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TWENTY-FIVE CENTS



May Booth of Wixom will serve on the state's Commission for the Aging

## Governor names Wixomite to commission on aging

A Wixom woman has been named by Governor Milliken to the state Commission of Services on Aging.

May Booth, who resides at 1342 Merriweather Court, also serves as Director of the Tri-County Deaf Senior Citizens program based in Redford.

Mrs. Booth will be asked to make recommendations to state and federal agencies concerning the needs and problems of the elderly.

She sees transportation as one of the main problems confronting senior citizens today.

"In order to keep senior citizens active, who really are quite well, it's necessary to get them out and about," Mrs. Booth says. "Sometimes a woman might have problems getting around but hesitates to ask for help."

She says, that in such situations, a neighbor might notice that the woman is not eating right and inform the proper agency.

Mrs. Booth earned the attention of Governor Milliken for her work with the tri-county deaf senior citizen's group.

The 56-year-old woman is certainly no fledgling to the world of the deaf. Her parents were both deaf, as were most of her aunts and uncles.

"I had a problem completely opposite to most deaf people," she says. "I had to learn how to speak."

"I was born out in the country. My aunts, uncles — everyone was deaf. My cousins and I were the only ones who could hear, but when we saw each other we would still talk to each other in sign language."

"Even now, when I'm asked to give a speech, I can panic. I am actually translating from sign language. But I get by."

Mrs. Booth may actually be guilty of a slight understatement there. As director of the tri-county deaf

senior citizens agency, she is in charge of an information referral service, counseling, and outreach service and a monthly newsletter.

She notes that the program is continually expanding and has a great potential for improvement.

At this time, only 800 people are on the newsletter list. Mrs. Booth cites statistics which show that 6.6 percent of the population is hearing impaired, with the figure rising even higher in industrial areas such as Michigan and higher yet among the aged.

On the basis of such projections, she expects the program to grow a great deal larger.

Mrs. Booth will serve on the Michigan Commission on Services for the Agency until July 28, 1980.

People interested in contacting the deaf senior citizens group can call 533-5443 for more information.

## Village hearing next Tuesday

# Finance report due on lake restoration

The Wolverine Lake Village Council will attempt to complete the public hearing process for its proposed lake restoration project on Tuesday, January 10, at 8 p.m. in the Walled Lake Central High School gymnasium.

A continuation of the hearing of necessity, which was started November 15, will be the first item on the agenda at next week's special session, followed by a hearing on the proposed method of financing the restoration work, estimated at a cost of some \$600,000.

Village President John McLellan said Friday that he expects the council's finance committee to have a new report ready by that time on the proposed method of raising some \$300,000 in local funds to supplement the 50 percent federal grant village officials hope to receive for the project.

Meanwhile, a federal grant application review is expected to be completed today (January 4) by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) so the village's request for funding may be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Region V office in Chicago.

Carl Harlow, of the SEMCOG staff said Friday that the regional planning agency has received no negative comments on the village's proposal, but added that he probably wouldn't finish reviewing the file until yesterday.

As proposed by the Village Council on the recommendation of the Snell Engineering Group and the Wolverine Lake Aquatic Testing and Ecological Restoration (WATER) Team, the lake project calls for winter drawdown and freeze, removal of tree stumps and four inches of sediment and total aeration. Harlow said he expects the SEMCOG report to comment on whether the village's proposal is a total solution to its lake problems.

In September, the council's finance committee recommended a formula that called for an assessment of 24.7 mills (\$24.70) for lakefront property owners and 6.4 mills (\$6.40) for lake-access property owners to raise the local funds to finance the project.

A month later, McLellan suggested a formula based on a per-lot average cost of some \$267 for lakefront lots and \$89 for back lots. Under that plan, front-lot owners would pay three times as much as back-lot owners, the president said, but the total amount of money collected

from both groups would be about the same.

At the November 15 hearing of necessity, Councilman Tim Kozub, a member of the finance committee, said he felt that a per-lot cost of financing the project would be more equitable, although he added that the exact ratio of front-lot versus back-lot revenues needed more discussion.

The council originally had studied a four-to-one ratio between front-lot and back-lot assessments, but McLellan has said he feels the new committee report

probably will recommend the per-lot cost, based on a three-to-one formula, as a compromise.

If the council votes to proceed with the lake restoration project, the application for 50 percent federal funding will be filed with the EPA, village officials said.

