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City Fire Department won't run rescue service

BY MIKE FOLEY

When you call for an ambulance in the City of Plymouth, the fire department rescue vehicle won't show up.

As of Monday at noon, Community Emergency Medical Service (CEMS) will show up for your ambulance call.

And that's not good, according to Capt. Bob Degen head of the city firefighters union.

Degen says that the average response time for the fire departments vehicle was about 3 minutes. He said that CEMS sometimes takes as long as 20 minutes.

"Sometimes you'll be at the scene of an accident for five or six minutes and you'll start to wonder where they are," Degen said. "They even get lost sometimes."

Degen sees the change as another way for City Manager Henry Graper to institute a public safety organization.

"I've got letters saying he won't do what he's just done," Degen said.

In a letter dated Nov. 19, 1982, Graper wrote to Degen, "... (we) do not intend to give up the first response of the Plymouth Fire Department."

In a resolution passed by the city commission in December of 1982 it says, Huron Valley (the predecessor to CEMS) will provide supplemental service...will serve as a back-up. It goes on to say that the fire department will be the primary rescue unit in the city.

But in an announcement released to the press on Monday, Mayor David Pugh announced that the Plymouth Fire

Department Emergency Unit will respond only if CEMS is unable to respond.

The financial savings to the City of Plymouth will be due to sale of the emergency rig, the release continues.

Acting Plymouth Fire Chief Al Matthews, said before the announcement was made, that the program will not save any money.

"We're not going to save money, we're going to have a more efficient program," Matthews said. "We won't have two vehicles show up at an accident, we'll have one."

Matthews also said the fire department vehicle will not be sold, contrary to the press release.

Degen says CEMS will be less efficient.

"Their bad response times made us look good," Degen said.

The firefighter's union has filed a grievance over the matter.

"They've violated several sections of our contract," Degen said. "They say we were at an impasse in negotiating. But we've got a valid contract until June of 1986."

"We were willing to talk about CEMS, but we weren't going to open up our contract for it. We're the only ones in the whole city to take cuts. We gave up \$80,000 in concessions.

"The citizens have got to know what Graper is doing.

Degen thinks they will know-- next time they call for an ambulance.



That's spirit!!

THIS CANTON freshman, Matt Hubert, wasn't the only surprise at last Friday's Salem vs. Canton basketball rivalry. The Chiefs upset the Rocks in an on-the-edge-of-your-seat game. See page 24 for complete details. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd)

Canton seeks volunteers for fire and police depts.

BY CHERYLEBERWEIN

It's a small enough ad. "Police and fire volunteers to work part-time in Canton Township..." it starts out. The words, however, could mean big changes in how Canton Township runs its police and fire services in the future.

Although there has been only minimal public board discussion about volunteer police and fire programs in Canton recently, the township has been advertising for police and fire volunteers for the past two weeks. While both Canton Supervisor James Poole and Canton Personnel Director Dan Durack say there are no immediate department changes in the works, both add that the township is looking toward future options and operations with its police and fire personnel.

The idea of going to volunteer professionals has been discussed before. Canton Police Chief Jerry Cox said the township already has a volunteer reserve program in the police department which uses 11 people. The fire department currently does not have a volunteer program.

"We're asking for volunteers because we're seeing how many volunteers we can

get and how much money we can save the taxpayer," Poole said. "Although we'll run into opposition on this from the unions, if I did everything the employees wanted I'd have to find a gold or diamond mine for the township or raise taxes every year. What I'm looking for is the most fire and police protection for Canton for the least amount of money."

Durack said Canton is seeking volunteers to augment the police reserve program. He also said the fire department did have a volunteer program at one time "and we're looking at what sort of interest there might be in a volunteer (fire) program.

"There has been no discussion about changing the departments," he continued however. "We're dealing with both unions and volunteers would have to be handled pursuant to union contracts."

Poole said those individuals replying to the ad have been told there are jobs available for them. "But they have also been told we can't use them until other requirements in the contracts are met."

A minimum manning clause in the Canton Firefighters contract says there must be nine firefighters on duty in the

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Chief shoots dog, trailer

BY MIKE FOLEY

A malicious destruction of property (MDOP) complaint was logged by the Plymouth Police Department on Jan. 27.

That's not so unusual but the circumstances surrounding the complaint are.

Police reports say:

Paul Bosier, of Grant Dr. in Plymouth reported damage to his housetrailer. The damage included a hole through the exterior wall of the trailer and a hole through the interior wall.

The damage occurred between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

A picnic basket, according to the report, was sitting on a shelf near the hole, with a hole in it. The basket was found to contain a lead pellet (similar to .00 shot).

The complainant said he was told by the trailer park manager the dog warden had been in the area shooting a wild dog, using a shotgun.

Steve Rapson, Plymouth Ordinance Officer, mistakenly referred to as the dog

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Allegedly violated probation

Matney arrested third time for drunk driving

A Westland man who pled guilty to negligent homicide in the December 1982 death of a Canton woman and was later rearrested in July for another drunk driving charge has been arrested a third time by the Canton Police.

William Glenn Matney, 26, of Alamo Court in Westland was arrested at 5:30 a.m. Jan. 21, on Haggerty Road in Canton. Matney was charged with drunk driving, possession of marijuana and driving on a suspended license, police said.

Police reports said Matney was arrested after his car was found buried in a snowbank on Haggerty Road just south of Palmer Road with the engine running. The Canton police officer investigating the accident reported that Matney did not pass field sobriety tests and "was disoriented about the time and place."

Police reports said Matney fumbled for his wallet handing them several business cards instead of his own identification. He later became abusive to officers when he was arrested for drunk driving. Canton Police Sergeant Alex Wilson said a few marijuana seeds were discovered on Matney's person later.

Matney was arraigned in 35th District Court before Judge James Garber Jan. 21. He stood mute to a charge of second offense drunk driving, driving on a suspended license and possession of marijuana. A not guilty plea was entered on his behalf and preliminary examination has been scheduled for Feb. 23.

Matney is being held in lieu of a \$25,000 bond for the drunk driving charge, a \$100 bond for driving on a suspended license and a \$100 bond for possession of marijuana.

Wilson said a parole detainer has also



WILLIAM GLENN MATNEY (right) is led into an out-county court building after his second arrest Feb. 11. At left is Canton Detective David LeBlanc. (Crier photo)

been placed on Matney. Because Matney violated the terms of his parole from his earlier two convictions, he will be held in prison until he appears before a parole board.

Matney was first arrested by the Canton Police Department for his involvement with a hit and run accident which resulted in the death of Madonna Tharp of Canton on Dec. 17, 1982. Matney was later arrested and blew a .28 on a police breathalyzer test. He was released on bond, skipped the state and was rearrested Feb. 11 in Ann Arbor.

Matney stood trial for the accident June 7 in Wayne County Circuit Court. He pled guilty to negligent homicide and was sentenced to serve 117 days and five years

probation: Matney was released immediately on probation.

Matney was later arrested July 10 by the Wayne County Sheriff's Department for drunk driving and driving on a suspended license. He was also charged with a probation violation. Matney was sentenced to two years by Judge Charles Kaufman. He was released on probation four and a half months later.

Matney's Jan. 21 arrest is the fifth alcohol-related incident Matney has been charged with over the past 10 years. His first arrest was made Nov. 26, 1973 by the Westland Police Department. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Matney was 16-years-old at the time.

School recall revives

BY RACHAEL DOLSON

A group of local citizens filed petitions with the Wayne County Elections Commission Monday to recall all seven of the Plymouth-Canton School Board members.

The groups "reasons" for the recall, as stated on the petitions, are because of the board's actions during the strike this fall and because of other examples of what the groups says is fiscal irresponsibility.

Led by Canton resident Elizabeth Barker, the group first drew up the recall petitions in early winter - only to find that three of the board members (all elected to office in June of 1983) could not be recalled until they had served six months.

Barker's group decided then to put the recall off until after the first of the year when all seven petitions could be circulated at once.

The time has arrived and Monday the seven petitions were submitted to the elections commission, said Steven Boak, attorney for the group. The commission must schedule a hearing on the petition wording for not more than 10 days or less than 20 days from Monday, he said. That date has not yet been set.

Boak said the wording on the recall petitions submitted Monday differs from the original petition wording. "The commission had suggested to us when we were there before that our wording was too vague," Boak said. The attorney said he, Barker, and others in the citizen

group had met a week ago to draft the new wording.

Five reasons are listed on the newly-filed petitions:

- His-her action or inaction was the cause of the employes of the school district withholding their services to the detriment of the students.

- His-her complicity in using unnecessary and time consuming legal processes to thwart negotiations during the strike thereby lengthening the time students were unable to attend classes.

- His-her failure to respond to proof that erroneous material was present in curriculum guides and was being taught in the school system.

- His-her failure to exercise fiscal responsibility by voting for an unnecessary change in the middle school day at a cost of approximately \$300,000.

- His-her failure to exercise fiscal responsibility by not taking steps to terminate the existing food management contract despite a \$36,000 loss since September of 1983.

Now that the petitions have been filed with the election commission, a hearing between both sides will be scheduled.

If the group gets the commission's approval on the official wording, then the next step will be to begin circulating the petitions. To have a recall election, petitions against each board member must be signed a number of registered district voters equal to 25 per cent of the number who cast ballots in the last gubernatorial election.

Free Canton information now a thing of the past?

BY CHERYL EBERWEIN

It was all settled in about ten minutes. Then it was history for free, unlimited information requests in Canton Township.

In a six to one vote of the board, Canton's trustees passed a resolution which establishes cost guidelines for information requested under the Freedom of Information Act. Canton Treasurer Maria Sterlini voted against the resolution.

The guidelines, written under the legal advice of Canton Township attorney C. Gerald Hemming, will charge residents for the cost of the search, examination, review and separation of information, if

the request is deemed unreasonably expensive to the township.

Residents will also be charged for mailing and duplicating requests under the resolution. Residents were charged mailing and duplicating costs prior to the resolution, however.

"This is a difficult thing to frame in wording," Trustee Robert Padgett said. "We're torn between free and open information versus the taxpayer. This resolution, though difficult to wade through, incorporates labor costs whenever they are less than \$20, for three requests per year. I support this resolution now." Padgett said. He added

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Watch that weather!!!

SNOWY, ICY ROAD MADE DRIVING IN The Plymouth-Canton Community a hazard Monday. This accident, which occurred on Lilley Road north of Warren Road at 9 a.m. was only one of several reported throughout the day, police and fire officials said. Canton rescue workers transported Jeong-Sun Hun, 34, and her 4-year-old son Phillip Hun of Carlisle Court in Canton, to Oakwood Canton Center for treatment of minor injuries. Jeong-Sun also suffered a possible contusion, fire officials said. (Crier photo by Cheryl Eberwein.)

Volunteers sought for Canton police, fire slots

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township at all times. Poole said a quirk in the Canton contract states firefighters must be called before volunteers to fill any overtime which comes up in the department.

"The contract says I can't call for volunteers until I've called all the other firemen," Poole said. "In some places, like Troy, volunteers with beepers are at a fire before the fire trucks arrive."

Poole compared Canton to Troy, a city with an all volunteer fire department, at the Jan. 24 board meeting. Poole said at the meeting Troy receives three times the fire protection for half the cost through its volunteer program. "I'd trade their program for ours," Poole told the board.

Poole said later, however, he is only one vote in seven and he is not ready to make a recommendation to the board yet. "But if we stay on the same path we're on, we're heading toward fiscal problems for our kids and grandkids. Eventually someone has to bite the bullet and I think about fiscal responsibility all of the time."

Poole said some of the applications he has received for the volunteer positions are from former firefighters and police officers. The applications will be kept on file, he said.

Cox said he has recommended to Poole in the past that Canton's police reserve program be increased. "Our ultimate goal would be a 50 man police reserve," Cox said. "These reserves would not take the place of police officers, but they would be supplements to the police officers."

Cox said the volunteers are not paid. They would receive uniforms, training

and insurance from the township however.

"They would do such things as vacation checks and neighborhood watch programs," Cox said. "The reserves would not replace or function as police officers."

Cox said there is no residency requirement for the volunteer reserves, "although Canton residents are preferred."

"If a reserve travels a long distance he may not be as available," Cox said. "If a reserve is local he may also be more devoted and dedicated to the interests of the community. We have no timeline on the reserve program. We simply recommended some changes and he (Poole) concurred."

Canton Fire Chief Melvin Paulun refused to comment on either a volunteer program in the fire department or the applications presently being filled out for volunteer firefighting positions.

Durack said his knowledge of volunteer programs is limited. He said volunteers, to his knowledge, are usually paid a small stipend for the work they perform. He said he did not think the idea of taking volunteer applications had been discussed with the Canton Township Board prior to the Supervisor's directive to place the advertisement seeking help. "But I don't really know," Durack added.

Although there seems some cloudiness over the volunteers being sought, and what they will be used for, at least one thing remains clear to Poole.

"If we implement a volunteer program it will not cost anyone their job," he said. "The firefighters and police officers we

have would stay on with their jobs until they leave. But I'd like to reduce the overtime pay. This has been proven in numerous communities. If we don't learn

something from communities like Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Detroit, Cincinnati and Dayton then we aren't paying attention."

Chief takes blame for dog, trailer shooting.

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warden above, said he was at the trailer park with Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry to capture the dog.

"I've been trying to catch the dog for two or three weeks," Rapson said. "We've had numerous complaints about it. It was detrimental to the public's health."

Rapson said he was unsuccessful in trying to corner the dog, "an obvious stray", and asked for aid from Berry.

Rapson said that it is standard procedure to shoot animals if they can not be captured and are hazardous to the public's health.

Berry said he shot the dog with a shotgun.

"The first shot knocked it over, but it got up again. The second shot knocked it over again. After the fourth shot hit it, it still didn't die," Berry said.

Berry at that point strangled the dog because he was out of ammunition.

"I couldn't see letting it suffer anymore," Berry said.

The issue of the dog was not the gist of the complaint though. The hole in the house was.

"I don't know how I could have done it," Berry said. "I'm not sure if I did. I'm taking responsibility for it."

Berry said that the pellet could have come from a nearby rifle range, but that it probably didn't.

"I could cover this up. There are no rifling marks on the inside of a shotgun, no one could ever prove it," Berry said.

"But no matter what, I feel I'm responsible, and I'll pay for the damages."

"I checked the area before we went after the dog and there was no one around. I would never have shot if there was anyone in the area."

"The only way that pellet could have gotten there was to ricochet."

In the area where the shots were fired, are several large rocks. Berry's ricochet theory is also supported by the fact that the trailer is about 70-80 yards, up a rise, from his firing point.

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Will special millage pay for WSDP renovations?

BY RACHAEL DOLSON

A community survey found that WSDP, the student operated radio station at the Plymouth high schools, has 4,000 listeners who tune in every day, said station manager Andy Melin.

Melin presented the findings of WSDP's community survey to the school board in a workshop meeting Monday night. Melin also noted the need for a renovation of the radio studio and equipment and Superintendent John Hoben said perhaps an earmarked millage could be used to fund the purchases.

Melin said equipment at the station is

14 years old and went out of date seven years ago. "We are in a situation where this equipment could go over night ... it could go at any moment."

He said he would return to the board later this year with a proposal to renovate the radio station equipment.

"I just don't see the money coming out of the general fund budget," said Hoben. "I could see an earmarked millage for 'technology' encompassing our needs for computers, for radio and for the \$40,000 needed by the television studio."

The WSDP survey was conducted in November, when 25 student volunteers made classes to randomly selected homes in Plymouth and Canton. Over 200

complete interviews were conducted, Melin said, enough to give a statistical picture of the community.

Most of the residents who sometimes listen to noncommercial radio listen to WSDP, the survey found. About 41 per cent of resident listen to noncommercial radio and 30 per cent have listened to WSDP.

