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Housing report: new school needed

BY KEN VOYLES

An updated housing construction report commissioned by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools suggests that the district may need a new elementary school by the year 1995.

The report, an update by former district principal Carl Taylor of the Spear Report originally prepared in 1987, details local housing construction and resulting student populations for the years 1990-95.

At Monday's Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meeting Taylor told the board that a new elementary school would "probably" be needed between now and 1995.

According to the report, approximately 3,615 new housing units (single family homes, condominiums and apartments) will be built in Plymouth, Canton and part of Northville by 1995. The largest number will be single family homes (about 2,100).

The report details 30 different housing developments on the drawing boards throughout Plymouth-Canton-Northville.

Using a formula designed for the original study, the report projected that the district would see about 1,954 new students from that housing growth, including 978 at the elementary level.

The report notes that the district can expect an average of about 391 new students per year over the next five years.

The majority of housing units, and probably new students, said the report, would be in Canton, where 1,951 units are expected to be developed. Another 1,064 units will be built, if the projections are correct over the next five years, in Plymouth Township.

The report notes that Canton will produce about 1,006 new students and Plymouth Township another 798 students over the next five years.

"It appears that we are consistently growing in the elementary schools," Taylor told the board. "Our greatest growth is between kindergarten and fourth grade."

He added that growth will continue at the elementary school level, remain about the same at the middle school level, and drop slightly at the high school level.

Taylor said the original report in 1987 needed to be updated, partially because the expectations of many of the builders had not been met. He said the original projections for student populations covering 1987-92 were a "little high."

Taylor also told the board that, according to the report, it looked like the new elementary school would need to be built south of Warren Road between Beck and Ridge roads.

The report will be turned over to the blue ribbon study committee looking at the future of the school district to the year 2010, said John M. Hoben, schools superintendent.

"It's a risky business looking more than two years ahead," said Hoben, who added that the report will help the district plan for the future.

"This information will be extremely helpful to the blue ribbon group," said Dean Swartzwelder, board president. "It's also extremely helpful to us."

The report also suggests that housing development in the City of Plymouth and townships of Salem and Superior will "be of minimal consequence" to the schools over the next five years.

The report does not address changes in the communities major, but older subdivisions.



Queen crowned

Kerry Veas was crowned as Salem High's homecoming queen during Friday's halftime ceremonies at CEP. Salem won its game Friday, 3-0. See pg. 26 for details. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

From DNR

New landfill awaits approval

BY SCOTT DANIEL

A proposed landfill in Canton is currently under review by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Wayne Disposal applied for a construction permit for the site from the DNR in August, said DNR District Supervisor of Waste Management Ben Okwumabua. He said the landfill would be located on Lilley Road between Michigan Avenue and Van Born Road.

The DNR has until Dec. 11 to either grant or deny the construction permit, which is currently under review, Okwumabua said. He declined to

speculate if approval would be given.

"We have seen some problems at the site," Okwumabua said. "Wayne Disposal is working on them."

Before approval can be given, he said, the firm has to meet DNR engineering requirements. Okwumabua said such requirements would include a detailed drainage plan for the landfill.

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PLUS: The Crier's PLUS section this week looks at home improvement projects. See page 13.

Historic Canton schools focus of new study

BY SCOTT DANIEL

A portion of Canton's history may yet be saved.

Canton's Historical Society began a study of the township's nine "country schools" back in August, according to Joan Palmer. Once that research is completed -- in about three years -- the society plans to hire an author to write a history of the schools.

"We are trying to save the history of the country schools," Palmer said. "It is something that needs to be done."

Research on the schools will include collecting photographs of students and buildings, Palmer said. In addition,

she said, names and dates of teachers who taught in the schools are also being researched.

"We want to contact all the people that went to the schools to find out what they know," Palmer said, who is conducting the research with society member Ruth Wiles. "We won't get them all, but we will try."

The one-room schools were used for kindergarten through eighth grade education in the township from the early 1800s to the 1950s, she said.

Palmer added that the Canton schools were part of the Wayne County Intermediate School district. She said

they were consolidated with the Plymouth School District in the 1950s.

The township was divided up into 36 one-mile sections by Wayne County, Palmer said. Each of the country schools served four sections (or square miles) of Canton, she said.

"Men taught in the winter and women in the spring," Palmer said. "The men were paid more money."

Students sat on benches in the woodstove-heated classrooms, Palmer said. She added that outside drinking wells and outhouses were common to the schools.

"Children generally walked about a

mile to school," Palmer said. "If they were lucky they got to ride a bike or a parent would take them."

She said her husband, Dick, attended the Hanford School, which was located at the corner of Ridge and Hanford roads. Palmer added that one of the township schools was named after her husband's family.

Besides Hanford and Palmer, Bartlett, Canton Center, Cherry Hill, Hough, Sheldon, Trusdell and Walker made up the nine country schools. Palmer said that many of the schools are still in existence and have various uses.

Schools learning program debated

BY KEN VOYLES

The use of a new developmental learning program in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district became the center of debate Monday when parents from Farrand

Elementary raised their concerns before the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education.

The program, which took four years to develop according to school officials, involves a new approach to

learning with less emphasis on traditional rote processes and greater emphasis on hands-on methods.

The parents on hand for Monday's meeting expressed concern that teachers have not been fully prepared

for the new approach; that some teachers are unhappy with the methods; that students no longer bring home work from school; that there are few if any written testing methods; and that other evaluation efforts are limited.

Several parents were also on hand to speak in favor of the new learning program.

Laura Harrington said the district should have used a more "transitional" method to introduce the program. **Please see pg. 4**

Federal help for crossings?

BY PHILIP TARDANI

There may be federal help for what is widely believed to be the City of Plymouth's worst railroad crossing, according to City Engineer Kenneth West.

West said a federal grant could cover 90 percent of the cost of rubberizing the Main Street crossing in front of Bode's restaurant.

First, however, he said, a railroad safety official from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has to inspect the crossing.

"If they determine the crossing is in 'poor' condition, then we are eligible (for the federal dollars)," West said.

West said he has written the MDOT and requested an inspection. It should come some time in the spring, he said.

Rubberized crossings are "superior" for automobile traffic, he said.

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Canton royalty

The 1990 Canton High School Homecoming Court. Front row left to right: Kalee Smith, Leanne Gurchak, Annette Whittaker, April Billins, Cheri Woodward, Bonnie Agius, Shawn Champlin, Angela Fountain.

Back row: Jason Riggs, Karl Wukle, Mike Wougamon, Joe Binder, Dave Lesante, Jason Napolitano, Bill Power. The Chiefs play this Friday. See The Crier sports pages. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

City paid \$14,746

Fall Festival expenditure revealed

BY PHILIP TARDANI

The 1990 Plymouth Fall Festival cost the City of Plymouth \$14,746, according to the first comprehensive billing charges of a special event in the city.

The expenditures included \$11,215 in city employe pay, \$700 for a rented forklift and \$177 for 18 tons of sand that went into barbecue pits, according to Paul Sincoc, assistant city manager.

"This is really the first time we know for sure what the Fall Festival costs," Sincoc said. "It gives the city commission an idea of what it takes to do the event."

The commission knocked \$6,000 from the charges as part of the city's publicity budget passed last Monday night and billed the Fall Festival board of directors \$8,746.

The itemized billing is in accordance with the new city special event policy, Sincoc said, passed by the commission on March 19, 1990.

The policy stipulates that the city can provide up to 40 straight-time hours for Department of Public Works (DPW) assistance as well as 20 straight-time hours of administrative help for planning and review of the event.

Beyond that, the group hosting the special event is billed for DPW, police and fire time. The sponsor is also billed for purchased materials, equipment charges and rented materials.

Sponsors must also carry liability insurance with coverage of at least \$300,000, the policy stipulates.

City Finance Director William Graham said the rising costs of the special events -- of which there are more than 30 a year in the city -- warrant close scrutiny.

"The Fall Festival and other special events are getting to be real expensive critters," he said. "In all fairness to the event sponsor and the taxpayer, we

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Thanksgiving in Plymouth Holiday to get historic look?

BY PHILIP TARDANI

There just may be pilgrims and Indians in the City of Plymouth this Thanksgiving, if local merchants have their way.

A group of merchants, led by Fred Hill, are planning a holiday celebration complete with pilgrim costumes, a stockade fence in Kellogg Park and a drawing for a trip to the "Plimoth Plantation" in Massachusetts.

"What better named city to promote Thanksgiving?" Hill asked. "I think this will be the start of something the community is going to like."

Hill said the idea came about last year when he and some of the other downtown merchants agreed that the Christmas decorations in the city had gone up too early.

The group wanted to promote the American holiday of Thanksgiving, Hill said.

Hill envisions fully costumed pilgrims wandering around town, welcoming visitors to the area. He's even lined up a modern-day Governor Bradford, the leader of the original pilgrim settlement in Plymouth, MA.

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Historic commission designated

Canton's Historic District Commission was recently awarded Certified Local Government (CLG) status from the National Park Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior and the Michigan Bureau of history.

The CLG program was mandated through the National Historic Preservation Amendments Act of 1980. It is designed to strengthen the state-local partnership by emphasizing local preservation efforts. It also allows greater access to federal funds for preservation planning projects.

The honor puts Canton in a select group as only one of seven communities in Michigan to be designated.

Tom Yack, Canton supervisor, said the designation was made possible by



The Plymouth Community United Way fund campaign continues. This year's goal is \$500,000. The drive winds up in November.

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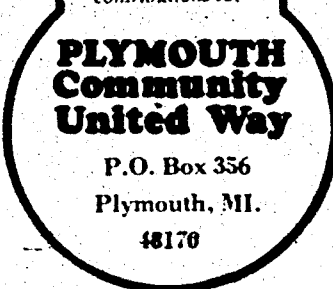
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the effort of the Canton Historic District Commission.

"Their work and dedication have allowed Canton to stand out in historical preservation efforts," Yack said.

Members of the commission include: Dave Artley, Terri Bennett, Melissa McLaughlin, Stephen Foley, Dorothy West, Stan Tkacz and Jerry Gutkowski.

Parents raise concerns over new learning program

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program. Harrington said she favors a combination of traditional and developmental methods.

"I don't trust Farrand right now," she said. "Maybe we're going too fast. There's too much change, too soon at Farrand. I feel the traditional approach should be used."

Marie Clifton said she was concerned that teachers in the district are not "thrilled with the system." She added, "There are so many deviations

from the traditional system."

Another parent added, "I think that it's serious, a serious problem, that should be looked into now."

Parents who showed support for the program said they too were nervous about the program at first, but have found that their children enjoy school more. "I fully support it," said one.

Another parent, Kathy Esper, said she liked the fact that her son was offered a chance to "look at things in his own eyes and explore a situation."

Esper added, "I agree that teachers may need more of an introduction to this, parents too. I'd like to see the dialog continue."

Dean Swartzwelter, president of the board, said the district had not "walked into this blindly."

"We're aware of the issues you have mentioned," he added. "There are pros and cons to this and the board and administration are well aware of that."

Swartzwelter, who said his son Scott went through the program in Great Britain and is currently at West Point

military academy, added that the board and the administration proceeded with the developmental learning plan very "cautiously."

He added that he faced many of the same concerns when his son began the program. "It's not uncommon, your concerns," Swartzwelter said.

District administrators will take a closer look at the learning plan, he added, and bring to the board a set of goals and objectives for the program in the near future.



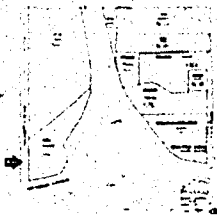
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THE REQUEST IS TO PERMIT CONSTRUCTION OF A WASTEWATER TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM, LOWER ROUGE EQUALIZATION BASIN/PUMP STATION, LOCATED EAST OF HAGGERTY BETWEEN PALMER ROAD AND MICHIGAN AVENUE.

WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL 7:00 P.M. AT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SPECIAL LAND USE 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 SPECIAL USE.



