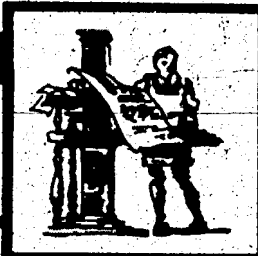


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As Canton family is laid to rest

## Community grieves in fire's wake



ROBERT, 4



MICHAEL, 5



MEGAN, 5



SARAH, 9



KATIE, 8

BY JIM WHITE

Under a cold rain the mourners -- nearly 500 of them -- filed into St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic Church Saturday morning to pay their last respects to members of the Dell'Orco family.

After a subdued mass, Martin Dell'Orco and six of his nine children -- victims of the deadliest fire in Canton's history -- were laid to rest in Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

The chapel at St. Thomas was decorated for Christmas. But before the altar were arranged seven caskets with photographs of Martin, 38, Bonnie, 11, Sarah, nine, Katie, eight, Megan and Michael, five year-old twins, and Robert, four, on top of them.

Canton police and firefighters helped serve as ushers. Those already seated were absolutely silent as Debbie Dell'Orco, 36, led Adam, six, to a seat in the front pew with other relatives. Debbie and Adam were the only two to escape the Dec. 22 blaze in their home.

The other two Dell'Orco children, Jimmy, 16, and Kelly, 14, who were not at home at the time of the fire, followed behind their mother and brother.

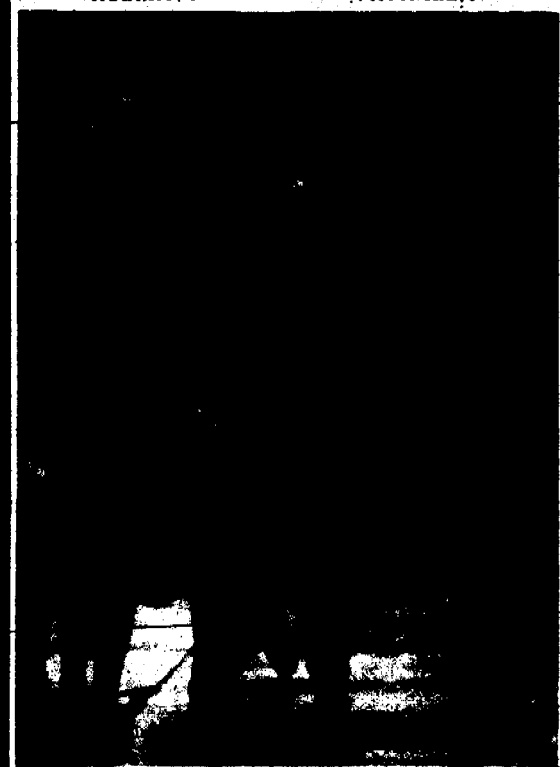
St. Thomas Father Ernest Porcari told the gathering that it was Debbie Dell'Orco's request to play a tape of



BONNIE, 11



MARTIN, 38



Debbie Dell'Orco, shielded by Win Schrader's umbrella, leaves Saturday's funeral with two of her surviving children, Adam (center) and Kelly (left). (Crier photo by Eric Lukasik)

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*At upcoming discussions*

# Mettetal in the spotlight

BY PHILIP TARDANI

Mettetal Airport is a hot topic for discussion this month.

Both the Canton Planning Commission and the Plymouth City Commission will likely vote on ordinances concerning the 60-acre Canton facility in the coming weeks.

Canton Planner David Nicholson has proposed that an amendment be made in township zoning code to eliminate airports as a special use in light industrial districts. Mettetal is now located on a parcel zoned light industrial.

If the recommendation is approved - ultimately by the Canton Board of Trustees - Mettetal would be a non-conforming user and any "substantial improvements" made there would have to be approved by the Canton Zoning Board of Appeals, Nicholson said.

"This change is intended to stop any expansion or substantial improvement of the existing facility and to thwart the future development of any new airport facility in the L1-2 (light industrial) district," he said.

In Plymouth, on Jan. 21 the city commission will again discuss forming a joint operating board with Plymouth Township to run the airport. A vote on the matter was tabled at the Dec. 17 meeting.

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees has already okayed the agreement (at a Dec. 11 meeting):

A four-member joint board would be authorized to pursue about \$6 million in federal and state grant money to purchase and renovate the facility.

The board would not be allowed to levy a property tax without approval from a majority of electors in the city and township, according to the agreement.

"It is the intent of the parties that the airport shall be self-sufficient and operate on user paid revenues and other revenues generated by the airport," the joint agreement reads.

Members of the board - appointed by the commission and township board - would serve without compensation.

The joint board's first step in taking over Mettetal would be to apply for

aviation grant money.

The Michigan Aeronautics Commission could vote on awarding grant money as early as next month at a special meeting, according to Richard Jackson, deputy director of the commission.

"We want to get moving on it," Jackson said. "We'd probably meet in early February."

## Mettetal flight hits snow bank, flips

Snow and airplanes don't mix.

A pilot taxiing at Mettetal Airport found this out last Wednesday when his plane, blown off center by the wind, rolled into a small snow bank and nosed over, according to Larry Butske, airport representative.

The pilot, who had landed and was taxiing "slowly" to a hangar, was not injured, according to Canton police.

Police also said no fuel leaked from the plane.

The incident was turned over to the Federal Aviation Administration, Butske said, a routine procedure.

*Say board members*

## City museum needs repairs

The Plymouth Historical Museum in the City of Plymouth could be in trouble this winter.

According to Russ Kreitsch and Bill Loesch, both members of the museum board, the building's four furnaces and air conditioning units are worn out and do not function properly.

There is no choice, they say, but to replace them, and replace them soon, like sometime this spring.

But, as Kreitsch and Loesch described in the January edition of the Museum Memo, there is no money in the capital expense budget to cover the expected \$45,000 cost.

The pair said there is "little time to formulate a plan to raise the funds."

They also pleaded for ideas - "The Board of Directors is interested in any idea or program you can suggest to cover the cost of installing the new units."

The Plymouth Historical Society, which supports the museum, does not receive government funding, they said, but raises operating expenses through membership fees, tax deductible gifts, fundraisers, gift shop receipts and some investments.

With the tight budget, they said, "Our best efforts, however, barely cover our operating budget, with no surplus to cover a major expense of this type."

Much of the museum's current budget is eaten up providing residents new exhibits several times a year,

holding classes for hundreds of local students, and employing a full time director, they said.

Volunteers also perform a lion's share of the work in the facility, whether it be behind the gift counter, on the exhibits committee or in the well maintained and stocked archives.

For now an independent consultant has also been retained in an attempt to better evaluate the building's furnace replacement.

## Mulligan averts snafu

Oooooops! What could have been a major banking snafu was averted by Plymouth Postmaster John A. Mulligan the day after Christmas.

A bank customer inadvertently dropped his bank deposit into the mail box in front of the bank with his mail. He went inside to ask First of America Bank Manager Judy Berry what to do.

She called Mulligan who retrieved the deposit and delivered it to the bank while the customer nervously waited.

"Obviously, he (the bank customer) was very pleased with your quick response to his unfortunate dilemma," First's Vice President H. Kristene Rautio wrote Mulligan. "And we also appreciate his being able to make his deposit."

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At Northville hospital

## Probate court opens

BY JIM WHITE

"It is unusual, but it is absolutely imperative," said Freddie G. Burton, chief judge of the Wayne County Probate Court describing the opening today of a county probate courtroom inside the Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital.

"It's a good idea that started about five years ago," Burton said. "We are really happy about the extent of government cooperation we have received."

Burton added that the Michigan Department of Mental Health, the Wayne County executive, the county commission, the sheriff's office, the attorney general's office, and the probate court all had to agree to the arrangement.

The courtroom, located on the second floor of the A Building at the hospital, is necessary for a number of reasons, he said.

"Before, patients were taken downtown (Detroit) for hearings at the City/County Building," he said. "They were woken up at 5 or 6 a.m. so they could wait around in the halls all

day. State workers and psychiatrists had to spend the entire day downtown with them.

"But this is a lot simpler, more humane, as well as being a tremendous money saver," Burton said.

Hearings will begin Monday at 8 a.m. with Judge Patricia B. Campbell presiding full time. While there are probate referees located throughout the county, Campbell will be the first full judge to preside outside of Detroit, Burton said.

"Once the mental docket is squared away, we will expand the docket," said Burton, adding that neglect and abuse cases from the western part of the county will be handled as well.

"Unfortunately, child abuse has become a much bigger problem," he said. "There is a great need to address the issue, even out here."

"There have always been complaints about the difficulty of getting downtown, about the clerking -- this courtroom is a real breakthrough," he said.

"We will address the needs of the people in the hospital as well as the greater population in this part of the county."

## Tragedy averted

### Fire hits Canton again

BY JIM WHITE

An eight year-old boy smelled smoke in his Canton home and saved his family from a fire less than eight hours after seven members of the Dell'Orco family died in another Canton blaze.

According to Canton Police and Fire reports, Frank Suhy, his wife Teresa, and five of their seven children were sleeping in their home on Cather Drive in Holiday Park Dec. 23 when Nicholas, eight, awoke about 8 a.m. and smelled smoke from the laundry room.

Nicholas awakened his parents and Michael, 16; Andrew, 13; Christopher, 12; and Annemarie, five, and they left the house. No injuries were reported.

Two other family members,

Nicholas' brothers, Frank and Tony, were not at home when the fire broke out.

Canton firefighters responded within four minutes to the blaze in the tri-level house, according to reports. By that time, John Harris, a neighbor of the Suhys, had turned off the gas to the dryer, fire officials said.

The fire was extinguished by 10:30 a.m. and extensive damage throughout the home was reported.

Canton Fire Marshal Art Winkel determined that the cause of the fire was the family's dryer.

The family is currently staying at Tony Suhy's house. Donations for the family are being accepted by Ann Blevins, a neighbor. To help call 453-1941.

## Newest commissioner expects reappointment

BY JIM WHITE

Wayne County's newest commissioner, 36 year-old Canton resident Shirley Poling, was as surprised as anyone by the fashion in which her interim appointment was made Dec. 20.

"I was under the impression they were going to wait until Jan. 3," Poling said on Thursday. "But people in the district were calling in. A lady in Wayne wanted to complain about a clogged street drain. They could not reach Milt Mack, obviously."

"The commission felt the 11th District ought to be properly represented."

Poling's appointment to fill the 11th District seat (which includes Canton)

left vacant when Mack became a probate judge was not on the agenda for the Dec. 20 commission meeting but was added at the last minute by Arthur Blackwell, commission chair.

Poling's interim appointment lasts until Dec. 31. The commission will have to make another appointment at their meeting tomorrow (Jan. 3). They are also expected to set dates for special primary and general elections for the 11th District seat.

"I fully expect to be reappointed," Poling said. "I've been catching up on all the documents the past few days, the budget and the charter."

"I'm hanging out there in terms of an election campaign with no dates set," she said.



A young Gallimore Elementary School student recycles as a part of the local school district's recent recycling efforts. (Crier photo by Barb Cheiman)

## In P-C schools Recycling takes root

BY KEN VOYLES

Recycling is the new buzz word in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, where a fledgling recycling program seems to be taking root.

The program, begun at end of the 1989-90 school year, is currently organized in most of the elementary and middle schools. It is expected, said school officials, that Centennial Educational Park (CEP) will be up and running with a similar effort in the near future.

Verna Hill, the district's food services director, also oversees the day-to-day effort, while an ad hoc recycling committee is putting together a philosophic basis for the program.

Hill, who said there a lot of elements to the effort which still need work, added, "At this point we're trying to recycle with as little cost involved."

"Generally the response is enthusiastic. People involved are pleased they are involved. It's not been done before," she continued.

"It's a struggle being one of the first districts to do it, and not know how to do it, but keep working everything out," Hill said. "It keeps coming along."

Hill said that the Novi Public Schools were one of the first districts in Michigan to develop and pioneer such a program.

Plymouth-Canton's program began as a pilot this past spring and now has the support of both the Dart Corporation and Waste Management, Inc.

Currently, students in at least eight schools, recycle lunch trays, styrofoam cups and other polystyrene products, which are then picked up by the food service personnel and taken to storage behind Salem High School. The storage container at Salem holds about eight cubic yards of recyclable waste and takes about a month to fill up.

From there the waste to be recycled is transported to Waste Management, DART, which provides the individuals

bags, picks up the plastics and takes them to a location in Lansing where they are made into pellets and put on the market for reuse by companies all over the country.

Among the Plymouth-Canton schools already involved are Allen, Bird, Farrand, Field, Smith, Isbister, Miller and Gallimore elementaries, as well as East and Lowell middle schools.

Hill said that an effort is underway to involve students at CEP and she said a recycling effort there is likely "very soon."

She added, "Some of our thinking has been to start at a lower level and move up." Eventually, she said, the plan is have a full program in place throughout the district.

One student group at CEP is apparently interested in helping with the program.

SOFA (Students Organized For Action) has apparently volunteered to organize efforts to start recycling at CEP, according to an article published in the Perspective, the park's student newspaper.

SOFA wants to start the effort in the cafeteria with polystyrene lunch trays, according to the article, which also said that the group is interested in recycling paper at the two high schools.

Hill said Waste Management was also looking into collecting paper products, while the district is contemplating obtaining other containers if the program expands.

Hill added that food service employees are working on ways of managing the waste in the district.

She said employees are being trained to eliminate unnecessary waste; evaluate current product packaging; and participate in the current program.

Dave Artley, Plymouth-Canton board of education vice president, who led the effort to form a waste

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## P-C rallies to Dell'Orcos

# Giving spirit alive after deadliest fire

In times of heart-wrenching human tragedy, when the story both shocks and deeply moves a community, it is good to know people really care.

As a tragic moment in The Plymouth-Canton Community's history, the Dell'Orco fire will be etched in many minds, forever tied to their memories of Christmas, 1990.

But what will also be remembered -- and this is a heartening part of the sad tale-- is the way the community responded.

With the deepest sense of compassion, family and friends -- even total strangers -- pulled together, rallying to the Dell'Orcos' side during a bleak hour.

The spark for all this outpouring was the fire that claimed seven members of the Canton family, leaving four survivors.

Even before the extent of the tragedy had hit home, residents of Canton, Plymouth and endless other metro communities, parishoners at various local churches, and business owners were pitching in to help.

Offers of help also poured in from across the country as the holiday tragedy news stories entered people's living rooms from California to Maine.

Through it all, the Dell'Orco family held its head up high, and carried on.

The tragedy also reminded many of the dangers surrounding this holiday time; not long after the fire -- and before Christmas -- trees started appearing at some curbsides as residents realized they too could become victim of a holiday accident.

News of this tragedy hit everyone closer to home. This is our neighborhood, our friends. The Dell'Orco family did nothing different to celebrate the holiday than most of us. And yet, seven perished.

Although every Yule season brings warnings of care in using holiday decorations, it is only a tragedy like the Dell'Orco fire that makes the message sink in.

When the alarm sounded at another Canton home less than eight hours later and at a City of Plymouth home the next afternoon, firefighters reacted with full force and speed.

In this sorrowful hour, it is still important to remember the giving souls who took it upon themselves to share a little love and try to help. Over the years, it has become a benchmark of The Plymouth-Canton Community to rise to tragic occasions.

There is no better gift someone could give than the gift of an outstretched hand.

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## Dell'Orco love shines throughout

"If I can be of help, just let me know," said John Dell'Orco last week to a reporter who had asked him for what must have seemed like the hundredth time to describe the last moments in the lives of his brother Martin and six of Martin's nine children, victims of Canton's deadliest fire.

Such is the giving spirit of the Dell'Orco family, whom I feel I know intimately now, though I have actually met only one member face to face.

A family ought to be able to grieve in private, seeking the comfort of friends and loved ones without having swarms of reporters intruding to ask the same questions over and over.

"I don't know why you keep beating a dead horse," said Glenn Anderson last Wednesday. Anderson, brother of Debbie Dell'Orco, was trying to salvage personal items from the gutted home.

"I don't understand what more there is to say, Anderson said. "Why can't you just let it alone?"

But the Dell'Orco tragedy touched the hearts of total strangers, and people across the nation wanted to know the story: what happened, how was the family holding up, what could they do to help?

Anderson understood. In the same breath, he said, "We do appreciate all the people's help. It has been overwhelming."

Anderson and other family members were more than willing to talk about what Debbie Dell'Orco and her three surviving children will do now.

They spoke of her strength in the face of incomprehensible tragedy and of her desire to build the home on five acres south of Ford Road she and Martin dreamed of.

And all of the time they were talking about the love this family shares, and the wonderful support it gives them.

Their love touches all who come in contact with the family.

