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Winter blitz

Tony Barraco, 15, and Eric Lesniak, 14, of Plymouth, find the going tough Monday as they try and cross Main Street during the snow shower which blanketed the area. Nearly seven inches fell, causing traffic tie ups, accidents, and snow ball fights. (Crier photo by Chris Farina)

A Canton art-SCULPT — ist wants to put a bronze sculpture in the fountain of Kellogg Park. City officials are looking into the idea. See page 3.

The trickle is something felt by all the businesses in The Plymouth-Canton Community. Ed Wendover takes a look at the "growth" of the trickle-down in his column. See page 6.

Salem graduate Dave Houle will see action in the Rose Bowl on Friday, Jan. 1. Houle has had an interesting career as a Spartan. See page 28.

Gansler snubs Green BY PAUL GARGARO Planning Commission Co-Chairman

Gregory Green recently learned that he will not be back in City Hall next year as a member of the Plymouth Planning Commission.

Shuffled out

To his surprise, Green discovered that he had not been reappointed following the Dec. 21 City Commission meeting during which Mayor Karl Gansler submitted his recommendation for reappointments and appointments to various Plymouth boards and commissions.

The City Commission voted unanimously in favor of Gansler's recommendations. Dave Opple and William Leonard were both reappointed to the Planning Commission, while Kay Hage and Ken Christensen recieved Planning Commission appointments.

"They reappointed Opple and Leonard and shuffled me out," said Green. "I expected to be reappointed. I worked hard and had the support of the other commissioners to be the new chairman.

"It's frustrating. I just hope that they don't do something like this to other commissioners," said Green. "It will be interesting to see. This board will be pretty inexperienced with the two new faces and with Linda Radke leaving in March."

"The choice was a personal preference by the new mayor," said Gansler. "I also made some changes on two other boards."

Responding to Green's allegations

that the 1988 Planning Commission will be inexperienced, Gansler countered by citing that "Christensen is familiar with the (Planning)

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Greg Green

Commission because of his work on the the Zoning Board of Appeals and because he sat on it at one time.'

Gansler also expressed little concern over the inexperience of Kay Hage. He said, "Everyone has to start sometime."

"Green had been on for two terms," said William Robinson, a City Commissioner and a former mayor. "In the past I generally wouldn't reappoint someone after two years. It's good to get new faces in there."

Other reappointments included: John Egan and Dianne Kimball to the Zoning Board of Appeals; Graham Liable to the Municipal Building Authority; Harry Mast for the Board of Canvassers; Jack Wilcox to the Plymouth Tree Board; and Henry Graper, Jr., Ron Lowe, Ken Way, Dennis Bila, and Doug Miller to the Tax Abatement Committee.

Growth Works faces shrinking budget

BY KEN VOYLES

inc. in Plymouth might be just the doctor ordered to turn a pending monetary crisis into a test of community's support.

Less than three weeks ago Growth. Works President Stephen Harper sent a letter to nearly 1,600 individuals in The Plymouth-Canton Community seeking donations to help maintain the organization's program standards.

The loss of federal, state and county money may force Growth Works to

rely even more on private giving to A cry for help from Growth Works, continue services to youths in the community, said Har

"It was a far reaching effort," said Dale Yagiela, director of Growth Works. "Our first priority is money but any assistance we can get always helps.'

The Growth Works budget has been slowly shrinking since its all time high. of nearly half a million dollars in 1984. In 1985 the budget fell to \$398,000. It climbed back slightly in 1986 to

This year the group's unaudited budget estimate is just shy of \$368,000 54 per cent of that is from local government units (including the Plymouth Canton Community Schools) and another 25 per cent from the Plymouth Community Fund and United Foundation of Metro Detroit.

"We've done a pretty good job maintaining the services we offer while that's been going on," Yagiela said. "We want to continue to focus on

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Growth Works asks for support

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maintaining a high level of services."

Much of the shrinking budget is due to reduced federal money, said Yagiela, especially for job training.

Also Wayne County reduced money for a recently started diversion program from \$20,000 to \$13,000. It was originaly eliminated completely, said Yagiela, but some funds were made available after County Commissioner Susan Heintz's efforts to .

"We'll have to work on that one," said Yagiela, who has talked to Canton about picking up some Block Grant money. He also plans to discusss the matter with the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

And on top of that the school district was forced to make some cuts earlier this year following two Headlee Amendment waiver defeats. Those cuts hit Growth Works' Learning Options program very hard, said Yagiela.

"There isn't a lot of positive news that the program will continue after June," he said. The funds came from the district's Alternative Education program, which is being reviewed by a recently formed task force.

At one time Growth Works received nearly \$254,000 in federal funds, making up half of the organization's budget. Today those funds are down to a slim \$9,000.

While the federal funds dry up, local government units have increased their support of Growth Works. Three years ago local government money covered only 27 per cent of the budget. Today it's nearly 55 per cent.

"We started in 1971," Yagiela explained. "Our only support then was from the City of Plymouth. We then became a agency of the Community Fund in 1976."

In 1977, Growth Works linked with the school district, and in 1978 the outfit tapped into the federal dollars

"Over time other sources have evolved," Yagiela said, including grants. "At one point we were receiving significant federal funds."

In the early days, Growth Works also held a number of local fundraisers, but they rarely raised much money for all of the effort, said

"Now we're just going to have to begin looking at raising money ourselves again," he continued.

Growth Works planners are also

looking at the different services offered

to see if third party payments (mainly through health insurance) can be increased. The After Care program, for example, has been an out of pocket expense for Growth Works. That could

"We're really thin," Yagiela said. "Just look at our staff. We have one part time clerk for 11 people."

The biggest change, though, will be in the job training program. Much of the money once used to pay wages for youths in training has dried up, said

Home robbed

Residents at 45969 Greenway, in Plymouth Township, came home to an unwelcome holiday surprise late Monday morning when they discovered that they were the victims of an extensive burglary.

Township police suspect that the breaking and entering of the township home occured sometime between 10:45 a.m and 11:30 a.m.

The per strator, or perpetrators, entered the home through the rear door, said township police, and made off with a number of items including two VCR's, a Microwave oven, clocks, a camera, a number of ornamental figurines, and other items.

At this point, there are no suspects.

Wanted:

Canton trustee

BY DAN NESS

If you are at least 18 years old, a resident of Canton and a registered voter there, the Canton Board of Trustees may have just the job for you.

The board is looking to find another trustee, after Stephen Larson moved out of the community two weeks ago, leaving a vacancy on the board.

All interested parties should submit a resume and letter of introduction to the township clerk's office by 5 p.m., Jan. 7 to be considered by the board as a replacement trustee.

The term to be filled expires with the Nov. 3, 1988 elections. The clerk's office is at the Canton Municipal Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd.. Call 397-1000 for more information.



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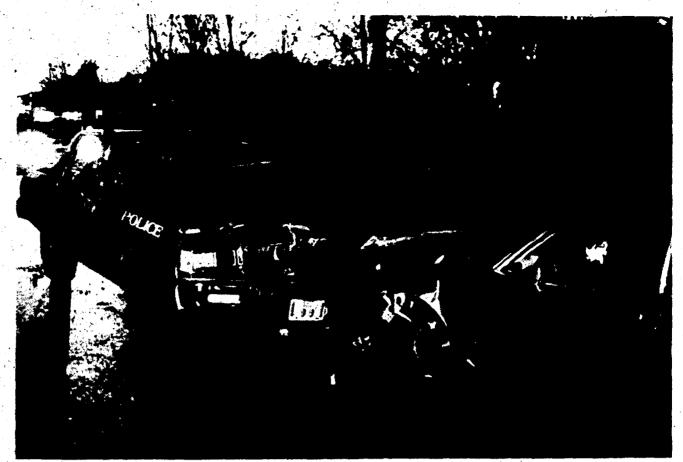
A man who said he was carrying dynamite robbed the McAuley Health Center in Canton on Dec. 21, according to Canton police.

The man took an undetermined amount of money and narcotics from the pharmacy at McAuley Health Center, according to Lt. Larry Stewart.

The armed robbery also resulted in an accident between a Canton police officer and a woman at the intersection of Joy and Lilley roads, Stewart said. Officer Ken Winkler was responding to the call when he was involved in an accident at the intersection of Joy and Lilley roads.

Winkler was "bounced around" in the car and treated and released from a local health center, Stewart said. The woman was also treated and released, Stewart said.

Police have no suspects in the robbery.



Cop crack-up

Canton police officer Ken Winkler was responding to an armed robbery call when he was involved in an accident on Joy Road.

Winkler, and the driver of the other car, were both injured. (Crier photo by Ken Voyles)

By Canton sculptor Rronzo pr

Bronze proposed for Kellogg Park

BY PAUL GARGARO

There's a man in Canton with an eye for art and an idea for Kellogg Park.

Joseph Nicola DeLauro, an accomplished sculptor and former professor of art at Marygrove College and the University of Windsor, made a beautiful proposition to the Plymouth City Commissioners at last week's meeting.

The proposition wasn't about rezoning or traffic solutions, instead, it revolved around a girl. A graceful young dancer with a swirling dress and flowing hair who lives in his very skilled hands and passionate heart.

Armed with photos of a completed

clay model of this vision and a list of professional accolades miles long, DeLauro proposed his idea for the commissioning of a seven foot bronze sculpture of a dancing young woman to be created by him and erected in the center of the Kellogg Park fountain.

"My wife and I go downtown in the summers to hear the band concerts and we always notice the kids and their families and the real joy and grace that's there," said DeLauro. "I've taken that idea of joy and transformed it into the human figure through sculpture."

Unfortunately, DeLauro's proposed bronze sculpture would cost the city

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Joseph DeLauro

between \$60,000 and \$70,000. DeLauro attributes the price to the high cost of copper which is used to produce bronze.

While city officials were impressed with DeLauro's idea and model, they remain doubtful about the adoption of the proposal,

"We would certainly support the idea, but there's no way that the city has that kind of money to spend," said Plymouth Mayor Karl Gansler.

DeLauro understands these concerns and remains hopeful that his dancing lady will someday grace the park with her presence. Funding, though, may have to come from outside donations and support from local groups dedicated to preserving the culture and improving the aesthetics in the community.

A well travelled and experienced artist, the 72-year-old DeLauro and his wife and fellow artist Dorothy Ann enjoy their retirement in the spacious Canton home, which seems like a quasi-museum with original works of sculpture and paintings on every wall and in every corner.

His ample collection of sculptures mirror his experiences and compliment his sensitive gift for creating impressions in mediums which range from wood, to concrete to bronze.

"My heart is in sculpture. I like form, three-dimensional form," said DeLauro. "I like to play with straight lines and diagonals and then integrate a curve into them."

Indeed, DeLauro's work has its own, very personal style. His work bears his own special trademark which is, perhaps, any artist's greatest success.

To talk with this man as he sits on his sofa it seems hard to believe that he is the one responsible for so many of the moving peices which adorn his home and so many churches and buildings in our area.

