has taken a tremendous step" by considering and adopting the sign proposal. He thanked Greenstein and the board on behalf of the chamber.

Citing a "need for something to encourage people who are building in Canton, and a way to cooperate with them," Canton Supervisor Bob Greenstein last week unveiled a proposal for erecting identification signs on future commercial and industrial development sites in the township.

Canton cars serve 2 needs

Canton Township hopes to "kill two birds with one stone," in the words of one official, with the purchase of five new automobiles for the ordinance and building departments.

Not only will the four new inspectors cars and one ordinance officer's car fill the need for replacements and additional vehicles for those departments, but the new cars will

be used by the new police reserve unit to patrol the township during the evening hours, beginning sometime next summer.

The new vehicles will be equipped with flasher lights and four or six channel police radios to be used by auxiliary officers. Bids for the cars will be advertised this month and opened at the Jan. 13 board of trustees meeting.



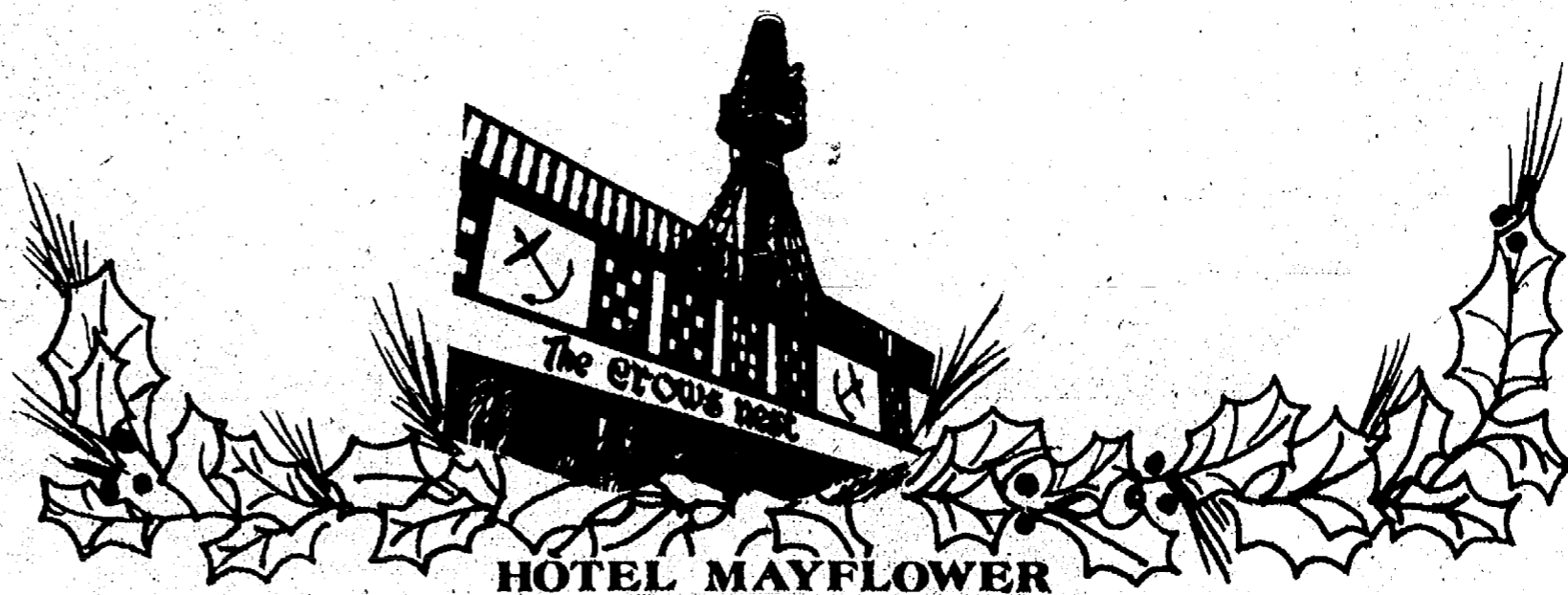
Kiwanians aid Tonquish Manor

PLYMOUTH'S NOON KIWANIANS last week contributed \$500 to Tonquish Creek Manor for the residents' beauty shop project, topping off the \$4,400 required to open the shop. Sam Dibble, Sr. (left) chairman of the Major Emphasis Section of the Kiwanis Citizen Service Committee, presented the check to Ruth Armstrong, Chairman of the beauty parlor project, while Frances Yoakum, Tonquish Creek Director, and Kiwanis president Jim Case looked on. Manor residents raised the first \$3,900 themselves through a Christmas Bazaar, bake sale and bridge parties.

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Community Opinions

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Audit discovery deftly disclosed

The revelation last week by Canton Treasurer Carl Parsell that nearly \$800,000 is owed to Canton Township came as a not-so-pleasant surprise to township officials and taxpayers.

Whether or not the money can be collected remains to be seen. Whatever the outcome, Parsell deserves credit for the manner in which he handled the disturbing discovery. No fingers were pointed, no names called, no list of those who owe the money made public.

While letters detailing the discrepancy have been sent to the State Treasurer's and State Attorney General's offices, again, no mention was made of any names, only that the situation developed because of a lack of proper procedures in the handling of records, training of personnel and office "checks and balances."

Parsell wisely sought a complete audit of the builders' accounts where the major errors were found, while declining to disclose names. And as the saying goes, you can draw more flies (and past due accounts) with honey than you can with vinegar.

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If township's name is changed

Consider 'Canton Center'

What does Michigan's fastest-growing township have in common with certain communities in Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota and Texas?

None of the others boasts the silhouette of a leafless tree as its symbol. None of the others is in the Plymouth School District. None of the others is supervised by Bob Greenstein. What then? They're all called "Canton."

Pretty unique, right?

The U.S. Postal Service has informed Canton officials that before their township can be assigned the ZIP code it hopes to receive early in 1976, it must decide what it will call itself.

Canton Township, perhaps. (Why tamper with tradition?) Or just plain Canton. Or maybe something more exotic.

Pressure from the post office, coupled with the township's growth into one of the metropolitan area's major communities, presents the township with an opportune time to change its name as it will ever have.

There's really nothing wrong with "Canton" — a name given in recognition of one of the great cities of China. "Westland" is a bland and uninspiring successor to "Nankin". (Besides, there are two, and may soon be a third, Chinese restaurants in the township — Plymouth has none.)

Some officials and residents, however, seem inclined to take this opportunity to change the township's name to something that differs from those municipalities in other states.

But change it to what?

As the colonial names of some of Canton's earlier subdivisions imply, more than a few township residents settled there with every intention of joining the Plymouth community.

Be that as it may, those people moved to Canton, not Plymouth, and the township's identity should not be diminished by a name derivative of Plymouth.

Where and how we get our mail

The City of Plymouth may have found a new, ingenious way to cut costs in mailing and postage — have the Plymouth School District mail out its letters.

Last week The Community Crier received a purchase order from the City for two advertisements. It arrived in a school district envelope stamped by the schools' postage meter.

Maybe the city's figured out how to slip its out-going mail into the school board's postage-meter-bound mail tray.

It's not unusual for The Crier to get mail for the Plymouth School Board across the street mixed in with its mail, or to get its mail delivered to the Plymouth Community Federal Credit Union down the street.

Mistakes will happen — even at the post office.

But last week produced a good one — the Post Office delivered one of its own letters to The Community Crier to Cloverdale Farms Dairy, a block away on the next street.



Last Words

by Hank Meijer

I doubt whether township officials would even seriously entertain Plymouth Farms or Plymouth Hills or Plymouth Flats or Plymouth Estates or even, more accurately, South Plymouth.

The danger is that some residents — thinking the prestige of

their community might be enhanced by some pompous addition to the name, might wish to call their township Canton Farms or Canton Woods or Canton Green or Canton Estates.

Handles like that connote not a diverse community sure of its own identity — a community of homes, farms, stores, industry — but a growth pocket on the metropolitan fringe desperate to give itself some class.

What then, for those who would change the name to differ somehow from the country's other Cantons?

Try Canton Center. Canton Center, Michigan.

More than a few residents thought that was the name of the place they moved to anyway. Canton Center, along with Cherry Hill and Denton, was one of three original settlements in the township — and easily the most central and aptly-named of those.

Check out a Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority map of southeastern Michigan. There's a dot in the heart of the township, at the intersection of Cherry Hill Rd. and Canton Center Rd. called — you guessed it — Canton Center.

It's different from just plain Canton. There's not another in the United States. Different, but not pretentious. Different, but recognized historically — a factor not to be discounted in our Bicentennial year.

Canton Center — the name implies more than a bedroom community, and more than a tract that mushroomed overnight. It implies a place with a past and a future. A place that may become, well, a center.

Isbister thanks Crier

Editor:

I want to thank you for soliciting the Christmas items from Isbister School. It really made me and my staff (and I'm sure the parents as well) glow to open a paper and see good things about our school.

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'Hi' staff, from David

Editor:

Thanks a lot for letting me tour The Crier Office.

I got an A on my report. On my oral report I explained how you made the layout on the paper.

Tell everyone hi. Thanks again.
DAVID SCHENDEL



Merry Christmas?

AN UNFORTUNATE ASPECT of the city commission's decision last week to suspend parking charges on its meters and lots will be the lay-off of three parking attendants at the Central Lot. Walt Grimmer and his colleagues say the move may be a boon to shoppers, but the city's decision will mean they'll be out of work for two weeks right before Christmas. (Crier photo)

Jerry Vettese gives kids a merrier Christmas

BY KATHY KUENZER

"People helping people" — that's what Jerry Vettese of Plymouth calls his yearly Christmas project that enables a special

group of kids to go on a shopping spree.

And what could be a nicer gift to anyone at Christmas than the gift that gives others a chance to give in turn to the people they love?

For the past 20 years, Vettese has contributed money to youngsters of the St. Vincent Sarah Fisher Home for Children on 12-Mile and Inkster in Farmington so they could "go shopping" for Christmas presents for friends and relatives. According to Vettese's son, Jerry, "very little of the money goes for the kids themselves."

The whole idea started 20 Christmases ago when Vettese sent money anonymously to just "a couple" of the home's children. Then, about 10 years ago, he decided to include all of the children at the home, which houses some 100 to 120 youngsters from year to year.

Shopping day is an exciting event for the kids. They are picked up at the home by volunteers who not only drive them to the Kresge Store at Grand River and Seven Mile to shop, but help the kids budget their money during the morning's trip.

A Sunday morning is selected before Christmas when the

children can have the store to themselves for two and a half hours before it opens to the public.

With the help of the school's social workers and nuns, the children make out Christmas lists for the big event. This year,

98 children were given \$15 each to spend — and one child's exclamation that this was "one of the neatest things" sums up better than any other words what the children themselves think of Vettese's generous project.

the Crier's friends & neighbors

Bird boutique booms

Kids' Stuff Construction Co., the business venture of two second grade classes at Bird School, showed that hard work and a little financial backing can turn a profit, even if you are only six or seven years old.

A Christmas bazaar presented at the school last Thursday evening by Sandy Wilcox and Delores Smith's classes was a complete success. Not only will the classes be able to repay their two \$20 loans to a local bank for supplies needed for construct many of the items they

sold at the bazaar, but each "employee" of Kids' Stuff Construction will take home a paycheck.

Teachers say the business could not have been such a success without the aid of the school, the bank, press, parents, student helpers from West Middle School and the children themselves. Ms. Smith says it was such a success, in fact, that it is being considered as a permanent part of the second-grade program.

Church gives party for girls

Members of the parish of St. Kenneth's Catholic Church brightened the holidays for the girls of Our Lady of Providence School for Girls in Northville township Saturday with a special Christmas party.

Parish members once met at the school before the St. Kenneth's Church building was completed. They were invited back Saturday, and they returned to

say thanks and spread their Christmas cheer.

Featured were Santa (Stant Kacocha) and a clown (Denise MacClean), along with The Easy Winners, a local Dixieland band.

Party chairman was Sue DeSota, Cass McConlougue and Mr. and Mrs. Don Detweiler were in charge of refreshments. Ray Smock coordinated a bounty of Christmas gifts for the Providence girls.

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City seeks block grant

The Plymouth City Commission Monday agreed to join with other Wayne County municipalities to seek Federal block grant funds for 1976.

