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Work set to start on Wilcox

BY ANNA MURRAY

After nearly two years in a holding pattern, the Wilcox development project is finally under way. A permit to begin work was obtained by the contractor Friday, said Plymouth City Engineer Ken West.

The development of two apartment buildings on the same property as the historic Wilcox House had been delayed in order that work could be completed on the renovation of the Wilcox House, said Marcello Scappaticci. Scappaticci is part owner of the property and the project's general contractor.

"Mr. Wilcox and I agreed that we would finish the house first before we started construction of the new buildings," Scappaticci said.

Scappaticci said the total cost of the project will be around \$7 million. The land cost \$1 million, and putting up the apartments will cost \$6 million, he said.

Jack Wilcox, who co-owns the property with Scappaticci, said the financing had been worked out with Comerica, which is underwriting the venture.

Wilcox said there will be a groundbreaking April 1. Until then, Scappaticci said, he will be preparing the plans and collecting bids.

Assistant City Engineer Jim Penn said that while there are two buildings planned on the property, only one permit was requested. The building closest to Ann Arbor Trail will be the first to be built.

"This will be the best project that Plymouth has ever seen," Scappaticci said. "I think it's something the community needed."

Scappaticci said the apartments would provide low maintenance living that is in short supply in both the city and the township.

"A project like this is beneficial because it generates additional changes," said West. "Everyone keeps talking about the vacant stores downtown, but these improvements can trigger more good

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SALARY: The Crier takes another look at local government salaries See pg. 3.



Leaps and bounds...

Members of the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company dance their holiday performances of the Nutcracker over the weekend with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra accompanying. Left: Dawnell Bryn, 15, of Canton

portrays the Sugar Plum Fairy. Right: Dylann Stehan, 14, of Westland dances as the Snow Queen. (Crier photos by Eric Lukaszik)

Okay needed from 5 communities

35th Board calls for 3rd judge

BY KEN VOYLES

The 35th District Court advisory board will ask the governing bodies of five communities in the district to support a request from the state for a third judgeship next year.

The advisory group -- made up of representatives from the cities and townships of Plymouth, Northville and Canton -- unanimously approved the plan Thursday.

The resolution must now be presented

to all of the ruling bodies in the communities and approved by all five groups before the state can pass the appropriate legislation.

"This must be a unanimous decision by all of the communities," said Gerald Law, Plymouth Township supervisor and chair of the advisory group. "It makes more sense to do it in 1993 and not 1995."

If the state puts the 35th District Court on the list for a new judge an

election will be necessary next year. A new judge would then start Jan. 1, 1993.

According to James Garber, one of the court's two judges, the state will indeed be creating several new judgeships.

"We've been told there will be some new judges created and that, yes, the 35th is probably at or near the top of the list," Garber told members of the advisory group.

A decision from the five governing

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Blast sends 44 to local hospitals Investigation continues in Twp. building explosion



Fire officials survey the scene within a half-hour after an explosion destroyed the Cygnet Automated Cleaning company Friday morning. (Crier photo by Steve O'Leary)

BY STEVE O'LEARY
AND ANNA MURRAY

An explosion that devastated a chemical cleaning plant Friday afternoon sent a total of 44 people to various local hospitals and caused an estimated \$2.5 million in damages.

The blast caved in the roof of the Cygnet Automated Cleaning company, leaving the building in ruins, said Plymouth Township Fire Chief Larry Groth.

The cause of the explosion is still under investigation, Groth said Tuesday.

The remainder of the building was scheduled to be demolished this week, Groth said.

The blast occurred at 9:25 a.m. Friday at the Cygnet operation on Mast Street in Plymouth Township's Metro West Industrial Park.

"We're working closely with the state fire marshal on this," Groth said. "We've pretty much ruled out a gas main break as the cause, since the lines were still intact."

The fire department is investigating a welding operation that was going on at the time of the explosion, Groth said. He said it may have helped trigger the blast and remains a possible cause.

Many employees have already been interviewed as part of the investigation, and the rest are scheduled for interviews within the next few days, Groth said.

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Local officials defend their incomes as fair

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second story in a look at local salary figures for elected officials and government workers in The Plymouth-Canton Community.

BY ANNA MURRAY

The figures may look bloated to the average taxpayer who counts the zeros and shakes his or her head. But many elected officials say they earn a just wage for the work they perform.

A look at local salaries reveals a wide range of figures, with local congressmen at the top of the scale and library directors at the bottom.

Information in this piece is based on numbers provided through the offices of elected officials, from the officials themselves and through personnel departments.

Salary list leaders, local Congressmen Carl Pursell and William Ford, both earn a base pay of \$125,000.

Gary Cates, Pursell's press secretary, said those six figures don't add up to luxury since congressmen must maintain two residences, both in Washington and

in their districts.

"You have to put it in the proper perspective," said Ford's spokesperson David Geiss. "He makes much less in congress than he could in private practice as an attorney."

Government officials, like any employes, are not immune to taking sidelong glances at each others' pay checks. One source of hard feeling is the nearly identical wage earned by state and county representatives.

Those who sit in the Lansing legislature make \$45,450. Those who vote from Detroit make only \$3,051 less, at \$41,396.

"And that's technically a part-time position," said State Representative James Kosteva. "I think they're overpaid, but then I think some baseball players are overpaid."

Kosteva said the schedule of meetings and issues at the county level does not compare to those at the state level.

Kosteva added he was basically content

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May begin next year

Recycling plan near?

BY ANNA MURRAY

Curbside recycling may not be far away for City of Plymouth residents.

At Monday night's Plymouth City Commission meeting a motion was carried to accept the recycling/composting option of the Wayne County Solid Waste Management Plan.

The move does not require city to change from using the recycling drop-off center, but it commits the city to recycling or composting 40 per cent of its waste, if the city falls below that, it may have to go to curbside. The city now recycles 16 per cent of its waste.

The city will have to decide between various recycling options by April 1992 when the current solid waste contract expires.

The options include a one-bin system,

where the residents put their recyclables in a bin at the curb, and those who pick up the waste sort them.

This is like the system used in Plymouth Township. Another option is a multi-bin system where residents sort their own recyclables into multiple bins. The third option is the "blue bag system." Residents would put their recyclables into blue bags with newspapers put in a separate blue bag under the system.

The current system of using a recycling center may be the cheapest option, according to City Manager Steve Walters. But he said residents may want the convenience of curbside pickup.

The city commission will be reviewing costs and benefits between now and April.

Crier holiday deadlines explained

Due to the upcoming holidays The Community Crier will publish two Saturday editions this month. The final two editions of the year will be next Saturday, Dec. 21 and Saturday, Dec. 28.

Deadlines for the Saturday, Dec. 21 edition are all Thursday, Dec. 19. Display and classified advertising must be in by 2 p.m., while items for the news pages are due by noon that day.

Deadlines for the Saturday, Dec. 28

edition are set for Thursday, Dec. 26 (the day after Christmas). Display advertising is due by 3 p.m., while classified advertising must be turned in by 2 p.m. News briefs are due by noon that day.

The Crier and COMMA, offices will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 24-25 and again on New Year's Day.

Carrier collections for The Crier will be Monday, Dec. 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



A utility official investigates the scene which caused approximately \$2.5 million in damages when a building exploded and collapsed Friday morning. (Crier photo by Steve O'Leary)

Twp. explosion destroys building

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The company cleans totes — containers approximately 40 inches square and five-foot high — filled with industrial paint, and then returns the clean barrels to the contracting companies.

Groth said that numerous chemicals are used by the business, but no one seemed sure which one was the culprit or if it was a combination of things, as Groth said was most likely.

He said it was the first trouble at the plant since it opened 10 months ago.

Of the 44 people treated and released from area hospitals, the most serious case was a chest injury. A man had been carrying a computer that fell on him at the time of the explosion. He was released from St. Joseph Hospital Saturday afternoon.

One other Cygnet employe was treated at St. Joseph immediately after the explosion. Later, five more were transported to St. Joseph, five to St. Mary, and six to the University of Michigan Hospital. The remaining people went to Providence and other area hospitals.

As the fumes escaped from the collapsing building, they entered the ventilation system of Caremark Homecare, a medical business next door, which was evacuated soon after the explosion.

"About 20 people developed problems with eye, ear and/or nose irritation," Groth said. "They all transported themselves to local medical facilities and were treated and released."

"What I heard was a thud. I thought that a truck was hitting the back of the building," said John Bernardi who was at work in an adjacent building at the time of the explosion.

"All I saw was brick and debris flying," he said. Bernardi said he called 911 shortly before 9:30 p.m.. Police were on the scene at 9:33.

The blast buried cars under cinderblocks piles and sprayed a snowstorm of white styrofoam packing material in all directions.

There was no large fire, said Groth, except a small box of burning filters.

"We haven't been able to get in at all,

and it will be a long time before we can determine what the cause was," Groth said at the scene Friday.

"I can't believe anyone got out alive," said Tom Campion, who worked in an adjacent building. "There were people lying on the lawn moaning and groaning."

Bob Turgeon, also a nearby worker, said that he helped one of the explosion victim, covering him up and giving him a drink. "He said he got bounced all over the place. You could see the white places on his overalls where the blocks hit him," Turgeon said.

Debbie Horn, an employe at Caremark Homecare, directly next door, said she and others grabbed blankets to try to keep the victims warm. Caremark Homecare employs registered nurses, many of whom helped care for the victims.

"One man walked out and said he was fine, then collapsed," she said.

Horn said that she and other co-workers have seen ambulances pull up to the Cygnet at least two times in the past.

"We don't know why a building like that would be in with these other buildings," Horn said.

Groth said that there have been no previous major problems at the site.

Canton DDA pursues agreement

BY KEN VOYLES

Members of the Canton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) have decided to pursue an agreement with Norm Newman to head off a legal battle over the downtown district.

The DDA met last Wednesday to consider its two options — accept a newly worked out agreement over the area or reject the agreement and fight Newman in court.

Following the meeting the DDA

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Brown still MIA Board grinds to halt

Well, it has happened. Last week the Canton Board of Trustees ended up in a tie vote -- actually two 3-3 tie votes.

Why? The township's elected treasurer, Jerry Brown, remains on a medical leave -- "working" from his home -- leaving the governing of the township to the remaining healthy board members.

Brown said months ago that he plans to resign and leave the board, but he has yet to formally submit his resignation, putting the board in an awkward situation.

Until Brown resigns the board cannot find his replacement. Meanwhile, more and more 3-3 ties are likely, an intolerable situation for the governing body of this area's largest community.