It's not that he is uninteresting. Far from it.

Rather, the calm that he exudes tends to camouflage the power of his talent. Perhaps it's the contentment that comes from creating such noteable works as the bronze "Holocaust" sculpture at the Jewish Community Center in Windsor, the marble "Pieta" which stands in the Archdiocese of Chicago, or maybe it comes from the simple bronze bust that he made of his father.

Regardless, DeLauro has assured himself, through years of work and creativity, a studio full of achievemni to be shared with his wife, his three children, and, perhaps, future visitors to Kellogg Park.



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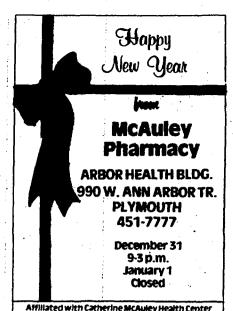
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 25, 1988, at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:30 p.m. on the following proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

Section 3.01 Definitions:

A building or group of buildings occupied as a more or less temporary abiding place for individuals who are lodged with or without meals in rooms consisting of a minimum of a bedroom and bath, occupied for hire, in which provision is not made for cooking, in which minimum of 50% plus one of the units feature exterior entrances, and which provides customary motel services, as maid service, linen service, telephone and/or desk service, and the use of furniture. The motel must also include a conference room or banquet facility capable of providing meeting accommodations for at least fifty (50) occupants in a single room. The conference facility may be attached or unattached to the lodging facility but must be developed simultaneously with the guest room accommodations. In addition, motels must include at least one of the following amenities.

1. An attached dining room with seating capacity for at least twenty (20) occupants at the same time, serviced by a full-service kitchen.

2. An unattached standard restaurant, as defined in this ordinance, with seating capacity for not less than fifty (50) occupants, located on the same site as the motel or on a site contiguous with the motel and developed simultaneously or in advance of the motel site.

Planning Commission Richard Kitchgatte, Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1988 at 7:30 P.M. AT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL LAND USE AS BROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 5.14 AND 16.03 OF THE CANTON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE.

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL THE USE OF MECHANICAL AMUSEMENT DEVICES BY SHOWBIZ PIZZA TIME, INC. TO BE L'OCATED IN C-3, HIGHWAY ORIENTED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL 7:00 P.M. AT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST MAY BE REQUESTED BY ANY PROPERTY OWNER OR THE OCCUPANT OF ANY STRUCTURE LOCATED WITHIN 300 FEET OF THE BOUNDARY OF THE PROPERTY BEING CONSIDERED FOR A SPECIAL LAND USE.

LINDA CHUHRAN TOWNSHIP CLERK

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT BY CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

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044-99-0009-001	4.75	044-99-0013-001	0:84
044-99-0010-001	9.52	044-99-0024-001	1.24
044-99-0011-001	4.76		
044-99-0012-001	4.76		
044-99-0017-001	4.78		

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, the Township Board is considering the making of public improvements described as follows:

Construction of an improved cross-section for the south bank of the Willow Creek between

Lilley Road and Haggerty Road.

| TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has tentatively designated the abovedescribed properties as a special assessment district against which at least a part of the cost of said

public improvements is to be assessed if such improvements are made.'

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing, the public improvements, the location thereof, and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been

filed with the Township Clerk, Canton Township, Michigan, for public examination.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board will meet on Tuesday, the 12th day of January, 1988, at 7:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, to hear objections to the public improvements, and to the special

assessment district therefore.

ACT 188, PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN, 1955, AS AMENDED, PROVIDES THAT SAID PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS SHALL NOT BE MADE WITHOUT PETITION IF THE RECORD OWNERS OF LAND CONSTITUTING MORE THAN TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OF THE TOTAL LAND AREA IN THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FILE THEIR WRITTEN OBJECTIONS THERETO WITH THE TOWNSHIP BOARD AT OR BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1988.

LINDA CHUHRAN TOWNSHIP CLERK

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Holiday campaign

Plymouth Police Chief Richard Myers, standing, and officer Richard Webster attach a ribbon to a squad car as part of the "Tie One On" program which was initiated in conjunction with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). The program involves affixing a red ribbon to the outside of a motor vehicle during the holidays to show support for an end to drunk driving. (Crier photo by Paul Gargaro)

P-C residents line up for SC trustee post

A Plymouth resident and two-Canton residents are among 17 candidates who will vie for an open seat on the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees.

Gordon Didier, of Plymouth, and Susan Kopinski and Ralph Richardson, both of Canton, are seeking the slot left vacant when Trustee Laura Toy resigned to accept a seat on the Livonia City Council.

The new trustee will serve until June 1989.

Didier, Kopinski and Richardson will be interviewed by the current Schoolcraft board this week along with the other candidates, many of whom come from Livonia, Northville and Garden City.

Didier has a law degree and a bachelor's degree in economics from

the University of Michigan. He also holds a master's in business from Inter-American University in Puerto Rico. He is a partner in a Detroit based law firm.

Kopinski is the Canton Township deputy finance director. She holds a bachelor's degree in public administration from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Richardson is a manager of wage and economic analysis with Ford Aerospace Communications Corp., in Detroit. He has a master's degree in education from Temple University as well as a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Pennsylvania.

Board members at Schoolcraft set the college's policy as well as review the budget each year.

Omnicom hikes basic service rate

Subscribers to Omnicom Cablevision's basic cable service are in for another rate hike.

In the past Omnicom, has raised its rates each January. This year will be no different.

Recently, Omnicom notified its customers that they will be billed an additional \$2.51 per cable bill.

Omnicom also announced that it will be making a new FM service available to its subscribers. The service will allow viewers to hear HBO, MTV, Cinemax, The Movie Channel, Showtime and local broadcast channels in stereo.

For those with stereo television, Omnicom has recently obtained equipment which will provide this service free of charge. Those who will need the stereo decoder will be required to pay a \$3.50 monthly service charge.

Viewers who currently have Omnicom's FM service are encouraged to contact Omnicom for their new decoder box. To: All Employees of the Plymouth-Canton Community School District

Thank you for an excellent year in 1987. May you and your families have a Joyous and Happy Holiday Season and Best Wishes to you for 1988.

Dean Swartzwelter Secretary, Board of Education





Community opinions

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Trickle down felt by all

In both the short and the long of it, growth in The Plymouth-Canton Community produced many changes in 1987 -- and will likely produce more of the same in 1988.

with Malice 'Yoward None



As a new large office or industrial building, a new subdivision or even a new large single-family home begins construction, it means more jobs within the community.

Some of those jobs mean new or additional

work to people already here.

A direct short-term effect of construction can be seen when Plymouth Concrete trucks roll more frequently down Junction Street, when the Roskelly-Jekabson wagons dart hither and yon, when Erik Carne is up to his eyeballs in blue prints, or when Dave Varga is busy painting condominium signs (see photo).

Indirectly, the lunch business at Karl's Restaurant picks up when the carpentry-masonry crews at work on the new large homes in Salem break for lunch.

The main construction of new businesses and homes is supplemented by an auxiliary building-decorating boom too. Ask Bob Goode, Nelson Wood or Dave Turk (of Man's Do-It, Fingerle-Hollister-Wood, Carter Lumber respectively) about the new commercial clients and about the wolmanized deck business. Jeff Jones or Chris Saxton (at Plymouth Nursery or Saxtons Garden Center) will tell you about the supplemental work the growth brings them.

Once the construction phase is completed, the long term effects of growth can be seen.

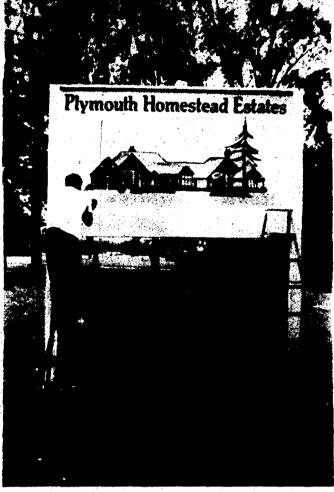
Plymouth-Canton Schools are building a new elementary school in Canton. More schools have been contemplated (even though the relatively-new Tanger School will be used for programs other than regular classes) -- a by-product of growth. Other governmental services must adapt as well.

And The Plymouth-Canton Community's business sector loves the long-term effects of growth.

A new industry-office like Highland Superstores' corporate headquarters locating on Sheldon Road means a lot more hash gets slung at Bode's Restaurant. (The Highland delivery trucks pack the lot there every morning.)

Or when American Yazaki opens it huge facility in Canton, it means that John Morano and Kay Arnold at Colonial Collision service more fleet cars.

Fred Hill sells more ties, Phyllis Redfern sells more ads and newspapers, Tom Bohlander sells more cars, Steve Mansfield and Mark Hyland sell



Growth in The Plymouth-Canton Community means "trickle-down" effects to local residents. Here, Plymouth Township Artist Dave Varga adds his touches to the Lorenz Properties condominiums on Ann Arbor Trail (Crier photo)

more flowers, Community Federal Credit Union and First National Bank open more accounts, Al Larson sells more art, Frank McMurray and Bruce Mirto sell more insurance, Oakwood Hospital sets more bones, Doug Swatosh sells more gasoline, and the list goes on as new employes and residents are welcomed to The Plymouth-Canton Community.

Thus most business folks welcome the growth.

But not all Plymouth-Canton Community citizens call "growth" by the name "progress."

Although the current level of residential growth is much slower than the housing boom of the 1970s which saw Canton's upheaval, the same political timebomb ticks slowly now although -- for the most part -- quietly.

The most notable exception to that ambivalence toward growth in 1987 was the Meijer Store proposed for Haggerty and Schoolcraft which drew significant well-organized opposition. But the economics of growth won out on even that issue

Growth marches on.

Its impact is surely to be felt in The Plymouth-Canton Community in 1988 as well — both in the short and the long of it.

Community opinions

Santa gives thanks

DITOR:

Santa says — a big thanks to The Community Crier — and to the following:

The Canton J. C.s, Frank Mc-Murray Canton, Gordon and Susan Wrenbeck, Easy Rider Bike Shop Canton, Greg and Mary Galto, Roman Forum Rest. Canton.

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GENE "SANTA" REAVES

Locals lauded for kindness

EDITOR:

My wife and I have lived in Plymouth approximately 16 months. We moved here specifically to start a new church.

The residents in Plymouth-Canton have been very helpful and encouraging in all our efforts. We have not had one single door slammed in our face (a few close calls) and no one has greeted us too rudely.

This is a tremendous compliment to the people of Plymouth-Canton and we wanted to publicly thank you.

It is comforting to know that MSU fans can peacefully coexist with loyal followers of that other college in Ann Arbor!

PHILLIP AND DIANA ROGERS
West Plymouth Community Church

Give support for art's sake

Somewhere else in this week's issue, I wrote about a sculptor from Canton named Joseph DeLauro.