"We found that few people actually listen to noncommercial radio ... many people weren't even aware that we existed. In Canton 70 per cent had not heard of this, we attribute this to alot of people moving in and out," he said.

Of the people that knew about WSDP, a majority found out about the station by

word-of-mouth. "We expected this, kids involved in the program and their parents are proud ... the word gets around. We are in the community as much as possible and people see us," Melin said.

WSDP programming listings in the newspapers was cited the second most-popular way that people found out about WSDP, he said. "The Observer and The Crier have only been running the listings for a year, but they have been extremely helpful to us ... a full 28 per cent of the people in Plymouth said they found out about us from the newspapers."

Ninety per cent of those survey thought

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Sterlini answers Merit Commission with attorney

BY CHERYL EBERWEIN

Canton Treasurer Maria Sterlini has hired an attorney to help pitch her case to the Canton Township Merit Commission and the Canton Township Board over alleged violations in the township administration.

In a special public Merit Commission meeting held Jan. 25, Sterlini told the commission she had hired attorney James Canham to represent her interests in the case. Sterlini added that Canham was not prepared to present evidence of the alleged violations at the meeting due to another pending court case. She said he would begin his study of the case within a week.

Sterlini was subpoenaed to appear at the Jan. 25 meeting by the Merit Commission on Jan. 17. Merit Commissioner Bruce Patterson said Sterlini had been asked to produce information about violations in the administration for Merit Commission inspection. Sterlini alleged there were serious wrongdoings in the township back in December.

After Sterlini did not appear at the Jan. 17 meeting to produce the information requested Merit Commissioners Patterson, Philip LaJoy and Edward Bretzlaff unanimously voted to subpoena Sterlini for the information.

Members of the Canton Township board have also asked Sterlini to produce evidence of the violations since December. The board passed a resolution at its Jan 24 board meeting requiring the treasurer to produce evidence of the violations for their inspection. The resolution passed six to one; Sterlini voted against the move.

The Merit Commission became interested in the case after they determined that the alleged violations may involve personnel matters in the township. Patterson indicated at the Jan. 25 meeting. The Merit Commission is responsible for overseeing classified personnel procedures.

Patterson told the other Merit Commissioners Canham wanted time to go over Sterlini's case, but felt it might be

possible to resolve the commission's questions short of a formal inquiry. Patterson and the other commissioners allowed Canham extra time to put the treasurer's case together, but reminded Sterlini that the subpoena will continue until Canham makes his presentation.

"The Merit Commission cannot ignore the allegations nor should the commission assume you are to be the sole judge and jury of those things only you seem to know about," Patterson told Sterlini. He told Sterlini she had questioned several items well within Merit Commission jurisdiction. Sterlini had questioned the commission's involvement in the matter after she was subpoenaed Jan. 17.

Sterlini told the Merit Commission she had no comments to make at their Jan. 25

meeting. Sterlini requested that an additional motion be added to the Canton Board of Trustees resolution when it was passed at the regular board meeting Jan. 24 however.

"I would like to add a motion that the township get back to business and stop attempts to discredit the office of treasurer," Sterlini said. "Further, there should be no more interference in the office of treasurer and the township should allow her to execute her statutory and constitutional duties and responsibilities." The motion died from lack of board support.

A special meeting will be held Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. to address Sterlini's case as presented by her attorney.

WSDP: 4,000 listeners

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that having a noncommercial local radio station was a good idea.

Projecting the survey statistics community-wide, Melin said 4,000 people tune in every day, 11,000 people tune in once or twice a week, and 20,000 people tune in once or twice a month.

"Most of those surveyed said our hours were adequate, which is good because we can't expand much more because of the age of our people. We are on the air more hours a week than any other high school station in the state," Melin said.

Surprisingly, Melin said, the majority of people said music was the most important part of the station's programming. "We thought that local news and information would be the most important, but both listeners and nonlisteners said music was the most important part."

Fifty per cent of the listeners said they tune in during the evening hours, twenty-

one per cent said they listen exclusively in the morning.

"When I became station manager (16 months ago) I changed to an adult contemporary format during the day ... to attract businesses and working people. And at night it is more progressive, when the kids are listening. We found this to be true (kids listen more at night, adults during the day)," Melin said.

Melin said they were surprised to find they had such a balanced readership: 28 per cent under 17, 30 per cent between 17 and 34, 27 per cent between 35 and 50, and a substantial amount over 50.

Melin said he would like to do the survey on yearly basis. He said the local news aspect of the station is not as strong as he would like.

"We are making an impact. We have 4,000 daily listeners, it does justify the continued growth and support of the program."

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Four Seasons Mall closes; post box customers boil

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Well, maybe locked doors. The Four Seasons Mall has officially closed its doors to business as of last Friday.

The Plymouth Post Office can not deliver mail to the 400 rented mail boxes inside the Four Seasons, and some tenants with mail inside can not get to it.

Plymouth Postmaster John Mulligan said he has not been contacted by the

owners concerning the dissolution of their contract.

Residents trying to get to their mail have been met by locked doors.

Bill Moore says he has money in his box.

"He's (Mulligan) probably tired of complaints, but I live out of town," Moore said. "All I know is I've got money in there and bills to pay."

The owners of the Four Seasons, Brace Case and Rodney Sabourin have not been available to the postmaster.

Sabourin said the mall is open to mail post box holders Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. He did not acknowledge there were any problems with mail access inside the mall.

Mulligan says that the stranded box holders can pick up their mail over the counter at the post office.



Happy Birthday Canton!

THE CANTON CHAMBER of Commerce helped Canton Township celebrate its Sesquicentennial birthday at its annual dinner with a cake commemorating the township's history. Chamber President Jack Koers (left) and second vice president

Bob Malek (third from left) presented the cake to Canton Rep. Gerald Law and Canton Public Library Director Debra O'Connor who accepted the cake for Canton. (Crier photo by Michelle Tregembo Wilson)

Impaired helped

The Plymouth Area REACT Team has decided to become part of a new program designed to locate or identify, the impaired driver.

The program, set up by REACT international, was set up to remove the impaired driver from the road, to protect him as well as the general public.

Paul Cook, president of the Plymouth REACT Team told his membership at their recent meeting, that the impaired driver is not necessarily the drunk driver. Drivers can become impaired by means such as, being over tired, over eating, having a reaction to a prescription drug, or simply not paying attention.

"We will not start the program until we are properly trained," said Cook. Training will begin when training aides arrive, and some division of local law enforcement will be invited to assist.



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Crabs' night out at the Plymouthrock

Last week we were scrounging around for something to do and surprise, surprise - Scott Ransom had a good idea.

This may not come as a shock to those of you who don't know Scott - but suffice it to say that his track record of ideas includes going to the Truck Pull, Shingling a Roof, and Sorting Tools in his Van.

But he totally redeemed himself last Wednesday when he dragged us to THE CRAB RACES at the Plymouthrock Saloon.

What? You've never heard of crab racing?

Ah, that's the beauty of it - it requires no prior knowledge, skill or money. I quote from the 1984 Crab Racing publication: "Crab Racing, for the uninformed, requires no prior training, no inherent skill and costs nothing."

The American Crab Racing Association supplies the athletes (hermit crabs) and we had all the fun.

There are four easy steps.

- Pick Your Crab - Choose a numbered hermit crab from the "stable" better known to most of us as a large glass aquarium. Seat yourself and your crab around a large round racing table.

(Don't forget to take your refreshment with you to the table. However, the Humane Society frowns on crabs imbibing.)

- Name Your Crab - This can be the funnest part of all. People choose cute names, sexually-suggestive names, or just names that mean something to them. Probably the most meaningful race last Wednesday was The Publishers Crab Race.

Strangely enough, a number of publications had entries in this august event: The Community Crier (Crab Wendover); Associated Newspapers, publisher of the Canton Eagle (Willet Crab); Metropolitan Detroit Magazine (Speedy Jones Crab); and the Spinal Column Newsweekly (Fancy Crab). The names of the "trainers" behind these crabs have been withheld, however, to protect their paychecks.

Sadly, though, none of these crabs made it far out of the starting gate all were left eating the shell-fragments of a late entry, Phyllis the Crab, who clawed to a third place finish.

- Train Your Crab - talk to it, let it scramble around, give it a rub down, whatever. There's no rhyme or reason to training, the most frisky crabs in warm up often die in the race.

- Race Your Crab - all the crabs are placed in what appears to be a bottomless dog dish in the center ... the barrier is lifted ... AND THEY'RE OFF. The first crab to get a pincher across the white line, 30 inches from the start, wins.

Racing music blares, everybody screams and yells for the crab of their choice, some cry over the "turtle" crabs who crawl into their shell and never leave the starting circle.

But this is not anything goes, there are rules of crab racing etiquette.

No Banging on the Table.
No Pointing at the Crabs.



Unsolicited Remarks

By Rachael Dolson

No Leaning Over the Table.

No Blowing on the Crabs.

Those are the rules. And violators are punished severely - with a squirt of water in the face from the announcer.

Winning prizes are T-shirts, crab hats and pitchers of beer. A final heat is held at the end of the night for trophies. All in all a good time at one of Plymouth's most down-to-earth bars. (You never see anyone from the Chamber of Commerce there.)

Return dates for crab racing at the Plymouthrock are Feb. 8, Feb. 22, March 7, and March 21.

Crab racing only has one drawback as far as I can see - that's its unsavory, somewhat chauvinistic, history. Again, I quote from the racing publication:

"The sport of hermit crab racing dates back to 1667, when Sir Henry Morgan, pirate extraordinaire, originated the art of crab racing. Each pirate would select a crab from a wooden bucket, scratch his mark on the crab shell, and then place his crab within a circle with other crabs. The order in which the crabs reached a designated finish determined the order of choice of women captives."

Charging for info is an insult to citizens

The Canton Township Board passed a resolution on Jan. 24 creating a procedure to charge citizens for Freedom of Information requests. Only Canton Treasurer Maria Sterlini voted against the resolution.

Under the new procedure, residents can request information from Canton's administration three times in a year before they are charged for search and review costs - if the requests are under \$20. If a request is over \$20, then the township can charge at its discretion. After three annual requests, a resident can be charged for information regardless of cost.

The resolution has a clause which allows the township to drop the charge procedure for individuals who can't afford to pay costs. It also has a clause which states no supervision costs will be charged when a resident merely wants to look at information. The township also has the legal right to charge for information requests under the Freedom of Information Act.

Regardless of these clauses, however, the resolution raises grave concerns regarding the right of residents to inspect and copy government information. The first and foremost responsibility of any government is to its people. Information dissemination to these people is a primary part of this responsibility.

Canton officials are worried that all taxpayers are financing Freedom of Information requests made by a few citizens. But residents already pay for these requests through their taxes. A charge, rather than constituting a fair procedure to citizens, constitutes a double charge for information which the residents have a right too.

More important than costs, however, is the question of information access. Procedures such as Canton's could, by their nature, be used to thwart requests for public information. While one administration may guarantee that access to information will be protected, a future administration may easily use such this procedure as a clamp.

Well-informed, concerned citizens are the best ally any government and community can have today. The value of knowledge cannot be measured - it is invaluable to everyone.

Canton's decision represents an over reaction to a few extreme information requests. The new policy is a loss for both other citizens and the administration itself.

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Foley was 'off the track' with PCA column

EDITOR:

Mike Foley's January 25 column on the Plymouth Christian Academy vs Lutheran Northwest basketball game certainly was, as his column title suggests, "off the track." This is the first time I've read a column that allegedly covered an athletic event which failed to give the final score. One paragraph did mention the point spread and the winning team, but the balance of the article was primarily concerned with trivia unrelated to the game proper.

Foley, however, devoted ample space to reporting the physical characteristics of the players involved. I fail to see what the height of a teenager has to do with his ability or desire to play basketball; to quote Foley, they were "small." Granted, this will perhaps keep them out of professional basketball but it doesn't (or at least, shouldn't) make any difference in high school.

The author also opined that the atmosphere was perhaps too relaxed while the players warmed up. Why shouldn't they be relaxed? Let them save their anxiety for final exams. Since when is the purpose of high school sports to create stress? If a team can exhibit calmness prior to and during a game, then their coach has given them confidence needed to win or lose.

Additionally, Foley found it "odd" that there were both the prayer and singing of the national anthem before the game. Though he attempted to

disguise his obvious bias with qualifiers, I found it "shockingly" apparent that he would rather have not been bothered with either.

It was no bother, however, for him to note what the cheerleaders were wearing. If he wants his imagination to be unencumbered, I suggest he visit the two go-go clubs he mentions in his other column, "Just a Moment," printed in the same edition of The Crier.

Mr. Foley points out "most of the players for either school wouldn't stand a snowball's chance of making either Salem or Canton's team." Whether or not this is true is not the question, but rather, where is it written that Salem and/or Canton are the teams with which all others are judged? Or more importantly, what makes him think that the players of either school would even want to play on Salem or Canton's teams?

If this kind of logic is to be regarded as rational, then couldn't one also conclude that Mr. Foley "wouldn't stand a snowball's chance" of writing for the Detroit News or Free Press? If the team you play for is any indication of your talent, then let's call a spade a spade.

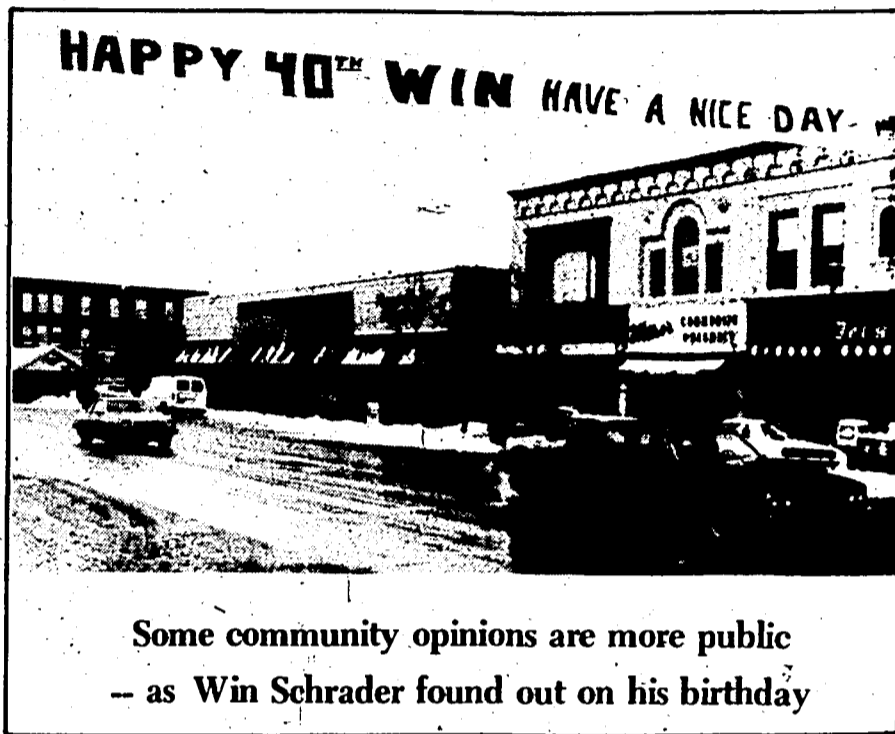
As a life-long resident of the Plymouth community and loyal reader of The Crier, I would hate to think that the paper which here-to-fore has had "Its Heart in The Plymouth-Canton Community" has shifted its heart to Salem and Canton high schools and no longer serves the others within our boundaries.

Foley has a right to cheer for his chosen team; however, the students at Plymouth Christian Academy have the right to be treated with equal respect as those in our public schools.

Although my child attends Plymouth's public schools and I am a proud

graduate of Plymouth High School ('71), I am insulted for the students, faculty, and families of Plymouth Christian Academy.