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John Burdzik
Planni Commission.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OCTOBER 18, 1990

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1990, AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the first floor meeting room of the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. The following agenda will be discussed:

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG
 - ROLL CALL: Daley, Demopoulos, Nasiatka, Preblich, Prince
 - ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA
 - 1. REX RUARK, REPRESENTING NEW VENTURE DEVELOPMENT, LTD. 33300 Warren Rd. - Ste. 206, Westland, MI 48185, appealing Section 26.02, Schedule of Regulations of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance regarding minimum Lot Area (Width), Parcel No. 107-99-0008-000 located on the east side of Canton Center Rd. between Geddes and Palmer Rd. The applicant wishes to obtain a property split, allowing the sale of 1.37 acres and the development of the remainder, 8.59 acres. (PLANNING)
 - 2. AYRES, LEWIS, NORRIS & MAY, REPRESENTING THE WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY (WTUA), 46555 Port St., Plymouth, MI 48170, appealing Section 26.03, Schedule of Regulations of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance regarding the Minimum Front Yard Setback to construct an underground equalization basin on Parcel No. 002-99-0002-000, located on the southeast corner of Joy and Haggerty Rd. (PLANNING)
 - 3. TED MAGURAN, REPRESENTING AFFILIATED MANAGEMENT GROUP/CANTON CARE CENTER, 1375 Inkster Rd., Inkster, MI 48141, appealing Sections 6.02 L.1; L.3; regarding Lot Area and Setbacks for Site Development Standards for non-residential uses (Hospital) to renovate existing vacant building as an Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center. The property is located at 43825 Michigan Avenue, between Sheldon and Morton Taylor Rd. Parcel No. 133-02-0040-005. (PLANNING)
 - 4. Memo regarding Revision to Sign Ordinance, dated 9-20-90.
 - 5. Memo from attorney regarding Lot Splits and Variances to Lot Size requirements.
- Approval of minutes of the September 20, 1990 meeting.

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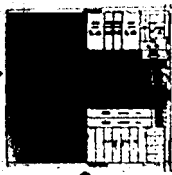
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John Burdzik
Planning Commission Chairman

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - SPECIAL MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1990

Supervisor Breen called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Mr. Horton moved to approve the agenda for the October 1, 1990 Special Board of Trustees meeting as submitted. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Munfakh moved to authorize the Financial Director to proceed with developing a bond issue for capital improvement in the amount of \$1.5 million. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Supervisor Breen opened the public hearing on the General Fund Budget for 1991 at 7:35 p.m. After hearing no comments from the public, Supervisor Breen closed the public hearing at 7:38 p.m.

Mr. Munfakh moved to approve Resolution No. 90-10-01-30 which adopted the 1991 General Fund Budget as an activity Fund Budget and set a \$5,000 limit on the purchase of any item unless authorized by the Board of Trustees after consideration of public bids and quotes. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a voice vote.

Supervisor Breen opened the Truth in Taxation public hearing at 7:39 p.m. Mrs. Harvey, Financial Director, spoke to the affect the "Trust in Taxation" public hearing would have. It would allow the Township Board to increase the operating revenue from ad valorem property taxes 4.8% over such revenue generated by the levy permitted without the hearing but still within the authorized millage vote. After hearing no comments from the public, Supervisor Breen closed the public hearing at 7:43 p.m.

Mr. Munfakh moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-10-01-31 setting the tax levy for 1991 at 4.03 Mills on taxable property in the Township for Township purposes. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a voice vote.

It was moved by Mrs. Hulsing and supported by Mrs. Brooks that a closed session be called for the purpose of discussing current pending litigation with Srodawa. This is a permissible purpose under Michigan's Open Meeting Act No. 267 of 1976, as amended by Act 256 of 1975, Article 15.268, Section 8, Paragraph e.

Ayes all on a voice vote.

The Board of Trustees moved to the Conference Room at 7:54 p.m.

At 8:13 p.m. the Board reassembled in the Meeting Room.

It was moved by Mr. Horton and supported by Mr. Griffith to move to public session. Ayes all.

It was moved by Mr. Stewart and supported by Mr. Horton to authorize the township attorney to file a consent judgement as presented with the modification that an adequate entry be from Wilcox Road. Ayes all on a voice vote.

It was moved by Mr. Munfakh and supported by Mr. Stewart that the meeting adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Ayes all.

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Eather Hulsing
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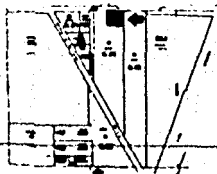
The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on October 1, 1990. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on October 9, 1990.

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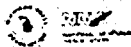
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I vote for change: Election offers 'same old'

Residents in this community have a chance in a couple of weeks to show their displeasure over the entire budget mess facing this country.

How? By getting rid of the autocratic incumbents who rule this nation.

That's right, maybe it's time to think about getting someone new in office, someone who doesn't have a vested interest in perpetuating their position, someone who isn't dominated by lobbyists and special interests, someone who isn't a slave to a political action committee or a slave to their own myth.

This even holds true for those state races on the ballot in November.

Now I'm not saying these incumbents -- the Carl Pursells, Bill Fords, Gerald Laws, Bob Geakes, Milt Macks and Jim Kostevas of the world -- are completely to blame for the mess at both the federal and state level (look at the education proposals for Michigan), but as entrenched politicians they are in a position to do something, anything.

Nor are their opponents (in most cases) anything to write home about. The unknowns this year include Dennis Shrewsbury, Elmer

In the margin

By Ken Voyles



White, Dolores Carmichael, and Patrick McDonald. Others in the races -- Burl Adkins and Vic Gustafson -- have been around and are known to local voters. In one county race, Susan Heintz is running unopposed.

And then there's the sleeper this year -- the three-way race for the Plymouth Library District Board between Mary Kleam, Virginia Tornga and Janet Campbell.

In other words, a rather lackluster bunch of folk -- same old same old -- to choose from. So why not do something different? Maybe we should give the Shrewsburys, Adkins, Gustafsons a chance. Hell, they can't do too much more damage than those already in power. At least they might owe the voter something. For a while anyway.

Law, Breen questioned on Mettetal

EDITOR:

It has always been my understanding that an elected official's duty, regardless of his political party, was to represent all of his constituents and his community without prejudice.

On Oct. 3 I was petitioning near one of the local shopping malls in Plymouth Township when I was confronted by a man that seemed interested in what I was doing. In one sentence, I petitioned this man and expressed my opposition to Mettetal Airport being municipally owned and supported by my tax dollars.

In reply, this man shouted very loud that my statement was a lie and everything I said was a lie and that I was deliberately lying to the people. He created such a disturbance with his accusations and shouting that I walked away from him.

I told him that he was too argumentative and I wanted no further discussion with him. His persistent demagoguery became too much for me so I asked him to lower his voice as he was creating a disturbance, and any attempt by me to petition the public was out of the question.

At this time he introduced himself as Gerald Law. I couldn't believe what I was hearing, but then I recognized him from his photographs. This man, State Representative Law, was making accusations that were totally untrue. I

informed him that I had supported him at each election since I moved to the area 11 years ago, but he had received his last vote from me.

After Mr. Law had regained his composure, he examined my petition, and of the seven points listed at the top he found (in his opinion) one questionable and one did not agree with, but found no lies.

I mentioned earlier unruly conduct and he agreed and apologized. In the discussion following, I found it difficult to extract an answer from him when I asked him pointed questions, such as "Where does the money come from that is not funded by federal and state government grants?"

Since he stood firm that no taxpayer dollars would be used, he finally asserted that the Airport Authority would ask for a millage to be put on the ballot, and if approved, the local taxpayers would have to pay for it.

The proponents of Mettetal Airport are not being honest with the taxpayers when they say "No local tax money will be used to acquire and support the airport." They prefer to call it "User Fees."

The Michigan Aeronautics Commission and the Federal Aviation Administration refer to it as a "Users Tax." A tax is defined as compulsory payment of a percentage of income, property value, sales price, etc.

In essence what I am saying is that every single cent that is used to acquire and support Mettetal Airport is taxpayer money, local and otherwise.

So far the only point that I can agree on with Supervisor Maurice Breen is his admission that the airport is not revenue producing and he does not expect it to be revenue producing.

He further states that before he will allow local taxes to be used he will allow the airport to go into bankruptcy. My next question is, why then is he supporting purchase of the airport at all if he knows it is basically worthless as a revenue producing endeavor?

What Breen is actually doing is abusing municipal privileges by using Plymouth Township and his office to acquire an inflated price of \$4.1 million and pay it to the present owner who then walks away with large profit on a bad investment.

There are many more questions to be answered and facts to be given regarding this matter. Hopefully Breen will give the people whose taxes are involved, a chance to obtain these answers and hear the facts, and why he thinks the airport is a community asset when his own statements are contradictory.

JOSEPH ANINOS



Community opinions

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2 sides of Roe Street controversy

Homeowners:

EDITOR:

In order to help clarify and better understand the citizens of Roe Street, please lend us an empathetic ear.

We would like to believe that we are as concerned and as humane in thought and action as are our fellow citizens of this city. We also find Dr. Marcia Andersen's program that attempts to rehabilitate substance abusers not to be without merit. Our tax dollars, as are yours, are being used plentifully to implement her endeavor.

Roe Street was quiet, is tree lined with old and new dwellings inhabited by low and middle income families. There are also many older residents on fixed incomes. Roe Street was closely knit and prideful. City Beautification Awards adorn many of our walls.

We are zoned RM2 which constitutes multi-family dwellings as well as single family homes. We have no problem with that and have welcomed the renters into the community. We also have grown not to expect the same civic pride from them as we would from the owners of their buildings.

Being a close-knit neighborhood we could not help but notice that during the last week of September 1990 we had about two dozen new neighbors. After much heresy and conjecture many facts began to surface. Andersen had already implemented her state and grant subsidized drug rehabilitation program by housing her clients on Roe Street. This was done unbeknownst to a single person in the area.

In lieu of panic we retained an attorney to explore the possibilities of recourse. All of the citizens in the immediate area were alerted, hence the overcrowded city commission chambers on Monday, Oct. 1.

The covert manner in which Andersen infiltrated our community with her newly formed business only afforded us with a predisposition

towards prejudice. This served not only as a grave injustice to our community but to her clients as well!

Andersen (a Plymouth Township resident) seems to be echoing a Salem Township resident's exact sentiments. Don Bidwell is the owner of the building in which these ex-substance abusers are housed. He too made promises in 1987 that this building would be used by young professionals and/or senior citizens. He too had only the city's best interest in mind. He also heard our concerns and would never do anything to hurt Plymouth. Yet he has given Andersen preferential treatment in regard to leasing and rental fees since he could not fully occupy his building.

Due to the expedient method in housing, the residents on Roe were remiss in stereotyping every resident of that building to be someone in the program. They are not and they too feel victimized.

Here we feel it key to note that every six months Andersen's clients will be asked to vacate and will be replaced by an equal number of new clients. This to us only increases the volatility of our plight.

The City of Plymouth has been very understanding and has gone to great lengths to police this area. We do wonder though, that if our legal efforts fail, will we still be afforded these considerations when the program is fully implemented? And if so, will we really want to live in a policed state?

This is not a problem of a speeding car or a stray dog but one of genuine concern. Lock your doors Plymouth! We will be locking ours. Excuse us, ours are already locked, our kids must have locked them. They're a little nervous with all of the new neighbors and police.

**JAMES & KAROL HARDY
PAUL & SARAH BECHLER
ERNIE ARCHER**

Aftercare participant:

EDITOR:

Hello, my name is Ken and I am a resident of Plymouth. I reside at 303 Roe St. I have lived here approximately two weeks. I have some friends who reside at the apartment complex with me. We are in a wonderful program that was specially designed to help the recovering alcoholic and addict to reenter the work force by helping to start a small business.

This program has taken three years since its conceptualization to become a reality. The founder of this program, Dr. Marcia Andersen, began with a dream of helping recovering people many years ago as a registered nurse. After seeing the suffering that the alcoholic and addict endure.

My friends and myself have families just as you do. Many of us have children, just as you do. I have two wonderful daughters that I love very much. We have mothers and fathers as well as sisters and brothers.

Some of us attend church on a regular basis, and would like to worship with you on Sundays.

You see, we are very much like you with the exception that we have a disease called addiction. You may have a friend, neighbor, or relative who has this disease. You may have this disease yourself. The addiction may not be alcohol or drugs. It could be an addiction to eating, gambling, sex, work, shopping or any one of a number of other addictions that have 12-step programs modeled after the Alcoholics Anonymous program.

My friends and myself would like very much to be accepted by the people of Plymouth. We are here to open small businesses in Plymouth as well as the surrounding areas. We have been carefully screened prior to our acceptance into this program both by the staff of Personalized Nursing and the state of Michigan, as well as the

management of the apartment complex where we reside.

This program is not a rehabilitation program. Every one of us has completed a rehabilitation program prior to our acceptance to this program, as this is one of the requirements of acceptance.

We are all dedicated to remaining clean and sober. That is our number one priority. We all attend Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous meetings in town, along with other residents of Plymouth.

It is a well-known fact that addicts can best recover in an emotionally supportive environment, which is what we have developed through our working and living arrangement.