According to county officials, the city's share of the grant the county hopes to receive could amount to some \$64,000 double the amount to be received under the current block grant program.

What's Happening

PARTY BRIDGE is offered from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday Dec. 18 at the Cultural Center. Contact Margaret Swartz at 459-0887.

PATCH ICE TIME at the Cultural Center Ice Arena, is held from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. Mondays Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. Instructors are made available through the Plymouth Figure Skating Club. For reservations or club information, contact N. Scott, at 455-7645 or the Plymouth Recreation Department at 455-6620.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY OPEN SKATING at the Cultural Center Ice Arena, 525 Farmer, has been extended whereby times are scheduled at two-hour intervals, Monday through Wednesday, beginning at 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; 1 pm. and 3 p.m. On Friday sessions begin at 9 and 11 a.m. Other changes in open skating include a teen night from 8 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 23 and cancellation of Dec. 27 and 28 skating.

A **WEEK END STAY** in heated cabins at the Cedar Lake Outdoor Center in the Waterloo Recreation Area (halfway between Jackson and Ann Arbor) is planned for Jan. 2 - 4 by the **PLYMOUTH PATHFINDERS**. Activities include hiking, cross-country, skiing, tobogganing, ice skating and other activities. Cost including food and lodging is \$5 per person. For information contact D. Macintyre at 453-9054 or the Plymouth Recreation Department at 455-6620.

EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO is sponsoring a **FEED A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS** program. Interested parties can send non-perishable, food stuffs and cash contributions to the school until Dec. 19. Make checks payable to East Middle School PTO. Cash will be used to buy perishable food items. All food will be delivered to appropriate families in the East Middle School district Dec. 20.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS at Middle School West will be given Wednesday and Thursday Dec. 17, 18. String groups under the direction of Dr. Larry Holcombe will perform on Wednesday, with the seventh and eighth grade bands under the direction of Jeffrey Drifmeyer appearing Thursday. Both concerts will begin at 8 p.m. There is no admission charge. Students should be accompanied by parents.

A general membership meeting of **WAYNE COUNTY LIFE-SPAN** will be held Thursday Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Dearborn Heights Community Center, 1801 Beech Daly rd. Included on the evenings agenda will be election of 1976 Wayne County Lifespan chairman, co-chairman and secretary.

THE PLYMOUTH CREDITEERS will hold a **CHRISTMAS PARTY** on Tuesday Dec. 23, at 12:30 p.m. in the Plymouth Community Federal Credit Union.



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City awards refuse bid

Midwestern Sanitation of Inkster has been awarded a contract for nearly \$140,000 from the City of Plymouth to pick up the garbage in the city.

The Midwestern bid was about \$6,000 lower than that of the city's current refuse hauler, Hayden Refuse Disposal of Westland, although its charges per residential stop are slightly higher than Hayden's.

The one-year agreement, ap-

proved Monday by the Plymouth City Commission, includes an option for an additional year of service at the same cost.

City officials earlier this fall proposed that the city assume its own garbage collection, but City Manager Fred Yockey opposed the move at this time, citing the lack of back-up equipment should the one costly hauler the city would have to buy breakdown.

Canton P&R classes form

Canton Recreation Director Brenda Pollack has announced formation of three new classes to be offered to township residents.

Dog obedience classes will be offered at the Recreation Center, Michigan Ave. and Sheldon Rd., Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. beginning Jan. 9 and ending March 11.

St. Mike's begins design

St. Michael's Lutheran Church of Canton Township has announced the selection of an architectural firm for the design of a new church building on Sheldon Rd.

Richard Kinsey, church building committee president, reports that the firm of Tkacz-Nackel will design the structure, with groundbreaking slated for the early spring of 1976.

Pastor Robert Schacht is pastor of the congregation, which now holds services in Gallimore School. The new church is expected to be ready for services by fall of 1976.

Site of the new building is 7000 Sheldon Rd., just south of Warren Rd.

Dogs must be six months old and have rabies and distemper shots. Cost of the course is \$20. Those interested may register by phone through the recreation office, 326 - 6480.

Beginning guitar lessons for second graders through adults will be offered Saturdays at the Recreation Center, at 1 p.m. Registration will be from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, with classes beginning the following Saturday and lasting for 11 weeks. Cost of the course, including music and use of instrument, is \$26.

A new western style square dance class will begin Jan. 11, also at the Recreation Center. The cost is \$2.50 per couple per evening with classes running from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Those interested should attend the Jan. 11 class at 7 p.m. For further information call 453-3087.



Girl Scouts give gifts

MEMBERS OF GIRLS SCOUT Troop 303 of Isbister School visited Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor last Wednesday with Christmas gifts they made for youngsters. Leaders of the troop are (rear left) Yvonne Dallago and Faith Gibbons. Members of the troop (not

in order) are Debra Dallago, Suzanne Gibbons, Monica Farhat, Beth Smith, Gilliam Lyon, Crystal Gobel, Brenda Reeck, Kelly Shelby and Michelle Patterson. (Crier photo by Hank Meijer)

Tex to chair

In elections held by the City of Plymouth Planning Commission last week, Tex Thoman was elected chairman and Sharon Andrews was named vice-chairman.

Both were unanimously elected without opposing nominations.

Following the vote, the commissioners shifted seats to from smoking and non-smoking sections at the commission table.

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Twp. to seek second block grant

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees agreed last week to participate for a second year in the Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Program, a joint effort which could net the township up to \$64,000 in Federal funds.

The township first joined in the county's application for block grant funds in 1975, but has yet to receive an initial \$32,000 in block grant aid. Township Clerk Helen Richard-

son said the 1975 allocation is expected once paperwork required with the project is completed. She said the grant funds would likely be used for improvements at the township recreation center on Ann Arbor Trail.

According to a county official, "Based on U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development statistics, the county's entitlement will double for the 1976 program year."

Bowles leaves bench, bids car pool farwell

"The Plymouth Four" are going the way of "The Four Horsemen of Notre Dame" — they are passing into history.

While the name sounds as though the four were co-conspirators of some sort (e.g. "The Chicago Seven") they actually sit on the opposite side of the prisoner's bar.

"The Plymouth Four" is a commuter group of county officials who drive to work downtown together.

Most notable of the group, retiring Wayne County Circuit Court Judge George E. Bowles, saluted his car pool compatriots last week in a speech before the Detroit Bar Association.

Bowles, who is leaving the court to return to private law practice, bade farewell to his fellow riders: Clark Finley, deputy county treasurer; Dick Behler, county civil service personnel director; and Bill Stokes, Friend of the Court referee.

The circuit judge, a Plymouth Township resident, also paid his

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Bird book sale success

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Fischer elected

Harold E. Fischer, Plymouth Township resident and owner broker of Harold E. Fischer Real Estate of Plymouth has been elected to the United Northwestern Realty Association (UNRA) Board of Directors.



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After 32 years with city, Evelyn retires

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She'd told the chief before she left for the south that she was looking for a job -- and when

the city needed someone, she jumped at the chance.

That was in March 1, 1943. The date stands out, because it marked the beginning of a long career. That career will come to a close next Tuesday, when Evelyn Stanible retires.

After a trip to Florida, she'll return to Plymouth, her home since 1923.

The 1930 Plymouth High School graduate worked for the old Daisy Air Rifle Co., owned her own dress shops, and then spent three years with Burton Abstract and Title Co. in Ann Arbor before joining the city payroll. Starting as the city manager's secretary -- under Clarence Elliot -- she later worked as a court clerk and in the police department and treasurer's office.

"I've had quite an experience during my lifetime," she said. "Each and every one of those jobs was interesting."

In 1959, 17 years later, she took over the office in the city Department of Public Works, which had only recently moved to its new home at the end of

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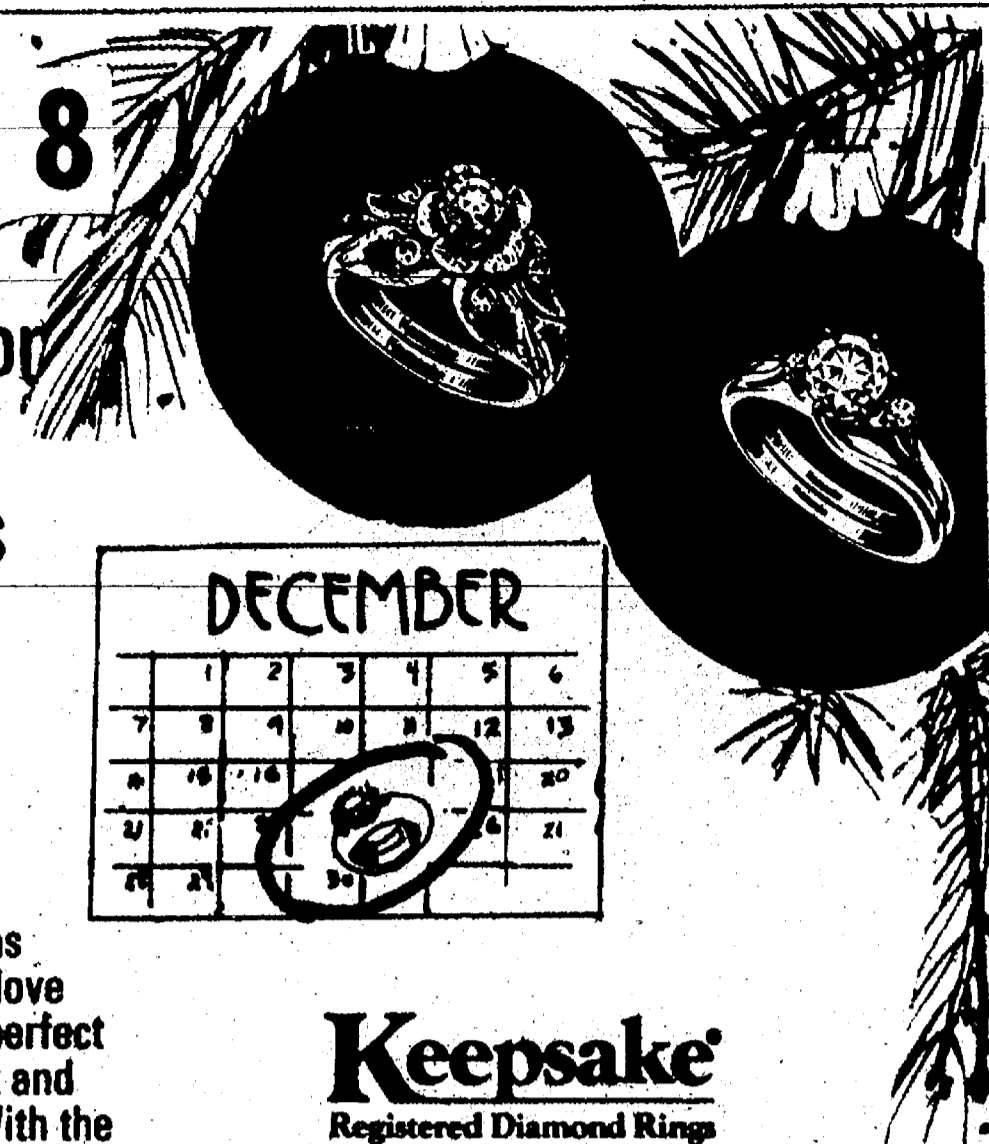
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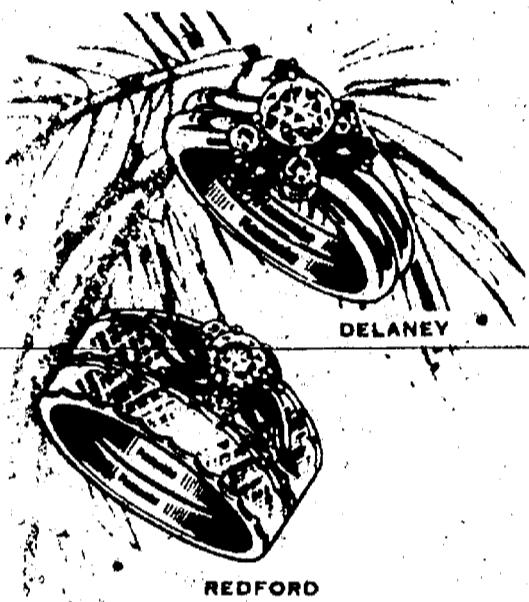
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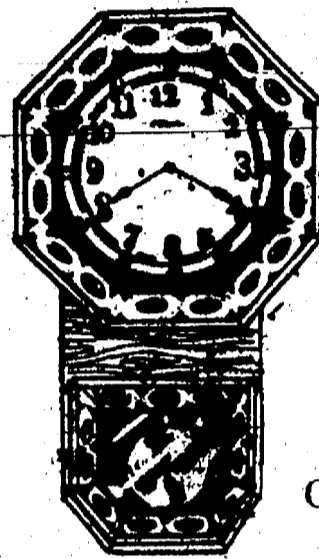
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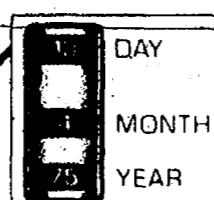
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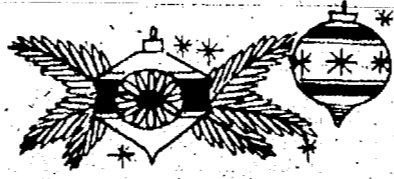
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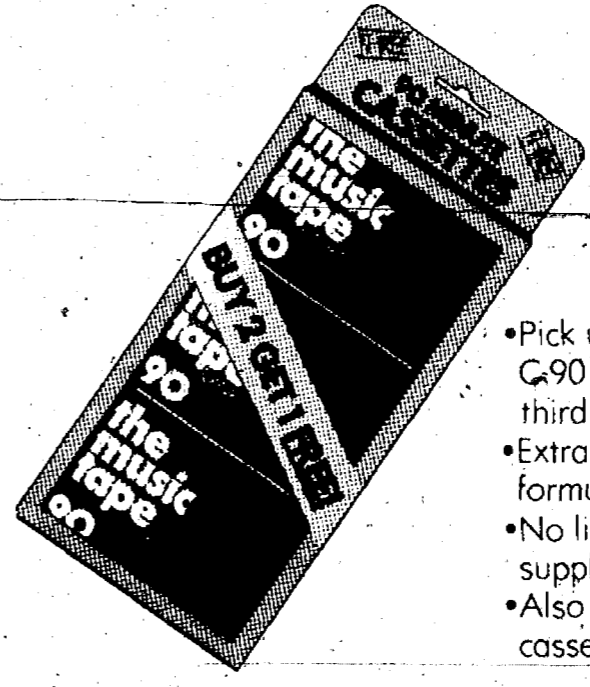
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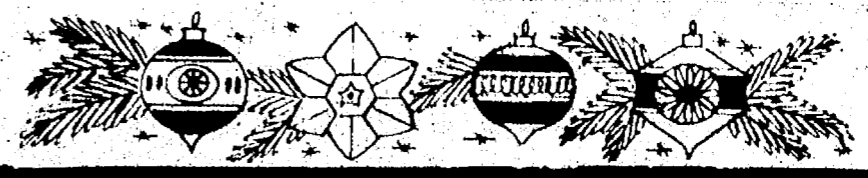
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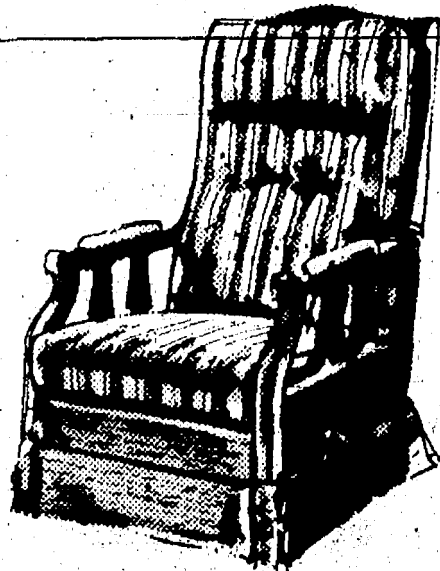