The story of Martin Dell'Orco's sacrifice for his children spread throughout the community, and then across the nation. People responded from their heart.

"Tom Keilman (Canton police chaplain) told me over \$160,000 had been raised," John Dell'Orco told mourners at Saturday's funeral mass. "He said normally, a tragedy might bring in \$20-40,000 in donations. He had never heard of anything like this before."

Christmas won't ever be the same for the Dell'Orcos. But amidst the deep sadness there is a story of love, and it's a very good story.

"God bless you all," it said on the homemade cross in front of their home last week. Amen.

## The White pages

By Jim White





# Community opinions

## 50 years ago...the world was ablaze with war

Fifty years ago the world was at war.

America, however, was still on the sidelines tenuously maintaining its neutrality. Throughout the year 1941, while Europe was in flames, life in the United States stayed pretty much the same.

That is until Dec. 7, 1941 -- the "day that will live in infamy."

By the end of that Sunday, America was at war. A formal

### In the margin

By Ken Voyles



declaration of war, putting the U.S. on the side of the Allies, came shortly after Japanese naval forces had completed their surprise attack on Pearl Harbor.

To commemorate the anniversary of that attack and our entry into the war, The Crier is beginning a feature -- a "glimpse of yesterday" -- which will look back on The Plymouth-Canton Community as it was during 1941.

(JAN. 3, 1941): In a front page, but unsigned, editorial, *The Mail*, which was owned and operated by Elton Eaton, praises an address by President Franklin D. Roosevelt under a headline, "In Defense of America!"

"President Franklin D. Roosevelt Sunday night in an address to the nation that should have been delivered more than a year ago, advised the people of our country that our rights as American citizens, our liberty and our future are gravely menaced by a monster war lord of Europe.

"He revealed to the public information that has come to our officials in Washington which justified the alarm he gave to us. He appealed to every individual, every person who is thoroughly American, to unite in one vast force to stem the tide that is drenching the world in the blood of mangled babies, children, women and

defenseless men.

"He pointed the way in which he believes our purpose can be accomplished without sending armies to Europe as we did 25 years ago.

"No matter how violently we as individuals have disagreed with some of the policies of the present Washington administration, here is one issue upon which there can be no haggling. Here is one issue where REAL AMERICANS must stand shoulder to shoulder. It is in defense of all that we have gained in the century and half of our existence as a nation, it is in defense of our own existence, as well as that of our posterity, that President Roosevelt has asked AMERICA TO RISE AGAIN and safeguard all that we hold so dear to ourselves and families. Here is ONE HUNDRED PERCENT REPUBLICAN WHO IS ONE HUNDRED PERCENT WITH PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT in the way that he believes that America can best be saved for Americans!"

In a front page news story, *The Mail* reports the election of a city attorney as president of a reserve officers association.

"City attorney Arlo Emery, who holds the rank of lieutenant colonel in the reserve army of the United States, has just been elected president of the Michigan Department of The Reserve Officers' Association."

### With malice toward none



## Growth is relative, my dear

Growth is a relative thing. Is GROWTH also known as PROGRESS?

It depends on your relative point of view.

Is the addition of a new, large industrial building in Canton properly termed PROGRESS if it replaces a stand of 100-year-old maple trees on Ronda Drive or a 50-year-old general aviation airport like Mettetal? That depends on your point of view.

If you're the taxman or someone who relies on taxes for a living, an industrial building may be more important, relatively. Thus it's "PROGRESS" to you.

But if you're one of those noted Ridge Road tree huggers or a futurist about aviation, you would describe that industrial replacement of trees or runway as "PROGRESS" only in a factitious way.

Whether GROWTH is PROGRESS is relative to your point of view.

GROWTH is the objective word for PROGRESS. Simply add your own bias as to whether any particular GROWTH is PROGRESS.

Is any growth too much? Many of you say so. (That includes many new residents to The Plymouth-Canton Community who display a "Pull up the ladder now that we're aboard" attitude.)

But growth is relative in another important way too.

It is relative in a history-geography sense.

For example, The Plymouth Mail "Booster Edition" of March 3, 1916 bragged that Plymouth's steady growth made it a stable economic center with 50 houses built each year for the past several years.

In a relative sense, such a benchmark of growth would be dwarfed 75 years later by any routine subdivision in Plymouth Township or Canton.

Similarly, the same Plymouth Mail brags that the Plymouth Post Office annual volume as \$10,000. Today it's just short of \$10 million.

History has a way of making growth relative.

So does geography.

If you're from another nearby community or from another part of the country, you compare growth in The Plymouth-Canton Community not just by quantity, but by quality as well.

Is growth here of a better quality than elsewhere? Is your community building for tomorrow or just for today?

As The Plymouth-Canton Community, along with the rest of the state-country-world, enters the recession, growth will be relative to both history and geography. Development will not stop, although it will certainly slow.

Relatively, the recession will likely hit lower and later in this corner of Wayne County than elsewhere and recover sooner. Historically, that's what happened here in 1974-75 and 1981-82.

Growth goes on regardless.

And so does the reputation of The Plymouth-Canton Community as described in 1916 by the "Booster Edition" of the newspaper formerly published here, *The Plymouth Mail* (slightly edited):

"We are pleased to send our readers this week a special edition, which in a small way gives a little better acquaintance with the people and business interests of our village. Doubtless many are fully acquainted with the growth and development here, yet we feel that it will not be amiss to review the important facts of our growth and prosperity. It is therefore the object of this little review to put forward a few things that helped make our community what it is today. THE BIGGEST LITTLE TOWN IN MICHIGAN."

(See the GROWTH-Plus Section in this edition of The Crier -- The Plymouth-Canton Community's annual report of 1990.)

## Ice Fest begs for help

The annual Ice Sculpture Spectacular is coming in two weeks! Mark Jan. 16 through the 21st on your calendar now.

This year, carvers from the Soviet Union and from Japan will join local and national carvers to produce frozen art in Kellogg Park and a laser light show will add color to the exhibition -- all without an admission charge.

Several businesses from The Plymouth-Canton Community help support the Ice Fest with generous donations, enabling many thousands of visitors to take advantage of the family-oriented show. This year, the Ice Sculpture Spectacular Board is seeking additional contributions from the general public.

Proceeds are used to purchase truckloads of ice, fund scholarships for culinary arts students and to pay expenses for the event.

The accompanying form may used to send donations to the Ice Fest -- a worthwhile event for the whole family.

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# 1990 in Plymouth-Canton: a year of

BY PHIL TARDANI

Welcome to 1991, Plymouth-Canton.

It promises to be another busy year for political, economic and social issues on the local scene.

And many of the issues on the new year's agenda trace roots to 1990. What follows is a month-by-month look back at the first year of the '90s in The Plymouth-Canton Community.

This hopefully provides perspective on the year to come.

## January:

The Plymouth City Commission approves a 60-unit, \$6.5 million apartment project to be built next to the Wilcox House in downtown Plymouth. "Once the thing is built, I think we'll all be very proud of it," said Jack Wilcox, owner of Plymouth's most famous residential landmark.

A 46-year-old Plymouth Township man dies in a car accident on I-275 at Ford Road in Canton -- the first of 12 traffic fatalities in Canton for the year.

Two men who escaped from the Western Wayne Correctional facility in Plymouth Township are captured in Bristol, VA and returned to Michigan.

Despite unseasonably warm weather, the Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular draws huge crowds.

The five communities making up the 35th District Court announce that they will begin sending prisoners to Hillsdale County Jail rather than to Wayne County Jail, not because the food is better, but because more jail time was available for repeat offenders.

Pete Schweitzer, a long-time community activist, dies at age 50.

## February:

The Centennial Educational Park girls gymnastics teams sets respective school records at 17-team Plymouth-Canton Invitational.

The Plymouth City Commission votes unanimously to enter into contract negotiations with Randall Byrne for the city's manager spot.



Mettetal Airport is perhaps the most surprising big story to break in 1990. The 60-acre site in Canton was up for sale the entire year. Canton's board of trustees rejected municipal ownership in August. Plymouth Township has since led a drive to keep Mettetal around as an airport, straining relations between the two communities. (Crier photo)

But within two weeks, Byrne tells the commission that he prefers to remain as city manager in Grand Blanc after all -- and a raise there.

Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry turns 50 -- as best he can remember.

Plymouth-Canton Schools plans for an addition to its administration building on Harvey Street in the city, and finds neighborhood opposition prolongs the site plan approval process.

Norman Kee, assistant superintendent of personnel for the schools, announces his retirement after 21 years with the district.

The Canton Board of Trustees approves plans for a ninth Sunflower Subdivision in the township -- making all of Sunflower larger than some small cities.

Four Salem wrestlers -- Brian and Steve Burlison, Pete Israel, and Julian Sell -- compete in the state meet.

Clarence DuCharme, the retired Plymouth Township auto dealer and civic leader, dies at age 75.

## March:

Residential property tax assessments are returned, with the average increase in the community from nine to 12.6 per cent.

Adistra Corp. signs an agreement to become part of Carlson Marketing Group of Minneapolis.

An "explosive situation" at teen scene "Club Ferrari" in Canton brings in police to restore order.

INC Magazine, a national publication, ranks Plymouth-Livonia as the sixth-best booming business neighborhood in the country.

Jeanette Wines and Marilyn Schwinn, two long-time members of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education, announce that they will not seek reelection.

Salem swimmer Ron Orris sets two state swimming records.

Salem High's Kim Miller becomes the first gymnast from The Plymouth-Canton Community to win state titles -- in the all around competition and on the uneven bars.

The Salem boys basketball team wins the regional hoop title.

Mel Morris is elected president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

The community is shocked by the deaths of two students who were found hanged in their respective Canton Township homes the same night.

A third judgeship for the 35th District Court advisory board is put on hold for at least two years after a vote by the court's advisory board.

## April:

Plans for a new 22,123-square-foot Plymouth Post Office on Beck Road

are submitted to Plymouth Township. Construction begins later in the year.

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools conduct an internal investigation of a relationship between the death of eight-year-old Stephen Nalepa and the school movie "Nobody's Useless," which Nalepa saw shortly before he his death by asphyxiation. School officials say that there was no "causal" relationship between the two.

Earl T. Gibson, an educator with 35 years experience with P-C Schools, dies at age 65.

Doug Swatosh, owner of downtown Plymouth's last gas station, announces plans to move from his location at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street.

Nine candidates are certified for the June school board election. Two of them -- Jack Farrow and John Engdahl -- later withdraw.

Battle Creek's Gordon Jaeger is approved as the new Plymouth city manager by the city commission, ending months of frustration in trying to fill the spot.

## May:

Melissa Chisholm, a 14-year-old Canton youth, is struck and killed by a hit-and-run driver at the corner of Ford and Lilley Roads. The driver left the scene and is still being sought as of press time.

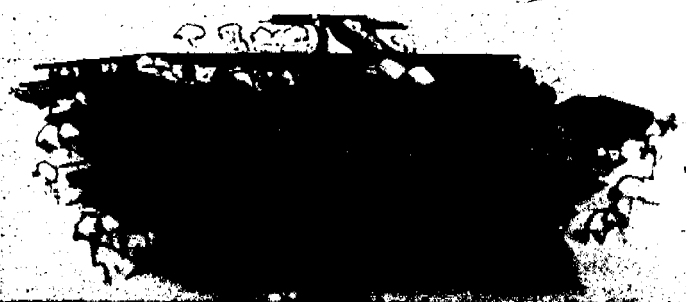
Canton Police wound 25-year-old Paul Vaccher after he allegedly threw several knives at them.

About 200 volunteers from The Plymouth-Canton Community helped clean up the Rouge River and its tributaries in the fifth annual Rouge Rescue Day.

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The City of Plymouth's bag-tag program came on line in December as an answer to rising landfill disposal costs. City officials report a 90 per cent compliance rate. Those not using a special bag or tag had their trash left behind with a violation notice like the one above. (Crier photo)



An artist's rendering of a portion of Huntington Falls, a proposed \$2 billion development in Northville Township revealed in July. The view here is east toward Sheldon Road. (Crier photo)

# development, tragedy and victory

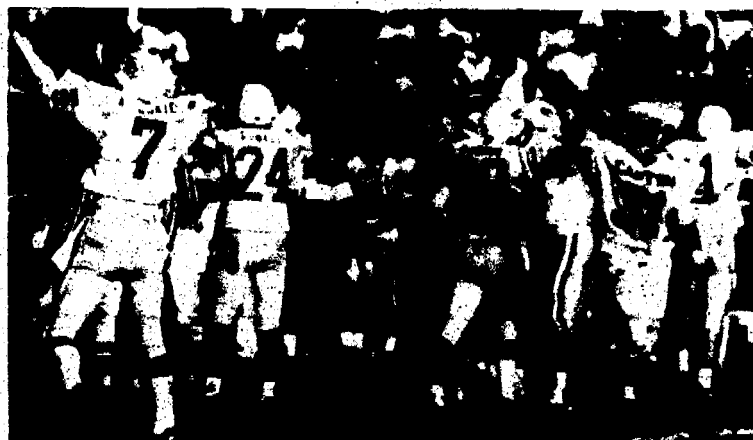
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**June:**

Carl Battishill and Lester Walker win the two open seats on the P-C school board.

High winds and thunderstorms leave parts of the community in the dark for a day or two as power is knocked out.

An expanded Canton Challenge Fest is called a success by organizers.



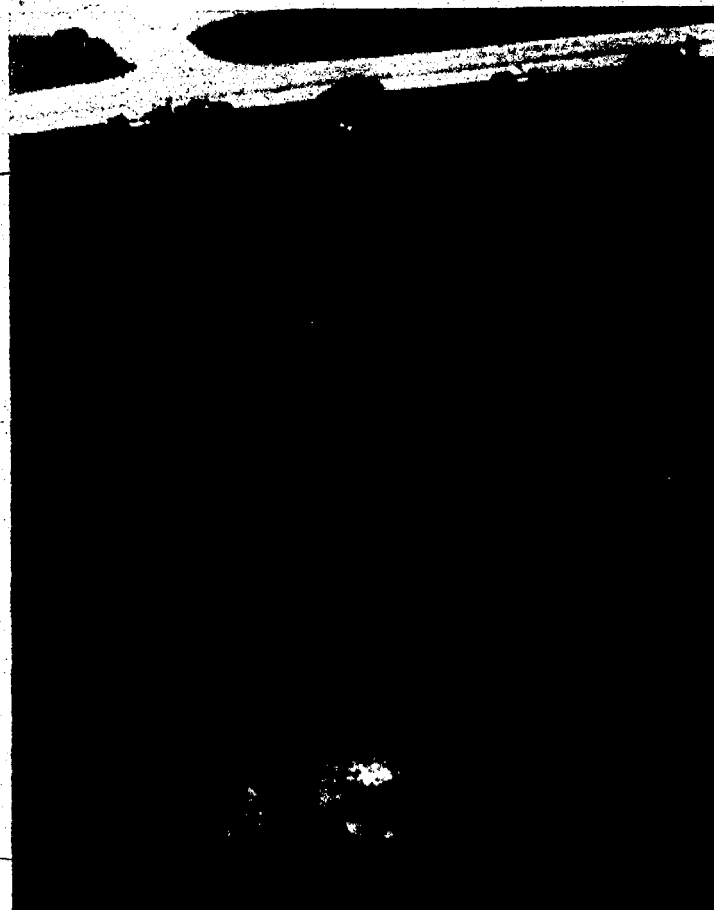
Above, the CEP Marching Band performs at the Hoosierdome in Indianapolis, where it won the national title. Left, the Canton Chiefs whooping it up after winning their first playoff game ever. Below, the remains of a twin engine Aerostar that collided with another plane over Plymouth Township. (Crier photos)

**July:**

The first glimpse of Huntington Falls, a proposed \$2 billion development in Northville Township, is revealed to the public.

Maryland developer John Erickson proposes a \$120 million, 1,200-unit development for St. John Provincial Seminary in Plymouth Township. (The Archdiocese of Detroit later rules a land sale contract with Erickson void.)

A two-plane collision in Plymouth Township kills three aviators in the community's worst air disaster.



**August:**

The Canton Board of Trustees votes 5-2 to "no longer pursue the purchase or operation of Mettetal Airport." Plymouth Township later votes 6-1 to act as a sponsor to apply for grant money available to buy the airport.

Stephen Fleming, a 1988 Canton High grad, is among the first wave of U.S. military personnel shipped to the Persian Gulf.

A consultant recommends that the Dunning-Hough library in downtown Plymouth find a new site to expand the building's size. The library board, however, appears committed to keeping the facility downtown.

The P-C schools suspend a plant engineer after workers dumped potentially dangerous chemicals in a drain flowing into Willow Creek.

**September:**

About 100,000 people participate in the 35th Annual Plymouth Fall Festival.