We understand your concerns, and we would appreciate your input on how to eliminate your fears. We believe we can contribute to the City of Plymouth in many ways. We will be able to bring more revenue to the city and with your suggestions, we could possibly bring services that would help the community.

You see, my friends and myself only ask that you give us a chance. We have done nothing wrong and have no intention of doing so. Please judge us on our action, not a pre-conceived idea of what an addict is.

All we want to do is get back into the work force, so when we leave this program, we can go back to our families or move into a neighborhood and live life and enjoy life as you do.

We invite you to stop by our office at 575 S. Main St. Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and talk with us, or call us at 451-7800.

I thank you for taking the time to read this letter and wish you a good life. May God bless you.

KEN, a participant of the Personalized Nursing program

Situation on Roe Street is right out of sociology class

How would you like it if 11 recovering substance abusers moved into your quiet neighborhood?

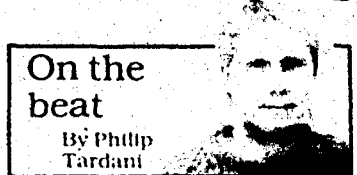
How would you like it if you were a recovering substance abuser trying to get back on track and there was a police car cruising in front of your residence at all hours of the day and night?

Obviously the situation on Roe Street in the City of Plymouth raises more questions than it does answers.

It's a classic dilemma, something you might debate in a sociology class. But this is not a hypothetical situation.

Eleven participants in a Personalized Nursing LIGHT House substance abuse aftercare job training program moved into apartments at 303 Roe St. a couple weeks ago.

"The program was developed because of the great need to provide opportunities for re-training drug-free, talented, unemployed people in the



**On the
beat**

By Phillip
Tardani

Plymouth area who have made a serious, conscious choice to change their former addictive life patterns," according to Marcia Andersen, president of Personalized Nursing.

Homeowners on Roe Street are worried about the effects the six-month program will have on their neighborhood.

"I think you're always concerned when you have a turn-about people who are only going to be there six months," said Toni Knecht, a 30-year resident of Roe St. She also referred to fears of a decline in the character of the

neighborhood.

"We paid top dollar, we've worked all our life for this house," Knecht said.

Sarah Bechler, an 11-year resident with two children, said she objects to the number of recovering substance abusers.

"We're really not against a recovery program," she said. "We're willing to take some people here, but not in those numbers."

Bechler said if there were only three or four recoverers they could be incorporated in the "family" nature of the neighborhood.

The homeowners are also concerned that the number of participants living at 303 Roe St. -- which has 18 apartments -- will grow, she said.

"We've got 11 people with a potential of 36," Bechler said.

A voice missing from the con-

trovery is the one at the center of it -- the aftercare program participants.

They have declined to speak on the record, but four did talk to me. The apartment I saw was clean and orderly. The participants were high on the program, and seemed eager to start on their own. They seemed to think the neighbor's concern over their presence was unfounded.

The city administration is investigating if the living arrangements on Roe Street violate any city zoning ordinances, as the homeowner's attorney claims.

Meanwhile, there are new neighbors on Roe Street. Bechler said they are "very courteous" and long-time resident Ernie Archer said they have offered to help him pull up his garden after the first frost.

And the living sociology experiment goes on.



Friends & Neighbors

Recently logged 1000 miles

"Over the Hill" bikers ride on

BY KEN VOYLES

Members of a self-styled motorcycle group, the "Over the Hill Gang," recently returned from a 1,000-mile jaunt around Michigan.

Led by Warren Bassett, 74, of Plymouth Township, the group, which also includes his brothers Lester, 76, and Earle, cruised up and down the Lake Michigan side of the state in

August returning after a week of hard riding.

Warren Bassett, a 1934 graduate of Plymouth High School who has been retired from Ford's foundry for 14 years, started "the gang" about 15 years ago when he bought a 90cc trail bike. From that he moved into larger and larger cycles, from a 350cc right up to the 1100cc Honda he currently operates.

"Riding was always something I wanted to do but could never afford. I had to wait until the children grew up (three daughters)," said Bassett. "I liked it so much I kept getting bigger and bigger cycles."

Warren has led his brothers -- a fourth one, Edward has since passed away -- and his son-in-law on trips for the past six-seven years. They've traveled the deep South, up and down the Mississippi River, west to Idaho, and to another dozen or so spots throughout the country. Riding the countryside of Michigan is a favorite, however.

"We eventually all had bikes and one day we got together and said let's take a little trip," Bassett said. "It all started with that little trail 90. Then everyone else got them."

"The riding isn't bad," he continued. "You don't get much respect on the highway any more. You've got to be real careful. But we've run into quite a few nice bikers."

The Bassett brothers were raised on a Michigan farm, probably seeding in them at a young age a real affinity for nature, an affinity that has stayed with them down through the years.

"There's this freedom on the open road," said Bassett. "We like to take it easy, maybe cover 50 miles. We're never in a big hurry."

Bassett remembered one incident in a small town in Ohio a few years ago when "the gang" shocked a local resident who warned them to use wood blocks to prop up their bikes because of recently laid blacktop.

"When we took off our helmets he was pretty surprised," Bassett said. "He said, 'You guys ain't so young either.'"

That's when the group decided to get some jackets with the words "Over the Hill Gang," emblazoned on them.

With the most recent trip behind them, members of the group, said Bassett, may try another big journey next year before hanging up the leathers.

"We've ridden in all kinds of weather, on all kinds of roads, through all kinds of country," said Bassett. "You just see a lot more out in the open. You feel right with the outdoors."

One other memorable trip, Bassett said, included a trip around the basin of Lake Superior. "One day we woke up and found the road covered in frost. We had to wait it out," he said.

Bassett added, "We like to take blacktop roads as much as we can and stay away from traffic. You get to see the countryside that way."

"There's nothing like rolling down a two-lane road."



Warren Bassett and his 1100cc Honda. Bassett and his brothers Lester and Earle -- the "Over the Hill Gang," cruised the Lake Michigan side of the state for a week in August. (Crier photo by Ken Voyles)

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Madonna hires Kimball

Dr. Robert Q. Kimball, a Plymouth resident, has been named chairperson of the Education-Psychology Department at Madonna College in Livonia.

A holder of a Ph.D in science education from the University of Michigan, Kimball will perform duties including supervision of the undergraduate teaching program and teaching entry and advanced level courses. He previously served as an associate professor in education at Mercy College in Detroit.

He has also taught at Mercy College. "Madonna not only follows the teaching standards set by the state and various accrediting bodies, but goes one step further," Kimball said. "Our courses are special because we focus on exemplary values and because of our dedication to the students."

A computer enthusiast, Kimball has published five commercial software programs for elementary school children. Two of the programs, "Botanical Gardens," and "Gears," have won national awards for ex-



Robert Q. Kimball

cellence.

Kimball is also a member of the Southeastern Michigan Beekeeper's Association and has served as the group's president.

Kimball's wife, Diane, is a French teacher at East Middle School in the Plymouth Canton Community School district. The couple have two daughters, Heather and Holly. They have resided in Plymouth for 22 years.

Tell it to Phyllis

By Phyllis Redfern



When it comes to organizational skills there are basically two kinds of people -- those who are good at detail and have to have everything in place and then there are those (usually more on the creative side) who are afraid to throw things away because they might need them.

Obviously not all creative people are pack rats and some detail people are also very creative. However, take a good look at your family and friends and you can tell which category most of them seem to fall into. Then think about your own habits and which category you fit into.

There is no good or bad to either category, it simply means that we are all different. Of course anything can get out of hand. There is no doubt that I am definitely a pack rat, but I usually know where most things are.

Lately it seems like the piles of papers in my office are starting to flow into each other and the little organization I had is beginning to disappear. Every once in awhile I get half the desk clean, but before I can get to the other half more clutter appears on the clean side.

I recently met Donna Hoying and Chris Cattell who are teaching a class at Schoolcraft College on Organizational Effectiveness. Donna agreed to come to my office and give me some advice on how to organize things.

By the look on her face as she entered my office, I knew I should have warned her ahead of time. One of her first comments as she looked around was, "I think you're in the advance stages of pack rat."

Some of the ideas we discussed are things that would be useful for many people. When sorting through things, make a quick decision - keep it or toss it. It is important to keep the things you are currently working on close to you, while resource material can be filed in a file cabinet. Put everything away every night, so you start each day with a clean desk. Learn as soon as you pick something up to deal with it. Stay on top of filing.

Another useful idea is to have a time management book. We all use a calendar, but with a master task list, once things are written on the list you don't have to worry about them until you take care of them.

These are just a few suggestions for my organizational needs. The program covers many things from time reduction to developing team work to managing through the use of visual tools. If anyone is interested, check with Schoolcraft College. The next class is offered Saturday, Oct. 27 and Nov. 3.

A word of warning -- some of these organizational ideas are great but it is hard to break old habits. So far after almost a week, the door to my office is clean, the desk has lost maybe half an inch of paper work and I've only lost my master list twice.

After being referred to as a paperholic, I'm determined to learn some organizational skills. It was suggested that I need a support person (one of those people who keep everything in its place). The idea sounds great, but for now I'd settle for the support of no one touching or adding to anything on my desk.

Now if I only had some uninterrupted time to put these ideas to work. However, as I look at my list of priorities, organizational time is close but hasn't quite made it to the top of the list.

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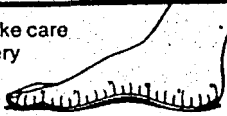
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MEADOW BROOK VISIT BY PCAC

The Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC), through the Livonia Community Education Service, is sponsoring a bus trip to Meadow Brook Hall on Dec. 5. The cost is \$11 per person. For reservations call the PCAC office at 455-5260. Less than 25 tickets remain available.

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

There will be a rummage sale at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 17-18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. There will be a large variety of items for sale.

MONTESSORI EDUCATION MEETINGS

Plymouth-Canton Montessori is conducting a series of meetings to introduce residents to the Montessori education philosophy. "Mom and Dad Come to School," a session of parent participation as a child in the classroom, will be held Oct. 16. The series closes Nov. 13 with a slide show, "Taking Montessori Home." Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. Call 459-1550 for details.

PLYMOUTH BPW MEETING

The Plymouth Business and Professional Women (BPW) will hold its regular monthly meeting Oct. 15 at the Mayflower Hotel in the City of Plymouth. Social hour at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. For reservations, or information, call Shirley Nair at 349-2969.

INFANT, CHILD CPR TRAINING

Learn to perform infant and child CPR at a training session being sponsored and held at the University of Michigan M-CARE Health Center in the City of Plymouth on Oct. 18 from 6-10 p.m. Class taught by Mark Gordon, educational coordinator at University of Michigan Mott Hospital. Space is limited. The cost is \$7 at the door. To pre-register call 459-0820.

PEOPLE GOT TO BE FREE

"People Got to be Free," a chorus concert put on by students at East Middle School will be held Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m. There is no admission charge. For more information call 453-2262.

LUNCHEON, CARD PART

On Oct. 20 the Ladies Guild of Our Lady of Good Counsel in the City of Plymouth will host their Annual Luncheon and Card Party in the school gym. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in advance by calling Caroline at 455-2620 or Dolores at 455-5547. Tickets also at the door. Starts at noon.

MOTHERS OF TWINS

The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Twins club will hold a meeting on Thursday, Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. Mothers of multiples are welcome. For more information call Anne at 455-9637.

BILINGUAL DEPT. COUNCIL MTG

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Bilingual Department Parent Advisory Council will hold a public meeting at 1 p.m. on Thursday (Oct. 11) in room 201 of the Starkweather Community Education Center. Discussion will focus on Title VII proposal for an ESL/Bilingual secondary level grant.

COLLECTIBLE CRAFTS SHOW

Collectible Crafts will host an arts and crafts show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Northville Recreation Center on Dec. 1. More than 65 exhibitors. Admission is \$1.50. For more information call 227-4860.

PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM OPENINGS

New Morning School in Plymouth Township, a K-8 parent cooperative, currently has openings in its pre-school program. For further information call 420-3331.

PUMPKIN PATCH VISIT

Moms & Tots of the Plymouth Newcomers Club is an informal group of moms and pre-schoolers who meet once a month. On Oct. 16 the group will meet at a pumpkin patch in Canton at 10:30 a.m. Afterwards the group will meet for lunch at 11:15 a.m. in Holly's. For more information call 459-1572.

AAUW EXPLORES GENDER EQUITY

Barb Church, curriculum coordinator for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, will explore the issue of gender equity in math and science. The discussion will be held at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 18 at Ernesto's and is sponsored by the local AAUW group. The public is welcome. For more information call 453-8998.

