

It's official: State will purchase Mettetal

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

The state of Michigan told the Canton Township Board last night that it is going ahead with plans to buy Mettetal Airport.

The Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Pat Nowak, laid down the five major points of the state's intentions for the airport as they related to the Mettetal Airport Advisory Committee.

First: The state would not extend the runway beyond its present length of 2,556 feet without the express written permission of the Canton Township board.

Second: The state would allow no more hangars than what is

needed for the 130 planes now using the airport.

Third: The number of tie-downs would be limited to 70.

Fourth: The taxes normally generated by the users of the airport would stay in Canton.

Fifth: Parcel 12, at the runway's southern approach would not be purchased by the state. An air easement would be made to insure the safety of approaching planes.

Other concerns addressed by Nowak were that there would be a weight limit on planes at the airport, a citizen's advisory board, and traffic patterns regulated over residential areas.

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District officials say future depends on millages

BY CRAIG FARRAND

The air has finally cleared in the Plymouth-Canton School District's campaign to pass two millage proposals: Proposal A is dead and the district's future once again lays in the hands of local voters.

On Monday, residents will be asked to approve two separate tax proposals — a two-year, 17.74-mill renewal, and a two-year, 4-mill increase — that, administration officials say, will ensure not only the continuation of quality education but also allow for the reinstatement of previously eliminated programs.

For most observers, the renewal, which accounts for nearly 50 percent of the district's local operating revenue — or \$38.67 million in 1993-94 — is expected to pass voter muster.

According to district officials, a millage renewal of this magnitude has never lost at the polls. But in light of the June 2 defeat of Dearborn's equally large millage renewal question, they are being a bit more cautious.

Voters face millages, candidates for district, college Monday

A strong turnout is expected in the Plymouth-Canton School District election Monday, as voters decide the fate of two tax questions and select a member of the Board of Education.

In addition, voters will elect three members of the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees. (See pg. 4.)

That projection is based on the turnout for Proposal A, which saw 44 percent of registered voters going to the polls June 2, and rejecting the state plan by a 65-35 percent vote margin.

On the financial side of the ballot, voters will consider a two-year, 17.74-mill renewal and a two-year, 4-mill tax increase.

For the school board, voters will select from a field of five candidates, including incumbent Trustee David Artley. The challengers are Robert Burger, Terry Chuhran, Stephen Kiljanczyk and the Rev. Bill Myers. (For more on the candidates, see pg. 3.)

Polls open Monday at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

"We can't take any millage for granted," said Richard Egli, associate director for community relations. "So we're telling people to vote yes-yes."

"Renewals (in Plymouth-Canton) have always passed," he said "but Dearborn was a wake-up call."

For Ray Hoedel, the district's associate superintendent for business and operations, the result of the renewal's defeat would be very simple:

"We'd be in the same situation as Kalkaska," he said,

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Marking time in history

This 90-year-old grandfather clock — which used to keep time in the downtown Plymouth branch of NBD Bank — will soon have a new home at Plymouth's Dunning Memorial Historical Museum. The clock officially will be turned over to the museum on Saturday, but members of the bank and the city's historical society on were on hand early to talk about the move. Sizing up the clock are Betty Pint (left), Minnie Johnson, Margaret Dunning, bank Manager Richard Seaman, Bob Barbour and Howard Schryer. For more on the clock's unique history, see the special NBD historical section in today's Crier. (Crier photo by Eric Lukasik)



PCAC drops Wilcox Mill arts project

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

After two years of planning, and after raising \$100,000 towards turning the Wilcox Mill into a center for the arts, the Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) is pulling the plug on the project.

In letters sent last week to donors of the "Celebrate the Arts" campaign, PCAC President Dianne Quinn said the arts council board voted unanimously on May 26 to terminate its lease on the mill because "estimated costs had increased 20 per cent over the budget presented to the community in 1991."

Quinn's letter gave donors the option of requesting a return of their donations to the Wilcox Mill Arts Center.

According to the PCAC, donations

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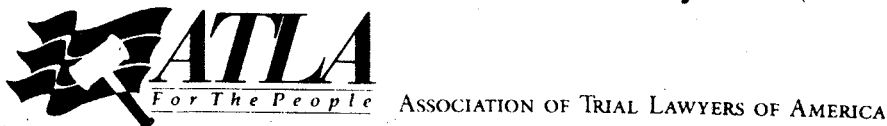
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The Western Wayne County Special Operations Team takes part in training excercises that include a hypothetical barricaded gunman situation. The team was, unfortunately, called on to respond to the real thing twice in as many months. (Crier photo Eriq Lukasik)

Special Ops Team is prepared for the worst kind of situations

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

"We have to be able to recreate the stress of a real critical incident," said Sgt. John Sherman of the Northville Township police. "It's the toughest training we can give by law."

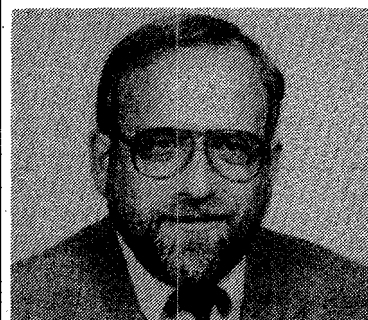
The training? A three-week course that Sherman called "basic SWAT certification."

"The training is extremely physical,

military-style training," Sherman said. "It's also a tactical and mental course."

The training, accompanied by a 4-inch thick student's booklet, covers several areas of police work: Hostage negotiation, the use of chemical agents and various weapons systems are part of the curriculum.

"The students are trained in the use of
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P-C school candidates face off on issues

Why are you in the race for Plymouth-Canton Board of Education?

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Do you support the 3 per cent raise for the district's teachers?

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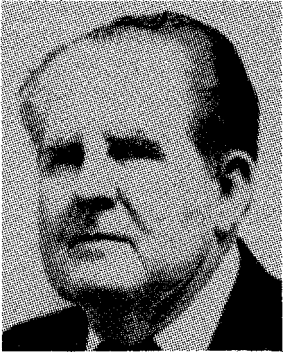


I moved to the district because of its schools; it was a good decision then and it's a good decision today. I have a vested interest in the school district: my son goes to school here — and since I'm a grandparent, I have a long-range special interest to be involved. Our children are the future and I've chosen to invest my time on their behalf; it's why I got involved and why I stay involved.

(No.) I remember when it came to the district four or five years ago; it's not what it was then. We'll be putting some testing in next year (to gauge performance).

I support that contract — but I recommended privately a different contract. It would be inappropriate to comment further, (but) when we went through the process, economic times were different. The next issue, though, is going to be health benefits.

ROBERT BURGER



I'd like to have a say in what direction the school district is going in the future. My background as a former teacher I think gives me a unique perspective.

I don't know that I'm much in favor of it; it seemed to be change for change's sake. I've been talking to people in other districts and teachers there are not happy with the outcome; the kids don't seem to be coming out of it prepared. I don't want our kids to go in that direction.

Yes, I support the increase. I think if anyone deserves more money, it's the teachers; they contends with the children, put up with all the changes and then help the child advance through school.

TERRY CHURAN



I'm in the race to focus on the waste present in the system; to see if our tax dollars are being spent as efficiently as possible. I'm really concerned about education in the United States as a whole in math and science, and I want our kids to excel in math and science, too.

(No.) I'm troubled by the fact that all of a sudden we're learning that our fourth-graders are illiterate; we need to do something quickly.

Everybody wants a raise; I can't not support a 3 percent raise for the teachers. They have families, too, and have to keep up their buying power. (In fact,) I think the teachers should be commended for not wanting more.

STEPHEN KILJACZYK



I'm in the race to improve the efficiency of the board; and I want to improve the level of leadership and decision-making. (The board has) made bad decisions; when I'm in my business, I can't afford to make the kinds of decisions the board has made. We have to make sure the board doesn't repeat its mistakes.

I think (the program) has been handled poorly; it leaves a lot to be desired. Overall I think it's been inconsistent, with fourth-graders being lost in the reading area. We need to have the program complement the traditional (method of teaching).

I don't believe in deficit spending with public funds. And besides, the board complains about FICA, but then increases salaries that will increase FICA. I think it would be a good idea to look at reopening the contract. We need to set priorities; we're not going to see the end of this. I think we would have had the people on our side and (in the future) I'd play hardball.

WILLIAM MYERS

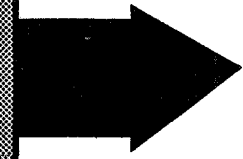


I got into the race because I saw some tremendously important issues in the district that needed to be discussed. Then, when I learned I would be leaving the district (to take a job elsewhere), I tried to drop out of the campaign, but was encouraged to stay. I apologize that I have become an issue, but I hope the message lives on.

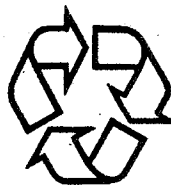
(No.) The program was designed to be used in a class with 15 or 18 kids, but we don't have that; we have closer to double that number. Consequently, the principles (of the program) don't fit, and now we have 400 fourth-graders not reading

I think people have to know that twice the teachers offered a buyout option to the board that would have saved the district \$1 to \$1.5 million — depending on how many would have taken the buyout — but it was rejected. The word was that the district didn't want the teachers to think that a buyout was always going to be available.

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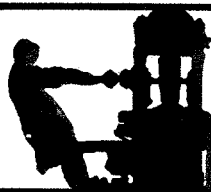


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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES-REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 25, 1993

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:34 and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes of the May 11, 1993 Study Session meeting as submitted. Supported by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes of the May 11, 1993 Regular meeting as submitted. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill asked that the agenda be amended by adding under New Business, Item J.4, Appointments of Ron Griffith and Charles Curmi to the Election Commission. With this change, Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda for the May 25, 1993, Regular Meeting as amended. Supported by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all.

Mrs. Mueller moved to support the request of the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees in the amount of \$500.00. Supported by Mr. Curmi. Nays all. Motion fails.

Mr. Curmi moved to approve Resolution No. 93-05-25-15 to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to enter into contract negotiations to develop a legal agreement for general and prosecution employment legal services with Hemming, Polaczyk and Cronin, P.C. Supported by Mrs. Massengill.

Roll call:

Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Griffith, Mueller, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy

Nays: None

Resolution adopted. The entire resolution is incorporated in the official minutes in the Clerk's Office.

The Board, as a whole, following the interview process, agreed that:

-this administration has a good rapport with the new legal firm of Hemming, Polaczyk and Cronin, P.C.;

-the new firm has provided legal services consistent with the township's current policies and procedures and at a lower fee;

-they have agreed to place a cap on their legal fees;

-they are within close proximity to Plymouth Township Hall;

-they have proven to be an excellent law firm.

Mr. Curmi moved to approve Resolution No. 93-05-25-16 to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to enter into contract negotiations to develop a legal agreement for labor employment services with Barlow & Lange, P.C. Supported by Ms. Arnold.

Roll call:

Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Mueller, Keen-McCarthy

Nays: Massengill, Brooks, Griffith

Resolution adopted. The entire resolution is incorporated in the official minutes in the Clerk's Office.

Ms. Arnold moved, upon the recommendation of the Clerk, to approve the appointments of Ron Griffith and Charles Curmi to the Election Commission. Supported by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Mr. Robert Zaetta questioned the amount budgeted for legal fees. Mr. Garron Gaulas asked if the charge would be double the rate, if in a legal case, the services for both law firms would be required. Mr. Lloyd Sharland asked if the acreage owned and not being used by the Water and Sewer building located on Port Street, could be sold to offset the deficit. Mrs. Mercedes Mullins addressed the Board in support of keeping Fire station No. 3 in operation.

Ms. Arnold moved to receive and file Resolutions and Reports as listed. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Griffith and supported by Ms. Arnold to move into Closed Session at 8:24 p.m. for the purpose of discussing pending litigation - Campbell vs. Plymouth Township. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

This is a permissible purpose under the Michigan's Open Meeting Act, Public Act No. 267 of 1976, as amended by Act No. 256 of 1978, Article 15.268, Section 8, Paragraph c.

It was moved by Ms. Arnold and supported by Mr. Griffith to return to the regular meeting at 9:24 p.m. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi moved to instruct the Township Attorney to proceed in negotiations with the plaintiff's attorney. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

It was moved by Mr. Griffith and supported by Mrs. Mueller to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Ayes all.
Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on May 25, 1993. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on June 8, 1993.

6 run for 3 Schoolcraft seats

Besides the local millage and school board election on Monday, voters in The Plymouth-Canton Community will be asked to vote on who should sit of the Schoolcraft College's Board of Trustees.

For this year's election, there are two six-year terms and one four-year term to fill.

Running for the six-year terms are Livonia resident John Walsh, Northville resident Patricia Watson, Westland resident Catherine Broadbent and Canton resident Linda Chuhran.

Walsh is currently serving on the board and holds a job as an attorney.

Watson works as a psychologist at St. Providence Hospital and is currently serving the board as its secretary. Broadbent

is the human resource director for Plymouth Township, and Chuhran is a senior accountant with General Motors.

Incumbent Winifred Fraser of Northville and Livonia resident Richard DeVries are running for the four-year seat.

Fraser is a retired administrator and faculty member with Wayne State University and DeVries is a retired Livonia teacher.

The two victors will join Chairman Mary Breen of Plymouth, Treasurer Michael Buley of Canton, Harry Greenleaf of Livonia and Vice Chairman Stephen Ragan on the board.

District's future relies on millages

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referring to the northern Michigan school district that closed its doors early this year when voters failed to approve local tax questions and the system ran out of money.

And Hugh Harsha, one of the citizen co-chairs of the millage committee said that any no vote on the renewal caused by voter anger over general tax complaints wouldn't be "just shooting ourselves in the foot; it would be cutting our legs off."

Unlike the tax increase proposal, the school board has made no contingency plans to deal with the defeat of the millage renewal question.

Still, the renewal has received far less pause for concern from most committee members than has the 4-mill increase question. And for good reason:

While the renewal promises to maintain programs under otherwise ideal conditions, the 4 mills will raise \$8 million in new tax revenue and will swell the district's local revenue base by more than 10 percent — even though it does not necessarily increase spending by the same amount.

(Each mill is equal to \$1 per thousand of state equalized valuation of property in the district, and would raise \$2 million in Plymouth-Canton.)

Instead, more than half of the increase is spoken for to offset a \$5 million projected deficit and prevent further cutbacks in programs and services.

Of the remaining \$3 million, about \$1.2 million will be used to pay the recently negotiated teachers' raise, and the final \$1.8 million or so will provide a slim contingency fund against future surprises.

In comparison, the district will probably close out this fiscal year with less than \$300,000 in the contingency fund.

According to district figures, the 4 mills would cost a homeowner with a \$150,000 house another \$300 a year.

To figure the cost of the 4 mills on your property tax bill, multiply the state equalized valuation of your home — which is half your market value — times the millage rate. For example, a \$150,000 home would have an SEV of \$75,000 — or \$75 X 4 mills = \$300.

A key component of — and a point of confusion in — the district's request for new money is the anticipated shift in

expenses previously paid for by Lansing.

These two areas — retirement and FICA — are expected to add another \$1 million to the district's deficit and are factored in all the literature being distributed in support of the millage.

"This is a crisis period for the state," Hoedel said. "The state got us after we'd already passed our budget (last year)."

"And we're anticipating a further erosion of our revenues (in 1993-94)."

At the outset of budget talks this year, the school board anticipated a \$4 million deficit for the 1993-94 school year; the addition of expected state expenses has pushed that figure to nearly \$5 million.

If, for some reason, the transfer of almost \$1 million in those expenses is delayed, however, officials have said the money would be retained in the contingency fund.

Although some critics have complained that the 4-mill request is too high, and that 2.5 mills would have maintained a quality program, administration and board officials argue that the additional mills are necessary to prevent future cutbacks should Lansing carry through on its plan to shift all FICA expenses to local districts.

Should the 4 mills be rejected, the board has identified 14 different areas that would be reduced or eliminated. Of these areas, however, one — the continued closure of the two recently completed elementary schools — is more a projected savings than a true reduction: The schools aren't open now.

On the flip side, should the tax increase be approved by voters, not only would the two schools be opened, but existing programs would be protected and some new money would be provided for program enhancement.

Oddly, two specific areas that appear on the so-called "restoration" list — which has been distributed throughout the district — were never in jeopardy of being cut in the first place.

The issues of busing cutbacks and the reduction of the school day by an hour were dismissed by the board nearly two months ago.

That they appear on the list a week before election has prompted some critics of the tax hike to accuse the millage campaign committee of using scare tactics to win the election.

State to purchase Mettetal

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With the announcement that the State of Michigan will purchase Mettetal Airport in Canton, a years-long controversy ends.

The ball started rolling in earnest in 1989 when representatives of the airport's owner, Steve Klochko, approached Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack to see if there was interest in converting the privately-owned airport to a publicly-owned facility.

The Klochko family said it was no longer interested in owning the 60-acre facility it had purchased from the Mettetal family and wanted to know if the township would like to buy and preserve the airport.

In 1991, Canton Township considered the idea of amending its zoning codes to eliminate airports as a special use in light industrial districts. The reasoning being that any changes in the airport would have to pass the Canton Zoning Board of Appeals.

The change in zoning was rejected on the grounds that restricting the expansion of the airport would cripple the airport's economic value.

After Yack passed on Canton ownership of the airport, the state said it would back a consortium of the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township to own and operate Mettetal through a Joint Operating Agreement. Canton Township's Board objected and filed a lawsuit to block the airport's sale.

Then, while that was hanging, the Canton and Plymouth Township Boards announced that they were forming a JOA to purchase and run the airport. The City of Plymouth was out of the agreement and then its voters overwhelmingly passed a City Charter amendment proposed by the Concerned Citizens group which said the city could not be involved

in an airport without voter approval.

The Canton-Plymouth Townships' agreement gave Canton the sole right to end Mettetal's use as an airport after 10 years — a clause that caused the Federal Aviation Agency to balk at funding the purchase of the airport. Both townships passed resolutions to end the JOA plan if its language did not win approval by a Sept. 8, 1992 deadline. The deadline passed without a consensus on the wording.

The newest phase in the row over Mettetal Airport began in February when the Concerned Citizen's group found that state assessors were looking at the site for a possible purchase by the state itself.

Once the state's intentions were made known, the township boards of Canton and Plymouth met in a joint "special meeting" with Canton Township Legal Counsel Andrea Fischer to discuss options in dealing with the possible takeover.

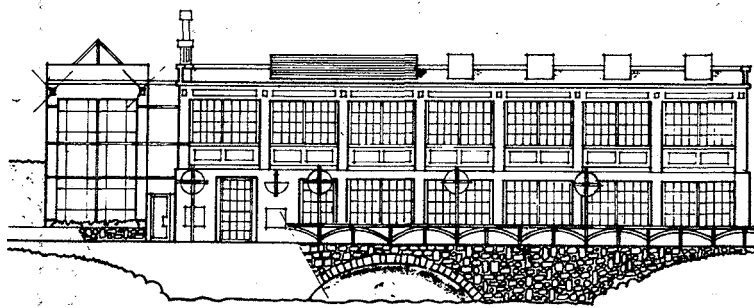
Fischer reported that there was no way for the townships to stop the state from buying the airport and that any agreement the state made with the townships concerning expansion or runway length could be broken at any time.

At the time of the meeting, the 120-seat township hall was filled to standing room only as citizens on both sides of the issue voiced their opinions.

Chief among the fears voiced at the meeting was that a state-owned Mettetal would be expanded so that larger, jet-powered planes could use the airport.

Representatives from the state said at the time that the state had no intention of expanding the airport's runway.

Presently, Mettetal airport serves small, piston engine airplanes — just as it first did over 50 years ago when two Northville-based pilots first asked the Mettetal family if they could land their plane in the field at Lilley and Joy Roads.



The plan to use the Wilcox Mill (left) by the Plymouth Community Arts Council has been scrapped.

PCAC drops Wilcox Mill project

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totaling \$40,000 had been received from individuals, \$3,350 came from community businesses and a \$50,000 grant was received from Ford Motor Co.

The historic mill at Wilcox Road and Hines Drive was originally built by Henry Ford as one of his famous "village mill industries." It was donated to Wayne County which offered to lease it to the PCAC in 1991.

At the time that lease was negotiated, the county and the PCAC hoped a state grant would be obtained to help with the building's restoration into an arts center. That grant never materialized and was a factor in the arts group's decision, said a PCAC press release issued Friday.

"I'm just glad it's over," said Quinn,

following three months of debate on the mill site's projected costs.

Sources at the arts council said the uncertain new potential costs included repairing the sluiceway under the building and restoring footings to the building.

Wayne County officials refused to speak on the project and to return phone calls Friday and Monday to explain what the county intended to do to ensure the building was safe or to propose other uses for the vacant building.

The PCAC left open the possibility that another location would be sought for an arts center, although, in the past, the PCAC board and membership were divided on the need for a permanent home for the council's activities.

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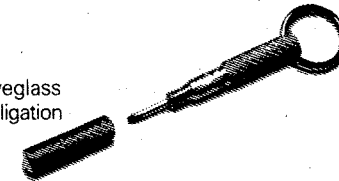
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Neighbors in the news

Plymouth resident Jill Thomas graduated Magna Cum Laude from Eastern Michigan University on April 25. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history.

Receiving degrees from Ferris State University for the 1992-1993 school year from Northville were Jermoe Przekop (B.S. in Business) and Elaine Baker (Associates in Science). From the city of Plymouth, there was Joel Gobel (Associates in Arts) and Jamie McAmmond (B.S. in Business).

Amy B. Wiczorek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wiczorek of Plymouth, is on the Dean's List at Aquinas College. Wiczorek is a senior at Aquinas.

