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CFCU plans new headquarters for Harvey St. site

Building plan for 30,000 square-foot, 3-story office in hands of City Planning Commission

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Community Federal Credit Union (CFCU) is seeking approval for the construction of a three-story, 30,000 square foot headquarters and branch office in downtown Plymouth.

If the Plymouth City Planning Commission approves the request, construction on the building would start in the spring, approximately 100 yards south of its current headquarters at Wing and Harvey streets. Under the proposed plan, only the branch's drive-thru service would be affected. Once CFCU moves, the existing structure would be leveled for parking.

"It was time for us to look for a larger headquarters, but we didn't want to give up our prime location in downtown Plymouth," said CFCU President James Cantrell. "This plan will allow us to have ample office space while remaining a fixture in Plymouth for years to come."

CFCU Marketing Director Sue O'Connor said there were many reasons that necessitated the move. "It's too small," said O'Connor. And that is after numerous additions, she said, which has portioned the building into several areas. "They've added on to it at least five times," O'Connor said. "It's not too cost effective to restore it all the time. We've gotten all we can out of the building."

CFCU purchased the former church building in 1961.

O'Connor said plans have not yet been

finalized to accommodate drive-thru service during construction. "I'm not exactly sure what the plans are," she said.

The new building will be built on the current drive-thru area by Coordinated Systems of New Baltimore, which built CFCU's new Canton office this year. "We were very pleased with the work they did for us in Canton and are confident the new structure will be completed as scheduled in the fall, 1997," Cantrell said.

This all hinges on the approval of the City Planning Commission. "We're hoping for the best," O'Connor said.

United Way drive needs help

The Plymouth Community United Way needs your help.

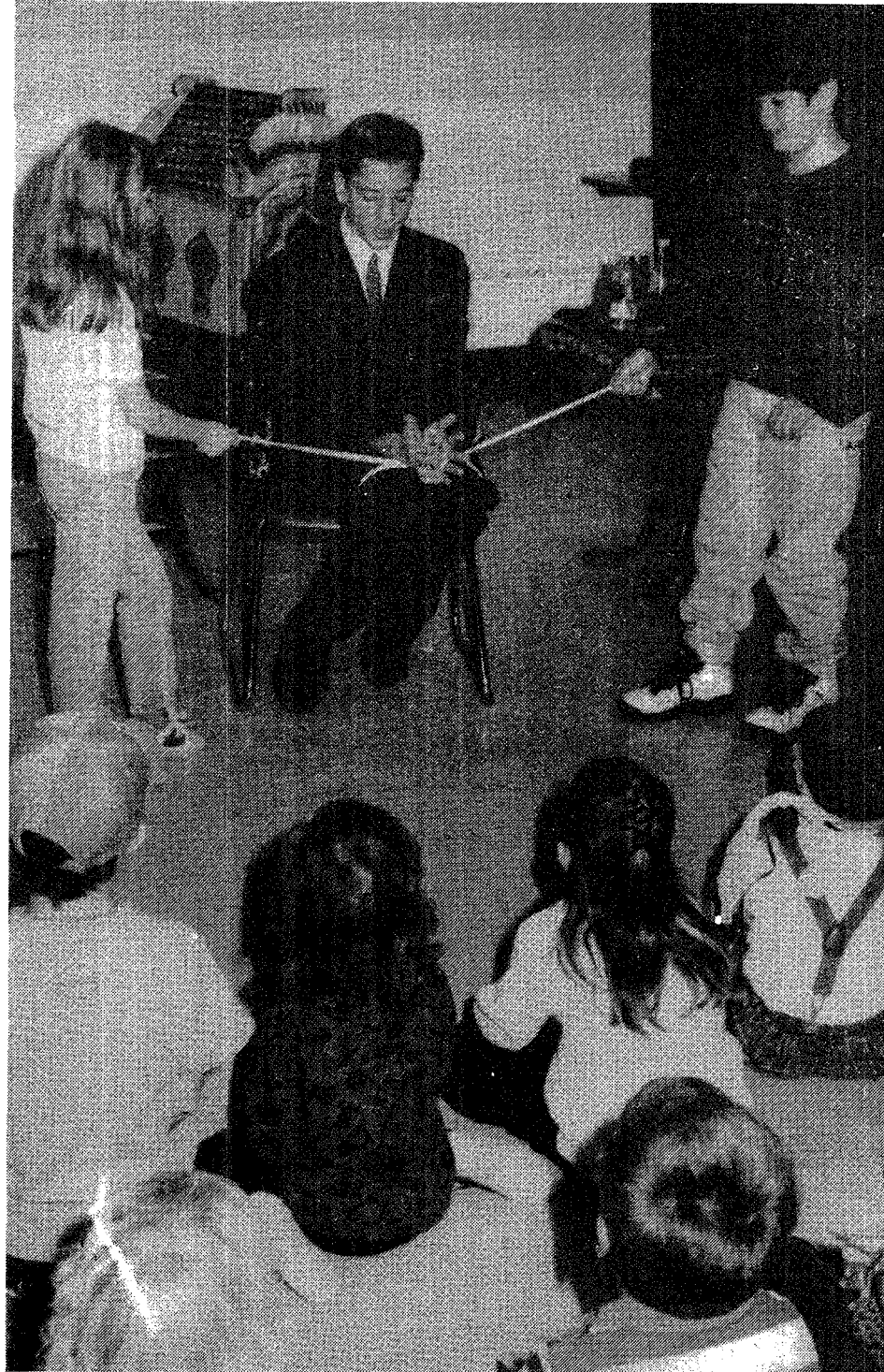
Plymouth Community United Way Executive Director Marie Morrow said 50 percent of the \$750,000 goal has been met. With only a couple more weeks left in the drive, help is needed.

"We still need some help," said Morrow. "All the money stays locally and is used to provide services, grants and other allocations at groups such as Growth Works, Angela Hospice and First Step."

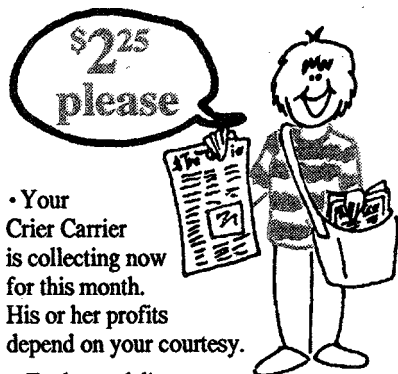
Morrow said more volunteers are always needed to help organize the campaign and collect contributions.

It's not too late to donate your time and money. Send to: The Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, P.O. Box 356, Plymouth MI 48170-0356.

Tied up



Rebecca Smudski and Chris Garrett tie up magician Philip Leja during the Canton Parks and Recreation's special Thanksgiving party Saturday at the Canton Recreation Center. Leja broke free from the trick long enough to share cookies with the children in attendance. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)



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P-C Schools' field trip policy questioned

Should board vote on every trip scheduled throughout district?

The Plymouth-Canton School Board approved a West Middle School field trip to Toronto last week after tabling the motion at its Oct. 9 meeting.

The field trip passed by a 5-0 margin, with P-C School Board Vice President Mark Horvath and Trustee Jack Farrow abstaining. "I'm going to abstain from voting on this because I think the school has nothing to do with it," Horvath said of the field trip scheduled for Feb. 28-March 1, which is during the school district's midwinter break.

Farrow abstained for the same reason. Horvath expressed his desire to tighten up field trip guidelines

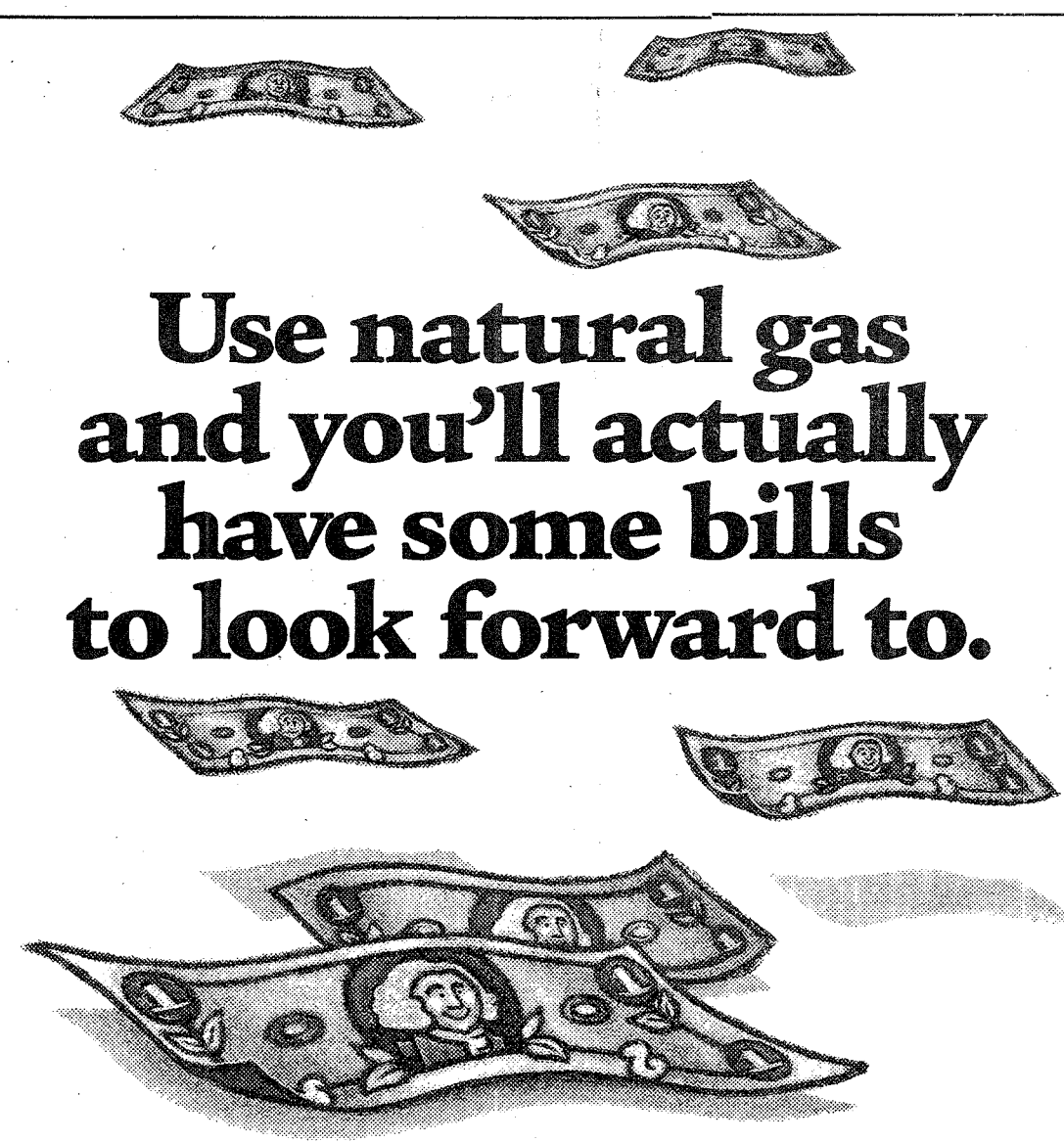
and have administrators approve or disapprove them, instead of placing them on the school board's agenda. "We don't need to be here voting on these things," said Horvath. "(Administrators) know if these are good field trips or not."

At the Oct. 9 meeting, Horvath, Farrow and Secretary Sue Davis all questioned why school board approval was needed for field trips not scheduled for school days.

Crier office closed Thursday, open Friday

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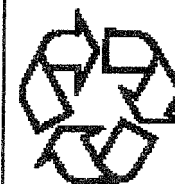
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As student population continues to rise at P-C Schools, so do concerns

BY BRIAN CORBETT

As student population in the Plymouth-Canton School District continues to rise, so do concerns.

"It's a high priority for me because I know that next year, we won't even have an art and music room," said Allen Elementary School Principal Jim Burt. "Every room we have will be used as classrooms."

That is already the situation at Tonda and Isbister elementary schools. And if no action is taken, Bentley and Eriksson elementary schools and Lowell Middle School will encounter student attendance problems, according to a report presented to the school board last week by Associate Director for Research and Technology David Rodwell.

The housing explosion in The Plymouth-Canton Community has added 434 students to the district this year, raising the enrollment total to 15,390. Although enrollment is up at the middle schools and The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, where freshmen classes at Canton and Salem total more than 1,200 students, the most immediate problems are in the elementary schools. In five out of the 14 elementary schools, the kindergarten class is the largest, and in another three schools it is a close second. In other words: The school district is

growing, and will continue to grow for some time.