While it may take up to a year for approval of the federal clean water funds, McLellan has said he hopes the monies will be approved in time to permit work to begin on the project after Labor Day, 1978.

## Memorial service set for Clifford H. Smart

A special memorial service for former Walled Lake Superintendent and State Representative Clifford H. Smart will be held Sunday, January 8, at the school which bears his name, Clifford H. Smart Junior High School at 8500 Commerce Road.

The service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Smart died last Wednesday at Halifax Hospital in Daytona Beach, Florida. He was 72.

According to his son, Robert, Smart had been hospitalized for two weeks at Thanksgiving. He had been admitted to Halifax Hospital Monday, two days prior to his death. Cause of death was listed as emphysema.

A memorial service was held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 218 West Ottawa Street in Lansing on January 4 (today) at 1 p.m.

A County Normal graduate, Smart began his career in education by teaching in a one-room rural school at age 19.

He attended Central Michigan University and Wayne State University where he received his Bachelor and Master degrees.

He served 19 years as superintendent of the Auburn Heights School District before becoming superintendent of the Walled Lake School District on July 1, 1945.

It was during his administration that the Walled Lake School District

experienced substantial growth as enrollment grew from 1,500 students to 6,100 students when he resigned in 1964. Eight new school buildings were



CLIFFORD H. SMART

constructed during his term as superintendent as well as numerous building additions. Smart was also

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## Year in Review

# These stories made Lakes Area headlines in '77

Following is a month-by-month summary of the top news stories of the first six months of 1977 from Walled Lake, Wixom, Commerce and Wolverine Lake Village:

### JANUARY

The Michigan State Highway Commission voted to cancel the controversial 24-mile, \$69-million M-275 freeway project that would have linked I-96 in Novi to I-75 near Holly.

Opponents of the 20 year old freeway plans said construction of M-275 would cause urban sprawl and environmental damage to west Oakland County, particularly the Dodge Park Five and a rare black spruce bog, both in Commerce Township.

Proponents said the highway was needed as a bypass route for the I-75 system, west of Detroit, that would save driving time and gasoline consumption and reduce accidents.

The Highway Commission agreed with the opponents and added that, because of increasing road construction costs and the need for a more balanced transportation system, every mile of highway ever planned by the Highway Department could not be built.

Two area units of government — the city of Wixom and the Walled Lake Schools — received official notice that they had been awarded federal public works act grants.

Wixom received a \$755,140 grant for the construction of an addition to its city hall, while the school district was awarded \$3,803,000 for improvements to Walled Lake Central High School.

Meanwhile, Commerce Township and the city of Walled Lake were rejected in their bids for \$134,000 and \$550,000,

respectively, to build a community center and new library.

Last-minute efforts to settle the legal dispute between Commerce Township and the developers of the proposed K-Mart shopping center failed and both parties appeared before the State Court of Appeals.

An Oakland County Circuit Court judge in 1975 had ruled in favor of the developers on the C-1 (commercial) zoning for the 12.4-acre parcel, located northwest of Commerce and Union Lake roads.

The township contended that the property was zoned for single-family residential due to procedural errors that occurred at the time the land was originally rezoned; the developers maintained that the site was properly designated for commercial use.

In an effort to revitalize Walled Lake's business district, the City Council and Plan Commission established commercial rezoning, traffic rerouting and parking improvements at top priorities.

