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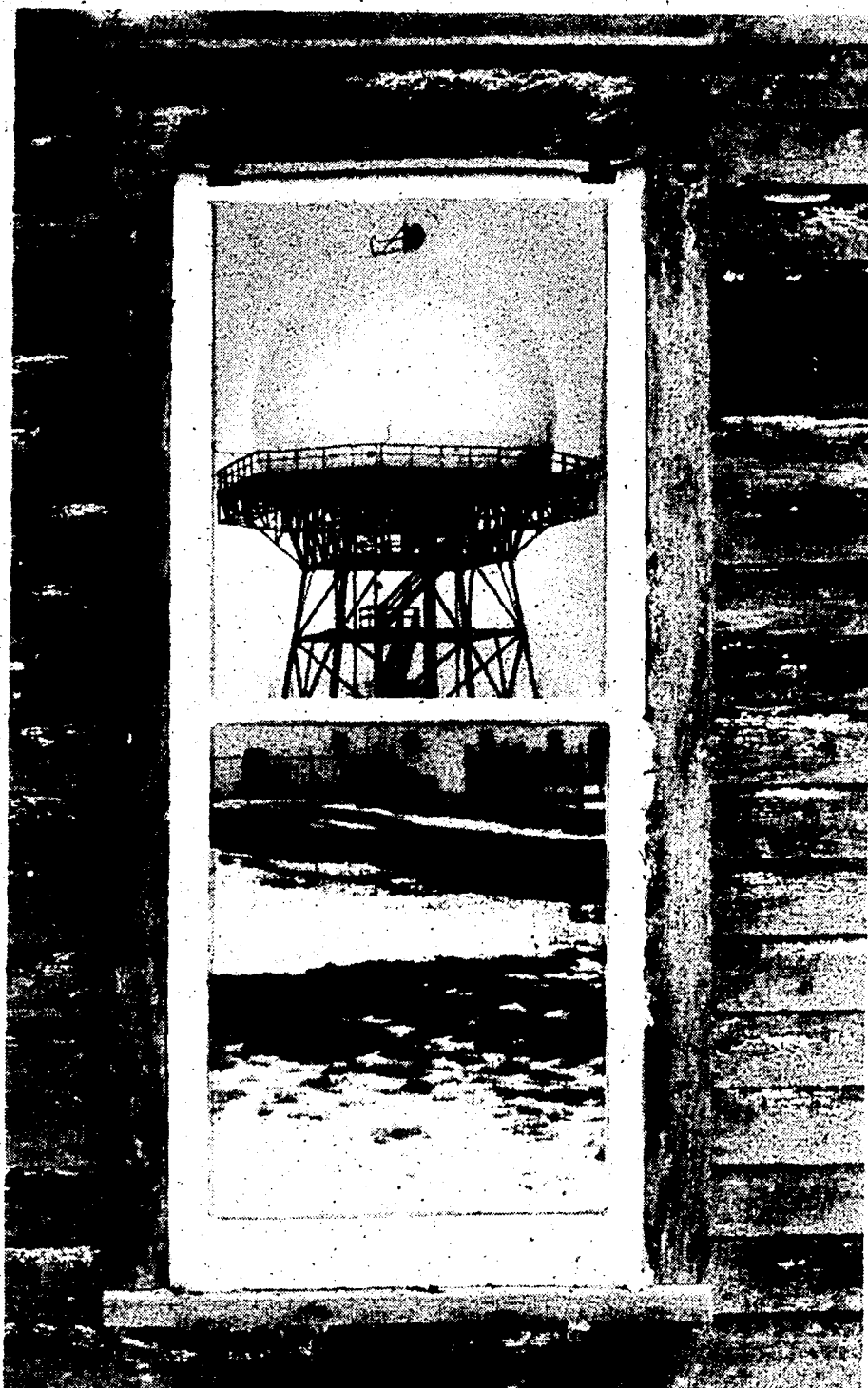
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Canton's past and future...

**THIS SCENE** created by Crier photographer Chris Boyd depicts the Russell house and the radar tower on the corners of Michigan Avenue, Geddes and Sheldon roads in Canton. For more Canton Sesquicentennial see pg. 11.

## Local D.J. censored on air?

BY MIKE FOLEY

A Plymouth Salem high school senior is saying he has been censored on his WSDP radio program.

Station Manager Andrew Melin says he is afraid the station will lose its license for the music disc jockey Tim Grand plays.

And the FCC says not to worry.

Grand's musical program titled "Punk" has been whittled down to 20-minutes from its previous hour-long slot because of what Melin says is obscene lyrics in some songs Grand has been playing.

Melin has allowed Grand to continue his interviews with local and national bands, but has been told not to play songs with obscene language.

Grand contends that it's not the lyrics, but the music that is the issue.

"They aren't giving it a chance. They have an idea that punk music is bad, and they don't want to hear it," Grand said. "They don't even listen to the words, which is the important part."

"The whole thing is blatant censorship."

Here's a few facts about Grand and his show.

This is not just your average high school kid schlupping around on the air. Here's what he has done with his show.

His first show featured Mike Halloran. Halloran was a national programming trendsetter as host of WDET's, "Radios in Motion", a new music format program.

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## \$1 million budget change slated for P-C Schools

BY RACHAEL DOLSON

A three per cent wage increase for all employes and cost overruns in some areas resulted in a \$1 million change in the Plymouth-Canton School current budget.

The board acted Monday to amend the budget to increase the projected expenses \$1.3 million to a total of \$41.5 million, and to increase projected income \$365,000 to \$41.4 million. The shortfall of \$960,000 between the expenses and income will come from the district's fund balance, assistant superintendent for business Ray Hoedel said.

"At this time of year we review the entire operating budget and bring to the board of education's attention any strong or weak points in our budgeting," Hoedel said. "We ask them to readopt the budget to reflect any change."

The board's budget for the 1983-84 school year was adopted in June of last year and did not contain any money for wage increases. "We have had an across the board wage increase for all employes," Hoedel said, accounting for \$843,000 in increased expenditures.

The amount of tax refunds given back to property owners was higher than expected, Hoedel said. "We had budgeted \$25,000 and are changing that figure to \$150,000. In previous years we have had \$55,000 and \$65,000 in refunds. The big change this year is because of the summer taxes. There were errors - some clerical, some changes in assessments. The changes were not put through, the bills were paid as sent, and so a refund was due."

Utilities, budgeted at 21 per cent

higher than last year's mild winter, will come in as projected, Hoedel said, although \$50,000 will be transferred from electric to gas.

The ongoing effort to keep school buildings in good working order cost about \$170,000 more than projected, he said. "Work orders are up from \$300,000 to \$473,000."

In the area of revenues to the district for this year, Hoedel said federal programs received \$262,000 more than projected, adult education collected about \$45,000 more in revenue than anticipated, interest income earned \$50,000 more than the district had planned. State aid and property tax revenues were about as projected, he said. The district realized some cost savings with the summer tax collect, because it had to pay less interest because it borrowed less money.

Hoedel said the major expenditure areas of the budget are: salaries and wages 71 per cent; fringe benefits 9.5 per cent; utilities 5.7 per cent; insurances 1.3 per cent; cost to borrow .7 per cent.

Of the revenues \$36 million is generated from local taxes, \$4.3 million from state taxes, and \$1 million from federal grants.

The cost to average cost per pupil in the revised budget is \$2,636 compared to \$2,475 budgeted last June. The change reflects the increased expenditures and the drop in student enrollment.

The board approved the budget revision with a 5-0 vote, board members Elaine Kirchgatter and Flossie Tonda were absent.

## JACKSON ARRIVES TODAY!!

**CANTON TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN TERRITORY:** Andrew Jackson's arrival here is expected within a matter of hours. Canton is the final destination of the president's long overland trip. Advance aides have announced that Jackson is looking forward to helping local leaders officiate at the day's ceremonies. He will lodge at the Sheldon Corners Inn tonight and in the morning travel by coach along the Chicago Road to Detroit. From there he will catch a steamer bound for the east.

The president's return trip will be much shorter than his trip out. His sudden decision to get back to the capital rapidly has caught many observers by surprise. The president's trip had been leisurely and included many stops and speeches. He even planned to rest a few days at Canton before returning home. But things have evidently soured for Jackson during these many weeks away from the reins of power in Washington. This trip's

earlier powerful speeches deteriorated into obligatory thanks for support at Toledo and Monroe.

Some of Jackson's critics said from the start that this excursion amounted to blatant evasion of mounting opposition in the capital. If that was the case then the ploy has surely backfired. With the president gone for an extended period, and thus unable to intervene, the Clay faction has swelled into a torrent of opposition to Jackson's bank policies. No doubt the president wishes to return quickly and try to regain the upper hand in this domestic dispute.

Apparently, however, the president now has another, graver matter to consider. And this one concerns foreign affairs. During this trip Jackson has had correspondence on several occasions with Colonel Anthony Butler in Mexico City. The president has steadily declined comment as to the nature of these

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### Double Friday trouble...

FRIDAY found community firemen scrambling when fires in Plymouth and Plymouth Township were reported within two hours of each other. At left, a vacant house under renovation at 9441 Corrine in Plymouth Township was the scene of this fire Friday at 2:06 p.m. The fire started in the back storage room where lumber and insulation were kept. Above, this house at 1301 Ross was heavily damaged by smoke from another Friday fire at 3:39 p.m. The city fire department estimates the damages to be \$15,000 from smoke and \$5,000 from fire in the blaze which started from an electrical short circuit. The fire started when a light fixture fell and ignited, according to fire officials. (Crier photos by Cheryl Eberwein and Rachael Dolson)

## Check blunder costs Canton employes money

BY CHERYL EBERWEIN

Although it was a question of who did what when, the outcome was cut and dry.

Employes of the Canton Township administration lost \$172 in pension fund interest as a result of a late check. While trustees, department heads and employes questioned how the blunder had occurred, last Tuesday night's board discussion of the situation brought no more out than angry accusations.

In a resolution presented to the board by Mike Gorman, finance director for the township, Canton Treasurer Maria Sterlini was directed to promptly sign and process all pension fund checks no later than the day after receiving money for the checks. Gorman said in his resolution that township pension fund monies had not been properly deposited into employe accounts in the past. This had resulted in the lost interest.

The treasurer signs the checks after they have been signed by the clerk. The checks are sent from and are then sent back to the finance department for mailing.

Although Gorman said he did not draft the resolution to force Sterlini to sign checks promptly, his mandate brought up the question of why a January pension fund check mailed out of the township arrived at the insurance company late.

John Flodin, Canton Township clerk, told the board he was notified by some Canton employes on Jan. 27 that the pension check from the Jan. 17 pay period had not been mailed. Flodin said pension checks are classified as "Friday Specials" checks - checks which are

normally processed without delay because of their importance.

Flodin said computer problems resulted in at least a one day delay in check processing in the treasurer's department. Sterlini had earlier told the board her department was behind schedule that week in check processing due to a busy tax season and a Michigan Township Association conference she was attending.

Flodin said, however, that although the check was in the treasurer's department on Jan. 23, it didn't leave the treasurer's department until Jan. 27. "I don't care if you have 400 checks to sign," he said. "It seems that four or five days to sign a check is an unreasonable amount of time."

Supervisor James Poole said he did not communicate with the treasurer about the matter because he was first notified of it on Jan. 27. "Why did this check take eight days to go through your department and only one through the finance department?"

Sterlini told the board four or five days was not an unreasonable length of time to sign checks during the tax season. She said she had informed her department that all checks would be signed on Friday, Jan. 27 because she would be attending the MTA conference until then.

Although Sterlini said the pension check was sent up to the finance department well before 4 p.m. that Friday, and therefore could have been mailed out in sufficient time to arrive at the insurance company by the due date, Gorman said his department did not

receive the check until 4:15 p.m. and was unable to mail it that Friday.

Sterlini charged other board members with failing to communicate the importance of processing the check promptly. She said other board members should have contacted her about the check and instead knowingly allowed it to go out late.

Several trustees responded that they knew nothing of the check until after it had been signed Jan. 27.

Sterlini read the board a 10 page resolution she had drafted earlier. The resolution demanded that the treasurer

be allowed to perform her statutory duties unhampered, that the board cease and desist with what she saw as unprofessional conduct and interference with her department and that the duties belonging under the jurisdiction of the treasurer be turned over to her.

Although the motion took approximately ten minutes to read aloud, it failed for lack of support from the board.

Gorman said the township has never been penalized for late payments on anything before "because we don't pay penalty fees." Gorman would not

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## Berry reprimand 'was fair'

BY MIKE FOLEY

A study by Plymouth Township's attorney has supported a reprimand given to Police Chief Carl Berry for his shooting of a dog in a township trailer park on Jan. 27.

Berry was previously reprimanded by Maurice Breen, township supervisor, for not having proper equipment on his person while on duty (his service revolver).

In the trailer park incident, Berry shot a wild dog four times, using all his available ammunition. He then had to strangle the dog, to kill it, because he did not have his sidearm.

Township attorney Charles Bokos found the reprimand "an appropriate sanction." Bokos was requested to make a report on the incident after the township decided an official investigation was needed.

Bokos also said in his report that the elimination of the dog was acceptable because of its threat to the residents of the area and their pets.

Bokos also recommended a township policy be devised on how to deal with wild animals.

Ordinance Officer Steve Rapson says he has been requested to devise a plan and submit it to Breen for approval.

"I'll probably recommend that we purchase both a tranquilizer gun and a live-catch trap," Rapson said.

Berry has previously said he is against tranquilizer guns because of their ineffectiveness and capacity to kill. Berry ordered a live-catch trap a few days after the trailer park incident.

The Michigan Humane Society uses a live-catch trap to capture animals.

"I don't think the traps would work on a dog, they're too smart," Rapson said. "I hope they will buy the gun."

# Board okays attorney for Canton Merit Comm.

BY CHERYLEBERWEIN

The Canton Township Merit Commission and Canton Treasurer Maria Sterlini may soon take their allegation tug-of-war to Circuit Court.

In a five-two vote of the board, Canton trustees gave the Merit Commission the financial commitment necessary to hire an attorney to pursue a court case with the treasurer. The Merit Commission will seek court action in an effort to force the treasurer to reveal documents which allegedly document that there have been serious violations of the law occurring in the township.

The Merit Commission requested that the board provide funds necessary to hire an attorney after the treasurer failed to

produce documents regarding the violations at a Feb. 15 Merit Commission meeting. The treasurer was subpoenaed by the Merit Commission in January to produce the materials.

Sterlini alleged in December of 1983 that there were serious violations of the law occurring in the township administration. Although the Canton Board of Trustees and the Canton Township Merit Commission requested that Sterlini produce evidence of these violations, the treasurer has not provided the materials.

Sterlini hired an attorney, James Canham, to represent her after she was served with the subpoena by the Merit Commission. Canham, in written and verbal comment to the board and Merit

Commission, has said that the case is foolishness and involves no specific allegations. Canham, in a letter sent to the Merit Commission, said the treasurer's charges did not involve non-union classified employes, the group the Merit Commission is in charge of overseeing.

"I told you off the record and in writing you may have the treasurer department records," Canham wrote to Merit Commissioner Bruce Patterson. "Sterlini's complaints are against local politicians. The Merit Commission does not concern itself with local politicians unless and until they do some act or omit some act that will effect the welfare of the employes who are to be protected by the Merit Commission."

Canham further said in the letter that a court suit to obtain public documents was an unnecessary public expense.

Trustee Robert Padget, in lengthy comment on the situation, told the board "the treasurer's 'now you see them now you don't' charges of 'serious violations of the law' are no more than the results of her distorted sense of governmental service and structure.

"Through her recent action the treasurer has insulted the intelligence and challenged the integrity of the board, of the Merit Commission, several members of the staff, but more pathetically, the entire public of Canton Township," Padget continued. "Now, as has been the case in previous dilemmas, we must consider expending the public's money as the result of ill founded and misguided actions taken by the treasurer."

Although Padget further said the treasurer "has demonstrated a lack of integrity, openness and cooperation" he told the board to consider the source of the allegations.

"I should not feel attacked, compromised or threatened if the source was one who lacked integrity, judgemental capability, or reasonable humanitarian attitudes."

Although Padget urged other board members to save time and taxpayers' money by voting against funds for a lawyer, a motion to supply the Merit Commission with \$2,500 to hire an attorney was passed. Sterlini and Padget voted against the action.



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## What causes a bad back?

• One of the most difficult problems facing the Doctor of Chiropractic today is explaining in lay terms Physiological conditions or malfunctions of the body and how they occur.

• However, the musculature of the body, particularly the Spine, contains simple understandable logic. We all know, or know of, for instance, people who have become paraplegics through an accident. Every organ, limb or cell of our body requires the nerve impulse which emanates from the brain and travels through the Spine to all parts of the body. Cutting off or restricting this nerve impulse in pain, malfunction, or both.



• The Spine is composed of separate but interlocking vertebrae. These vertebrae independently work like building blocks, one stack upon another. Without proper muscular support, these blocks become unstable.

• Between these vertebrae are shock absorbing pads called discs. It is the job of the disc to keep the space between the vertebrae open enough to ensure that the nerves and blood vessels can pass between them without injury. If muscles become too tight or the disc flattens out, decreased nerve supply and decreased circulation will result. This means that whatever organs, muscles or cells those nerves and blood vessels supply, malfunction can result.



• Our bodies are a result of what we think, eat and do. We are creatures of habit, and so are our bodies ... particularly the muscles. Sleeping on a soft mattress, for instance, or watching TV for a few hours each night in a slumped position could cause irritation of the sciatic nerve and low back pain.

• Without exercise, muscles weaken and atrophy. It is these weakened muscles that often pre-dispose us to injury. It is often our most commonplace, simple daily actions and living habits which create our "Bad Backs".

• The principle specific causes of back pain are poor posture ... lack of exercise, and overeating which generally result in weak abdominal muscles (pot belly). Remember: your abdomen is the front of your back. If it is weak your back will be unstable.

• Back pain is frequently the result of daily activities performed incorrectly, such as Lifting, Standing, Bending or Sitting. "Slipped or ruptured discs are usually the result of one of the above conditions which, over a period of time has worsened. While a deteriorated disc condition cannot be reversed it can be treated so pain is eliminated.

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## General fund gains

# Golf course profits growing

BY MIKE FOLEY

Plymouth Township turned a tidy profit from the operation of Hilltop Golf Course in 1983, bringing in \$118,993.75 which goes straight to the general fund in the township coffers.

The money is turned back to the township through their agreement with John Jawor Inc. the operator of the course.

The money is equivalent to half of the amount collected in greens fees paid in the 1983 season and is not earmarked for any specific purpose by the township.

Add this year's almost \$120,000 to last year's \$111,668.25 and the more than a quarter of a million dollars looks pretty good.

The general fund may benefit from even more money because the proposed rates for 1984 are higher than last year's.

The nine hole rate is planned to go up 50 cents and the 18 hole rate will go up \$1.50 or \$1 depending on whether you like to play on weekdays or on weekends and holidays.

Seniors citizens and youngsters are not exempt from this proposed hike. They will

be paying a flat rate of \$1 more per round.

It's not all gravy for the township however. The township has paid out more than \$1 million to establish the course, according to Esther Hulsing, township clerk.

That figure includes the purchase of 96 acres of land at the site totaling \$690,858, and money spent to expand the course to 18 holes in the summer of 1981.

And though the money received from the golf course goes into the general fund, Hulsing said that a lot of it goes to improve the course.

"We put in sprinkling systems, pumps and other improvements," Hulsing said. "The money also supports the recreation programs."

Jawor's agreement stipulates that he must pay the township \$35,000 a year or 50 per cent of total greens fees as his lease payment.

Since 1979 the total greens fees collected have been, \$47,070.67 for 1979, \$45,284.30 for 1980 and \$78,590.75 in 1981 when the course was under construction for expansion and sewer extension.

## Twp. forms economic corp.

BY MIKE FOLEY

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees moved a resolution at their Feb. 28 meeting to establish an Economic Development Corporation (EDC).

The purpose of an EDC is to aid in arranging financing for prospective or established businesses. This aid can take many various forms including the sale of revenue bonds, securing loans and generally improving the economic climate of the township.

In addition to establishing an EDC, the board appointed a board of directors for the EDC.

The nine-member board includes eight

township residents and Bob DeMattia a non-resident. The other members nominated by Township Supervisor Maurice Breen and approved by the board of trustees were: Lynn Anderson, Breen, Marcia Buhl, Jack Cook, Earl Gibson, Ronald Griffith, Esther Hulsing and Tom O'Rourke.

The duties of the board will include evaluating projects, economic feasibility of projects, and issuing bonds and securities for projects.

The EDC's first item of business may be the financing of the A-Lines Plastic Division of Key Manufacturing who plan to purchase the vacant Associated Spring Plant on Plymouth Road.

# Principal assault charge 'unfounded'

An assault complaint filed against Field School principal Larry Miller has been determined to be "unfounded and without merit" by Canton Police.

Sargeant Alex Wilson said no charges will be brought against Miller in the Feb. 10 incident.

Sandra Bennett filed a report with Canton police charging that Miller had assaulted her son, Scott, 10, Canton police said. The complaint charged that Miller had pushed the Bennett boy down, police said.

Wilson said police talked to witnesses who saw the incident and all the witnesses said Miller had tried to break up a fight but had not pushed Scott down. "Witnesses said the opposite was true — the boy assaulted the principal," Wilson said.

Miller was walking Jason Bennett, 7, and another boy, last name of Richardson, home from school to keep the boys from fighting. The Richardson boy and the Bennett boys had been in numerous fights, Miller told police.

Wilson said when the trio reached the corner of Haggerty Road and Aryshire Street, witnesses said they were attacked from behind by Scott. "He (Miller) tried to separate the boys and was struck by Scott. He told the Richardson boy to run home, which he did.

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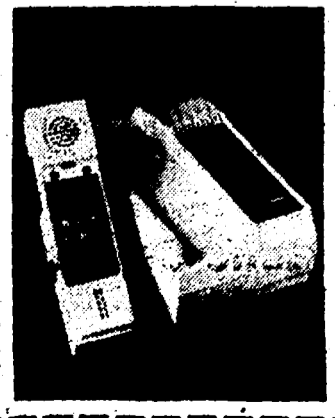
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## School to hold meeting

An informational meeting for parents interested in fall classes at New Morning School, a K-8 parent cooperative school, will be held on Tuesday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m.

A slide presentation and discussion will be followed by small group meetings led by the New Morning teachers as they explain specific goals and activities of the preschool, early primary, elementary and middle school programs.

Registration may be completed that evening. A visit in the classroom can also be arranged. There currently are openings in all programs. Class offerings are as follows:

**Preschool classes:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. or Tuesday and Thursday, same hours. These classes emphasize a well-rounded developmental approach to learning including opportunities for play and socialization as well as readiness skills. Music, French, computers, movement, rhythm activities and cooking are included. Language and math skills are worked on individually with each child.

**Early primary class:** Monday thru Friday, 12:30 to 3 p.m., this class is geared for children, aged 4 to 6, who are ready for a kindergarten experience. In a class limited to 12 children, each child will learn at his-her own rate in academic areas as well as participate in music, French, computers, cooking, field trips. A language experience approach to beginning reading and writing will be used.

**Elementary class (ages 5 to 10) and middle school class (ages 10 to 14),** Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with extended hours available. Children are involved in working with the teacher to plan individual goals and activities suit to a child's skills in various academic areas.

## JACKSON ARRIVES TODAY!!

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exchanges. Mexico has for some time been increasing the restrictions on Americans in Texas. Jackson insists on maintaining American claims for areas beyond the Sabine River.

Mexico, however, ignores that claim and maintains control by the force of possession. The speculation is that Mexican authorities believe the United States government to be even more unstable than their own. It is believed that Butler has become aware of this fact and because of it anticipates further harassment of Texans. The letters between Jackson and Butler could involve this matter and a crisis might be looming on the horizon.

Whatever the correspondence is about it has made Jackson uneasy. With this problem on his mind as well as the upcoming battle in Congress the president is now anxious to return to the capital.

Despite these troubles of the last week or so Jackson has generally enjoyed his western trip. He has not forgotten that his reason for coming was to help Canton celebrate its new found independence. His aides assured township officials that he will not only be here for the occasion but that he will be in utmost good spirits for the day's festivities.



## Olympic book kids!

**FIEGEL SCHOOL CHILDREN** gathered Friday for their Reading Olympics assembly. Gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to children in each class who had read the most of the hardest books. All participating children were awarded a special certificate. Librarian Dorothy Eden said, "Our children have been doing a lot of reading." (Crier photo by Rachael Dolson)

## Twp. to give tax break?

BY MIKE FOLEY

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees has set a date for the establishment of a plant rehabilitation district at the site of the vacant Associated Spring plant on Plymouth Road.

The hearing is set for the regular board meeting on March 13 at 7:30 p.m.

The hearing is the first stepping stone of Key International Manufacturing Inc. in receiving a property tax abatement on the vacant industrial site.

Another hurdle may be the required waiver from the two cities where Key's current plants are located.

The waiver, required under state law when Act 198 (the property tax abatement) is to be used, is a consent agreement in the anti-pirating clause under Act 198.

City Managers in both Walled Lake and Farmington Hills, the cities Key plans to move from to consolidate, in Plymouth Township, say that the waiver should not be a problem.

Mike Dornan, Walled Lake City

Manager says it's a form of reciprocity.

"We don't need musical chairs in our businesses," Dornan said. "What we need is some new dogs, where new industrial fleas can jump on."

"My knee-jerk reaction is that I will recommend to the city council to approve the waiver."

Lawrence Savage, Farmington Hills City Manager echoed Dornan.

"It's rare when a city does object. No one wants to keep an unhappy company around," Savage said.

"The property (in Farmington Hills) won't remain vacant, Key will have no problem in selling it."

Dornan said there are four potential customers for the Walled Lake facility already.

"I've got to keep the companies names confidential because when companies move out of Detroit, they don't want people to know," Dornan said.

Hank Wojtaszek, General Manager of Key Inc.'s A-Line Plastic Division in Farmington Hills, says if everything goes as planned the company could be fully operational by mid-June at its new site.

## Summer tuition fees to cost more

The Plymouth-Canton School board Monday increased the tuition rates charged to students who take classes in the summer session.

The rates were raised from \$35 to \$50 for residents and \$55 for non-residents.

"For the past several years we have been providing a \$6,000 to \$9,000 subsidy per year for the summer school program," said Superintendent Dr. John Hoben, explaining the administration's recommendation that the tuition be hiked.

"We contacted other school districts and found they were higher, and probably will still be higher after we raise our rates," Hoben said.

Summer tuition rates reported by other schools were: Farmington, \$55 for resident, \$60 for non-resident; Wayne-Westland, \$65 for resident, \$130 for non-resident; Livonia, \$50 for both resident and non-resident; Garden City, \$60 for resident, \$65 for non-resident; and Dearborn \$55 for resident, and \$90 for non-resident.

Ann Arbor has a rather unique system, the superintendent reported, and all students are charged \$10 per class. If the student successfully completes the class in summer school, their money is refunded.

## Buffalo and corn dinner?

How would you like a juicy buffalo burger and some fresh off the stalk sweet corn?

You might get the chance to sample those if the proposed "Heritage Days" comes to Plymouth and Kellogg Park.

The festival is very tentatively planned for August.

The concept behind the festival is to honor the American Heritage and thus American Indians.

Early plans had called for a Pow-Wow, which entailed having a large band of Indians come to the city and demonstrate Indian crafts, dances and singing along with various contests.

A committee discarded the two day and night Pow-Wow idea as too unwieldy, and a one day concept held at Kellogg Park emerged.

It's all very tentative now, but don't be surprised if you get to munch on buffalo burbs this summer.

## Chief scholars get shot at scholarships

The National Merit Scholarship Program has named six finalists from Canton High School, principal Kent A. Buikema announced. All six of the students had previously been named semi-finalists.

The students are: Tammy Budlong, Pamela Burton, Mark Davis, Jin Kim, Lisa Nelson and David Rozian.

"Attainment of finalist status is an indication of exceptional ability and is attained only by a small percentage of American high school students," Buikema said.

*Manager disagrees with student*

# Censored D.J. says he's just enlightening people

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Grand has interviewed live in the WSDP studio national act bands from Washington D.C., California, Detroit and Ann Arbor.

Grand was the first Detroit and maybe national, interviewer of Rhythm Corp on his show. The band has gone on to tour the U.S. and even appear on American Bandstand.

Andrew Melin, WSDP's Station Manager, says that Grand does a great job.

"He's a great interviewer and has great contacts in the industry," Melin said.

Melin claims that the station has to answer to the school board.

"We're not as secure in our position as a commercial station," Melin said. "We could lose our license."

Arthur Gearhart, a communications industry specialist with the FCC in Washington D.C., said that no station has ever lost its license from obscenity rulings.

"The statute says no profane or indecent obscenities. That's hard to define," Gearhart said. "Courts have found words offensive, but not obscene."

Gearhart went on to say that courts don't like to mess around with the First Amendment.

"Obscenity has been an issue in some hearings, but never the sole issue for non-renewal of a license," Gearhart said. "The famous George Carlin and his seven words case is the only example where a record was ruled obscene, but the words themselves were not."

"And all that station got was a small fine."

Gearhart said community standards is the criterion used for finding obscenity.

"Gosh darn, might be obscene in the Bible Belt, but in New York or L.A. you can say anything," Gearhart said.

Paula Barterian, a field public service specialist for the Detroit office of the FCC, said loss of license comes from not serving the public interest.

"We just don't get into censoring," Barterian said.

Melin thinks different.

"The lyrics on the whole are offensive, we could be in hot water," Melin said.

## Employees lose \$

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comment on whether other township checks had been late or why they may have been late.

Poole informed the board the township is liable for the employes' lost pension interest. Poole questioned the board on how to appropriately handle the lost interest.

Trustee Steve Larson said in his six years as a board member no action taken by a single person has ever resulted in a loss of money for all employes. Larson added the mistake was a red flag, more important for its principle than financial loss.

Trustee Robert Padget said although he agreed with the idea that the township should reimburse its employes, he was concerned about the precedent such a move would establish. Padget pointed out the mistake was the result of an elected official's actions and not those of another township employe.

Action on how to handle the lost interest was tabled until the matter could be discussed with a township attorney.

"We were the only station in the Detroit Area playing hardcore punk," Melin said. "People might not want to listen to an hour of something they didn't like. Now with it 20 minutes, they might try us out instead of switching stations."

"Personally I don't care. I'm not a religious fanatic or anything, I like all kinds of music. But what's more important, one song or the radio station."

Grand thinks his show is contributing to the radio station as a whole.

"I get good support from listeners. Some come from Ann Arbor past Geddes Road to listen to my show," Grand said. "They downplay the impact my show has had."

"I don't like classical music, but if Leonard Bernstein came into the studio I'd love it. Or country, if Glenn Campbell came in I'd be at his feet. I've got the same caliber, and no one cares."

"I never want to disc jockey again after high school. I can be flexible with them, but they can't be with me."

Grand says he wants to continue his sports reporting and play-by-play work in college, but that d.j.'ing has left a bad taste in his mouth.

"WSDP is an excellent learning experience. They have put out a ton of people who have gone on to great things, but my potential is being held back," Grand said.

Grand's program tonight will feature Jeff McKay and The Faith from Washington D.C.

Jeff is the brother of Ian McKay, the leader of Minor Threat, reputed to be the hottest band in the Detroit Area.

Melin said, "We want music that people will listen to."

Grand says, "I'm doing my part to enlighten people."

And from the WSDP program highlights; Wednesday, March 7, 7 p.m., 88.1 on your FM dial. "Off the Dial", a revised, 20-minute punk special featuring interviews and commentaries regarding the punk scene. Host Tim Grand.



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## Happy Birthday Canton!!

At first there were only subtle signs of any goings on in Canton. An occasional mention of the celebration was heard. A few letters and signs randomly appeared. A lot of laughter was shared over pronouncing the name "Sesquicentennial" correctly.

But Canton's Sesquicentennial celebration has climbed out of the closet and into the spotlight in the past few months, and tonight's celebration of Founders' Day will touch the hoopla off.

It was exactly 150 years ago to this day, that Canton's original charter was signed, and the community became an entity recorded in history. Highway map aside, Canton has been chartered long before many other Michigan communities were a twinkle in a politician's eye.

The Sesquicentennial Committee, chaired by an incredibly energetic Mary Dingeldey,

has brought Canton's past and present together for a year of celebrating and recognition. The events planned for this birthday celebration range from old fashioned picnics and kite contests to the burial of a time capsule for future generations to ponder. People from throughout Canton have donated their time and energy to insuring this special year is one well remembered. Their pride in Canton's achievement is obvious.

Canton's Sesquicentennial calls for a union of its very oldest families with its very newest. It calls for a celebration of the past Canton enjoys and the future it promises. It calls for recognition of the feats Canton has accomplished and of those yet to come.

Congratulations Canton and Happy Birthday!!

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## It may be legal, but is it right?

I've been assured by two attorneys now, that what the Plymouth City commission did at their meeting on Monday night was legal. I'm sure it was.

But just for the fun of it, let's pretend you're the judge and you decide if this sounds right.

Ready?

Okay. The commission was considering a resolution to vacate an alley that runs parallel to Ann and Blunk Streets, between Junction and Farmer.

The resolution turned out to be a hard one to decide, but that's not the issue. The issue is the way the city commission voted on it.

Remember, this is legal.

The roll call vote went up to decide on whether to vacate the alley, that is, give the land to the property owners and cease its use as an access route.

The vote started with Commissioners Kenyon, Martin and Mayor Pugh voting yes. Commissioners Loiselle, McKercher and Childs voting no. Commissioner Robinson originally wanted to abstain but was cajoled into voting and he voted yes.

So the resolution passed, 4-3.

Or did it?

It didn't.

Seems that a vote can be reconsidered once, and can be called for a revote by a person who voted on the prevailing side in the original vote.

Oh yeah, and the issue needed more than just the 4-3 majority it got. It needed a 5-2 margin.

The commission figured this out during a recess before the Committee of the Whole Meeting. Whoops! I mean during a break between items 12 and 13. I'd explain but that's a whole other column.

Well, when the commission reconvened they decided to vote again. And lo and behold it was a 5-2 vote this time.



## Just a moment

By Mike Foley

It seems during the intermission Mary Childs had a divine revelation and changed her vote.

The same Commissioner Childs who had voted no before by saying, "No, not until we get the chance to study the matter more."

I guess the three-minute break was enough time to study. I could have used a technique like that in college.

Now, can they reconsider it again? Nope, once is all. It's final and cast in stone.

Just a few minutes earlier the com-

mission needed five votes, it got four. So it failed. But to the rescue came, "Quick-study Childs" and she saved the day.

The commission was saved the burden of a tabled item and the extra cost of ink to put it on the next meetings agenda.

Not to mention the time it would have taken to really study the matter and come up with an intelligent decision, either yes or no.

And it was all legal. I guess I don't doubt that, but was it a well-thought out and responsible decision?

## Thanks for the pep music'

**EDITOR:**

CEP Pep Band: Where have you been during the basketball season?

What a treat to see and hear a Pep Band supporting one of our basketball teams in Plymouth-Canton!

What a shame it had to be at the final playoff games of the season!

I tried before to basketball season started to get a Pep Band for both Canton and Salem. I wrote letters to both Mr. Bill Brown (Salem principal) and Mr. James Griffith (band director). Mr. Griffith never acknowledged my letter. Mr. Brown wrote to me and told me he and Mr. Kent Buikema (Canton principal) had met with Mr. Griffith, regarding soliciting students for a Pep Band, but nothing ever came of it.

Hats off to the kids that finally showed up. You were great and it was wonderful to hear you play some music other than West Side Story!

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## Band was great!

**EDITOR:**

I would like to thank all of the members of the CEP Pep Band who played for the Canton-Bentley basketball game. Everyone appreciated you being there. You were an important part of an exciting night. Come again.

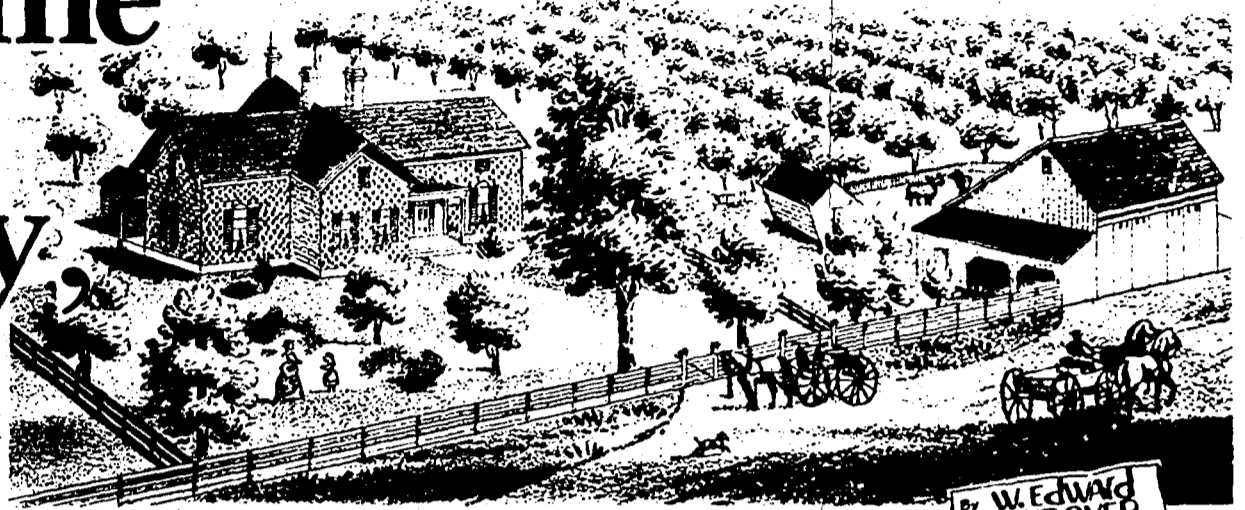
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# community opinions

*From 150 years ago today*

## You've come a long way, Canton



By W. Edward WENDOVER

### With Malice Toward None



Since it was created exactly 150 years ago today, Canton has been struggling -- successfully -- to gain its own direction and identity.

Once known as "South Plymouth," the township grew in population and sophistication until it is now the tail that wags the Plymouth dog.

The stodgy "Olde Plymouth Bluebloods" may still claim to this day that anything south of Joy Road is Ohio, but the fact of the matter is that that simply is not true.

It's Canton folk who control and populate the local schools and it's Canton that helps support many of the cultural and retail institutions of The Plymouth-Canton Community.

Canton began an earnest search for its own identity in the early 1970s, when literally tens of thousands of new pioneers arrived and founded modern-day Canton.

Today, the 36-mile-square charter township proudly boasts its own self-image, yet stays as an integral part of the regional community. How did Canton get to where it is today?

The original Potawatomi Indians and the earliest settlers found Canton's wooded countryside to be good hunting. By 1825, the earliest settlers were clearing stands of elm, black ash and oak for housing and lumber and to farm the land.

By that time, the Canton area was "considered the excelsior township in Wayne County for general farming purposes" according to an 1876 atlas on display at the Canton Historical Museum.

The abundance of water, the wooded geological ridge (hence the road's name and path), and the clay loam that covered most of the Canton area, enticed settlers from the East and Canada. Three separate villages dominated Canton's early days -- Sheldon, Cherry Hill and Denton -- and with the steady growth of a stable farming community, it was inevitable that a movement would start to gain independence for Canton.

In 1833, an organizational meeting was held in the house of John Chaffee that laid the groundwork for Canton's formal start as a governmental unit. At that meeting, James Safford was elected the first supervisor, Amos Stevens was elected justice of the peace and Thomas Hooker became the first clerk. It wasn't until 1837 that Michigan became a state.

Canton progressed slowly over the next few decades.

By 1876, according to the atlas of that year, "most of the farms are in a high state of cultivation; county ditches are numerous; fences and buildings are kept in good order, and everything indicates an intelligent and prosperous community."

In the next 90 years, Canton slowly grew with little outward change. But two significant events happened that would change the course of things dramatically.

On July 25, 1961, Canton voters approved becoming a charter township by a ballot of 234 to 216. This gave the township broader powers.