NEWCOMERS MEMBERSHIP COFFEE

The Plymouth Newcomers Club, for new residents of Plymouth and Plymouth Township, will host a membership coffee for prospective members at 10 a.m. on Oct. 18. For more information call 451-0124.

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PLYMOUTH GOODFELLOWS

The 1990-91 Plymouth Goodfellows meeting schedule is as follows: Oct. 10, picture night; Nov. 28, regular meeting; then on Dec. 1 it's the Goodfellows paper sale. Meetings are held at in Plymouth City Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Also, a meeting is planned for March 13, 1991 to nominate and elect new officers. It will begin at 9 a.m. at the Plymouth Fire Department station behind city hall. For more information on the group call 453-7284 or 453-4987.

PARK PLAYERS' 'BLACK COMEDY'

The Plymouth Park Players, students at Canton and Salem high school, will present a "Black Comedy," a British spoof of what goes "on" when the power goes "off." Performances will be held at 8 p.m. on Nov. 1-3 in the Salem High auditorium. Tickets are \$3.50. For further information call 459-3518.

THE FIRST THANKSGIVING

The Plymouth Historical Society and the Mayflower Hotel are presenting a recreation, "The First Thanksgiving," on Nov. 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the hotel. The recreation features a nine-course feast and period costumes. Tables of eight available. For information and reservations call 455-8940 or 453-8578.

PSO BEETHOVEN FESTIVAL

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra (PSO) opens its 45th season with a "Beethoven Festival" on Friday (Oct. 12) at 8 p.m. in the Salem High auditorium. Features the works of Ludwig Beethoven as performed by the PSO and guest artists, the St. Clair Trio. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, and \$5 students. For ticket information call 451-2112. An After Concert Gala is also being planned.

CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE

The next Conference of Western Wayne (CWW) meeting is set for Friday (Oct. 12) at 9:30 a.m. at the Livonia City Hall. Agenda discussion includes: solid waste, airport issues, and SEMSAS. Call 525-8690 for further information about the organization or meeting.

P-C JAYCEES HAUNTED FOREST

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees and the City of Plymouth are sponsoring a Haunted Forest on selected evenings, Oct. 19-30. Open for children and adults. The forest will be located on the north side of the Ford Sheldon Road Plant, across from the M-14, Sheldon Road exit. Ten tours will be offered per evening starting at 8 p.m. A minimum of 10 people will be taken on each tour. The cost is \$4 per person, \$3 in advance, and children under five get in free. Proceeds to help fund Jaycee projects. Reservations must be made through the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Dept. at 455-6620.

GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

The Plymouth Historical Museum is hosting a Grant Writing Workshop on Oct. 20 from 10 a.m. to noon. The workshop will be conducted by the Michigan Council for the Humanities (MCH). It is designed to inform residents of the various funding and programming opportunities available through the MCH. Grant application packets will be provided. For further information on the program call the museum at 455-8940.

KIWANIS CLUB TRAVELOGUE

The next Travelogue presentation, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth, is planned for Oct. 10 at 8 p.m. in the Salem High auditorium. The session will look at "Amazing Switzerland." The cost is \$4. Then on Nov. 7 the series continues with a look at "Alaska Inside Passage." Further travelogues planned in 1991 also.

CATHOLIC HIGH INFO NIGHT

The Parent Teacher Guild of Our Lady of Good Counsel in the City of Plymouth is sponsoring an information evening for parents and for students interested in attending a Catholic high school. Planned for Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the school gym. For further information call 453-3053.

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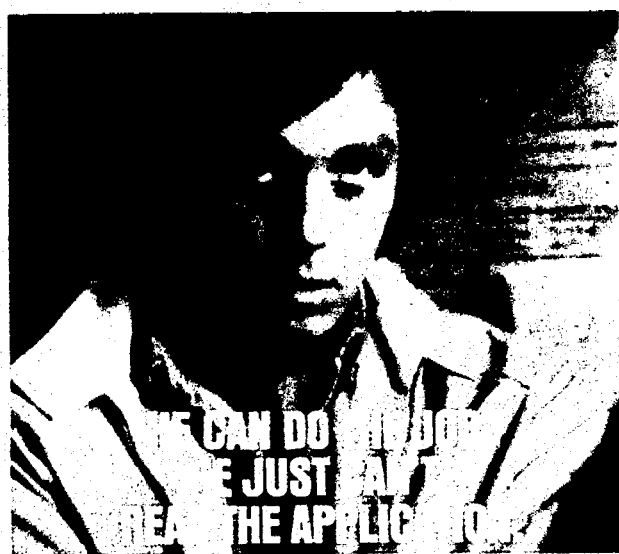
A discussion on living wills is planned for the Oct. 11 Canton Historical Society meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Canton Administration Building on Canton Center Road. Open to the public. State Rep. James Kosteva and Bruce Patterson will be on hand to lead the talk. For more information call the Canton Historical Museum at 397-0088 or Marta at 453-1921.

VIETNAM VETERAN MEETING

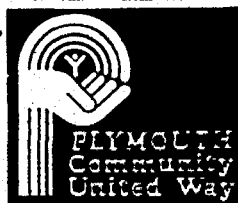
The next general membership meeting of the Plymouth-Canton Chapter 528 Vietnam Veterans of America will be held Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Lt. Gamble VFW Post 6695 Home, 1426 S. Mill St. City of Plymouth. Any area Vietnam era veterans (8-65 to 5-75) are encouraged to attend. For further information call Greg Huddas, president, at 453-5020, or Joe Aguis at 453-8180.

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Traditional Thanksgiving to be held in the City?

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With the aid of a wooden stockade fence, corn bushels and teepees, Hill hopes to take Kellogg Park back to the 17th century.

At 1 p.m. (on Thanksgiving), Hill said, Governor Bradford will stroll down Ann Arbor Trail, ringing a handbell to call the community to a non-denominational church service in the park.

"It's time for more than turkey and football, and maybe especially now with so many troops overseas," Hill said.

Cost estimates of the promotion are around \$10,000, Hill said, adding he hopes to get about half of that from the Downtown Development Authority

(DDA), of which he is a member.

"It's probably where the dollars should come from because it (the event) does focus in the downtown district," Hill said.

He'll have to convince the other members that funding of a promotional event is something the DDA should do, however, according to DDA chairperson Greg Goodman.

"I have some reservations about entering into new areas in terms of funding," Goodman said, noting that the DDA has concentrated on construction projects and renovation. "I'm frankly kind of doubtful that promotional items enter into our agenda."

William Graham, treasurer of the

DDA, said the members might want to adopt a resolution allowing for the funding of publicity events if they decide to contribute funds.

Graham said that he doesn't think the DDA plan "has any room in it for what Fred wants to do."

Society sponsors feast

It's almost time to get into the Thanksgiving Day spirit, and what better way to do that than a re-creation of the first Thanksgiving feast.

The Plymouth Historical Society and the Mayflower Hotel are joining forces to re-create the first Thanksgiving on Thursday, Nov. 1 at 6:30 p.m.

"I do believe you ought to have some kind of room in your budget for promotional activities," he added, however.

Hill will be making a presentation on the holiday ideas to the DDA at its Thursday (Oct. 11) meeting.

The evening, which will be held at the Mayflower in downtown City of Plymouth, features a nine-course feast and a variety of period costumes.

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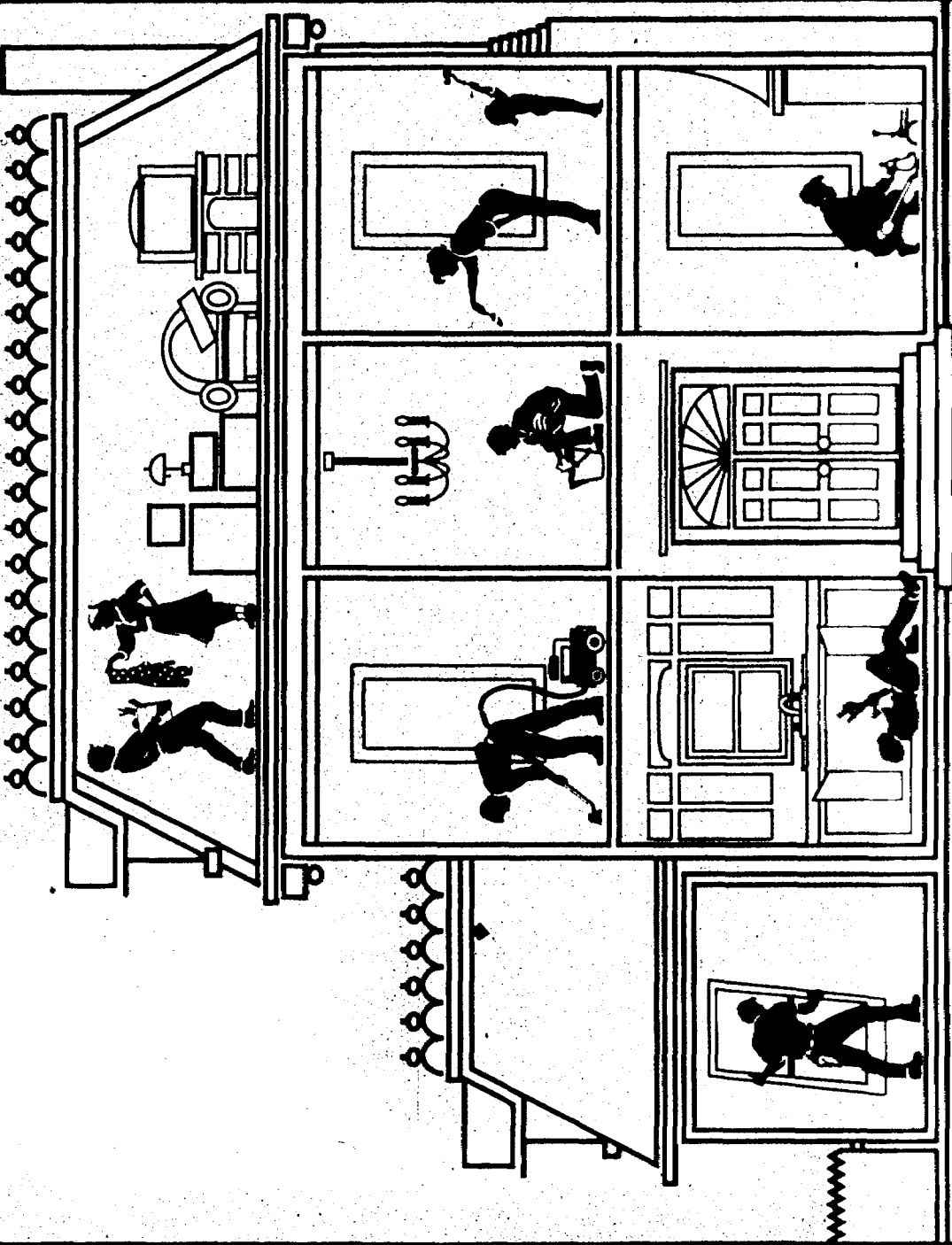
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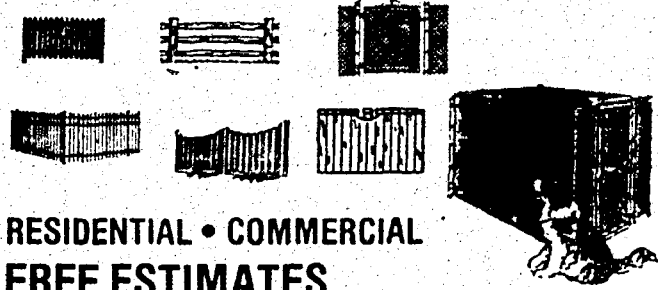
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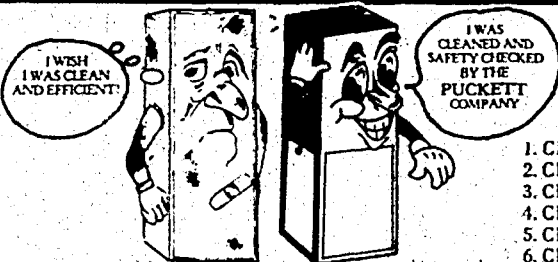


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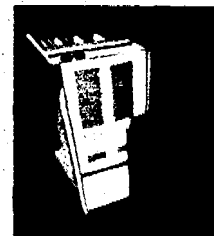
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Basement remodeling possible for amateurs

BY MIKE GUINN

With a spare \$1,000 and a few weekends of hard work, most people can transform an unfinished basement from a junkroom to a jewel, according to a local resident who helps "do-it-yourselfers."

