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Truck Trouble

Wreckers tend to a semi-tractor that lost its front axle Tuesday on I-275 at Ann Arbor Trail. Weather conditions may have contributed to the mishap, State Police reported. Frigid weather also caused a few other problems earlier this week. A blown Edison transformer shut down the furnace at Lowell

Middle School Tuesday and caused an early dismissal of students. Things were back to normal there Wednesday. City of Plymouth DPW crews responded to four water line breaks between Sunday and Wednesday.

Wholesale water rates up 5 percent

By Doug Funke
staff writer

Wholesale water and sewer rate increases on the order of 5 percent have been proposed for the city of Plymouth, Canton and Plymouth Township.

Those rates, as recommended by the Detroit Water and Sewage Department, would take effect July 1 if approved in a two-step hearing process by the Detroit Board of Water Commissioners and the Detroit City Council.

Maurice Breen, Plymouth Township supervisor, and William Graham, finance director for the city of Plymouth, projected that the wholesale rate increases will be passed on to consumers in their communities.

John Spencer, Canton's finance director, speculated that that board will continue to absorb the wholesale increases through a local surplus water and sewer account of about \$15 million.

wholesale sewage rates to \$4.17 per 1,000 cubic feet of water used from the current \$3.95 for all three communities.

(A cubic foot of water is about 7.5 gallons.)

Wholesale water and sewer rates from Detroit make up only a portion of water bills sent to individual consumers.

All three municipalities tack on additional charges to Detroit's wholesale rates to maintain and operate local water and sewer systems.

The city of Plymouth and Canton also include bond debt retirement costs, which financed construction of their systems, in bills to consumers.

Additionally, Wayne County charges communities to maintain connector sewer lines.

Currently, when all water and sewer charges are added, Plymouth Township users pay \$13.77 per thousand cubic feet, Canton consumers \$18.56 and city of Plymouth users \$24.94.

THE PROPOSED water rates by community with current rates in parenthesis are:

- City of Plymouth — \$4.69 per 1,000 cubic feet (\$4.46).
- Canton — \$5.84 per 1,000 cubic feet (\$5.55).
- Plymouth Township — \$5.90 per 1,000 cubic feet (\$5.62).

Detroit's Water and Sewage Department estimates that Detroit households use on average about 1,333 cubic feet — or almost 10,000 gallons — of water per month.

THE LAST TIME individual consumers received a rate increase in Plymouth Township was March

Detroit recommends raising

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\$68,000 OK'd to aid fight over DNR dump report

By Doug Funke
staff writer

The DNR report alleges that ground water at a 40-acre landfill at Five Mile and Chubb in Salem Township is contaminated. The city commission says that conclusion is based on error, not fact.

An expenditure of up to \$68,000 has been authorized by the Plymouth City Commission for legal and technical advice in an ongoing dispute with a state regulatory agency over conditions at an abandoned landfill owned by the city.

The hope is that the expenditure will finally lead to resolution of the issue and get the city off the hook for a clean up directed by the state Department of Natural Resources.

That cost has been estimated at more than \$2 million.

The DNR has directed the city to relocate a sewer line, fill in depressions and cap the entire site with 2 1/2 feet of clay.

Dumping of garbage was last done there in the late 1960s, said Kenneth West, city engineer.

City officials contend that the landfill isn't contaminated.

They point to DNR correspondence that indicates its conclusions were drawn after a brief review of data that could be the result of laboratory error.

Further samples have been taken but a DNR spokesman said his agency stands behind its initial conclusions.

"We don't think we have a problem. We have to make sure we're prepared," said city manager Henry Graper.

Commissioner William Robinson used the word blackmail in venting his frustration at the necessity of hiring experts to defend against DNR allegations.

THE \$68,000 doesn't include costs of litigation that might arise.

"The goal was to resolve the current situation," said Ron Lowe, city attorney. "No one agrees what problems are out there, if there are problems, and what the cure is going to be."

"If we're not prepared we can sit down at a meeting and get murdered," Graper said.

He compared the seemingly dictatorial ways of DNR to the Internal Revenue Service.

Commissioner Robert Jones, speaking from experience with environmental agencies in other states, said he believes spending money now for legal and technical advice would pay off in the long run.

"I have found if you go to them with something that makes sense from an engineering standpoint, from a legal standpoint, they can be sold," Jones said.

The city has applied for a \$600,000 state grant to clean the dump in case it's ultimately held responsible. The grant, if approved, would require a local match of \$200,000.

Car rolls off blocks, crushes youth working below

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

A student at Centennial Educational Park died Monday at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

David L. Rea, 16, of Canton Township was fatally injured while working underneath his car at his parents' home on Brookline.

Canton Police said Rea's Ford Mustang rolled off the blocks it was hoisted on, crushing the youth's chest. Rea was taken to Canton Oakwood Hospital about 4:30 p.m. Saturday,

then transferred by helicopter to Mott.

He died at 8:45 a.m. Monday. Rea would have celebrated his 17th birthday Jan. 28.

REA WAS A popular and well-liked 11th grader at Plymouth Canton High School, where he was leader of the stage crew. He was an outstanding student in both electronics and computer design and repair, said his teachers and counselors.

A drummer, Rea also was associated with the Plymouth Five & Drum Corps.

"David had been working for sev-

eral years as a crew leader," said Jim Kaiser, electronics instructor and auditorium manager at Centennial Educational Park.

"I put him in the most responsible position a student can hold."

Because the school's auditorium often is used for community functions, "David had to deal with the public, clients and management. He had to be technically competent in lighting and audio."

"David was one of my electronics students, and he excelled consistently. He was an A and B student, mostly A. He had found his niche. I saw

real potential," said Kaiser.

David had a "good sense of humor and was very personable," he added.

"There's a tendency to sugar coat a person at a time like this. But all that's being said is all quite accurate, as witnessed by the fact that he held the top position on the stage crew and that so many people cared about him. The technicians are placing a memorial plaque in the auditorium booth. They wanted to honor him in a permanent way."

ETHIE HAZELWOOD, area coordinator at CEP, described Rea as a "very nice young man. He was polite

and sweet."

Pat Myers was Rea's counselor. She said Rea "was always very happy, personable and friendly. He got along well with adults."

Funeral services are scheduled for 3 p.m. today at Schrader Funeral Home with burial at Riverside Cemetery. Officiating will be the Rev. Headley Thweatt.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Rea is survived by his mother, Wanda S. Rea; sister, Penny Parrish; and brothers, Danny and Ted, all of Canton.



David L. Rea

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Key ruling in murder case due Monday

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

A Washtenaw Circuit judge is expected to decide by Monday whether two Ypsilanti Township youths charged in the death of Mary Anne Hulbert of Canton Township should be tried as adults.

Washtenaw Circuit Judge Henry Conlin also is scheduled to decide Jan. 11 whether the taped confession of one of the boys, Christopher Machecek, is admissible.

Machecek and Steven Stamper, both 17, face open murder charges. They've been imprisoned in Washtenaw County Jail since June, when Washtenaw County Probate Judge Judith Wood ordered them held with-

out bond after a 17-week evidentiary hearing.

Wood also ruled that the two be bound over to circuit court.

Conlin heard appeals last month from the youths' court-appointed attorneys who argued that Wood erred in ordering circuit court trials.

Stamper and Machecek were juveniles at the time of Hulbert's murder in December 1986.

Machecek's circuit court trial is scheduled for March 7. Stamper's is slated to begin late next month. Not guilty pleas were entered at the arraignments of Stamper and Machecek, both 16 when Hulbert was killed.

HUNTERS FOUND Hulbert's

body in a Superior Township field Jan. 7, 1987, ending a search that began Dec. 30 when the student attending Stevenson Junior High in Westland failed to return home.

According to testimony, the youths have blamed each other for the 13-year-old's death.

Hulbert thought she was pregnant by one of the boys. She was taken by Machecek and Stamper to a field where the boys intended to shoot rifles into the air, scaring Hulbert enough to induce a miscarriage. An autopsy showed the seventh grader was not pregnant.

Circuit court trials were to have begun last October. They were adjourned because it took longer than expected to transcribe 8,000 pages of

testimony presented during the probate court hearing, said Norman Fell, Stamper's attorney.

CONLIN'S IMMINENT ruling, said Fell, will answer several questions:

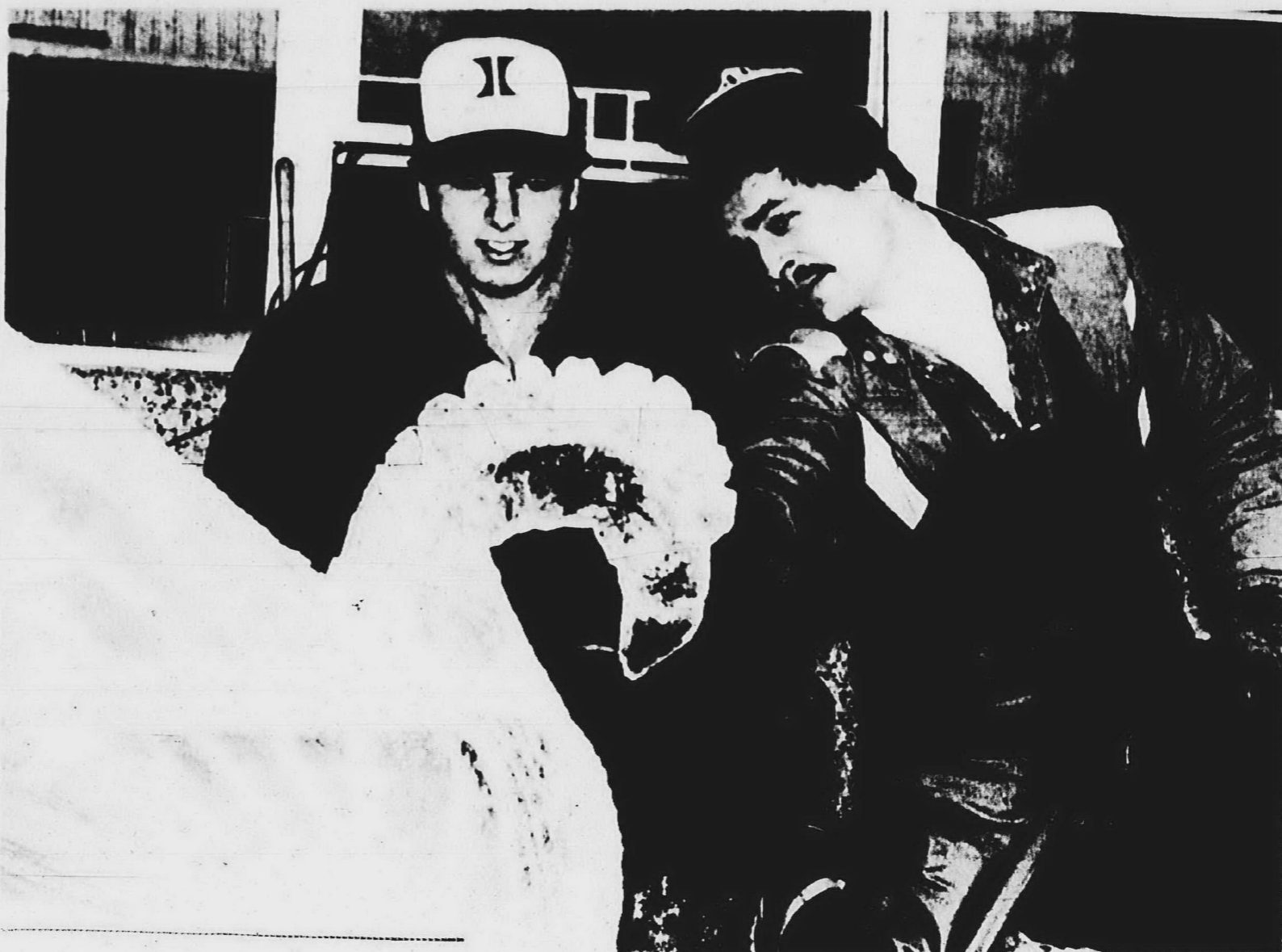
- whether Washtenaw County sheriff's deputies acted properly in questioning the boys after the shooting;
- whether sheriff's deputies had the right to tape interviews with the boys; and
- whether the youths immediately should have been turned over to the juvenile court system.

"If, in fact, the police didn't follow

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Rob Parmenter of Westland does some last-minute touch ups to his scaled down version of an eagle in flight before trying to duplicate it on a 450-pound block of ice.



Dana Leja (left) gets some pointers on shaping the neck of his swan sculpture from Franklin's culinary arts instructor, Richard Teeple.

staff photos by ART EMANUELE

Cold cuts:

Sculptors from area high school warm up for local annual ice show

By Sue Mason
Staff writer

Suburban high school students spent their Christmas vacation at school.

But their efforts were of an artistic rather than academic nature.

Nine culinary arts students were at Franklin High School, which includes Westland pupils, for two weeks, practicing their artistry with chainsaws and chisels to prepare for the sixth annual Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

The show, expected to attract an estimated 500,000 visitors, is scheduled for Thursday through Jan. 16.

"I don't mind getting cold," Rob Parmenter said, while he took a break from shaping a full 450-pound block of ice into an eagle in flight. "I like the weather and this is the going thing to do. This is the next winter sport after skiing."

Parmenter was in the competition last year and found it inspirational. He was using the first week of practice to hone his carving skills, since he'll be expected to make the eagle in three hours' time during the spectacular.

As he decided where to make his next cut, he said the small sculpture took two practice sessions and he even took it home to work on it.

The students selected their pieces from Japanese books filled with ice sculptures. After drawing the figures on paper several times, they tried their hand at carving a 225-pound block of ice into that shape.

By the end of last week they will have made 40 ice sculptures. Twenty are on display on the steps of the school district's administrative offices on Farmington Road. The remainder will be used to decorate the streets of downtown Plymouth.

THE STUDENTS are under the tutelage of culinary arts instructor Richard Teeple, who has been involved in the competition for several years.

In addition to coaching the students on their carving skills, he has been busy helping set up guidelines for the judging and making sure the students' projects aren't duplicates of ones selected by students from Oakland and other community colleges.

"The more they draw the figure on paper the easier it will be for them to carve in ice," he said, watching their progress.

CYNTHIA HALSE is making an angel fish with seaweed in motion for the festival. A veteran of the competition, she's excited about the prospect of competing against other high schoolers during the spectacular.

This is the first year that a high school division has been offered in the competition.

"This year I have a lot more confidence in myself and this year we have our own division, so I'll have a better chance of placing," Halse said.

Placing in the competition could mean culinary arts scholarships or complete sets of ice sculpturing tools for the high school students.

Darren Wendel will be in the competition for the first time. He had wanted to compete last year, but didn't have the time. After hearing Halse's description, he decided to find the time this year.

"My first piece — a deer carved

from a half block of ice — was a big flop," he said. "This one looks a lot better."

THE STUDENTS spent six hours a day for 11 days working on their sculptures before moving to Kellogg Park in Plymouth, where this week they will construct a major ice sculpture for the spectacular. Teeple

isn't certain what that sculpture will be.

The ice they have been working with has been provided by the city of Plymouth. By the time they're done carving they'll have worked their way through 30 tons of ice, Teeple said.

Finished sculptures were stored in a refrigerator truck parked at Wil-

son School, until they were delivered to the school board offices and downtown Plymouth.