A committee will be selected at the next school board meeting Monday at Fiegal Elementary School to try and suggest possible solutions to deal with this growing problem.

There are three schools that are dealing with this problem right now. At Tonda and Isbister, the art and music programs are forced to move from room to room, with the teachers transporting their material in carts.

So far, teachers have not been too hampered by the situation. "They do their best," said Isbister Principal Lee Harrison, who oversees 613 students. "It's not a desirable situation. Sometimes it limits your options, but we do a good job with what we have."

Tonda Principal George Belvitch echoed Harrison words. "They're good teachers and they're flexible," he said. "Certainly, they don't have a choice."

Harrison said the high student population limits supplies for the music and art classes, which are sometimes taught in the school's commons area. "It also limits our flexibility, because when we're in session, every room we have is in use," Harrison said.

Harrison has been in the school district since the 1970s and has confidence the

school board will continue to be creative in solving enrollment difficulties. "I'll just let the committee do its job," he said. "We need to do what we do best here. Those decisions are best left for the board of education and the committee members chosen."

Burt may feel the same way, but he has a suggestion on how to accommodate the student enrollment at Allen, which is currently at 615. "There has to be some kind of boundary adjustment," he said. "I just don't see any other way to handle that."

In his 10 years at Allen, Burt said he has never witnessed such a dramatic influx of students during such a short period of time. He said if nothing is done, Allen will be forced to go to art and music in a cart. "We've never been this crowded before," he said. "It kind of surprised me."

Even though adding a teacher and lowering class size still has not solved Tonda's problems, Belvitch remains hopeful.

"I have a sense we're going about it the right way," he said. "We're doing some problem solving. I certainly don't know how it's going to end up, but I think if everybody sits down and puts their heads together, we'll come up with something."

Police block Plymouth streets when pipe bomb brought to City Hall

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

A Plymouth Township resident that brought an unexploded pipe bomb to the attention of Plymouth City Police officials may have blown the lid off a string of pipe bomb explosions.

The resident found the 6" unexploded bomb at his residence and took it to the Plymouth Police Department Saturday night, thinking it was their jurisdiction.

"The township resident brought it into our police department," said Plymouth Police Chief Bob Scoggins. "We had him place it outside the building."

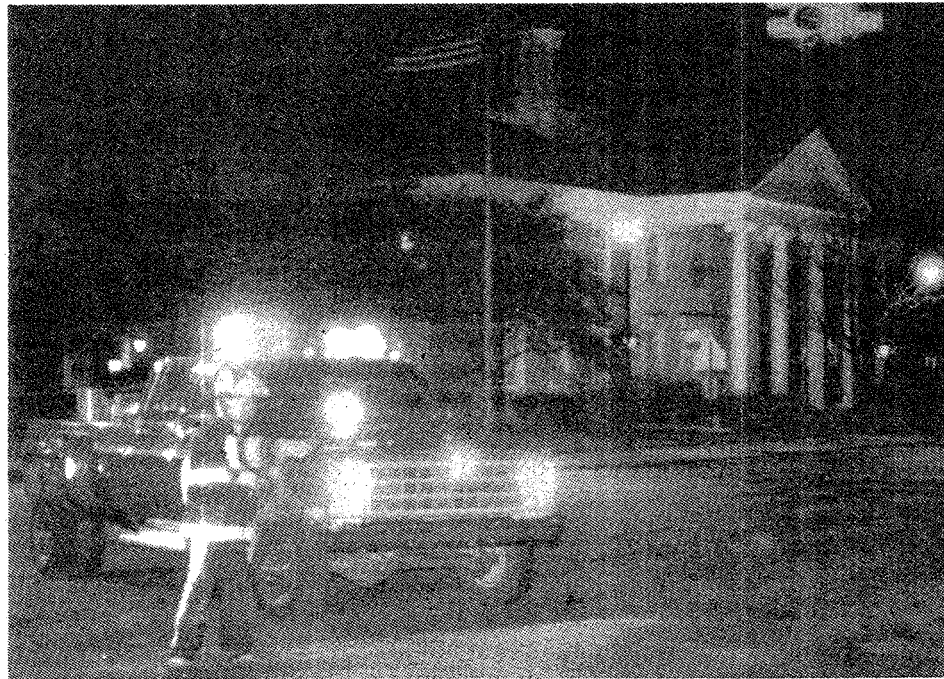
Plymouth Police then blocked off part of Main Street (in front of City Hall) and called the Michigan State Police Bomb Squad, said Scoggins.

Plymouth Township Police were informed about the incident and upon further investigation, questioned juvenile suspects in the case.

According to Plymouth Township Police Sgt. Steve Rapson, there are six juvenile suspects in the case.

According to the suspect's statements, the rampage started on Nov. 14 when one of the homemade bombs was detonated in Hines Park behind the old Radisson Hotel, said Rapson.

On Nov. 15 the suspects drove, while assembling the bomb device, to the end of Warren Road. The group tried to light the fuse, but it would not light, said Rapson.



Plymouth Community Fire Department personnel cleared Main Street at approximately 7 p.m. Saturday when a township resident brought a pipe bomb he found in his yard to City Hall with the intention of turning it over to police. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)

"They brought the bomb back to Penniman (where one of the suspects lives)," said Rapson. "They had two more bombs that they called junior bombs. Those two went off on Amesbury Drive (Nov. 17)."

"The items (that were turned into the

Plymouth Police) were found at the residence on Amesbury and brought into the police by the older brother."

The township police have turned over their charges against the six juveniles to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, according to Rapson.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Community leaders and supporters of The Salvation Army will be kicking off the Salvation Army's Christmas Bell-ringing efforts and Red Kettle Drive. Leaders from Canton, Plymouth and Northville will help light the tree at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street in downtown Plymouth at noon today. The Salvation Army's local goal this year is \$125,000.

THE WEEKEND

- Santa Claus will make his big entrance Sunday at 1 p.m. in Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth. A family sing-a-long will be part of the festivities.

NEXT WEEK

- The Canton Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Township Hall.
- The Canton Township Tree Lighting Program is scheduled for next Thursday at the new Summit on the Park Community Center banquet area. Events will begin at 7 p.m. with music provided by the Canton Seniors' Kitchen Band. The popular stuffed animal drawing will be held again this year. Refreshments will also be served.

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Summit on the Park fire causes \$100K in damage

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

The damage to the Summit on the Park building from last week's fire has been estimated at \$100,000.

According to Dan Hall, from the Christman Company, who is doing the construction on the Summit, the Nov. 13 fire caused a lot of smoke, water and heat damage.

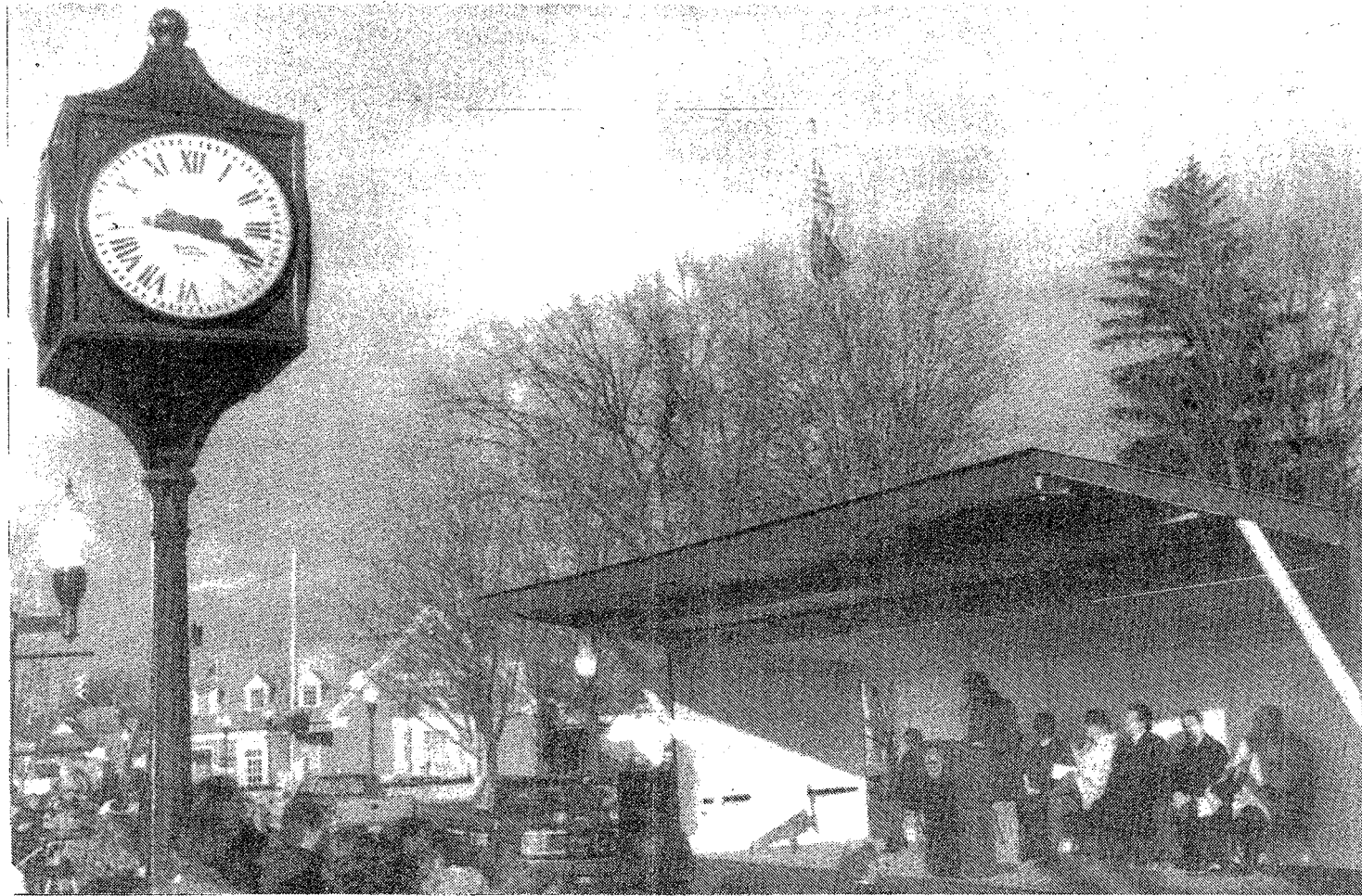
"The heat cracked a lot of expensive windows," said Hall, adding cleanup has already begun. "We're probably 60 to 70 percent complete on the cleanup."

"Then, we'll repaint and fix the damage to the dry wall."

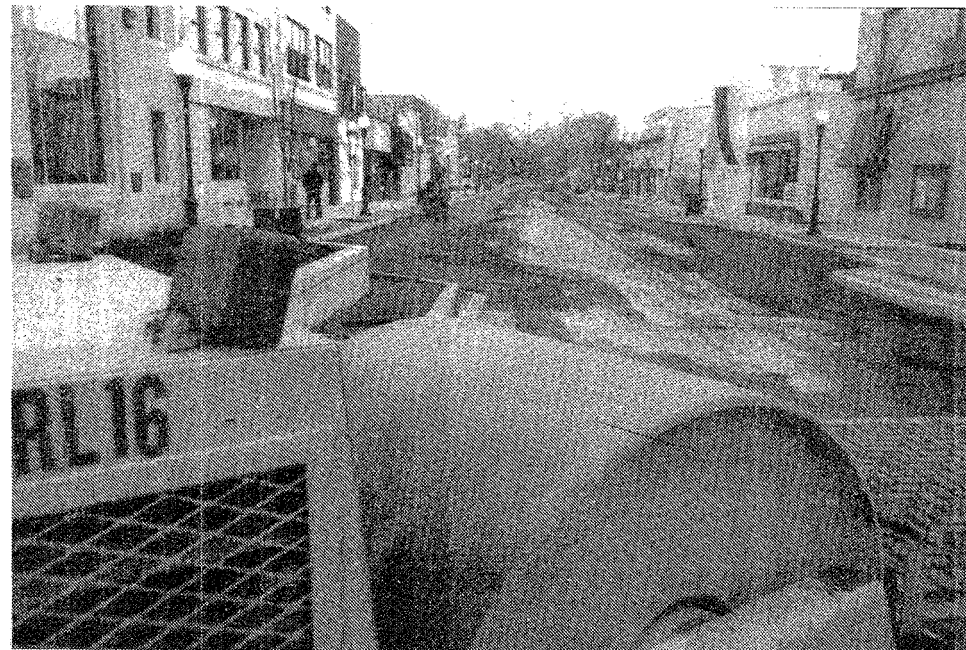
Hall added that the damage sustained in the fire will push the Summit's completion time back.