Warm home with caulk

BY MIKE GUINN

Seal. Reseal. Then seal again.

This seems to be the best advice for getting your home prepared to cope with winter's frosty temperatures. And beside keeping the house warmer, keeping the cold out will help keep money in your pocket.

"Having air filter into the house is just like leaving a window open," said Rick Comito, assistant manager of the Lumber Mart, in the City of Plymouth.

To prevent this, Comito suggests caulking around all areas of the home where the weather can seep in. Windows and doors are the main culprits for heat loss, Comito said.

"The caulking around your doors and windows should be checked annually," Comito said. "If it's dried out, it will be chipping and separating away from the frame."

When recaulking, Comito suggests using a silicone based seal. Unlike latex caulks, which have a tendency to dry and crack, silicone based material will stay supple, keeping a seal effective longer.

An extra form of insulation can also be added, Comito said, by using shrink-to-fit plastic on storm windows. The plastic helps close off the area where the glass meets the window frame. The cost is about \$3 per window.

The exterior of the home should also be checked. Areas where mortar is cracked or missing should be patched up. Comito suggests using an acrylic caulk for outside work.

Another important part of preparing for winter is changing the filter on the home furnace. Doing this every six months, Comito said, will cut down on heating costs and improve furnace efficiency.

Steve Franck, also of Lumber Mart, suggests looking at a few other trouble spots before winter sets in.

"When cleaning out the gutter, check the "valley" of your roof (the low point where the roof comes together) for cracking and re-tar if needed,"

Franck said. "Ice just tears up shingles."

Attic door insulation should also be inspected to make sure that it is covered as well as the rest of the attic.

Bob Goode, a sales associate at Mans Do-It Center in Canton, said that the above items are about all that's needed for most people to remodel their basement.

Carpentry experience is not necessarily required either, he added. "It helps to be a little bit handy, but you don't have to have too much experience," Goode said. "Most people with a little common sense can do it."

A basic basement remodeling job (installing paneling and a suspended ceiling, for example) should be approached in steps for best results, Goode said.

They include: installing "studding" (nailing two by fours to the cellar walls); adding insulation, if wanted; attaching dry-wall, paneling or both to the studding; and installing the ceiling.

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Following a few rules before starting the job will save the weekend contractor time and patience, not to mention money.

"It's real important that all leaks are patched up before you stud the walls," Goode said. "If you don't, then basement dampness can cause a mustiness." For patching, Goode recommends using hydraulic cement.

Another smart move, Goode said, is to put plastic sheets on the walls before starting stud work. The lining will act as a "vapor barrier," helping to keep the basement dry during wet weather.

Determining how much material is needed before beginning work is another good idea. Goode said that many people come into Mans with a rough drawing of their project. Using this, Goode can help figure out what people will need.

Tools needed for remodeling are somewhat common in most homes, Goode said.

"A circular saw, hammer and level are about all that's needed" said Goode. "Most people would probably not have to buy them.

For whatever reason, if remodeling on your own is undesirable, contractors are available who will do all or part of the work for you. They don't come cheap, however.

"I would easily say you double your cost (using a contractor)," said Monte Shettler, who has been in the home remodeling business as a private contractor for eight years. "The price depends on what you want done."

Shettler, who also teaches welding and building maintenance at the Livonia Career Center, said he is often hired only to install the electrical portion of projects begun by homeowners.

"People don't know the codes," said Shettler, who is a licensed electrician, as well as a carpenter and welder. "I would never suggest anyone doing their own electrical installation."

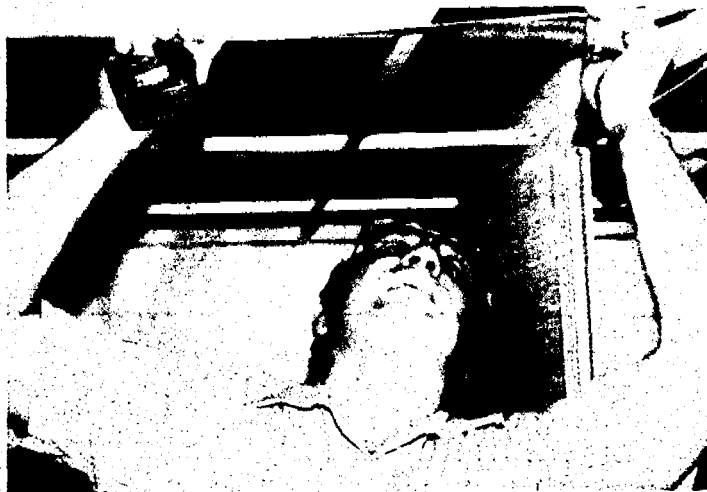
One danger for people who are unfamiliar with working with electricity, Shettler said, is the possibility of a fire starting from a

"short" in an overloaded circuit.

Shettler said that people doing their own remodeling is on the increase. He said that this may be due to people becoming much more concerned about their money is being spent.

For those who decide to take on a remodeling job on their own, but are worried about the finished result, Goode has some words of encouragement to provide.

"Some of the finished basements I've seen (which are done by amateurs) are hard to tell from a contractor's work," Goode said.



Monte Shettler, a private contractor who specializes in basement remodelings, measures a suspended ceiling in a Canton home. Shettler has been upgrading basements for eight years. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

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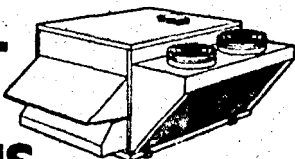
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Contracts vital in improvement

BY CHERYL VATCHER

An aware consumer working on home improvement projects, either by a do-it-yourself method or using a professional, should be knowledgeable when it comes to building permits.

Problems can arise in home improvement projects "when someone doesn't have a signed contract," according to Jim Penn, a building inspector for the City of Plymouth. To avoid this, he said, make sure to have a signed contract with a completion date included.

"Good, reputable contractors will give a date for completion," Penn said. "If there is a problem with weather, than that can alter the completion date. Another delay is when the contractor you've hired has projects elsewhere."

To protect against shady contractors the best thing to do, according to Penn, is to "ask for references," before deciding on a contractor.

"Go and look at the work he has done for others," Penn added. "You can also check with the Better Business Bureau and the Department of Licensing and Regulation in Lansing."

Since he has been building inspector in the city for four years, Penn said he has not seen a person who has had to pay up front a sizeable amount of money for work to be done and then lose that money from fraud.

He added, however, "It has happened in Detroit. And, if it

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Composting: a gardeners delight?

BY SCOTT DANIEL

With winter fast approaching it would appear that work for The Plymouth-Canton Community's green-thumbs should be almost over.

Wrong.

Flower and vegetable growers should consider starting a compost heap this fall to aid in plant growth next spring and help maintain a clean look around the home, according to Plymouth Township resident Ginger Krueger.

"Compost is an excellent product to mix with gardens that have clay soils," she said. "Compost breaks it down and brings air into the soils."

"Compost" is defined as a mixture of decaying organic matter used for fertilizer. The material can be placed around flowers and vegetable gardens, trees and shrubs to spur growth, said Krueger, a certified master gardener.

Grass clippings, leaves, unused vegetables, egg shells coffee grounds, paper shredded or torn into small pieces, straw, sewing scraps and tea bags are some of the items that can be composted, she added.

"I began composting last spring," Krueger said. "It was something that I was interested in."

"I admired people that used compost," she continued, "and the difference it made it in their gardens."

Besides the usefulness to the garden, Krueger said the fact that composting is a form of recycling made it attractive to her family.

"My children are really involved with recycling and the environment," she said. "My husband and I really wanted to get involved with recycling and show our children that there is a use for everything."

According to Krueger, home composting is easy and can be accomplished in about five steps.

First, pick a site and set up a bin for the composting heap. She said the site should be convenient and not offensive to neighbors.

Next put five-six inches of garden waste, grass clippings, leaves, into the bottom of the bin, Krueger said. Shredded materials decompose faster than coarser ones.

Third, add nitrogen and manure. This speeds the decomposition process, Krueger said. Lime can also be added at this stage.

Lime keeps the composting material at a proper PH level (six or seven) throughout the process, Krueger said. Plants like Holly, Blueberries and Azaleas do better under more acidic conditions, which can be accomplished by not adding lime to compost.

The fourth step is to add a layer of garden or top soil, Krueger said. The soils add the necessary micro organisms to start the composting process, she said.

Last, home composters should repeat the layers until their bin is filled, Krueger said. She said it is important to keep the mixture damp and to turn it occasionally to speed the process.

A black garbage bag can be placed over the pile to maintain temperature, Krueger said. A constant temperature of 140 to 180 degrees is necessary to kill unwanted organisms, she said.

"Composting isn't expensive," Krueger said. "It can be done for

about \$45."

Selecting a type of composting bin is important in beginning the process, she said.

Woven wiring fencing, brick, wood can be used to construct a composting bin, Krueger said. She added that bins can also be purchased at garden centers, along with other composting necessities, or a home composter can simply dig a hole.

"We used the hole that was left when we removed a small pool from our backyard," said Canton Clerk Lorren Bennett. "We put everything into it -- yard waste, fruit, pine cones and spoiled hay."

He said he also began composting last spring. Bennett added that there have been no bad odors from the composting heap.

Ginger Krueger, of Plymouth Township, said composting at home is inexpensive. (Crier photo by Barb Cheiman)



Avoid fraud by getting signed contract, says inspector

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happened here, people have never come forward to talk about it."

Penn also said there is a brochure available, a citizen's guide, from the Building Officials and Code Administration (BOCA), which gives information on the inspection process. It is available at most government offices.

Penn said another problem arises with changes in the work. "When a contract is signed, sometimes there aren't provisions made if a person wants to make changes, such as a different type of window.

"Also, while the work is in progress, sometimes a contractor may find that there are other necessities to include in the job that the consumer may not have planned on from the start." This can result in additional costs, he said.

If a consumer does have a complaint it is best to go through the Michigan Licensing and Regulation Board.

John Weir, a building inspector in Canton, deals mainly with new housing, but he also suggests several precautions a consumer should take ahead of time with any kind of remodeling work.

- Make sure the contractor has a valid license. In Canton, they also have to be registered with the township.
- If there are any doubts, ask to see the license. Then if there is a problem, file a complaint with the local chamber of commerce, said Weir.

Housing stats show gain

PHILIP TARDANI

The Plymouth-Canton Community gained 736 residential units in 1989, according to figures recently released by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

The increase comes in spite of a net loss in Wayne County of nearly 3,000 units, the figures show. In Southeast Michigan, residential housing declined by 18 per cent, according to the report.

"The most recent report indicates that residential construction, while remaining relatively stable, shows a continued softening since the five-year growth period following the recession of the early 1980s," said Donn Shelton, director of communications for SEMCOG.

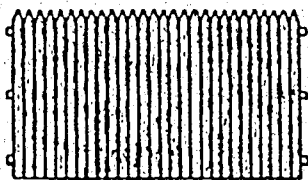
Plymouth Township saw a 40 per cent increase in residential construction from 1988 -- from 122 units to 171 -- according to building department records.

Charles McIlhargey, building official in Plymouth Township, said geographic location has a lot to do with the increase.

"We're in a wonderful corridor, it's really thriving," he said, adding that the residential character of the township also attracts

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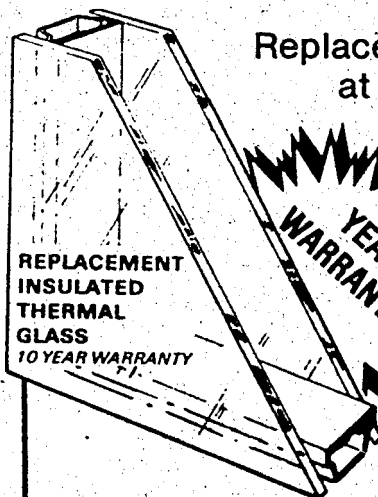


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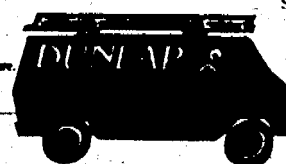
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residents. "I think with those two amenities you can attract the homeowners."

Canton's net units went up from 527 in 1988 to 540 last year, a 2.5 per cent increase, according to the SEMCOG figures.

"In the residential market, the township is quite active right now," said Judith Bocklage, associate planner in Canton.

Growth in Canton is concentrated in the Sunflower subdivisions (number nine in particular), the Glengarry subdivision and the area just west of Beck Road in the vicinity of Warren Road, Bocklage said.