Then, in 1966-67, the Plymouth School Board (which would vote 10 years later to add Canton to the district's name) purchased 305 acres of land at Joy and Canton Center roads in Canton to develop a new high school complex. The Canton Township board, in what it believed was a gesture of goodwill and good government, subsequently voted to extend water and sewer lines to the new school site.

What was not foreseen at the time, was that by extending the sewer and water lines, acres of corn fields were easily made into subdivisions. And by the early 1970s, that's what was happening.

At first, new homes and subdivisions were given "Plymouth" sounding names and prospective buyers were often told by real estate agents that they were moving to Plymouth, with the schools as a main attraction.

It was this rapid growth and "Plymouth backlash" that gave rise to the drive for Canton's own identity. An anti-growth movement and a "We're proud we're Canton" movement surfaced in the mid-1970s.

Together, those movements focused on shaping Canton's growth and self-image. Township and school governments suffered growing pains in keeping pace with the rapid growth that saw Canton's population boom from 11,000 to 49,000 between 1970 and 1980, but services have stabilized largely since 1980.

Canton's future will no doubt be profoundly affected by another event -- the 1977 opening of the I-275, the Jeffries and the M-14 expressways, which intersect just north of Canton. Already, it has brought the township within easier reach of the world.

Modern Canton is a mixture of residential, fledgling retail and growing industrial importance.

It's a far cry from the early years or even from 20 years ago, but it's already lived up to the description in the 1876 atlas:

**"...everything indicates an intelligent and prosperous community."  
-- 1876 Wayne County Atlas**

# community opinions

## A halfbreed husband -- or just a Frenchman?

Why do women like wearing costumes more than men?

All the women I know have begged, borrowed or stolen an outfit to wear to Canton's Sesquicentennial Ball Saturday night. The men, on the other hand, are at this late date still pretty noncommittal about what they will 'be' for the evening.

Most of the women fall into two categories - the fancy, elaborate ball gowns group or the homespun farm outfits. I am in the latter, having borrowed a calico dress and poke bonnet from my sister, Joanne.

The men have many more dress-up possibilities to choose from, and should be more excited than they are. Take my husband, Colin, for example. For two weeks I have asked him: "What are you going to wear, dear? Do you want me to



### Unsolicited Remarks By Rachael Dolson

sew you something? ..." For two weeks I have received shrugs.

This weekend, finally, he announced: "I have a hat." A hat does not a Sesqui outfit, make, I said - but he was still vague about what he was going to be.

My sister, the self-proclaimed pre-Civil War frontier expert, was full of ideas:

"He can be the driver of the stagecoach that goes through Canton!

Jeans, a shirt and vest - then have him roll around in the dirt for awhile first," she said.

Or - how about an Indian, she said, there will lot of Indians in Michigan then. I pointed out that Colin was blond, and she said, "Ah ha! A half-breed - even better!" Joanne planned some 'choreography' to go with this costume. She said I should go on ahead to the ball

Saturday and Halfbreed Colin should come in late, throw a few tomahawks at anyone dressed up as The Law, and then carry me off.

I told her I didn't think Canton was that rough even back then.

Her third idea was for Colin to go as a French fur trapper. "There were many French still hanging around the Detroit area in 1834." She suggested that he also carry a few of my Mother's old wigs on his belt (the French reportedly used to pay trappers for Indian scalps in early 1800s).

Colin didn't go for any of these ideas, however. I think at best he will be farmer. At worst he will not dress up at all - especially if he finds out that hardly any other of the men I have talked to are going to dress up. You guys are boring! Get into the fun!



### From the Inside Looking Out By Cheryl Eberwein

## Canton's Sesqui. for all

Founders' Day. Sesquicentennial. One hundred and fifty years.

Although most residents in The Plymouth-Canton Community have heard these words dropped casually in conversations by now, the terms still evoke a little mystery to some.

"The Sesqui-what?" "Who's 150 years old?" "What was found, where?" "Can you spell that for me please?"

It does seem a little unlikely. Canton, that gangly township which never seemed to have enough community cloth to quite cover its growth has finally reached the grand old age of 150 years. A community teeming with subdivisions, freeways and shopping centers, Canton has never before boasted its past accomplishments.

There were of course, those people who knew all along what Canton was really made of. Families with names like Stein, Hasselbach, Padget, Dingeldey and Schultz had long ago planted their family dignity in the soil around the township. That dignity has grown stronger through time.

Others never quite learned what Canton really was before moving on to

another community. If they carried an image of Canton as big, vacant and very impersonal with them, it was only because they did not take the time to learn how roots really grow.

Long ago I stopped believing that the only acceptable definition the word "community" carried was one which established boundries, an honorable past and an eager future. A community is its people - all of its people. Those of the past have contributed, but it is the people of the present which make any community strong.

Plants have large, deeply buried roots to maintain their strength and function. But it is the fine, thin roots which grow so numerously that provide a plant with its nourishment, its air, its beauty.

Canton's Sesquicentennial is a celebration of its past. But it is also a celebration of its present. The people who thrive in Canton today form its community. Celebrate your past Canton, but celebrate more your present. Long after the last cake has been cut, you'll find reasons to go on celebrating every day.

## Berry guilty before trial?

EDITOR:

In this country, a person is supposed to be innocent until proven guilty. Why then have all the "weeping willows" nailed Chief Carl Berry to the cross before he has an opportunity to stand up in self defense? Facts have a way of becoming exaggerated and distorted.

I'm sure there has been a dog in every person's life. I acknowledge that a dog may well be a man's best friend. Accounts of their heroic deeds are multitudinous.

But have you ever tracked some of their "tracings" on you new carpet or gone out of the house in the morning to discover that a neighborhood dog had marked his territory on your lawn and bushes? As the slogan in one large city states, "If you love 'em, leash 'em."

Was the owner of the dog ever found? That person should be penalized, not Carl Berry for pursuing an apparent request to catch the animal.

NAME WITHHELD BY REQUEST

## Proud parents in Peru!

Proud parents abound in the Plymouth-Canton community. These are moms and dads who have suffered a tug at the heart when sons and daughters have left the nest but who can smile lovingly at one another in later years with a comment such as, "Honey, that's our kid they're applauding."

Ruth and Russ Koepke are the latest to feel this glow, and it took a recent article in the New York Times to bring it to my attention.

Fortunately, not all of us follow the same path through life. But whether it be the roar of a packed stadium as Ron Egloff catches a touchdown pass for the Denver Broncos, shouts of, "Encore," after Linda Dwyer has sung in a darkened theater, or the praise of critics for a dramatic performance by Tom Hulce, the sense of exaltation is the same.

And back home there's pride.

In the Koepke case, picture life's trail following a strange triangular course from the parental home here to a jungle in Peru and then to park Avenue in New York City.

Peter is the oldest of the eight Koepke children, and it shouldn't surprise anyone to hear that to raise four boys and four girls both parents worked for many years. Ruth is a physical therapist and Russ has retired from Ford Motor Company's financial control staff. Both have been prominent in church and civic affairs.

Although Peter was an economics major in his University of Michigan student days, he found his niche in life as an art collector, importer and broker of art collections. Come to think of it, in that specialized realm a training in economics probably has stood him in good stead.

His specialty - not normally a conversational topic in my circle of friends - is the art of the Shipibo-Conibo Peruvian Indian tribes who are descended from the Incas and make their home at the headwaters of the Amazon River. Theirs is a primitive jungle life in which it's the women who turn out

### Through Bifocals By Fred DeLano



ceramics and textiles while the men go fishing and hunting.

Peter is the organizer, major collector, and guest curator for a current exhibition of artifacts of the Shipibo-Conibo culture at the Center of Inter-American Relations, Park Avenue and 68th Street in New York City. His parents and several brothers and sisters attended the opening of the show which runs through April 29. If your curiosity is stirred, admission is free.

You artists will appreciate these New York Times comments:

"The patterns, and the coiled construction of the pots, derive from an elaborate cosmology that centers on the body of a snake thought to encircle the universe and revered as the 'giver of life.'

"Now that this belief system has been eroded by missionization, the Shipibo women - the artists of the tribe - restrict their pattern-mania to textiles, ceramics and beadwork.

"The pots and textiles ... are something to marvel at. Ranging from huge vats for brewing yucca beer to tiny food bowls, with a few fat effigy vessels among them, the pots are strikingly marked with intricate symmetrical designs, done freehand in both bold and delicate lines, which strangely evoke ancient architectural plans, as well as Persian or Moorish tracery."

Two years ago, Peter invited his parents to join him in Peru for a week in the jungle. It took a flight over the Andes Mountains and a voyage down the Ucayali River, a major tributary of the Amazon, to get Ruth and Russ to their destination. With those eight children spread the breadth of the nation, they have learned to take the unusual in stride.

# A Sesquicentennial Canton puts on its party hat!

## Sesqui. Ball promises to be a great time!

Care to waltz, my dear? How about a quick little square dance or some contemporary two stepping?

Music for every taste will be the order of the evening when Canton celebrates its birthday with the biggest, brightest, most entertaining bash the township has seen in -- well 150 years at least!

This birthday party of birthday parties will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, March 10. Balloons, streamers, crepe paper balls and plenty of other birthday decor will help create the atmosphere at the UAW Hall on Michigan Avenue. But the decorations are only a very small part of what the Sesquicentennial Committee has in store for those attending the ball.

Sesquicentennial Chairman Mary Dingeldey said the band "Moods" will entertain guests from 9 p.m. to 1 p.m. The band will play contemporary music, but has been known to break into those turkey-in-the-straw favorites which are only befitting of an old fashioned get-together.

Dingeldey said hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be served to guests from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. At 7:30 p.m. the feast will begin!

Dingeldey said the meal, being catered in by Old Fashion Catering, will include three meats. A round of beef, chicken and ham will entice guests as main courses. Potatoes, salads, vegetables and relishes will round out hungry appetites. Fresh apple pie will be served for dessert.

Dingeldey also said a huge birthday cake, donated by the Cake Depot in Canton, will also be served. Coffee and tea will be available and the committee will also supply guests with an open bar throughout the night.

Although the band will take periodic breaks throughout the night, Dingeldey said door prizes and a costume competition will keep guests busy during those times. A limited number of commemorative coins have also been printed and every guest attending the ball will receive a coin in memory of the event.

Tickets for the ball are \$17.50 per person or \$35 per couple. Tickets are available at Canton Township Hall, the Canton Chamber of Commerce, the Roman Forum Restaurant, at both branches of Wayne Bank, at the Omnicom office, at the offices of Associated Newspapers, at Julien's Store, and at Elias Brothers' Big Boy Restaurant on Ford Road.

Tickets are also available from the following individuals:

Carol Bodenmiller; Gloria Hammonds; Joan Chakrabarty; Phyllis Redfern; Jim Kosteva; Shirley Samp; Greta Poole; Maria Sterlini; William Joyner; and Bob Wade.

Don't miss this foot-stomping, tummy-warming gathering. It will long be remembered as one of Canton's best!



### A generous ticket...

WAYNE BANK is donating 20 tickets to the Sesquicentennial Ball for senior citizens. Above, Rose Fowler, of Wayne Bank, presents the tickets to senior representative Charlotte Schwartz and township senior

coordinator Diane Neihengen. A drawing at noon today will determine which seniors will go to the ball for free. (Crier photo by Rachael Dolson)

## Time capsule will unite past and future

If you were a future archeologist studying the remains of our primitive culture, what would you make of a Barbie Doll? How about a high school yearbook or a record of the Canton Senior Kitchen Band?

Maybe future archeologists will never have a chance to ponder the question, but curious Canton residents 50 years from now will.

The Canton Sesquicentennial Committee, in conjunction with the Sesquicentennial celebration will bury a time capsule in September on the Canton Historical Museum grounds. The capsule will contain items which represent a 1984 Canton -- and will help future Cantonites grasp what life in the community was like 50 years ago.

Gloria Hammonds, chairman of the time capsule committee said items for the capsule have not been identified yet. Each department in the Canton Township administration has been asked to donate an item which symbolizes its 1984 function.

"We've asked the departments to donate things which can be touched rather than just flat pieces of paper," Hammonds said. Departments have until June to submit their items.

Hammonds said the Time Capsule Edition Sesquicentennial newspaper, other newspapers, high school yearbooks, recipes, and photos of township are only a few of the items which will go into the capsule. She is looking for someone to donate Barbie and Ken dolls dressed in 1984 fashions to go into the vault as well.

Hammonds said the items will be handled as little as possible. They will be packed in silica gel and then placed in a casket and placed in a vault. Hammonds said the biggest problem with time

capsules is moisture deterioration; the casket-vault arrangement will help prevent this deterioration.

The time capsule will be uncovered in 50 years -- at Canton's Bicentennial celebration. Those who have suggestions

on what to place in the time capsule should contact Hammonds at 455-9009 or Mary Dingeldey at 495-0509.

Other members of the time capsule committee include Larry Atkins; Cathy and Robert Sibert; Eugene Hammonds and Carol Bodenmiller.

## Omnicom shows Canton

"Canton Remembers," a new program geared towards helping celebrate Canton's Sesquicentennial, will debut this month, said Omnicom Community Affairs and Program Director Suzanne Skubick.

"We are delighted to be adding this new program to our regular line-up for the remainder of 1984. We felt holding the show back until March, the month Canton became official was appropriate," added Skubick.

The program, which will air every other week on Channel 15, features Canton's senior citizens reminiscing about what life was like when they were young as well as Canton. The first program was

taped last fall when many senior were gathered together at Canton Township Hall to talk with historians working on a book about Canton's 150 years.

The remaining shows will be hosted by Sandy Preblich.

Air times for the program will be Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 3 p.m. The show will flip-flop with Wayne County Line from week to week.

The second airing of "Canton Remembers" will be on Founders Day. "This is a look at Canton's history but also Michigan's history and it should prove interesting and educational to all," Sandy said.

## Fly a Sesqui. kite!!

Go fly a kite -- but only if its in the Canton Parks and Recreation Sesquicentennial Kite Flying Contest.

The contest, scheduled to take off Saturday, March 31 at 10 a.m. will keep the younger members of Canton's community busy.

The competition will take place at the Canton Recreational Complex behind Canton Township Hall. Kids age 15 and under are invited to participate, and toss their luck -- and their kites to the wind.

Prizes will be awarded for the best homemade kite, the highest flier, the smallest kite and to the kite builder who put forth the best effort in getting his or her creation built and aloft. A \$50 savings bond will be awarded for the best homemade kite found in the competition.

Registration will for the contest will take place at 9:30 a.m. March 31. For more information on the competition, call 397-1000 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

# friend & neighbors

*Ply. Twp.*

*artist seeks New York City*



ARTIST PAUL Lepkowski holds up a portrait of another science fiction artist that he painted. (Crier photo by Cheryl Eberwein)

BY CHERYL EBERWEIN

The men and women who haunt Paul Lepkowski's dreams often fill his canvases later.

From dreams, two elegant lords now walk their beautiful ladies through a stormy troubled forest in a set of paintings he gave to his parents.

From dreams, three strangely beautiful, slightly alien women ride the back of a dragon beast while shouting warrior calls across the sky. On canvas, the scene is so detailed, the dragons heave under the commands of their riders and the women arch their backs against the wind as they move.

Lepkowski, an 18-year-old Plymouth Township resident who lives with his family on Mona Court, has been painting seriously for the past five years. Although Lepkowski has never had formal art training, his work reflects a self-taught style which boasts imagination and a personal expression more often seen in those who have studied art for years.

"I read art books and look at magazine paintings to learn," Lepkowski said. "When I sit down to do a painting, I start as fast as I can because looking at a white board scares me. I don't know whether a painting will come out right or not."

Whether every painting is right is a question only Lepkowski can answer. He demands, however, that each painting completed be better than the last and studies his final works for flaws which can be corrected the next time he picks up his brush. And the time between paintings may only be hours.

Many of the works Lepkowski does are completed in a matter of hours. Although he does not enjoy doing portraits, he has painted them and wildlife scenes in only four hours. His favorite subject matter, science fiction scenes, can sometimes take him months, however.

"I graduated early from school (Canton High School) and a lot of my friends are still in school right now. I don't like to spend time with other people so I mostly work and paint," Lepkowski said. "I've always been a quiet person and the idea of someone else telling me what to paint is boring. I paint for hours for myself."

Lepkowski said he received guidance and encouragement in painting from his

high school art teacher, Richard Saunders, who kept insisting he push himself. But other high school experiences left Lepkowski angry, frustrated, and ultimately suspended from school before he graduated.

"There were a lot of kids around who didn't understand the type of painting I was doing," Lepkowski recalled. "I've always been a very quiet person, but when they started calling me a pervert because of the fantasy scenes I was doing, I got mad."

Lepkowski used his skills as a brown belt karate expert to unleash his anger on other students. The school administration suspended him until that anger was in control again.

If Lepkowski was feeling frustrated in school, he says he has already moved beyond those feelings to ones more important and critical to his career as an artist.

"I've been trying to sell my work, to make this a career," Lepkowski said. "I've been going everywhere, writing letters, and making phone calls, but I'm having a hard time."

"Everyone tells me you can't do anything as an artist until you get to New York. I don't have the money to get to New York right now, although I've been saving to go. I hope someday someone will find me but it's really tough."

Lepkowski said he wants to illustrate science fiction-fantasy magazines like "Epic" and "Heavy Metal". One of his illustrations was used on the back cover of a Ted Nugent rock group album, and another he is now working on will go to a book company in New York for a possible book cover.

But Lepkowski's career as a recognized artist hasn't unfolded yet, and he works as a car paint man in Livonia to meet his expenses while he waits for a break.

"I'd like to support myself for the rest of my life," Lepkowski said. "I make enough to support myself now and I sell my paintings too, but I'd like to start my career (as an artist) within the next three years."

"I'm still learning, still changing. But I hope to be good one day and have people recognize my work," he said. "I want to prove to myself I can do it."

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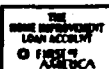
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# tell it to Phyllis



Dreams are funny little scenes that creep into your imagination when you're sound asleep. Sometimes dreams are funny, sometimes they turn into nightmares, and sometimes they are just plain weird.

Some psychologists say it's good to dream because you release tension and the dreams are often thoughts that are on your subconscious mind. There have been many books written about why we dream what we dream and what our dreams mean. Most of us don't really care what our dreams mean, we just want to get a good night's sleep.

I think it takes a lot of nerve for someone or something to wedge its way into my brain and suddenly come alive at 3 a.m. I hate waking up in the middle of the night because of some stupid dream.

Most of the time I don't remember what I was dreaming about, I only remember being awake for an hour, trying to go back to sleep.

Have you ever gotten out of bed in the morning feeling like you hadn't slept at all and the bed looks like a battle ground? If that isn't bad enough, add the feeling of being in a blizzard in the middle of a battle field.

One morning last week I woke up feeling terrible. My head was stuffed up, I was freezing and when I opened my eyes, I couldn't believe what I saw. The whole room was covered with white stuff. The first thought that raced through my mind was something about a whole in the ceiling and snow blowing in, but it only took one sneeze to realize I was surrounded by feathers. As I looked around, I saw the remains of what used to be a feather pillow.

I don't remember my dream well enough to know who or what I tangled with, but I must have beat the heck out of someone or something. I just hope whoever or whatever it was, felt as beat up as I did.

Do you know how embarrassing it is to go into work and try to explain to everyone that you don't have a cold, that you're simply allergic to feathers?

It's nice to know some psychologists think dreaming is healthy. If dreams like this are healthy, I vote for being sick.

Dave Pugh, the mayor of Plymouth thought he could sneak past his 40th birthday without everyone finding out. Come on Dave, you know us better than that. Hope last Saturday was a special day for you.

Robert Holt, son of Richard and Janet Holt of Terry in Plymouth made the Dean's List for fall semester at Boston University. He is a sophomore, majoring in communications.

Eastern Michigan University recently announced the names of students who have been selected to receive the University's 1984 Recognition of Excellence Scholarship Awards. Students from our area are: Jenifer Gorecki of Queensway in Canton; and Eric Mathews of Westbury in Plymouth. Both are seniors at Canton High School.

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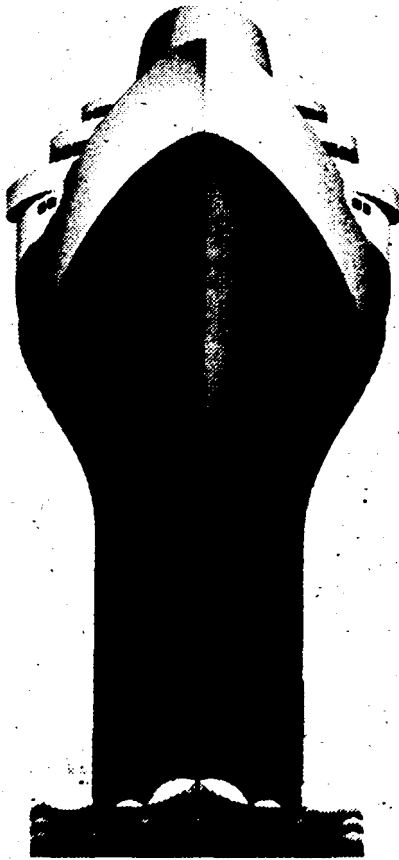
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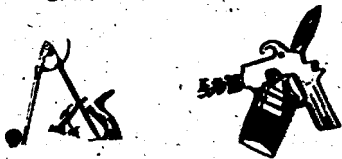
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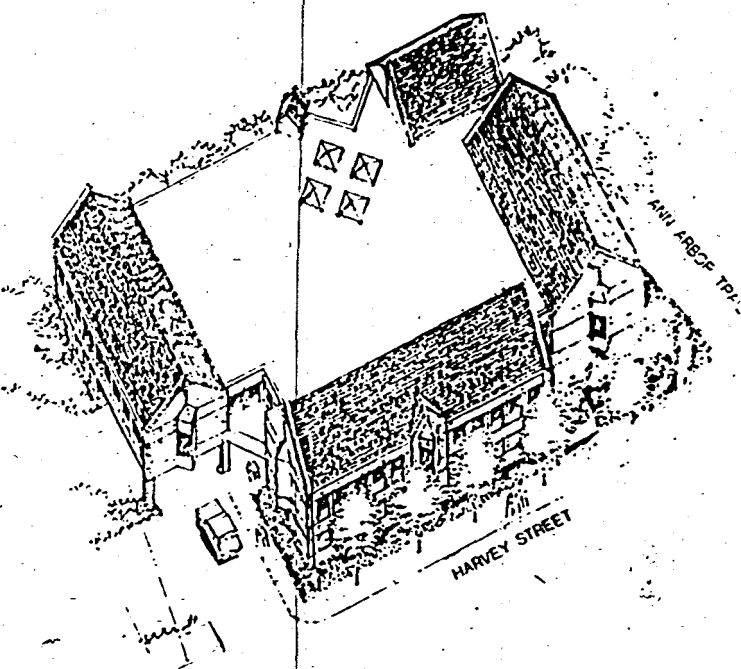
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**18** what's happening

**TOASTMASTERS SPEAK-UP**

Every Tuesday the Oral Majority Toastmasters Club meets at Denny's Restaurant at 5:30 p.m. On Saturday, April 14, Division B Toastmasters Speech and Evaluation Contests, Mayflower Hotel at 6:30 p.m.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONFERENCE**

The Tri County Coalition Against Domestic Violence is sponsoring a conference on understanding family violence on March 12-13 at Schoolcraft College. For more information call 547-1051.

**SPRING ARTS WORKSHOPS**

The University Artists and Craftsmen Guild will be holding several Special Spring Seminar Workshops, topics include Portfolio Boxes, How to Photograph 3-D Art and Raku Workshop. For more information call the Guild at 763-4430.

**KITCHEN CABARET**

The Plymouth Symphony League has tickets on sale now for their "Kitchen Cabaret" which will be held April 3. Tickets are on sale at Cooks Pleasures, Penniman Deli and Beitzers. Call 981-2307 for more information.

**CONSUMER POWER AND CONSERVATION**

The Sara Ann Cochrane Chapter, DAR will meet for a sandwich luncheon on March 19 at noon at the home of Mrs. Alvin Huff. The theme is patriotic and the program is "Consumer Power and Conservation". For more information about DAR call 453-4425 or 348-2198.

**DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM**

The Fiegel School PTO will sponsor a Drug Awareness program at 7:30 p.m. on March 28 in the gym at Fiegel School, 39750 Joy Rd. in Plymouth. The program is open to the public and free of charge.

**BEYOND 1984**

On March 13, "Beyond 1984" a lecture-discussion contemplating the future will be held at Madonna College's Kresge Hall at 7 p.m. For more information call 591-5123 during business hours.

**MARK TWAIN ON TOUR**

On March 18, "Mark Twain on Tour" will be presented at Madonna College's new Kresge Lecture Hall. Professional Actor Ken Richters will perform. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. For more information call 591-5056.

**TAX AIDE**

The Plymouth-Northville AARP Tax Aide Counselors for the Elderly will be at the Tonquish Creek Manor on March 12, 13 and 14 from 1 to 5 p.m. There is no charge and no appointments are necessary.

**ALPHA XI DELTA MEETING**

Alpha Xi Delta Alumnae will have a meeting on March 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Carroll Lewis. If you are interested in attending please RSVP to Carroll Lewis at 562-8030.

**PINK TRIANGLE TO BE SHOWN**

The Northwest Wayne County Chapter of the National Organization of Women will show the movie "Pink Triangle" at their next meeting on March 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Hoover School located at 15900 Levan in Livonia. The film deals with the persecution of homosexuals during the Nazi era.

**MENS RECREATION NIGHT**

The Canton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring another session of men's recreation nights for Canton residents. The program is held every Wednesday from 6:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Eriksson Elementary School. Call 397-1000 for further details.

**MADONNA COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE**

Madonna College will have an open house on March 25 at 2 p.m. Academic programs leading to degrees will be highlighted. Call 591-5052 for more information.

**GROWTH WORKS VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT**

Growth Works Inc will be training volunteers for crisis intervention and phone line counseling. Training is open to anyone interested. Call 455-4902 for further information.

**BETHANY ST. PAT'S PARTY**

Bethany, a support group for separated and divorced Christians will have a St. Patrick's Day Party March 17 at 8 p.m. at St. Kenneth's Church, 14591 Haggerty. For more information call Lorraine at 427-1459.

**GROUP SELF-HELP TAX SESSION**

There will be a group self-help tax session, with assistance from the IRS, at the Canton Township Administration Building in the Recreation Department Activities Room on March 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. There is no fee. Please bring all necessary documents with you.

**WOMENS GROUP MEETS**

The YMCA Canton Women's Group will meet March 13 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Faith Moravian Community Church on Warren Road. They will have an open forum.

**LEARNING AND SUPPORT GROUP**

The Mother's Learning and Support Group will be having their March meeting on March 9 and 23. The group meets at 9:30 a.m. at the Faith Moravian Community Church on Warren Road.

**WEST SIDE SINGLES DANCE**

The West Side Singles will hold a dance on March 9 and 23 starting at 7:30 p.m. at Roma's of Livonia. For more information call Ed at 562-3129 between 4 to 9 p.m.

**SLO-PITCH SOFTBALL**

Sign-up for returning teams in the City of Plymouth Recreation Department Slo-Pitch Leagues and Modified Leagues has already begun. Entry fee this year is \$440. Anyone interested in forming a new team may start signing up on March 16, if you have any questions please contact the Recreation Department at 455-6620.

**GARDEN CLUB**

The March meeting of the Tonquish Creek Garden Club will be held on March 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Randall Silye, 45224 Pinetree in Plymouth Township.

**PCAAT MEETS**

The Plymouth Canton Association for the Academically Talented will meet at Pioneer Middle School on March 14 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Sister Eileen Rice of Sienna Heights College will speak.



# what's happening

To list your group's event in "What's Happening" merely send the information (in writing) to: THE COMMUNITY CRIER, 1226 S. Main St., Plymouth, Mich. 48170. Information received by NOON MONDAY will be used in that Wednesday's paper (space permitting.)

### WOMEN'S GUILD TO MEET

The St. John's Neumann Women's Guild invites all ladies of the parish to their March 14 meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. The speaker will be Janet Schweitzer on Financial Planning. Reminder-Sign up for April Craft before March 26.

### ROCK SOCIETY MEETING

The Plymouth Rock and Mineral Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. March 12 in the Plymouth Cultural Center. The slide program will be "Stonhenge Monuments of England." Visitors are welcome.

### CHILI SUPPER

The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, located at 12401 Ridge Rd., Plymouth is having a chili supper, all you can eat, with salad, drink and dessert, on March 23, serving form 6 to 7:30 p.m. Donations-Adults, \$4, children under 12, \$3, under four, free.

### SPRING ARTS AND CRAFT SHOW

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will be hlding its annual Sping Arts and Craft Show April 6-8 at the Cultural Center. If you have any questions about the show call the recreation department at 455-6620.

### BAND TO PLAY

The Plymouth Community Band will perform a joint concert with the Ford Chorus at 8 p.m. on March 16 at the Canton Little Theatre. Dr. Leonard Falcone, retired professor of music at the University of Michigan, will be the guest conductor.

### CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Canton Historical Society will meet on March 8 at the museum on the corner of Canton Center and Proctor Roads at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

### CANTON BEAUTIFIERS MEET

There will be a meeting of the Canton Beautification Committee on March 8 at 7 p.m. at Canton Township Hall. All Canton residents are invited to attend.

### PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS MEET

The Plymouth-Canton Chapter of Parents Without Partners will hold a general meeting on March 9 at 8:30 p.m. at Local 900 UAW Hall on Michigan Avenue, east of I-275. All single parents are welcome.

### AEROBIC FITNESS CLASSES

Dance and Exercise Classes will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth. There will be morning and evening classes. Call 459-9229 ext. 78 for schedules and information.

### ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS

Schoolcraft College is offering a March course series on Home and Business Energy Improvements. The workshops are three-hours long. Call 591-6400 ext. 409 for more information.

### POLITICS IN NURSING

Politics in Nursing, Legislative Update 1984, featuring Congressman Carl Pursell on the issue of Federal Funding for Nursing. The event will be held on March 10 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Chelsea Community Hospital. For more information call 453-9319.

### LA LECHE LEAGUE

Women who wish to breastfeed their babies will find encouragement and information at the Plymouth-Canton La Leche League. The next meeting is March 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Geneva United Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon Rd. Nursing babies welcome. For more information call Johanne 453-9171.

### CHARITY DINNER

Plymouth Rock Lodge will have their first annual charity dinner on March 23 at 7 p.m. The lodge will honor the Plymouth Chapter of the Salvation Army. Tickets are \$7 per person with proceeds going to the Salvation Army. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

### HEALTH ISSUES BY AAUW

The American Association of University Women will hold their monthly meeting on March 15 at 7:30 p.m. at West Middle School Cafetorium. Their topic will be health issues with Dr. Bob Rose speaking on Holistic Health.

### HEALTH SCREENINGS FOR SENIORS

Discover good health. Free Health Screenings for persons 60 or older at the Canton Senior Center on March 14 and March 21 at the Maplewood Community Center. Call now for an appointment, 722-3308.

### JAYCEE NEW MEMBER NIGHT

The Plymouth Jaycees will be having a New Member Night on March 15 at their monthly meeting at the Mayflower Meeting House at 7:30 p.m. Carl Pursell will be the guest speaker.

### COUNTRY FEST BOOTH SPACE AVAILABLE

The Canton Country Festival Arts and Crafts Committee will be accepting applications for booth space at the 1984 Festival. Applications are available at the Canton Public Library. For more information call 397-0999.

### JAYCEES COLLECT CANS

The Plymouth Jaycees are sponsoring a bottle drive. The Jaycees will come to your home between 2 and 5 p.m. on March 11. Call the Jaycees at 455-9308 to donate. Proceeds will go to fight Muscular Dystrophy.

### SPECIAL EVENTS HELP NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to assist with special events at the Canton Country Festival. Call Judy Jamroz at 591-0490 for further information.

### PCAAT WILL MEET

Plymouth-Canton Association for the Academically Talented will meet march 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School. Sister Eileen Rice of Sienna Heights College will talk about learning styles.

### LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS MEET

The consensus meeting for the League of Women Voters National Security Study will be at the home of Cathy Prince, March 8 at 7:30 p.m.

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## Horns touted at youth concert

The Plymouth Symphony League's Young Peoples Concert is scheduled for Sunday, March 18 and tickets will be on sale in the local elementary schools on March 13, 14 and 15.

"Meet the Top Brass" is the title of the concert for youth planned for 2 and 4 p.m. at Plymouth Salem High School.

The concert will be highlighting the brass instruments especially some antique brass horns. A narration "Tubby the Tuba" will be featured.

Professor Louis Stout of U of M and Cathy Miller will be giving a demonstration, "From the Forest to the Concert

Hall." They will show all types of horns from the seashells, Alpine horns, and all the way up to the French horn.

The concert is sponsored by the Allegro group. Chairman Shirley Wold said those interested in purchasing the \$1.25 tickets can do so at elementary schools or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Young People's Concert, 12422 Lighthouse Court, Plymouth MI., make checks payable to the Plymouth Symphony League.

Tickets are on sale at Beitners Jewelry, Hammel Music, Book Break and Arnoldt Williams Music.

PROFESSOR LOUIS STOUT of U of M and Cathy Miller will be the featured guests at the Plymouth Symphony League's Young Peoples Concert on March 18. Stout and Miller will demonstrate "From the Forest to the Concert Hall" showing all types of horns from the seashells and Alpine horns, all the way up to the French horn. Tickets are on sale at all elementary schools next week.

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**CLOSURE OF STURGEON FISHING IN THE GREAT LAKES AND CONNECTING WATERS DURING SPAWNING SEASON**  
 The Natural Resources Commission, at its December 3, 1982, meeting, under the authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, closed sturgeon fishing in the Great Lakes and the connecting waters during the months of May and June for the period of five years, beginning April 1, 1983, through March 31, 1988.

**COMMISSION ORDER**  
 (Under authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended)  
**WALLEYE AND SAUGER SIZE LIMIT**

The Natural Resources Commission, at its meeting on October 8, 1982, under authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, exempted the Muskegon River from M-20 in Big Rapids to Croton Dam, from their order of November 9, 1979. The order is hereby amended to read as follows:

For a period of two years beginning January 1, 1983, the walleye and sauger size limit shall be 15 inches on all waters, including the Great Lakes and connecting waters, except Lake Gogebic, Big Manistique Lake, Lake Erie, Lake St. Clair and the Detroit and St. Clair rivers.

**COMMISSION ORDER**  
 (Under Authority of Act 165, P.A. 1929 and Act 230 P.A. 1925, as amended)  
**STATEWIDE TROUT AND SALMON REGULATIONS**

The Natural Resources Commission, at its meeting on January 13, 1984, under the authority of Act 165, P.A. 1929, as amended, and Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, ordered that for the period beginning April 1, 1984, and ending March 31, 1987, no person shall possess, take or attempt to take, any species of trout or salmon from any of the waters of this state except by hook and line during the open seasons prescribed, and within the minimum size limits and maximum possession limits indicated below.

Statewide open seasons on all streams and designated trout lakes shall be from the last Saturday in April through September 30 (longer on waters designated by the Director for extended fishing under Act 165) on all trout and salmon. Statewide open seasons on all other inland lakes and the Great Lakes shall be any time for all trout and salmon except on Lake Huron and its tributary streams and on Lake Michigan and its tributary streams the season on lake trout is from May 1 through August 15.

Size limits shall be 8 inches in Lower Peninsula streams, 7 inches on Upper Peninsula streams, and 10 inches on all lakes except the daily possession limit for trout and salmon shall be 5 fish singly or in combination but no more than 2 lake trout or splake from Lake Michigan and its tributary streams or 3 lake trout or splake from Lake Superior and Lake Huron and their tributary streams, except that an additional 5 brook or brown trout may be taken from streams from the last Saturday in April through September 30 only.

# ★ PLACES TO BE ★

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Private detectives are pretty rare in Canton. There's a few topnotch singers in the area, but not very many.

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After a year hiatus from the performing world, Baker said he has finally got his private investigation business going well enough that he is ready to return to the stage.

Baker has an "Elvis 1984" concert planned for Friday, March 16, at the Southgate Civic Center.

Baker spent nine years on the Southgate Police Department before embarking on his career as an entertainer, performing often in the downriver area. His specialties include: a review of Neil Diamond music, "The Elvis Story," and a potpourri of rhythm and blues, pop, light rock, jazz and modern country.

About a year ago, Baker decided to start his own detective agency and moved to Canton.

Tickets to the "Elvis 1984" are \$4 and available by calling 849-1163 or 282-6770.

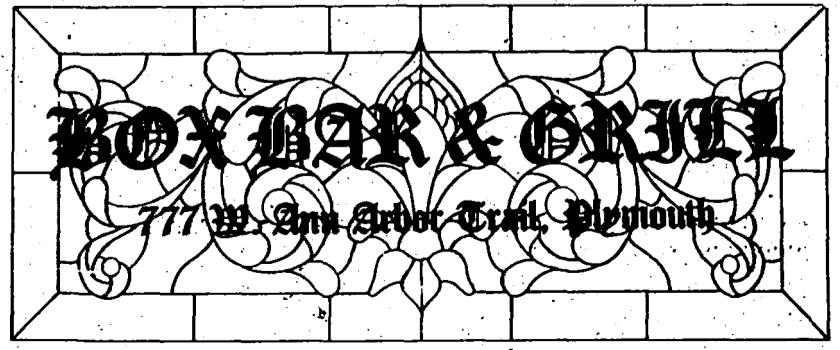


### Benefit bargains

HERBS 'N SPICE AND OTHER THINGS NICE is the title of the Plymouth-Canton Panhellenic Scholarship card party planned for Tuesday, March 20, at St. John's Episcopal Church on Sheldon Road. Above, Alice Chrenko, president, and Maret Garard, show off some of the craft items which will be auctioned. Call 453-0998 for ticket information, 453-0998. (Crier photo by Cheryl Eberwein)



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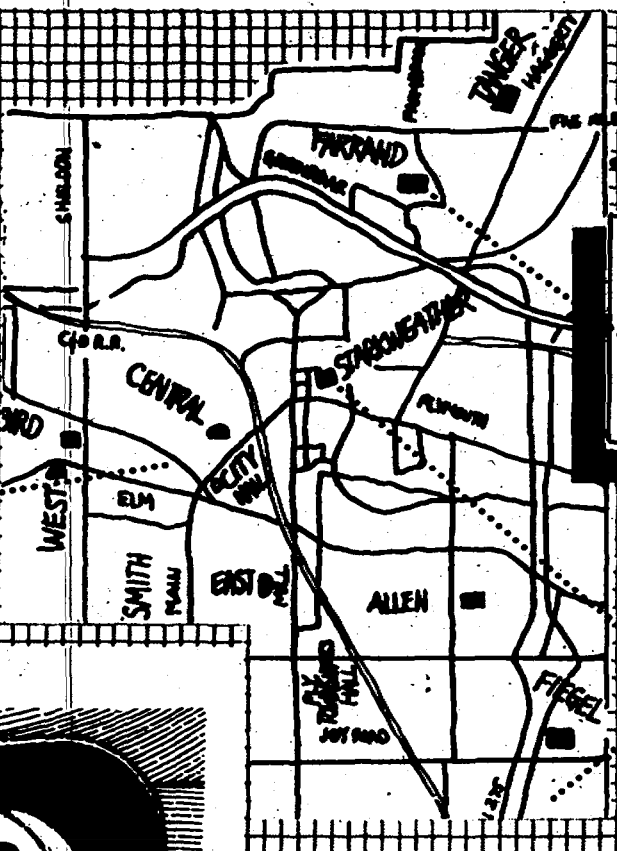
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# Who goes where?

David Rodwell, assistant to the superintendent, explained the proposed changes at Monday night's meeting:

Twelve to 16 kids in the area bounded by Ann Trail, Main Street and the railroad tracks would probably go to Smith, or possibly Bird.



Currently only children in the Lakepointe neighborhoods go to Farrand, while children in the outlying area around the Farrand district would go to Tanger. Under the new plan, all children north of Hines Drive and east of Sheldon would go to Farrand.

Children from the Honeytree and Stoneybrook area would continue to be bused to Tanger. All of the Starkweather area, except for a small downtown triangle, would go to Tanger.