It seems that DeLauro's got an artistic bug up his smock and wants to create a seven foot bronze sculpture of a dancing girl to be placed in the center of the Kellogg Park fountain.

But fear not, this idea for a sculpture is not the delusion of some old man who thinks he's got talent because he occasionally likes to dabble in paint or clay.

On the contrary. DeLauro's an accomplished artist, a student and professor of his trade and a creator with a capital 'C'.

DeLauro's has already captured the essence of his "dancing girl" in a scaled-down clay model. She cuts an impressive figure, twirling in a euphoria that DeLauro has modelled from the feeling that he and his wife, Dorothy Ann, find in the park during the summertime band concerts.

The Plymouth's City Commissioners were treated to a preview of DeLauro's ambition during last week's Commission meeting.

DeLauro's proposition came as an interesting surprise to the Commissioners. Photographs of the model were revealed and plans of the work's commissioning were discussed.

The last detail by Paul Gargaro

And then came the price quotation.

Due to the outrageous costs of copper, DeLauro has estimated that the cost of the project would be a mere \$60 to \$70,000-pocket change to certain worldly art mavens, but a serious expenditure for the City of Plymouth.

Therefore, it seems that the only viable route left for Joseph DeLauro and his "dancing lady" runs through the generosity of those Plymouth-Canton Community residents and organizations with a feeling and appreciation for artistic expression.

Not so long ago, Janet Campbell and Jo Hulce, both of Plymouth Township, put their collective heads together and sponsored a drive to raise the necessary \$60,000 for a "play" sculpture which now stands in the Township Park, doubling as a jungle gym/work of art.

It was a fine effort on their part and showed the willingness and of organizations like the Plymouth Community Arts Council, the R.A. DeMattia Company, the Ford Motor Company-Sheldon Plant, and the private sector to dress up our community with pieces of permanent beauty and wonder.

Some may confuse DeLauro's proposed effort with the upcoming Ice Sculpture Spectacular. Certainly, there can be no doubting the talent and creativity that goes into these frozen statues.

But despite their grandeur, they can't stand up to the warm sun of springtime. No matter how much time and effort goes in, they melt and fade away.

And when was the last time you saw bronze melt?

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EDITOR:

I am publicly enlisting the support of The Plymouth/Canton Community in locating the cowardly individual who fled the scene of the accident he caused on Saturday, November 28, 1987 at 10:15 am at the corner of Harvey and Penniman.

As I was heading south on Harvey entering the Penniman intersection, a light beige Cadillac (or other large 4-door domestic car) proceeded through the red light, turning right. While attempting to veer out of his way, I hit the back end of a car waiting to make a left turn. I believe the Cadillac clipped my rear fender from the light paint

marks left on it. The 50-to-60 year old couple in the Cadillac continued south on Harvey.

If any relative, friend or acquaintenance knows of the owner of such a vehicle please contact Officer Richard Webster of the Plymouth Police Department (453-8600) to report him.

It is extremely disappointing that this couple demonstrated such gutless behavior and lack of ethics which requires me to request public support in locating, and hopefully, embarrassing them.

They should be ashamed of themselves!

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Give peace another chance

EDITOR

A vision of Peace became a reality in Plymouth last August when the Michigan Peace March dedicated a Peace Pole to the City of Plymouth. The support and encouragement from the citizens demonstrated the strong feelings that we are all responsible in some way for peace in our lives and in the world.

Sometime in early November the Peace Pole was removed from the City of Plymouth. The Pole is gone but its absence will not remove the dedication to peace expressed by those present

last summer.

Something good happened in Plymouth last summer. Let us not forget why it happened and continue to "Wage Peace" in our daily lives.

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Friends & Neighbors

Dreaming white --2 tons of the stuff

"I'm dreaming of a white Christ-

That's what Canton resident Elaine Lavander and her family did until they won the Guaranteed White Christmas contest sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Department.

Lavander was the lucky recipient last week of two and a half tons of snow, said Bob Dates of the Canton Parks and Recreation.

The white stuff was dumped on the Lavander front lawn and neighbors and parks and recreation personnel chipped in to help spread it around.

"There was a big crowd there when we dumped it," Dates said. "A lot of them were kids waiting to take advantage of the snow."

Lavander also won a copy of the late Bing Crosby's "White Christmas"

This year was the fifth time Canton

sponsored a white Christmas contest. Snow has been delivered to residents in three of those five years:

Meanwhile winners in the first Canton Christmas Home Decorating contest were also named last week.

The winning home? A Canton dwelling at 3775 S. Canton Center Road. Second place went to a home at 7683 Wheaton and third place went to a home at 6275 Beck Road.

There were also 10 honorable mentions this year.

Crier photos by John Grybas



Above, neighbor kids enjoy the man-made snow. Upper right, the two and a half tons are dumped. Right center, Elaine Lavander receives her copy of Bing Crosby's record from Bob Dates. Right, friends and family chip in to help spread the white stuff.





Tell it to Phyllis

By Phyllis Redfern

Freshmen Cathleen Farrell and Janai Stepp of Canton and junior Sean Budlong of Plymouth were among the 41 dancers who performed in Alma College's Orchesis Dance Concert. Farrell is the daughter of Paul and Lee Ann Farrell of Somerset Court. Stepp is the daughter of Sharon Stepp of Crestmont and the late John Stepp. Budlong is the son of Robert and Judith Budlong of Old Salem. All three are graduates of Canton High School.



Deborah Lynn VanHeyningen of Plymouth was recently named a Sarah Williston Scholar for her outstanding academic achievement during her freshman and sophomore years at Mount Holyoke College. She is the daughter of Pamela VanHeyningen of Denise Drive and Tom VanHeyningen of Brighton.



Tamara Budlong of Plymouth is now an associate member of Alma College's chapter of Beta Beta Beta (Tri-Beta), national biological honor society. A 1984 graduate of Canton High School, she is the daughter of Robert and Judith Budlong of Old Salem.



Edward Handyside, son of John and Mary Handyside of Lombardy in Canton, has entered the U.S. Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program, A 1987 graduate of Salem High School, he will enter the Regular Air Force in May, 1988.



Joel Ashton, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ashton of Beacon Hill Drive, is one of 150 Kalamazoo College students participating in the College's foreign study program. He is studying in Madrid, Spain.



Renee DeZell, of Plymouth, a senior majoring in nursing at Madonna College, has been selected as a national outstanding leader in the 1988 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.



Karl Gretzinger and Robert Reuter of Canton are among the new medical students entering the MSU College of Osteopethic Medicine this fall. Gretzinger, the son of William and Ruth Gretzinger of Long Fellow Drive, received a BS from Northern Michigan in 1983 and was a 1978 graduate of Salem High School. Reuter, son of Edward and Ruth Ann Reuter of Thornwood, received a BS from Adrian College in 1987 and was a 1983 graduate of Ann Arbor Green Hills High School.

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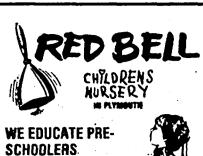
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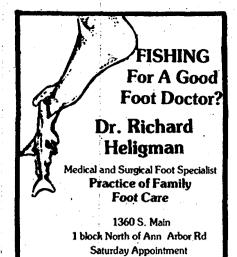


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Due to the enthusiastic response from his patients, Dr. Joboulian is offering his dental seminar to the general community in an attempt to reach out beyond the patients in his

A native Detroiter, Dr. Joboulian went to Cass Technical High School, and is a 1975 graduate of The University of Michigan School of Dentistry. He is a former captain in the United States Air Force

His office is located at 1075 West Maple, next to the Community Federal Credit Union, which is at the corner of Harvey and West Maple. To take the seminar, you need not leave your present dentist, nor is it necessary to become a patient of Dr. Joboulian's. The seminar is free. All you need to do is call 453-5070 to reserve your place. Group inquiries



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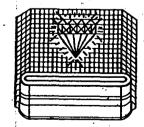
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Interested parents of propsective seventh grade students are invited to an open house for Greenhills School, an Ann Arbor independent, co-educational, ollege preparatory day school. It will be held on Jan. 7 at 7:30 p.m. For further information call the school -- 769-4010.

NEW YEARS SERVICES

New Years services will be held at the Detroit Laestadian Congregation, 290 Fairground in Plymouth, on Jan. 2 at 7:30 p.m. and Jan. 3 at 11 a.m. and 2 b.m. Guest speaker will be Daniel Rintamaki. Call 451-0500 for details.

50-UP CLUB

The 50-Up Club will meet at the St. John Neumann Church on Jan., 26 at 7 p.m. New members are welcome. For information call Betty Gruchala at 459-4091.

ART EXHIBIT

An adult art exhibit will be displayed at Madonna College Jan. 24 through Feb. 19 in the Exhibit Gallery. Admission is free, open to the public. More than 100 works. Call 591-5187 for information.

OEDIPUS THE KING

The film "Oedipus the King," will be shown on Jan. 20 at 1:30 p.m. and :30 p.m. in Kresge Hall at Madonna College. Open to the public, free of charge. For information call 591-5197.

TEEN SKI TRIP

Canton's Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a teen ski trip on Friday, Jan. to Alpine Valley Ski Area. Cost is \$10 with your own equipment and \$17 vithout equipment. Transportation and supervision provided by Canton's rec taff. Call 397-5110 for details.

MEMBERS SOUGHT

The Community Wind Ensemble of Schoolcraft College is seeking new members for the 1987-88 season. All woodwind, brass and percussion instruments are needed. The band rehearses on Wednesday evenings at SC. Interested musicians may attend the first rehearsal on Jan. 6. Call 591-6400, ext. 440 for information.

CHOLESTEROL SCREENINGS

Oakwood Canton Health Center will offer cholesterol screenings to anyone over five years of age on Tuesday, Jan. 5 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The cost is \$6 per person. Call 459-7030 for details.

FITNESS CLASSES

Fitness classes are being sponsored by the Women's Association at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. Regular and low impact classes offered. Ten week session begins on Jan. 11. For information call 459-9485 or 459-

YMCA CLASSES

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is offering a wide variety of classes beginning the week of Jan. 11 for pre-school, youth/teen and adults. Call the 'Y' at 453-2904 for information or to register for a specific class.

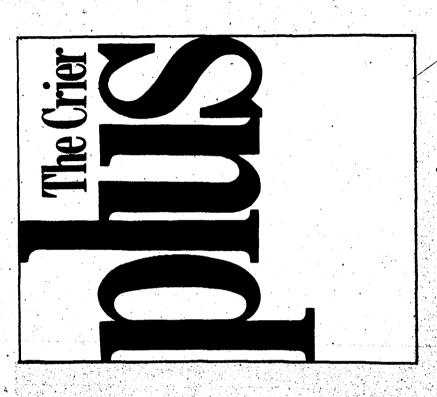
Y GUIDE PROGRAMS

There will be a round-up for anyone interested in the Plymouth Family YMCA Guide Programs. It will be held at West Middle School on Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. If you are a girl or boy in kindergarten through fifth grade come learn about the Guide, Maiden, Princess or Brave programs. Call 453-2904 for information.