Last Tuesday, then, the board got stuck. It was a

fairly routine rezoning request, but one contentious enough to split the members down the middle. A seventh vote on the board would have decided it.

Instead the board tried a second vote -- it was also a tie -- and then a third vote. The third vote was an unnecessary compromise that would not have happened had there been seven members on the board. --

Last week's ties point to the problem that arises by Brown's uncalled for reluctance to resign -- the workings of government in Canton come to a grinding halt.

It is clearly time for Brown to get out. Holding the board -- and thus the community -- hostage is not only unfair but reprehensible.

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Codes can be lifesavers

In case there are ever questions, complaints, concerns or whinings about tough building codes in The Plymouth-Canton Community...

Ask the 11 people who walked away from last Friday the 13th explosion at Cygnet Automated Cleaning.

If the center beam or the fire doors hadn't held, or if the Cygnet process hadn't stacked paint totes tall along the outside walls, last Friday's fire would have had "fatalities" written all over it. A less-than-one-year-old building is not where disaster is expected.

Friday's incident also shows that while industry-commercial-office uses say their taxes are too high, when disaster strikes, the cost of response and the threat to employes-citizens-emergency crews is too great to ignore.

Everyone pitched in Friday -- neighboring company employes, Cygnet staff and emergency crews -- but if the building codes hadn't required a safe setting, the results would have been more than a short TV note on the national news.

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Pricy PO closed to public

'Tis the season...for mailing a lot of Christmas cards. It's also the time when the U.S. Postal Service is swamped handling all of those greeting cards, gift packages and letters to Santa Claus.

Most local folks have already sent their cards and packages to friends and family across country, but some residents still have to make that unpleasant journey to the local post office.

In Plymouth that means heading down to Penniman Avenue and the former U.S. Post Office there -- now just a facade with several public service windows. That also means standing in line with a bunch of your neighbors, everyone complaining about the slow service.

Now some smart residents may have tried to take advantage of that new multi-million dollar postal center on Beck Road in Plymouth Township only to find out that the service lobby remains locked up tight.

That's right -- during the busiest postal season of the season -- the spanking new white elephant in Plymouth Township is closed to the public.

Of course, all that does is create traffic jams at the windows in the office on Penniman, making folks already harassed by the holidays that much madder.

When asked why the lobby wasn't open to the public

the postmaster's ignorant "I don't know" answer does nothing for one's confidence toward the Plymouth postal monopoly.

After evading several other questions about the empty service area in the township building -- no idea when the lobby will open, etc. -- the postmaster then blamed the Detroit district office.

Other sources have said the lobby service at the new site will not open any time in the near future -- it would compete with Plymouth's downtown operation.

If the service windows are closed while those in downtown remain open maybe it is time to forget about keeping the operation open on Penniman and start using the new building.

Why else did we spend nearly \$4 million on this post office if it's not going to be available to the public anytime in the near future?

Let's face it, using millions of dollars on a new public building that maybe wasn't necessary, and now isn't even open to the public, smacks of irresponsibility.

Why then was the building constructed in the first place? So that the postmaster could have a bigger office?

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Community opinions

Why start controversy?

Get holiday spirit

EDITOR:

Is it really necessary, particularly in the holiday season and at the end of a very difficult year, to try and stir up another controversy?

What is the purpose of The Crier's "Canton is calling you home" contest? Can the picture not simply be pleasant? Could you have missed the symbolism of a long, shadowy, tunneled road opening up "to see the light of day;" or even, perhaps, the light at the end of the tunnel?

Come on, Crier, get into the holiday spirit, or do you want to be an old curmudgeon?

Also, I would appreciate your passing along my regards to Jim Totten before he leave the community. The fine folks from Canton (as in The Plymouth-Canton Community) are also definitely what makes this community unique. Your next "cub" reporter should at least learn that much.

BRUCE C. PATTERSON

A litany of thought starter

Volunteers make good monitors

EDITOR:

The general query when I meet friends in town is "Haven't seen one of your letters in The Crier lately?"

Well, here goes. This being the season, I'll forget controversy and dwell on what I refer to as thought starters. I'll try to emulate Andy Rooney of "60 Minutes" plus using good old departed-Fred DeLano's method of writing. I sure miss Fred.

Let's start by giving due credit to those volunteers in public service such as Paul Nastoff and Lloyd Dharlan who monitor city and township meetings; Chuck Childs devotion to "Meals on Wheels;" Mary Childs contribution to civic matters in the city; Jim Anulewicz and Dick Gornick for a great planning job in the township. Plenty of open space and free flow of air. Any I missed?

Did you know that Beck Road is now paved from Warren to Grand River? The county with the help of local government has done a real job of including all finishing touches.

How about going shopping for groceries. What irks seniors the most? Trying to find a cart which doesn't need a grease job or a front alignment job. Don't managers have an oil can? Prices versus advertising? I enjoy putting my wits to use to try and beat them at their own game. Never thought lowly margarine under various trade names would command a higher price than good old butter. Detergents?

Three months ago you were paying approximately \$8 a gallon. If you are a good shopper or using a coupon, you can buy it for four dollars. I do. A good place to shop? Right in the city at Dannels. They outdo the super markets in every respect on the basics. Observe the seniors in there. You leave with a good feeling.

How about gasoline? Stop and think. When all brands raise the retail price ten cents per gal. overnight, we accept the increase as if it is normal. However, it seems Lansing politicians waver on a four cent increase for roads, right or wrong, afraid of their jobs? They raised their salaries.

How to live longer. Take 1/2 to one aspirin daily. It seems that they (doctors) have just found this out. Why? They cannot get a patient on generic drugs.

Was just thinking about my driving record since 1921. Believe it or not, I have only had two tickets in 70 years, one for 30 miles an hour in 1928 on John R in Highland Park, cost \$10, wouldn't accept five; one for improper left turn in Plymouth approximately 1982. Case dismissed. Someone is looking after me. I was a fast driver.

Plymouth Township golf range. The lessons lease will soon expire. It will be open for bids. Only gentlemen may apply.

How about the Kiwanis Park at juncture of Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Trail, west of the city. How did the

Word processes

By Anna Murray



Leaving the homeless behind doesn't mean forgetting them

There are many reasons why I left New York. But my determination never to live there again can be summed up in one word: homelessness.

I don't mean the kind of homelessness you read about in the paper, but the kind you step over at 7:25 a.m. as you descend the subway stairs, or the kind that makes its way through jolting subway cars, extending an arm dotted with Karpov's Sarcoma bruises -- a telltale sign of

AIDS -- and sticks a ragged paper cup in your face

It's the kind of stomach-wrenching homelessness that forces most New Yorkers to look the other way. It's not callous. It's called survival.

The homeless are literally everywhere, down every street you walk. New York City's attempts to deal with the problem have all the efficacy of sweeping sand from a beach -- there is just no end in sight. So New Yorkers throw a pitiful 50 cents into a few cups a day and arrive at work guilt-laden from their commutes, a little more of their humanity chiseled away.

New Yorkers may have to look away just to make it through another day. But Plymouth Township doesn't have to. Being able to do more is a luxury, a luxury the township should indulge in.

It is blocking the First United Methodist Church's efforts to house the homeless on the grounds that homelessness is not an emergency situation directly affecting township residents.

It is just this sort of thinking that motivates New Yorkers to spend millions of dollars to live in neighborhoods just a little farther away from the homeless. If they don't have to see it, it doesn't affect them.

The goal: Stay one step ahead of it. Take it from this New Yorker-- there comes a time when no matter where you look it's in your face.

Legally, of course, the township is right. Housing the homeless in the Methodist Church probably is against the zoning rules. But there are times when legal technicalities shouldn't matter. Legally, an innkeeper has every right to turn away two travelers in the middle of the night, right?

There are always ways to get around the technicalities. Why else do we have lawyers? How about making the homeless honorary citizens for a week? Then their plight would fit the criterion of an emergency affecting township residents.

But with Plymouth Township already practicing a determined head-in-the-sand routine, one wonders if there is any room for creative solutions or what will happen when the problem in this area becomes even more acute.

township acquire this site? It was originally owned by the city. How this occurred I do not recall.

However that very astute Harold Guenther in the city, along with me, served on the Economic Division of the Plymouth Area Planning Commission. As I recall, annexation was a rubbing sore at the time. However the board represented the Plymouth Community. Harold arranged the transfer of the deed to the township. The provision? A sign welcoming travelers to the community was to be erected, cooperation between officials did the job. So much for history.

Just received a letter from Wayne County Commissioner Maury Breen. Maury promises "Breen Truth" in all matters.

Metetal Airport. Take my word, it will be in full operation one way or another between years 1998 to 2000. State plans, too much to cover herein, are right in line with our school system's year 2000 task force.

Need I comment on the fact that there is no area in Wayne or surrounding areas that enjoy life as we enjoy it in our community.

In a light vein in closing may I pose this question,

What is the difference between a Republican and a Democrat?

Generally speaking, a Republican could be a Democrat who has it made.

Hope I didn't miss anyone.
FRANK MILLINGTON

2nd scare in week hits district Bomb threat disrupts Salem classes

BY STEVE O'LEARY

For the second time in a week, a school building in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district has been the target of a bomb threat.

"There's definitely a sick person or two out there," said Salem High School Principal Gerald Ostoin, whose school was victimized Thursday.

Unlike the "bomb" found in East Middle School Dec. 4 which was discovered by state police to be nothing more than water in an empty plastic Pepsi bottle stuffed with pieces of cork

and what appeared to be a fuse, the device found at Salem looked more like a typical explosive device.

Students were not evacuated as they were at East, but were secluded in the commons sections of the school, according to Ostoin, away from where the device was found in the west end of the building.

Ostoin said the decision not to evacuate the students was done for a variety of reasons, including the fact they felt the students were safe and they did not want to create a panic.

The principal added that Centennial Educational Park (CEP) officials took the call seriously and did not consider it a prank. He said it was the first time in five years that the school had faced such a bomb threat.

The incident started at 11:01 a.m. when Beverly Littleton, a secretary in the school security office, answered the phone.

"He told me a bomb had been planted

in a locker at Salem," she said. "He also informed me he would call back in 10-15 minutes and tell me the location of two other bombs and make his demands at that time."

The caller at East had also claimed three bombs had been planted.