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## Parents question Tanger and Starkweather move

BY RACHAEL DOLSON

A study session on the closing of Starkweather School as a K-6 elementary facility found more parents concerned about moving from Tanger to Farrand, than those concerned about a Starkweather to Tanger move.

Under the plan proposed by the school administration, the 180 kindergarten to sixth grade students living in the Starkweather attendance area would go instead to Tanger. To make more room for the Starkweather students, and to keep the elementary schools in the optimum 350 to 500 student range, about 100 students currently going to Tanger would be moved to Farrand.

Parents of children in the Tanger-to-Farrand move asked:

•"Will children be bused across Five Mile or have to walk?" The administration said the school safety committee will probably recommend the children be bused.

•"Will the class size at Farrand be the same as the class size was this year at Farrand?" The administration said yes, the class size would remain about the same.

•"Will Tanger parents have a chance to visit Farrand as Starkweather parents visited Tanger last night?" The principal from Farrand said that an open house, a board study session, and-or a PTO meeting would be held at Farrand. The children may have an opportunity to visit the school as well, he said.

•"Why are my kids now going to the third farthest school away from them?" The administration said the majority of the student population is in the southern end of the district, but most of the schools are in the northern end. The result, they said, is that some kids have to be bused away. The other option, assistant superintendent for instruction Dr. Michael Homes said, is do a major boundary adjustment for the entire 13 elementary schools. "If we did that this year and the population continuous to

decline, we would probably have to do it all over again in 3 to 4 years. We are trying to put off a major redistricting for a few years to get a better idea on the long term picture, so we have to move students fewer times."

•"Why not just divide the Starkweather students between Farrand and Tanger and only disrupt one school, forget about moving some Tanger students in Farrand?" Superintendent Dr. John Hoben said that eventually Tanger will probably be closed as well and they were preparing for that by moving those students that would go to Farrand if Tanger closed there now.

•One parent said, "I am one of the parents whose Tanger child is going to Farrand; okay, but I want you to know we are the ones who are losing - losing a good staff and school, the Starkweather parents are gaining."

Questions from the Starkweather parents centered mostly on how the children would be bused and would the Starkweather teachers move to Tanger as well.

One parent accused the board of "messing with Lower Town." Leroy Nelson said, "You've been messing with Lower Town ever since you took John Howe (former Starkweather principal) away. That building is nothing but a bunch of brick walls now ... not a school anymore. The kids don't have safety or love. They might as well be moved to a different school."

Board president Glenn Schroeder refuted Nelson's charges: "The staff has done well (since Starkweather and Tanger have been sharing a principal) they are still imparting concern ... the love is still there."

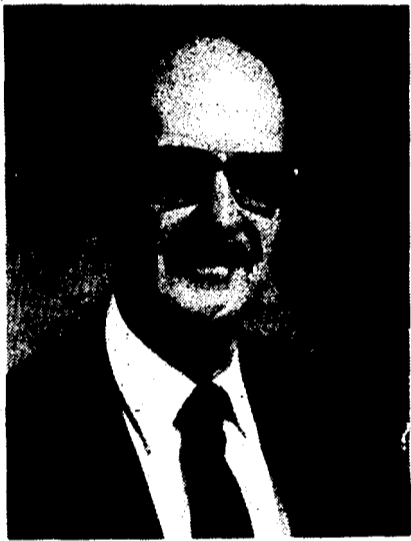
One parent, whose child is in a small area of Starkweather students who will go to Smith instead, said: "How do I explain to my kid why all his friends went to another school, but he is one of the 16 (going to Smith)?"



## Happy about hornbooks

SECOND GRADERS IN HELEN SHELANKEY'S CLASS AT FIELD SCHOOL are getting ready for their April trip to the old-time school at Greenfield Village by making hornbooks. The wooden hornbooks have lessons such as alphabets, vowels, numbers and the Golden Rule printed on them. Lowell Middle School shop student Doug Briney (background) is on special assignment from Al Kohring's shop class to work with the second graders. Left to right are students Danny Johnson, Brian Topp, Katherine Lee, Tim Nixon, and Jessica Olmeda. (Crier photo by Rachael Dolson)

West Middle  
principal is  
honored by  
TAG group



GERALD E. ELSTON

Gerald E. Elston, principal at West Middle School, has received a special award from the Plymouth-Canton Association for the Academically Talented.

This award was presented to Elston in recognition of his outstanding contributions to academically talented education in the Plymouth-Canton school district during the past 25 years.

Elston has served the district as principal at Farrand Elementary (1958 to 1968), Pioneer Middle School (1968-1982), and his present position is at West Middle School. Elston plans to retire in June.

During these years, Elston has implemented many new programs for academically-talented children. These programs include: special Saturday classes, continuous progression programs, elective programs in middle school, special reading programs, and integrated academically-talented programs.

Talented and gifted guidelines were first officially established in the district in 1979, and only recently has recognition of these special academic needs been broadly accepted.

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## Scott

Ruby M. Scott, 83, of Five Mile Road in Plymouth, died March 1. Funeral services were held March 3 at Schrader Funeral Home. Dr. Bartlett L. Hess officiated.

She is survived by her daughter Mrs. Vernell Bishop of Plymouth, granddaughters, Linda Darling of Plymouth, Judy Good of Plymouth, Jackie Schoendorf of Northville, five great-grandchildren, Scott and Cindy Darling, Derek and Allyssa Good, Kristia Schoendorf, sisters, Louise Potts of Ft. Smith, AR, Elizabeth O'Connell of Arlington, VA and brother, C.B. Chandler of Ft. Smith, AR.

Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be given to the Ward Presbyterian Church.

## Campbell

Maxine E. Campbell, 81, of Ann Street in Plymouth, died March 3. Funeral services were held March 6 at 11:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Local arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home Inc.

Mrs. Campbell came to The Community in the late 1920's from Ann Arbor. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth. She was a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Music.

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara Singleton of Plymouth, son, Robert Campbell of Frankfort, three grandchildren and a brother, Paul Frederick Christman of Lafayette, CA.

Burial was at Crystal Lake Cemetery in Crystal Lake Township. Memorial contributions may be made in the form of mass offerings.

## Reid

Wesley G. Reid, M.D., 70, of Haggerty Road in Plymouth died Feb. 28. Memorial services were held March 3 at 11 a.m. at the Schrader Funeral Home. The Rev. Thomas H. Cook officiated.

Dr. Reid graduated from Northern High School at the age of 16 and then went to the University of Michigan where he received both his B.S. and his doctorate degrees. He was president of his class at U of M. He was the former commanding officer of the Seventh Station Hospital in the U.S. Army. He was a former member of the staff at Harper-Grace Hospital, Veterans Hospital and Hutzel Hospital. He specialized in ophthalmology.

He is survived by his daughter Sarah Ann Reid of New York, NY, Sandra June Reid of Phoenix, AZ and sister Margaret Hough of Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Heart Association.

## community deaths



## Bell

A. Yvonne Bell, 67, of Dolphin Avenue in Detroit, died Feb. 29. Funeral services were held at Redford United Methodist Church on March 2. Rev. A. Theodore Halsted officiated.

She was a retired Detroit District Director of Camp Fire Girls, a member of Daughters of Scotia Lady Kenmore Lodge no. 137 and of the Detroit Garden Club. She was also a member of the Detroit Story League, the Michigan Historical Society, Michigan Audubon Society, Contact Life Line and taught French at Crowell Center.

She also was a member of the Redford Methodist Church for 34 years, a member of the Women's Circle and a Sunday School teacher.

She is survived by her husband, Francis H. Bell, daughters, Jean Bushman of Novi, Barbara Bresnahan of Plymouth, son, S. Sgt. David C. Bell of the U.S. Army in Germany and six grandchildren.

## Media



## WSDP: It's 'off the dial'

WSDP Program Highlights for the week are, for March 8, 5:30 p.m., "Chamber Chatter" with host Michelle Trame. At 7 p.m. "Almost Even" last in a series of 20-minute programs focusing on potential conflicts areas betw will be the subject of tonight's program.

On March 9, at 11 a.m., "Prime Time". A special two-part series focusing on how older Americans are serving on commissions which affect society. At 5:30 p.m., "CEP Sports Wrap-up" a half-hour focus on salem and Canton athletic activities. At 7 p.m. "Off the Dial". At 7:30 p.m. state district championship if Salem or Canton advances.

Monday, March 12 will have a jazz special with Bill Smola at 7 p.m.

Regional basketball game will be aired

at 7:30 if a Park team advances, on March 13.

On March 14 at 1 p.m. Jim Patten will have the best of today's adult contemporary music. At 7 p.m. the 101st Airborne Division Air Assault Bad from Ft. Campbell, KY will play.

On March 15 a state regional basketball game is tentatively scheduled at 7:30 p.m.

March 16 will have "Prime Time" at 11 a.m. and "CEP Sports Wrap-up" at 5:30 p.m.

March 19 at 7 p.m. "Vintage Rock" will air.

March 20 at 6 p.m. Sarah Wallman will play the best in today's progressive contemporary music.

On March 21, Tim Grand will host "Off the Dial" at 7 p.m.

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#### Plymouth Church of the Nazarene

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453-1525  
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#### Trinity Presbyterian Church

10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd.  
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459-9550  
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Pastor: William Moore

#### Church of Christ

9301 Sheldon Rd., Plymouth  
453-7630  
Gary Rollins  
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#### Fellowship Baptist Church

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Sunday Worship Service 10:30 A.M.

## 'The Oasis' is teenage funnies

Two new programs joined Omnicom's Channel 15 line-up the week of Feb. 6 - "Canton Update" and "The Oasis."

"Canton Update" will be a regular weekly show featuring Canton Township Supervisor Jim Poole and other Canton Township officials talking about what is happening in the community.

"Poole had been a regular guest on the 'Sandy' and it was finally decided he should have a regular program to keep Canton residents updated and that's how the new program was born," Omnicom Community Affairs and Programming Director Suzanne Skubick said.

The program will air Tuesdays at 2 p.m. and again on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

"The Oasis" will be a bi-monthly feature sharing its time slot every other week with "Chef Bui-Carb." This show features the New Dittlies band performing their best numbers and also some funny sketches that could be viewed as a take off on NBC's "Saturday Night Live."

"This is a show our area teenagers will certainly want to watch," said Skubick.

The program will air Mondays at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesdays at 2 p.m., and again Fridays at 10:30 p.m.

## Omnicom dept. closed March 12

The programming facilities of Omnicom will be closed for the week beginning March 12. The department will be closed to the public in order to conduct some much needed maintenance work and to allow for in-house refresher training courses for the programming staff and interns.

The shut down means there will be no airing of community and access programs on Channel 15 nor will Family Home Theater and Local Origination shows air on Channel 8. The Canton Township board meeting will also not air that week on Channel 10.

All other departments at Omnicom will be open for business as usual, said Suzanne Skubick, community affairs and program director.



getting down  
to  
business

**Correll is treas.**

John Correll of Pizzuti's Restaurant in Canton has been elected as Treasurer for 1984, for the Michigan Restaurant Association (MRA).  
The announcement was made at the MRA annual meeting held at Michigan State University Management Center in Troy.



DONALD S. SKINNER

**Skinner named Good Citizen**

Donald J. Skinner, a Michigan Bell employe in Plymouth, has received the telephone company's "Good Citizen Award" for his volunteer work with the Plymouth Rotary Club.

Skinner, 61, is an engineer in the company's network services department and has worked at Michigan Bell for 36 years.

The Good Citizen program honors one current or retired Bell employe living in Michigan each month for contributions and service to the local community. Recipients receive a \$100 saving bonds and a framed certificate.

Skinner has been active in the Plymouth Rotary for the last eight years, now serving as vice president and membership chairman of the organization. Last year he headed up the Rotary's major fundraiser, the annual chicken dinner. In a single day, Skinner's group barbequed and served 15,000 chicken dinners at the Fall Festival.

It was Skinner's fifth year of involvement with the massive bird-cooking operation.

"Don Skinner not only enriches life in Plymouth, he enriches the lives of fellow employes at Michigan Bell. We're glad to be honoring his commitment to community service," said Marcia Buhl, Michigan Bell's local corporate affairs manager.

Skinner has been the recipient of other service awards in the past, including honors from the Plymouth Community Fund and the American Legion.

Skinner and his wife, Mary Kathryn, have eight children.

**Useful Uniques owners are authors**

Barb and Chuck Every, owners of Useful Uniques in Old Village, are having success with a craft book they wrote, "Welcome to the World of Punched Metal."

The book, first printed in 1983 and now in its second printing, has directions on

punch metal craft and patterns for the craft.

Assisting the Everys with the publication were Grace Herr, editor-art director; Dale Dowers, photography, and Hallie Hannon, graphics.



**That special look!**

LOCAL MERCHANTS SHOWED OFF THEIR BRIDAL BEST Sunday in a wedding show at the Plymouth Cultural Center. About 200 prospective mates and their advisors attended the show to see the latest in fashions, photography, flowers and ferns. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd)

**Omnicom hires new engineer**

Dennis Mills has been hired by Omnicom as a programming engineer. He will be taking over for Ry Alford who left to join another cable company, said Suzanne Skubick, community affairs and program director.

Mills is a resident of Farmington Hills and is a recent graduate of Specs Howard. He brings to Omnicom extensive experience with the satellite mast antenna

system at the Westin Hotel in Detroit, Skubick said. Mills has been involved with electronics in one way or another since he was 13 years old.

"We are pleased to welcome Dennis to our programming ranks and we are confident he will continue to assist our department improve and make new innovations in programming," Skubick said.

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# Sports

## Chiefs win WLAA, hope for district

### Churchill falls to tough defense

BY JAY KEENAN

As senior co-captain Gary Thomas thrust his fist into the air with a red-blooded "Ya" in front of all the Canton basketball fans at the sound of the final buzzer, everybody knew that it was official—the Chiefs had finally become league champions for the first time since the 1979-80 basketball season.

Canton, which recently won the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA), edged Livonia Churchill in the conference playoff finals, 60-56 Friday night before a large and enthusiastic crowd.

"We're ecstatic," said Canton third-year coach Dave Van Wagoner. "This is the best year in Canton's High School history. We're league champs and I can't describe how I feel right now."

The Chiefs started off cold, as they could only connect on five of 17 floor shots in the opening period. Canton trailed at the end of the first quarter, 15-11, as the Chargers threw up an effective zone defense to prevent point-guard Mark Bennett and the hot-shooting seniors Gary Thomas and Mike Jennings from getting close to the hoop.

But in the second stanza, Canton began to whittle away at the Churchill lead, as the Chiefs began to fight their way inside.

Canton went ahead for the first time with less than two minutes to go in the half, and carried a 32-27 advantage into the dressing room at intermission.

"We knew that they were going to do it (use a zone defense)," Van Wagoner said. "We tried to get the ball inside, and when we did that, we started to close in."

The Chiefs maintained a 44-40 lead at the end of three quarters, but Churchill managed to tie it up at 46-all with 5:55 left to go.

But from that point on, Canton began  
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ELIJAH ROGERS snags a rebound away from a Wayne Zebra in Canton's district triumph. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd.)

### Canton beats Wayne with clutch play

BY JAY KEENAN

Local sceptics don't seem to discombobulate the Canton basketball team.

Coach Dave Van Wagoner will attest to that.

The pesky Chiefs, who have been billed as underdogs in many important games this season, ousted a powerful Wayne Memorial from the state prep tournament with an exciting 56-55 triumph at the Canton gym.

The Chiefs are now sporting a 16-5 mark and will host Northville tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Class A district semifinals.

Canton, which doesn't have an incredible amount of size, came up with several key plays in the waning moments to pull away with the clutch victory.

"We feel we're a pretty good basketball team," said Canton coach Dave Van Wagoner. "And I think we proved a lot of local prognosticators wrong again, and we'll continue to. A lot of people still don't believe in us, but the 'immediate family' knows that we're a good team."

"We have players with tremendous intelligence on this team and the kids know what to do in every situation."

Senior point-guard Mark Bennett provided the heroics by hitting two free throws in the final eight seconds to edge Wayne by the final one-point margin.

The Zebras, 15-6, had the upperhand with 38 seconds left in the game when Kevin Daily hit two foul shots to give Wayne a 55-52 advantage.

Canton, however, refused to fold as Elijah Rogers slipped inside for a bucket  
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## Rock tankers swim to league title

BY JAY KEENAN

Salem's swim team established itself as the true-blue champions of the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) Friday night as the Rocks edged out Livonia Stevenson by 14.5 points to capture the conference swim meet held at Salem High School.

The Rocks, who nipped Stevenson three weeks ago, 87-85 to capture the Lakes Division title of the WLAA, racked up 251 points to garner first place.

Stevenson followed with 236.5 points, followed by Farmington, third, 182; Northville, fourth 152.5; Livonia Churchill, fifth, 146; Canton, sixth, 86.5; Farmington Harrison, seventh, 61.5; Livonia Bentley, eighth, 37; Walled Lake Central, ninth, 24; Walled Lake Western, tenth, 10.

"It wasn't easy by any means," said Salem coach Chuck Olson, whose team won the WLAA for the second year in a row. "Stevenson swam terrific. We just

had some terrific drops (in our times). It was a team effort to pull this one out. I thought this team did a great job. The kids are really excited about winning the league."

Erik Kleinsmith turned in a brilliant performance for Salem with victories in the 100-yard (48.94) and 200-freestyle (1:47.35). He was also a member of the Rocks winning 400-freestyle relay team. Other members of that squad included Bob Bowling, Jon Cain and Greg Wolff (3:21.83).

Bowling also had an outstanding night. He finished second in the 50-freestyle (22.25) and third in the 100-freestyle (49.59). Wolff also fared well for Salem as he finished second in the 500-freestyle (5:01.93) and third in the 200-freestyle (1:51.81).

Scott Anderson garnered a fourth place showing in the 100-butterfly (56.26) and captured sixth position in the 200-

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BOB BOWLING (in foreground) is on his way to a second place finish in the 50 free. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd.)

# Beale wins, Chiefs take second at league meet

BY TIM McKERCHER

The Western Lakes Activities Association league gymnastics took place last Saturday, and the CEP teams competed with the best. Canton finished in second place and Salem finished in fifth place by a quarter of a point.

The overall team standings went, North Farmington first with 131.7, Canton second with 125.1, Farmington Harrison third with 121.25, Northville fourth with 120.5, Salem fifth with 120.25, Farmington came in sixth with 114.3, Walled Lake Western was seventh with 110.75 and Walled Lake Central was eighth with 107.25.

Perhaps the biggest news for CEP was the performances of Linda Beale from

Canton, she scored a 34.10 to capture the top all-around honors. Beth Rafail from Salem was fifth in the all-around with 33.2 points, Annette Bryce from Canton finished 11th with 31.8 points, Jackie Huff from Salem was 14th and Sara Michalik also from Salem was 15th overall with her 29.45.

Canton and Salem did very well in the individual events. In the vault competition, Beale scored an 8.9 on the vault putting her in fourth place, Rafail came in eighth with an 8.55, Bryce was ninth with an 8.3 and Maureen Brophy from Canton was 13th.

On the uneven bars, Beale took a second with an 8.4, Suzanne Gibbons from Salem finished sixth with a 7.95,

Bryce finished eighth with a 7.85, Rafail scored a 7.8 to give her a ninth place finish, Debbie Bahna from Salem came in 14th with a 7.45 and Michalik was 15th with a 7.4.

Rafail performed an outstanding routine on the balance beam to capture the first place honors, she scored an 8.55, Beale was third with an 8.25, Bryce was fifth with a 7.85, Lisa Lovich from Canton scored a 7.65 to finish 12th, Huff scored a 7.6 to finish 14th and Michalik finished 15th with a 7.25.

Beale took a second place on the floor exercise, she scored an 8.55. Rafail scored an 8.3 to finish fifth, Huff was seventh with a 7.95, and Bryce was 11th with a 7.8.

Next week the two teams will travel to

Jackson to compete in regional competition, and the gymnasts that advance from there will compete in state competition in two weeks in the Phase III gym.

"I was real pleased with our position and I was real pleased to be the western division champion," said Coach John Cunningham, "It was a definite confidence builder for the kids."

Salem Coach Kathi Kinsella said she was disappointed.

"I didn't expect to lose to two teams we had already beaten (Harrison and Northville)," Kinsella said.

"We took second in our division, so that wasn't too bad. I was hoping to finish third overall, and we got fifth, so that was a disappointment."

# PCJBA finishes their March Madness



THE HAWKS AND SONICS battle it out for the "A" league title. Jeff Gasvoda (black no. 30) steals the ball from Bill Kananen of the Sonics. Jeff Jagacki (Hawks no. 32) gets his hands in the action. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd.)

The Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association has wrapped-up their season with the final games of their post-season tourney held last weekend.

In Boys "B" League in the semi-finals the 76'ers beat the Knicks 46-41 and the Pistons topped the Bulls 51-33. The finals saw the 76'ers take the title over the Pistons 65-51.

The Girls "B" League had the Blues over the Wings 47-37 and Appollos over the T-Birds 35-26 in semi-final action. The champs were the Blues, as they beat the Appollos 36-29 in the finals.

In Boys "A" League action the Hawks beat the Bulls 82-77 and the Sonics beat the Rocks 65-57. The "A" champs are the

Hawks as they beat the Sonics 66-58.

In Girls "AA" League the Hawks beat the Wildcats 38-37 and the Robins flew past the Jays 44-36 to advance to the finals. The Robins beat the Hawks 40-27 to nab the title.

Boys "AA" saw the Illini take the Boilermakers 52-36 and the Spartans beat the Hoosiers 58-53 in the semi's. The finals showed the Illini edge the Spartans 57-55.

The Boys "AAA" League champions turned out to be the Spurs as they defeated the Warriors 71-70 in overtime.

In Boys "C" League finals the Mavericks won the league crown by beating the 76'ers 27-15.

# Park matmen finish season

BY TIM McKERCHER

It has been a great year for wrestling at CEP, and it all came to an end last weekend at the state finals. Four wrestlers went to East Lansing for state competition, Todd Gattoni and Tim Collins from Canton and John Jeannotte and Andy Ward from Salem.

The meet was a little disappointing, none of the four were able to finish in the top six and receive medals.

Gattoni lost his first two matches, he was beaten by Rob Rosencrantz from Flushing, 11-6 and then was pinned by Jim Gahan from Granville at the 3:18 mark. Gahan went on to place sixth in the state. Gattoni finishes the season at 27-5.

Collins managed to win his first match, but he then lost the following two. He beat Jim Shannon from Holt 11-1, but then lost two heartbreaker matches. He lost in overtime to Jody Palmer from Flint Kearsley, 5-4. He then lost 7-6 to Bob Heaps from Portage Northern. Shannon went on to place third in the state, Palmer finished fourth and Heaps was sixth.

Jeannotte lost to Chris Kochs from Traverse City, 8-3 in his first match, he then lost his second match to Ron Bourdaeu from Roseville. Kochs went on to place fifth in the state.

Ward lost his first two matches, he was beat by Mark Raczowski from Jackson in the first match and then lost to Brian Camera from Rochester in the second.

"This was the best state meet in the last three or four years," said Canton Coach Dan Chrenko, "There was some tremendous wrestling."

The wrestling seasons are now over for both teams.



TIM COLLINS was the only CEP wrestler to win a match at the state finals. Collins won his first match (shown here) 11-1. (Crier photo by Jay Keenan.)

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# Rocks finish third in WLAA hoop play-offs

BY TIM McKERCHER

The Salem basketball team was just taking care of business last week. The Rocks, playing in the losers bracket of the Western Lakes Activities Association league play offs, took care of Farmington and Bentley.

Salem beat Farmington on Wednesday night, 68-40 and then beat Bentley on Thursday, 70-48.

The Rocks were out of race for the league title, but used the two games as preparation for the upcoming district competition.

As shown by the scores, Salem completely dominated both of the games. On Wednesday, their free throw shooting, which looked terrible against Churchill, was back up to par as well as their defense.

On Thursday, the Rocks looked exceptionally sharp. Erich Hartnett dazzled the crowd with some outstanding passing, behind his back, over his shoulder, through his legs, he did it all.

Rick Berberet played another good game for the Rocks, mostly controlling things inside, Jeff Arnold also continued to lead the Rocks with his outside shooting.

The Rocks really-broke the game open at the end of the first half. Leading at the 4:44 mark by only four points, Salem put together a rally that set the tempo for the rest of the night. Arnold and junior Eric Sovine hit back-to-back jumpers for the

Rocks to start the rally and the Rocks never looked back.

On Thursday, the Rocks looked exceptionally sharp. Salem took a 30-17 lead into the lockerroom at half.

In the third quarter, LeSean Haygood ripped the boards for Salem and Berberet got the hot shooting hand, Salem lead, 48-30.

The fourth quarter was just the icing on the cake, the Rocks used their tough defense to set up a number of fast breaks. One of the more exciting breaks happened at the three minute mark, Haygood blocked a shot in the key, then took the ball all the way down and slam dunked.

Salem ended up scoring 22 points in the quarter, to clinch their 70-48 victory and apparently shake the Churchill upset off their backs.

"We very easily could have been disappointed with ourselves and let that interfere with the game, but we didn't," said Coach Fred Thomann, "We handled the game as well as we should have."

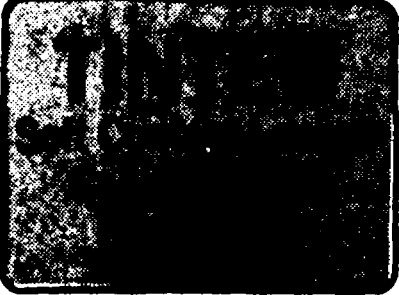
Tonight, Salem plays Westland John Glenn in the first game of district competition. Glenn was the Northwest Suburban League champs and they boast a 6'8" center as well as two fine perimeter players.

"They're a good team, it should be a good game," Thomann said.

Game time is 6 p.m. at the Phase III gymnasium.

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## CEP'ers lose in districts

BY JAY KEENAN

Salem and Canton's hopes for a run in the Class A district girls' volleyball tournament ended abruptly last week.

The Rocks of Salem High were eliminated in pre-district action on Wednesday by Westland John Glenn, 15-12, 13-15, 14-16.

Meanwhile, Canton was ousted in the first round on Saturday by district finalist Livonia Churchill, 15-7, 15-1.

"We had a good passing attack in the first game, but in the second game, we pretty much fell apart," said Canton coach Peggy Moore. "But we lost to a better team."

Despite the loss, the Canton coach said that Jenifer Gorecki had a good passing game.

In the Salem-Glenn match, the Rocks turned in a strong performance in the first game, but couldn't pull together in the next two contests, according to Salem coach Jeanne Martin.

"They came out fired up and real dominant in the first game," said Martin, whose team finished the season with a 5-7 dual record. "They just seemed to lose momentum in the second game. Our service reception was poor and we just couldn't get that pass into the center."

"We had eight players without varsity experience," said the Salem coach. "I

thought we did well. They improved their ability to play the overall game, and I was real pleased with that.

"I'll have eight returners and they know they can perform, so that should be an asset for next year."

On Wednesday, Canton fell to Farmington Harrison, 16-14, 4-15, 11-15.


"We probably played our best game ever," said Moore. "What lost it for us was our inconsistent serves. But we outplayed them and we dug up everything that was in reach. We also had a real strong attack for the most part. Everybody played and everybody played well."

Moore cited the efforts of Debbie Murray, Cindy Fischer, the passing of Gorecki and the offensive and defensive performance of Laura Darby.

Canton, which finished with a 3-20 record in overall duals (including tournament matches), has Moore optimistic about next year.

"This year we came into the season with players who had no varsity experience at all, except for Gorecki," the Canton mentor said. "I'm looking forward to next year because we'll have more experience."

"The players on this team were basically learning volleyball skills this season."



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## Bennett ices district win

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just 12 seconds later.

Then, with eight seconds on the clock, Bennett was fouled under the hoop when a 25-foot shot by Canton's Gary Thomas fell short.

Bennett coolly took advantage of the opportunity by converting both ends of the one-on-one situation to provide the Chiefs with the winning margin.

Wayne made a last ditch effort to pull out a win, but failed to capitalize on two desperation shots which were deflected by

both teams. The buzzer then sounded and Canton's players and fans went into jubilation.

"We did a nice job on our zone," said Van Wagoner. "We really didn't give up many second and third shots, which was to our advantage. I thought we played real well."

Jim Schlicker led Canton's scoring attack with 16 points. Thomas followed with 13 and Bennett added 11, five coming on free throws in the final period.

## Chiefs wrap-up WLAA title

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to control the tempo, as Bennett directed the show with his aggressive ball-handling.

Canton also came up with some key free throw shooting as the Chiefs connected on six of 11 charity tosses, while the Chargers failed to convert on all six of their attempts from the foul line.

"I think we were the better basketball team," said Van Wagoner. "It was just a matter of time before we wore them down, collected ourselves and got the win. It was a total team victory."

Bennett turned in another stellar performance for Canton as he drilled in 18 points to lead all scorers. He also had 12 assists. Thomas, who had a handful of long range baskets, followed with 13 points, while Jennings contributed 11 markers. Kevin Hawkins tallied six and Elijah Rogers and Jim Schlicker chipped in with five points each.

Jennings and Schlicker also hauled

down nine rebounds apiece.

Canton qualified for the WLAA finals thanks to a surprisingly easy 71-51 semi-final win over Livonia Stevenson on Wednesday.

"I think we outplayed them in every aspect of the game," said Van Wagoner. "It was the best game this team has played all year. I think we came into this game with a very well conceived game-plan. From the players down to the coaches, this game was well executed. We played total team basketball."

The Chiefs throttled the Spartans in the first half with an unyielding box-and-one defense, as Bennett, at 6-foot-2, tightly guarded Stevenson's 6-8 Tom Domako.

The strategy paid off, as Domako scored just two points in the first quarter as Canton jumped out to a 19-8 lead. The big senior managed six points in the second period, but all of his shots had to be scored from long range.

Van Wagoner praised the defensive efforts of Bennett, who finished with nine points, seven rebounds and 11 assists.

"Mark is just a great basketball player," the Canton mentor said. "I can't say enough about him. Not only did he stop Domako, but he created so many things on offense for us it was unbelievable."

"I just think our defense completely shut their game down."

Thomas spearheaded Canton's scoring attack by hitting 10 of 12 floor shots to lead the Chiefs with 27 points. Many of those shots came from outside. Hawkins added nine points and Rogers chipped in with seven rebounds.



KEVIN HAWKINS goes up for two of his nine points in the Chief victory over Churchill in the league finals. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd.)

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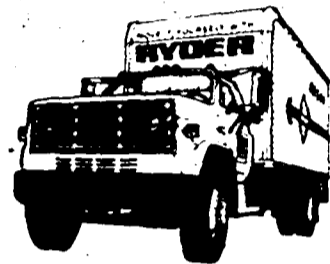
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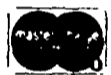
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SCOTT ANDERSON of Salem "flies" for the Rocks in the league meet. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd.)

## State's next for Rocks

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individual medley with a time of 2:11.43. He was also a member of Salem's fourth place 200-medley relay squad (1:44.42). Don Harwood, Dave Workman and Mike Harwood were the other members of that

relay team.

Mike Harwood took third in the 100-backstroke at 58.84, and finished fifth in the 200-IM with a time of 2:09.53.

Jon Cain tallied two medals thanks to a fourth place showing in the 500-freestyle

(5:10.57) and a fifth place finish in the 200-freestyle with a 1:55.12 clocking.

Tony Atwell was the Rocks other medalist. He placed fifth in the 500-freestyle at 5:13.74.

Sophomore Andy Flower had Canton's best performance of the meet when he finished second in the diving competition with 371 points.

The Chiefs also had two medalists in the 100-breast stroke. Jim Luce was third (1:04.42) and senior Joe McBratnie finished in fourth place (1:05.33).

Canton's 200-medley relay team of Jim Casler, McBratnie, Dean Roberts and Luce were fifth with a clocking of 1:46.7.

"I was real happy with the way this team swam," said Canton coach Hooker Wellman. "This is a real young team with a terrific future in front of it. This team is composed of mostly freshman and sophomores. We're going to have a bunch of kids coming back who are going to be real good."

Canton did not qualify a swimmer for the state swim meet, but Wellman said

that McBratnie probably would have made it if he didn't come down with bronchial pneumonia in the middle of the season.

"Joe has been out of the water for about three weeks," said Wellman. "It's too bad because he's always given 100 percent or more. He did very well in the league meet and surprised a lot of people because he was only in the water a week before the league meet."

The Chiefs managed to land Flower and freshman Chris Jeannotte in last night's diving regionals. Bob Longridge, of Salem, also competed on Tuesday.

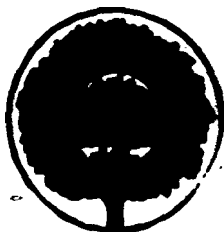
Salem has a healthy cast of swimmers who have qualified for berths in the state meet on Friday and Saturday at Michigan State University.

The Rocks will send Kleinsmith (200- and 100-freestyle), Bowling (50- and 100-freestyle) and Anderson (100-freestyle). Salem's 400-freestyle relay team has also qualified. That squad will consist of Anderson, Bowling, Kleinsmith and either Cain or Wolff.

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES — REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 29, 1984

Supervisor Breen called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present, except Mrs. Fidge who was absent.

Mr. Horton moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 14, 1984 as submitted. Supported by Mr. Pruner. Ayes all, except Mrs. Hulsing and Mrs. Lynch who abstained because of their absence from the meeting.

Mrs. Hulsing moved to approve payment of the bills as submitted in the amount of \$142,780.70 in General Fund and \$238,831.85. Supported by Mr. West. Ayes all on the roll call vote, except Mrs. Fidge who was absent.

Mrs. Hulsing moved to add under C. PUBLIC HEARING: 1.c) Re: Appointment of Directors to E.D.C. and under K. NEW BUSINESS: 3. Maurice Breen, Supervisor — Re: Resolution Setting a Public Hearing on Establishment of Plant Rehabilitation District at 40300 Plymouth Road.

Also, on Page 2, Re: Joseph Daratony, Lake Cove Subdivision — Application No. 474, request for extension of tentative preliminary plat rather than final.

With the two addendums and the one correction, Mrs. Hulsing moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Supported by Mr. West. Ayes all.

Mr. Pruner moved to add to the budget \$2000 for lights at the senior citizens center parking lot and \$5500 for services from Norman L. Dietrich Associates for an update on the recreation plan as part of the allocations in the F.R.S. E.P.-15 Budget. Supported by Mr. West. Ayes all.

Mrs. Hulsing moved the resolution adopting the Articles of Incorporation for the E.D.C. Resolution No. 84-2-28-9 is on file in the Clerk's Office. Supported by Mrs. Lynch. Ayes all on the roll call vote, except Mrs. Fidge who was absent.

Mr. Pruner moved to accept the recommendation as contained in the communication from Mr. Carroll of 2/13/84 which would allocate the 1984 payment of Block Grant Funds to construct the second phase of Helm Street as originally proposed.

Also, to reprogram the 1982 allocation of \$102,000 to the development of Helm Street and add it to the 1983 Block Grant Funds already set aside for Helm Street. Supported by Mr. West. Ayes all.

Mr. West moved to adopt the recommendation of Mr. Carroll to award the bid for home improvements at 15175 Amber Court to Planned Home Improvements in the amount of \$2,760. Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes all. The bids are as follows:

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Mrs. Lynch moved to accept the people, as directors for the E.D.C., as recommended by Supervisor Breen. Supported by Mr. Pruner. Ayes all. The list of people are as follows:

- Ronald Griffith, Dean — Schoolcraft College
- Earl Gibson, Principal — Farrand School
- Maurice Breen, Supervisor — Plymouth Township
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Esther Hulsing, Clerk — Plymouth Township  
(Mrs. Hulsing's appointment is temporary)

Mr. West moved to approve the extension of final preliminary plat as requested by Mr. Schrader for Plymouth Crossing Subdivision for a period of one year from date (February 28, 1985). Supported by Mr. Pruner. Ayes all.

Mr. Horton moved to extend the period of time for tentative preliminary plat for one year to date (February 28, 1985) as requested by Mr. Daratony in his communication of February 15, 1984. Supported by Mr. West. Ayes all.

Mrs. Lynch moved to adopt the recommendation of the Planning Commission which is to reOne from R-1-H to R-1-S located on the south side of N. Territorial Road between Beacon Hill Drive and Dunn Court, consisting of approximately 5 acres, for the property of Geriah-Jorissen Bldg. Co. — Application No. 623. Supported by Mr. West. Ayes all.

Mr. James responded that Mr. Bailey and Mr. Hollis suggested adding "and public easements" in the third WHEREAS so that the last two lines read: "located with the road right-of-way and public easements to the extent that drain is located within the road right-of-way and public easements."

Mr. Pruner moved to adopt the ordinance as amended on this second reading of the Storm Drain Agreement amendment to Ordinance 83, Appendix to Article 3. Supported by Mr. West. Ayes all on the roll call vote, except Mrs. Fidge who was absent.

Mrs. Lynch moved to accept the low bid of Lou LaRiche Chevrolet of \$7,098 for a ¾ ton truck to be used in the D.P.W. Supported by Mr. West. Ayes all. The bids are as follows:

Lou LaRiche Chevrolet	\$7,098.00
Blackwell Ford	7,505.43
Red Holman GMC	7,817.84

Mrs. Lynch moved to approve the final amendment for the Facility Planning Study for Huron Valley Wastewater Control System for a total of \$79,570, an increase of \$20,689 for the total project, and to authorize the Clerk, Mrs. Hulsing, and the Supervisor, Mr. Breen, to sign same. Supported by Mr. Pruner. Ayes all, except Mrs. Hulsing who voted no.

Mrs. Hulsing moved to accept the report as submitted by Mr. Michael Bailey, Township Engineer, regarding the building on the flood plain in the City of Plymouth and direct him to transmit his report to the D.N.R. and to the City of Plymouth. Supported by Mr. West. Ayes all.

Mrs. Lynch moved to approve the Resolution establishing a Public Hearing on 3/13/84 at Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road for the Establishment of Plant Rehabilitation District at 40300 Plymouth Road together with a form of Notice as attached to the Resolution. Supported by Mr. Pruner. Resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office. Ayes all on the roll call vote, except Mrs. Fidge who was absent.

Mr. Breen reported that there is nothing new on the North Huron Valley/Rouge Valley Wastewater Control System other than they, Wade & Trim Associates, are drawing plans in the design stage and will be meeting schedules as required in order to get it to the point where it can be accepted as a project eligible for 75% of the Federal Grant Fund. Many issues remain to be resolved.

Mrs. Hulsing moved to receive and file all items under L. Communications — Resolutions — Reports. Supported by Mr. West. Ayes all.

Mrs. Hulsing moved to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Mr. West. Ayes all.

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Esther Hulsing,  
Township Clerk

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**ANNE —**  
Thanks for all your hospitality. I had a great time! KP

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**GRAIN MILL CROSSING —** Breakfast, Lunch, dinner. Homemade soups, desserts. Wonderful food ... enjoy with friends.

**CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT WITH COMPUTER** and modem would like to communicate with others. Call 459-4018. Ask for Tim.

**Mike —** Have you killed the dragon yet? Daphney

**Hi, SAILOR — SS LONG BEACH ...** Blond, brown eyes, beautiful smile — "Mom No Name in the Paper"

I love you, Mom

**WAIT A MINUTE, HONEY.  
GONNA ADD IT UP — 241**

LOVE YOU, ARM

I enjoyed talking to you about income tax at 6:30 a.m. If you're smart you'll marry someone who knows how to FIN out the dumb forms!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CANTON HIGH School Basketball Team** on winning the WLA League Championship. Good Luck in the district!

**HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY MOM,  
LOVE, NANCY AND MIKE**

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When you see Dave Pugh, wish him a **HAPPY 40th BIRTHDAY.**

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Love, Joyce

Daddy,  
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Hi Ron,  
Are you reading your Crier?  
Jenl

Amy was very bad Thursday. You can't throw things out windows with screens in them.

Uncle Don is coming to town. Du-Du-Dute Dute — dot-do-da-dool

Aunt Sally,  
We love you big as the moon. Why do you drink your coffee with a spoon?  
Chris:

I will still respect you next week.  
Racheel

Dear People at John Smith Clothing:  
Thank you for your garbage.  
— The Garbage Wood Pickers

Mike Foley is 17 years old MONDAY.  
Chris:

We are never letting you have a Big Jug again on Tuesday!