Plymouth residents Nile J. Castleberry, Mary E. Kaljian-Lockey, Carol Kovach, and Nancy Werth were recently inducted into the International Honorary Schoolastic Society, Phi Theta Kappaa - Omicron Iota Chapter, along with 34 other students at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Earning degrees at Indiana University (Bloomington) from Plymouth were: Janet Lynn Turner (BS in optometry) and Lucia Engelen Welding (Doctor of optometry). Receiving degrees from Canton were: Sunil Vindo Patel (BA) and Robert Urdangaray (MS in environmental science).

WSDP has announced the names of the students to fill directorships positions for the 1993-94 School Year. The students selected were: Sweena Aulakh (Program/Music Director), Adarsh Pandit (Development/Special Project Director), Beth Eckerly (News Director), Reshma Shah (Promotions Director), Sarah Petrere (Production Director), Kara Fiegenschuh (Assistant Music Director).

Western Michigan University recently selected 10 students from CEP to receive a share of \$1 million in academic scholarships. The are: Tamara J. Filas, Stephanie Marie Gray, Carrie M Howe, April Karr, George McConnell, Rebecca McWilliams, Sarah Ankofski, Jessica Frank, Sheena A McDonald and Anne L. Zachary.

Special attention

Parents applaud program that helped 'special needs' child

BY AMY KIDWELL

There's nothing that parents won't do for their child.

Just ask Linda and Jeff Stoner of Canton.

Their 6-year-old son, Scott, has what they call "special needs."

Linda said they started noticing problems when Scott was young.

"He couldn't communicate and threw tantrums," she said, explaining that he got frustrated because he could not tell his parents what he wanted.

Jeff and Linda took a doctor's advice and had him tested for everything.

They found nothing.

So Scott entered what is called IPSEP, or Infant and Preschool Special Education Program.

Scott's speech pathologist, Teri Dillion, explains the program as a "real small group of kids with quite a few adults. We teach them kids how to play and help them interact with other kids."

The class consists of 12 children, ages 3 to 5, each with their own special need. Some are hearing impaired, some are autistic and some are speech and language impaired. Also in the room is a speech pathologist, a physical therapist and an occupational therapist.

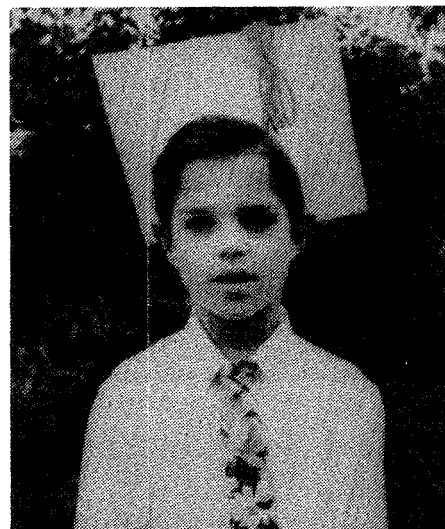
"What's really neat is that a lot of these kids are brilliant in one area, such as writing," she said. "That kid then helps the others. They learn real early that it's OK to be different."

IPSEP serves children from birth to 6 years old, and the classroom is just one aspect. According to Dillion, there is also a parent/toddler group that serves children through age 3.

At IPSEP, "Our goal is to get them into a regular program," said Dillion.

The program, housed at the Tanger Center, started about 15 years ago with a federal grant, Dillion said. Since that time, the school system has picked up the cost.

When Scott first entered the program,



SCOTT STONER

the family was living in an apartment. Linda and Jeff knew they wanted to buy a home and were planning on making their purchase in a neighboring community where "the homes and school systems are just as good but just not as expensive."

So why did they buy in Canton? They didn't want to pull Scott from the IPSEP program.

"The program has just been wonderful."

In the four years that Scott has been attending the program, Linda has developed a special relationship with his instructors, Dillion and Mary Kay Herr.

"There's a lot of interaction between parents and teachers," she said. For each student, teachers keep a journal and everyday, parents and teachers write notes back and fourth to each other.

That interaction really helps with the child's progress, Dillion said.

"He's got such good family follow through," Dillion said, adding that his reports are showing that his skill level are gearing toward a general education classroom.

"Scott really has a lot of knowledge. He just has a hard time organizing it and

getting it out," she said.

Dillion, who has been with the program for eight years, added the instructor/parent relationship "has to be a good, working relationship.

"This allows us to be objective," which is important, she said, because parents "come to us for an objective opinion, and sometimes, it's not what they want to hear."

When Scott first started in speech therapy, he was taught different sign to communicate.

"He's progressed so much from signing," Linda said that "Now he can tell a story just like any other boy."

Out of all the tests that doctors have administered to Scott, the only problem they could find was Attention Deficit Disorder, otherwise known as ADD. And although doctors cannot confirm her theory, Linda believes that part of his problem lies in the food that he eats.

She describes it like "Dr. Jeckel and Mr. Hyde." Whenever her son eats corn, she said, his behavior becomes uncontrollable. He will get very mean and then later cry about things he did in his "Mr. Hyde" personality.

To help other parents deal with having a "special needs" child, Stoner said that she and her husband helped start a support group. They meet once a month to discuss topics like how to deal with family members.

"If nothing else, it shows that you're not alone," she said.

Linda works as a programmer analyst for the University of Michigan, Dearborn and her husband as a salesman for Vision Engineering.

They have two other children, Kali, 10 and Randy, 5.

Scott will graduate from IPSEP on June 15 and move on to Farrand Elementary School.

The goal is for him to move into a general education classroom in two years.

Canton girl receives scholarship

Canton resident Michelle R. Magers is one of 21 students who received the Medallion Scholarship from Western Michigan University.

The \$25,000 award, spread over four years, is given for academic excellence and is made possible through private donations to the WMU Foundation.

She was told she had won the award in April but didn't decide to attend WMU until May.

"I was also considering U of M," she said, but added that the University of Michigan didn't offer a scholarship.

The daughter of Timothy and Carol

Magers, she is one of 16 valedictorians of the 1993 graduating class at Canton High School. Her cumulative grade point average is 4.055.

Aside from that honor, she was also one in four finalists for the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Award. And her extra activities include being a member of the National Honor Society, cross country team, student council and the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company.

"I was very surprised that they chose me," said Magers, "because I didn't do very good in the interview."

MICHELLE MAGERS



There were at least 40 people competing for the scholarship, she said.

Magers said she will study mathematics and education at WMU, "because math is my favorite subject," and she has some teaching experience in a math lab.

"It's just something I think I will be good at."

Special Ops Team remains ready

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scoped rifles, shotguns, AR-15 rifles (civilian versions of the military M-16), handguns and 9mm submachine guns," Sherman said.

The course also teaches officers how to set up strategic plans, command posts and directing operations, he added.

According to Sherman, not just any officer is allowed this kind of specialized training. All students have to be pre-approved by their respecting law enforcement agencies.

"We need students that are stable, physically fit, able to act under pressure and take and carry out orders," he said.

"Of course, every police officer should fit that bill," he said. "But SWAT officers have to be the cream of the crop."

Because the SOT has to be able to operate under the most extreme and dangerous conditions, the student candidates go through a special screening process.

"We have to go into buildings with barricaded gunmen and/or hostages," Sherman said. "That can mean a gun battle with the bad guys."

"You need to be able to rely on strong, stable officers."

The reason for having stable officers in the course is evident in the types of calls the SOT are sent out on.

The local Special Operations Team was called into action in a supporting role in the May shootings at the Dearborn Post Office. The team also staked out the

Northville condominium where Donald Madsen fled after shooting his wife in their Plymouth Township home.

Sherman said that the school started as a service of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department in 1978. They operated the school until 1989, when Canton took over operations.

"This year's class was a small one," Sherman said. "Only 20 students, but they were a very physically fit class."

According to Kenneth Frayer, professor of criminal justice and coordinator of law enforcement in-service training at Schoolcraft College's Radcliff campus, Western Wayne police chiefs are big on training.

"They have the belief that a more professional force is a better one," Frayer said.

Frayer, a 31-year veteran of the Detroit Police Department, said that the courses offered as part of in-service training (offered to certified police officers only) benefit from quality instructors.

"All instructors have at least a master's degree," Frayer said, "and all have street experience."

For instance, the course dealing with youth gangs is taught by Lt. Donald Curry of the Detroit gang squad division.

According to Frayer, the school takes cues from an advisory committee made up of police chiefs.

"They tell us what they would like their officers to learn," Frayer said. "We then provide that training."

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Demmer golf outing raises \$15,000 for Foundation

BY GARY GOSSELIN

Area business and political leaders got together at Fellows Creek Golf Course Thursday to play golf, socialize and, most importantly, raise money for the Canton Community Foundation.

"The (third) Annual Jack Demmer Ford-Canton Community Foundation golf outing was a big success," said Bill Joyner, executive director of the Foundation. "This is our single largest fund-raiser of the year, and our community didn't let us down."

Indeed, more than 200 people attended the \$125 outing, which started at 10 a.m. and included breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Joyner said Jack Demmer Ford, "(has) come forward for the last three years with a \$3,000 contribution each year."

Joyner added that the event netted a

total of about \$15,000 for the Foundation.

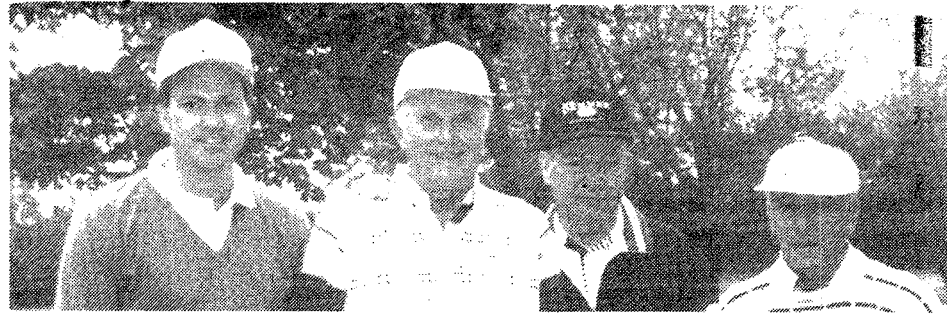
In addition, Waste Management Co., presented a check for \$20,000, and Pulte homes showed their support with \$5,000.

Joyner said that while charities nationwide are experiencing 3 to 4 per cent decreases in contributions, his organization has doubled its budget to \$153,000.

"That alone really says something for the community."

According to Joyner, the Foundation has provided \$60,000 in scholarships in the last three years, has funded family counseling for those that can't afford it, and has helped the literacy council, Plymouth/Canton cheerleaders, marching band and quiz bank.

The overall winners of the day — besides the Canton Community



Among those taking part in this year's Jack Demmer Ford golf outing fund-raiser for the Canton Community Foundation were Mike Ross (left), Jack Demmer himself, Jerry Heyer and Dick Harp. (Crier photo by Rudy DeChavez)

Foundation — were the American Yazaki team, which shot 14 under par (three strokes better than the nearest team).

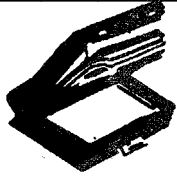
Finishing in last place (and winning dinner at Palermo's) was the Canton Chamber of Commerce team headed up by Tom Adamusik.

Tom Yack was honored for service to the community during the dinner, which

was attended by a number of officials from Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton, Livonia and Wayne.

Joyner said the date has already been set for next year, and has already received reservations.

He expects to sell out again for the June 2, 1994, event and said to make reservations early.



Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Maureen E. Fleming, M.D., doctor of obstetrics and gynecology, has announced the opening of her new office at 5800 N. Lilley Road in Canton.

Fleming relocated from Omaha, NE, and is a medical staff member of St. Mary Hospital in Livonia and Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

She will begin seeing patients starting June 1.

Midas Muffler and Brake Shops recently announced the introduction of their program, Safe Baby.

The shops will offer baby car seats at the wholesale price of \$42. When the customer is through with the seat, Midas will exchange the seat for \$42 worth of service and donate the used seat to a needy family.

Local participants are the shops at 705 W. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth and 41580 Ford Road in Canton.

The Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club will host a meeting about animal rights and welfare at 6 p.m. June 20 at the Mayflower Hotel.

Lois Thompson from the Humane Society will be the featured speaker, and will discuss legislative updates and progress that has been made against animal cruelty.

Riffle's Restaurant of Northville has announced two new appointments to its staff. Jamie Fleissner has been named executive chef, and Hugh Gall has been appointed general manager.

Welcome

Family-run business moves to P-C area

BY GARY GOSSELIN

The Griffin family will soon be bringing more than 100 years of funeral experience to The Plymouth-Canton Community.

The family recently held a groundbreaking ceremony at their new site on Ford Road in Canton.

The family currently owns and operates L.J. Griffin Funeral Home on Middlebelt in Westland and, David Griffin said the Canton site is a natural extension for the business.

"We've been serving the area for some time now," Griffin said, and "this just adds a presence and convenience for the immediate community."

The business is entirely family-owned and operated by L.J. and Geraldine Griffin, along with their sons David and Larry — all of whom are licensed funeral directors.

"It's unique working with your family," Griffin said. "There aren't a whole lot of family businesses around anymore."

"And because we work as a family, we're better able to deal with families that come to us on a more personal level."

Like their Westland location, the new site will include a 175-seat chapel "to help accommodate today's lifestyle," Griffin said.

He added that many people find it more convenient to hold services at an on-site chapel, rather than have to go off-site and deal with traffic any more than necessary.

Griffin said that while the new



The Griffin family was joined by friends and Canton officials for the official ground breaking at the site of their new funeral home on Ford Road. (Crier photo by Gary Gosselin)

building and chapel are more modern, he stresses that his family will keep their strong tradition in service and respect.

"We need to modernize facilities and keep up with today's lifestyles to make the process easier for families," he said, "but our family has a long, and strong tradition as well."

Griffin said that the building will be 17,500 square feet and will employ five

people.

He added that he's hoping to hire locally, and already enjoy's the community.

"Everyone in the area, from the neighbors to the township people, have made us feel welcom.

"We're looking forward to serving the community for years to come."

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P-C school candidates face off on issues

Do you support the 4-mill tax increase proposal?

Do you agree with the board's announced list of cutbacks should the 4-mill tax increase lose at the polls?

Do you think there is a communications problem in the district?

DAVID ARTLEY



Unequivocally, yes. The cost of this millage is essentially a Big Mac, medium fries and a Coke a week, (but) if we make cuts, it will take three years for the district to recover. We've been fiscally responsible and have exercised cost-efficiencies, but some things have been out of our control.

I'm satisfied with the process we used; I'm never happy about considering cuts. I think the things that are definitely untouchable are busing and (reducing to) a five-hour day.

I don't see people groveling at school board meetings, but I do see them having difficulty with the process (of presenting their views). One of the prime duties of a board member is to be accessible (and) we've improved over the past five years. Occasionally people come (to meetings) wanting answers and don't get one; that's an error.

ROBERT BURGER



I think we're going to have to go for it. I hear of certain teachers leaving the district, and I think we're letting our best teachers go I'd hate to lose these people, they're doing a great job.

On some of this — the extracurriculars — I'm really not for that; I wish there were some other way. I do like the idea of cutting administration; sometimes I think we're over-administrated. Beyond that I think I'd have to be on the board to know enough to be more specific.

I've heard that, and I've also heard of the lack of communication between the administration and the board. I think the public can take some responsibility (for the communications problem) because they don't always get involved. I think (one solution) would be to move the board meetings from elementary school to elementary school.

TERRY CHURAN



Yes. The bulk of the 4 mills (will only cover) the costs passed on by the state; I think the people will see that the 4 mills are necessary — and if they vote yes, then they can watch the cuts disappear.

I sure don't want to see any of those cuts go into effect, (but) I support the cuts as they are. Academics were first and that means that extracurriculars have to go. We just have to make sure the 4 mills pass.

Yes, there's a communications problem; I think we saw that when the board presented a film (on the developmental curriculum) first, before hearing out the people who came to the meeting. Communications is the key and needs to be worked on.

STEPHEN KILJACZYK



I'm against it. We need more accountability than (we do) money. Some things are out of proportion; salaries are out of proportion. We need to live within the budget and not get into deficit spending.

Yes, I agree with most of the cuts, except for extracurriculars. We can't cut busing or the school day, but I'd look at areas that are redundant with services available elsewhere.

Yes, I think there's a communications problem and I think it's something that has to be addressed head on. For example, I'd hold open forums for the public at which they could talk about any subject they want; and at board meetings I wouldn't limit the number of minutes a person could speak. There's nothing wrong with listening.

WILLIAM MYERS

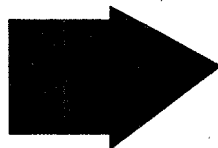


Yes. I think the one thing this district does very well is manage money. (But) I think too much emphasis is placed on money rather than people. Still, if we don't support the millage, we'll begin a precipitous slide (in quality).

I support all the cuts as they've been listed by the board, (and) if anything is untouchable, it's busing.

(Yes.) There's an apparent animosity in the district, and one of the first things that needs to be done is improve communications. (Right now) communications are abysmal; there needs to be better communications with the community. We have the best-educated people (in the district), but they're treated as dummies at board meetings. There needs to be a change in attitude.

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City adopts \$4.8 million budget, tax bills will rise by 6%

BY AMY KIDWELL

The City Commission has adopted most of the community's \$4.8 million 1993-94 budget that will see residential tax bills rise by about 6 per cent, but general operating expenses drop by 8 per cent.

The difference between the new revenue and reduced expenditures will be allocated to pay for increased cost of refuse collection and the Salem Landfill closure project.

As a result, actual operating revenues for the city will drop by 3.6 percent.

The portion of the budget still left to be addressed is that of the Downtown Development Authority, which needed to be revised due to the failure of Proposal A and news that the post office is no longer for sale.

That portion of the budget will be adopted on June 21.

As a result of new assessments, residential property taxes for the average homeowner will increase by about 6 per cent, while commercial and industrial property will decrease by almost 4 per cent.

This year's tax rate for the city actually decreased, from 13.57 mills to 13.08 mills. But because residents saw an average 10 per cent increase in their assessments, they will see the 6 per cent increase in their tax bills.

Commercial and industrial property assessments did not increase, however, so business owners will have a reduced tax bill.

The total proposed operating budget of \$4.8 million represents a \$412,000, or 8 per cent, reduction in the general fund.

The Police Department will see an

increase of \$23,000 in its budget, which City Manager Steve Walters said is less

than a 2 per cent increase for the department.

Settlement near on Roundtable Club?

Could the court hearings between the Roundtable Club (RTC) and the Mayflower Hotel's receiver, Hotel Investment Services or HIS, be coming to an end?

A settlement "is very, very close," said the president of HIS, Ron Wilson, who did not want to comment further "until the ink is dry."

Randy and Scott Lorenz, part owners of the hotel, took the receiver to court seeking a restraining order. The two were

trying to stop the receiver from converting the RTC into banquet space, a move that Wilson testified would be more profitable for the hotel.

Randy disagreed and testified that the receiver was falsifying numbers to reduce the RTC's profit, an allegation that Wilson has not had the opportunity in court to answer.

On Tuesday, Randy Lorenz said the Roundtable was "not in any imminent danger of closing."

Firm unveils center plans

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Monday night, the architectural firm of Barker Rinker Seacat unveiled the results of the schematic design phase of the plans for the proposed Canton Community Center.

Ron Rinker, speaking for the firm, said that the priority in the designing of the center was attracting people.

"We wanted to make a place where people liked to come," Rinker said.

"Either to use the facilities or just to watch their children."

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said that the construction of the boulevard leading to the proposed center will start soon.

The next step in the project will be to see whether or not the designs fit the budget for the center.

Yack also said that the township was looking into hiring a private firm to come up with a logo and name for the center.



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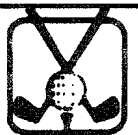
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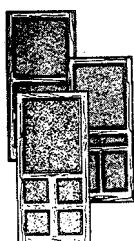


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FLAG DAY OBSERVANCE

The Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, in conjunction with the city of Plymouth, will hold a Flag Day Ceremony in Kellogg park at 2 p.m. June 13. Joining the ceremony will be the Plymouth Fire & Drum Corps, the Mayflower Lt. Gamble VFW Post #6695 and Vietnam Veterans Plymouth/Canton Chapter #528.

CANTON BPW MEETING

On June 14 at the Roman Forum Restaurant in Canton, the monthly BPW meeting will focus on: Women - Victims of Crime. The speaker will be Officer Tammi Colling from the Canton Police Department. The cost will be \$10. Contact Kelly Baldrice to make reservations.

ANNUAL POTLUCK

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging will host its annual Potluck on June 14 at 11:30 a.m. There is no RSVP deadline for this event to be held at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Bring a can of food for the Salvation Army. Call 453-1234, ext 236, for more information.

HOCKEY SKATING SKILLS LESSONS

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will be offering hockey skating skills classes this Summer. Classes will be offered on Friday afternoons, or Saturday mornings starting in mid-June. The Friday afternoon classes will start on June 18, and run for 10 weeks. The cost is \$90 for Plymouth residents, and \$99 for non-residents. The Saturday morning class will start June 19, and run 8 weeks. The cost of this class is \$72 for residents, and \$80 for non-residents. For more information, call 455-6620.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

American host families are being sought for high school students from Western and Eastern Europe, Asia, South America and Australia for the 1993-94 school year in a program sponsored by the American Intercultural Student Exchange.

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HEAD START PROGRAM RECRUITING

The Plymouth-Canton Head Start program is recruiting children for its 1993-94 season. The program, sponsored by the school district and federal government, provides education to parents of 3 to 4-year-olds. The program is free to those who qualify. For information, call 451-6656.

A NOVI PLAYERS PRODUCTION

The Novi Players, in cooperation with Moosehead Productions, will close its season with "Masters Degrees," a three act comedy at the Novi Center. The show is the third produced for local authors Marc Holland and Michael Davis-both Canton High School graduates.