SENIORS POTLUCK

All senior citizens are invited to the monthly potluck luncheon at noon on Monday, Jan. 4 in Fellowship Hall, First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. Bring a food dish to pass and table service. Rev. John N. Grenfell will be the speaker.

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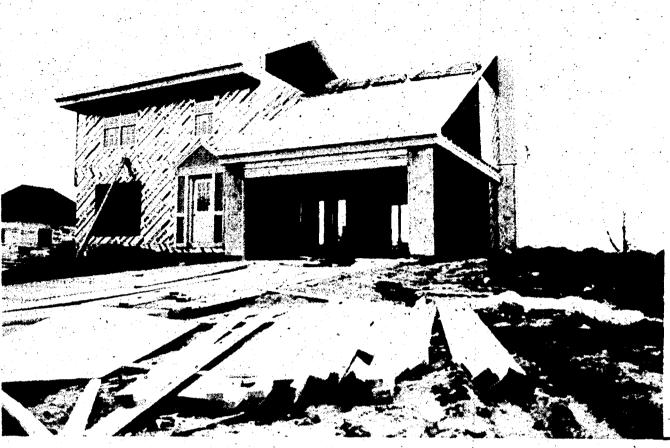


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New homes being built are a familiar site in Canton. This house is part of the latest Sunflower subdivision project in Canton. (Crier photo by

Dan Ness)



Large lots in, straight streets out

The birth of a P-C subdivision

BY DAN NESS

Salvatore Cottone likes cul-de-sacs.

That's good news to people like David Nicholson, who works with property developers such as Cottone when they show an interest in building a residential subdivision in Canton.

Nicholson, as the director of Canton's Community and Economic Development department, has seen developers plan subdivisions with city-style blocks, with straight streets and no boulevards. He's also seen developers plans subs with curving streets, tree-lined boulevards and large lots. He prefers the latter.

"Monotony is a real concern with subs," Nicholson said. "If a builder wants to strip a site (planning the highest number of lots as possible with little or no landscaping), it's almost impossible to stop him. There are some developers that are very understanding."

Take Cottone, for example.

Cottone, president of Resco, Inc. in Mt. Clemens, has built about 50 subs in his 15 years in the development business. Currently, Cottone is developing a new 127-house sub in Canton -- Lexington Square -- at the corner of Sheldon and Cherry Hill roads. He has also been involved in the development of Walnut Creek subdivision, in Plymouth Township.

Cottone acknowledges that "sometimes you have to develop for affordability." But in general, Cottone likes to develop subs similar to the one in which he lives.

"I like to see streets that are not straight, that aren't racetracks," he said. "I like cul-de-sacs. I live on a cul-de-sac. It increases the quality of living."

There are other characteristics developers like to see when planning a sub, Cottone said. "I like to see homeowners' associations that are well-organized" once the sub is populated. A homeowners' association can enforce the rules that go with living in a sub, such as landscaping requirements.

"I like to see hilly terrain, too, but we don't have that in Canton," Cottone said. Location is the biggest factor in siting a sub, according to Cottone. The proximity of services and main highways boosts the attractiveness of a property to subdivision developers and potential homeowners — he said.

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Do-it-yourself sub construction

BY DAN NESS

Building a residential subdivision from plans to completion takes about five years, several hundred-thousand dollars and a lot of patience, according to those in the business.

When a developer gathers the resources to finance a subdivision project, he/she must then clear several hurdles before gaining approval from the community in which the project is located.

"There's a certain bureaucracy we have to follow at the local, county and state level that can be time consuming," said Salvatore Cottone, president of Resco, Inc..

Those who work for the host community must make local building ordinances clear to the developer who is new to the community, and assist them in getting their plans through the process of approval.

"With subdivisions, there is a long gestation period," said David Nicholson, director of Canton's Community and Economic Development department. "It takes a long time for anything to happen."

In some cases, nothing happens. In May, 1978, a developer proposed a subdivision project to be built at the corner of Sheldon and Cherry Hill roads. The site plans received tentative approval, and "Sheldon Acres" was ready to be built, as far as the township representatives were concerned.

But Sheldon Acres was never started. The project died due to lack of funding. In April, 1987, Cottone brought plans for Lexington Square to be developed on the same site. If all goes according to

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Birth of a sub

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There are rules set by communities regarding standards of development, but in some instances, standards are set even higher by individual developers to be met by the builders, Cottone said.

"We generally sell the lots to individual builders," Cottone said. "We record the (building) restrictions with the plans for the builders. The builder is required to follow those restrictions. In many of our subs, for example, we don't allow any fences."

Restrictions on building styles and landscaping has become more specialized in recent years, both Nicholson and Cottone said.

Until the 1950s, subdivisions were built for speed, so to speak, which resulted in straight streets, little landscaping and houses that looked identical, Nicholson said. Beginning in the 60s, the more progressive plans for subdivisions included streets that meandered through the living areas, landscaped berms that featured trees or shrubbery, larger lots for the homes and "open spaces" for parks.

"The trend in the last 15 years has been to make the plots larger," Cottone said. But, developers have mixed feelings about the modern techniques for designing residential subdivisions, he added.

"Some of them are better for quality-of-life reasons, while others just add cost."

Lengthy approval process awaits sub developers

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plans, construction on Lexington Square should begin this spring, Cottone said.

There are three levels of approval for subdivision building plans in Canton, and one optional level, according to Nicholson:

- The optional step is the "pre-preliminary plat approval" step. Developers bring "concepts" to the township planners and even the planning commission for opinions on the developer's ideas before putting the plans on paper. This option is not often used in Canton, Nicholson said.
- The first required step to be taken by developers is the 'preliminary plat approval' process. During preliminary plat approval, the developer brings plans to the township planning officials and the planning commission for input. The plans show the street layout, dimensions of the sub and landscaping plans. The developer will get information regarding legal requirements or traffic concerns. At this point, there is little money spent on the project, and the plans can be changed with a minimum of expense.

• The second step is "final preliminary approval." Here, the developer has made changes suggested during preliminary plat approval.

• The final step is "final plat approval." This set of plans must be signed by several other agencies besides the township planners. This set of plans is what the development will look like when the project is completed.

During these steps, the county or state may have requirements that will warrant changes in the plans. "We have to listen to what the other agencies have to say," Nicholson said. Developers in Michigan also go through an extensive approval process -- up to 15 agencies may have a say in a developer's plans before construction in some cases, Nicholson said.

"It takes longer to (get project approval) in Michigan than it does in many, many states," Nicholson said.

Condos on the rise throughout P-C

BY PAUL GARGARO

The kids have grown and moved on and the house that was once filled with so many, is now quite empty. Outside, the yard seems to grow with each passing season and the chores and maintenance of the old place have become too much.

For many residents in The Plymouth-Canton Community this is a familiar scenario and as a result, an alternative lifestyle is making its mark in the area.

Indeed, condominium developments of all shapes and sizes are on the rise from the expanses of Canton to the confines of the City of Plymouth.

"Over the past two years we've experienced a rise in condo developments," notes Jim Anulewicz, planning director in Plymouth Township. "We're getting a population here that's reaching maturity. Their children have moved, but they want and need to stay in the community."

While not all condo dwellers and buyers are aging couples seeking to get out from under the upkeep associated with a house and yard, there is a trend among condo buyers which suggests that many folks are choosing to de-emphasize their responsibilities around the home to benefit from the maintenance program associated with the condominium, which would include building and yard maintenance.

For example, Bill Steiner and Maria Stante, builders and developers of the Arbor Trails Condominiums at Ann Arbor Trail and Lilley Road in Plymouth, chose to provide their first tenants with the maintenance benefits of the condo association and continue to organize that association until the development reaches 80 per cent occupancy.

"We chose Plymouth for its stability, its name and the amenities."

Maria Stante, developer

Steiner and Stante are two of many developers who have selected The Plymouth-Canton Community for condominium sites.

"We chose Plymouth for its stability, its name and the ammenities that it offers, said Stante. "We sold two units on our first day. The ideal projection (for total occupancy) would be this coming June, but that depends on about 500 different things."

Yet, this is only one of many new developments in the City of Plymouth.

Included in this list is The Meadows, K.C. Colonial Real Estate's 36-unit project on Deer Street, the Carriage Court development, an 11-unit project at Ann Arbor Trail and Hamilton Street, the 120-unit Pinewood Condominiums on the south side of the Ann Arbor Trail and Lilley Road intersection, and the three-year-old, 11-unit Royal York development at Wilcox Road and York Street.

Plymouth Township is also experiencing marked condominium development.

John Richards' 25-unit Arboretum development on McClumpha Road features three different models set in the woods. Interestingly, the Arboretum units are detached with the buyers purchasing the individual lots as well as the units.

"With the cluster option we were able to put the units close together, while still maintaining the natural ammenities of the



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Developers John Shekerjian and Jo Hulce discuss the virtues of the Arboretum condominium development while standing in the living room of one of their models. Crier photo by Paul Gargaro)

area," says John Shekerjian, of John Richards Corporation, who is working with Jo Hulce on the project. "There has been a suprisingly high demand for these homes."

In addition to the Arboretum development, Eaton Associates is making steady progress on its 38-unit project on North Territorial, opposite Beacon Hills. The development which features three condominium styles is scheduled to be completed by spring.

Lorenz and Associates has already begun to market its 21-unit project which sets on Ann Arbor Trail, just over a mile from downtown Plymouth and Arthur Gerish's Hidden Ridge condominiums, also on Territorial, offer buyers the same proximity to town while maintaining a sense of seclusion.

While Plymouth and Plymouth Township have proven to be attractive sites for condominium purchasers as well as developers, Canton has demonstrated condominium growth of equal note.

Since June 13, 1986, two large condo projects have been submitted for approval in Canton. Combined, the projects include 242 units.

Willow Creek condominiums, developed by Eugene Richardson of Farmington Hills, is located on the west side of Sheldon Road between Warren and Joy roads and contains 36 units.

The Palmer and Sheldon Company, also of Farmington Hills, developed the 206-unit Arbor Village Condominiums on the south side of Palmer Road between Morton-Taylor and Sheldon roads.

With no end in sight, condominiums have become a primary alternative for those looking to own property without the aggravation of upkeep responsibility.

While the future for condo development in the City of Plymouth may be hampered by density of the City of Plymouth, look for similar developments to fill in the steadily decreasing vacancies in Plymouth and Canton.

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But future is uncertain

P-C housing market hottest in state

BY JAY FORSTNER

While The Plymouth-Canton Community real estate market has been riding high on the shoulders of a nation-wide economic boom in 1987, many indicators point to an unsettled 1988 for the local housing market.

With the local market being one of the hottest in the state, Plymouth-Canton residents have seen housing prices in the area increase at often astounding rates.

As more and more young professionals and corporate transferees move here from out of state, and still others upgrade the level of their homes and settle here from places like Livonia and Farmington, real estate prices have shot up in response to that influx of new residents.