"It probably added two to three weeks," he said. "We're expediting repairs, clean up and the laying of the floor, so we don't lose too much time."

Streetscape dedicated



(above) Plymouth officials dedicated the streetscape project during a ceremony Sunday afternoon as workers (right) worked through the weekend to finish the paving. Construction on the Plymouth Streetscape began in early spring. The completion of the project is the culmination of decades of planning and marks the beginning of the new downtown Plymouth. (Crier photos by R. Alwood Jr.)



Boil water order lifted in Twp.

Tests show no contamination following pump problem

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

Plymouth Township residents living west of Sheldon Road spent two days under a "boil water" notice last week.

According to Tom Hollis, Plymouth Township Public Works director, the City of Detroit experienced a problem Nov. 14 with its Joy Road pump, which supplies water to the western portion of the township.

"The pressure was down for about a half hour," said Hollis. "There were several customers affected by the problem."

According to Hollis, the Michigan Department of Public Health requires that as a precaution, a "boil water" notice be

issued for the areas involved.

"We notified as many residents as possible through the news media and cable channel 10," he said. "We worked with Detroit to take water samples to make sure they were safe."

The water samples came back showing no contamination last Thursday. The "boil water" notice ended at 3 p.m. Thursday, according to Hollis.

As to whether something like this could happen again, no one is quite sure.

"As long as they take care of their system, I don't foresee any problems," he said.

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 PUBLIC HEARING-- ANN ARBOR CORRIDOR
 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1995 • 7:00P.M.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that the City of Plymouth and Charter Township of Plymouth has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, November 29, 1995, commencing at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, in the Card Room.

Purpose of the Public Hearing: The Plymouth Communities have asked the Design Collaboration Group to present to the public their review, analysis and recommendations of the Ann Arbor Road Corridor. Comments and questions will be received from the public.

Linda Langmesser, CMC
 Clerk, City of Plymouth

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 Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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Community deaths

Obituaries

For more information on listing a paid obituary notice in The Crier, contact your funeral director or call (313) 453-6900

WILLIAM E. JOHNSON

William E. Johnson, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 12, 1995.

Mr. Johnson worked for Local 636 Commercial Division-Plumbers and Pipe Fitters. He was a heating and cooling technician.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife, Joyce; daughters, Kelly (Andrew) Johnson-Wrobel and Jenny L.; one niece; one nephew; and two uncles.

Services for Mr. Johnson were held at the Vermuelen Trust 100 Funeral with Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating.

KAREN LOUISE CARTER

Karen Louise Carter, a Canton resident, died Nov. 12, 1995, at the age of 48.

Mrs. Carter was a legal assistant at Howard & Howard law firm. She was a member of the Michigan Bar Association

Mrs. Carter is survived by her husband, Stephen; daughter, Susan; son, Owen; sisters, Stevann Fraley, Barbara Sabo, Donna McLeod, Rachelle Faba, Luann Schmidt and Brigett Spencer; brothers, David and Kevin; parents, James and Irene Schmidt

Services for Mrs. Carter were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with Rev. Christopher Maus officiating. Local arrangements were made by Vermuelen Trust 100 Funeral. Burial was at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Memorial tributes to mass offerings are requested.

FREDERICK C. EISENLORD

Frederick C. Eisenlord, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 12, 1995, at the age 70.

Mr. Eisenlord was a salesman all his working life. He came to the Plymouth community in 1960 from Saginaw. Mr. Eisenlord was a member of the Geneva Presbyterian Church, the Plymouth Rock Lodge No. 47 F. & A.M., the Masonic Lodge Council Chapter Consistory, the Plymouth Lions Club and the Plymouth Elks.

Services were held at the Geneva Presbyterian Church with local arrangements made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Memorial tributes to the Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton or the Penrickton Center for Blind Children, 26530 Eureka, Taylor MI 48180.

EVA L. BANIQUED

Eva L. Baniqued, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 13, 1995, at the age of 88.

Mrs. Baniqued lived in Russell, IA, until 1972, and periodically in Aurora, IL, for the past 20 years. She came to the Plymouth community from Electra, TX, in 1992. Mrs. Baniqued married Rev. Sam Baniqued, who died in 1992, in Russell, IA, in 1972. For the past 20 years he served at small Presbyterian churches throughout the Midwest and the South.

Mrs. Baniqued is survived by her son, Dean (Nancy) Swartzwelter; sister-in-law, Thelma Post; three grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Services for Mrs. Baniqued were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Rev. Dr. Dean Klump officiating. Services were also held at the Healy Funeral Home in Aurora, IL. Burial and graveside services were held at the Russell Cemetery in Russell, IA.

Memorial tributes to the Angela Hospice Unit at Plymouth Court, 105 Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI, 48170, are appreciated.

DONALD R. POTTER

Donald R. Potter, a Frankenmuth resident, died Oct. 31, 1995, at the age of 79.

Mr. Potter was a foreman with Ford Motor Company for 32 years. He came to Plymouth in 1919 from Merrill, MI. Mr. Potter moved to Frankenmuth in 1994. He was a member of the Plymouth Rock Lodge No. 47 F & A.M.

Mr. Potter is survived by his wife, Madelyn; daughter, Jacquelyn Jean (Herbert) Pinder; granddaughter, Jeannie Marie DeLombard; adopted family, Jerrold (Kathy) Thompson and granddaughter, Laenne.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

MARY ANN SIMMONS

Mary Ann Simmons, a lifelong Plymouth resident, died Nov. 4, 1995, at the age of 56.

Ms. Simmons was born in Plymouth in 1939. She graduated from Plymouth High School in 1957. Ms. Simmons was an executive secretary at the Burroughs/Unisys Plymouth Plant for 35 years. Ms. Simmons was an avid reader, traveler, golfer, bowler, and card, board and computer game player.

Ms. Simmons is survived by her mother, Truda; brothers, John and Rob; uncles, Chet, Jimmy and Roy Singleton; aunts, Betty Hees and Sarah Enochs; nephews, Monty and Garrick; nieces, Michelle, Kim, Kelly, Kerry and Shelley; four great nephews; three great nieces; numerous cousins; and many friends.

Several of Ms. Simmons' family members were at her bedside at the time of death. Her optimistic outlook, quick wit, and commitment to her family will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

A private family service was held in her memory.

JilAnn "Jilly" Weise-Pavloff, 11, student

JilAnn "Jilly" Weise-Pavloff, a Canton resident, died Nov. 13, 1995.

She is survived by her parents, Vickie and Paul; sister, Devanie; brother, Christofer; uncles, Tom Shelton and Jim Orr, and two other uncles; aunt, Karen Shelton; and several cousins.

Services were held at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church with Pastor Peter Berg officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Kathleen Micol, 79

Kathleen Micol, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 13, 1995.

She is survived by her son, Robert (Nancy) Lewis and two other sons; seven grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and one sister.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Mr. Sanford Burr officiating. Burial was at the Riverside Cemetery.



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The Meals on Wheels program serves a hot nutritious lunch five days a week at Tonquish Manor. A donation is requested for the meal, but not required. Call 453-9703 weekdays between 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. for more information.

DISABILITY FITNESS CLASSES

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park is looking for used fitness equipment (steppers, fitness tapes, stationary bikes, treadmills) for a new fitness program for students with disabilities. For more information and to make a donation, call David Gerlach at 416-7708.

EMERGENCY PHARMACEUTICAL PROGRAM

Qualified Plymouth seniors can receive a month's supply of medication, available at the township hall the second and third Fridays of each month. Call 455-7526 for an appointment.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Plymouth Court Nursing Center in Plymouth is looking for volunteers to help with activity programs for residents. For more information, call Maralena Howard at 455-0510.

TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Horizon Counseling Centre and Associates will be hosting a series of free seminars on the second Tuesday of every month. For more information about the series, call the Horizon Counseling at 451-7577.

TINY TOTS PRESCHOOL

The Salvation Army's Tiny Tots preschool program is currently taking applications for the 1995-96 school year. Children who will be four by Dec. 1, 1995 or three by Sept. 1, 1995 are eligible for the classes. For more information, call Peggy at 453-5464.

FITNESS FACTORY

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation department will hold aerobics classes weekly. There are low-impact and body sculpting classes offered. For more information and fee information, call Kathi at (810) 349-7928.

CLOTHING BANK

The Clothing Bank will be open to distribute donations of clothing to families in need on Tuesdays only from 9-11:30 a.m. and from 1-3:30 p.m. during the school year. To make an appointment or for more information, call 416-6179.

MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION

The Michigan Cancer Foundation - West Region - is looking for volunteers to provide transportation for cancer patients in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. For more information, call 561-8880 between 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is looking for volunteers in the Canton area to help children needing tutoring with basic math and reading skills. Training is free. For more information, call Joy Graves at 883-2100 ext. 368.

CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB

The Canton Republican Club, which meets on the third Thursday of each month, will be meeting at Cherry Hill School at 7 p.m. For more information, call Melissa McLaughlin at 495-0304.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON JAYCEES

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees hold monthly meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call the Jaycee Hotline at 453-8407.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan club will hold their monthly dinner meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Water Club Bar & Grill. For more information, call Margaret at 455-6989.

GOD'S GOLDEN GIRLS

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites women over 50 to join "God's Golden Girls." The organization meets the third Friday of each month at noon. Lunch is free but reservations are a must. For more information, call Pattie at 981-0286.

SMOKERS' RIGHTS MEETING

People supportive of smokers' rights can meet on the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at Denny's. For more information, call Marc at 455-1635.

PREMARITAL HEALTH EDUCATION CERTIFICATE CLASSES

The Wedding Chapel on Main Street will be offering counseling on transmission and prevention of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. The classes are open to the public and will run every month this year. For information about the classes and dates and times, call the Wedding Chapel at 455-4800.



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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).

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST THANKSGIVING

This year's service will take place tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. Passages will be read from the Bible and Science and Health, testimonies will be given, no collection will be taken. The Nursery is available for children seven and under. The ceremony will last about one hour.

P-C SCHOOLS NEWS

The counseling offices are sponsoring Financial Aid Night on Dec. 5 at Salem High School. The event is for parents of juniors and seniors and is free of charge. The P-C Schools are seeking members for the District Enrollment and Facilities Committee to study the Enrollment and Facilities report given on Nov. 13. If interested call 416-2757. A copy of the report is available for \$6.68.

NEWCOMERS GENERAL MEETING

All residents are welcome to attend the holiday open house Dec. 7 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call Kathy at 455-8336 or Lori at 416-9001. RSVP by Dec. 1.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Performance dates are Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 at 8 p.m.; Dec. 2, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Dec. 3, 4 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd. \$8 admission. For tickets call 425-1208.

COMMUNITY FIRST AID AND SAFETY

Recognizing and caring for cardiac and breathing emergencies for infants, children and adults, and caring for life threatening illness and injuries at 6700 Canton Center Rd. Dec. 5, 7 and 12 from 6-10 p.m. \$43. Call 422-2787.

18TH ANNUAL TOY COLLECTION

For Mott Children's Hospital and needy families at 595 Forest Ave. on Dec. 16. Donations also accepted. Call 455-9057. Toys must be in good condition.

ANGELA HOSPICE TRAINING CLASSES

An eight-week volunteer class. Starts Nov. 29, 3-6 p.m. at Plymouth Court, 105 Haggerty Rd. Call 455-0510 or 464-7810 for more information.

LYNN RIVERS FIELD REP. OFFICE HOURS

U.S. Rep Lynn Rivers' field representative, Geoff Rose, will answer questions about federal agencies and legislation and provide information on Washington D.C. tours and House documents. Nov. 28 at Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main St.

WSDP, 88.1-FM REUNION

WSDP, the student-operated station of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, is planning its 25th anniversary reunion for 1997. Former staff members are asked to send their current addresses to the station at 46181, Joy Rd. Canton, MI 48187 or call (313) 416-7732.

WOMAN'S CLUB OF PLYMOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dec. 1, 12:30 p.m. at the Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd. The program, "Education Today and into the Future", features P-C Schools Superintendent Charles Little. Entertainment provided by the Plymouth-Madrigal Singers. Bring mittens, scarves, hats and canned goods for the Mitten Tree and Christmas Baskets.

HANDCRAFTERS ARTS/CRAFTS SHOW

Dec. 8-10 at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main St. 70 juried artisans. No baby strollers. Lunch available. Admission is \$2. Call 459-0050.

SEN. BENNETT PAGE POSITIONS

Four page positions are open for a one-year term. Applicants must be full-time college students. Duties include attending Senate sessions, pick-up and delivery of documents and messages, and general staff assistance. Positions must be filled by mid-December and start in January. Call (517) 373-7350.