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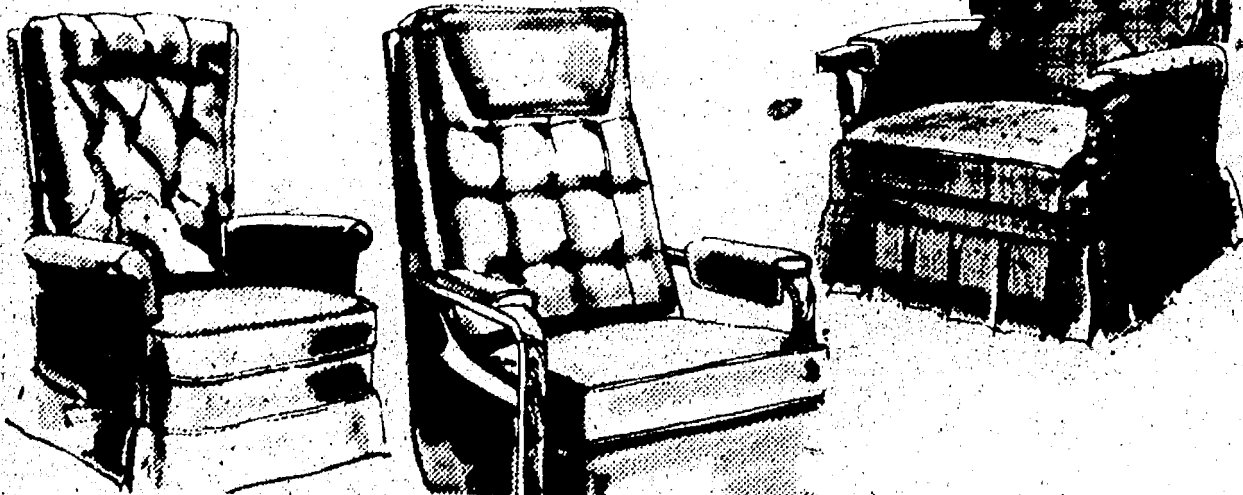
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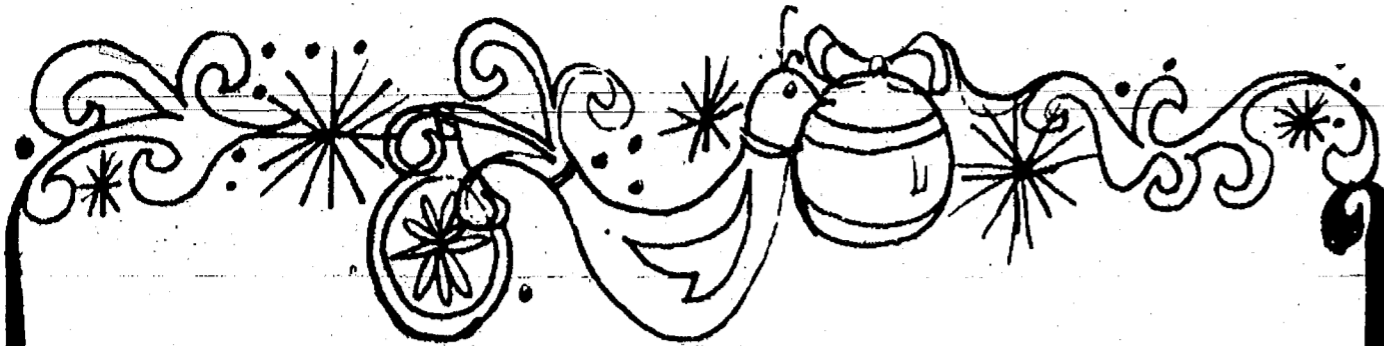


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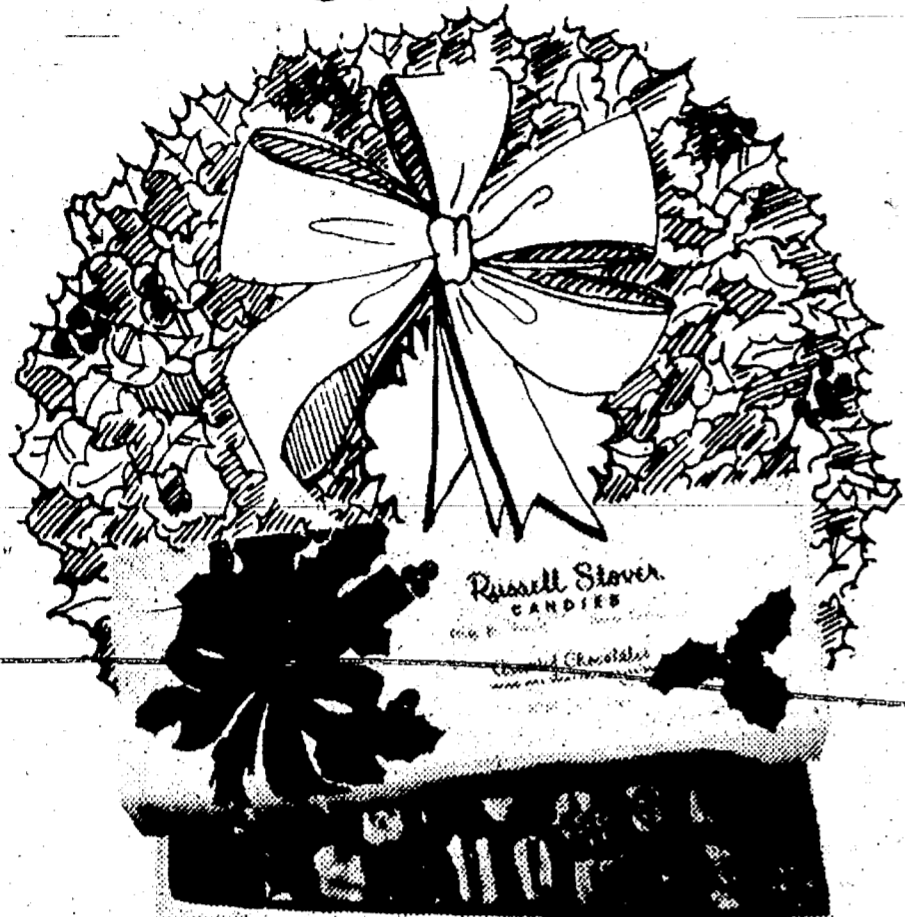
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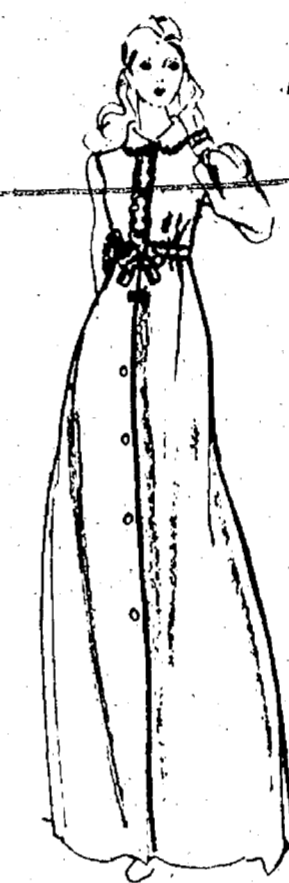
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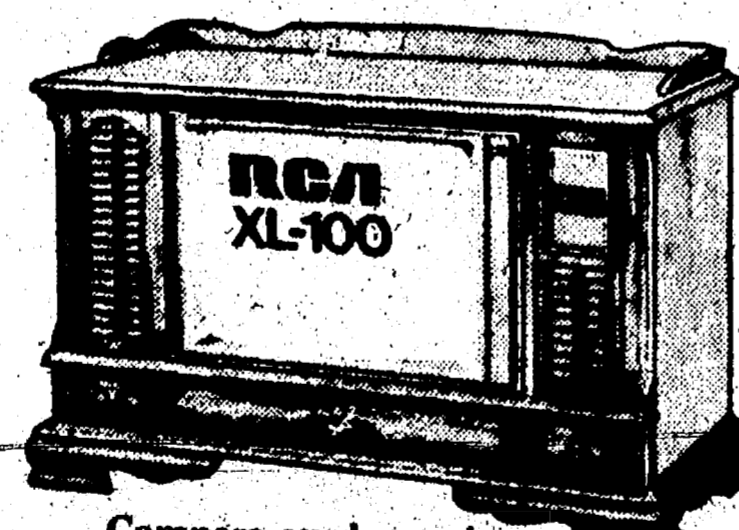
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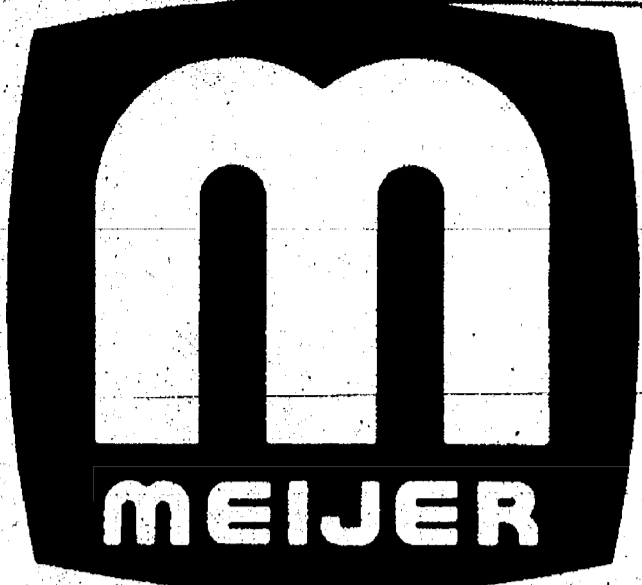
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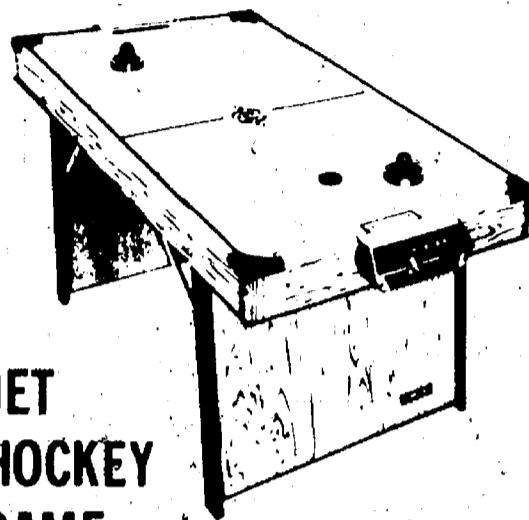