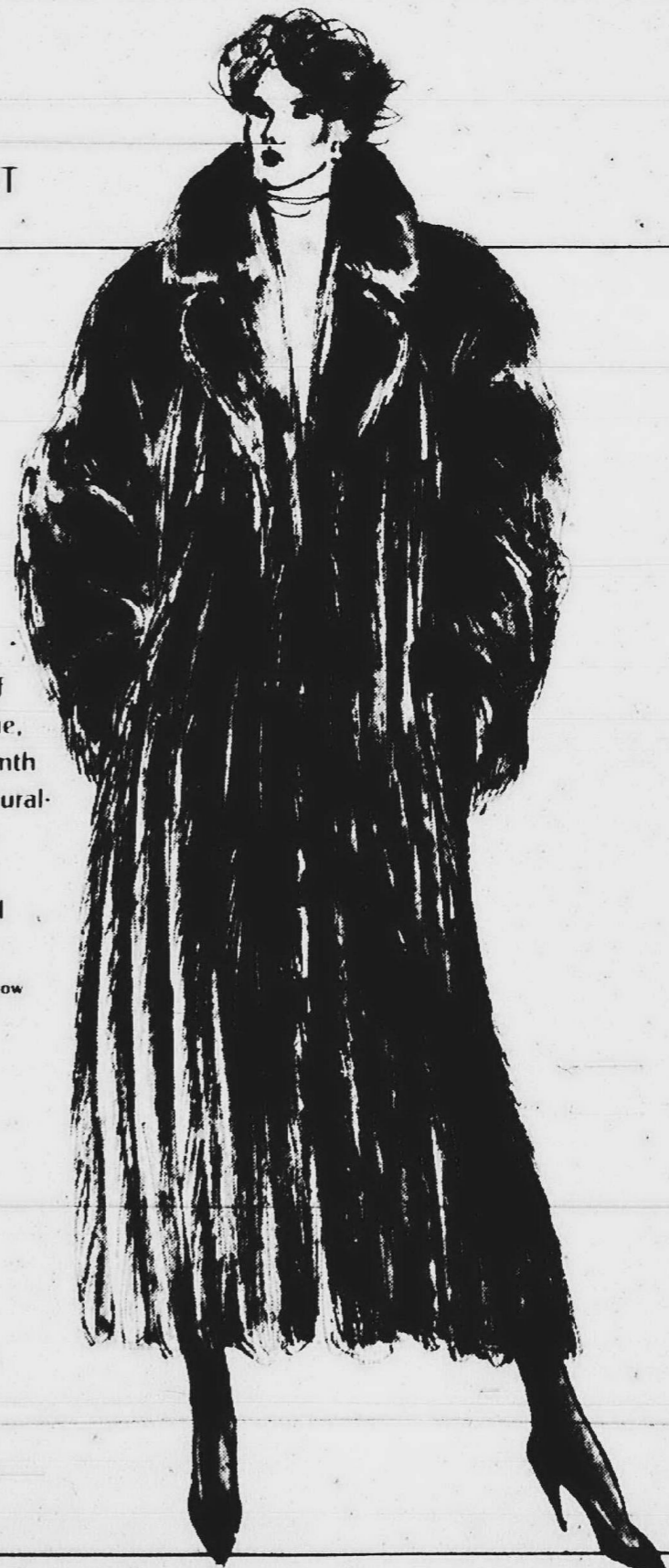
"I don't feel intimidated by the competition of the fact that others have done it before," Jason Dushary said as he shaved ice off his swordfish sculpture.

"I wanted to know what it was like, so I just decided to do it."



Bao Tran is a study in concentration as he chisels out the facial features of his ice sculpture.

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Agency's bankruptcy ruins vacation plans

By M.B. Dillon
Staff Writer

Two area couples are among the estimated 1,400 Michigan residents who won't be vacationing this month, even though they've paid for their trips.

Al and Laurel Bronick of Canton Township were looking forward to celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary aboard the New Amsterdam, visiting ports of call in the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and the Bahamas. Instead, they're out \$1,798.

Meredith Travel & Tours, which booked the cruise with Holland America Cruise Lines of Seattle, filed for bankruptcy last month.

The Pontiac company is being investigated by the Michigan attorney general's office.

This particular cruise advertised in your paper fell the day before our 30th anniversary. Laurel Bronick

told an Observer & Eccentric reporter. We planned a vacation and went to the Plymouth YMCA Oct. 19 to get our tickets through the Y Travelers.

Two days later we received a receipt from Meredith travel agency. Later, we talked to the cruise line and they hadn't heard of us.

The whereabouts of agency owner Joyce Meredith of Keego Harbor are unknown. Her business phone has been disconnected.

Meredith filed for Chapter 7 protection in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Detroit. Chapter 7 involves total liquidation of assets and the distribution of assets to creditors.

A creditors' meeting has been scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, in Room 115 of the U.S. Courthouse and Federal Building, 231 W. Lafayette, Detroit.

A CANTON couple who requested

anonymity lost \$1,833 they paid for a Caribbean cruise and trip insurance.

Our anniversary is at the end of January, and this would have been our first cruise," said the woman, who works for Canton Township.

My husband has a medical problem so we bought cancellation insurance. We sent a letter to the cruise line but we haven't heard anything.

At this point we don't know what we will do.

As a good will gesture, Holland America Cruise Lines and area travel agents are offering would-be vacationers a \$600, seven-day tour to any destination in 1988.

That's not any special deal. What they're offering is hardly anything. You still have to pay for transportation to Florida. After you dish out \$2,000, do you want to dish out another \$1,200 plus a plane ticket?"

The woman booked her cruise, as did seven or eight seniors citizens,

through Virginia Melcher of Belleville. Melcher ran a Belleville office for Meredith and owns a company that sells tours.

Melcher says Meredith owes her more than \$2,000 in back pay. An assistant Meredith hired was paid with coupons that were to be used on Meredith trips, Melcher said.

The paper dollars are worth nothing because she can't produce any trips," said Melcher, adding that Meredith also failed to pay office rent. Melcher said seniors in Wayne and Monroe also booked Meredith trips. So did senior citizens from Redford Township, Birmingham and Royal Oak.

Melcher said she has known Meredith for four years.

I had no doubts at all about her, or I sure wouldn't have gotten involved. I've lost time, not cash. The seniors have lost money, and you can't replace that."

JANET LUCE, executive director of the Plymouth Community Family YMCA, says this is the first time the Y Travelers have experienced problems with Meredith, which it has used since last summer.

"Others just swore by them. We talked to people who all thought Meredith's trips were great. We try so hard to bring services to the community, and then something like this happens."

Unfortunately, the non-profit Y isn't financially able to reimburse the Bronicks, said Luce. "We have proof that we didn't keep a cent," added Luce. "We just act as a go-between. We were absolutely innocent."

The Bronicks said the Y "doesn't feel at all responsible for it. They don't want to deal with it at all."

Said Luce, "We didn't say that. We told her how badly we felt, and that we've done all we could. She didn't

know which way to turn, and I did all I could to help her."

Detroit attorney Al Calille sits on the Y's board of directors.

He said the Y plans no legal action at this point.

"I don't think the Plymouth YMCA would have any standing to sue Meredith Travel because we, as a YMCA, have not been injured by Meredith Travel. On a more practical level, a class action lawsuit could be filed against Meredith by potential creditors, people who've signed up for tours but have not been reimbursed or provided the tour."

"But the likelihood of recovering any money from such an action would probably be remote," said Calille. "It's reasonable to assume creditors are not going to receive their entire amount, because almost by definition a company that files for bankruptcy doesn't have sufficient money to pay off its debts."

neighbors on cable

FRIDAY (Jan. 8)
 8 p.m. **Bustin Barriers** — Host Carrie Young interviews Kathy MacClean, who suffers from arthritis.
 8:30 p.m. **Sports** — Hockey Night at Omnicom. Also "Ski For the Fun Of It" and "On the Wings of Angels."
 9:30 p.m. **Main Street** — Cloggers.
 10 p.m. **Jokes A Plenty**.
 10:30 p.m. **The Oasis**.
 11 p.m. **Mit Wilcox Show** — Former Tiger pitcher Mit Wilcox and Harry Katapodis co-host interviews with sports and media celebrities.
 11:30 p.m. **FinnFest USA 1987** — A variety show featuring Finnish music, dancing and history with host Kathleen Donovan.
 9 p.m. **Darlene Myers Show** — Darlene interviews actor Norman Kaplan and handwriting analyst Robert Haskins.
 9:30 p.m. **Videotunes** — Host Dave Danielle.

SATURDAY (Jan. 9)
 3 p.m. **Beyond the Moon**.
 3:30 p.m. **Keep on Moving**.
 4 p.m. **Comedy Sportz**.
 5:30 p.m. **Winter Storms**.
 6 p.m. **The Grande Beat** — A dance show hosted by Greg Lea at the Grande Ballroom.
 7 p.m. **Videotunes**.
 7:30 p.m. **The Oasis**.
 8 p.m. **Sportsview**.
 8:30 p.m. **FinnFest USA 1987**.

FRIDAY (Jan. 5)
 3 p.m. **MESC Job Show** — A program by Michigan Employment Security Commission targeted at helping unemployed gain insight into the job market and information about skills and resources.
 3:30 p.m. **Cooking With Cas** — Host Cas Wolyniec, chef, prepares a variety of his special gourmet selections.
 4 p.m. **Mental Illness: A Family Perspective**.
 5 p.m. **Plymouth Ballet**.
 6 p.m. **Jazz on the Run**.
 7 p.m. **Plymouth Symphony Orchestra**.

8:30 p.m. **County Impact** — Wayne County Commissioner Susan Heinz hosts a discussion of issues concerning the 10th District, which includes Plymouth. Guest is Bruce Sweet, director of business and industry at Schoolcraft College.
 9 p.m. **Two Guys From Northville**.

SATURDAY (Jan. 9)
 3 p.m. **Alphabet Soup**.
 3:30 p.m. **True Adventure Trails**.
 4 p.m. **Miracles, Animals, and People** — Talk show with host Rose Lakey. Guests are Sandra Broad, actress, and Ron Blount of Michigan Humane Society. Musical guests, "Eric and the Second Coming."
 5 p.m. **Jazz on the Run**.
 6 p.m. **Tax Changes '87: What You Need to Know**.
 7 p.m. **Omnicom Sports Scene**.
 8:30 p.m. **People & Places**.
 9 p.m. **Two Guys From Northville**.

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clarification

A story about rate increases being imposed by Omnicom Cablevision reported the average subscriber will see an increase of about five percent based on an average bill of \$33 monthly. While that is correct, it also is correct that those subscribers with basic-only service will have a rate increase of about 21 percent.

Witness sought in robbery

Canton police are searching for a woman who bought two packs of Kool cigarettes during an armed robbery at 9:20 p.m. Tuesday in the Dairy Mart on Warren and Morton Taylor in Canton.

The unidentified woman was in the store unaware the cashier was being held up. Police want to find the woman, hoping she will be able to aid in the investigation, said Canton police information officer Dave Boljesic.

A lone male entered the store and approached the cashier with a butcher's knife.

"Give me all the money you have," the man reportedly said. He took about 100 instant lottery tickets and \$270 cash.

THE ROBBER also reportedly took the 19-year-old cashier's wallet and forced him in the back room of the store.

The suspect was walking behind the victim and slighting poking him in the back with the knife to move him along," Boljesic said.

Police described it as a superficial cut.

The man was described as white, 5 feet 10 inches tall, 185 pounds, with a mustache, stocky build and dirty blond hair. He wore light brown wide rim glasses, an orange hat, black boots, navy blue waist length coat and dark pants.

Anyone with information is asked to call Canton police at 397-3000.

Car stolen, another is recovered

A successful auto theft, an unsuccessful attempt and the recovery of a car stolen in Detroit were logged during the past week by Plymouth Township Police.

A red and gray Cavalier was reported stolen from the K mart parking lot at Haggerty and Ann Arbor roads between 12:40 and 1:10 p.m. Sunday.

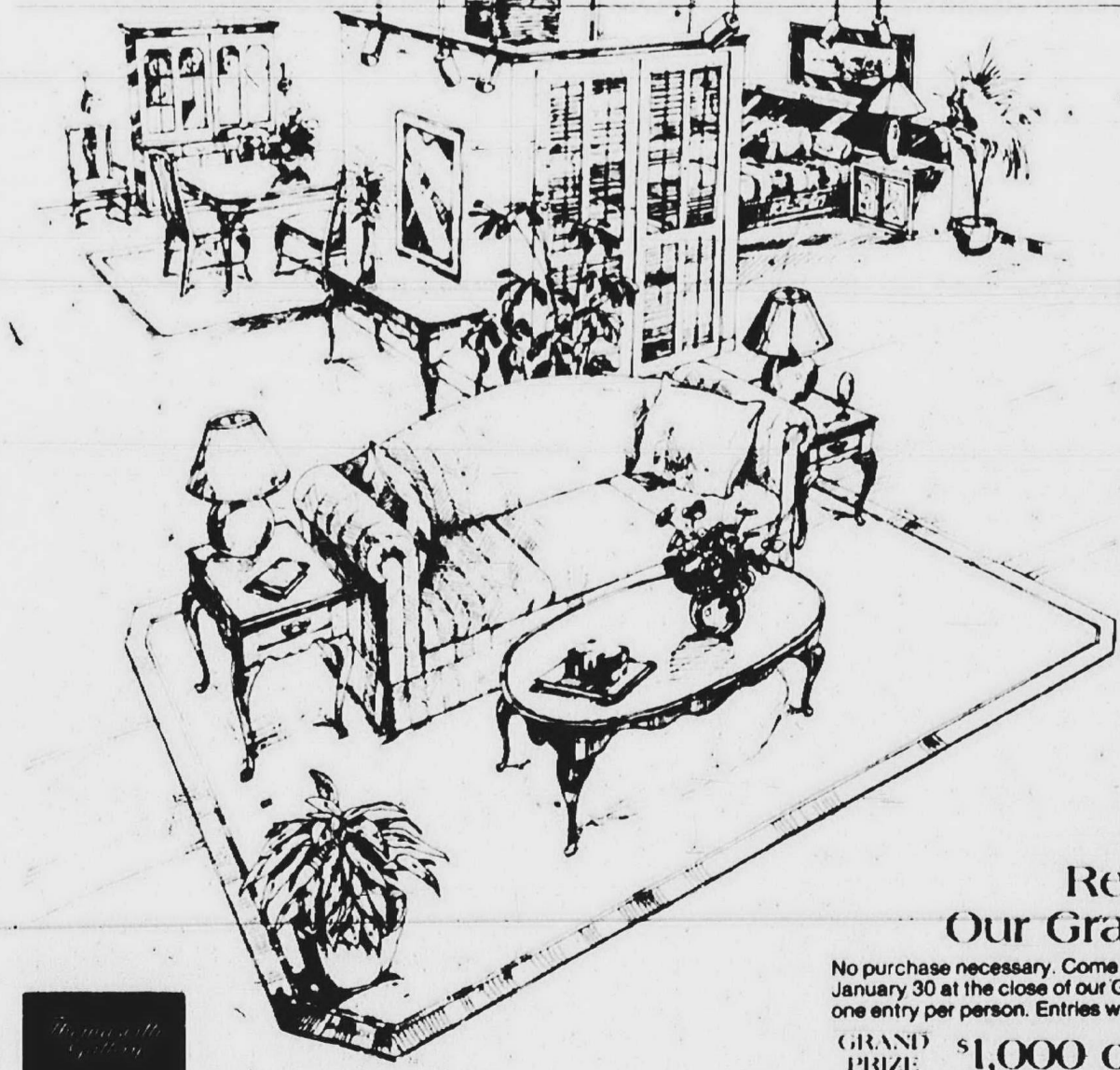
A dog, which had been left in the car, was released and later recovered.

Someone tampered with a Trans-Am parked at the Plymouth Hilton over the weekend but apparently couldn't get the vehicle started. A passenger window was loosened and the steering column was damaged.

A Metro Passbook left in the car was reported stolen.

A Buick Century, which had been reported stolen in Detroit in October, was recovered in the parking lot of the Plymouth Hilton with two flat tires and a damaged steering column.

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SC taps Kirksey

By Wayne Peal
staff writer



Jack Kirksey gains seat

Recent Livonia mayoral candidate Jack Kirksey is the new Schoolcraft College trustee.

Trustees appointed Kirksey by a 4-2 vote on the first ballot. His seat expires in June, 1989. He said he would consider running for a full term at that time.

Board president Mary Breen and trustees Michael Burley, Harry Greenleaf and Wendell Smith supported Kirksey. Trustees Rosina Raymond and Jeanne Stempien supported Pamela Kosteva, a Northville businesswoman. None of the other 14 candidates received any votes. Raymond, however, previously asked board members to consider Garden City resident Nancy Kitzman, citing the lack of a Garden City representative on the board.

KIRKSEY SAID his top educational goal would be "trying to meet the changing needs of students and the changing needs of society."

He replaces Laura Toy, who resigned after winning a Livonia City Council seat in November. Kirksey lives on Barkley in Livonia. He was born in Atlanta in 1928.

Kirksey is director of community education services for the Livonia Public Schools. He holds an educational specialist, master's and bachelor's degrees from Wayne State University.

He stressed his educational background during Monday's interview with trustees. "Most of my life has been spent in education," he said.

His job as Livonia's community education director caused some concern for trustees, particularly Ray-

mond, during the interview process. Kirksey, however, indicated he would abstain from voting on an issue that appeared to cause a conflict of interest between Livonia schools' and Schoolcraft objectives.

Trustees interviewed applicants Monday and Wednesday evenings.

IN ADDITION to other civic activities, Kirksey is president of the Schoolcraft College Foundation board. The organization oversees the Schoolcraft Foundation, a private, non-profit fund-raising group that helps underwrite scholarships and programs at the Livonia-based community college.

Kirksey, a Republican, represented the Livonia area in the state House of Representatives between 1977-85. Though the post is non-partisan, Kirksey's appointment would appear to give Republicans a clear majority on the Schoolcraft board.

He failed in his mayoral bid during last September's primary, trailing eventual winner Robert Bennett by a scant 94 votes.



STEVE FECHT staff photographer

Ski school opens at Warren Valley

The Observer & Eccentric's cross-country ski school has begun, with the weather providing snow and cold, crisp air. Steve Vasher of Canton, the manager of the Warren Valley Golf Course school, gives an assist to Krista Snyder of Plymouth. The classes are \$5 if you have your own equipment, \$10 if you rent. They will be offered each Saturday at the golf course through Feb. 13. Registration is required by calling 261-1990.