PLYMOUTH KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

The Club is holding its third annual \$1000 a month raffle. Tickets are \$100, and entitle the holder to a chance for \$1,000 each month of 1996. Winning tickets are placed back in drawings. Call 453-7091.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE

Donate blood Monday at St. John's Episcopal Church's Gathering Hall, 574 S. Sheldon, in Plymouth from 2-8 p.m. For appointments call 981-2265.

GED TESTING

GED Testing will be offered through the Plymouth-Canton Community Education Department. Testing will take place today and tomorrow from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-10 p.m. The test will be held at Starkweather Center, 550 N. Holbrook. \$25 fee. Register in advance. Call 416-4901 for more information.

"A CANTON COUNTRY CHRISTMAS"

Presented by the Canton Historical Society. A tour of five historic homes, two one-room schoolhouses and a church decorated for Christmas. Dec. 2 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets are available at Canton area florists, Willow Brook Inn B & B and the Canton Historical Museum. \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door, \$10 for senior citizens. Refreshments included, and craft show at museum.

STU ROCKAFELLOW AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

The Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society will hold their regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month on the second floor of the Plymouth City Hall. For more information, call 455-7652. Amateur radio classes will be held Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall. Call 454-4061 for more information.

PLYMOUTH OPTIMIST CLUB

The Plymouth Optimist Club meets every first and third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Hotel. Meetings include dinner and a speaker. For further information contact Felix Rotter at 453-2375.

PLYMOUTH REPUBLICAN CLUB

The Plymouth Republican Club hold their regular meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Water Club Grill at 6 p.m. For more information, call Tom Hickey at 455-7110.

PLYMOUTH GOODFELLOWS CRIER NEWSPAPER EDITION

The Goodfellows will soon begin activities for the Christmas season. The Goodfellows Edition of The Community Crier will be sold Dec. 2. Community contributions to help attain "No Kiddie Without A Christmas."

LIFESAVERS

Dec. 14, 6-10 p.m. Free. At the clerk's office, 42350 Ann Arbor Rd. RSVP by Dec. 1. Call 453-8407. CPR certification, emphasis on young children.

JUNIOR WHALER TICKETS

Dr. Dennis McCormack, the Detroit Junior Whalers' chiropractor, would like to invite area youth groups to attend the team's home games. For more information call his office at 459-4458.

V.F.W. FISH FRY

Every Friday, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post #6695, 1426 S. Mill St. Call 459-6700 or 459-2394 for more information.

P-C HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI DIRECTORY

Will include names of current alumni all over the country, from Salem, Canton and Plymouth high schools. Current names and addresses needed. To update call 1-800-659-7995, fax 1-800-238-8332, mail Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc. ATTN: Richard Bradley, 313 E. Anderson Ln., Ste. 300 Austin TX 78752.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON SKI CLUB

Travels to Mt. Brighton every Friday and Saturday evenings (except holidays). Register Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at the Canton High School cafeteria. Fee is \$97, which includes transportation, chaperones, tow tickets and lessons. Information is available by calling 416-2937.

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If you witness an act of kindness, if an organization you are associated with plans a good deed, and if someone is especially kind to you, please write a letter to The Kindness Editor describing the act of kindness. We will gather the reports and publish some of them on a special page on November 29.

The Community Crier staff will choose an outstanding act of kindness and present a \$50.00 reward to the kind person, and \$25 each to the runners-up. So if you know somebody who deserves a reward, let us know. Who knows, maybe together we can help start new habits. We need to receive your nominations by November 22.



Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Several area students recently became members of the Carl and Winifred Lee Honors College at Western Michigan University.

Canton residents: Jason Danely, Maria Grainger, Tara Schuler and Kristin Young; and Plymouth resident: Matthew Shear.

To become a member of the college, a student must excel academically. Measures of that academic achievement include an average high school grade point average of 3.85 and a composite average aptitude score of 27 on the American College Test (ACT).

The Canton Historical Society presents their 1995 Christmas tour "A Canton Country Christmas" — a fund raiser to benefit the pole barn at the Bartlett-Travis House.

The tour is scheduled for Dec. 2 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are available at Canton area florists, Willow Brook Inn B&B, and the Canton Historical Museum. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door and \$10 for senior citizens.

Madonna University's Kappa Iota chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau, an international nursing honor society, recently inducted several local residents into the chapter.

The local members are: Canton residents Adam Hillard and Nancy Kilpatrick; Plymouth residents Carol Lewandowski and Kim Young; and Northville residents Catherine Jackman and Kathleen Step.

Plymouth's Specialty Pet Supplies, is offering special Humane Society of Huron Valley (HSHV) greeting cards this holiday season.

The cards, which will help area homeless animals, are available in three styles designed by local artists. Cards come in packages of 10 cards and envelopes for \$7.

The Schoolcraft College Community Choir will present two holiday concerts entitled "A Christmas Interlude," on Dec. 3 at 4 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, and Dec. 16 at 8 p.m. at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia.

Tickets for the Dec. 3 concert are \$4 and can be purchased at the door. Only donations to the choir will be accepted during intermission at the Dec. 16 performance. For more information call 462-4448.

Plymouth Is...

Artist captures essence of Plymouth in popular poster

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

It was an artist's way of paying back the community that was supportive of her work.

That, according to Deborah Fredericks, was the reason behind the "Plymouth Is..." print she created.

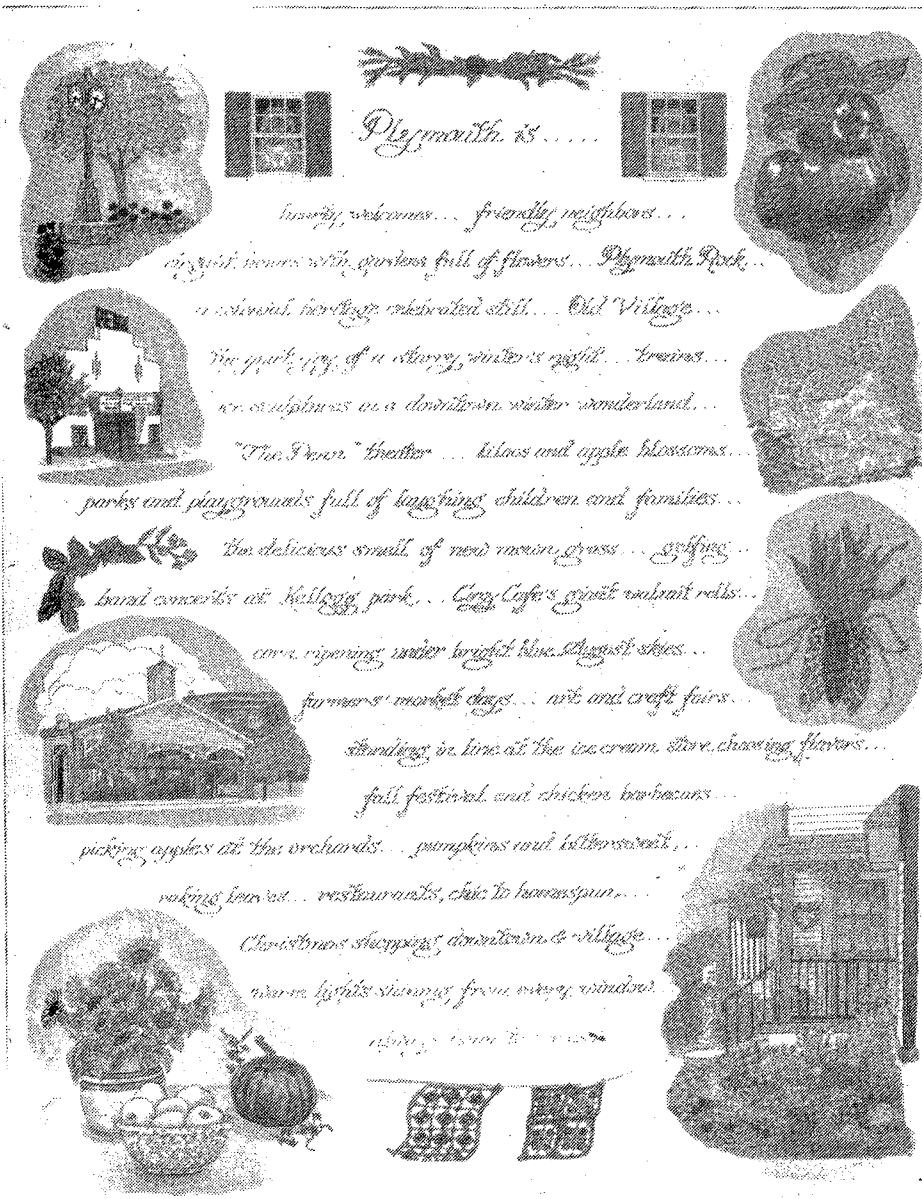
"There were so many great people in Plymouth who have helped me get my business started," said the Ann Arbor-based artist. "I wanted to repay that kindness in some way."

Fredericks created her business, Herb of Grace Calligraphy & Illustration, in 1990, after the Lupus she suffered from forced her to give up her career in gallery management.

"I started out in Plymouth," she said. "Diane Quinn (of Plymouth's Art-In-The-Park) had taken me on when no one else would."

Fredericks has been a regular exhibitor in the Plymouth art festival ever since and said that some of her best and most supportive customers come from Plymouth.

"Some of my staunchest customers are in Plymouth," said Fredericks. "From the beginning I've gotten a great response and a warm feeling from the



Deborah Fredericks' popular "Plymouth Is..." poster hangs in many Plymouth households.

Is..." print or any of the services that Fredericks offers call (313) 663-7046.

Plymouth community."

Fredericks print "Plymouth Is..." which features scenes like the Penn Theatre, the Guenther Clock and The Gathering is available at Bezaires, 615 North Mill St. in the Old Village, or at Michigan Made, 830 W. Ann Arbor Trail.

In addition to the Plymouth print, Fredericks has more than 180 designs on hand at her house/gallery at 503 N. Ashley in Ann Arbor.

"I can usually fill just about any need," she said. "I cover the spectrum from those people who don't want to mess around with it to those who know just what they want."

Fredericks said things have worked out pretty well for both her and her business.

"All things considered this has worked out well," she said. "Having people enjoy the work I put out is a nice, pleasant experience."

For information about the "Plymouth

'Frosty' PCAC play will warm heart

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

"With a corn cob pipe and a button nose and two eyes made out of coal..."

The holiday season push starts for most people the day after Thanksgiving, but for Jennifer Tobin and 60 Plymouth-Canton residents (between the ages of 5 and 14), it began back in September.

It was in September that Tobin, the director of Frosty and a member of the Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) held its auditions for the play "Frosty the Snow Man."

"We had 60 kids auditioning for 25 parts," said Tobin. "I wanted to make sure that everyone had the opportunity to

learn and do theater, so we formed two casts.

"The child who may not have been cast at the audition is the child who two months later is great — it's just a matter of practice."

The group will perform for the public Dec. 1 at 7 p.m., Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. at the PCAC building, 774 N. Sheldon Rd.

The group, who has been in rehearsals since September, will also be performing at the following elementary schools: Allen, Bird, Isbister, Miller, Farrand, Hoben, Tonda, Bentley, Gallimore and Girl Scout Troop 679.

