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Law's seat filled

Horton named township trustee

BY PHYLLIS REDFERN Smith Horton is the newest Plymouth Township trustee.

In an add on item to the agenda last night, the township board voted to appoint Horton to the vacancy left when Gerry Law assumed his duties as state representative. Trustee Lee Fidge cast the lone dissenting vote. According to supervisor Maurie Breen, three formal applications for the post where received and two other persons were also considered.

Submitting applications were: Horton, of the township planning commission; Albert Calille, who ran unsuccessfully for township trustee losing in the 1980 Republican primary; and a township appointee to the cable television committee, Al Barrett.

Also being considered, Breen said, were: Don Skinner, who ran unsuccessfully for trustee as a Democrat in 1980; and John Goulet, a township planner and retired Wayne County road executive. Skinner had declined consideration Breen said.

SMOKE STREAMS from the Brougham Manor Apartments Sunday in Plymouth Township. Blamed on an electrical failure, the blaze took Plymouth

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Township Firefighters almost an hour to control the flames. (Crier photo by Mark Constantine)

PCEA, schools going back to the table

BY MARK CONSTANTINE Less than two weeks ago negotiators for both the teachers and the schools were talking about a possible settlement.

That rhetoric has since ceased and it was back to the bargaining table yesterday for the two sides who have been trying to hammer out a new contract since last spring.

Candi Reece, chief negotiator for the Plymouth-Canton Education Association (PCEA), said just prior to Christmas that the end to the long negotiations was within sight. Maybe.

A possible settlement, she insisted, was contingent upon the PCEA's Executive Council being able to sit down and discuss the progress of the talks.

That meeting finally took place Sunday afternoon and, when was all said and done, the Executive Council had voted to set up another bargaining session with the schools, according to Reece.

"They didn't go for what I had to say at .all," Reece admitted late Sunday afternoon. "You happened to get me on a day when I got shot down.

Settlement no longer appears near

""This was really the first time the other three members were able to sit down and discuss the proposal in detail and they simply didn't like it."

Norm Kee, assistant superintendent for personnel, was at a loss for words Monday afternoon. He, like Reecc, had expected the teachers to be voting on a new contract sometime early this week.

"I don't know what I have to say," Kee admitted.

Three weeks ago both sides agreed to seek mediation to help find a solution to the stalemated talks. After the session with the state mediator, Ed Phillips, it appeared some progress had been made; according to Reece and Kee.

But both Reece and Kee cautioned at that time that there was still plenty of work left to be done before new pack could be inked. Both sides were to meet yesterday, but that meeting was postponed at noon Tuesday, according to Recce.

She added that it appears the teachers will sit down and talk to the negotiators for the schools either this afternoon (Wednesday) or Friday.



MADONNA THARP lost her life in the ear above in a hit and run accident that took place just after dusk the afternoon of Dec. 17. The accident and its ramifications are detailed starting on pg. 6 of today's Crier. Cleary taps Ply. Twp. native

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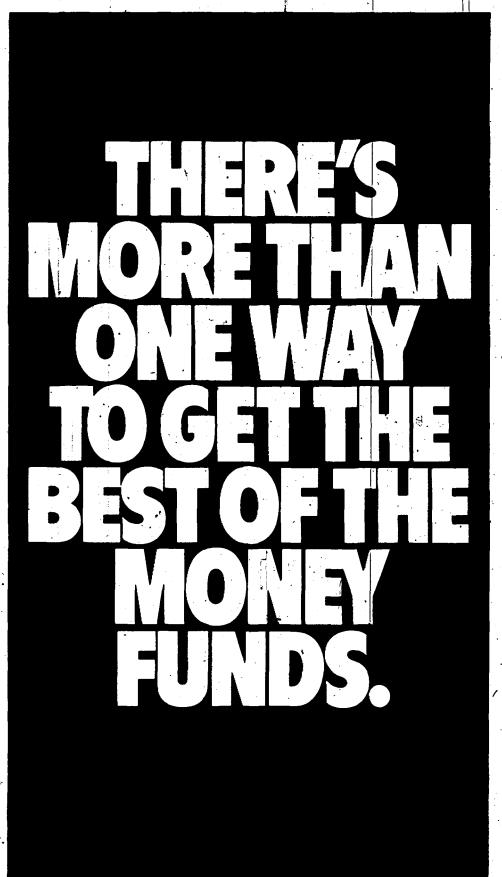
The Cleary College Developmen Council Board has been filled and Jospek West of Plymouth Township will be one of the new advisors to help this board devise new policies on fundraising projects for Cleary College.

The board is also responsible for assisting Cleary President Gilbert Bursley through advice on methods of fund solicitation and promotion.

City mails '83 calendars

Every City of Plymouth home and business will be getting one. The new city calendars are out.

Now in the mails to each city postal patron, the calendar this year features historical and current views in the various city departments.



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THE JAYCEES announced their outstanding young man, teen and public servant of the year recently and getting the nods were, Ernie Rumsby (left), Lori Janine Carpenter (inset) and Sarah Nelmore (right), respectively. They will be honored at a recognition dinner, which will be held Jan, 14, at 8 p.m. at the Hillside Inn's Jacob Room (Crier photo by **Rick Smith**)

Trio honored by Jaycees for service to community

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

Take a bow Ernie Rumsby, Lori Janine Carpenter and Sarah Nelmore. They are, respectively, the outstanding man, teen and public servant of the year named by the Plymouth Jaycees.

The three will be honored at the Jaycee's annual recognition night to be held at 8 p.m. Jan. 14, at the Hillside Inn's Jacob Room. (Tickets are available that night or from Jaycees.) That event highlight's Jaycee week activities.

Judges selected the three recipients based on their contributions while working in Plymouth or as residents of The Plymouth-Canton Community.

Rumsby, 29, of 44551 Sauery in Canton, is an active Jaycee, American Legion Passage-Gayde Post officer and a member of the local Selective Service Board.

A guard for the state's prisons, Rumsby was a candidate for a seat on the Plymouth-Canton Schools board. He's married and the father of two.

Carpenter, 17, of 1215 Hines in Plymouth Township, is a senior at Canton High School who will attend Central Michigan University this fall.

She has been active in sports -- both playing and coaching -- and church and charitable activities.

Delmore, 33, of Plymouth, is the executive director for the Plymouth Community Council on Aging and coordinates some of its programs.

She also belongs to the Plymouth Grange, the National Organization of Women, the Plymouth Goodfellows and other groups.

26-year Wayne County veteran

Failure to join new union costs Fidge his career

BY CHERYL EBERWEIN

Twenty-six years of service with the county. That's what the Wayne County Road Commission lost Dec. 29 when its three-member governing board voted to fire Thomas Fidge, 52, of Plymouth Township.

Fidge, who held jobs with the county which varied from personnel officer to his present assistant director of , administration for the Road Commission,. was fired after he refused to join the Commission's new union.

The union was formed just under a year ago. Its official title is the Association of County Road Administration, local 695.

According to Lou Sugo, director of information for the Road Commission and member of the union, the union requested that the governing board take this action.

"Mr. Fidge was given the option of becoming a union member or having union service charges deducted from his paycheck instead." Sugo said. "The action which was taken (against him) was no mystery to him."

Fidge, however, said he was not aware of the union's two-option deal until he actually received a letter stating these terms on Dec. 17.

'I was unaware of the situation until I received notification that I would either have to join the union, pay service charges or face dismissal." Fidge said. "No response to the letter was necessary because I was only given the option of doing one of these two things."

Sugo said that the union was first created because the new voter-approved Road Commission charter which took effect Jan. 1 did not guarantee many workers that they would still have jobs.

We were a group of people without a union. We looked at the language of the new charter and weren't sure that our jobs would still be there when the charter went into effect." Sugo said.

The new charter grants the new County Executive William Lucus some control over personnel matters at the commission. The Commission has a reputation for being politically powerful and overbearing. According to some theories, the new charter was created to help check this power.

Although Sugo maintains that it would

Plymouth, England that is, destination of local contingent

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER shelp their Sister City citizens celebrate their annual major governmental event -the Lord Mayor Making ceremony.

Led by the city's mayor, Bud Martin, a group is being formed to visit Plymouth. England for the May 20-21 celebrations there which include formal ceremonies in the Guild Hall and a carnival.

We're guessing this is the inauguration of their new Lord Mayor," Martin said in discussing the invitation.

join the be appropriate for Fidge to union, Fidge maintains different outlook.

"The position of manager does not allow one the luxury of joining a union." he said. "A management team is needed, and it would not be appropriate for me to be in the union as a part of this team.'

Fidge mentioned that he is not antiunion, as some recent allegations have stated.

"I grew up in a strong union family. I think unions are great. This Mosition, however, doesn't offer me the option of joining." Fidge said.

Sugo said that Fidge has been aware. that he would be asked to job the union for year. "I have to assume that he has been aware of the exent even before we informed him by mail." he said.

Fidge said that he knew he might be approached to join the union in March of 1982 when he discovered that his job title was one of those on fa hoard notice which listed jobs eligible for union representation.

When he learned of his possible eligibility, Fidge said that he sent a memorandum to the board stating that he did not feel he should belong to the union. He did not take formal action against the move, however, because no action was taken towards him personally at the time.

Fidge also said that he was never formally approached with the prospect. "No members or officers of the union

have ever asked me to join," Fidge said. "It seems a little unusual- you would think they could have crossed the street and asked me if they had wanted me as a member. I guess maybe they felt that they didn't have to."

Fidge has until Jan. 17 to change his mind on his decision to remain a nonunion employee. If he opis for union representation or service charge deductions before this time he will retain his job with the county.

'I have a lot of options open to meat this point," he said. "I'm not sure what I am going to do right now."

"I'm sure the board did what they felt they had to do. I haven't thought about what I'll do (in response to their actions)," he said.

Some 20 Plymouth-Plymouth Township A contingent of Plymouth Community residents are tentatively planning to join ifficials and residents are planning to the "Mayor and civic party" for the trip. arriving in England on May 19. Plans are being coordinated by British Airways -which owns the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth, England.

Martin said that while many details are yet to be arranged, the group will participate in formal ceremonies on Friday, May 20 and the city's carnival the next day.

The English city and the local Plymouth Community have participated in exchanges several times over the years.





SARA AND CARIANNE Chrenko wait for daddy, Dan, coach of the Canton wrestling team, to finish putting away the mats following the Canton Invitational. The four-month-old twins frolicked on the gym floor while they waited, much to the delight of a small crowd that had gathered to watch the happy pair. (Crier photo by Mark Constantine)

Farber leaves Family Services

BY CHERYL EBERWEIN

Diane Farber, branch director of Plymouth Family Service for the past three years, will retire from her position Friday, Jan. 7.

A replacement has not yet been chosen by Family Services.

Farber has a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigarfi Before arriving at Plymouth Family Services, she worked at its sister agency, Child and Family Services of Washtenaw in Ann Arbor.

As branch director for Family Services, Farber organized and implemented many programs on family related topics. She spoke before many local groups on topics ranging from marital seperation and children to emotional stress and life transitions.

Farber has accepted a position to become a broker with Merril Lynch in Ann Arbor.



P-C's newest '83 arrival

What better way to start the new year than with a new addition? New addition to the family that is, and that's exactly what Robin and Doug Holbrook of Plymouth did.

Their new child is the earliest reported baby born in The Plymouth-Canton Community in 1983 according to several local hospitals.

At exactly 6:37 p.m. on New Year's Day, Robin gave birth to a seven pound, two and a half ounce baby girl-at St. Joseph's Hospital in Ann Arbor. The baby has been named Megan Kathleen.

"She's not named after anyone; we picked the name because we liked it." Robin said.

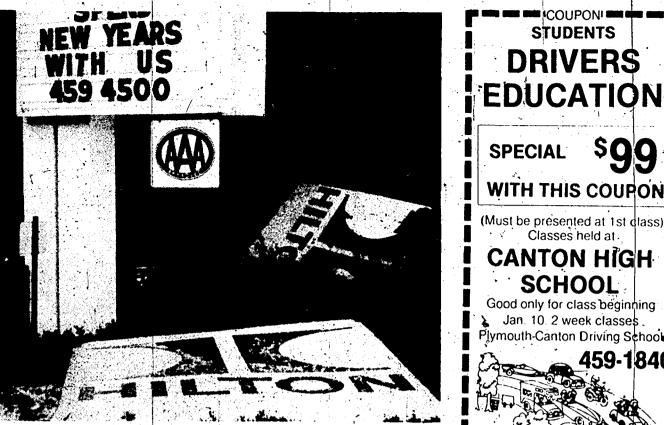
Megan's grandparents are Gerald and Anne Holbrook of St. Clair and Donald and Judy Day of Farmington Hills.

Megan is a first grandchild for the Days and a second for the Holbrooks. She is Robin and Doug's first child.

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The anatomy of an accident



MADONNA THARP, 34year-old Canton mother of two and an LPN, died in the crash while a passenger in the car below. Eight days before Christmas, a three-car crash at Cherry Hill and Sheldon roads, claimed the life of a young Canton mother. The Westland man charged with manslaughter in connection with the accident, was drunk at the time of the crash, police tests show. He had also been convicted of drunk driving on two previous occasions, records indicate.