Plymouth-Canton Schools are implicated in another spilling incident, this time when "black, oily sludge" is found in a city sanitary sewer behind the Mill Street bus garage.

Kenneth Vogras retires after 34 years of service with the City of Plymouth, 24 of them as head of the DPW.

Mandatory curbside recycling begins in Plymouth Township.

Daisy air rifle magnate Cass S. Hough, who once "owned the city" dies at age 85 in Naples FL.

**October:**

Within five days, two trucks collide with CSX trains at the Beck Road crossing just south of Five Mile Road where there are no crossing gates.

City residents on Roe Street say participants of a substance abuse aftercare program living in a new apartment complex violate city zoning ordinances. (The city later finds there are no violations and the participants are allowed to stay.)

The Canton Chiefs win their first state football playoff berth and advance to the regional finals before losing.

**November:**

Local voters send the incumbents -- Robert Geake, Jim Kostya, William Ford, Milt Mack, Gerald Law, Carl Pursell and Janet Campbell -- back to office in every race. A ballot mix-up in Plymouth Township means local and county workers are up all night counting the vote.

The CEP Marching Band wins its first national title in Indianapolis, IN.

The Salem girls basketball team begins post-season play and advances to the state semi-finals before being eliminated.

**December:**

Former Plymouth City Manager Henry E. Graper pays the city \$3,160 in double reimbursements and undocumented expenditures.

The City of Plymouth's vote on forming a joint board with Plymouth Township is tabled until Jan. 21.

A fire at the Dell'Orco home in Canton Township kills Martin Dell'Orco and six of his children. Donations for the surviving family members pour in from around the country.

**Program helps despite funding loss**

# Literacy group awaits non-profit status

BY KEN VOYLES

Mabel Lew knows what it's like not being able to read a Christmas card.

The 80-year-old Westland had been dependent for such skills on her husband until his death about a year ago, but now, thanks in part to the Community Literacy Council Inc., Lew is on the road to changing her life.

"I wanted to do something for myself," Lew said. "I'm doing good, but I'm not satisfied. I want to do better."

The literacy council, supported by the Plymouth-Canton Adult Education program in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district, helps about 100 Mabel Lews each year through a tutoring program supported in part by donations from local residents and groups.

Just recently the organization received help from the Canton Community Foundation to the tune of

\$1,000. In its six year history the literacy group has raised some \$9,000.

Formed in 1985, the council trains volunteers to tutor adults who cannot read and write. Prior to its formation literacy efforts were run through the school district's adult education program.

The program started with 12 tutors and 12 students but today there are some 88 tutors and about 102 students, including a variety of international students. The students range in age from 18 to 80 and most reside in Plymouth-Canton and other nearby communities.

According to Carolyn Burns, coordinator and president of the organization, as the council grew it needed to expand beyond an all-volunteer stage and seek full time managerial help.

Last year much of the organization's funding came through a grant obtained

by the Canton Public Library from the State of Michigan Library.

But Canton did not apply for the grant this year, and the Plymouth Dunning-Hough Library was denied the grant when it applied instead.

The council is currently waiting for confirmation on its non-profit status, but that could take another five months, said Burns, who added that the group's budget is about \$15,000.

Once the council receives non-profit status it will be eligible for assistance from agencies like the United Way, said Burns.

"We've been an organization of volunteers for five years. Now we've grown beyond the scope of volunteerism," Burns said.

Burns added that the group is not actively seeking donations from residents, but has already found the local support "astounding."

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Carolyn Burns, the Community Literacy Council's coordinator, chats with one of the program's students. (Crier photo by Ken Voyles)



## Friends & Neighbors

*Manages hectic lifestyle*

# N'ville couple makes music with DSO

BY CHERYL VATCHER

For professional musicians, landing a position with a major orchestra can be so difficult that often the only way to get in is to wait for someone to retire.

Two Northville residents, the husband and wife team of Bob Williams and Treva Womble, both won performing jobs with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO) less than a year apart.

Six years later they were married.

"Getting a position in the DSO meant that a person had to either die or retire," Womble said recently. "The English Horn player I replaced went to Los Angeles.

"I am just lucky to have a job that I enjoy and love," she added.

Womble joined the DSO in 1975. Before, though, Womble played with the Dallas Symphony for 11 years after joining the group while a junior at Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY.

While playing with Dallas she finished her education and spent time as the second oboe player (seven years). Later she won a soloist role as an English Horn player.

Since joining the DSO Womble said she has seen constant change. "The financial situation left us with a sense of insecurity. We did not know from week to week how it was going to turn out," she said. "Now we've been told there is funding through next spring."

Williams, the principal bassoonist with the DSO since 1974, has also been a member of the Winnipeg Symphony, the CBC Winnipeg Orchestra, the Colorado Philharmonic and the Tuscon Symphony.

Two years ago he also performed as the solo bassoonist with the World Philharmonic Orchestra. In 1989 he spent two weeks with the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Williams earned a performance degree from the University of Arizona and also studied at the Aspen Music School, the University of Southern California and the Music Academy of the West.

He has also been faculty bassoonist with the Claremont Music Festival, the Grand Teton Orchestra Training Institute, the University of Michigan, and gave master classes at the famous

Tanglewood Institute.

Williams, a founding member of the Detroit Symphony Basson Quartet and Buddhist Bassoon Trio in Boston, has often been a featured DSO soloist.

"It is extremely enjoyable to make music with this organization," he said. "It is the best organization in the country. And on a good day this orchestra is as strong as the Boston Symphony."

Although Womble and Williams do not play side-by-side with the DSO, they still perform together outside of

work. They recently played an opening devotional at their church, the First Presbyterian Church of Northville.

They also travel to schools to demonstrate the oboe and bassoon.

With their hectic schedules there isn't much time to practice outside of the DSO except at night after their two sons Trevor and Seton go to bed.

"I usually practice two hours every night," Womble said.

The pair prefer to practice apart in their own offices; padding on the walls helps deaden the music so they can play undisturbed.

The pair also make the reeds (a strip used in the mouthpiece) for their instruments - the raw material takes up space in their home offices. "We have to make sure our reeds work properly so we make them," said Womble.

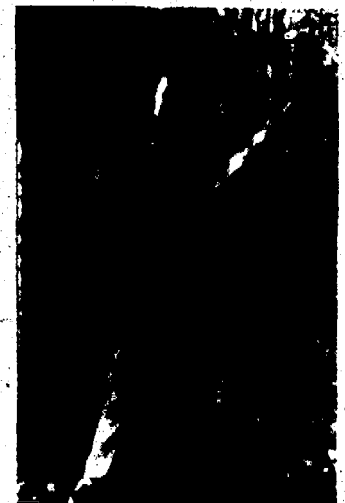
At home Womble likes to putter around in her garden. "Everything I do centers around my hands," she said.

For Williams, who also teaches students as a visiting professor at Michigan State, time is at such a premium that, as he says, "I don't smell the roses much."

But, he added, "It's great to make a living doing what we love."

It is important to educate students about the bassoon, said Williams, since it is a difficult instrument to master. And there is plenty of hard work involved in keeping it finely tuned (it has a double set of reeds).

"Anyone really interested in learning to play the bassoon should take private lessons," Williams said. "It's important to study with someone who plays the instrument."



Treva Womble, left, and Bob Williams, a husband and wife team with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO), reside in Northville where they often practice in preparation for upcoming concerts. (Crier photos by Barb Cheiman)



# Canton family buries 7 fire victims

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Martin's favorite country songs as ushers continued to seat everyone.

"Well, I'm leaving here a better man, knowing you this way," the voice of Clint Black filled the chapel.

Hank Williams, Jr.'s song about family traditions played, and then his song called "Good Friends, Good Whiskey, and Good Lovin'."

Within five minutes, the songs spoke volumes about what was most important to the man who had escaped his burning home, but who had gone back into the flames to save his children.

"Why would a man risk his life?" asked Porcari. "Giving from the heart is the sign of true maturity. In these times of the Me generation, Marty was of the You generation. Greater love hath no man than to lay down his life for his friends."

Martin Dell'Orco, himself a self-employed carpenter, became a Christ figure among us by his example, Father Porcari said.

Porcari then read words that Debbie Dell'Orco had written about her family.

"Marty was totally devoted to us," he read. "He has proven that there was nothing he would not do for us.

"At times, he would say, 'The only problem is I love you too much, and it drives me crazy.'

"Marty was so full of pride at the birth of each child," Porcari continued.

"He was a perfectionist in his work. I don't remember a day when he would not sing and dance with the youngest kids."

Porcari looked up and said, "That was the crowning glory of this family -- every child felt his or her worth."

He then continued to read Debbie Dell'Orco's words.

"Bonnie," he read. "Her name meant 'sweet and fair,' and she always tried to live up to that.

"Sarah. She was the little mother. She would take charge of all the children, sometimes including Marty and me.

"Katie. Happy and giggly, she loved every detail of life. She was the artist. She drew beautiful, detailed pictures.

"Megan. Strong and feisty, with a smile that would melt your heart. And her wit was sharp as a tack.

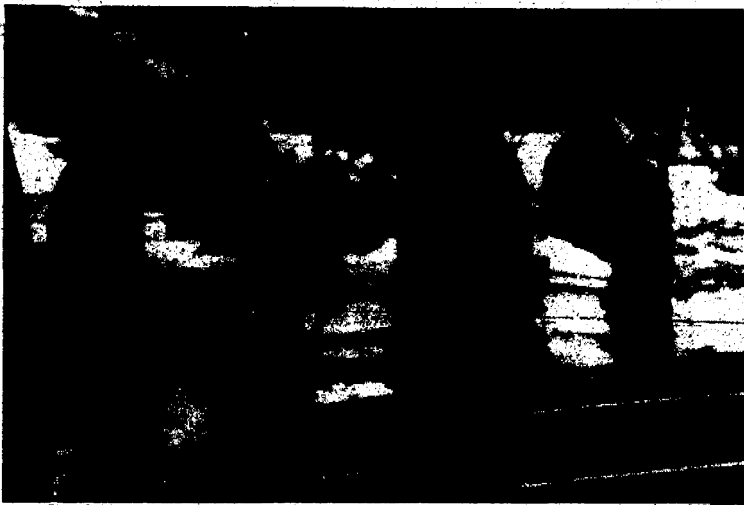
"Michael. Quiet, gentle. He loved to get rough and rowdy with his friends. He would make pets of frogs, snakes, and kittens.

"Robert. The sweetest thing you ever saw, with the face of an angel. We seemed to have the same thoughts. He loved the outdoors, and would play on the swings from dawn till dusk."

Porcari looked up and said the pictures of the Dell'Orco family will always remain on the parish family tree. "Our hearts will always be open to you.

"Debbie, you must spread Martin's spirit," he said. And Jimmy, Kelly, and Adam, make your lives a monument to your mother and father. Be the best you can be for his spirit. That is what he would have wanted.

"Let us also pray for the people of this country and of this township, who



Jim Dell'Orco (far right) helps carry the coffin of one of his family after Saturday's service. (Crier photo by Eric Lukaski)

have come to the family's aid."

When Porcari had finished, Martin's brother John Dell'Orco announced that Canton police had counted over \$160,000 in donations for the family from across the country as of Friday night.

"Our community has been accused of being uncaring and selfish," John Dell'Orco said. "With this outpouring I don't think we can be accused of that again.

"Martin Thornton Dell'Orco performed the most charitable act," he said, "and the community has responded with charity of its own. I'm sure the Lord is pleased with the giving.

"Marty, I am proud to be your brother."

In a very emotional speech, Glenn Anderson, Debbie Dell'Orco's brother who worked with Martin, added, "Marty was my boss as well as my brother-in-law. He taught me everything about carpentry as well as about pride in what you do. You can't pick your brother-in-law, but Marty was the best. I loved Marty and I will always remember him."

Anderson then remembered something special about each of his nieces and nephews.

The mass concluded at 11:15, with donations of food and clothing being turned over to Canton police and fire.



Seven hearses line up outside St. Thomas A'Becket waiting. (Crier photo by Karen Langer)

In return, police officers and fire fighters helped serve as pall bearers for the seven caskets. Then the long funeral procession slowly made its way through Canton behind seven hearses to Parkview Cemetery.

Christmas will never be the same for the Dell'Orco family.

"I can't even look at a Christmas tree," said Martin's sister Mary Ann Belaire last week.

Although the official report is not yet complete, Canton Fire Marshal Art Winkel said last week that the Dec. 22 fire in the home at 43765 Proctor was caused by hot Christmas tree lights igniting the family tree.

"The tree was lit," Winkel said. "It was a tree that had been shaped



Donations of food and clothing poured into the Canton Police and Canton's St. Thomas A'Becket Church last week as the community turned to help the Dell'Orco family. (Crier photo by Eric Lukaski)

bulbs. A bulb could have ignited a dry area on contact or a bulb may have popped. When the tree reaches its flash point, it just goes whoom! The tree explodes, just like in a forest fire.

According to John Dell'Orco, Debbie was wrapping presents in the master bedroom at about 11-p.m. when she heard Martin yell "Don't touch it!" to Robert.

She ran out to the family room to see the tree standing upright. It was attached to the wall and ceiling with wire, John Dell'Orco said, with flames shooting out the top. She called 9-1-1 at 11:10 as Martin tried unsuccessfully to drag the tree out of the house onto the deck.

The first police cars were on the scene within 90 seconds and flames were already coming through the roof," said Canton Fire Chief Mel Paulun. The summer truck arrived at 11:15, by which time the little ranch-style house was engulfed in flames.

Paulun said.

"The smoke was so black you couldn't see anything," said next-door neighbor Debbie Sullivan. "Debbie was on the lawn screaming: 'My babies, my babies. Somebody save my babies!' Marty handed Adam to my mom and I took him down to a house on the corner so he wouldn't have to watch the fire.

"By the time I got back," he said, "Marty had gone back in. That was the last we saw of him.

Debbie Dell'Orco also tried to go back to rescue her sleeping children but firefighters stopped her.

Canton police chaplain Tom Keilman sat with her in the back of a squad car.

"There is virtually nothing you can say," Keilman said. "You just try to be there for them, to answer their questions as best you can.

"Adam, Jimmy, and Kelly joined their mom and we went to a neighbor's house. At about 2:30 a.m., I had to tell her that the others had died."

Martin, Bonnie, Sarah, Katie, Megan, Michael, and Robert Dell'Orco died of smoke and soot inhalation, according to the Wayne County Medical Examiner.

Last week, as donations of food, clothing, furniture, and money poured in from as far away as California, the remaining family tried to carry on.

Family members retrieved any salvageable items from the gutted, boarded-up house.

A homemade cross with the words

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# Sports



Salem spikers are led by this year's co-captains Amy Krajewski (left) and Andrea Welling. The two will offer the Rocks "solid leadership" said their coach. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

## Rock spikers ready for '91

BY RITA DERBIN

High hopes and great expectations.

The Salem volleyball team has worked hard to prepare for the season and the Rocks hope their efforts will pay off this season.

"Last season we had a lot of young players on the team," said Brian Gilles, who shares varsity and junior varsity coaching duties with Allie Suffety. "This year most of that team is back with more experience."

## CEP Previews 1991

"I think we're ready to challenge for the division and if we keep improving, by the end of the season we could be challenging for the league title," added Gilles.

The Rocks, who were 4-6 in the Lakes division last season and 6-7 in conference play, have 21 girls on a combined varsity and junior varsity team this season.

There will be 10 main varsity players to begin the season but the players will go up and down throughout the season depending on who plays well in practices, said Gilles.

"We combined the teams last year and it worked well," he said. "And we'll be doing the same this season. Everyone will get the chance to play."

Providing leadership on the team will be senior co-captains Andrea Welling and Amy Krajewski, both of whom are outside hitters with varsity experience.

"They have both given us solid leadership this year," said Gilles. "They've done a good job as leaders and captains of this improving team."

"The whole team has worked hard -- they have participated in summer camps and have done a great job getting ready for the season and have improved greatly," Gilles added.

Juniors on the team include middle hitter and setter Martha Bol, outside hitter Jenny Emmett, setter Sarah Krieger, outsider hitter and backrow specialist Nicole Santilli, middle hitter Suzane Tihanyi and middle hitter Julie Thomas.

Jenny Emmett is sick right now," Gilles added. "But she'll be a great asset when she returns."

Sophomores returning to varsity this season include outside hitter Shelby Carey, and setter Caryn Tatterton.

Gilles is pleased with the team's performance so far in practice.

"Last season at this time we had about 80 weaknesses we needed to work on and this season there's only three that we really have to look at," he said. "I call that improvement."

First and foremost, the Rocks have to serve more consistently, according to Gilles.

"Every kid's technique is good," Gilles said. "But they have to concentrate more."