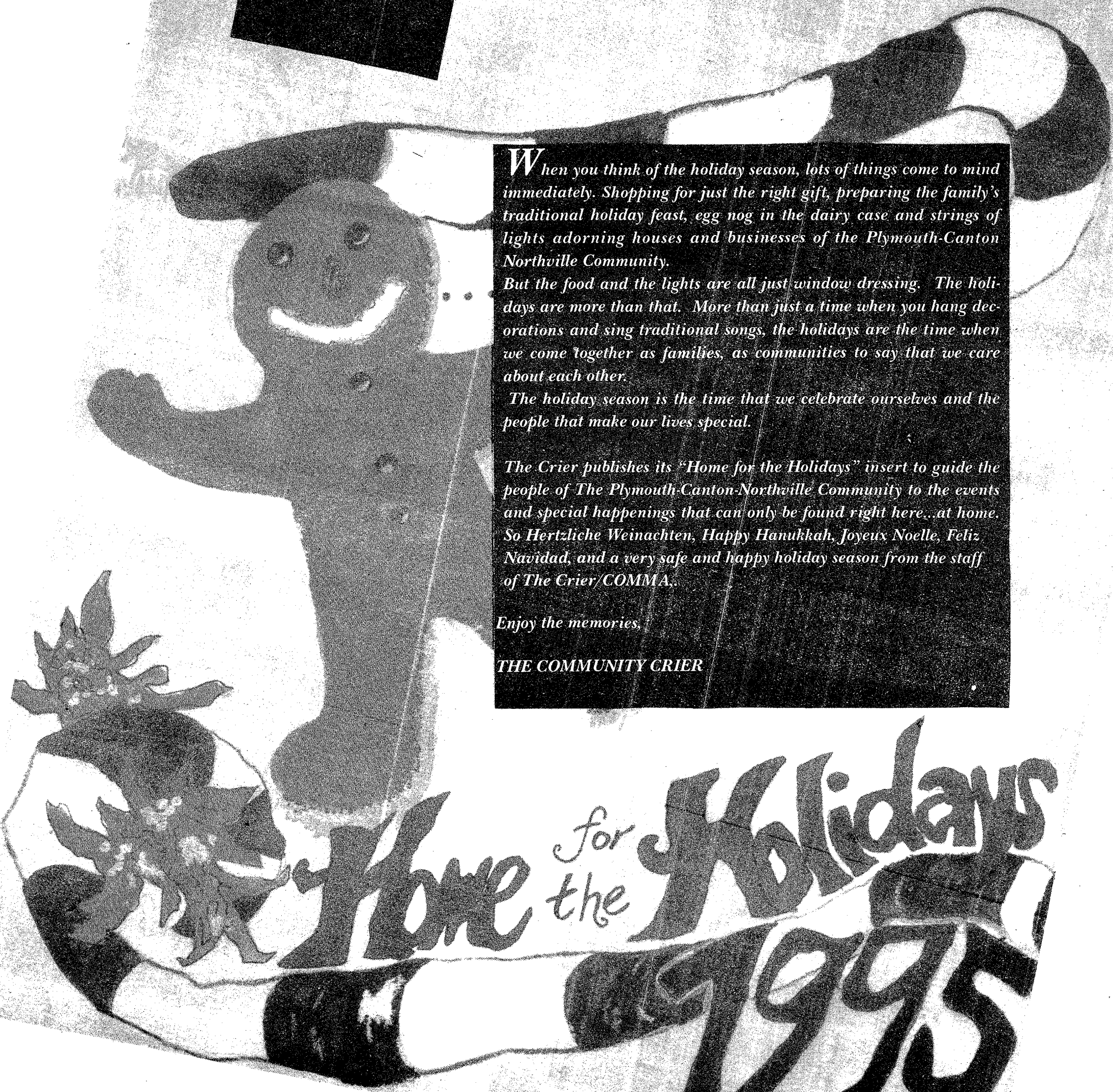
Tobin said she is excited about the performances, and about the talent of her cast.

"They're doing great. This is a great experience. They have to adapt to their audiences," said Tobin. "I'm really excited about the performances. They're (the kids) are so creative."

A spring production will be announced soon, with the auditions scheduled for Jan. 16 - 18.

Ticket prices for the public performances are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children (12 and under).

For tickets or for information, call the PCAC at 416-4ART.



When you think of the holiday season, lots of things come to mind immediately. Shopping for just the right gift, preparing the family's traditional holiday feast, egg nog in the dairy case and strings of lights adorning houses and businesses of the Plymouth-Canton Northville Community.

But the food and the lights are all just window dressing. The holidays are more than that. More than just a time when you hang decorations and sing traditional songs, the holidays are the time when we come together as families, as communities to say that we care about each other.

The holiday season is the time that we celebrate ourselves and the people that make our lives special.

The Crier publishes its "Home for the Holidays" insert to guide the people of The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community to the events and special happenings that can only be found right here...at home. So Hertzliche Weinachten, Happy Hanukkah, Joyeux Noelle, Feliz Navidad, and a very safe and happy holiday season from the staff of The Crier/COMMA.

Enjoy the memories.

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1995



Christmas events compiled and edited by Carey McConkey

Christmas crafts

St. Thomas A' Becket holds annual sale

The Women's Club of St. Thomas A' Becket Catholic Church will be holding their annual craft show on, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The craft show will be held at the church, located at 555 S. Lilley Rd. in Canton. It will feature more than 75 crafters, hourly raffles and a bake sale. Admission is \$1, Seniors 50 cents and children under 12 are free.

'Historic' gifts

Canton Historical Society holds craft fair

The Canton Historical Society will once again be holding one of its most popular events: the Christmas Craft Fair.

The craft fair will take place Dec. 1 and Dec. 2 at the Canton Historical Museum from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fresh evergreens, which sold well last year, will once again be available. Fir wreaths with red velvet bows will be on sale for \$26 and 22-foot pine roping will be available for \$15.

A new attraction this year will be: "From the Kitchens of Our Politicians," which will include our elected representatives' homemade baked goods.

Their names will appear on the treats and anyone is welcome to sample some of our elected officials favorite recipes.

In addition to the wreaths and baked goods, there will also be plenty of handmade crafts. To order a wreath or pine roping, call 495-0811.

White Christmas

Contest guarantees snow over holidays

The Canton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the "Guaranteed White Christmas" contest, which is open to all Canton residents.

The winner will be picked on Dec. 20. On Dec. 22 around 2:30 p.m., the winner's front lawn will be covered with snow courtesy of the Canton Parks and Rec.

"Of course, if Canton is already covered on Dec. 22, then everybody is a winner. I think that this will be a lot of fun and stir up a great deal of holiday spirit," said Recreation Supervisor Bob Dates.

The winner will also receive a copy of Bing Crosby's White Christmas album. For information on how to enter call 397-5110.

Coming to town

Santa's on his way to Kellogg Park

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce wants your help in welcoming Santa Claus to Plymouth and to his new home in Kellogg Park on Sunday at 1 p.m.

A Family sing-a-long will be a part of the festivities of Santa's welcome back to Plymouth.

Santa's hours are: Fridays, 5-8 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 5 p.m. through Christmas Eve. Christmas Eve hours are from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Downtown Merchants Annual Christmas Open House is also scheduled for Sunday.

Town touts trees

Chamber's tree program back in Plymouth

This Holiday season, the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will once again be taking reservations for the Kellogg Park Christmas Trees. Decorating will take place on Dec. 2 and 3. Tree dedication will be Dec. 3 from 3-6 p.m. The dedication will include a candlelight sing-a-long, ceremony and hot cider.

The cost of the event is \$40 per tree, which includes 200 white lights and a sign with a group or company name.

The tree decoration winner will be announced on Dec. 21. To vote on your favorite tree, ballots are available at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, the Mayflower Hotel and the Box Bar. Trees will be removed from Kellogg Park on Jan. 1. To reserve a tree or for more information, contact the Plymouth Chamber at 453-1540

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Holiday concert

Community Chorus prepares for show

The 22 year-old, 130-member Plymouth Community Chorus is preparing for their Christmas Concert.

This year's performances will be held Nov. 30, Dec. 1, Dec. 2 and Dec. 3, at The First United Methodist Church, 48201 N. Territorial in Plymouth.

This year, the Chorus is under the direction of Michael Gross and will be performing holiday favorites such as: "O, Holy Night," "Do You Hear What I Hear?" and "Silent Night."

Other new carols include: "African Noel," "Nutcracker Jingles," and "I Miss You Most at Christmas Time."

Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased from: Evola Music, 215 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth; Dearborn Music, 42679 Ford Rd., Canton; and the Northville Record, 104 W. Main St., Northville.

For additional information call 455-4080.

Beautiful band music

Central Middle concert set for Dec. 12

On Dec. 12, the Central Middle School Band will be performing their Christmas Concert at 7:30 p.m. For more information contact Central at 416-2990.

Voices in song

Fiegel holds Holiday Sing-A-Long Dec. 19

On Dec. 19, Fiegel Elementary will be holding a holiday sing-a-long at 7p.m.

The sing-a-long is open to anyone who wishes to attend the event.

For further information contact Fiegel at 416-6030.

Santa Workshop

Good boys, girls rewarded Dec. 2

On Dec 2, Fiegel Elementary's PTO will be sponsoring a Santa Workshop from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for all the good little boys and girls. For more information contact Fiegel Elementary at 416-6030.

Nutcracker

PSO, ballet present holiday classic Dec. 1

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, along with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company, will once again present the "Nutcracker" this holiday season with more than 150 performing dancers and musicians.

The performance will be held at Salem High School, Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 2 and 3 at 3 p.m.

"Even though this is the fifth year performing the 'Nutcracker' with the symphony, it's always a new and wonderful experience for the dancers, the symphony and the audience," said Dawn Greene, director of the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company.

Deborah Buttner, originally from South Africa, now residing in Florida, will join the Symphony and Ballet Company as the Sugar Plum Fairy.

This year, the part of the Cavalier will be played by Timothy Smola of Canton, and the part of Clara will be played by Lauren

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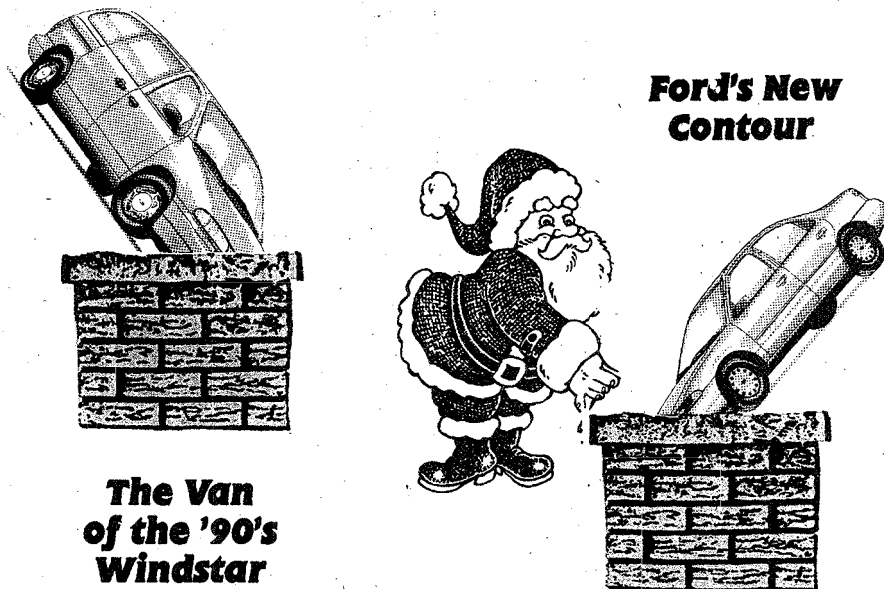
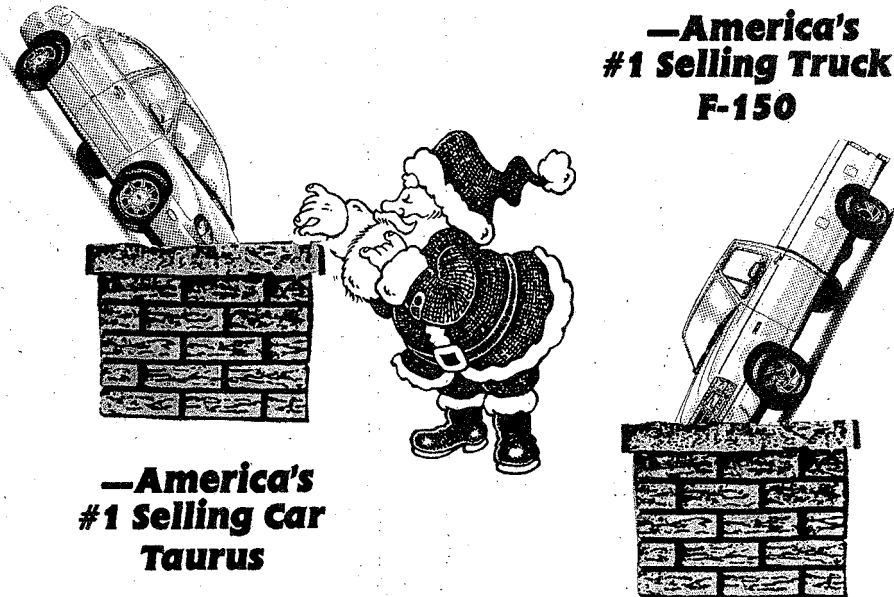
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Tickets for the ballet, which is sponsored by Panasonic and the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs, are \$14 for adults and \$8 for children. Tickets for the Sugar Plum Tea can be purchased for \$3 in advance and \$4 at the door.

For more information contact the Plymouth Symphony: 451-2112.

Recreation show

Plymouth Parks and Rec crafts show set

The Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will once again be sponsoring a Holiday Arts and Crafts Show.