She said "an idea of larger lots, quality homes and a bit of a rural character" attract residents to Canton.

The City of Plymouth saw a 51 per cent decrease in new residential construction with 25 units going up, compared to 51 in 1988.

"The city is pretty much fully developed," said Ken West, city engineer. He added that increases come mainly from single or double units that were demolished and replaced by multiple unit dwellings.

As for 1990, both Plymouth Township and Canton are on track to nearly match last year's figures, officials said.

"We should be close to that (1988's figures), but I don't think we'll hit what we had last year," McIlhargey said. "We're kind of maintaining a normal pace."

Preliminary data also show that Canton will come close to reaching last year's figure of 540 new units, Bocklage said.

"I think it will be in that area," she said.

West said there hasn't been "a whole lot" of residential construction in the city this year. The city was planning on seeing the Wilcox project -- with two buildings of 30 units each -- completed this year, he said.

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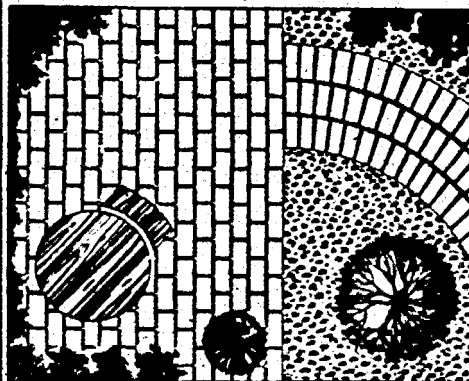
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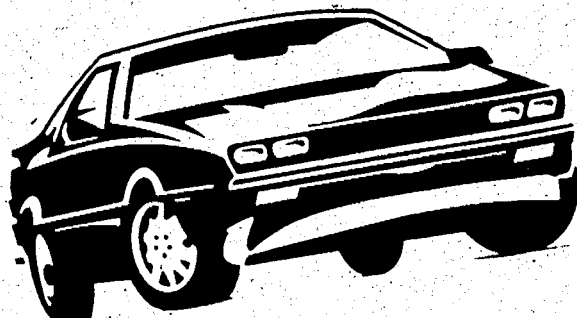
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Canton in 'good shape' after budget approval

BY SCOTT DANIEL

The 1991 Canton budget was adopted last Tuesday at a meeting of the township board of trustees.

"I've been through 16 budgets over the years," said Canton Supervisor Tom Yack. "This was the smoothest process I've been involved with."

Adoption ends a three-month process in preparing the township's budget, he said.

Yack added that this year's budget will feature expenditures for an updated computer system, among others.

"Canton is in very good financial shape," he said. "We have a fund balance of \$4 million currently.

"It's a good margin to work with." Canton's tentative budget calls for a total of \$7,607,032 in spending for 1991. This is down from \$9,247,885 in 1990 (about an 18 per cent decrease).

The township purchased two parcels of land, adjacent to the administration complex, this year, Yack said, in accounting for the large decrease. He said that the parcels cost Canton \$1.4 million.

"We purchased the land to protect the civic center of Canton," Yack said. He added that the land will likely be sold, before the end of the year, for the development of a golf course and residential area.

Projected revenues for next year are \$7,759,030, meaning a deficit of \$152,000. The tentative budget calls

for transferring money out of the general fund balance to cover the deficit.

The cost of special events

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ought to know what these things cost."

Graham said knowing the cost of the events helps planners understand what it costs them and the city.

"They can begin to appreciate the fact that there really is some significant expenditures on the part of the city," Graham said. "It's important that these groups and the city understand how much it costs."

Graham said he has been accused of being against special events in the city, a charge he refutes.

"I just want to know what it costs the City of Plymouth as municipal government to participate in these events," he said.

Sincock said this was the first year that police employ time, which totaled \$4,440, was billed to the Fall Festival board. In the past, he said, it came out of the police budget.

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The contest, timed to coincide with Children's Book Week, is open to children in grades one through nine. Three winners will be selected from each of four ages divisions.

The theme of this year's annual bookmark design contest is "Wonder Through the Pages."

Entry forms are available at the Dunning-Hough Library on Main

Street in the City of Plymouth. The entry deadline is Oct. 27.

The 12 winning entries will be printed and bookmarks distributed with each book checked out at the library. Contest winners will also be recognized at an awards program on Nov. 29.

Designs should be done in black ink. There is one entry allowed per child. Entries will be judged on creativity, artistic skill and on how well they illustrate the theme.

For further information call 453-0750.

Open house celebration set

First United Methodist Church on North Territorial in Plymouth Township will host an open house Oct. 21 to celebrate the completion of its expanded facilities.

The open house, scheduled for 3-5 p.m., begins with the laying of a cornerstone and will include tours of the finished structure. Members of various fellowship and service groups within the church will also be on hand for a "Fellowship Fair."

Special services are being held in October to commemorate the completion of the facilities. Bishop Dwight Loder will lead services at 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. on Oct. 14, while former pastors Dr. Sam Stout and Rev. Hugh White will preach on Oct. 21 also at 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

The expanded church includes a new sanctuary, library, choir room, kitchen, parlor and office. A memorial garden has also been constructed.

'Black Comedy' on tap

Ever wonder what happens when the lights go off?

Find out when the Plymouth Park Players present "Black Comedy," a British comedy that answers the question of what happens when the

lights go off.

The performances will be held on Nov. 1-3 at the Salem High auditorium.

Tickets for the show are \$3.50. For more information call 459-3518.



Places to be



(From left to right) Pauline Martin, Emmanuelle Boisvert and Marcy Chanteaux, the St. Clair Trio, will perform Beethoven's "Triple Concerto" at the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's season opener.

For PSO opener

Beethoven festival planned

Roll over Beethoven!

Help the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra (PSO) celebrate the opening of its 45th anniversary this Friday (Oct. 12) with a "Beethoven Festival."

Guest artists for the celebration will be the St. Clair Trio made up of Emmanuelle Boisvert, Marcy Chanteaux and Pauline Martin. Selections will include works by Beethoven -- the Coriolan overture, the Triple Concerto and Symphony No. Five.

The orchestra will perform at 8 p.m. in the Salem High auditorium.

Ticket are \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors and \$5 for K-12 students.

They are available at Beitner Jewelry in Plymouth, Evola Music Center, Plymouth, Orin Jewelers, Northville, Bookstall on the Main, Northville, and Hammell Music, Livonia. Tickets can also be obtained by calling the PSO office at 451-2112. They are available as well at the door 30 minutes prior to the performance.

A champagne reception -- After Concert Gala -- will be held after the performance at the Embassy Suites Hotel, located at I-275 and Seven Mile Road. Tickets are \$10.

For more information contact Linda Alvarado at 453-8052.

Celebrate Halloween

Calling all spooks, gremlins, and wee goblins, the Canton Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a pair of Childrens Halloween Parties on Saturday, Oct. 27.

They will be held at 9:30 a.m. (for 3-7 year olds) and 10:45 a.m. (for 12 and under) at the Canton Recreation Center on Michigan Avenue.

There is no admission fee.

Children should come to the parties in costume; party reservations need to be made in advance.

For further information or to reserve a spot call 397-5110.

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"It's Happening Here"

Landfill may net Canton millions

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Canton could receive as much as \$70 million in savings and income as a result of the opening of a new landfill in the township in 1991, according to Canton Clerk Loren Bennett.

The township approved the construction of the landfill, by Wayne Disposal of Ypsilanti, in April of 1989, Bennett said.

Canton will be allowed to dump refuse free of charge and receive five per cent of gate receipts over the operating life of the landfill (15 years or more), Bennett added.

"We expect to receive about \$4 million in benefits in its first year of operation," he said. "It's a very good deal for Canton."

According to Mike Miller, vice president of Wayne Disposal, construction of "phase one" of the site would begin shortly after DNR approval. He added that the landfill would be operational by late 1991.

"Wayne Disposal has planned to develop (the landfill) for sometime," Miller said. "We have worked with the township closely on the project."

Phase one development of the site would include construction of reception facilities and infrastructure - roads and utility hookups, Miller said. He added that a 10-acre "cell" would also be constructed to handle refuse.

"Each cell has enough capacity to last a year," Miller said. He added that other cells would be built as needed on the site, which covers nearly 200 acres.

The cost of the first phase could cost Wayne Disposal between \$5-\$10 million, Miller said. He added that the landfill would service Canton, western Wayne and eastern Washtenaw counties.

DNR approval would allow for the construction of phase one, Miller said.

Extension for Woodland Meadows?

SCOTT DANIEL

An extension of the Woodland Meadows Recycle and Disposal facility will net Canton \$4.5 million, according to Canton Clerk Loren Bennett.

Like the negotiated deal with Wayne Disposal, Canton has an agreement with Waste Management, which operates Woodland Meadows, that will allow the township free dumping for two years, he said. Bennett added that Canton will also receive five per cent of gate receipts.

Waste Management applied for an extension of the Van Horn Road landfill from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), in July according to Karl Zoellner, DNR chief of technical services.

The DNR is currently reviewing the application, he said. Zoellner added that the DNR must make a decision on the extension by mid-November.

"If that site closes many communities wouldn't have a place to dump," Bennett said. "An extension would give Woodland Meadows two years of extra fill in time."

After its completion the firm would then apply for an operating license from the DNR, which would then have 90 days to make a decision.

"The land that is being used for the landfill wouldn't have been productive to Canton otherwise," Bennett said. He added that he believes the DNR will approve the landfill.

The idea for the landfill was first proposed in 1985, Bennett said. He said the previous Canton administration failed to bring the deal to closure because they didn't perceive it as an emergency.

"When the new board came in, Wayne County said they would negotiate a deal (for a new landfill) and

impose it on us," Bennett said. He said the township decided to take the initiative and negotiate their own deal.

The landfill would give Canton time to develop Michigan Avenue for light

industrial use, Bennett said.

"All of the township's land would then be developed," he said. "Then we would never have the fear of having another landfill sited in the community."

Canton awarded funds

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded Canton \$259,000 in 1990-91 funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

Among the Canton projects authorized for 1990-91:

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Business Shorts

Sharon Wenzl has been appointed manager of advertising and sales promotions for Freudenberg-NOK of Plymouth. The firm is a designer and manufacturer of seals, molded products and vibration control systems.

A research and development proposal submitted by Concept Analysis Corporation, of Plymouth, has been selected by the U.S. Department of Defense for an award under the U.S. Small Business Administration's small business innovation program.

The firm will receive an award of \$54,529 for its research project.

Rande Somma has been named director of sales and marketing for the Automotive Systems Group of Johnson Controls, Inc., of Plymouth. He will be responsible for all complete seating systems sales, as well as program management for the group.

First Optometry recently announced the relocation and grand opening of its Canton office, which is owned and operated by Dr. James Bohdan.

Grand opening will be Sept. 19 from 6-9 p.m. at the store new location on Ford Road in Canton.

Al Martin, manager of Dairymer's Credit Union in Dearborn, was recently elected to a two-year term on the Filene Chapter Executive Committee of the Michigan Credit Union League.

Martin is a resident of Northville Township.

United Home Health Service Inc. (UHHS), a company specializing in assisting homebound patients, has relocated its office from Plymouth to 2200 Canton Center Rd.

Gloria Bruhowzki is the executive director.

Services provided by UHHS, which specializes in medical management for the homebound, include utilizing registered nurses, physical therapist, and medical social workers, along with other health professionals.

Plymouth Auto Parts has joined forces with a Carquest, a national distribution network, and the result is a "new" business in The Plymouth-Canton Community.

Plymouth Carquest Auto Parts will hold its grand opening from Oct. 5-13. Free coffee and balloons will be given away during the week, along with drawings for a portable telephone and gas grill.

The shop is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday. The outfit is owned and managed by Kurt Stanley.

Previously, Plymouth Auto Parts was known as Garfield Auto Parts, which began in the community in 1966.

A Canton business owner recently returned from an overseas trade mission to boost international sales of her company's products.

Maribeth M. Petteys, owner of Shear Intensity, a producer of athletic and leisure apparel, said that she expects 40 per cent of her sales to come from outside the United States.

During the Matchmaker trade mission, Petteys visited the Netherlands and Belgium. She also met with an Austrian distributor while overseas.

Maria Wordhouse, of Plymouth, has been accepted for fall admission at Rochester (N.Y.) Institute of Technology.

A 1989 graduate of Salem High, Wordhouse will major in biomedical photography in the college's graphic arts & photography department.