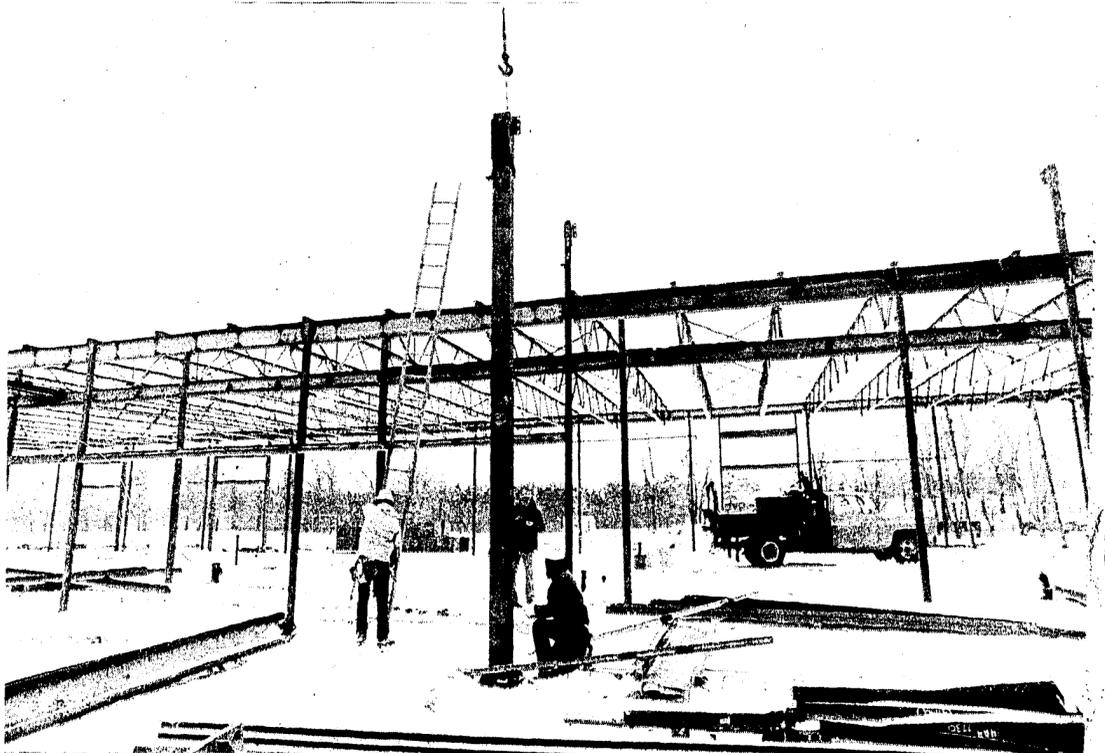
City officials later discussed plans to utilize an "Old West" theme for the downtown area.

The Walled Lake Education Association and Board of Education ratified a two-year contract, calling for a six-percent raise in each year, that runs through June 30, 1979.

The new pact was reached some five months before the expiration of the then-existing contract.

The board also approved a three-year contract with its administrators, retroactive to July, 1976 and running through June, 1979, and extended

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A federal public works grant for Walled Lake Central High School improvements (pictured last week) was approved last January

# Negotiation bid fails on M-275 peace talks

Recent efforts to bring State Highway Commission Chairman Peter B. Fletcher and John Grubba, managing director of the Oakland County Road Commission, together to discuss their differences over the cancelled M-275 freeway and the proposed Northwestern Highway extension have failed.

Chester P. Kochanski, a Southfield realtor and chairman of the defunct M-275 Road Crisis Committee, said last week that he had attempted to arrange a meeting between Fletcher and Grubba in November.

However, Fletcher cancelled one session because former President Gerald Ford was visiting the state (Fletcher is the Republican national committeeman for Michigan and served as head of Ford's re-election committee in the state in 1976), while Grubba bowed out of the second meeting because of a meeting called by Governor William G. Milliken on his proposed highway program, Kochanski said.

blasted the highway commission for its cancellation of M-275 last January and the panel's plan to scrap the Northwestern extension.

Grubba's column, ironically, was written in response to a story that quoted Fletcher on the same controversial topics.

At the December 21 highway commission meeting, Fletcher again took aim at the road commission for appealing a recent State Court of Appeals ruling that upheld the state agency's discretionary powers to cancel the Northwestern extension.

When the highway commission voted a year ago to scrap the Northwestern extension, the Michigan Supreme Court ordered the state to fulfill a 1957 contract that provided for the extension of Northwestern from Eight Mile Road in Detroit to US-23 near Pontiac.

A portion of the highway was extended to Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield in the early 1960's, but the rest of the project was delayed.