Finally, since Mr. Foley neglected to mention it, Congratulations, PCA!
CHERYL D. CHANCE



Foley's in 'Another World'

EDITOR:

In reference to Mike Foley's column "PCA - Another World?" in last week's paper - I'm disappointed at the attitude of the columnist toward American citizens singing the national anthem and opening a sporting event in prayer. He is a prime example of the problem with credibility of the news media.

He attended a high school basketball game and flashing a press card, gained free admittance to an event which everyone else had paid.

He then makes fun of young cheerleaders, ages 14 to 17, because he

couldn't see enough flesh to excite him. The man needs to understand that America needs more people who have convictions, pray, and can sing the national anthem to raise her up to the place where she once was when this great country was founded.

Maybe then it would help to eliminate the stagnate thinking of columnists such as Foley.

CAROL FELKER
A PROUD AMERICAN WHO CAN
SING EVERY WORD OF THE
NATIONAL ANTHEM

Foley's shallow, puerile, stale ...

EDITOR:

I found Mike Foley's "Just a Moment" column (Wednesday, Jan. 26) suggesting components for a successful bachelor party particularly offensive and tasteless on three counts:

1. his casual, irresponsible attitude promoting drinking and drunkenness.
2. his chauvinistic attitude towards women as sex objects.
3. his immature, macho attitude towards marriage as a "trap" to be avoided at all possible.

No one loves a good time more than I, but as a citizen concerned about substance abuse, as a supporter of the women's movement for equality, and as a

believer in the value of marriage, I reject as unacceptable Foley's shallow, puerile, and rather stale directives.

Conversely, I hope my letter might encourage him to undertake his assignments with more journalistic responsibility and creativity.

He must be aware that The Plymouth-Canton Community at large makes efforts constantly to promote healthy, wholesome, and safe lifestyles.

If he isn't aware, then he should be, especially as a journalist. Such a column as his has no place in our community newspaper.

TERESLYN M. RAGLOW

Scouting cause was helped by Crier

EDITOR:

As we start a new year, we would like to thank you for all the support The Crier gave to Girl Scouting in 1983.

It is our commitment to serve girls and adults -- to bring them programs that help them grow. But without the help of the media, we could not accomplish our goals.

Thank you again. We look forward to working with you in the future.

GAIL SLUSSER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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Canton firemen say thanks

EDITOR:

The members of the Canton Fire Department would like to express their sincere thanks and deepest appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. George Lapointe for the cash donation and the furniture you gave to our department.

It is very reassuring to know we have supportive citizens like yourselves interested in some of our problems. As we told you Saturday when you visited Station One, our intent of the article in The Crier (Wednesday, Jan. 18) was not to ask for donations, but to bring out to the public some of the hidden problems within the Fire Department. We are looking for support, not money.

Once again we want to say thanks. The furniture will be put to good use. The donation will be put in our special charity fund and used as needed. Most important of all, thanks for the support. That is something we need a lot of. If you ever have any questions, feel free to stop at either station and we will be more than happy to talk to you.

JIM DAVISON
PRESIDENT, LOCAL 2289

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Through Bifocals

By Fred DeLano



I had hoped to find an early rising groundhog to interview for this essay and find out what the woodchuck set has planned for tomorrow, but have come up empty. Thus, I'll settle for a piece of correspondence from a Democrat, hoping some of you realize there is a difference.

Comments were made in Bifocals one Wednesday back in December that locally the once noisy Democratic machine appeared to have fallen into a state of silent paralysis.

To a degree it was a lament for the days of yore when, under Bob Dwyer's chairmanship and with aid from the likes of Billie Bidwell, Irv Rozian and others, the impression was given that a two-party system really existed here.

Dwyer at the time ran Plymouth-Canton's Secretary of State's office, then located on Main Street, and as a born politician, turned it into party headquarters. He coveted the state chairmanship but missed, moved away, and now works for a printing company in Lansing.

"U. of M. Regent Jerry Dunn brought your December column to me," he writes, "and it wrenched open the floodgates of memory. A great deal of good feeling was found among the debris.

"Self-government isn't self-government if we don't govern ourselves. It is nothing without us.

"I spent a lot of time and effort running an open party. I encouraged my opponents even to the extent of delivering their delegate petitions because, no matter the outcome, I would have put twice as many people out in the neighborhoods, involving more people in self-government.

"When you are active, they listen. They always have and they always will. I'm a highly partisan person and, at the same time, I'm highly independent."

Then Bob put in a plug for the March 17 plan under which local districts will caucus throughout Michigan to select delegates to the state Democratic convention. This is the first step in the process of determining their finalist to go on to the ballot against President Reagan.

It seemed deliberate that he avoided offering any advice I might pass on to the remnants of his old organization around here on how they might rekindle attention, being content to send along his company's catalog for political aspirants instead. That's what having to make a living in the work-a-day world will do to a guy.

As for groundhogs, only the superstitious actually believe they awaken from their long winter sleep on Feb. 2 and that if they see their shadow they crawl back into the hole to slumber through six more weeks of winter.

That's pretty dumb, and certainly not confirmed by scientists or even Republicans. Nonetheless, I damn well hope it's cloudy tomorrow.

Child mental health is a concern of Suburban West Center

EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the article published in The Community Crier regarding our agency Suburban West Community Center opening a satellite in Plymouth. The article generated more of a response than any other outreach we have attempted in the past. Thus far, six people have responded to the request for members for the Board of Directors. There were three of them in attendance at our meeting held this past Tuesday. For this, we would very much like to thank you.

We would again like to request your assistance in helping us inform the community of other information

regarding mental health services. Our agency has learned that there may possibly be monies available for the expansion of children's mental health services. In order for our agency to request funding for a children's program we must provide the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Board with specific information about children's mental health needs going unmet. It is our understanding that there may be a need for children's services in the areas of Canton, Plymouth, Northville and perhaps Livonia and Redford.

THOMAS W. HERZBERG,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Cars, washer, heater all on the fritz

I was late for my first day of work. But only by a day and a half. That's why I think cars are just "fascinating" things. They can control your life in so many ways for an inanimate object.

My first day of work at The Crier was more than a day late because I blew the engine in my car.

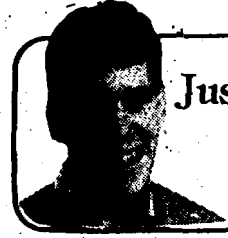
I liked that car too. That is before I found out that repairs on it would cost \$1,500. Hatred grows quickly.

I quickly bought cheap(!) transportation.

When misfortune falls upon you it is easy to think you are all alone. But alas, I had plenty of company.

When my car became disabled, I called my parents. Coincidentally, both of their cars had major problems at the same time.

My roommate's car was also non-functional, maybe he doesn't count, he totaled his.



Just a moment

By Mike Foley

A good friend of mine and my girlfriend's car were both also on the blink.

And when it rains it pours, if cars weren't bad enough, my parents washing machine and furnace also went on strike.

Planned obsolescence may be a theory. It might also be a conspiracy.

Now I don't think some auto mogul planned for one of the cylinders in my car to blow, but I do think machines rule our, or my, life too much.

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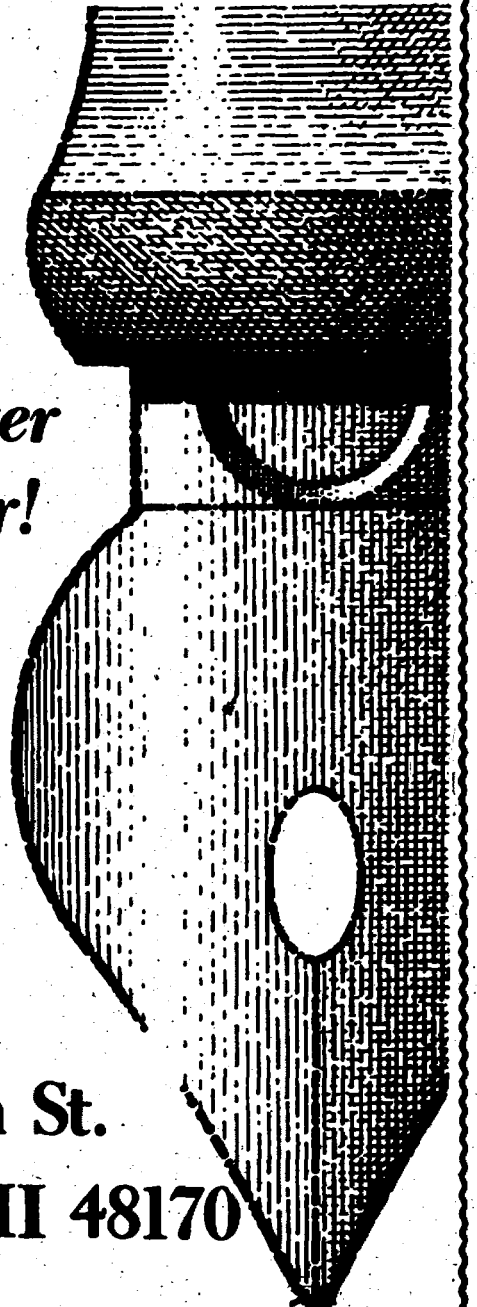
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He snowmobiles the 'Straits' to island home

BY MIKE FOLEY

If you have crossed the Straits of Mackinac, you probably took the bridge. Or maybe a boat. But have you ever thought of snowmobiling across?

Bill Keefer, proprietor of The Trading Post on Ann Arbor Rd. in Plymouth, has thought of it, and does it regularly.

That's regularly as in once a year or more.

Keefer owns a cabin that he built himself (in one day) on Bois Blanc Island. The island is about four miles off the coast near Cheboygan.

He has been going to the island for about 30 years and has snowmobiled across the ice the last four or five years.

The island used to be a great hunting spot for outdoorsmen like Keefer, but he says that the deer herd has thinned out some in recent years.

He goes to the island now for the solitude.

The year-round residents of the island total about 29, Keefer says. The winter months are not a big tourist time, so the population is low, unlike the summer when the population can reach 1,500.

Although the island has a runway for planes, most of the travel between mainland and island takes place on snowmobiles once the ice bridge is formed.

Keefer crosses the ice on what he calls, his old Rupp. But once on the island he zips around on Yamahas with Joe Schlund.

Schlund, who lives on Junction St. in Plymouth, is another regular traveler across the ice. The two often travel together for safety's sake.

Keefer says it is rare when someone goes through the ice. And if a snowmobile breaks down, the walk to either side is not prohibitive.



AT LEFT, BILL KEEFER (standing) and Joe Schlund prepare to make a trip across the ice. Above, a trio of snowmobilers stand in front of a cabin, their island destination.

During the Spring travel can become a little riskier with the ice breaking up. But Keefer says most folks exercise caution then and mishaps are few.

On a good Sunday, Keefer says, 50 to 100 people might cross the ice either way.

The travelers cross the straits on a trail marked with Christmas trees. The route winds through ice chunks as tall as a man or more.

The sharp jags of ice are blown up from the wind. The wind breaks the ice and blows the pieces on top of each other. The broken ice then refreezes making travel difficult until a path is charted.

The trip across the ice can take as little as 15 minutes or more like an hour depending on the ice and other weather conditions like snow and wind.

The trees that mark the trail serve as guides, every 100 feet or so, when snow limits visibility.

On Keefer's last trip, two weekends

ago, the temperature was -14 when he left Cheboygan on his way to the island's only town, Pointe Aux Pins.

He traveled about 8 miles across, because of the winding trail, and made it in about 16 minutes.

Life on the island is tranquil Keefer says.

"If you want entertainment, you have to marry it," he said. "There is either that or the bar."

The island life is quite normal, just on a smaller scale. A real small scale.

"Everyone has a job," Keefer said. "There is a town supervisor, a postmaster, a DPW man, a cop, and some guys chop wood, everyone has something to do."

Keefer says that the town has the smallest school district in Michigan to serve its 29 full-time residents.

The six children attend grades 1-8 in a one-room schoolhouse. For schooling

after grade eight they go to Cheboygan schools where they spend the week on the mainland and come home on weekends.

Prices of goods, though they have to be boated, flown or snowmobiled across, are not that much higher than on the mainland.

Gas prices are about ten cents a gallon higher on the island, he says.

The island has a bar, restaurant, a hotel and pretty much everything everyone needs.

Keefer heads there twice a year, once in the summer and again in the winter.

Although Keefer has already made his winter trip this year, he says he might go up again.

"The ice doesn't go out till March," Keefer says. If I wasn't so busy on weekends I'd go more often."

If solitude and nature are for you, the island has campgrounds for visitors.

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Today is February 1 and the winter dull drums and blah moods are at their peek. Everyone is tired of slippery streets and cloudy days.

Have you ever noticed how the little things that go wrong seem to have a way of getting to you, especially this time of year? Something dumb can happen, and suddenly your mood changes. Whatever happened to being able to laugh at dumb things?

One morning last week the garage door refused to open. I was about to tear the stupid door down before I figured out how to get it open. If that wasn't bad enough, the car had to stall a couple of times just trying to get out of the garage. Needless to say, that's not the way to start out the day.

I was mad at the garage door, but I was even more upset with the darn car. That stupid piece of tin had just spent two days in the repair shop, where I had to argue with the mechanics because it was running worse when I went to pick it up than it did when I took it in. I'm sure I didn't make any friends at the dealership, but I'll save them the agony of having to deal with me in the future.

To top things off, I only lost four pounds in the first week of my diet. I was mad at myself because I had set a goal of five pounds the first week. Can you imagine anyone getting upset over one lousy pound? When I received a "congratulations flat belly" note from everyone at the office, I had to laugh. It made me realize how I was letting the little things in life get to me.

I still don't understand how I could only lose four pounds (honest, I didn't cheat) when the kid, who ate everything in sight, managed to lose six pounds. Oh well, at least I can laugh about it, and just think, maybe someday I'll be able to eat that hot fudge sunday I keep thinking about. Come to think of it, I wonder if Weight Watchers has some kind of hot fudge to put on their ice cream.

Just keep smiling and don't let those little things in life get you down. Remember tomorrow is ground hog's day. Maybe spring isn't so far away after all.



Students from Plymouth included on the Dean's List at Hillsdale College for the fall semester are: Kevin Kral, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kral of Pacific Avenue, a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central; and Edward Peper, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Peper of Suzan Court, a graduate of Divine Child High School.



Michelle Lucitte, daughter of Ernest and Dorothy Lucitte of Emerson in Canton, enlisted in the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program. A 1980 graduate of Salem High School, she is scheduled for enlistment in the Regular Air Force on June 19.



Sandra Osquist of Plymouth received a Bachelor of Social Work degree from Alma College. A 1980 graduate of Salem High School, she majored in sociology and social work. She is the daughter of Carmella Osquist of Grant in Plymouth.

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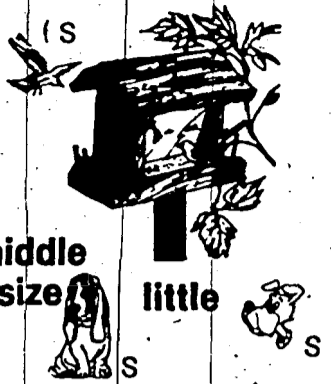
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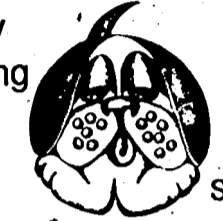
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SINGLES DANCE

Come alone or come with a friend. Be our guest at the Tuesday Night singles at the American Legion Hall, South Main St. in Ann Arbor on Feb. 14. The dance is from 8:30-11:30 p.m. For more information call 482-5478.

TEEN SKI TRIP

The Canton Township Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring another popular ski trip to alpine Valley on Feb. 17. For further information call 397-1000.

TAX COUNSELING

Individual tax counseling for senior citizens and handicapped will be held at the Canton Recreation center. Appointments must be made. Call 397-1000 ext. 278.