The show will run the first three weekends in June with 8 p.m. performances on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. performances on Sundays. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door.

CANTON FIVE MILE RUN

On June 19, Canton Parks and Recreation will host the 15th annual Canton Five Mile Run. Men and women of all ages can participate. Registration is \$8.50; late registration (anything after June 17) is \$10. The race begins at 9 a.m. and starts on Proctor Road next to the administration building. Awards and prizes will be handed out after the race. This year's grand prize is a travel gift certificate.

Register in person or by mail to: Canton Parks and Recreation, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188. For more information, call 397-5110.

"RING OF FIRE"

Beginning June 19, the Detroit Science Center, located at 5020 John R at Warren in Detroit's Cultural Center, will feature the new Omnimax film "Ring of Fire." The film features scenes of a fiery volcanic eruption in Hawaii and the flattened forests on Mount St. Helens. Viewers will experience the center's six-track, total-surround sound system and a 67-foot domed screen that literally wraps around them.

A special opening rate of \$4 will be offered on June 19 and 20. The film will be shown daily through Dec. 31. For more information call 577-8400.

1993 JULIETTE LOW OPEN

Tee times are still available for anyone who wishes to participate in the 1993 Juliette Low Open sponsored by the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council. The event is scheduled for June 11 at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth. The day will end with a steak dinner at the clubhouse and prizes will be given. Interested golfers should call the council at 483-2370 or (800) 552-4929 ext. 224.

CANTON CRICKETS

For children ages three and four. Preschool program that offers crafts, low organized games, story time, special events, snack time. The program runs from July 6 through August 12. Registration began June 7. For more information call 397-5110.

AMUSEMENT PARK TICKETS FOR SALE

Canton Parks and Recreation is offering discount tickets to area amusement parks and attractions. They will be available for sale from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 397-5110.

CANTON SOFTBALL

Canton softball is accepting registration for its 1993 summer season beginning June 29. Entry fee is \$495 per team, and there is no residency requirement. Men, women, and coed leagues will be offered. Call 483-5600, ext.102, for information.

SYMPOSIUM ON DEATH & DYING

Main Street Baptist Church, 8500 North Morton Taylor Road, will host "Practical & Spiritual Tools to Cope with Death & Dying" from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on June 10. Pastor Mike York will serve as moderator for the program. To make reservations or obtain information, call (313) 453-4785.

BOYCHOIR ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS

The Boychoir of Ann Arbor, now preparing for its eighth season, announces auditions for places in the choir. Parents of boys aged 8 to 13 are invited to arrange for an audition by appointment with the director, Dr. Thomas F. Strode. Call 485-1534 before July 15 to arrange for an audition.



What's Happening

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

SUMMER DAY CAMP

The Salvation Army will host Summer Day Camp in three locations. The first session will run from June 21 to July 16 and the second from July 26 to August 20. For more information, call 453-8480.

SUPERVISED SUMMER CAMP

Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a summer camp for kids ages 5 through 15. Camp will run Monday through Friday from June 21 to August 6. Heritage Park, behind the township building, will be the site of the camp. Cost is \$33 per child per week or \$195 per child for 7 weeks. Fee includes beverage, one hot dog cookout per week, field trip, special activities, use of equipment and take-home craft projects. Register by mail or in person to the Canton Township Parks and Recreation Department.

SPITFIRE RUNNING CLUB ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Spitfire women's summer track team and the men's and women's road running club are accepting membership applications. There is a \$25 membership fee for either program. If interested, call Mike or Betty Krafchak at 451-5966.

CLASSIC FARMFEST ANTIQUE TRACTOR & ENGINE SHOW

The Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds will be the site of an antique tractor and engine show June 11-13. The grounds are located four miles west of Ann Arbor off I-94 at exit 175. The proceeds of this event will benefit the local 4-H youth programs.

The show is open to both clubs and individuals and there is no charge to exhibitors, with plenty of free parking and camping. Daily passes are \$2, weekend passes are \$5. Kids 6 and under are free.

FUN WITH INSECTS

Explore the world of insects with your children or just for your own enjoyment. Participants will learn how to find, identify, mount, and explore the insect world in their backyard. Participants must be at least 8 years of age. For reservations call Kris Broderick at 464-3616

GENEALOGICAL WORKSHOP

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be sponsoring a genealogical workshop June 19 at Dunning-Hough library. The workshop is open to anyone interested in working on family lines. Family work sheets will be provided. If you attend, you will receive helpful data concerning your ancestors. For more information, contact Sue Peters at 344-1335 or Gloria Collins at 348-1857.

FREE PREGNANCY TESTING

Free Pregnancy testing, help, and information is provided at Another Way Pregnancy Center Northville. For more information, call 380-1222.

HEARINGS ON AGING

This is your opportunity to express your viewpoints to policy makers about this three-year plan. This plan addresses how approximately \$61 million in federal and state funds each year are allocated for services to Michigan's older citizens.

The meeting will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on June 17 at the Inkster Recreation Complex, 1025 Middlebelt Road. Written comments to the Office and Commission on Aging will be accepted until June 25.

COURSE IN BABYSITTING

The American Red Cross is offering an eight-hour Babysitting Course for people ages 11 and over. The course will be held from noon to 3 p.m., June 16 to 18, at the Cross' Northwest Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile Road in Livonia. Call 967-0966 to register.

Curmi pleads 'no contest' to misdemeanor charge

Plymouth Township Trustee Charles Curmi has pleaded no contest in 46th District Court to misdemeanor charges of being a disorderly person.

According to a court spokesperson, Curmi "stays out of trouble" for six months, the case will be dismissed. If not, then it will go on his record as a conviction.

The charges stem from an alleged incident that took place on March 16.

A cashier at the Shell gas station at

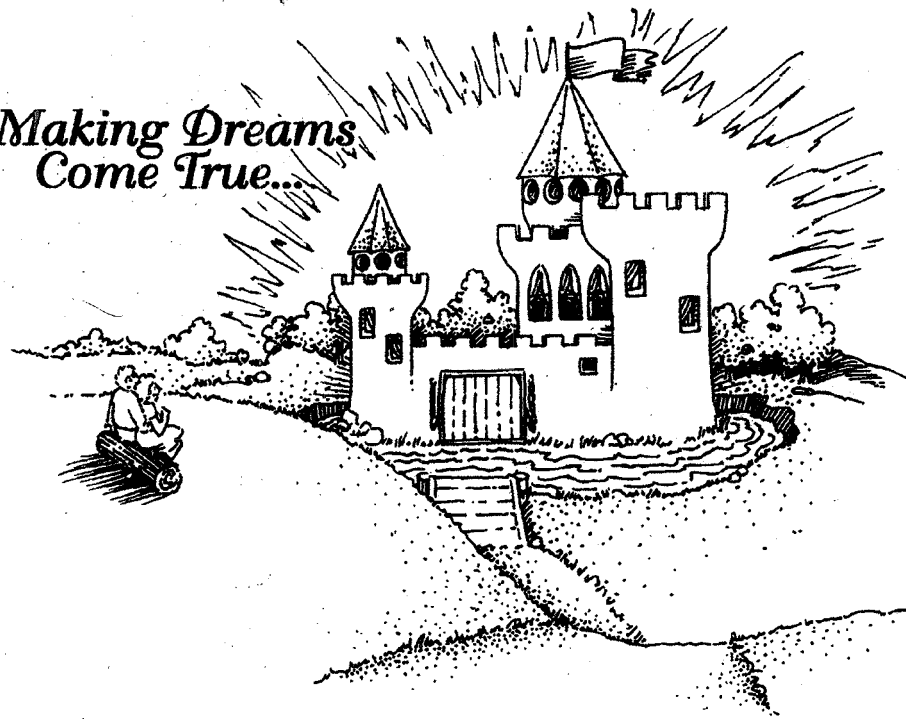
Ann Arbor Road and Tavistock reported to Plymouth Township police that a man, later identified as Curmi, disrupted early morning business by swearing at the woman and kicking over a newspaper stand.

She identified Curmi because of a signed charge receipt and a license plate number that the woman said she looked for as he left.

When the case was first reported, Curmi denied all allegations.

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Plymouth Family YMCA 14th Annual Run
Sunday, June 20, 1993

Jr. Jog • Tot Trot • 1 Mile Run/Walk • 5K & 10K Run

Entry Form

Leave kids at the "Y" camp while mom & dad run!

Name _____ Male Female

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Birth Date (mo./day/yr): _____

Race (please check): Tot Trot 1 Mile 5K Jr. Jog 10K

T-Shirt Size (please check): Youth Medium Youth Large Adult Small Adult Medium Adult Large Adult X-Large

Please send me information about being a Run Volunteer!

I hereby state that I am in proper condition for the race I have entered and that I waive any rights I may have against the Plymouth YMCA and any of their sponsors and the City of Plymouth for any injury or damages resulting from my participation in the Plymouth Family YMCA 14th Annual run.

Signature _____ Date _____

(If under 18 years of age)

Entry Form may be duplicated. One entry form per person please.

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Salem High School honors

Kathryn Albus: Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Julie Allen: Principal's Academic Award
Christine Anderson: Principal's Academic Award
Tina Balan: Principal's Academic Award

Sharon Bansal: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Woman's Club of Plymouth Scholarship

Kathleen Barker: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Anne Bartalucci: Principal's Academic Award

Derek Becker: Principal's Academic Award

Melissa Betley: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Christina Bish: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Albion College - Albion Academic Scholarship, Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Academic Scholarship, Emma Du Bord Foundation Scholarship

Nadine Boehm: Principal's Academic Award

Richard Bolton: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, National Honor Society Scholarship

Susan Bozell: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, American Legion Citizen of the Year Award

Shannon Bragg: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, National Merit Scholarship Program Letter of Commendation, ROTC 3-Year Scholarship, ROTC 4-Year Rear Admiral Scholarship, Texas A & M - SUL Ross Scholarship

Heidi Burnaska: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Celina Cabello: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Laura Carbone: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Eastern Michigan University - Regents Scholarship

Jodie Carr: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Michelle Cronan: Principal's Academic Award, George Mason University - Athletic Scholarship for Soccer

James Cunningham: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Ceci Warwick Memorial Award, American Legion Citizen of the Year Award, Michigan Technological University - Board of Control Scholarship, University of Missouri Rolla - Distinguished Scholarship Award, General Motors Institute - GMI Provost Scholarship, Tandy Technology Scholars - Academic Top Two Percent 1992-1993

Anthony Dajnowicz: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Matthew Dalley: Schoolcraft College Trustee Award

Rebecca Darga: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Justin Droz: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Kara Eddlemon: The Harold Rosin Canton Community Non-Traditional College Grant Madonna University - Edward and Hazel Stephenson Foundation Scholarship

Jodie Emmett: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Tandy Technology Scholars - Academic Top Two Percent 1992-1993, Madonna University - Edward and Hazel Stephenson Foundation Scholarship

Matthew Erickson: Plymouth Rotary Memorial Special Award

Ganya Faust: Principal's Academic Award

Todd Forbes: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, National Honor Society Scholarship

Jennifer Gawlik: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, National Merit Scholarship Program - Letter of Commendation Society of Women Engineers - Certificate of Merit, Tandy Technology

Scholars - Academic Top Two Percent 1992-1993

Julie Gawlik: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Tandy Technology Scholars - Academic Top Two Percent 1992-1993

Sheryl Gault: Schoolcraft College Trustee Award
Martina Geissler: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Tandy Technology Scholars - Academic Top Two Percent 1992-1993

Meredith Giles: Principal's Academic Award

Deanna Gladwell: Principal's Academic Award

Leslie Gotts: Wayne State University - Athletic Scholarship for Basketball

Natale Graves: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Corey Gulkewicz: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Woman's Club of Plymouth Scholarship

Scott Helmstadter: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Appointment - West Point Academy

Amy Homan: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Matthew Homes: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Kristin Honecker: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Sharon Hoover: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Woman's Club of Plymouth Scholarship

Tracy Hruska: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Erin Jackson: The Harold Rosin Canton Community Education Foundation Traditional College Grant, Woman's Club of Plymouth Scholarship, First Baptist Church of Plymouth Scholarship, Canton Kiwanis Scholarship

Andrea Jakubiak: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Wayne State University Presidential Scholars Award, National Merit Scholarship Program - Letter of Commendation, The University of Michigan Regents Alumni Scholarship, Woman's Club of Plymouth Scholarship, The University of Michigan Plymouth Branch Alumni Club

Donald Keller: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, American Legion Citizen of the Year Award

Jin-Shin Kwak: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, American Legion Citizen of the Year Award, National Merit Scholarship Program-Certificate of Merit, National Merit Scholarship, University of Michigan Horace H. Rackham Undergraduate Scholarship, Society of Women Engineers-Certificate of Merit, The University of Michigan-Regents-Alumni Scholar, Tandy Technology Scholars-Outstanding Students Award 1992-1993, Tandy Technology Scholars-Academic Top Two Percent 1992-1993, University of Michigan-Ford Endowment Scholarship, The Chapel of Four Chaplains Scholarship, Woman's Club of Plymouth Scholarship

Amy Lee: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Holly Lehner: Schoolcraft College Trustee Award

Cheryl Lim: Principal's Academic Award

Eric Livingston: Principal's Academic Award

John Lloyd: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Jennifer Lock: Principal's Academic Award

Amy Loe: Aquinas College-Spectrum Scholarship

Laura Long: Principal's Academic Award

Brandon Los: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Dawn Marrocco: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Craig Marshall: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Kirk Mayer: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Amy Mazurkiewicz: Principal's Academic Award, Woman's Club of Plymouth Scholarship

Rebecca McBe: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Society of Women Engineers-Certificate of Merit, Albion College-Presidential Recognition Award, Tandy Technology Scholars-Academic Top Two Percent 1992-1993

Cynthia McClure: Principal's Academic Award

George McConnell: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Western Michigan University Medallion Scholarship-University Excellence Award

Sheena McDonald: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Western Michigan University Medallion Scholarship-University Excellence Award

Jennifer McFall: Schoolcraft College Trustee Award, Canton Rotary Scholarship

Jennifer McKian: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, National Honor Society Scholarship

Hilary McMullen: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Grand Valley State University-Merit Scholarship, Michigan State Police Law Enforcement Career Academy Scholarship, Plymouth Rotary Memorial Special Award

Jonathan Miller: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Sandoz Corporation Merit Scholarship, National Merit Scholarship Program-Certificate of Merit, Albion College-Trustee Scholarship

Heidi Nurnberger: The Harold Rosin Canton Community Foundation Traditional College Grant

Allison Partain: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Mae Luelling Huron Valley Girl Scout Scholarship, Kalamazoo College-Honors Scholarship

Lauren Pilarski: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Cynthia Platter: Principal's Academic Award, Oakland University-Athletic Scholarship for Basketball

Amy Pollack: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Eastern Michigan University-Recognition of Excellence Award

Rebecca Pratt: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, American Legion Citizen of the Year Award, Woman's Club of Plymouth Scholarship

Susan Ratcliffe: The Harold Rosin Canton Community Foundation Traditional College Grant, The Woman's Club of Plymouth Scholarship, American Legion Citizen of the Year Award

Julie Ratawicz: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Alyssa Rickard: Harding University-Academic Scholarship, Harding University English Departmental Scholarship

Heather Robertson: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Julie Roe: Principal's Academic Award, Woman's Club of Plymouth Scholarship, Western Michigan University Art Excellence Scholarship, Columbus College of Art & Design-Art Honor Society Scholarship, Columbus College of Art & Design National Scholarship Competition Award, Columbus College of Art & Design-Art Instructor Selection Scholarship

Hanan Salem: The Harold Rosin Canton Community Foundation Non-Traditional College Grant

Lesli Schemers: Principal's Academic Award

Erik Schnurstein: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, National Honor Society Scholarship, University of Michigan Regents Scholarship Finland-United States Youth Exchange Scholarship, The University of Michigan-Regents-Alumni Scholar, Woman's Club of Plymouth Scholarship

Kevin Schoening: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Elizabeth Scoggins: Principal's Academic Award

Dow Shackelford: Schoolcraft College Trustee Scholarship Award, The Harold Rosin Canton Community Foundation-Chamber of Commerce Grant

Matthew Sherwood: Principal's Academic Award

Thomas Single: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Purdue University Engineering Dean's Scholarship Tandy Technology Scholars-Outstanding Student Award 1992-1993, Tandy Technology Scholars-Academic Top Two Percent 1992-1993, Woman's Club of Plymouth Scholarship

Charu Sinha: Principal's Academic Award

Holly Sinkunas: Principal's Academic Award

Christopher Soave: Lake Superior State University Board of Regents Scholarship

Shelley Sockow: Schoolcraft College-Athletic Scholarship for Basketball

Kristin Stackpoole: Ed Kleinsmith Memoria Award, Plymouth Branch of Women's National Farm & Garden Club Scholarship, Plymouth Rotary Memorial Scholarship

Jenna Stanton: Woman's Club of Plymouth Scholarship

Amy Striker: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Wayne State University-Presidential Scholars Award

Yashesh Sutariya: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Leah Szafran: Wayne Sparkman Memorial Scholarship

Lynn Tan: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, The University of Michigan-Regents-Alumni Scholars, Tandy Technology Scholars-Academic Top Two Percent 1992-1993, Woman's Club of Plymouth Scholarship, The Association of Chinese American's Award of Excellence in Academic Achievement, Leadership and Community Contributions

Brian Tomich: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Jessica Troup: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Tiffanie Van Ness: Principal's Academic Award, Schoolcraft College Trustee Award

Heather Verleye: Principal's Academic Award

Jessica Voyles: Plymouth Rotary Scholarship

Justin Wainwright: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Hope College Endowed Scholarship, Eastern Michigan University-Regents Scholarship

Susan Weycker: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Amanda White: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Angela Zaetta: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Angela Zirles: Principal's Academic Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Tandy Technology Scholars-Academic Top Two Percent 1992-1993

Plymouth Salem Honor Keys

Art: Laura Long, Allison Partain

Athletics: Tom Baker, Kristin Goff, Scott Helmstadter, Kimberly Miller, Cynthia Platter, La Tonya Wheeler

English: David Burtka, Jennifer Gawlik, Julie Gawlik, Martina Geissler, Jin Shin Kwak, Laura Long, George McConnell, Allison Partain, Susan Ratcliffe, Ramita Sandhu

Executive Forum: Amy Pollack

Foreign Language: Erik Schnurstein

Marketing: Ryan Hawley, Dawn Marrocco

Mathematics: James Cunningham

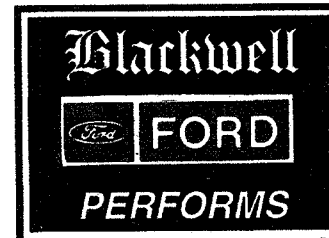
Music: Susan Bozell, Susan Ratcliffe, Michelle Vaquera, Jennifer Zayed

Science: James Cunningham, Jin Shin Kwak, Erik Schnurstein

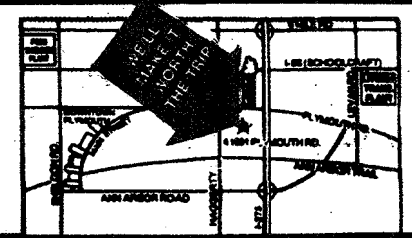
Social Studies: Richard Bolton, Corey Gulkewicz, Aaron Perry

Student Council: Jin Shin Kwak

Technology Education: Jason Ryan, Mike Sawchuck, Elizabeth Scoggins, Dan Wharton



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Main Street Downtown Plymouth
Early 1940s – above, Mid 1950s –
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**An oral history of The Plymouth-Canton Community by the 48 students
in Advanced Composition B class at Canton High School;
Spring, 1993 Matt Watroba, advisor.**

This section contains a sampling of the complete project.

*The lives of 'regular' people are important.
Their stories should be preserved and shared.
And these stories should be presented back to the
communities in ways which honor and dignify
people's experiences.*

—From The Oral History Center
Cambridge, MA

BY MATT WATROBA

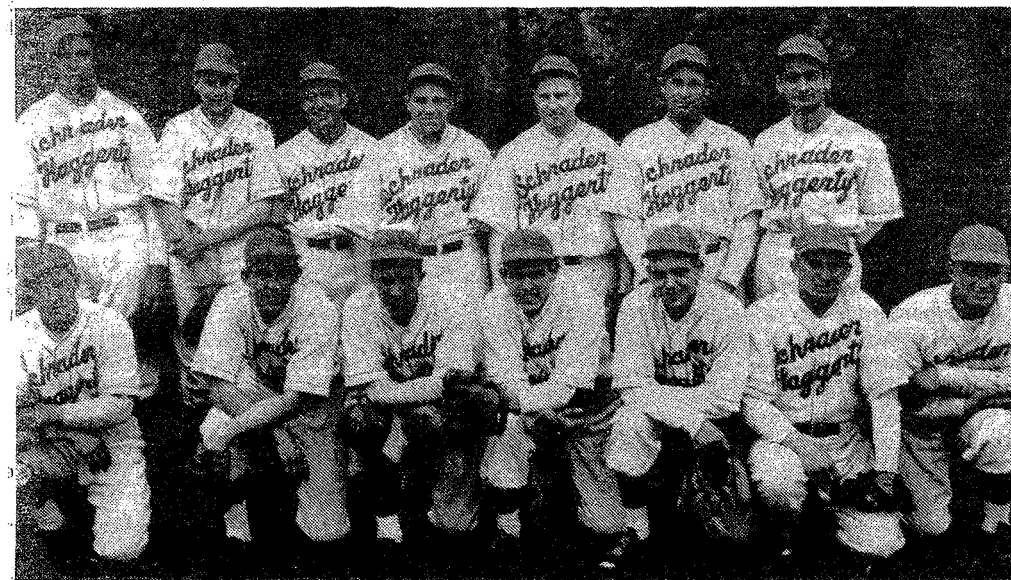
CANTON HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER



'I'll never forget the looks on their faces. It was the second day of the Winter semester, 1993. At this point in the term students in my two Advanced Composition B classes were alert, even eager to see what the next twenty weeks would hold for them. "We're going to write a book." I announced and waited for the reaction. "I promise that your experience in this class will be different than anything else you've experienced in school." They seemed to like this. I had two basic goals going in: to create a project with a "real world" application and have it be student centered and teacher directed. I wanted them to use the writing, listening and thinking skills they have accumulated to solve real problems in pursuit of a real goal. Creating an oral history seemed to be the most logical way for students to put these skills into practice. I have used oral history in my Intermediate Composition classes to great success. However, I didn't know if it would work on such a grand scale. My kids were skeptical when I told them that we would be creating this project together, but it was the truth. We got started by identifying fifty people or organizations who could benefit the project; either by finding us folks to interview or publicizing the idea. The results of those first student generated letters was amazing. People from all over the community were sending us contacts and lending support. In addition, the media took full advantage to publicize an activity where young people were doing something positive for themselves and their community. All three of our local papers, The Detroit News, and WWJ radio provided fuel to our work by illuminating it through the media. More than anything else it caused the students to say, 'Hey, we really have to do this now, don't we.'