The Craft Show will take place Nov. 24-26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

For more information contact the Plymouth Parks and Rec: 455-6620

Holiday Luminary

Trailwood and PSO sponsor annual event

Trailwood Garden Club, in conjunction with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, will be sponsoring a Holiday Luminary Sale. The sale will take place on Dec. 2, 9 and 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The sale will be held at four area locations: the Plymouth Township Kroger, Danny's on Main Street, West Chester Mall and the Plymouth Marketplace. The candles cost \$3.50, which includes 10 candles and 10 candle bags.

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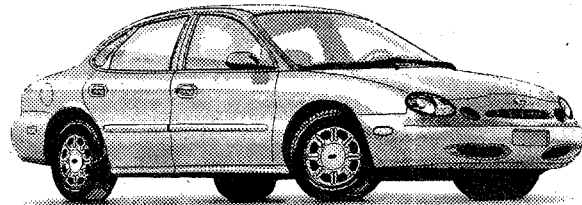
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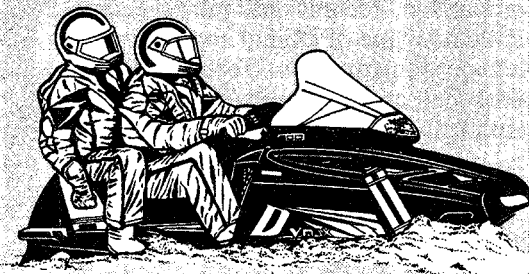


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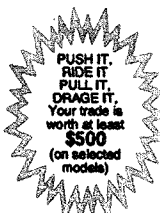
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Civic Chorus

Livonia group performs Sunday, Dec. 17

The Livonia Civic Chorus will be presenting its 31st Annual Christmas Concert entitled "Down the Chimney" on Dec. 17 at 3 p.m. at Clarenceville High School.

Holiday spirit will be in full gear with carols such as— "Sleigh Ride," "Jingle Bells," and "The Night Before Christmas."

The LCC Christmas performance will be under the direction of Jim Whitten, a graduate of Western Michigan University.

For more information contact Al Utecht at 464-8177.

Guitar ensemble

Jazz group will play holiday songs

On Dec. 9 from 1-3 p.m., The Wayne State University Jazz Guitar Ensemble under the direction of Steven Carryer will perform at the Plymouth Guitar Gallery. For more information, contact the Plymouth Guitar Gallery at 459-8850.

Holiday Plant Sale

Community Literacy Council event flowers

The Community Literacy Council, Inc. will once again be sponsoring a Holiday Plant Sale.

Poinsettias and Cyclamen are available in red, white and pink.

All orders must be placed no later than Dec 4. Orders can be placed at the Council office, 550 N. Holbrook. You may also order by FAX at 416-4925 or by calling 416-4906.

The plants will be delivered directly to your home or office on Nov. 30 and Dec. 7, 14 and 21.

Madrigal Dinner

Novi Choirs presents merry event

All the pomp of "Merrie Olde England" will once again be brought to life when the Novi High School Choirs and Boosters present their annual Madrigal Dinner Dec. 9.

The dinner will take place at 6:30 p.m. at Novi High School.

Some of the evening's activities will include: the procession of the traditional boar head; the hoisting of a toast from the Wassail Bowl; serenading minstrels; and a performance by the Novi Choirs.

The Renaissance dinner will be prepared by the award-winning "Two Unique," featuring Chef Kelli Lewton.

Tickets can be purchased for \$25 until Dec 4. All proceeds benefit Student Scholarships. Reservations can be made by calling (810) 348-3073.

Handcrafters

Northville Show focuses on arts and crafts

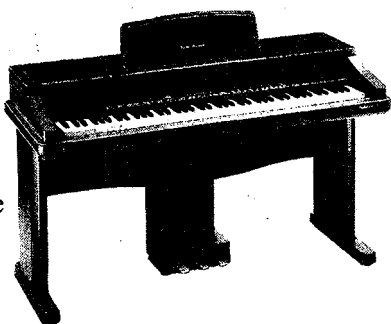
The Northville Department of Parks and Recreation will be holding a Handcrafters Craft Show Dec. 8-10 at the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

Craft show hours are: Dec. 8, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 9, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Dec. 10, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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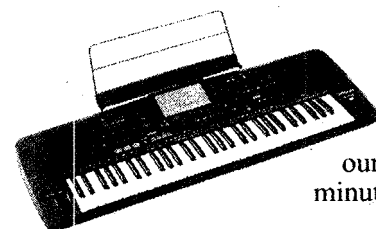


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A final holiday thought...enjoy the season

BY WILLIAM H. DEAN

One afternoon — if you spend more than one afternoon handling your gift giving obligations this year, you need help. My help. So, in the spirit of the holidays, I offer this gift: a way to eliminate the time-consuming aggravation that plagues this annual tradition. Here's how!

First, buy a bunch of stuff (gifts). What you buy is not really important, just make sure the gifts are generic. Good example: office supplies. Bad example: monogrammed clothing. Also, choose items that will fit inside a standard department store clothing box. You'll see why later.

As with any chore, gift wrapping is easier and faster with lots of up-front planning. Start by dumping your purchases on the kitchen table. If you own a pool table, that's even better, but you'll have to push aside the piles of laundry to make room for the wrapping.

Now, set up a small assembly line with three stations: wrapping paper, tape, and bow. Roll up your sleeves, select a gift from the pile and begin. If you can locate and remove the price tag immediately, do so. Otherwise, move quickly to the next step — the paper. Because you have thoughtfully pre-cut the paper into uniform squares of average size, this step is reduced to simply pulling the top sheet from a large stack.

Sometimes, a pre-cut sheet will not adequately cover the gift being wrapped. Of course, this can be avoided by strict conformance to the "shirt box" size requirement noted earlier, but if it happens, try your best to "stretch" the paper to cover the exposed area. Hint: a well-placed foot on top of the gift can make all the difference when paper stretching, and if the paper rips, cover it with another sheet as if you're double-bagging groceries at the supermarket.

The gift is now ready for tape. While holding the gift firmly with your foot, take a moment to applaud your advance planning. Within easy reach, you stashed a large supply of two inch segments of tape, premeasured and stuck to the edge of the table. Grab two of these tapelets and secure them to the paper. Warning: don't overdo the tapelets preparation phase. Unused tapelets are often forgotten, then discovered on someone's plate during Christmas dinner. Now, move quickly to the "bow" section. Having removed the backing from the entire bag of bows and arranged them sticky-side-up, you'll need just one quick

swatting motion with the gift to snatch one from the table. With practice, you may even learn to locate the bow near the center of the present.

At this point, you may be tempted to attach cards to the gifts to indicate which family member is the intended recipient. This is not only unnecessary, but detracts from the mystery and excitement of the gift giving experience. Plus, it complicates several of the following steps. Read on.

Group your wrapped gifts into a pile according to destination, i.e., Aunt Barbra's family in Tucson, Uncle Tim in Washington, Sister Susan in Ft. Wayne. If the piles are not the same size, move gifts from the larger piles to the smaller piles as required.

Important Cost Cutting Tip: select the destination for each pile according to the distance it will be shipped, making sure that the heaviest will be shipped the shortest distance.

With the gifts gathered into piles, finding the right shipping container is easy. In your basement, you'll find a closet full of used cardboard boxes from last Christmas. Look at the return addresses. This will tell you where each one came from, and more importantly, where to send it this year. With a large marker, draw two arrows on each box, indicating that it will be returned to its place of origin. I call this the "Brown Box Boomerang".

Now, it's time to fill the boxes with the "gifts." Quite often, the gifts will not fill the entire box and old newspaper must be used as a filler. Use this opportunity to clean up your work area. Any loose scraps of wrapping paper, empty tape rolls, receipts or cardboard wrapping tubes may be stuffed into the boxes at this time. Again, if the gifts destined for a particular relative don't fit the box you've chosen, it's perfectly appropriate to transfer the run-off to a different relative.

Here's a quick test to see how much you've learned. If you spend more time wrapping and packing than it took to read this article, then there's room for improvement.

You're now just one excruciating visit to the Plymouth Post Office (no, Canton still doesn't have its own) away from completing this task for another year, and it was much easier than you THOUGHT. And with gift giving of course, it's still the THOUGHT that counts. Merry Christmas.

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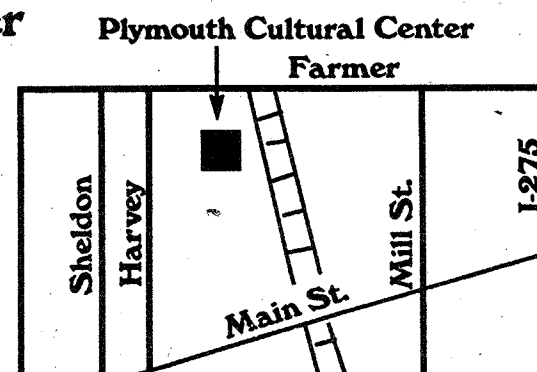
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Winners will be pictured with their winning entry in the Dec. 6th issue of The Crier.

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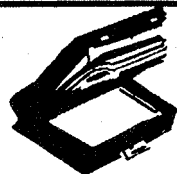
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Native West, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, presents its sixth annual Art and Jewelry Festival Dec. 7, 6-9 p.m., an opening reception; Dec. 8, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Dec. 9, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Dec. 10, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. The festival will feature 1986 Indian Artist of the Year Mark Silversmith and a Native American Trunk Show, featuring an assortment of sterling silver, 14-karat gold using turquoise, lapis and sugilite stones. Call 455-8838 for more information.

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce offers "Plymouth Gift Certificates." The certificates are accepted and used as cash, and are welcomed at more than 30 Plymouth retail shops. To purchase or participate, call the chamber at 453-1540 or stop by the chamber's office at 386 S. Main St.

Canton Chamber of Commerce news: Membership has elected seven people to serve a three-year term on the chamber's Board of Directors. The directors are Robert Carrigan, Alphagraphics; Virginia Hauck, Canton Place; A. Frederick Nell, Ph.C., CPA, Swenson and Nell, PC; David Pifer, Pifer and Associates; Janet Volante, First of America Bank; Patrick Williams, Michigan Induction; Kaye Woodbeck, KB Products. The new directors joined the existing directors to form an 18-member board of directors.

The chamber's Holiday Party is scheduled for Dec. 1 at Fellows Creek Golf Club. \$20 raffle tickets are still available for the Escort GT drawing. Call 453-4040 for more information.

Johnson Controls strengthens position at top of auto seat market

Two recent occurrences have added to Johnson Controls' outstanding year.

The world's largest seat producer, which has offices in Plymouth at 49200 Anchor Ct., attended an international auto show in Germany this fall and announced earlier this month that they have reached a definitive agreement to acquire a majority interest in Roth Freres S.A., a European automotive industry supplier of seats and interior components.

These developments come when Johnson Controls just disclosed that fiscal year 1995 was its most successful ever, achieving record sales of \$3.8 billion.

Johnson said it will pay \$175-200 million for approximately 75 percent of Roth Freres, a joint venture partner since 1988. The acquisition is expected to positively affect earnings for Johnson Controls in fiscal year 1996. Johnson Controls and Roth Freres said the acquisition is expected to be completed this month, following governmental approval.

Roth Freres, headquartered in Strasbourg, France, had 1995 estimated sales of \$600 million. It produces foam cushions,

headrests, headliners, interior door trim and shelves for customers such as Renault, Peugeot and Volvo. The company was founded in 1920.

Johnson Controls was among 1,000 companies from 40 nations at the 10-day international auto show in Frankfurt, Germany. The company showcased a selection of its latest products and concepts in a major exhibit at the event, which attracted one million visitors.

"We're involved in a number of industry shows and technical expositions worldwide each year," said John Barth, Johnson Controls' executive vice president. "These events, especially the auto shows in Frankfurt and in Detroit, give us a great opportunity to introduce new products and display our strengths to the global automotive community."

Among the seating innovations Johnson Controls exhibited at the auto show were seat padding made with recycled soft drink bottles, a seat belt system fully integrated into the seat instead of the vehicle's body, and a computer controlled "Self-Adjusting Comfort Seat" that custom fits its occupant automatically.

Better baskets

Cathy's Gourmet Gift Baskets caters to businesses, individuals looking for unique artistic creation

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Plymouth resident Cathy Newsom has a holiday gift that will never be returned.

"It's an unfailing gift," Newsom said, owner of Cathy's Gourmet Gift Baskets, "and it usually brings a smile."

Newsom opened her business a month ago, renting space in the Plymouth Antique and Craft Mall, 975 W. Ann Arbor Trail, selling gift baskets and stuffed animals. "I'm going to be getting Christian books and gifts too," she said.