The Salem squad will also need more consistent play out of their setters and more intensity on defense, according to Gilles.

"They're all things we can work on," he said. "Overall we're looking forward to the season."

The Rocks will open their season at Walled Lake Western on Wednesday, Jan. 9. Junior varsity begins at 6 p.m. and varsity will follow.

### Top state competitors return

## Confident Salem gymnasts led by returning stars

BY RITA DERBIN

Confidence is oozing from the Salem gymnastics team, according to coach Kathi Kinsella.

The Rocks finished third in the state last year and aren't about to rest on their laurels.

now," said coach Kathi Kinsella. "They all worked out over the summer and are coming back stronger and better than last year."

Last season the Rocks won their first conference title, finished second in the regionals to cross-campus rival Canton, then finished third in the state behind strong individual performances by Miller and Gonyea at the state meet.

Miller will be defending her two state titles this season. Last season she won the state all around title and also took first place on the uneven bars.

"Kim has always been able to perform and she'll have more confidence coming back," said Kinsella. "This year she is much improved -- she has more potential to sell her routines rather than just do her tricks."

## CEP Previews 1991

Led by their top three returners -- sophomores Kim Miller and Courtney Gonyea and junior Autumn Bunch -- the Rocks are ready to take on the state.

"All my people are coming back healthy and are ready to compete

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# Salem gymnasts

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Other returners on the Salem squad include all-arounder Stefanie Angiulo, juniors Aimee Wong and Jenny Wong on bars and vault, returning captain senior Sue Farmer, who has a strong floor routine, senior Becky Bucchieri on floor, junior all-arounders Sandi Donica and Dana Driscoll and Theresa Giacherio on vault and beam.

Newcomers to the team this season will include two freshmen with as much potential as the top three gymnast on the team, according to Kinsella.

Alysia Sofios is real strong on vault and floor, and Sarah Makins looks real good on the other two events -- beam and bars.

"I'm expecting real good things from those two," Kinsella said. "I got the luck of the lottery to get two top club performers who are excellent."

Other newcomers include two vault and floor performers, transfer student Meredith Giles; and Mirdy Andrews, who has a dancing background.

Freshman LeAnne Savola is also looking strong on vault and bars, according to Kinsella.

"If we were to start today I'd have a complete six performers on every event," said Kinsella. "Everyone on this team can do a back handspring and tuck -- everyone is far ahead of the progression shown by the other teams I've had at this point."

One reason for that is volunteer assistant coach Michelle Ross, who has helped the team with choreography on beam and floor.

"We have killer music for our floor

routines and we have high hopes," said Kinsella. "The team is so good -- they are self-motivated and there is no animosity among the girls."

"We've pulled together as a family," she added. "The kids like each other and team does things together outside the gym. We're expecting big things."

The Rocks have a few team goals to accomplish in order to make 1991 a successful season.

"First and foremost I want to make everyone understand that this is a team," said Kinsella. "Individual glory is one thing but first we're a team -- personally it will be my goal to get everyone qualified for the regionals."

Kinsella is also hoping the Rocks get some fan support from fellow Salem athletes and the community this season.

"We practice and perform at Phase III (the Canton gym) and people forget about us, but this is a good team that deserves recognition."

As far as competition goes, the Rocks want to retain their conference title and Kinsella sees only Canton and North Farmington in their way. After that, the team aims at finishing first or second at the regionals. Beyond that it's hard to predict.

"We have the potential to qualify at least five people to the second day at state," Kinsella said. "I think as a team we should be in the top two this year, we were third last year and we're a lot better this year."

The Rocks travel to Westland John Glenn on Thursday, Jan. 10 to open their conference schedule.



Salem High gymnast Autumn Bunch works out at CEP during a recent practice session. (Crier photo by Erik Lukasik)

## Inducted into hall of fame

# Local karate expert gains fame

BY RITA DERBIN

The awards were coming at him from all sides.

Sam Santilli and his Isshinryu karate club, based out of the Canton Recreation Center, won national recognition this past summer at the National Isshinryu Karate Hall of Fame Banquet in Knoxville, TN.

Santilli, a sixth degree black belt, and one of his students, 13-year-old Steven Ballard of Garden City, were recognized as the best in their fields.

"An area resident for over 26 years, Santilli lived in Canton for 25 years before moving to Plymouth Township a little over a year ago.

Santilli, who is the only Isshinryu instructor in this area, and second in command in Michigan to Master Willie Adams, a 10th degree black belt based in Southfield, was honored at the Hall of Fame banquet with an induction into the national Isshinryu Karate Hall of Fame at Marysville College in Knoxville.

Isshinryu karate is not considered a sport, according to Santilli, it is a self defense technique.

"Karate literally means 'empty-handed fighting,'" he explained. "Isshinryu is a defensive style that is more of an art form -- it's more flowing than other forms of karate."

Santilli was also honored with a Spirit of Isshinryu award, which is a life achievement award recognizing what he has done for Isshinryu in the United States.

"I was very honored by the award," said Santilli, who has taught Isshinryu in Canton for 18 years. "There are only 13 of them in the United States and it was voted on by my peers."

At the banquet, Santilli also accepted a Spirit of Isshinryu award for his deceased mentor, Doug Noxon.

"On personal note, receiving the award for him was quite an honor," said Santilli. "All the awards were very special for me."

The Santilli Isshinryu Club of Canton, which Santilli runs with his assistant, Fred Walker, of Detroit, was honored as the club of the year.

The club also won the award for the best DoJo (karate club) of the year, and took fourth place in the best club awards as an out of town club, quite an accomplishment for a club the size of Santilli's.

"We're smaller than a lot of clubs," said Santilli, who has approximately 25 students. "And to compete against bigger clubs and do so well is very good. The award was unexpected.

"I'm very proud of my students -- it's their award," said Santilli.

Ballard, who has been a student of Santilli's for just over a year, was honored as the 1990 young male Isshinryu karate-ka of the year.

Steven and his two brothers, who also train under Santilli, started karate a little over a year ago.



Sam Santilli, and his student Steven Ballard. (Crier photo by Erik Lukasik)

couragement of their father, Rick, a first degree brown belt in Isshinryu.

"My dad got me started in karate," said Ballard. "And it has helped me in my discipline."

When asked what he likes most about karate, Ballard said, "I like it all."

Santilli became involved in karate as means of spending time with his sons Greg, Kevin, Matthew and Al when they were younger.

"After I got out of the service I wasn't spending enough time with my family so my wife told me to find an activity to do with my sons," said Santilli, who had boxed in the service. "I've been with it ever since."

All of Santilli's sons have participated in karate at one level. Kevin is a third degree black belt and Matthew is a first degree black belt; Al is a third degree brown belt and Greg is a first degree brown belt.

Santilli also has two daughters, Tracey and Nikki, but his wife Janet won't let them learn karate. "I have taught them self defense, though," Santilli said.

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# Tell it to Phyllis

By Phyllis Redfern



Pvt. Douglas Scoggins has completed training at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Columbus, GA. The son of Robert and Jean Scoggins of Charrington Drive in Canton, he is a 1990 graduate of Salem High School.

Army Reserve Private John Marasco has graduated from the combat course at Fort Gordon, Augusta, GA. He is the son of John Marasco Jr. and stepson of Mary Marasco of Kingsway in Canton.

Airman Michael LaBruzzy has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, TX. He is the son of Thomas and Carolyn LaBruzzy of Princess Drive in Canton and a 1989 graduate of Salem High School.

Area students receiving degrees from Ferris State University are: Nicole Alonzo of Newbury Port in Canton, AAS in Retail Fashion Merchandising; Timothy Forrester of Elmhurst in Plymouth, AAS in Heavy Equipment Service; Cheryl Stratton of Dogwood in Plymouth, AAS in Radiography; and Jeffrey Turner of Beacon Hill in Plymouth, BS in Small Business Management.

Army Reserve Pvt. Scott Titus has completed a combat engineer course at the U.S. Army Training Center at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. He is the son of Walter Titus of Warren and Diane Morse of Plymouth.

Students from Canton receiving degrees from EMU are: Susan Bucchieri of Clarendon, SPA; Mary Flynn of Lilley Pointe Blvd, MA; Kenneth Krick of Versailles, MA; Constance Leaym of Spring Drive, MA; and Lynda St. John of Haggerty, MA.

Plymouth students receiving degrees from EMU are: Michael Bledow of Erik Pass, MA; Keith Cleland of Amherst, MA; Elvira McQuillan of Whittlesey Lake Drive, MA; Teresa Rizzo of Drury Lane, MA; Carol Walkiewicz of Fry Street, MA; and Pam Westerhold of Moonlight, MA.

Area students named to the Dean's List at Johnson and Wales University in Rhode Island are: Elizabeth Barnhill of Eaton Drive in Plymouth; Brian Riggs of Hampshire in Canton and Preston Woodby of Elsa Court in Canton.

Spec. William Osborn II had deployed to the Middle East with American military forces participating in Operation Desert Shield. A 1987 graduate of Salem High School, he is the son of William Osborn of Detroit and Jacqueline Osborn of Londonderry Court in Canton.

Pvt. Linda Brown has completed a metal worker course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. She is the daughter of Lambert and Arlene Solak of Plymouth and a 1985 graduate of Salem High School.

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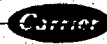
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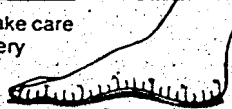
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**CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION**  
 The City of Plymouth will be picking up residents' Christmas trees at the curb this month. City solid waste tags are not required for the tree collection. Card-board boxes from the holidays will need a city tag and must be empty of any trash. Call 453-1234 for further information.

**JOB INTERVIEWING WORKSHOP**  
 Growth Works, Inc., in the City of Plymouth, is hosting a series of employment skills workshops. The next sessions is Feb. 1 at 9 a.m. in the Growth Works building on Main Street. The cost is \$15. To register or for details call 455-4093.

**NEWCOMERS FITNESS LUNCHEON**  
 The Plymouth Newcomers will start the new year with a Physical Fitness Luncheon Jan. 10 at the Plymouth Fitness Studio. Hospitality at 11:30 a.m. followed by aerobics and toning class at noon. Buffet lunch at 1 p.m. The cost is \$11 for the class and lunch. The club is open to new residents of Plymouth. Reservations by Jan. 7. Call 459-8046 or 459-7943.

**NEWCOMERS MEMBER COFFEE**  
 The Plymouth Newcomers Club will host a membership coffee for prospective members at 10:30 a.m. on Jan. 17. The group is for residents of Plymouth who have lived in the city or township for less than two years. Information will be presented about the group and its programs. For details call 451-0124.

**VIETNAM VETERANS MTG**  
 The Plymouth-Canton Chapter 528 Vietnam Veterans of America will hold a general membership meeting on Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mayflower-Lt. Gamble VFW Post 6695 home on Mill Street in the City of Plymouth. Open to Vietnam era veterans (8-5-64 to 5-7-75). For information call Greg Huddas, president, at 453-5020, or Joe Agius, member director, at 453-8180.

**TOASTMASTERS INSTALLATION**  
 The Holy Smoke Masters Toastmasters Club will install new club offices Jan. 3 at their dinner meeting in the Westland Denny's. For further details call 455-1635.

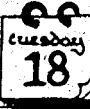
**PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY UNITED WAY**  
 The Annual Meeting of the Plymouth Community United Way will be held at the Plymouth Historical Museum in the City of Plymouth on Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. The purpose is to elect five board members, four officers and hear reports. Open to the public. Refreshments will be served and a tour of the museum is planned. For information call 453-6879.

**P-C TAG SCREENING**  
 The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will soon be screening students for admission to the Talented and Gifted Program (TAG) for the 1991-92 school year. All third graders will be screened through regular testing. Or parents can nominate second, fourth and fifth graders for the program. TAG also accepts nominations of sixth graders through high school students. A TAG information night is planned for Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Allen Elementary School. For further information call the TAG office at 451-6718.

**PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD**  
 The Plymouth Theatre Guild will be holding a general meeting Jan. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Regional Hospital. A sneak preview of "Crimes of the Heart," the group's next production (in February) is planned for the meeting. Open to the public. For details call 349-7974.

**YOUTH FLOOR HOCKEY**  
 Canton's Parks and Recreation is sponsoring Youth Floor Hockey skills clinics and four Saturday games beginning Jan. 21. For boys and girls in grades one through six. Cost is \$20 per child. For further details call 397-5110. Open to Plymouth and Canton residents.

**WINTER PCAC CLASSES**  
 Winter classes sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) will begin Jan 21. Register now by mail or walk-in to the PCAC office on Main Street. For further information call 455-5260. A variety of art courses for various ages, from five years old to 10. Later, spring classes will begin in April, 1991.



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### ORATORIO SOCIETY'S 'REQUIEM'

The Plymouth Oratorio Society choral group begins its fifth season with Brahms' "Requiem," on Sunday, April 21, 1991. Prior to that an organizational meeting for interested singers is planned for Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church on North Territorial Road in Plymouth Township. For further information call 761-2991 or 455-6512.

### ANNUAL WINTER ANTIQUE SHOW

The Plymouth Symphony League will host its Annual Winter Antique Show Jan. 11-12 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Show hours are: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday. General admission is \$3. More than 25 antique dealers will be on hand. Proceeds go to support the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra (PSO). For more information about the show call 459-1358. Food and refreshments will be available.

### CANTON CHAMBER AUCTION

The Third Annual Canton Chamber of Commerce Dinner Auction is planned for Jan. 12 at 6 p.m. in the clubhouse at Fellows Creek Golf Course, Canton. Cash bar as well as raffle tickets. Tickets are \$30 per person. Call the Canton Chamber at 453-4040 for further information or reservations.

### ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUPS

The Plymouth Family Support Groups of the Alzheimer's Association will meet Jan. 2 and Jan. 7. The evening group meets at 7 p.m. (Jan. 7) and the afternoon group meets at 1 p.m. (Jan. 2). Meetings held at the Arbor Health Center in the City of Plymouth. For more information call 477-8617. The support groups are for family, friends or caregivers of people afflicted with Alzheimer's disease.

### ECONOMIC CLUB HOSTS STATE REP

The Canton Economic Club's next gathering on Jan. 8 will feature speaker Paul Hillemonds, the Michigan House of Representatives Minority Leader. For information or to RSVP call 454-5427.

### CELEBRATE CANTON DINNER

Plans are underway for the 1991 Celebrate Canton dinner, dance and recognition night. The third annual dance will be held Feb. 16 at Fellows Creek Golf Course. Tickets are \$30 per person and include a buffet dinner. To purchase tickets send a check made out to "Celebrate Canton," to Dan Calabrese, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, 48188.

### CANTON HOSTING MAGIC RIDE

For the second year in a row Canton will host the Metro Area Warm-Up Magic Ride to raise money in the fight against child abuse. To kick off plans for the May 11 ride, the Canton Historic District Commission is hosting a sponsor appreciation breakfast on Jan. 24 at the historic Cherry Hill School.

### UNDERSTANDING GIFTED CHILDREN

The Plymouth-Canton Association for the Academically Talented (PCAAT) will be among the hosts of a session on "Understanding and Encouraging Gifted Children," planned for Jan. 28 at the Livonia Civic Center. Starts at 7 p.m. For advance registration or information call 451-0623 or 455-7270. PCAAT is a parent support group which supports academic excellence in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district.

### GIFTED CHILDREN SUPPORT GROUP

The Metro Area Gifted Information Consortium (MAGIC), a support group for parents of gifted children, will be holding its monthly group discussion on Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Amerman Elementary School in Northville. For registration call 451-0623 or 455-7270.

### HISTORIC SOCIETY MEETING

The next meeting of the Plymouth Historical Society is set for Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the museum (located along Main Street in the City of Plymouth). The program topic is "Quackery in Science and Medicine." For information call 455-8940.

### FALL FESTIVAL BOARD MEETING

The 1991 Plymouth Fall Festival Board of Directors will meet at Plymouth City Hall, Jan. 9 at 7:30 p.m. to start planning the upcoming festival. All service clubs are urged to send a representative.

### STORYTIME REGISTRATION

Registration for Toddler and Preschool Storytime sessions at the Plymouth Library will begin the first week of January, 1991. Children ages two-three and a half can attend a parent-toddler program at 10 or 11 a.m., Wednesdays, Jan. 9-30. Register on Jan. 2 at 10 a.m. or 10:30 by phone. Preschool Storytime is for children ages three and a half-five; held at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m., Thursdays, Jan. 10-31; and at 7 p.m., Tuesdays, Jan. 15-29. Register Jan. 3 at 10 or 10:30 a.m. The Tuesday evening program registration is Jan. 8. For more information call 453-0750.