What you are about to read in this supplement is just a fraction of their work. Over the past two months, students have conducted and transcribed interviews with over 100 people in our community. Our hope is to publish the larger work and make it available for sale and through the local libraries. Anyone in a position to help us reach that goal is invited to contact me through Canton High School. What you are about to read is not so much a book of history but a book of memories. For me it is a bridge linking theory to practice, teenagers to adults, and young citizens to their community. It has also proven to be the most rewarding thing I've ever done as a teacher.

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In 1940, the "Inter-County League" team that placed second was co-sponsored by Plymouth's Fred Schrader (of the funeral home) and Canton's John S. Haggerty (of the Haggerty Brick Company). On the team were from left: (top) H. Schryer, D. Hardesty, J. Williams, J. Horvath, S. Horvath, K. DeBozy, A. Panosian; (bottom) M. Wolf, H. Williams, E. Zielasko, L. Kubitskey, H. Field, G. Molnar, J. Schomberger (Missing from photo) W. Bassett and F. Kisabeth. (Photo courtesy of Schrader Funeral Home and Howard Schryer)

Cruising was thing to do here in the '60s

Irene Carson

BY RENEE JEFFERS

Irene Carson was born and has grown up in Plymouth. She graduated from Plymouth Schools, was married and raised a family as well.

I graduated in 1963 and my husband graduated in '62 and the last day of his school year one of his best buddies put a piranha in the head cook's fish tank at school and the piranha ate all the goldfish. In the cafeteria, the head cook had a big aquarium and it was all her fish, all her personal stuff. It was just to make it look really nice in the cafeteria. Everyone used to always make fun of her goldfish. The last day of school this kid put a piranha in the fish tank.

[Our hang-out] used to be called Maple Lawn. It's where Daly's is now. And it used to be our hang out. Either Maple Lawn or the old A&W on Ann Arbor Road. We dragged between Maple Lawn and A&W. Maple Lawn, it was a dairy that was around here but they also owned a restaurant that was what Daly's is now. There used to be places where you could eat outside have like a drive in. A&W was down there by where the Buick dealer is. There used to be an A&W right in there. Great hamburgers, I loved them. If you weren't in one of those two spots you weren't to be found.

Back then Hines Park was safe to go in to. You could go down there and find a baseball game or a volleyball game and meet your friends. There wasn't any drugs, there wasn't any booze. The worst thing we ever did was get kicked out of school for smoking. Hines Park used to be a really nice place to go. You could take a picnic down there or do whatever. It was safe. Now you wouldn't think of going down there.

My dad used to be a telephone man and I can remember when we went from having telephones. Our telephone number used to be 750 but it wasn't dial. You used to pick up the phone and have to ask the operator for number 750, and I can remember when we switched from that to dial phone. It was a phone, it just didn't have the dial on the front of it. There were operators that worked for Michigan Bell. When you picked up the phone, it would click and she'd say 'operator', and you'd say 'number . . . '.

My boyfriends number was 1414J. He had a party line. If you had a letter after your numbers that meant you had a party line. So you and maybe a neighbor shared the same phone line. It was cheaper that way. But because my dad worked for the telephone company we got a discount so we had a private line.

I can remember my dad working all one weekend around the clock when they converted to dial. Everybody had their own private line. The dial eliminated the operator. You could dial it direct. A lot of operators lost their jobs when we went to dial I think unless they gave them different. I could call my boyfriend who was on a party line and he could talk to me but then if the other person that he shared the line with picked up the phone they could listen to our conversation. We didn't like that at all.

In high school Mr. Griffith who's the director of music out at the high school now, was my husband's band director. When my husband was in band you used to have to spend so much time in the practice rooms, practicing the song. I worked down in the office for Mr. Gorguze on co-op. I worked for the assistant principal of the high school. I went to school half a day and then I worked for him half a day. I went down to the band room to find my boyfriend, now my husband, and he was in the practice room. He gave me a kiss in the practice room and Griffith caught us kissing. He's never let us forget it. He teases us all the time. He just told me I better get back down to the office and forget what I was doing. He teases about that to this day, about catching us kissing in the practice room. That was big time stuff back then

I can remember our family getting our first colored television. The first TV we had of course was black and white. I don't think we had a colored television until I was probably either Junior High or High School, probably the mid 50's. As a real little kid we used to watch a show called Howdy Doody, that was neat. The big thing to do on Sunday mornings was to watch all the cowboys. The Roy Rogers, Dale Evans, and Gene Autrey Show, and the Lone Ranger and all that kind of stuff.

To get more history:

History is a rich tradition in The Plymouth-Canton Community. To obtain more information on history here, contact:

*The Canton Historical Society - 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, 397-0088.

*The Plymouth Historical Society - 155 S. Main St. Plymouth, 455-8940.

Additional information can be found by reading:

*Sam Hudson's books: "The Story of Plymouth, Michigan - A Midwest Microcosm;" "The 150th Anniversary History of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, Michigan;" "Pictures of Plymouth Past and Present."

*Diane F. Wilson's "Cornerstones - A History of Canton Township Families."

*Helen Gilbert's books: "Tonquish Tales" Volumes I and II.

*Roy R. Schultz's "Canton Area - The Sweet Corn Capitol of Michigan."

*Charles A. Root Jr.'s "The House on Ann Street."

*Cass Hough's "It's A Daisy."

*Canton's Sesquicentennial Edition, 1984.

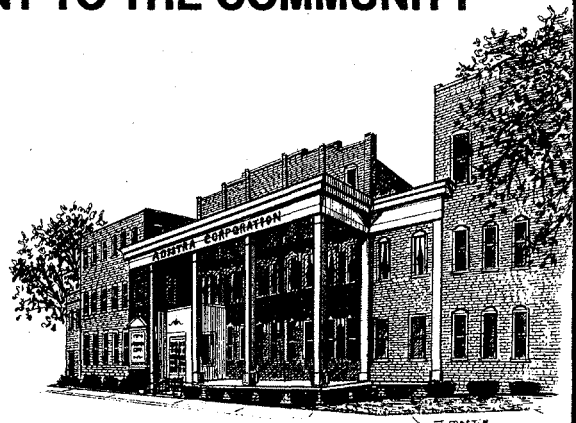
*The Crier's Bicentennial Time Capsule Edition, 1976.

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The old swimming hole was at Joy and Ridge

Dr. C. A. McClumpha

BY SUSAN SROKA

Dr. C.A. McClumpha, a veterinarian, was born in Plymouth on October 25, 1931, and has lived in the same house basically all his life. His house has been in his family for 150 years.

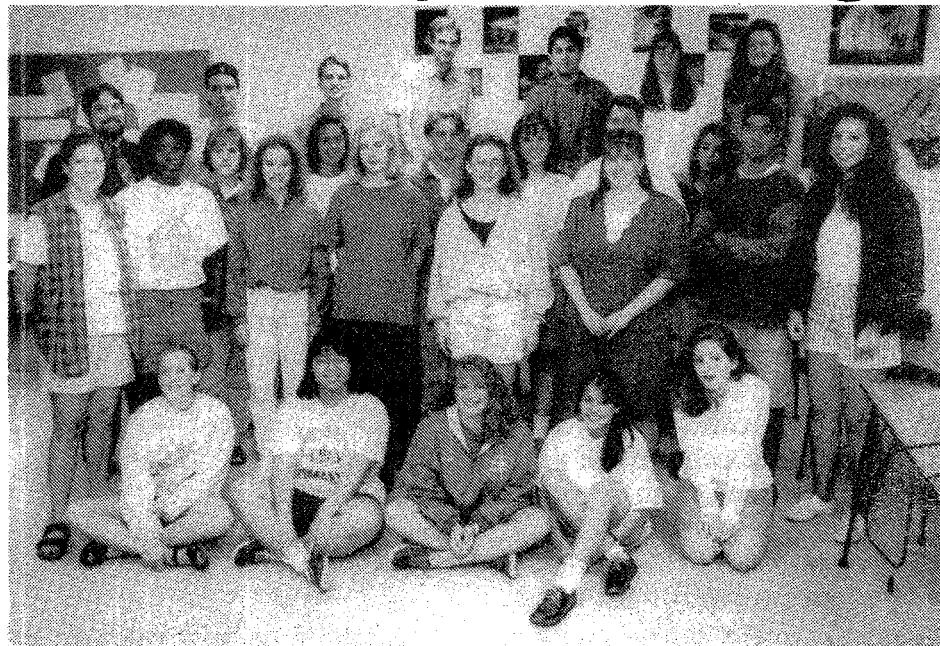
You could leave for lunch if you wanted to [high school] but not many people did. The only reason I'd leave at lunchtime was to go get a haircut or something like that. Anywhere we went we could walk. You could drive to school but you'd have to get special permission. Very few people drove in Plymouth, a few of the older guys might drive when they got up in 11th and 12th grade might drive if they were on vocational ed where they had a job after. There were no busses until I was a senior, you had to get to school any way you could.

I rode to town with my dad because he worked in town. Melvin drove to school, he lived on Hanford Road and he drove to school because that was the only way he had to get there, unless somebody took him. His folks were farmers, the car was home most of the time, it was the family car. We didn't have two cars when I was growing up. When dad was gone, why you were here unless you wanted walk somewhere or ride a bike. If you wanted to go to the store and get some pop you could ride over on the corner of Ridge and Ann Arbor Rd. there was a little store and gas station over there, you could get a pop, ice cream or a candy bar or something like that. The other way down at Cherry Hill and Ridge Rd. was West General Store. We didn't go very often but once in a while we did.

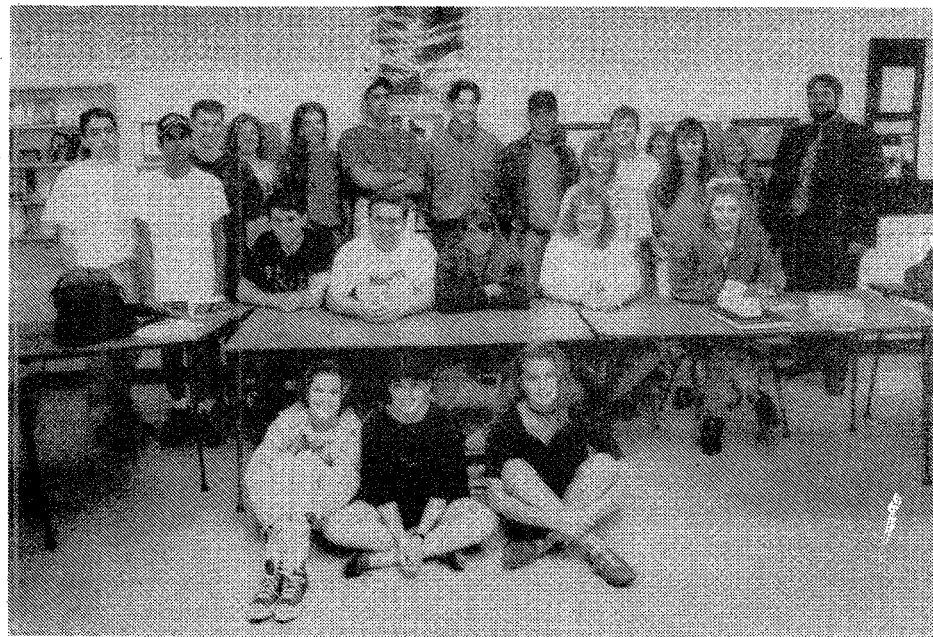
We swam in a creek down the road. In the wintertime it was a nice good clean crystal coldwater, we used to drink it. When we made ice cream in the wintertime we went down and chopped the ice out to the creek and carried it up in a burlap bag and hammered the bag with a axe until we broke it all up to small pieces and then we had a little hand crank ice cream machine.

When I was growing we had no refrigerator, in the 50's we did, we just had an ice box, no refrigerator while I was growing up. We didn't have a bathroom in the house. We put in central heat and running water and a bathroom in 1959.

When I was growing up, you had to travel a ways to play with kids, your own age. There was a family that was from Beck and Ford Rd. used to walk over here to swim in the creek, we had sort of a swimming hole down there. Then there was another on over on Joy Road just West of Ridge, we used to swim over there and of course we walked this whole countryside, it was all pastures and fields, the houses were hither and yonder on the roads but you could walk from here to Joy Road.



Students who participated in the oral history project of The Plymouth-Canton Community are pictured with Matt Watroba, the Canton High School Advanced Composition class advisor. The students are: Vinay Ahuja, Miriam Bacon, Kevin Berlin, Jason Chapman, Danielle Douglass, Dana Driscoll, Shafali Dua, Miriam Garcellano, Meredith Giles, Kristin Goff, Amy Goodhart, Paul Gumber, Heather Hinkley, Erin Jackson, Caroline Jarvey, Cheryl Lauzon, Jessica Lopez, Brent Lumsden, Sarah Makins, Marcia Parker, Ryan Patrick, Jennifer Puckett, Julie Ratkewicz, Daniel Reese, Susan Sruka, Nicole Tremonti, Michelle Umerlik, Brooke Bartolucci, Daryl Biallas, Meredith Conte, Jill Dennison, Penny Donaldson, Kathryn Drogowski, Nicole Fisher, Scott Fohey, Amy Furmanek, Jennifer Garvey, Hysen Halim, Rex Hamilton, Meredith Hicks, Brian Jansen, Renee Jeffers, Mark Koziol, Shari Kushner, Aaron Leanhardt, Molly Newton, Sameer Patel, Christin Wertanen.



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Air rifles fought off The Depression

Ernie Archer

BY PENNY DONALDSON

Robert "Ernie" Archer is a long-time resident of Plymouth and is involved and interested in the community. The funny, former redhead is a fascinating guy with many interesting and humorous stories.

That's like the only thing we had in town, a movie theater. The original one used to be on Penniman Avenue down the street from where the one is now. It burned and then they built the one that's there now. They used to have an organ in there and they'd play for the silent movies. In silent movies the actors and actresses would pretty much just pretend they were talking so you couldn't hear the voices. But they printed words on the bottom of the screen and the organ player would be going along playing music. I think the old one was bigger because it had a balcony. Once in a while they'd have a vaudeville act come out: maybe a couple dancers, singers, clowns, or something like that. Nobody had money to go into Detroit to see big shows and things.

We went to the movies pretty often. It depended on how much money we had. I think it was only 10, 15 cents, but we didn't have the money. We went to the picture with brothers and sisters and maybe the neighbors. We never went as a big group because those who were younger than I was wouldn't understand what the movies were about, anyways, and we didn't have enough money to pay for a whole group in one night.

When I was in high school there was very little really for us to do. Most of us had to work after school, but there was one or two places would have dances. On Friday nights they'd have a dance at the Masonic Temple and on Saturday nights they'd have a dance across the street at [Julen Break Hall]. We could go, if we had a date. Probably during intermission or something we'd have an extra dime or a quarter so we could buy the date a glass of pop or something like that. But not until after high school did we start going out very much. At the special school dances, like the [jay hop] or the prom, the music was always live. For proms we used to decorate the auditoriums in the high school and every class would do it differently. They'd put fall season ceilings on, paper the walls or decorate them in the auditorium. Very pretty affairs. The jay hop was for the junior class and the seniors had the prom. It was considered the highlight of the school year to go to the prom or the jay hop.

Down by Hines Park there's one place to go swimming, but it was just like a great big mud hole. There was a tree growing over the creek and there was a big branch out there. We used to crawl up the branch and dive into the pool of dirty, muddy water and when we'd get out o' the water we'd be covered in bloodsuckers.

I belong to the Presbyterian Church and most the kids in my school belonged to that church. The minister had twin daughters who were in our class at school and I used to date one of the twins. There wasn't too much church activity, maybe on a Sunday afternoon or evening they'd have

some little gathering in the church for us with cookies and milk or cider, or something like that.

Not too many of us went because there was The Depression and you didn't have money to go to college. I worked in the Daisy Air Rifle factory for two years just to save money to go to Cleary College for one year. That's as far as I could go. Back in those days Plymouth had Hamilton Air Rifle, Daisy Air Rifle, King Air Rifle, and the Markum Air Rifle all in that section of town. They were building rifles for World War II and, I guess, they were in operation for World War I also. Then, after the wars, they started to make toy guns and so forth. When I graduated from school that's about the only place where you could find a job. We went straight from school to the factory.

The factory conditions were very nice. It was almost like another classroom. In downtown Plymouth, where the Danny's grocery store is, the building around the corner and back was the Daisy Air Rifle factory. Then across the track there's a restaurant called Plymouth Landing that used to be the Markum and King Air Rifle factories. Then towards Ann Arbor Trail was Hamilton Air Rifle. The building is still there but it's used for different things now. I made the boxes for the guns. You just stick the ends and the top like this under the machine and then press it and it's nailed. I had to make about a hundred boxes an hour.

I saw an article in the magazine that told about the women back in the 1920's with their long hair. They'd go to the beauty shops and they'd have their hair bobbed. I remember the day my mother went to a barber there in this little town called Rosebush and she had her hair bobbed. I met her coming down this little dirt road to our house and her hair was so short I hardly recognized her. She had this string of hair and it was about 18 inches long. They had it braided real nicely. I found that hair in a drawer the other day in my house where she had it tucked away. It was as red and as pretty as it was the day it was cut.

When we first came to Plymouth, we lived on Hamilton Street, that's right over by the Daisy Air Rifle and the Hamilton Air Rifle. It was a nice house and it's still standing. Then my mother and father decided that they needed a bigger house. Roe Street, where I live, was all vacant land pretty much except for 4 or 5 houses, so they bought a lot down there and they built the house themselves. The house wasn't much bigger, but it was ours. We lived there for a few years and then the family got larger and we got older. We had to have more room so we bought this old house in about 1928. We moved into it and they fixed it up. I still have it.

People got interested in eating rabbit, like the Swedish people coming over to this country. We had them, so every week my mother and I had a bunch of rabbits to kill and clean and get ready for these Swedish families. It only takes a few minutes to do a rabbit. It's easier than cleaning the feathers off of a chicken. We raised maybe a couple hundred chickens every year, about 50 turkeys, some ducks, geese, pheasants, and I used to raise cocker spaniels.

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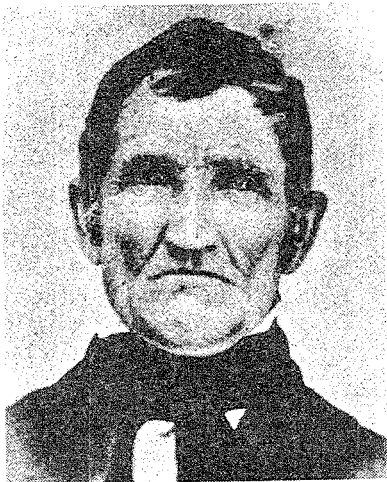


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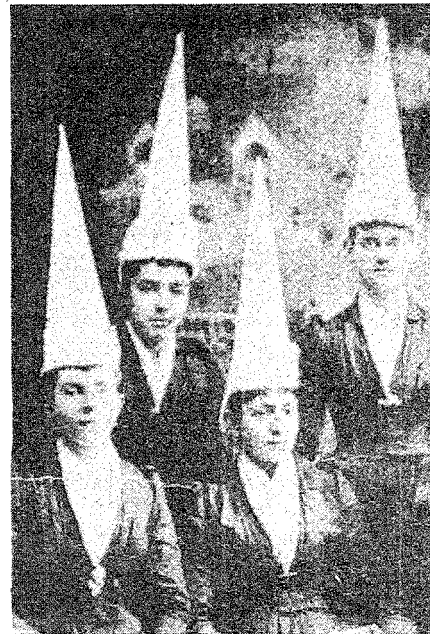


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Great Moments In Plymouth's History



Circa 1865. John Kellogg, born 1786, built house on present site of Christian Science Church on Ann Arbor Trail in 1835.



1890 - The "Peek Sisters" performed a charity at Amity Hall

1825 - William Starkweather built the first "house" in Plymouth near Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail. He was followed soon by other settlers like John Kellogg, pictured here.

1826 - George Anson Starkweather was born Feb. 20 in Old Village, thus being the first white person born in Plymouth.



1880 - The Phoenix Block had been rebuilt only to burn again in 1893

1827 - Plymouth Township collected its first tax -- a total of \$154.40.

1834 - Canton Township is split off onto its own from Plymouth.

1836 - Nine businesses now lined Plymouth's Main Street opposite the Village Green.