Don't forget CRAB RACING Wednesday at The Plymouth Rock Saloon!

Racheel has a new cousin, Brian Collin. Is that 32 or 33 now? Congratulations Nink and Jeremy!

## Curiosities

Dear Dan Landers,  
Urgent! We just can't remember which comes first, the butter or the salt?  
Roasted

Dear Roasted,  
The butter always comes first, so the salt can stick to it. By the way, I like mine rare.

Dear Dan Landers,  
No matter how hard I think, I just can't come up with anything that rhymes with potato pancake. Can we still eat them? Please rush!  
The Spud Queens

Dear Queens,  
If you WAKE up With a headACHE Because of potato panCAKES Don't sweat it — FAKE it. Enjoy the panCAKES.

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Today's Denise B.'s 27th birthday. Hope it's a good one!

ATTENTION P.H.S. GRADS — Benny and The Jets are playing at the Mayflower Meeting House, St. Pat's Day Party. All welcome!

FAMOUS JOE'S free haircut won at The Crier open house turned out to be a HUNT & SEARCH MISSION for Craig Duke at Mr. Goodcut.

CONGRATULATIONS Joyce Tomlinson Kallos & George —  
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"Unfortunately, some people were born ignorant and have been losing ground ever since."  
— James Scofield  
of St. Petersburg Times, 1984

## Curiosities

"IF I WIND UP smoking that crayon, I'm going to be really upset."  
— Sallie Roby,  
while dummyping the '84 Guide  
to The Plymouth-Canton Community

I DO NOT resent criticism, even when, for the sake of emphasis, it parts for the time with reality."  
Winston Churchill, 1941

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SEE YOU TONIGHT at Canton Township's Sesquicentennial at Canton Hall — 7 P.M. — for the biggest celebration in Canton's 150 years.

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Love, Stuff and Oreo

## Curiosities

Ed,  
How's the snow up north? Did you get snowed in yet?

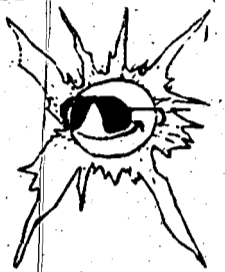


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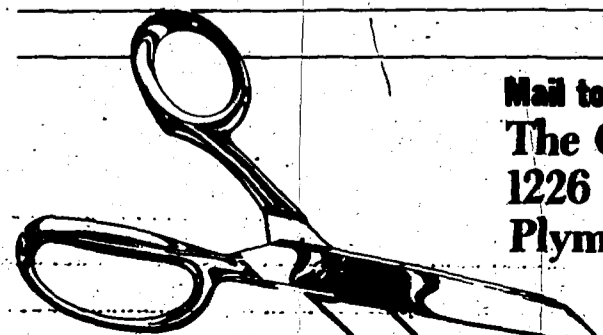


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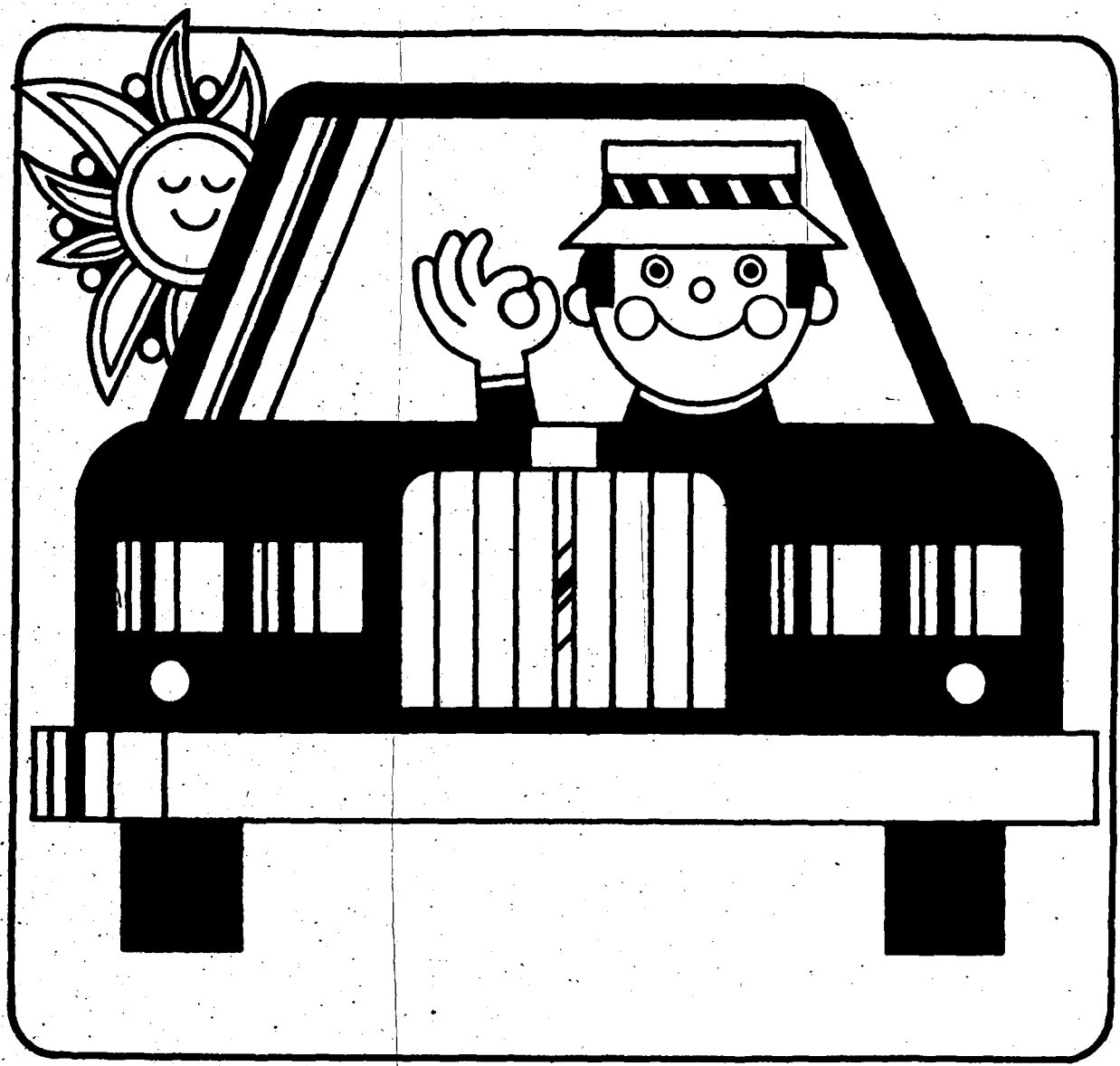
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Sesquicentennial Committee Chairperson Canton Supervisor

- Jan. 28 SESQUICENTENNIAL GROUNDHOG'S DAY SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT at Griffin Park. Contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 397-1000, Extension #212
- Mar. 7 FOUNDERS' DAY (Original Charter Day) at Canton Township Hall, at 7:00 P.M. Contact Canton Township at 397-1000, Extension #220
- Mar. 10 SESQUICENTENNIAL BALL at U.A.W. Hall on Michigan Avenue. Contact Canton Township at 397-1000, Extension #220, for reservations.
- Mar. 31 OLD FASHIONED KITE FLYING CONTEST at Canton Recreation Complex. Contact Parks and Recreation Department at 397,1000, Extension #212
- Apr. 12 & 14 CANTON SENIOR CITIZEN FOLLIES at Canton High School Little Theatre. Contact Canton Parks and Recreation at 397-1000, Extension #212
- Apr. 29-May 13 W.G. WADE SHOW CARNIVAL at New Towne Plaza Parking Lot, corner of Sheldon and Ford Roads. Sponsored by the Canton Historical Society.
- May 5 SESQUICENTENNIAL WALK FOR RECREATION in Canton Township. Contact Parks and Recreation Department at 397-1000, Extension #212  
Du MOUCHELL ART GALLERIES ANTIQUE CLINIC at Canton Historical Museum, 10:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. Sponsored by the Canton Historical Society
- May 14-19 SESQUICENTENNIAL HOLE-IN-ONE CONTEST at Fellows Creek Golf Course. Contact Parks and Recreation Department at 397,1000, Extension #212
- May 19 SESQUICENTENNIAL SCRAMBLES GOLF TOURNAMENT at Fellows Creek Golf Course. Contact Parks and Recreation Department at 397-1000, Extension #212
- May 19-20 ANNUAL FLOWER SALE AND ROTARY RUMMAGE SALE at Canton Historical Museum. Sponsored by the Canton Historical Society
- May 25-27 CANTON SOCCER CLUB 2ND ANNUAL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT at Canton Recreation Complex. Contact Parks and Recreation Department at 397-1000, Extension #212
- June 9 & 10 CIRCUS AT CANTON RECREATION COMPLEX. Sponsored by the Canton Country Festival Committee  
BLACK POWDER MUZZLE LOADER FESTIVAL at Canton Recreation Complex (tentative). Sponsored by the Canton Country Festival Committee.
- June 10 CANTON COUNTRY FESTIVAL PARADE at 1:00 P.M. Sponsored by the Canton Country Festival Committee  
MARINE BAND CONCERTS at Canton Recreation Complex. Sponsored by The Canton Country Festival Committee
- June 13-17 CARNIVAL AT CANTON RECREATION COMPLEX. Sponsored by the Canton Country Festival Committee.
- June 14-16 CASINO TENT opens at Canton Recreation Complex. Sponsored by the Canton Country Festival Committee
- June 15 GIANT FIRE WORKS DISPLAY at Canton Recreation Complex (tentative). sponsored by the Canton Country Festival Committee
- June 16 SESQUICENTENNIAL FESTIVAL 6TH ANNUAL FIVE MILE RUN. Contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 397-1000, Extension #212  
GIANT FIRE WORKS DISPLAY at Canton Recreation Complex (tentative). Sponsored by the Canton Country Festival Committee  
CHILI COOK-OFF at Canton Recreation Complex (tentative). Sponsored by the Canton Country Festival Committee.
- June 16-17 COUNTRY FESTIVAL begins full operation at Canton Recreation Complex (concessions, meals, entertainment, etc.). Sponsored by the Canton Country Festival Committee.
- July NATIONAL KARATE TOURNAMENT
- July 4 FIRE WORKS DISPLAY. Sponsored by Canton Country Festival Committee
- Aug. 17-19 FLOWER JUDGING CONTEST. Call Cheryl at 453-6900 for details.  
ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND SWEET CORN AND MELON SALE, PLUS AN ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW AND SALE. Sponsored by the Canton Historical Society
- Sept. 8 HISTORICAL HOME TOURS, call Joan at 455-1077 for more information.  
TIME CAPSULE DEDICATION at Historical Society Site. Contact 455-9009 for more information.  
TREASURER ISLE, contact Suzane at 459-7300 for more information regarding this white elephant sale.
- Oct. FLYING PILGRIMS NATIONAL MEET.
- Dec. CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY at Canton Township Hall. Contact Canton Township at 397-1000 for further details.

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**SHELDON BARN RAISERS** on the south porch of the old George Smith home on Sheldon Road, circa 1910. Numerous familiar Canton names are represented here, including Taylor, Huston, Sitington, Riggs, Artley, McKinstry, and Smith.

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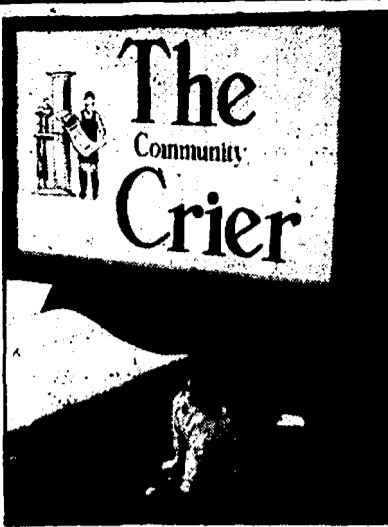
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Whatever it is, I'm sure we'll all be proud of her.

W. Edward Wendover  
Feb. 20, 1984

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# Canton settlers crowd Potawatomi residents

The Ice Age was important to Canton's future. As the glaciers swept through the north they stripped away the soil and exposed the bedrock. These soils were deposited in the south where glaciers reached their farthest extent. Canton was one area that benefited. The transported soils included a variety of trace minerals picked up at various points along the way. Thus Canton became a rich and fertile agricultural area. In addition, food grown here is very nutritious because it has absorbed these minerals.

The other geologic factor important to Canton was the ancient Lake Whittelsey. Its bottom created the vast expanse of flat land that made the township especially attractive to early farmers. Its beach line creates a natural ridge. The Potawatomi Indian Trail followed the ridge and Ridge Road followed the trail. The village of Cherry Hill is located along this natural high ground.

The township was also blessed with an abundant water supply that more than provided for the agricultural community that existed here for such a long time. A branch of the Rouge River flows through Canton. It was important in bringing early explorers here by canoe. More important were the many overflowing springs that provided farmers with water for their crops.

Canton was a wooded wilderness when the settlers arrived. The timber was largely elm, black ash, and oak. Clearing the land was a major undertaking but it had its rewards. The wood was used for building material and for heating fuel. Some pioneers even opened sawmills. The creatures of the forest were more of a problem for the farmers than the trees.

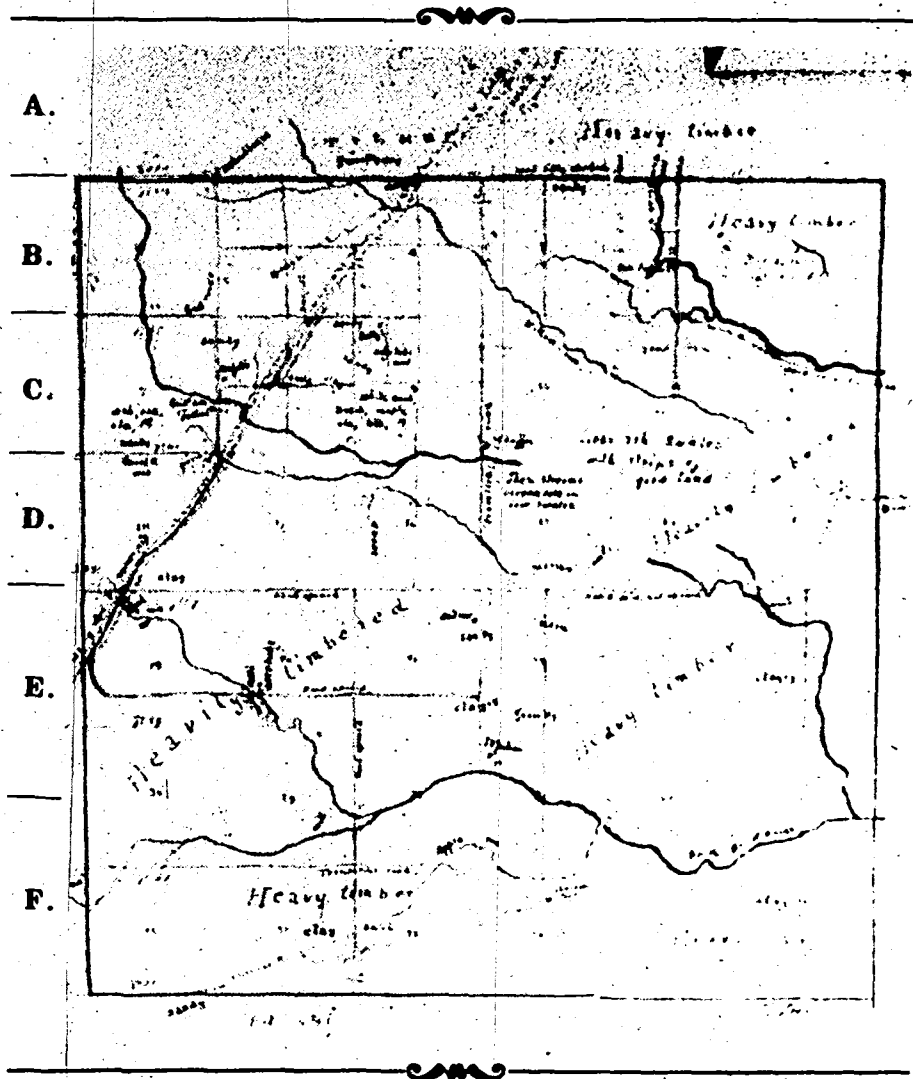
*"The Bares as this spring been verey troublesom to the hogs them and racoons are about all the animals that trouble us."*

From a letter of enticement to John Padget to move to South Plymouth — later Canton — in 1833 written by Joseph and Sarah Suggitt.

It hardly seems possible now but in the 1830's Canton was teeming with all the animals common to the north woods. These animals included deer, bear, wolf, lynx, fox, coon, badger, fisher, porcupine, woodchuck, rabbit, mink, and weasel. Rattlesnake sightings were also reported, but no attacks. Attacks, by large mammals, however, were not uncommon and settlers had to be wary.

There were still Indians in the area when white men arrived. Many tribes had been here either as residents or travelers but in historic times the Potawatomi have been the most numerous. They were mainly concentrated in southwest Michigan but a good many of them called this part of the state home. Many Indians had been removed to

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THIS 1818 MAP is the earliest one depicting the Canton areas. The index below explains the features of the section (A-F)  
(Burton Historical Collection map photocopied by Laura Dawn-Kosteva)

- A: Schoolhouse..T2SR8.. gravelly clay. Ridge passes a few rods West of Plymouth Corners. Road little worked.
- B: Good roads.. spring..Bradford's..Cady's..Sandy..Safford..Beech, maple, oak, elm.
- C: Ash, oak, elm..Brick kiln..sandy..Hanford's ..sandy clay..Kelly's deer licks marl willow..Chaffee..Willow? Low ash swales with strips of good land..sand loam..Good traveled road.
- D: Level and wet..marsh..general course of ridge S.25'W..clay..swamp..travel led road..These streams become lost in low swales..marshy sunk..travel led road.
- E: Pond..mill..Road opened..Cobb's bear licks..mill..sandy..clayey..Jackson..marsh..gravelly..Road laid, not opened..clayey.
- F: Course S.20'W..sandy Fowler's mill..Chicago Road..clay soil..Territorial road..Apple run..Sheldon's clay soil.

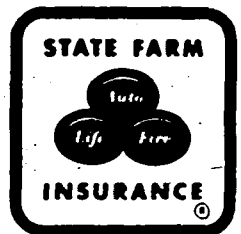


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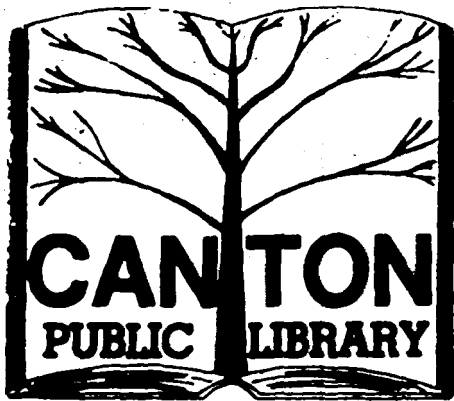
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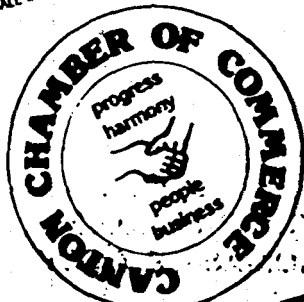
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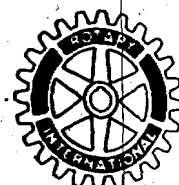
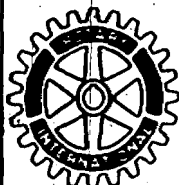


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REPLICA OF AN EARLY LOG CABIN was located on the Hough farm near Haggerty and Warren Roads. Courtesy of Flora Thorman.

## When white man came

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the west by order of Territorial Governor Lewis Cass in 1813. But many were still around when the whites began arriving in 1825.

The Indians way of life was totally alien to the easterners. They lived in wigwams, subsisted by hunting, gathering, and fishing, and reflected a reverence for the earth in their religion. Settlers considered Indian ways inferior to their own and conflicts occasionally arose. A few instances of Indian attacks along the Chicago Road were recorded. The Indians by this time, however, were few in number and their resistance was feable at best.

The last real resistance had occurred before Canton was settled. Chief Tonquish led a band of Potawatomi who lived off the land in what is now western Wayne County and Eastern Washtenaw County. There were a few very early settlers in Plymouth and Nankin Townships. Their presence interfered with the Indian way of life. The Indians fell upon hard times and since they considered the whites responsible felt no guilt about committing petty acts of robbery against them.

*"The land in most parts is low and a rich soil that occations the ague but I consider Michigan a healthfull Country as for the expence of comming or the distance we can not exactly tell you."*

From a letter of enticement to John Padget to move to South Plymouth — later Canton — in 1833 written by Joseph and Sarah Suggitt.

No white person was ever injured in these forays. But in time they became very irritated by them. Finally a group of settlers took out after Tonquish and his band after a raid. They overtook the Indians just after crossing Tonquish Creek (since named for the chief). The chief and most of his men were captured but his son made a run for it.

One of the white men shot and killed him. Tonquish turned on the man with a knife but had his head caved in by the butt of another man's gun. He died later that night in 1819. With his death came the end of serious Indian resistance in southeast Michigan. The settlers arriving in Canton had very little trouble with Indians from the outset.

NOTE: A state historical marker about the Tonquish incident is located near the site of the Chief's death. It is on the east side of Wayne Road a little south of Joy in Westland.

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# Cherry Hill-village life was slow, friendly

BY DIANE F. WILSON

In the western section of Canton near the township's border, much of the land is still country. It is possible to drive past acres and acres of fields dotted with weathered barns and old clapboard farmhouses.

Upon this rural landscape, the small community of Cherry Hill appears suddenly on the horizon.

A tall church spire looms against the sky. A white one-room schoolhouse sits serenely amidst tall old trees. A cemetery, crowded with ancient tombstones, huddles in the shadow of the church.

A large old inn guards the lone intersection, and a narrow creek tumbles under a bridge.

To wander through Cherry Hill is to step back in time.

Its few old-fashioned buildings and quiet setting bring to mind another era when the majority of Americans lived in small, close-knit communities and life centered around the local school and church.

Cherry Hill is located at the junction of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads, near the Washtenaw County line. Although most roads in the township follow section lines, forming a checkerboard pattern, Ridge Road cuts a diagonal path across the checkerboard as it runs along a natural elevation in the landscape.

The ridge is a remnant of the shoreline of an ancient lake which once covered Canton Township. The flat, rich farm land east of Cherry Hill is the old lake bottom, and the remaining portion of the lake is now known as Lake Erie.

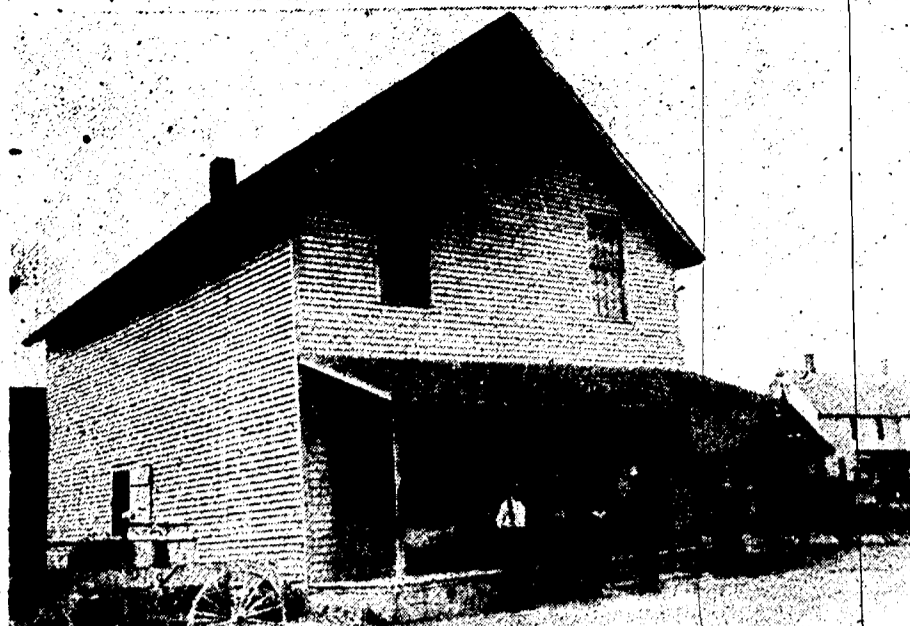
At one time, a Potawatomi Indian trail followed what is now Ridge Road. During floods, when other trails to the east were under water, the high ridge would remain dry.

It is believed that settlers first came to the Cherry Hill area during the 1820s, attracted by the fertile soil and the waters of the Lower Rouge, at that time known as Apple Run.

By 1834 several families had settled in the area, and they began to create the basic elements of a community. Three Cherry Hill institutions were founded that year—the school, the church and the cemetery.

The first Cherry Hill school was called Canton Fractional Number One. It was a log cabin located on Ridge Road. The desks and benches were log slabs that were attached by pegs

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**SHELDON'S CORNERS** was the site of Canton's earliest post office. The Russell homestead in the background still stands. Courtesy of Carl Rodenburg.

## Sheldon boasted early inn

In the early history of Michigan, pioneer settlement was encouraged by the construction of the first roads. The first road westward was built to connect Detroit with Fort Dearborn (Chicago).

This original primitive roadway followed the path of the old Sauk Indian Trail and would eventually extend entirely across the southern section of the state. It became known as the Chicago Road and today is called Michigan Avenue.

Countless pioneers followed this highway to the new lands west of Detroit. As they traveled they became impressed with the landscape along the way—the endless woodlands, the rushing rivers, the fertile soil. Interrupting their journeys, many of them decided to settle along the Chicago road itself.

Such sizeable towns as Ypsilanti, Coldwater, and White Pigeon sprang up along the new highway. Smaller communities also developed at innumerable crossroads, often at spots where inns were built to provide shelter for those traveling the thoroughfare.

Such a crossroad community grew up around a large inn on Michigan Avenue in Canton Township and became known as Sheldon's Corners.

The inn was built by a man named Timothy Sheldon, who along with his wife, Rachel, had come to Canton from New York State during the 1820's.

According to local legend, the Sheldons, traveling from Detroit in an ox-cart, camped one night along the Chicago Road in what would become Canton Township. In order to provide themselves with shelter, they overturned their cart and slept under it. In the morning, they discovered they had spent the night under a large maple tree.

Finding the beautiful spot suitable to their needs, they decided they had traveled far enough and resolved to stay. They purchased an original land grant from the United States government on June 6, 1825.

Perhaps remembering their own uncomfortable night camped in the wilds, they eventually built an inn near what is now the corner of Michigan and Sheldon Roads.

The large inn and tavern would shelter travelers on the Chicago Road for decades, and the small village of Sheldon's Corners would grow up around it.

Early settlers in the area included George Smith, Charles Morton, Richard Barker, James Savage, Michael Fisher, and Archibald and Hugh McKinstry.

Timothy Sheldon became the first postmaster of Sheldon in what was Canton Township's first post office. This first post office was established on April 22, 1830.

Eventually, the village had two churches, one Presbyterian and one Methodist, a brick school house, a weigh station for

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1885 PHOTO of the Cherry Hill House shows the James Gunn family who maintained a grocery and dance hall in the former inn. Courtesy Canton Historical Museum.

# Post Office squabbles

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milk, three blacksmiths, and a cobbler's shop run by Thomas Blackmore.

Two general stores were located at Sheldon's Corners, one on each side of the street. One was owned by Samuel Joslin and the other by Zenas Winsor.

The traditional spot for the post office was the general store, but politics determined which store would handle the mail. According to an old newspaper account, "during a Democratic administration, the post office was in the store belonging to Zenas Winsor. When the Republicans were in power, the post office was moved to the opposite side of the street and housed in the general store of S. A. Joslin, Republican."

Between the years 1877 and 1893, the post office was switched between Winsor and Joslin five times.

Mail was taken to the Michigan Central Railroad which operated a station called Sheldon's Station about three quarters of a mile south of Sheldon's Corners. The cobbler Thomas Blackmore assumed the duties of delivering the mail to the station and was noted for his punctuality. According to one old resident, "We could set our clocks by him."

Located at the Canton-Van Buren Township border, Sheldon drew residents from both communities and shared various administrative duties. One of these was the building and operation of a school.

Land had first been purchased for a school on October 8, 1838. It was called the Canton and Van Buren Townships Fractional District Number One. Each township appointed an inspector to oversee school matters.

Through the years, the Canton School inspectors were Philander Bird, A. C. Liteh, and Thomas Biggins. Van Buren appointed Joseph Smith. Later officers were Hugh McKinstry, Joseph Suggitt, Phillip Sines, James Adams, John Alley, William Robinson, Archie McKinstry, David

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# Cherry Hill life revolved around church, school



**HITCHCOCK'S FOLLY -**  
The old Cherry Hill Inn is  
presently an apartment house.

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to walls on three sides of the room. In order to write on their desks, children sat with their backs to the teacher.

A large stove in the center of the room provided heat, and each family with a child in school was required to contribute a load of wood for fuel.

Cemeteries were a necessary part of every pioneer community, and the early settlers of Cherry Hill chose a spot directly on the ridge to bury their dead. Later they would construct their church adjacent to the cemetery.

Generation after generation of Cherry Hill residents were buried in the cemetery, and today the tombstones provide a roll call of familiar township family names.

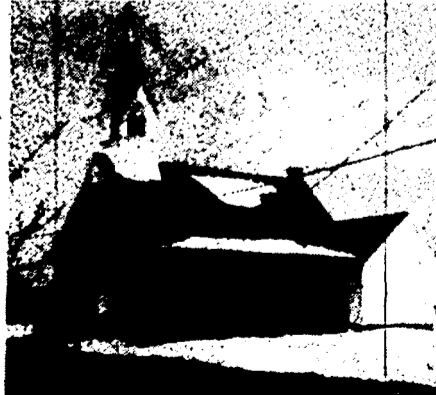
The first religious services in Cherry Hill were held in the homes of the pioneers. In 1834 a Methodist Society was formed and a circuit rider named Marcus Swift began visiting Cherry Hill and conducting services as part of a ten-point circuit.

Swift had been appointed circuit rider by the newly formed Detroit Conference of the Methodist church. Besides Cherry Hill, his charge included such communities as Plymouth, Northville, Salem and Perrinville. He regularly traveled a distance of 125 miles in order to serve all his congregations.

In 1848 the community raised \$600 to erect a church building on land which had belonged to the Crandell family. Located on Ridge Road next to the cemetery, this first church was a plain frame building. The interior contained wooden benches for pews, and a platform held the pulpit and organ. According to the customs of the times, men and women sat on opposite sides of the church.

Through the years, the Cherry Hill congregation often shared a minister with the Methodist congregations at Sheldon and Denton. The minister lived at Denton and either rode or drove a horse to Cherry Hill.

During the 1870s, the Methodists at Cherry Hill made plans to replace their frame church with a fine new building on the same site. Donations totaling \$2500 were collected, and stained glass windows were purchased by various families.



**THE CHERRY HILL Methodist Church** was designated a historical site by the State of Michigan in 1977. (Courtesy Canton Historical Museum.)

The old church was torn down, and the used lumber taken by sleigh to Saltz Road, where it was used to build a barn.

With church members contributing much of the labor, a new Gothic revival brick building was erected and dedicated on Feb. 9, 1882. This church still stands, and in 1977 was designated a historical site by the state of Michigan.

In 1973 a parsonage was built next to the church, and in 1982 the congregation proudly celebrated the church's 100th anniversary.

For many years the social life of Cherry Hill revolved around the church and the school. The church was the site of many a chicken dinner and ice cream social, while the schoolhouse was the scene of singing schools and spelling bees. When the church became too difficult to heat during winter cold spells, services were transferred to the school.

Cherry Hill received its name from a man named Abner Hitchcock, who, in about 1860, built a large inn at the intersection of Ridge and Cherry Hill roads. Familiar with local tales telling of the wild cherry trees which once grew along the ridge, Hitchcock decided to name his new inn the "Cherry Hill House." Thus, the small community, originally known as "The Ridge" began to be known as "Cherry Hill."

The first floor of the inn contained a dining room, a kitchen and a hotel office. The second story provided sleeping quarters, and the basement was used to shelter guests' horses.

The inn's location was approximately one day's journey from Michigan Avenue, then a turnpike stretching from Detroit to Chicago. It is probable that Hitchcock built the inn at Cherry Hill in hopes that it would serve as a halfway house for travelers on their way to the turnpike.

Apparently business did not come up to his expectations, for later the inn, now known as "Hitchcock's Folly," was purchased for back taxes by James Gunn.

The enterprising Gunn converted the first floor into a general store and the second floor into a dance hall. In this capacity the building would be the hub of the community for decades.

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# Cherry Hill stepped lively on Saturday nights

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Farmers coming into Cherry Hill from their outlying farms would drop off their milk at one of the two creameries in the village and then gather around the wood stove at the general store to exchange news and purchase supplies.

The second-story dance hall was "the most popular dance hall in western Wayne County," and people came from far and wide to attend the Friday and Saturday night square dances. It is said that at times the basement stables would be crowded with as many as 100 horses.

In 1919 the former inn was purchased by William Henry West, and for years afterward was known as West's General Store.

The store carried dry goods, clothing, patent medicines, greeting cards and farming implements.

Glass jars of jaw breakers and other penny candy stood on the shelves and a showcase displayed watches and pen knives.

Crackers came in huge boxes, and soap flakes were weighed out for each customer from a barrel. Coffee was ground by hand, and chewing tobacco was sliced from long plugs.

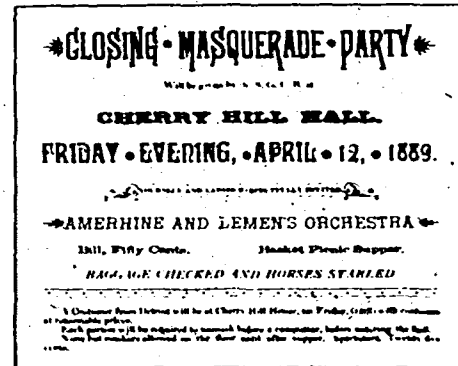
Farmers were welcome to exchange their fresh butter and eggs for needed supplies.

The seven West sons and two daughters took an active part in the day-to-day activities of the store. They helped tend the counter and traveled to Denton with the family horse and wagon to pick up groceries at the Michigan Central Depot.

Periodically the children were excused from class in the one-room schoolhouse to help carry wood to heat the second floor hall for the evening dance. As a reward for their labors, they would each receive a long stick of licorice.

Dances in the old hall remained popular community events

MANY A PARTY was held at the Cherry Hill Hall. Basement stabling was available for over 100 horses. Courtesy Canton Historical Museum.



until after World War II. Sometimes as many as 400 people attended on Saturday nights. Children were put to sleep in coat rooms or on benches along the walls. The old wooden floor made of spring lumber actually "sprang up and down" from the weight of the stomping dancers.

William West's son, Jerome, known as Jake, kept the old general store open until 1968 and eventually converted the building into apartments.

Still standing in its original location, the old inn with its decorative brackets and hooded window moldings, today provides an excellent example of mid-19th century Italianate architecture.

Besides the West General Store and dance hall, another commercial enterprise was well known for many years in Cherry Hill. The Wilson Dairy Company chose the prime agricultural area of Canton to operate two farms, one on Canton Center Road and one on Cherry Hill, and a creamery in Cherry Hill itself. Many township farmers came regularly to Cherry Hill to pour their milk into the large tanks at the Wilson Creamery.

The World War II era saw an unexpected benefit come to

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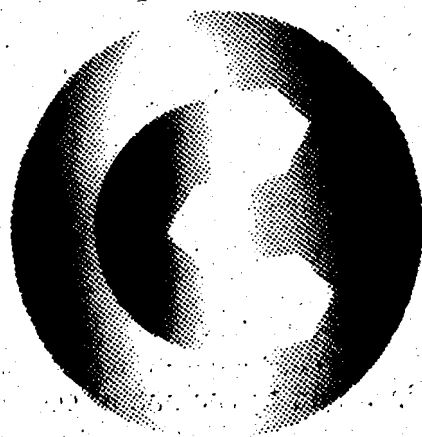
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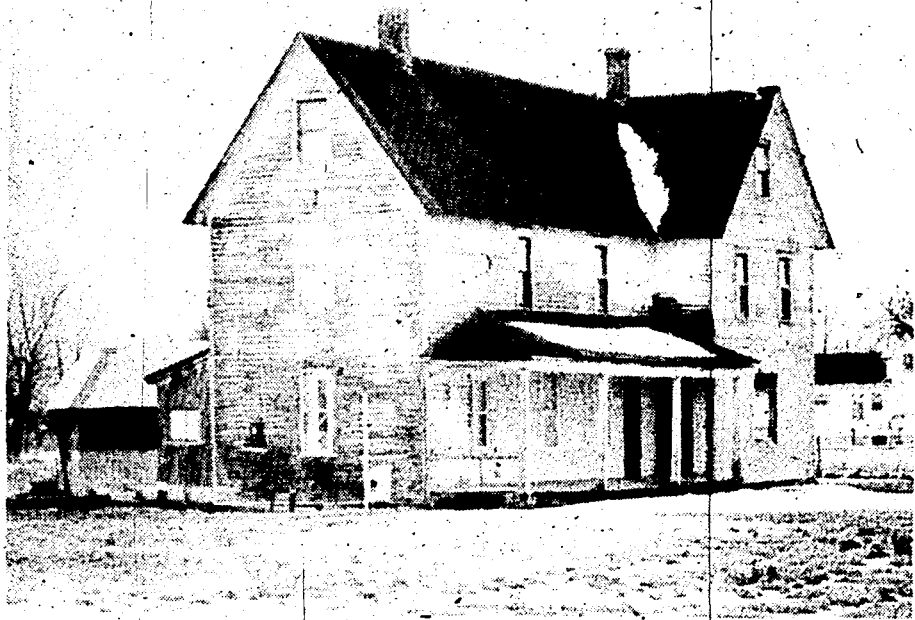
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# Sheldon's Corners owes start to Chicago Road



A WELL-KNOWN SHELDON LANDMARK - the Russell home still stands at the southwest corner of Michigan and Sheldon Roads.

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Boldman, Alfred Riggs, W. S. Rich, G. W. Sines, and John McKinstry.

In 1865, additional land was purchased and a new brick school was constructed circa 1870. This school still stands today.

Both the Methodist and Presbyterian churches played prominent roles in the life of the village. The Presbyterian congregation had organized on August 31, 1848, and had erected its church building in 1850.

The Methodist-Episcopal Church had been built in 1858 on land donated by Timothy Sheldon.

The two congregations managed to hold services at non-conflicting times. The Methodists shared a minister with the church at Denton and thus held their service one Sunday in the morning and the next Sunday in the evening, rotating times with the Denton congregation. The Methodists did not hold their services on Sunday afternoon, because that was when the Presbyterians held theirs.

A tradition at the Methodist church involved tolling the church bell when there was a death in the community. The bell would be rung five times for a child, seven times for a

woman, and nine times for a man. Then the bell would toll the age of the deceased.

Several organizations flourished in Sheldon throughout the years, including the Grange, the Ancient Order of Workers, the Ladies Degree of Honor, the Macabees, and various theatrical guilds. A musical band, complete with uniforms, played every Saturday night. Both the Presbyterian and Methodist churches sponsored various functions, including oyster suppers and Valentine parties.

Sheldon owed its founding to the existence of the Chicago Road, and throughout its history Michigan Avenue would have a great impact on Sheldon's day-to-day life.

As once the Chicago Road had served as a main pathway for pioneers settling Michigan, in the latter part of the 19th century, Michigan Avenue became the site for another new era of transportation - the interurban.

The interurban system, essentially street cars which operated between communities, began in Michigan with the opening of the first line connecting Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor in 1888. The next year a line opened between Wayne and Northville. Eventually the system covered the southern portion of the state, and it was possible to ride the interurban to such distant points as Port Huron, Muskegon, and Holland.