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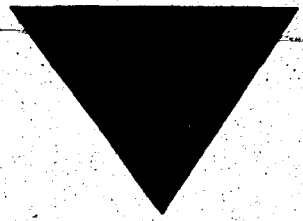
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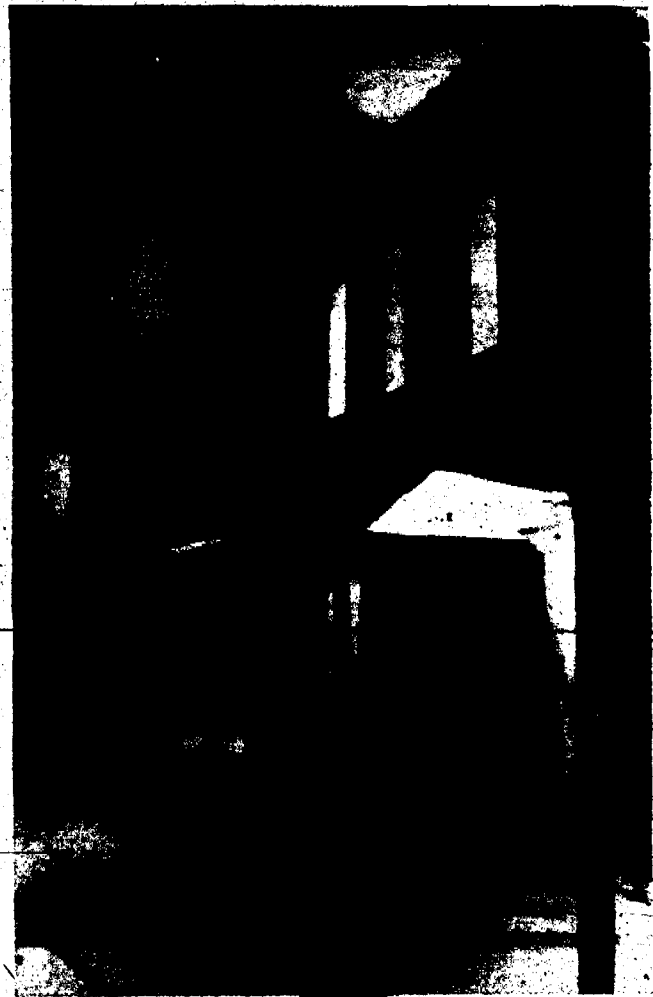
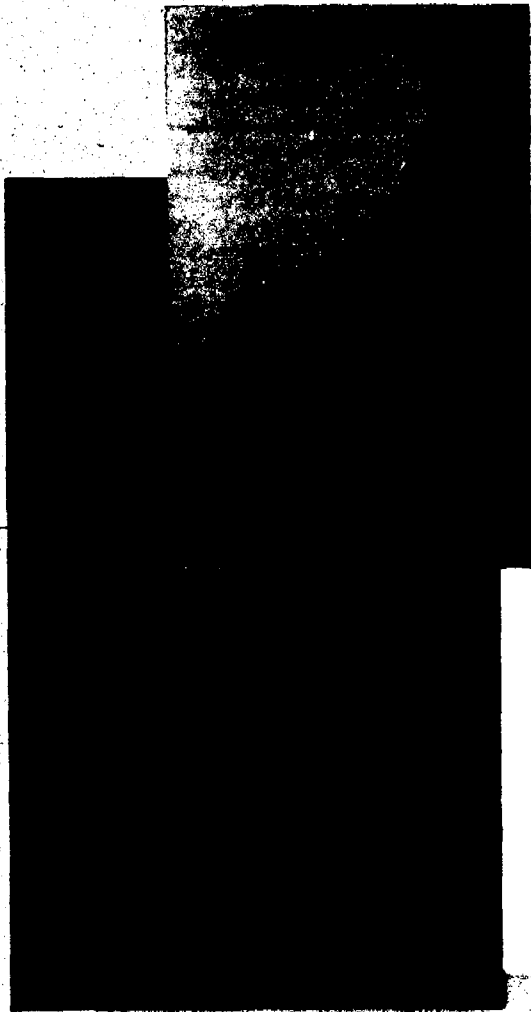


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# GROWTH



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# Mixture of uses sprout in Twp.

BY PHILIP TARDANI

From telecommunications training facilities to single family homes, Plymouth Township had a year of moderate growth in 1990.

According to township records, the assessed value for the township rose 12 per cent, from \$542 million in 1989 to \$612 million in 1990.

"I think our growth is good," said Shirley Barney, community development director in the township. "I don't think anyone is dissatisfied with the pace it's been occurring."

The first year of the new decade did see some significant businesses begin construction in Plymouth Township, particularly in the high tech area. Isuzu, Mitsubishi, Michigan Bell and American Koyo all began construction there on high-tech facilities in 1990.

Isuzu began construction on a \$12 million, 51,000 square foot technical center at the North Plymouth Commerce Center, east of Beck Road, north of M-14 and south of the railroad tracks. The three-building complex will be involved in the engineering and testing of automobiles to meet environmental requirements.

Mitsubishi broke ground in August on a \$3.2 million, 90,000 square foot sales and marketing office, also to be located in the North Plymouth Commerce Center.

Michigan Bell's \$5.5 million training center for telecommunications workers is going up in Metro West Technology Park at the corner of Sheldon Road just north of M-14.

Richard Gornick, chairperson of the planning commission in the township, said "high-class" industrial development is encouraged particularly along M-14, an "entranceway" to the community.

High tech facilities tend to be "nicely terraced" with soft landscaping, he said, keeping up a good image for the thousands of cars that pass daily.

Three major public use developments either started or completed in 1990 were the new U.S. Post Office on Beck Road south of Five Mile, a new Department of Public Works building on Port Street and Fire Station No. 3 at the corner of Beck and North Territorial roads, Barney said.

The new Saturn dealership on Massey Drive was about the only major commercial development in 1990, she said.

On the residential side, preliminary 1990 census figures put the population in Plymouth Township at 23,567, up only 539 from 1980 figures. Woodlore North, Deer Creek, Plymouth Commons, Ridgewood Hills Hunters Creek and Quail Run subdivisions grew more than any others in the township, with a total of 71 housing starts, according to township records.

Smith Horton, a member of the township planning commission and board of trustees, called the rate of residential growth "steady,

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The outside of the City's Wilcox House was renovated last year. Work on 60 apartments around it was delayed, however. (Crier photo by Eric Lukasik)

## Growth continues

# City redevelops

BY PHILIP TARDANI

Growth in the City of Plymouth -- landlocked and almost fully developed -- is occurring nonetheless, said city employes and elected officials.

James Penn, city building inspector, said much of the building activity over the past year in the city takes the form of renovations and additions.

"The main thing you have to consider is that we're 97-98 per cent built up," Penn said. "With the price of housing, people have decided they just want to improve what they have."

Rising property values -- assessment in the city were up an average of 12.6 per cent in 1990 -- mean homeowners are adding on garages, additional rooms, even porches rather than buy or build new homes, Penn said.

"I know I put an addition on my house instead of moving," he said.

David Oppe, chairperson of the city's planning commission, said the commission does a lot of change of use reviewing.

"Most of our work, because our growth curve has flattened out, is really site plan changes and changes of use," he said.

Planning Commissioner Doug Miller said the commission considered five rezoning requests a month, from office to commercial or retail to restaurant, for example.

"I would think that those numbers would indicate that there is still some pretty active development and redevelopment in the city," he said. "I think a lot does happen; it just doesn't show up."

One large project that did get started in 1990 is the \$1.9 million renovation and addition to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools building at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey Street.

Construction of 60 apartment units around the Wilcox House downtown -- originally scheduled for fall of 1990 -- was delayed, however. That project is valued at about \$6.5 million, according to the city building department.

City Engineer Kenneth West said he is happy with development in the city last year.

"It wasn't as slow as I thought it would be," he said. "My biggest disappointment is that we didn't get started on the Wilcox project."

West said an excessive amount of housing space in Southeast

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Plymouth Township Fire Station No. 3 is going up at the corner of Beck and North Territorial roads. (Crier photo by Eric Lukasik)

# Twp. growth 'good but not outrageous'

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but not "outrageous." If the population grows too quickly, he added, it will outstrip local facilities such as schools.

"We haven't grown like Canton by any stretch of the imagination and I'm kind of glad," Horton said.

Gornick said the residential growth rate over the last 10 years has been about 1.4 per cent to 1.7 per cent a year. The schools can absorb growth up to about four per cent a year, he said.

## City's valuation down

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Michigan affects the city in two ways. Renters are taking advantage of cheap rates elsewhere because of the glut and are also not renting new space, he said.

The city issues about 50 building permits a month, West said, and about one-half to one-third are for renovations.

From January to November of 1989, the building department recorded \$6.1 million worth in new construction or renovations. For the same period in 1990, that figure was down 12 per cent to \$5.4 million.

Overall, the city's total valuation for 1990 was \$3,268,560, down 2 per cent from the 1989 figure of \$3,335,541.

Preliminary census figures from 1990 put the city's population at 9,922, down 687 from 1980's count.

Penn said he was aware of only two new residential units constructed in 1990.

The city's Downtown Development Authority approved preliminary plans for new streetscapes and budgeted money to do repairs on the Central Parking Deck, but as of the year's end, construction had not begun on either project.

Developments over the past year have also been consistent with the township's future land use plan, which declares is primarily residential, Horton said, but with a "good mix of other kinds of uses." High tech growth along M-14 blends nicely with the residential character of the township, he said.

"We are trying to encourage high tech development out there because it's much more in keeping with the residential area of the community," Horton said.

Infrastructure improvements have accompanied residential growth.

According to Thomas Hollis, township public works supervisor, 33,838 feet of water mains and 39,839 feet of sanitary sewers were installed in 1990. The total cost of those improvements -- paid for by developers -- is more than \$2 million, he said.

A few township roads also saw pavement in 1990, according to Public Services Director James Anulewicz. They were: Joy Road from McClumpha to Beck, Ridge Road from Oak Haven Mobile Home Park to Five Mile and a quarter mile of McClumpha Road.

Anulewicz said there is still plenty of room for development in Plymouth Township, but in some areas it is starting to show its age.

"We're not at total growth by any means," he said, adding, however that "we are now becoming a maturing community in certain areas."

In other developments in the township, it remained unclear what was going to happen to the former St. John's Provincial Seminary property along Five Mile.

Across the street, though, in a development that could affect Plymouth Township, R.A. DeMattia purchased the Wayne County Child-Development Center site and announced the Huntington Falls project.

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# Canton's industrial boom slows

BY JIM WHITE

Residential development enjoyed another solid year in Canton, but commercial and industrial development slowed a little, according to records in the township building services office.

As of Nov. 30, 1990, the office had already issued 314 residential building permits, 301 for detached single family units and 13 for multi-family units. In all of 1989, 272 permits were issued, 247 for single family residences and 25 for multi-family units.

However, only 11 building permits for new industrial or commercial developments were issued through Nov. 30. Thirty-two were issued during all of 1989.

There were 89 new commercial and industrial occupancies in 1989 compared to only 51 for the first 11 months of 1990.

"There was virtually no new commercial development in Canton for the year," said Canton Planner David Nicholson. "Gas stations are close to being it. A few projects initiated before, such as the Canton Ford Crossing office building on Canton Center, were finished this year."

"But it is very significant that there is no new retail shopping," he continued. "Finally, commercial developers are realizing that we have heaps and plenty of it. We're not being deluged any more."

Joan Bolek, executive director for the Canton Chamber of Commerce, said that of the 34 new chamber members in 1990, 16 were actually new businesses. But 40 members also dropped out of the chamber, she said, and 10 of the former members were with businesses that left the community.

"It was a typical year," Bolek said. "There are a lot more new businesses that are not members, but there are also a few vacant storefronts that we'd like to see filled."

Nicholson said that 10-15 per cent of available commercial space in the township is empty.

"Kroger closed down Great Scott! and 50,000 square feet were left vacant in Canton Corners alone," he said.

Nicholson said 1990 was "good but not great" for industrial development.

"It was good because significant proposals have been approved," he said. "Steel Tech will add \$10-15 million to the tax base. For a lot of communities, that alone would have made a good year."

Ground was broken in December for the Steel Technologies, Inc., 130,000 square foot facility on Belleville Road just south of Michigan Avenue.

Smaller developments have been approved or are under construction along Ronda, Koppernick, and Haggerty roads.

"All told, the new industrial floor space that was planned this year -- either initiated or approved -- totals about 200,000 square feet," Nicholson said. "We had fewer proposals this year but the square footage is about the same as 1989."

Tom Yack, township supervisor, said Canton wants to promote light industry so that business and industry are paying more of the tax base.

"We are trying to turn the Michigan Avenue corridor into an urban standard from a rural standard," he said.

Township officials believe the Steel Tech plant is a major step in opening Michigan Avenue to industrial development.

But in the meantime, Canton relies primarily on residential growth for its tax base, and builders did not let the township down in 1990.

"There are residential projects proposed or under construction in every section of the community," Nicholson said, "but the quadrant north of Cherry Hill and west of Canton Center is really the hotspot."

Construction in the northwest section has been centered in the gigantic Sunflower subdivision, where over 200 lots were added in 1990, Nicholson said.

"Sunflower 9 -- 60 more lots -- has just been approved for platting and Sunflower 10 -- 40 lots -- has been proposed," he said. "We think 10 will be it."

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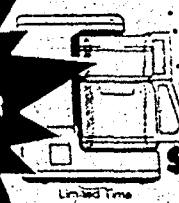
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# Canton's downtown center still in limbo

Township officials are determined not to repeat the land rush development of the 1970s in the western half of Canton.

"In the past, Canton has reacted to development," Yack said. "I want to get in a mode where we know what we want, we can tell developers you will do this."

The township forest ordinance, designed to protect trees, is evidence of the new philosophy.

"That's a popular theme with us nowadays," said Nicholson. "We are trying to get developers to preserve as many trees as possible. It's easier to get them to do that than it was in the 1970s and early 1980s."

In the Maple Ridge subdivision, north of Cherry Hill between Morton Taylor and Lilley, there will be 75 homes in the woods.

"The buildable space is a pad for the house and the front yard," said Nicholson. "The backyard is all trees. We hope the homeowners will be discriminate if they wish to remove any trees."

Royal Pointe subdivision, 180 lots bounded by Beck, Hanford, and Warren roads, is an example of another way to "design with nature," Nicholson said, as it is one of the first cluster subdivisions.

Cluster developments are specifically designed to preserve natural terrain, tree cover, open space, and scenic vistas. Lot sizes may be decreased below the minimum standard to insure open space.

"I personally think Royal Pointe will be the most attractive sub we have approved since Pilgrim Hills," Nicholson said.

Almost 500 new lots were created in 1990. "That's consistent," Nicholson said. "And even if interest rates don't decline, next year will also be a steady year."

Development will begin to spread further west as utilities are put in. The city water line will be extended along Warren Road from Beck to Napier in 1991, said Tom Casari, township engineer.

Casari said that five miles of township roads were paved in 1990, including Sheldon and Lotz roads from Palmer to Michigan Avenue, and Beck from Joy to Warren.

"It's a similar amount to 1989," Casari said. "We had a good year paving-wise."

Mike Gouin, director of parks and recreation, said that the paving of Lotz Road as well as \$50,000 of landscaping were a "tremendous enhancement" to the Fellows Creek municipal golf course in 1990.

"Just this year a grounds division was added to our department. Now we have the money and the ability to landscape, to greatly enhance the appearance of our parks," he said.

One more significant aspect of the township's development, the

creation of a downtown district, was left in limbo as 1990 closed.

The proposed downtown center would be bounded by Sheldon, the south side of Ford, and Morton Taylor roads and by the Carriage Hills subdivision.

Any further action on the proposed district is currently held up by a lawsuit brought against the township by Norman Newman, a member of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) who owns property within the proposed town center.

Newman declined to comment, but Catherine Foege, another DDA member who has opposed the creation of the district, said, "I wasn't happy with the plan. Now that the township is growing it seems out of date."

Yack still stands in favor of the DDA and its intent to give Canton a sense of identity.

"We are at an important moment in our history," Yack said, discussing the DDA as well as planning in the western half of the township.

"We want people to be able to say 10 years from now, 'Boy, they did some smart things back then.' That's when our report card will be graded."

The future of Mettetal Airport at Lilley and Joy roads became a major development issue in the township during 1990 when Canton's government decided to look at the idea of municipal ownership.

Although the township eventually rejected such a plan, Mettetal remains a bone of contention between Canton and its neighbor to the north Plymouth Township.

After Canton rejected saving Mettetal -- leaning instead toward light industrial sites on the property -- Plymouth Township began proceedings to form an authority to operate it as a public facility.