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Great Moments in Plymouth History

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1840 - Plymouth's population was 2,163 while Detroit's was 9,102 and Ann Arbor's was 3,600.

1851 - Ebenezer Jenckes Penniman was elected to U.S. Congress. He was later president of the First National Bank of Plymouth when it opened in 1871.

1856 - The main block of business opposite Kellogg Park burned down. It was rebuilt -- thus gaining it the name "The Phoenix Block."

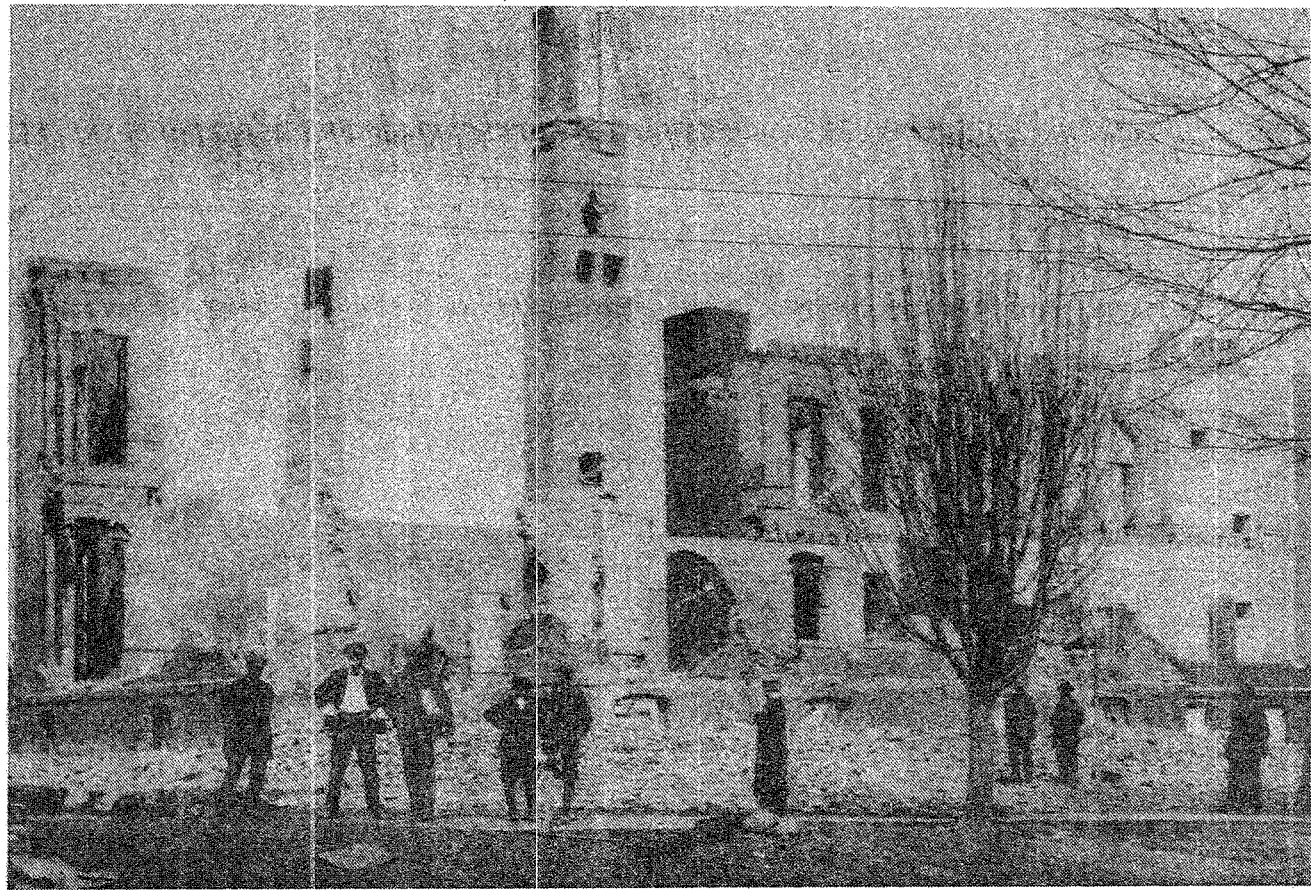
1867 - Plymouth is voted into incorporation as a village by a vote held in the Adams House, opposite Kellogg Park.

1871 - The Detroit and Howell Railroad reaches Plymouth.

1893 - As the Village of Plymouth developed, fire protection was a major issue by all who recalled the fire of 1856. A water line system and fire hoses were purchased in 1893, but the fire companies were not yet formed and, in April, reportedly at the hand of an arsonist, the main block burned down again. News

reports around the state said, "Plymouth burned down last night," and it is that event -- 100 years ago -- now being celebrated as Plymouth's 100th Anniversary.

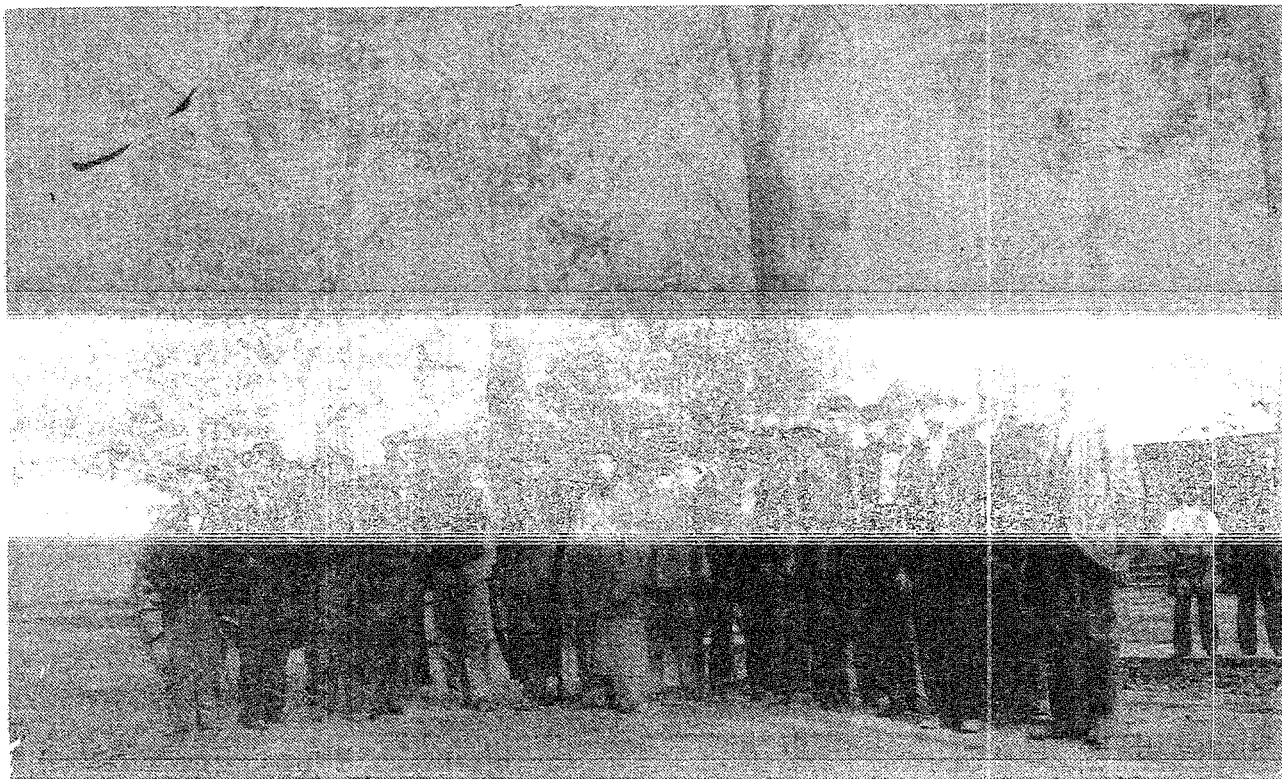
1898 - Northville and Northville Township are split off from the Plymouths.



1916 - The Plymouth School fire destroyed the school. Classes were held in various buildings throughout town until the new building (now Central Middle School) was completed.



1893 - The fire that "burned Plymouth down" destroyed the George Van DeCarr Saloon. Van DeCarr later became the town barber.

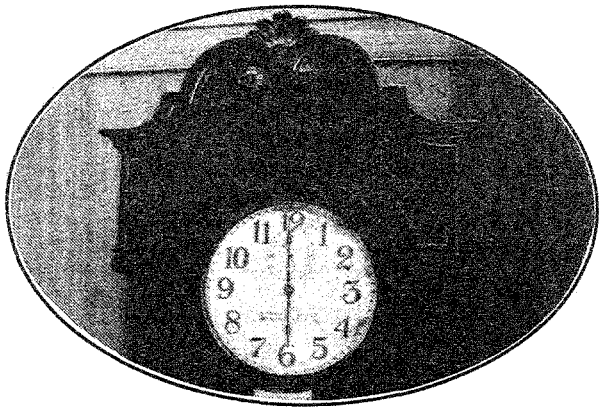


1895 - One of Plymouth's first three volunteer fire departments

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NBD's Downtown Plymouth Office Begins Saturday

Lobby Hrs.: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.



NBD

NBD donates antique clock to Plymouth Historical Society in honor of 100 year anniversary



"In memory of Louis Cass Hough, one of the founders of this bank and its vice president at his death on January Eleventh Nineteen Hundred and Two."

The grandfather clock displaying this inscription stands well over six feet high, and from the outside appears as so many other fascinating relics of days gone by.

Its darkened patina finish gives subtle testimony to decades of age; its unique pendulum hangs silent after generations of keeping time.

But behind its facade, deep inside its hidden workings lies a fascinating story almost as lost as the clock in an anteroom of the Main Street, Plymouth branch of NBD.

For one time this clock was connected by intricate cabling and switches to two other timepieces in the 80-year-old building at the corner of Penniman — and was the heart and soul of daily life at the site, the home of banking since 1920.

The clock, an early, turn-of-

the-century hybrid electric timepiece — built by the Standard Electric Time Co. of Springfield, Mass. — operated in its early days on direct current, the original method of electrical distribution favored by Thomas Edison.

Later, however, it would inherit a system of transformers and mechanical rheostats that would enable it to survive in a modern world of alternating current.

But over the years, the cables have been disconnected, the wiring cut, and the intricate linkages that synchronized all three have been left as a pile of discarded antiques in a rarely used basement alcove.

And while the other two clocks ticked on — high on the walls overlooking the bank lobby below — the grandfather clock became as forgotten as the direct current that gave it life and the banker it honored.

But no longer.

On Saturday, June 12, the 91-year-old grandfather clock will be turned over to the Plymouth Historical Society for display in

the city's museum.

In ceremonies at noon in the NBD Main Street lobby, branch Manager Richard Seaman will present the antique to representatives of the Plymouth Historical Society, Beth Stewart and Margaret Dunning.

Although the clock will then remain displayed in the bank lobby throughout NBD's three-weekend celebration (see related story), eventually it will be moved to the museum located just a few blocks down Main Street.

And will it ever keep time

again?

Already two different clock-makers and electricians have examined the timepiece, and several have said it can be put back in working order — for a price.

But that's another story.

In the meantime, residents are invited to come and see the clock and take part in bank festivities on the three consecutive Saturdays starting this weekend.

...and ponder the inscription engraved on the clock's glass door.

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NBD Is Committed To You!



NBD adds another chapter to the rich banking tradition of Plymouth this Sat-urday: The downtown branch of NBD will begin opening its lobby for full customer service on Saturdays.

And NBD will be holding special events to not only mark the beginning of its new hours, which will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., but also to add several more pages to the story of the community:

• At noon on Saturday, June 12, NBD will formally donate a 91-year-old bank clock to the Plymouth Historical Society, and begin a three-weekend fund-raising program to help finance the Historical Museum's programs.

• On June 19 - from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - NBD's downtown branch will host a child I.D. program in conjunction with the Plymouth Police Department and Henry Ford Medical Center, Plymouth.

• From noon to 2 p.m. on June 26, the NBD branch will present the sounds of the Plymouth Community Band in Kellogg Park.

With these events, NBD continues a tradition of community involvement by the banking industry in Plymouth - and in the state.

In fact, of all the historical footnotes Plymouth can contribute to the story of Michigan, one of the most unique is the history of banking in The Community:

The first official bank in Plymouth was founded less than 11 months after Michigan was admitted as the 26th state in the Union.

And since that time, while technology, banking laws - and even bank names - have changed, one thing has remained constant: Banks have been doing business in downtown Plymouth for 156 years.

It is that legacy that NBD celebrates today as it looks back on 40 years of doing business on the corner of Main Street and Penniman.

Between the founding of that first bank - the Wayne County Bank at Plymouth - and the arrival of NBD on the scene in 1952, however, the history of banking is dotted with well-known family, but long-forgotten bank names.

For example, little more than a year after opening its doors, the Wayne County Bank was essentially looted by Detroit bankers who took the

assets to start other banks elsewhere. As a result, Plymouth went without an official bank from 1838 until 1871.

But with the founding of the First National Bank in 1871 - with E.J. Penniman as its first president - the tradition of banking was never broken again.

Although the names continued to change - and new banks entered the area.

First National, for instance, was reorganized in 1891 as the First National Exchange Bank, with George Starkweather as its president. And then in 1884, the Plymouth National Bank was founded, with T.C. Sherwood as president - but it, too, reorganized six years later to become the Plymouth Savings Bank, with E.C. Leach as president.

Setting the stage for what would come in the throes of the Great Depression and all throughout the 1980s and '90s, these two banks - Plymouth Exchange and Plymouth Savings - would consolidate in 1903, with Charles Fisher as its president.

Its new name? Plymouth United Savings Bank - a company that would become an integral player in another merger 50 years later. In fact, the building that sits on the corner of

Main Street and Penniman became the headquarters for the bank in 1920, having been built seven years earlier.

Along a separate timeline, though, another bank opened in Plymouth in 1924: the People State Bank, with John Hubert as its president - but like its banking relatives, changed names in 1926 to the First National Bank of Plymouth.

And it was this name change that set the stage for what was to come in 1952: The two local banks - Plymouth United Savings and First National - agreed to merge with the National Bank of Detroit.

And NBD moved into the Main Street and Penniman office.

Today, the downtown Plymouth NBD location is run by Branch Manager Richard Seaman, who has been with the company for 38 years "next month" and in charge of the Plymouth branch for five and a half years.

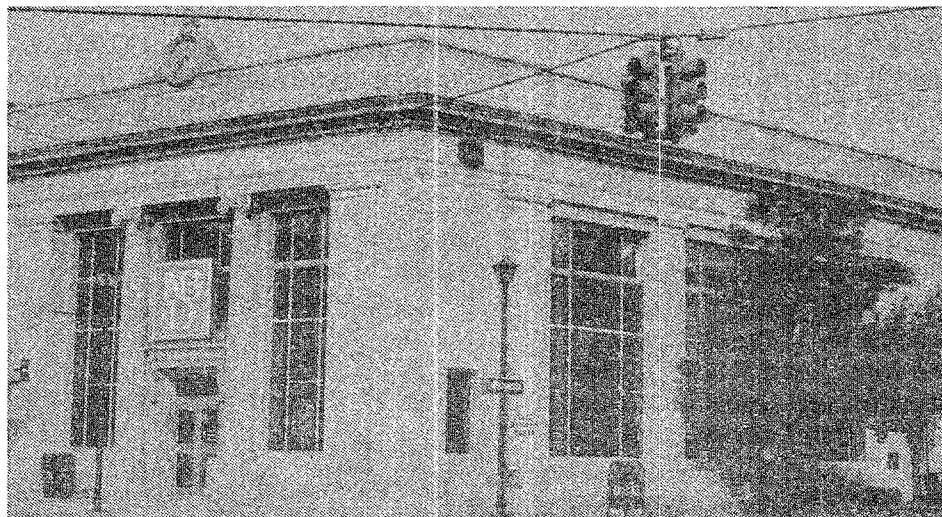
Although having served in numerous capacities within the bank during his tenure, Seaman said he was extremely pleased to take over the downtown branch - for a very personal reason.

"I've lived in Plymouth Township for 20 years," he said, "and it's a real pleasure not only to live so close to work, but to be able to greet our customers as my friends and neighbors as well."

Seaman is joined by eight staff members, with Janet Bosell having served 15 years at the downtown branch.

NBD Bank is the largest banking company in Michigan, with 336 branch offices across the state and 1993 assets of \$24.4 billion.

In addition to the downtown branch, NBD has two other offices in Plymouth, one in Canton and one in Northville.



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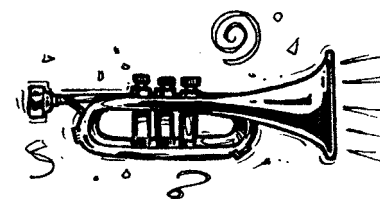


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to help this community thrive and grow by offering convenient Saturday service. Now you can do the banking you couldn't do during the work week on Saturdays at our downtown location, even access your safe deposit box.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

To help, mark our new hours, we're donating this historically significant clock to the Plymouth Historical Society as our gift to the community. Join city officials and other important dignitaries as we gather on Saturday, June 12th at noon. Clowns, balloons and refreshments will help mark this festive occasion. Plus, the lucky winner of our children's coloring book contest will receive a \$50 savings bond on Sat., June 26.

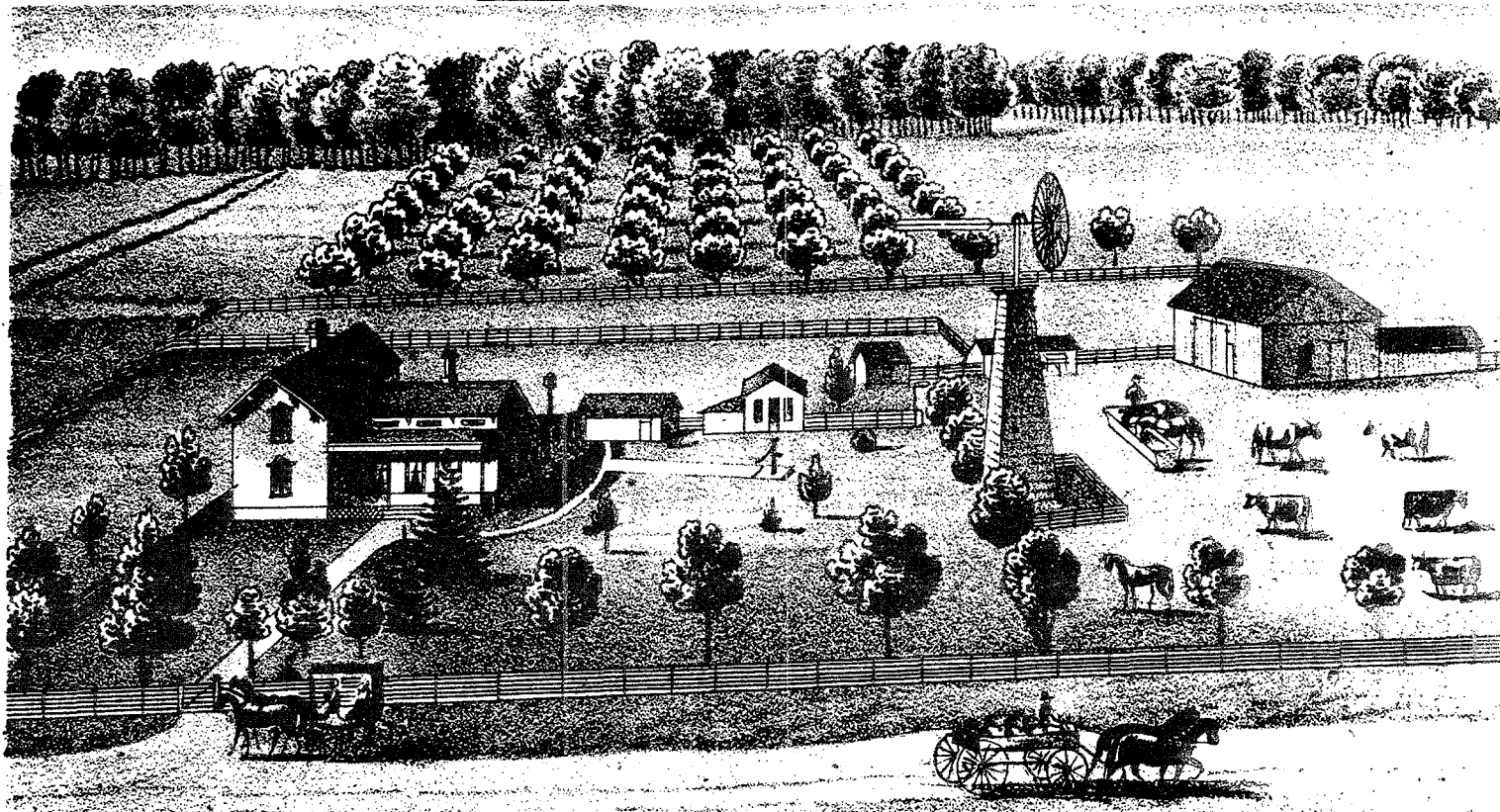
SATURDAY, JUNE 19

The special events don't stop there! On Saturday, June 19th, Plymouth police and Henry Ford Medical Center have joined forces to offer Child ID Day. Just bring your child to our downtown branch office for a free, potentially lifesaving, child photo identification kit. Plus, the lucky winner of our children's coloring book contest will receive a \$50 savings bond on Sat., June 26.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

Finally, on Saturday, June 26th, the Plymouth Community Band will perform from noon to 2pm to get you in a festive mood. Plus, the lucky winner of our children's coloring book contest will receive a \$50 savings bond.