This case takes a further twist in that the accused hit-run, drunk driver had been brought to the attention of police just an hour and a half before the fatal crash. But, in accordance with the current "drunk driving" law and other laws, police allowed him to continue on his way.

On these pages, The Crier's editorial staff gives several accounts of the various aspects of this tragic crash. The articles are based on extensive interviews with Canton and Plymouth police, witnesses to the accident, the victim's family, and court officials.



WILLIAM MATNEY, accused of manslaughter in the fatal crash of Dec. 17, was released on bond and failed to appear at his Dec. 27 arraignment. Police believe he has left the state. His car is shown below.





What happened:

BY CHERYL EBERWEIN

Some original accounts seemed vague and unclear; others seemed observantly sharp in detail.

But in the end -- after much scrutiny --the results were the same: a fatal accident had occurred in Canton and the hit and run driver involved was charged with negligent manslaughter.

At approximately 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 17, the Frida, before Christmas, Eric Tharp, 16, and his mother, Madonna, 34, approached the intersection of Cherry Hill and She don Roads in their red Vega. Eric was behind the wheel; his mother sat next to him in the front seat.

The Tharps were on their way back from the store to purchase some party supplies. It was to have been a short trip, just a few blocks away from their home at 41462 Simcoe Street in Canton.

Bur even as the Pharps got into their

car for the trip, another traveler on the road was approaching them in what was later to be a deadly encounter.

According to police reports which were later filed, William Glenn Matney, 25. of 33043 Alamo Court, Westland was traveling eastbound along Cherry Hill Road near dusk. He was driving without his lights on, according to at least two witnesses who later gave the police accounts of what they saw.

Matney, it was later determined through a police breathalyzer test, was drunk.

Matney was driving at least 40 mph according to a primary witness, Willis Murphy, who, traveling behind him eastbound on Cherry Hill Road, was one of five surviving witnesses to the crash. As Matney approached the intesection of Sheldon and Cherry Hill, where he had a Cont. on pg. 8

Could the tragedy have been avoided somehow?

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

Madonna Tharp, Canton mother and hospital nurse, might have been alive to celebrate this.past Christmas if:

1) - Michigan's new "drunk driving" law had been in effect (it becomes the law on April 1).

2) The driver who allegedly caused that Dec. 17 fatal accident had been stripped of his driver's license after his two previous drunk driving arrests.

3) The car in which Tharp and her 16-year-old son were riding had come up to Cherry Hill and Sheldon roads 30 seconds later.



*The victim--*Canton's Madonna Tharp was 'a heckuva lady'

BY MARK CONSTANTINE A matter of seconds made it the longest night of Thomas Tharp's life.

The evening began innocently enough, he recalled.

Madonna Tharp, grabbed her coat, headed out the door and called out to her husband (who was also going out the door on his way to work), that she and their 16year-old son, Eric, were going to the store for a few things.

"She said she wanted to pick up some chips and pretzels and things like that for a nurses' party she was really looking forward to going to," Tharp recalled.

She made it to the store but she never made it to the party.

Madonna Tharp saw the car bearing down on her and only had time to scream "Eric" before the dull thud of metal scrapping against metal snuffed out the life of a woman everyone seemed to like.

"It's a shame, a damn shame and, what's worse, it's just so damn senseless," Tharp said with a pained look on his face Friday afternoon in the kitchen of his spacious Canton Township home.

"Some people say things to you after something like this happens and you know they are saying it just/because she's dead/ But whenever we went out places people would always come up me and tell me how much they like her and how good she was at what she did," he continued.

"She was a LPN at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn and worked in surgery. We went to a Christmas party a couple of weeks ago and all the doctors told me how much they respected her because she always did the job.

"And she was one of those lucky few who really enjoyed what she was doing. I just can't understand it, I'm numb right now, just numb,"he concluded, turning away, trying to hold back a tear.

The accident that took the life of Thomas Tharp's wife and the mother of the couple's two children, Eric and Tom, occurred Friday, Dec. 17, around 5:30 p.m.

Eric had driven his mother to the store and he was just pulling out onto Cherry Hill Road from Sheldon Road when a car with no lights on plowed into the passenger side of their red Vega, police reports say. The impact sent it spinning into the path of an oncoming car that also smashed into the passenger side of the Vega.

The car with no lights on allegedly continued eastbound on Cherry Hill as if nothing had happened. Eric leaped out of the car and began screaming for someone to call an ambulance for his mother.

"He didn't know she was dead, but he knew something was seriously wrong," his father said, shaking his head

Police 'reports indicate the Canton firemen who arrived on the scene minutes after the accident couldn't get any vital signs and Madonna was declared dead on arrival at Oakwood Hospital's Canton Center.

Tharp and his family moved into The Plymouth-Canton Community in June of 1980 from Munčie, Ind. He'd been offered a job with Spartan Warehouses on Haggerty. Road and he and his wife jumped at the opportunity, he said.

"I got this job first before she found work, so we moved here because it was easy for me to get back and forth to work," Tharp 'explained. "Once she got the job in Dearborn it made it a little bit of a trip for her, but she didn't mind it at all."

Madonna graduated from the LPN program at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie in 1979 and found a job almost immediately, her husband recalled.

"I work the second shift and I got a call at work telling me there had been an accident," he remembered. "They told me to go to the Oakwood Clinic and nothing more.

"When I got there I asked the nurse what was wrong and she didn't say anything, she just led me back to another room. When the doctor walked in I asked him and and he told me she was dead.

"'I couldn't bring myself to ask him about Eric, I just couldn't, and after a long silence the doctor told me Eric was all right," Tharp said, trying to retain his composure.

But that was just the beginning of an ordeal that has not ended yet for Tharp, he insisted.

"How do you tell a 12-year-old boy his mother is dead?" he asked, not expecting an answer. "She had three brothers and sisters and both her parents



THOMAS THARP: "How do you tell a 12-year-old boy his mother is dead?" are still alive, how do I call them and tell, them she's dead?"

""The man who ran into my wife and son didn't give either one of them a, chance. I feel like he murdered her, it's the same as he took a gun and shot her.

"I'll tell you, what I've gone through in the last couple of weeks I wouldn't wish upon my worst enemy," he concluded, getting up and walking tway from the table.

The ordeal has not been easy for his sons, either, Tharp said. Hwas a very quiết Christmas. The boys got a few presents, but they weren't really into gifts, Christmas-type things.

"The funeral was on Monday after the . (Friday dusk-time) accident and the only thing I told Eric was I didn't want him to drive till after it was over. I also told him all he had to do was come to meand tell me when he was ready to drive again.

"It wasn't that I didn't trust him, from everything I've been told he did everything right. It's just that he was in an emotional state afterwards," Tharp added.

Madonna Tharp will not be forgotten. Her memory will burn brightly in the hearts and minds of the loved ones she left behind, plus a memorial has been set up at Oakwood Hospital in her name, her husband noted.

"I'll give you an indication of the kind of lady she was and what she meant to people," Tharp said, sitting up straight in his chair, his eyes clear and bright.

"A doctor she had worked for over two years ago in Indiana heard about her death somehow and three days after she was killed he sent a sizeable contribution for the memorial they've set up in her name.

"She was a heckuva lady",

The defendant--Matney missed manslaughter arraignment

BY MARK CONSTANTINE William Glenn Matney is a wanted man.

The 25-year-old Westland resident was arrested by Canton Police Dec. 17 and charged with negligent manslaughter. He was later released after a preliminary examination when he posted 10 per cent of a \$10,000 personal bond.

He was to be arraigned last Monday, Dcc. 27, at 35th District Court, but he never showed up for his court date. When he failed to appear, his bond was revoked and a warrant for his arrest was issued.

Consequently, the arrest information was entered into the Michigan State Police Law Enforcement Intelligent Network (LEIN) computer and police agencies across the state are now involved in the manhunt for Matney

The Canton Police, however, acting on

information obtained from reliable sources, approached the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office this week in hopes of obtaining approval for extradition of Matney from Tennessee where it's believed he fled, according to Canton Lt. Larry Stewart.

"Normally we wouldn't seek approval for an extradition this quickly," he said. "But we've handled this case a little bit differently. We would normally spend some time looking for him around here, but we are pretty sure we know where he is."

Also, extraditions are sought for suspects involved in crimes of violence, such as murder. Lt. Stewart said it's his department's opinion that the crime Matney is charged with is severe enough to warrant Canton seeking to have him extradited back to Michigan.

Matney is wanted in connection with a car accident that took place about 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17 at Cherry Hill and Sheldon Roads in which a woman was killed.

According to police, Matney allegedly plowed into the side of a car driven by Eric Tharp, 16, of Canton, and then he fled the scene of the acccident.

Tharp's mother, Madonna, 34, was dead on arrival at Oakwood Hospital's Canton Center, while Matney was arrested by Westland police 30 minutes after the tragic mishap.

When Matney was accested, he was transported to the Cantop Police Station where he was given a breathalyzer test, according to Lt. Stewart.

"Legally you're classified as impaired when you blow a .07" Lt. Stewart noted. "And at .35 you're supposed to be dead from alochol poisoning. Matney blew a .28."

So just what are the chances Matney will be caught and brought to stand trial

if he has left Michigan and is now in Tennesse?

That all depends on whether Matney waves extradition or fights it, according to Lt. Stewart.

"Say, he's stopped for speeding," he hypothesized. "If the arresting agency runs a normal computer check, then the information on his warrant will come up. Then they'll contact us to see if we want him back.

"We'll, of course, say we want him and, if he waves extradition, then it's a simple procedure. But, if he fights it, then we're in for a long drawn-out procedure, involving the governors of both states."

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office has a special section that handles extraditions, and someone from that office normally flies off to wherever to bring the suspect back, Lt. Stewart said.

"But if for some reason they can't go, we'll send someone down to get him ourselves," he admitted.

The crash -

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flashing yellow caution light, he did not slow down or use his brakes, say witnesses.

Eric Tharp, headed southbound on Sheldon, stopped at the corner for a flashing red light before pulling into the intersection to make an eastbound turn onto Cherry Hill, police reports said. He did not see Matney's car approaching the intersection; he and witnesses told police that Matney's black and silver Pontiac Grand Prix was.not visible in the fast approaching darkness of the evening.

Matney hit Tharp and did not slow down, Murphy said. The passenger side of Tharp's car was smashed in the hit. The impact of the crash then spun the Tharp's car into westbound traffic on Cherry Hill. The passenger side of the vehicle was again hit when a westbound traveler, Jean, Kurpinski, was unable to stop her car in time to avoid Tharp's.

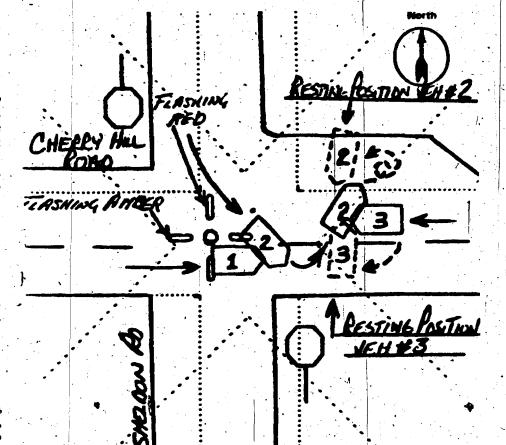
Tharp's car spun again and came to rest on the north shoulder of Cherry Hill, facing south towards the Kurpinski car, which spun and came to rest across Cherry Hill. Eric and his mother were taken to Canton Oakwood Center for treatment. Madonna was dead on arrival at the hospital; Eric was treated and later left the hospital when his father arrived.

Jean Kurpinski and her husband, George, a passenger in her car, were also treated and released from Canton Center.

Matney, according to several different accounts given to the police, did not stop at the scene of the accident. He continued eastbound along Cherry Hill although his car was damaged in the collision.

Murphy said he followed Matney east to Queensway Road. At this point, Matney was unable to drive his car much farther because of extensive front end damage the vehicle had sustained and got out of his car in the middle of the road.

After getting out and walking around, Murphy said, Matney re-entered his car, drove to Princess Street, then back onto westbound Cherry Hill Road. (According to police reports, Matney had not left his car after leaving the accident. Murphy Cont. on pg. 9



THE OFFICIAL POLICE diagram of the fatal crash. Car 1 is William Matney's, car 2 is the Tharps' and car 3 is the Kurpinskis'.

Could the accident somehow been avoided?

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It's difficult to speculate with any accuracy about all the "ifs" in this tragic accident.

But it's inevitable that the families, the witnesses, the police, the public and, eventually, a jury, will ask several questions about the case.

And this case, being so unusual in some respects, gives rise to even, more speculation, although the cold statistics left behind show the crash to be typical of the cases cited by proponents of Michigan's new "drunk driving" law.

The case is complicated by the defendant – William Matney – having missed his Dec. 27 arraignment on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the accident. That would have been his first opportunity, before impartial observers, to give his version of the crash and the events leading up to it. Even though an order seeking his extradition back to Michigan has been signed, the courts are uncertain of his whereabouts and must still presume he is innocent.