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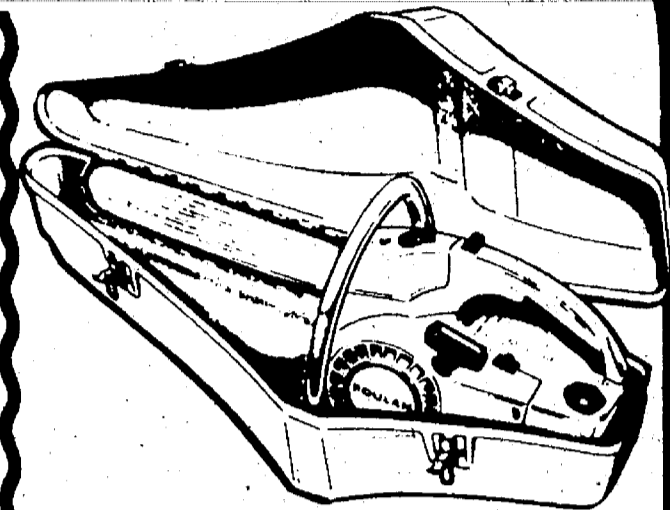


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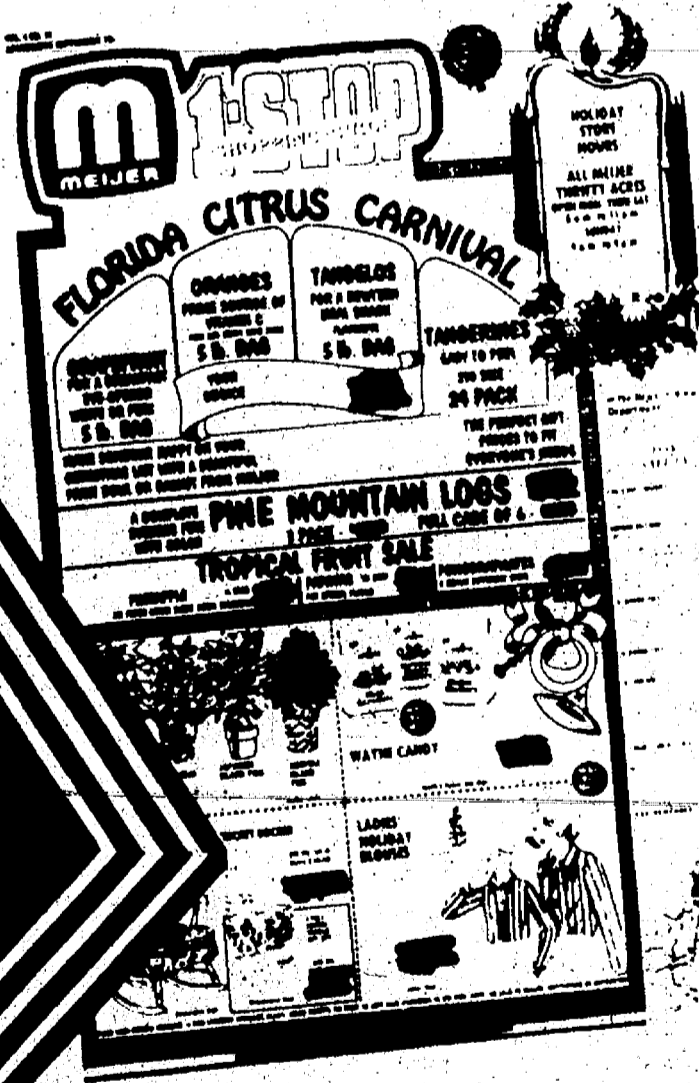
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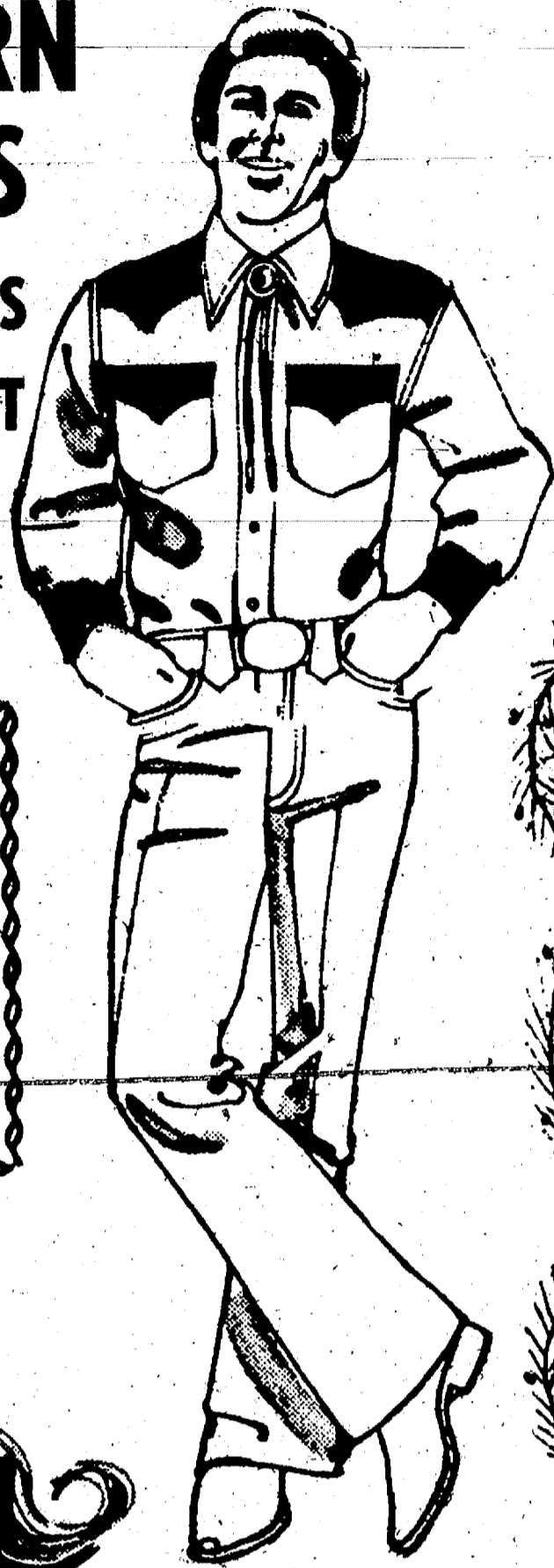
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Use only lights that have been tested for safety. Identify these by the UL label from Underwriters Laboratories.

Check each set of lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, loose connections. Discard any of this equipment that you deem unsafe.

Check labels of lights to be used outdoors to see that they are suitable for outdoor use. Never use indoor lights outside. Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, walls, or other firm support to protect them from wind damage.

Use no more than three sets of lights per single extension. Read manufacturer's instructions carefully and do not use more than the recommended number of lights in one circuit.

Always turn off lights on trees and other decorations when you retire or leave your home. A short circuit in any of this equipment could cause a fire.

Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. Damaged insulation in lighting a metallic tree could cause the entire tree to be charged with electricity. To avoid this danger, use colored spotlights above or beside a metal tree, never fastened onto it.

Keep children away from light sets and electrical decorations. All lights present the problem of shock and casualty hazards for curious kids.

The opening of Christmas presents is always a special time during the holidays. Take special precautions when disposing of the wrappings. Always dispose of wrappings immediately after opening. Place trash in a metal container. DON'T burn wrappings in the fireplace, they may ignite suddenly, and cause a flash fire.

Artificial trees (plastic) should bear the UL Label. Some unlabeled plastic trees burn with extreme vigor.

Do not rely on chemical coatings or sprays to make your live evergreen flame resistant. Follow the safety rules below when shopping for a natural tree.

A fresh tree will stay green longer and be less of a fire hazard than a dry tree. To check for freshness, remember:

Check for color and scent. A fresh tree is deep green in color and has a strong scent of pine.

Be sure that the needles do not readily fall from the tree.

The trunk butt of a fresh tree should be sticky with sap.

Place your Christmas tree in a location away from fireplaces, radiators, or other heat sources. Be sure that it is out of the traffic pattern and does not block doorways.

Your fireplace is a source of warmth and heat. Before starting your fire, be sure to remove all paper decorations and boughs from the immediate area. **BE SURE THE FLUE IS OPEN. NEVER** set up your Christmas tree near the fireplace, this is a potential fire hazard.

Use a screen to enclose the front of your fireplace to confine live embers and sparks to the fire box.

Use care with "fire salts" which produce colored flames when thrown on a wood fire. They contain heavy metals and can cause intense gastrointestinal irritation or vomiting if eaten. Keep away from children and pets.

Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens.

Always use non-flammable holders.

Keep away from other decorations, wrapping paper. Place candles where they cannot be knocked down or blown over.

The trimming of your Christmas tree is a very important part of your holiday festivities. Keep the safety of your family in mind when selecting trimmings, and decorating your tree.

When choosing the finishing touches for the tree, purchase tinsel or artificial icicles of a non-leaded material. Leaded material may be hazardous if eaten by children or pets.

If youngsters are a part of your family, take special care to:

Avoid any decorations that tend to break easily, or have sharp edges.

Keep tree trimmings that are small, or have removable parts, out of the reach of your child. These pieces may be swallowed.

Don't purchase ornaments that resemble candy or foods. A small child may try to eat them.

An emergency could strike your home at any time. Here are a few simple rules to follow to help your family through a crisis.

Keep fire department, police, ambulance, doctor, and other emergency service numbers posted on or near your telephone.

Keep a UL Listed multi-purpose fire extinguisher in your kitchen when preparing holiday meals — and know how to use it.

Many fire departments are now offering first aid classes to the communities. At least one member of the family should be familiar with simple first aid procedures.



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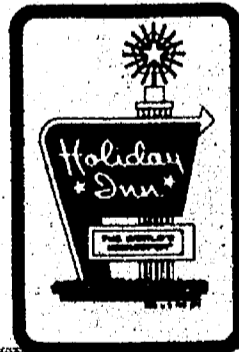
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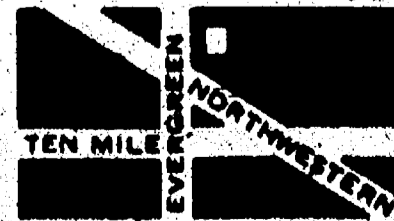
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Dear Santa, How are you this year? Is your wife doing any cooking?