Robert Bake, whose downtown Plymouth real estate office has handled the relocation of many of these new buyers, says that the average price of a mid-range (\$125,000 to \$135,000) home has risen approximately \$50,000 in the last five years alone.

At all levels of the market (entry, mid-range, upper), home prices have increased by nearly 30 per cent.

Bake points to several examples of how the changing market has affected the price and marketability of individual homes.

A four bedroom, two bathroom house on Beacon Hill, which sold for \$112,500 in September, 1982 sold on September 12 of this year for \$176,500, a price jump which Bake calls "very, very typical."

The house, which was built in 1979, had undergone only minor changes between the two sales (the addition of an underground sprinkler system and an intercom), but was "essentially the same home," according to Bake.

"We've gone from an extremely depressed housing market in 1979, 80, 81," says Bake by way of explaining the change, "to a very good one in 1987. The last four years have been just incredible around here."

Another four bedroom house on Riveredge Road which sold for \$129,000 in 1981 "would be an easy \$170,000 sale in 1987."

More moderately priced homes have been similarly affected. The neighborhood surrounding Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in downtown Plymouth, which Bake calls "a wonderful entry-level area for young couples and "yuppies" on the way up, has recently undergone a home value metamorphasis, with homes there now selling for \$20-25,000 more than in 1982.

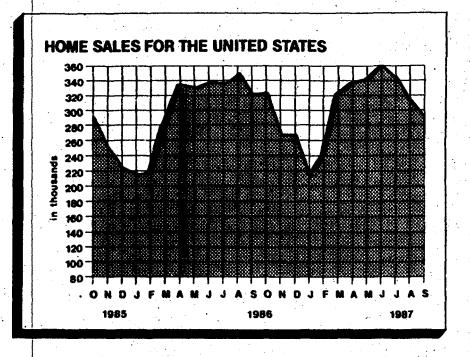
Two other smaller houses on Pine Hill Drive, which "couldn't be given away in 1982" but eventually sold for less than \$60,000 would now bring about one third more than that in the newly prosperous market.

"There are a lot of people from out of state who find us very attractive," says Bake. "We are close to the airport, near major highways, and have an identifiable downtown. That's very important. Northville has it, and we have it, and that's what people want."

Helen Corey, a real estate agent with the Charles Reinhart Co. in Ann Arbor, admits to having lost several potential clients to The Plymouth-Canton Community in the past few years.

"I had a couple that was coming here from the Washington, D.C. area," she said. "They had been forced to sell their home there for substantially less than it was worth when he was transferred to Michigan. She came to me looking for something in the \$125-150,000 range and when she saw what I had to offer her, she was practically in tears. She ended up buying in a new development in Canton for a very reasonable price, and she's been very happy."

That story does not surprise Bake, who feels that word of the



Home sales in the United States since 1985. Sales have generally risen, but note the dramatic valleys in January of each year.

favorable housing market in this area has definitely gotten around. "Buyers are beginning to realize that we can offer many more features and amenities here for the same amount of money than in a place like Ann Arbor. We have better house for house value and we can offer them a lot more options."

Not all the news on the real estate front is that encouraging, however.

While none of the demographic and geographic factors which have made The Plymouth-Canton Community such an attractive place to live have changed, economics may be leading the market into at least a partial slow-down.

The shock of "Black Monday" on Wall Street this fall, and all the confusion which came with it, have pushed the housing market into the same uncertainty which surrounds investment and banking.

"The last 90 days have been very unsettling," said Bake, adding that "the entire economy is very uncertain at the moment. Just as the auto industry is slowing down, fewer people may be buying houses. They just don't want to buy a house when they don't know where they stand."

The recent boom itself may be adding to the uncertainty of the future. Much of the depressed housing market of five years ago was caused by extraordinarily high interest rates, leading many discretionary buyers (those whose moves were not compelled by immediate needs) to delay their purchases until bank lending rates were more advantageous.

As a result, a large surplus of waiting home buyers accrued -- a condition which Realtors were happy to respond to when interests did go down. It was this buildup of clients which led to the healthy market of the last few years.

Now, though, that need seems to have been satisfied, and Realtors are "returning to the basics of selling houses," according to Bake.

'There is a big question mark in 1988," he said. "I don't see how any respectable Realtor could go ahead and say that next year will be a repeat of the one we just had. Nobody knows for sure. We'll just have to wait and see."

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HQ's help publicize P-C

BY DAN NESS AND PAUL GARGARO

Ever hear of a place called Redmond, WA?

If you have, chances are you are a user of personal computers. Redmond, WA happens to be the location of the headquarters for Micro Soft, a company that makes computer software.

Along the same lines, there are people in Japan, California, Mississippi and all points in between who have heard of Canton and Plymouth, MI. And Plymouth-Canton officials can thank those companies with corporate headquarters in the community for that nationwide -- and worldwide -- publicity.

"It's good for the community's image," said Canton Community and Economic Development Director David Nicholson. "It makes a

community known to exist."

Nicholson tells a story of an automotive engineer from suburban Detroit who was on a working trip to Japan a few years back. The man was reading a trade publication while overseas, and he saw an item announcing that Yazaki Corp., of Tokyo, was opening its United States headquarters in Canton, MI.

"He had been considering buying a home in Canton when he read that," Nicholson said.

"It's great for us to have companies that are not only known nationwide, but worldwide," he said.

The companies that decide to locate their headquarters in The Plymouth-Canton Community do so for many reasons, but one factor is mentioned more than others -- location.

Since the community is situated nicely between Pontiac, Detroit, Ann Arbor and Metro Airport, with major expressways making those destinations readily accessible, companies look to The Plymouth-Canton Community as a major, centralized location for the future, Nicholson said.

That was the main reason Highland Superstores, Inc. moved its headquarters from Taylor to Plymouth, according to Highland officials. "We looked for a large facility on a good expressway," said Eugene Mondry, who will become chief executive officer for Highland Superstores, Inc. in January.

Some other companies headquartered in The Plymouth-Canton Community besides Highland and American Yazaki include:

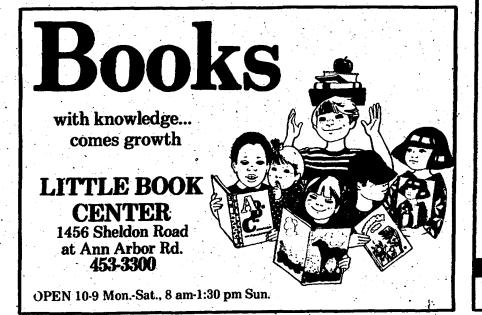
• Draw-Tite, Inc., on Van Born Road in Canton. Draw-Tite makes trailer hitches for vehicles.

• Acme Packaging, Inc., of Canton, which manufactures boxes and has customers throughout the nation.

• R.A. DeMattia Company, a leading design/build company headquartered in Plymouth Township.

• Meer Dental Supply, Inc., a manufacturer of dental supplies which is opening its headquarters in Canton west of Haggerty Road between Warren and Koppernick roads.

Even though a corporation may seem small to a host community, it can be surprising on how much impact a headquarters can carry. And if you don't buy that reasoning, you have never heard of Rogers, AR.

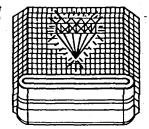


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In the 2½ years that the Tuckers have owned World Travel, Inc. the growth of the small service-oriented agency has mirrored the growth of The Plymouth-Canton Community.

When Shirley and Coy bought the agency in July of 1985, Shirley kept her "real" job for 6 months teaching Travel and Tourism in a small private school in Ann Arbor, while Coy and Sally Salter ran the office with two phones and two computers. Since then, the agency has grown to a staff of five, with 6 phone lines and 4 computers. This December alone reflects a 350 percent increase in bookings over their first December in business two years ago.

Shirley attributes this growth in part to the experience level of the staff, and partly to the growth of the community they serve. She goes on to say that World Travel has enjoyed being a part of The Plymouth-Canton Community, and looks forward to contributing to its continued growth.

World Travel Inc. is located at 42183'Ann Arbor Rd. in the PMC Center, and is open Monday-Friday from 9am to 6pm and Saturday from 10am to 2pm. Their phone number is 459-6753.

Shirley, Coy, Sally, Ann and Keya invite you to call or stop by soon and find out where in the world you can go from here.

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Cuts like a knife

Bob Jones, owner of Bob's Sharp-all in Canton, shows off some of the tools of his trade. Jones is one of a number of Plymouth-Canton residents

who work out of their homes. Jones' is a noisy business but a modestly profitable one. (Crier photo by David Pierini)

Minding their business -small outfits bloom in P-C

BY DAVID PIERINI

Ron Rice and Bob Jones have never met before, but they have a lot in common. Both live in Canton and both retired from their jobs for medical reasons.

They're also at home minding their own business -- making a few. dollars on the side.

Rice and Jones are home businessmen, two of several in the communities of Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

There are no ordinances against home-run businesses, and because there are no registration requirments, the number of home business people is untallied.

Clerk's offices in the communities, though, say several calls each week — from people inquiring about how to start or where to complain — indicate that they're out there.

"I'll get calls from people wanting to know if a business (out of the home) is legitimate," said Linda Langmesser, Plymouth's deputy city clerk. "We don't have that kind of information. I tell them to call the Better Business Bureau."

Langmesser said Plymouth's zoning ordinance allows people to run a business out of the home. Canton, Northville Township and the City of Northville follow the same general rule.

Only when a business would change the appearance of the

residential look or spark an increase in traffic do city officials step in.

"Every now and then people will call and complain about a neighbor running a day care center," Langmesser said. "In order to run a day care center you have to be state licensed. The state considers three or more kids a day care operation. We've had people with 10 and 12 kids. That's a lot of noise."

Jones, too, makes a lot of noise with his sharpening business. People are coming at him with knives and other sharp objects, but only because of his good reputation as a sharpener.

"I'm the only one in the area that sharpens hedge clippers," said Jones, whose service, Bob's Sharp-all, brings in customers strictly through word of mouth. "I was a precision machinist for years, so I have a number of tools."

Jones sharpens for both high schools and the township.

Maybe Rice should look Jones up if he ever needs a saw or two sharpened.

Rice is an advertised handy man who gets up to four calls a week from people wanting walls painted or papered, decks built or even basketball hoops hung.

"I didn't want to do anything," Rice said. "My wife Joan went and ran an ad in the classifieds. I didn't know she did that until I started getting calls."



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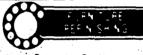


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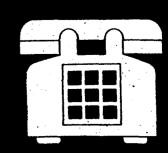


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To list your group's event in this calendar, send or deliver the notice IN WRITING to: The Crier, 821 Penniman Ave.: Plymouth, MI, 48170. Information received BY NOON FRIDAY will be used for Wednesday's calendar (space permitting).

THREE CITIES ART CLUB

The Three Cities Art Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 4 in the meeting room of the Plymouth Township Hall. Visitors are welcome. There will be an auction of art supplies. For further information call Dorothy Koliba, club president, at 455-5159.