When he is brought to trial, and possibly in the civil cases which may eventually arise from the accident, a number of speculative questions will be asked and answered.

To begin with the events of that day, Matney came to the attention of the police an hour and a half before he allegedly was in the crash.

Plymouth Police say they were called to 1135 Starkweather at about 3:53 p.m. the day of the crash to investigate the report of a man wanted for a robbery.

The man turned out to be Matney \Rightarrow who was not wanted for robbery -- and the scene was that of a family dispute (from which came the false report of a wanted felon), police say.

Matney's former wife told police her exhusband had been drinking in the car parked in her driveway, reports show, and Plymouth Police investigated that While tests from that equipment will

not be admissable in court, they will afford police the opportunity to decide

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whether the driver suspected of drinking should be given a formal, admissable breathalyzer test at the police station.

In Matnev's case. Henry hypothesizes, allegation, finding no odor of alcohol, physical signs of drunkeness, or liquor itself in the car.

Under the current "drunk driving", law, the police had no legal right to demand anything except that Matney leave his ex-wife's home, they say. When Matney left, Plymouth Police followed him a short distance and observed nothing unusual in his driving behavior, the incident report states.

What happened after Matney drove off from the Plymouth Police until 5:30 p.m., when he allegedly was involved in the hitrun fatal crash after he was driving drunk?

That is something a jury will ultimately weigh based on the cases presented by the prosecution and by Matney.

But police are already speculating on what would have happened when Plymouth Police met Matney had the new "drunk driving" law been in effect at that time.

Robert Henry, the patrolman who heads up the Plymouth Police traffic enforcement program, believes, based on his interpretation of reports and on his knowledge of the laws and practical operation of his department, that if the incident had occurred under the new law-Matney would have driven no further

that day and Madonna Tharp would still be alive.

Under the new law, Henry said, preliminary roadside breath testing equipment will be used at the scene of

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incidents where alcohol and driving are mixed.

if the new law were in effect, the officers would have asked Matney to take the test. Had he refused or had he shown any level of drinking, he probably would have been sent on his way in a cab as is customary with Plymouth Police, Henry thinks.

(According to one statement Matney gave Canton Police, he had been drinking prior to meeting the Plymouth Police, and that, says Henry, would have been shown on the scene with the roadside test.)

Thuslaw been in effect, Matney would have been taken off the road that afternoon and Madonna Tharp would be alive today.

"With the new law, it would have been real easy to get around (allowing Matney back onto the road) without violating his rights or risking a civil suit," Henry said. The new law may have affected the

situation in another way as well. Penalties for operating under the

influence of liquor and for operating while impaired are being increased.

In Matney's case, this could have made a difference in the future. He twice was convicted of "drunk driving" offenses, as well as a host of other traffic infractions.

According to records, Matneey was convicted of: driving under the influence of liquor in Westland on Nov. 26, 1973, and driving while impaired in Garden City on March 4, 1982.

Additionally, the records indicate, Matney was convicted of five speeding violations and of disobeying a traffic signal between April, 1977 and January, 1979. He lost his driver's license -- which includes' a chauffeur and , cycle designation -- at least once and was involved in a non-injury accident in Wayne.

Should Matney have still been allowed to drive? Would the new law officiated his driving

Would the new law affected his driving status?

Those questions are yet to be answered; (the courts may ultimately answer them. And what if the Tharps had taken 30 seconds longer in the check out line at the store?

Probably, they would have turned ento Cherry Hill behind Matney, who, witnesses say, was driving without his lights on and weaving from the shoulder on his right into oncoming traffic, on his left. And Madonna Tharp would be alive.

Would someone else have died because of Matney's alleged drunk driving that afternoon?

Who can tell?

But the fatal crash was typical of the cold statistical analyses of "drunk driving" accidents in Michigan. If Matney is convicted, Madonna Tharp's death will go into those record books.

According to "Under the Influence," a study published by the Automobile Club of Michigan, better than half of all of Michigan's 1,589 fatalities in 1981's 814 fatal crashes lost their lives due, in at least some way, to alcohol.

Sixty per cent of alcohol-related fatal crashes occur on the weekends -- like the Friday-night tragedy that befell Madonna Tharp.

Matney's driver's license history was not atypical either, AAA's study found. Courts and prosectuors vary widely throughout the state on how they treat defendants charged or convicted of "drunk driving." This observation was

one of the factors which led the Michigan legislature to impose tougher, mandatory punishments and driver license suspensions in the new law.

But that won't help the family of Madonna Tharp, or the other persons involved in the Dec. 17 crash, forget the few seconds that disrupted their lives.

They will always wonder - despite the hypothesizing of the police, the hopes of the new "drunk driving" law and the lesson to be seen in the cold statistics could the accident have been avoided?

*The witness--*Willis Murphy: 'you need to take responsibility'

BY CHERYL EBERWEIN

Friday, Dec. 17 started out like any other evening for Willis Murphy.

Driving northbound along Canton Center Road on his way home from work, the Ford Motor Company inspector had no idea that the event he was about to witness would have a "profound and tragic" impact upon many people.

He also had no idea that the part he would play in the incident would make him what some people would call a hero.

He acknowledges the designation with mixed emotions. "What should have been a joyous" Christmas for one family was instead a tragic nightmare as a result of complete. foolishness." Murphy grimly insisted.

The event which Murphy witnessed and acted upon was a three car accident involving five people. One of those individuals, Madonna Tharp, died in the collision. Another, William Matney, was charged with negligent manslaughter and driving under the influence of alcohol a little over an hour later.

It was partially cloudy the night the fatal accident took place. Murphy had just turned onto Canton Center Road from Geddes Road when he became aware of another northbound driver in front of him. The driver was Matney.

According to Murphy, Matney was

driving without his car lights on and was barely visible. "I came up behind the car and flashed my lights several times. He never saw me flash my lights."

Murphy said he drove behind Matney to the Cherry Hill-Sheldon intersection where the accident occurred. The car in which Tharp was a passanger was broadsided by Matney's vehicle, according to Canton Police reports. Tharp's car was driven by her son, Eric. He did not see Matney as he turned onto Cherry Hill,

"I hoped the Vega (Tharp's car) would, make it through the intersection. But it didn't," Murphy recalled painfully. "There was absolutely nothing that young kid could have done to prevent the accident. He never knew what hit him."

Murphy went from bystander to participant when he realized that Matney was not going to stop at the scene.

"He drove right through that Vega at 40 mph and did not even slow down. /There were enough people around helping the victims of the accident, so I took off after the car." Murphy explained.

Murphy followed Matney a mile and a half before the driver finally stopped his damaged vehicle in a subdivision on Queens Way in Westland.

"He didn't even know that he had been in an accident." Murphy said. "I don't even know how he was able to stand up or drive his car. He was as close to death while drunk as I've seen anybody in a long time."

While following Matney, Murphy stopped long enough to have someone call



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the Westland Police and inform them of Matney's location.

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He said he followed Matney because of the inner responsibility he feels all people should have for one another.

"Everyone should do what they can to help other people" he said. "We have an obligation to help those who can't help themselves throughout life."

He also said that he followed Matney out of concern for the driver.

"He was driving all over the road." Matney remembered. "If he had gone off the road and into one of the ditches along Cherry Hill, no one would have found him before morning. He could have been dead by then."

Murphy did not know the details of the accident until he filed a police witness report later.

Murphy feels he did the only thing he could do when he followed Matney.

"If you're an adult on the road you need to take responsibility." he said. "If more people took some responsibility out there, there would fewer arrogant drivers on the road.

"People want to dump (the responsibility for this kind of thing totally into the hands of the police. The police know how to do their job, but they need some help too.

"I saw the best of both the Westland and Canton Police Departments that night." he added.

The crash -

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recounted that to The Crier.)

Matney was apprehended by the Westland Police on Cherry Hill minutes later.

According to the police reports, Matney was not aware that he had been in the fatal accident when he was arrested.

He later told police that he had gotten off work at 10 p.m. and had gone to a bar in Northville. He said that he had 12 beers at the bar over a two to three hour period. Matney thought it was 4 a.m., when he was apprehended, police say.

Matney also told police that he was on his way to Belleville at the time of the accident. He was not sure where he was when he was stopped. According to the police, he kept asking what had happened and why he was in jail.

Matney also told police that he had had a half bottle of vodka at a bar in South Lyon and stopped to visit his exwife in Plymouth before the accident. Officers in both the Westland and Canton said that intoxicants could be smelled on Matney's breath at the time of his arrest. They also reported that the Matney's car smelled heavily of alcohol.

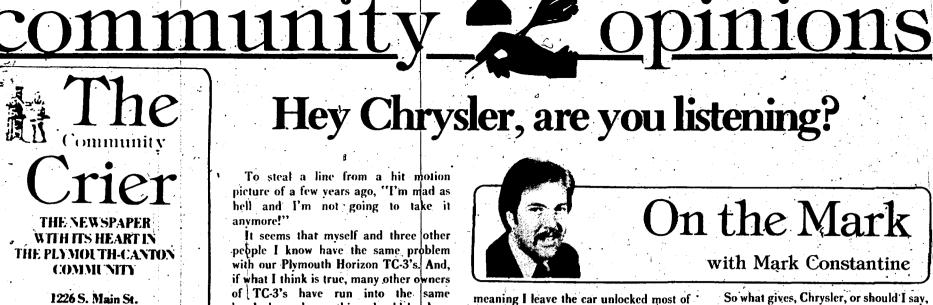
Officer William McCusker of the Westland Police made the initial arrest on Matney. He said that Matney appeared intoxicated, had glassy eyes, slurred speech, and walked in an unsteady and staggered fashion.

Murphy told The Crier that Matney

had briefly spoken to him when he left his car on Queensway. He said that Matney appeared either drunk or high at the time.

Matney refused to take the breathalyzer test the first time he was asked to by police, according to reports. He said told Canton police he had been drinking and knew he would not pass it. Matney said that he had a drinking problem and wanted help, police relate.

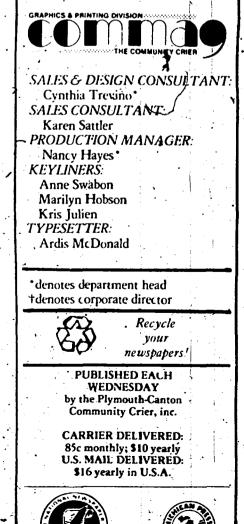




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Hey Chrysler, are you listening?

To steal a line from a hit motion picture of a few years ago, "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore!"

It seems that myself and three other people I know have the same problem with our Plymouth Horizon TC-3's. And, if what I think is true, many other owners of TC-3's have run into the same headache and something should be done about it.

The problem revolves around the doors and locks.

It began about six months ago during the summer when I started having a little bit of trouble getting the key in the lock on the driver's side.

Then every once in awhile the latch on the inside wouldn't engage properly as I tried to get out of the car; but only for a second so I thought nothing about.

But as the heat of the summer faded away and the crimson and gold of autumn arrived the problem with the lock on the driver's side, the latch on the inside on the same side and the handle on the outside on the passenger's side started to become impossible.

It was a struggle, to say the least, to try to get the key in the lock. I tied graphite and lock lubricators but nothing seemed to work. Finally, I just gave up and started opening the car on the passenger side.

And along with the onset of the severe problems with the lock came even more difficulties with the latch on the inside. More than once I had to roll down the window and reach out to open the door by pulling up the handle on the outside.

Now I'm having trouble getting the key in the tock on the passenger side.

A hero's glory.

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meaning I leave the car unlocked most of the time. I'm not too pleased about that fact

It's gotten to the point that I figured it was about time to visit the local Chrysler-Plymouth dealership to see what could be done about the problem. I figured it was something I'd dane or maybe it was just one of those things that sometimes happens when you're dealing with mechanical contraptions.

But maybe not.

I drove a friend home from work one day last week and as I walked around to the passenger side to unlock the door she said, "Oh, you're having problems with your lock, aren't you?"

Dumbfounded I replied, "Yes, how do you know?"

She then went on to tell me she had a TC-3 and recount pretty much the same litany of woes I'd experienced with my locks and doors.

"I've got a brother with a TC-3 and he's had the same problems," she went on to tell me as we drove out of the Central Parking Lot.

The next day I ran into another person with a TC-3 and I couldn't keep from asking him about whether or not he'd had any troubles with his locks and doors and he told me he'd had lots of problems.

So what gives, Chrysler, or should I say, Lee? I went out and bought a Chrysler back when the number three automaker was on the brink of going under because 1 felt the company and, more importantly, the men and women who build the cars, deserved a chance to prove they could keep the firm afloat.

with Mark Constantine

On the Mark

And I must admit that TC-3 of mine has performed like a trooper since I got it back in the summer of 1981 (maybe that's because it's got a Volkswagen engine in it, which nobody ever told me about until I started working on the motor).

But I'm going to hate having to pay to get the locks replaced because of some kind of manufacturer's defect. So what should I do? Give in and get the locks fixed or try to get Chrysler to admit there's a problem and have them fix it?