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Huntington Falls managing partner Robert DeMattia presents Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara with a check for \$300,000, a down payment for the purchase of the Huntington Falls future site last week. Construction is set to begin in 1991. (Crier photo by W. Edward Wendover)



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Riggs runs wild, Chiefs win 49-13

BY MIKE GUINN
Led by four Jason Riggs' touchdowns and precision passing by Chiefs quarterback Karl Wukie, Canton High School stifled Walled Lake Western on the Warriors' home turf, 49-13, Friday night.

With the win, Canton improved its league record to 3-1, (5-1 overall) and remained tied with Northville High School for second place in the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA). Farmington Harrison leads the WLAA with a 4-0 league record (5-1 overall).

Tailback Riggs' scoring efforts, which included runs of 20, 15 and two yards, along with a 76-yard pass reception, was too much for the Warriors (1-5) to handle. Riggs totaled 247 overall yards for the game.

Wukie was also on his game, producing three touchdown receptions. Along with Riggs, Wukie

completed scoring passes to Brett Howe (35 yards) and Mark Meszarus (15 yards).

"For the most part we're consistent," said Canton Coach Bob Khoenle. "I think our kids are coming into their own."

Another major contributor to the Chiefs' win was defensive tackle Dan Benedict, who had three solo tackles, along with assisting on five others.

While happy with the outcome of Friday's game, Khoenle said the Chiefs need to improve defensively, especially if they advance to postseason play.

Canton returns home Friday (Oct. 12) to take on Northville in its Homecoming game at 7:30 p.m. The winner will take sole possession of second place in the WLAA.

Khoenle is hoping for a repeat of last year's game with the Mustangs, which resulted in a 31-6 Chiefs victory.



Sports

Salem kicks Walled Lake

BY MIKE GUINN

If not for a fourth quarter 32-yard field goal booted by Rock placekicker K.C. Kirkpatrick, Salem High School's homecoming would have been about as festive as oral surgery.

Kirkpatrick's field goal provided the winning margin, however, as Salem defeated Walled Lake Central, 3-0, Friday. The victory improved the Rocks record in the Western Lakes Athletic Association (WLAA) to 3-1. The squad is 4-2 overall.

Fans on hand to witness Leon Hister break Salem's single-season touchdown record were disappointed as Hister saw limited playing activity. The junior had pulled a leg muscle in practice earlier in the week, allowing him to make only two carries for 13 yards Friday.

"Offensively, in the first half we didn't play at all," said Salem Coach Tom Moshimer. "Defensively though, we played well all night."

"Not having Hister in the game hurt us," Moshimer continued. "Also, our only starting back in the game was

our quarterback."

Part of the Rocks scoring woes stemmed from the fact that seven offensive players were out with injuries. The problem will ease up next week, however, when Hister and starting offensive lineman Boyd Rudy are expected to return.

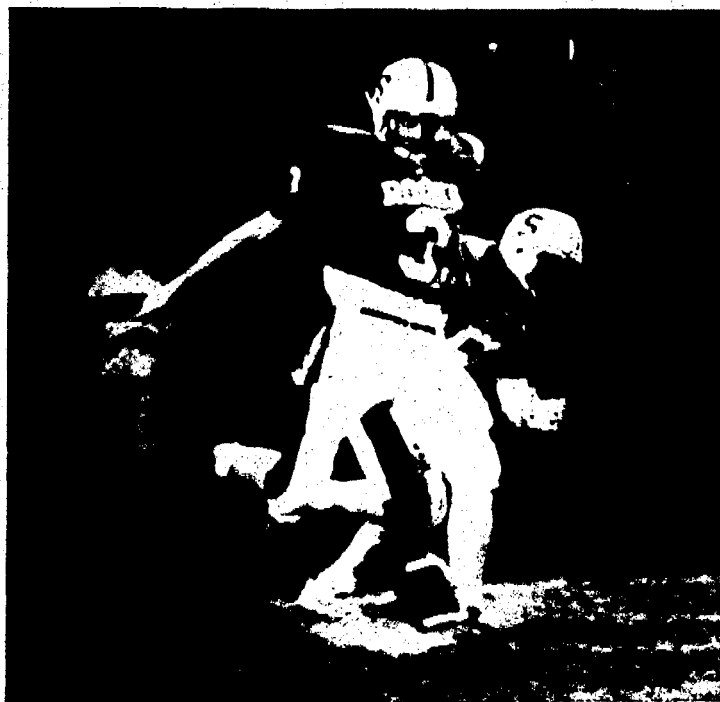
Salem's defense continues to live up to the school nickname. Through Friday, the Rocks have not allowed opponents a touchdown in the last 13 quarters.

Rushing leaders for the Rocks included Chris Tebbens, who had 59 yards, and Dan Burke, who ran for 46 yards.

Moshimer had trouble picking a defensive standout in Friday's game, crediting the entire unit with play he termed "outstanding."

On Friday (Oct. 12) the Rocks travel to North Farmington.

Last year's meeting of the teams saw Salem prevail, 21-18. Moshimer said he expects another close game, especially with the Rocks on enemy turf.



K.C. Kirkpatrick, of Salem High, kicked the winning field goal in the Rocks' 3-0 victory over Walled Lake Central. (Crier photo by Eric Lukasik)

Steelers roll in homecoming games

Homecoming turned out to be grand day for the Plymouth Canton Steelers three junior football squads. Both the freshmen and varsity teams won their games, while the JV squad dropped its game to the Westland Comets.

The Freshman Steelers took home a 6-0 win when Kevin Salla ran for a six-yard touchdown. Salla, Eric Coburn, Ben Herman, Eric Hoganson and Andy Kocolowski led the defense.

The JV Steelers fell 19-6 to the Comets. Leading the Steelers were Matt Moran, Robert Johnson, Nick Kanaan and Shaun Dyer.

The Varsity Steelers won their contest 33-19. Lenny Gardner scored

four touchdowns (he ran for 143 yards), while Dan Krueger added another touchdown (he rushed for 66 yards).

Other varsity standouts included

Mixed results for Lions

Only the freshmen squad of the Canton Lions junior football team came away with a victory during action against Northville on Saturday.

The Freshmen Lions won their game 12-6. Jordan Jones scored on a 23-yard run for the Lions and Phil Bahrou picked up the other touchdown, as well as grabbed two interceptions on the day.

Chris Agius, Jeremy Swanagun, and Kevin Grim.

The Steelers are home Sunday (Oct. 14) hosting the Westland Meteors.

The JV Lions fell to Northville 13-0. Ed Krzeminski led the Lions despite the defeat. Jason Mazur and Kevin Butler were also standouts.

The Varsity Lions fell to rivals Northville, 32-8. Kevin Kovachevitch's touchdown pass to Jason Wilhelm and Rich Giddings two-point conversion accounted for the Lions points.



Dave Hytine, of the Plymouth Canton Steelers, raises his arms after a victory. (Crier photo by Eric Lukasik)

EMU hockey base now in Plymouth

The Plymouth Cultural Center is now the new home to the Eastern Michigan University Huron varsity hockey team.

The Hurons open their 1990-91 home season this weekend, Friday and Saturday (Oct. 12-13) with a pair of games at the Cultural Center (525 Farmer St.). Home game times are at 7 p.m. on each night.

The club, which had played out of the Westland Arena, moved the entire home schedule to the Cultural Center in an effort to increase home attendance by EMU students as well as local students and the community, said Doug Waack, general manager of the EMU Hockey Club.

The Hurons are entering their second season of competition in the Central States Collegiate Hockey League (CSCHL), which includes teams from Iowa State, University of Illinois, University of Wisconsin (Whitewater), Northwestern, and Marquette University.

Both of the games this weekend are against the University of Wisconsin Warhawks. The Hurons finished last season in fourth place behind the Warhawks after dropping all four games to the squad.

EMU coach Mike Donnelly, citing the return of 11 starters from last year, said the Hurons have improved in both talent and depth. "We have a much

more evenly balanced first, second and third line as well as definite improvements in goal and defense," he said.

Three members of the Huron squad are from Plymouth, including Craig Hawley, Jon Godre, and Bob Breach. A Canton player, Kirk Goleniak, is also on the squad. Breach is a senior, while Hawley and Goleniak are both juniors, and Godre is a sophomore.

Admission to EMU hockey games at the Cultural Center is \$4 adults, \$3 students and \$2 senior citizens. Season passes, good for all home games, are available at the door at reduced prices through Oct. 31. The price is \$15 for students and \$30 for adults.

Next week the Hurons travel to Ames Iowa for a series against the league champs last year, the Iowa State Cyclones, before returning home on Oct. 26-27 to host the Wildcats from Northwestern.

Other EMU home games at the Cultural Center are set for the following dates: Nov. 16-17, Marquette; Dec. 22, EMU Alumni game; Jan. 5, 1991, Northwood Institute; Jan. 11-12, University of Illinois; Jan. 18-19, Iowa State; and Feb. 1-2, Duquesne University.

The 1990-91 CSCHL league championships will be hosted by EMU on Feb. 22-23, at the Cultural Center.

Rocks outlast Glenn

The Salem girls basketball withstood a fourth quarter surge by Westland John Glenn High School Thursday, and held on for a 79-72 victory. John Glenn had tied the score at 72 before the Rocks pulled ahead for good. (Crier photo by Barb Cheiman)



Chiefs solid in win

The Canton Chiefs improved their overall record to 6-4 Thursday with a 41-28 victory over Northville High School. The Chiefs were led by Mary Burns, who had a team-high total of 19 points. (Crier photo by Barb Cheiman)

Salem soccer ties top-ranked team

Salem High's boys soccer squad must be included in any list of the state's top teams after playing number one ranked Livonia Churchill High to a 1-1 tie, Friday.

The tie, combined with the Rocks 6-1 win over Walled Lake Western Monday, improved their overall record to 13-1-1.

If the Rocks can defeat second-ranked Livonia Stevenson today, they will force a playoff with Churchill for the Western Lakes Athletic Association (WLAA) title.

In Friday's action, Ryan Fitzpatrick scored the lone goal in the 38th minute

of the first half to give the Rocks a brief lead. Churchill, however, immediately nullified the goal, scoring one minute later.

Monday's game saw goals scored by: Andy Cosenza (one goal, three assists); Tom Baker (one goal, one assist); Joe Nunez (one goal, one assist); John Truskowski (one goal, one assist); Brad Fisch (one goal); and Eric Stemmer (one goal).

Rocks coach Ken Johnson said that his team has played their best soccer of the year over the last week.

"The Churchill game was our best yet," Johnson said. "We put it all together."

Local youths punt, pass, kick

More than 100 Canton and Plymouth youths ages eight to 13 took part in the recent Annual Punt, Pass and Kick competition held in Canton.

The local winners now advance to the regional competition to be held in Plymouth on Saturday, Oct. 20.

The winners were as follows:

Jason Furr took first in the eight-year-old division, with Steve Mezger second. Tim Hayes finished first in the nine-year-old division, while Mike Hoelscher was second.

In the 10-year-old group, Matt Marcos took top honors, while Robbie Zdrodowski was second. Bill Vitale finished first in the 11-year-old division and Dave Anderson was second.

In the 12-year-old group, Kevin Borowski finished, while Dave Krupinski was first in the 13-year-old group. Kevin Kovachevich was second in that age group.



Area resident Casey McCusken keeps his eye on the ball during Canton's Punt, Pass and Kick contest last week. (Crier photo by Barb Cheiman)



Community Deaths

Bonk, of Canton

Josephine B. Bonk, 87, of Canton, died Sept. 28 in Wayne. Services were held Oct. 1 at St. John Neumann Church with Fr. Carl Bonk officiating.

Local arrangements were made by the Pawlus Funeral Home in Canton. Internment was at St. Hedwig Cemetery.

Mrs. Bonk was a homemaker and former resident of Detroit.

Survivors include: daughters Eleanor Nicastrò, of Taylor, Dorothy, of Canton, and Leona Ssier, of Canton; sons Eugene, of Sun City, AZ, Thomas, of Detroit, Fr. Carl Bonk S.J., of Cleveland; sister Jeannie Chupka, of South River, NJ; 14 grand children and nine great grandchildren.



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Clemmons, waiter

William D. Clemmons, 27, of Garden City, died Oct. 5 in Dearborn. Services were held Oct. 8 with the Rev. Kenneth Gruebel officiating.

Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Clemmons was a long time resident of The Plymouth-Canton Community and worked as a waiter. He graduated from Salem High School in 1980 and died following a long illness.

Survivors include: mother Shirley, of Plymouth; father Doyle, of Garden City; sisters Pat Ward, of Canton, and Lisa Koivula, of Garden City; grandmother Minnie Wall, of Plymouth; three nieces and one nephew and several aunts and uncles.