The device was not found in the locker the caller had given, but in one with a

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Students on the second floor in the west end of Salem High wait out the bomb threat last Thursday. (Crier photo by Ken Voyles)

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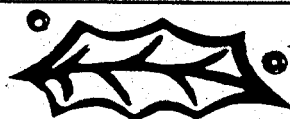
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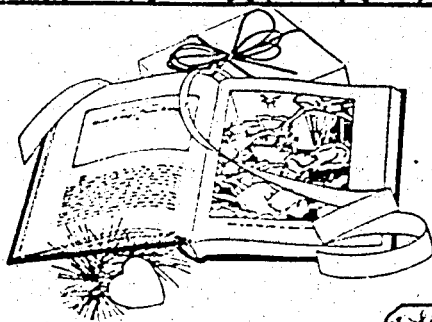
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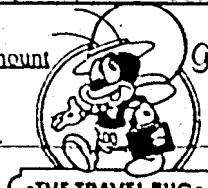
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Son inspired book

Twp. author pens humorous book

BY ANNA MURRAY

There are many things one could picture a thin, blond-haired, blue eyed executive in a dark blue suit, red tie and black tasse loafers writing -- a business proposal, perhaps, even a memo.

But he probably wouldn't be pictured as the author of a children's book, and definitely not of a book called "Green Pickle Pie."

Still, despite his corporate veneer, Plymouth Township resident Gene J. Korte, 41, has done just that.

It began when he was walking through a supermarket with his then four-year-old son Zak who mistakenly thought a key lime pie was a green pickle pie.

Korte began imagining what other bizarre foods a child might conjure onto grocery store shelves.

"No one was more surprised about the book than the people I work with," said Korte, who is a manager of member services at the Society of Manufacturing Engineers in Dearborn.

"I'm not Fred Rodgers," he said, "or the warm fuzzy type that people would think a children's writer ought to be." He says green pickle pies don't go very well with functional gauging or rapid prototyping.

But if the incongruousness brings a smile to people's faces, that's all right with Korte. He's a humorist who spent seven years writing for free-lance cartoonists.

"Fifteen or 16 years ago I wanted to do something other than work," he said. A



Gene Korte with his son Zak, who inspired Korte's children's book, Green Pickle Pie. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)



supervisor at a former job, Korte says, was an excellent grammarian and further piqued his interest in the pen.

Korte had never written anything for children before and had never written in verse. These things, he says, came naturally.

Getting the book published took more time and effort. Zak, four at the time of Korte's initial idea, is now seven.

After sending the manuscript to several publishers, Korte was offered a contract by Winston-Derek in Nashville. Korte commissioned the artist himself.

He chose Gary Webb, a friend, because he knew Webb would facilitate his conception of the illustrations.

"I wanted it to be interesting to the adult who's reading it to the child," said Korte. The artwork includes amusing details to catch a sharp adult eye -- like a cupcake that lifts up his glass cover to eye the boy eyeing the green pickle pie.

Korte graduated from Eastern Michigan University with an education degree in history and psychology. He has

been a teacher and worked for a publisher. He and his wife Barbara, who works for IBM, live in a comfortable suburban home with a shaggy dog named Mario. Zak is their only child.

Though Korte has not had much time to write recently, he says he has two other children's manuscripts finished but not polished. He would also like to write a humorous book for adults about -- what

else -- growing up.

Korte doesn't know if he will ever give up the corporate life and write full time. Though writing wouldn't make him a financial powerhouse, he says, it has its attractions.

"Your career shouldn't be called work," he said. "It should be called fun. If you said 'I'm getting up and going to fun,' everyone would be there."

Local residents are honored

Canton resident and Schoolcraft College professor Stephen Wroble has been honored for his work in computer animation.

Wroble's computer animation design has been selected to appear in this year's Amiga World Animation Video. This video is used across the nation to promote computer animation.

Wroble has also been invited to present a paper on his work with computers to the University of the Arts

in Philadelphia.

Wroble is a professor of computer aided art and design at Schoolcraft. He formerly worked at The Community Crier.

Canton youth Jason Alandt, three, was one of three winners in the Dinnertime Chime poster contest sponsored by the local offices of Family Service of Detroit and Wayne County.

Alandt's poster followed the theme of "My Family At Dianer."

Tell it to Phyllis

By Phyllis Redfern



Just when I think I'm on top of all this holiday stuff someone adds another deadline to my schedule. When I know ahead of time I can plan for things, but this time of year we all need some lead time.

The tree is up, the decorations are hung and some of the cookies are baked and decorated. I'm even finished with the shopping except for groceries and a few little things. Now to me that sounds like things are under control.

Of course I still have to wrap all the gifts, clean the house, bake another batch of cookies and make some candy. In between working all day, the holiday party schedule and a few meetings I should find time to squeeze in what has to be done. It's the same thing we all go through every year.

It's funny how it's always the little things that try to throw you off balance. When my daughter called and said we had to exchange gifts with some friends a week before Christmas I nearly bit her head off. The fact that she called when I was in the middle of making candy and had pink and green sticky stuff flying around the kitchen probably had something to do with my reaction. But it also meant another deadline, I had to not only find those gifts I had to have them wrapped a week early. That wasn't the timing I was planning on.

For some unknown reason most of us tend to put things off until the last minute. You would think we would learn after awhile (even mice are trainable). This time of year you know schedules are going to be crazy so it is time we learned to roll with it.

Besides we're supposed to be having fun. Remember it's the most wonderful time of the year. What difference does it make if a little green divinity attached itself to the kitchen curtains? Last weekend when we decorated Christmas cookies it didn't matter if frosting or those little multicolored candies fell on the floor. The floor is washable and it was fun having friends over to help. Ron Carlson does a great imitation of my son when it comes to decorating cookies.

Remember it's the fun and friendship that's important during the holidays. If it means a few more deadlines, we just have to keep moving and remember to keep laughing as we do it. Singing Christmas songs as we work helps make it more fun (especially since it drives every scrooge in the world crazy).

In between burning your fingers on a hot cookie sheet and watching the sparks fly out of the electrical outlet when you plug in an old set of lights, take time to do some of the things you enjoy. I love reading children's Christmas stories or watching holiday programs on TV with a fire in the fireplace and the tree lights on. Then there's the special holidays treats like going to the Nutcracker with my daughter of the Perry Como holiday show. It really is the most wonderful time of the year.



Twp. mishap

An accident Monday evening at Sheldon and Ann Arbor roads caused several minor injuries and a possible broken leg to Tara Grover, 19, of Canton, seen being helped from the 1988 Ford she was a passenger in. The car was struck by a Domino's delivery vehicle. The driver of the Ford was ticketed, according to Plymouth Township police. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

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Church pursues shelter, appeals to county exec

BY ANNA MURRAY

Pastor John Grenfell of First United Methodist Church of Plymouth is appealing to a higher authority — Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara.

After the church's two unsuccessful attempts to open its doors to the homeless, Grenfell said he is going above Plymouth Township Supervisor Jerry Law's head to the county executive.

At the same time, Law is also appealing to McNamara.

Grenfell's question — whether local lawgivers feel they can supersede "the greatest lawgiver."

Law's position — the township was right to deny the church's request to house the homeless. In a Dec. 13 letter to McNamara, Law wrote that the homeless problem is not an emergency affecting township residents.

A declaration of an emergency situation, Law said, would be the only way the township could set aside its

zoning ordinances and allow the homeless to stay in the church. The church is located in an area that is zoned for single families.

The church had asked to house 65 homeless people for seven nights in January. They had written two requests to the township saying that the problem of homelessness had reached emergency proportions.

The township replied through its law firm that only the governor or county executive can declare such an emergency.

Now both Grenfell and Law are pressing the executive for a final decision. "At this point we're probably not going to be able to do anything," said Grenfell. "But we're interested in establishing a principle."

He added, "I think my next step is to call some of my fellow clergy together to see if we can do something jointly."

Calls to McNamara's office went unanswered.

After fire talks fail Canton looks for chief

BY KEN VOYLES

The Canton firefighters union and management officials with the Public Safety Department have been unable to reach an agreement over the creation of a fire captain's position now that veteran chief Mel Paulun is leaving the department.

Instead, the township has posted for a fire chief's position to replace Paulun, who is taking a medical retirement.

An attempt had been initiated to change the fire department's organization and create a second fire captain position instead of finding a new chief. The captain's slot would have been a union position.

"It does not look like we will go with a fire captain," said John Santomauro, Canton's public safety director.

Santomauro added, however, that the township had not yet received a formal decision from its insurance carrier on Paulun's status.

"We're proceeding to set up the replacement process," he said, after discussions with the union over the fire captain were unsuccessful.

Santomauro said the township will seek to hire a new fire chief from within the department. He said the township's merit ordinance calls for seeking the replacement within the department first. If that is unsuccessful then the township can post the job externally.

An assessment "center" will likely be set up in January to begin testing candidates.

The chief also said that a final word on Paulun's status was expected shortly.

Art Winkel, Canton's current fire marshal, is performing some of Paulun's

administrative functions.

Santomauro said the differences over a fire captain were tied to the overall seniority promotions in the department.

Sgt. Mike Rorabacher, the union president for Canton firefighters, said the union already had a promotion process in place.

"A diligent effort was made," he said. "There were a lot of factors why we could not reach an agreement to have it a union position."

One difference centered on the timetable, Rorabacher said, for finding a replacement for Paulun or a new fire captain.

"We would have liked to see it made a union position," he said. "Unfortunately there were just some items we couldn't accommodate."

He added that the union has "no problem" with a new chief being appointed instead of a fire captain.

Canton creates a new wetland

BY KEN VOYLES

A new wetland, flood control and natural area in Canton was created by the township board of trustees last Tuesday.

The board unanimously approved the creation of a wetland mitigation area at a site in the northwest corner of Sheldon and Warren roads.

"It will be a real asset to the community," said Canton Supervisor Tom Yack. "It will also help with intersection improvements at Sheldon and

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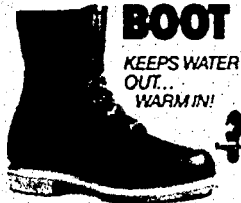
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CANTON CHAMBER CELEBRATES 20 YEARS SERVICE
The Canton Chamber of Commerce celebrates 20 years of service with its 4th Annual Dinner/Auction and Raffle at Fellows Creek on Jan. 25, 1992. Cash donations of \$200 will receive special recognition. This is the chamber's major fundraiser. To donate to the auction or help the chamber call 453-4040.