As she increases her inventory, Newsom plans on adding coffee and children's baskets as well.

A plethora of baskets for a number of occasions can be ordered from Cathy's Gourmet. Even though she is busy filling up the baskets with fruit, muffins, shortbread and cappuccino coffee sticks, Newsom still has the time to stop and put



(left to right) Cathy Newsom and her daughter Melanie Hufford make gift baskets for all occasions. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

a little something special into each one to distinguish it. "I like making people happy. I'm willing to create what they want," Newsom said. "Each basket is personalized."

That is even the case for businesses, Newsom said. "I can handle doing corporate gift accounts," she said, naming Supplied Oxygen and Plymouth Platting as two businesses that have enjoyed her work. "I'm happy to bring samples, make personal visits to plan their holiday baskets. I can take care of their needs in their office."

This is Newsom's first business venture, which will soon include her daughter, Melanie Hufford. "I'd taken some courses at Schoolcraft," Newsom said. "I wanted a coffee house, but I wanted something I could afford. It's a stepping stone. I want a bigger store."

Newsom's current operation may not be perfect yet, but at least she is in business for herself.

"I've worked a lot of jobs," said Newsom, including 10 years making baskets at a Plymouth store. "I've worked for many people. This is something I enjoy doing."

Newsom said she will enjoy her business even more this holiday season since she is donating \$5 from each sale of her Cat and Dog baskets (\$15) and Gourmet basket (\$20) to a single mother who is pursuing a culinary arts career. "She's very intelligent," said Newsom. "She's applying at different schools, but the major thing right now is she needs transportation. And that's what the fundraiser is for."

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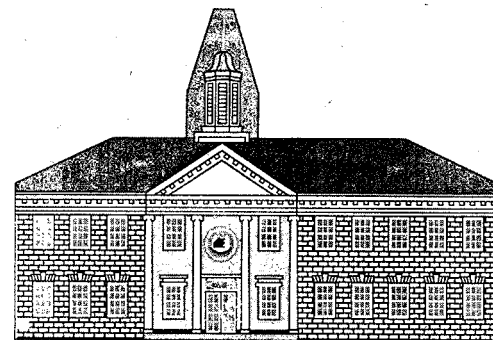
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Sports

Sports shorts

The Western Lakes All-Conference and All-Division teams were released for girls basketball, along with the final standings for the conference in team play.

Finishing in second was Canton with a 10-0 record. In third was Salem with a 9-2 record. Both were behind Walled Lake Central with a 11-0 record.

Making the All-Conference team for Salem was Shellye Sills and for Canton was Sarah Warnke.

Making the All-Western team for Canton were Becky Vachow and Kristi Fiorenzi. Making the All-Lakes team for Salem were Amanda Abraham and Andrea Pruett.

Making honorable mention for Salem were Nicole Vanhees, Janelle Sterling and Angela Sillmon. Making the team for Canton were Mary Anderson and Melissa Marzolf.

The Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association Boys "A" League's updated standings has the Pistons and Rockets leading each division with a 3-0 record. Behind the Pistons are the Hawks, Pacers, Sonics, Spurs, Bulls, Celtics, and Kings. Behind the Rockets are the Bucks, Jazz, Lakers, Magic, 76ers, Knicks, and Nets.

In the Girls "A" League the Magic lead, followed by the Bulls, Lakers, Pistons, Celtics and Kings.

The Plymouth Community YMCA will immediately begin the New Year by starting up new classes the first week of January 1996.

The classes are Stop Smoking, Weight Control; Adult Indoor Golf Lessons; Yoga; Muscles in Motion For Adults; Step Aerobics Fitness Class; Creative Memories; Youth Basketball Travel League; Youth Instructional Basketball League; Girls Basketball Skills; Basketball Skills Class; Youth Instructional Indoor Soccer League; Youth Floor Hockey Travel League; Floor Hockey Skills Class; Youth Volleyball; Bumper Bowling; Arts and Crafts with Allie; Drawing with Allie; Karate-Tae Kwon Do; Drivers Education; Youth Indoor Golf Lessons; YMCA Kid Vid Club; Dance Movement Program; T.A.P.P.; YPucks; Preschool Indoor Soccer; YHoops; Theme Party Tuesday; Adult Modern Dance; Adult Basketball League; Adult Floor Hockey League.

Contact the Plymouth Community YMCA at 453-2904 to sign up or for more information.

Canton wave

Krueger and Chiefs compete in state meet for first time

BY MATT HUCAL

The Canton girls swim team had two state meet qualifiers last weekend, and brought coach Ron Krueger to the top meet at University of Michigan for the first time in his career.

All-Western Lakes swimmers Lisa Sabina and Terri Hanson finished their seasons at the meet — a meet Krueger said was

"These were a real good group of girls...I don't think I'll ever forget this bunch," said coach Ron Krueger

very exciting, but also a learning experience.

"I got to know what it felt like to participate in my first state meet. I've been a wrestling coach for quite some time and I thought there were some good athletes in that, but I was overly impressed by some real fantastic athletes at this meet. I learned a lot," Krueger said.

Sabina qualified for the state meet in diving. Her first three dives were excellent, placing her in the top eight. She went a little over on her last two dives, finishing the meet in 23rd place.

Hanson qualified for the 50 free style and the 100 butterfly. In the 50 she swam her best time, a :25.11, but finished 13th while needing a 12th place finish or better to go on. In the 100, Hanson finished 12th on the first day, good enough to qualify for the next day's race. She finished ninth on the second day of competition, swimming a time of 1:00.08.

The team ended up finishing 35th in the state, although their 400 free relay only missed the state meet by one-tenth-of-a-second.

The next year look very promising for the Chiefs, with Sabina only a sophomore and Hanson a freshman. The team can also look forward to some of the best young talent in the league.

"Everyone will be getting stronger and I see us doing well in state meets to come," Krueger said.

"These were a real good group of girls. I really enjoyed this year. The kids were there for me when my son died. I don't think I'll ever forget this bunch."

Lions roar



The Canton Lions varsity cheerleaders won first place in the Western Suburban Football League competition held Nov. 4. The team took first over 13 other varsity squads. (left to right) Allison Bushrow, Jackie Raines, Gina Ackly, Marie Woodruff, Laura Pino, Courtney Leaymn, Jill Nave, Meagan Perrin, Sarah Medly, Kristen Pitt, Melissa Timte, Taylor Robinson, Gina Dailide, coach Maria Candela and cheerleading director Sue Klimek

Chief hoop dream ends in nightmare

Canton girls basketball season ends early with loss to Northville

BY MATT HUCAL

The Canton girls basketball season ended quicker than many expected last Monday. They lost to a hot Northville team — a team Canton walloped the last time they met — coming off a win over Salem

the Friday before. Canton bowed out in the first game of the playoffs after reaching the state semi-finals last year. The score was 54-50 and left Canton with a 16-5 record for the 1995 season.

Canton coach Bob Blohm's squad was

plagued most of the game with an inconsistent offense and two players on Northville — Lauren Metaj and Samantha Leger — who combined for 42 points.

Canton was held to shooting outside by Northville, which made their strong inside game suffer.

"We weren't solid enough defensively," Blohm said. "It seemed like every time we got close, they had an answer. All-in-all, Northville had a great game."

Leading Canton in scoring was Becky Vashow with 16 points and Kristen Lukasik with 11 points.

Canton's shortened season ended with many accomplishments including a first place finish in the Western Division, a second place finish in the conference and a decent record against a strong nonleague schedule. Their only loss by a large margin was to powerhouse Walled Lake Central, 42-26.

"I thought we had a great season with a good non-league schedule. This group was real consistent and worked hard all year long," Blohm said.

Rockettes crowned state dance champs

The Salem Rockette Pom Pon squad captured first place in the Mid-American Division II State Dance Competition held at Cobo Hall on Saturday, Nov. 11. The win gives the Salem squad back-to-back state dance champion titles.

The squad members are led by coaches Aileen Balatico and CeCe Hinske and captains Heidi Balatico and Christie Wilson.

The rest of the members are Paulette Adams, Katie Anderson, Audrey Ayala, Stacey Barbosa, Molly Boyle, Natalie Carabot, Melissa Carabot, Melissa Carron, Jennifer Chaney, Maria Cini, Roshini Deraniyagale, Merideth Green, Brienne Hesse, Becky Hopton, Jennie Langa, Robyn Novak, Carrie Proctor, Amy Pomeroy, Emily Stemmer, Kelly See, Mandy Schwartz, Laura Thorp, Erin Vaquera, Shelley Williams, Lisa Wilson, Cindy Wittrock and Coleen Wydendorf.

Some of the squad members will be performing tomorrow in the Thanksgiving Day Parade as part of the Mid-American Pom Pon All-Stars.



Sports



The Rocks' potent offense carried the team for the majority of the season, but at the state championship game, Salem's defense led the day, stopping Portage Northern's

offense in its tracks. The Rocks went on to beat Portage Northern, 1-0. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Great game, poor ending

It was all over the news. It shouldn't have even happened. It was a clear example of poor sportsmanship.

The skirmish following the final whistle of the game last Tuesday, when the Salem boys soccer team defeated Portage Northern, 1-0, for the state championship, could be blamed on a single player. As one of the people caught in the middle of the mini-brawl, I had a first hand look at how it was built up and how it actually unfolded.

During any game — especially one with the magnitude of a state final — emotions are running high and tempers are pretty short. It feels as if you'd do just about anything in order to give your team the advantage.

Unfortunately, while players are on the field, these emotions unfold and things are said and done that most fans don't see or hear to get the opponent's mind off the game. During the game, some of these emotions were released and some tempers were displayed. It wasn't really that bad — some of my teammates and some of the Portage players were joking together on the field.

It was a relatively clean game and second half, but the last 30 seconds showed how poor sportsmanship can almost ruin a good moment.

Just as the game ended — while we should have been celebrating and Portage should have been reflecting on their own fine season — a Portage player made a run and body checked one of my teammates, which ignited an unfortunate incident. After that, both teams let their emotion out during a melee that didn't even last 15 seconds.

Sure Shot

By Matt Hucal



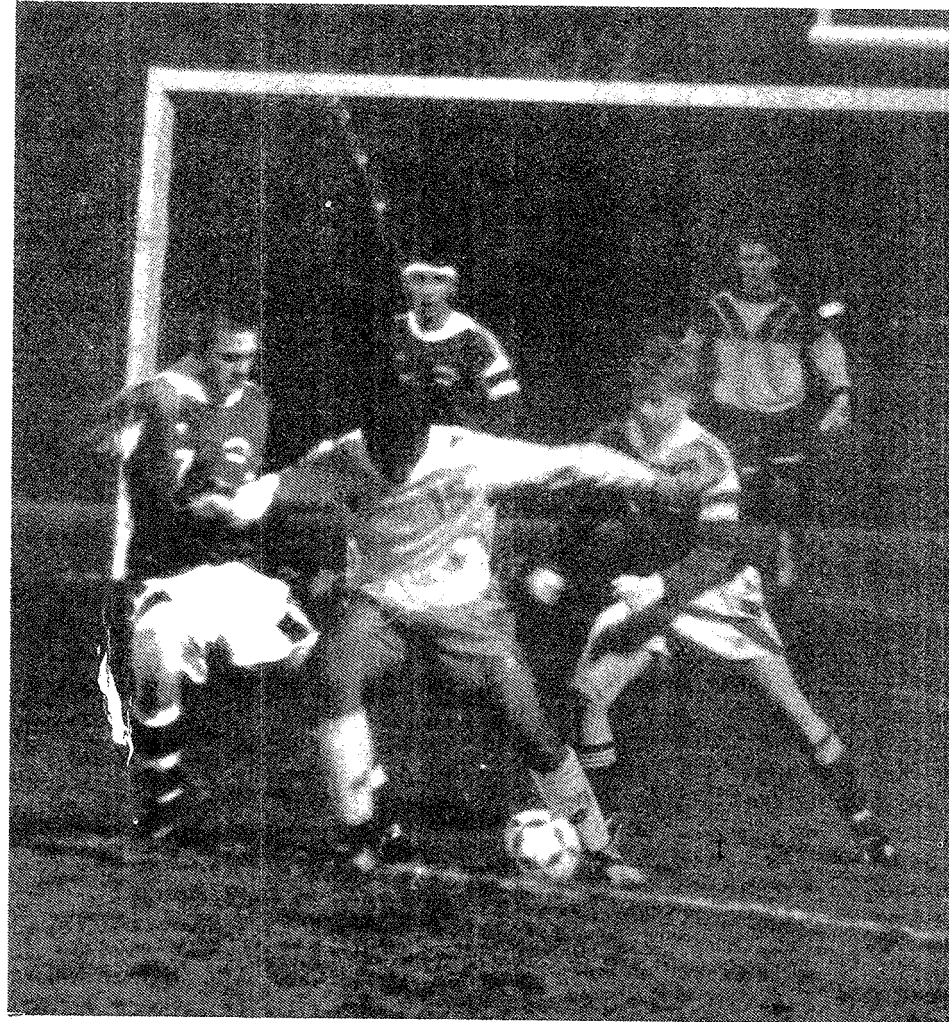
The postgame ceremonies and celebration held for both teams made most of the thoughts sway away from the negative actions that had just taken place. The vision of Salem coach Ken Johnson winning the state championship for the first time in his 15th and final year of coaching — along with the fact that the whole Salem boys soccer program won for the first time in three tries — overpowered the negative events that took place.