PCPWP MEETING

The Plymouth Canton Parents Without Partners will hold a general meeting and dance on Saturday, Jan. 2 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Airport Hilton. Cost is \$6 for non-members and \$5 for members. Call 981-1041 for details.

HYPNOSIS SEMINARS

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering hypnosis seminars for locals with bad habits like smoking or overeating. To find out about the seminars on Wednesday, Jan. 18 call the 'Y' office at 453-2904 to register.

ISSHINRYU KARATE CLASSES

Canton's Parks and Recreation is sponsoring karate lessons for all levels of karate on Mondays and Thursdays at the Recreation Center. Cost is \$35 per person for 10 weeks of class. Sam Santilli will instruct. Register at the Recreation Center. Call 397-5110 for details.

TOASTMASTERS

The Oral Majority Toastmasters Club of Plymouth holds meetings weekly at Denny's on Ann Arbor Road on Tuesdays (5:45 p.m.). Call Phyllis at 455-1635 for more information.

JOB HUNTING WORKSHOP

Schoolcraft College will host a Job Hunting Workshop on Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. on the lower level of the Waterman Campus Center. The workshop is open to the public and free of charge. For information call 591-6400, ext. 371.

MENOPAUSE MYTHS

"Menopause: Myths and Realities," a new workshop for women will be offered at Madonna College on Tuesday evenings beginning Jan. 26. Cost is \$35 for four sessions or \$10 per session. For additional information call 591-5188.

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA

Welcome in 1988 at the Mayflower-Lt. Gamble VFW Post 6695 New Year's Eve Gala. The affair will be held at the Post Home, 1426 S. Mill St., in Plymouth, starting at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 31. Appetizers, dinner, noisemakers and dancing included in the \$15 per person admission. Cost is \$18 at the door. Cash bar. Tickets at the Post or by calling 459-6700.

AEROBICS EXERCISE CLASSES

Canton's Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a winter session of Aerobic Exercise classes starting on Jan. 5. Cost is \$35 per person for twice a week or \$45 per person for three times a week. Held on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Call 397-5110 for information.

CANTON CRICKETS

Registration for the Canton Crickets program will be held on Jan. 9 beginning at 8 a.m. The 18-week program, open to Canton residents only, begins Feb. 1. Cost is \$65 per child. Morning and afternoon sessions. Must be 3 years old by Jan. 1, 1988. Call 397-5110 for further details.

LEARN TO SKI

Learn to ski through the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department starting on Jan. 4. Cost is \$35, or \$25 if you have equipment. Cost includes lift tickets, lessons and rental equipment. There will be two sessions -- each includes four lessons. Call 455-6620.

ADVANCED READING PROGRAM

Plymouth's Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring an Advanced Reading and Study Skills program beginning on Tuesday, Jan. 5. Cost is \$195. Includes 12 hours of instruction. Each class taught on Tuesdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Call 455-6620 for further information.

FIEGEL BOY SCOUTS

The Fiegel Boy Scout Troop 1539 is looking for boys 11 and a half to 16. Meetings are held on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in Fiegel Elementary School on Joy Road. Call Doug Taylor at 455-1891 for details.

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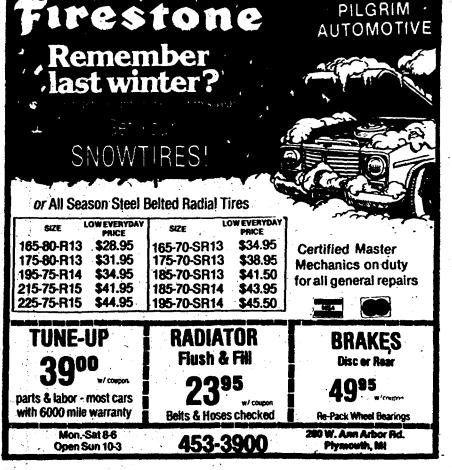
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Places to be

Small businesses examined

Wayne State University's School of Business will host a free workshop in Plymouth entitled, "How to Start or Run a Small

The seminar is set for Friday, Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth Hilton on Northville Road.

The workshop will cover a variety of topics, including the 10 hottest businesses for 1988, how to cut hundreds from taxes returns, the 20 biggest pitfalls of starting and running a small business and how to start with very little cash.

The free two-hour session is open to the public. Call 577-4353 to make a reservation.

The workshop session will be the first presented in The Plymouth-Canton Community in 1988, and will include all of the latest tax law changes.

IRS needs Social Security

More than 160,000 Michigan residents still need to apply for social securiy numbers to be claimed as dependents on parents or other taxpayers' federal tax returns, according to the IRS.

The Social Security Administration estimates this to be 40 per cent of those needing numbers.

As a result of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, a taxpayer claiming a dependent who is at least five years old must include that dependent's taxpayer identification on his or her return. The law is effective for 1987 federal tax returns.

To get a social security number, a dependent must have evidence of date of birth, U.S. citizenship or legal alien status, and identity. A birth record is often sufficient for the first two. School records and other documents can be used for proof of

For further information call the district office of the IRS at 226-7288.







Ice Spectacular ready for shiny start

Plymouth will be transformed into a winter wonderland during the 6th Annual Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular, slated for Jan. 7-17 in Kellogg Park and around the down-

Artisans from Detroit and around the United States will create nearly 200 ice sculptures for spectators during the 10-day event.

Scott Lorenz, organizer of the festivities, is hoping to draw 500,000 people to Plymouth during the spectacular.

Professional chefs and ice sculptors, attracted to the nationally known event, will compete for airline tickets to England via British Airways and luxury merchandise from Highland Superstores.

Students of the culinary arts from Schoolcraft College as well as schools in Oakland, Monroe and Macomb, will demonstrate their skills in competition for scholarships.

The student competition is slated for Saturday, Jan. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon at "the Gathering" across from Kellogg Park.

The professional sculptors will create their pieces on the following Saturday (Jan. 16), at the same time and location. Judging and awarding of prizes will take place in the afternoon.

'We're going to showcase the incredible talent of American sculptors," Lorenz said. "There will be Japanese influence in the artwork itself, as many of the techniques and styles exhibited by the sculptors have been learned from the Japanese, but the American carvers have become prominent in world competition."

Once again, the Midwest Ice Company, in Detroit, will provide the huge blocks of ice -- about 1,000 blocks in all - each weighing 440 pounds. Nearly 220 tons of ice will be carved in. to glistening sculptures that will line the streets of Plymouth and around Kellogg Park. Each work will be set on concrete blocks festooned with red, white and blue bunting.

Cartoon characters, super heroes, and animals will be among the works. Students from the Livonia Public Schools as well as Salem High will also exhibit their talent this year.

Mallard ducks rising from a marsh was the theme of the grand prize winner of the professiaonl competition last year. It was created by Master Chef Milos Cihelka of the Golden Mushroom Resturant in Southfield.

Also last year, one of the major pieces was a giant replica of the State of Michigan.

As an adjunct to the ice display, an art show, showcasing the talents of

Michigan artists, will take place in the Growth Works building on Main Street.

In this juried show, 35 pieces will be hung. They will be on display from noon to 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays and Mondays through Thursdays.

The show is sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

The Plymouth Winter Antique Show is also set for the final weekend of the spectacular. Twenty-one dealers will be on hand to display their wares at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The event is presented by the Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular Corporation, a private, non-profit organization.

Midwest Ice is a major sponsor along with a variety of other businesses, including the Mayflower Hotel, Budweiser, British Airways, and Miesel-Sysco.

For more details call the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at 453-1540.

PCAC contest

The Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) is sponsoring the annual Damaris Student Fine Arts Awards for students at the middle school level (sixth through ninth

The purpose of the awards is to encourage further study in the arts. A total of \$1,000 will be divided among the qualified applicants.

The deadline for submitting applications is Jan. 21. Applications are available in all middle schools and high schools and at the PCAC office.

Call 455-5260 for further details.

The PCAC is also sponsoring a Chirstmas card contest this year.

Artists are invited to submit a five by seven inch original sketch, photograph, watercolor, etc., of a familiar Plymouth winter scene.

The winning artist will receive \$100. The art work and all rights for reproduction will become the property of the PCAC.
All proceeds benefit the various

programs offered through the PCAC.

The deadline for submitting art work is March 1, 1988. Deliver or mail art work or photos to 332 S. Main, Plymouth. Call 455-5260 for details.

PSO performance and solo pianist impressive

BY CHERYL SZYNISZEWSKI

The Dec. 18th Family Concert as performed by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Russell Reed was a satisfying and enjoyable evening for a variety of reasons. The solo pianist, Joseph Gurt, was impressive, the program was interesting, and the orchestra sounded good.

The first selection of the evening was Arcangelo Corelli's Christmas Concerto, Opus 6, No. 8. This pleasant work employs the string sections of the orchestra. Works of this type do not require a virtuosic command of the instrument. Instead, solo instruments are contrasted against the full ensemble. The skill required is the ability for the solo instruments to carry on a successful dialogue with the other solo instruments and the orchestra. The dialogue is not a mere repetition of notes and expansion of phrases but a communication between instruments.



Section principals Tapani Yrjola, first violin, Gayle Zirk, second violin, and Ingrid Shank on the violincello all did an excellent job with their solo parts. The balance of the strings supported them with a nice rich sound.

The program continued with "Sleigh Rides," by Mozart, Frederick Delius, and Leroy Anderson. These three works were performed with only a slight pause between them. This portion of the concert was a good display of the different styles of music. The pieces were all based on the same theme, a sleigh ride, but the feelings and mental images evoked change dramatically as a new musical period was entered, Mozart coming from the

stately classical period, Delus an impressionist, and Anderson a contemporary American composer.

The highlight of the evening was Joseph Gurt's performance of Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue. Gurt's hands seemed to dance across the keys as he played even the most difficult passages with ease. Gurt's expertise goes beyond his obvious technical mastering of the piano and effective use of the pedal. Through his interpretation one could sense the various moods of modern American life that Gershwin intended on capturing in this jazzy work.

As a soloist Gurt does not draw attention to his person. He is not flashy. Although one is very much aware of him, during his performance Gurt seems to blend in with the music becoming a part of it. Undaunted by Gershwin's loose construction, awkward contrasts and tempo changes, Gurt captured the very soul of the Rhapsody in his performance.

The evening ended with William's "Fantasia on Greensleeves" and Anderson's "Christmas Festival." Reed added a personal touch throughout the evening as he introduced various works or groups of works with a bit of history about the piece or the composer, giving the entire program a special touch.

West aids Yule drive

Students at West Middle School collected \$1,975, 45 cheer boxes and another \$725 for the Salvation Army's holiday drive to help the needy this year.

Each of the school's homeroom collected both food and money. The drive -- Christmas Cheer Drive -- was organized by the school's Student Council.

Last year the students raised \$1,700 and 48 food boxes.