CELEBRITY WEIGH-OUT

Celebrities participating in Weight Watchers post-holiday fund raiser will be weighed-out Feb. 3 at 10:30 a.m. at the Renaissance Center. For more information about pledging on the celebrities for charity call Mariann Davis or Monica Deeter at 557-6100.

GIRL SCOUTS UNITE

The Plymouth-Northville-Canton area association meeting of the Girl Scouts will be held Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. at West Middle School in Plymouth.

MATTHAEI LOBBY SALE

The Friends of the Matthaei Botanical Gardens will hold their monthly Lobby Sale on Feb. 4 and 5 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Gardens.

ROCK SHOW AND OPEN HOUSE

The Plymouth Rock and Mineral Society announce their eight Annual Show-Open House on Feb. 12 from noon to 5 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Admission is 50 cents.

APPLE HEAD GARDEN CLUB

Apple Run Garden Club will be having their monthly meeting on Feb. 14 at the home of Cindy Randazzo at 7:30 p.m. New members are needed and welcome. For more information call Donna at 981-2657 or Margo 455-3563.

TAX INFO SEMINAR

The Plymouth WISER program will have a tax information seminar at 8 p.m. on Feb. 7 in the basement of the Plymouth Historical Museum. For more information call 591-6400 ext 430.

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Computers For Couples, a class for couples who want to learn about computers starts Feb. 3. For information call 591-5188.

ST. JOHN'S REGISTRATION

St. John's Provincial Seminary in Plymouth will be holding registration for courses meeting weekly during Spring term, March 7 to May 23, will be taken until Feb. 15. For information call 453-6200.

LIONS CLUB MEETS

The Lions Club will hold their regular meeting in the Miles Standish Room on Feb. 2. State trooper Robert Garcia will speak on drug awareness.

NURSERY OPENING

Willow Creek Co-op Nursery has an opening in the Tuesday-Thursday afternoon class. For further information call Sandy Kogut at 981-2714.

CANTON HISTORY

Historical society meeting will feature Ruth Rosenberg a genealogist skilled in tracing family pedigrees. Call Ruth Wiles for more information at 981-0087.

HOME WHERE THE HEART IS

The Christian Women's Club invites all to attend a luncheon at the Mayflower Meeting house on Feb. 9 at noon. Home is Where the Heart Is, will be the topic. Call Dolly by Feb. 2 for reservations at 421-2406.

WESTSIDE SINGLES

Westside singles present a Friday Dance on Feb. 10 at Roma's of Livonia. Music will be by Eddie Rogers of WMJC. Prizes will be awarded, call Ed at 562-3129 for more details.

BOOK FAIR

Smith School's Book Fair will be held Feb. 6-10 in the school library. Hours are 9-3 daily and 7-9 p.m. Tues. and Thurs. Parents are invited anytime during sale hours.

LAS VEGAS NIGHT

St. Thomas A'Becket will be holding a Las Vegas Night Feb. 4 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Black Jack, dice and big six will be featured. No admission. Refreshments including beer and wine will be served. The night will be at 555 S. Lilley, S. of Cherry Hill Rd., in the lower level of the church.

ORAL MAJORITY SPEAKS UP

Visit the Oral Majority Toastmasters Club at their weekly Tuesday meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Denny's Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road east of I-275. Experience the power. For reservations or information call Phyllis at 455-1635.

CARD PARTY

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Plymouth Knights of Columbus is holding a card party on Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. Lunch, door prizes and more. Tickets are available at the door for \$3.50.

FRIENDLY FEUD

Ladies of St. John Neumann Women's Guild don't forget to come play Friendly Feud on Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the church hall. Members only.

YOUTH FLOOR HOCKEY CLINIC AND LEAGUE

The Canton Township Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with the Wayne-Westland YMCA, is sponsoring its fifth annual floor hockey program for first through sixth grade boys and girls. The clinics are held after school. Call 397-1000 for further details.

TOAST WITH THE MASTERS

Experience the power of Toastmasters, visit their dinner meeting, Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at Denny's Restaurant at I-275 and Ann Arbor Rd. For information call Doug Mickelson at 291-1661.

Tuesday 18 what's happening

BOWLATHON SET

The members of Mayflower-LT. Gamble Post and Auxiliary 6695 VFW will be staging a bowlathon Feb. 11 at the Plaza Lanes, starting at noon. Proceeds will be donated to the renovation of the Statue of Liberty. For more information contact the Post at 459-6700.

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS QUILTING DEMONSTRATION

Plymouth Newcomers luncheon will be held at the Hillside Inn, Feb. 2 at noon. A display of antique and contemporary quilts will be shown. For reservations call Eileen Graham at 453-3906 by Jan. 30. Guests are welcome.

WINTER CLOTHING ROUNDUP

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers Football Organization is asking the people of The Community to bring a usable piece of winter clothing (coats) to Kellogg Park between 1 and 4 p.m. on Feb. 5. Just look for the Steeler Banner in the Park and someone will be there to accept your donation. Players and cheerleaders will also be canvassing their neighborhoods looking for donations to be distributed to clothing banks and rescue missions.

GIVE BLOOD

A Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. John's Seminary, 44011 Five Mile Road, Plymouth from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For an appointment call Bernie Milowe, 453-6200 or 459-1051.

MYSTERY TRIP?

The Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department is offering a mystery trip on Friday, Jan. 27. For those with an adventurous spirit, this is the trip. For further information call the Recreation Department at 455-6620.

CINDERELLA ARRIVES

The Plymouth branch of the American Association of University Women will be presenting seven live performances of "Cinderella" at the Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium. Performances will be Feb. 16-19. Call Phyllis Johnson 455-2907 or Cindy Hillquist 455-7132 for times and ticket information.

PCAAT MEETS

PCAAT will feature Dr. David Kotcher in a seminar evening discussing the topic of preparing children to maximize their potential creatively in the work world. The meeting will take place Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School.

GUITAR CLASSES

The Canton Parks and Recreation Department is offering another session of guitar classes for all levels. Music and instruments are provided. Call 397-1000 for further details.

VALENTINES PARTY

The Canton Parks and Recreation Department is planning its Annual Childrens Valentines Day Party for the youngsters of Canton. Call 397-1000 for party reservations.

SKI AND EAT

The Better Living Seminars are sponsoring a cross-country skiing outing and vegetarian buffet at 10 a.m. on Feb. 5 at Maybury State Park. Call 459-0894 to register.

SECOND ACT CLOTHING SALE

Second Act resale at the YWCA of Western Wayne County. Quality clothing and household items at low prices. Thursdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Located at 26279 Michigan Avenue in Inkster, one mile west of Telegraph.

COAST GUARD AUXILIARY COURSES

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering public courses in boat handling and seamanship. Brush up on your nautical know-how. The next series of classes begins Feb. 2. Call 455-2676 for further details.

PRIME TIME

WSDP 88.1 FM, Plymouth-Canton's student operated radio station, presents "Prime Time", a series for retired persons to be aired every Friday at 11 a.m. Social Security and money management are some of the many topics to be discussed. The series is produced by the National Retired Teacher's Association and the American Association of Retired Persons.

LEGION HOT LINE

The American Legion Passage-Gayde Post 391 has established a 24-hour telephone number for use by veterans who need assistance with disability or compensation claims. The number is 453-9494 and all inquiries will be answered. The number will also highlight American Legion Activities.

ROLLER SKATING PARTY

The Plymouth Community YMCA Indian Programs Roller Skating Party will be at the Skatin Station in Canton on Feb. 12, from 5:30 to 7:30p.m. Cost is \$1.50 or \$5 per family (four or more). Skate rental is \$1. Guest skaters will be Miss Piggy and Kermit the Frog.

ALCOHOL INFORMATION

A six-part series on alcohol and alcoholism will be offered beginning Feb. 2 by Plymouth Family Service. Cost is \$15 per person and \$20 for a couple or family. For more information call 453-0890.

PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS

Parent-child communication and relationships will be the topic of John Wood a psychologist with the Livonia Public Schools. The presentation will be Feb. 13 at 8 p.m. in the Our Lady of Good Counsel School gym, located off Penniman in Plymouth.

SINGLE PARENT SUPPORT

A discussion group for single adults with or without custody of their children is being formed by Canton Mental Health Services, a unit of St. Joe's. The group will meet once a week for eight weeks. Call 459-6580 for more information and registration.

N.O.W. WORKSHOP

A panel discussion and workshop on sex equity in education will be held Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hoover School in Livonia. Speakers will be Joyce Krause, Dr. Terry Ryan and Cynthia Goldberg. The program is free and open to the public. For information call Kathy Boston, 455-5051.

AEROBIC FITNESS CLASS

Dance and exercise classes begin the week of Feb. 6 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth. Morning and evening classes, Mon. through Sat. Morning child care available. Call 459-9229, ext. 78 for more information and schedules.



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THIS MECHANICAL ZEBRA AND CART are part of "Toys from Yesteryear" a display at the Plymouth Historical Museum. (Crier photo by Cheryl Eberwein.)

Museum shows antique toys

The Plymouth Historical Musuem is featuring "Toys from Yesteryear" from now through Feb. 19. The toys are from the Detroit Antique Toy Musuem, an affiliate of the Detroit Historical Museum. They range from the 1890s to the 1930s; and include iron toys, wind-up toys, trains, dolls, tin toys and antique games.

Also on exhibit are miniature rooms and doll houses.

The museum, 155 South Main Street, Plymouth, is open to the public Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is \$1 for adults; 50 cents for youth (11-17); and 25 cents for children (5-10).

Evangelist, wife at First Baptist



DIANE SUSEK

Evangelist Ron Susek will be holding services in the First Baptist Church of Plymouth at 45000 N. Territorial Rd. beginning Feb. 5 and continuing through Feb. 12.

Accompanying Susek will be his wife Diane who is a nationally known vocalist and recording artist.

Sunday services will be at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. and each week night evening service will be at 7:30 p.m.

The public is welcome to attend the services. Nursery facilities will be provided.

Scouts 'Love Thy Neighbor'

Cadette Girl Scout Troop 533 is conducting a food drive for needy local families. The scouts' project, titled "Love Thy Neighbor" is to culminate on Valentines Day, tying in the theme of love with presentations of food baskets. The food drive is a Global Understanding Project.

Girl Scouts all over the United States are undertaking such projects this year. These projects deal with the three global issues of hunger, education, and medical

care. The purpose of these projects is to create an awareness in Girl Scouts of these areas of concern on a personal, local, national and global level.

Once consciousness has been raised the girls are undertaking projects in one of the three areas to improve the quality of life for people everywhere. Cadette Troop 53 is comprised of 32 girls who are in grades 7 and 8 and attend seven area schools. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the food drive should call 455-4215 or 459-5326.

Spring and the arts ...

The second annual Spring Arts Festival in Plymouth is scheduled for Mother's Day weekend, Saturday and Sunday, May 12 and 13.

The two day celebration of spring and the arts is sponsored by the University Artists and Craftsmen Guild of Ann Arbor in cooperation with the City of Plymouth and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

Last year's inaugural Spring Arts Festival of 115 artists drew 10,000 people to Kellogg Park. This year the festival

organizers hope to accommodate more artists, and expect even larger crowds.

One notable feature of the Plymouth fair is the high-quality of the work exhibited; not just anyone with a hand-crafted item to sell will be allowed to show their work. The Spring Arts Festival is a "juried" art fair, meaning that a panel of judges will view slides of each applicant's work and accept only the best applicants in each medium.

Only University Artists and Craftsmen Guild members will be considered as exhibitors in this art fair; area artists who are not currently Guild members will need to submit a Guild membership application along with their Spring Arts Festival application and five slides of their work for consideration by the jury. The fee for Guild membership is \$15. The application fee for exhibiting in the Spring Arts Festival is \$50.

The \$50 fee will be returned to those not accepted into the fair. Deadline for applications is Feb. 15.

Further information regarding the Spring Arts Festival may be obtained by calling the University Artists and Craftsmen Guild at 763-4430. Guild membership forms and festival applications are available at the Plymouth Community Arts Council office, 332 S. Main Street, Plymouth; at the University Artists and Craftsmen Guild office, 2400 Michigan Union, Ann Arbor; or at the Plymouth City Hall, care of Paul Sincock.



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Symphony's 'Arabian Nights' could warm Feb. days

Although old winter standbys, a good book and a warm fire are not the only way residents in The Plymouth-Canton Community can spend blustery February days.

The Plymouth Symphony will present an all-orchestral concert Sunday, Feb. 5 at Salem High School which is bound to chase the winter blues away.

Three works will make up the orchestral presentation: a tempestuous Overture, a Symphonic Suite based on the "Arabian Nights" and a symphony by a composer many consider to be the father of symphony.

The Corsair Overture is based upon events experienced by the composer Berlioz. Recounting Berlioz's experiences with a nearly shipwrecked sailing vessel and a Venetian corsair, the Overture incorporates Berlioz's own reflections on the trip.

Rimski-Kosakov's Symphonic Suite,

Scheherazade, will also be performed. The composer described the piece as unconnected episodes and pictures from the Arabian Nights, scattered through all four movements of the suite. Included in the Suite are tales of the sea and Sinbad's ship, the narrative of Prince Kalendar, the prince and the Princess, the Baghdad

festival and the ship dashing against the rock with the bronze rider on it.

The third work, which will be performed after an intermission, is Haydn's last symphony, No. 104 subtitled "London." A rich summation of a brilliant career as a composer, Symphony No. 104 is one of the glories of culture.

The concert will begin at 4 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Tickets are available at the box office.

The concert is made possible by a Michigan grant through the Michigan Council for the Arts, Burroughs Corporation and the Plymouth Symphony League.



ROGER FELLER, German American Club president, and his wife Reimute, are shown strutting at last year's Fasching Party.

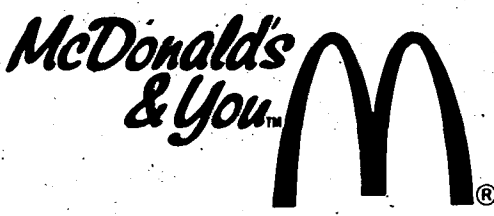
German Club has annual 'Fasching' to spoof rich

The German American Club of Plymouth will hold its annual Fasching Party, a costume ball, on Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

Entertainment will be provided by "The Melodias" with dancing from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be German food and drinks available, prizes for best costume and door prizes.

A Fasching Party is a costume ball where people dress up to make fun of aristocrats.

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Has homicide rate increased here during last decade?

Death by ketchup bottle

What actually happened the night of Aug. 16, 1973 isn't clear. Records concerning the event have been lost by the Wayne County Sheriff's Department. But one factor about the night still remains clear to residents in The Plymouth-Canton Community: Karl Earl Godina had been severely beaten and died as a result.

Of the information available on the case, police reports indicate Godina, 19, died in what was then known as the Palace Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township. Godina died of internal injuries received after he was severely kicked and then hit over the head with a ketchup bottle.

Police said three suspects were arrested in connection with the case. One suspect, Phylus Ann Williams, then 26, was later released. Two other suspects, Terry Wayne Lee, then 18, and Henry Edward Peer, then 26, were also arrested.

Evidence in the case was not substantial enough to convict either suspect of committing the act, however, and Lee and Peer have since left the state, police said.