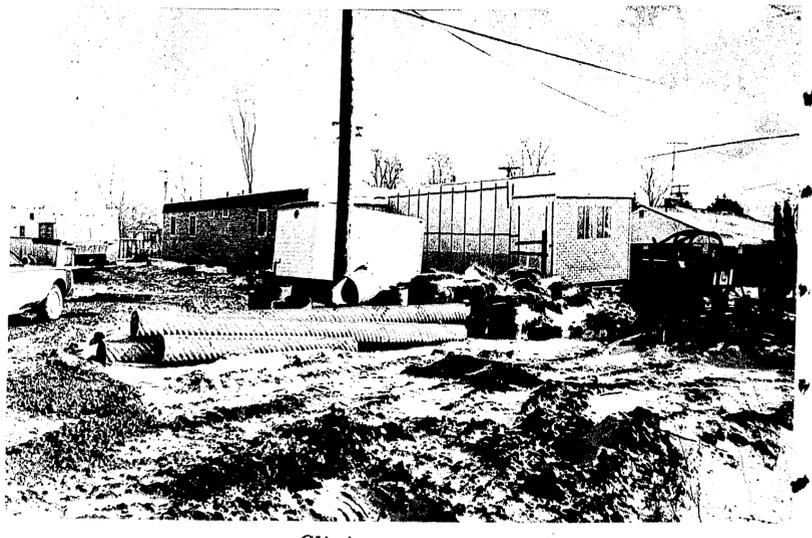
The state highway department later recommended that Northwestern should be extended only to M-275 in Commerce, prompting the road commission suit.

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A third session was scheduled, Kochanski said, but the highway commission chairman broke that date because of what he termed as the road commission's "intransigent and illogical" position on Northwestern.

Fletcher, in a letter to Kochanski, said it would be "fruitless to meet with (Grubba) under any circumstances other than a public meeting."

According to Kochanski, Fletcher apparently cancelled the third meeting because of a guest column Grubba wrote for The Oakland Press that



### Clinic opens soon

The portable units for Providence Hospital's interim facility on the corner of Ten Mile and Meadowbrook roads in Novi were put into place last week. According to hospital officials, the interim facility should be open for business some time next week. The interim facility is designed to provide limited medical services for approximately two

# Area Police Blotters

## Armed robber abducts citizen

### In Novi

She slipped on the ice while screaming at the teen who started attacking him, scratching him in the eye.

The officer was taken to Botsford Hospital for treatment. The girl was charged with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Two bomb threats were phoned into the Twelve Oaks Mall December 28 and 29.

The first threat was called in December 28 when a man called and said, "There is a bomb near Olga's Kitchen." Novi police officers talked to the phone dispatcher and had her call former Olga's Kitchen employees to see if she recognized their voices. She didn't.

The second threat came before 1 a.m. December 29 when a voice described as belonging to a young man said, "There is a bomb in the mall. You've got two hours."

In both instances, police searched the building and found nothing.

A bomb threat was called into the mall about two weeks ago, also.

### In Wixom

Wixom Police ended 1977 by racking up a total of 1987 varied complaints with a dog bite the last run of the old year. The figure is up 33 from 1954 complaints recorded at the close of 1976.

Ice road conditions were considered by police to be the cause of the first accident of the new year on the westbound I-96 expressway at the Wixom Road overpass.

Those conditions apparently caused Bert Hansen of Detroit to slide across the entire width of the roadway striking the guard rail at the median. Continuing to slide against the rail, the car fishtailed sending the nose of the car over the railing at the bridge abutment.

### Neither the driver or passenger, Dag Hansen, were injured in the late afternoon accident.

Sometimes between midnight and 1:30 a.m. New Year's Day, unknown persons made off with a large hand-carved wooden owl statue from the front lawn of the Wes McAttee residence on West Maple Road.

The statue, hewn from a log, was reportedly cemented in the ground and carried a value of \$300.

Reaching over a fence to pat neighbor's dog sent Walter Tuck of Nightingale to the hospital with a wound in his arm requiring 22 stitches to close after the dog reportedly bit him. The incident occurred at 4:30 p.m. December 27.

### Construction sites in the Wixom area continued to be plagued by larcenies of building materials.

Taken from the Village Apartments on Pontiac Trail were 15 doorwall frames valued at \$200.

Superintendents of the Smoker Hidden Creek subdivision of Charns Road reported 207 two by fours valued at \$500 taken from a site between Tuesday and Wednesday last week.

The entire site area of the regional center covers approximately 135 acres.

Approximately 36 acres of that area is to be reserved for ancillary uses to the center — the peripheral properties — which will be located on 13 individual parcels along the west and north side of the center.

The first of the 13 parcels is expected to include a Sherwin's Shoe Store and a Denny's Restaurant as well as a third retail outlet. Although talks with a clothing store have taken place, Ware

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# Novi planners debate layout

# Open space option approved for Jamestown Green

Novi's Planning Board has indicated it is receptive to use of the Residential Unit Development (RUD) Option for the proposed Jamestown Green Subdivision.