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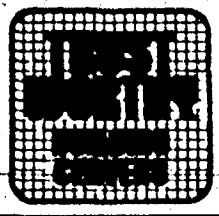
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# Northville growth transitional

BY JAMES TOTTEN

The Northville community has undergone significant developments over the past year, and plans for further changes are already in the making.

Local government officials and merchants, however, said the next few years are critical in how the growth is handled and kept "positive" for the community.

The City of Northville is nearing the end of a phase which saw a mushrooming of residential development during the past several years.

Pheasant Hills is the last significant such development in the city since all other major pieces of land have already been developed, said local officials. There are also a few small sections that remain viable commercial development sites.

According to Northville City Manager Steven Walters, the slowing of residential development will provide an opportunity to balance out the tax base between residential and commercial/industrial. Up to now residential growth has far outstripped commercial, he said.

"Even though the commercial rate was growing, it was becoming a smaller percentage of the total base," said Walters. The trend caused the commercial tax base to fall to some 18 per cent in 1989.

As Walters explains, "The commercial/industrial proportion has become smaller, and this puts a squeeze on the finances, especially the school district.

"To a city government and even more so the school district, residential development doesn't tend to pay its own way," he continued.

Yet Walters is hopeful that the tapering off of residential development combined with additional commercial development, will bring a moderate increase in the proportion of commercial to residential property.

And, Walters said, "the trend will turn around, and within five years, we will probably be a lot stronger."

Major steps have been taken over the past year along the lines of commercial development, the most obvious example being the Main Centre project downtown, a combined residential and commercial site.

Walters said the \$6 million project is "a sign that our downtown is healthy since it is a major investment" in the community.

Northville Mayor Christopher Johnson said, "The added retail that the project will add to downtown Northville is going to be very significant."

Contracts for the retail space have not been signed so it remains unclear what type of stores will open in the development, he said.

Ronnie Cambra, president of the Merchants Association, said the Main Centre will enhance the city. She would like to see small family owned shops in the complex as opposed to nationally owned chain stores.

Over the past year the downtown has also experienced a trend of tenants moving in quickly to fill any available commercial vacancies.

"It is typical in our downtown that if a business leaves, quite often, some other business relocates in its location," said Walters.

Johnson said, "That's a real positive trend for the downtown where as soon as a space is open, people are moving into those spaces as soon as they are available."

One possible reason for the trend is the strength of the Northville retail market.

According to Laurie Marrs, executive director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, Northville is an ideal place to start up a business.

Marrs said that presently many business people are willing to take the plunge and start up a business, adding that, "Northville has a

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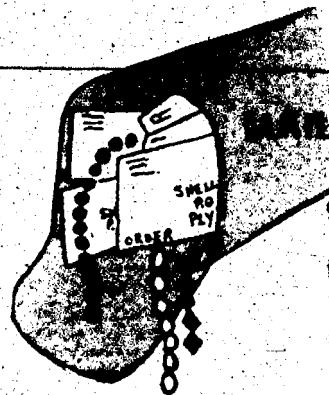
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small, limited market and people are getting a part of it now."

The variety of quality shops and restaurants, combined with the charm and friendliness of a small town, are main attractions as well, she said.

In Northville Township, one of the major events of the past year was the sale of the Wayne County Child Development property to developer R.A. DeMattia for the planned Huntington Falls project.

The project is currently in the beginning phase of review and approval by the township's planning commission and board of trustees.

Township Supervisor Georgina Goss said, "That property has been a drain on the township's resources for years." Township fire and police departments have had to frequently patrol the property due to fires set by vandals and the township received no property taxes on the 1,400 acres.

The DeMattia project is planned as a combined residential, research and development, commercial and recreational package.

"The mixed use made it very attractive to the township especially the fact that there would be so much open space -- so much space dedicated to recreational use," Goss said.

According to Charles DeLand, chairperson of the planning commission, the project being designed as a PUD is a positive step for the community.

"It gives the developer much more flexibility in what can be put in and it gives the planning commission much more control on how much and where the development goes," DeLand said.

He added that the flexibility will provide more of an opportunity to protect the environment and guarantee a harmonious development.

The township wants all developments planned and carried out in a "responsible manner," said DeLand, so the existing property values are maintained.



Main Centre in Downtown Northville was a major development there last year. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

In other Northville developments during 1990, the community saw the defeat of a library proposal that was dubbed a disappointment by several officials.

The Haller library proposal would have provided the community with 72 acres of land at Six Mile and Sheldon roads so long as a library was constructed on the site. But the proposal was rejected by voters and the land remains vacant.

Another development of note in the township during 1990 was the Shores of Northville project itself. According to May, the development is still in the planning stage and will involve the construction of about 400 homes.

Besides the heavy residential development in the township, May said there has been some commercial development along the Haggerty Road corridor.

Walters added that there was a trend in 1990 toward more cooperation between the city and township along the lines of common interests -- the library, recreation, senior citizens and youth programs.

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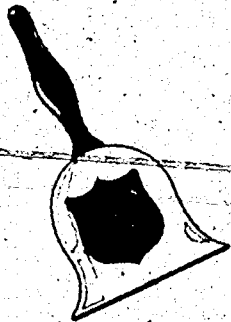
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# Schools recycling program expands

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management committee said, "I think it has been a relative success. A lot of what we're doing is education."

Artley said the program has four major thrusts: create a dialog with local units of government; deal with the district's use of polystyrene; educate students to recycle; and consider expanding the program to include paper products.

Artley said the education part of the program will include looking for ways of getting the environment into the curriculum.

"It's important to deal with the environment," he said. "With the program going the next most important piece of it is putting an educational (program) in place."

"I think we're going at it probably faster than most other districts, but it's probably not as fast as some would like," Artley continued. "We are all responsible for the environment and we have to assume that responsibility and do something about it."

John M. Hoben, the schools superintendent, said the program is a "positive" effort.

"I think it has great potential," Hoben said. "We're moving ahead with it. Anything we can do along those lines is very positive."

Hill said that the possibility of banning the use of plastics throughout the district is unlikely.

She said the district uses styrofoam trays and packaging in the lunch program instead of reusable items and paper products because:

Styrofoam is most cost effective; styrofoam is clean and sanitary; paper plates cannot be recycled; styrofoam uses low energy to be produced and no water; and washing reusable plates daily would be costly and labor intensive.

Hill said the state's DNR supports the use of polystyrene in food service operations because less energy and water is used to produce it; water and

energy is not expended to clean it; and polystyrene can be recycled.

At one Plymouth-Canton school, Gallimore, students recycle lunch trays after finishing their lunch each day. No styrofoam cups are used, however.

Recycling education has also been important at Gallimore, said staff members, who held an "Earth Day" earlier in the semester. A recycling station has also been set up in the school to collect tin, plastics, glass and newspapers.

One staff member said, "The kids really get into it. They're much more aware of what it's doing to the environment."

The push to make students "aware and sensitive" about the environment goes on at Gallimore mirroring the wider effort throughout the district.

"If we educate the students about it, they'll think about it," Artley said.

## Canton man fined over license

BY JIM WHITE

A Canton man was fined by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulation last month for engaging in construction without a builder's license.

Richard Jones, former owner of R.J.'s Roofing and Chimneys, Inc., was fined \$1,500 for working without a license in September, 1989, said Jan Eiserman of the department of licensing and regulation.

Jones must also pay \$2,100 in restitution to Thomas Rist of Livonia, who made the original complaint, Eiserman said.

"Usually, these things happen when a homeowner interested in building or adding on to their house gets bids and then goes with the lowest bid," Eiserman said.

"The builder never finishes the job or does very poor work. Then a complaint goes to this department."

"Homeowners always manage to find us after they have a complaint," she said. "They never seem to find us beforehand to see if the builders have a license. They are just impressed by the low price."

Jones said he will pay the fine and restitution. R.J.'s Roofing and Chimneys went out of business in 1989, he said.

"This is all from a job I left hanging when I started working in a carpentry shop, and it got me in trouble," Jones said. "But that business (the roofing company) has been done for almost two years."

Jones, who still works as a carpenter, must pay the fine by March 4 this year.

## Engagements & Weddings

### Rappel, Best to marry

Robert Rappel and Sandra B. Rappel, of Ft. Lauderdale, announce the engagement of their daughter, Michele Elise, to Tyler Andrew Best,

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## Community literacy group

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Burns said, "There continues to be a need, an ever growing need."

Mary Kay Fry, adult education coordinator for the school district's daytime programs, said "the face of it seems to be changing."

"Five years ago most of our students were American born," she said. "Now we're dealing with more international students who are highly educated by lack English skills."

The organization has seen its share of successes, said Burns, who judged the success of the literacy council on the basis of "attention given to both the tutor and the student."

"We recognize their efforts," she said. "The tutors are just caring people. They do a wonderful job."

Fry added, "In many of these cases we are making changes in people's lives."

Just ask Mabel Lew. Before Christmas she spent an afternoon with her grand daughter writing out holiday cards for the first time ever.

"I just said I'm going to write Christmas cards," Lew said. "I'm a very intelligent person. I just can't read or write."

But that's all changing, thanks to Lew's determination and help from the Community Literacy Council.

Burns said the group is not currently in need of tutors (many return year after year), but anyone interested in helping the council or for further information can call her at 451-6473 or 451-6555.

## Winter antique show set

The Plymouth Symphony League will host its Annual Winter Antique Show on Jan. 11-12 at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The show hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

This year's show will feature more

than 25 antique dealers with a wide selection of furniture, collectibles, jewelry, brass and copper items.

Tickets for the market are \$3. All proceeds from the event go to the Plymouth Symphony Association to support the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra (PSO).

## TAG screening planned

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will soon be screening students for admission to the Talented and Gifted Program (TAG) for the 1991-92 school year.

All third grade students will automatically be screened with a cognitive abilities test given from Jan. 27 to Feb. 8 at each elementary school.

In March, the TAG office will contact parents whose third graders qualified for further screening.

Parents of second, fourth and fifth graders can also nominate their child if the child exhibits "exceptional abilities."

Nomination forms can be picked up

in each elementary school. Nominations can also be made by teachers. All nominations must be made by Jan. 18.

The TAG program will also accept nominations of sixth grade students through high school students. Information and forms are available at middle and high schools. They must also be returned by Jan. 18.

Further information about the TAG program will be available at a TAG Information Night planned for next Wednesday (Jan. 8) at 7 p.m. in Allen Elementary School.

For further information call the TAG office at 451-6718.

## PCAC ice festival contest

The Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC), in conjunction with the Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular, is planning a photo contest for festival goers (Jan. 16-21).

The contest is open to all photographers and the theme is "Moments In Ice." There will be two categories, one for students (up to age 18) and one for adults.

Students should submit "snapshots" in black and white or color, while

adults should submit five by sevens in black and white or color.

Applications will be a three by five card with name, address and phone printed on it. They should be mailed to the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 332 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI, 48170.

Deadline for the contest is 5 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 28. Winners will be announced on Feb. 4.



## Getting down to business

### Republic Bancorp chair

## Local banker honored

A City of Plymouth mortgage banker was recently honored by the Mortgage Bankers Association of Michigan (MBAM) with the prestigious James T. Barnes Memorial Award.

George B. Smith, chairperson of Republic Bancorp Mortgage Inc., was named the memorial winner Dec. 17 for his commitment to mortgage banking.

Smith, who has spent 40 years in the mortgage banking industry, formed Corby Mortgage in the 1960s, later changing it to Ann Arbor Mortgage Corporation.

In 1984 Smith organized the Mayflower Mortgage Corporation (now Republic Bancorp Mortgage Inc.), which became an affiliate of Republic Bancorp Inc. of Ann Arbor in 1987.

At that time Smith took over as chairperson of the company's board.

Republic Bancorp, headquartered in Ann Arbor, but with an office in the City of Plymouth, closed more than \$225 million of mortgages in Michigan during 1990.

## Canton's new chamber officers

Mary Domeier, of Draw-Tite, Inc., was recently named as the new president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce 1991 Executive Board.

Domeier is joined on the executive group by Hazen Hiller, of Master Lighting, as first vice president; Phyllis Wordhouse, of Wordhouse &

Associates, as second vice president; Ken Cary, Basic Electric & Telephone, as treasurer; and Teresa Rueb, McDonald's of Canton, as secretary.

Directors to the board this year include: Mel Morris, Tom Adamusik, Jack Koers, Pamela Thigpen, Elise Calhoon, Tom Gerou, Tom Borg, Ben Peters, Jane Kehier and James Glinski.



## Places to be

## Soviet folk singers at Madonna

Tarmo and Thomas Urb, a singing duo who recently defected from Estonia and have touched and entertained crowds in the U.S., will perform a concert at Madonna College on Jan. 26.

The 8 p.m. performance of "The Songmen," will be held in the college's Kresge Hall. Tickets for the show are still available and cost \$10.

"The Songmen," fluent in English, have a folk music style that has been compared to Simon and Garfunkel. Using vocal harmonies, acoustic guitar, harmonica and hand drums they sing about love, nature, society and politics.

For further information about the show call 591-5056.



TARMO, THOMAS URB

## United Way gathering set

The annual meeting of the Plymouth Community United Way will be held at the Plymouth Historical Museum on Jan. 15 at 7 p.m.

During the meeting the organization is planning to elect five new board

members, four officers and hear reports from the president, secretary and treasurer.

The meeting is open to the public. Refreshments will be served and a tour of the museum is planned afterwards.



## Public notices

### NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY UNITED WAY

The Annual Meeting of the Plymouth Community United Way will be held at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170 on Tuesday, January 15, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect new board members, hear reports from the President, Secretary and Treasurer and to conduct such other business as may come before the Board.

The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served and a tour of the Museum will be conducted at the conclusion of the meeting.  
Publish: The Community Crier, January 2, 1991

### CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 21, 1991, at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance:

CONSIDER MODIFICATION TO ARTICLE 2.10, D.4, PRIVATE ROADS OR STREETS DESIGN REQUIREMENTS TO INCLUDE MODIFIED PRIVATE ROAD DESIGN STANDARDS.

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January 16, 1991

Planning Commission  
John Burdzak, Chairman

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CONSIDER REMOVING THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL LAND FROM THE I-2, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.  
SECTION 22.02 B.11 SMALL AIRCRAFT LANDING FIELDS  
CONSIDER ADDING THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL LAND USE IN THE G1, GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.  
SECTION 23.02 B.10 SMALL AIRCRAFT LANDING FIELDS

Publish: The Community Crier, 12-12-90  
1-2-91

Planning Commission  
John Burdzak, Chairman



# Community Deaths

## LaBruzzy, of Canton

Thomas LaBruzzy, 47, of Canton, died Dec. 10 in Detroit. Services were held Dec. 13 at St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic Church in Canton with the Rev. Father Ernest Porcari officiating. Burial was in Glen Edert Cemetery.

Survivors include: wife Carolyn LaBruzzy, of Canton; daughter Cheryl Reed, of Plymouth; sons Michael, serving with the U.S. Air Force, and Timothy, of Plymouth; mother Marie LaBruzzy, of Roseville; sister Catherine Jegla, of Troy; brother Russell, of Shelby Township; and two grandchildren.

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader Funeral Home.

## Johnson, registered nurse

Oceana Johnson, 64, of Canton, died Dec. 3. Services were held Dec. 6 at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church with Pastor Mark Freier officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Johnson was a registered nurse retired from Ford Motor Company. A member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, she was very active in her Bible Study Fellowship group.

Survivors include: husband Karl Johnson, of Canton; daughter Kris Johnson, of Plymouth; son Mark, of Livonia; sisters Eldora Melton, of Ypsilanti, and Berdina Throne, of Harrison; and four grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church.

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader Funeral Home.

## Humphries, superintendent

James H. Humphries, 67, of Detroit died Dec. 14. A memorial service was held Dec. 17 at St. James Episcopal Church in Grosse Isle with the Rev. R. Scott Krejci officiating.

Mr. Humphries retired from Walter L. Couse Construction Co. where he was a superintendent for 20 years. He was a POW for six months in Germany during World War II and received a Purple Heart.

Survivors include: son James, Jr., of Chicago; daughters Janice Reissenweber and Randy Lee, both of Plymouth, and Andrea Ringler, of Grand Rapids; sister Peggy Martin, of Yorba Linda, CA; and grandchildren Christopher and Matthew Lee and Evan and Amy Reissenweber, all of Plymouth, and Grandon, Gregory, and Lauren Ringler, all of Grand Rapids.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Association.

Local arrangements were made by Lambert-Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

## Hradil, a secretary

Edna H. Hradil, 78, of West Bloomfield Township died Dec. 17 in Bloomfield Hills. Funeral Services were held Dec. 21 at Schrader Funeral Home with Pastor Otis Buchan officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Hradil was a longtime Plymouth resident. She retired in 1972 from Solder-Craft, Inc., of Plymouth, after working as secretary and treasurer.