Santa, if you would, please give me what you can; but if possible I would like Dusty and Dusty gym set. I would very much like her horse too. I know the store can't make them, but I think your elf's could. Please try to make the horse.

Also, I would like the Holly Hobbie Bag and Knit Magic. Santa, please include a radio that you think I would like, one I could take to the beach.

I have been very good this year. My dog wants a bone. JENNIFER

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl, So has my sister. We would like a doll, sled, books, sleeping bag - only one of these. Give all the other boys and girls the things they wished for.

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MATT SCHROEDER (left) receives his Lifesaving Medal of Merit from John Lee, president of the Boys Scouts Wolverine Council in ceremonies Sunday at Dixboro Methodist Church. (Photo by William E. Wendover)

Scouts honor hero

A 15-year old Eagle Scout from Salem High School was awarded a Lifesaving Medal of Merit Sunday for the first aid he administered to a 12-year old Plymouth boy injured last May in a bicycle accident.

Mark Spark, 12, of 464 Coolidge, was riding his bike down

Coolidge in Plymouth when he slammed into a parked truck and was knocked to the pavement.

Eagle Scout Matt Schroeder of Joy Rd. was nearby and heard the accident. He ran to the scene to discover Sparks in the street bleeding profusely from a deep gash above his eye.

He applied gentle pressure to control bleeding and stanch the flow of blood with a towel while a neighbor called police.

Matt calmed the semi-conscious youngster until an ambulance arrived.

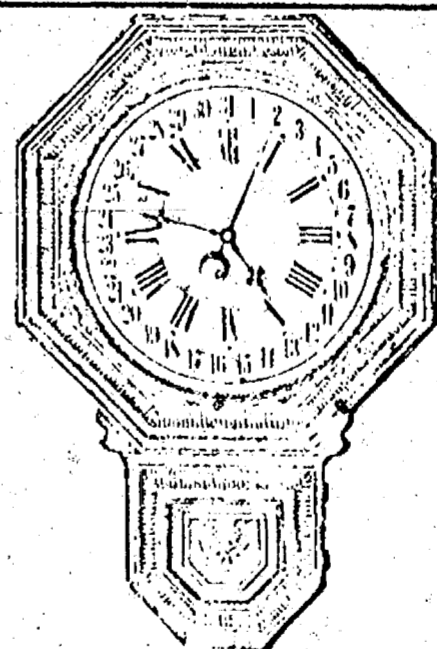
The Salem sophomore, who hopes to become an engineer, learned the first aid techniques in scouting.

"I was knocking on the door of a friend's home," he said later, "when I heard this crash. I saw Mark lying on the ground with his forehead torn open and blood all around.

"First, I put my hand on his forehead to stop the bleeding. Then I yelled for help. A neighbor brought me a towel to stop the bleeding while we waited for the ambulance."

Mark Sparks was scheduled to have a second operation in November to have a plate inserted in his skull.

Matt, a member of the Wolverine Council of the Boy Scouts, was presented the medal in ceremonies Sunday at Dixboro Methodist Church, where he is a member. Presenting the award were Council President John Lee, Commissioner Richard Yost and Scout Executive James Holland.

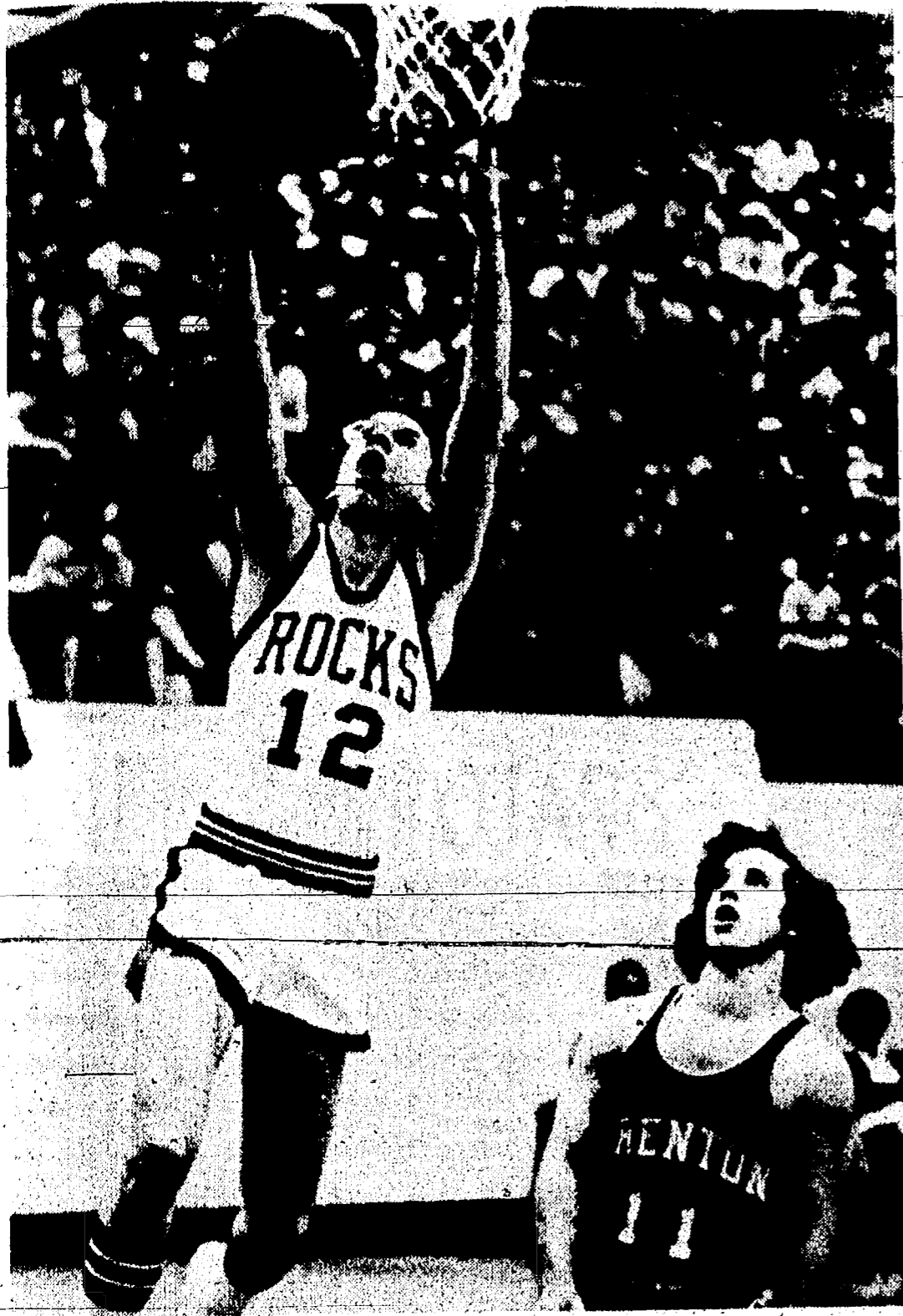


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SOPHOMORE MIKE CRISTY sprints past all Trenton defenders as he laid in two points during the Rocks victory Friday night. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)

Rock cagers host holiday tourney

Plymouth-Salem is this year's host of the annual Christmas Basketball Tournament Monday (Dec. 22) and Tuesday (Dec. 23) nights at the Centennial Park gym. The Rocks were victors in last year's Christmas tourney at Livonia Churchill.

This season's action begins Monday at 7 p.m. when Livonia Churchill faces city rival Livonia Stevenson. The second game of the evening follows immediately afterward at 8:30 p.m. when the Rocks do battle with the Thurston Eagles.

The losers of Monday night's contests square off for third place on Tuesday beginning at 7 p.m. with the championship game following at 8:30 p.m.

There is no advance sale of tickets for the tourney. All seats, sold at the door, will be \$1.

For those of you that can't make it to the games, stay tuned to WSDP-FM for all action, as the Rocks try to make it two straight in the holiday affair.

Rocks smash Trenton

BY DENNIS O'CONNOR

The Salem Rocks team made it four straight last Friday night with a 79-61 Suburban Eight League triumph over the Trenton Trojans in a game played on the Plymouth court.

The victory was the second in conference play for the undefeated Rocks, who now stand at 4-0 overall (not including last night's contest with Dearborn Fordson.)

The pesky Trojans tried to stay stride for stride with the Rocks playing a stingy and aggressive box-and-one defense. But in the end, it was the Rocks' superior shooting and accurate passing that proved too much for Trenton.

Both teams raced to an 8-8 standoff after the first four mi-

minutes of action, until the accurate outside shooting of guards Brian Wolcott and Mark Gothard led to eight straight points that brought Plymouth into a 16-8 lead.

Trenton cut that lead to four (18-14) after the first quarter, but the Rocks came storming back with 21 second period points while limiting Trenton to 11 as they took a 39-25 lead into the locker room at half-time.

While 6-8 senior center Jim Ellinghausen continued to pace the Rocks, it was the play of the squad as a whole that led to the home team domination in the first half.

Ellinghausen popped in 19 points before halftime. But

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Place in all events

Salem tankers top relays

The Salem swim team established itself as one of the top squads in the area last Saturday afternoon when it tied for first place in the 11-team Redford Union Relays.

The Rocks tied Northville on top of the pack with 88 points. But it was Plymouth that walked away with the first-place trophy by virtue of a winning coin flip.

Among the are teams Salem beat included Suburban Eight League competitor Allen Park, Redford Union and Livonia Bentley.

The Rocks won two of the 10 events and placed in the finals of each competition. Salem also grabbed three second and two third-place finishes to go along with the two victories.

The 400-yard medley relay of Bill Chlopan, Craig Richter, Ron Finley and Tom Smith placed first with a 4:00.7 clocking.

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The other top spot set a new relay record, since in was the first time the event was ever run. Tom Griffin, Chlopan, Finley and Smith won the crescendo relay with a 4:37.3 time.

Placing second in the diving relay was the duo of Mike Stocker and Joe Melnik.

Other second place finishes included the 200 butterfly relay (Rob Kuebler, Steve Lazarus, Dale Brown and Richter) and

the 200 free relay (Allen Hunter, Dave Schoeder, Glen Modsen and Tom Robeau).

Third place efforts included the 400 free relay (Hunter, Robeau, Mike Etienne and Griffin) and the 200 medley relay (Brian Winkel, Bryan Burton, Brown and Etienne)

The improving Canton swimmers place seventh in the relays.

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Win triple dual meet

Grapplers muscle foes

BY DENNIS O'CONNOR

The Salem wrestling team continues to prove itself one of the powers of the area, placing first in a triple dual meet last Saturday against Thurston, Farmington Harrison and Romulus.

The Rocks dominated action throughout the afternoon, as they topped Harrison, 31-21, Romulus, 36-25, and host Thurston, 33-17.

The triple victory raises Plymouth's record to 4-2 for the season, including a victory at the Allen Park Invitational last Saturday.

Triple winners in Saturday's meet included Les Hassen (112), who pinned two opponents and won his third by forfeit. Dave Champion, competing at 185 pounds, was the Rocks' third triple victor, gaining two decisions wins and a pin.

All three grapplers are juniors. Other impressive showings included captain Carl Schultz' two pins and a tie. Rene Leist, Bob Aliminia, Carl McNulty and Jeff Fidge were winners in two matches.

Much the same happened last Tuesday afternoon, as Plymouth scored a school-record 48 points in a 48-12 triumph over Northville.

The Rocks lost only four of 12 matches that afternoon in compiling the record score.

Leist (98 pounds) started the action by setting an individual school record when he pinned his opponent in the remarkable time of 17 seconds. Plymouth's strength in the lighter weights continued, as Ward and Hassen pinned their opponents in 46 and 191 seconds respectively.

The top performance of the meet was the 10-2 decision of Plymouth's Rich Constantino (145) over one of Northville's top wrestlers, Brent Ashley.

Other victories included wins by Schultz (3.16 pin), McNulty (4.37 pin), Bob Dasher (4.0 decision) and Champion (13-1 decision).

The opening of Suburban Eight League competition last Thursday was the only sore spot of the Rocks' great week, as they fell to rival Dearborn, Edsel Ford in a close match, 27-20.