One interurban branch extended out Michigan Avenue from Detroit to Ypsilanti and on to Kalamazoo. This interurban line passed directly through Sheldon and stopped regularly to pick up passengers and farm produce.

Old photographs show Michigan Avenue as a two-lane, dirt road with the old interurban car running parallel to it. Many a Canton resident utilized this cheap, convenient mode of transportation to travel to other towns to shop, visit relatives, or go to school.

With the coming of the automobile, the appearance of Michigan Avenue underwent another major change. The highway was widened into a multi-lane thoroughfare with a landscaped central median. Several old Sheldon structures were relocated in order to avoid demolition. The interurban tracks were torn up.

Today, traffic streams through the area at a high rate of speed. Casual passersby probably fail to realize that they are rushing through what was once a very busy village on the Chicago Trail.

## Ford brought changes to Cherry Hill lifestyle

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the little village on the ridge—the influence of Henry Ford.

In 1944 the famous auto magnate opened a small factory on the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. The factory would serve as one of his "village industries," and there Ford employed disabled war veterans from various Veterans Administration Hospitals. The veterans manufactured auto parts including radiator petcocks and door locks.

Ford purchased the old Wilson Creamery building, moved it south on Ridge Road and converted it into a dormitory for the veterans.

Ford also purchased the Gotfredson farm west of Cherry Hill and used it as a test site for Ford farm machinery.

As was his usual practice, Ford did not operate his Cherry Hill factory as an absentee owner, but rather became involved in the life of the community. His influence was most directly felt at the Cherry Hill school.

The first, primitive Cherry Hill school house had long been replaced by a new red brick building erected at the corner of Cherry Hill and North Ridge Road in 1876.

By the 1940s this school was in need of renovation. Henry Ford himself came to the rescue.

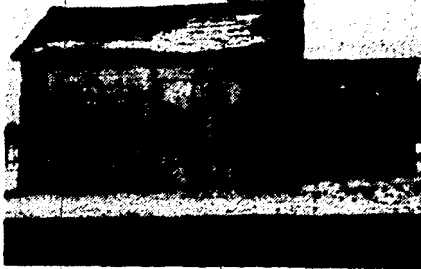
As the story goes, Ford, while driving through Cherry Hill one day, came upon a woman and her ten children at the side of a road. He stopped to see if he could be of assistance and learned that the woman's husband was out of work and the

family was homeless.

Taking charge of the situation, Ford gave the husband a job in his factory and offered the use of the house on the Gotfredson farm to the family.

He attempted to enroll the ten children in the Cherry Hill school, but learned the Gottfordson farm was not within the school district.

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OLD BLACKSMITH SHOP served Cherry Hill residents around the turn of the century.



AREA FARMERS delivered milk daily to the Cherry Hill Creamery. Courtesy Canton Historical Museum.

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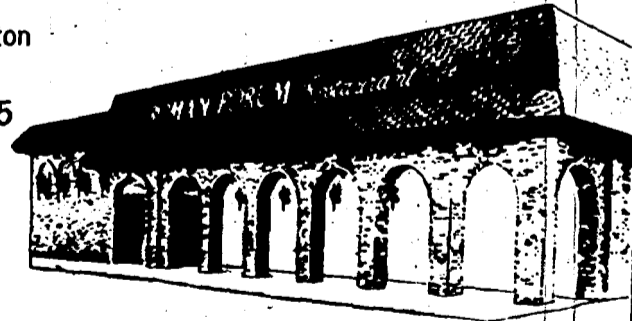
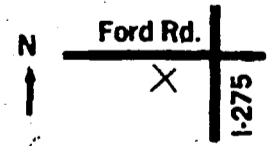
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# Cherry Hill gets school

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Not a man to let regulations stand in his way, Ford made a most generous offer to the Cherry Hill School Board. He agreed to renovate the school house, add on to the back and hire a second teacher if the school board would allow the ten children to attend the school.

The school board accepted the incredible offer, and Ford kept his promise. A \$22,000 addition was constructed, and the little Cherry Hill School became an adopted member of the Greenfield Village school system.

The children of Cherry Hill reaped the benefits of this arrangement. Ford sent special art, dance, music and carpentry teachers to the school house, and he donated looms and sewing machines. Field trips to Greenfield Village became a regular part of the curriculum.

Ford even made provisions for the medical needs of the school children. He had them transported to Ford Hospital in Detroit where medical services, including eyeglasses and dental work, were provided free of charge.

After Henry Ford died in 1947, the Greenfield Village school system was dissolved and the Cherry Hill School continued on its own until it was consolidated into the Plymouth school district in 1955.

The former Henry Ford factory still stands and is now owned by the Hennell Company, which, until recently, manufactured air and hydraulic equipment.

During the past decade, as subdivisions and expressways marched across the countryside of Canton, Cherry Hill remained basically unchanged. Tucked away at the edge of the township, it has retained much of its 19th century charm.



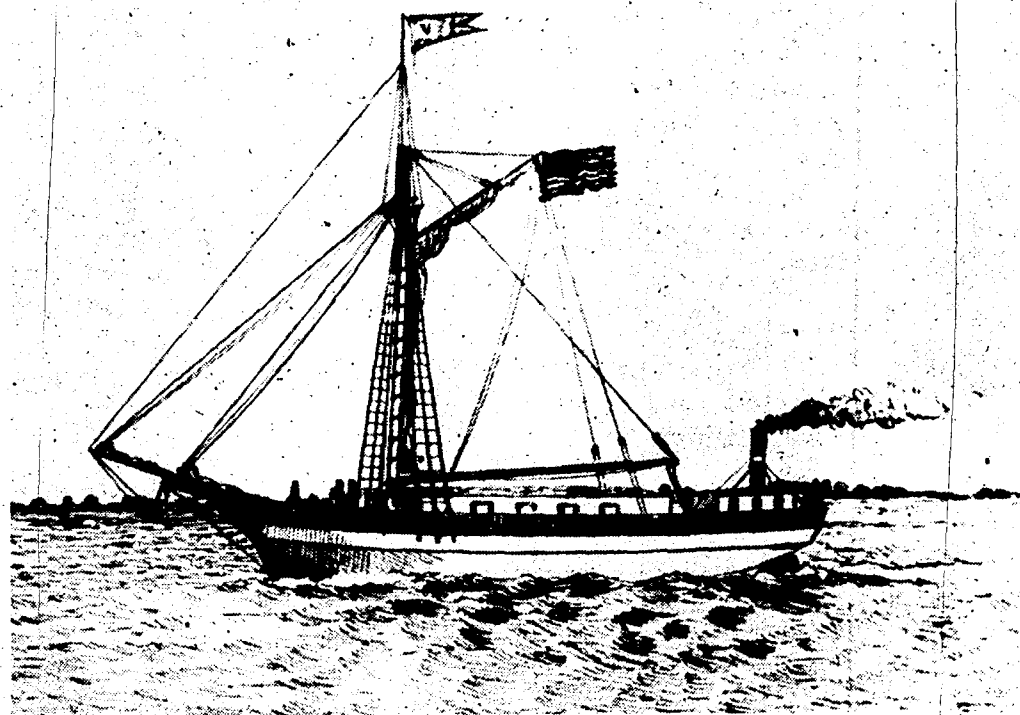
THE CHERRY HILL SCHOOL was built in 1876. It was later expanded by Henry Ford as part of his Greenfield Village School System.

The buildings so important to its history—the school, the church, the inn, the old Ford plant—still stand. And, although the hustle and bustle of modern-day suburbia is only a short drive away, a sense of quiet still pervades this little community on the ridge.

Various community residents are hoping to preserve this historical setting, which provides a nostalgic reminder of an almost vanished way of life.

An architectural field study of Canton, conducted by Dr. Marshall McLennan, director of the historic preservation program at Eastern Michigan University, resulted in a recommendation that the Cherry Hill area be designated an official historic district.

Such a designation by the Michigan history division could make Cherry Hill eligible for state preservation funds for its old structures and provide official recognition for this historic crossroad village.



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# Farmers cultivated dirt road potholes for cash

BY JOHN TOBIN

Transportation in Canton has progressed from Indian trails to interstate freeways and has reflected every development in between. There has been a high degree of continuity through all the changes because one of the trails remained the township's most important route until the advent of the freeway. The Indian paths also played an important role in the location of early settlements.

Indians were not restricted by abstract grid patterns. Instead they followed the lay of the land. The Potawatomi Trail became Ridge Road and the Old Sauk Trail became Michigan Avenue. Because these roads cut across the grain of the sectional line roads laid out later, they represented logical places to locate early villages. Cherry Hill emerged at a bend in Ridge Road, and Sheldon grew up on the Chicago Turnpike (or Michigan Avenue).

Ridge Road became the major north-south route between Plymouth and Ypsilanti, while what is now Michigan Avenue was the most important east-west road and connected Detroit with Chicago. The fact that these were significant transportation routes greatly aided the growth of the two villages and the township in general.

Most of Canton's early settlers were farmers. Many roads bear the names of these pioneers. They included: Gyde, Haggerty, Hanford, Hannan, Koppernick, Lilley, Lotz Maben, Morton-Taylor, Mott, Palmer, Proctor, Saltz, Sheldon and West (Beck).

Roads in our forefather's time were not what we would call "good." These dirt roads were dusty or muddy, depending on the weather, and their potholes were legendary. In 1850 the state turned road maintenance over to the townships, and they in turn assigned it to the farmers. Farmers were assessed a tax for road repairs, but they could pay by laboring on those repairs instead of in cash.

This was not always a good idea. Farmers had the right to charge passersby a fee for pulling them out of potholes. There are cases on record (though none are as yet known in Canton) of farmers who cultivate these holes just as they would a cash crop. If this was done while being paid by the township to "repair" the roads, then a serious conflict of interest was in evidence.



COURTIN' CANTON COUPLE carriage in the country. A Sunday drive was a common custom long before the days of the automobile. Courtesy of Flora Thorman.

Walking was an important way of getting around, especially among the township's school children. Horses were more important for adults. Most farms had three or four horses and a buggy. Some had a carriage which could seat four or more. A number of Canton residents were employed at a carriage factory in Wayne. They tended to have better vehicles than their neighbors.

Over the years efforts were made to improve the roads. The plank road frenzy was big for a time. Sawed planks were quite cheap in Michigan, and companies would buy them and lay out the roads. They were allowed to set up booths and collect tolls for 60 years. They generally collected them for the entire period, even long after the planks were worn out. Most of the plank road companies were wiped out when good railroads came along.

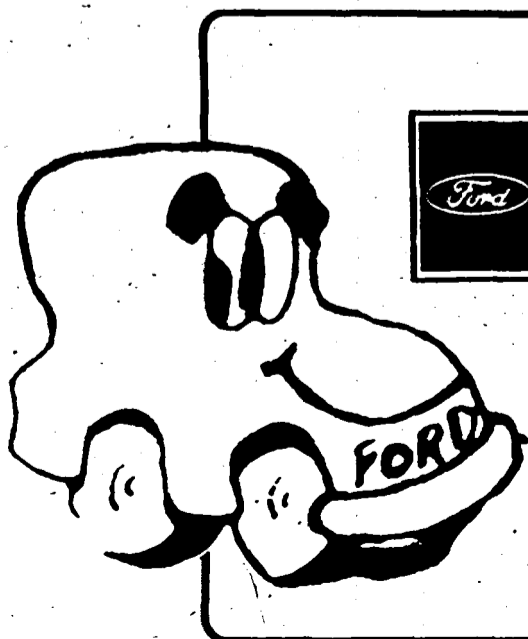
Local governments never handled road work well, and this problem intensified when people began traveling greater distances. In 1893 counties took over that function. The 1890s was also the period of the bicycling craze, and this led to a cry for better roads. Some concrete, and later asphalt, roads were laid out. This helped pave the way for automobiles.

Before they came on the scene, however, another transportation revolution swept over Canton. The inter-urban started in Michigan between Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti. Soon it grew to connect those cities with Detroit. This line passed through Canton. Eventually the township would be served by two streetrail companies. School children and shoppers were their primary customers in the community. But the inter-urbans arrived on the scene too late. They were history by the 1920s (for the most part) when the automobile became commonplace.

Even earlier than the inter-urbans, railroads had become important to the community. Two lines passed through the township. Michigan originally planned three east-west routes. The central line passed through Canton. The project was too ambitious and the state had to sell out to private investors. That is when the line became the Michigan Central Railroad. In the 1870s there were two stops in Canton, but by 1930 there was only one. Now, with the decline of railroading, especially passenger service, there are none.

The other line was called the Holly, Wayne and Monroe route and was built in 1871. It later became part of the Pere Marquette line and is now run by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad. The Michigan Central line is currently operated by Conrail. Today they serve the community by shipping freight important to industry. There has been talk recently of opening an Amtrak passenger station in Canton, but nothing has yet materialized.

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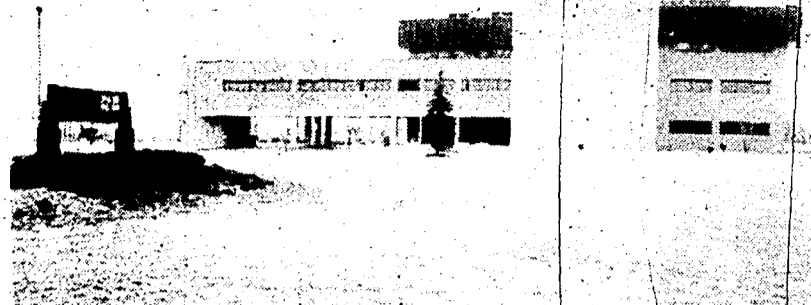
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# Cars, trains moved Canton

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Canton's most popular railroad was one that did not go anywhere. This, of course, was the miniature steam-powered engine that John Maxwell operated at his farm on Joy Road. The train ran on schedule from the late 1950s to the early 1970s. Unfortunately, the joyful diversion ran out of steam after Mr. Maxwell's death. Even the tracks have been removed because his son feared that people might be injured on the deteriorating structure.



THE MAXWELL MINI-TRAIN was a Canton Landmark for nearly two decades. Courtesy of Alice Maxwell.

Another important transportation service is air travel. Canton is located within easy access to both the state's major passenger airport, Metropolitan, and its major freight terminal, Willow Run. Canton also has its own airport. Raphael Mettetal rented one of his fields to a Northville flying club in 1939. The next year he decided to operate the facility himself and built a wood and sheet metal hanger in 1941.

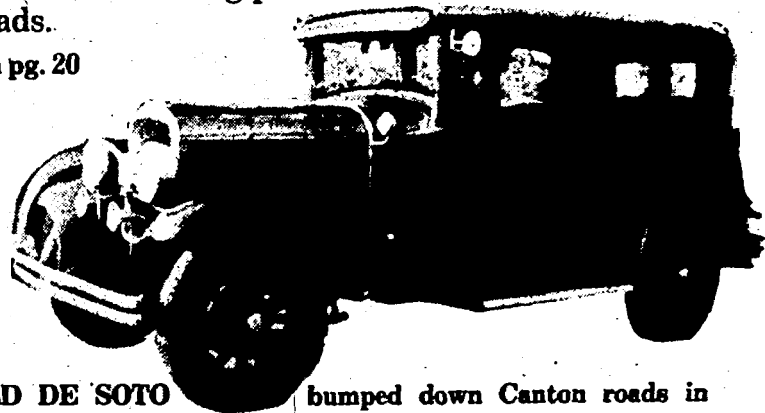
The structure burned in 1942, taking with it a Stout Sky Car. This was an expensive experimental airplane that could be driven as an automobile with the wings removed. At the end of World War II, the first T-hangers were installed. Many improvements were made in the 1960s.

The hard surface runway was put in in 1960. The large hanger that typifies the airport was erected around 1964, and helicopter service began at the end of that decade. A flight school was operated then, and the airport was the third busiest in the state. The recession of the 1970s represented a period of decline, but in recent years, things have picked up and the airport remains a vital part of the community.

Still, the most important transportation story in the community has been the rise of the automobile and the improved road. Henry Ford's Model T revolutionized the industry by making the car affordable to the ordinary citizen. The automobile greatly changed life on the farm. It made markets for farmers' produce more accessible and helped end the isolation of rural life.

As cars became more common, roads became more important. The 20th century has been a continuous period of improving existing roads and building new ones. The new American mobility also gave rise to motel and gas station development. The motoring public wanted a national network of roads.

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THIS OLD DE SOTO bumped down Canton roads in the 1930's. Courtesy of Kaiser family.



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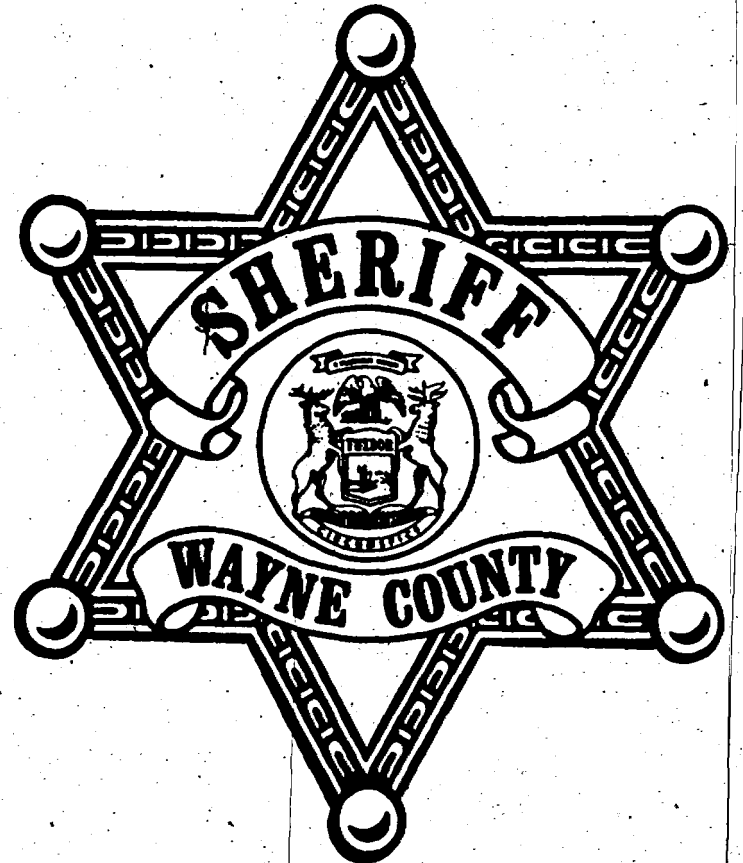
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Tollroads were the first effort to provide it. But in 1956 the Interstate Highway Act provided for a national system of superhighways which would be built largely at federal expense. Unfortunately, Canton was bypassed. I-94 passed to the township's south and I-96 to its north. Thus Canton was excluded from much of the development of the 1950s and 60s. But the community did feel the pressure of increased surface street traffic.

During the 1950s a number of four-way stops were created and several traffic lights installed. Also a number of arrangements were made with the county to improve roads still under Canton's jurisdiction. However, officials knew all along that what was needed was access to the major freeway systems. As early as 1960, state highway department plans called for improving the freeway system, especially around the Detroit metropolitan area. One aspect of the plan was a north-south connector between I-94 and I-96. It might not pass through Canton, but it would at least provide a nearby access point.

Officials realized this was the impetus needed for future growth and they began to prepare for it. As it turned out, the new route, I-275, did pass through Canton with two access points. It was not completed until 1977, but its anticipated construction brought in large numbers of new residents earlier in the decade. It has proved to be the most significant factor impacting on Canton's development in recent times.

I-275 is certainly a far cry from the Old Sauk Trail. Canton has traveled a far distance in the realm of transportation. As far as mobility is concerned, this has certainly been a century and a half of progress. And transportation will no doubt play an equally important role in the community as it rounds the next bend and heads straight into the future.



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The Canton store in 1975.



The Ionia store about 1946.

## How 'Why Pay More' has been a way of life for 50 years

The Meijer story began almost by accident not quite half a century ago, when a 50-year old Dutch immigrant gave up his dream of raising chickens on a small farm near Greenville.

Hendrik Meijer had been a barber in the little town since 1912, the year his fiancée, Gezina, joined him in America. But when the Depression hit, money for haircuts grew scarce. Meijer tried to supplement his income with a few head of dairy cattle. Gezina milked the cows, while the children, Johanna and Fred, peddled bottles of milk door to door.

A year or two before the Great Crash, Meijer had built a new building next door to his shop. He wanted some rental income for his old age, but by 1934 he still couldn't find a tenant for the space. Business in the barber shop dwindled, and the bottom dropped out of milk prices.

Someone suggested Meijer see if one of the grocery chains might rent the building for a store. "No one wanted it," he recalled. "At that time there were 22 groceries in Greenville, and they were hanging on by their fingernails."

At least they were hanging on. People had to eat, didn't they? The barber was running out of alternatives, so he used his credit to get an order for \$328 worth of groceries and traded his ten-dollar violin to a plasterer to finish the vacant building's interior.

Meijer had heard customers in his barber shop talk about the new stores they'd seen in Grand Rapids. Supermarkets were revolutionizing the grocery business even as Meijer set up his first displays. These barn-like markets did away with service and credit and — with their lower overhead — shaved precious pennies off prices. With Fred at his side, he searched out the best buys on potatoes and peanut butter, and the little Thrift Market, as it was called, was on its way to becoming a supermarket.

Meijer had an instinct for mass merchandising years before the phrase was coined. He catered to his customers with a zeal and honesty that was infectious. When he died 30

years later, the enterprise he so desperately embarked upon in 1934 had undergone a metamorphosis.

A second store, and then a third, followed in neighboring towns. The first Grand Rapids store opened in 1949. It was "Meijer's Supermarkets" by then, although Fred and his wife, Lena, still wrote all the ads in their Greenville kitchen. The offices and warehouse were moved to Grand Rapids in 1952 when the company's sixth supermarket was opened at the intersection of Michigan and Fuller.

The "Why-Pay-More" commitment to low prices had come to town, but the transformation remained incomplete. In 1962, with Fred now guiding day-to-day activities, the company undertook its greatest gamble since that first order of groceries back in 1934. At the corner of 28th Street and Kalamazoo Avenue, Meijer opened the first Thrifty Acres — a self-service discount department store "With the Hometown Touch." These were the days when "discount" was often synonymous with second-rate. Meijer gave the word a new definition. With 100,000 square feet of floor space under one roof, Thrifty Acres sold lettuce and dresses and lawn mowers, food and general merchandise in great quantities at low prices.

It was the debut of one-stop shopping. The foundation had been laid for a shopping experience Grand Rapids would soon share with neighboring cities in Michigan and beyond, a foundation built on the sober virtues of the Dutch and the unsinkable optimism of a middle-aged barber.

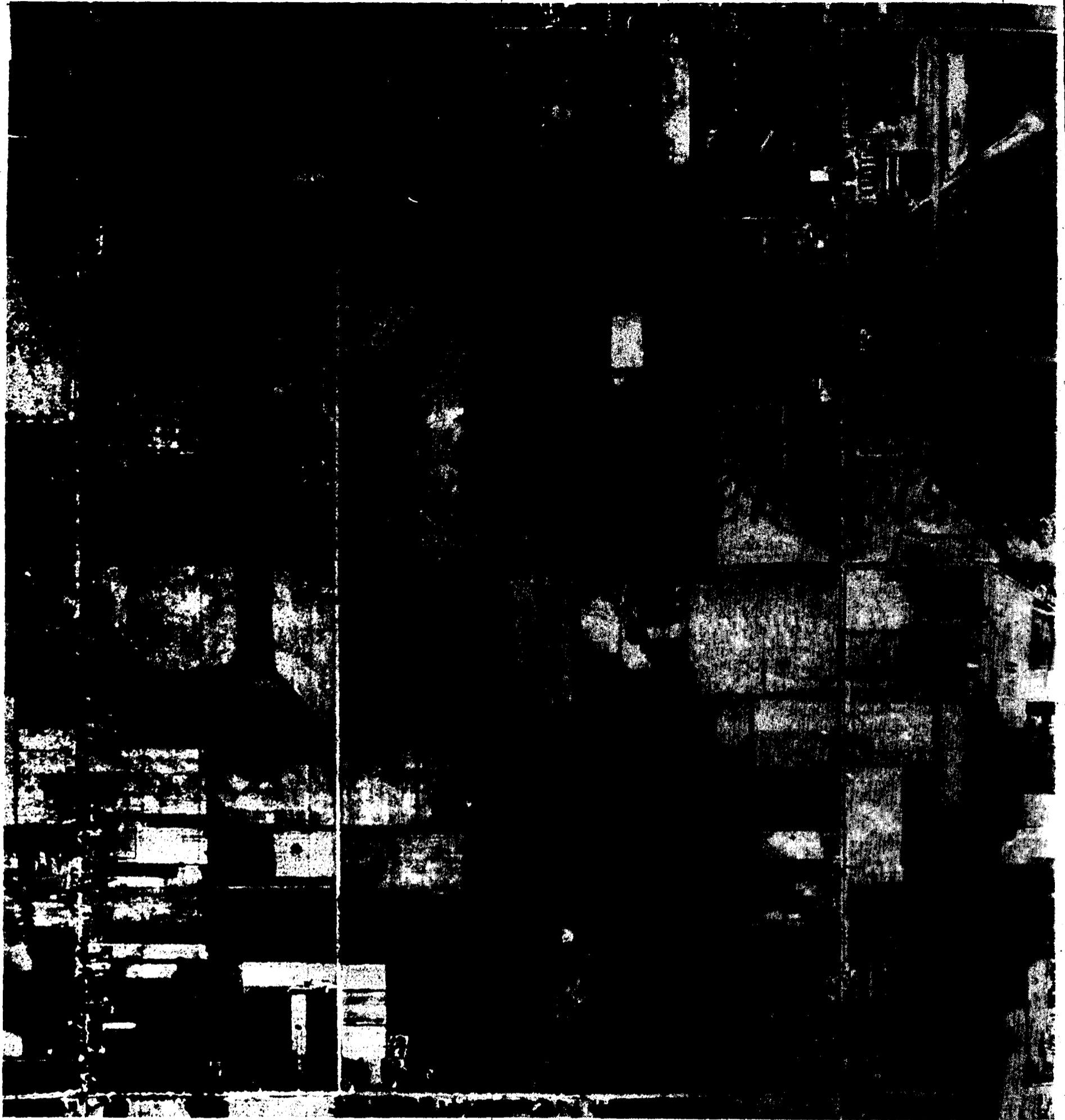
Canton's Meijer Thrifty Acres — with 270,000 square feet — was opened on Nov. 19, 1974 as the largest Meijer retail facility. In its 10 year, the Canton store employs some 475 people, and is The Plymouth-Canton Community's largest retailer.

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## *Twp. charter prepares community for growth*

BY JOHN TOBIN

In some respects 1984, the year of Canton's Sesquicentennial, represents the township's 23rd birthday, rather than its 150th. The year 1961 was the year in which Canton became a Charter Township and the rapid growth which has occurred since then has made the community over anew. That twenty-three year period represents the most significant year in Canton's history.

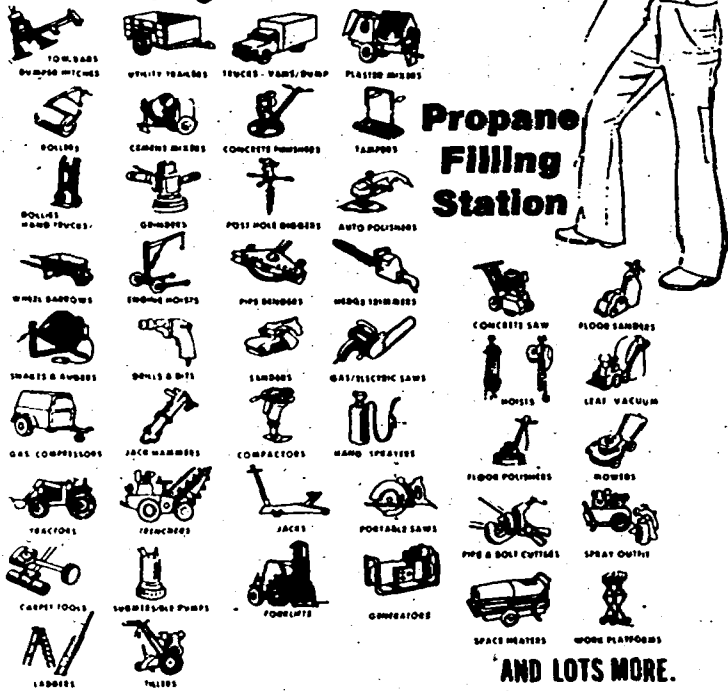
The only period that approaches it in significance is the early era when the township was settled and created as an independent entity. This does not mean that nothing happened in between, only that the intervening activity reflected the slow-paced growth of a rural area. Little development of wide-spread significance occurred in that period.

The Indians were here before any white man. They were followed by the French. But neither of these groups left their mark on government in the area. Then the British held this region. Their impact on American government is large and well known. But they had no direct influence in Canton. Government institutions came to Canton with the American settlers who began pouring in from the east after the opening of the Erie Canal.

Michigan was part of what is now Canada under the French and British. It came into American hands at the close of the Revolution but trappers and Indians were loyal to England so the British retained possession until 1796. In the meantime Thomas Jefferson created the Northwest Territory through the Northwest Ordinance of 1787. As

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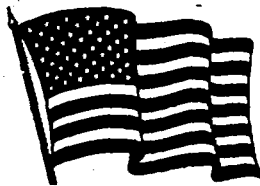


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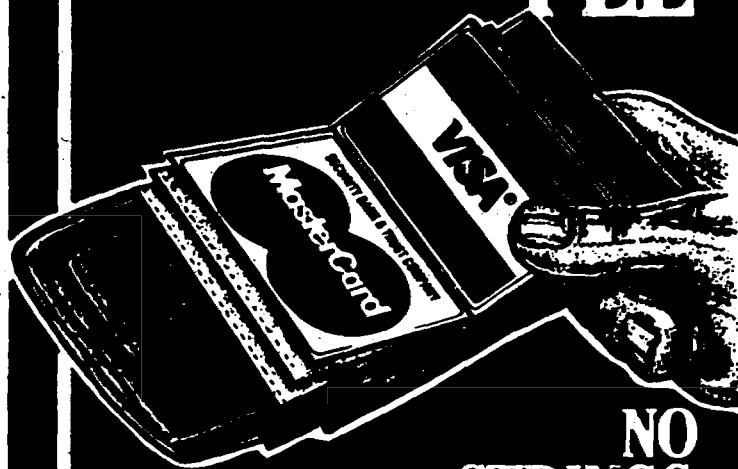
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# On March 7, 1834

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certain population levels were reached states would be created. What is now the lower peninsula became the Michigan Territory in 1805.

In 1815 Territorial Governor Lewis Cass created Wayne County, which at that time included a huge amount of territory. As local populations grew the county was divided into smaller units. By the time Canton was settled in 1825 Wayne County had been reduced to its present extent. Counties were subdivided into survey townships consisting of 36 one-mile square sections.

As the population increased a need for governmental functions below the county level was felt. In 1825 Congress authorized the division of counties into civil townships which would provide local government. They generally followed the boundaries of the survey townships. Today Canton is one of more than 1,200 Michigan townships.

These townships were supposed to be six miles square. But in the early days the population, though increasing, was very thinly scattered. So the Governor and legislators created townships far larger than those allowed by law. This was the case with Plymouth Township. It should have included the land legally described as T 1 S, R 8 E. But when it was created in 1825 it was twice that size and also included T 2 S, R 8 E — or what is now Canton Township. As the population continued to grow in numbers, but especially in density, the over-size townships were further divided to make them regulation size.

Thus on March 7, 1834 Canton Township was separated from Plymouth Township and became a distinct political entity in its own right. This took effect within a few weeks, on the first Monday in April. At least a dozen other townships were created similarly that day. Prior to that date Canton was known as "South Plymouth." Residents quickly replaced that with a Chinese name they must have considered unique. Today there are nearly twenty Cantons in the United States.

The first meeting for election of officials was held in John Cahffee's house. James Safford acted as moderator and Lyman Witter as the secretary. Stafford was chosen as the township's first supervisor. Thomas Hooker was elected clerk and Amos Stevens became the Justice of the Peace. Michigan was still a territory and Canton's leaders actively supported the statehood movement which achieved its goal in 1837.

Townships used to be responsible for the care of the poor because of a territorial law passed in 1827. This continued until the 1930's. At that time the depression made the task unmanageable and the state took on the responsibility. Canton Board Minutes include frequent motions regarding raising money for the poor fund and transferring funds from the poor fund to the general fund and vice versa. In the early years of the depression numerous specific cases are



1957 CANTON BOARD enters the growth era. Left to right: Elmer Schultz, Trustee; Phillip Dingledey, Trustee; Martha Ketchum, Treasurer; Louis Stein, Supervisor; John Flodin, Clerk.

cited which mostly dealt with medical payments. There was even one instance when the township paid for roofing someone's house. But soon thereafter the state took over the care of the poor.

Canton's Board also apparently considered some civil matters. There are references to the board deciding if one farmer was responsible for the death of another's sheep and who could claim ownership of stray horses and livestock. But most of the township's activities for most of its existence dealt with issues about roads and drains. These seem to be the major problems faced by the slow-paced rural community. Township government was evidently not a major force in the resident's day-to-day lives.

The township's population declined from 1,554 in 1860 to 1,350 in 1870 because of war casualties and residents who moved west. But a new period of slow growth followed. Things were rather uneventful until the depression. A change of leadership took place in Canton as well as in the white house in 1932. After World War Two national growth occurred at a frantic pace but the main thrust missed Canton for several more decades. Still some development did occur.

In March 1942 Canton had enacted its first interim zoning ordinance. In 1948 it joined the Out County Planning Association. These measures were necessary because of the small subdivisions that appeared in the forties and fifties. In the 1950's a number of arrangements were made with Wayne County to provide water and handle sewage. By 1960 it was evident that massive changes were coming soon.

What was needed was a reorientation of government so that Canton could successfully handle growth. The solution was to create a Charter Township. Such a body is specifically designed to deal with the special problems in a rural township that is becoming urbanized. All old powers are kept intact and new ones added. Under the auspices of Supervisor Louis Stein the measure was placed on the ballot on July 25, 1961. It carried 234 to 216. Canton became one of the states very first Charter Townships. Today there are more than fifty of them in Michigan.

The story of township government since that time is one of growth and professionalization. The size of the government naturally grew in an effort to handle the mushrooming population. And in almost every area township offices have become ever more professional.

Fire protection was traditionally sought from nearby towns. After World War Two a volunteer department was created. In 1949 a combination fire and town hall was built. During the fifties a lot of equipment was acquired and in 1959 a chain of command established. It grew in size during the sixties and in 1972 a full-time professional department was created. Today it is considered a fine modern force and provides emergency medical service. Only seven deaths have occurred in Canton fires.

In the early days police protection was provided by constables. That practice gave way and constables were assigned to more routine duties. The County Sheriff's office provided protection on a contractual basis. With the rapid

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MICHIGAN'S GOVERNOR(s) in 1834. George B. Porter (left) was Michigan's Territorial Governor when Canton Township was created in March, 1834. He was ill or absent often and Secretary Stevens T. Mason actually ran the territory and was probably at the helm when Canton was formed. (courtesy of Michigan State Archives)





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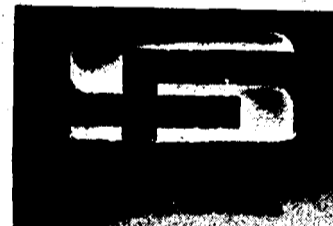
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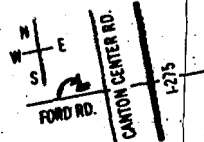
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# Township government sees many changes

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growth of the seventies this service soon became inadequate. Some called for a citizen's reserve but this idea met stern resistance from those worried about quality of service. Millage requests to expand protection failed. In 1977 the entire township was placed under one police district. This cleared the way for the creation of a full-time department the next year. Today the Canton Police Department is considered to be modern and professional.

The explanation for Canton's rapid growth is tied up in a complex ball of circumstances. Essentially it was the next community in the path of urban sprawl from Detroit. Once the plans for the I-275 freeway, providing easy access, were known developers promoted the area. Also the Plymouth-Canton School district put its new high school complex in the township and the Board felt obligated to extend sewers to it. After that development was easy. Perhaps too easy. Despite the best intentions of officials the rapid growth got out of hand.

Growth was out of control and officials had their hands full just trying to react to complex circumstances which were foisted on them. The obvious answer, as is most township departments, was to upgrade the level of government. So the planner was hired in 1978, as an expert in handling growth, specifically to deal with growth issues.

That was the year that the housing boom went bust. Things have been on hold through the recession so it is too early to assess the impact of a professional planner on the community. But when things pick up again this move ought to help break the previous cycle of crisis intervention. This type of foresight represents the kind of professionalization that has taken place in all areas of Canton's government in recent years.

That new level of professionalism is also reflected in the new Township Hall completed in 1978. It stands as the symbol of the upgraded government that has emerged in recent years to lead the community through its agonizing growing pains. This new level of leadership coupled with more carefully planned development points to a bright future and a fitting atmosphere in which to celebrate Canton's Sesquicentennial.

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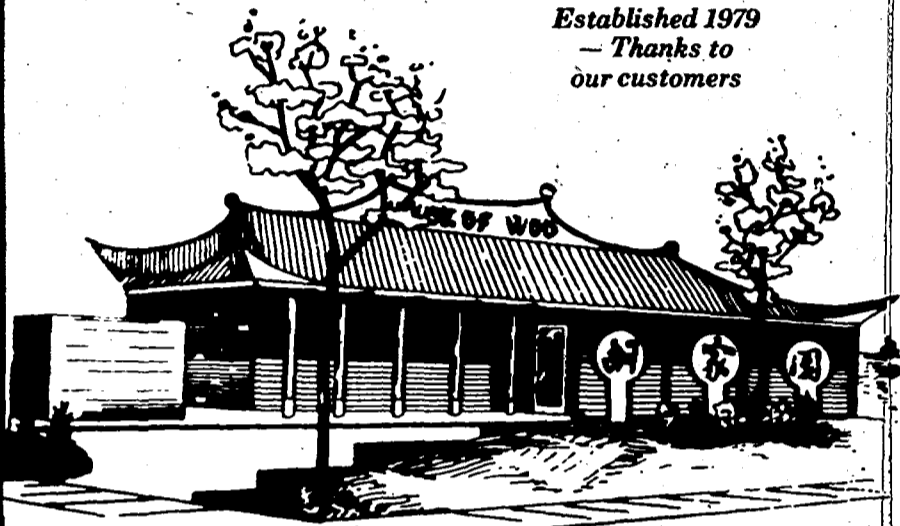
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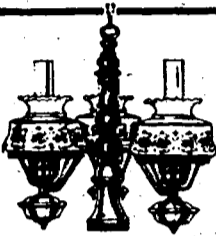
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# As business developed, so did Canton's identity

Until quite recent times the dominant business activity in Canton Township was farming. But the community did have some other forms of enterprise. These fell into three general categories; agricultural support services, general stores, and transportation support services.

The first two of these could be expected in any rural area. The businesses catering to farmers, such as feed stores, tended to be dispersed just as the farms were spread over a wide area. The general stores were also scattered about to serve the sparse population.

The third category, transportation services, were not necessarily common to all rural locales. Canton benefited because important transportation routes through the township. Transportation facilities tended to be concentrated at certain intervals along major routes. The centers that developed in Canton were the villages of Sheldon and Cherry Hill. Blacksmiths crossed over the line in that they served both locals and travelers. Their shops were widely dispersed but more than one was located in each of the villages.