Every Saturday in June, customers who bring in the coupon on page 3 to our Plymouth location will receive a special coupon book full of discounts on NBD products and services as well as discounts from local merchants. And for every new account opened on these three Saturdays, \$5.00 will be donated to the Plymouth Historical Society. Plus, there's plenty of free parking and lots of fun and prizes. So make time to see why the right bank can make a difference...at NBD.



Farm residence of Oscar Huston, Esq., Canton Twp., Wayne Co., MI.

Did Dorothy have to wear a dunce cap?

Dorothy West

BY MEREDITH GILES

Dorothy G. West is an interesting woman who is full of information and facts of Cherry Hill and Canton. She is involved in the Historical Society and works in the museum on Canton Center Road.

The School was at the corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill. It was called Cherry Hill School. It was from 9 to 4. There was a 15 minute recess in the morning, 15 minute recess in the afternoon and 30 minute for lunch. We had show-and-tell, prayer, sang songs.

I had to go to Plymouth to take a test. The teachers were responsible for the janitor work and taking care of the school. The teacher would have committees of three people that would take of things of chores. They would wash the boards, sweep the floors, dust, and take down the flag at night. They had somebody who would come in and start the fires in the morning.

My husband lived across the road in the big yellow house, where my daughter lives now. There were 7 boys in the West family and they all took turns of getting the fire going at school. It was part of our learning experience, having jobs to do. My brother -in-law, who ran the general store on the corner, gave us a 2 burner oil stove.

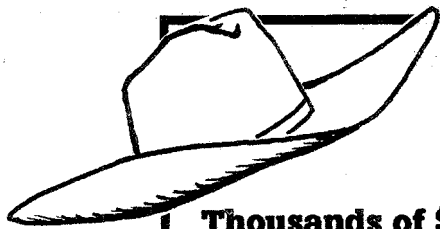
There was a creamery where the factory is. We'd stop there and get milk, or we'd stop at the store and get carrots and potatoes and make soup or make cocoa and we each had our own cup and bowl. That was part of the girls'

training. We had games we would play. We played baseball, or catch the flag. Another one I remember had a group of kids on one side of the school and another one on the other side and a captain in the front and we had a ball that we would throw over the top of the school and if we caught it, it was so many points. That was what we did at recess. When it was nasty weather we would stay in and we would have spelling bees or we would sing and we had games, like checkers and different things like that. This was a one room school house.

We would go to Hanford school for music appreciation day. On the corner of Hanford Road and Ridge Road there's a little school house there. It's called Hanford School. We used to go down there and we used to sing different things with them.

When I was in school there wasn't that much transportation We had a drama club that put on plays. We also had box social and an activity with shadows. There was a light with someone sitting behind a sheet. We would have to guess who it was. The box social was when all of the women would make a lunch and decorate it with papers and cloths. The men had an auction and they would buy the boxes and would have to eat with whomever made the food.

We also had spelling bees and I won one dictionary. When you have a one room school and one teacher, she has to have discipline and she has the right to slap you on the knuckle with a ruler or pull your ear or pull your hair or do anything she can do to make you behave. More than once a kid would have to wear the dunce cap.



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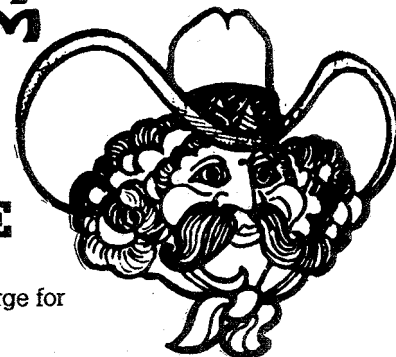
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Lou Norman remembers

BY JASON CHAPMIN

Louis Norman has lived in Plymouth almost all his life. he has seen Plymouth from the days of the horse and buggy to the trains and electric cars to modern day car and truck.

"When I built this house, this was farmland. I could go back here in the field and look down past where the freeway crosses. There was a farm I worked on when I was a little kid. Mr. Oris owned that.

When I first came down it was a big dairy farm. His farm went from Joy road down past Ann Arbor Road, which in those days was called "Golden Road." That was nothing but a sandtrap when I was a kid. I worked down there for 20 cents an hour. He planted that all into an orchard. This ground here is called "lake ground."

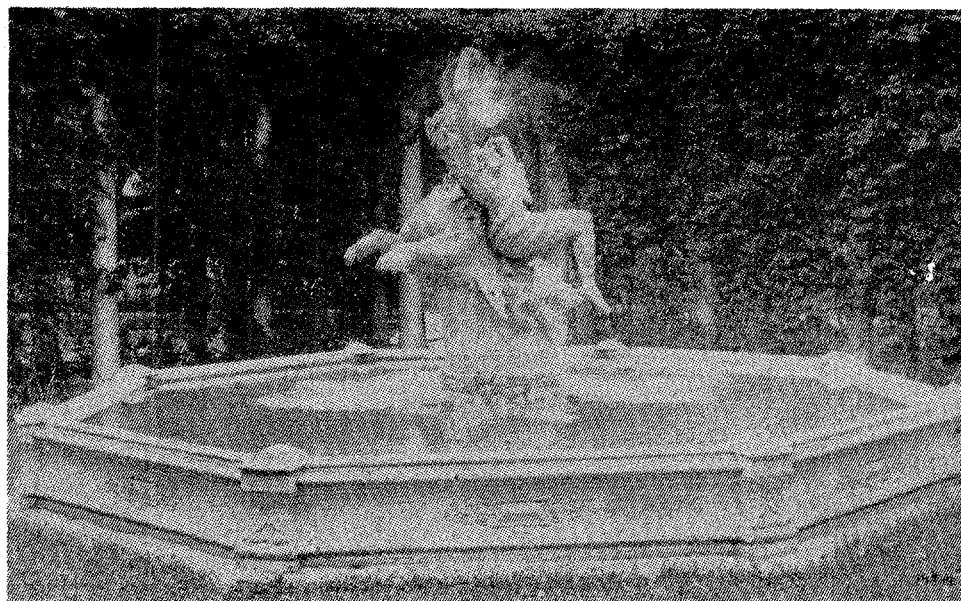
When you get into the clay ground they will call it "heavy ground." This ground is much earlier. You can work this ground because it drains better. - The clay doesn't drain, it stays wet and freezes longer. Of course when this stuff [lake ground] freezes it gets flint hard. Here with this dairy herd he couldn't raise feed to feed them.

He couldn't raise wheat, couldn't get a good corn crop, can raise oat, can raise rye - but you have to have good corn. It didn't raise food hay, raised fairly good alfalfa but not timothy and those feeds you need to have. So, he turned it into an orchard and I use to farm the property here.

There was a streetcar right in front of the house in fact was the track. When I first knew about it there were two tracks out here. They were electric cars and they used this for passing. One would pull off to the side and wait for the other one depending on which way it was going.

That streetcar track started in Detroit, came out to Wayne then it cut across the fields down here to Newburgh and there was a depot in Newburgh. When we were kids it cost us a dime to come from Robinson Sub to school, if we had a dime. The conductor was Charlie Coon. He'd stop at the "Dew Drop Inn," in Trombly's over there. He'd get out and go around to the other side. We would all sneak on the car and hide behind the seats because we didn't want to give up our dime.

There was a good bakery up right across from city hall in those days and if we could keep our dime we could go and get a jelly roll. We'd get on and we'd be peeking around the seats. He knew. He'd look around and he'd look all around the car to see that no one was left. He'd pick us up and drop us off right there in front of the museum. He'd get out of the car and look on the other side and we'd beat it to school. We thought we were getting away with something with old Charlie. Once in a while he would say, 'give me a dime.' But later on he became a policeman uptown.'



Old postcards like these provide many interesting old "snapshots" of Plymouth-Canton Community History. These, and others used in this special section, came from I.N. M.Y. ATTIC, the antique store owned by Jeanne McLoughlin at 865 Wing St., Plymouth.

Above is the Terrace Fountain from the Markhams gardens (now the Wilcox House); below is the Interurban Trolley which connected Plymouth, Canton, Wayne, Northville and Ypsilanti from 1898 until the 1920s.



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Elsie Cole

BY SHARI KUSHNER

Elsie Cole was born in Plymouth in 1901. She has spent her entire life in our community including a trip through the Plymouth school system.

I started in kindergarten when I was four years old in Plymouth. I stayed right straight through. We had good schools, they were stricter. You couldn't walk in and walk out if you got going out and you got caught you had to go to the principal's office.

We had our lunches in school we use to bring them from home. They didn't have a cafeteria not when I started. They had game rooms in the basement of the old school we use to eat down in those. We had about an hour every noon. Graduation I enjoyed that. I thought it was wonderful. We did so many things for outsiders.

The kids all thought about helping somebody, it wasn't what I could I get for myself it was what can we do for them. Everyone was good to the kids. Nobody got in trouble. You never heard of trouble. They would have talent shows. Somebody would come out from Detroit and train you in regards to putting on a show. The high school seniors use to put on a lot of them. The money went to school kids. We did something that year I graduated. We bought the drop curtain for our stage.

I was in that school when it burned. It went up in smoke. That year we finished school in church basements to shops and to factories and lunch halls, anywhere they could stand with the kids. You had to carry your books. A lot of us lost our books.

It happened at night. It took the school and the Methodist church next door. It was an awful fire. It devastated this town for a while.

Everyone opened the doors for school kids. You might go to the Methodist Church this week and the next week go to the Presbyterian church. We would go down in factory buildings, one with a big room or a lodge hall. At the end of the week they would tell us where to meet for next week.

It was awfully hard. You couldn't carry your books there was so many of them. They always had one place that was your home room. In the morning you had to check in and from their on you would go to your classes. They built this one that's there now, It wasn't quite that big, they enlarged it two or three times.

That was grade school and high school both. It went from kindergarten through the twelfth grade.

Their wasn't any trouble, nobody had any trouble. I loved every minute of it. I hated to graduate, but, I had to keep on going. I knew I had to get out of their sometime. So, I did.

I liked it though. I had a good school. We had a big auditorium and the class sat the stage in the back. School officials passed out our diplomas and we walked though when we graduated. All our parents were there and our relatives.

Judi Hinote

BY MEREDITH CONTE

Judi Hinote has been living in the Plymouth area since she was four years old. She tells of her memories of Plymouth as she grew up in her "quaint little city."

I used to work at the Board of Education. I went to work there when I was a senior in high school and Russell Isbister was the superintendent and I kind of worked my way through the ranks. We did have one superintendent, Jim Rossman, who was very controversial, but he was very instrumental in getting the Park built. It was his big dream. And to be real honest, I don't remember whether it was a fact by the time he was asked to leave or if it was still in the works. I had the current superintendent as a teacher when I was in school and I remember him well and I remember him being an employee of the school when I was working for the accounting and bookkeeping department in the school district. I like to kid that most of these teachers now, I used to write their paychecks for them.

Back then, I don't remember there being so many problems as far as the millage passing. There weren't any serious funding problems as there are now. The big thing was getting the schools built. There were never enough schools for the kids and I think that the biggest concern was once we house the kids now, what are we going to do with the schools once this population explosion hits and they're all through and then we've got the families that only have one or two children coming in instead of six, seven, eight. Or choosing to not have children and then we have all these buildings standing. Obviously, this has proven not to be a problem!!!!

I don't think we anticipated the growth of Plymouth. I've lived here since I was 4 so everything south of Joy Rd. here was all farm. So to see all of this go up and virtually form a new city . . . its hard to comprehend. The streets, I sound like I'm from the eighteen hundreds, but the streets were brick and that's what I remember about it. The streets in downtown Plymouth from Starkweather to Ann Arbor Rd. were brick!! And it was such a quaint little city and that was kind of the atmosphere we had.

When I was very young, I started out here on Sheldon and moved over to "Old Village" when I was probably 5. And it was a little town within itself. "Hillbillies" lived there. That was it. Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee. If you lived in any one of those states and you moved up to Michigan, you lived in "Lower Town". And it was all southern accents and it was just a different kind of a mindset. It was right on the tracks and it was just not the nicest part of town to live in. But the funny part is that the kids that lived there when they were younger still are around. The other ones who lived in downtown Plymouth and the nice, nice subs that they were in, I don't think they tend to stick around. Because the people who lived in Old Village, there was something about Plymouth that kept them here. And there's several kids that I went to school with . . . as a matter of fact, I married a man who lived in Old Village and his folks had a business in Old Village and his father came up here from Alabama. So it's a very telling little area of town.

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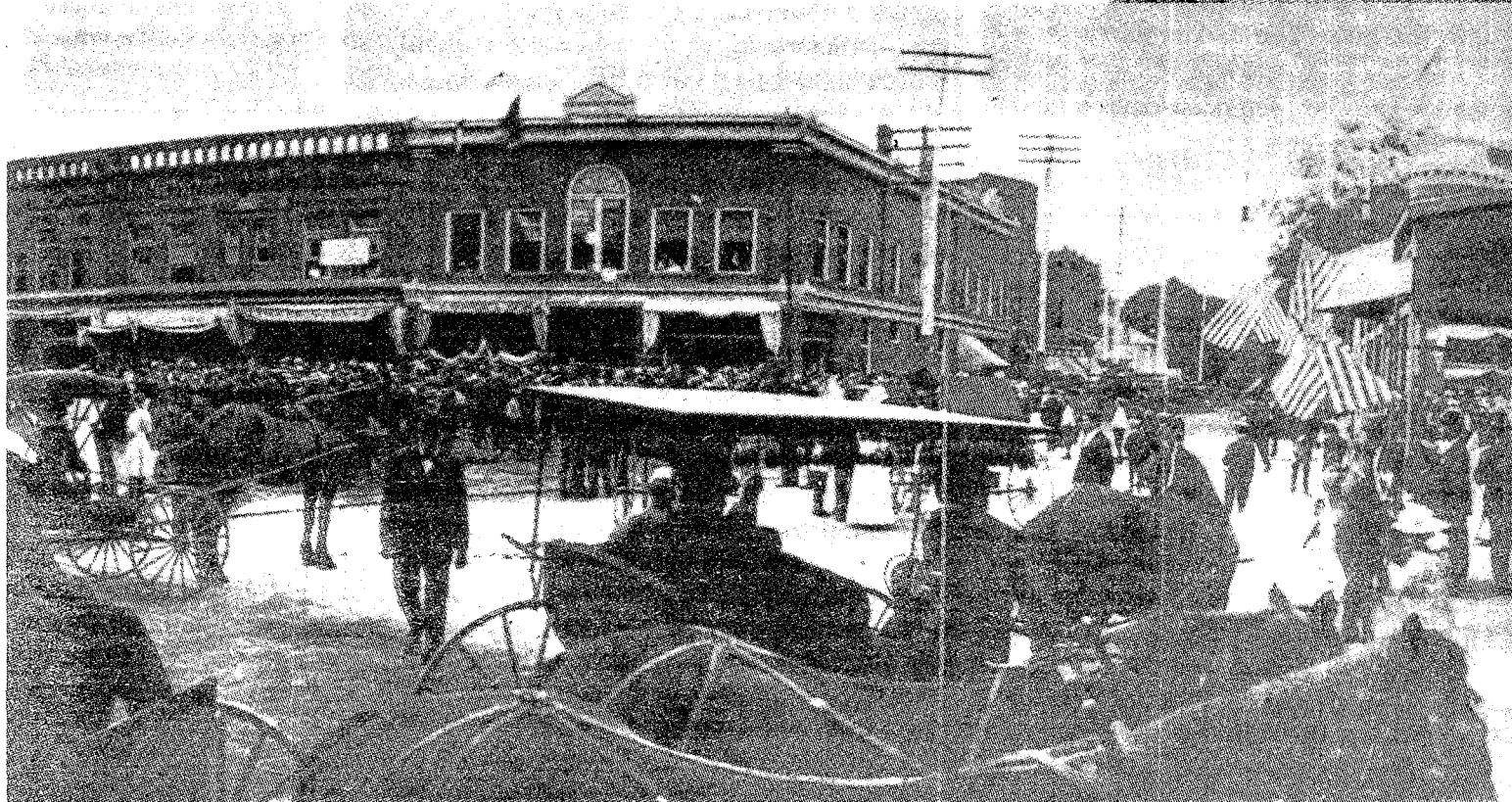
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Most of Canton's agricultural past is rapidly disappearing. Above, Warren Road about 1920. At right, Charlie Hewer in front of Canton's last feed store (across from Canton High School) in 1976. Below, a Fourth of July celebration at Main Street and Sutton (later renamed Penniman) in the early 1900s. The building on the right became the bank built on the corner in 1919-20.



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Lynne M. Cesante: Principal's Honor Roll, Woman's Club Scholarship
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Rebecca M. Hattner: Principal's Honor Roll, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Plymouth Rock Lodge Masonic Foundation Scholarship, Woman's Club Scholarship, Canton Community Foundation-Harold Rosin Scholarship
Ryan Henkel: Kleinsmith Memorial Scholarship
Kelly Holmes: Principal's Honor Roll, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Tandy Technology Scholars-Top Two Percent, University of Michigan Full Athletic Scholarship, Woman's Club Scholarship, Michigan High School Athletic Scholar-Athlete Award, U.S. Army National Scholar/Athlete Award
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Maria Kovac: Principal's Honor Roll, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Albion College Scholarship, Woman's Club Scholarship
Jason Kuczynski: Plymouth Rotary Vocational Technical Scholarship
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Danielle Mortiere: Daytona Beach Community College Scholarship
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Bradley Paskievitch: University of Detroit Presidential Grant, University of Detroit Titan Athletic Scholarship
Heather L. Pastor: Principal's Honor Roll, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Henry Ford Community College Honors Scholarship, Madonna University Merit Award, Eastern Michigan University Regents Scholarship
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Community deaths

Proctor, 60, community volunteer

Plymouth resident Daisy Alice Proctor died June 4, 1993 at the age of 60. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. today at Schrader Funeral Home. Burial will be at Wixom Cemetery.

Born Nov. 12, 1932 in Dennis, KS, Mrs. Proctor moved to Plymouth in 1937. She worked as a bookkeeper for Burroughs until 1959 and then served as a bookkeeper for many community services. And for 10 years, she operated, out of her home, a day care center for children up to 2 years old.

She was a member of the Plymouth Fund Committee, the Plymouth Business and Professional Woman's Club and the Fall Festival Committee.

During her life, she was honored with several awards including: the American Legion Citizens Award for innumerable civic activities in 1975, a certificate of appreciation from the Plymouth housing commission for loyalty, devotion and faithfulness and an outstanding community service award from the Plymouth Jaycee Auxiliary.

She is survived by her husband, Robert; daughter, Kathleen Tait of California; son, Gregory of Tennessee; father, Karl W. Hornback; grandchildren, Kristen, Alex and Nicholas Proctor; three brothers and two sisters.



DAISY PROCTOR

Welton, 91, Reverend

Rev. William O. Welton, 91, of Plymouth died May 13, 1993. Born on Christmas Eve, 1901 in Charleston, IL, he was active in his ministry until the time of his death.

Rev. Welton was a minister for over 50 years. He came to the Plymouth-Canton community from Hobart, IN in 1945 and was the pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Plymouth from 1945 to 1952.

He is preceded by his wife, Maggie, and his son, Rev. Wayne Welton.

He is survived by his wife, Edith, of Plymouth; sons, William, James and Dale; daughter-in-law Kathleen Welton Scutt; 14 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

Services were held May 17 at the Church of the Nazarene in Plymouth, with Pastor J. Mark Barnes officiating. Interment was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Memorial contributions can be made to Angela Hospice Home Care Inc. in Livonia.

Nelson, 67, medical doctor

Norman Albert Nelson, 67, of Plymouth Township died May 30, 1993, in his home. Born on June 15, 1925 in Minneapolis, MN, Dr. Nelson practiced medicine for 34 years.

He attended the University of Minnesota before coming to Wayne County General Hospital in Westland. It was there that he served his internship, residency and eventually became a staff physician and the Chief Resident in the Department of Internal Medicine. He was also a member of the University of Michigan's department of internal medicine and trained many physicians and students throughout southeast Michigan.

Dr. Nelson is survived by his wife, Dr. Emma Conklin of Plymouth; son, Erik of Pennsylvania; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services for Dr. Nelson were held June 2, 1993, at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Interment was at St. Augustine Cemetery in Deerfield.

Memorials can be made to the Simpson Institution, U of M Medical Center, Ann Arbor.

Karinen, 60, nurse

Marilyn Karinen, 60, of Canton died May 30, 1993. Funeral services were held June 2 at Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Mrs. Karinen was born Nov. 19, 1932 in Dearborn and worked as a nurse.

She is survived by her husband, Peter; daughters, Kira of Oregon and Karla of Australia; son, Kyle of Ann Arbor and siblings, Kent, Mark and Jan Thibaudeau.

Memorials can be sent to the American Lung Association.

Davis, 83, business owner

Robert Edward Davis, 83, a Plymouth resident, died May 28, 1993 in Ann Arbor. Funeral services were held May 29 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Mr. Davis, born Oct. 21, 1909 in Detroit, owned L & R Centerless Grinding in Livonia. He moved to The Community 20 years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Anita; daughter, Sharon Murray of Livonia; brother, James of New York; sisters Dorothy Wendt of Washington and Helen Wilson of Arkansas and grandchildren, Jason, Karen and Christine.

Fest fireworks to draw 25,000 plus

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Everyone has to jump through legal hoops to get what they want, even local governments.

Canton Township, in accordance with state law, recently gave itself permission to hold a fireworks display at the Liberty Fest in Heritage Park at the end of the month.

According to Bob Dates of Canton Township Parks and Recreation, it had to be done.

"It's the law," Dates said.

The show is scheduled for Friday, June 26. If Friday's weather is inclement, the show will be rescheduled for Saturday evening.

Dates said that this year's display, like last year, would be sponsored by the Burda Brothers and produced by the

Liberty Fireworks company.