County will trim winter programs

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

Most winter programs won't resume at Wayne County Parks, officials said, even though later park programs were saved by legislative action last month.

Winter activities are being curtailed, aside from a few selected events, R. Eric Reickel, parks director, said.

"By doing this, we aren't being nasty, but our budget was reduced by some \$300,000 even without the financial crisis."

The parks budget stands at \$2.2 million for fiscal 1988, Reickel said. Toboggan and skating areas won't be maintained, he added.

Despite the program cut, cross-country skiing will continue at Warren Valley Golf Course, Dearborn Heights.

"RIGHT NOW, it's a Wednesday-through-Sunday schedule...but we hope to bring it up to seven days a week," Reickel said.

Cross country trails are also expected to be added at Elizabeth Park, Trenton.

The park system's Winter Olympic festival will also continue despite the cut. The Jan. 16 event includes snow bound volleyball, sledding and snow sculpture contests.

"It's a family-oriented event," recreation manager Victor Chiasson said.

Parks programs would have been cut further if the state Legislature hadn't approved a series of taxes and fee increases to benefit the county.

Reickel said winter programs were curtailed to provide more money for spring and summer programs.

"What we'd found was that winter programs cost an awful lot with very little return on the investment in terms of people using the parks," he said. "Our primary seasons are spring through fall."

Parks workers are currently repairing picnic benches, painting garbage cans and clearing trees, Reickel said.

"We're getting ready for the return of our 'Saturday in the Parks' program in April," he said. During that program, a section of Hines Drives is closed to through traffic for use by bicyclists and joggers.

Park system will host winter olympics Jan. 16

Wayne County Parks will sponsor a winter olympics Saturday, Jan. 16 at Warren Valley Golf Course in Dearborn Heights.

Events are planned for the entire family. Activities begin at 12:30 p.m. The schedule for adults includes coed team competition in events such as closest to the pin golf contest (using orange golf balls), human bowling (sliding down a hill in saucers to knock down orange cones), volleyball in the snow and human shuffelboard.

Events for children include snow sculpture, snow piling, belly boppin' (how far can you slide downhill on a saucer) and snow races (running, hopping etc).

Cross country ski lessons and limited rental equipment will be available on a reduced fee basis.

Warren Valley is on Warren Road between Beech Daly and Inkster roads.

For more information, contact Vic Chiasson at 261-1990.

S'craft literary magazine sponsors poetry contest

The MacGuffin, Schoolcraft College's literary magazine, is conducting its fifth annual poet hunt through Feb. 7.

A \$100 first prize, \$50 second prize and \$25 third prize are offered. Winners will be announced March 22.

The contest is open to all Michigan residents except MacGuffin staff members and their families.

Poets may submit up to five poems. Poems should be 50 lines or

less and be typewritten on standard typing paper. A name, address and daytime telephone number should be contained on a standard size index card submitted with each entry. Names shouldn't be placed on the poems themselves.

All poems must be original, unpublished works.

Entries may be sent to: Poet Hunt, Liberal Arts Building, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, Mich. 48152.

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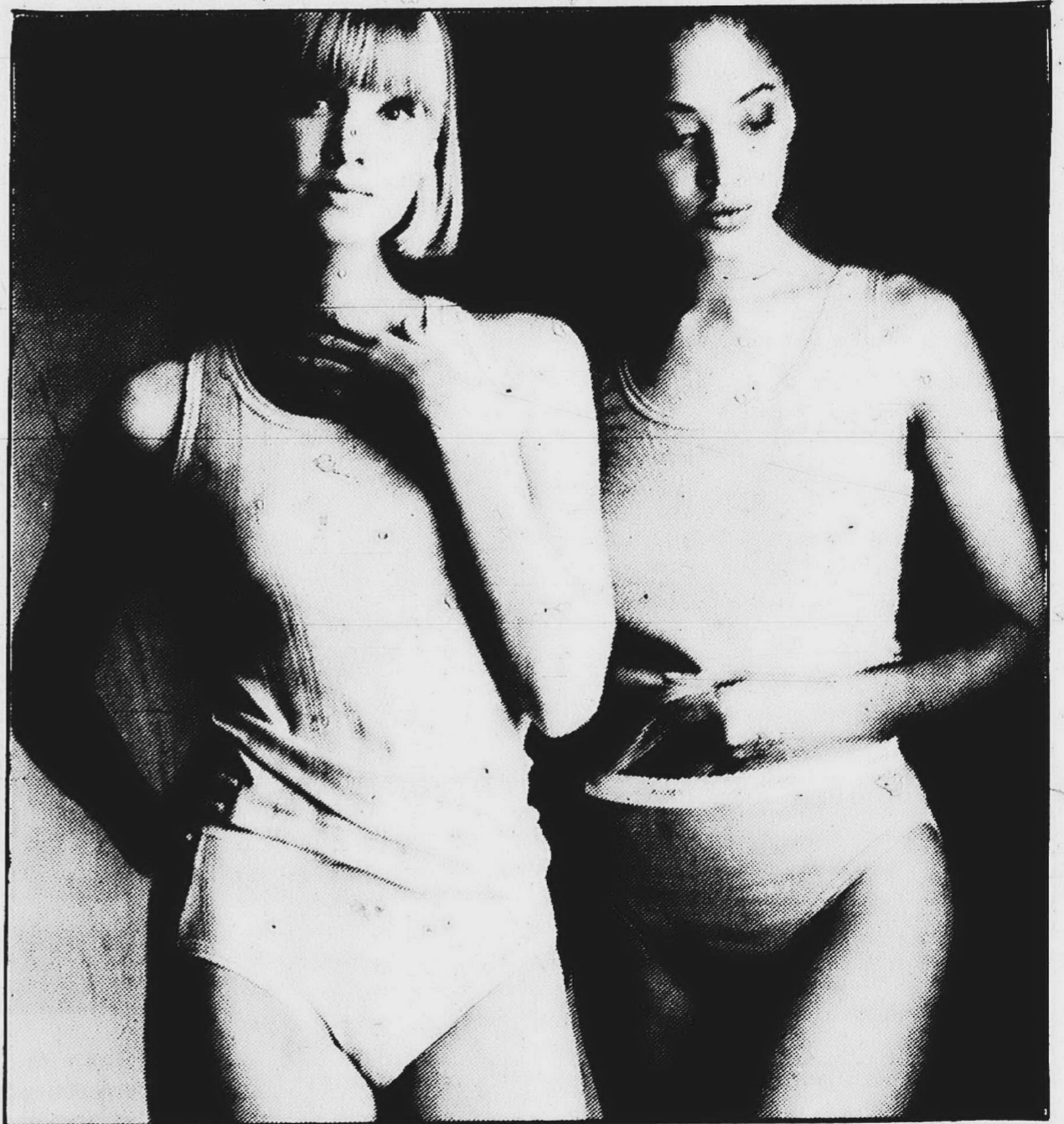
Registration is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. today, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday in the registration center on main campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

The college is offering more than 950 classes for the winter semester. Day and evening classes are held at the main campus in Livonia as well as at centers in Garden City and Plymouth-Canton.

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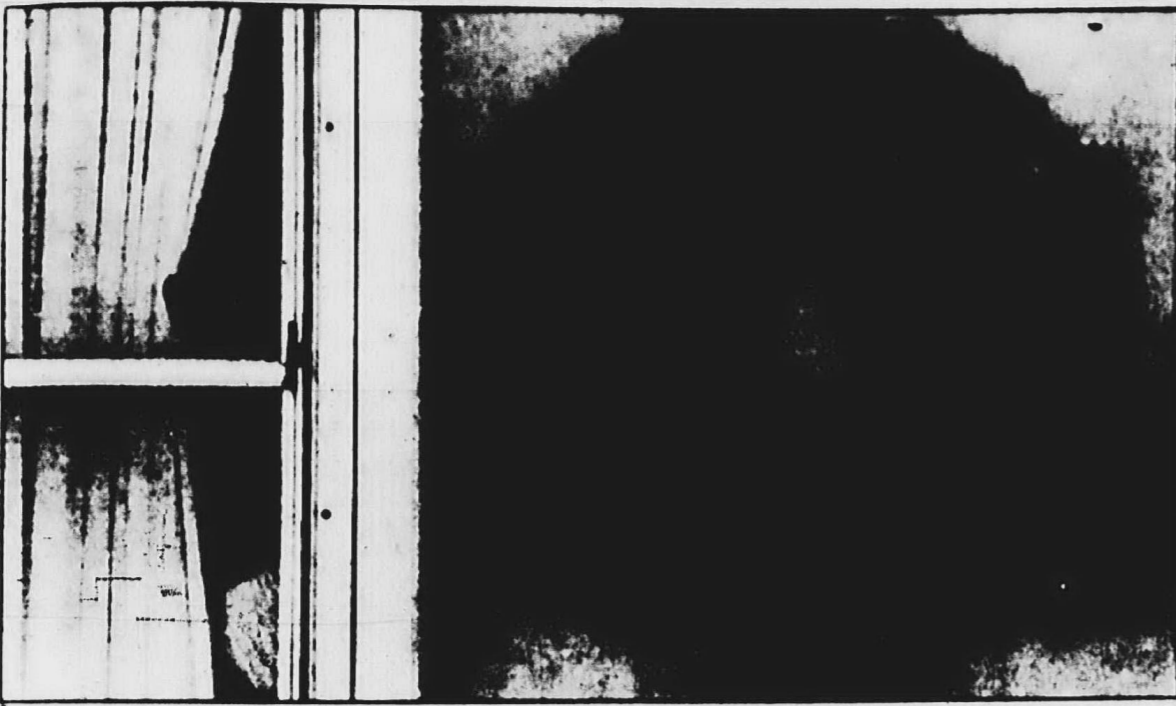
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YMCA battles those dreary winter blahs



STEVE FECHT/staff photographer

The holidays are over and winter has set in. That's when depression often sets in, too.

Family Service and the Livonia YMCA will co-sponsor a free program to help people suffering mid-winter depression.

The program — limited to 20 participants — will be held for seven weeks, Friday evenings at the Livonia Y, 14255 Stark Rd. Evenings will be divided into two parts — a discussion group guided by a Family Service counselor and an exercise session led by a Y staff person.

"It's directed at people who aren't in enough crisis to seek counseling but are too out of it to motivate themselves to get into regular Y programs," said Lucile Cantoni, manager of the Livonia office of Family Service of Detroit and Wayne County, and a social worker. She will lead the group discussion.

Participants will meet 6:30-9:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 15. To enroll, call Cantoni at 427-9310.

"Anyone can be affected by mid-winter depression," Cantoni said. "It has to do with losses suffered recently. People who have suffered much loss over a lifetime are most susceptible."

Depression covers a wide range of conditions, from the mild discomfort which everyone experiences sometimes to major depressive illness which, untreated, can lead to psychosis or suicide.

"A number of studies have shown winter is a time of depression. One theory is that if we were an agricultural society, we would have to slow down in winter. It may be a normal phenomenon. But in our culture we are expected to maintain the same lifestyle, regardless of our metabolism."

"Another theory is tied to light. Some people are able to overcome depression if it is very bright in the morning. Lack of sunlight may be a major part of it."

"THE MAJOR thing we'll address is that we don't do as much in winter. We become couch potatoes. We

feel down, want to stay inside. Physical inactivity leads to depression. Moving around increases our metabolism, we begin to feel better."

Rick Durei, senior physical education director for the Livonia Y, said the group activity "will be fitness related. We'll have volleyball and wallball — which is volleyball in a racquetball court — and swimastics. We're assuming most participants aren't very active, so the pace will be slow."

People need to recognize how they're feeling, Cantoni said. Even though class size is limited, she hopes people simply recognize the need to take charge of their life. Cantoni offers these tips:

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- Other people. Start relating to others.
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points of view

State hides new jobs

THE HOMELESS the hungry million Michiganians on some kind of governmental assistance.

Bad news is news, in this business, and one of the most breathtaking stories of 1987 hardly got covered.

It was Michigan's record number of people with jobs.

At a time when our population is leveling off after a period of shrinkage, the number of jobs grows healthily. While our 1987 average level of 8.1 percent jobless still doesn't look exciting, you have to keep in mind that the number of jobs is growing far faster than the work force.

IT'S HARD TO dig out the story from the statistics issued by the Michigan Employment Security Commission.

I've looked at MESC reports from director Richard Simmons Jr. for some years now, and my strong impression is that his office paints as negative a picture as possible.

Here, rearranged in a more positive light, are MESC's year-end figures combined with the U.S. Census Bureau's year-end report:

• A record 4,158,000 of us are at work, compared to 3,616,000 in the recession year of 1982. That's a 15-



Tim Richard

percent increase in employment. It means 542,000 more jobs.

• In the same five-year span, unemployment dropped from 661,000 to 366,000 — a decrease of 295,000.

Compare those two bottom lines: 542,000 more at work, 295,000 fewer out of work. It means more people are coming seeking jobs and getting them.

OUR POPULATION, meanwhile, has been virtually stagnant. It was 9,262,000 in the recession year of 1980, then down to 9,139,000 a year ago and an even 9,200,000 for '87.

Here's a sentence buried in the MESC report: "Total employment statewide rose by 151,000 during the year, a 3.8-percent increase."

Compare that to the population increase of 61,000. Michigan employers are hiring at 2 1/4 times the rate that our population is increasing.

Recall the nuclear family of "Leave It to Beaver" days — dad worked, mom kept house, Beaver and Wally went to school. One job for four people, right?

Well, today an incredible 49 percent of Michiganians are at work.

Nationwide, according to one national report I read last year, more than half of all Americans have paying jobs. It's a proportion unheard of in the history of the industrialized world.

THE INESCAPABLE conclusion: If our jobless rate still looks bad, it's because so many of us are demanding — and getting — so many jobs.

You all know the reason. Not since the beginning of the industrial revolution in late 18th-century England have so many women held paying jobs.

Whether you want to give credit to Gov. Jim Blanchard (D) or President Ron Reagan (R) is your choice. I'm inclined to credit both.

As for the trade union gibe about "McJobs," consider the source. The mere fact that the growth wasn't in union jobs doesn't disprove anything.

It's too bad the positive performance of our private economy in hiring folks gets obscured by our concentration on the unemployment rate.

This 'mantel' no star

THERE WERE at least 500 words in the "Through Bifocals" column as printed in Dec. 17 editions, and one of them was spelled incorrectly. Just one, mind you, but it resulted in a delightful letter from sharp-eyed Marion Kay Overholt, assistant city clerk for the city of Orchard Lake Village.

She snipped the column, marked the mistake plainly and included it with her letter. In speaking of a trophy display on the shelf that goes over a fireplace, I had spelled this platform mantle; it should have been mantel.

"I hope that you will excuse and understand my compulsive editing," she wrote. "I do this all the time, according to my complaining co-workers and children. My compulsion for correcting spelling stems from terms of service as a high school English teacher and other assorted jobs as an editor and reporter."

My answer to that, dear lady, is that I wish the world had more like you.

IN APPRECIATION of Mrs. Overholt's background, I am sure she knows that the workplace often is the scene of interruptions and distractions, be it classroom, newspaper office or even the seat of government. Actually, I do my writing at home, but obviously not always with total concentration.

Had I been that mentally disciplined, I would not have spelled mantel mantle, as in Mickey Charles Mantle, born in 1931 at Spavinaw, Okla., and later an outstanding home run hitter in the lineup of the New York Yankees, a baseball enterprise of some note.

Perhaps this is an admission that I know more about baseball than I do about fireplace structure. So be it. By dint of serious research, specifi-



through bifocals
Fred DeLano

cally by knowing where to look in a dictionary I also have learned that mantle is more than a man's name.

THE NEXT time I feel compelled to use it will be in my description of the skinlike organ of a mollusk that is responsible for the secretion of the shell and often serves largely for respiration. Had it not been for the "voice of Orchard Lake," this gem would have escaped me.

I decline to comment on how far honesty will carry this lady in governmental circles, although it is an almost universally praised character trait. Nonetheless, she did confide, "I, too, suffer spasmodic attacks of forgetfulness and lapses of uncertainty (no, that should be certainty) and commit frequent typos."

Despite the fact that she identifies herself as "a contemporary of yours," she politely avoided accusing me of senility. I read her letter three times to make sure.

This business about compulsion struck a tender vein because, with my treasured Mother Goose in the lead, I often am the target of barbs because of my dedication for keeping floors of living rooms, hotels, saloons et al. free of specks and scraps.