After everything is all said and done, I think both teams were at fault for the incident. Soccer is a game of skill and stamina, not a game to prove how tough or how strong a player thinks they are.

The people at the Michigan High School Athletic Association who are attempting to clean up the trash talk in high school sports have their work cut out for them. Although their ambition to clean up high school sports is admirable, emotion will always play a part.

Unfortunately, some of the newspapers and television stations focused on the fight and not the tremendously played game. The intent of this column is not to glorify what happened, but to try to set the record straight and condemn it at the same time.

Congratulations to Salem and Portage Northern for great seasons.



The state final game, which ended with a brief brawl, taught the two teams several lessons. One lesson the teams learned was that sportsmanship is just as important as winning the big game. The teams also learned just how difficult it is to be a good sport with emotions running high in the state championship contest with the game on the line. Even though the majority of the game was played cleanly, the fight proves that it takes just a few minutes to taint the entire game. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)



Community opinions

Cookie champ

Twp. baker captures Archway title, tantalizes taste buds with crumbly creations

The holiday's are coming — millions of people grab their mixing bowls, spatulas and sweet ingredients, fire up their ovens and bake a batch or two of cookies.

No one mixes up a better batch of cookies than Plymouth Township resident Mary Ann Saint. She is simply the best.

Mary Ann was recently crowned the cookie champ by Archway Cookies. Mary Ann and her "No-Bake Peanut Bars" won Archway Cookies' National Bake-off.

Becoming the national cookie champ takes years of practice. Mary Ann said she had an early start and learned from the best — her mother and grandmother.

The art of baking was passed down from generation to generation. After Mary Ann settled down and built a family of her own, her baking became as much a necessity as a holiday treat. "I have eight children," she said. "You know how kids like cookies."



Mary Ann Saint and a batch of her famous cookies.

Her children are all grown and have families of their own, but Mary Ann still finds time to create sweet masterpieces for friends and neighbors. In fact, her neighbors at the Bradbury Retirement Community have become "test-tasters" for her latest creations.

Although Mary Ann would not reveal

her secret ingredients, she said the recipes are created by experimentation. "I might combine half of one recipe with half of another — plus a little something of my own," she said.

No matter what she begins with, Mary Ann seems to have the baking knack. In addition to her national cookie title, Mary Ann also won two Michigan State Fair blue ribbons for her baking. She has entered her cookie recipes in state fair competitions for the past 20 years.

Mary Ann's Archway title might just expand her cookie "eat"ership. The recipe will now be considered as an addition to Archway's 50 varieties of original, homestyle cookies. Past National Bake-off winners' recipes were

the source for new Archway varieties such as Ruth's Golden Oatmeal and Aunt Bea's Poundcake.

Archway bakes more than a billion cookies annually.

Even if Mary Ann hits the cookie Big Time, it won't go to her head.

"It was hard to believe I won," she said. "I was just stunned."

So, next time the scent of fresh baked cookies winds its way through The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community, know that the smell is coming from the kitchen of Plymouth's — and the nation's — champion cookie baker, Mary Ann Saint, who is probably concocting another batch of tempting treats.

No curves

By Rob Kirkbride



Middle school needs more repairs

EDITOR:

About two months ago, a group of concerned residents who live near Central Middle School approached P-C Schools Superintendent Charles Little about painting, repairing and generally sprucing up the Central Middle School property and grounds.

We are pleased to report that Little, in conjunction with Barbara Church, principal at Central Middle School and Dan Menghini, director of maintenance, took these concerns seriously and initiated several steps to begin to reverse the signs of years of neglect that the school was showing.

For example, service buildings and school doors, in which some cases were covered with graffiti, received their first fresh coat of paint in at least a decade. An unsightly dumpster was finally moved away from the edge of Adam Street and placed behind a screen. The small dirt and pothole-filled area near the school warehouse was paved and high weeds were cut down. Further, through the intervention of Little, the City of Plymouth repaired the stone fence and the front of the school, which was literally falling apart.

While these things make a great start and are sincerely appreciated, the Central Middle School area still needs additional attention. For example, the tennis courts and surrounding fences require major repairs, landscaping is currently virtually

non-existent, and the school's track and ball fields could use some "T.L.C." to get them into usable condition. One can also envision playground equipment for neighboring children installed at some point in the future.

Central Middle School is, after all, the one school building seen by virtually every visitor to downtown Plymouth, especially during festivals and special events, and therefore serves as an ambassador between the school district and the community at large. It is, for better or worse, often perceived as a

reflection of the quality of our school system and our community. Moreover, each week, and especially each weekend, the grounds around Central Middle School are used as a community resource by dozens, if not hundreds, of residents. The fact that such a visible building and its grounds has been neglected in the past is an unfortunate situation that we want to help remedy.

We are mindful of the fact that improvements cost money and take time. Because of this, several dozen residents around the school have expressed their

willingness to devote both time and personal resources to make necessary improvements. We hope that others in the community interested in pitching in with a "can do" attitude, both individuals and businesses, join us in this goal of improving Central Middle School so that it reflects our pride in our community. If you are interested in donating a little of your time or the materials that will be needed next spring when more repairs can be made, contact John or Patricia Mucha at 454-0341.

JOHN AND PATRICIA MUCHA

Mettetal Airport should be scrapped

EDITOR:

When did the State of Michigan and/or the Canton Township officials get permission to turn Mettetal Airport into a tax-free "empowerment" zone?

The Attorney General tells me that he can't and won't act on complaints by an individual, so maybe if the Federal government finds out about the business in Mettetal Airport and the expansion for new business, which do not get permits or pay taxes, they will take some action.

I believe the Canton Township officials know what is going on at the airport, but will not try to stop it — maybe because one of them got elected to the State Senate on a Republican ticket. I called the FAA in Washington and asked them why they were giving taxpayers' money to the State.

One of the people told me it was "a favor to the governor." I believe this is so, since Attorney General Frank Kelly told me the governor is in charge of Mettetal Airport. This money is used to hire out-of-town contractors, who do not get permits to do any

work. They use all our facilities — water, police, roads, etc. This is what we, the taxpayers, pay for and they use the services and don't have to pay.

There is talk now of a new building for experimental airplane construction for private companies and individuals. While we pay millions for the buildings and added utilities, they get free rent and use of the airport.

While I have been trying for 1 1/2 years to get permits to use my property next to Mettetal Airport, they allowed the people in this airport to expand the airport and to open businesses without permits and to violate most of the codes in Canton. But of course, I don't have a million dollars to give to any of my buddies.

The FAA keeps pouring millions into the rundown piece of trash called Mettetal Airport and this is our money. The only way to stop this waste of our money is to write your Congressman and Senator. If that doesn't work, maybe we can get this airport back on the ballot and vote it out of Canton and at the same time, vote

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Community opinions

High school sports teach athletes valuable lessons

The Salem soccer team earned a state title last week — the second state championship in Class A soccer in two years from a P-C Schools team. The Canton soccer team won the championship last year.

The team had an outstanding season and for the vast majority of the season, they represented The Plymouth-Canton Community splendidly.

Unfortunately, the state final game, held last Monday against Portage Northern, was marred with violence. At the end of the game, an altercation broke out between the two teams.

Under tight deadline pressure, The Crier missed the story concerning the fight after the game.

It's unclear who started the fight — it does not

City Streetscape looks fantastic

City officials and the community celebrated the completion of the Plymouth Streetscape project Sunday.

The celebration marks the end of years of planning and a busy construction season. Although there is still a little work left to do, the positive results of the project can easily be seen.

Before the project, Plymouth was a nice place to live and shop. Now, downtown Plymouth has been transformed into a fantastic place to live and shop. Organizers of the project deserve a big "Thank You."

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Livin' large as Mayor of Plymouth

Dangerously long.

The "living ex-Mayors of Plymouth" list has just hit 12 and Jim McKeon is worried.

With Doug Miller's passing the gavel last Monday, he makes the list of past City of Plymouth figureheads a record length.

(The list of former mayors who have passed on includes such great and noted names as Guenther, Hartmann, Hough, Sincock, Whipple, Robinson and Gansler).

But the List of the Living is longer than ever.

McKeon is the "senior" in age — he thinks — although Jim Jabara served as Mayor before him.

Newspaper columnists and City Managers are never supposed to talk about the Living List lest such discussion tempt fate, but this new record has even the ex-mayors looking

matter. The scuffle should not have started in the first place.

High schools sports are organized to teach sportsmanship. Victories and championships are of little concern if the lesson is lost.

It is clear that emotions run high in amateur sports, but those emotions must also be controlled.

Both teams should be commended for their fine seasons. The Salem soccer team can take pride in a fine year.

Let's remember that high school sports is an extension of school — with lessons just as important as those taught in the classroom.

The lessons of sportsmanship, teamwork and being a good winner should never take second place to a victory and state title.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Airport is waste of tax money

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the people out of office that let the State purchase the piece of junk with our money.

Randy Collier, the State flunky that runs Mettetal Airport, told the Michigan Department of Natural Resources I had fuel oil tanks on my property. This was a lie and the people in Lansing were aware of the facts at the time he filed this false claim against me. This was just another way for the State and the buddies to try to force me to give them my property.

EDWARD F. TATE

With malice toward none

By W. Edward WENDOVER



over their shoulders. Actually, the passing of Bill Robinson (mayor in 1985-87) started people talking about the list. He and Karl Gansler (1987-89) leave a gap in the middle of the Living List.

For the record, the Living List includes:

Jabara (1967-69)
McKeon (1969-73)
Bev McAninch (1973-75)
Joe Bida (1975-77)
Tom Turner (1977-79)
Mary Childs (1979-81)
Bud Martin (1981-83)
Dave Pugh (1983-85)

Dennis Bila (1989-91)
Jack Kenyon (1991)
Bob Jones (1991-93)
Doug Miller (1993-95)

The mostly honorary title is one for life. Unlike "Township Supervisor" or even "Senator," the title of "Mayor" is like that of "Heavyweight Champ" — they still call your "Mayor" or "Champ" even after you've been stripped of or give up the title.

So, at many gatherings in The Plymouth-Canton Community, if you holler "Hi Mayor," you'll get more people to turn around than ever right now.

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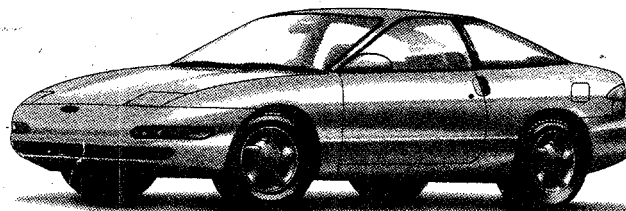
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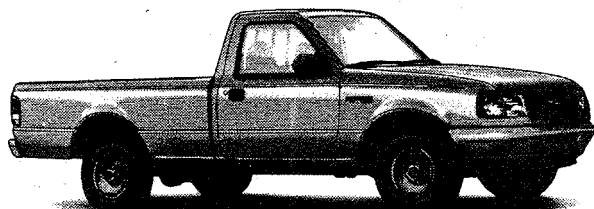
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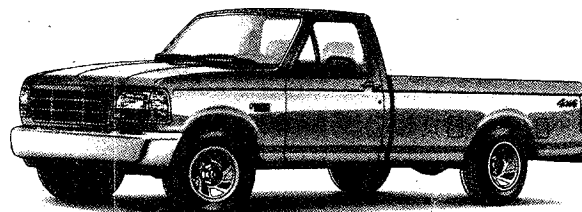
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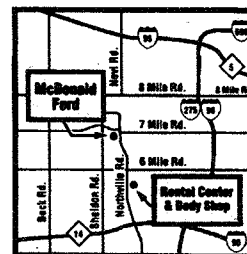
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