Marital dispute

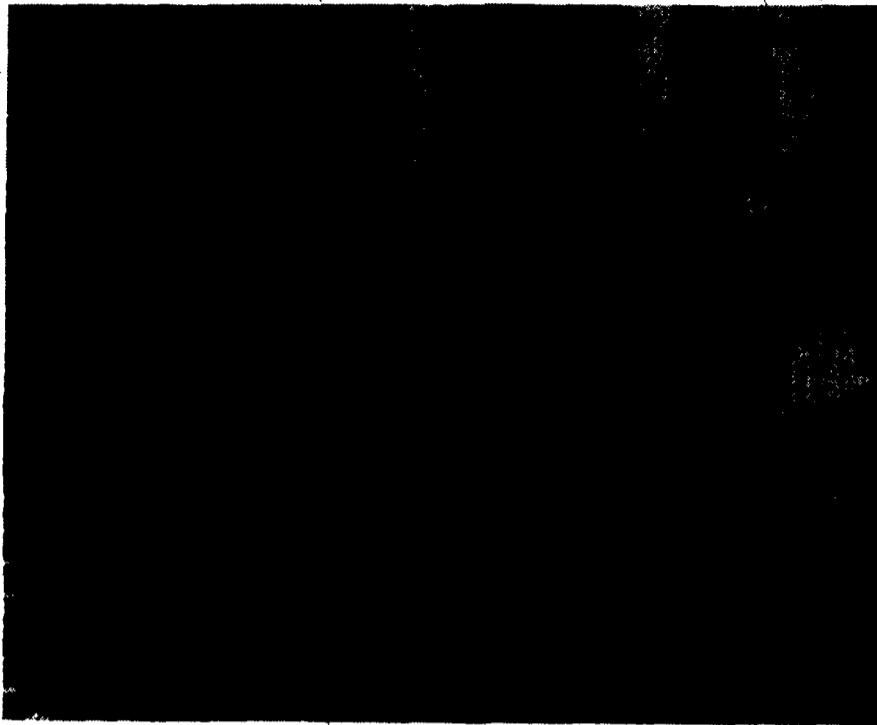
In 1974 a Plymouth man was convicted of manslaughter in the death of his wife. The woman had been hit with a glass pitcher, police said.

Charles J. Williams, then 38, of Union Street in Plymouth pled guilty to manslaughter in the death of his wife, JoAnn, 33 on May 29. Police said she died of a blow to the left side of her head and face with the pitcher.

Police said Williams himself called them around 11 p.m. the night the homicide took place. Upon entering the residence, police said they found JoAnn on the floor and Williams in a chair with a deep razor cut on his left wrist.

Williams was convicted of manslaughter and was sentenced to serve 10 to 15 years in prison. He served his sentence and is now out of prison.

THE BODY OF Stacey Ann Hurrelbrink is loaded into the Medical Examiner's truck alongside the Old Village Inn in 1981. The residential hotel, now charred and vacant, was the site of a second murder -- by arson -- 16 months later. (Crier photo)



SUSPECTS IN THE MURDER of Lloyd Buchman in 1975 are shown here after they were returned from their capture in Laramie, Wyoming. From left: Robert Umney was found not guilty of first degree murder, Barry Provow was found guilty and is still in Jackson Prison, and Leslie Provow has been paroled on a charge of manslaughter. (Crier photo)

Witness played dead, testified

On Jan. 28, 1975, Canton resident Lloyd Buchman, 22, was found dead in a field near the corner of Joy and Ridge roads in Canton. Buchman had been shot in the back with a shotgun and shot through the head with a .22 caliber gun. The investigation which followed Buchman's death eventually lead Wayne County Sheriff's deputies to Laramie,

WY.

According to police reports, Buchman and an acquaintance Lloyd Cash, 21, of Canton were abducted by the criminals in connection with a diamond ring theft. Warrants for the arrest of Barry Provow, then 27, of Plymouth and Robert Umney, then 22, of Plymouth were issued shortly after Cash told police Buchman had been



killed by the pair, and he had been beaten. Cash said he played dead in order to escape death, then staggered to a Plymouth Township residence for help.

Provow, Umney and Provow's wife, Leslie, then 18, fled the state after the murder. They were later stopped for a traffic check outside of Laramie. The three were arrested after it was learned that they were wanted in connection with Buchman's death.

Umney was found not guilty in a charge of first degree murder. Leslie Provow was sentenced to serve seven to 15 years for manslaughter. She was paroled Nov. 30, 1980 to Livingston County. Barry Provow is serving life imprisonment in Jackson State Prison on a first degree murder charge in the case.

Still unsolved after 8 years

Even after years of investigation, some homicide cases in The Plymouth-Canton Community still remain unsolved. The Wayne County Sheriff's Department, however, continues to regularly work on some of these cases.

David Wayne Watson, 31, of North Umlerland Street in Canton was murdered in his home Nov. 1, 1975. Watson was shot several times.

The Wayne County Sheriff's Department would not release any information on the case except that it is still under investigation.

Motel clerk's brutal death

A police sketch of a suspect connected with the Feb. 4, 1977 murder of a motel clerk led to the eventual arrest and conviction of the murderer in one of The Plymouth-Canton Community's most brutal slayings.

According to the Wayne County Sheriff, Carolyn Kovacs, 20, a clerk at the Red Roof Inn on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township died after being struck several times about the face and head with a hammer. Kovacs was attacked at approximately 5:30 a.m.

Sheriff's deputies later arrested Marvin Earl Williams, 28, of Maple and Brookpark streets, Plymouth, and charged him with second degree murder and three counts of writing bad checks. Deputies said a composite drawing, put together from a description by a witness who saw Williams flee the motel, helped police locate and arrest him.

Williams confessed to the murder after being identified by motel employes in a police lineup. He was convicted of second degree murder and uttering and publishing. He was sentenced to serve 25 to 50 years for the murder charge and seven to 14 years for the uttering and publishing charge. He is serving time in Jackson State Prison.

A decade of homicides -- are there more now?

EDITOR'S NOTE: With the retrial of Ronald Hartwig, who has been resentenced for the Aug. 23, 1981 bludgeoning death of Stacey Hurrelbrink in the Old Village Inn, there's been much more discussion of homicides in The Plymouth-Canton Community.

"Are there more murders now than there used to be? Do the police catch the culprits? Am I safe even here?" are all questions heard more frequently of late.

Appearing here is a synopsis of the 15 homicides which occurred here in the decade between Aug. 16, 1973 and Aug. 8, 1983. Two thirds of those homicides — 10 — occurred in the last four years.

Information compiled here by Crier Managing Editor Cheryl Eberwein came from records of the Plymouth and Canton Police, the Wayne County Sheriff, the Michigan State Police, the State Corrections Department and from several independent sources. In one case, the sheriff department could no longer find the file.

A homicide?

Although never brought to court as a homicide, Sheriff's detectives, have, nonetheless, classified the death of Caroline Sue Perry, 36, of Canton as an unsolved murder.

Perry's body was found in the trailer home of her boyfriend, Dale Douglas Woodham, Jan. 25, 1980. The trailer was located in Wagon Wheel Mobile Park in Canton. Detective Frank Burton of the Sheriff's Department said an original autopsy performed on Perry indicated she had died of an overdose of drugs. Her boyfriend told police he had tried to revive her.

Burton said, however, that the medical examiner later changed his autopsy

report and said Perry had died of drowning. Police at the scene of the crime the night Perry was murdered saw large quantities of long black hair in the bath tub of the trailer.

"The hair indicated that a struggle had taken place," Burton said. "Perry's body was also badly bruised, indicating a fight."

Burton said detectives were unable to pursue the case because of the time delay between autopsy reports. He also indicated the conflicting reports would weaken any case established.

A civil suit has been filed against Perry's boyfriend in connection with her death.

2 men killed gangland style

Homicide is never an easy crime to solve, but The Plymouth-Canton Community's only double homicide in the past 10 years is, perhaps, more difficult than most. The crime remains unsolved today, although Michigan State Police detectives are still investigating tip information on the case.

The parking lot of the Ford Motor Company on Sheldon Road became the scene of a major crime investigation Aug. 27, 1980 when the bodies of two men were found there. Eugene Thomas Zalenski, 31, of Inkster, and George Edward Woisky, Jr., 31 of Allen Park were both found shot to death, police said. Their partially decomposed bodies were found stuffed into the back of a pick-up truck -- along with a small quantity of hashish.

Police said the murders had occurred at least four days prior to the discovery of the bodies. Police reports said that the men had been killed in another location and dumped on the Ford Motor Company lot.

Sergeant James Collins of the Michigan State Police said a commuter noticed the truck sitting in the lot for several days and finally called the police to report the vehicle as stolen. Collins said that although the crime is unsolved, motives for the murders were either money or drug-related territory. The police are still investigating the case.



MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE workers remove the body of James Earl Belcher from a field in Canton Township. (Crier photo)

Matricide

It is a murder that the Wayne County Sheriff's deputies still call a tragedy even today. It is also a murder which never went to trial.

On June 27, 1980, Jane Helen McCarthy, 50, was stabbed through the heart with a butcher knife in her home on Clemons Street in Plymouth Township. Sheriff's deputies said McCarthy's daughter, Kathleen Rose, then 29, had killed her mother at 7:20 a.m. -- while she still slept.

According to police reports, Kathleen, who was living at home at the time of the murder, had a history of mental illness. Two weeks before she killed her mother,

deputies said, she asked to go back to Northville State Hospital.

On the morning of the murder, deputies said Kathleen told them she heard voices telling her that her mother was in danger and that she could help her by killing her. She crept into her parents' bedroom several times throughout the night before finally killing her mother, police said. Police said she then woke her father, who was sleeping in the same bed, and told him to call the police and an ambulance.

Kathleen was arrested and charged with second degree murder. She underwent a forensic psychiatric examination and was determined to be incompetent of standing trial for the crime.



DURING HIS TRIAL in the 1977 slaying of motel clerk Carolyn Kovacs, Marvin Earl Williams relaxes in the 35th District Court offices. He was found guilty of second degree murder and is still in Jackson prison.



THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY Plant on Sheldon Road became the scene of a major crime investigation when the bodies of two men were discovered on a truck in the parking lot. (Crier photo)

Reviewing 15 violent deaths here in past 10 years

1st O.V. Inn murder: brutal

Two years ago a 21-year-old Plymouth woman was murdered at the now closed Old Village Inn in Plymouth. On Jan. 18 of this year, her admitted killer was finally sentenced.

On Aug. 23, 1981, Stacey Ann Hurrelbrink was found beaten to death with what police believe was a hammer recovered from Wilcox Lake by the Michigan State Police. Ronald John Hartwig, 33, a former Plymouth man, was arrested in connection with the case shortly after Hurrelbrink's body was found near the Inn. Police said a Plymouth woman, Darcelle Payne, had called them and said Hartwig had admitted to her that he killed Hurrelbrink. Another woman, Terrie Stonerock, also of Plymouth, was also approached by Hartwig and verified Payne's admission. Hartwig was later charged with first degree murder.

Hartwig was sentenced to life imprisonment for first degree murder-mentally ill in a Wayne County Circuit Court trial that began Oct. 13, 1981. The conviction was overturned in Appeals Court, however, and Hartwig pled guilty to second degree murder Jan. 9. He was sentenced to serve 13 to 35 years in prison in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Rape, murder

The Plymouth-Canton Community had barely recovered from the tragedy of the Stacey Hurrelbrink murder in August of 1981 when it was faced with another horrible murder in December of the same year.

On Dec. 2, 1981 the battered, sexually abused body of Janet Reynolds, 27, of Plymouth Township, was discovered in a field north of Joy Road near Mettetal Airport. Police said Reynolds had disappeared from a bowling alley in Plymouth Township that evening. A police search, conducted by helicopter, lead police to Reynold's body almost immediately. Reynolds had been beaten, raped, strangled and stabbed several times, police said.

Police arrested Darol Wayne Holbrook, 31, of Wyandotte in connection with the case. He was later charged with one count of first degree murder committed while perpetrating or attempting to perpetrate criminal sexual conduct and one count of first degree murder committed with premeditation.

Holbrook, an employe at Northville State Hospital, was seen at the bowling alley with Reynolds the night of her death. He was found guilty of first degree murder and criminal sexual conduct. He was sentenced to life imprisonment with no parole. Holbrook is serving time in Marquette State prison.



A DIVER for the Michigan State Police, Mark Slusser, emerges from the waters of Wilcox Lake with the alleged murder weapon in the 1981 slaying of Stacey Ann Hurrelbrink. (Crier photo)



DELORES JEAN FEDERICO is presently serving her sentence for assault in the 1982 death of Jess Brown, Jr. which, Canton Police said, occurred during a drug deal gone sour.

A 'drug' death

A drug-related armed robbery resulted in the first murder which occurred in The Plymouth-Canton Community in 1982.

Jess Brown, Jr., 27, of Ann Arbor was shot in the head on Lotz Road in Canton on Oct. 21. Police said Brown's convicted murderer, Delores Jean Federico, then 25, of Canton made arrangements with two male acquaintances to rob Brown. She later killed him.

The two Canton men, George McCue, then 25, and Ricki Sparks, then 30, were arrested shortly after the murder in connection with the case. Police said McCue and Sparks testified against Federico and were, as a result, granted immunity to first degree murder. Police said all three were present at the murder scene.

McCue and Sparks were charged and convicted of assault with intent to rob while armed. Federico was charged with first degree murder, assault with intent to rob while armed and a felony firearm charge.

Federico was convicted of the assault and firearm charges in Wayne County Circuit Court. The murder charge was dropped. She was sentenced to serve 20 to 60 years for the crime. Sparks and McCue were sentenced to serve four and a half to 15 years for their involvement in the robbery. All three are presently serving time on their sentences.

Body dumped

On Dec. 26, 1982, a rabbit hunter seeking game came across the body of a man in a field between Van Born Road and Michigan Avenue in Canton Township. The victim was identified but the murder still remains unsolved.

The Michigan State Police identified the victim as James Earl Belcher, 33, of Inkster. Police said Belcher had been missing since July 4.

The Canton police said Belcher's lower jaw bone was broken on the right side. There was also a single, small caliber gun shot wound to the head, and police said the murder may have been execution-style. Police were not sure whether Belcher died at the scene or was killed somewhere else and dumped in the field. They estimated that Belcher's body had been in the field for at least 60 to 90 days.

Police sorted through at least 50 motives for the slaying but have not solved the crime. There are no suspects in the case.

Arson-murder at O.V. Inn

On Jan. 5, 1983, the Old Village Inn was destroyed in a fire which quickly engulfed the aging structure in flames. On that same evening, residents of The Plymouth-Canton Community also witnessed the second murder to take place at the Inn within 17 months.

Clifford Bearden, a former resident of the Inn, did not escape the fire. The fatal fire was ruled an arson and Bearden's death a murder soon after it occurred.

Livonia resident and former Inn resident, Gary Lee Cook, 34, was arrested in connection with the case. Cook was charged by police with arson, first degree murder, and assault with intent to murder. After undergoing a trial which lasted for nearly a year, Cook was found guilty of the murder and arson charges.

He was sentenced to life imprisonment without parole and is serving time in Marquette State Prison.

Religious dispute

A Detroit religious dispute led to the grisly Canton murder of a Wayne County General Hospital doctor Aug. 8, 1983.

Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad, 36, was gunned down in his Canton Township home while his family sat in the adjoining room. Canton police later traced leads from the murder to an Islamic temple in Detroit where Ahmad's murderers were also found dead.

Police said a dispute arose between Ahmad and his murderers, William A. Cain, 27, of Akron, OH. and Calvin Stanley Jones, 30, of Detroit, over religious beliefs. Ahmad was the secretary of his religious sect.

After shooting Ahmad in his home, police said the two criminals tried to set fire to Ahmad's Islamic sect center in Detroit. The men died in the fire they allegedly set. A gun found in the temple with their bodies proved to be the murder weapon used in the case, and police determined that the two men had killed Ahmad before dying themselves the same night.

She's 'energetic, caring and dependable' Canton nurse receives top VA award

Canton Township Registered Nurse Dorinda Wilson, a hemodialysis nurse at the Ann Arbor Veterans Administration Medical Center, has been presented with the VA Hands and Heart Award.

The award is presented annually to one employe in each of the VA's 172 health care facilities. J.T. Carson, director of the Ann Arbor hospital, said the award pays tribute to Wilson's "exceptional patient care."