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Swimmers edge Northville

Two area powers met in the Plymouth pool last Tuesday, as the Salem swim team edged Northville 87-85 in a non-league showdown.

It was a sweet victory for Rock coach Byron Williams, who never had beaten the Mustangs.

Three days later these two squads dominated action in the Redford Union Relays as the tied for first place.

Trailing by eight points going into the final relay, the Rocks turned on the steam and roared to victory, grabbing first and second place finish in the 400 yard freestyle race.

The first place time of 3:35.5 saw Allen Hunter, Tom Robeau, Mike Etienne and Ron Finley up for the victory. Not close behind (one second back) was Plymouth's second foursome of Dave Schoeder,

Craig Richter, Tom Griffin and Tom Smith.

The Rocks took seven first-place finishes of the 11 events but Northville's superior depth of swimmers made the meet close all the way.

Junior Ron Finley was a double winner, setting a new school record with a 200-yard individual medley time of 2:01.9. He also won the 100 butterfly event with a 57.6 seconds clocking.

Chiefs bow to Franklin

BY MATT NORRIS

Canton matmen lost their second dual meet of the year at Livonia Franklin last Thursday, 48-15. Coach Dan Chrenko said "We didn't wrestle up to our potential," but admitted Franklin had a strong team. The Chiefs posted wins by Bill Heedum and Craig Lee, but lost nine of the next 16 matches. Senior co-captain Steve Hensley pinned his man for Canton's only other point.

Canton suffered six pins, including Bob Yauck, Scott Collins, and Jeff Rey, the strongest wrestlers on the young team. The Chiefs missed the performance of Terry Clifton, the only Canton grappler to place

The other Rocks double winner was sophomore Tom Griffin. He was victorious in the two sprint races, swimming the 500 freestyle in 24 seconds and the 100 free in 52.4 seconds.

Seniors Bill Chlopan and Tom Smith were the other first place winners. Chlopan won the 100 back in 1:00.2, while Smith was first in the 200 free with a 1:58.8 timing.

in the John Glenn Invitational Dec. 6.

Canton placed fourth in the Grosse Isle Quad meet last Saturday (Dec. 13), but captured one first, two second and two third places.

Hensley won first place in the 167 pound division, and Chrenko considers Hensley a consistent leader of the squad.

Heedum and Collins took second place honors in 98 and 155 pound classes unfamiliar to them (Heedum is usually at 105 and Collins a division lower than Saturday's weight.)

Willow Run won the Quad for the second year in a row, followed by Flat Rock, host school Grosse Isle, and Canton.

Men's basketball stats

Master Collision	3	0	x
Century 21	3	1	1/2
Little Caesars	3	1	1/2
Christian Brthers	3	1	1/2
Wagenschutz	2	1	1
VisCom	2	1	1
Box Bar	1	3	2 1/2
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Independnets	0	5	4

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Master Collision 62, Wagenschutz 46
Christian Brothers 52, Richardsons 40
Box Bar 59, Independents 40

Gal cagers honored

At the annual banquet honoring this year's Salem girls basketball players Thursday night, Boosters Club president Joe Dillon presented a trophy to the varsity team which won the 1975 Suburban Eight League title.

Individual trophies went to Kathy Dillon, Peggy Moore and Lindsay Agardy.

Dillon was named the squad's Most Valuable Player. Moore was the most productive offensive player, leading her team in total points and rebounds. Agardy was honored as the team's best defensive player.

Commenting on her squad's successful season, coach Debbie Hatcher said, "To make a championship team it takes every girl on the squad. You don't

need just five, but all 14 members, and all these girls contributed."

Looking forward to defending the championship, Hatcher offered a challenge to the 12 girls who will be returning to the varsity next season.

"We know we have the talent," she said. "All we have to do is prove we have the dedication."

Junior varsity coach Livy Way also saw great things in the future for the varsity in praising her team -- a squad that only lost two games all year.

"We (the varsity) won the Sub-8 this year, and I can see with the talent coming up that the varsity's future is going along way," she said.

Canton JV splits two

The Canton Junior varsity basketball team split two games last week, beating Belleville 53 - 40 on Tuesday before losing its second heartbreaker of the season to Churchill 41-40 on Friday.

The Chiefs season record stands at 2-2 for the year. After a mediocre first half that saw the Chiefs take a 19-17 halftime lead into the locker room, Canton finally got on track in the third quarter, outscoring the Tigers 16-10 and opening up an eight point margin.

Canton increased that lead in the final period to breeze to the victory. The Chiefs held Belleville without a field goal in the fourth quarter, until only three minutes remained in the game.

Keith fuelling lead all scorers with 11, followed by Randy Rienas with eight.

These two stalwarts of the Chief offense sat on the bench with four fouls each in the second quarter against Churchill two days later.

In that contest, the Chiefs saw a two-point lead with 10 seconds left in the game slip away from them as they lost their second one-point decision.

The Chiefs made one more field goal than their opponents, but lost the game at the foul line. Canton committed 22 fouls to only eight for Churchill, resulting in several charity tosses for the Chargers.

Cold shooting from the floor was another factor in the setback, and Canton shot only 16 of 67 for 24%.

Tankers nipped, 87-84

"We're still lacking that big man, but we're plugging away," said coach William Faunce after his Canton swim team lost a non-league dual meet 87 - 84 to Dearborn Heights Annapolis last Thursday afternoon.

"It came down to the last relay, but we didn't put it out," he said.

In that last event, the Chiefs needed a first and second place finish in the 400-yard free style relay, but came up just short of the mark, placing first and third in the race.

Other first-place finishes saw junior Kevin Harris win the 100 and 200 freestyle events. Scott Wales was first in the diving competition, while Steve Wood (100 butterfly) and Mark Maroka (50 free) won their respective events.

Competing against 11 others divers at his grade level, junior Scott Wales won first place honors at the Schoolcraft Invi-

tational last week. Wales was competing with divers from all around the area.

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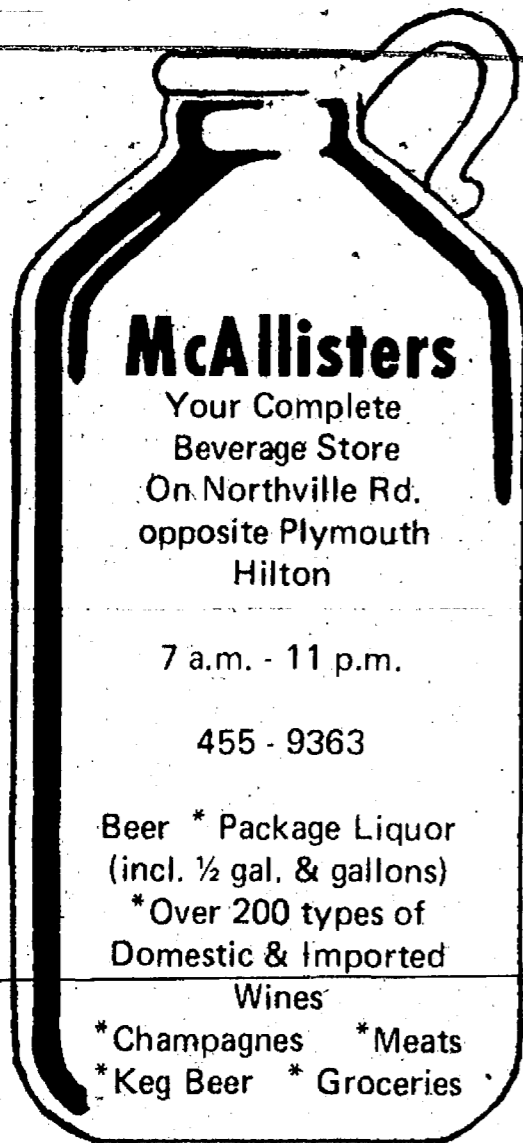
Cont. from Page 21 as two toursomes finished with fourth-place honors.

Despite the low finish, the Chiefs placed in seven of the nine events they entered.

No other squad, excluding the champions, from Salem and Northville, placed that many relay teams in the finals.

"It makes you believe we need more experience and just lack the big guns," said a pleased coach William Faunce after the competition.

The two Chief fourth place finishes were in the 400 medley relay (Mark Retting, Tim Greenleaf, Steve Wood and Kevin Harris) and the 200 butterfly relay (Scott Wales, Greenleaf, Wood and Harris.)



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Lose fourth straight Winless Chiefs bow to Churchill

BY MATT NORRIS

The Canton Chief basketball squad fell to Churchill last Friday, 68-53. The Western Six conference opener was the Chief's fourth consecutive loss without a win in the 1975 - 76 season.

"We got 10 points behind and never came back," said coach Casey Cavell. The Chargers go the game's first five field goals, and the Chiefs barely managed to narrow the margin by the end of the first quarter to 19-11. Early in the second quarter, Churchill forward Matt Foster got his fourth foul and left the game until the second half. With 4:52 remaining in the half, Mike Albright hit a free throw for Canton to make the score 16-23.

Churchill then reeled off 15 straight points until Tom Close finally sank a 12-footer to make the halftime score 38-18. Junior Tom Bay paced the Chargers with eight second quarter points. Sparked by Keith Osborne, Canton played tough defense and shot well in the third stanza, scoring 12 points to Church-

ill's lone free throw, to make the score 30-39. Churchill then substituted a 6-5 forward for Foster and roared back to retain the lead after three quarters, 51-35.

The two squads traded buckets through the fourth quarter, when both centers (Chief Steve Salyer and high scoring Bay) fouled out. At the 5:09 mark, emotions ran high when Close receive a technical foul after being fouled by Charger guard Scott Shepard. Both players missed their free throws, and Churchill called a time-out to calm things down.

Canton outscored Churchill in the third and fourth quarters, but the first half deficit was too much to overcome, and the score of the buzzer was 68-53.

"The turning point was when we couldn't cut their lead to seven points in the third quarter," said Cavell later. Nevertheless, Cavell said he was glad to see his cagers playing together as a team.

Osborne led Canton with 16 points, and juniors Rob Mandle and Mike Albright combined for 16 more.

Cold shooting was the downfall of the Chiefs in Tuesday's 54-37 loss to the Belleville Tigers at Belleville.

Canton showed aggressive play under the boards against the better-jumping team.

Hustle helped the Chiefs play even with Belleville (8-8) after the first quarter and mount as much as a three point lead late in the second quarter.

The Tigers held an 18-15 lead midway in the second stanza before a jumper by Bill Parson and free throws by Mike Albright and Keith Osborn gave the Chiefs a three-point lead of their own, 21-18.

After Canton's six-point streak, Belleville switched its defense to a two-three zone that proved to be the Chiefs' downfall.

Belleville took a one-point lead into the locker room, 22-21, as Canton was held scoreless for the remainder of the half.

Canton failed to penetrate that stingy zone in the third quarter, never even moving within 15 feet of the hoop. When the Chiefs did penetrate, the shot would be missed and Belleville would retain possession.

The result of this disastrous effort was a scoreless period for the Chiefs. Belleville pumped in 16 points and put the game away for good.

Canton shot a dismal 11 of 51 from the floor for a 22% mark for the contest. Albright, with the help of eight free throws, was the Chiefs' leading scorer with 12. Tom Close and Osborne added eight points each.



TRAPPED IN A CORNER is Canton Chief guard Keith Osborn in basketball action Friday against Churchill. Steve Salyer (51) tries in

vain to set a pick for the Chiefs' leading scorer, as the Chargers went on to win the Western Six League opener, 68-53. (Crier photo by Hank Meijer)

Fees due for intramural basketball

The Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department has announced that team entry fees are now being taken for a high school intramural basketball league to begin in January. The entry fee will be \$40 for each team. Only eight positions are available, and they will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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For further information, contact the recreation department at 455-6620.