RED CROSS COURSES OFFERED
The new American Red Cross office in Canton is offering a variety of courses over the next two months, including CPR, standard first aid and more. To register or for further details call the Plymouth-Canton Center at 422-2787.

SCHOOLCRAFT WINTER REGISTRATION
Schoolcraft College in-person winter registration will be held Jan. 6-8 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Winter classes begin Jan. 11. For further information call 462-4426.

CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE AT MADONNA
The Madonna University men's baseball team will be selling Christmas trees in the east parking lot every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, through Dec. 24. Michigan grown and cut Scotch Pines, Blue Spruce, and Fir trees will sell for \$12 and up. Christmas wreaths will also be available. For more information call 591-5029.

CANTON CRICKETS LOTTERY
The Canton Parks and Recreation pre-school program, Canton Crickets, will hold a lottery for a limited number of openings in its 1992 winter session. Lottery drawn today through Dec. 20. Visit the parks and recreation office to pick up a lottery number. For Canton residents only. Winners notified Jan. 6-10. For further information call 397-5110.

CITY SANITARY SEWER REHAB PROGRAM
The City of Plymouth has started work on its sanitary sewer rehabilitation program. Sewers throughout the city will be cleaned and grouted. Notices will be sent in advance to residents and business owners prior to work being done on their streets.

CHRISTMAS KIDS ONLY WORKSHOP
Canton's Parks and Recreation is hosting a Christmas Kids-Only Workshops Dec. 21 at 10 a.m., noon, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Held at the Canton Recreation Center. The cost is \$14 per child. The event is open for first graders through teens in Plymouth-Canton. Registration began this week. For further information call 397-5110. Includes making gifts, decorating and refreshments.

KIWANIS ANNUAL TRAVEL SERIES
The next Kiwanis Travel and Adventure Series session features Tom Sterling's "Footloose In Newfoundland." It will be held Jan. 8 at 8 p.m. in the Salem High auditorium. Season tickets are \$18, or \$4 for single tickets. Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth. Call 455-5100 for tickets or information.

"FOR THE DURATION" EXHIBIT
The Plymouth Historical Museum "For the Duration" exhibit runs until Jan. 26 and features a look at World War II. The museum is open Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. For further information call 455-8940.

PLYMOUTH CITY CALENDARS AVAILABLE
City of Plymouth calendars (1992) are available for residents. The cost is \$3.50 in check or money order. Call 453-1234 for further details.

PCAC 1991 HOLIDAY CARDS
The Plymouth Community Arts Council's (PCAC) 1991 Holiday card features a Liberty Street antique shop in Plymouth's Old Village. The cards are available this year for \$10 for a package of 20. The cards are available at a variety of shops, the Plymouth Chamber office and the PCAC office on Main Street. Call 455-5260.

LUMINARY SALE BY SYMPHONY LEAGUE, GARDEN GROUP
The Plymouth Symphony League and Trailwood Garden Club will sell holiday luminaries Dec. 21 at Kroger's on Ann Arbor Road and the Westchester Mall in downtown Plymouth. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$3.50 for kit of 10 candles and white paper bags. For further information call 459-0978 or 459-1999.

ANNUAL TOY COLLECTION
Mel's Golden Razor on Forest Avenue in the City of Plymouth is holding its 14th annual Toy Collection for needy kids. New or used toys for Christmas. Collection runs until Dec. 19. To help call 455-9057. Mel's is located at 595 Forest.

ICE SCULPTURE GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST
The Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular, which runs from Jan. 15-20, will offer a Gingerbread House contest this year for adults and children. For just \$3.50 adults and \$1 children participants can enter their own creation into one of six categories. The houses will be judged and then put on display in the Westchester Mall throughout the ice festival. Entry forms and rules are available from the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce or from the Westchester Mall shops in Plymouth. For information call 459-1475 or 459-3264.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
The Mayflower-Lt. Gambles Post No. 6695 VFW will host a New Year's Eve Party Dec. 31 from 8:30 p.m. on at the VFW Post Home on Mill Street, Plymouth. Tickets are \$30 per person. RSVP deadline is Dec. 27. Proceeds will be used for community and veterans service work. Tickets includes dinner and dancing plus favors and other amenities. For information call 459-6700 or 453-0715.

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ME AND MY SHADOW

It is time to register for the winter session of Me and My Shadow classes at New Morning School in Plymouth Township. For further details call 420-3331.

CANTON ECONOMIC CLUB

The Canton Economic Club meets the third Wednesday of each month at Geneva Presbyterian Church. The cost for lunch, which is open to the public, is \$12. The meetings start at noon. To make a reservation or for further information call the Canton Community Foundation at 454-5427.

THEATRE GUILD PRESENTS "CAMELOT"

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will present Lerner and Loewe's musical about King Arthur, "Camelot," on Jan. 24-25, Jan. 31, Feb. 1 and Feb. 7-8 at the Water Tower Theatre in Northville. Tickets are \$9 at the door for adults or \$8 in advance, and \$8 at the door for seniors and youths or \$7 in advance. For reservations and information call 349-7110. Student and group rates available. Tickets at the Penniman Deli and Sir Speedy Printing in Plymouth.

ST JOHN'S BLOOD DRIVE

A blood drive will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church on Sheldon Road Dec. 23 from 1-7 p.m. Babysitting available. Call the church at 453-0190 for information or to set up an appointment.

WOMAN'S CLUB OF PLYMOUTH

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will gather at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth on Jan. 3 at 12:30 p.m. for a meeting. Discussion on "There is More to a Book than its Cover." Pat Thomas, Plymouth Library director, will discuss book collections. For further information call 454-0863.

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The Plymouth Township Board of Truusses will meet tonight (Dec. 18) at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of Township Hall. For information call 453-3840.

SINGLE PLACE TALK

Single Place presents Bill Greenman, who will share insights into people and faith, tonight (Dec. 18) at 7:30 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Donation is \$3. For details call 349-0911.

EXERCISE PROGRAM AT CHURCH

Morning and evening exercise classes begin Jan. 6 and meet five days a week in aerobics, step aerobics, sports aerobics and Eldercise through the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. Childcare available. Proceeds help the Presbyterian Women's missions. Call 459-9485 for more information.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT FOR DARE

West Middle School students and faculty will play in a basketball tournament this evening (Dec. 18) from 3-5:30 p.m. to benefit the DARE program.

FIELD'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY SING

Students at Field Elementary School will hold their 15th annual Holiday Sing tonight (Dec. 18) at 7 p.m. Features poems, songs, dances, holiday skits, stories and comedy.

SANTA PLAY AT HOBEN SCHOOL

"Santa Knows Best," a free Christmas play will be presented tonight (Dec. 18) at 6:30 p.m. at Hoben Elementary School. Put on by Elaine Aaron's fifth grade class at Hoben.

THREE CITIES ART CLUB

The 3 Cities Art Club will not hold a December meeting. The next meeting is Jan. 6.

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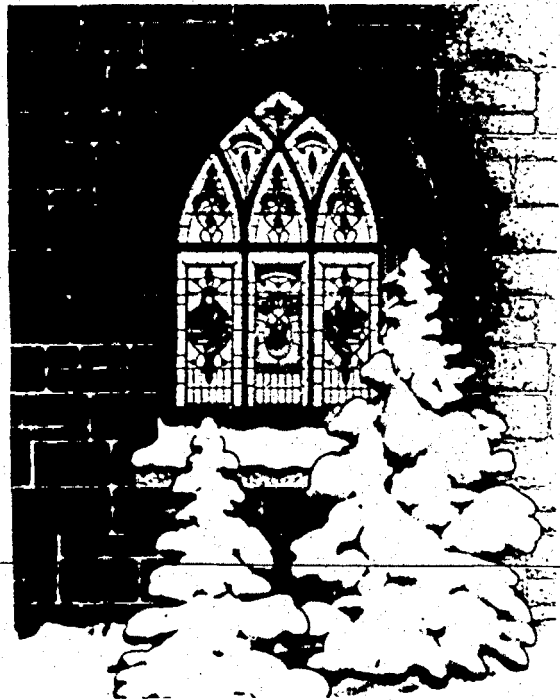
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Officials discuss annual salaries

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with his salary. "The amount of money I make at present provides for me and my family in a satisfactory manner," he said.

Kosteva compared his level of responsibility with that of an executive of a publicly held corporation. The responsibility to the stockholders, he said, would be roughly equivalent to answering to the constituents.

State Representative Georgina Goss agreed with Kosteva's assessment. "I do believe a state representative has heavy responsibility," she said. "Private industry would pay much more."

Wayne County Representative Brian Amann said he would not consider his job part time.

If anyone thinks he works less than a state representative, Amann said, "They ought to spend a day in our shoes."

Amann said he is earning half of what he made as assistant county executive. "Now, I'm working the same number of hours with twice the number of issues," he said. Just after he was elected, he said, he turned down a \$190,000-a-year offer from a law firm.

One issue that many elected officials say concerns them is the inability of governmental salaries to compete with those in private industry.

"Both parties have difficulty recruiting qualified candidates to run for office," said State Senator Robert Geake. He said many people do not want to leave jobs where they are already making more money.

All the federal, state and county representatives have complete benefits packages, including medical, dental and life insurance. Congressmen Ford and Pursell have unlimited travel expense accounts. State representatives are allowed up to \$8,500.

While a seat on the bench pays more than a seat on a legislature, 35th District Court Judge James Garber says his \$93,000 a year is appropriate compensation for having to provide search warrants at 3 a.m.

"Both John [MacDonald] and I have a fax unit in our bedrooms," Garber said.

District court judges' salaries are tied to the amount paid Michigan Supreme Court justices.

Garber and MacDonald make 88 percent of the Supreme Court wage. But only \$15,832 of this is paid locally. The state provides \$52,770 in salary and a \$36,938 "standardization" payment to

bring the figure up to the correct percentage.

The top earners at Schoolcraft Community College, President Richard McDowell, Vice President of Instruction, Conway Jeffress, and Vice President of Student Services Barbara Geil, all make less than local school

superintendents, taking in \$90,766, \$83,383, and \$77,039 respectively.

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent John M. Hoben earns \$109,128.

All salaries mentioned here are base amounts and do not reflect fringe benefits.

City appoints 4 to boards

The Plymouth City Commission made several new appointments at Monday night's meeting.

Three new names will be added to the City Planning Commission.

Rosita Smith, a former city commission candidate, Ronald Loisel, a former city commissioner, and Barry Simescu will fill the vacant seats.

John Maloney's term on the planning commission was renewed, while Kay Agee did not wish to continue on the commission.