The answer is fight, of course. And to do that I'll need the help of anyone out there in The Plymouth-Canton Community who has a TC-3 or a Dodge 024.

If you have the same problems with your locks and doors, call or write me here at The Crier and maybe, just maybe, we'll be able to go to Chrysler and get something done.

After all, aren't we the ones who helped bail Chrysler out when they needed it? Now Mr. Iaccoca it's your turn to do something for us

Some of us have learned to base our ily activities upon this motto.

People seem to be comfortable in ignoring problems, in refusing to lend a hand, in turning their backs on what is happening around them.

Certainly the neighbor who helps the crying child on the street deserves hero recognition. Those people who listen to the lonely or sick when we somehow can't find the time to visit are heros.

The men and women who shout loudly enough to bring about legislative changes, policy changes, service changes are heroes.

Yet rarely do we allow them hero status.

Definition: hero-- anyone willing to get involved with situations from which they themselves may not directly.

Definition: hero-- anyone willing to offer a hand and heart to someone or something in need-- be it first aid in a life and death matter or a hug for depressed friend.

Definition: hero- every one of us if we are only willing to shun that defeating motto and learn to give just a little bit more of ourselves throughout life. 🦆 Like it? So do I.

responsibility and self-respect. But how many of us will ever achieve that sacred sense of satisfaction from knowing that we have done everything possible to come to the aid of someone or , How many of us will obligingly threaten

By Cheryl Eberwein

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our own comfort or life in order to know. such a feeling? And how many of us will ever come to really understand that a hero's deeds are sometimes hidden under the mundane appearance of commonplace happenings?

We all dream of it. The recognition, the

We seem to think that heros are a superhuman breed of people. They have nerves of steel and hearts as big as mountains. This may well be true.

But we all have the potential to become heroes. It doesn't take much to come to the aid of someone or something. I've seen several examples in The Community recently.

The committee which struggled to bring the Omnicom contract up for review in Eanton was certainly concerned for other people.

From the Inside

Looking Out

The hundreds of people who yearly provide homes for abandonned animals are offering their hearts and hands.

The volunteers throughout The Community who provided Christmas for needy individuals in the area certainly helped their fellow kind.

premium these days. A hero is only a hero occurrence of some sort.

Heroes who pull children from burning buildings and save friends from scattered gunfire rightly deserve to be called heros. They deserve all of the recognition they receive.

But we need to broaden our definition.

There seems to be an underlying motto in this society which states 'don't get; involved, you'll only be sorry that you

But still we feel that heroes come at a if involved with a major disaster, a major.

of what a hero is.

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Campaign contributionswhat do they buy today?

Who owns our elected officials? Who benefits from their being in office?

A hint of the answer to those questions can be found in the campaign statements filed by the candidates and their committees.

Looking at State Sen. R. Robert Geake whose district includes The Plymouth-Canton Community -- it's easy to see, for example, that the lobbying groups in Lansing want to keep him in office.

Political Action Committees -- PACs for short -- were major contributiors to his reelection over Noel Culbert. The PACS supporting him represent everyone from contractors to medical folks to race tracks.

In the case of newly-elected State Rep. Gerald Law, the listing of backers of his election reads like a Plymouth Township vendor list. They helped him beat Bill Joyner.

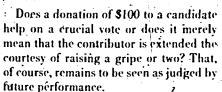
Among those contributing to him were: Barb Lynch, Jim and Carolyn Anulwicz, Stan Denski, Ken and Esther Hulsing, R. Boyd Armstrong, Carl and Lucy Berry, Don Morgan, Joe West, Mike and Nancy Bailey, John Denski, and others who put at least a little bread on the table from Plymouth Township incomes. Either they are happy with Law's performance as their township trustee or they wanted him to move on.

With Malice **`oward None**

Also on the Law contributor list were political notables from the Plymouth-Canton-Northville area; business leaders, from Plymouth-Canton can also be found.

There were a few PACs represented as well - the United Auto Workers, the Savings Association, pharmacists, doctors, insurance companies and the Wayne County Sheriff's deputies, for example.

Of note to their opponents (who relied on grass roots campaigns), both Geake's and Law's statements show their highlevél professional campaigning paid off. Geake even paid the jovial promoted Ken. Kelsey \$1,000 to manage his campaign.



W.Edward WENDOVER

Obviously, it takes money to campaign. The promotional costs of getting the "message" to tens of thousands of voters runs up huge bills with printers, the media and the U.S. Post Office. To defray that, candidates look towards sympathizers for help. The campaign statements required by law provide the means to follow-through on comparing donors to candidate actions.

The developments bear watching.

Flodin, a worthy clerk or another R. Woods?

EDITOR:

Please print the following letter addressed to Mr. James Poole, Supervisor of Canton Township. MR. POOLE:

An article appearing in' The Community Crier Dec. 29, 1982 brought to mind the scandalous reverberations of the Watergate fiasco that rocked our country, exactly ten years ago. T

Can we expect a replay of Rosemary Woods (a secretary in the Oval Office of Nixon's Administration) and our John, Flodin, your trusted (?) clerk of the **Canton Township offices?**

As you know, those Nixon (tampered?) tapes were subpoended by the Watergate Tribunal were evidence that caused the disgraceful exodus of then President Richard M. Nixon.

Michigan Attorney General Frank Kelley,

no doubt will follow precedence and Mr. Flodin's tapes (?) WILL be brought to light from his "mattress hidden" security location and rightfully given to all Canton citizens to air their Constitutional rights that the government, Canton Township included, is by the people and for the people.

Mr. Poole, would it be asking too much if you as our supervisor, would kindly but firmly take Mr. Flodin's duties a Township Clerk is sworn to do?

Election time is as far or as close as elected officials want it to be. Now would be an appropriate time to build that 'snowball' that could do either of two things-- wipe you out or sweep you in. The choice, Mr. Poole, Mr. Flodin, is yours. Which shall it be?

Your answer will be most appreciated by all concerned citizens of Canton: A CONCERNED CITIZHN OF CANTON ADVOCATE

The Bitter with the Sweet

EDITOR'S NOTE: This response is made to an earlier letter criticizing The Crier's articles on animal cruelty and hunting.

God has given man dominion

Over every living thing,

From the cattle in the pasture To the bird upon the wing.

- For our sustenance and pleasure,
- Friend in need and duty rare, We, his uppermost creation
- So He left them in our care.

What have we done with the privilege? Flaunted His most sacred trust, While we hear it with disgust. You don't like the gory details, Call them grotesque-and uncouth, But what good is your newspaper If it cannot print the truth.

Cruelty the scourge of mankind Must be brought out in the light, Where it can be truly dealt with In the name of truth and right. Loyal to their lowly station Loyalty so oft unpaid, For they live as God intended, Only man has disobeyed.

ELLA SCHACHT

nl Plymouth, a great place

EDITOR:

In May, we opened Land and Seas Gifts Maritime Art Gallery (in Forest Place Mall), Plymouth, even though some said the area was not a good market.

We have found Plymouth toy be an excellent market, and while peoply do shop your prices, that is a sign of intelligent buvers.

We were also told we would be xhausted by Christmas because of the

demanding and pushy customers. In fact, the shoppers were great, very thoughtful and friendly, making the holiday rush an enjovable experience. –

At first, we thought we were just lucky to have really great employes from. Plymouth. It is now apparent that this is, actually the nature of Plymouth, a very charming town with very nice people.

BRIAN HICCINS



Have something you want ? Put it on paper (please try to hold your letter to 300 words or less), and send or deliver it to "Public Forum," The Community Crier: 1226 S. Main St., Plym 48170. All letters should include name, address and telephone number of the writer. With holding the name of the author of a letter or use of a "pen" name is not permitted; except for rare instances in which a letter conceivably could lead to reprisals.

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Interview of the second sec

BY CHERYL EBERWEIN Don Schneider and Greg Green are used to breaking a lot of glass. The two Plymouth residents own and operate York Glass Company on Holbrook Road in Old Village. Their glassblowing company has been in existence for over three years.

Glass has been around for nearly 4500 years. It has been artistically blown to form containers and shapes 100 years before the birth of Christ. Although the equipment and materials

GREG GREEN (left) and Don Schneider (right) demonstrate their master skills with glass. (Crier, photos by Cheryl Eberwein) used in glass blowing are more advanced than in ancient times the process has remained essentially the same throught the centuries.

Schneider and Green use three furnaces in making their creations. Their melting furnace, which melts materials into molten glass reaches a temperature of 2600 degrees farenheit.

• Their reheating furnace reaches 2400 degrees farenheit and their anneal oven slowly cools the glass starting at temperatures around 950 degrees farenheit.

Schneider has been a glassblower for nine years, and Green for ten years. Their work is sold at the Detroit Institute of Arts; some of their work, however, can be purchased directly through them. They can be reached in town through their shop in Old Village.

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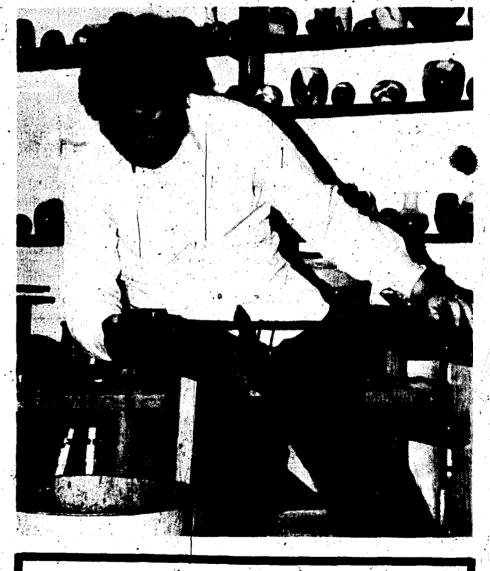
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tell it to Phyllis

New Year's Resolutions-form a few yourself!

If you haven't done it already, now is the time to make your New Year's resolutions. After giving it a little thought, I've decided my one resolution for this year is not to make any at all.

Every year I start out saying I'm going to lose 10 pounds, and by the end of the year I find those same pounds are still hanging around I usually manage to loose a few pounds, but like a bad penny, most of them seem to make a return appearance.

My other yearly resolution was to start getting ready for the holidays earlier. I wonder what it would be like to bake cookies in October andsimply pull them out of the freezer before Christmas. It has to beat running around on Dec. 20 at midnight trying to find a store open that sells peppermint oil, or madly going through every cookbook on Dec. 22 trying to find that darn recipe.

I don't mind sending Christmas cards out in January or February, but would someone please let me know of a store that still has some in stock.

Every year I make the same resolutions and every year for one reason or another, I never follow through with them. So why bother? However, that doesn't mean I've given up all hope of ever getting organized.

We all tend to evaluate ourselves at the end of the year. It is a good time to think about careers and life styles. Just don't dwell on things like overdrawn checking accounts and late house payments. Remember many of us are in the same boat and somehow we will manage.

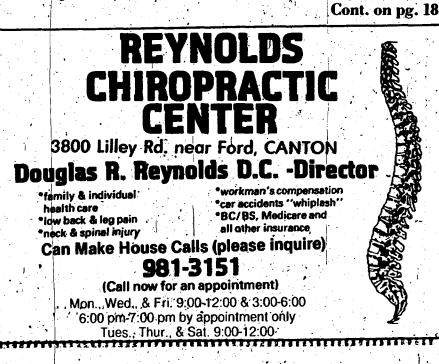
1982 is over, and hopefully we've learned something during the year. The bad as well a the good things that happened are simply memories.

Now it is time to get on with 1983. May it be a good year for all of us. Happy New Year!