Survivors include: son Joe Hradil of Union Lake; daughters Dolores Rutherford of North Fort Myers, FL, Lois Garris of Redford Township, and Judy Roberts of West Bloomfield; brother Elmer Gutzke of Holiday, FL; sisters Florence Kassel of Livonia, and Clara Habiet of Pontiac; 13 grandchildren; and 15 great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Association.

## Fenton, a homemaker

Catherine Joyce Fenton, 67, of Plymouth, died Dec. 23 in Ann Arbor. Funeral services were held Dec. 27 at Ross B. Northrup & Son Funeral Home in Northville with Father Joe Plawecki officiating. Burial was in Franklin Cemetery in Franklin.

Mrs. Fenton, a lifelong Plymouth resident, was a homemaker. She was an active member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

Survivors include: husband John Fenton of Plymouth; daughter Mary Gutierrez of Northville; sons John and Robert, both of Livonia; and four grandchildren.

## Wilgus, office manager

Fred H. Wilgus, Jr., 68, of Westland, died Dec. 22. Services were held Dec. 26 at Lambert-Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home with the Rev. K.M. Mehl officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery.

Mr. Wilgus was an office manager with Dairy Foods Co. He was a member of the Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Plymouth.

Survivors include: Carole A. Farmer of Canton; and grandchildren Pamela and Susan Farmer of Canton.

Memorial contributions may be made to Risen Christ Lutheran Church.

## Vetick, county employe

John Vetick, 77, of Livonia, died Dec. 20. Services were held Dec. 26 at Lambert-Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home. Interment was in Woodmere Cemetery in Detroit.

Mr. Vetick was a maintenance worker before retiring from the Wayne County DPW.

Survivors include: brother William of California; sisters Olga Berkey of Canton, and Stephanie Allan of California; and nine neices and nephews.

## Sommerfield, of White Lake

The wife of a noted Plymouth Township dentist died Dec. 20.

Angela Sommerfield, of White Lake Township, wife of Dean Sommerfield, was 43 at the time of her death. Services were held Dec. 22 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Union Lake with the Rev. Thomas Meagher officiating. Burial was in All Saints Cemetery in Waterford.

Besides her husband, survivors include: children Cara and Britt of White Lake Township; parents Philip and Mildred Perrotta of McKeesport, PA; brother Dominic Perrotta of Birmingham, AL; and sisters Bernadette Karpiniak of Pittsburgh, and Kathleen Fry of Fairfax.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements were made by Elton Black & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Union Lake.


## Benoit, a homemaker

Alice R. Benoit, 69, of Westland died Dec. 18 in Livonia. Funeral services were held Dec. 21 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was in White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Mrs. Benoit was a homemaker.

Survivors include: sons David, of Lincoln Park, and Gerald, of Sterling Heights; daughter Judith Thomas, of Canton; sister Janet Larson, of Mt. Clemens; and seven grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by Lambert-Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.



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# Community responds after fire

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"God bless them all. Dec. 22" stood in the snow in front of a juniper. Flowers had also been placed there.

"A variety of friends and relatives have opened their hearts and homes to Debbie and the kids," said Keilmaq.

Both John Dell'Orco and Mary Ann Belaire, Marty's sister, said the family was extremely close.

"Marty and Debbie just loved the kids," said Martin's brother. They wanted to have 12 kids.

"If Marty and Debbie went out three times a year without the kids, that was something," said Belaire. "Debbie is stronger than she thought, she wants to be strong for her remaining kids. But it was a shock to see all those caskets the first time."

"Debbie and Marty always dreamed of building their own home on five acres they owned south of Ford Road," Dell'Orco said. "Debbie still wants to achieve that dream."

"No way will she leave Canton," Belaire said. "She is not going to let those kids go to another school. She wants to keep things as normal as possible for them."

Jimmy is a junior and Kelly is a ninth grader at Canton High School. Adam is a first grader at Hoben Elementary School.

Bonnie was a fifth grader at Hoben, Katie was a fourth grader. Megan and Michael attended kindergarten at Field Elementary School and Robert went to

nursery school at the Burger Center in Garden City.

Richard Egli, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administrative assistant for community relations, said principals at the schools will take appropriate action to help fellow students of the Dell'Orco children once school starts again Monday.

"If it is still needed at that time, we may have a team go in to answer any questions the children may have. We will be doing whatever is appropriate," Egli said.

Belaire said that Debbie and the kids were staying with various relatives now, but that Debbie is checking on various apartments and condominiums that have been offered to the family.

"The closest one is at Palmer and Morton Taylor," Belaire said.

Meanwhile, neighbors on Proctor attempted to come to terms with the tragedy.

"I keep the drapes shut now," said Rose McVey, who lives across the street from the Dell'Orco home. "You see it every day, and I don't know..."

"It's going to be so quiet, no more laughing or fighting or playing in the yard."

The family is "just overwhelmed" by the outpouring of compassion from across the nation, said Glenn Anderson.

In addition to the \$160,000 in money, more food, clothing, and furniture has been donated than the family can ever use, according to Kevin Naughton, maintenance engineer at St.

Thomas. The family will donate the excess to the Salvation Army and St. Vincent DePaul, he said.

"There is a deep sympathy for the family," said Father Porcari. "Canton is a relatively new community.

"Many people have young children. When a tragedy like this happens, they identify with the family."

Parents gave children money to put in the jar on the counter at the Canton police station last week. Checks came in the mail.

Schrader Funeral Home donated their services to the family. The Church of Christ of Plymouth donated the cemetery plots. Roma Hall in Livonia donated a luncheon for family and friends after the funeral.

Other community help came from the Meijer on Ford Road, Frameworks, Santicu Vaults and Midwest Casket Company, Sparr's Flowers, and Don Massey.

"It is very comforting at a time like this to have the kind of support," said John Dell'Orco.

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The Dell'Orco house on Proctor Road in Canton. (Crier photo by Erik Lukaski)



## Public notices

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE MICHIGAN STRATEGIC FUND ISSUANCE OF LIMITED OBLIGATION REVENUE BONDS ON BEHALF OF FORD MOTOR COMPANY

The Michigan Strategic Fund (the "MSF") will hold a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. at the MSF's offices located on the Third Floor of the Law Building, 325 West Ottawa, Lansing, Michigan on the 16th day of January, 1991, on the issuance of bonds by the MSF on behalf of Ford Motor Company, a Michigan corporation (the "Company"), to assist the Company in financing the construction and equipping of two hazardous/solid waste cells at Ford Motor Company facilities, one cell to be located at the Monroe Plant located at 3200 East Elm Avenue, Monroe, Monroe County, Michigan, and one cell to be located at the Allen Park Clay Mine facility located at 17005 Oakwood Boulevard, Allen Park, Wayne County, Michigan. Also included in the Project is the refunding of the following previously issued tax-exempt bond issues: (1) Dearborn Series A (Water) and Series B for the Dearborn Assembly Plant located at 3001 Miller Road, Dearborn, Wayne County, Michigan; (2) Morenci Series A for the Parker Chemical Company plant located at 322 West Main Street, Morenci, Lenawee County, Michigan; (3) Monroe Series A for the Monroe Plant located at 3200 East Elm Avenue, Monroe, Monroe County, Michigan; (4) Ypsilanti Series A for the Rawsonville Plant located at Textile and McKean Roads, Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan; (5) Saline Series A for the Saline Plant located at 7700 Michigan Avenue, Saline, Washtenaw County, Michigan; (6) Wixom Series A for the Wixom Plant located at 50000 Grand River Avenue, Wixom, Oakland County, Michigan; (7) Wayne County Series A for the Dearborn Assembly Plant located at 3001 Miller Road, Dearborn, Wayne County, Michigan; (8) Wayne County Series B for the Wayne Assembly Plant located at 37625 Michigan Avenue, Wayne, Wayne County, Michigan; (9) Wayne County Series C for the Sheldon Road Plant located at 14425 Sheldon Road, Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan; (10) Wayne County Series D for the Brownston PRC located at 25555 Pennsylvania Road, Romulus, Wayne County, Michigan; (11) Wayne County Series E for the Dearborn Frame Plant located at 3001 Miller Road, Dearborn, Wayne County, Michigan; (12) Ypsilanti Series A for the Ypsilanti Plant

## Charges dropped in computer scam

BY JIM WHITE

Charges against Jeffrey Hollen, of Canton, for allegedly gaining unauthorized computer access to defraud a long distance phone service have been dropped for now, said assistant U.S. Attorney David Debold Thursday.

At a pre-examination hearing in U.S. District Court last Wednesday, "the federal government filed a motion to dismiss the complaint without prejudice," Debold said.

The dismissal is not uncommon in cases where an investigation is in-

complete, Debold said, adding that new charges may be filed "again at any time within the statute of limitations, which is five years."

The original complaint alleged that Hollen had used his computer in Canton to gain unauthorized access to a Litel, Inc. computer in Ohio, in an attempt to obtain long distance call access codes belonging to Litel customers. Calls made using the codes were charged to the customers, Debold said.

The continuing investigation is being handled by the U.S. Secret Service.

## Local karate expert

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Santilli treats his students with the same respect and commitment he gives his own family.

"I'm here to teach them but to me they aren't just students," said Santilli. "I'm very family-oriented - I try to instill in them what I'd teach my own children." Many students come to Santilli's school to learn discipline, a quality that Santilli finds very important.

"They don't have discipline when they come in," said Santilli. "But I've built a reputation and students come from all over to go to class here - it's quite an honor."

"Parents are always telling me what a change I've made, what I try to do is mold them into something," Santilli added.

Karate is just a hobby for Santilli. He is a home remodeler and builder by trade and teaching karate is a release from pressures at work.

located at 128 Factor Street, Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan; and (13) MSF Series A for the Wixom Assembly Plant, 50000 Grand River Expressway, City of Wixom, Oakland County, Michigan, and the Rouge Steel plant (which is owned by Rouge Steel Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the company) located at the Rouge Complex at 3001 Miller Road, City of Dearborn, Wayne County, Michigan (the "Project"). The Project will be owned and operated by Ford Motor Company. The bonds are proposed to be issued in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed One Hundred Eighty Million Dollars (\$180,000,000) with the new construction estimated at Sixty-Five Million Dollars (\$65,000,000) and the refunding issues estimated at One Hundred Fifteen Million Dollars (\$115,000,000). The bonds shall be limited obligations of the MSF, payable only from loan repayments to be made by the Company to the MSF and other collateral pledged by the Company. The bonds will not constitute an indebtedness of the MSF, the State of Michigan or the Cities of Allen Park, Dearborn, Monroe, Morenci, Wayne, Plymouth, Romulus, Saline, Wixom or Ypsilanti, or the Counties of Lenawee, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw or Wayne within the meaning of constitutional or statutory provision and will not constitute or give rise to a charge against the general credit of the MSF or the credit or taxing power of the State of Michigan or the Cities of Allen Park, Dearborn, Monroe, Morenci, Wayne, Plymouth, Romulus, Saline, Wixom or Ypsilanti, or the Counties of Lenawee, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw or Wayne. The MSF has no taxing power. The hearing shall provide the fullest opportunity for expression of opinion, for argument on the merits and for introduction of documentary evidence pertinent to the nature and location of the Project and the proposed issuance of bonds. Written comments will be accepted by the MSF but must be received on or before the date of the hearing. Publish: The Community Crier

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# Crier Classifieds

## Curiosities

Winter Symphony Antique Show, January 11 and 12 at the Cultural Center.

Let's make this a happy and healthy New Year filled with peace and goodwill towards men.

For Sale - One way ticket to Ft. Myers, FL, leaving Detroit Metro on Jan. 23, 1991. \$100. 453-5476.

Crier staff - no goodbyes, only "so long" and I'll be around to share new stories with you all. -Linda

Ad staff - I'll never forget you all - the good & the bad will live on! - Hope we can always keep in touch.

Rita needs to be a better fan. She should stay home. Maybe we would win more often.

Jack: I'll take some of the blame for the Chicago game but it wasn't my fault the Wings lost ALL those other road games!

## Curiosities

Every time I see Ron he is in a bar.

Be sure & see the G. & V. show O.

JACK IS GOING TO BEA GRANDPA!

Congratulations Jack! - or is it Grandpa Jack.

ALL CRIER & COMMA. STAFF: thank you for a great holiday - gift day at the office! Songs by the Business Dept. and the Advertising Dept. were hits! Happy holidays and thanks for making it fun to work here. -Ed

Sue now has 2 studs. Ken is only a diamond in the rough.

Mom, thank you for making our Christmas Day so special!

Date, you have great taste, thank you!

Kim and Sue thank you both (again) for all my beautiful presents.

## Curiosities

Gene, you sure know how to treat "your woman." Well, thanks for spoiling me!

Mark, Brian, Scott, Deanna, Lisa, Melinda - was a great Christmas - now Happy New Year to you all!!

Ralue - how many messages have you had on your new answering machine?

Julie, our best to you in 1991 - was nice to see you on the 22nd.

Ann - let's start off 1991 with lunch? I'll call.

Nothing's worse than Fritos breath.

Yep, Beau had a solid breakfast.

My Little Miss Molly is getting big! I hope she had a memorable first Christmas - Santa was very good to her.

Think Spring Tours - we're meeting at Roman Forum Jan. 7 - 7 p.m. - will be handing out trip info. Plan to be there.

Congratulations Crier Carrier Winner! Brian Godfrey - winner of a beautiful plush fawn.

Deb, even new cars need gas!

Mom, thanks for a fun Christmas weekend in Lansing.

Steve, Diane and Vince - sorry I forgot your cookies. Hope you had a nice Christmas. -Phyllis

Ron - thank you - thank you - thank you!

Thanks everyone for coming by on Christmas Eve - it was fun group.

Rita, I know I'm late, but I have a good excuse.

Why does everyone always have a good excuse?

Ron and Ted really know how to deliver the goods! Thanks from COMMA.

Bob, Alan, Charlie, Chris, Ron, Ted and Ken - you're great, you're terrific... where would we be without you!

Thank You  
Thank You  
Thank You  
Thank You

LINETTE, thank you for your help.

Thanks to extra efforts by Alan Britton, Charlie Yerkes, Bob Cameron, Ron Redfern, Ken, Ed, Karen, Ted and Rita this paper went to print.

## Curiosities

CURIOSITY AVOIDANCE: hide the table cloth.

A NEW NESS: Is it Emmy Lou or Emily?

"THERE'S NOT MUCH BUNGE to those cords." -Ken Christopher, 1990

THE LONE RANGER doesn't ride on the East Side (what about 6967?)

L.J. wears her husband's pants. ("No wonder she didn't want me to get them altered!")

Kevin got "sportised" for Christmas!

Russ - the pace may be fast but what a way to go!

Eric - are you tan yet?

Blue skies, warm sunshine, sandy beaches...

Beau made an editorial comment and Ken didn't like it!

"I didn't think I would get them. They weren't on sale!" Julie commenting on her mom's shopping rules and standards.

Don, if you don't do it, you're a wimp! (No "Yeah but's!")

Tara has a permit now. Watch out!

It's the simple things in life that matter the most. Like paper towel holders that work! Thanks Margaret!

Ed, thanks for the book! -Peg

Rita, Sergio was sad up. I think he needs consoling. Any ideas?

Peg - you know... I'm very good at consoling people... (All Sergio needs is some TLC)

Phyllis is going to quit smoking on Jan. 11 (is Don going to quit, too... or will he wimp out?)

Way to go Phyllis!! (Soon you'll be running instead of walking at V.T.!)

Have you ever had one of those days you wish never took place? Well, Friday was one of those days.

DEB REDFERN: sure, it's a swell new car, but you have to put gas in it.

WHAT'S AN O'DOUL'S?

Non-alcoholic beer.

How is it?

How would we know?

LISA FILAR is older again. We think she's 37, 38, 39 or - dare we say it.

SPRINT HELPS STEPHANIE AND JESSICA cook chocolate chip cookies.

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## Thanks!

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# Crier Classifieds

## Curiosities

**JUDY and JOHN LORE** — I hope your New Year is a happy and healthy year. — Rita

Linda, I'll miss talking about those Sun Devils with you.

Thank you Palermo's Pizza for your support. The '79 Canton Hornets.

**SHAWN, CHARLIE & NATHAN:** Happy New Year!

**DEB GUERIN & FAMILY** — hope you have a happy and safe New Year!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR from COMMA.**

**CONGRATULATIONS JENNIFER BIDWELL** on your Appeals Court victory and notability. — Ed

**RON LOWE MADE SOMETHING.** I'm not saying he didn't have ANY talent.

**KELSEY:** don't hang up on your dad!

**GRANT** — is full of great ideas!

The '91 GUIDE to Plymouth-Canton-Northville is coming.