Dave Schaff is the current chairperson of the planning group, having replaced Douglas Miller after Miller was elected to the city commission.

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) also has a new member. The commission appointed Stella Green to the DDA.

The commission is looking for one more DDA appointee. The person must be a resident of Plymouth.

The following is a look at other important salary figures in The Plymouth-Canton Community:

U.S. Congressmen:		
Carl Pursell	2nd District	\$125,000
William Ford	15th District	\$125,000
State Representatives:		
James Kosteva	37th District	\$45,450
Georgina Goss	36th District	\$45,450
State Senator:		
Robert Geake	6th District	\$45,450
Wayne County Representatives:		
Maurice Breen	10th District	\$41,396
Brian Amann	11th District	\$41,396
Wayne County:		
Ed McNamara	Wayne County executive	\$103,490
Richard Kaufman	Wayne County chief judge	\$98,081
Mike Duggan	Wayne County deputy executive	\$95,665
Schoolcraft College:		
Richard McDowell	president	\$90,766
Conway Jeffress	vice president instruction	\$83,383
Barbara Geil	vice president student services	\$77,039
Adelard Raby	vice president business	\$77,039
Ron Griffith	dean of education	\$73,078
Lou Reibling	dean of instruction	\$71,618
Dave McShane	dean of information service	\$68,237
Gerald Munro	manager of personnel	\$67,284
Jill O'Sullivan	manager of finance	\$64,616
Betty Gilbert	director of labor relations	\$64,517
*35th District Court:		
James Garber	judge	\$93,812
John MacDonald	judge	\$93,812
Marion Belding	administrator	\$49,498
Sue Ewing	probation director	\$37,674
Eric Colthurst	magistrate	\$31,000
Plymouth Dunning-Hough Library:		
Pat Thomas	director	\$48,742
Pam Rawlinson	deputy director	\$37,282
Canton Public Library:		
Jean Tabor	director	\$49,600
*The State of Michigan pays \$52,770 of a judge's salary. Local governments pay \$41,042. The state also makes a "standardization" payment of another \$36,938, reducing the actual total local payment to \$15,832.		



Public notices

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1991**

Supervisor Law called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Mr. Ernest Essad, Township Attorney, explained that business interest rates had fallen since the issuance of the W.T.U.A. bonds in 1989 that after expenses were paid, depending on when we entered the market, roughly nine million dollars in interest payments could be saved. Refinancing can only be done once during a bond's life.

It was moved by Mr. Horton and supported by Mrs. Hulsing to adopt Resolution No.91-12-11-37 approving the resolution concerning the refinancing of the W.T.U.A. construction bonds. Ayes all on a roll call vote with Mr. Munfakh abstaining.

The entire resolution is incorporated in the official minutes.

It was moved by Mrs. Brooks and supported by Mrs. Hulsing that the meeting adjourn at 6:20 p.m. Ayes all.

Esther Hulsing, Township Clerk
Susan Koch, Recording Secretary
Plymouth Charter Township

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Man held in retail fraud

A Crier reporter, Steven O'Leary, 36, was arrested Saturday for shoplifting at the Plymouth Township Kmart.

O'Leary, of Livonia, was charged with retail fraud for the theft of three video tapes worth \$66.87, Plymouth Township Police reported. His charge is being

processed by the Wayne County Prosecutor's office, reports show.

It is The Crier's policy to print police news items on newspaper management and editorial staffers as it would print them about elected or other public figures.



Places to be

Vets need memorial aid

The Canton Veterans Memorial Association is asking for donations to fund the veterans memorial to be constructed near the Canton administration building.

Donations can be made in honor of any member of the U.S. Armed Forces.

The memorial will be constructed from granite in the shape of a semi-circle bearing the emblems of the Armed Forces.

The total cost of the project is \$50,000. The groups needs to raise \$10,000 as soon as possible to buy the granite.

To help write to: Canton Veterans Memorial Association P.O. Box 871025 Canton, MI, 48187. Or call John Spencer at township hall, 397-1000.

Tree pick-up scheduled

There is a special waste collection schedule in Plymouth Township for the holidays.

In the weeks of Christmas and New Years, trash pickup will be a day late for those whose trash pick-up falls on the holiday and the days after.

Plymouth Township will be conducting a special pick-up of Christmas trees Jan. 6-10 Residents are asked to put their trees on the curb the day of their pick-up with the plastic bags removed. The trees will be taken to a compost site.

Also for Plymouth Township residents, dry-cell batteries -- the type used in flashlights, radios or toys, can be dropped off at the Plymouth Township DPS building.

Automotive, tractor and marine batteries are not acceptable. The Plymouth Township DPS Building is located in the Metro West Industrial Park, south of Five Mile Road, between Beck and Sheldon Roads. The hours are Monday through Saturday.

Also, reservations for the use of the shelters and pavillion in the Plymouth Township Park will be accepted starting Jan. 6. The reservations must be made in person.

For further information call 453-3840.

Student-faculty game today

There will be a 3 on 3 student-faculty basketball tournament today (Dec. 18) at West Middle School from 3-5:30 p.m.

The game, which is sponsored by West Middle School Quest classes, is to raise money for the DARE program.

The games will be played at sixth, seventh and eighth graders from West. The DARE committee will be donating prizes for students.

Gingerbread at ice show

There will be a gingerbread house display and contest this year as part of the annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

The Plymouth Ice Spectacular, which runs from Jan. 15-20, is adding the gingerbread display and contest for the first time this year.

For just \$3.50 for adults and \$1 for children, participants can enter their own creation in one of six unique categories. The houses will be on display daily from

10 a.m. until 8 p.m. in Westchester Mall throughout the ice spectacular.

The six categories are: churches and castles; storybook or fantasy land; open (any type of architecture); Plymouth Community; cookies and such (edible, but non-gingerbread creations); and children's creations (ages 10 and under).

Entry forms and contest rules are available from the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce or from the Westchester Mall shops on Forest Avenue in Plymouth.

In Canton

Economic huddle set

Canton's first major economic development effort of the new year will be the first Industrial Strength Breakfast, slated for Jan. 30 from 9-11 a.m. at the Canton Public Library.

The breakfast, for which Canton has invited industrial brokers and developers from throughout southeast Michigan, is designed to update the community on decisions affecting economic development in the township.

For further information call 397-1000.

Tickets now on sale

Guild plans 'Camelot'

A enchanting musical tale recounting the legend of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table is planned by the Plymouth Theatre Guild.

"Camelot" will be performed Jan. 24-25, Jan. 31, Feb. 1 and Feb. 7-8 at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Regional Hospital.

Tickets for the show are now on sale. For reservations or information call 349-7110. Student and group rates are available.

Tickets are \$9 at the door for adults or \$8 in advance. Seniors and youths can get in for \$8 at the door or \$7 in advance.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Penniman Deli in Plymouth or Sir Speedy Printing in Plymouth.

An opening night special is available. Buy one full price ticket and receive a second ticket for \$4.50. The offer is good for tickets purchased at the door.

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Community deaths

Kaufman, geologist

Geologist Dr. John Warren Kaufman, 51, of Plymouth died Nov. 25. Services were held Nov. 29 at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. John N. Grenfell, Jr. officiating. Burial was in the Riverside Cemetery.

In 1987 Dr. Warren formed J.W. Kaufman and Company, a firm specializing in technical and market research for materials-based industry, both in the United States and abroad. Dr. Kaufman had an AB in geology from Franklin and Marshal College, an MS in geology from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and a Ph.D. in mineralogy from Ohio State University. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

Survivors include: wife Sharon Gibbel Kaufman, of Plymouth; parents Jay and Lois Kaufman, of Lakeland, FL; children Scott, of Pittsfield, MA, Michele Roth, of Griffin, GA, and Lisa, of Plymouth; and sister Judith Matta, of Pittsburgh.

Memorials may be made to the Kaufman Family Memorial Fund.

Local arrangements were handled by the Schrader Funeral Home.

Rodda, Daisy employe

Life-long Plymouth resident Ruth Waterman Rodda, 82, died Nov. 29. Services were held Dec. 2 at the Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Leland Seese officiating. Burial was in the Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Rodda worked for the Daisy Air Rifle Company for 15 years. She then worked for Bill's Market in Old Village until her retirement in 1974. In the 1920s she worked at the Plymouth Library.

Mrs. Rodda is survived by daughter Nancy L. Charlet, of Farmington Hills; grandchildren Vicki Polsinelli and Julie Charlet; and her great granddaughter Danielle.

Beathe, retiree

Opal F. Beathe, 78, of Westland, died Nov. 13. Services were held on Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Schrader Funeral Home with Rev. Roy G. Forsyth officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Beathe first came to the Plymouth community in the 1930s. She was a retired production worker at Continental Can in Plymouth.

Survivors include: brothers John Clifton, of Neodeghe, KS, Bill Clifton, of Ypsilanti, and Eddie Clifton, of Parsons, KS; sisters Minnie Wall, of Plymouth, and Edna McDowell, of Cherryvale, KS; nieces and nephews Jack Wall, Shirley Dyer, Doris Stevenson, Mary Dyer, Joyce Budnick and Ed Wall; and several stepbrothers and stepsisters.

Local arrangements were handled by Schrader Funeral Home.

Beaudry, homemaker

Gertrude F. Beaudry, 91, of Saline, died Dec. 2. Services were held Dec. 6 at the Divine Savior Catholic Church in Westland with Rev. Alexander A. Kuras officiating. Burial was in the Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Mrs. Beaudry was a homemaker.

She is survived by her sons, William Beaudry, of Minnesota, Richard Beaudry, of Ann Arbor, and James Beaudry, of Plymouth; and seven grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Salvation Army.

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



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Was evacuation needed?

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very similar number.

Littleton said the caller did not actually say he had planted the device.

The caller, who Littleton said did not call back, sounded like a "20ish" aged male, she said. "It could have been a student. I can't rule that out. It didn't sound like an older person."

"There's a lot I may not recall," she added. "It was all a blur. I had to move quickly."

Canton Police and the Michigan State Police bomb squad were called in to the school and the device was located and removed.

The call to East Middle School is believed to have been made by a male in his 30s, but Plymouth acting Police Chief Robert Scoggins said he will be looking into the similarities of the threats.

Scoggins said Monday that he doubted the two threats were related, but added "You never know."

According to police, the device looked suspicious and was watered down before they attempted to disassemble it.

The device, which resembled a box with wires attached to a battery-like pack, was found to be non-explosive.