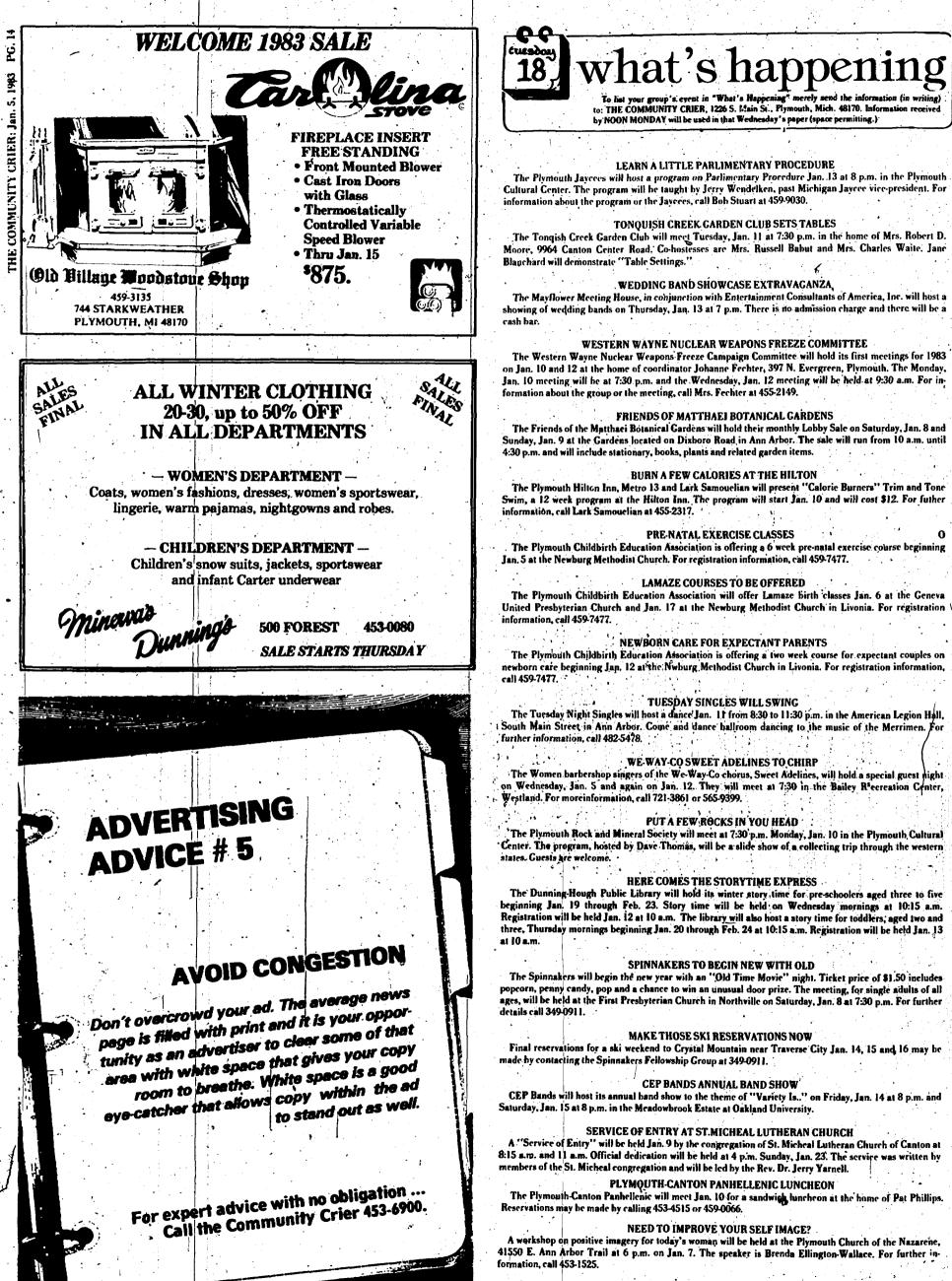
Plymouth students who received degrees from Northern Michigan University in Marquette are: Elizabeth Gray of Spicer; and William Perrett of Priscilla Lane. They both received bachelor of science degrees in management.

Local students named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Lawrence Institute of Technology are: Gregory Asztalos and Scott Hill of Plymouth; and Kristin/Bouman and Leanne Bouman of Canton.

Lorraine Renkiewicz of Canton was included on the Lake Superior State College dean's list for the term recently completed.

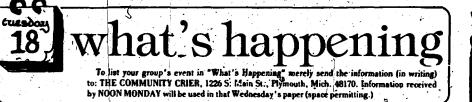






DANCE SLIMNASTICS WILL SHAPE YOU UP

Area residents will have a chance to These up for the new year with an eight week spride of actobic dance classes sponsored by Dance Slimnastics Ltd. The classes start Jan. 10. For more information on class times is and locations in Plymouth, call 459-9436.



PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS SALAD SOIREE

The Plymouth Newcomers are hosting a salad soirce to ring in a "diet conscious" new year. They will meet Thursday, Jan. 6 at 11:30 a.m. in St. John's Episcopal Church on Sheldon Road. A fee of \$1:50 will be charged and each guest is asked to bring her favorite salad and copy of the recipe, Gymnastics will follow so dress appropriately. Reservations may be made by calling 453-5181 by noon Wednesday, Jan. 5.

BROWN BAG AND BOOKS SERIES TO BEGIN

The Canton Library is hosting its first Brown Bag and Books Series Jan. 3 and 10 at noon in the library. The informal discussion on the book "Indecent Obsession" by Colleen McCullough will be discussed. No registration is necessary. For further information, call Jean Sebestyen at the library at 397-0999.

WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will meet Jan. 19 at 8 p.m. in the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia. Jessie Sanderson will present "Dr. Frank Wilson: Man With A Héart". A social hour will follow the discussion.

OUT-WAYNE COUNTY HEALTH PROMOTION

A health-screening program for Out-Wayne County adults will be conducted until March by the Wayne County Health Department. There will be no charge for this service. Interested persons should call Health Department at 274-2800 of 729-2211, ext. 258 for an appointment.

NEWCOMERS SET JANUARÝ MEETING

The Canton Newcomers will meet Jana 5 at 7 p.m. in the Faith Communitý Church on Warren Road. "Dance Slimnastics", an excreise program, will be featured at the meeting. Membership in the club is open to anyone living in Canton. For information or transportation, call 455-8598.

CELEBRATE THE 'TWELFTH NIGHT' IN CANTON

The Canton Library invites everyone to attend its medieval celebration of the last nighe of Christmas Thursday, Jan. 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. There will be music, games, a puppet show and refreshments. Registration is by Dec. 29 at 10 a.m.; call 397-0999 to reserve a space.

PHOENIX DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUPS

The Phoenix Divorce Support group has set up its January schedule. The first meeting will be held Jan. 3 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church at 27475 Five Mile in Livonia. Another meeting will be held on Jan. 6 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon Road in Canton. For more information, call 561-4110.

MINIATURES ON DISPLAY AT THE PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

A miniature show featuring hand-painted dishes, oriental rugs, metal picture frames and hand-made lace table clothes will run at the Plymouth Historical Museum through Jan. 30. The museum is located at 155 S. Main and is open Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 1 through 4 p.m. Admission is \$1 for adults, 50 cents for youth and 25 cents for children 5 through 11.

"DYNAMIC AEROBICS" WILL SHAPE YOU UP

The Canton Township Parks and Recreation Department is offering "Dynamic Aerobics" exercise classes starting Jan. 18. Classes will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Township Administration Building. The classes cost \$32 and run for eight weeks. Registration and information can be obtained by calling 397-1000 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

TEEN SKI TRIP SCHEDULED

Canton teens will have a chance to ski Alpine Valley Friday, Jan. 21 through a trip sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Department. The group will leave Canton Township Hall at 5 p.m. and will, return at 12:15 a.m. The trip costs \$15 without your own equipment; \$8.50 with. All fees must be paid upon registration. Call 397-1000 for information or reservations for the trip.

WEIGHT LOSS SUPPORT FOR YOU

If you're ready to go beyond crash diets, and weight gains, join our program and stay on long range program. Adjust your eating habits, weigh in weekly, and get support phone calls. There is no charge for the group. The next meeting is Jan. 6. For more information, call Bill Moon at 459-1080 or come to Salem High's room 2401 Thursday's at 8 p.m.

MADONNA REGISTRATION FOR WINTER TERM

Registration for winter term 1983 classes will continue from 8:30 a.m. through 5 p.m. until Jan. 10 at Madonna College in Livonia. Drop-add registration begins Jan. 10 and runs through Jan. 14. First time students should apply through the admissions office at 591-5052.

MENS RECREATION NIGHT

The Canton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a recreation night for men starting Wednesday, Jan. 12 from 7 to 9:45 pm. The classes will run for ten weeks and will be held at Field Elementary School. A \$10 registration fee is required. For registration information, call the Canton Parks and Recreation Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI., 48188.

FRESH FRUIT FROM FLORIDA

The Plymouth Seventh-day Adventists School will be selling Florida oranges, grapefruit, and gift-boxed golden or red delicious applys from Michigan to help boost their building fund. Orders will be taken each month, Nov. through April, al 981-3423 or 459-0894.

KIWANIS CLUB WEEKLY MEETINGS

The Canton Kiwanis Club meets every Monday evening (except the Monday after holidays) at the Denny's Restaurant on Ann Arbor Food from 6:30 to 8 p.m. to support community affairs. For further information call James Ryan at 459-9300.

WEIGHT WATCHERS WATCH YOUR COOKING

Weight Watchers International will host low calorie cooking classes Monday, Jan 17 at 7 p.m. in the Canton Assembly of God. Free recipes will be given to those who attend. Admission is free.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS REHEARSALS

The Plymouth Community Chorus will hold beginning rehearsals for the new year starting Tuesday, Jan. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the East Middle School-music room. Men do not have to audition to be in the chorus. For further information, call Joe Hopersberger at 464-1372.

PCAC RESOURCE CENTER TO OPEN

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The Plymouth Community Arts Council is establishing a resource center for information regarding grants, prizes, competitions and other pertinent information valuable to artists, musicians and performers. PCAC will accept such information and make it available to the community. Details may be obtained by calling the PCAC office between 9 a.m. and noon, Monday through Thursday.

CIVITAN SINGLES DEVELOPMENT MEETING

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club holds developmental meetings to form a new Civitan Club every Tuesday at 730 p.m. at the Cyprus Gardens Restaurant in Canton Harvard Square Shopping Centers All single managed somen even line age of 21 are invited to altend the meetings which concentrate on involving members in community altain and projects. For more information call Gene Katila at 483-5270, Joann Bown at 53 op 20 of Lou Mair at 422-4814



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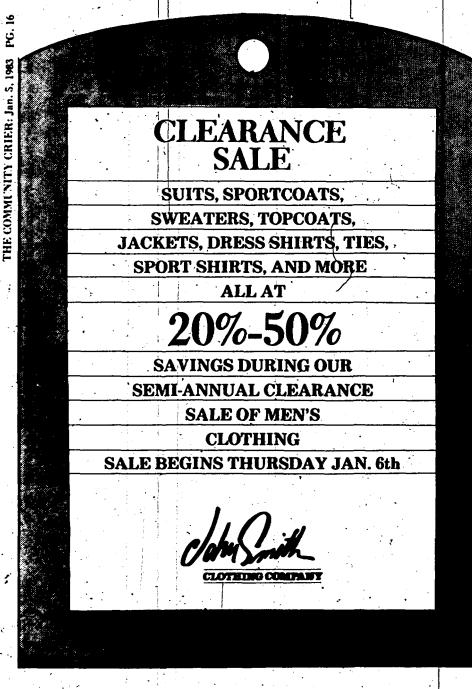
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BY CHERYL EBERWEIN

In a world torn by the fears of international war and strife, it's comforting to know that there are still programs which strive to lessen this threat through a developed understanding between nations.

'World understanding through our youth,' is the theme of the Canton Rotary Club's foreign exchange program.' Since the program was first established in 1979, it has encouraged its participants to act as ambassadors of good will for all nations.

Bill Tesen, foreign exchange chairman for the Canton Rotary explained that the program is strictly a Rotary function. "We participate with the International Rotary Club in this program, but it is strictly a Rotary to Rotary affair." he said.

The program is open to all community high school students between the ages of 16 and 18. Students who participate in the program do not have to be associated with the Rotary, but must pass some vigorous Rotary standards in order to participate.

Students traveling to and from the United States are in the upper third of their class scholastically. They don't have to be fluent in English or another foreign language, but most students go to countries where language classes they have taken can be applied.

Tesen said that a student candidate from The Plymouth-Canton Community will go through two local screenings and then a regional screening with the Ohio-Erie Rotary District. Even if the applicantion is approved, a final decision on whether or not the student will participate in the program depends upon the how many students are already involved in the exchange program.

"We can only take as many students as we have clubs for," Tesen said. "We have a big program but we would like to see it get even bigger," he added.

There are currently three Plymouth Canton students visiting foreign countries through the program. Jayne McKinstry is being sponsored by the Gutersloh Rotary in Germany; Michael Roehl is being hosted by the Lubbecke Rotary in Germany; and Andrea Read is being sponsored by the Quilpue Rotary Club in Chili.

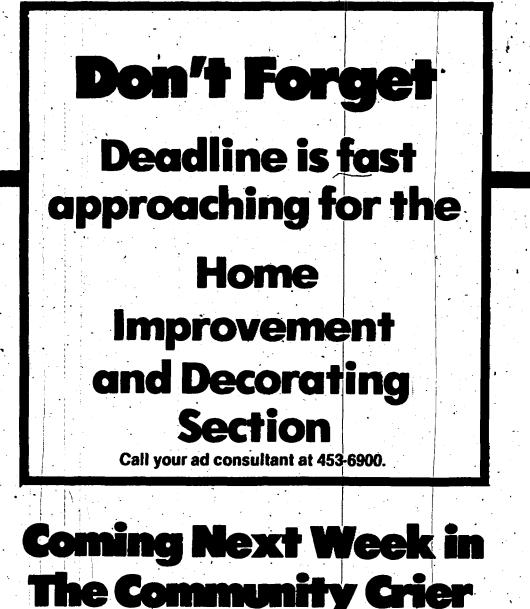
Two more Plymouth-Canton students, Michelle Lamerato and Julie Silber will leave for other parts of the world in August. Their host countries have not been picked at this time.

The Plymouth-Canton Community is presently hosting Steffanie Young from New Zealand. In January, Luis Fernanda da Silva will arrive from Brazil.