Wilson's dedication to her patients has led her to extend herself far beyond her regular working hours and responsibilities, he said. Last year she helped organize a vacation for hemodialysis patients, who ordinarily can't travel away from the massive equipment that performs kidney functions for them.

She helped raise funds, contributed her vacation time and paid most of her own expenses to dialyze patients during their week-long vacation in Jamaica. For some patients, it was the first extended vacation they had taken in years.

Wilson trains hemodialysis patients to dialyze themselves at home or to perform continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis, a method of dialysis that frees them from standard dialyzing equipment, according to Frederick K. Port M.D., one of those who nominated her for the award.

Port commended her skill in assessing a patient's understanding of complex procedures and in adjusting her teaching methods to this. She follows up training by telephoning new patients daily, to make sure they are adjusting to the new techniques. Long-term patients she calls

regularly, to keep in touch and to circumvent problems.

Port termed her "an energetic, caring and dependable health care provider" who "exemplifies the slogan 'VA Cares' in her personal, sincere approach to people and their situations."

Wilson began working at the medical center in 1963. In 1982 she earned her RN degree, and in July of that year she assumed her present position.

Wilson will receive a silver Hands and Heart pin, and will have her name engraved on a plaque that will be displayed in the medical center lobby in recognition of her award.



DORINDA WILSON

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- This is a great opportunity for a Canton woman to become involved in the Business and Professional Women (BPW) and be recognized for her excellence. For an application form or further information, please call the contest chairperson, Kathy Edgar, 459-4324. All application materials must be in by Feb. 3.

New system ready

Business Model Systems Inc. has announced that Plymouth's Wright and Associates Inc. has contracted to sell and support its Business Modeler Financial Planning and Control System.

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For more information about the system contact Wright and Associates, 1158 S. Main St. in Plymouth.

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THE FORMER PRECISION SPRING PLANT soon to be occupied by Draw-Tite, Inc. in March.

Draw-Tite, Inc. moves to former Precision site

BY CHERYLEBERWEIN

Trying to sell 98,000 square feet of space can be tough. Just ask Dave Nicholson, economic growth director for Canton. Nicholson has been trying to sell the former Precision Spring plant on Van Buren Road at I-275 in Canton for the past two years.

Although Nicholson said he has had many people look at the facility with interest, no one has made an offer on the plant. But perseverance and a price reduction have prevailed; Nicholson and a new Canton company will close on the facility within a few weeks.

Draw-Tite, Inc., a company presently located on Martinsville Road in Van Buren Township, will move into the facility in April, Bob Hayes, vice-president of manufacturing said. Other expansions to the plant and a consolidation of the company's employees will follow later in the year, he added.

Draw-Tite, Inc. is a 39-year-old Michigan based company which was founded in Belleville. The company produces trailer hitches for all types of cars. Hayes said the company produced approximately 550,000 hitches last year.

Draw-Tite was privately owned until 1969 when Hoover Universal Company bought the firm. The company was a division of Hoover until 1981 when ownership again became private. Robert Fisher, an Ann Arbor resident presently owns the company.

"We produce the trailer hitch from start to finish," Hayes said. "We will be doing all of our manufacturing from the Canton plant and then shipping the hitches to our six warehouses throughout the country and Canada."

Hayes said Draw-Tite, which wants to expand its facilities, has been looking at the Canton plant for a year. But the price of the facility kept the company from making a serious offer on the plant. When the price of the plant was reduced, however, Hayes said Draw-Tite took advantage of the plant's availability.

"The plant was suited to our needs," Hayes said. "We evaluated our needs and realized we would have to put a sizeable addition onto our present facilities. Although there was a difference in cost between the plant and an addition, it wasn't enough not to take advantage of the plant."

Draw-Tite employs 175 hourly and salary workers. Hayes said an additional 50 people are employed at the company's other warehouses. The company will move its punch press operation and special

equipment to the facility by March. A new paint line, office installation and inventory will be moved to the facility later in the year.

Nicholson said he is extremely pleased that "the Cadillac of buildings built in a Chevy economy" will finally see occupancy again.

"I was sorry to see Precision Spring move out," he said. "This was the biggest project our Economic Development Corporation funds helped finance. Canton spent about \$4 million in EDC funds - it's a gorgeous structure."

But Canton's gain is Van Buren Township's loss - and the loss of Draw-Tite, Inc. has not settled well with officials in Van Buren. Van Buren Township Supervisor George Craven said Draw-Tite officials threatened to move their company out of Michigan last summer if the township did not rezone some prime agricultural land to manufacturing for their use.

"Draw-Tite has been in Van Buren for 34 years," Craven said. "They wanted us to rezone 20 acres to industrial so they could put up a warehouse, and at the public hearing they had a lot of company people there. They said they would move out if they were turned down."

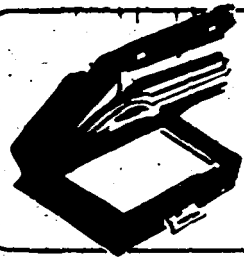
"We rezoned that property under pressure only for them," Craven continued, "and now they're moving anyway. I think it's a dirty deal. Although they claim they didn't know they were going to be moving, I feel we were used, I really do."

Hayes said he knows Van Buren officials think the company has lied to them. "But we didn't know we were going to move. We looked at that plant for a year, and only after the price was reduced did we become interested."

"Van Buren hasn't helped us much either," Hayes continued. "Prior to my coming to this company, my boss related a lot of stories about rezoning efforts. But it simply isn't true that we lied - we have no reason to lie."

Although Canton might appear in the middle of the problem, Nicholson said Canton did not go into Van Buren and steal Draw-Tite.

"They saw the building and the building sold itself," Nicholson said. "We don't go into adjacent communities and steal away businesses. We send out information to companies which express interest in expansion and let them know we can accommodate their needs. But going into other communities anywhere in Michigan isn't ethical."



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Canton investor gets promotion

A.G. Edwards and Sons, Inc., a national brokerage and investment banking firm, has announced the promotion of Michael J. Fulkerson to associate vice president. Fulkerson is the co-manager of the Ann Arbor branch office.

A graduate of Central Michigan University, Fulkerson joined A.G. Edwards in 1978. He was previously an investment broker with Watling Lerchen

and Co. He and his wife, Beverly, and their sons, Michael and David, reside in Canton.

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Knapp

Elton D. Knapp, 73, of Pacific in Plymouth, died Jan. 24. Funeral services were held Jan. 27 at the Schrader Funeral Home. Rev. John N. Grenfell Jr. officiated.

Mr. Knapp was a self-employed businessman. He was born in Plymouth. He was a past member of the Plymouth Planning Commission.

He was a member of the Plymouth Elks B.P.O.E. no. 1780, Plymouth Rock Lodge no. 47 F and AM; Farmington American Legion; Past Commander of the Plymouth American Legion Passage-Gayde Post.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy, of Plymouth, sons Dennis of Canton, George of Birmingham, three grandchildren and a brother, Sanford Knapp of Plymouth.

Burial was at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Heart Association.

Snyder

Willard J. Snyder, 71, of New Providence Way in Canton, died Jan. 22. Funeral services were held Jan. 25 at the Schrader Funeral Home. Pastor Jerry Yarnell officiated.

Mr. Snyder retired in 1974 from Palace Quality, Inc. after many years of service. He came to The Community in 1977 from Detroit.

He is survived by his daughters, Judith Boersig of Livonia, Barbara Riffle of Livonia, Joy Hollen of Canton, ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Association.

Barber

Edward L. Barber, 59, of Pacific in Plymouth, died Jan. 26. Funeral services were held Jan. 28 at the Schrader Funeral Home. Rev. Kenneth E. Zielke officiated.

Mr. Barber was a screw machine operator for Hill Screw Products. He lived in The Community for 17 years. He came to The Community in 1958 from Livonia. He is a member of the Church of the Risen Christ, in Plymouth.

He is survived by his wife Ruth, daughters, Dianne Goodpaster of Milford, Margaret Carter of Plymouth, Gayle Nelson of Canton, Alecia Barber of Plymouth, a son, Richard Barber of Kalamazoo, twelve grandchildren, sisters Charlotte Godfrey of Ft. Edward, NY, Dorothy Strainer of Ft. Ann, NY and a brother Donald Barber of Ft. Edward, NY.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bethesda Lutheran Home, Watertown, WI.

Hurtik

Louis V. Hurtik Jr., 63, of Plymouth, died Jan. 9. Funeral arrangements were made by Lambert-Locniskar and Vermeulen Funeral Home. Rev. Philip R. Magee and Rev. Thomas H. Cook officiated.

Mr. Hurtik was an accountant, retired in 1982 from TMP Architectural Firm in Bloomfield Hills, after 17 years. He was a member of the Czechoslovakian Society of America-Pingree Lodge member of the Plymouth Elks for 25 years and a veteran of WW II.

He is survived by his wife Lorraine, his mother Stephanie, son Louis, daughters, Katherine, Patricia, Joyce and Lisa, one grandchild, brother Emil and sister Helen.

Opie

Margaret E. Opie, 77, of Greenview Place in Plymouth, died Jan. 25. Funeral services were held Jan. 28 at the Schrader Funeral Home. The Rev. Philip Rodgers Magee officiated.

Miss Opie retired from Carboly Division of General Electric in 1972 after 32 years with the company. She came to The Community in 1975 from Detroit and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

She is survived by Myron P. Opie of Royal Oak and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions made be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

Van Zandt

Helen L. Van Zandt, 76, of Provincial Road in Canton Township, died Jan. 22. Funeral services were held Jan. 26 at the Schrader Funeral Home. Pastor Jerry Yarnell officiated.

Mrs. Van Zandt was a retired comptometer operator. She was a Minnesota native and had lived in Detroit for 45 years. She worked in the payroll department of Tearstedt Div. of General Motors for 35 years until her retirement in 1967. She came to The Community in 1972.

She is survived by her husband George, of Canton, a sister Rhea McComber of Minneapolis, MN and several nieces and nephews.

Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery.

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453-3333



Sports

Chiefs win it!

BY TIM McKERCHER

You were lucky if you could find space to breath in the the Phase III gym Friday night.

The turn out for the big game was almost as great as the game itself.

Both stands were packed as Canton and Salem squared off for the bragging rights of CEP.

The Chiefs are going to be doing the talking for a while, they won, 52-47.

It was a game that had everything, torrid outside shooting, some great individual match-ups, a chess game coaching dual, and a finish that wasn't decided until the final minute of the game.

Although Erich Hartnett put in the first basket of the game, giving Salem the early lead, Canton was the team that gained the early momentum that carried them throughout.

Gary Thomas was the main man in the early minutes for the Chiefs. Matched against Jeff Arnold, Thomas ripped the net from the outside, scoring six points within the first four minutes.

Also leading Canton was point guard Mark Bennett who drove the lane with his usual success, dishing off assists to his teammates.

But the Rocks weren't shattered by the early dominance by the Chiefs. They stayed right in the game, Arnold did a fine job of playing up tight on Thomas, taking away his steaming jump shot. Rick Berberet, who is given the option by Fred Thomann of playing out on the perimeter, or in near the basket, moved in towards the paint and sank one of his jump hook shots over Mike Jennings. He was fouled and sank the free throw making the score, 10-7 with 1:56 left in the first quarter.

The Rocks opened things up a bit in the last minute, Hartnett dished off a fake shot to Mike White, who sank a lay-up and then Hartnett scored himself off a Berberet assist, putting Salem within a point, 12-11.

Jennings hit a 15 footer in the final seconds giving Canton some breathing room going into the second quarter.

Salem came out much more patient in the second quarter, Arnold sank a 25 footer with only 18 seconds off the clock, but then neither team scored for the next two minutes.

The Chiefs and Rocks showed some stellar defense, both teams exchanging possessions a number of times before Thomas pulled up and hit a jumper from the top of the key, putting Canton ahead, 16-13.

The scoring drought continued, both teams showed some strong defensive rebounding which resulted in no scoring. But things picked up a bit with two minutes left in the game, Bennett started moving the ball around for Canton. He hit two free throws at the 2:09 mark, giving the Chiefs a five point lead, 20-15.

White answered Bennett's free throws with a jumper at the 1:44 mark, moving Salem to within three. But Bennett came right back, scoring another basket 30 seconds later.

Bennett was forced to control the offense for Canton because Thomas was

locked up by Arnold every time he touched the ball.

Bennett scored again with 12 seconds left in the half, shoveling in a rebound off a Brent Stack jump shot.

Canton shut out the Rocks for the last minute and 47 seconds, helping them mount a 24-17 lead.

The Rocks came out with a look of intensity for the second half, and they showed they were ready to play. Hartnett, Scott Jurek, and LeSean Haygood all scored for Salem within the first two minutes, closing the score to within one, 24-23. Berberet was sticking mostly inside, helping to grab some offensive rebounds and control the tempo of play.

Just when it looked Canton was going to be taken over by the blue, they came firing back. Jennings hit a bomb at the 5:26 mark. Hawkins followed him with a jumper, moving the Chiefs out, 28-23.

But then things got really tight, both teams played offense and exchanged baskets on each possession. Bennett running for Canton and Berberet controlling the tempo for the Rocks.

The Chiefs were ahead by five points when Thomas got away from Arnold and sank another 20 footer, making the score, 34-27.

Both teams went scoreless for the last two minutes, until Arnold sank a jump shot to put Salem within seven, 36-29.

The fourth quarter followed the pattern of the other three, Salem put together a couple of rallies, but the Chiefs maintained the lead.

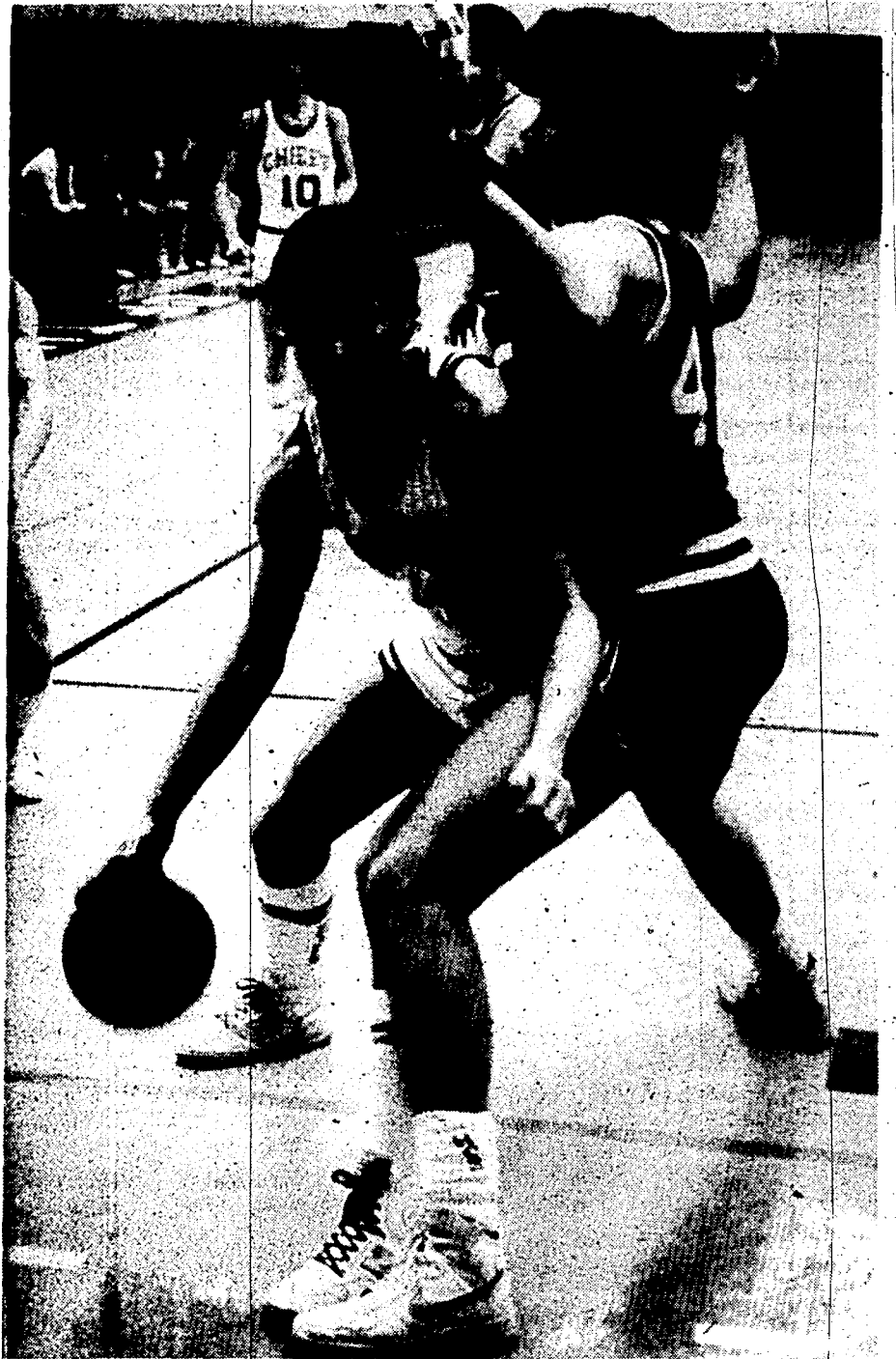
When Canton fell into foul trouble at the five minute mark, Salem pulled to within two. Hartnett hit two free throws at the 4:46 mark, making the score, 38-36.