The 40-minute display will be preceded by a two-hour concert by the 70th Division Army Band.

"They'll be putting on a show of Sousa marches and other patriotic music," Dates said.

According to Canton Township records, the organizers of the Liberty Fest estimate that 25,000 spectators attended the fireworks show last year. They are expecting as many this year.

"The show is visible for miles; people can watch it from their back yards," Dates said.

He did suggest, however, that those wishing to get a good seat and parking should plan on showing up at Heritage Park early.

Clement, 76, Elks member

Ethyl Lucille Clement, 76, of Westland died May 9, 1993. Born on Sept. 17, 1916, in Westland, Mrs. Clement was a homemaker. She lived most of her life in Plymouth's Old Village. She was also a member of the Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780.

Mrs. Clement is survived by sister, Mary; sons, Fred and Gary; grandchildren, Teri, David, Gary, Greg, and Michael and great-grandchildren, Heather and Kaitlyn.

Services were held on May 13, 1993, at the Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. John Grenfell officiating. Interment was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens in Westland.

Memorial contributions can be sent directly to the Presbyterian Village in Westland.

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Bonjour, mon ami

French exchange students find the area fascinating and fun

BY CHRIS MACHNIAK

For the last three weeks, The Plymouth-Canton Community has been the site of a French invasion.

Actually, 21 fifth-grade French pupils from Montmorency, near Paris, have been residing with host families and attending classes at Hoben Elementary School.

Christiane Lolli, the pupils' teacher at Hoben, has prior experience in this type of exchange: Last summer she took a similar group to Wisconsin.

"I enjoyed it very much," Lolli said. "This is a good program.

"The more exchanges that we make the more we learn about ourselves as well

as other people," she said.

The Association Class Franco American (ACFA) arranged for 80 classes of French pupils to come to the United States this year.

A group from the Plymouth-Canton schools participating in the same program will be leaving for France in mid-June to complete the cultural exchange.

Accompanying the pupils and Lolli to serve as a translator was 24-year-old Catherine Vandewalle, who hopes to return to America someday.

To help gain a "feel" for the area, the pupils visited several areas in The Community, such as downtown Plymouth — which one pupil said

"reminds me of a French town."

The pupils also went to Fort Malden in Canada, Riverside Rollerskating Arena, Ford Motor Co.'s Stamping Plant and the Cranbrook Academy.

During one special stop, they were officially greeted at a potluck dinner by Plymouth Mayor Robert Jones.

Besides their group activities, many of the kids went sight-seeing with their host families: Trips were made to such things as a Detroit Tiger's game, the Detroit Zoo, and the Toledo Zoo.

Not surprisingly, after going all these places and talking with everyday Americans, the pupils developed some special feelings about America. For example:

•Foods they like: French toast, Chicken McNuggets, and pizza — and they said that the fast food restaurants are better here. Foods they didn't like: Pancakes and jelly.

•What they learned: Better English skills, America is much larger than they thought, it's nicer and less polluted.

Proposal A loses big in P-C

Proposal A took a beating at Plymouth-Canton polls last Wednesday, losing by a 2-to-1 margin in each of the three communities.

Voters went to the polls in droves in each town, with Plymouth Township boasting a 50 percent voter turnout, Plymouth with a 42 percent turnout and Canton, 41 percent.

The unofficial results were:

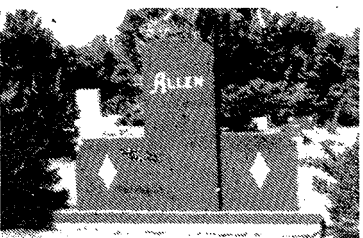
Community	Yes	No
Ply. Township	2,980	5,487
Plymouth	1,099	1,917
Canton	4,772	9,366
Total	8,851 (35%)	16,770 (65%)


WHO is my U. S. Congressman?


Answer: See page 8 of **The '93 Guide!**

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Plymouth Christian Academy 459-3505

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46250 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth
(one mile west of Sheldon)
453-5252
Sunday worship 8:30 & 11:00 am
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Rev. K.M. Mehri, Pastor
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459-0013
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Sports

On the road again:

Canton kickers take regional championship, head to state semi-finals

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

They are out to rewrite the book. The Canton soccer team claimed the regional soccer championship Saturday and that's all the repeating they want for this season.

The Chiefs took a 1-0 win over Northville in the regional championship, and are heading to the state semi-finals tonight, with hopes of winning that game and one more this year—the state championship game.

The Chiefs will face Portage Central in the semi finals today in Jackson. The two teams will be battling it out for the opportunity to advance to the state finals Saturday at Canton.

Canton and Portage faced off once before this year, and Portage handed Canton its only loss of the season, taking the game 5-2.

Canton coach Don Smith said his team is "most definitely" looking to right that wrong.

Portage managed to score more goals against Canton in that game than did all of Canton's competitors combined for the year.

But as is the case with every state run, the regular season is history, and what counts is the outcome of this game, because only one team advances.

"We're healthy, nobody's hurt and

we're looking to continue on," said Smith. The last thing his team wants is to repeat one of its last two losses, to Portage Central or the state championship game.

Tonight's game is set to kick off at 5 p.m. at the Justin Mehall Memorial soccer field in Jackson.

To get to that game, Chief Amy Westerhold put a ball in the goal after 23 minutes of play on an assist from Leah Hutko in the regional championship game against Northville Saturday afternoon. Canton shutout the Mustangs to hold on for the win.

Canton made eight shots on goal, Northville had six.

"We played very well," said Smith. "The defense had a very good game."

If Canton wins tonight, the Chiefs will play the winner of the Rochester Adams/Troy Athens game, for the state championship.

Last year, Canton suffered a 1-0 loss to Adams in the state championship game.

Canton got to the regional championship by defeating Churchill 2-0 last Wednesday in the first round of regional competition.

Canton is now 19-1-1.



Canton's Leeah Hutko moves the ball down field Saturday in the regional championship game. She assisted Amy Westerhold in the only goal scored in the game. (Crier photo by Rudy DeChavez)

Canton trackers score in states

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Canton boys and girls track teams each earned points in the state meet Saturday in Grand Rapids.

Ndu Okwumadua took a third place finish in the high jump, clearing the bar a 5-4, earning a medal and all-state recognition, earning six points for the Lady Chiefs.

The boys earned one point in the state meet with Justin McClain, Matt Demey, Jeff Keith and Kevin Gudeth taking eighth place in the 3200 relay. The foursome set a new school record, finishing the race in 8:03.8.

Canton boys also earned the conference championship last Tuesday at Churchill, chalking up 111.5 points.

The Chiefs took first place in three events and scored in 13, including a 1,2,3 finish in the 800 meter dash. Jeff Keith took first in 2:00.8, Kevin Gudeth was second in 2:02.2, and Justin McClain finished third in 2:02.8.

The Chiefs finished their season with a 6-1 record.

Twelve seniors will be graduating, including the tri-captains, Damon Collier, Marques Nelson and Tom Ravin. Five competitors have been with the team four

years, Leon Black, McClain, Eric Tomei, Neil Haremski and Dave Yack.

The girls team will graduate seven seniors.

Neighbors in sports

Jason Crain, a Plymouth-Canton grad, earned his first varsity letter in baseball at Alma College. Crain is a sophomore at Alma.

Former Plymouth resident, Jeff Morton, will be participating in the Detroit Grand Prix this weekend on Belle Isle. A former business owner in Plymouth, he has been racing since 1986. He competes in the Zerex Saab Pro Series.

Mark Tate, formerly of Canton, set a new world record and course record last weekend in the hydroplane races on the Detroit River.

Tate, who has been racing since age 11, was the first man to break the 170 mph average for the course.

His boat, "Winston Eagle" races in the unlimited hydroplane category.



Canton's Melissa Tomei keeps the ball in action during Canton's 2-0 win over Churchill in the first round of regional play. (Crier photo by Eric Lukasik)

State champion again; Tonya Wheeler wins 400, Rock tracksters second in state

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

How sweet it is.

For the second consecutive year, Salem's Tonya Wheeler won the state championship in the 400 meter dash. Wheeler took the state title in 57.8.

She led the Rocks to a second place finish at the state track and field meet, Saturday. Salem earned 36 points, finishing second to Detroit Cass Tech.

Wheeler will compete Saturday in the Midwest Meet of Champions in the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis, in her final high school race.

"I told her she has one more chance to set a school record," said Salem coach Mark Gregor.

Wheeler needs to cut .3 seconds off her state meet time to beat Jackie Croce's 57.6 record set in 1975. Although, he said if she tied Croce's record, he may add her name.

Wheeler was part of the two relay teams that set new school records Saturday.

Sarah Hamilton, Courtney Sheldon, Stacy Witthoff and Wheeler finished the 1600 relay in 4:01.4, good for second place and to get their names on the board.

Hamilton, Dana Driscoll, Marcia Parker and Wheeler set a new school record in the 800 relay, taking fourth in 1:44.4.

Witthoff, Kelly Stankov, Courtney Sheldon and Lynda Sebestyen took third place in the 3200 relay, finishing in 9:47.5.

Sarah Makins took sixth place in the long jump, leaping 16-9.5.

Hamilton took sixth in the 400 dash, finishing in 58.33.

Witthoff was eighth in the 800 dash, with a time of 2:22.85.

Fourteen seniors will graduate from

the Salem squad, including four state qualifying trackers, Wheeler, Witthoff, Vanessa Benning, and Driscoll.

"This team has gone further than any track and field team in the history of Plymouth-Canton schools," said Gregor. "We're very grateful they had the opportunity to realize their potential as high school athletes. We have a strong team returning next year, I hope they have the same type of opportunity."

Canton softball season ends

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

A daring attempt to score that was cut off at home plate in the sixth inning, and double fielding errors in the seventh inning cost the Canton softball team the district championship and the opportunity to make another state run.

Canton lost 1-0 to Ladywood in the district finals game Saturday morning at Salem.

It was three up and three down with Canton's Kelly Holmes on the mound Saturday through six innings of play.

Neither team had scored, but Canton managed to pull off a few hits and keep the team's energy flowing. Ladywood was struggling to keep pace with the Chiefs.

In the bottom of the sixth, the game changed.

Tina Schaefer had a base hit. Dani Mortierre was up next and got base hit. Lisa Nicastri and Michelle Metzger flew out.

With two outs, Holmes got a base hit,

and Schaefer was coming home and the Blazers put the tag on her to get out of the inning.

The play was enough to spark the Blazers and stun the Chiefs.

Ladywood went into the seventh flying.

The Blazer's first batter bunted and got on base. The bunt worked and Ladywood's second batter followed suit. Consecutive fielding errors enabled the runner on first to score.

But the game wasn't over. Canton's Tracy Ligner led off the inning with a base hit. And the Chiefs spirits started to rise.

Heather LaGrow came to the plate and flew out. Sarah Rowe was up next and flew out. Kate Strahan came to the plate and flew out and Ladywood captured the District 26 championship.

In the first round of district play, earlier in the morning, Canton's Mortierre had a grand slam home run and a solo home run her next time at bat.

The Chiefs beat Stevenson 19-3.

Rock sluggers fall in districts, end season

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Salem's softball season came to an end last Tuesday in the first round of district play when the Rocks were defeated 6-5 by Livonia Franklin.

Franklin came back strong against Salem after losing 14-1 to the Rocks the week before, to capitalized on some errors in the seventh inning and take the game.

Jenny Garvey was on the mound and ended her high school softball pitching career with a 10-10 record.

The Rocks slugged off 11 hits, but couldn't get key hits at crucial points to drive in runs.

Franklin pulled off six hits, but they all came together and the Patriots advanced to the next round.

Salem finishes the year with a 13-12 record.

"I was a little disappointed," said Al Campbell, Salem coach. "We set our goals much higher than what we were able to achieve. I thought we were at least capable of equaling last year, but we just didn't do it."

The Rocks will be missing nine seniors next year, and even with that void to fill, Campbell is looking positively toward next year.

"I'm happy with the effort (from the team). They were a great group of kids. They did everything we asked of them. but I'm looking forward to next year, giving it another try."



Canton catcher Laura Ciantaiz tries for the ball, but Stevenson gets a runner across the plate in the first round of districts Saturday. It was Canton's last win of the year. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik).

All-conference soccer team named

Canton earned the soccer Western Lakes Activities Association's Conference Championship award this year, as well as capturing the Western Division championship.

The Chiefs were undefeated in the division.

Three Canton seniors made the all-conference team, Jori Welchans in the goal, forward Leah Hutko and midfielder Amy Westerhold.

Four Canton kickers made the All-Western team. Senior defenders Kelly Reeves and Kathy Bahr, senior midfielder

Becky Cifaldi and junior midfielder Alyson Nouné.

Salem finished the season second in the Lakes Division with a 2-1-1 record.

Rock senior defender Kris Goff made the all-conference team.

Three Rock kickers made All-Lakes, senior defender Michelle Cronan, sophomore mid-fielder Sue Parrish and senior forward Caryn Tatterton.

Honorable mentions went to Canton's Erica Anderson, Mandy Salin and Melissa Tomei. And to Salem's Kelly Lukasik, Stacey DeLong and Mari Hoff.

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Solid defense, good hitting, strong pitching leads Salem sluggers through districts, ahead to regionals

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Two shutouts. What more can a team hope for in it's last two games?

That's how the Salem baseball team captured the district championship Saturday.

The Rocks pulled off a 7-0 win Saturday afternoon over Livonia Franklin for the district championship, on Canton's diamond, earning the opportunity to advance to regional competition. The win came on the heels of a 3-0 win over Canton earlier in the day, on their home field, for the opportunity to advance to the district finals.

A substantially improved Salem squad earned both victories, relying on its pitching staff and solid defense behind the man on the mound.

The Rocks committed only one error in each game.

"We faced very good pitchers and found ways to score," said John Gravlin, Salem coach. "We had scoring opportunities and took advantage of the opportunities to score."

"The team has grown up (this season). Mistakes we made early in the season are mostly behind us now."

It was not an easy trek to the district championship for the Rocks. Salem had to face Canton in a delayed game Saturday afternoon.

Emotions always run high when Canton and Salem face each other, and the tension and competition gets stiffer when that match-up is in post season play.

Canton came to the game with confidence after just claiming the conference



Salem's Jamie Owens makes it safely to third base in the Rocks 7-0 shutout in the district championship game. (Crier photo by Eric Lukasik)

championship, and Salem had continually improved all season and was geared up to play.

The Rocks were able to capitalize on a few plays, kept Canton from scoring to pull off a shutout.

The game was scoreless through three innings. Things turned around for Salem in the fourth.

Eric Kida grounded out to start the inning. Then Brandon Los was hit by a pitch and Scott Mantz stepped in as a pinch runner. He stole second base and advanced to third on a base hit by Eric Stryker.

With runners on first and third, Jim Cunningham was at the plate and bunted for a suicide squeeze and Mantz scored. Stryker scored on a throwing error. The

Rocks led 2-0.

In the fifth inning, Jamie Owens got a base hit and stole second. Brian Zarosely struckout. Charlie Winstell hit a double and Owens scored.

Nirav Kher threw a four-hit shutout, his second consecutive shutout. He is now 7-1.

Canton made threats, but Kher got the team out of some tight spots, stranding 11 Chief runners.

"We couldn't get a key base hit when we needed it," said Mark LaPointe, Canton coach, regarding his teams final game.

"We had a very successful season. It's unfortunate we were eliminated this early because people will remember the wrong thing. The thing to remember about the

team is they came from 9-13 as juniors—and not many had playing experience—to finish the season 22-12, as division champs, conference champs, runners-up at the Monroe tournament and co-champs in the Adrian tournament."

Ten seniors are graduating from the team this year.

In the championship game, Salem started out with hot bats, scoring one run in the first inning and four in the second.

Mike Marcella was on the mound and pitched a no-hitter. He is now 7-3.

Zarosely had three hits and three RBIs, Winstell and Cunningham had two hits and one RBI.

Salem will play Ann Arbor Pioneer on Saturday, 11 a.m., at home.

Sports shorts

Annapolis Hospital, in Wayne, is offering student athlete screenings on Saturday for students who will be in 10, 11, or 12 next year.

Students will receive a physician exam, flexibility, back, vision, cardiovascular testing.

Students must register in advance. Call 467-5555.

Canton Parks & Recreation has a host of activities this summer. Some require Canton residency, others do not.

Register at the Canton Parks & Recreation, 1150 S. Canton Center, by mail or in person.

For more information on any of the programs offered by Canton P&R, call 397-5110. Some programs are listed below.

Registration is underway for Camp A.B.L.E. Therapeutic Day Camp and runs through June 18.

The camp is July 6-August 13 at Miller School, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday-Friday. Friday field trips may have an additional cost. A latchkey after camp program can be arranged.

Advance registration is required. Cost is \$60 for Canton residents and

City of Plymouth residents, \$75 for non-residents. Checks should be made out to "Canton Township."

Beginner golf lessons are offered for adults, 16 and up, and juniors, 15 and under.

Lessons will be at Mickey's Driving Range, Westland. Cost is \$52 plus a bucket of balls each week for adults, \$27 plus a bucket of balls each week for juniors, 15 and under.

Classes are limited. Registration began May 24.

The 15th Annual Five Mile run is June 19. Registration is 8 a.m., the race begins at 9 a.m. Cost is \$8.50 in advance, \$10 after June 17.

Registration is underway for the junior

golf program. Boys and girls 11-18 who know the game are welcome. Cost is \$40 per person and lasts six weeks. No residency requirements.

A supervised playground program is offered this summer and runs June 23-August 5.

The program is free and open to children 5-15 living in Canton. Special events may have a fee.

Tennis lessons for all ages and all skill levels begin June 21. Registration is through June 18.

Cost is \$29 for Canton residents, \$35 for non-residents.

The annual Fathers Day Golf Scrambles is June 20. Tee times are 11-11:45 a.m. at Fellows Creek Golf Course.

P & R softball standings

Softball standings reported in Canton Parks & Recreation as of June 5.

Red League: American Yazaki, 6-0; SUDS, 4-2; A.D. Transport, 4-2. Bittinger's, 3-3; Etamic, 3-3; Team 8, 2-4; Yazaki EDS Engineering, 1-5; Fairway Club Apts., 1-5.

White League: ASAP Machine, 6-0; Paulun Building, Inc. 4-2; Mexican Fiesta, 3-3; Magic, 3-3. Beaver Creek Softball Club, 3-3; Rusty Nail II, 3-3; Gil-Mar, 1-5;

Tri-State Communications, 1-5.

Blue League: Rusty Nail I, 7-0; GMAC, 5-2; Post Bar, 4-2; Lanier, 3-3; Regulators, 2-4; Carpet Workroom, 1-5; Ameritech Mobile, 0-6.

Green League: Selimi's Salon, 5-1; Dental Diplomats, 4-2; Reisers Keyboard Lounge, 4-2. St. Michael I, 3-3; Canton Sports, 3-3; Dr. Kennedy, Houdek, Burgess, 3-3; St. Michael III, 2-4; Genevans, 0-6.

Cost is \$75 per three-person team.

The Scrambles is open to all golfers. Registration deadline is June 17.

Summer season softball registration is underway. The 14-game season begins June 29. Entry fee is \$495 per team. Men, women and co-ed leagues are offered. No residency requirement.

For more information, call 483-5600, ext. 102.

Instructors wanted

Northville Parks & Recreation department is looking for swimming instructors to teach youngsters how to swim.

Anyone interested in becoming an instructor, who is a strong swimmer and enjoys working with children should contact the Parks & Recreation office at 303 W. Main Street, Northville, or call 349-0203.

Big Wheels needed for Safety Town

The Northville Parks & Recreation department needs Big Wheels, or other similar riding toys made for four and five year olds, donated for it's Safety Town program.

Anyone interested in making a donation should contact Northville Parks & Recreation at 349-0203.

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Crier Classifieds

Curiosities

STEVE - love the film, "Deception" you chose for me. Name another please.

DAISY PROCTOR - your passing leaves a tremendous ache in our hearts and we who are left are grief-stricken over our loss. Why didn't we ever tell you how much we loved you?

JESS plants Penniman flora.

I know Jeff will do better at married life than he does at golf - he couldn't do worse.

A NEW RIFFLES MENU makes its long-awaited debut.

FRED HILL BELONGS TO A.A.R.P. (?) So he sez.

VOTE NEXT MONDAY!

MOM ON MELTON: great shower Sunday!

Ed can barbeque those fish now thanks Jack for returning the grill.

Nice paper this week, either Ed's fishing or Lisa's at Disney World.

Where are the rest of the flowers?

Wendy T., it's golf time, name a date.

Thanks Tim - you put on a great bachelor golf outing, the only bad thing was my partner Bob.

WE'RE OUTTA HERE! SEE YA C.E.P. - FROM THE CLASS OF '93.

Elaine smile. We made it! We're done (at least until college)

Amy Loe are you ready for Crow Canyon? It's only a few days away.

THERESA CORINGTON - there is more than one way to be a part of a Rotary Picnic. If one can't attend in person, let Theresa know and she will send you a wonderful plate of goodies from their "groaning board" thank you, Theresa. It's nice to be remembered and especially so well.

TINA WHITE - is being honored with a graduation party. "The Chicken Tasters of America" have been helping her mother, Sonia

Jack - don't forget my list of 'things to do'!

KELLY sports nice Iris on her Chamber desk.

LISA: it's a vacation for us too. - The Shop Steward.

MARGE: MEET YOU AT NBD on Saturday, downtown. - Ralph

ERICK: your offer was an honor, but don't you think you might get drummed out?

Elsie won't know what to wear first!

TO THOSE IT MAY CONCERN - "Who killed Cock Robin?" "I said the sparrow with my bow and arrow. I killed Cock Robin."