Getting down to business

Country Market blends a bit of the old and new

BY PAUL GARGARO

The Canton Country Market, at 6111 N. Canton Center Road in Canton, reflects its surroundings.

Much like the community of Canton, the Canton Country Market is a blend of the old fashioned and the new fangled. Inside it's as easy to find bottled eggnog and milk as it is to get a frozen yogurt.

Opened just over a year ago, the store is owned and operated by the Cushman family and offers everything from flowers to fresh produce. Business is solid and changes are continually on the horizon for the Cushmans.

"Since we opened last November, the store's been in a steady state of evolution," said Betty Cushman, an interested partner in the enterprise. "My husband's grandfather owned a produce store in Sault Ste. Marie, and he's always thought that it would be interesting, so here we are three generations later."

The Canton Country Market thrives while dedicated to the task of providing the Canton community with a certain blend of convenience and quality.

"We liked Canton because of its growth and the amount of working mothers," said Cushman. "They can use the convenience of our deli and our around-the-year fresh produce."

The deli not only provides an assortment of lunch meats and sides of

bacon, but deli chef Patty Summer specializes in homemade salads and soups, free of preservatives and salts. In addition, the deli staff caters cold foods and party trays and holiday baskets.

"Last week, we really worked like troopers around here with the baskets. It looked like Santa's workshop," said Cushman.

Farm fresh milk and eggnog from Calder's Dairy line the cooler shelves each day, standing tall against the bottles and jars of homemade orange juice and apple sauce.

Indeed, the Canton Country Market holds a special devotion for those who appreciate the freshness and quality of homemade, country food. It also offers something for those who enjoy a good homemade brew including all of the necessary ingredients and directions for the beer and wine devotee.

To celebrate their first year in business the Cushman's recently held a Thanksgiving coloring contest featuring a picture of "Chipper," the store's mascot and unofficial entertainer.

A Yellow Naped Amazon Parrot, Skipper struts his stuff for curious patrons with a vocabulary of about 150 words.

Skipper, like so much of what can be found in the Canton Country Store, is a novelty and another reason to come in and explore:



Budding artists

Laurie Hrydeiszko, 9, and Jason Cottrell, 8, both winners of the Canton Country Market's first anniversary coloring contest, proudly display their artwork and prizes. Winners in the 4-5-year-old age group were Heather Brown, 5, and Connie Longpre, 5. (Crier photo by Paul Gargaro)

Community Deaths

Fry, sales representative

Duncan B. Fry, 73, of Plymouth, died Dec. 21 in Plymouth. Services were held Dec. 23 at the Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. John N. Grenfell, Jr., officiating.

Mr. Fry, who came to The Plymouth-Canton Community in 1944, was a sales representative for Schrader's Home Furnishings in Northville for over 16 years. He was also a member of the Plymouth Lions Club and the Northville Masonic Lodge No. 186 F. and A.M.

Survivors include: wife Ella, of Plymouth; daughters Marilyn L. Wells, of Plymouth, Faye E. Fry, of Farmington Hills, and Gail E. Lloyd, of Plymouth; son Fred C. Fry, of Petoskey; brother Cecil K. Fry, of Milford, and six grand-children and one great grandchild.

Interment was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi.

Memorial contributions may be given to the First United Methodist Church, American Heart Association of Michigan, or the Plymouth Lions Club.

Foreman, steam engineer

Edward L. Foreman, 82, of Plymouth, died Dec. 22 in Livonia. Services were held Dec. 24 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Pastor Carl Pagel officiating.

After coming to The Plymouth-Canton Community in 1932, Foreman worked as a steam engineer at the Ford Motor Company Northville Plant. He retired after 41 years with the company.

Survivors include: wife Clara, of Plymouth; and several nieces and nephews.

Interment was in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Memorial

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Businessman leaves mark on P-C

BY PAUL GARGARO

Prominent businessman and local figure James Malcolm Flora, 68, died Dec. 23 in Mt. Sinai Hospital's intensive care unit from complications following heart surgery.

The founder of J. Malcolm Flora, Inc., a manufacturer's representative firm which served electronics and computer products manufacturers since 1958, Flora was buried on Monday at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.



JAMES MALCOLM FLORA

Services were held on Sunday (Dec. 27) at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth with the Rev. Philip Rodgers Magee officiating.

"Excluding bypass surgery in 1975, I don't think he ever spent more than 10 days sick in bed," said Flora' son James. "When we left him that night we figured that we'd see him the next

"He was always very involved. He still worked about six days a week," added his son.

Born in East Jordan, MI, Flora served with distinction as a major in the U.S. Army Air Corps during W.W. II and the Korean War.

While serving in Italy during W.W. II, Flora was awarded the Bronze Star for his innovative repair work on aircraft communications equipment.

Following his work in the armed forces, Flora attended Michigan State University and Calvin College. Before founding J. Malcolm Flora, Inc., he worked as vice president of sales at R.S. Electronics in Livonia.

Flora's extensive work in the electronics industry led to a number of accolades and prestigious appointments, which included service as the president of the National Electronics Representatives Association (ERA), trustee for the ERA Insurance Trust, and membership on the ERA President's Council.

After 25 years of service to the ERA, Flora was inducted into the ERA's Hall of Fame in 1980.

Additional affiliations included membership in the Plymouth Rotary Club, Rotary International, the American Backgammon Club of Plymouth, the Audio Engineering Society, the Engineering Society of Detroit, and a charter membership in the Republican Presidential Task Force.

Flora and his wife, Scottie, were also avid travellers whose trips included tours of South America, Europe, Africa, the Middle East, China and Japan.

Survivors include: wife Scottie, of Plymouth; sons George J. Flora and James M. Flora, both of Plymouth; daughters Katherine M. Flora, of Union Lake, Stephanie F. Mitchell, of Charleston, WV, Tracy F. Robert, of Canton, Kimberly S. Flora, of Livonia, and Cynthia F. Brandt, of Canton; mother Marcia Goss Flora, of Denver; brothers Louis Flora, of Gig Harbor, WA, Richard Flora, of Dallas, and Phillip Flora, of Novi; sister Joan Lucht, of Denver; and eight grandchildren.

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader Funeral Home.

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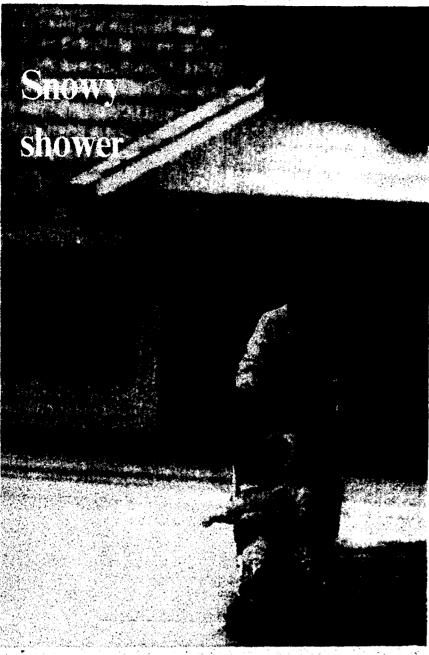
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Mary Eilers, of Canton, was caught in the thick of Monday's storm while she and her 16-month-old baby Molly were doing some shopping in downtown Plymouth. (Crier photo by Chris Farina)

Alzheimer's groups meet

The Plymouth Family Support Groups of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association (ADRDA) will meet on Monday, Jan. 4 and again on Wednesday, Jan. 6.

The Monday meeting is slated for 7 p.m., while the Wednesday get together is at 1 p.m.

The support groups meet the first Monday and first Wednesday of each month and offers educational support programs.

The groups meet at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer: For more information call 557-8277.



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Public notices

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 5. 1988 AT 7:00 P.M. AT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL LAND USE AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 5.14 C OF THE CANTON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE.

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Sports

The Houle story

Plymouth resident runs for roses

EBY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

Dave Houle may draw the Rose Bowl's toughest assignment.

As Michigan State's offensive tackle on the right-side of the line, Houle will likely have the chore of fending off Marcus Cotton, known as USC's "bad boy" defender. Keeping Cotton away from State's Lorenzo White may be the key to a Spartan victory.

It's a far cry from Houle's days as a defensive and tight end for the Salem Rocks, even though he was one of the star players in the 1982 season before his June, 1983 graduation.

But Houle says he's optimistic.

"We'll win this game," he predicted. We could end up (ranked) around fifth or sixth." (The Spartans are ranked eighth currently.)

And that's nothing, says Houle.

"Next year we're going' to have a better team," he foresees. "Sure we lose Lorenzo, but we'll have (Blake) Ezor."

Houle, who also graduates in June from MSU, hopes to be watching next year's Michigan State team from a profootball locker room.

"It's in the back of my mind," he confesses. "I'll put my name into the draft and play for anybody that'll give me a chance."

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California dreamn'

Spartan tackle and Plymouth resident Dave Houle, shown here against Florida State,

predicts an MSU Rose Bowl victory.

Redford CC favored in Salem wrestling tourney

BY KĖN VOYLES

The 15th Annual Salem High Wrestling Invitational will feature 19 teams this Saturday, Jan. 2.

Last year's winner Redford Catholic Central is again among the favorites this time around, but there will also be some other powerhouses among Michigan Class A wrestling teams.

The teams slated to wrestle Saturday at Salem's gymnasium include Livonia

Stevenson, Belleville, Southfield, Montrose, Ypsilanti, Novi, Garden City, Wayne Memorial, Warren, Jenison, North Farmington, Catholic Central, Portage Central, Portage Northern, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Farmington, Salem and Canton.

Salem grapplers finished third overall last year.

Wrestling begins at 11 a.m. on Saturday, with consolation finals set

for 5 p.m. and championship finals at 6:30 p.m.

An all-day ticket is \$2 for students and \$3.50 for adults. Admission for the first session is \$1 for students and \$2 for adults, while admission for the second session is \$1 for students and \$2.50 for adults.

The invitational is being sponsored by LOC Performance in Plymouth Township and the Plymouth Elks.

Salem coach Ron Krueger said his squad will have a battle on its hands to finish among the top teams on Saturday.

So far this year the Rocks are 4-1 in dual matches. In their most recent outing, the Rocks finished fifth overall at the Westland John Glenn Invitational. The squad also finished 11th at the Bedford Invitational.

Floor hockey clinic faces off Feb. 2

Floor hockey devotees take note.

Canton's Parks and Recreation Department, in cooperation with the Wayne-Westland YMCA, is sponsoring its 9th Annual Floor Hockey Program for first through sixth grade boys and girls.

The program includes clinics and a competitive league. The five weeks of clinic start on Jan. 18. The league action begins on Feb. 6. The cost is \$18 per child.

The clincis will be held after school at Field and Gallimore

Elementary Schools. The sessions at Field will be on Monday beginning at 3:50 p.m., while the sessions at Gallimore will be held on Tuesday, also beginning at 3:50 p.m.

All league games will be played on Saturday mornings at Miller Elementary School.