The Chiefs edged out again, Berberet and Jennings both fouled out of the game, taking away one of the great individual match-ups of the game.

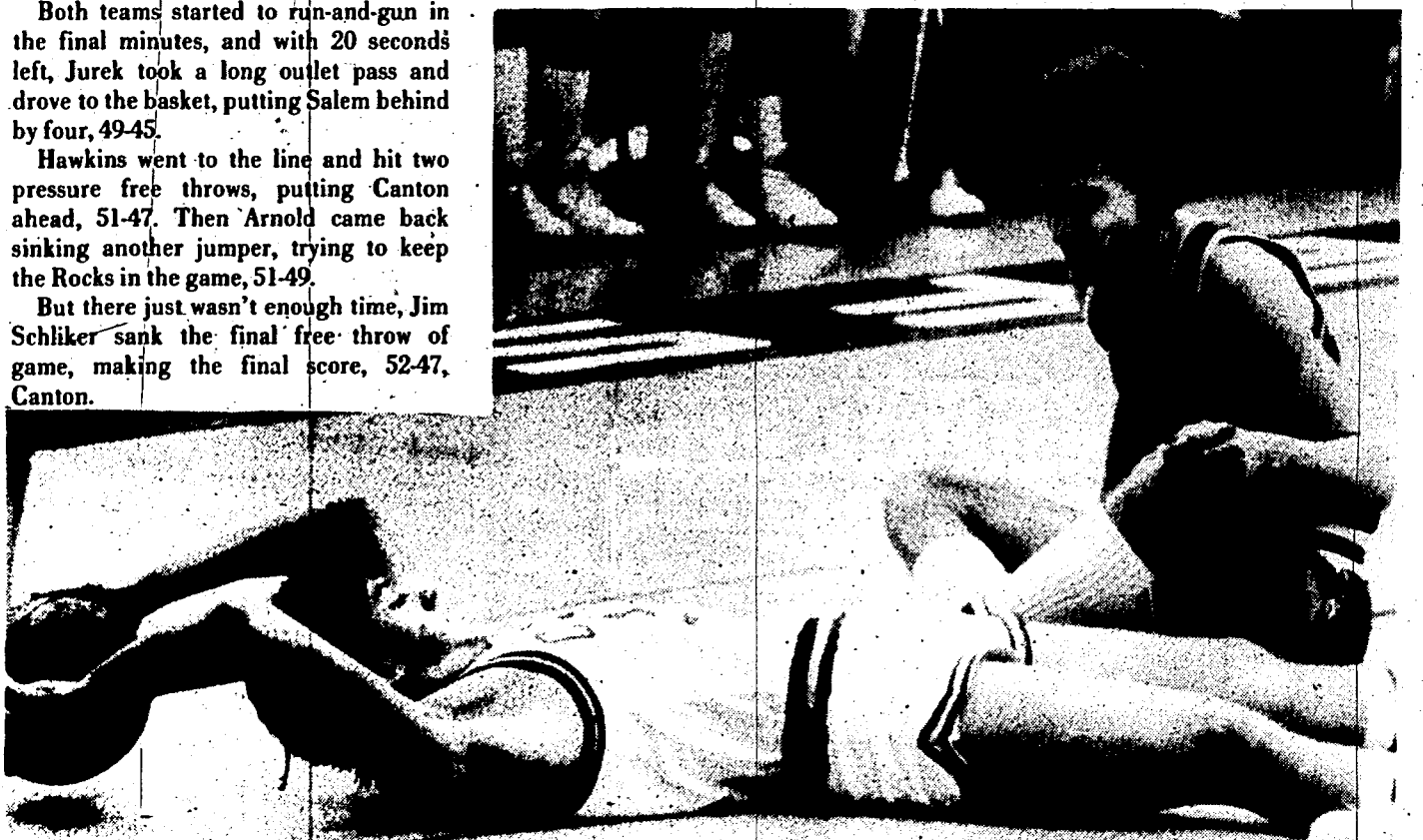
Both teams started to run-and-gun in the final minutes, and with 20 seconds left, Jurek took a long outlet pass and drove to the basket, putting Salem behind by four, 49-45.

Hawkins went to the line and hit two pressure free throws, putting Canton ahead, 51-47. Then Arnold came back sinking another jumper, trying to keep the Rocks in the game, 51-49.

But there just wasn't enough time, Jim Schliker sank the final free throw of game, making the final score, 52-47, Canton.



RICK BERBERET of Salem defends the Rocks goal from Canton Chief Kevin Hawkins. Berberet wasn't enough though as the Chiefs went onto win. (Crier photo by Chris Royd)



MARK BENNETT of Canton is not lying down on the job. Bennett recovered this loose ball in first

quarter action last Friday night. Erich Hartnett of Salem looks on. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd)

Rocks, Chiefs swim to victories

BY JAY KEENAN

If someone had told Canton swim coach Hooker Wellman two weeks ago that his team was going to beat Livonia Bentley by 80 points, he probably would have taken that person for a false prophet.

But that's how much the Chiefs won by Thursday night as the squad blasted Bentley 121-41.

Canton's victory came as a result of a very disabled Bentley team. All but six Bentley swimmers were discharged from their team for disciplinary reasons a week before the meet.

The win ups the Chiefs record to 3-4 overall and 2-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA).

Senior Joe McBratnie captured the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:19.63. He later came back to score a victory in the 100-breaststroke (1:07.02).

John Ahrens, meanwhile, took top honors in both the 200-freestyle (2:02.65) and 500-freestyle (5:34.54).

In the 200-medley relay, the unit of

Dean Roberts, Gabe Krawzak, McBratnie and Jim Walker finished first with a time of 1:56.61.

Roberts placed first in the 100-backstroke and broke his own freshman record with a 1:03.67 clocking.

Canton's other first place finishers were recorded by Andy Flower in diving (200.2 points) and Jim Luce in the 100-butterfly (1:04.55).

"In a lot of situations like this, it's easy to back down when practically nobody (on the other team) is there," said Wellman. "But our guys didn't, for the most part. We did real well and had some good efforts. With the team Bentley originally had, they would have beaten us."

Salem won its seventh consecutive

swim meet Thursday on the road, dunking Livonia Churchill, 115-57.

The victory increased the Rocks record to 7-1 overall and 5-0 in the WLAA.

Erik Kleinsmith, a senior, was a double winner for Salem. He led his team with victories in the 200-freestyle (1:51.8) and the 10 freestyle (50.4).

Kleinsmith also anchored the winning 400-freestyle relay squad, and Greg Wolff. They posted a time of 3:38.1.

The 200-medley relay team of Mike Harwood, Dave Workman, Scott Anderson and Bob Bowling emerged victorious with a 1:46.3 clocking.

Salem's other winners were Wolff in the 500-freestyle (5:16.2), Don Harwood in the 100-backstroke (1:01.16), Bowling in

the 50-freestyle (22.9) and Bob Longridge in diving.

"I think we're starting to look like a team in contention for the league championship," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "Right now it looks like it's between Livonia Stevenson and Salem. But we've got some more work to do and the guys are starting to realize that."

Stevenson, rated No. 9 in Class A by the Michigan High School Swim Coaches, will meet Salem in the final dual meet of the season for both teams on Feb. 16.

The Rocks next contest will be against Bentley on the road. Canton will face Farmington Harrison tomorrow night at home. Starting time for both matches will be at 7 p.m.

Chiefs beat two, qualify for regional

BY TIM McKERCHER

It was a very successful week for the Canton gymnastics team, on their way to beating Walled Lake Western and Wayne Memorial, they also qualified for regional competition.

They face Walled Lake last Monday and won, 117.55 to 99.7.

In vault competition, Linda Beale finished first with an 8.85, Annette Bryce was third with an 8.25 and Maureen Brophy finished in fifth place overall with a 6.9.

On the uneven bars, Bryce took first with an 8.1, Beale was second with a 7.45, Megan McGow was fourth with a 6.2 and Lisa Carson and AnnMarie Capiris finished tied for sixth with a 5.6.

Beale set the school record on the balance beam, she finished first with an 8.6. Bryce came in fourth place with a 7.5 and Lisa Lovich was sixth with a 6.05.

In the floor exercise, Beale took another first with an 8.7, Bryce was second with an 8.2, Cindy Wyant was fifth with a 7.7 and Cheryl Battaglia was sixth with a score of 7.25.

Beale finished first overall with a score of 33.6 which was two tenths off the school record. Bryce came in second with a 32.05 which was her personal best.

Pam Modson from Plymouth competing as an independent for Farmington Our Lady of Mercy had scores of 8.65 on vault, 7.75 on the uneven bars, 7.8 on the balance beam and an 8.75 in the floor exercise.

Also competing as an independent was Debbi Borke, from Ladywood with and 8.05 on the vault.

Against Wayne Memorial, the Chiefs were victorious, 117.4 to 111.1.

Not only did this give them the dual meet victory, it gave them their fourth score above 115 which qualifies them for regional competition in March.

On the vault, Beale captured first with an 8.5, Bryce was second with a 8.0 and

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KELLY BEMISS, Salem senior co-captain, bumps one in action at the Plymouth Invitational held last Saturday. The Rocks grabbed second place, going 7-1 in pool play. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd)

More than just a good game CEP game shows enthusiasm

The Canton-Salem game was more than just the best basketball game of the year, it was a shot in the arm for the entire sports program at CEP.

There had been a lot of complaints about fan support at CEP. From the coaches, adult supporters, sports writers and other people associated with athletics.

People weren't going to the games and it was starting to cause a real problem. The Detroit News made a big deal about the lack of support at Salem's win over Walled Lake Central.

When you get coaches complaining about low pay, and people talking about the lack of support at CEP contests, things start to get shaky.

But that all ended on Friday.

First there was the excellent full school pep assembly during the day, and then the packed stands at night.

The great part was that the stands were not just packed, they were packed with loud people. For once the cheerleaders

weren't the only ones cheering. The Salem cheerleaders had help from the painted face crew of Salem football players, and the Canton cheerleaders had help from all kinds of people, including the many French teacher Mary Conklin.

If you weren't there, you probably wouldn't believe that Area Coordinator Dave Oppe had to keep the Canton fans off the court, but he did.

It was like a scene from the NCAA championship, I'm surprised that the Canton players didn't lift Dave Van Wagoner on their shoulders and let him cut down the nets.

Of course they weren't cheering for nothing. That was one of the best Canton-Salem games I've seen in four years. It's good to see the basketball talent at CEP back to an even level, instead of the last few years when Salem had control.

It was the kind of game that people will talk about for a long time. I've already heard a dozen different philosophies as to why Canton won, or Salem lost. Along

Rock spikers finish second at Plymouth Invitational

BY JAY KEENAN

Don't let Salem's lack of height and experience lead you to believe that it isn't a respectable girls' volleyball team.

Because it is.

The Rocks proved that Saturday as they fought their way to a second place finish in the Plymouth Volleyball Invitational. Salem finally fell to Harper Woods Regina 15-8, 15-13 in the championship match at the Canton gym.

Salem coach Jeanne Martin was not at all surprised with her teams second place showing, even though the Rocks do not have a player over 5-foot-10 and only a few returning veterans.

"When my kids play together they play well," said Martin. "They played excellent today. Height isn't a problem as long as they can reach the top of the net. As long as you have good springs, you're not short."

Martin said that the second place finish helped lift her teams confidence. "But again, we're still young," reminded Martin. "Sometimes it gels and we run six to seven points off in a row, and sometimes we run into each other. But we're playing hard."

Salem, 3-3 in duals, qualified for the quarterfinals when it finished first in Pool A. The Rocks placed second in round-robin pool play by winning seven of eight games. Regina, the No. 1 seeded team in

pool play, split with Salem while Ann Arbor Huron, Redford Union and Hazel Park each lost two straight to the Rocks.

In the quarters, Salem nipped Westland John Glenn, 15-10, 15-13 and then knocked off Livonia Franklin in the semi's, 15-11, 15-7.

The Rocks, who used more offense than they usually do, were paced by senior co-captains Kelly Bemiss and Shelly Staszal. Martin also cited the efforts of Lisa Madis, Sarah Wallman, Chris Radzik, Regina Rojeski and Sue Carlson. "The whole team played well," the Salem mentor said.

Co-host Canton, also plagued with inexperience, did not fare too well in the tournament. The Chiefs were 1-6 in Pool B. They lost to Brighton, South Haven and Franklin twice each. Their only win was against John Glenn, with which they split.

"We didn't play well," said Canton coach Peggy Moore, whose team is 0-6 in duals. "We came in against real tough competition and they folded under pressure. They (the Canton players) are still at the learning stage right now. But it was real good experience for them to come play against a lot of good teams and see how volleyball should be played."

Salem and Canton's next game will be against each other Thursday night at Canton. Game time is at 7 p.m.

Time To Talk

by Tim McKercher



with that, a dozen different opinions on who was the most valuable player.

If I was forced to pick, I'd have to go with Canton's guards, Mark Bennett and Gary Thomas. They proved they may well be the best two guards in the area, like Van Wagoner says they are.

Thomas was well guarded by Jeff Arnold from Salem for most of the game, but his three bombs that he hit in the beginning let Salem know it was going to be a dog fight.

Bennett played just an outstanding game, both offensively and defensively,

sparking the Chiefs victory.

But Salem had some great play also, Arnold shut down Thomas cold after the first few minutes. Erich Hartnett led all scorers and showed great moves with the basketball. And then looking at Rick Berberet, he proved he may be the best basketball talent to come out of CEP.

But besides being a great game, there was tons of support and excitement that should be at more events at the high schools.

A shot in the arm when we needed it most.

Skatin' Station rollers take third

BY MIKE FOLEY

The Skatin' Station Speed Team traveled to Grand Rapids last weekend and came home with honors galore.

The team took third place overall competing against the cream of the crop—29 teams—from seven states.

The team scored 340 points in the two-day meet finishing behind Skate East and West from Des Moines, IA and Fleetwood of Chicago. Fourth place was the Riverside Striders from Livonia.

The Skatin' Station team is in their second season, only 15 months old. Coach Chuck Jackson said some of the other skaters at the competition were "an-

cient".