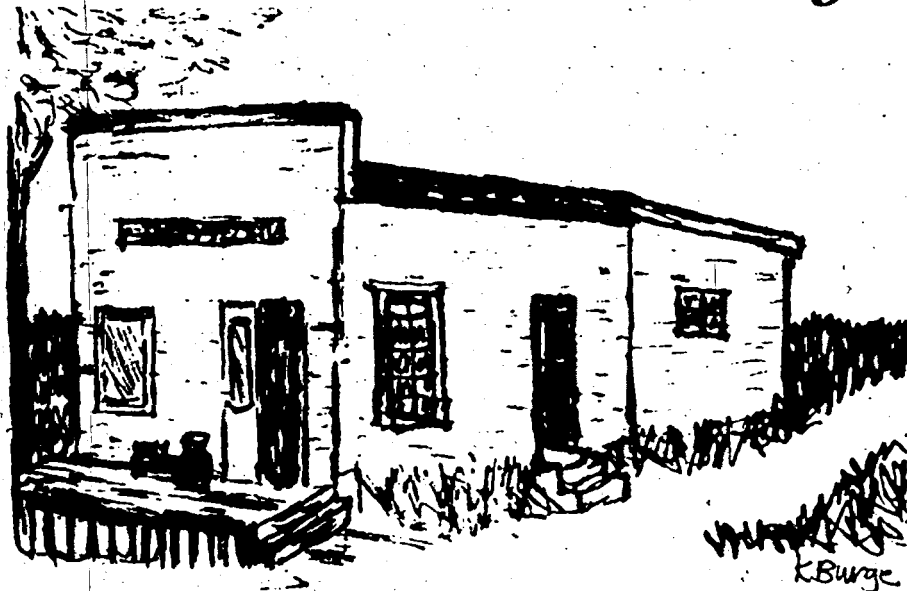
The other notable business trend in early Canton was the relative lack of activity in the township. People tended to deal with larger nearby communities a great deal. Those in the northern area went to Plymouth. Those in the south dealt with Wayne while residents in the west shopped in Ypsilanti. This development caused a lack of identity with the township by many of its residents for a long period of time.

Canton was settled in the late 1820's and the two villages were established by the 1830's with Cherry Hill appearing slightly earlier than Sheldon. But Sheldon rose to prominence earlier because the route it was on became important first.

The Old Sauk Indian Trail became the Detroit-Chicago military road and settlers followed in the wake of soldiers. Stage stops arose to accommodate travelers and one of these was at Sheldon. Here a variety of services for locals and transients alike could be found. There was a general store, a cobbler, a blacksmith and numerous other businesses including a tavern later on.

Centralized villages, however, were not the only business locations in early Canton. Farther out in the hinterlands were sawmills, including one owned by Supervisor Archibald Murray, gristmills, flour mills, and seed mills. Also, there were a number of traveling drummers and even one traveling cobbler.

During these early years other communities were growing more rapidly than Canton and travel between them was becoming commonplace. Cherry Hill has been established along the Old Potawatomi Trail (Ridge Road) which became the major route between Plymouth and Ypsilanti. Cherry Hill was about the half-way point and in 1860 a man named Hitchcock opened an inn there. Cherry Hill became more



EARLY CANTON BUSINESSES had humble beginnings. An artist's representation of first West store at Cherry Hill, about 1840. From "Time in Its Flight," by Madelyn Bastian.

important and experienced its hey day, providing services to locals and travelers just as Sheldon did.

Both villages later declined for the same reason. Other routes became more important and they were bypassed. Canton Center Road replaced Ridge as the major north-south route in the middle of this century. And when the I-94 freeway, running east and west, was constructed it bypassed Sheldon entirely.

The westward expansion of the nation after the Civil War caused growth on the national level. But many localities, including Canton, suffered. Canton lost a significant part of its population. Some died in the war but most went west to start over. Only two new businesses are on record for the 1870's; Carleton's tile factory and Goodell's peppermint oil extraction facility.

The next few decades witnessed little in the way of new business activity. This was probably because the interurbans made travel to nearly established retail centers much easier. Around 1919 Colburn Dennis opened a grocery store. He opened another in 1922. A significant change was reflected in the two openings because the second store included a gas pump out front. The automobile had become commonplace in the interim.

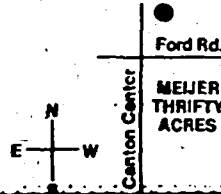
In the 1920's the Stein family opened another farm related business — a greenhouse. The Schwartz family came to the area in the same period but did not open their greenhouse until 1946. The thirties were, of course, slow. In 1939 the Hewer feed store opened. Because of the Second World War the early 1940's was also a slow period except for Ford's experiment and the arrival of James Julien in 1943, who opened the market that still bears his name.

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**JULIEN'S SPRUCES UP** for Christmastime during the early 1950's. Courtesy Canton Historical Museum.

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After the war things picked up. Carry out liquor was big. Motels were being built and the first "modern" subdivisions were platted. The construction of new motels and embryonic subdivisions continued into the fifties. That decade also witnessed the openings of several auto related businesses — notably collision shops. Motels and collision shops remained important in the sixties, especially along Michigan Avenue. A limited amount of industry also arose in that area.

Until at least the 1960's Canton suffered an identity crisis. This fact was reflected by the number of residents who operated businesses elsewhere. This led to the township being claimed by various Chambers of Commerce. But as the decade progressed the township began to grow and some business leaders recognized the need for local leadership in the changes to come. So the Canton Chamber of Commerce was created in the early 1970's.

The single greatest business activity of the 1970's was construction — residential, commercial, and industrial. Most

# Liquor big in Canton

of the eastern half of the township was transformed into an urban environment. Eighty percent of all buildings in Canton have been erected since 1970. The main thrust of this development has been in residential expansion.

Commercial expansion has also been important. Important retailers like Meijers and K Mart have been brought into Canton. Around and between these stores (and others) many smaller shops have opened. Also many smaller shopping centers have emerged at important locations among the suburbs.

Industry has been the biggest disappointment to township officials. But some light industrial businesses have located in the community, especially in the industrial park at the northern end of the township. These and some other industries an important part of Canton's business environment.

Unfortunately, the pattern of development has created a township that is largely a "bedroom" community. Officials hope to change that by building office buildings and complexes which would attract business leaders. Perhaps Canton could become home base for many of its residents who are already in the managerial class. This would increase the township's economic base and create more of a sense of place among residents.

It is true that Canton, and the nation, have been in a period of business stagnation in recent years. It is also true that the thrust of past expansion has been in residential and retail development. But the recession seems to be ending and the plans are already on the drawing board for the sort of expansion that will create home-town jobs. With any luck at all these trends will lead to the kind of growth that will lift Canton out of the doldrums as the community prepares to embark on its second 150 years of progress.

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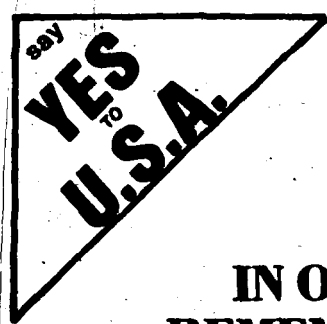
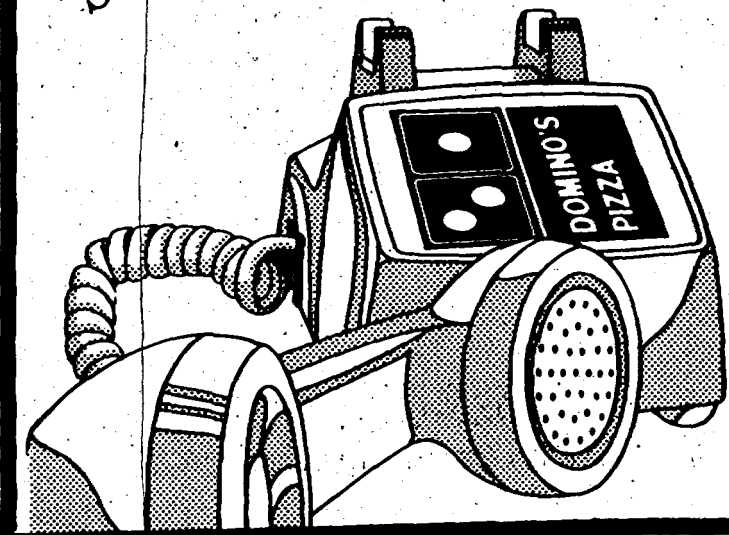
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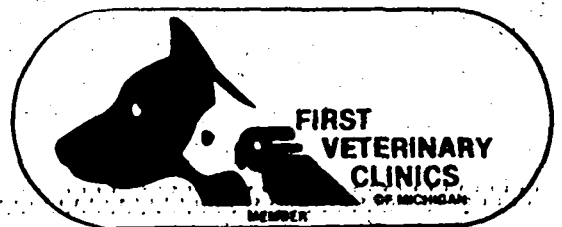
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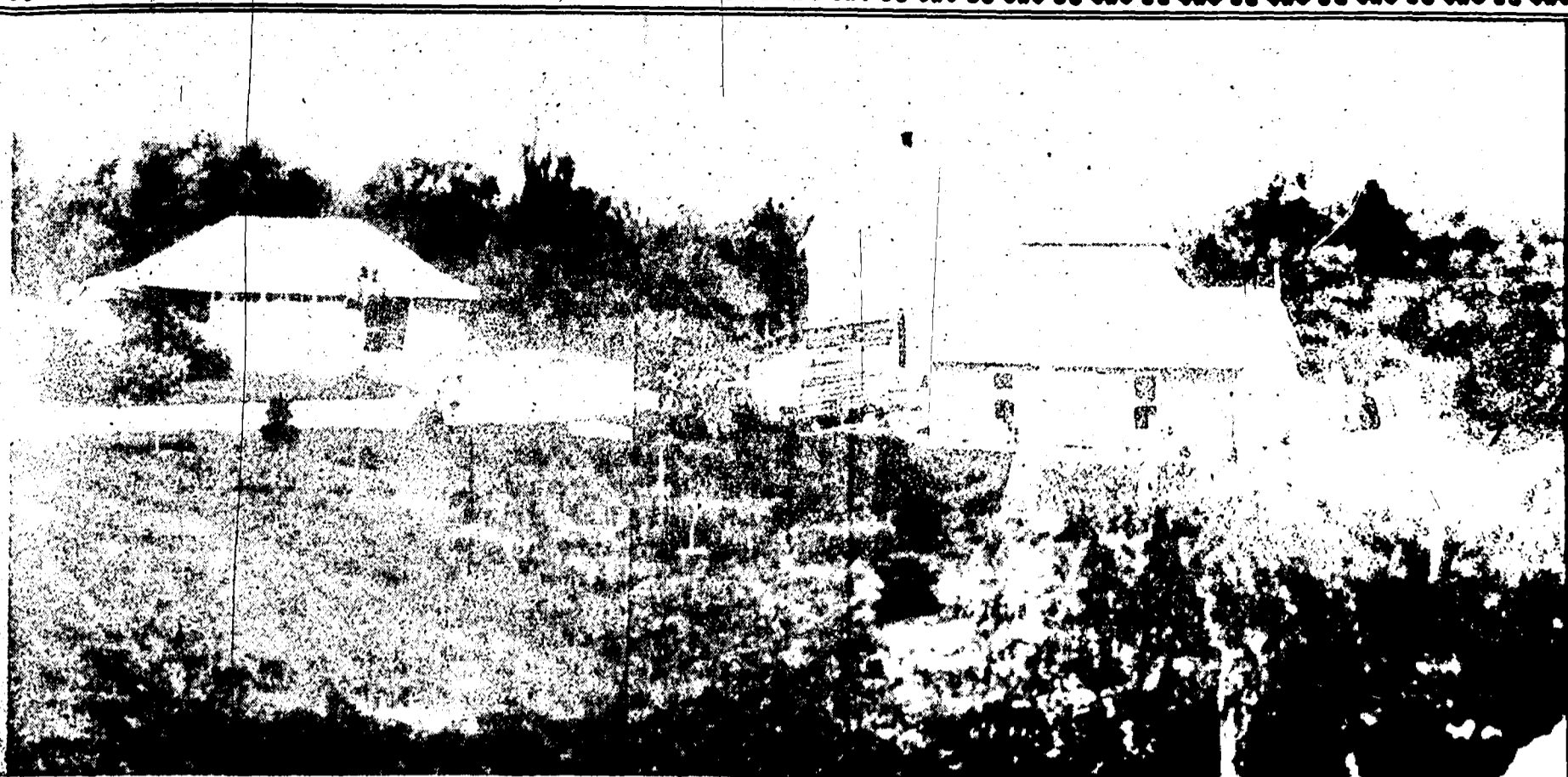
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**MARIE STEIN SMITH'S GIRLHOOD HOME** as it appeared at the turn of the century, surrounded by farm land. Interurban tracks run parallel to Michigan Avenue, still a dirt road. (Photo courtesy of the Smith family)



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BY DIANE F. WILSON

When Michigan Avenue was a two-lane road flanked by the tracks of the interurban, and Canton Township was covered by acres of lush farmland laced with quiet country roads, a small girl lived in a big, white gabled house on the banks of the Lower Rouge River.

The little girl attended school in the one-room brick school house in the tiny village of Sheldon and Sunday School at the Methodist Church. With her two brothers she picnicked on the flats of the river in the summer and ice skated there in the winter. Her grandparents, and aunts and uncles galore, lived on nearby farms. The family often gathered together, and the little girl was one of many cousins swimming in the creek or sitting down to dinner at grandma's table.

She lived the typical life of a young lady growing up in a small, rural community just at the turn of the 20th century.

Today, almost 80 years later, much of Canton Township is covered with subdivisions and shopping centers. Michigan Avenue is a four-lane, busy highway filled with rushing traffic. The Sheldon schoolhouse is silent, and the tracks of the interurban have vanished.

The little girl is a grandmother.

But she still lives in the big white house on the Rouge River. Her name is Marie Stein Smith.



**MARIE STEIN SMITH**, born March 31, 1896, left and Andrew Smith, born March 11, 1894.

Marie Smith's roots go deep into the history of Canton Township. Her grandmother, Mary, was a daughter of Christopher and Julia Hasselbach, local pioneers. Mary Hasselbach married Phillip Dingledey, who had come to Canton from Germany in 1857 when he was 17 years old. Marie's mother, Emma Dingledey, married Peter Louis



**THE HOME OF MARIE AND ANDY** Smith as it appears today. In the 1920's when Michigan Avenue was widened, the home was moved back from the road and turned to face the highway. Steep gables and awnings were added, drastically altering the appearance of the exterior.

Stein, a native of Youngstown, Ohio. Emma moved with Lou to Youngstown, and three of their children, Louis, Howard, and Marie were born there.

In about 1902, when Marie was three years old, her father was advised by his doctor that for reasons of health, he should move to the country. Emma Dingledey Stein remembered the wide open fields of Canton, and persuaded her husband to take her home.

The family journeyed to Cleveland, Emma and the three children by train and Lou driving their horse and buggy. There the family was reunited, and taking their horse and buggy with them, they boarded a boat and traveled across Lake Erie.

At Detroit, Lou Stein loaded his family into the buggy and drove them to Canton.

There he purchased a farm on January 14, 1903, from Henry T. Truesdell and his wife Martha. The farm was located on Michigan Avenue near Haggerty Road, and the house was large with many gables and surrounded by wide, green lawns.

Although Lou Stein's main livelihood was the operation of several stores which he owned in Detroit, he also took advantage of his position on the interurban tracks which ran right past his farm on Michigan Avenue. At one time the interurban, or trolley, was an extensive system of transportation in Michigan. In the southeast section of the state,

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**Hasselbach family started Canton Township dynasty**

A Centennial Farm on the corner of Hannan and Van Born Roads is the legacy of a pioneer couple who are the forebearers of many well-known families in the history of Canton Township.

The Hasselbach Centennial Farm was originally settled by Christopher Hasselbach and his wife Julia, who immigrated to the United States from Germany.

Christopher Hasselbach, born on May 14, 1789, had married Miss Julia Becker in December of 1825. They became the parents of four sons and four daughters — Sabilla, Anton, Jacob, George, Cathrine, Mary, Barbara, and Christopher.

In 1852 the Hasselbach family decided to leave their native land and try their fortunes in the new world. Arriving in New York in April, the Hasselbachs, like many other immigrant families, joined the annual springtime migration to the American West.



**VINTAGE FAMILY PORTRAIT** depicts the Hasselbachs of a bygone era. Courtesy Hasselbach family.

By June they had settled in Canton Township and bought an 80-acre farm from Stephen and Sarah Johnson. Their new property was located at a unique spot. The intersection of Hannan and Van Born Roads marks the junction of four

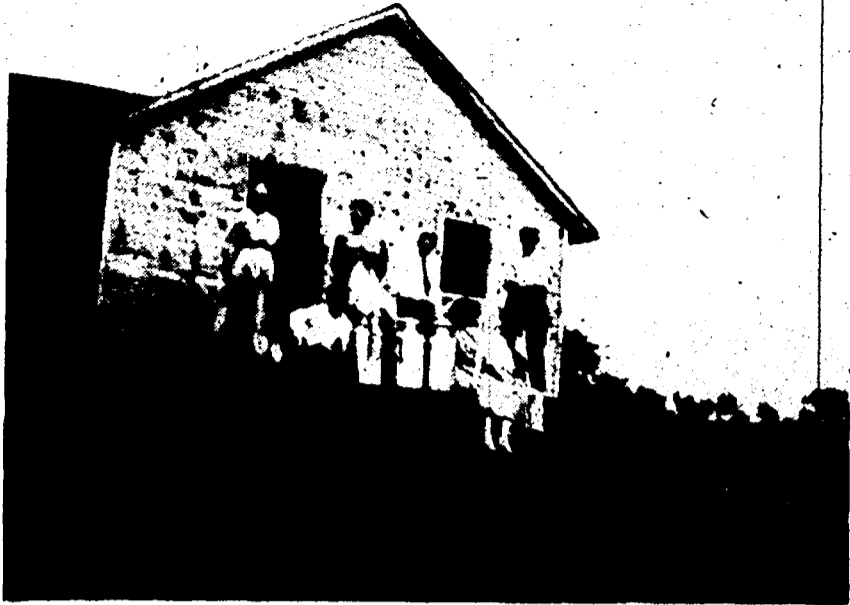
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# Childhood memories reflect typical Canton life



**MILKHOUSE** located next to the interurban tracks on Michigan Avenue. The interurban stopped regularly here for milk which was taken to the Belle Isle Creamery in Detroit.

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tracks radiated out of Detroit, and in Canton, it was possible to board a local trolley and journey to Detroit, Ypsilanti, and many points beyond.

Stein operated a pick-up point for milk on the interurban. A small milkhouse was located on his property, right next to the interurban tracks. The milkhouse contained a system of cold-water pipes, which kept the milk chilled.

Many local farmers brought their milk to Stein's milkhouse. The interurban, traveling up Michigan Avenue from Ypsilanti, would stop at the milkhouse, pick up the cold, fresh milk, and continue on to Detroit, where the milk would be dropped off at the Belle Isle Creamery.

As well as carrying milk and produce, the interurban also carried passengers. One of them was Marie Stein.

Marie had attended eight years of school at the one-room Sheldon schoolhouse along with her brothers, Louis and Howard. After completing grammar school, Marie used the interurban to travel to Ypsilanti to attend high school at the large brick school on Cross Street. She graduated in 1916 in a class of 69 students.

Following high school, Marie lived in a rooming house in Ypsilanti and attended the Normal School, now Eastern Michigan University. After two years of study, she received her teaching certificate and then taught first grade in Lonyo School on the west side of Detroit for seven years.

In 1921, Marie Stein married Andrew Smith, a Canton resident and her childhood sweetheart, in Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Ypsilanti. Marie recalls that during their courtship she and Andy went on sleigh rides and attended church together.

Following their marriage, Andrew Smith, a contractor, supervised a major remodeling of Marie's family home. Michigan Avenue was being widened, and the Stein home was moved back from the highway and turned around so that the front faced the road.

At the same time, its exterior appearance was changed by the addition of a new roofline with several very steep gables and brand-new awnings on the windows.

On the first floor, interior walls were removed, making the old hall, parlor, and living room into one large space. A new stairway to the second floor was constructed.

Lou and Emma Stein lived in their remodeled home until 1946 when Emma died. At that time Marie and Andrew were living in the Smith homestead on Lilley Road and raising their three children — Yvonne, Andy, Jr., and Virginia. At the request of her father, Marie, Andrew, and their children returned to Marie's girlhood home.

Andrew and Marie still live there today in the spacious rooms filled with antiques and old photographs. The Smith's children all married and raised families of their own, providing their parents with 12 grandchildren.

Andy Smith, Jr., operates a tractor business across the street from his parents' home on property that was part of the original farm purchased by his grandfather, Peter Stein.

Another family business is operated next door to the Smith home. Stein's Florist was begun in the 1930's by Marie's brother, Howard, and is still run by his family today. The Stein greenhouses are a local landmark on Michigan Avenue.

Marie Stein, the little girl who once swam in the creek and rode the interurban, now looks forward to the weddings of her grandchildren and anticipates the prospects of becoming a great-grandmother.

## Centennial Farm reflects generation of pride

A large, rambling farmhouse surrounded by acres of fields sits on Geddes Road near the western border of Canton Township on land that has been in the Seymour family since 1847. The current residence of Walter James and Shirley Seymour the house boasts a wide front porch, gleaming white siding, and an official Centennial Farm sign proudly displayed on the front lawn.

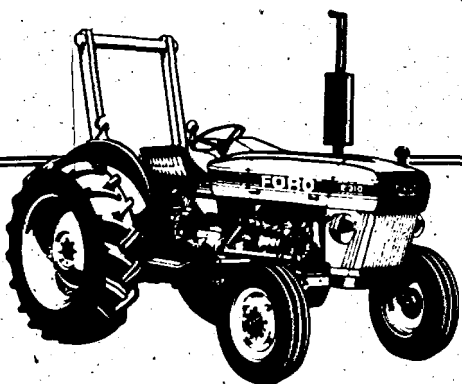
According to the Seymours, their son Daniel, while at student at Wayne State University, successfully applied for the Centennial Farm designation in 1980. Research done at that time revealed that the origins of the farm could be traced to an original land grant probably awarded about 1835. Continued on page 37



**IN THEIR SUNDAY BEST**, the Seymour family gathered for a reunion at the turn of the century.

Seymours still attend family reunions at the old homestead, now a Centennial farm.





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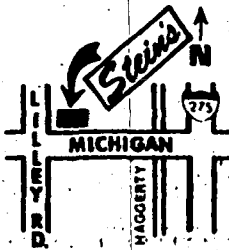


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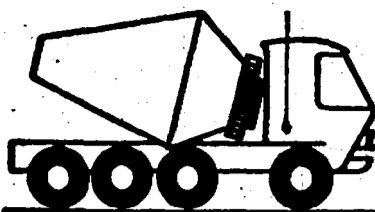
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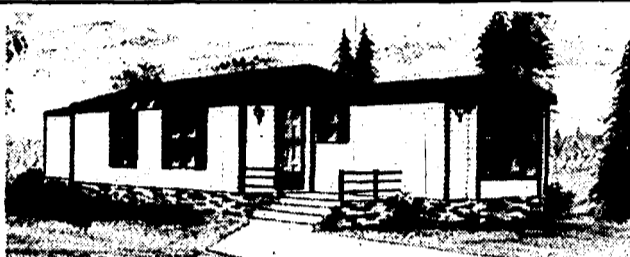
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# Hasselbach history prominent in Canton's past



**GENERATIONS OF HASSELBACHS** have sat on the steps of the family farm at the corner of Hannan and Van Born roads. Helen and Freeman Hasselbach currently occupy the old homestead.

## History recalls their name

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In 1847, the land came under the ownership of Joseph Seymour and his wife, Anna Wiles Seymour. Joseph and Anna, originally residents of London, England, had journeyed to Canton Township by way of East Cottingswith, a small village on the Humbolt River in the midland section of England and the home of Anna's family. From East Cottingsworth, the Seymours journeyed to Canada in about 1825 and eventually came to the Cherry Hill Area in what would become Canton Township. After living in Cherry Hill for a number of years, they purchased the property on Geddes Road.

Seymour family records do not indicate who built the house which still serves as the family home today, but it is believed that it was constructed sometime between 1850 and 1880. The age of the structure is attested to by the stone foundation which is wrapped around hand hewn logs. Since this is typical of pioneer construction methods, it is probable that this original portion of the house was built by the early settlers, Anna and Joseph. Over the years, several succeeding generations lived in the family home and added several additions to it.

Joseph and Anna became the parents of six children — Josephine, Jane, Sarah Ellen, Ann, George, and Walter. Their sons and daughters intermarried with several well-known, early Canton families, including the Newtons and the Amrheins. Walter Joseph, youngest son of Joseph and Anna, became the member of the next generation to occupy the house. He lived there with his wife Alice Palmer Seymour and their children Milo Mervin, Mabel May, Guy Erwin, and Hazel Bell. Walter raised corn and soybeans and along with his family often journeyed to the small village of Denton on Michigan Avenue to shop in the general store and attend the Methodist Church.

Guy Seymour, descendant of generations of farmers, left the family farm around the turn of the twentieth century to obtain a teaching certificate from the Normal College in Ypsilanti, (now Eastern Michigan University.) He returned to Canton to teach at Palmer School, the one-room school house he had attended as a boy.

Employed as a circuit teacher, Guy lived a few weeks at a time with various families whose children attended the Palmer School. Eventually, Guy became the head of the Palmer School Board. Guy married Rosalie Burke, also a

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municipalities — Canton, Van Buren, Wayne, and Romulus. The Hasselbach farm was on the northwest corner, entirely in Canton Township.

Christopher and Julia lived long and productive lives on their new farm near at the edge of Canton. Christopher was known as a man of great strength and ruggedness. At an advanced age, he often took his farm product on the long journey to Detroit and returned on the same day. According to old family records, he died on March 19, 1879, from a "stroke of apoplexy" at the age of eighty (years).

Following her husband's death, Julia Hasselbach resided on the family farm for several more years and then lived with her daughter, Barbara Lauppe, in Detroit. Julia died on February 2, 1899, at the age of 97 years. She was survived by a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great, great, grandchildren.

The eight Hasselbach children had married and raised families of their own, creating a dynasty of Hasselbach descendants. Only 53 years after they had first settled in Canton, a Hasselbach family reunion held at the Haggerty Road Dingeldey home in 1905 recorded 132 living descendants of the original pioneers. Such familiar local names as Griesel, Lauppe, Fischer, Dingeldey, Long, Smith, and Stein can be traced to the Hasselbach family.

Throughout all the years and generations the Hasselbach farm on Van Born remained in the family. During the 1950's the property became the first Canton Township farm to receive an official Centennial Farm designation.

The present-day owners of the property are Freeman G. Hasselbach and his wife Helen. Freeman's grandfather was Jacob Hasselbach, second son of Christopher and Julia.

Jacob and his wife Susanna were the parents of five children — Fred, Ida, Sarah, Anton, and Julia. Fred married Ella May Galpin of Frain's Lake; Fred and Ella Hasselbach are the parents of Freeman and his sister Marion.

Freeman was born January 24, 1906, and has fond memories of growing up on the family farm. He remembers that when he was about ten years old, his father hired a carpenter to build a fine, new hipped-roof home to replace the old house that earlier generations of Hasselbachs had lived in. The old house was moved to the neighboring Ballou farm and was burned to the ground about 60 years later.

Freeman also recalls the family's huge barn being built at an old-fashioned barn raising and neighbors coming from far and wide to help.

Corn, wheat, oats, chickens, hogs, and dairy cows were raised on the Hasselbach farm. the bulk of their milk was taken to a weighing station at Romulus, and they also sold milk directly from their farm to local residents for 15 cents a gallon.

Today the Hasselbachs sell their own produce at their roadside garden stand every summer. Freeman also maintains a stack of firewood which he sells to passersby.

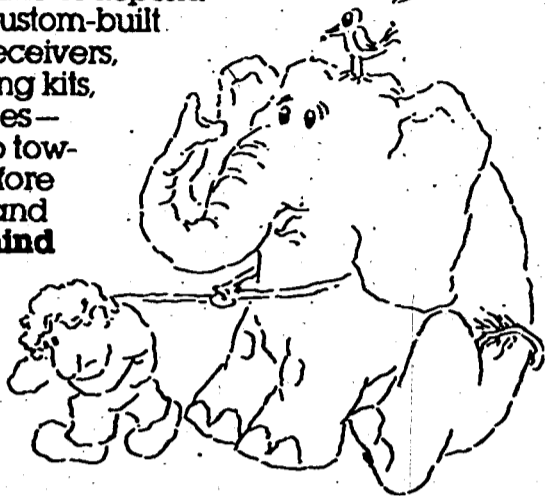
Freeman and Helen Hasselbach have five children — Albert, Donald, Charles, Clarence, and Hilda — and thirteen grandchildren. They have recently become proud, first-time great-grandparents of Stephen Paul Hasselbach, a sixth generation descendant of the original Hasselbach pioneers.

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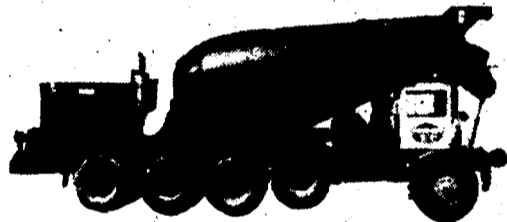


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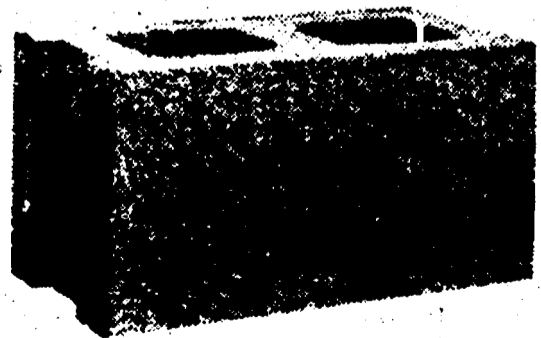
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# Seymour farm part of past

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schoolteacher, and they became the parents of seven children — Guy Burke, Rosemary, Walter James, Phillip, Lawrence, Paul, and Katherine. Guy Seymour died at a relatively early age, and his family home would next provide shelter for his widow and their children. As well as raising seven children and working as a schoolteacher, Rosalie assumed her husband's position as head of the Palmer School Board.

Today the old Seymour home is the residence of Rosalie's son and his wife Shirley. They are the parents of four sons and one daughter, Michael, Daniel, William, Thomas, and Mary Lynn. Their children represent the fifth generation of Seymours to live on the family farm. The various generations of Seymours have worked hard at maintaining the old house, and its present residents continue this family tradition, considering restoration a never-ending process. They are particularly proud of several of the home's old-fashioned features, including old plank floors, hand-hewn beams on a bedroom floor, and the old, five-paneled doors. One of their most cherished possessions is a large framed family portrait taken around the turn of the century of an old-time Seymour family reunion. The large family is gathered in their Sunday-best clothes in front of the family home which had sheltered so many generations of Seymours over the years. Seymour family reunions are a family tradition, according to Katherine Seymour Rosevear, who grew up on the family farm. She notes that Walter, Shirley, and their daughter Mary Lynn are the only Seymours who still live in Canton. Other family members have scattered all across the state and the country. However, "at least once a year," as many family members as can manage it, return to Canton for a grand reunion. As Katherine puts it, "They live all over. But this is still home."



THE WEATHERED PADGET farm home reflects the Greek Revival style of architecture.

## Padget's name a cornerstone

A weathered salt-box style farm home on Geddes Road marks the site of land that has been home for a Canton Township family since 1869.

Members of the Padget family have lived at 48185 Geddes Road for 115 years, qualifying their property for an official Centennial Farm designation.

The Centennial Farm program is administered by the Michigan History Division of the State of Michigan. In order to receive a centennial designation, applicants must be able to certify that their farm has been owned by members of their family for at least 100 continuous years. The State has designated three such farms in Canton Township.

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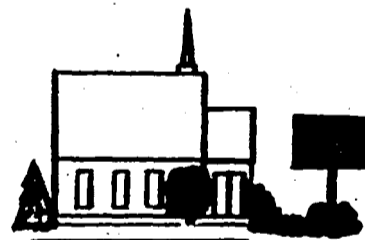
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# Padget Centennial farm testifies to lively past

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The Padget family applied for their Centennial Farm designation in 1976 to mark the nation's Bicentennial year. Interest in researching the family's history was spearheaded by Fred C. Padget, Jr. His son Robert Padget, Sr., who carried out much of the research and writing, was able to trace the arrival of the first Padgets in Canton to John Padget in 1833.

Records show that John and his wife Ann Suggitt Padget and their small son George, natives of England, came to either the United States or Canada sometime between 1825 and 1833. They settled in what was then Plymouth Township (now Canton) in the Territory of Michigan and purchased land at the corner of Beck and Geddes Road.

Young George Padget grew up on his family farm as the rugged Canton wilderness gradually changed into an area of lush farmland and small villages with one-room schoolhouses, tiny pioneer churches, and general stores.

George Padget married 21-year-old Mary McKinstry in Detroit during the month of her birthday in 1846. Mary, eldest daughter of the Van Buren Township McKinstry pioneer family, had been born in Ireland in 1825 and had immigrated to the United States with her parents Hugh and Elizabeth McKinstry and her younger sister Ann.

George and Mary McKinstry Padget became the parents of four sons and one daughter — John Collins, Hugh, George W., Andrew, and Elizabeth Ann.

George, Mary, and their children sank their roots deep into the life of the community. The small village of Sheldon at the junction of Michigan Avenue and Geddes Road became their focal point with its general store and Methodist Episcopal Church, and the young Padgets attended the one-room Palmer School at the corner of Geddes and Beck Roads.

*"The weather has this spring been verely dry wheat loked verely bad for awile but wee have since had some showers of rane and it know looks verely well my Corne has got out and I have 5 acres of Oats out and I the rest I have not got sowed the trees was in full leaf by the 1st of May and the pastuers in the woods was very good."*

From a letter of enticement to John Padget to move to South Plymouth — later Canton — in 1833 written by Joseph and Sarah Suggitt.

Tragedy struck the family in 1866 when George and Mary's only daughter died at the age of five. Only two years later their son Hugh lost his arm in a corn husker and bled to death.

George and Mary themselves lived long and active lives, dying at the ages of 79 and 73 respectively. George's obituary, published in 1904, notes that he was "a faithful attendant and worker in the Methodist Episcopal church and also took a live interest in the issues of the day. He had a strong, healthy constitution, well fitted for the hardships of pioneer life." His funeral service was conducted at the Sheldon church that he had loved, and he was buried beside his wife Mary, who had preceded him in death by six years, in the Sheldon Cemetery.

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## Farm still member of family

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George's son, John Collins Padget, married Mary Ann Smith a few days before Christmas in 1868 at the home of the bride's father. They were married by the Rev. J. Kilpatrick of the Methodist church.

A little over a year later on January 12, 1869, John and Ann purchased from John and Lucy Winter a house and 80 acres of land on Geddes, just down the road from his father's farm. This is the property still in the Padget family today and recently designated a Centennial Farm.

All five of John and Ann's children were born on their new farm — Mary Elizabeth, George Hugh, Mary Ann, Frank, and Frederick Collins. As often happened with young children in those days, George and Frank both died as infants, neither one surviving his first year.

The youngest son Frederick Collins would carry on the family name and become the fourth generation of Padgets to live and farm the land of Canton. Frederick married Edna Smith in 1901, and they raised three sons — John Norman, James Malcolm, and Frederick Collins, Jr. All three boys were born in the farm home, as had been their father before them, and attended Palmer School.

In order to attend high school, Fred caught the interurban at the corner of Beck and Michigan Ave. and rode it up Michigan all the way to Ypsilanti. At Ypsilanti High he met Marion Eleanor Moore. He married her in Toledo, Ohio, on June 15, 1931.

Their first son, Frederick Collins, III born in 1935 was born in the old farm house, as were so many of his ancestors. But the next three children, Robert, Mary Ann, and John would, according to the trends of modern times be born in the modern Beyer Hospital in Ypsilanti.

Today, approximately 150 years after his great-great-great grandfather first settled in Canton, Robert Padget lives, as so many of his ancestors before him, in the general area of Beck and Geddes Road. His mother lives next door to him, and his Uncle Malcolm lives across the street in the old house on the Centennial Farm property. Robert and his wife are the parents of the sixth generation of Padgets to grow up in Canton — Robert, Craig, Teresa, and Lori.

Through the years, the seven generations of Padgets who have lived in Canton Township have shared many of the same experiences. Above all they have farmed the land. The Padget farm has been used to raise corn, wheat, potatoes, and dairy cows. Various generations of Padgets have waited for the spring thaw, gathered the crops in autumn, and sold milk and cream to the creamery in Denton.

The current members of the Padget family are proud of their heritage which spans so many years in Canton Township, and they cherish many relics from the past. Kept in a special place is an 1857 edition of the Bible, which was given to John Collins Padget by his father George on Christmas Eve in 1869. Through the years, this family Bible has been used to faithfully record various Padget births, deaths, and marriages.

Especially dear to the Padget family is a packet of yellowing envelopes which bear English postmarks. They contain a series of letters, written as early as 1849, that are addressed to "Mr. John Padget, Canton Wain County, So. Plymouth, Michigan."

The Padget family believes that these letters were sent to John Padget by his mother who had watched her son leave his homeland and journey to the wilds of Canton in the Michigan Territory in the New World.

The folds of the old letters are so brittle that the Padget family is reluctant to try to open them, and are considering requesting professional advice from curators at the Michigan Historical Collections at the Bentley Library at the University of Michigan.

The letters provide a physical link across 150 years between the Canton pioneer John Padget and his many descendants who still call Canton Township home.

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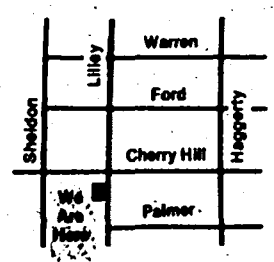
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# Early education in one room schools

BY DIANE F. WILSON

Many of the pioneers who settled Canton Township came from New England and from upstate New York. According to their upright "Yankee" traditions, they were firm believers in the value of education.

In the Michigan Territory they found themselves in an area that would uphold their convictions. The origins of a public education system had been developed during the early days of the Territory.

In 1827, the Territorial Council ruled that any township containing at least fifty families must employ one or more schoolmasters of good character who would teach children reading, writing, arithmetic, orthography, and good behavior. This act placed the responsibility of creating and administering schools squarely under local community control.

Thus, motivated by both the law and their own inclinations, each small community of Canton pioneers managed to build a primitive schoolhouse soon after their arrival.

Usually the spot chosen for the school was at the intersection of roads. It was made of logs, as were all the earliest structures. Log slabs were also used as desks and benches. A fireplace provided heat, and windows were made by cutting holes in the log walls and covering them with oiled paper.

In those early days, the teacher was hired for a specific number of weeks, and if not a local resident, he or she would "board around," with families and students. Each family would provide the teacher with food and shelter for a certain number of weeks.

Records indicate that several one-room schoolhouses were scattered across Canton Township. Their names are old and familiar to generations of Canton residents who have attended them — Cherry Hill, Hanford, Hough, Truesdell, Sheldon, Bartlett, Canton Center, Palmer, and Walker.

The school houses were numerous in order that each child, long before the days of school buses, could have a school within walking distance of his home.

Through the years, few historical facts were recorded about some of the one-room schools, but for others extensive records were kept.

The residents of Cherry Hill built one of the first schools in Canton Township. This first primitive school house was erected on Ridge Road in approximately 1834 and was made of logs. It was 21 feet by 24 feet in size and had a low ceiling.

The teacher sat in a split bottom chair at a wooden table. A water pail and dipper stood on a bench next to the door.

In 1876 the first Cherry Hill School was replaced by a new brick building. A round oak wood stove provided heat, and kerosene lamps furnished the light. Water was brought inside in pails from an outdoor pump, and outhouses sat in back of the school.

Long rope swings hung from the tall, old trees, and popular games played at recess were "Fox and Geese," "Crack the Whip," and "Wheel."

Dorothy West, a long-time Cherry Hill resident, attended the school in the 1920's and remembers walking to school in the early mornings with her girlfriends. The girls would stop at the creamery to buy milk which they would use at lunch time to make potato soup on the school's oil stove.

Early Cherry Hill teachers included Munson Utley and B.W. Huston.

From 1942 until 1947, the Cherry Hill School was expanded and remodeled by Henry Ford who made it part of his Greenfield Village School System.

In 1955, Cherry Hill became part of the Plymouth school district, which today uses the old school building for storage.

The earliest record of the Truesdell School is dated 1865. The first school was a small wooden building located on Palmer Road, west of Lotz Road. Early school board

members included William Hannan, Samuel Barber, and John Packard, and the first teacher was Arlene Harmon.