ONCE UPON a time when our children were but goslings, I took them on a tour of a residence in Washington, D.C., in which we all share ownership, known as The White

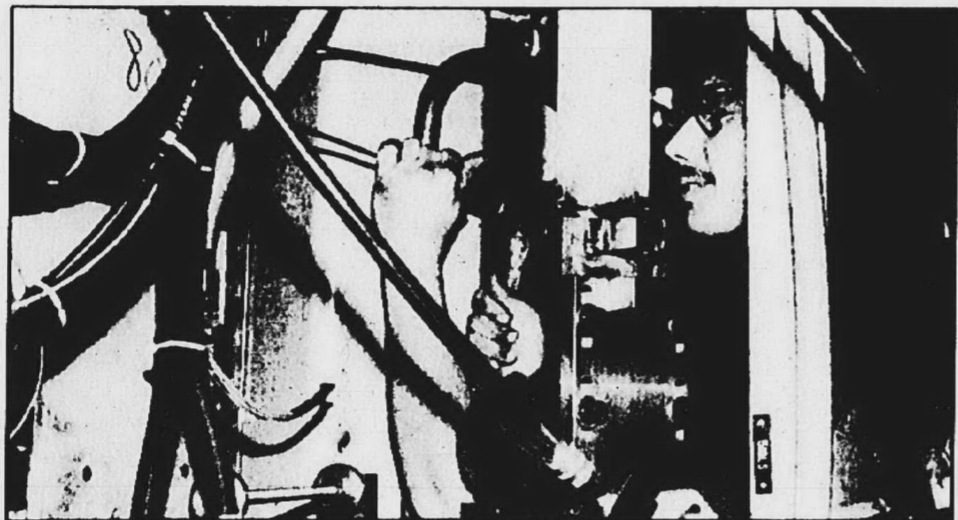
House. Velvet ropes kept us from stealing trinkets, although I sorely wanted to straighten some of the pictures on the walls. But it was in the state dining room that I truly was aghast. Good God, the candles were crooked! (I won't tell you who was president!)

Letters from people such as Mrs. Overholt are a delight to those who write more for entertainment and to share experiences than to tell you how to vote. Whether they speak well or ill of the writer isn't the key issue. What's truly important — and the basis of all newspaper circulation — is whether the carrier put your paper inside the storm door.

LETTERS OF late from Alfreda Page of Southfield, Jessie Hudson in Plymouth, Ed Schwartz of Birmingham, golfer Ben Hogan down at Fort Worth, Marie Farrell-Donaldson at the City-County Building, Bea Laible — daughter of my late, lamented friend Bill Hartmann, former Livonia Bentley High School teacher Bill McQuesten of Sun City West, Ariz., Lee Sales of Farmington Hills, Frank J. Fisher, whose horse was such a hero in the Bloomfield Open Hunt horse show, Cynthia Holt Cummings, who is so well known to all of you in Birmingham and the Bloomfields, Russell Kirk at Mecosta and even former Plymouth mayor David Pugh and wife Sharon in Sao Paulo, Brazil, all have served to warm this cold heart.

Marion Kay Overholt was excessively kind in writing, "I am a steady reader of your entertaining column," and then adding, "Keep up your exploration of interesting topics and I'll keep up my faithful reading."

How interesting she'll find today's, I know not. But just remember: If two people always agree, one of them isn't thinking.



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At a time when our population is leveling off after a period of shrinkage, the number of jobs grows healthily.

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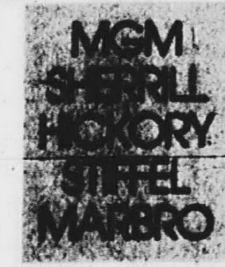
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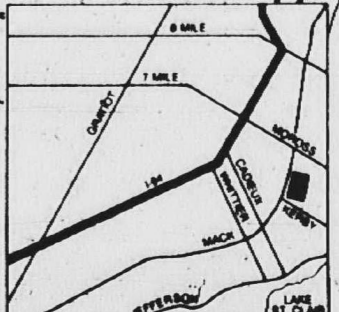
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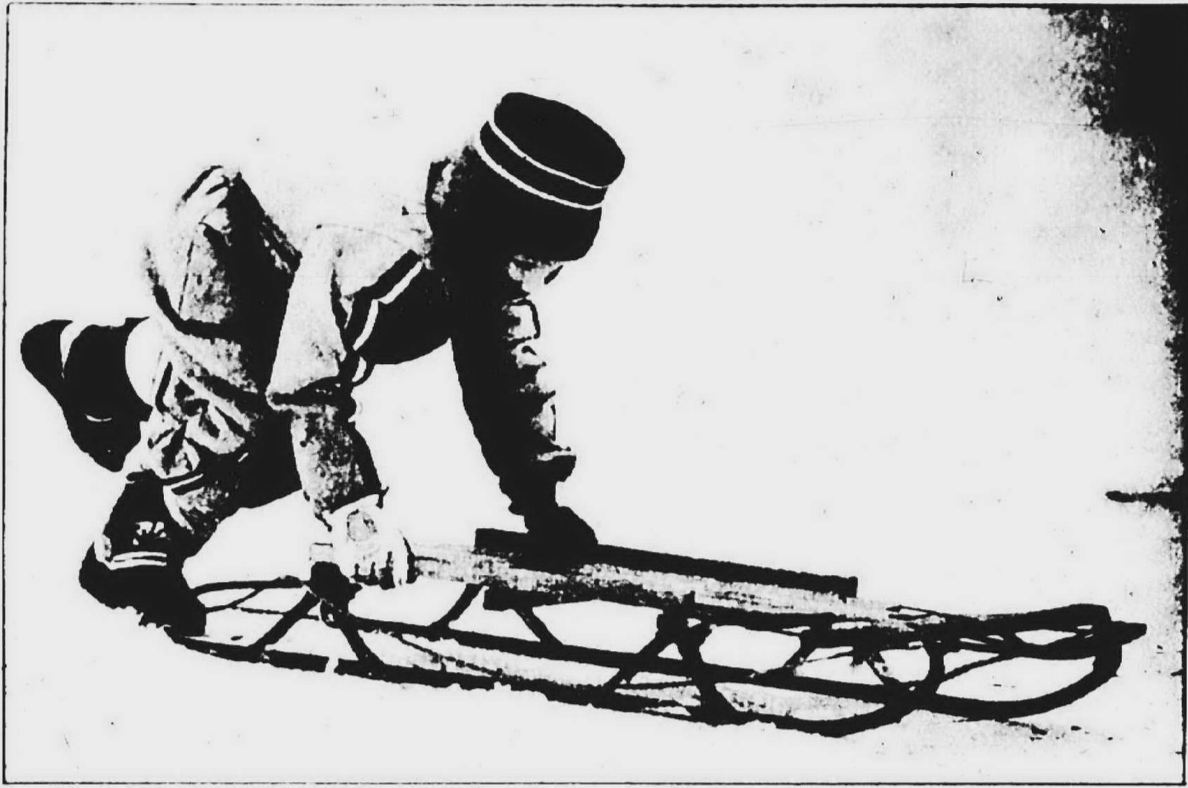
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Joey Mullally enjoys sledding at Plymouth Township Park.

Kids get a break



Pat Bechdol gets a hug from Jamie, who is 2½. The family, including Pat Bechdol's wife, Liz, and 5-year-old Patrick, spent some time on the slopes at Plymouth Township Park last week.

It was back-to-school time this week for Plymouth-Canton area students.

Students throughout the area enjoyed their winter vacation; Plymouth-Canton students found a variety of fun-filled things to do during their break.

The great outdoors was the place to be for some of the students on vacation. Doug and Kathy Jost were among the kids who enjoyed sledding last week at Plymouth Township Park.

"It's fun," said Doug, a fifth grader at Bird Elementary School. Kathy, a third grader at Bird Elementary School, agreed it's fun to be on vacation.

"You don't need to work," she said.

Jay Perko, a sixth grader at West Middle School, enjoyed his time sledding at Plymouth Township Park. Jay was out sledding with his friend Jim Beesley, also a sixth grader at West Middle School.

"It's fun," Jay said in describing vacation. "It's better than school."

For Jason Ray, "No homework" and "Not having to get up early in the morning" are among the enjoyable aspects of vacation. Jason, a seventh grader at Our Lady of Good Counsel School, was out sledding last week at Plymouth Township Park.

JASON WAS sledding with Denny Mullally, a seventh grader at Our Lady of Victory School in Northville, and Joey Mullally, a first grader at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

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Staff photos
by John Stormzand



Jason Ray pulls the sled up the hill at Plymouth Township Park. Joey Mullally is his passenger.

Arts groups had an active year

By Julie Brown
staff writer

For Plymouth-Canton area arts organizations, 1987 was a busy and productive year.

Musical sounds were heard throughout the year, courtesy of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, the Plymouth Community Chorus, the Plymouth Community Band and other groups.

For the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, the year was one of change. Russell Reed replaced Leon Gregorian as music director and conductor. Reed is professor of music and director of the symphony at Eastern Michigan University.

"We're very pleased with the new conductor," said Carolyn Burns, president of the Plymouth Symphony League. "He's very personable. I think that's a real asset with a community orchestra."

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra has been performing for more than 40 years and presents a variety of concerts each year. The 1987-88 series has included a November concert and a December series of holiday concerts, remaining performances will be in February, March and April.

REED'S INTEREST and expertise have been assets, Burns said. He and his wife have been accessible to symphony supporters, including members of the Plymouth Symphony League. The league is the fund-raising arm of the symphony.

"I think that has really helped," Burns said. "That's a good feeling. I think, in this community orchestra. It's just a good feeling all the way around."

Symphony supporters heard some good news in 1987. The symphony received a \$13,000 staffing grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts; the grant is to be used to hire a general manager to handle fund-raising and other business responsibilities.

Symphony supporters also benefited from the donation of office space on South Main Street in Plymouth. The office space was donated by Dr. Roger Bookwalter, a local orthodontist, and his associates.

"That's working out very well," Burns said. "It gives a home office for the (Plymouth Symphony) society."

The office isn't staffed 40 hours a week, Burns said, but it has provided a central location for symphony operations. The music is filed at the two-room office.

IN 1988, the symphony will seek additional corporate/business support, Burns said.

Sources of potential funding wouldn't be limited to Plymouth-Canton, she said, because the symphony serves nearby communities, other sources would also be looked into.

At the Plymouth Symphony League's Christmas dinner/dance in December, league members

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—Carolyn Burns
Plymouth Symphony League

gave a \$6,000 check to the symphony.

"We will give much more than that," Burns said. "That was a portion of our overall contribution."

Kiyo Morse, president of the Plymouth Symphony Society board of directors, agreed with Burns that it's been a good year. Concerts have been well-attended, Morse said, and "everything seems to be working out."

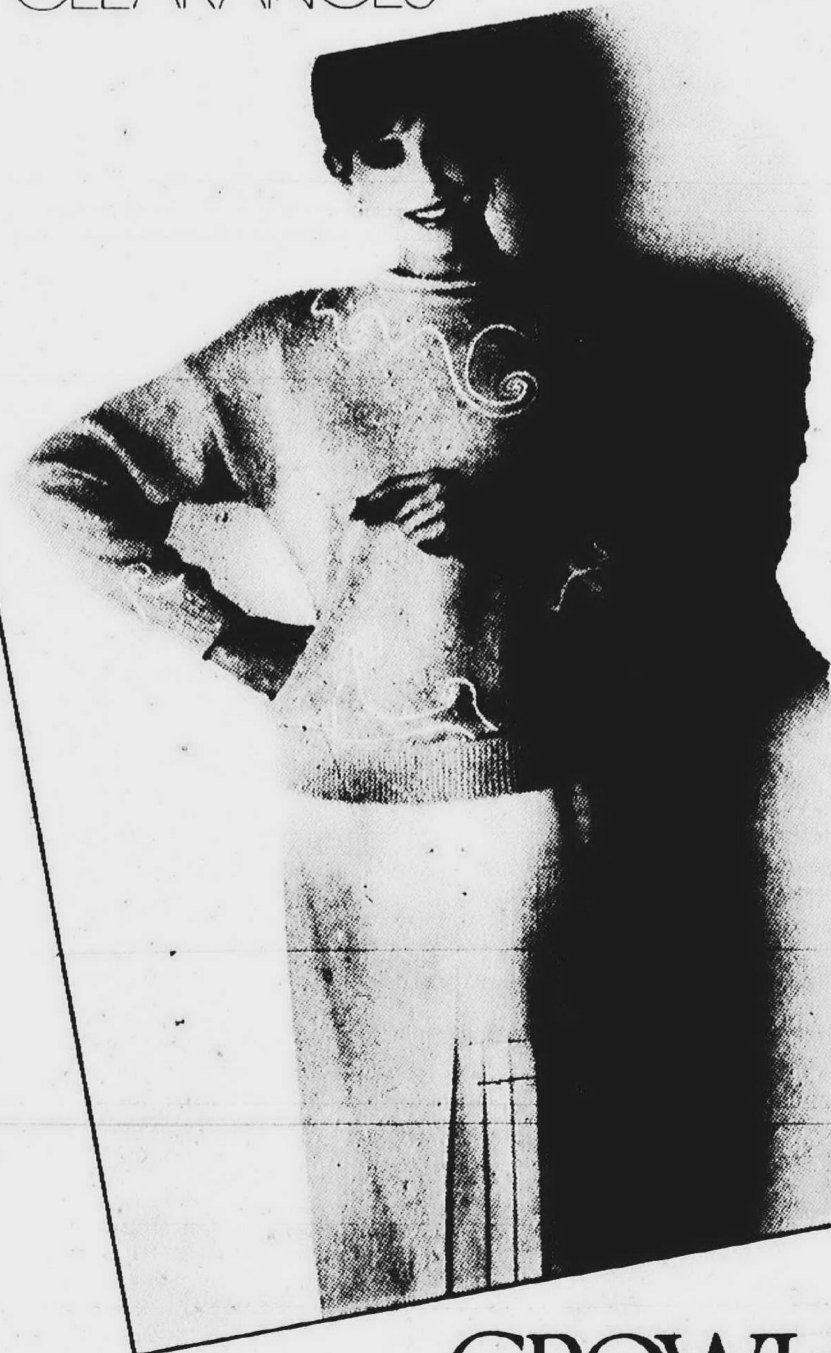
Morse has found that Reed is working out just fine as the music director and conductor for the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

"He's just a dream to work with. It seems as if all our groups are working well together," Morse appreciates the support of Plymouth Symphony League members and others.

In 1988-89, symphony supporters would like to add one concert to the

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FINE ARTS

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will hold a statewide Fine Arts Competition during the Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular. There will be an opening reception 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, at the Growth Works building, 271 S. Main, Plymouth. The exhibit will be open Jan. 8-17 at Growth Works. Hours will be noon to 5 p.m. Monday, Thursday, noon to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. There is no admission charge. For more information, call 455-5260. The competition exhibit is sponsored by Michigan National Bank.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON PWP

Plymouth-Canton Parents Without Partners will hold a general meeting and dance starting at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, at the Holiday Inn, 30375 Plymouth Road, between Merriman and Middlebelt in Livonia. There will be a speaker, followed by a dance. Price is \$2, \$3 after 9 p.m. For more information, call 981-1041.

LET'S DANCE

Northwest Bethany will hold a "Bye, Bye, Blues" dance from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at the social hall of Our Lady of Sorrows, on Power Road north of Shiawassee in Farmington. Price is \$6. Beer, set-ups and munchies will be provided. There will be a disc jockey. Northwest Bethany is a support group for divorced, separated and widowed people. For more information, call 477-9031 or 729-2743.

WESTSIDE

Westside Singles will hold a dance from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at Roma's of Livonia, on Schoolcraft west of Inkster. Snacks will be available. Dressy attire should be worn (no jeans). There will be a disc jockey. The dance is for those age 21 and older. For more information, call the hot line, 562-3160.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Parents Without Partners will hold a regional conference Friday, Jan. 8, through Sunday, Jan. 10, at the Sheraton University Inn in Ann Arbor. The regional conference is being hosted by the Huron Valley Regional Council No. 34 and Livingston County Chapter No. 564. The weekend will include personal growth workshops, which are free and open to the public. There will be a "Country Hoedown" dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Jan. 8, for members and escorted guests. Price is \$5 for members, \$6 for guests. From 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, there will be a members-only "Country Cotillon" dance for \$5, complete with door prizes. Proceeds from drawings and donations will support the Special Olympics in Livingston County. For more information, call Ray Deppmann, 229-5986.

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Accomplishments

Year was a busy one for local arts organizations

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season Morse said. They'd also like to look for additional corporate support. A member has been added to the symphony's board, she said. Tony Huda knows about corporate funding and is interested in helping us to get some of that.

IN YEARS to come, symphony supporters would like to expand the audience to include communi-

ties along the I-275 corridor, Morse said. That would cover the area from Canton north to Novi and would include the Farmington-Livonia-Westland area.

"That's one of the things we're aiming for." Each year, the symphony presents a concert in Novi, one is scheduled for March at Novi High School.

"I think it went pretty well, so far," Morse said in describing the year. Symphony supporters are concentrating on starting their

planning and scheduling earlier. They're already busy planning for the 1988-89 concert season.