Despite the fact that the schools contend they handled matters in the best possible way, the board office, the school and a local newspaper office received calls from irate parents.

"Most of the calls we received were from parents just wanting to know what was going on, but some were upset, yes," said Ostoin.

Plymouth-Canton Board of Education trustee Barbara Graham told the board at Monday's meeting that she had received three calls from concerned parents.

"They were all upset at the way things were handled," she said. "One parent told me her daughter was kept in a room directly next to where the (potential) bomb was."

Board President David Artley called that "bunk."

Schools Superintendent John Hoben said he had received some calls during and after the bomb scare.

"I didn't get a lot of calls, but I did get a few from parents who didn't feel we handled the situation right," Hoben said.

Hoben added that media coverage may have added to the problem and that he felt the Salem incident "definitely was a copycat."

Ostoin said students who had their own transportation were allowed to leave the school, but some students have denied that.

"That's a lie, pure and simple," said one student. "If anything, the security people over-reacted. The administration wouldn't let anyone leave, and anyone who did did so by escaping."

He said the rumors of the bomb were rampant among students by 11:30 a.m., although no formal announcement was made until around 12:30 p.m., a student said.

"Until then, people weren't really

taking it seriously. They were joking around. As a student who was believed to be in danger, I feel we had a right to know what was going on," he said.

Parent Gloria Arndt was one of the parents most upset by the procedure, or, as she termed it, lack of procedure.

And, by coincidence, she had two children involved in bomb scares over the past week: a 13-year-old boy at East and a 15-year-old girl at Salem.

"I'm furious, simply furious," she said. They wouldn't let the kids out of class -- to me, that's the ultimate in stupidity."

Students and administrators had many differing opinions on how things were handled and what was allowed.

Dick Egli, administrative assistant for community relations, said the school followed district guidelines for bomb threats.

"Well, if that's the case, I think the district needs to develop a new policy -- a short and sweet one -- they can call it "evacuate," Arndt said. "There is no good reason for not getting those children out of the building and harm's way before deciding what to do with them. They made the same stupid mistake last time at East. What are they going to do, wait until people get killed before they change their policy?"

She said she felt strongly because administrators had taken the threats to be real, not pranks.

"I told my daughter that if something like this ever happens again, to leave that school as quickly as possible," said Arndt. "If they try and stop her or suspend her, we'll see the district in court. Safety comes first, especially when it comes to children."

Our Lady puts plans on hold

BY ANNA MURRAY

A proposal to change the use of the convent at Our Lady of Good Counsel was tabled last Wednesday by the City of Plymouth Planning Commission.

The move was expected, but while the proposal may be temporarily at rest, the contentious feelings between the church and its neighbors continue.

A letter written by Carol Levitte, an attorney for the neighbors, was entered into public record at the meeting. In it Levitte accused Our Lady of misrepresenting its case and of causing unnecessary delays.

According to Levitte, if a property is being used for a purpose for a long time, under current law the city cannot stop that use even though it may be contrary to zoning ordinances.

Our Lady officials have claimed they are in such a situation, saying that the convent has been used for office purposes since 1965.

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Neighbors question church delay

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In her letter Levitte said this is not true. "The convent... was occupied at least until 1980 by the nuns," she said. She added that it was used residentially -- by a homeless family -- as late as 1989.

In an interview, Levitte objected to

Wetlands

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Warren and open up the intersection."

Another plan is also being developed for the rest of the property, said Yack.

The wetland area has been discussed

for several years. A concept plan and cost estimate were then developed.

Yack said that since then the township has attempted to attract developers needing land to mitigate wetlands in the hope of creating the natural area at no cost to the township.

The new ProCoil project in Canton requires that three acres of wetlands be mitigated, said Aaron Machnik, the township's municipal services director.

Under the plan a ditch will be relocated away from the edge of Warren Road to help with the intersection improvement.

Machnik said the overall plan will create a flood control area that will benefit the downstream area of Willow Creek and at the same time provide a natural setting in a major residential area of the community.

Soil borings on the site will be completed next week and mitigation is likely to occur over the winter.

ProCoil will pay the costs of the engineering and soil tests.

Both the Willow Drain and the Shuart Drain run through the proposed wetland area.

Chief talks

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directed its attorney to try and finalize the agreement and a new drawing of the area based on the agreement. The group will finalize its stance Jan. 6.

The meeting was called last Wednesday after it had been thought that the judge in the case would not delay the suit past Friday.

But Canton officials said they found out the judge would indeed delay the start of the court battle, allowing the township a chance to mull over the agreement further.

The agreement called for a new drawing of the future work, known as Exhibit A, but it wasn't completed until late last Wednesday and had not been seen by Newman at the time.

The agreement could delay future development in the heart of the downtown district on the north side of Ford Road east of Sheldon Road.

Under the agreement being considered, the DDA would be able to make public improvements along the perimeter of the district. Future interior improvements could be negotiated once work on the perimeter is completed.

Our Lady's delaying its change-of-use proposal until it can come up with a full expansion plan for the facility.

"They have to do something right away," she said. "They have to get it certified in January or move back to the rectory." The school offices were in the rectory before they moved to the convent.

Levitte contends that the school is using the building for classes and that it has not sought to meet fire codes for this use. This use and the presence of the offices in the convent, she said, violate city laws and opens up both the city and the school district to liability.

At the pre-commission meeting, City Engineer Ken West said that Our Lady has recently sized down its plans to expand its facility.

West said the new plans are still in the conceptual stage. The new outline, he said, involves a one-story multi-purpose building to replace the gym.

Additional classrooms would be put in the old gym. This plan, West said, would eliminate the neighbors' objection to the height of the proposed additions and only require "a couple of variances."

But Our Lady still may run into roadblocks, not only from the neighbors

but from the city.

"It's not plausible to pursue variances," City Manager Steve Walters said. He said that to do so would be to misuse the purpose of a variance. He suggested Our Lady attempt to comply with existing ordinances.

Bill Leonard, business manager for Our Lady, questioned the accuracy of Levitte's letter.

Leonard said the church had hoped to have a full expansion plan for the planning commission's January meeting, but that it would probably not be ready until February.

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Bird School gets reduced speed limit

BY STEVE O'LEARY

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees, the City of Plymouth Commission and the Plymouth-Canton Community School Board have finally agreed on something.

That the safety of school children is important.

Parents of Bird Elementary School students approached each body asking that the speed limit along Sheldon Road between Ann Arbor Trail and Blanche Street be lowered from 40 miles per hour to 25 mph.

The district safety committee also passed a resolution in support of the action.

In letters to Township Supervisor Gerald Law and City Manager Steve Walters, parent Mary Templeton stated, "When Sheldon Road was increased to five lanes, the speed limit was increased to 40 mph, the road was built much closer to the sidewalk, and the traffic was increased...the dangers for children walking along Sheldon cannot be denied.

"A child could easily trip or be pushed into the street, cars could easily jump the curb, especially when it is icy."

In addition to lowering the speed limit, the parents are also seeking guard rails to be built along a portion of Sheldon Road, and the possible use of flashing lights in combination with signage.

Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry and Plymouth acting Police Chief Robert Scoggins both agreed with the recommendations as well.

Both police departments reported a number of traffic accidents and other infractions along the stretch of Sheldon in the past year.

In a letter to Walters, Scoggins said "The addition of safety rails and a school speed zone would be a safety enhancement for the area."

Berry told the township board that the road was indeed as dangerous as the parents stated, and he felt measures needed to be taken.

Since Sheldon is a county road, the local municipalities have no jurisdiction

in setting the speed limit, but officials expressed confidence their support would carry some weight in getting the county to address the situation.

The school board passed the resolution of support Monday, and the parents are expected to deliver the various recommendations to the Wayne County Department of Public Service in the near future.

City to hold zoning hearing

BY ANNA MURRAY

The City of Plymouth Planning Commission will hold a public hearing Jan. 8 to revise the proposed zoning ordinance.

The move seeks to avoid placing two properties on Plymouth Road in zoning no man's land.

The Versatile and Mutual of Detroit buildings are zoned for office use but the

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'Unusual' hearings set for Canton golf plan

BY KEN VOYLES

A series of public hearings for rezoning and special land use requests by developers of the three subdivisions proposed in conjunction with a new Canton golf course complex are planned Jan. 6.

The concurrent public hearings before the Canton Planning Commission is unusual, said Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, but will help facilitate the development plans for the golf course/residential project.

Yack said such a procedure will shorten the approval times for the project by some eight weeks.

"It really is going to work best for the developers if we move it ahead in lockstep fashion," Yack told the rest of the Canton Board of Trustees last Tuesday. "We're very much involved in this project and it's being done in such a way as to satisfy the township."

The project, officially dubbed Pheasant Run during a meeting Friday, will cover land around the current Administration Building and Canton Recreation

Complex. It features a full golf course and several hundred homes.

Yack said the developers of the residential part of the project had submitted plans for initial review by township staff.

The supervisor added that there appeared to be "no legal conflict" to running the approval process concurrently.

After the Jan. 6 hearings the rezoning requests will go before Wayne County and then back to the Canton Board for final approval.

The action taken last week by the board allows the Canton Planning Commission to modify its normally accepted sequence of approvals for the golf project only.

The plan for the hearings was unanimously approved by the board.

The name Pheasant Run was selected by Mike Gouin, Canton's parks and recreation director, as one representing the character of the area, said Yack. Each subdivision will also have a separate identity, he said.

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Sports

Salem hoopsters open with 2 wins

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

It was good outside shooting, and eight three-pointers in the second half that captured a victory for the Salem boys basketball team Friday night.

Mike Slone tossed in four of the three-pointers, and led the Rocks in scoring with 20, as Salem defeated Trenton, 59-26.

Mike Abraham contributed 14 points for the Rocks, including one three-pointer. He led the Rocks in rebounds with 14.

Also tossing in three-pointers were James Head, with two, and Eric Stemmer had one.

"Our intensity in the second half was the key," said Bob Brodie, Salem coach. "In the second half, our defense upped the pressure. We got the ball and were able to score at the other end."

The Rocks outscored Trenton in every quarter, taking a four point lead at the end of the first quarter, 8-4. Salem added 15 points in the second quarter, and Trenton tossed in 10, to end the half, 23-14.

Salem outscored Trenton by a 3-1 margin in the second half. The Rocks tossed in 21 in the third quarter, their highest scoring quarter. Trenton had 10, to end the third 44-24. In the final quarter, the Rocks scored 15, and held Trenton to two.