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	C. Wrestling	Waterford Mott	T 6:30 PM
	C. Swimming	Northville	H 7 PM
Fri., Dec. 19	C. 9 Bsktball	Pierce	H 3:30 PM
	C. JV Bsktball	Northville	T 6:30 PM
	C. V. Basketball	Northville	T 8:15 PM
	S. JV Bsktball	Bentley	H 6:30 PM
	S. V. Bsktball.	Bentley	H 8:15 PM
Sat. Dec. 20	C. Wrestling	Clarenceville Invitational	
Mon. Dec. 22	Salem Basketball Home	Christmas Tournament	7:30 & 8:30 PM
Tues. Dec. 23	S. Bsktball	Christmas Tournney	H 7 and 8:30 PM

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Allen Park	2	0	x	Northville	0	1	1
Trenton	1	1	1	WL Wester	0	1	1
Dearborn	1	1	1	Friday's Results			
Belleville	1	1	1	SALEM 79, Trenton 61			
Edsel Ford	1	1	1	Churchill 68, CANTON 53			
bentley	0	2	2	Edsel Ford 63, Dearborn 62			
Redford U	0	2	2	Belleville 56, R Union 43			
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Mott	1	0	x	Harrison 82, Northville 61			

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Doc's Corner

by Dennis O'Connor

I hate to prolong the subject, but.....

Maybe I'm spoiled. Everytime I watch a college basketball game or visit another high school, there is music at the contest.

Going to school in Ann Arbor, I come in contact with people who attended different high schools. And everyone I asked (and I asked about 30 people) said there was always a pep band at their high school basketball games.

So please tell me -- why doesn't Plymouth have pep bands at Canton and Salem home games? What makes this community so different from everybody else?

If anyone can answer this question, please let me know.

An organist was hired to provide music at home games, but that organ hasn't been played at the last two home games. The organ was only played once all year. Evidently, the organist backed out of his commitment to play.

But why do the schools have to hire an organist? That's an unnecessary expnse when there are students in the Centennial Park

music program who would volunteer to play at home games.

Where is the students' spirit for their teams? I'm sure all the cheerleaders, Rockettes, Chiefettes, regular student fans and the faithful adult fans would love to hear music at their basketball games.

It would make the game more exciting and fun for everyone.

It's not the administration's fault. It's not the athletic department's fault. It's the fault of students who should be volun-

teering their time to play music. Plymouth pep bands have had free admittance to games in the past. Student's: show some school spirit. All you have to do is come and play. All other students (musicians) at other schools show this kind of spirit. They don't even wait to be asked to play at the basketball games -- they volunteer their time because they want to.

Driving home Friday night, I kept thinking what a shame it was we didn't get a picture of athletic director John Sandmann leaning against the covered organ that wasn't in use during the music-silenced Salem-Trenton game.

Salem stays unbeaten

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when the Trojan defense plugged the middle and wouldn't let Plymouth pass to its big man, someone else was always open for an easy bucket. Trenton was so conscious of Ellinghausen's presence that at times, two or three men were hovering around him preventing him from moving on offense.

But the quick passing game paid off for the Rocks, as they tossed the ball from side to side, finding the open man for two points.

Ellinghausen got into the passing act as well, as he made seven assists, with his younger brother, Tom, who finished the night with 12 points.

Bob Evans was the primary assist man for Ellinghausen, as he accounted for nine assists.

With this passing offense and consistant and intimidating defensive play, Plymouth built a 57-45 after the third quarter.

The Rocks never let Trenton come within 10 points of them in the second half and a fourth stanza surge put the Trojans away for good, as Plymouth mounted as much as a 25-point margin (77-52) before clearing the bench with two minutes left in the game.

"The thing we did best was find the open man," said coach Fred Thomann. "We played better as a solid unit.

"The only place we broke down was on our defensive boards. We're just going to have to battle tougher. If you break us down, (man for man), we're not a big ball club."

Plymouth shot an amazing 59% from the floor (34 of 58) while holding Trenton to only 41%.



EYING TWO MORE points is Salem sophomore Tom Ellinghausen, who collected 12 in all against the Trojans in Suburban Eight League action last Friday. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)

The sharpshooting Ellinghausen finished the contest with 35 points (13 of 22) from the floor.

Wolcott pumped in 16 points, shooting eight of 11 from the field and chipping in with nine rebounds.

Mike Primeau was a hidden factor in the Rocks's success, as he held the scoring produc-

tion of all-leaguer Steve Deller down to a minimum with tough man-to-man defense.

"He is our best defensive player, without a doubt," Thomann said of Primeau.

Reserve forward Chris deBear saw minimal action against Trenton because of sickness earlier in the week.

Fast start helps Rock JV

A 22-6 first quarter burst was all the Salem junior varsity basketball team needed to get back on the winning track Friday night rolling to a 63-40 victory over Trenton preceding the varsity contest.

The Rock record stands at 3-1 for the year.

Salem added to its lead with a 13-7 second quarter to take a commanding 35-13, lead at halftime that never slipped away.

Doug Agnew led the Rocks' balanced scoring attack with 15, and freshman Rich Hewlett followed with nine.

All members of coach Craig Bell's squad saw action for at least three minutes, with all but three players cracking the scoring column.

"Everyone who played did an excellent job," Bell said.

Frosh win

The Canton freshman basketball team made it two straight last Thursday afternoon, stopping a pressing Marshall team 56 - 43. The Chief record currently stands at 2- 0 for the season.

A balanced scoring attack saw four of the Chief starters reach double figures. Jay McKinley pumped in 16. Curt Hubert followed with 12, Dale Albright with 11 and Chris Pink with 10.

Doc prognosticates

The annual Christmas Basketball Tournament will be played Monday and Tuesday in the Plymouth gym.

Expect the Rocks to win their second holiday tourney in a row as they do battle with Livonia Churchill, Livonia Stevenson and Thurston.

In the opening contest, the Stevenson Spartans should handle their city rival Churchill Chargers by 15 points.

In the nightcap on Monday, Plymouth will have no trouble with the Eagles from Thurston. I make them solid 23-point choices.

The consolation game on Tuesday will see Thurston take a third place with a victory over Churchill in a close game -- Thurston by 6.

The championship game should be an interesting one, as the Spartans and Rocks square off.

Plymouth has not lost a game on its home court in two years. The last time the Rocks lost here was in the 1973 Christmas tourney runner-up game against these same Spartans.

Jim Ellinghausen and friends will stride on to victory against Stevenson and receive yet another tournament trophy -- Rocks by 13.

'Eli' gains prep honor

Rock basketball ace Jim Ellinghausen was honored last Saturday as metro area Star of the Week.

The 6-8 senior center has scored 135 points in the Rocks' first four games, and has been the key to Salem cage success so far this season.

Last Friday against Trenton, Ellinghausen once again played before a host of college scouts interested in signing him to a basketball scholarship.

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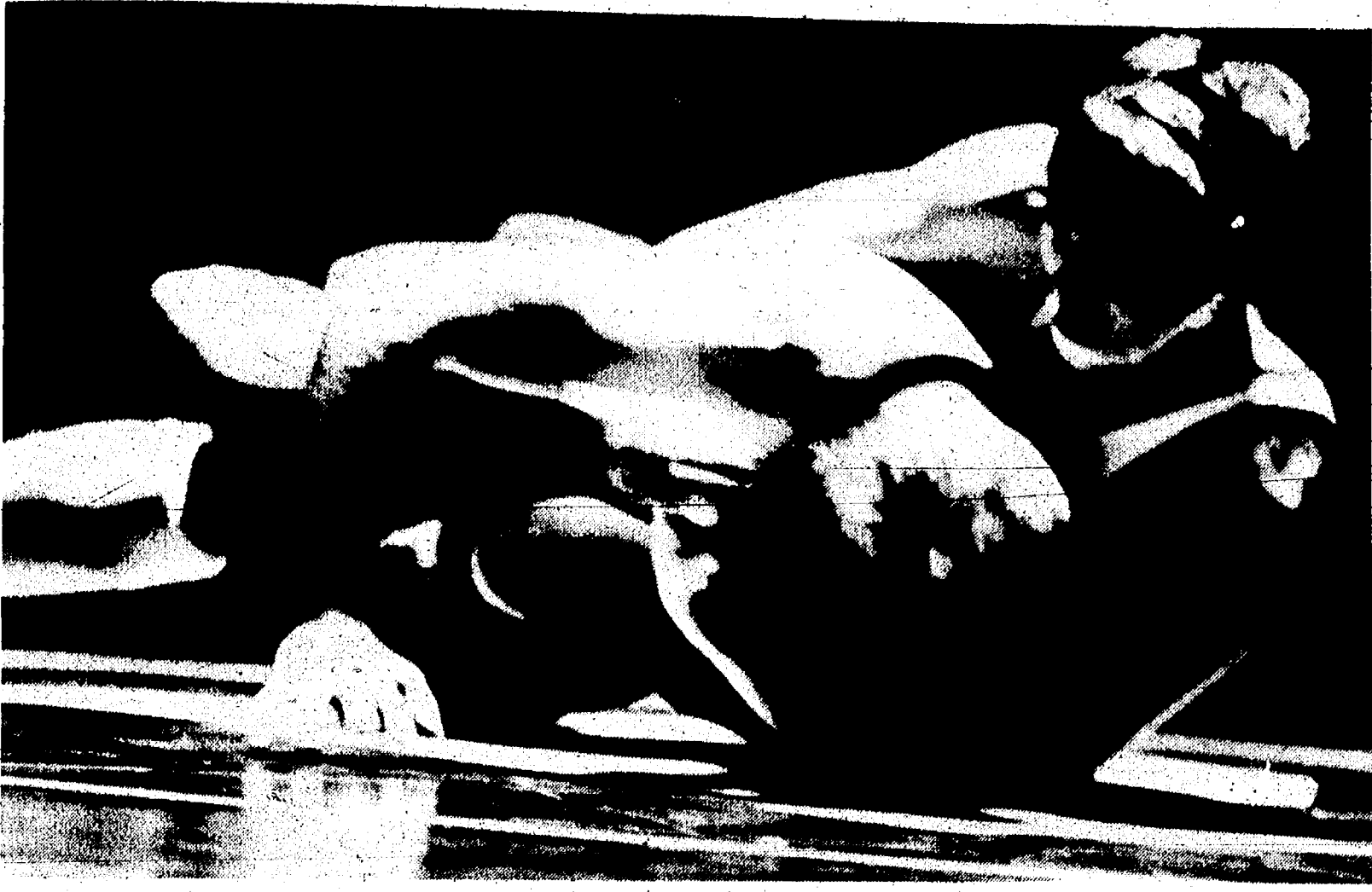
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Record broken

THE SALEM WRESTLING TEAM set a school record last Tuesday, creaming Northville 48-12 in a non-league meet. The 48 Rocks points was a new team mark for any Plymouth wrestling team in the short history of the sport.

State discourages millage try, solons tell administrators here

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business tax, personal property inventory will be eliminated from the property tax base, depriving the Plymouth Schools of about \$58 million in state equalized valuation (SEV), or about 12% of the district's total taxable property.

Growth in local SEV is expected to just about compensate for the loss. But the local district will need increased revenues next year, because costs are rising and three new schools and a major addition to Canton High School will be opened.

Local districts are ensured of a six per cent boost in their budgets, either through growth of their tax base or supplemental state aid. But should supplemental aid be needed, as school officials here predict, the district would not realize the full

value of whatever levy it sought, a factor which prompted legislators and school officials alike Monday to advise against a millage campaign in the spring.

Under the proposed state formula, Hoedel estimates, the Plymouth Schools would not even break even on additional millage until after 1.43 to 2.3 mills had been added. Only beyond that point would local schools benefit from local millage efforts.

"They (the state) are telling you to cut back, in a sense," Hoedel said, "It sounds like in general we're talking about basing upcoming budgets on basic education."

"We cannot afford most of the supportive services we have been funding."

Joining school administrators and the legislators in the work-

shop Monday at school board offices, were Board Vice-President Marcia Borowski, Treasurer Tom Yack, Members E.J. McClendon and George Lawton, Northville School Supt. Raymond Spear and Gerald Dunn, lobbyist for the Michigan Association for Improved School Legislation (MAISL), of which Plymouth is a member.

Lindsay returns after basic

William D. Lindsay, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Lindsay of Plymouth, has completed basic training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center. Graduation ceremonies were held Dec. 5. Lindsay will return home Dec. 23 to spend the holidays with his parents.



Chamber manager visits county offices

JOYCE WILLIS, manager of the Canton Chamber of Commerce presented Wayne County Commissioner Royce E. Smith last week with figures indicating the development boom in the township is continuing at full steam. Mrs. Willis reported on a recent visit to Smith's office that the Canton Chamber of Commerce has increased its membership from 28 to 84 business-members, that 65 new businesses

have opened in the last year, and that three new shopping centers, three new schools and a church are under construction in the township. Smith, of Belleville, represents the largest of the 27 districts which elect the County Board of Commissioners. His district encompasses four townships -- Canton, Plymouth, Sumpter, and Van Buren -- plus the City of Plymouth and a small portion of Northville Township.