Other Plymouth-Canton area arts organizations also were busy in 1987. The Plymouth Theatre Guild presented a variety of plays. Members of the Three Cities Art Club kept busy in 1987, as did people involved in other arts organiza-

The year was a productive one for the Plymouth Community Arts Council, said Pat McCombs, PCAC president. The council's hiring of an executive director, Susan Froelich, represented "the culmination of a long, hot summer's work," McCombs said. Froelich, the PCAC's first executive director, started work on Oct. 1. Her hiring was part of a three-year strategic plan created by PCAC members working with arts consultants.

IMPLEMENTING THAT three-year plan is an important development for the PCAC, McCombs said.

During 1987, the PCAC created a new membership category for businesses. A business advisory committee was also formed.

"A lot of firsts," McCombs said in describing the year's activities.

Those include a dollhouse raffle project, a Christmas card project and preparation for the statewide Fine Arts Competition, to be held in conjunction with this year's Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular Jan. 7-17.

PCAC members were busy in 1987 bringing the Artrain to Plymouth for a visit. The train/museum, filled with treasures from the Cranbrook Academy of Art, visited Plymouth in early April.

The Follies performances in October, featuring the varied talents of area residents, were a highlight for the year, McCombs said. The Artists and Craftsmen Show and other fund-raising projects were also highlights.

Those are "our mainstays," the PCAC president said. "It's what keeps us in business."

The year was a busy one for the Plymouth Community Band, which has approximately 55 members.

"It's been a very successful year for us," said Carl Battishill, conductor of the Plymouth Community Band.

BAND MEMBERS performed their usual series of summer evening concerts in Kellogg Park. The free concerts have been held since 1960, Battishill said.

Band members also present five or six concerts each year in the Little Theatre at Plymouth-Canton High School.

"That's been very rewarding for the group," he said. "The people in the group really enjoy those concerts."

Band members have more rehearsal time for those concerts and are able to present more challenging work. The summer concerts are also enjoyable, he said, although the weekly schedule means there isn't as much time to rehearse.

From Battishill's perspective, 1987 has been a good year for the arts in the Plymouth-Canton community. He's seen a renaissance and new ideas during the year.

"That community feeling is very important," said Battishill, who is band director at West Bloomfield High School.

In 1988, Plymouth Community Band members will try to broaden the organization's focus. They'd like to perform for those who don't ordinarily hear the group.

Performances are planned at nursing homes and at the Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital, the band conductor said. Those performances will be "an important part of our function."

"We try to provide music for people who ordinarily wouldn't hear that kind of stuff."

DURING THE next year, the Plymouth Community Band will continue to present performances at the Plymouth-Canton High School Little Theatre and at Kellogg Park during the summer.

McCombs, the PCAC president, also has some ideas for 1988.

"Doing more community projects. Right now, we're concentrated in the school system," she said. "I think more concentration on community events."

PCAC members will seek additional grant support in 1988, she said, including applying for a Michigan Council for the Arts grant.

"We will start looking into more monies and more memberships, active or non-active."

Having an executive director will make the PCAC more visible, McCombs said.

"She'll be able to be in the forefront."

McCombs agreed that the community is one that supports the arts; she's grateful for the support of PCAC volunteers and others.

"I think Plymouth is extremely supportive of all organizations. I don't think you could get a better community."

Area businesses also support the arts, she said.

"If they have it, they're willing to share it. And the arts overlap here, too."

PEOPLE DON'T have to be "arty" to be involved in the arts locally, she said.

"We've really moved along," McCombs said of the PCAC, which was founded in 1969. "We really have come a long way and, hopefully, will continue to do so and to grow."

PCAC supporters would eventually like their own building, she said. The council now has an office at 332 S. Main St. in Plymouth, above the stores on Main Street.

A building would provide a better facility for classes and shows and would be more accessible to the handicapped and older people, McCombs said.

"Ideally, it would be with other arts organizations. We can all support one another."

A better facility is also a concern of Dorothy Koliba, president of the Three Cities Art Club. There isn't really an ideal spot for the club to hold its shows.

"There's just not the facility to have those." The club, which has 30 to 40 members, needs a facility with sufficient space and good lighting for the shows.

Three Cities Art Club members were busy in 1987. They held a spring show in Plymouth; club members also participated in the Fall Festival.

"Quite a few of them do," the club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Plymouth Township Hall.

The year was in some ways a sad one for club members; their treasurer of 30 years, Frank York, died. York was one of the original members of the club.



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The past year has been a busy one for the Plymouth Community Arts Council, said Pat McCombs, PCAC president.

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Centennial Educational Park students Shelle Bertell (left) and Amy Schmidt practice their dance routine.



Amy Schmidt and Shelle Bertell had most of their dance routine done last week, although they still had to work on the ending.

Staff photos
by John Stormzand



Shelle Bertell (left) and Amy Schmidt concentrate on perfecting their dance routine.

Kids enjoy vacation

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"Playing basketball," Denny said in describing fun aspects of vacation. He and the others weren't too excited about going back to school this week; on the other hand, they weren't dreading the return to school.

"A little bit," Denny said. "I want to see my friends, though."

Older Plymouth-Canton students also kept busy during the winter break. The halls of Centennial Educational Park weren't too crowded last week, but there were some students at CEP.

During the break from school, student athletes held practices at CEP. Other students also were at the school during vacation.

Amy Schmidt and Shelle Bertell put their time to good use during the winter break. The two, both 11th

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graders at Plymouth Salem High School, were busy last week practicing for the upcoming "Variety Is" band show.

Performances of "Variety Is" are scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 29-30, at the Salem auditorium. Amy and Shelle are planning to audition for the show, they've created a dance routine and were busy practicing in the halls of Salem last week.

"I think it's nice that it's open," Amy said of her school. "At least we can use it." Amy's on the "Variety Is" committee this year.

THE TWO students had most of their routine done last week, al-

though they still had to work on the ending. Shelle is a bit nervous about trying out for "Variety Is."

"A little bit," she said. "It's so far away, though."

Amy and Shelle have studied history and other subjects during winter break. Sleep is also high on the list of preferred vacation activities for CEP students on break.

"A lot of kids go skiing over break," Amy said.

Neither of them had any major objections to returning to school this week.

"No, it was long enough, actually," Shelle said of winter break.

"It's something to do every day," Amy added.



Jim Beesley (right) enjoys sledding at Plymouth Township Park. Jim went sledding with his friend, Jay Perko, during winter break.

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The two CEP students plan to try out for the "Variety Is" band show. "Variety Is" performances are scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 29-30.



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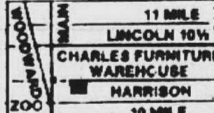


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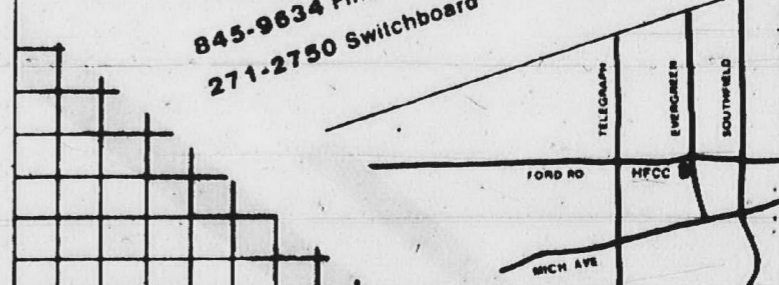
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LAMAZE CLASS
The Plymouth Childbirth Education Association will offer a Lamaze orientation class at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18, at Newburg Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. This will be an introduction to the Lamaze birth technique and will feature a birth film, "Saturday's Children." Price is \$1 per person, payable at the door. Advance registration is not required. For more information, call 459-7477.

NEWBORN CARE
The Plymouth Childbirth Education Association will offer a two-week course on newborn care for expectant couples. The class will begin Tuesday, Jan. 19, at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon Road, Canton. The class will give information on care and development of infants from birth through the age of 3 months. To register or for more information, call 459-7477.

ANTIQUES
Lawrence DuMouchelle will discuss "Discovering Antiques" at a 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, program at the Farmington Community Center. DuMouchelle is owner and president of DuMouchelle's Art/Auction Gallery. He is a former member of the board of trustees at the Detroit Institute of Arts and is a member of the American and International Societies of Appraisers. The Farmington Community Center is at 24705 Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile in Farmington Hills. For more information, call 477-8404.

BIRTH PROGRAM
The Plymouth Childbirth Education Association will offer a seven-

week childbirth series starting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, at Newburg Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Early registration is advised. To register or for more information, call 459-7477.

DAMARIS AWARDS
The Plymouth Community Arts Council is sponsoring the annual Damaris Student Fine Arts Awards for students in sixth-ninth grade. The awards are designed to encourage further study in the arts, including drama, vocal music, piano and other instrumental music, sculpture, creative writing, painting, dance and photography. Thursday, Jan. 21, is the deadline to submit applications. A total of \$1,000 will be divided among the qualified applicants. Applications are available at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' middle school and high school offices; applications are also available at the Plymouth Community Arts Council office, 332 S. Main St., Plymouth. For more information, call Mary Corridore, 455-7831, or the PCAC office, 455-5260.

LET'S DANCE
Westside Singles will hold a dance from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, Jan. 22, at Roma's of Livonia, on Schoolcraft west of Inkster. Snacks will be available. Dressy attire should be

worn (no jeans). There will be a disc jockey. The dance is for those age 21 and older. For more information, call the hot line, 562-3160.

OH, COWARD
The opening performance of "Oh, Coward" is scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, at the Wallace F. Smith Performing Arts Theatre, on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. Members of Opera Lite will perform. Performances are also scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24. Ticket price is \$10. Dinner packages are available for Saturday evening; price is \$21 per person. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Reservations must be made at least one week in advance. For tickets or more information, call the box office, 471-7700.

OPEN HOUSE
Gibson School for the Gifted, 12925 Fenton in Redford, will hold an open house from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26. The school is near Telegraph and Schoolcraft. All classes from prekindergarten (age 4) through middle school (age 13) will be in session. Refreshments will be served. There will be tours and an art exhibit. For more information, call 537-8688.

50-UP CLUB
The St. John Neumann Seniors, 50-UP Club, will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, at the church, on Warren west of Sheldon in Canton. New members may attend. For more information, call Betty Gruchala, president, 459-4091.

BAND SHOWS
The Plymouth Centennial Educational Park Bands will present the annual "Variety Is" show at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 29-30. Performances will be in the auditorium of Plymouth Salem High School, Joy and Canton Center roads in Canton. Prices are \$2 general admission, \$3 for reserved seats. All band students will have general admission tickets. For reserved seat tickets, call Judy Lore, 453-5181.

OCC PRODUCTION
The Oakland Community College Summer Arts program will present "Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris." The first performance will be at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29. Other performances will be at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31. Performances will be in the Wallace F. Smith Performing Arts Theatre on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. Price is \$10. Dinner

packages are available for Saturday evening; price is \$21 per person. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Reservations must be made at least one week in advance. For tickets or more information, call the box office, 471-7700.

PRENATAL EXERCISE
The Plymouth Childbirth Education Association will offer a six-week prenatal exercise class starting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Newburg Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Classes include non-aerobic exercises for toning and strengthening; discussion topics are also included. To register or for more information, call 459-7477.

AAUW PLAY
The Plymouth branch, American Association of University Women, will present its annual play for children in February "Jack and the Beanstalk" performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Feb. 25-26, and for 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, in the auditorium of Plymouth Salem High School. Tickets will be available in early February at local elementary schools, by mail and at The Rainbow Shop in Plymouth.

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The Plymouth Community Arts

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Two good films for seniors club

Dear Jo:
Are there any new films out on aging? I am setting up some educational sessions for the seniors' group at our church.

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J.A. Mc.,
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A. Jolayne Farrell

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Dear Jo:
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Mrs. W.S.

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By Mary Rodrigue
Staff writer

Bullish builders

'Moderate' homes pegged at \$160,000

Low interest rates, adjustable mortgages, and consumer demand will keep new home construction a healthy industry for 1988, predicts the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan (BASM).

Those of us active in residential construction see a continuation of the strong sales and building activity for 1987, said Herbert Lawson, new BASM president and president of Herbert Lawson Inc. of Southfield.

Lawson and the new BASM officers made their comments during the organization's annual market outlook press conference at the Michigan Inn in Southfield Tuesday.

He predicted the final tally of single family building permits issued in the seven county southeastern Michigan area for 1987 would reach 12,000, an increase of 647, or 5.7 percent, over the 1986 total.

Consumer attitudes are upbeat. Home A Rama, which we produce, attracted a record 110,000 to see new homes in two locations last fall.

Lawson cited Governor Blanchard's efforts to bring new industry to Michigan as another factor in the strong housing market. Movements such as EDS leasing additional office space in Troy and bringing more out of state people into the area will result in increased demand for new housing, he said.

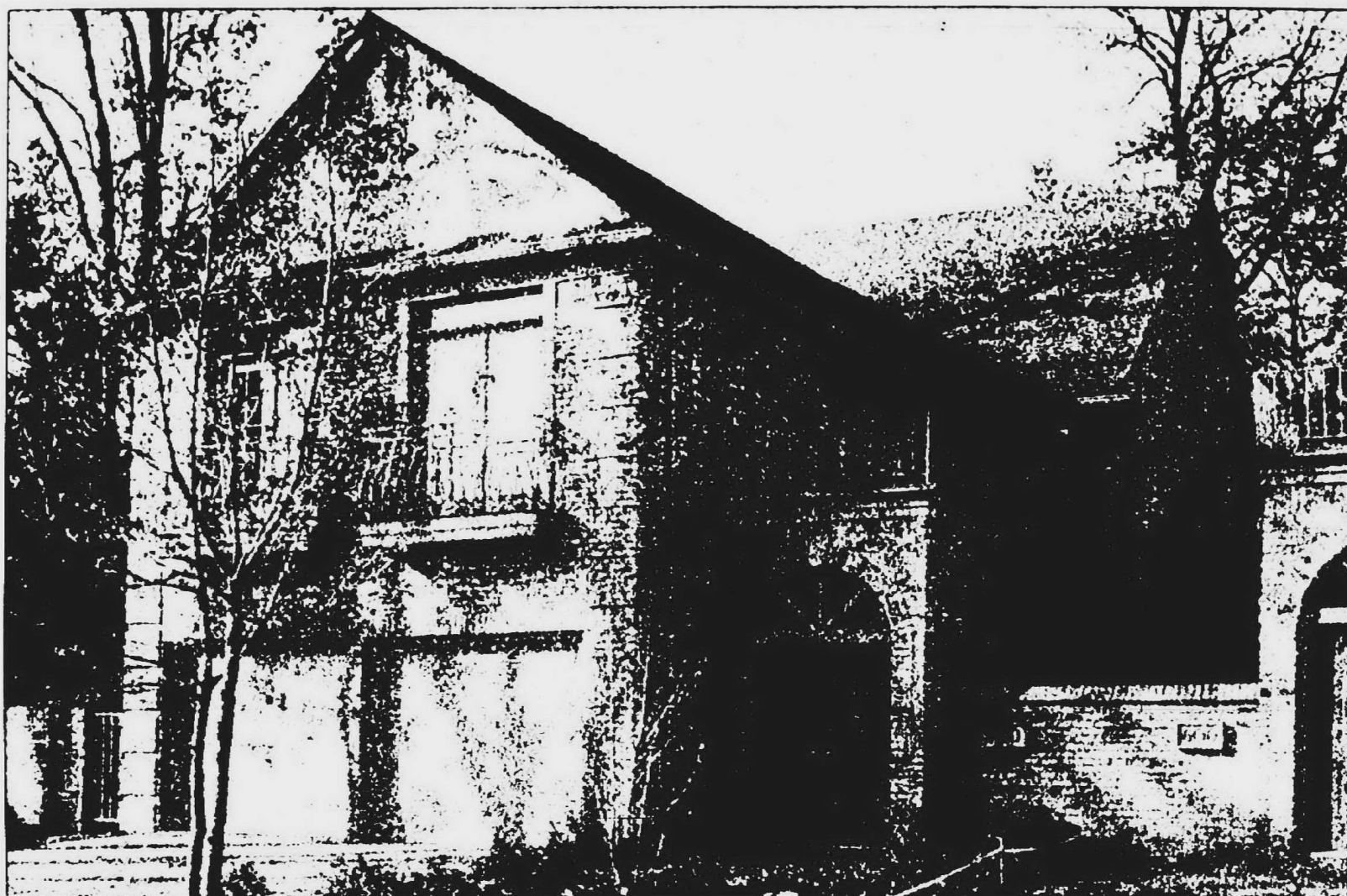
There are 33 million more people in the U.S. since 1980. That translates into realistic density. We've got to provide housing," added Irvin Yackness, general counsel for BASM.

DENNIS DICKSTEIN, president of Ralph Manuel Associates, Realtors of Birmingham, and immediate past president of BASM, said the recent social trends toward family and marriage might produce another housing demand not unlike that brought on by the post World War II baby boom.

"Family life is in again. I expect to see a tremendous increase in the demand for housing," he said.

Dickstein of West Bloomfield said the new home market hasn't softened like the resale market.