"A lot of people contributed," said Brodie. "Eight people scored and everyone who stepped on the floor contributed to the victory."

Salem's record is now 2-0 overall, as the Rocks defeated Monroe 63-53 in the season opener last Tuesday.

Chiefs edge Monroe in 2nd basketball game

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Friday the 13th turned out to be a lucky day for the Canton boys basketball team, as the Chiefs defeated Monroe 64-50 at home, in their second game of the season.

The Chiefs overall record is now 1-1.

"We played a lot of people," said Canton coach Dave Van Wagoner. "We had a sound second quarter, and there is a lot of room for us to improve."

It was a close scoring quarter in the first, but the Chiefs edged out Monroe in points, tossing in 16, to Monroe's 14.

But the second quarter was another story.

It was the Chiefs highest scoring quarter as they added 20 points and held Monroe to nine, ending the half with a 36-23 lead.

The second half was an almost point for point exchange by both teams. Canton tossed in 28, and Monroe had 27.

The Chiefs tossed in 11 in the third, and Monroe added 14 to its score. In the final quarter it was 17 for Canton and 13 for Monroe.

Derrick McDonald led the Chiefs in scoring with 17. Jon Paupore, Mike Stafford and Tony Coshatt each contributed 12 points. Coshatt led in rebounds with 10, and Stafford had six assists.

"It's early in the season and we were a little slow getting out of the blocks," said Van Wagoner. "The guys worked hard, and we have a very good team."

Canton opened its season last Tuesday with a 71-58 loss to Wayne Memorial.

The last four minutes of the game were the deciding factor. With four minutes left to play, both teams were tied at 54.

"Their full court press got to us," said Van Wagoner. "They outscored us 17-4 in the last four minutes."

"I'm looking for us to get better as a team," said Van Wagoner. "We're a fine team, but we haven't played well. We will get better, it's just a question of when. We will improve our defense and rebounding if we're to be successful."

"The effort is there, it's just the execution that's not, and (for early in the season) that's a good sign," he added.

Chief wrestlers finish in 3rd

BY JAY KEENAN

You've gotta have heart.

And with lots of it, the upstart Canton wrestling team powered its way to a third place finish in the 10-team Plymouth-Canton Civitan Wrestling Invitational Saturday.

Canton coach Ray Givens, who is emphasizing that his team have good conditioning, said that his team's

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Salem's Mike Abraham battles for the basketball in the Rocks sound victory over Trenton Friday night. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

Salem grapplers fall

BY JAY KEENAN

Ron Krueger isn't wasting any time enforcing his team's education process on the wrestling mats.

The Salem coach, whose team is sporting a more youthful look this year, took his team down to St. Edwards High School in Cleveland Saturday to open the season with a quad meet against some of the top teams in Ohio.

And although the Rocks took it on the chin, the Salem mentor believes his team picked up some vital experience.

Host St. Edwards, which might be the number one rated team in the nation according to Krueger, trounced Salem, 67-3.

The Rocks also fell to a powerful North Olmstead and Xenia Beaver Creek - one of the top teams in Class AA last year. Salem was competitive in both matches, losing by scores of 41-23 and 45-27, respectively.

"I think our team learned a lot while they were there," said Krueger. "It was a real good experience for our kids to see how national teams work. Even though

we lost, we had some good matches where some of our kids did real well."

The Rocks, who are currently hampered with injuries in some key areas, lost a significant amount of points when they had to void out at two of their weight classes.

Most notably absent was 145 pounder Josh Viau (ankle) and Phil Haynes (shoulder) at 189.

Dan Bonnett, at 125 pounds, turned in Salem's top performance by winning all three of his matches.

Scott Martin (119) won two matches but lost against St. Edwards in a close match. Teammate Brian Killian (103) was also 2-1 on the evening.

At 140 pounds, Jeff Shumate earned two victories, but then fell to St. Edwards top wrestler.

John Moran (112) tallied one victory but lost his other two in what Krueger called "very rough matches."

Salem will travel to the Charlotte quad meet Thursday beginning at 5 p.m. The Rocks will then host the eight team Salem Invitational starting at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

Canton grapplers want respect

BY JAY KEENAN

Ray Givens is making no promises, but things could be a lot different this year with the Canton wrestling program.

The Canton coach, now in his fourth season, has seen his team struggle during his initial years at the helm.

Times are changing, however, and Givens believes the 1991-92 version of the Chiefs will earn a great deal of respect from their opponents.

PREVIEW

"I look for a good season," said Givens, whose team finished eighth out of the 12-team Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) a year ago. "You're going to have your dominate teams. But when you look over them, I hope you'll see Plymouth Canton over the hill.

"We've been down at the bottom for four years and now we want to be at the top. And I think our kids feel that way and I know I feel that way and we've all been working real hard. We'll just have to see how it goes and take them one at a time."

Givens, whose team finished with a 4-6-1 record in duals, has reason to be optimistic. Canton, which did not lose very many seniors to graduation, welcomes the return of a more experienced team.

"I think we're going to surprise a lot of teams this year," Givens said. "We've got quite a few seniors who are dedicated and working real hard, and I wouldn't put anything past them.

"Some of the coaches we're talking about 'oh, you guys are maybe going to be the cinderella team or something.' I don't like to think like that. I like to

Chiefs open at tourney

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performance gives the Chiefs an encouraging outlook on the season.

"Just by the way the kids wrestled, every one of our kids wrestled well," said Givens of Canton's opening season match. "I felt great. What really made me feel good was that the kids were conditioned and they had the heart. They weren't going to quit and they didn't quit.

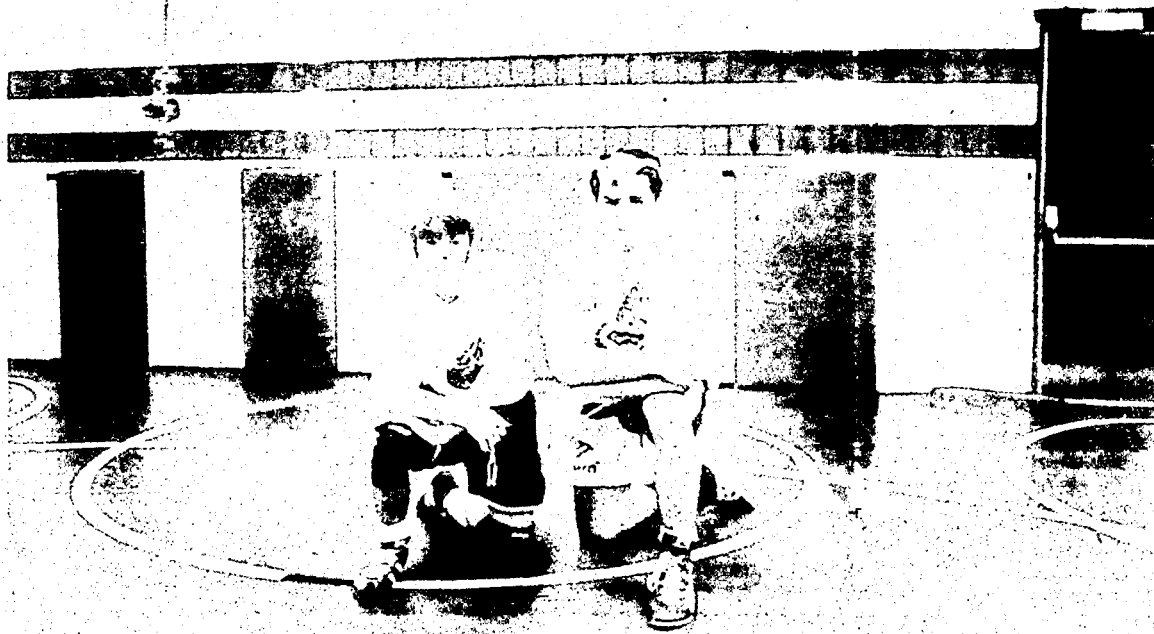
Adrian High won the meet and was followed by South Lyon.

George Young turned in a stellar performance for Canton at 171 pounds by pinning all of his opponents in his four matches en route to a first place finish.

Teammate Andy Strahan, a 103 pounder, also bested the field in his weight division.

The Chiefs also had a host of third place finishers which included Kevin

CANTON WRESTLING



This years Canton High wrestling co-captains are, left: Andy Strahan; right: George Young. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

think we're going to go out and do the best we can and whatever come, comes.

"And we're just going to keep working hard until we can be up there in the top two or three in the league. Hopefully, we'll be the number one team eventually. But it takes a lot of work to rebuild a program.

Because this is the first year where I've had kids where no other coach has coached them but me," said Givens.

Conditioning is another factor that will help the Chiefs this year. Many of Canton's wrestlers worked out during the summer, and the entire team works out

Pavalov (145), Jerry Flynn (140), Joe Hunter (152), Mark Armstrong (125), and Chris Christensen (161).

Mark Meszaros finished fourth at 189 pounds.

Givens, now in his fourth year at the helm, gave a lot of credit for this tournament success to the Civitans.

"We couldn't have done it without the Civitan people," he said. "They were so good. They bought the medals, the trophies, and then they came and helped us and worked the tournament.

"And when you've got people like that in your community, things will work out."

Canton will next compete in the eight-team Salem Invitational on Saturday (Dec. 21) beginning at 10:30 a.m.

together before school starts in the morning and again in the evening.

"These kids are probably in better shape than most any kids that are going to be on that mat starting the season," the Canton mentor said.

Givens lost standout Liam Rentz, a 145-pounder, through graduation, but has some reliable veterans coming back.

George Young, a senior, Canton's top returnee. He was the league champion at 171 pounds last year and will grapple at the same spot again. Young spent a lot of time refining his techniques in the off-season and finished second by one-point in the Grand National Freestyle Tournament during the summer months.

"George is one of the premier wrestlers in the league right now," Givens said. "He's somebody everybody will have to deal with in our league, and basically in this region."

Givens has depth at the lower weight class, with the return of Andy Strahan at 103 pounds. "Andy's looking pretty good and he looked real good in the scrimmage on Saturday against Northville," Givens said.

Strahan, though, is getting a push from sophomore Frank Tormaina, another 103-pounder who provides plenty of hope for the future.

"Frank could very well be a varsity A team wrestler for a lot of other teams right now," said Givens.

Set at 189 pounds is Mark Meszaros, a senior. Joe Hunter, another senior, is showing a lot of improvement and will wrestle anywhere from 145 to 155 pounds.