She was responsible for arriving at school early in the morning in order to light the fire, and following a full day of teaching, she was also required to do the janitorial work.

In approximately 1869, a new Truesdell School was constructed on Artley Road, which today is known as Haggerty Road. The school was made of brick with a stone foundation and was located on land which had been sold by Erastus Truesdell for \$107.00.



THE SHELDON SCHOOL class of 1905 contained 45 pupils in eight grades. Courtesy of Marie Stein Smith.

For many years, the one-room school served as a social center for the surrounding area. It was made available for religious services and non-profit shows.

By the 1940's, the population of the district had so increased that the school was forced to hold half-day sessions. In 1949 the one-room Truesdell School was replaced with a modern building.

According to a history written by John W. Padget, the original Palmer School stood at the corner of Geddes and Beck Roads and was built in 1851. Located on land leased by Aaron Palmer "for the term of 99 years," the school was constructed with a wooden frame and stucco walls.

A bellfry topped the schoolhouse and contained a large, hand-pulled bell which was used to signal the start of the school day or the end of recess.

For many years, the school had no water, and drinking water was carried to school in buckets by pupils from nearby farmhouses.

The school was supervised by a school board elected by voters of the district. The board consisted of a director, a treasurer, and a moderator who was in charge of meetings.

In about 1935, a new brick building replaced the first Palmer School. The new school had a well, indoor plumbing, an electronic bell, and tall windows.

This building was utilized until the district became a part of the Van Buren Schools in 1953. In succeeding years, the school was used as a church, an upholstery shop, and a clubhouse for a local motorcycle group.

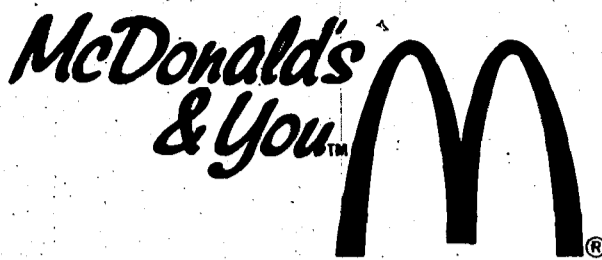
On a winter night in the late 1960's, the Palmer School burned to the ground.

Probably the most well-known one-room school in the township is located on well-traveled Canton Center Road at the corner of Proctor.

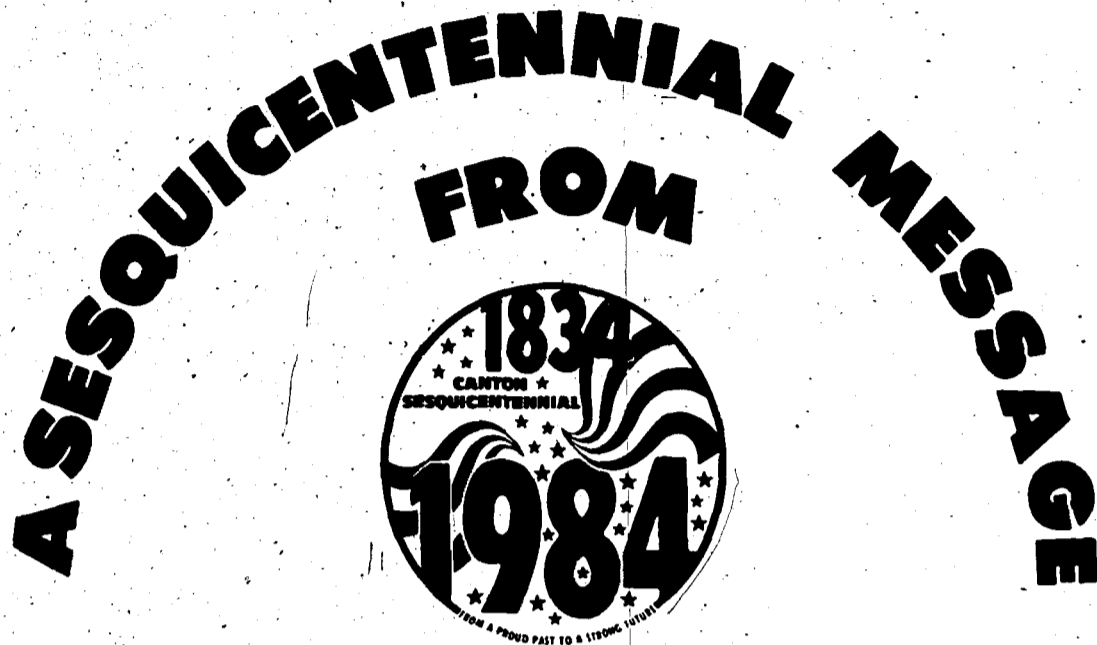
Built in 1884, the Canton Center School is an excellent example of early Georgian Revival architecture.

In the post World War II years, as one-room schools across the township were annexed by surrounding districts, the Canton Center School remained open. Before it finally closed in 1962, it was the last operating one-room school in Wayne County.

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# How schools grew, changed Canton

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However, the old school house was not abandoned. In 1977, the Plymouth-Canton school district donated the building for use as a museum. After several years of renovation and restoration by the Canton Historical Society, the Canton Historical Museum was dedicated on December 5, 1982.

Countless school children regularly troop through the museum to see first-hand the old-fashioned desks and dunce cap used by previous generations of children. The museum also contains examples of antique clothing, dishes, toys, and numerous photographs.

The Canton Historical Museum is not the only old school serving a new purpose. Over the years others have been converted into churches, alternative schools, and storage space. Though still useful, they no longer serve as academic and social focal points for the community.

The importance of the one-room school began to decline in Canton during the years following World War II. At this time, the various township school boards began to find that the growing number of pupils and the requirements of modern education were becoming too expensive to be handled by small primary school districts. Residents voted to annex the old original school districts into the surrounding larger consolidated school systems.



**FIRST DAY OF CLASS** at the old Truesdell School on Haggerty Road. Courtesy of Kaiser family.

Small segments of Canton became part of either the Van Buren or what is now the Wayne-Westland Schools, but the great majority of one-room township schools were annexed to the Plymouth school district.

In an election held in 1946, the school districts within Plymouth Township and some fractional districts in Northville and Canton Townships voted to merge into the Plymouth Township School District. Hanford School was annexed in 1948, Bartlett and Hough in 1952, and Truesdell, Canton Center, and Cherry Hill in 1955.

Also in 1955, the school district's name was formally changed to the Plymouth Community School District.

For a number of years, student enrollment in the Plymouth Schools grew at a slow, steady pace. In 1948 when Canton schools first joined with Plymouth, 2,214 pupils were in attendance. Ten years later in 1958, student population had risen to 4,448 students.

The next 10 years would show dramatic changes. By 1968, with Canton undergoing a housing boom and a resulting increase in population, Plymouth School enrollments approached 9,000.

Various methods were employed to handle the sudden increase in students. One such program which developed as a direct result of overcrowding in the schools was the Extended School Year plan.

The plan called for the elimination of the traditional 9-month school year with a three month summer vacation. Rather, schools would be open on a year-round basis.

Students would be divided into four tracks with each track attending school for nine weeks and then having a 3-week vacation. With only three tracks in school at any one time, the capacity of the school buildings would be increased by one-third.

In 1974, the State School Board granted permission for the Extended School Year plan to go into operation. The program began at Miller Elementary on July 14, 1975. By 1979, several more schools were utilizing the plan.

According to a 1977 survey, the program was generally well received by schoolchildren and their parents. Sixty-two per cent of responding parents reported that their children liked the Extended School year program, and fifty-nine per cent said that their children had learned as much with the new plan as under the conventional school year.

However, in 1983, the Extended School Year program was discontinued. Population growth had slowed, several new elementary schools had been built, and overcrowding had been eliminated. In the end, the program was no longer saving money, and school officials decided to return to the traditional school calendar.

Another development during the area population boom would have more permanent effects on education in Canton Township. By 1967, planning was underway for the development of 305-acre "educational park." Located in Canton itself at the corner of Canton Center and Joy Roads, the new site would serve as the home of two comprehensive high schools, Plymouth-Salem and Plymouth-Canton.

Ground breaking for the first high school — Plymouth Salem — was held in May of 1968 with hundreds of Plymouth Community School District youth wielding their shovels. The school opened on September 14, 1970 with 2,074 pupils enrolled.

The very next spring, ground was broken for the second high school, Plymouth-Canton, which opened in 1972.

Presently, the two buildings house over 200 teachers, counselors and learning specialists and have a total student population of 3,392.

The schools offer a wide variety of courses, and students may participate interchangeably at the two schools. Each school sponsors its own athletic teams, and facilities include gymnasiums, swimming pools, and an 8,000 seat stadium used by both schools.

In 1977 the Wayne County Intermediate School District approved a change of name for the Plymouth Community School District to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Today the district encompasses 54 square miles and includes 13 elementaries, five middle schools, and two high schools. Student enrollment totals 15,248 students.

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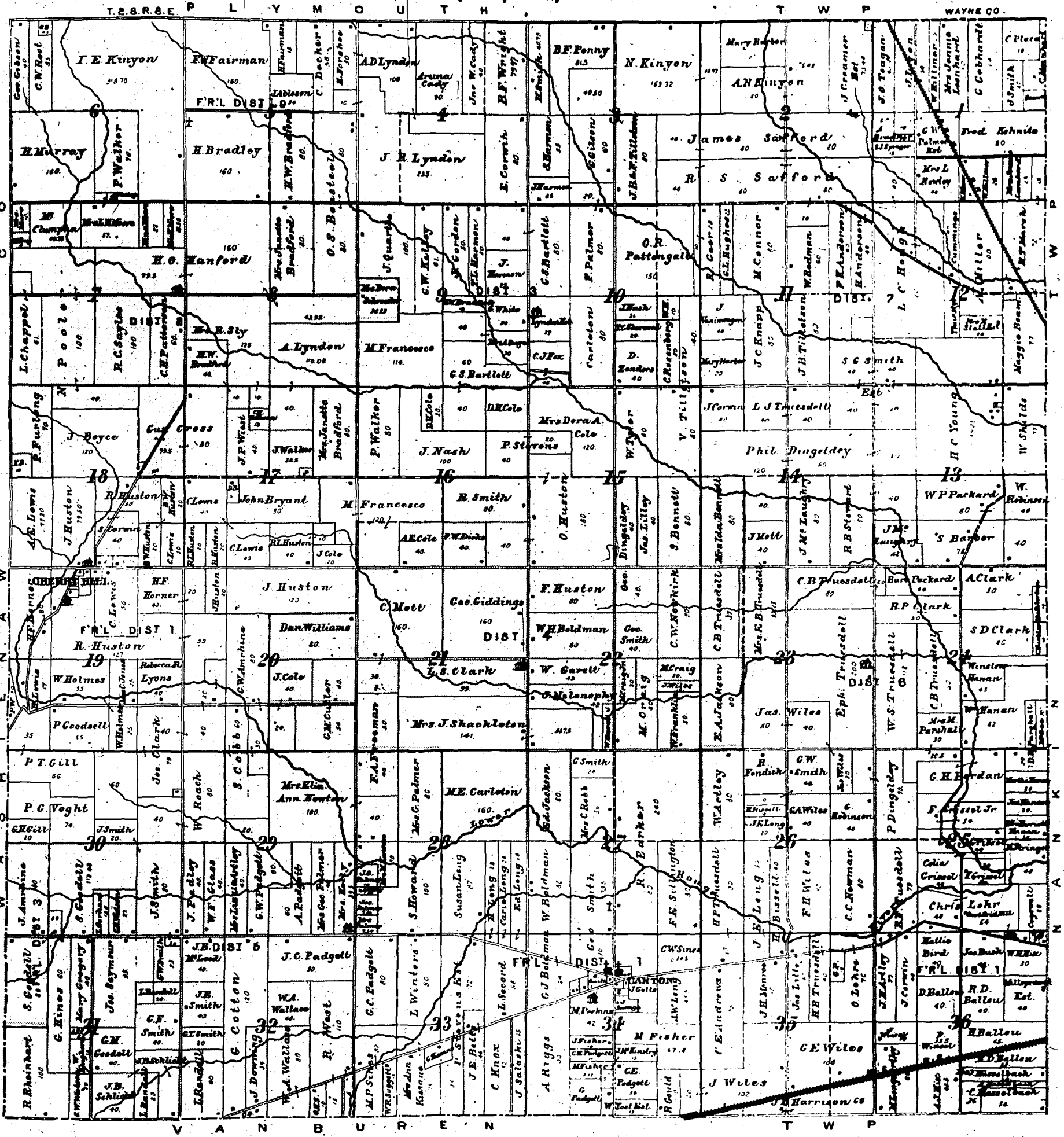


**SHELDON'S ONE ROOM** School house constructed about 1870.

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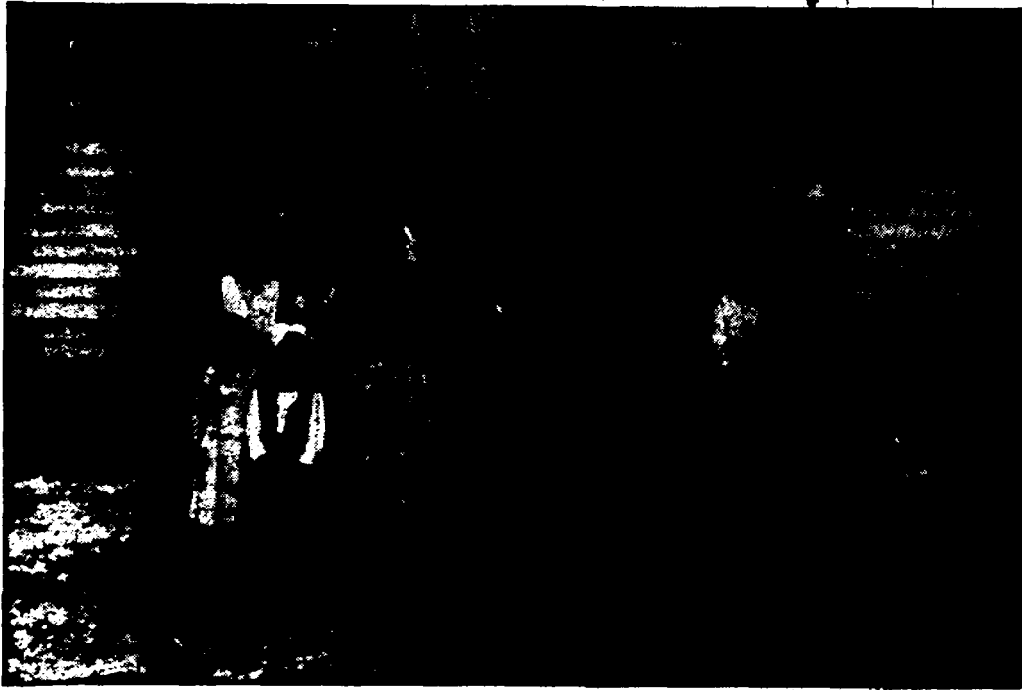


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CANTON, IN 1893, is shown on this map taken from the General Official Atlas of Wayne County, Michigan engraved in that year by Henry Rueger and published by W.G. Sauer, of Detroit. The colored areas represent the several school districts which covered Canton in these days. An original copy of the map is being donated for display at the Canton Historical Museum.



High School class of 1922. Courtesy of Flora Thorman.

In the early years of the Plymouth School District there were one and two-room elementary schools and the high school housed junior high as well as senior high schoolers. Students came from a community made up of farm land, bounded by Outer Drive to the east, Michigan Avenue to the south and Dixboro Road to the west.

During the late 1950's and early 1960's some industry started to build up in the Plymouth community while resident industry began to expand. Western Electric - 1958; Burroughs expanding and hiring 5,000 people; 1967 Ford's Sheldon Road plant was completed as well as many other plants in the area. This expansion and the jobs it revealed brought many families to the community and their children into our schools.

In the early 1960's Plymouth Township had many requests for site plan approvals for new subdivisions and one large trailer park. Between 1960-1970 there were 1,183 new single family homes under construction in Plymouth Township. Canton Township had 550 new homes under construction and many new site plans awaited the Planning Commission for approval.

This growth was having its impact on our schools. In 1960-61 we had 4,897 students. By 1967-70 we had 9,292 students - an increase of 4,395. Keeping in mind that our elementary schools had a capacity of approximately 400 students this meant that they had to be added on to as well as constructing more. In the late 1950's Allen, Bird, Farrand and Gallimore were constructed. All had additions added onto later. East Junior High was completed in 1957, and West was built in 1962. As the growth continued, Pioneer Middle School opened in 1968.

The need for new secondary facilities was identified by a citizens' committee in April of 1966. Later that year the Board of Education authorized the formation of a high school planning committee. During the 1966-67 school year a 305 acre site was purchased on Joy Road, between Canton Center and Beck Roads. Plans called for four comprehensive high schools with complementary facilities, a school farm, a nature center, wildlife habitat, open play areas and athletic facilities. Construction of the first high school, later to be named Plymouth-Salem took place over the 1968-1971 period. This school opened in 1970 while work was being done on the second high school, later to be named Plymouth-Canton High School. This facility was built in three phases to meet the needs of an expanding population.

The first two phases, accommodating academic and vocational classes were occupied in the 1972-73 school year. The third phase, a gym and music facility, was occupied in the 1976-77 school year. The old high school became the fourth middle school - Central - after the two new high schools were occupied. More student classroom space was needed as Canton Township began building homes at a higher rate than ever expected. During the period between 1970 and 1976 four new elementary schools, Miller, Field, Ericksson, and Hulsing, were constructed in Canton Township.

The busing issue in Detroit had a large impact on the Plymouth Schools as a Federal Judge ruled that all school districts in Wayne County as far west as Newburgh Road would be involved in the plan. Students in the suburbs would be bused to Detroit Schools and Detroit students would be bused to the suburbs. (This plan caused a "white flight" west of Newburgh Road. This was later dismissed.)

In order to house all the students in the District, the Board of Education went to the "Extended School Year" (E.S.Y. Plan), as bond issues to construct new buildings were being repeatedly turned down by taxpayers. The "E.S.Y." schedule enabled the District to house one-third more students in the building than the usual nine month school year. Under E.S.Y., both students and their teacher were in school 45 days and then on vacation 15 days. Students were divided into four tracks - A, B, C, and D. At least one track was always on vacation, three were always in school with the exception of two weeks in the summer for building "clean-up." Superintendent John M. Hoben and the Board of Education implemented E.S.Y. in five elementary schools and one middle school. This schedule (E.S.Y.) was more expensive to operate than regular school but cost less than constructing new buildings. The District's need for more space for middle school students in 1980 increased, they leased Lowell Middle School on Hix Road from the Livonia School District as Livonia had a declining enrollment and had closed 21 schools - we were still growing.

During 1977, the Plymouth School District was named Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. This change recognized that the majority of students enrolled were from Canton Township.

Random Selection became the means of assigning students to the two high schools in the late 1970's. Names of all eighth graders were put into a computer - if students from the same family wanted to attend the high school at the same time they could request it. Otherwise, students were assigned on a random basis change. This change was made due to the increase in numbers of students causing boundaries of the feeder middle schools to change often.

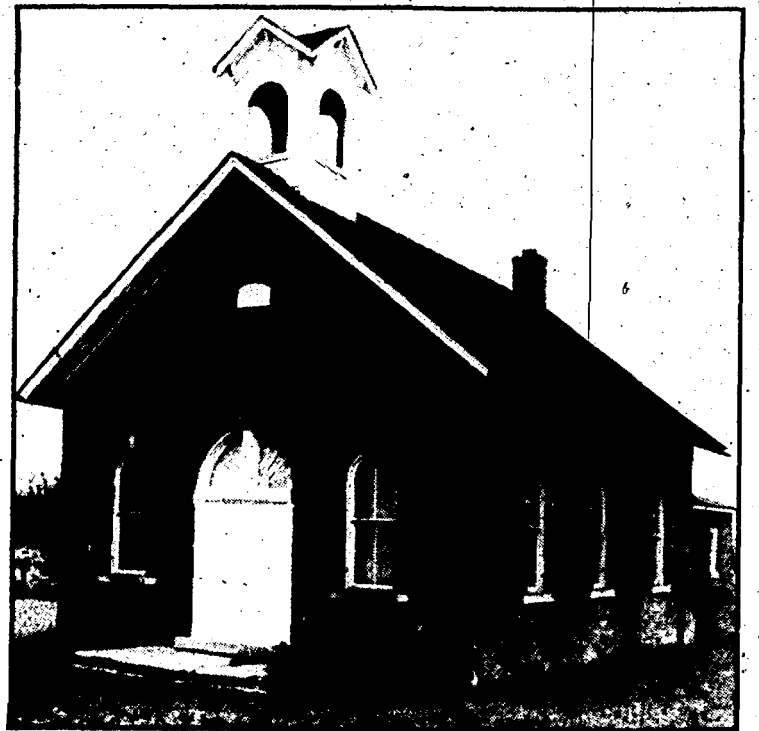
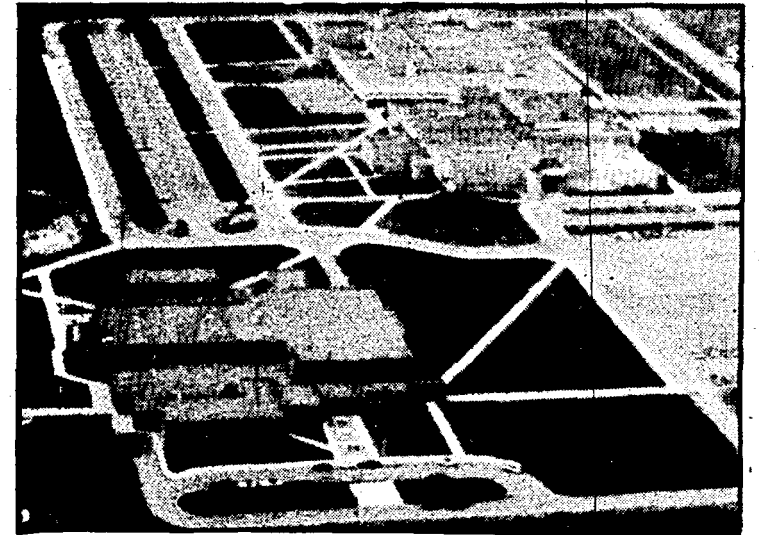
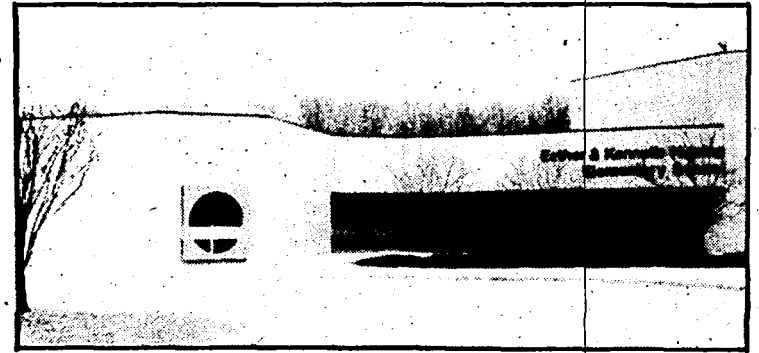
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools had an enrollment of 16,888 students in the 1980-81 school year, an increase of 7,596 students in a ten-year period. The high schools had grades 10-11-12, middle schools 6-7-8-9, and the elementary schools contained K-5.

Dr. John M. Hoben, Superintendent since 1970, and the Board of Education are proud that with all the growth in the District and the present decline in student enrollment (1983-84 - 15,803 students) the District provides an excellent Special Education Program, Alternative Education, Talented and Gifted, Community Education, Pre-school and many other educational advantages for students and adults.

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## Modern schools replace old

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As well as the two high schools located at the educational park, those buildings actually located within the boundaries of Canton are the following elementaries: Eriksson and Field, both on Haggerty Road; Gallimore on Sheldon Road; Hulsing on Fleet; and Miller on Hanford Road.

The era of the one-room schoolhouses in Canton has become a thing of the past. Today, Canton children attend school in large, modern buildings, ride orange schoolbuses across paved highways, and study computers along with the Three R's.

But those who fondly recall the old schools would probably agree with a statement made by Arthur Pyle in John Padget's Palmer School history: "Everything we needed to learn, we could learn right there, but then the old school got swept away — just like most everything useful when people started thinking that things wasn't good unless they were bigger and fancier. I'm not so sure we don't need those little schools like that again, even today."

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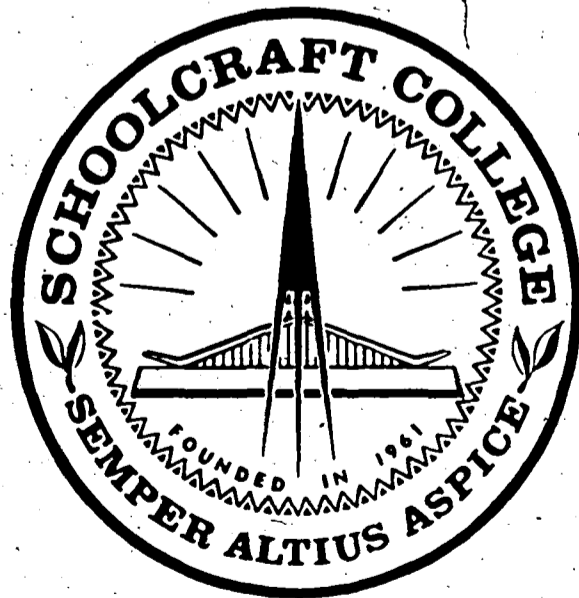
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# Henry Ford took special pride in Cherry Hill

BY JOHN TOBIN

The W. E. Hennels Building on Cherry Hill Road near Ridge Road now sits empty and a bit forlorn as it waits for new tenants. Sporadically, a potential buyer shows interest in the almost 60,000 square-foot facility in its near idyllic rural setting.

But invariably interest wanes at the disclosure that the building lacks water and sewer lines. So the building still sits, vacant, the target of an occasional thoughtlessly hurled rock.

Forty years ago, the scene was quite different. Inside a freshly scrubbed building on well-landscaped and maintained grounds, a visitor would have heard the humming and thumping of machinery, and seen men hard at work, confidently tending to their machines, turning out small auto parts.

A closer look would have been revealing: one man with an empty sleeve pinned to his shoulder, another man peering through heavy lenses at his work, and yet another man with an odd, half-vacant look in his eyes.

This was definitely no ordinary assembly line. And the man directly behind this path-breaking operation was definitely no ordinary man: it was Henry Ford.

While Henry Ford revelled in his public life as much as any self-made man, he also had a visionary and experimental side. At Cherry Hill, Ford was able to combine parts of two of his ambitions: to bring industry to rural areas in little "village industries", and to provide meaningful employment and dignity to the handicapped war veterans.

The Cherry Hill plant was the last of Henry Ford's now forgotten village industries experiment. Ford, mindful of a boyhood spent in the drudgery of farm labor, believed he could eliminate rural poverty and bring some of the benefits of industrialization to farming areas by locating small factories there.

Typically, Ford was anything but haphazard in his plan. His village plants were to be defined and sited according to sound business logic, and would be an integral part of Ford operations, producing sub-assemblies of products manufactured at larger facilities.

There is some debate over how many village plants were actually built, since not every plant conformed to all requirements for a village industry. The usual count for southeastern Michigan is, however, around twenty. For the most part, they were located on the Huron, Rouge, and Saline Rivers.

During World War II, Cherry Hill became the site of the last and perhaps the most unique of the village industries. In 1943, Ford bought the Wilson dairy and 175 acres at the intersection of Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads. Opened in 1944, the plant was the very last of the village industries related to automobile production.

Most residents knew little about the plant at the time. Their mystification is understandable since, unlike other village plants, it employed no local farmers and Ford officials were tight-lipped about operations.

The plant, in fact, employed disabled war veterans. News about the plant was deliberately scarce: Mr. Ford was determined that these men be left in peace from curious and prying reporters.

Mr. Ford was truly grateful to these men who had suffered physically and mentally from the war. He was therefore adamant that there be no publicity whatever. He had no interest in cultivating a good image in the newspapers, rather he wanted these veterans to be allowed to work and be rehabilitated out of the glare of publicity.

While Mr. Ford's rectitude was admirable, the unfortunate result is that there is little archival material on the Cherry Hill Factory.

It is known that on May 19, 1943, Ford purchased 175 acres at the southwest corner of the intersection of Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads in the very heart of the village. Only

14.5 acres would be used for the plant and its grounds. The remaining acreage would eventually become a tractor proving grounds.

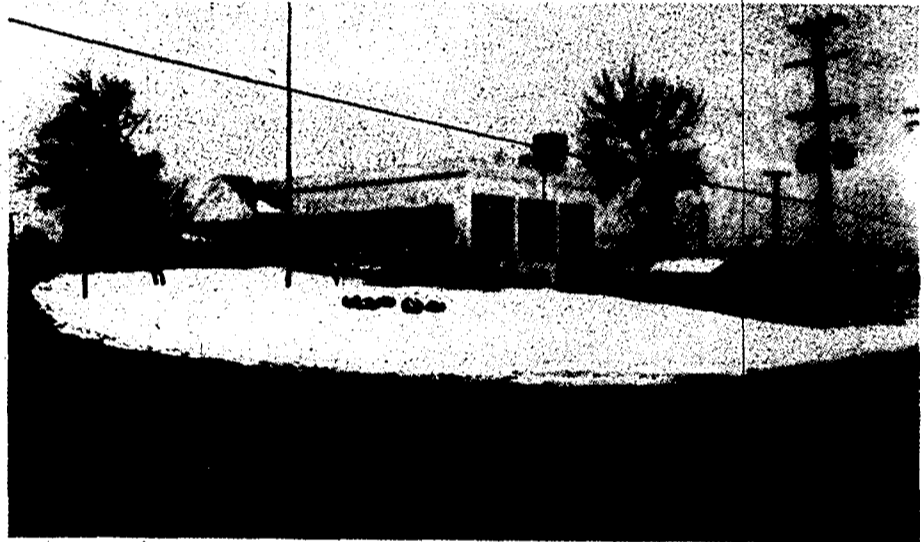
It is not known whether Ford moved its operations directly into the Wilson Dairy milk station, relocated the building to its current site, or moved the dairy building for use as a dormitory and built a new plant at the present site.

Whatever happened, by the time the plant opened there were two buildings on the site; one, a cinderblock structure to the south of the plant, a dormitory for the employees. The dormitory, a 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-story structure built into the side of a hill, was only slightly smaller than the plant building itself, which was 3,100 square feet.

The plant apparently employed about thirty men, most of whom lived on the premises, and a cook and a small staff. The plant was unique in its work force composed almost entirely of disabled World War II veterans.

Ford recruited disabled veterans from military hospitals, notably the hospital in Battle Creek. Veterans with all disabilities were hired, including those with mental disturbances, especially among former prisoners of war.

The plant was not set up to be an end in itself, nor was it intended as a "make-work" operation to provide a form of



HENRY FORD operated a village industry at Cherry Hill in the 1940's. Site presently owned by Hennel's Company. Courtesy Dorothy West.

charity for its employees. The purpose of the plant was to provide training for the men and to prepare them for more demanding employment in other parts of the company.

The plant is known to have produced ignition components and door locks. The plant also machined brass radiator parts.

Mr. Ford took special pride in the Cherry Hill plant. He saw to it that, even in the midst of rationing and shortages, the men had steaks and butter and quality foods of description. He made it a point to drop by occasionally with his grandsons and a retinue of company officers. Ford, his entourage, and the employees were fed in the dormitory dining room on six large picnic tables.

The producing part of the plant closed in 1945, around the end of the war. It is possible that the Ford Motor Company was simply following the trend towards more efficient plants. Ford himself died in 1947.

The plant changed hands several times in subsequent years. It was owned successively by Extruded Hinge, Young Spring and Wire, Lus-Trus, and, in 1969, the William E. Hennels Company, the current owner, which ceased operations around 1980.

Although the plant's days as a full-fledged industrial site seem to be over, its place in local history may be restored beginning in Canton's Sesquicentennial year. Canton's Historical Society and the Township are working on preliminary plans which envision the building as an integral part of a historic district. In this way, Canton would honor a little known but admirable social experiment by the complex and fascinating Father of the Automobile.



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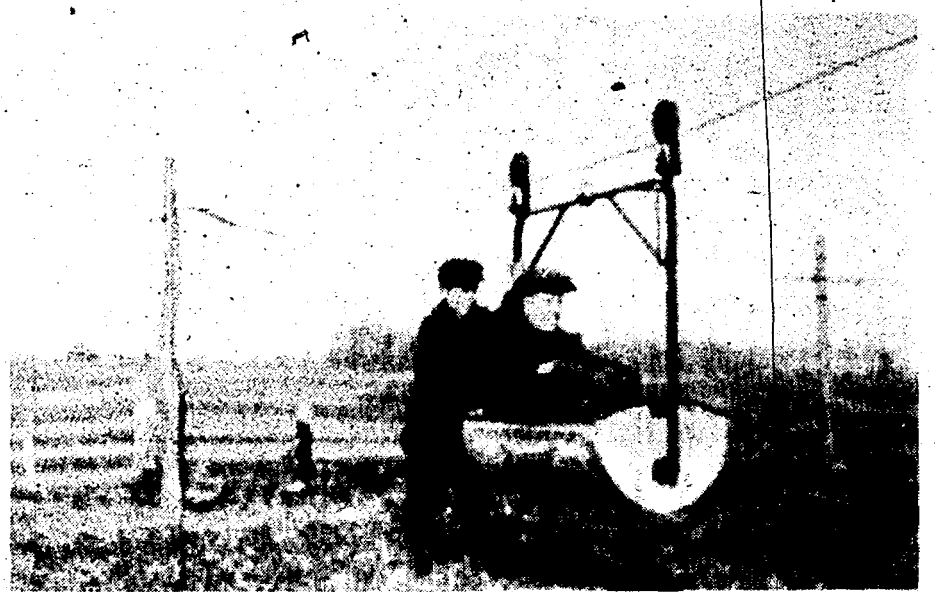
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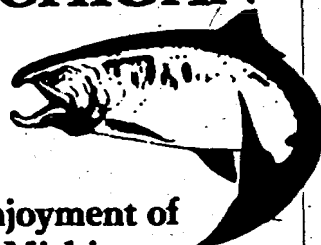
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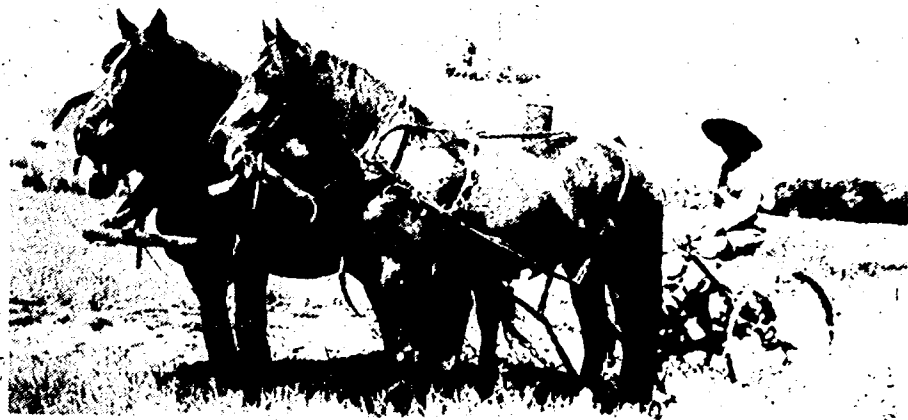
# How Canton farming changed

Agriculture in Canton has changed a great deal over the township's 150 year history. What began as a subsistence existence has become a big, profitable business. Unfortunately, the farmer's role has also changed. For generations they represented the dominant lifestyle in Canton but now comprise a retreating minority in the face of massive infusions of urbanites from other areas. Many people feel that farming will not be viable in Canton in the future. But that would not diminish the already established importance of agriculture to the community's heritage.

The first settlers reached the area, then part of Plymouth Township, in 1825 after the opening of the Erie Canal. Most early pioneers were from the New York-New England area. A sampling of a few of the easterners who settled in Canton follows: Rosewell Root, Connecticut, 1825; Archibald Murray, New York, 1826; John Patterson, New York, 1826; John Huston, New York, 1833; and William Hannan, New York, 1833.

Canton's heritage, however, has also been enhanced by the arrival of settlers from other parts of the world. Some of these immigrants were Christopher Hasselbach, Germany, 1853; Richard West, Ireland, 1863; and Charles Morton, England, 1870. In later years, as the township grew, the community experienced an influx of new residents from other parts of Michigan as well as from regions of the United States outside the New England-New York area.

Canton, like most of Michigan, was a forest wilderness in 1825. The first task before the pioneers was the clearing of the land. This was a monumental task that tested the will and determination of the farmers. Then came the



JOHN GERST uses horsepower to turn an early Canton field. Courtesy Flora Thorman

"breaking", literally breaking up roots and grubs in the fields. This work was done with a wooden plow and a team, either horses or oxen. Finally the farmer could get down to the real work, the day to day struggle in the hot fields during the planting, growing, and harvesting seasons.

Their efforts were rewarded with a reprieve in the winter months. This was the season when people had some time to enjoy friends and neighbors. Sleigh rides were common in Canton as were Saturday evening socials. But winter wasn't all play. This was maple sugar time and it was the season for cutting wood and slaughtering. The early farmers life was never easy. But they persevered in the certain knowledge that they had chosen a good place to settle.

Once the land was cleared the township was ideally suited for agriculture. Most of the area consisted of a clay loam soil which was very productive for farming. Also the township was endowed with several overflowing springs which supplied the farmers with more than enough water for their needs. So, out of the wilderness emerged the typical

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# Farmland preservation fails twice at polls

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checkerboard landscape so familiar in midwestern agricultural areas.

For the first century or so general farming dominated Canton. This was diversified farming. Cows, pigs, chickens and a number of other animals were commonplace. A variety of crops were grown. Corn was important since it could feed both man and beast. But wheat was the most important cash crop.

This changed in the mid 1930's. From that point on the trend from general to specialized farming was evident in Canton. Also during that period dairy farming came into its own. Due to Canton's central location dairy products could easily be provided to larger neighboring communities. Dairy farming was short lived in the community. Specialized farming continues to the present, but has caused many farmers to go under.

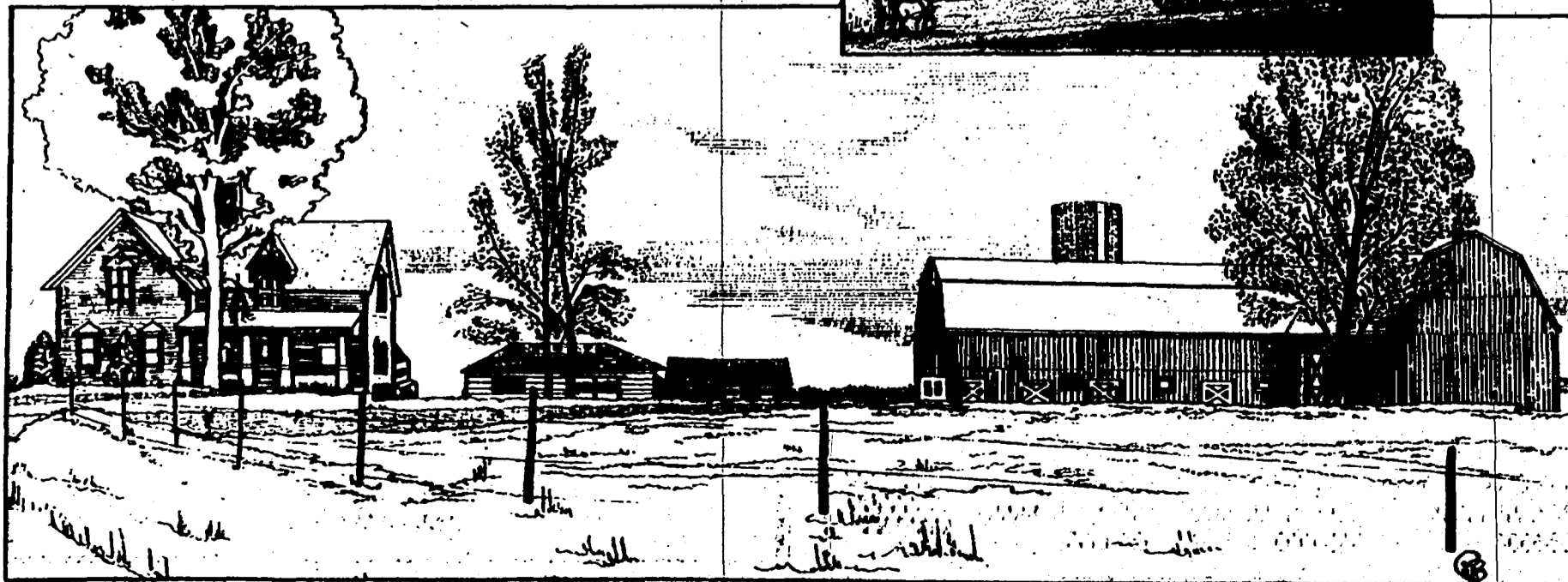
The dairy industry has become greatly mechanized and the equipment is expensive. Also a good deal of money is required to meet the tough sanitary standards involved. Finally, the dairy farmer faced the major problem of all area farmers, high taxes which made farming unprofitable. The combination was too much and most dairymen went out of business. Today the Gill farm remains the only major dairy farm in Canton.