The resale market is a bit soft



Energy efficiency, whirlpool baths, hardwood floors, finished lower levels, two bathrooms, a two-car garage and cathedral ceilings are among the features in demand by home buyers.

now, down by about 8 percent as compared to last year. Part of the reason is many homeowners take their properties off the market from Thanksgiving through the New Year. The holidays are always a slow time. New homes haven't experienced this downturn. A builder will come out on

Christmas Eve to show a model home."

New homes continue to be a good value because while interest rates are down, labor and material costs remain steady, he said.

He characterized the housing market as stable, with neither the buyer

nor seller getting an unfair advantage right now.

In addition to energy efficiency, the most important single feature new home buyers are requesting is the whirlpool bath, according to the builders.

"We've had a whirlpool bath in

every home we've sold in the past six months," said James Bonadeo, president of James Bonadeo Builders of Plymouth, and BASM first vice president.

Hardwood floors, finished lower levels, two bathrooms, a two-car ga-

rage and cathedral ceilings are other popular features.

BUILDERS CONSIDER a moderately priced home one that sells in the \$160,000 range. A modest new home would cost \$110,000 to \$120,000, they said.

One of BASM's goals is to better inform the buying public about the various kinds of mortgages and methods of financing new homes, Lawson said.

"The adjustable rate mortgage provides an extremely advantageous opportunity for a family to upgrade its housing objectives and still stay within its monthly budget," he said.

The best rate currently available is in the 7 1/2-7 3/4 range with an annual or lifetime cap. It can be converted to a fixed rate loan without additional charge to the borrower.

"It's having the best of both worlds," said Robert Halperin, president of Crannie Inc. of Birmingham, and a BASM vice president.

"If interest rates continue to go down, with an adjustable rate mortgage, it lowers your payment," Halperin said.

Sixty percent of loans being closed currently are adjustable rate mortgages, he said.

Builders did not identify a single community as most active in new construction.

"The entire southeastern area is active — both east and west — consistently where there is land to be developed," Halperin said.

The cost of the land today makes up about 35 percent of the cost of the new home, according to Bonadeo. With less and less prime sites available, builders have to deal with wetlands and other environmental factors.

The new BASM president announced that the association would direct its efforts this year toward:

- working to modify government ordinances considered restrictive

- working with the national association to develop methods to reduce the federal deficit

- achieving closer cooperation between builders, suppliers and subcontractors who work to serve the housing needs of the area.

Builder of Year honor awarded to Frankel

Three area persons have been honored by the Builders Association of Southeast Michigan. They are Herman Frankel, Builder of the Year of 1987; Nancy Bonadeo, Young Builder of the Year; and David Sakwa, Realtor of the Year.

Award winners were honored at the annual BASM awards banquet on recently at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Criteria for the Builder of the Year award are demonstrated cooperation with associate members, an overall performance that promotes the overall objective of BASM, and a reputation for fairness.

For more than 25 years, the Herman Frankel Organization has been a driving force in the development of commercial, luxury residential, senior citizens, shopping center and condominium projects in the tri-county area, according to the BASM.

The organization was lauded for its commitment to the southeastern Michigan region. It has played an integral part in the area's growth and development over three decades.

Frankel served as a past president of BASM in 1982. The West Bloomfield Township resident has been the recipient of numerous business and civic awards. His community involvement is extensive.

THE ASSOCIATION selects its young builder from candidates who are principal officers or owners of licensed building companies that have built at least one home during the year. Candidates must also be members of the BASM Young Builders Committee.



Herman Frankel (right) was named Builder of the Year for 1987 by the Builders Association of Southeast Michigan. Congratulating him is Dennis Dickstein, BASM president for 1987.

Bonadeo, 29, is construction manager for James Bonadeo Builders of Plymouth. The family-owned business is known for the development of residential properties in the Plymouth area. The family has been active in the construction industry for more than 38 years.

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Lawson named BASM president

Herbert Lawson, president of Herbert Lawson of Southfield, is the president of the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan for 1988.

Lawson of Birmingham served as BASM first vice president for 1987.

His company specializes in building condominiums and land development. The company has developed land and housing worth over \$175 million in southeastern Michigan.

Lawson has served as BASM membership committee chairman, condo committee member and a member of the association's executive board of directors.

James Bonadeo, president of James Bonadeo Builders, formerly of Redford Township, was named BASM first vice president. Bonadeo recently moved his offices to Plymouth, where he also lives. He has been in business for 38 years.

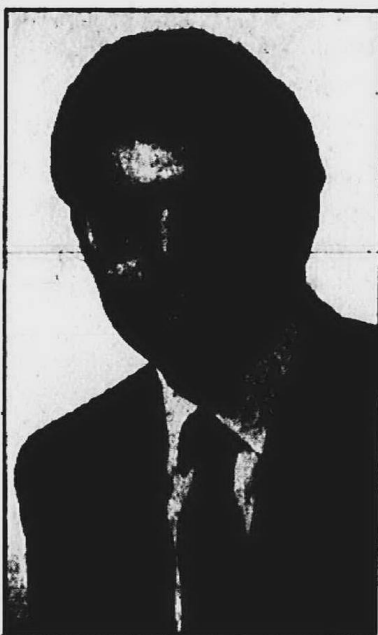
Other new officers include Byrne Benson, president of Byrne Benson Homes of Pontiac, treasurer; and

Melvin Rosenhaus, president of Uni-land Corp. of Farmington Hills, secretary. Benson is a resident of Ortonville. Rosenhaus lives in Birmingham.

BASM named four vice presidents. They are Bernard Gliberman, president of Crosswinds-West of Novi; Robert Halperin, president of Crannie Inc. of Birmingham; Abraham Ran, vice president and partner, Biltmore Properties Inc. of Troy; and Gilbert "Buzz" Silverman, president of Holtzman & Silverman Construction of Farmington Hills.

Gliberman and Halperin live in Southfield. Ran and Silverman are West Bloomfield residents.

Immediate past president is Dennis Dickstein, president of Ralph Manuel Associates, Realtors of Birmingham. Dickstein lives in West Bloomfield. Irvin Yackness is executive vice president and general counsel for BASM, located in Farmington Hills. He lives in Bloomfield Hills.

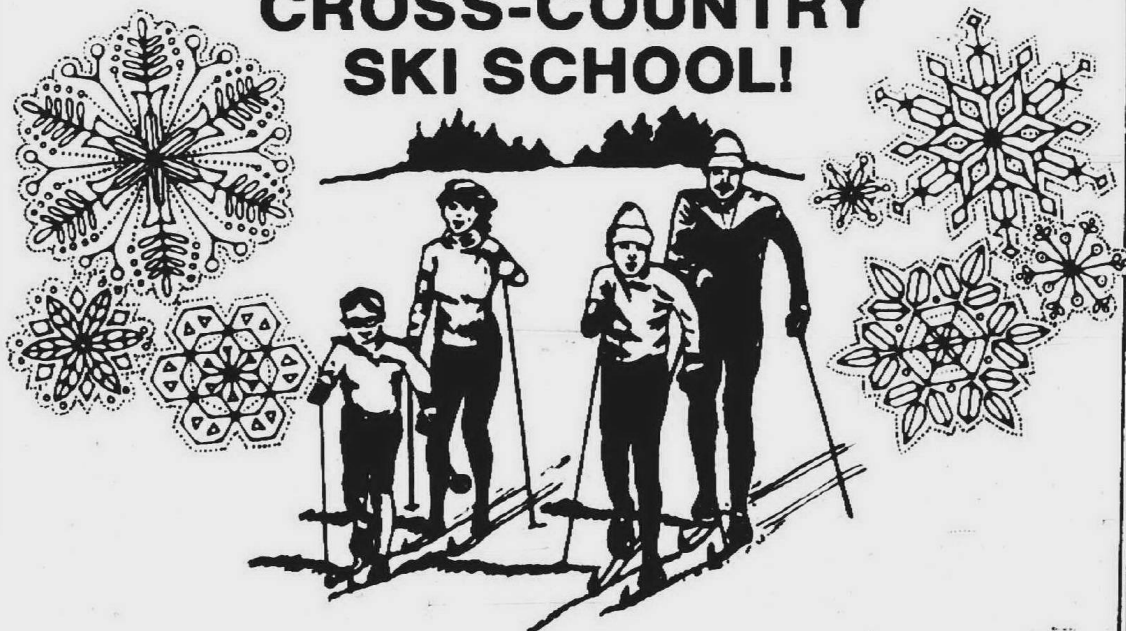


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business people

David P. Benoit, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Benoit of Livonia, received a Resident Agent license from the State Insurance Bureau at Michigan State University. Benoit is a field sales agent for AAA in the Northville office.

Carol A. Stofor of Livonia was named a mortgage officer in the mortgage department with Manufacturers Bank of Detroit.

Kelly Kinsey was promoted to documentation support and software specialist in the pharmacy system services division of 3PM in Livonia. She had been product support representative.

Lew Burton was promoted to financial control manager in the pharmacy system services division of 3PM in Livonia. Burton, who had been with the company three years, had been budget analyst.

Kim Anderson, manager of Plymouth Glass Co., was elected president of the Detroit Glass Dealers Association. Anderson began a career in the glass business seven years ago, working in the company operated by her father.

Mark Ferland was appointed director of marketing for the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn. The hotel is scheduled to open in October 1988.

Linda S. McDonald of Canton Township was promoted to department manager of building services with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Detroit branch. She joined the Detroit branch as a senior marketing analyst. For the past two years, she has been the division manager of the branch general services area.

Mary Kabanec of Realty World-Robert Olson Realtors in Canton Township attended the company's sales training program in Lansing.

Anthony Woody of Canton Township was licensed as a representative of Mutual of Omaha's Fund Management Co. Woody is associated with the Dale L. Hemmelgard division office, Mutual of Omaha and United of Omaha.



Benoit Stofor

William W. Bosanko was named senior accountant for the R.A. Mattia Co. of Plymouth. Bosanko will be involved in the accounting and financial services of the company.

Donald A. Chinick of Livonia was promoted to manager in the tax department of the Detroit office of Peat Marwick Main & Co. He had been supervising senior.

Louise Cox, vice president of Berkley Machine Products Inc. of Livonia, was one of 60 female entrepreneurs honored by Gov. James J. Blanchard in Dearborn.

Dr. Frederico G. Mariona was appointed director, maternal-fetal medicine division of Oakwood Hospital. Mariona also maintains a clinical practice. He had been with the University of Cincinnati Medical Center in Ohio.

Mary Sisung was appointed account executive in the business growth division of Adistra Corp. in Plymouth. She had been sales coordinator.

marketplace

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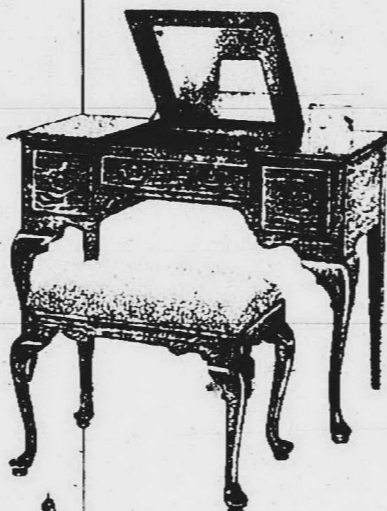
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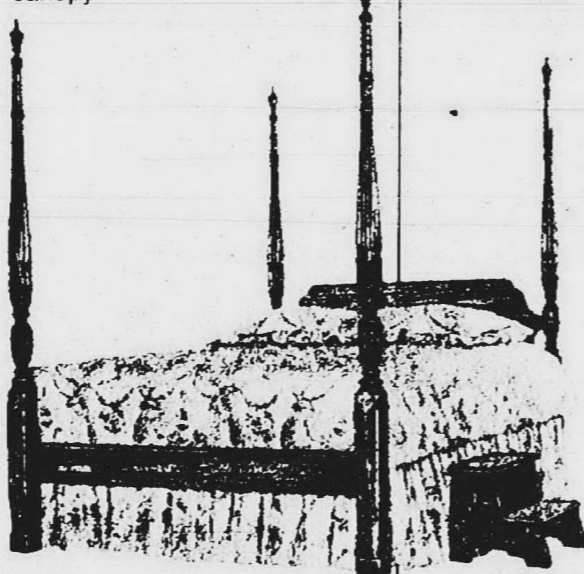
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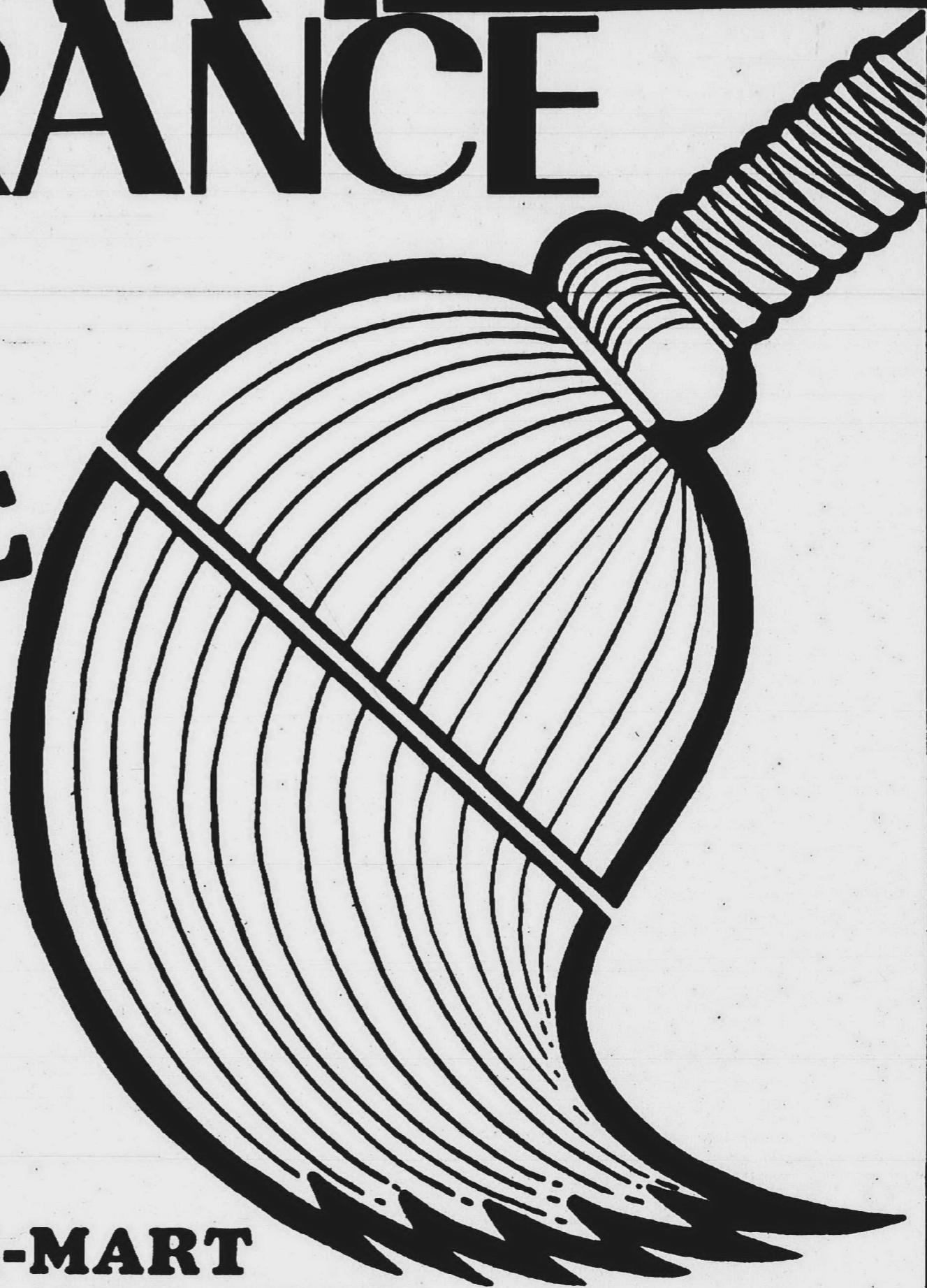
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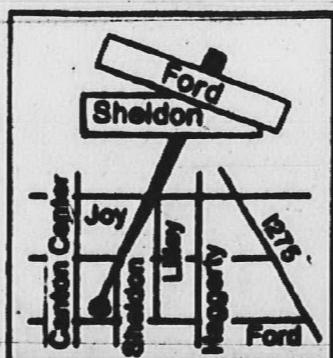
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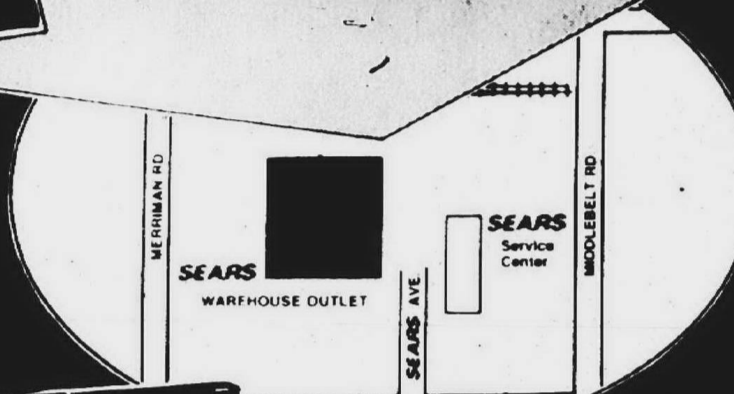
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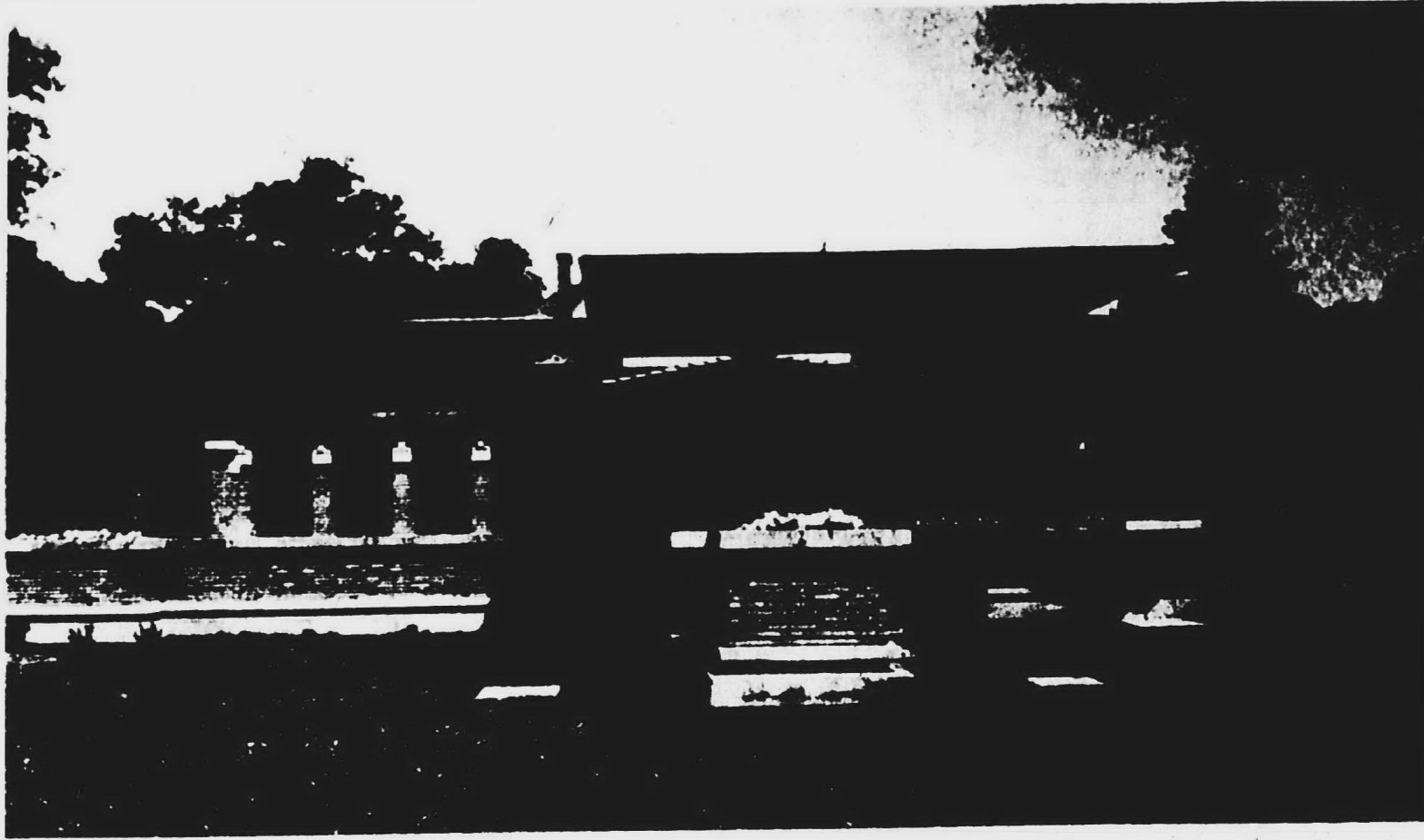
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The Meyer May House of Grand Rapids was Frank Lloyd Wright's first major commission in Michigan. It is a classic example of the Prairie style. Steelcase Inc. completed the total restoration of the house in two years. At right is the May house living room, illustrating how Wright used windows and limited walls so interior space has a feeling of flow and freedom.