Memorial donations may be given to Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn.

Nipper, WWII vet

Eugene P. Nipper, 68, of Livonia, died Oct. 4. Services were held Oct. 6 at the Schrader Funeral Home with Pastor Carl E. Pagel officiating.

Burial was at the Wildwood Cemetery in Chesaning.

Mr. Nipper retired from Plymouth State Home in 1987. He was a life-long resident of The Plymouth-Canton Community and was a member of the VFW in Plymouth. He served with the U.S. Army in World War II in Europe.

Survivors include: wife Cordia Mae Purcell-Nipper, of Livonia; daughters Margo Ann Schebl, of Granger, IN, Nancy Kettler, of Chesaning, Brenda Schaffer, of Cibecue, AZ, and Charlene Stobb, of Canton; son Ronald Huettner, of Livonia; 10 grandchildren; mother Floss Brace, of Plymouth; sister Ann Smith, of Plymouth; four nieces and one nephew.

Memorial contributions may be made to hospice of Western Wayne County or the Plymouth VFW Post 6695.

Troutman, chemist

Harvey D. Troutman, 74, of Plymouth Township, died Oct. 2 in Ann Arbor. Services were held Oct. 6 at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. Local arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home.

Mr. Troutman was research chemist for Parke-Davis for more than 33 years. He was involved in the discovery of chloromycetin. He came to The Plymouth-Canton Community in 1958 from Royal Oak.

Mr. Troutman was also a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and the American Chemical Society. He served with the U.S. Army Air Force in World War II in the Pacific theater and received a masters degree in organic chemistry from Bucknell University in 1937.

Survivors include: wife Jacquelyn, of Plymouth; daughters Dana Acuff, of Riverside, CT, and Debora Waldby, of Jensen, Beach, FL; sons David, of New Canaan, CT, and Daniel, of Plymouth; seven grandchildren; step-children David Johnson, of West Newton, MA, Matthew Johnson, of Northville, Margaret Sliwinski, of Muskegon, Anne Hyten, of Union Lake; and nine step-grandchildren.

Winn, musician

L.A. "Red" Winn, 68, of Plymouth Township, died Oct. 2. Services were held Oct. 5 at the Lambert-Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home with Chaplain Timothy A. Schabeck officiating.

Interment was at Oak Grove Cemetery in Dixboro.

Mr. Winn was an insurance marketing representative. He was a World War II veteran and played in the U.S. Army Air Force Band. He was a well known musician throughout the state and played the trumpet. He was a member of the Ann Arbor Federation of Musicians.

Survivors include: wife Bonnie, of Plymouth Township; sons Mark, of Palmer Lake, CO, and Eric and Paul, both of Wichita, KS; daughters Cindy, of Lansing, and Lura and Beth, both of Ann Arbor; stepson Mike Thompson, of Flint; six granddaughters and one grandson.

Memorials can be given to the American Federation of Musicians Fund of Ann Arbor.

Cleveland, of Plymouth

Norma J. Cleveland, 58, of Plymouth, died Sept. 24, in Dearborn. Services were held Sept. 27 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. Father George Charnley officiating.

Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, in Southfield.

Mrs. Cleveland was a homemaker and member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church. She came to The Plymouth-Canton Community in 1977.

Survivors include: husband Joseph, of Plymouth; children Mary and Robert, both of Plymouth, Norvin, or Warren, and David, of Lapeer; and mother Florine Christ, of Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross, St. John Neumann Catholic Church or Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader Funeral Home.

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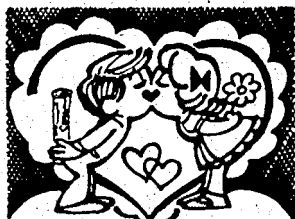


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The Gourmet Group is ready for the Tailgate Party - Go Green!
Is everyone ready for the Nov. 3 game - I've got the tickets.
Happy Birthday Verna Hogle - 29 again!
Guess who is going to be 21 on Oct. 19? Her initials are J.A. and hopefully she'll be home so we can help her celebrate.
Purdue's quarterback was freshman of the year, last year. Of course it took him 4 years to do it.
Julie & Kevin, Peg said she would get you both a U of M sweatshirt so when you go off campus you can wear them & people won't laugh at your black & gold.
Hey, Community Living Class! Read this and get bonus points.
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NO GIRL SCOUTS fall outa' canoes - good job Linda, Bill and friends.
CONGRATULATIONS RUSS MORRELL - an 88! But it wasn't golf - it was bowling!
PUMPKIN PAINTING, COMPUTER GAMES, VIDEOS FOR OLD HIPPIES - thanks for a good time before you left town for good! - J, S, B & E (oh yeah, and bologna).
NO CURIOSITIES for Orver.
You're welcome, Ed, it was my pleasure!
Great Week-end Gene!!
Dale & Kim the house looked very nice, thanks!

Curiosities

Michelle K. - It's all your fault that I gained five pounds on Good n' Plentils.
Jerry, you sure know how to spoil a girl. And you said Roger and I were spoiling Steph.
Faith - HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY. - Aunt Jill
BESTY VOLARIC is older!
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CHRIS LORE - Happy 23rd Birthday - hope you have a wonderful year.
Peter - You're not supposed to get sick in Arizona. Get well soon.
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Bergie - are you sure you weren't chased by a dog?
HI JON CHRISTOPHER! Happy birthday - Jessica
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SHAWN: thanks for taking over! If some unforeseen disaster doesn't strike expect a "nice" postcard from California. - Rita
I sure hope Loretta doesn't deliver too early - I want to be home for the blessed event!
John, Merc, Johnny and Beth: See you when I get back! I'll tell everyone you said hi. - Rita
Julie - your smile brightens even the darkest days. Thanks for the hugs and the sunshine! - Dad & Mom
Mom - are you ready for our trip to Midland? We're planning a fun day.
Hey, Fitz - How was your Oct. break?
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JOY GETS OLDER at the Sidestreet Pub Sunday evening.
True Love is having a friend sprain an ankle and kissing it to make it feel better.
Congratulations Kara and Bob - it was a beautiful wedding.
GO STATE!!
U of M No. 1
Chrissy, Chris, Jackie, Happy, Kelly, and Bob - that's O.K. We don't like to dance anyhow. Love Joy & Tom
There was a lot of mooing heard at The Crier on Monday and next week it will be joined by baa's and oink's.
It's OK Becky, just don't wrinkle the drapes.
So far we find we are both great cooks. In fact, she is almost as good as I am.
Quack, quack.
"My doctor says I have a malformed conscience and an underdeveloped moral fiber gland and that I am therefore excused from saving Universes." - Ford Prefect
Kari dresses like Willie Nelson.
GO MSU! (Back to the farm)
A very special thank-you to Chris and Bob (ol Bob's of Canton) for the fantastic steaks that were donated to the Symonds/Bakewell Memorial Fund Golf Outing. Fun was had by all, hope you can join us next year. Joy and Tom from the Side Street Pub
Is OSU still in the Top 200 Teams?
What a salesperson that chipmunk is. Of course she is losing her cheeks.
Janet is home for the weekend. Make appointments through Jack at The Crier.
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MSU offensive & defensive linemen have jobs waiting for them when they graduate. There are always plows waiting to be pushed, and cows needing to be milked.
Pat, Linda, & Diane - Is Vegas ready for us? 12 more days. Joy
Essentially Lynn is training Jack good.
Sorry Ed, it wasn't addressed to you.
Anyone wishing to express condolences to MSU Alumni call Ed, Phyllis, or Kris at The Crier. They could use perking up. Or save it till next week after they attempt to play U of M. They will need it even more then.
S. can walk through a doorway without turning sideways. Boy am I proud of her.
I think J.A.'s curio writing privileges should be suspended!
DON'T FORGET ALL YOU SWEETHEARTS!! Sweetest Day is Oct. 20. Get your love notes in to The Crier Curios by 4pm, Oct. 15.
GLENN ADSIT and all the PCEP Band Instructors - jobs well done!! You all are doing a super job to keep our band looking good.
KIM - Are you coming home? With Sara? Steph is willing to babysit.
MOM - when will you get to go bowling again? Hope it's soon. JIM
Roger - are you leaving your wife home alone on the 3rd Saturday of October?
PCEP Marching Band - Gov's Trophy is yours again. Congrats to winds, guard and all you super marchers!

Curiosities

Sue, your pictures are looking real good! Mom, hope you have had a good week! Are you winning?
TIFF - I'll take a rain check on White Castles. Next time I'll pick the time! - Your fellow midnight junk food junkie.
Kylleen - Happy Birthday greetings from Arkansas. So this is the last one, right? We'll celebrate when I get back. - Leticia Hacker - Have you gotten rid of your ticket yet? How has the "new" job been going? What accident? - CRASH
THANKS AD STAFF for filling in for me while I was away. Linda
Happy Birthday Scott Yergin - 22 - today!
Melinda & Matt hope you have a good time at Pledge Presents.
If I have to type one more curio I think my fingers might go on strike!
Christopher Columbus was afraid of the water, too. The Captain.
Let's Go Moo U! Beat U of M!
DEB: enough of this "bridesmaid" stuff! When's the real thing? (Will this make it past the Curio Censor?)
SARAH STUBBLEFIELD got her license! Look out motorists!
IS A FISH OIL salesman a step above or below a snake oil salesman?
JACK - you vacuum so well - how 'bout windows?
Jamie - I'm glad to be home - thanks for keeping all in order, your sock drawer will be full soon.
Julie & Kevin - Glad to have you home (even if it was only for a few days). Why is it that "Holidays" go so much faster than "school" days?
Verna will be another year greater on Sat. Happy Birthday Verna! (Let's celebrate!) - The "Slush" Club
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Phyllis - We couldn't have made it without you. Thanks for all your help! - Uncle Gary, Auntie Peg & Julie
Jack - You do good work! Have you thought about a career change?
Happy 21st Birthday, Janet Armstrong!
Julie - thanks for the chalk. - Tracie
Horton Dell? - Hmmm, now that's an ideal! Thanks for lunch and all your help. Both were greatly appreciated!
Gary - Surprise! Surprise! Delivery right to your door of your favorite newspaper.
Rita - It's 10:30 and my curios are done! (Pushing the deadline is no fun when you're not here.) - "Guess Who"

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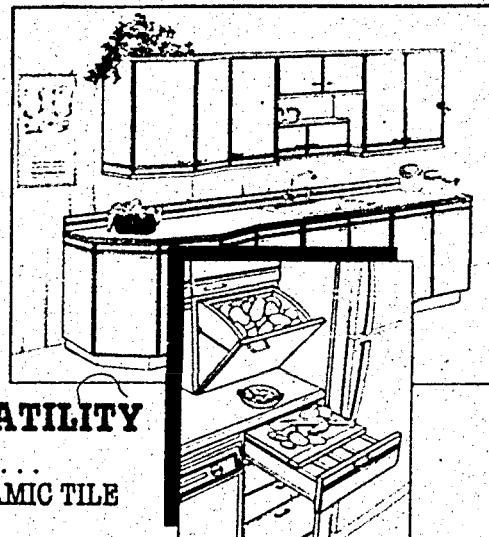
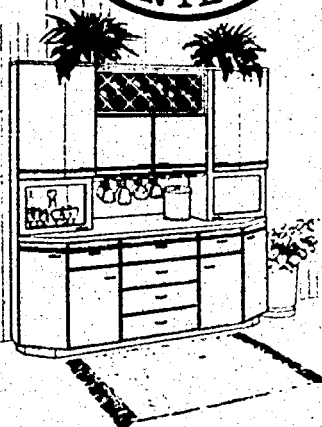
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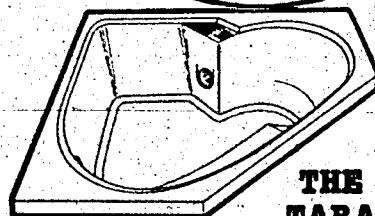
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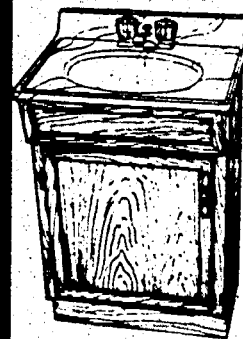


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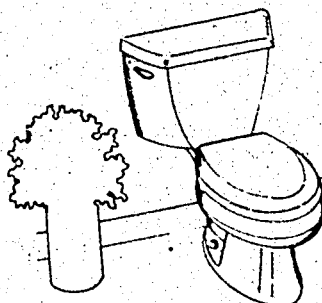
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