Tesen said that host families are still needed for the latter part of Luis' stay in The Community. Host families provide a residence for the visiting student for three months. Four host families are needed per student.

Those interested in hosting Luis for three months may call Tesen at the Wayne Bank at 981-5900.

"We've had a lot of participation in our program in the past," Tesen said.







BY CHERYL EBERWEIN

Do you need to brush up on your Urdu? How about your Arabic, Polich, Russian, Korean, or Thai?

If you speak any of these or 12 other languages which have been chosen, the Canton Library has exciting news for you.

They now have a foreign language library which houses 500 titles in eighteen different native tongues.

Jean Sebestyen, adult services librarian for the library said that Canton started offering this service in October. "We borrow books from the Detroit Public Library on a rotating basis." she said.

'There is a real need for this kind of service in our community. We have a multi-ethnic mixture of people here, and they should be aware that we can obtain these books for them.

currently has literature printed in French; the library.

German; Spanish; Greek; Italian; Chinese; Japanese; Czech; Hebrew; Vietnamese; Swedish; and Hindi in addition to those listed above.

There is room for expansion in the collection and the library is considering adding several more-languages and 200 more books to its shelves. Dutch may be one of the added langauges.

Sebestyen said that library users may request special titles, subjects and. languages from the Detroit Public, Library and Canton will try to fulfill the request.

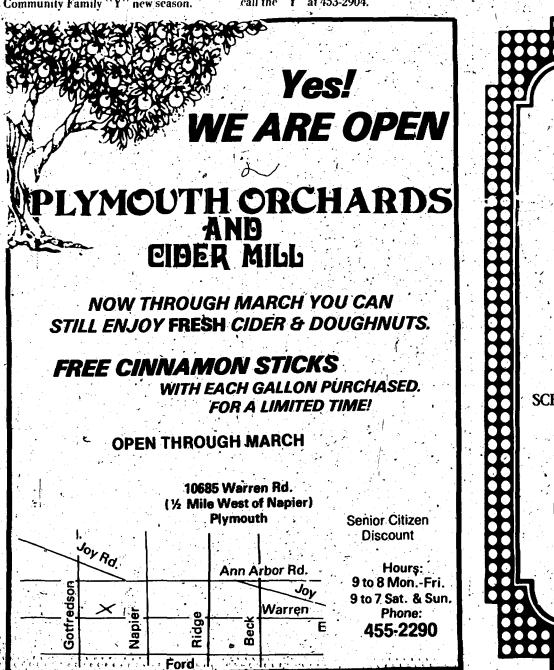
The library is open Monday through, Thursday from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. and on Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

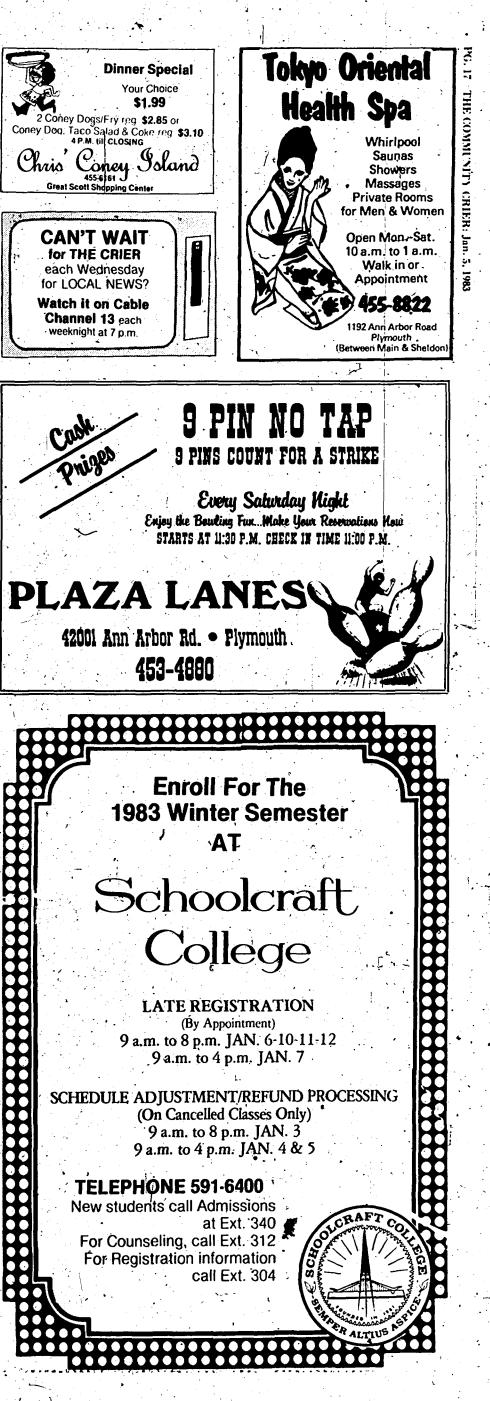
Anyone Living in Wayne or Oakland Sebestyen said that that the library County can request a library card to use

"Y" offers it all this season

landscaping, swimming, and beginning banjo are just a few of the courses and outings being offered in the Plymouth Community Family "Y" new season.

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Students from Canton receiving degrees are: Carlton Bardel of . redericksburg, BBA; Kathryn Borovsky of Bedford, BBA; Crystal Boyd of Kingsbridge, BS; William Choma of Sussex, BBA; Donald Clark of Beck Road, BS; Deborah Fischer of Hanford, BS; Ricky Koloian of Beechwood Drive, BBA; Sharon Mathison of Gainsborough Drive, BS; James McAlpine of Guilford, BS; James Michalek of Worthington, BS; Diane Miller of Columbus, BBA; John Mudri of Ranier Blvd., BS; Suzanne Nader of Canton Court, BA; Cheryl Orander of Addison Drive, BBA; Kathleen Presecan of Canton Center Road, BS; Rick Schacht of Geddes Road, BBA; Lucille Tomei of Drexel, BSNE; and Stephen Wisniewski of Londonderry Court, BBA.

Plymouth students receiving degrees are: Robert Boyd of Trailwood, BBA; Susan Chopp of Beacon Hill, BS; Nancy Cummings of Sheldon, BS; Michael Egner of Thornridge, BBA; Michael Franskoviak of Canton Center, BBA; LeeAnn Herron of Haggerty, BSNE; Elaine Knuth of Portsmouth, BBE; Edward Kuhns of Ann Arbor Road, BS; Paul Leroue of Ball, BS; David McAninch of S.Sheldon, BA; Robert Milligan of Canton Center, BS; Mathew Nowakowski of Butternut, BBA; Edward O'Brien of Baywood, BS; Diane Scott of Pinecrest, BS; and Janet Sigmon of Danbridge Road, BS.

Madonna offers '83 courses

Madonna College in Livonia is gearing up for its winter term by offering several courses and workshops for area residents which cover everything from the basics of writing to computer applications in education.

A workshop in research paper writing will be offered Jan. 13 through April 28 at the college.

The workshop will cover library usage, selection of reference materials, paraphrasing and summarizing skills and documentation and proper citation of reference materials.

The classes will meet Thursdays from 69 to 7 p.m. in room 248. The cost of the class is \$65 and participants can obtain college credit or continuing education credit for the workshop.

Madonna is also offering a "Human Behavior and Attitudes" workshop. Dr. Charles V. Roman will instruct, the course. The workshop is designed to help participants rediscover themselves and make the best of their talents in order to achieve goals.

Section I wil be offered Tuesdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m Jan: 11,18 and 25, Section II will be held on Friday, Jan 14 from 6-10 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 15 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Section II will continue Friday, Feb. 28 from 6-10 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 29 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. All classes will be in room 106.

The cost of the course is \$130 plus \$10 couse fee.

Teachers of all grade levels are invited to discover how to use microcomputers in educational settings in a workshop entitled "Overview of Microcomputers for Educators".

, The workshop will include hands-on activities and exercises on the TRS-80 and Apple computers.

All sections will meet from 4 to 7, p.m. Section I will meet Jan. 10,17 and 24; section II will meet Jan. 12,19 and 26; and section III will meet Jan. 13,20 and 27. All classes will meet in room 117A.

For registration information on any of these courses, call Madonna at 591-5049.

Bottom line' hits air waves

A new slogan and new programs will ring in the new year at radio station WSDP. The station is "the Bottom Line" at 88.1 fm.

Changes include the hours on the air. WSDP will now broadcast 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., starting on Monday. News will be featured at 7:40 and 8:40 in the morning, so you can enjoy your morning coffee with news to boot.

The show "Good News from the Kiwanis" will feature members of the. Plymouth Kiwanis reading good news every weekday at 11:40 a.m.

Monday evenings will bring variation. On a rotating basis, rock, oldies, punk and the classics will be heard at 8 p.m.

Here are some of the programs coming up in the near future:

Wednesday (Jan. 5)-7 p.m, News Magazine with host Michelle Trame.

Thursday (Jan. 6)-7 p.m. Jazz special with Pam Burton.

Friday (Jan. 7)-6 p.m. Album Playback with host Joe Blavlock. The featured album will be "Davlight Again" by Crosby, Stills and Nash. 7:45 p.m. Salem vs. Livonia Stevenson in high school basketball. Jim Heller, Tim Grand and Todd Chatman will bring you all the action.

Monday (Jan. 10)- 8 p.m. Rock special with Jeff Robinson and Steve Johnston.

Tuesday (Jan. 11)- 7:45 p.m. Canton vs. Livonia Churchill in high school basketball. Scott Eddy, Joe Slezak and Roy Gran will report from Phase Three.

Wednesday (Jan. 12)- 7 p.m. Tom Ford will feature a report on the Genesis Modeling and Finishing School on the -News Magazine.

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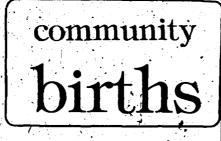
Scouts soon 50

Fifty years is a long time, and Boy Scout Troop No. 1534 knows just how long it really is.

The former Plymouth Troop 4 will celebrate its 50th anniversary in, 1983. Plans are being made for the celebration and dinner in early February on a date which will be set later.

The troop is interested in hearing from former Scouts, Eagle Scouts and Scout leaders' of Troop 1534 to invite their. participation in the anniversary party.

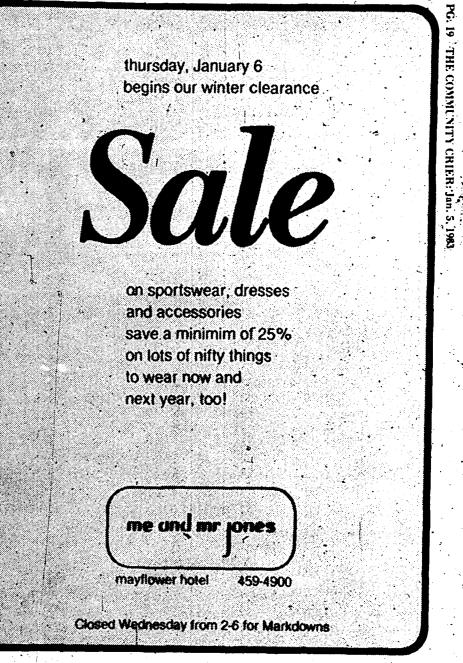
Former members may contact Carvel Myhrum, 455-0987; Tony Sayers, 453-7924; or E.J. Henrie, 453-6961.



Hi, Christina

Christina Loren Turner was born Nov. 8 in Muncie, Indiana to John and Barbara Turner of Muncie. She weighed seven pounds, 14 ounces.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Sartori of Plymouth and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Besser of Muncie.