Restoring Wright's architecture

By Dale Northup
special writer

TWENTY NINE YEARS after his death, the architectural legacy of Frank Lloyd Wright continues to make itself felt on the American scene. The numerous newspaper and magazine articles about him

have aroused public interest and inspired a third generation of Wright conscious architects.

Auction prices of his works of art have skyrocketed, due in part to pizza king Tom Monaghan's acquisitions and interest in Wright.

Michigan holds a unique place in Wright's legacy. He designed 68 works in the state, 31 of these were

built, rating it third after Illinois, where he practiced architecture in his early years, and his home state of Wisconsin.

Now receiving national attention are the Meyer May house in Grand Rapids (1908) and the Gregor Affleck house in Bloomfield Hills (1941). The latter is on the National Register of Historic Places and the former will probably follow suit. Both have been restored to their original pristine condition — the May house by Steelcase of Grand Rapids and the Affleck house by Lawrence Institute of Technology of Southfield.

Meyer May, a Grand Rapids clothier, was a visionary much like Wright. In Wright's designs, he saw something new, something different, something that might appeal in the fashion industry. Consequently, he commissioned Wright to design a house for him in 1908. The house also included furnishings designed by Wright because the architect felt that by controlling every part of the environment he could achieve harmony and unity.

THE HOUSE WAS COMPLETED in 1909. However, after three-quarters of a century, it had suffered the ravages of neglect. Steelcase initiated a restoration project after purchasing the house in 1985. It was a civic gesture to the city of Grand Rapids marking Steelcase's ties with Wright. As manufacturers of office furniture, their first big project was the production of furniture for the new headquarters of Johnson Wax in Racine, Wis., (1936) which was designed by Wright as a "total" environment.

The May house project was undertaken by Carla Lind former director of the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio Foundation in Oak Park, Ill. Original details were

lost with time.

But after perusal of 4,000 to 5,000 photographs the past was resurrected. Information was also found at the Frank Lloyd Wright and Prairie School Collection of the Milwaukee Art Museum.

Wright's May house had an atmosphere of the prairie with horizontal flow of the landscape echoed in the lines of the house. The large overhanging eaves sagged with age much like someone's face. The facelift involved 19 tons of structural steel with trusses and four vertical posts set into the house to withstand the cantilevered load of the roof extension.

Many of the original furnishings in the house were reclaimed from local sources in Grand Rapids. The original design of the carpeting was found in the Milwaukee archives as well as thread samples. The carpeting was reweoven by hand. It is considered one of the most perfect reproductions of floor covering in a Wright house. The refurbished warm ochre and light green colors of the interior, complemented by the golden oak molding, literally brought back to life a great work of art.

IN 1940 GREGOR AFFLECK, a chemical engineer, commissioned Frank Lloyd Wright to design his home in Bloomfield Hills. Affleck's ties with Wright go back to his boyhood home in Spring Green, Wis., where his aunt was a secretary to Wright. Being somewhat of an innovator himself, Affleck was enamored of the uniqueness of Wright's designs.

The house Wright designed for the Affleck family is L-shaped with a bedroom wing adjoining the living area, all of which extends out over the side of a ravine.

Mr. and Mrs. Affleck saw draw-

ings and renderings of Wright's famous "Fallingwater" in Pennsylvania and fell in love with its soaring decks and oneness with the surroundings. Consequently, their house has a cantilevered deck atop a brick pier. The house is clad in brick and highland cypress. Wright referred to the latter as the wood eternal.

Affleck and his wife lived in the house until their deaths in the early 1970s. The house was rented until 1979 when the Affleck children donated it to Lawrence Institute of Technology. In those intervening years the house had fallen into a state of disrepair. The concrete deck developed scaling and hairline cracks which water seeped through causing the soffit below to rot. Part of the living room extended out over the ravine exposing the radiant heating pipes which were not adequately insulated, further adding to condensation in the soffit area.

The fascia boards also had considerable weathering and didn't prove to be the wood eternal.

Restoration was begun by the LIT staff and a group of "Friends" chaired by Ivabell Harlan in October of 1986. David Conlin of Birmingham was chosen as the architectural restorer.

Phase one involved replacing the soffit areas of the carport on north side of the house and the deck on the south side. One problem, however, involved the availability of highland cypress which the restoration team thought would be hard to find.

CARPENTER DON Louiselle meticulously took down and numbered each board with the expectation of sanding and reinstalling all of them.

In the meantime a supply of

cypress was found in Arkansas and milled in Tennessee. It was of the same density as the original cypress and would serve to replace many of the boards that had rotted. Phase one which involved replacing four thousand lineal feet, was completed in February of 1987.

Phase two, began in June of 1987, was the replacement of the fascia boards and the wood on the parapets of the deck. This involved 2,000 lineal feet. When the wood was removed on the parapets, diagonal steel bracing was exposed and deemed not sturdy enough. Vertical steel rods were welded every four feet to the 12-inch steel beams which support the deck. The wood was replaced covering up the underlying superstructure.

What was left of the original wood was sanded by LIT students. The wood was then coated with Thompson water seal permitting it to weather a natural glow from within.

Now the wood and the Affleck house will become eternal for future generations to enjoy. When asked what was going to become of the original replaced cypress, restorer Conlin responded in jest, "We're going to sell it to Tom Monaghan." Monaghan is a devotee of Wright architecture.

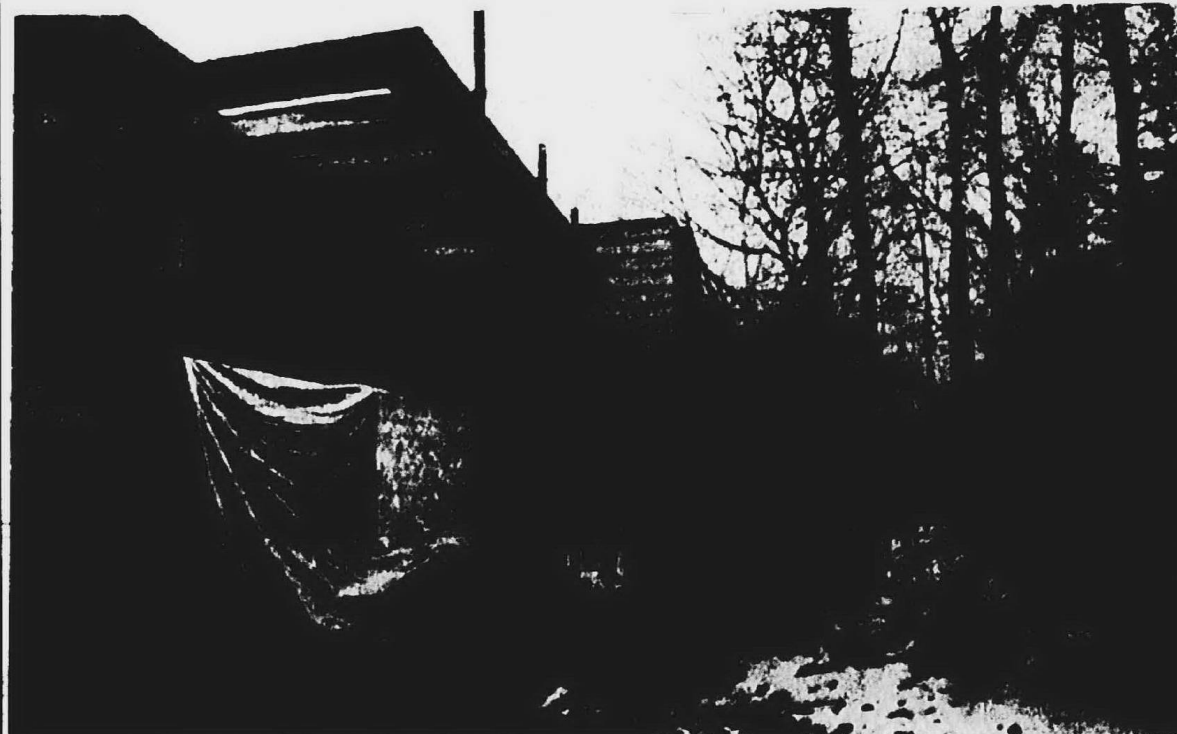
The Meyer May house is open to the public for tours 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays. For more information on the Affleck house, call LIT at 356-0200, Ext. 2800, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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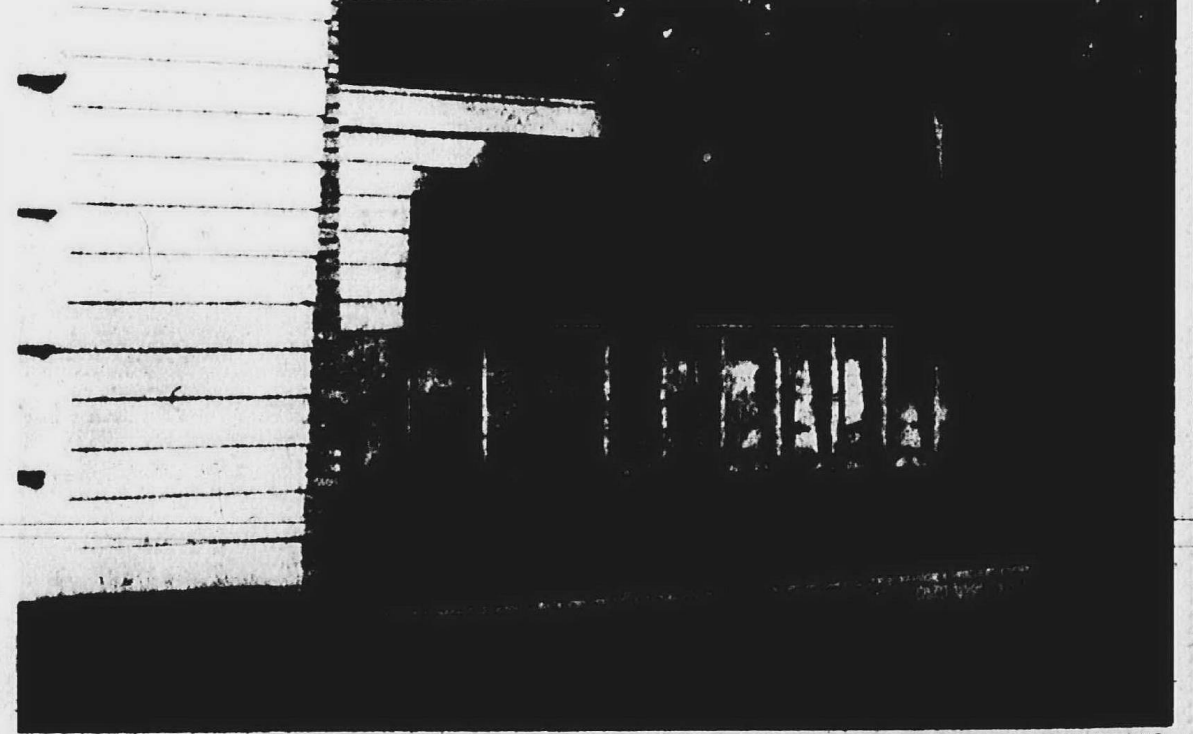
Gregor Affleck commissioned Frank Lloyd Wright to design a family home in Bloomfield Hills. This photograph taken in 1969 shows how the architect adapted the building to the terrain.



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Affleck House repairs have been going on for several years. In this picture taken two years ago, the deck at right in the photograph had

not yet been repaired and a source of new cypress had not yet been found.



A.D. NORTHUP

When the wood was removed along the parapet of the Affleck House deck, vertical rods were welded every four feet to strengthen the deck. What was left of the wood was either re-

placed or carefully treated by Lawrence Institute of Technology students so it would be weatherproof and permanent.