Greenstein reappoints 3 to planning panel

Three Canton Township planning commissioners whose terms expire Dec. 31 have been reappointed to new three-year terms by Canton Supervisor Bob Greenstein.

Carl Parsell, Robert Simmons

and Tom Timbario were named again to serve on the commission until Dec. 31, 1979.

The appointments were approved last week by the Canton Board of Trustees.

Canvassers named

Two appointments to the Canton Township Board of Canvassers have been announced by Supervisor Bob Greenstein.

John Blumenshine, a Windsor Park resident and treasurer of the Canton Democratic Club, is the Democratic board appointee.

Karl "Bill" Heinzman of Village Squire Apartments will represent Republicans on the board.

Duties of the Board of canvassers include certifying election results for the county and state.

Chamber tries radio promo

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce has taken to the airwaves to promote the community's

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Evelyn departs DPW after 3 decades' service

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She shared cramped offices with Mayor Joe Bida, who at that time was chief of the DPW. "Before the new part of the building was added on, we had one little room," she said. "Mr. Bida and I had to back in." At that time, the DPW still

did much of its work - jobs like digging graves and sewer lines - - by hand. Bida was building inspector as well as DPW chief.

There was no leaf pick-up, leaves were burned most anywhere.

Water billing - - once done by hand, bill by bill, now goes through a computer in a fraction of the time.

And the seasons each present their own challenges to the DPW staff. "If we aren't picking up snow, we're raking leaves," she said of different times of the year. "Each season brings its own complaints."

Evelyn Stanible will be missed at the DPW, director Ken Vogras said.

East nets \$95

A used book and magazine sale held recently at the Middle School East Media Center netted the school some \$95, enough to purchase a cassette recorder, filmstrip viewer and listening post for the audio-visual center. The sale was judged a success and plans are already under way for another sale next November.

"Lots of manufacturers' representatives ask for her by name," Vogras said. "Everybody knows her name, there will be quite a transition."

City residents who call on the DPW - - often with seasonal inquiries about leaf pick-up or snow removal - - will miss her reassuring voice.

Guide lists Plymouth bar

The Box Bar on Ann Arbor Trail is described as Plymouth's best tavern by the newly-published Metro Detroit Guide.

The guidebook also notes the Plymouth Symphony as an

important area cultural asset and Fall Festival as a notable annual event.

Type for the Guide was set at The Community Crier.

State hospital chief resigns

An associate director of University Hospital in Ann Arbor has been named director of Northville State Hospital, replacing Dr. Richard Budd, who will step down Jan. 12.

According to Dr. Donald C. Smith, director of the state Department of Mental Health, Dr. Budd asked to be relieved of

He will continue his work on development of a problem oriented record keeping system for the mental health department.

Correction

A Crier editorial last week incorrectly said the Vince Lombardi Football League "covered entirely" the expense of Randy Aton's funeral. The contribution only covered a portion of the funeral costs.

administrative responsibility for the 800-bed hospital, which serves mentally ill adults from northwest Detroit and Wayne County.


Community obituaries

Krump

Matthew R. Krump, 68, of 11429 Gold Arbor, Plymouth Township, died Dec. 9 at his home. Services were held in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with The Rev. Fr. Francis Byren officiating. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Krump is survived by his wife, Ruth; daughters, Patricia McRannolds of Plymouth and Carol Diaz of Westland, a son, Ronald of Reno, Nev.; sisters, Margaret VanEtten of Port Charlotte, Fla., and Eleanor Theisen of Port St. Lucie, Fla., and five grandchildren.

He had been a gasoline station manager after coming to the Plymouth area in 1940 and was a charter member of the Knights of Columbus.

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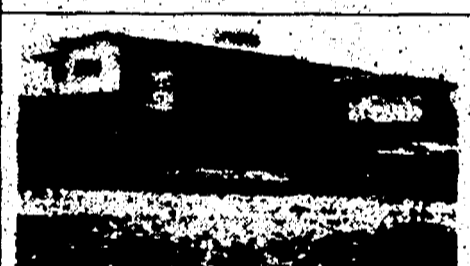
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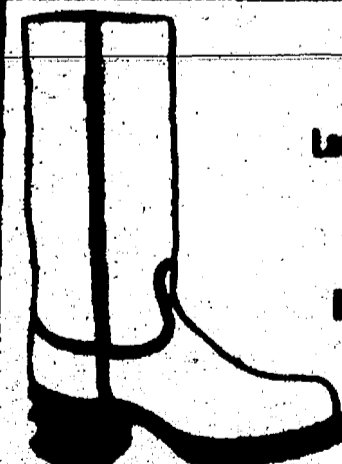
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Supervisor McLaren called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. All members were present. Mr. Burke moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 25, 1975 as submitted. Supported by Mr. Gornick and carried unanimously.

Mr. Ash moved that the bills be paid in the total amount of \$74,847.23. Supported by Mr. West. All members voted "yes."

Mr. Burke moved that the bids on the proposed Plymouth Township Water Connection to the Burroughs Supply Main be closed. Supported by Mr. West and carried unanimously.

Twelve bids were opened by Mrs. Richardson, and read by Mr. Hamill. The Board requested that Mr. Hamill review the bids and return later in the agenda with his recommendations.

New Business: Loren W. Gould, Gould Development Company. Mrs. Richardson moved that the Permit Bond for Surveys and Monuments of Beacon Estates No. 3 be released as requested by Loren W. Gould, Gould Development Company. Supported by Mr. West and carried unanimously.

Growth Works: Mr. Burke moved approval of the request from Mr. Dale Yagiela, Growth Works, to conduct a needs Analysis in Plymouth Township. Supported by Mr. Gornick and carried unanimously.

Wayne County Planning commission. Mrs. Richardson moved approval of the resolution giving the County of Wayne permission to use population and other demography and to cooperate with the County of Wayne in the 1976 Community Development Block Grant Program, as presented, and authorized the Supervisor to sign the Resolution on behalf of the Township of Plymouth. Supported by Mr. Burke and carried unanimously.

Helen Richardson, Clerk. Mr. West moved approval of the transfer of funds as requested by the Township Clerk. Supported by Mr. Ash and carried unanimously.

Awarding of Bids. Bids on the proposed Plymouth Township Water Connection to Burroughs Supply Main. Mr. Hamill checked all bids and found no errors and recommended that the contract be awarded to Campbell Excavating, Inc., low bidder, in the amount of \$9,497.80 with the completion time of 15 days.

Mrs. Richardson moved that the bid be awarded to Campbell Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$9,497.80 with the work to be completed within fifteen days from the signing of the contract.

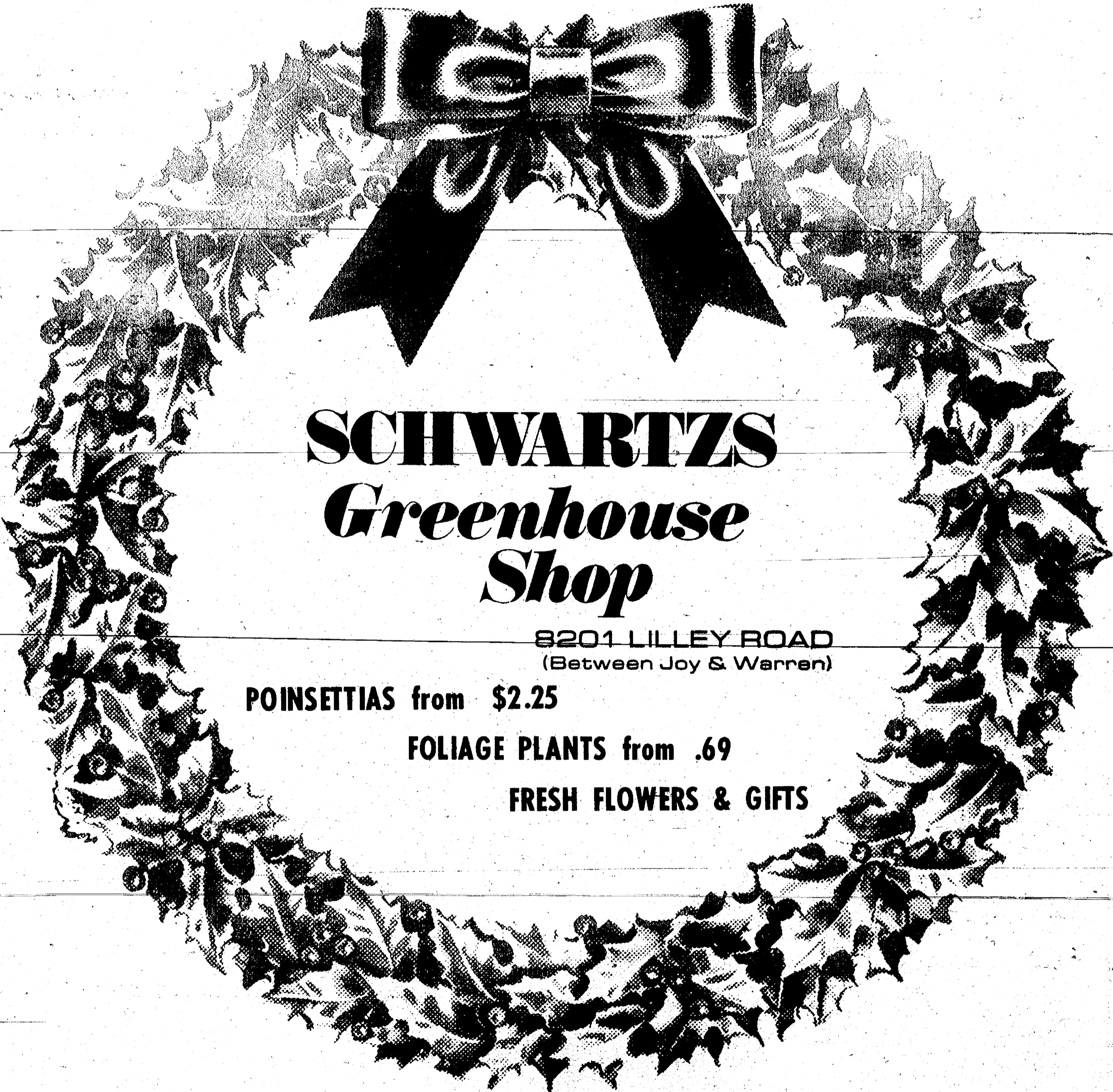
Supported by Mr. Gornick and carried unanimously.

Mr. Gornick moved to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Mr. West. Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Approved,
J. D. McLaren, Supervisor
Respectfully Submitted,
Helen Richardson, Clerk
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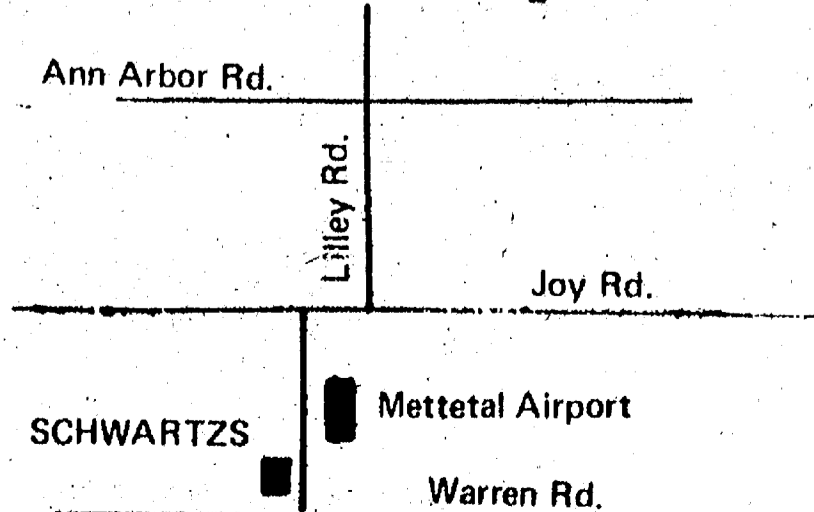
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