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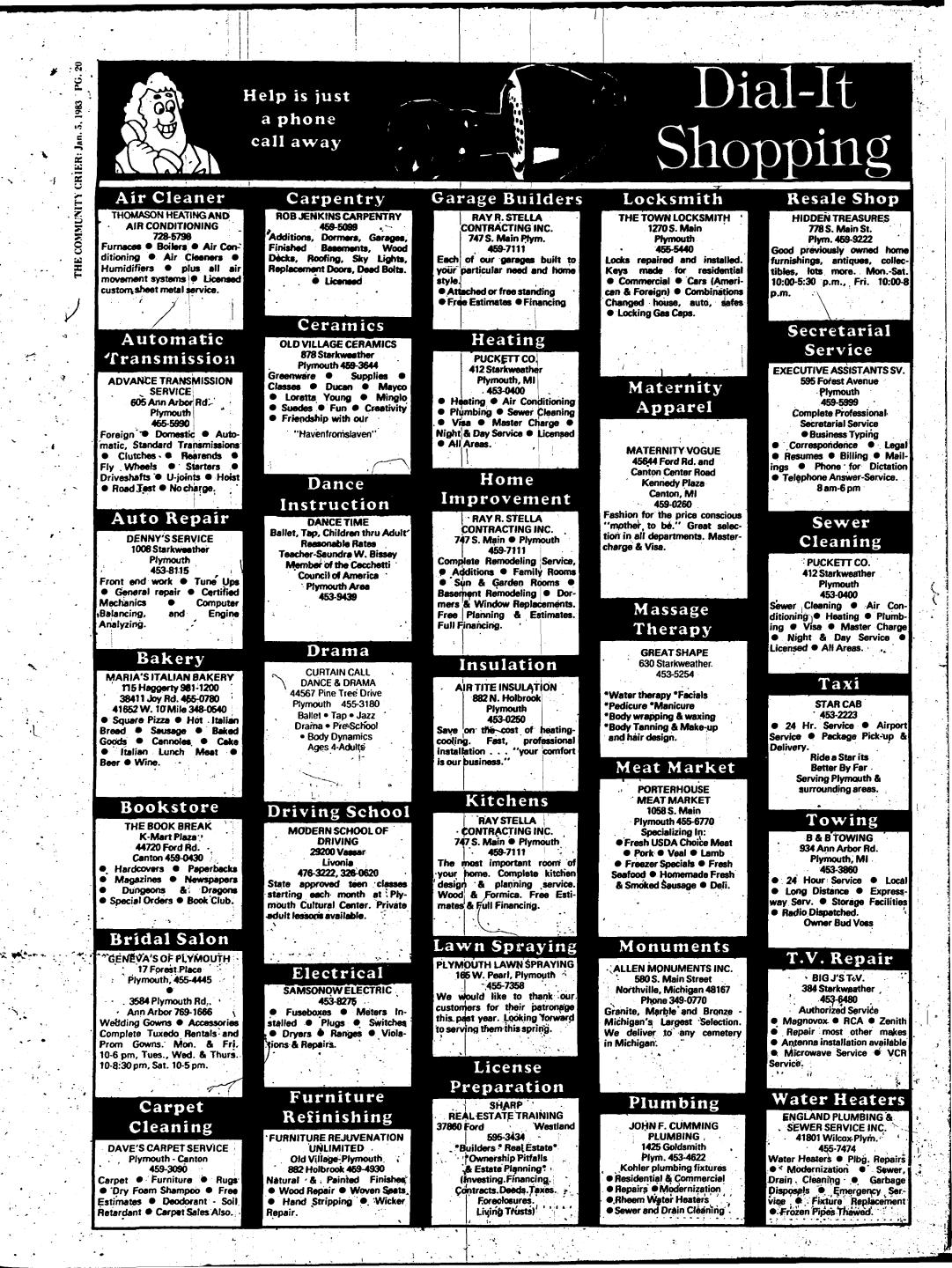
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Johnston

Mrs. Irene M. Johnston, 84, of Plymouth died Dec. 24. Funeral services were held at Lambert-Locniskar and Vermeulen Funeral Home; the Rev. Frederick C. Vosburg officiated.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Mation Arthur of Plymouth.

Mrs. Johnston came to Plymouth five years ago. She was a hotel manager. Burial was at Oakview Cemetery.

Aldrich

Donald James Aldrich, 39, of Canton Township died Dec. 29. Funeral services were held at the Ward Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Bartlett L. Hess officiated.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra; his children, Jason and Holly; father, William; and brothers Dale and Douglas, Mr. Aldrich was a high school teacher

at John Glenn High School. He lived in The Community for 15 years and was a member of the Ward Presbyterian Church and the Board of Directors at Maranatha Bible Conference.

Burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery in Chelsea.

Fadellin

Mrs. Florence May Fadellin, 83, of Westland died Dec. 24. Funeral services were held at Schrader Funeral Home; the Rev. John Shinn officiated. She is survived by daughters Mrs. Patsy Nelson of Plymouth; and Mrs. Shirley Shinn of Plymouth; daughter-inlaw Mrs. Joan Fadellin; brother Walter Snuske; sisters Mrs. Anna Connolly; Mrs. Lois Kosmala; Mrs. Rose Moore; and Mrs. Myrtle Tapp; 11 grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Burial was at Roseland Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

Bristow

Mrs. Laura M. Bristow, 106, of Canton died Dec. 21. Funeral services were held at Schrader Funeral Home; the Rev. John N. Grenfell, Jr. officiated.

She is survived by a granddaughter Mrs. John McDougall of Canton; and 12 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Bristow came to Canton from Detroit in 1978. She was a self-employed seamstress and a member of the Royal Neighbors Lodge.

Burial was at Cadillac Memoria! Gardens in Westland.

Butzin

Dorothy M. Butzin, 53, of Canton died Dec. 28. Funeral services were held at Lambert-Locniskar and Vermeulen Funeral Home; the Rev. Father Larry Sirorskey officiated.

She is survived by her sons, Orville, Jr.; Danny; Wayne; and Dale; a daughter, Debbie; sisters Mrs. Shirley Márshall; Gwendolyn Gearhart; Jo Ann Pohl; Sue Pohl; and Charlene Christian; and brothers Lyle, Glenn and Roy Kinsey. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery. **GOP officer selection**

Republicans who live in Plymouth or Plymouth Township may join in their party's selection of officers and delegates the GOP state convention.

The Wayne Second Congressional District will hold its spring, 1983 con-

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vention at 8 p.m., Jan. 19, at Northville High School auditorium, Eight Mile and Sheldon roads. Michael W. Legg, chairman of the Second District Ropublicans has a bot

Second District Republicans, has asked interested party members to contact him.



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MISTAKES MAKE WASTE

Mistakes are often made in selecting the cemetery and the funeral director, relying on someone who has little knowledge of your desires or financial circumstances. One grave is often purchased at death rather than two or too much money spent for the funeral. People are often buried in Cadillac quality on a Chevrolet income or Pinto style on a Lincoln income. After mistakes are made, they are costly mistakes, but they are the result of lack of knowledge. SHARING INFORMATION!

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EMPORTANT ARTICLES TO FOLLOW: If you are interested in saving when you spend money, follow our articles by-monthly. On January 19 we will be sharing information regarding cremation. Cemeteries are generally not on the preferred list of sight seeing attractions, yet mony people are so proud of the beauty and care they see as they tour United Memorial Gardens Cemetery that they visit the process often

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Ron Krueger stomped around the Canton gym late Thursday night visibly upset.

Dan Chrenko, on the other hand, bounced around the facility after the conclusion of the Canton-Civitan Wrestling Invitational with a broad smile across his face.

Yes, one of the coaches directed his squad to the title in the 6th annual Canton tourney but, if you guessed Chrenko, you're wrong.

Krueger, the top man at Salem, said he witnessed too many mistakes despite his team's triumph to sit back and be pleased with the outcome of the event.

"We wrestled terrible and were lucky to win, it's as simple as that," Krueger spit out blurkly. "Some of the kids who got into the finals could have wrestled better, but they didn't for some reason.

"I'll tell you one thing, we're going to have a good practice tomorrow. We will not sit back and do nothing about the problems. Cont. on pg. 26

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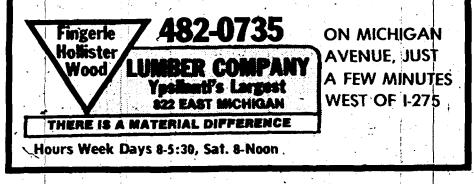
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16-team field Salem wrestlers set to host own tournament

BY JOE SLEZAK Two in a row? The Salem wrestliftg team certainly hopes so.

The Rocks, coming off a first place finish last week in the Canton Invitational, will host their own tourney on Saturday and Salem coach Ron Krueger is looking forward to his troops triumphing again. Portage Northern, Trenton and Ypsilanti. "There's going to be some tough teams," admitted Krueger. "If we put it together, we should be right up there,"

The preliminary rounds of wrestling begin at 10:30 a.m. The consolation finals, which include third and fifth place matches; will start at 6 p.m. with the finals slated for 7 p.m.

"There's going to be some tough teams. If we put it together, we should be right there." -Salem Coach Ron Krueger

But it will not be easy because 16 teams, from 100 yards to 100 miles away, have received invitations, and any of them are capable of walking off with the title, Krueger noted.

The cream of the crop, according to Krueger, will include the Rocks, Ann Arbor' Pioneer, Clarkston, Fenton, Westland John Glenn, Mount³Clemens and Montrose.

And Krueger insisted Canton cannot be counted outt, either.

The rest of the field includes Ann Arbor Huron, Belleville, Dearborn Heights Annapolis, Flushing, North Farmington, "Finishing first at the Canton Invitational was nice," Krueger admitted. "But I was not very pleased with the way we performed."

Individuals who place first through fifth will recieve medals, while the outstanding wrestler will get a seperate award.

The first place team will get two trophies, one for the coach and another for the team. Salem took both trophies last Thursday.

Trophies will also be given to the second and third place teams.

Young not KO'd by stint in boxing ring

Air Force Academy grad off to the skies

BY MARK CONSTANTINE ohn Young almost took one punch too many. But the former Canton High School baseball standout heeded a physician's warning to step out of the ring and he's not sorry he hung up the gloves.

Young's medical problems began just prior to the start of his senior year at the Air Force Academy. Swelling behind his eyes from too many blows to the head and face caused him to go temporarily color blind.

"I found out about it at our senior physicals. And he told me that if I layed, off the boxing it might come back. That's just what happened several months later, and he told me then I probably could go back into the ring

"But, in my own mind, it came down to a choice between boxing and flying and flying won out easily," he concluded.

And it wasn't an easy choice for the 24-year-old December graduate.

That's because as a junior, fighting as middleweight, Young had battled his way to the finals of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Boxing Championships only to lose on a third round technical knock-

out (TKO). Plus, competitive athletics had been a part of

hisilife since grade school and, he pointed out, sports had helped him secure a college scholarship.

"I'd always dreamed of getting a scholarship somewhere," Young said, smiling. "I also knew my parents couldn't really afford to send me to college.



o I used to play sports in high school and, when my mom would ask me about getting a job, I'd tell her thet me continue playing sports, you'll see, I'll get a scholarship."

"I knew I was a pretty good athlete when I won the Most Outstanding Athlete award at middle school, and once I did that my goal was to win the same award in high school. And I did my senior year."

Stardom in the college ranks did not come as easily for Young and, when it came, he wound up excelling in a sport he didn't know the first thing about until he got to the Academy.

And, before he was able to make his mark in boxing, he had to overcome some difficult family problems.

Young's disciplined, ordered world began to collapse around him just after the first semester of his sophomore year. It got so had, in fact, he applied for and was granted a leave of absence from the Academy.

"My mother had to have open heart surgery and my father hurt his back," Young said, softly. "I wanted to come back to be close to both of them, and I'm glad I was able to do it."

Young's road to the NCAA finals, however, began before he took his leave of absence. All first-year cadets, or "doolies" as they are called, must take boxing as a part of their physical education training, and Young quickly discovered he didn't like the manly art of selfdefense. CANTON GRAD John Young grabs a quick drink in between rounds in a bout he had while boxing for the Air Force Academy. He later gave up boxing when he was told by

a physician that the punches

could leave him color blind

and unable to become a pilot.

"I wasn't very good at first," he said, "But, when I came back, a good friend of minewho had been recruited to play football but was cut was into boxing. And he was good.

"He helped teach me the basics and the the coach, Ed Weichers, helped me, too. I weighed 215 when school, and was around 190 when first saw me.

"The first thing he told me was I hit like a truck, but unfortunately I move like one, too. He then told me if I get get down to 165, which is the limit for middleweights, I might be able to do something."

Running, running and more running

> along with "not a whole lot of food."

helped transform the solidly-built Young from a plodding, heavyweight into a hardhitting mid-

dleweight. Joung over-

red most his opof ponents on his , to 🗍 the way NCAA finals, in the but championship clash he met a southpaw from Westchester who. Staty Young reluctantly admitted, was as strong as he was.

"I'd never trained to fight a lefty and 1 had all kinds of trouble," he recalled, wincing. "I didn't see a lot of the punches, and I kept feinting into others. Cont on ng 24

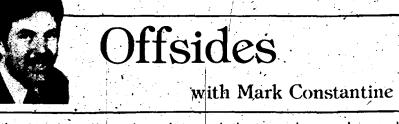
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Keeping track of wrestling matches difficult to do

OK. I'll admit it, wrestling does not to my list of sports to watch.

And it isn't because I haven't had an opportunity to see matmen in action. In my five-plus years as a sports writer, I've covered my fair share of matches and. tournaments.

And it isn't because I feel the youngsters who take part in the sport aren't good enough athletes to warrant my interest. In fact, just the opposite is, true.



No, the problem lies in the scoring and the not knowing who is winning or losing 'at a particular point and time. Of course that difficulty dorsn't

Of course, that difficulty doesn't present as much trouble when it's a dual

match, but even then you have to be fluent in the scoring system employed inwrestling to keep on top of who is ahead. Yes, I've received from various coaches

over the years written and oral ex-

planations of how wrestling is scored. But I only have contact with the sport for, at most, four months a year, and that isn't enough for me to be able to sit down, watch a match and keep track of the points.

I guess I have a scoreboard mentality. I like being able to glance up at a bank of lights and know instantly who is leading and how much time is left in the quarter.

Canton gymnasts looking up

BY JOE SLEZAK

Only three gymnasts return for Canton, but coach, John Cunningham is still optimistic.