**BEAUREGARD** eats jalpenos. (He's a fire dog.)

**THERE'S A FINE LINE** between fishing and just standing on the shore like an idiot.

**SARAH & ANNA:** sorry I missed your visit. How are the jackets? — Ed

**GOSTATE!**

**CINDY & MARK FERRAIUOLO** congratulations on "DEDUCTIBLE" the name for now. 6 lbs. 3 oz. 19 1/2 inches long. Dec. 26 8:30 p.m. in Naples, FL.

**HANNA, PETER, HALEY, DEB (and Louie):** great to visit with you. Come to Plymouth for Ice Fest! — Jessica

Shawn — hope you had a good time BUT you're not going on vacation again soon, are you?!

## Services

**Jim's Typewriter Repair.** Free estimates, reasonable, guaranteed. 525-3633.

**WORLD WIDE REFINISHING** — Bath tub & sink refinishing. Chip repairs. All work warranted. 458-7948.

**Computer lessons** — It's easy to use your IBM Compatible with a little help! Free software included. One on one lessons, at your home or office. Paul: 453-7927.

**SUBURBAN SERVICES:** home improvements large and small. Bathrooms, kitchens, basements — free estimate. Licensed, call 663-9076.

**WALL PAPERING**  
Excellent work, prompt installation. Call Nancy, 453-1164 or Barb, 455-1348.

**RON'S ASPHALT** — Asphalt paving & repair, Sealcoat & striping. Stone & grading. 453-3671.

**SEWING,** mending, alterations, dolls, your projects made to your order, instructions in sewing. Call Judy, 422-3881.

**K & M Painters.** Call for free estimate. 455-6265.

**AMERICAN AUTO REPAIR**  
Certified, quality repairs, downtown Plymouth. Personal service from Mike — owner, manager and mechanic. 451-7330.

**Brian's painting,** interior and exterior, 15 years experience. 349-1558.

Do you need a handyman? Someone to hang wallpaper? Call RJ, 961-4844.

## Services

**DECORATING SERVICES**  
PAINTING — WALLPAPERING  
Molding, drywall — plaster repairs. CALL 451-0987.

**REMODELING & NEW CONSTRUCTION**  
Roofing, siding, decks, additions, and drywall. All home repairs and improvements. Licensed and insured. James Fisher, licensed builder. 455-1108.

**CAROL'S CUSTOM DRAPERIES.**  
Balloons, Austrians, Cornice Boards. Fabric available. 422-0231.

**PLASTER AND DRYWALL SPECIALIST IN SMALL REPAIR.** 35 YEARS EXPERIENCE. ROY. 459-7197.

**H and K Painting.** Interior. Insured. 453-8123 or 427-3727.

**HAND K HOME REPAIRS OF PLYMOUTH-CANTON**  
Small jobs, carpentry, electric, plumbing and painting. Insured. Bob: 495-0113.

**MAIN STREET SECRETARIAL SERVICE** for all your secretarial needs. 24 hour service, pick-up and delivery. Linda Lupo, 455-4181.

## Firewood

**Season Oak and Hickory.** Two years old. Split and delivered \$50 or stacked \$55. Call (517) 623-6451.

—Driveway Delivered Special—  
**Season Hardwood \$55.00.** White Birch \$65.00. Kindling \$3.00 a bundle. Top quality. 349-3219.

**FREE CUT KINDLING WOOD — PILGRIM-YAMAHA MOTORSPORTS.** 260 ANN ARBOR RD. (NEXT TO McDONALD'S)

## Office Space For Rent

**DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH PROFESSIONAL OFFICE** has 2' private rooms - 12 x 12, 9 x 10, for rent. Wordhouse & Associates. 459-2402.

## Property For Sale

**Country setting** — only five miles north of Ann Arbor. Small three bedroom with new bath and roof. Room to expand. Mature pine trees on newly landscaped acre. Principals only. \$92,500. (313) 995-5016 or (313) 668-6972.

## Apartments For Rent

**Brand new one-bedroom apartment** in Plymouth within walking distance to town. Washer and dryer hook-ups. Immediate Occupancy. Handicap unit available. 455-8369.

**Canton** — One bedroom — stove, refrigerator, coin washer & dryer, carpet. \$400 a month. Includes heat. Lease and security. 455-0391.

**WAYNE-COLUMBUS APARTMENTS**  
One and two bedroom apartments, nicely decorated, with appliances. \$375-\$425 plus deposit. Credit and references approved. 328-5207.

## Homes For Sale

**GOVERNMENT HOMES** from \$1 (U repair). Delinquent tax property. Repossessions. Your area (1) 905-687-6000 Ext. QH-4535 for current repo list.

**REPOSESSED — VA & HUD — HOMES** available from government from \$1 without credit check. Your repair. Also tax delinquent foreclosures. Call 1-905-682-7555 EXT H-2529 for repo list your area.

## Moving & Storage

**R.J. LIDDY MOVING,** your local agent for Wheaton Van Lines. Local and long distance, packing service, in-home free estimates. Plymouth warehouse, senior citizen discount. Licensed and insured. Plymouth Chamber of Commerce member. 421-7774.

## Child Care

Loving care for 3 year old +. Madonna graduate, mother of 7, grandmother of 10. Near Our Lady of Good Counsel, 453-5025.

## Photography

**RAWLINSON PHOTOGRAPHY.**  
Elegant Wedding Photography  
453-8872

Photography by Joyce  
Weddings — Portraits — Boudoir  
455-1910

## Lessons

**AT EVOLA'S**  
Pianos, organs, keyboards, guitars, music, accessories. Sales, lessons, service. Evola Music, 215 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, 455-4677.

**ART CLASSES — ALL AGES**  
Co-op gallery, art birthday parties. D & M Studio, 710 N. Mill, Plymouth, 453-3710.

**PIANO — VOCAL — ORGAN.**  
30 Years Experience  
\$7.00  
Mr. Phillips 453-0108

## Housecleaning

Weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, by special arrangement — Call Barb for free estimate. Experienced, reliable, thorough, references. 454-3469 or 485-5575.

Honest, dependable, thorough, excellent references. Minimum \$35. Call Sharon, 459-5998.

**Too Much To Do And Not Enough Time?**  
Let Sweeping Beauties Housekeeping Service Help! Satisfaction Guaranteed! Bonded and insured. GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE. Four Years Experience. Visa and MasterCard Accepted. Call 453-7880.

## Home Improvement

### THOMPSON'S PROFESSIONAL PAINTING COMPANY

Interior and Exterior painting and staining. Serving the Plymouth area over 16 years. References furnished.

Present this Ad for 20% Discount  
**348-3612 Anytime**

## Lost and Found

Found: Change purse in Canton "Target" store parking lot. 455-9665.

## Articles For Sale

Whirlpool upright freezer. 15.8 cubic feet. Textured door. \$150. 453-0986.

Sears lawn tractor 10 HP with 36" mower deck and 36" snow blower attachment. New engine, all in good condition. \$965. Plymouth. 455-3064.

Freezer, upright. 453-9343 after 5 p.m.

## Vehicles For Sale

**MERCEDES 1985 — 190 D Auto:** very good condition, high miles — \$6,500. 229-8251.

1984 Mercury Lynx, two door hatchback PBPS. AC, stereo, cassette. Ready for winter. New brakes, new heater core. High mileage but in good shape. Excellent car for student. \$1,200. 455-2048 after 5:30.

1977 Kawasaki, 1,000 CC. Hog wheel, king & queen seat. Excellent condition. \$800 or best offer. 728-7943

1986 HONDA ACCORD priced to sell this weekend. It's a full-loaded, well-maintained car for sale by owner. It's on view in front of Colonial Collision and Reconditioning at 936 W. Ann Arbor Rd.

85 HONDA CIVIC, SKI-RACK & HIGH POWER STEREO CASSETTE — 93,000 MILES — NEW BRAKES, NEW CLUTCH, NEW TIRES. GOOD RUNNING CONDITION. \$3,400 OR BEST OFFER. 453-7033 CALL AFTER 5 P.M. ASK FOR DALE.

# Employment Market

## Help Wanted

Sunshine Honda of Plymouth has the following position available — service porter. Good pay and benefits. Apply at 1205 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth.

### HOSPITAL JOBS

Start \$6.80/hr., your area. No exp. necessary. For info call 1-900-226-9399 ext. 1995 6 a.m.-8 p.m. 7 days. \$12.95 phone fee.

**HOME TYPISTS,** PC users needed. \$35,000 potential. Details. (1) 805-687-6000 Ext. B-4535.

**CONSTRUCTION JOBS** now hiring all positions. Both skilled & unskilled. Male & Female openings. For info, call (615) 779-5505 Ext. T-272.

### POSTAL JOBS

\$11.41 to \$14.90/hr. For exam and application information call 219-769-6649 ext. M-135 8 a.m.-8 p.m. 7 days.

**EASY WORK! EXCELLENT PAY!**  
ASSEMBLE PRODUCTS AT HOME. CALL FOR INFORMATION 504-641-8003 EXT. 1263.

## Help Wanted

Janitorial help needed in the Plymouth area. Evenings, Monday - Friday. \$5 per hour. Must have transportation to and from job. Call 968-4900.

### GET PAID AT HOME UP TO \$45 WEEKLY

Pleasant, respectable. Prepare mail for successful businesses 1-900-990-6090 ext. 448 (\$1.95 per minute).

**EARN MONEY** Reading books! \$30,000/yr. income potential. Now hiring. (1) 805-687-6000 Ext. Y-4535.

**REAL ESTATE SALES** — Position and training available for individual interested in dynamic career with unlimited income potential in lovely Plymouth location. Call Joanne Bryngelson, Coldwell Banker, Schweitzer, 453-6800.

Car cleaning part-time, full-time positions. Willing to train. Plymouth: 420-2224.

### KIDS THRU SENIORS

The Crier is now looking for carriers on many routes! If you are interested in a money-making opportunity call 453-8800.

Plymouth District Library  
228 E. Main Street  
Plymouth, Mich. 48170-1087

The Canton Community  
**WEDNESDAY REPORT**



**ECONOMIC CLUB**

**January 8**  
RSVP 454-5427  
State Representative  
**Paul Hillegonds**  
House Minority Leader

**Scholarship Applications**

The Canton Community Foundation Education Committee, chaired by Gloria Banks, has announced that EDUCATION GRANT APPLICATION FORMS are now available. Residents of Canton that wish to apply for the \$5,000 in Educational Grants, to be awarded on May 28, 1991, should call the Foundation office at 454-5427.

The EDUCATIONAL GRANTS this year include a \$500 Charles W. Heidt Music Award for a College Music Major, two \$500 Mel Morris Non-traditional Grants for a high school senior attending a trade or business school or a student returning to education after an absence, one \$500 Chamber of Commerce Business Award for a business major at Eastern Michigan University, three \$1,000 Traditional College Grants for students planning to enroll in a college or university.

Serving on the Canton Community Foundation EDUCATION COMMITTEE along with Banks are Tom Taitan, Susan Kopinski, Joe Van-Esley, Keith Schut, and Mike Gaubatz. The deadline for application submission is March 1, 1991.

**Celebrate Canton**

Preparation is underway for the 1991 Celebrate Canton dinner, dance and volunteer recognition events. The third annual dinner dance will be held Saturday, February 16, at Fellows Creek Golf Club. Anyone who would like to attend, meet people and get to know Canton a little better is welcome. Tickets are \$30 per person and include a buffet dinner.

Those who wish to purchase tickets, should send a check made out to "Celebrate Canton," to Dan Calabrese, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton 48116.

**Canton Retailers**

Mitch Howard, Elias Brothers Big Boy along with Mark Bogacz of Sir Speedy Printing, Phyllis Redfern of The Community Crier, and Cindy Burgess of Public Administration Research Group, has been appointed by Mel Morris, 1990 President of the Canton Chamber of Commerce to head up the newly formed Canton Retail Association.

The first meeting of the Association was held in November with over 25 people attending. The next meeting, scheduled after the Christmas rush, is planned for January 17, at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Big Boy Restaurant Green Room. Those wishing to attend may RSVP by calling Cindy Burgess at 454-5428.

It is expected that the CRA will deal with the issue of how to stimulate retail trade in Canton. Community wide promotional issues and seminars to assist Canton retailers will also be discussed.

**STRAIGHT, INC.**



Among those attending the STRAIGHT, Inc. Open House in November were George Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hoerner, and Plymouth City Councilman Jack Kenyon.

The Canton Community, including Plymouth, is the home of STRAIGHT, a non-profit family oriented program for drug using adolescents and their families. The program, located at 43320 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, is part of a nationwide program accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

The STRAIGHT treatment program is based on a philosophy of peer support -- kids helping kids, parents helping parents, and families helping families -- under the supervision of trained professionals. The treatment objective is the revitalization of the young person and the family.

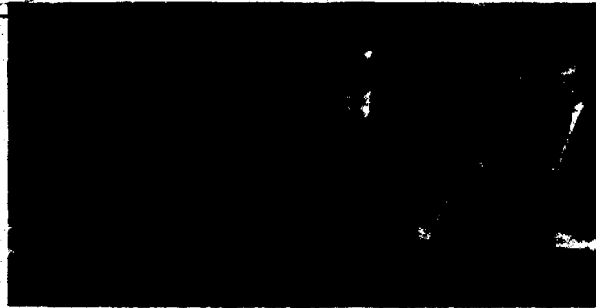
The STRAIGHT program in our community was started in January 1986.

STRAIGHT has received acclaim for the positive use of peer support. As evidence of its success, over 70% of STRAIGHT graduates remain drug-free following treatment. Although not an inpatient facility, STRAIGHT conducts an intense daily schedule of therapeutic sessions.

Local residents involved with the Board of Directors of STRAIGHT, Inc. include Terry Lorezh, Richard Kaye, Denise Radtke, Carl Berry, Dave Arlley, Emory Daniels, John Blackwell, Dunbar Davis, Lois Wolfe-Morgan, Larry and Sandy Groth.

If you would like more information about the STRAIGHT program in our community you should call 453-2610.

**CLOSE UP PRESENTATION**



Canton Community Foundation Board Member Bruce Patterson presented the Canton Plymouth Board of Education and two Close Up instructors, Bill Gretzinger and Mike McCauley with a check for \$5,000. This represents the proceeds from a special Scholarship Fund Reception held in November.

**Canton Selected for Warm Up Magic Ride**

For the second year Canton Township has been selected as the host community for the Metro Area Warm-Up Magic Ride, designed to raise money and levels of consciousness for the fight against Child Abuse.

To kick off the plans for the May 11 bike ride, the Canton Historic District Commission is hosting a SPONSOR APPRECIATION BREAKFAST on January 24, 1991 at the Historic Cherry Hill Schoolhouse. Sponsors of the ride in 1990 and 1991 are being invited to attend to recognize their efforts in helping to raise over \$20,000 last year.

In 1990 over 200 bikers took part in the Warm-Up Magic Ride. The original ride, started in Lansing with the efforts of State Representative Debbie Stabenow and Ervin Magic Johnson, now include two Warm-Up Rides in Midland and Canton.

**We get letters**

Last spring it was my privilege to be among the first Canton Community Foundation Scholarship recipients. I am taking a four credit Psychology Course. I have already registered for the winter semester, will be taking two classes, both of which pertain to my major. These classes will also be paid for by the scholarship.

I am pleased to read about the many fine activities that the Foundation is involved with.  
ELIZABETH KRATT

**CANTON CHALLENGE FEST MAY 24 - JUNE 2**

**BPW Young Careerists**

The Canton Business and Professional Women are looking for young career people who will compete in the Young Careerist program in February. All candidates who qualify must be between the ages of 21 and 35; be or have been employed in business or the professions with at least one year of full time work experience in his/her career; be outstanding in scholastic work, community service, and/or church work; and support the goals and objectives of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

Applications can be picked up at the Canton Public Library or Schoolcraft College. Please contact Cecelia Round at 845-8943 if you have any questions.

**Jaycee Reception**

The Canton Plymouth Jaycees are inviting a few good people to join with them on January 17, 1991 for a Wine and Cheese Reception. Cameron Miller, President of the Jaycees, along with Tom Yack, Township Supervisor, and Loren Bennett, Township Clerk, have mailed invitations to selected Canton residents asking them to join them at the reception for the purpose of introducing them to the Jaycees organization.

The Wine and Cheese Reception will take place at the Roman Forum Restaurant beginning at 7:30 p.m. If you would like to learn more about how you can become a member of the Jaycees and be a part of helping to create a strong community call Bill Joyner or Cindy Burgess at 454-5427 or 454-5428.

Partial funding for this program is being provided by the Canton Community Foundation as a part of its commitment to support the volunteer sector and local organizations.