Canton also looks solid at 125 pounds with junior Mark Armstrong, who "has come on real strong," according to Givens.

Canton is also bolstered by the addition of junior Nick Spano, a transfer student from St. Louis, Missouri. A 141-pounder, Spano placed third in the state as a sophomore.

"He just came in a couple of days ago," said Givens. "He wrestled Saturday in the scrimmage at Northville and did very well. So we look for big things out of him.

"I think he needs to get in shape and get adjusted to what's going on around Michigan, but I think he could help the team a lot."

Senior Chris Christensen, who missed all of last year with an injury, is a possibility in the 160-169 pound and senior Nathan Valou is a strong candidate for the 130-135 classification.

The other positions, however, are "pretty much up in the air," according to Givens.

"I think it's our year," said the Canton coach. "I think those kids want it. There's a difference between wanting it and I've got to have it. Other kids want it, and I think these kids have that I've got to have it attitude."

Givens added that the program has been strengthened by the help of new assistant coaches John Craig, Craig Richardson and veteran assistant Jim Eddy.

The Chiefs will open its season on Saturday (Dec. 14) in the 16-team Plymouth-Canton Civitan Invitational starting at 10 a.m.

35th Court caseload continues yearly increase

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bodies in Plymouth-Canton-Northville is expected in January.

Law said bringing a new judge on at the start of 1993 will offer several advantages, including, staggered election terms for the three judges; allowing a new judge a chance to learn under the two current judges; and reducing court costs by eliminating the need for using visiting judges.

Garber, who has said he plans to retire when his term expires at the end of 1994, said the court will need more and more visiting judges by 1994 if a third judgeship is not created.

"A third judge won't increase revenues but will help hold down expenditures by eliminating the need for visiting judges," Garber told the advisory group.

Law said he would prefer a new judge locally elected than continuing to use visiting judges.

Tom Yack, Canton's supervisor, said the court had only two realistic options — elect a judge next year or wait until 1995. Yack made the proposal to ask for a new judge next year.

The last time the 35th tried to move ahead and obtain a third judge Canton was the only community to support the effort when it came to a vote by the governing boards.

Yack said Canton still felt strongly about the need for a third judge at the court.

"I haven't seen anything to indicate we no longer need a third judge," he said prior to last week's meeting.

James Jabara, a City of Plymouth commissioner and newest member of the

advisory group, said it did not appear "feasible" to wait until 1995 for a new judge.

"If we have to subsidize the court for a little while we should just look at it like an investment," Jabara said.

Court officials said Thursday that they had not yet heard from the state asking if the district needed a new judge. They admitted that even with the resolution to ask for a new judge there was no guarantee the state would fund such a judgeship.

Zoning oversight affects 2 City facilities

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O-2 designation does not exist under the new city zoning ordinance, which has been in the works for two years and recently came before the city commission for approval.

If the new zoning ordinance were adopted without addressing this issue, the businesses would be allowed to continue as usual, said City Engineer Ken West. However, if either of the buildings were damaged, in a fire for example, they would not be able to rebuild, he said.

This consequence is part of a new "non-conforming clause" in the proposed ordinance.

The ordinance glitch was the result of an oversight by the planning commission, said West.

The commission scratched the O-2 designation from the new ordinance because it didn't think the city had any O-

A new judge would cost the district \$81,000. Using a visiting judge for more than 154 days would cost the district \$131,000, according to statistics prepared by Marion Belding, court administrator.

Belding said the district must paid for the use of visiting judges, while state mandated judges are supported largely by the state.

The court's caseload has increased from 24,981 cases in 1984 to 35,505 cases last year. That represents a 42 per cent increase, according to a court report.

Zoning oversight affects 2 City facilities

2 properties.

"The planning commission was not aware, nor was I, that we had any O-2 until we went before the city commission," West said.

At the city commission meeting, the property owners pointed it out, he said.

"I remember talking about this earlier, but no one came back to it and it got passed over," said Planning Commission Chairman David Schaff. "It was not the intent of the planning commission to rezone," he said.

Apartments coming to downtown

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things." The project calls for 60 upscale apartments, West said, which could bring as least 120 new residents downtown.

There will be a progress inspection by the building department after six months. Foundation, sewer and site work can begin even in the snowy weather, Penn

The caseload for 1991 is projected to reach 37,927, according to the report.

Romulus' court, which saw 30,520 cases last year, currently has three judges on the bench, while Dearborn, with a caseload of 49,401 cases, has four judges.

The state average of cases per judge was 12,082 in 1990. At the 35th District Court judges Garber and James MacDonald handled 17,753 cases that year.

A caseload projection over the next five years predicts that the 35th Court will be handling 54,387 cases by the year 1996.

Zoning oversight affects 2 City facilities

The planning commission must hold a public hearing to give the property owners and neighbors due process before the property is rezoned, said West.

Two options exist: the property can be rezoned under a general business designation (B-3), which does exist in the new ordinance, or it can maintain its O-2 zoning and the new ordinance can be amended.

Either way, it is a further delay of a zoning ordinance many would like to see passed.

Apartments coming to downtown

said, as long as the ground doesn't freeze.

Unless the builder changes plans, Penn said, no further action by the Plymouth Planning Commission or the Plymouth City Commission would be needed.

The contractor obtained the permit before the time limit on the current site plan had expired, said West.

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Mem, are the Christmas bells and lights still working?

Debbie — nice dress!

DOES STEVE WALTERS like pigeons?

Jess — great job with the cookies. — The Cookie Monster

See — I CAN BAKE!

THANKS KATHLEEN for the fabric swatch — Jessica

Barb and Steven are talented cookie decorators.

Debbie — I want to know if it's the black one.

WELCOME THE NEWEST FRIEND — born this morning.

Curiosities

Happy Holidays to the blushing Californian & her family. P.S. Do I get my bowl back.

TOM REESE is a great tree trimmer! Thanks a lot!

Thank you L. I didn't even put in a bah humbug this week.

ERIKA WILSON makes great ornaments! Thanks!

Karl, Jimmy is coming home on the 26th & he said something about stopping by so he can tickle you.

JESSICA: thanks for your lemon cookies and the carrot cookies! — The Crier and COMMA, staffs.

Debbie carries her Christmas decorations around with her. Kind of a walking-talking Christmas tree, bringing cheer where ever she goes.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LARRY! S.A.S.

DOES JOHN RONAYNE read Curiosities? Thanks for the "hot wings"! Didn't know your daughter was a smart Spartan.

Curiosities

ALL Judy wants for Christmas is a hot air popcorn maker.

JESSE VARGA is a great tree trimmer! Thanks for your help.

What happened, I haven't seen a picture of Ray Stella in the paper for several weeks. He didn't go back to Arizona did he?

The lights & garland are finally up. When do we take them down?

I did it. I beat B. as Shanghai.

Look out OSU - here comes Michigan. 1st it was in football coming next - doing it in basketball.

Poor Kay, the only winner she knows is John.

L & LJ Surprise, surprise!

Carey was the "Belle of the Ball" She looked 18 and mom didn't cry "yet"

WAS THAT 'SANTA' AT THE Rusty Nail Fryer?

L - it's time to leave home.

Curiosities

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Julie! Stop in and see Phyllis this weekend. It's sock time.

Welcome Wendy from Florida, Do you like mushrooms on your pizza - EQ

"I WAS TRYING to not answer that question so I out-eged myself." - Sally Repeck, 1991 (now aged to 45?)

No wonder time flies, there are so many people trying to kill it.

VICKI in Salem Twp: do you read the curios?

My camera is a window to the world - EQ

Still can't get films out of a glass tea pot.

Welcome Eula Crispel to the MAD, MAD WORLD of The Crier

Glen, How's Kim?

Thanks for lunch, ED

Ken is a Rasta-man - EQ

Santa Claus is coming to town!...

Kevin's a great handyman - just ask him! (But please shut the door!)

To be or not doobie, doobie, do...

If you don't like the first answer you get, go ask someone else!?

Eureka! It's a desktop!

So now what do I do, now that my desk is clean?

Ready or not... Christmas is coming!

Ken you would make a great Santall

LARRY Was smiling Monday morning!

Curiosities

Debbie, Tappers does great toes.

Wendy would make a cute Christmas carol.

Does Mark Buser work 2 days in a row.

LEAH VARGA was a hard-working, high-climbing tree trimmer.

Congratulations (I think) to the almost new home owner in Tenn. Welcome to the world of house payments, Ron. - Love, Mom

From childhood's hour I have not been As others were - I have not seen As others saw - I could not bring My passions from a common spring. From the same source I have not taken My sorrow; I could not awaken My heart to joy at the same tone; and all I lov'd, I lov'd alone. Then - in my childhood - in the dawn Of a most stormy life - was drawn - From ev'ry depth of good and ill The mystery which binds me still: From the torrent, or the fountain, From the red cliff of the mountain, From the sun that 'round me roll'd In its autumn tint of gold - From the lightning in the sky As it pass'd me flying by - From the thunder and the storm, And the cloud that took the form (When the rest of Heaven was blue) Of a demon in my view.
Edgar Allan Poe

THANKS RICK BURROUGH!

LISA FILAR IS OLDER, OLDER, OLDER, OLDER!

Martins - Have a great holiday. - Guyora

DIANNE Q.: SCHNAPPS?!

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-Edgar Allan Poe
"The PR and the Pendulum"

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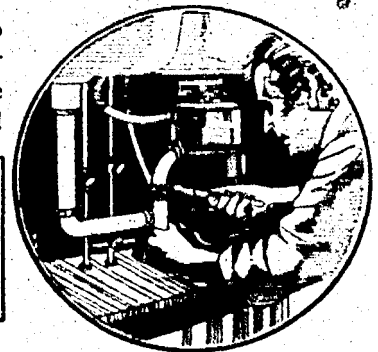
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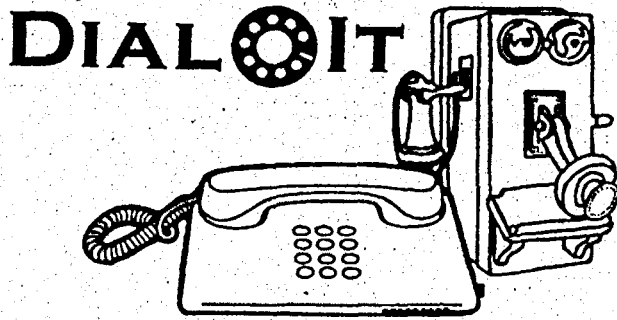
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