BROOKE JABARA - Loved the GirlScout Cookies! I ate them all myself. Mark you, Grandma G. (To heck with sharing good stuff)

ANNE FEATHERSTONE - the doll you made now resides with Grandma Margaret Glomski, who will give it to her grandchild Chelsea in fifteen or twenty years.

ANNE FEATHERSTONE - You'll see better and be better when you get that operation out of the way. Trust me.

NEW MENUS AT THE HALFTIME BAR, Seven Mile and Farmington.

CHARLOTTE WIENER and JESS WENDOVER help Penniman Avenue "flower." Thanks!

Curiosities

VOTE MONDAY
IN SCHOOL ELECTION

Lisa - bet you had a "to do" list in Fla. too!

Jack - no one said that life was easy, but no one said it was this hard, did they?

FRED HADLEY - were you making a delivery of that lamp, or were you looking for an honest man?

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Elaine finally smiled and I went out and was able to shoot a good score.

Amy and David - good luck from The Crier Crew, many years of happy times.

Is Wendy still getting postcards? I'd bet she would really be happy if you sent envelopes with cash.

DUNBAR: hope you're feeling better - Jessica

BEAUREGARD eats fresh-caught walleye. (how much did that cost per pound?)

SALLY'S jalapeno pasta salad was great! (Thanks Mama Mucci!)

Jack turns in ads on time. We love it.

JOHN BRODERICK FOLLOWS PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOL elections from N.Y. City via The Crier. (But he's not even coming home for Pete's graduation and elevation to MSU)

PIETAS, PIETATIS (it's our "duty" to keep Latin alive)

I'll soon be 65 and will get Medicare (June 9th) "Now I can be myself." Age is a state of mind, it is what is in the heart that counts and I'll always be 16 at heart.

"Life is eternal; and love is immortal; and death is only a horizon; and a horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight." - Rossiter Worthington Raymond

Wendy - great job on Art in the Park

JOYCE AND HARRY ROEBUCK celebrate 50 years on marriage! Congratulations!

ART-IN-THE-PARK is coming July 17-18 in Kellogg Park: bigger than ever.

FALL FESTIVAL is coming Sept. 10, 11, and 12: the antique cars are back!

"And a woman is only a woman, but a good cigar is a smoke." - Geneva Guenther, 1993.

JESS eats Jeanine's strawberry shortcake! (Reluctantly she shares with Dad)

CANTON LIBERTY FEST is coming JUNE 25-27: a festival of Canton pride.

Rita A. makes great desserts.

JOHN BRODERICK turned 28 last week in N.Y.C.

Alex - let me help you with that paper

MARGARET - what did you add to your cereal Monday morning?

JOHN - Thank you for sending me The Beatles, Captin Kirk, Elvis and Marylin Monroe.

Curiosities

KARL POULOS is looking and feeling better! Great news!

Wendy did a great job while Karen was off.

It's great to have Karen back.

The above 2 curiosities were written so that I could write some others because I'm late.

High thighs, boomers, a good swing, red nets, nothing and no grey hairs. Professional tour here I come.

Lisa is gone. It's party time.

Good luck Joanne and Jeff.

Crier Sales Staff - I'm thinking about you - NOT!

Harold - Hurry and get well. Martha and Dunbar

Amy is ready!

PAUL GARGARO has mastered re-design but his mom says, "Move back here" anyhow.

FLOWERS ON PENNIMAN!

CONGRATULATIONS DOWNTOWN NBD

JESS eats walleye

VOTE NEXT MONDAY
IN SCHOOL ELECTION

Curiosities

DUNBAR - I'll bet you don't know this one. "A million surplus Maggies are willing to bear the yoke; And a woman is only a woman, but a good cigar is a smoke."

DUNBAR - I'm betting on you. "If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue, or walk with Kings. - nor lose the common touch."



DO BOB SCHELLENBERG (in Jenison, MI) and BOB GREGG (in Escanaba, MI) read Curiosities?

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I'll write when I get work!

Michelle - if I'd known I had relatives in the U.P., I'd have tried to sponge free lodging from them! Thanks! - Mike.

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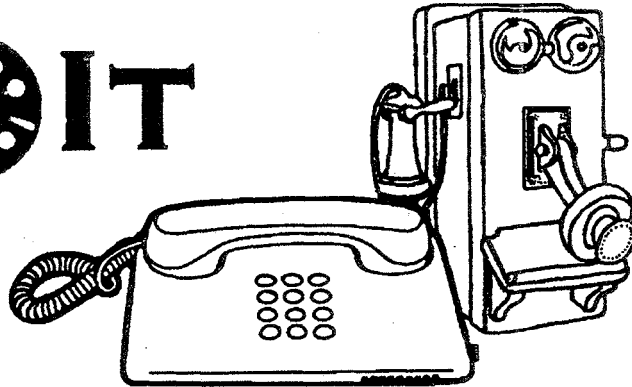
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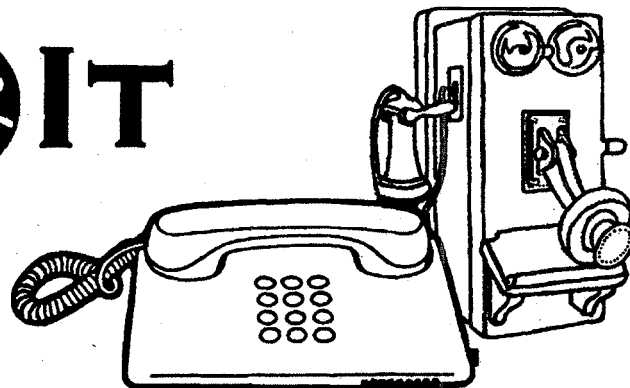
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Community opinions

Write in E.J. McClendon for P-C school board

If one were to create a composite of the ideal candidate for the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education, what qualities would be sought?

- The ability to lead by deed as well as by word?
- A sincerity that would compel others to listen and contemplate?
- A commitment to the welfare of children that parallels those of parents themselves?
- A passion for education that knows no limits?
- A background of knowledge that not only is a resource to be tapped, but also a foundation to be expanded?
- A dedication to excellence that leaves no room for compromise?

Yes.

Yet understanding and accepting the reality that no one person could possibly possess all of these attributes in equal and impressive quantities, voters invariably settle for less and create a composite on the board instead. School boards end up with the resident expert, the resident conscience, the resident dissenter and the resident leader — but never that individual who commands unique attention.

It is in this vein that the candidacies of the five men who are running for the single seat on the board are examined — and it is this vein that all five must be rejected. At a time when school districts need something more, the current batch of candidates, for one reason or another, offer much too little. Consider:

•David Artley, the incumbent board trustee, may well gain re-election to the board, but it is precisely his record that draws the harshest criticism. He has been on a board that has been soundly and correctly criticized for alienating the public it is sworn to serve. And yet in interviews Artley has made himself out as an apologist for the board in one breath while offering change for the better in the next. That's not good enough.

•Robert Burger, alas, was pre-empted in his run for school board by emergency heart surgery from which he is still recovering. It is

Just Vote!

If the turnout for Proposal A is any indication, the vote totals for Monday's school board and millage election could be a strong one — but there are never any guarantees.

So just as Proposal A was an issue important to every homeowner in The Plymouth-Canton Community, so too are the twin tax proposals and the choice for the next member of the Board of Education. (Several years ago, a school millage failed on a tie vote!)

In fact, forget all the traditional — and cliché-ridden — arguments imploring you to vote: it's your responsibility; take part in participatory democracy; make your voice heard; put up or shut up.

Instead, consider the two tax questions and the candidacies of the five running for school board in the same vein as Proposal A: These are issues near and dear to your pocketbook. So vote!

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especially unfortunate that Burger was unable to campaign effectively since, as a retired school teacher, he may have been able to bring a special sensitivity to the debate. Voters should hope to see him again next year.

•Terry Chuhran, while offering a few interesting views on improving communications between the administration and board and the public, nevertheless was often in agreement with actions already taken by the board. In short, what difference would he have brought to the table?

•Stephen Kilijanczyk brought to the debate a

common point of view that the key to correcting ills in education is to merely address the money issues and the rest will follow. Certainly such bean counting has its place in education discussions, but since there is no evidence that the district has been loose with its finances, one has to wonder what problems his solutions would "fix."

•William Myers, the minister who will be leaving the district in July, offers the greatest contradiction. Clearly informed of and obviously passionate toward the issues surrounding education, Myers displayed stunningly poor judgment when he decided to remain in the race instead of bowing out gracefully and either throwing his support behind one of the other candidates or at least becoming a credible voice of the honorable opposition. As a result, his own candidacy became an issue, drawing precious time and effort away from the true problems facing the district.

Having discarded the present crop of candidates, then, the only reasonable choice left to voters in the district must obviously be someone not on the ballot — and someone whose qualifications and reputation closely match those delineated above. In this case, the logical choice for someone who has proved his leadership, sincerity, commitment, passion, knowledge and dedication in the school district and in the larger community is: **E.J. McClendon.**

McClendon served on the Board of Education from 1973 until his defeat — by seven votes — last year. During his tenure as a leader on the board, he served three terms as president, including being elected president in his first term. A Plymouth resident, he is professor emeritus of public health at the University of Michigan and has degrees from the University of Oklahoma and Wayne State University, where he received his doctorate. It is this kind of experience that makes E. J. McClendon the ideal write-in candidate.

Still, if residents feel more comfortable with casting votes for a name appearing on the ballot, then **David Artley** deserves consideration.

Answer resident's concerns before asking for more millage tax dollars

EDITOR:

I am writing to express my concern regarding the recent statistics published concerning per-pupil spending in each school district in the state.

Of the 34 school districts listed under Wayne County, Plymouth-Canton ranks in the bottom seven in per-pupil spending; Detroit spends more.

I also recall several years ago (that) academic ratings were published and Plymouth-Canton ranked slightly below

the median.

I have lived in Plymouth Township for five years and pay substantial property tax, of which 68 per cent is allocated to the school district.

Certainly, the tax base of Plymouth-Canton is equal to, if not better than most of the 27 other school districts that allocate more per-pupil spending.

I realize personnel costs account for a substantial portion of the school budget, but this factor is shared by all school dis-

tricts.

When statistics such as these are made public, is the school district's administration held accountable?

It is certainly simplistic to lay the responsibility on teachers' salaries, rather than questionable management.

On June 14, I am being asked to vote on a school millage question.

My question is, if my tax dollars are not going proportionately to per-pupil

spending, where are they going and why should I give more?

I believe deeply in a strong program of public education.

I believe the future of my country depends on public, not private, education.

I would hope that the school board shares my convictions and fulfills its role representing the public trust.

FERN VINING



Community opinions

Vote YES-YES for millages, but get something in return

In considering the twin tax proposals appearing on Monday's Plymouth-Canton School District ballot, one underlying theme must be remembered: Don't blame local districts for the faults and failures of the state Legislature and the governor. Instead, consider the two tax questions — a two-year, 17.74-mill renewal and a two-year, 4-mill increase — within a local context of our children, our schools and our money.

That preamble out of the way, then, let's examine each of the proposals, not only individually, but also in terms of what they collectively promise to provide the district.

For the 17.74-mill renewal, the most obvious question to ask is what happens if the proposal fails?

And the easy answer is: Kalkaska.

By representing half the district's local operating revenue, rejection of the millage would literally close the doors of the district about halfway through the school year or curtail operations at the outset so severely that no education will occur.

That, of course, cannot and should not be allowed to happen — so a "YES" vote is encouraged on the 17.74-mill renewal.

For the 4-mill tax increase, however, the question is not so clear: Certainly a list of cutbacks has been compiled for implementation should the increase be rejected, but that list can be misleading. For example, it portrays the "don't open two elementary schools" as a \$900,000 cut, but in reality the expense doesn't exist to be cut; the schools aren't open.

Similarly, the entire list — totaling nearly \$4.7 million — is based on an assumption that the state will complete its transfer of the costs of retirement and FICA expenses to local districts this next year. If it doesn't, the cuts could

2 issues need review

As the Plymouth-Canton School District braces for the outcome of Monday's millage election, the last thing it needs is any issue to come along that muddies the campaign trail. And yet two things have come up that require at least a brief review.

•The first was the apparently innocent use by Tom Tatten of the district's postage machine to mail a promillage letter to *The Crier*. Tatten is the district's director of instruction and administration co-chair of the millage committee.

State election law expressly prohibits the use of public money to take a position on any ballot question. Tatten said he had paid the 29 cents to the district, but certainly the district's postage meters shouldn't have been used in any case.

•The second issue surrounds campaign literature being distributed by the millage committee; specifically, a review of what will be "positively impacted" if voters say "yes" to the 4-mill tax increase.

Within the list of programs that would be saved by a "yes" vote is "continuing the full school day; (and) continuing transportation service..." The problem is that these two areas were exempted from cutback by the board more than two months ago.

To keep the two emotional items on the list implies they could be cut if the millage fails, and that's just not true. There are enough other areas that would be trimmed without creating cuts that don't exist to scare voters.

be actually \$1 million less. Of course, it makes sense to plan for the worst — but this needs to be made clear to voters before they enter the booth.

And then there's the matter of what will be restored if the 4 mills is approved: In literature being distributed throughout the district, two items are intimated as being cut if the millage fails. Not true. (See box.)

Still, enough conditions exist to warrant the call for new money to offset the consistent drain of local revenues by the state. As a result, a

"YES" vote is encouraged on the 4-mill renewal — but with two provisions the voters should require in exchange from the board:

•First, the school board must publicly agree to keep these 4 mills separate from the renewal two years from now: District habit would normally combine these two millages into a larger, 21.7-mill renewal in 1995 — making it impossible to say "no" two years from now.

Instead, voters should be given a chance to re-evaluate the merits of the new money two years from now, and not be trapped into some kind of automatic all-or-nothing renewal vote.

•Second, should the 4 mills be approved, the board should put its action where its mouth has been the last five months and initiate (even jointly) a class-action suit against the state of Michigan to force Lansing to comply with educational funding requirements spelled out in the state Constitution.

Throughout the board's debate over the new budget and the millage questions, members have pointed finger after finger at Lansing, complaining about shifting dollars, shrinking dollars and lost dollars; and officials have repeatedly voiced complaints about the drop in state funding from 50 percent to nearly 30 percent of local budgets.

Some officials have, in fact, talked of lawsuits in at least two other states that have successfully challenged legislative manipulation of educational funding.

Well, it's time to take such action in Michigan — and Plymouth-Canton, in conjunction with its lobbying group, the Middle Cities Education Association, should lead the way.

In this regard, then, the district will have rewarded a "YES" vote today with concrete action aimed at tomorrow.

We can't afford to let the millage increase proposal fail

EDITOR:

There has been much debate on the millage issue which is coming to a vote on June 14... "Poor administration," "waste" and "poor money management" are popular reasons heard against the millage vote. These excuses are unfounded.

The facts are: While Plymouth-Canton is the fourth largest school district in Wayne County, and the eighth largest in the state, we have been able to prudently spend funds over the last several years, making P-C the 20th out of 34 districts in Wayne County in spending per-pupil; making our operating millage 28th out of the 34 in Wayne County.

This means that, although P-C may have other problems in administration, managing available tax funds is not one of them.

So, you ask, "if we spend the funds so wisely, why are we in such financial difficulty?" Reason: The state (is planning to shift) FICA and retirement expenses, which it (currently) pays.

You ask "what about all the new houses I see sprouting up all over the area?" Answer: The estimated added revenue from such development will be \$4.6 million. Then there are the expense increases due to inflation, increased utility costs, two much-needed elementary schools, labor and benefit increases needed to run the district year to year. See the problem?

"So, they can cut some of the unnecessary things." Unfortunately, the plans are to do just that. But there also will be cuts into some necessary programs.

What will happen to (our property) values when our school district has to cut

teachers, programs and class time increase class size? No one will want to move into the district.

I do not want my taxes to increase any

Band members ask for yes vote

EDITOR:

As members of a national championship marching band, we are angry and disappointed that we might not have a band next year due to lack of school funds.

If the millage (increase isn't) approved on June 14, all extracurricular activities — tennis, golf, track, swimming, diving, gymnastics, wrestling, basketball, football, volleyball, cross country, baseball, softball, soccer, pom pon, all clubs, all after-school activities and our marching band — will be eliminated next year.

more than you do, but we have to be logical about this issue. The community cannot afford to let this millage be defeated.

CAROL SHASKO

Our experiences in the marching band have taught us lessons that are difficult to learn in the classroom.

We urge the voters of Plymouth and Canton to support education and to vote "yes" on June 14 and approve both the renewal and the increase.

It will cost the average homeowner less than \$1 more per day — about the cost of a can of pop. We think that's a small price to pay for so much education.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter was signed by 137 members of the P-C Marching Band.)



Community opinions

Where does arts council go from here?

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is at a crossroads.

With the abandoning of its high-hopes Wilcox Mill Arts Center, the cancelling of its bi-annual Follies after 18 years, with rotating executive directors, and with the cutback of its teacher assistance program, the PCAC has come under question by its own members and other supporters.

Can it stay volunteer-driven and program-oriented in this era of dual household occupations and tighter financial times?

"I wish we were more like the old fun days," said one historic Arts Council type.

She is not alone.

Many of the arts council members preferred the unpaid staff and "Dad's got a barn, let's put on a play" days.

But, can those days exist anymore?

The "good old days" of the PCAC were centered around a number of women who stayed home during the day, squeezing "picture lady" programs or other arts council activities between the kids' schedule.

And with funding sources drying up — both from businesses and from government — the PCAC's ambitious project expansion ideas face a hard road.

Those changing forces drove the PCAC to hiring a director and staff and then towards finding a permanent home. But there have been stumbles there — the split feelings amongst council members make it hard to keep a good director and weakens the resolve needed to turn a Wayne-County-leased historic building into an arts center.

In tough business times, an event like the Follies bows to budget-minded folks. A \$2,000 net profit on a \$25,000 budget (not to mention \$100,000 of volunteer time) makes bottom liners say, "Who needs it?" Of course, the PCAC volunteers who participated in the Follies and the thousands of folks who enjoyed grown

With malice toward none



adults clowning around (and showing off some surprisingly great talent too) see it as a significant program cut.

The teacher assistance program — a historic PCAC project — was cut for funds, leading some arts council types to question, "Why don't we cut the director's salary rather than program?" (Thanks to the successful Newcomers Fashion Show donation, the teacher aid program is being re-started in the Fall.)

Other programs put on by the arts council, like the children's concerts or music in the park, don't seem to be properly promoted and thus suffer from disappointing attendance.

Who does the PCAC serve? Some members — parents in the Plymouth-Canton Schools in particular — have seen the group's school-age-programs as the main thrust and felt that "Canton" should have been added to the name years ago to reflect those community residents. But it was not to happen. (The Canton Foundation launched a Canton Arts Council that collapsed under political bickering; a new Canton Arts Commission is growing under auspices of Canton Township government.)

Can the Plymouth Community Arts Council survive the changing times?

Its leaders — official and unofficial — must weigh the future and the group's resolve. What it does NOT need is another round of belly-button-studying that started it grasping for things it could not reach in the first place.

This voter says cast a 'yes' for 4-mill tax proposal . . .

EDITOR:

As a concerned parent, I am writing to encourage other concerned people to support the upcoming millage increase.

My family moved here two years ago from the state of New Jersey. We faced the same issues there in 1987 as we now are facing here in Plymouth-Canton.

Our children are our future and as we

save for their college education, let us spend just a little more so that their basic education is up to par.

My family's top priority in searching for a home in Michigan was a good school system.

If a community has a good educational foundation it therefore becomes attractive to buyers of homes.

If an area is attractive to buyers, property values go up. (As a result,) this millage increase will benefit even those without children.

No one can afford to avoid this issue. It is our community, our children and our future. Please go to the polls on June 14 and vote yes.

DIANNE OWEN

. . . but other residents say 'no' to millage increase

EDITOR:

Here we go again. I just received bulletin No. 3 from the "Citizen's Election Committee" listing the 14 threats that they will inflict upon us if we don't give them a 4-mill tax increase.

They need the 4 mills to provide themselves another exorbitant pay increase.

It's time we said no on June 14th. This time let's ask them to bear the burden by making wage and fringe concessions.

Also ask them of the millions of our tax dollars they are depositing each year in deferred compensation accounts. If they are so underpaid, how can they save up to \$7,500 a year in these accounts?

I believe in providing a fair wage for quality teachers, but we should require the quality education first and then the fair wage (later).

Four years ago we gave them the 4 mills after receiving the same threats. Where did the money go? Why, in their pockets of course. They took a 7 per cent

pay increase each year and another 3 per cent.

This compounds to 26 per cent increase in teacher's wages or in dollars, \$13,000 for a tenured teacher with a master's degree.

Enough is enough. Let's vote NO on June 14th.

HAROLD MONET

EDITOR:

Immediately upon the defeat of Proposal A, many northern and outstate lawmakers declared war on rich southeastern Michigan. Make no mistake that the Plymouth-Canton School District is perceived as rich in the eyes of many.

With this in mind, the following should be considered before the residents of this district agree to approve the pending millage increase:

1. What is the status of the lawsuit challenging tax base revenue sharing as

mandated by the "Robin Hood" bill? What are the chances of a favorable judgment for the district under the current circumstances?

2. Do we have any assurances that if the millage increase is approved, it will not be negated by state recapturing beyond the amount allocated in the latest school budget for such contingencies?

3. Many comparisons have been generated in recent weeks indicating that millages in the Plymouth-Canton district are lower than those in surrounding communities.

Although this may be true, our assessed property values are proportionately higher.

Past history has proven that if a school district haveth, the state taketh away. Continuing to pass millages only attracts more unwanted attention from Lansing.

Millage increases under current circumstances are a short-term solution.

JAMES CLEMENT

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