Cunningham is high on four newcomers to the team. Back are three juniors from a 10-4 team that hosted the state Class A Tournament last year.

Linda Beale is the top returnee. "Linda will be the strongest girl on the team," Cunningham insisted. Beale will compete in all events this year.

Also back will be Lisa Lovich who will be the strongest in the floor excercise and on the balance beam. Rounding out the returnees is Helene Zahn. Her strength will lie in the-vault, according to Cunningham.

The newcomers drawing raves from Cunningham include sophomores Lisa Carson, Kelly Mayer and Lisa Roberts along with junior Annette Bryce.

Cunningham calls Roberts, a vaulter, "a credit to the team." Carson's best events are the uneven parallel bars and

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Come here ball!

SCRAMBLING FOR a loose ball in a scrimmage last week against Catholic Central is Salem's John Cohen. The Rocks started the new year last night by hosting Ypsilanti. (Crier photo by Rick Smith)

win, just barely, 3-2.

two third period tallies.

were the difference.

triumph.

contingent next and it was the Garden

The losing streak was shortlived,

though, as Bryans and company jumped

out into a 2-0 lead with a pair of first

period goals by Jim Bryans and Raymond

against Dearborn Heights and went on to

came back to knot the game at 2-2 with

match, Raymond found the back of the net again to turn a tie into a Super 6

Just barely because the Heights group

But with less than a minute left in the

It was then on to Lansing and Munn

Arena for the Super 6 team where the local outfit won, 3-0. Goals by Jim

Hollowood, Jackson and J.P. LaRoche

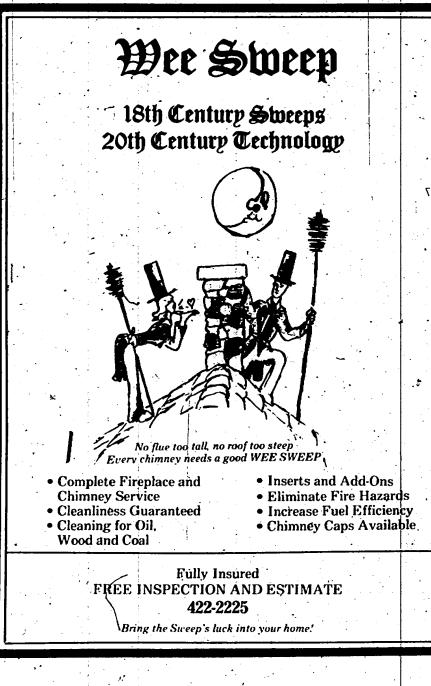
Super 6 goalie George Arnold came up

big in the nets time and time again in

picking up his first shutout of the season. Arnold notched his second consecutive

shutout next as he blanked Garden City,

City club that came out on top, 2-0.



Pee Wees off to Sweden

BY MARK CONSTANTINE While two teams from Sweden travel to The Plymouth-Canton Community over the holidays, one from this area will be in

Sweden. A group of Pee Wee A players who play for a club sponsored by Super 6-Akron Tire left recently for a Christmas trip to

Stenungsund, Sweden. But before the pint-size athletes left for Europe, they tuned up by playing five games. The Super 6 squad, coached by Tom Bryans and Bob Hodge, came out on top four times, while losing once.

Bryans' bunch began the five-game pre-trip set by downing a team Ann Arbor, 4-1. Four different Super 6 players, including J. P. LaRoche, Brian Cota, Kevin Telepo and Mike Raymond, got into the scoring act.

It was on to Livingston next for the Super 6 group where they edged the host team, 3-1. Getting into the scoring act for the victors were Scott Jackson, Mike Raymond and Mike Campbell.

Garden City played host to the Super 6 3-0.

Ex-boxer Young takes off for the skies

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"I'd never been knocked out in my career, and I didn't want to stop, I think I could have continued. But they stopped it, and I guess they were right."

There will be no stopping Young now as he heads out to Phoenix, Ariz, and Williams Air Force, Base where the recently commissioned 2nd Licutenant will begin flight training.

So what does the man who got his start in the Air Force when Congressman Carl Purcell nominated him to the Academy hack in 1977 want to fly?

"Fighters, of course, and if I'm one of the top two in my class I'll get at shot at it," he said, rubbing his hands together. "I've always wanted to fly an F-16 or F-15, and I hope I get the chance."

Chief gymnasts prepare for start of year

Cont. from pg. 24 the floor excercise.

Mayer will compete in the floor excercise and the vault, while Bryce will be an all-around gymnast.

The other rookies are senior Tara Rowe, juniors Carolyn Sucharski, Kijn Wolf and Kelly Murphy and freshman Kelly Sauter. "I would say that we will be as good as

last year's squad depending on how the younger girls come along," said the fourth-year coach.

"I think we'll make regionals. The Farmington Harrison.

development of the team to that point will determine how we do at regionals." Cunningham added. The only graduation loss for Canton is Laura Michalik, who was 21st at the state meet in the vault last year! Canton opens at home Jan. 10 against Farmington Harrison.

No you don't'

THE VOLLEYBALL SEASON got underway last one point last Wednesday. (Crier photo by Rick week with Canton hosting a 4-team scrimmage. Smith) Canton and Salem squared off against each other at

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Rocks take crown in Canton tourney

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"We will get after it and correct our mistakes," he concluded, shaking his head slowly as he made-his way out the back door of the Canton gym.

Chrenko directs the Canton program and he couldn't have been happier with his club's second place finish in the eightteam field.

"It was a great day for Canton and Salem," he insisted in between shaking . hands and accepting congratulations from his troops and the many Chief fans who showed up to cheer on the home team.

'This is what I dreamed about when we set this thing up in the first place. We wanted to showcase this area's wrestling talents, and I think we did just that.

"As far as my team is concerened, we juggled the line-up a little because we had it in mind to win and we gave it a good shot."

For the record, Salem captured the championship with 161 and one-half points. Then it was Canton with 147 and one-half, followed by Portage Northern with 146 and one-half points.

The rest of the field included Brother Rice, Saginaw, Dearborn High, West Bloomfield and Redford Thurston in that order.

And for those who don't think there's much drama involved in a wrestling tournament, don't tell that to Chrenko and his Chiefs.

As the final matches unfolded Thursday evening, it soon became apparent that Canton and Portage Northern might have to go down to the wire to . determine which team would finish second behind Salem.

Finally, the task of putting a lock on second place for Canton fell on the broad shoulders of 200-pound Paul Fletcher.

Salem coach fumes later

He knew prior to the match exactly what he had to do. A decision would not be good enough, he had to pin his opponent from Brother Rice to give his squad enough points to edge out Portate Northern for the runner-up spot.

Fletcher got plenty of moral support from all his teammates who ringed the mat to shout out encouragement, and the intense senior had a determined look on his face as the match began.

It didn't take Fletcher long to move in and pin Rice's David Basirico, touching off a wild celebration that many of the Chiefs claimed afterwards would go onlong into the night.

"Paul just continues to improve," Chrenko said, smiling broadly, "Last year he was 7-17, but he kept working hard and it's showing this year."

While Fletcher's victory may have been the most dramatic, the battle for the 107lb championship undoubtedly ranked as the evening's best match.

Salem's Jeff Vojcek and Canton's Todd Gattoni went after each other right from the opening bell and the fierce hand-tohand combat didn't let up throughout the three two-minute periods. When the regulation time was up, the score was tied.

The bout was still deadlocked after the extra period, meaning the winner of the match was determined on criteria, and Vojcek got the nod.

Vojcek wasn't the only Rock to capture a title in the Canton event. Salem's tricaptains, John Beaudoin (140), John Woochuk (169) and Tom Walkley (187), also picked up valuable points by finishing first.

Besides Fletcher, a pair of Chiefs, Chris Cifaldi (100) and Marty Heaton (147) also ·topped their respective weight classes.

Cifaldi kept the Rocks from pulling even further away from the field by downing Salem's Rick Vershave in the 100-lb title tilt.

Another Rock, heavyweight Marty Nagy, made it to the finals but wound up on the short end of the score as did teammate John Jeanotte (121).

Canton's Todd Bartlett had a shot at the crown in the 114-lb class, but he lost a decision to Deron Mellinger from Portage Northern.

Only one Rock, Scott Corrunker (200) came up with a consolation championship, while Canton's Jim Malson (heavyweight) and Tim Collins (128) battled their way to third place finishes.

A trio of Chiefs, Tom Frigge (134), Larry Janiga (140) and Don Page (187) lost in the consolation finals. Bruce Zak (157) of Salem also finished fourth.

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Wrestling difficult to keep track of

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Offsides

period or whatever.

Or, in the case of baseball diamond where there might not be a scoreboard, all you have to do usually is lean over and ask almost anybody the score and inning and more than likely they can tell you immediately.-

Such is definitely not the case in wrestling.

Tournaments are particularly tough to follow with championship and consolation matches usually going on at the same time. It's enough to drive you nuts trying to determine who is out in front.

All this discussion about why I find it difficult to watch wrestling doesn't mean I haven't seen some good individual bouts. I've witnessed some real classics over the years.

Four confrontations, in particular, that took place last Thursday in the Canton-Civitan Invitational left me amazed at what good wrestlers can do on the mats.

John Beaudoin captured the state Class

 $^{\odot}$ A title at 132-lbs last year, and he edged a grappler from Portage Northern in the 140-lb finals in the Canton event. What I found interesting, however, was

'Beaudoin's attitude as the match got underway:

He seemed cool, calm, collected and, just as importantly, confident. And when the confrontation got underway, you had the feeling it was just a matter of time before he won.

The other three matches I enjoyed ended quickly. Salers's John Woochuk and Tom Walkley and Canton's Paul Fletcher waited for the opportunity and then swiftly moved in for the pin.

Fletcher's triumph was particularly dramatic because the 200-lb junior knew prior to the start of the title tilt that a pin would give his club enough points to sqeeze into second place in the team standings ahead of Portage Northern. A simple decision would have meant a third place finish for the Chiefs.

And don't think for a moment Fletcher as well as the rest of his teammates weren't aware of the situation. All of the Chiefs ringed the mat as the match got underway, and a victory celebration errupted when Fletcher pinned his Brother Rice opponent.

For a moment there I didn't think wrestling was too bad to watch, but then every once in a while Llike to run until I almost drop.

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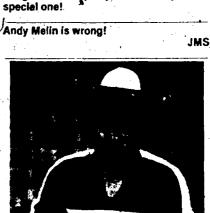
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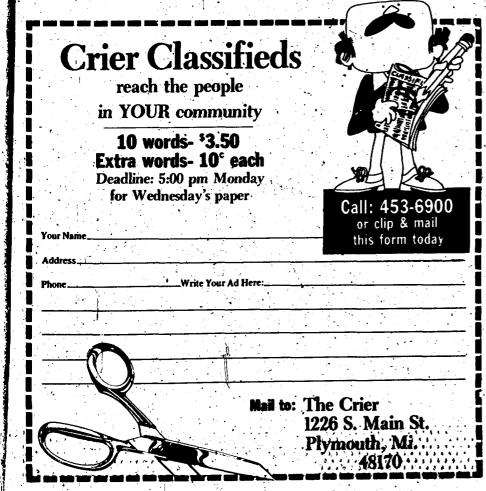
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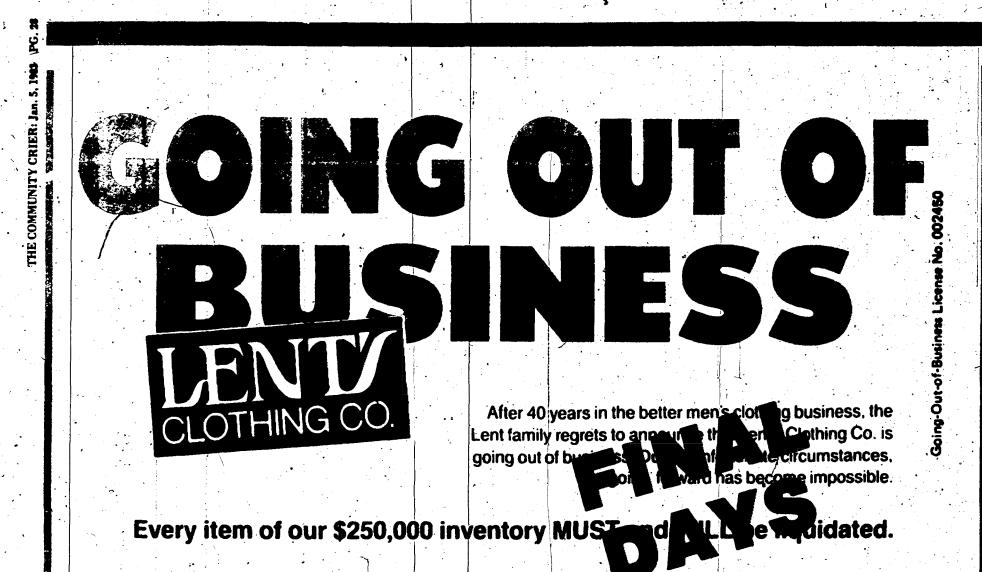
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