The team finished near the bottom last year, according to Skatin' Station owner Woody Lynch.

"I'm ecstatic about our first trophy," Lynch said. "We were the youngest team there, and we finished ahead of all the other Michigan teams."

Jackson said he was proud of his skaters.

"All the skaters performed well," Jackson said. "We're very proud of all of the skaters that participated."

In the elementary division; John Chapuseaux took a second and a third in two relays and was second in the open

race. Todd Hance took a third in the division, Derek Alson took a second in a relay and a fourth in the division and Woody Lynch took a second and third in relays and fourth in the open.

In the freshman division, Candee Walis took a first in the division and a third and a fifth in relays.

In the sophomore division; Gail Chelian took a first in the division, Bob Coleman took a first, second and third in relays, Tracey Henry took a third in a relay, Leeann Horstead took a second in the division, a third and fifth in relays and a third in the open. Debbie Lynch took a fourth in the

division and a second in a relay, Maureen Maisie took a third in the division, Matt Sargent took a first and a third in relays and Christa Walis took a fifth in the division.

In the junior division; Jim Shupe took seconds in the open and division and Jared Sparr took a second in the open, and a second and a fourth in two relays and Mike Prochnow took a fourth in a relay.

In the senior division Susie McLeod took a third in the division, a second in the open and a second and a fourth in relays.

Collins and winning go together

BY TIM McKERCHER

"I don't try to set records, I just try to do the best I can," said Tim Collins the senior wrestler who is playing a big part in Canton's successful 1984 season.

Although Collins may not have tried to set the record for most wins in a season, he did it anyway winning 108 matches so far in his career. He broke Steve Hamblin's old record of 100 wins in a career.

Collins is 32-2 so far this season, one of the main gears in the Chief wrestling squad which is undefeated in the league,

and fighting it's way towards the league title.

"I think we have a good chance to win our league. Everyone will have to put it together all at one time," Collins said.

Collins, wrestling this year in the 138 pound division, has put together four years at Canton that classify him as one of the best.

What are some of his secrets of his success?

"Mainly trying to be smarter than the

other guy. I was never one for being strong, and that's where the running comes in, trying to outcondition people. I try to move faster for a longer period of time."

Collins has some experience in wrestling before starting his career at Canton, he wrestled for a freestyle club when he was in seventh grade.

But once he came to high school, Dan Chrenko put him on his varsity team.

"He's a really good coach, if you have any problems, he'll talk it out with you. He's been there before and he knows what he's talking about," said Collins about Chrenko.

Collins still has big plans for the season ahead, "I set one big goal for myself, I

want to be state champ. I'd like to do it for my coach, Mr. Chrenko, he's never had a state champ before," Collins added.

Collins was able to pick one meet last year that has been the highlight of his career so far, "The Salem Invitational where I beat the state champ and a kid that was second in the state, that was the highlight."

Collins hope to continue wrestling in college, "Mr. Chrenko is sending out letters to different colleges now to see if anyone's interested. I definitely want to go to college and wrestle."

The Canton wrestling team is definitely looking towards a league championship, and leading the way will be Tim Collins.

Salem gymnasts nab fourth

The Salem gymnastics team took their fourth win in a row, beating Trenton, Monday night.

The gymnasts scored 121.50, a new school record, to Trenton's 118.95.

The team had 13 qualifying scores in the meet. Beth Rafail won three of four individual events and got her fourth and final qualifying scores on the vault and floor.

In the vault Rafail tied with a Trenton gymnast for first, both scored 8.15's. In third place was Jackie Huff, with a 7.85.

The first finisher on the bars was Suzanne Gibbons, in third with her 7.65. Fourth place was Debbie Bahna with a 7.55.

The beam was a near sweep as the Rocks got four qualifiers and places 1-2-4-5. Rafail had a 8.15, Huff a 7.55, Gibbons a 7.35 and Deidre Flynn a 7.25.

The floor exercise was — who else — Rafail. She set a school record of 8.75,

and coach Kathi Kinsella said, "She could be in the 9's by the end of the season."

Huff had a 7.8 on the floor, good for third place.

Rafail won the all-around, scoring a 31.65. Huff was third with a 29.95 and Sara Michalik fourth with a 29.10.

'300' game gives bowler big night

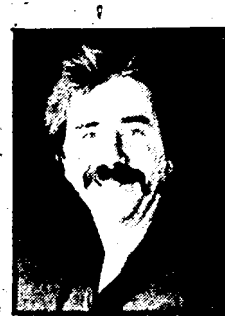

Dan Connell of Canton bowled a 300 game Jan. 23 at Super Bowl Lanes.

He bowled the 300 in his first game and started the second with three more strikes—giving him 15 in a row.

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APPOLLOS	41
T-BIRDS	32
WINGS	32
NETS	23
ANGELS	23
76ERS	14
DOLPHINS	05
RESULTS: APPOLLOS 33, NETS 21; WINGS 38, T-BIRDS 26; BLUES 29, ANGELS 24; 76ERS 21, DOLPHINS 19.	

BOYS "A" LEAGUE

AMERICAN		NATIONAL	
BULLS	70	HAWKS	70
LAKERS	43	ROCKS	61
CHIEFS	43	BULLETS	61
SONICS	43	CELTICS	43
BUCKS	34	NETS	43
SUNS	25	76ERS	34
KINGS	25	SPURS	34
PACERS	16	JAZZ	25
KNICKS	16	PISTONS	07
RESULTS: BULLS 55, LAKERS 37; ROCKS 41, KINGS 25; BUCKS 54, PACERS 41; SONICS 57, CHIEFS 49; 76ERS 36, JAZZ 32; CELTICS 41, PISTONS 40; BULLETS 51, NETS 26; HAWKS 44, SPURS 45; KNICKS 57, SUNS 28.			

GIRLS "AA" LEAGUE

HAWKS	61
ROBINS	61
JETS	52
WILDCATS	52
JAYS	43
STRIKERS	34
FLAMES	25
ASTROS	25
CUBS	16
ANGELS	16
RESULTS: JETS 33, ANGELS 19; ASTROS 34, FLAMES 26; HAWKS 31, JAYS 26; WILDCATS 36, CUBS 35; ROBINS 27, STRIKERS 17.	

BOYS "AAA" LEAGUE

SUNS	93
WARRIORS	93
SPURS	76
PISTONS	48
BUCKS	1-10
RESULTS: PISTONS 56, SUNS 48; SPURS 90, WARRIORS 71; SPURS 88, PISTONS 67; SUNS 88, BUCKS 49.	

BOYS "AA" LEAGUE

HOOSIERS	11-2
ILLINI	10-3
BOILERMAKERS	8-5
SPARTANS	7-6
WOLVERINES	6-7
BUCKEYES	5-8
HAWKEYES	4-9
GOPHERS	1-12
RESULTS: SPARTANS 37, BOILERMAKERS 33; ILLINI 44, BUCKEYES 35; HOOSIERS 61, GOPHERS 50; WOLVERINES 60, HAWKEYES 39.	

BOYS "C" LEAGUE

MAVERICKS	6-1
76ERS	5-2
BULLS	4-3
BULLETS	4-3
CELTICS	2-5
ROYALS	2-5
PISTONS	0-7
RESULTS: BULLS 33, PISTONS 22; MAVERICKS 45, 76ERS 30; CELTICS 32, BULLETS 42; KINGS 38, ROYALS 25.	

BOYS "B" LEAGUE

AMERICAN		NATIONAL	
76ERS	70	HAWKS	70
KNICKS	61	LAKERS	43
PACERS	52	CELTICS	43
JAZZ	43	PISTONS	43
BUCKS	34	KINGS	34
BULLS	34	SONICS	25
SPURS	25	ROCKETS	25
SUNS	07	BULLETS	07
RESULTS: CELTICS 46, SONICS 28; PACERS 39, BUCKS 24; KINGS 44, BULLETS 22; HAWKS 51, LAKERS 37; KNICKS 50, JAZZ 41; BULLS 47, SUNS 28; ROCKETS 39, PISTONS 37; 76ERS 55, SPURS 39.			

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Canton wins

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Helene Zahn was fourth with a 6.75. On the bars, Beale was first with a 7.9, Bryce was second with a 7.65 and McGow was fourth with a 7.2.

Beale got her third of four firsts on the night in the beam competition, she had a score of 7.75. Bryce finished in third place with a 7.05 and Zahn was sixth with a 6.6.

Canton captured the top three spots in the floor exercise, Beale was first with an 8.3, Bryce was second with an 8.0 and Lovich came in third with a 7.75.

Modson scored a 8.25 on vault, a 7.05 on bars, a 7.5 on beam and an 8.05 in the floor exercise.

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Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by Plymouth-Canton School District at Board Office Building on February 28, 1984 until 2:00 p.m. at which time proposals will be opened for School Food Services for the period July 1, 1984 through June 30, 1985, inclusive. A summary of proposals will be given to the Board of Education for consideration at the regular meeting on April 9, 1984 at 7:30 p.m. PROPOSAL FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES — REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 24, 1984

Supervisor Breen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Mrs. Fidge asked that the minutes show Mrs. Lynch supported the motion to adopt Resolution No. 84-1-20-1 (Library).

Mrs. Fidge moved to approve the minutes as submitted with the one correction. Supported by Mr. Pruner. Ayes all.

Mr. West moved to approve and pay the bills as submitted in the Total General Fund of \$223,542.02 and the Total Water and Sewer of \$124,816.42 making a Grand Total of \$348,358.44. Supported by Mrs. Hulsing. Ayes all on the roll call vote except Mrs. Fidge who voted no.

Mrs. Hulsing requested the addition under K. NEW BUSINESS, 5. Terry Carroll, Grant Coordinator, Re: Establishment of a Public Hearing for February 28, 1984. Use of Community Development Block Grant Program. FY-1984.

Also, under L. COMMUNICATIONS — RESOLUTIONS — REPORTS: A. Communications: 4. Donald Morgan, Thank you note.

Mr. West moved to approve the agenda as added to. Supported by Mrs. Fidge. Ayes all.

Mr. Breen read the Proclamation pronouncing February 5 thru February 11, 1984 as Scouting Anniversary Week in Plymouth.

Mr. Horton moved to grant the zoning request of Cardinal Industries from C-2 to R-2-A for property located between Shadywood and Firestation No. 2 as recommended by the Planning Commission and the Wayne County Planning Commission. Supported by Mrs. Fidge. Ayes all.

Mr. Collman, General Manager, of Omnicom, agreed to Mr. Horton's request that by April he would have figures for the people of Colony Farms in order for them to know what they have to meet in order to qualify for the extension of service in this area. He would also build a schedule of rates that would encompass a number of different densities such as those found in the Township.

Mr. Brian James, attorney, requested that the drafting of an ordinance provision to cover a standard agreement be put off until the February 14 meeting.

Mr. Pruner moved to approve the application for an Economic Development Corporation. The Resolution approves the application, states the form of the public notice for holding a public hearing on the establishment of said corporation and establish the date of the public hearing as January 28, 1984. The complete resolution is included in the official minutes. Supported by Mr. West. Ayes all on the roll call vote.

Mr. Horton moved to approve Chief Groth's recommendation for the refurbishing of the 1970 Aerial Ladder Truck and accept the bid from Marion Body of \$25,996.00. Supported by Mrs. Hulsing. Ayes all.

The following bids had been reviewed:

	Quote Amount	Completion Time
1. Almont Fire Apparatus Almont, Michigan	\$26,150.00	120 days
2. Marion Body Marion, Wisconsin	\$25,96.00	120 days
3. Fire Trucks, Inc. Mt. Clemens, Michigan	\$22,232.00	120 days

Marion Body was the only company with a proven track record of refurbishing fire trucks with aluminum.

The 1984 Emergency Preparedness Budget postponed until the February 14 meeting.

Mrs. Hulsing moved to approve and accept the sanitary sewers, watermain and Township storm

sewers in Metro-West Industrial Sub. No. 1 for continuous use and maintenance. Supported by Mr. West. Ayes all.

Mrs. Hulsing moved to accept the watermain in White and White's development in Metro-West Industrial Sub. No. 1 for continuous use and maintenance. Supported by Mr. Pruner. Ayes all.

Mr. Horton moved to accept the donation of Mr. Child's snowmobile for use in grooming ski trails and patrolling the Township Park and that the Township send a letter of thanks for this very nice gift. Supported by Mr. Pruner. Ayes all.

Mrs. Fidge moved to approve the request of Mr. Hollis to advertise for bids for a new ¾ pick-up truck to be used in the D.P.W. Supported by Mr. West. Ayes all.

Mr. West moved to set a public hearing for February 14, 1984 for the establishment of a F.R.S. — E.P. — 15 (\$86,000) Budget. Supported by Mrs. Fidge. Ayes all.

Mrs. Fidge moved the following Resolution No. 84-1-24-4 as submitted by Mr. West, Treasurer for Depositories for the Charter Township of Plymouth funds for the calendar year January 1, 1984 thru December 31, 1984. The Resolution is as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the following banks be named as depositories for the Charter Township of Plymouth for the calendar year, January 1, 1984 thru December 31, 1984; Every-day Savings Accounts and Certificates of Deposits beginning January 1, 1984.

The Checking Account to be with the National Bank of Detroit. One only.

Monies received by the Charter Township of Plymouth shall be deposited at the Treasurer's discretion into any of the following depositories:

- First National Bank of Plymouth
- Comerica
- Standard Federal Savings and Loan
- Plymouth Community Federal Credit Union
- National Bank of Detroit
- Manufacturers National Bank
- Michigan National Bank
- First Federal Savings and Loan

Ayes all on the roll call vote.

Mrs. Fidge moved the following Resolution No. 84-1-24-5 Re: Waivering of the 4% penalty on property taxes both real and personal from February 14, 1984 thru February 29, 1984 inclusive. Supported by Mrs. Hulsing.

The Resolution is as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth does hereby waive the 4% penalty on the 1983 property taxes both real and personal from February 14, 1984 thru February 29, 1984 inclusive. Ayes all on the roll call vote.

Mrs. Fidge moved to accept the recommendation by Mr. Carroll to set a Public Hearing for February 28, 1984, for Use of Community Development Block Grant Program — FY-1984. Supported by Mrs. Hulsing. Ayes all.

Mr. Breen summarized the current progress re: "Son of Super Sewer."

Mrs. Fidge moved to participate in Canton Township's request to support their Sesquicentennial edition of the newspaper to the extent of a ¼ page ad at a cost of \$155.00. Supported by Mrs. Hulsing. Ayes all.

All Communications — Resolutions — Reports are on file in the Clerk's Office. Mrs. Hulsing moved to receive and file all items under A. Communications and B. Resolutions. Supported by Mrs. Fidge. Ayes all. Mrs. Fidge moved to file all reports under C. Reports. Supported by Mrs. Hulsing. Ayes all.

Mrs. Fidge moved to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Mr. West. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

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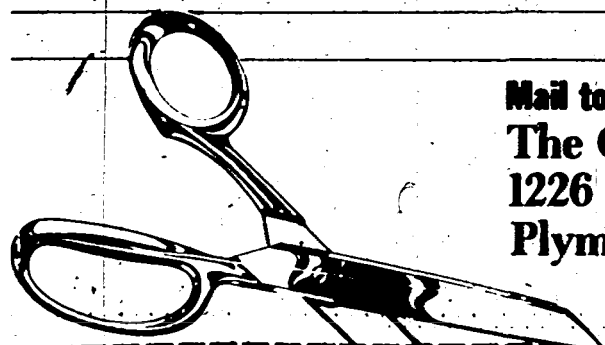


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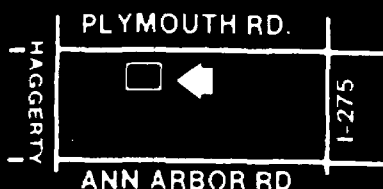
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