Mechanization has hurt other farmers as well. Over the years great improvements in farm equipment have come in a fairly steady stream. One turning point may have been when Sears offered the "farmer's special". This included a Ford Model T car and truck and a Fordson tractor delivered to the farmer — all for \$1000. Since then advances have continued to the present, characterized by the huge combines and other vehicles rolling across Canton's fields.

These innovations vastly increased production. But they were expensive and they did not lend themselves to general farming techniques. This meant crop specialization. They produced more for market but lost a measure of self-sufficiency. Increased production did not necessarily mean increased profits because the equipment was so expensive to acquire and operate. Also more land was needed to make this equipment efficient so while some farms grew others decreased in size. Eventually modernization and specialization forced many farmers out of business. Many held on. But they were yet to face their severest test.

Urbanization has become the major problem. It has had a detrimental effect on farming all over the nation. The problem is most intense in places like Canton where prime farm land is threatened by urban sprawl. The situation is delicate because the need for expansion is also real. But the impact of growth on farming is disastrous. Even if a par-

**THE SKETCH OF THE GOTTS FARM** (below) on Ridge Road, reflects the simple beauty of a successful Canton farm. The sketch by Polly Richards Bradburn is found in "Time in Its Flight" by Madelyn Bastian.



ticular farm is not going to be engulfed the very existence of nearby developments causes the tax rate to go up to the point where it is no longer profitable to farm the land.

Canton was truly a rural community in 1960 with only 5,232 residents. Some growth occurred in that decade but

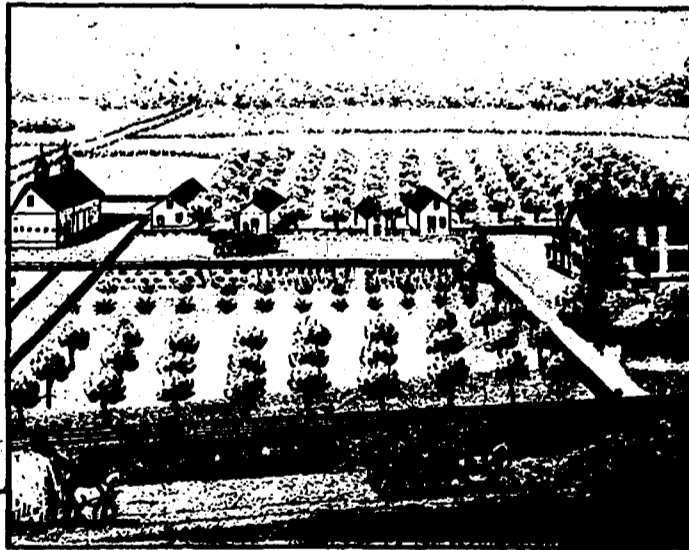


**LOCATED NEAR SHELDON and Warren roads, the Pattengell farm** appeared in the 1876 Wayne County Atlas.

the real population explosion came in the 1970's. By 1980 there were 48,616 residents in the township. There were more than forty separate subdivisions with over 10,000 lots. And there were nearly twenty apartment complex unit dwellings in the community. Most of this development has taken place in the eastern half of the township, and farming has been largely swept aside in that area.

Many of those farmers made good profits by selling their land but they had to give up a chosen way of life. The rapid growth in the eastern half of Canton alarmed many people and there emerged in some circles an anti-growth sentiment. Robert Greenstein, Township Supervisor in the mid 1970's, led the search for a means to deal with the problem. He and his staff came across a Michigan Department of Agriculture report that projected the state's agricultural needs to the year 2000 and sounded the alarm regarding the amount of valuable farmland being swallowed up by urbanization. Armed with that report the leaders of the anti-growth movement gained a clearer focus and started in a new direction.

Their new aim was farmland preservation. Greenstein set his staff to work on developing a viable plan whereby



**THE HANFORD ESTATE** at Hanford and Ridge Roads lent its name to the familiar road. From 1876 Wayne County Atlas.

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# Will farming remain?

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agricultural lands in Canton could be preserved for the future food security of the community and even the state. They studied a number of options and eventually decided that a program for the purchase of development rights to the land in question was the most viable and equitable solution.

Greenstein had explained in testimony before a Congressional committee the main problem facing Canton farmers. The issue was taxes. Because of the development in the area farmland was being assessed for its potential value if subdivided. The profit margin in farming is not high in good times and this added tax burden sent many operations into the red ink. The plan to purchase development rights would alleviate this problem.

Under the plan the township would purchase the development rights from the land owners involved. They would still own the land and would be compensated for the restrictions. But the total amount of development would be controlled so assessments could not increase.

Ironically, the western farmers were the main opponents of this plan. They viewed farming in Canton as already unfeasible and saw development as their way out. Many new residents were for the plan. They moved here for the semi-rural atmosphere and sought to maintain it. Also they had witnessed dramatic tax increases to pay for newly created services in the east. They did not want more of the same to finance the west. Indeed, this was a strong selling point for the program.

There were, however, opponents to the program. Some new residents realized the community needed an additional tax base in the west. Many farmers wanted out. And developers wished to develop the west. In the end, however, it was voter apathy that killed the program. It was first voted on in 1978 and had solid support even though it was defeated.



THE TRACTOR REVOLUTIONIZED FARMING in Canton. Newel Everley and Dick Kaiser tinker with their new machinery. Courtesy of Kaiser family.

Officials revamped it for three years and put it before voters again in 1981. They called it a "Do or Die" issue this time. It died. There was a very small turnout and among those who did vote the margin against the measure had increased significantly.

Township officials consider that the end of the farmland preservation plan and have been looking into potential development options for the western half of the township. The west has had a reprieve because of the recent recession. But the economy is picking up again and the next push will be to develop west of Canton Center Road. Canton has had an important agricultural past but its farming future is less certain. Perhaps Roy Schultz, an area farmer who recently retired, was right when he said "If there was a future in this, we would gladly turn it over" (to his son-in-law). Instead he sold his place to a developer. Perhaps there is no future for farming in Canton.



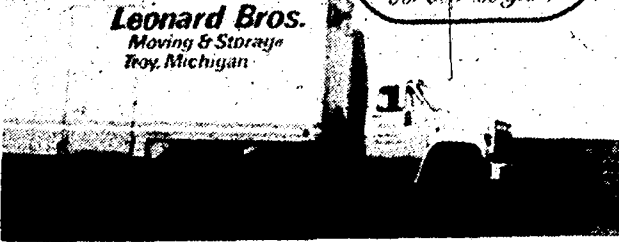
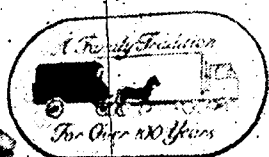
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## Several notables called Canton home

**SOLON GOODELL** was born in Superior Township in 1840. In 1860 he moved to Canton where he was a farmer and stock breeder. He served as a Republican state representative from 1895 to 1899. He was then state senator until 1903. He died in Canton in 1920.

**JOHN HAGGERTY** came to Canton from Dearborn and purchased the Carleton Tile Factory. He learned the trade and opened the famous Detroit Brickyard in his hometown in 1911. He had been a classmate of Henry Ford. As highway commissioner, Haggerty became a pioneer for good roads. Later he served as Michigan's Secretary of State for two terms, 1927-28 and 1929-30.

**BRADSHAW HODGKINSON** was born in Stafford, England. He was trained as a hatter, but took up farming when he came to Canton in 1837. He was a Democrat who served as Canton's supervisor from 1861 to 1873. During 1863-64 he also served as state representative from Wayne County.

**BENJAMIN W. HUSTON** was born in Rochester, N.Y. and came to Canton as a child in 1836. He was appointed Michigan's attorney general March 25, 1890 to fill a vacancy. In the next election, less than a year later, he lost that position.

**ARCHIBALD Y. MURRAY** was born in Wallkill, N.Y. He became one of Canton's earliest settlers when he moved here in 1826. He served as supervisor from 1836-38. He was a Democrat. He then served as state representative for two terms, 1843-44 and 1845-46. He died in Canton in 1865.

**DENNIS WILKIN** was voted Michigan Farm Bureau Outstanding Young Farmer for 1979. This award is based on management practices and agricultural achievement. In 1978 he finished fourth, and the county decided to run him again. Wilkin won in 1979 when he was 29 years old.

**ROSWELL ROOT** came to Canton in 1825 and was one of the township's earliest settlers. He was a justice of the peace from 1826 to 1860. He also served as state representative in 1841. He was a Whig, but changed to the Republican Party in 1860. He died in Canton in 1873 at the age of 93.

**TIMOTHY SHELDON** was another early settler. He established himself in the village that would bear his name in 1826. He held a variety of political offices culminating in his election in 1839 as state representative. He was a Democrat until the Civil War, when he became a Republican. He died in Canton in 1869.

**JOHN SMITH** not THE John Smith, but an interesting fellow anyway. Smith is Canton's only bonafide recluse. In the occupation column of the 1850 census, he is listed as a "hermit." According to the census taker's notes at the bottom of the standard form, he "lives in a state of seclusion in the woods, five miles from any other inhabitant, without any known occupation or calling."

**LOUIS STEIN** was Canton's Supervisor from 1953 to 1965. It was during his administration that Canton became a Charter Township. In those years, too, the water and sewage arrangements were made that allowed for future growth in the township. In the early 1950s Stein was actively involved in the creation of the Michigan Township Association. This association has done a great deal to professionalize township government in the state. It has both educational and lobbying functions. Stein was also one of that organization's early presidents.

**AMOS STEVENS** was born in Sangerfield, N.Y. and came to Canton in 1831. He was a farmer by occupation and a Democrat in politics. He held many local elected positions, including that of Canton supervisor in 1845. He served as state representative in 1849. He died in Canton in 1876.

## Canton Township has always been newsworthy

From the arrival of the pioneers in the 1830's to the building boom of the past decade, the quiet community of Canton has generated its share of news. That news has been recorder and interpreted by several area newspapers.

The first newspaper to serve the Canton Township area was the Belleville Enterprise, a local weekly established in March of 1886 by Roscoe C. Begole in partnership with A. E. Smith.

In 1892, Smith, now full owner of the paper, added the Willis Times and the Romulus Roman to his business.

In April of 1925, the Romulus and Belleville papers merged to become the Enterprise-Roman. This publication covered Canton happenings for decades.

In 1945 the Enterprise-Roman was purchased by Ray Clift, who in 1950, in partnership with Lewis Robson, formed Associated Newspapers.

Following Robson's retirement in the late 1950's, Robson's interest transferred to Wes Willett. By 1969, Associated Newspapers publications included the communities of Wayne, Westland, Canton, Belleville, Romulus, Inkster, Garden City, Livonia and Plymouth.

The Associated Newspapers operated the first newspaper in the Canton area which actually featured the Canton name in its masthead - the Canton Eagle. The Canton Eagle presently serves the Canton community under Associated Newspaper owner David Willett.

Canton activities were also closely followed by the Plymouth community, where the Plymouth Mail, predecessor to the Plymouth Observer published its first edition on September 16, 1887.

The Mail was founded and edited by J.H. Steers who was succeeded by the Samsen and Eaton families. In the early 1860's, the Mail was purchased by Paul Chandler, founder

of the Livonia, Plymouth, Westland, and Redford Observers. Sterling Eaton later regained ownership of the Mail when financial hardships beset Chandler.

The next owner, Russell Strickland, sold the Mail along with the Farmington Enterprise to Phillip Power in 1965. Power also purchased the Observer papers from Myra Chandler, Paul's widow.

Chandler merged the Mail and Observer which operated out of what is now the Growth Works building on Main Street in Plymouth. Eventually, the word "Mail" was eliminated from the masthead, and the publication presently operates as the Plymouth Observer.

Noting the rapid growth of the area, Power foresaw Canton's need for its own newspaper, and a zoned edition of the Plymouth Observer was created. The Canton Observer celebrates its tenth anniversary this year.

The newest paper in the Canton area is The Community Crier, launched by Mark Warshauer and John Foley. The first edition of the Plymouth Community Crier was issued on February 5, 1974.

In October, 1974, W. Edward Wendover, who had then resigned as editor of the Plymouth Observer & Eccentric, bought out Warshauer and later Foley.

The Crier dropped "Plymouth" from its name to reflect the growing importance of Canton to the community as a whole. Later, the publishing corporation was renamed The Plymouth-Canton Community Crier and also marks its tenth anniversary this year.

In preparation for the Canton Sesquicentennial, the Sesquicentennial Committee contracted with The Crier and Comma, its graphic and printing division, to issue a special Time Capsule edition. This commemorative edition features 150 years of Canton history.

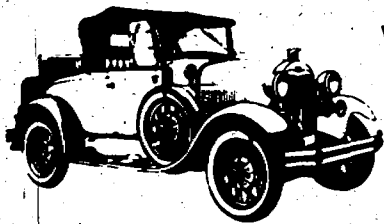
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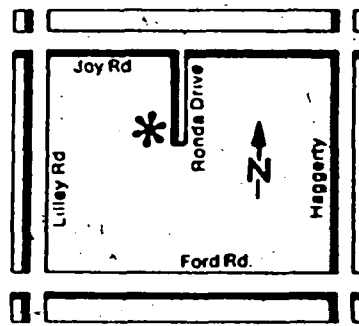
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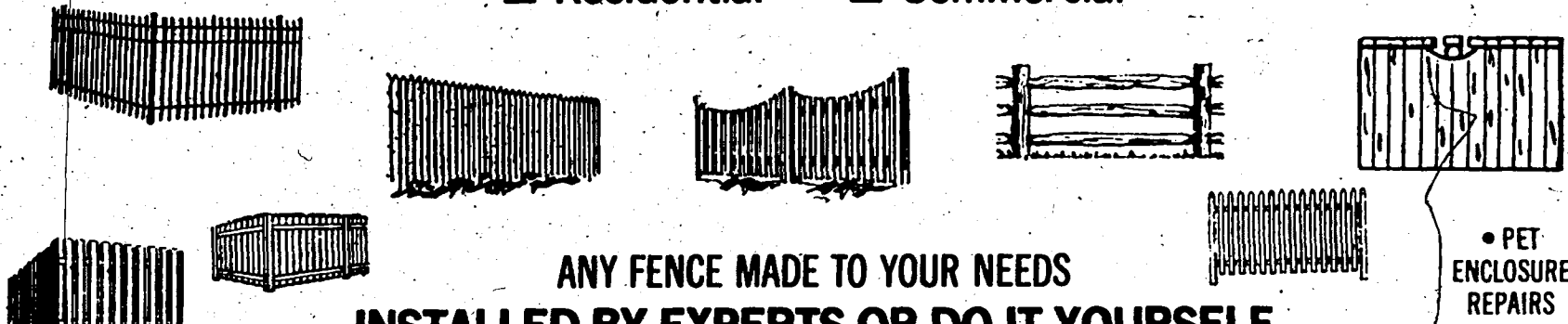
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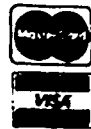
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This Time Capsule Edition, published by Canton Township's Sesquicentennial Committee, was the work of many minds and hands.

It's actual planning started in the Summer of 1983 as a combination Historical Project and Fund Raiser for the 150th year celebrations.

The Sesquicentennial Committee accepted the idea and authorized Jim Kosteva to begin assembling historic information and photos, Frank McMurray to organize advertising sales and W. Edward Wendover to synchronize production and publishing.

Gathering historical data began in the Fall of 1983 when Kosteva was joined by John Tobin, a Canton resident who had earlier researched history here for his master's degree, and Diane Wilson, a Van Buren resident who co-authored the history of her community "Water Under the Bridge." Both Tobin and Wilson are Eastern Michigan University students.

Advertising sales started in the Fall as well, with a committee organized by McMurray. Joining him were: Bart Berg, Jane Jager, Ed Rasmussen, Frank and Joan Chakrabarty, Dorreen Mullins, Marilyn Eddy, Richard Thomas, Phil Meloche, and Jane Finkle.

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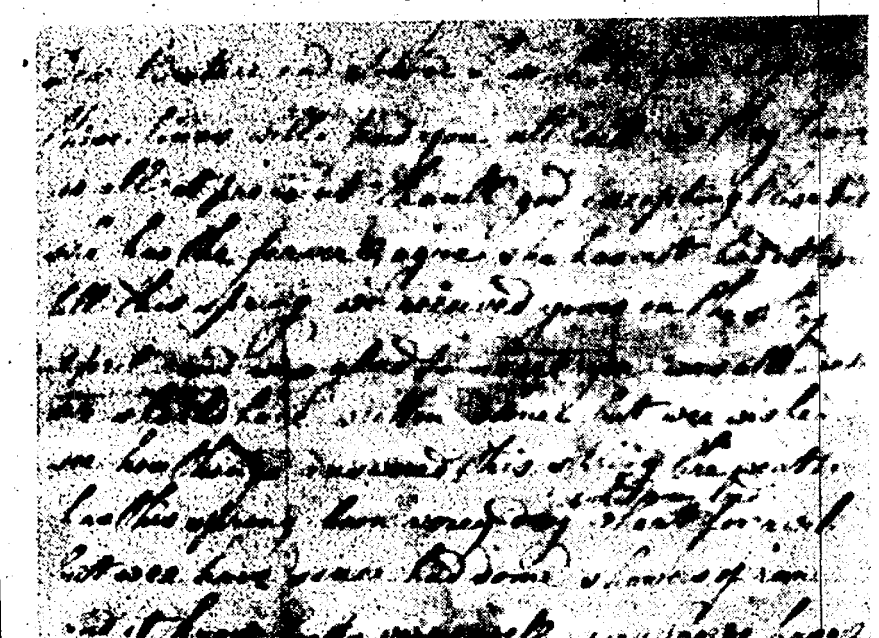
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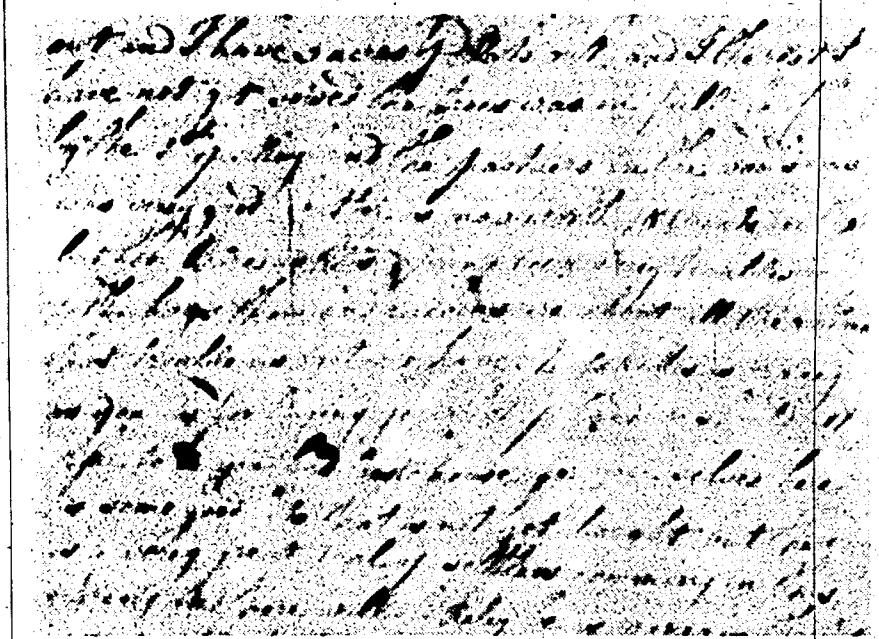
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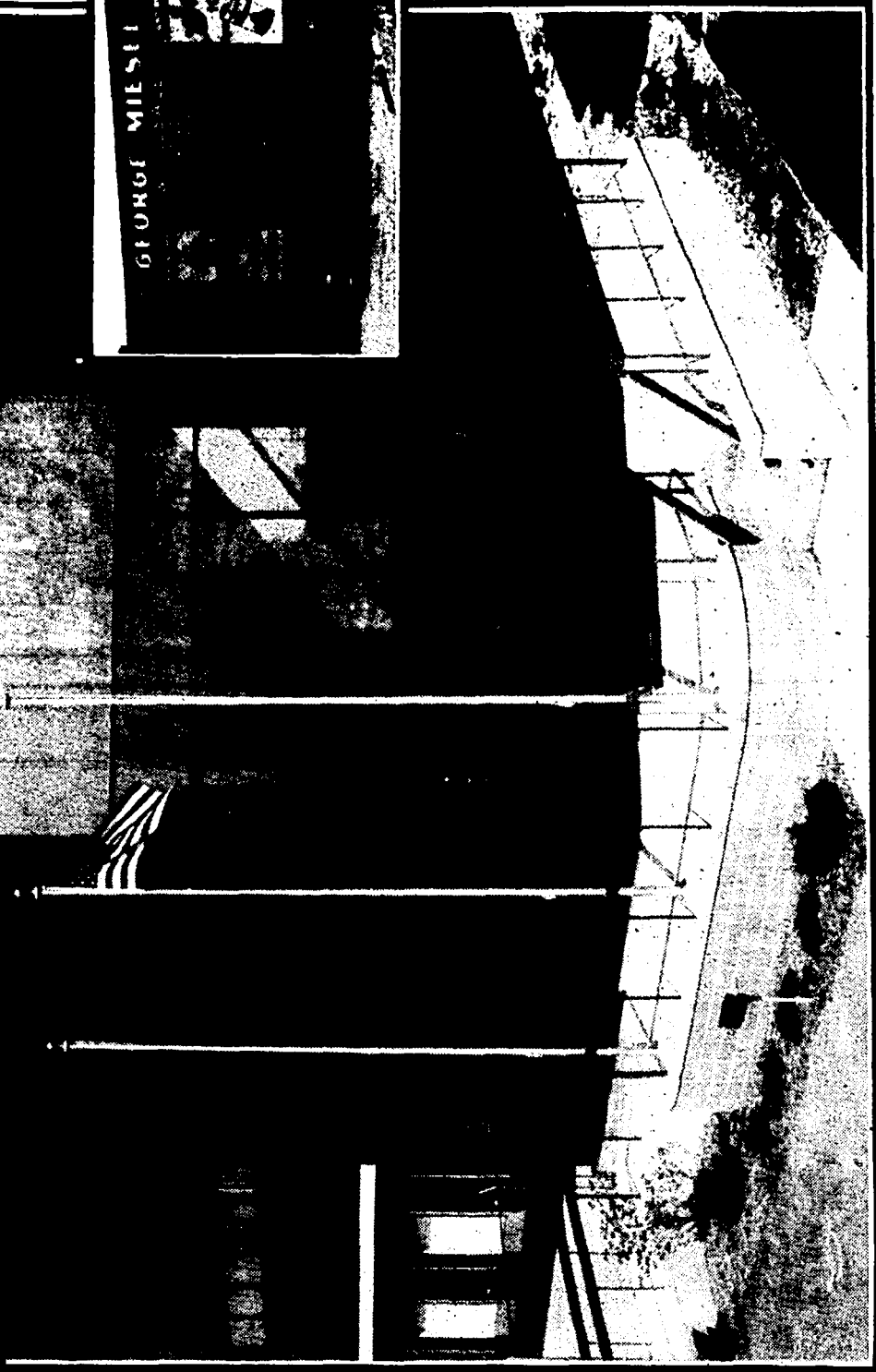
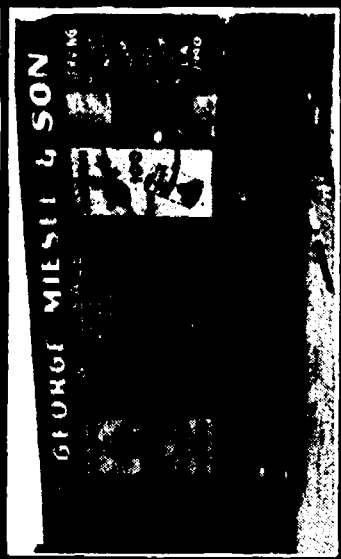
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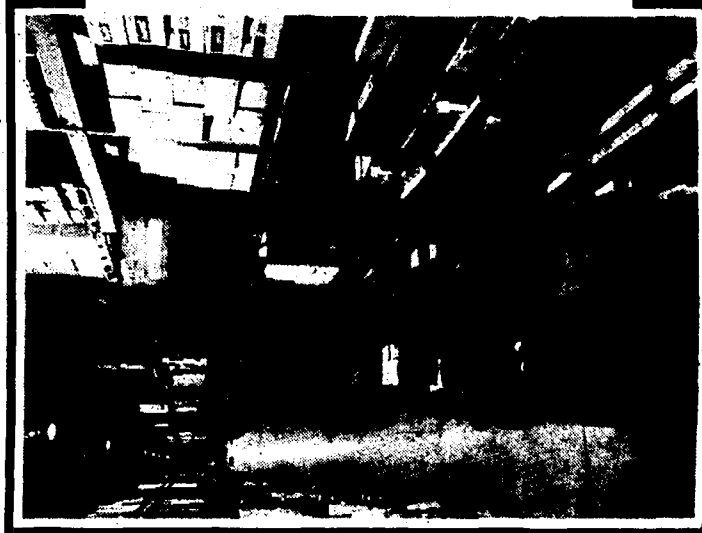
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## *A visit to Canton in 2034: indelible memories*

BY JIM KOSTEVA, Canton Planner

It was May, 2034. We were traveling back home to Cincinnati after our weekend respite in the Traverse-Mackinac resort center. The areas' natural vibrancy refreshed me after two months of virus-free medical research in space.

Possibly as a reminiscent gesture or maybe just out of fatigue, Rebecca suggested we stop in Canton, the place we both knew as children. "We haven't been back there in years," I said. So, after agreeing, I reprogrammed our CTV, and my thought immediately turned to Grandpa. When he wasn't showing off his flowers, Grandpa would take us for drives in his old gasoline car and talk endlessly about the paths of Indians, Henry Ford and sweet corn in the summer. But we were children then, just children, and we took his words as ancient mumblings. As we coursed the tracks of the 275 express, I began realizing just how indelible those memories had become.

Our Compatible Track Vehicle then announced that I would regain manual control in three minutes at the Ford Road interchange. The trip from Mackinac had taken only two hours.

With the exception of the housing towers dotting the major corridors, Canton had not experienced much housing construction since the 2010's. Away from the interchange, we spotted the neighborhoods which largely blended into one another, but had grown stately in their own way, although at first glance the homes appeared dated, inside, families were in touch with the world. Business transactions, education and even medical care began and ended in each communication den. The self diagnostic and treatment programs were the most phenomenal, bringing the world's best physicians into homes via micro chips and phone lines.

Many local businesses had become those pre-ordered pick-up places for anything and everything. Although home computer ordering schemes had cut the number of small merchants deeply, almost all of the plazas had put on larger, new architectural faces and many were connected. Surprisingly, the old Meijer building was still visible under the shroud of its new distribution center with its own track link to the 275 express.

The wide roads with a through track in each direction gave way to those in the western half and in typical fashion most roads here were with programmable track. The next view staggered me as sweet corn green had given way to a cedophane green. The remaining farms were large low greenhouses now, not only with radiation traces from the

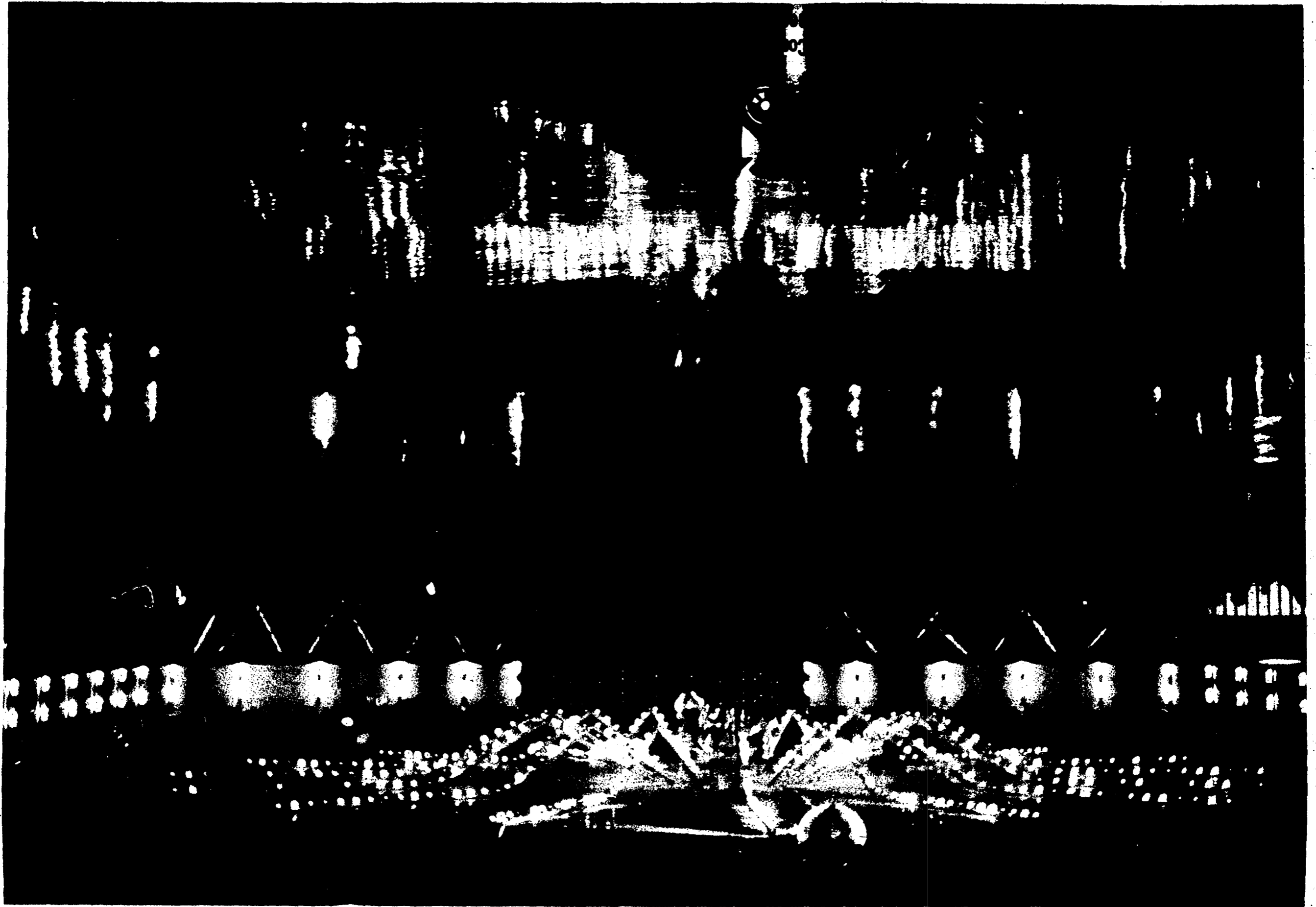
Greater Asian War still being detected with the regular host of contaminants, the recent move to agribubbles made sense. The hunger of three and one half billion people helped initiate the war and the indiscriminate explosions only hastened the enclosures and strict land protection policies. Though long expected, the deadly blasts shook the world back to its senses and into a production tailspin from which we had yet to emerge.

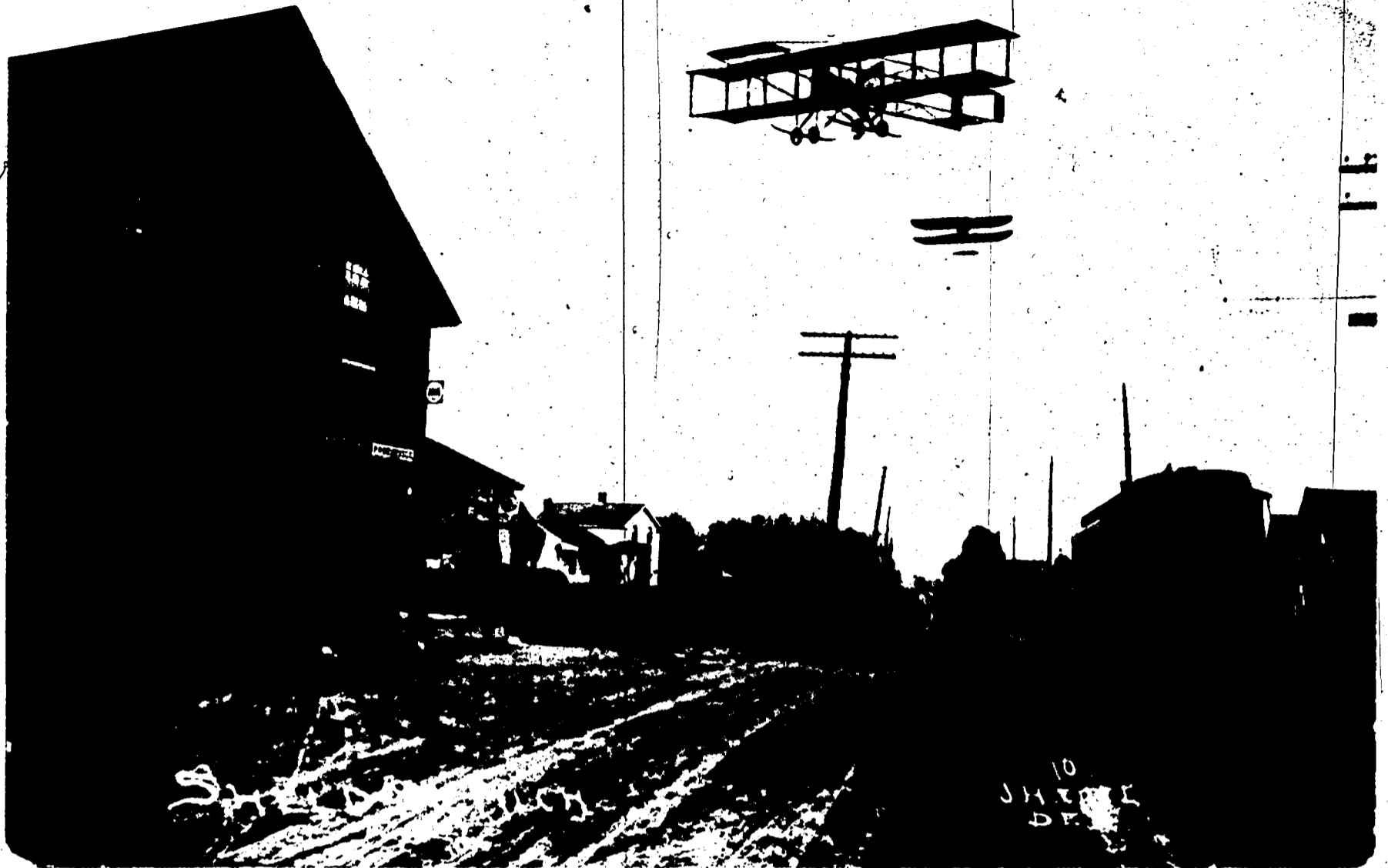
Traveling southwesterly, we received such a treat! Much of the Cherry Hill settlement was still there, but the sleek movements of our CTV made us feel out of place. The buildings were better kept than ever and had become popular as a rare mecca for homemade goods.

As we bumped along an older road, we spied children playing on a field I remember as much larger. It was strange to see them outside without protection suits, the recent alert having temporarily been lifted. They were laughing and running, busy with their games, echoing how we used to race around Grandpa's wooden barn. Continuing on, we drove past the old Township hall. Once graced with specimen trees and now a regional resource library and art center, it looked stark and weathered. The unprotected timbers had weakened in our recent environmental debacles. Only the roof glistened as light reflected a small set of solar mirrors. Local government operation had been transferred to the Western Wayne Enclave 20 years ago. The resistance to the Enclave had been as great here as to regionalism was throughout the country. But when individual communities folded under the pressures of service costs and infrastructure replacement needs, there was new viability in joining together.

Moving south of the road that Grandpa said once carried Sauk, stagecoaches, and Studebakers we were taken aback by the massive parabolic mirror energy station that stretched for more than a mile. Its power lighted the towers as dusk turned to night.

My own dusk was turning to night and I became entranced with my own mortality and the things that had changed since those sunny days with Grandpa. I saw once again those roads not taken, the paths toward peace and pure air. But now I as a grandfather was determined to treat my daughter's son to those entrenched memories of Indian trails and sweet corn, of settlements and subdivisions. And note for him that in fact all of the paths were still here.

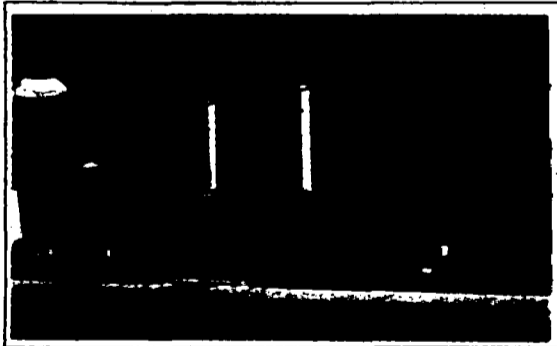




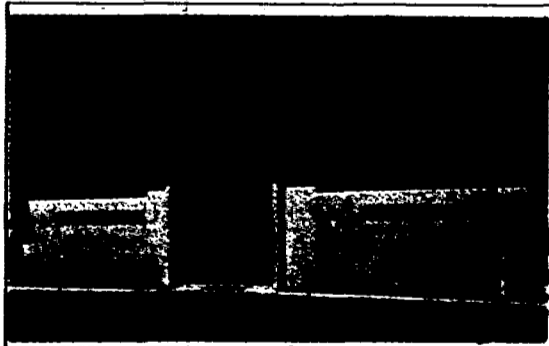
THE SETTLEMENT OF SHELDON was the setting for this photograph believed taken about 1910 or 1911. Were the biplanes superimposed in the shot over the Inter-Urban Trolley? Canton's first post office at left became the township's first

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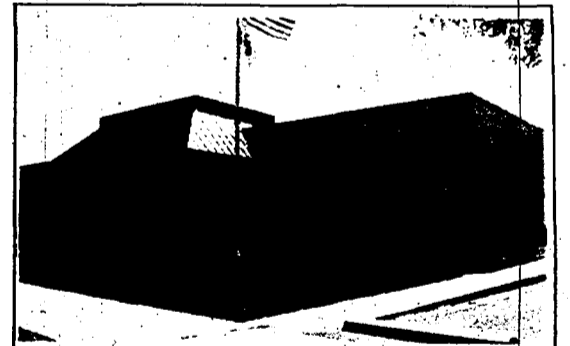
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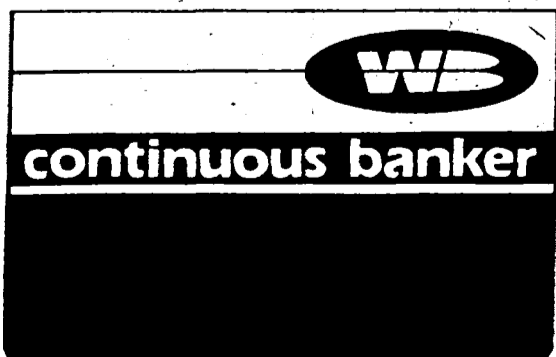


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