Registration for the program begins on Monday, Jan. 4.
Register in person or by mail at the Canton Parks and Recreation
Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, 48188.

Granddaddy of a game awaits Houle

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But meanwhile, all thoughts are on this Friday's game -- the second largest crowd Houle's ever faced.

There will be two folks in the crowd, however, that he's got his mind on and they're not pro football scouts. It's Houle's parents -- Patrick and Rose, of Plymouth -- who are out in Pasadena with the team. "They're more excited than I am. My mom went out and bought Rose Bowl stuff for the whole family. Everything's Rose Bowl (for Christmas) this year."

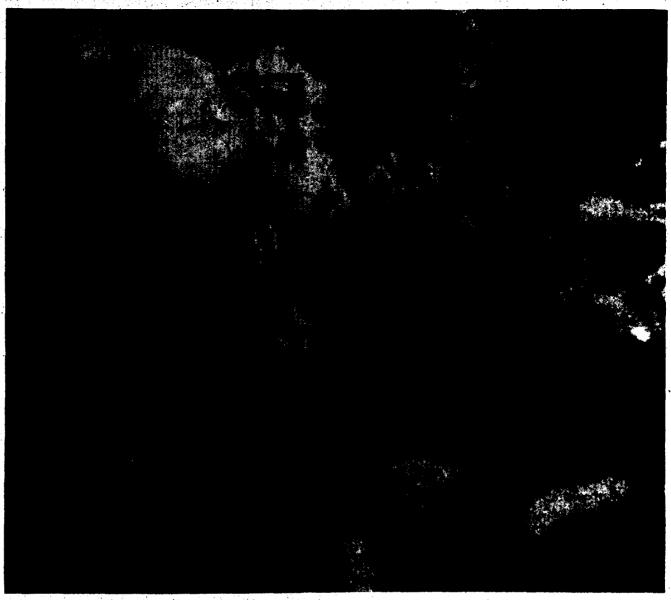
Those Rose Bowl souvenirs will, with luck, be even more valuable by 8 p.m. (Detroit time) this Friday.

Until then, Houle's biggest game yet looms.

"It's kind of hard to realize I'll be there.

"When I see the stadium, it'll start sinking in. Right now it's just too much to comprehend."





Plymouth to Pasadena

Dave Houle makes a tackle during his senior year at Salem. On Friday, Houle will wrap up his senior year

with Michigan State's football team at the : Rose Bowl. (Crier photo)

Oh-Malley

'Super kid' top male athlete for '87

Hey sports fans, as we round out the 1987 year in sports let's look back on the outstanding male athlete in The Plymouth-Canton Community.

This was a tough choice. No-one seemed to dominate in one or more boys sports at either Salem or Canton High.

But one name kept popping up -- David O'Malley.

O'Malley, a senior at Salem, has been a part of the school's varsity soccer program for the past four years. He has started in goal for the Rocks both as a junior and as a senior.

O'Malley has also won his share of honors while playing at Salem. He ended his soccer career in a Rocks uniform in the Class A soccer regional finals this year when Salem fell to powerhouse Livonia Stevenson.

Failing to take a state title was a big disappointment for the outstanding goalie, but the fond memories of glorious seasons at Salem remain.

Over the summer, O'Malley did what a lot of soccer players only dream about — he competed in a European and Soviet cup soccer tournament against some of the finest young kickers around.

Land of confusion
By Marty Tungate



O'Malley played against some of the best soccer players in his age group. He traveled to a variety of European nations and even made a visit to Moscow's Red Square.

O'Malley's career at Salem was capped when he was named the second best goalie in the state.

"Dave is a great competitor and a super kid," Salem soccer coach Ken Johnson said.

And to top it, O'Malley has been asked to play in a soccer game in January which features 36 of the best soccer players in Michigan.

O'Malley has to be this year's top male athlete of the year for Plymouth-Canton.

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Curiosities

BARNEY: the Cactus Salsa is great! It'll take 7 months to use up, it took 7 seconds to unwrap and 7 hours to clean-up all the little static-cling styrofoam peanuts in the box. Merry Christmas!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR MOM & DAD PETROWSKY

I resolve to write more curios.

Have fun L.O.L. I'll be thinking about you. "Julie, hand me the suntan lotion." L.O.C.

Wattles Road is the same thing as Seventeen Mile?

THANKS TO ALL The Plymouth-Canton store folks for the extra help with. Christmas!

GO STATE, BEAT USC!!

— From an alumnus of another Big Ten school who's sick and tired of Michigan and Ohio State going to Pasadena every New Year's Day.

Michelle, How many days to Christmas now?

Guess who's 20?

Achtung! Achtung! Here's your announcement Hurricane and Tornado are tangling their winds into a "Knot."

The editeers thank Renee for the terrific truffles. Our tastebuds will never be the same.

Ladies and gentlemen, Sheila Fitzgerald.

Thank you all.

Blip loves to track his Hurricane!

MERRY CHRISTMAS Margaret Glomski — Beauregard.



NEWS FLASH December 24th was John's day — with sympathy we all wish him well now that he's 50! Happy Birthday John Roose!

Your Good Friends!

Curiosities

The great white north arrives at lest, it's a blast!

MELISSA and JESSICA are a cookie decorating, mailing team.

Sue --- Everything is grand. Ken

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.... and I figure I'll pop in the Stevie Ray somewhere between Madison and Black River Falls, Wisconsin....

Studmuttin says, "Hi Pat."

8 8 8 8 8 my lucky number. See you in '88. Z

THE McKERCHERS are alive and well, they report. What's harder to believe: a portfolio or Mary Pat going to Ferris? Time flies!

Welcome back, Chris Farina.

RTB — Why did we split? A fight not worthy remembering how it started. Z

"THEY'RE MISCONSCREWING the idea of dancing at Jasons" — At Attorney, 1987.

Happy New Year to the Gargaros, who don't need a weatherman to tell which way the wind blows, even while eating Mountain Jam.

See you soon Mike Henshaw

Christmas Eve was special — thanks to all of our friends.

ANN & GEORGE BROWN remember Plymouth (especially the police department) way out in Springfield, Missouri. Glad you're all well in MO.! Happy holidays.-ed.

Paul responds in mule nostril agony to these strange days.

Go State!!!

While the cat(s) are away . . .

ELLIE GRAHAM: it is good to hear from you! Happy Holidays

Zen says true sailing is dead, and the first animal is jettlisoned.

Marilyn — Believe me when I tell you, I'll never do you no harm. Humfrey

SEE WHITE RUN, See Spartan fun. Woe to USC, to MSU goes glee, and Rose Bowl vict-o-ree!

Curiosities

HÁVE A GREAT '88 one and all!

Mart-eye turns ex-teen while frolicking with the jellyfish.

You Editeer Guys did great on Dec. 18 getting us out. Thank you. KP

I hope you guys are having fun in your winter wonder land! I'm going fishing. "Nom are my shorts dry?" L.O.C.

Hurricane, if I said it once, I said it a thousand times — Yes Yes Yes!! Toronado

Kristen — is all this snow the fault of the Weather Goddess?

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To those who forgot again, my b-day was

Ken, Thank You for a Wonderful Christmas. You're the best elf Santa ever had. Leve, Sue

Happy New Year to all. May it be sale and fun and happy. BEST WISHES to all. Marty Tungate Crier sports.

She said yes, he read it well!

Beb & Sallie, is everything under control?

Curiosities

Like they say, when it rains, it pours.

Hurricane - She sez yes!!! Blip

Sounds like you're in heaven, not in a storm

California here we come.

"I WON'T GROW UP . . ." Peter Pan in Northville, 1967 (barely)

Well? What do you want me to do about it??

Have fun in the sun Paul. An Editeer

BEAUREGARD eats Nancy DeBear's pale.
YES! YOU CAN SEND UP A TAPE!! — the Editeers

You mean I don't have to ask?

Patty T. Remember — Good Vibrations can travel long distances. Thinking about you, Happy New Year! TfW

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Did you do it. Ken? I wan't find out until Jan. 4. The suspense builds.

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Congrats Ken and Sue.

"DANNY'S? Was Mom at the grocery store in Windsor?"

Fels. Ask Ken about him.

"it's deadly it's murder it's suicide anyway you look at it it's not a fun ride"! Don't Drink and Drive.

is the year 2000 too soon to hit the after-Christmas sales again?

Mike --- He-ing and She-ing? Z

1968 is going to be a great year!

Renee, no you are not as old as the Sun.

NEWS FLASH — the government feels the pinch of the economy. — A public servant.

I hope you had the merriest Christmas ever. And a very happy new year too! l love you,

Great party K & M. Have a great New Year's if we don't see you. K & S

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Pel — Good to have back. Chum

ALL EYES ON number 74 in the Green and White on New Year's Day. Go get 'em Dave - Plymouth-Canton Rose Bowl

Shirley & Gary — Congratulations on your new grand-daughter! [1] always remer

Oh noco - it's another invasion of little plastic creatures with hooks on them. Next year it's two Christines trees.

Would you trust you if you were me, which I am?" — Erik S.

Humfrey D-U-M-T huh?

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Dejectedly Yours, Marilyn

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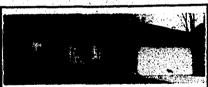
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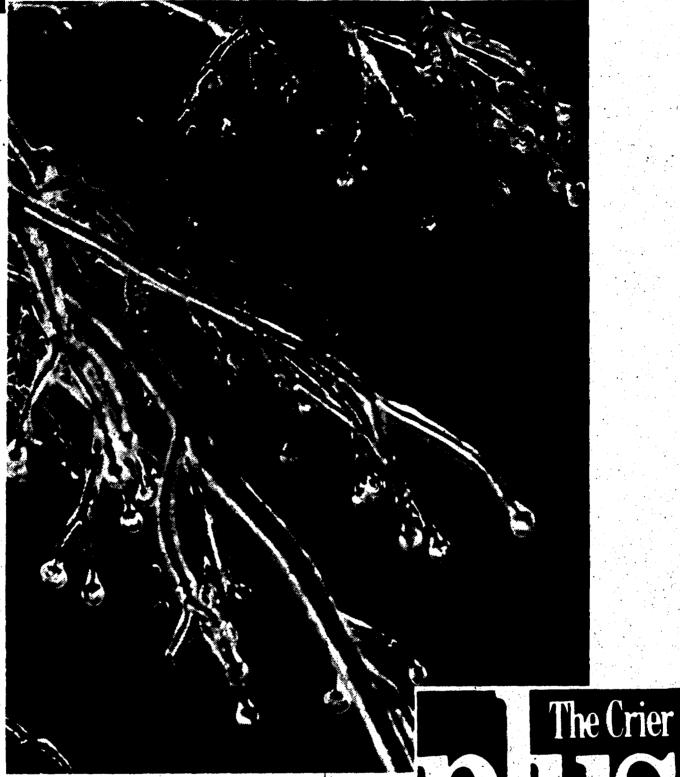
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