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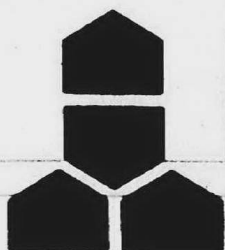
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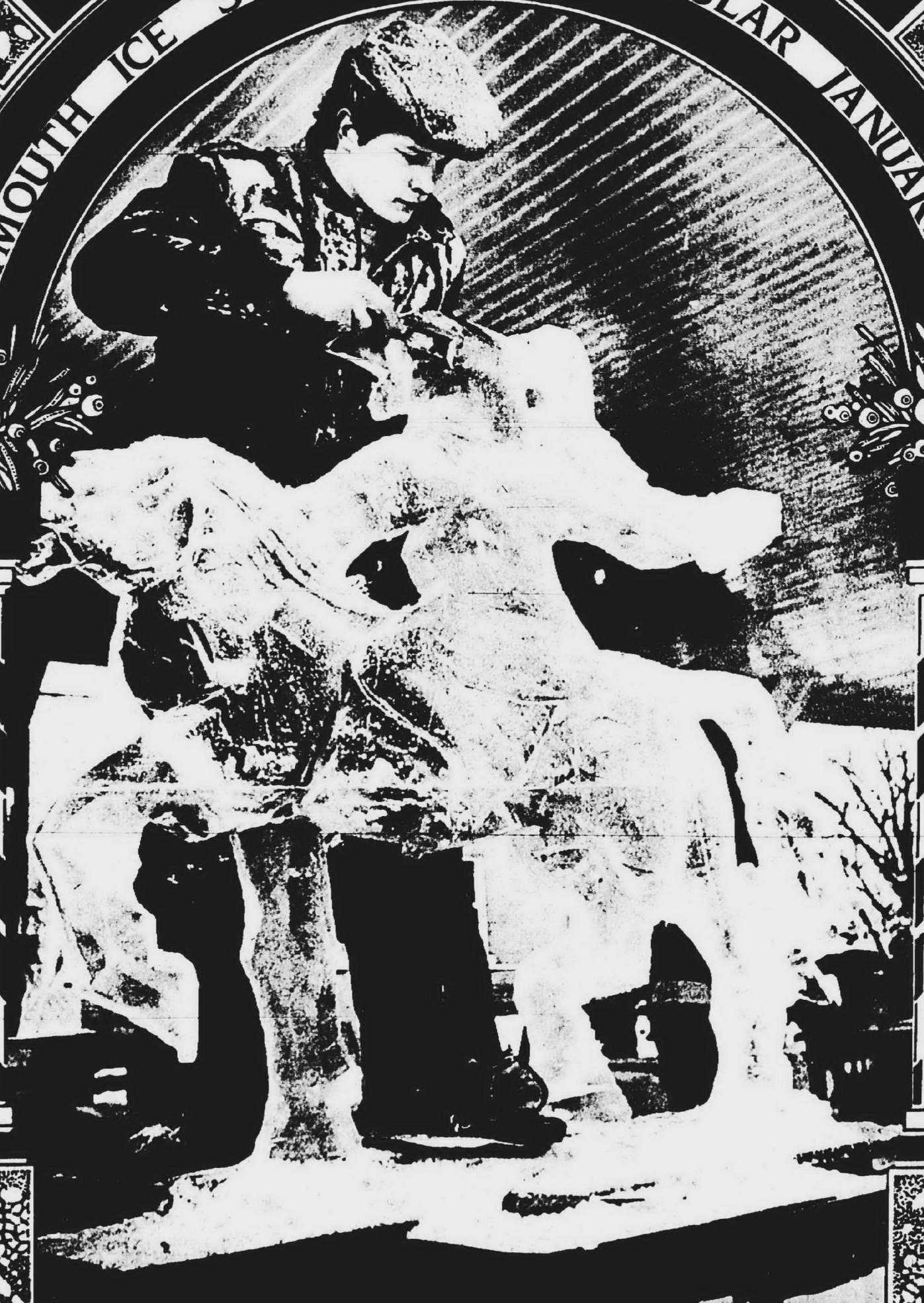
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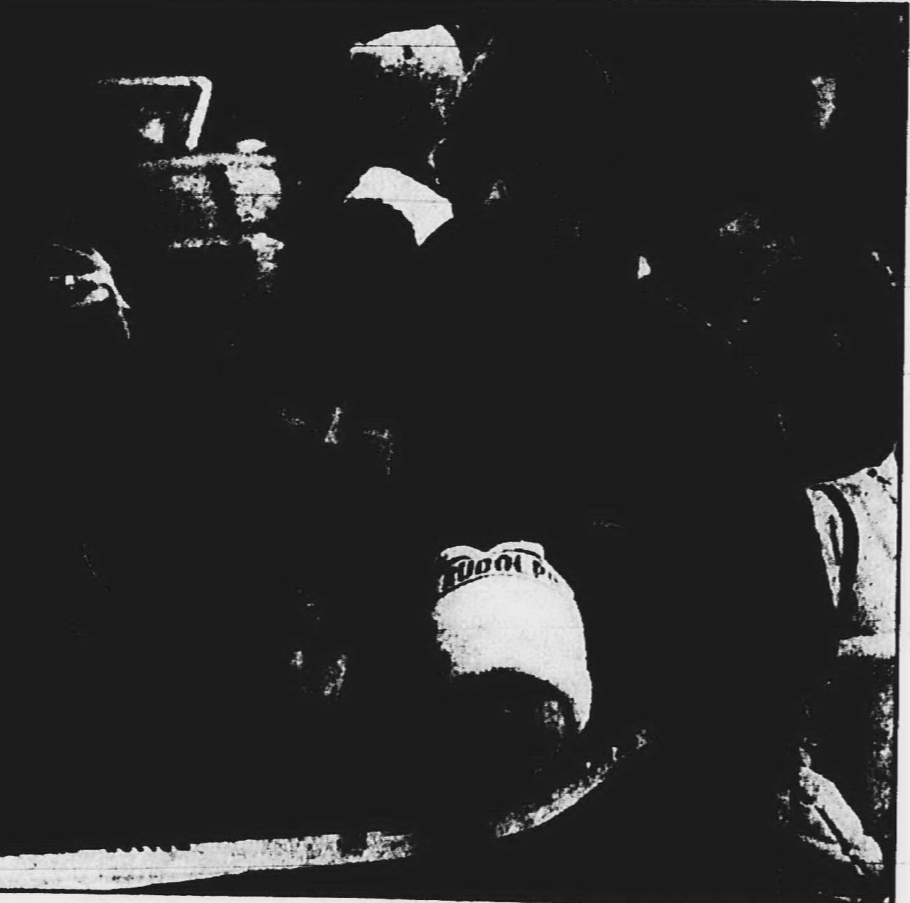
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A crowd favorite

An exhibit of Detroit Zoo animals (above) draws a crowd along Main Street. In the photo below, the Ice Spectacular spectators include Lathé and Ben McMakin of West Bloomfield, Darryl Goldberg (left) and Benjy McMakin.



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Chef Kevin Enright (on top), an instructor at Oakland Community College, and Randy Finch, a student at OCC, are shown working on a giant rocking horse which was part of a group of large toys carved from ice.

Spectacular

The best in ice in town for free 10-day festival

Picturesque Plymouth will be transformed into a winter wonderland during the sixth annual Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular scheduled for Jan. 7-17 at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

The town's normal tranquility will be replaced with a bevy of activity from early morning until midnight as artisans from Detroit and around the U.S. create about 200 ice sculptures for spectators to enjoy. Nearly 500,000 people are expected to visit the spectacular over the 10-day period.

Professional chefs and ice sculptors, attracted to the nationally known event from across the country, will compete for airline tickets to England via British Airways and luxury merchandise from Highland Super Stores, now headquartered in Plymouth.

Students of the culinary arts at Oakland, Macomb, Schoolcraft and Monroe community colleges will demonstrate their budding skills, competing for scholarships. The student competition is 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Jan. 9, at The Gathering across from Kellogg Park next to the Penn Theatre.

The professional sculptors will cre-

ate their masterpieces on Saturday, Jan. 16, at the same times and location. Judging and awarding of prizes will take place in the afternoon.

According to R. Scott Lorenz, co-chairman of the event, this year's spectacular will be the best yet. "We're going to showcase the incredible talent of American sculptors. There will be Japanese influence in the artwork itself, as many of the techniques and styles exhibited by the sculptors have been learned from the Japanese, but the American carvers have become prominent in world competition."

ONCE AGAIN, the Midwest Ice Company will provide the huge blocks of ice — about 1,000 blocks — each weighing 440 pounds.

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Jim Praertallapa of Winston-Salem, N.C., attaches a wing to his eagle.

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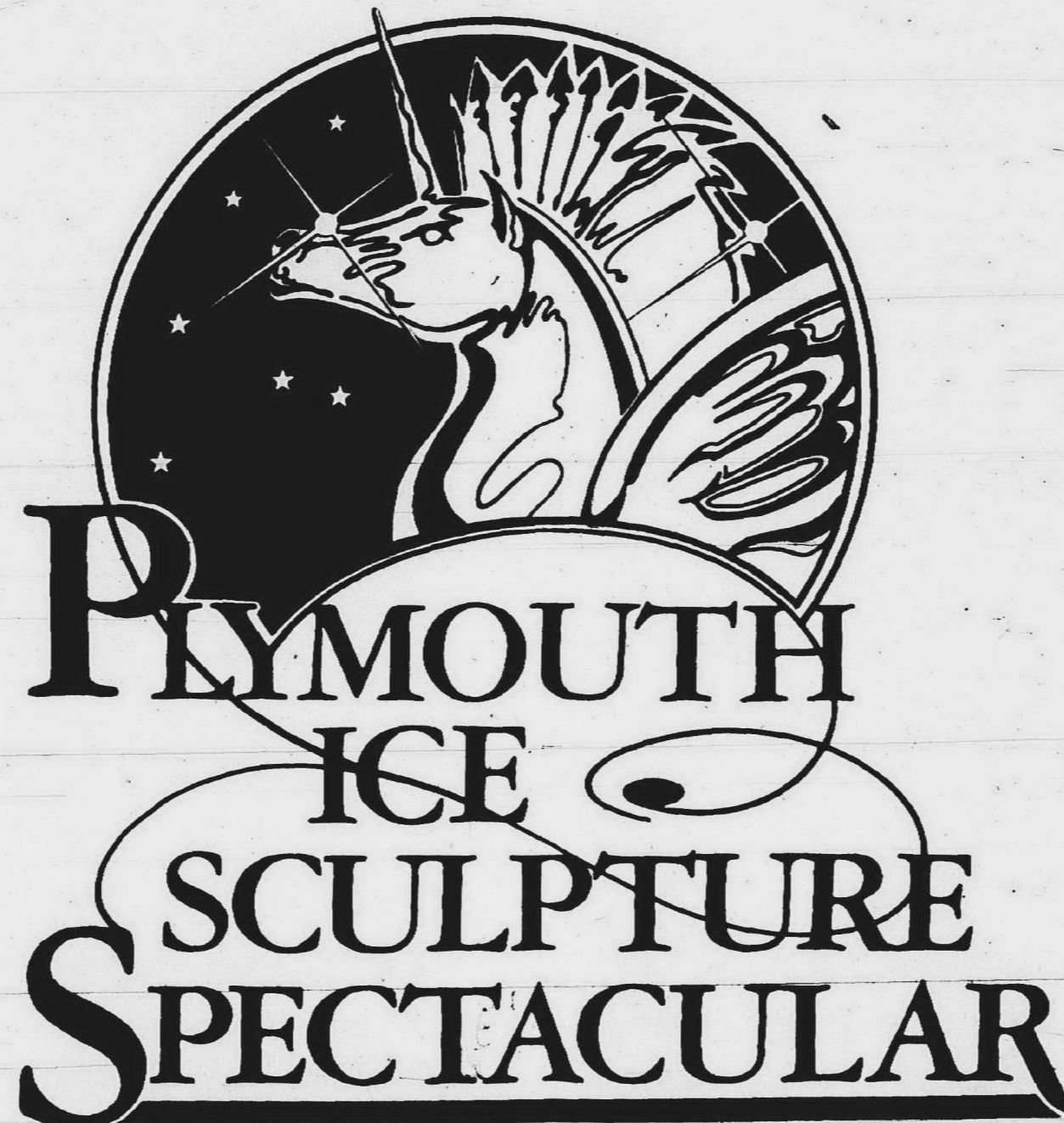
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FRIDAY

JANUARY 15th

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SATURDAY

JANUARY 16th

9 A.M.-NOON: ICE SCULPTURE COMPETITION WITH PROFESSIONAL CARVERS COMPETING. 11 A.M.-9 P.M.: PLYMOUTH WINTER ANTIQUE SHOW AT THE PLYMOUTH CULTURAL CENTER. NOON-8 P.M.: ART SHOW AT THE GROWTH WORKS, SPONSORED BY THE PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL. 4 P.M.: JUDGES WILL AWARD BEST PROFESSIONAL CARVINGS.

SUNDAY

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The Symphony on Ice major work was one of the crowd favorites in years past.

Antique, art shows new to Spectacular

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to do a lot of carving for the kids," says Jim Ryder of Midwest Ice. "This whole thing is basically for the kids."

In addition to the ice carvings created by the local carvers and the competitors, students from Livonia Public Schools and the culinary arts department at Plymouth Salem High School will exhibit their talent with ice.

Mallard ducks rising from a marsh was the theme of the grand prize winner of the professional competition last year. It was created by Master Chef Milos Cihelka of the Golden Mushroom Restaurant in Southfield.

CARVING a huge block of ice is not all that easy, explains Chef Cihelka, who will enter his fourth competition this year. "You must have an eye for form and shape and a whole lot of patience. It is a long process."

Cihelka first comes up with the idea, then translates that vision onto a stencil which he transposes onto the block of ice. Using a chain saw to carve out the basic three-dimensional form, he whittles at the basic form then moves to smaller tools to chisel out the detail.

In past events, major sculptures included a giant chess set, Puff the Magic Dragon and a pawing Unicorn, among others.

Last year, one of the outstanding sculptures was a giant replica of the

state of Michigan, the "Symphony on Ice" done for the sesquicentennial with a grant from the Michigan Arts Council.

The glistening sculptures will be highlighted by colored lights, making a tour of Plymouth at night a special experience, notes Lorenz.

IN ADDITION TO the ice sculpture display, an art exhibit showcasing the talents of Michigan artists will take place in The Growth Works at 271 South Main.

In this juried show, 35 pieces will be hung, representing all forms of mediums (oil, watercolor, sculpture, photography and pottery). The pieces will be on display from noon to 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays and noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

The art show is sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council. For more information, call the Arts Council at 455-5260.

The Plymouth Winter Antique Show also will be open to spectators at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, on the last weekend of the ice sculpture event. Antiques from 21 dealers will be on display from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call the Cultural Center at 455-6620.



The Michigan Sesquicentennial exhibit, done by Midwest Ice, was the major piece in the 1987 Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular.



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Spectators glimpse upwards at a giant shrimp carved from ice.



Jim Nadeau, Chicago chef, sculpts while the crowd watches.

Serious stuff

Student and pro carvers are earnest competitors

Cold is beautiful, especially to the 500,000 visitors who will come to Plymouth, Michigan next Jan. 7-17 to marvel at the more than 400 ice carvings gracing the streets of this picturesque community for the 6th Annual Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

The cold will be even more important for the artists who create the fragile masterpieces in frozen water — the famous ice carvers from Sapporo, Japan and the many chefs from hotels and restaurants throughout North America who come to enter ice carving competition.

In its brief history, the Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular has become the best-known, national ice sculpturing competition. Located on the west side of Detroit, near the junction of the Old Ann Arbor Trail and Interstate 275, Plymouth uses its unique "village-style" central park and business district to provide visitors with streets full of flashing, icy entertainment. Anchored by the Mayflower Hotel, one of the top-rated inns in the United States, the many gift shops, galleries, specialty foods services and general stores provide a perfect backdrop to ice sculptures that range from giant unicorns to full orchestras to

scenes from the 'Nutcracker.'

Visitors can wander through the sculptures 24 hours a day, with the best viewing often at night when the sculptures are dazzling in reflected light. As in the past, the Spectacular is free to the public, including the ice carving contests that take place in Kellogg Park on Saturdays.

The professional chefs compete for the right to represent the United States in international ice carving competition in Sapporo in February, as well as for free vacation trips anywhere in the United States. A student chef competition finds students from colleges in Michigan and Illinois competing for scholarships to continue their education.

All of this icy splendor to marvel at for free, the many awards for carving competition and the student scholarships are made possible by sponsorships coming from local Plymouth businesses, Detroit area businesses and major corporations.

Northwest Airlines, for example, flies the Sapporo ice carvers to the U.S. and back and provides the trip to Sapporo for the Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

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A 10-day cold spell hoped for

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ture professional contest winner, and the runner-up vacations. Other sponsors present sections of the vast display of ice carvings.

According to Scott Lorenz, general manager of the Mayflower Hotel and co-chairman of the event, visitors come from several states and Canada to watch the carvers at work.

"While the largest percentage of the 500,000 visitors come from the Detroit metropolitan area," Lorenz said, "we get many people coming in from as far away as Milwaukee and Cleveland for the day or the weekend. Because some of our best carvers are from Chicago, several tours start from there. We also have people coming in from Ontario, Indiana, Iowa and other communities in Ohio and Illinois."

Lorenz expects the 1988 Spectacular to be even more, well, spectacular. "We are planning to add more attractions, like a laser light show that will really make Plymouth light up at night. We should also have even more professional chefs in competition, which means more great sculptures to see."



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Spectators flock to watch the work of Jim Nadeau, a professional chef from Chicago who each year is one of the favorites in the competition.

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