But the Novi planners also let it be known that they are anything but satisfied with existing plans for use of the option.

The proposed Jamestown Green Subdivision, developed by the Pulte Development Company, will contain approximately 260 single family residential units on 77.2 acres of land

located on the north side of Ten Mile between Glenda Street and Novi Road. The subdivision is to be developed under its existing R-1 zoning which calls for a minimum lot size of 10,000 square feet and a minimum lot width of 80 feet.

Representatives of the Pulte Development Company appeared before the Novi Planning Board last week to seek approval of their application for use of the RUD Option on the 77.2 acre parcel.

And even though the planners voted 6-1 to permit utilization of the RUD Option, they made it clear that they

were not satisfied with the way in which the option has been tentatively applied. The lone dissenting ballot in the 6-1 vote was cast by Planner Donald Smith.

Under the RUD Option, a developer is permitted to reduce lot sizes by 20 percent, provided that the number of residential units permitted under a standard layout does not increase. The area reduced from lot sizes is given back to the overall subdivision in the form of parks or open space.

In his review of the proposed application of the RUD Option, City Planning Consultant Charles Cairns of Villacian-Leman stated that he was of the opinion that the site lends itself to open space planning because of its tree covering that two of the three proposed open space areas are within the timbered areas.

Cairns went on to list several possible problems with the proposed open spaces, however:

—According to the RUD Option, the minimum required space between the open space and the perimeter of the property is 120 feet. Two of the proposed open space areas on the Jamestown Green plat are

immediately adjacent to the perimeter of the property.

Cairns also noted that a proposed retention pond in the northeast corner of the plat was included by the developer as a part of his open space obligation. The RUD Option implies that the nature of the open space shall be capable of being used for recreational purposes.

"Since the pond area, according to our computations, is needed to meet the open space acreage requirement of the ordinance," said Cairns, "the planning board will need to establish a policy concerning whether or not it will accept such areas (retention ponds) as open space."

"If properly done," the planning consultant continued, "we feel the pond could be used as open space if trees are preserved, making the pond area aesthetically pleasing."

"It, however, the planning board is of the opinion that such areas are not usable, then additional open space will be needed to meet the minimum required open space area requirements for the site as proposed," he concluded.

Members of the planning board expressed opposition to permitting land on the perimeter of the property to be used to meet the open space acreage requirement.

Planner Leonard Marszalek stated that the 120 foot requirement was put in the ordinance because the board felt that open space should be provided

toward the center of the overall plat to be accessible to a majority of the residents.

"The requirement was put in the ordinance for a purpose and yet we're constantly faced with people running to the board of appeals if we attempt to enforce it," he said.

Donald Gleason, vice-chairman of the planning board, noted that proposed location of the park on the east perimeter of the property would make it more accessible to residents of the neighboring Petros Two Subdivision than it would to residents at the west end of the Jamestown Green Subdivision.

In an informal poll of the board, the planners indicated that they would prefer to have the open space located at the center of the plat.

In another informal poll, however, the planners indicated that they would be willing to accept the retention pond, which is also located on the perimeter of the property, as a part of the open space acreage requirement.

Cairns said he could see the rationale in permitting the retention pond to be included. "That might be the only place where they can put it (the retention pond)," stated Cairns. "As long as it has to be there you might as well make it as aesthetic as possible. If you don't permit them to count it as open space acreage, there would be no incentive to make it an aesthetically pleasing amenity."

# Spring groundbreaking predicted for Twelve Oak's peripheral site

Development of the peripheral property around Dayton Hudson's Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi is slated to get underway this spring.

David M. Ware, a real estate negotiator for Dayton Hudson Properties, told The News last week that a spring groundbreaking is contemplated for the first phase of the peripheral property development.

Dayton Hudson representatives appeared before the Novi Planning Board on December 21 to request preliminary site plan approval for construction on the first parcel of the so-called "peripheral properties."

Although the Twelve Oaks Mall will dominate the regional shopping center area, it is not the only commercial development slated for the one square mile area bordered by Meadowbrook and Novi Roads on the east and west and by 12 Mile and the I-96 expressway on the north and south.

The entire site area of the regional center covers approximately 135 acres.

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## Twelve Oaks, high school opening highlight 1977

Editor's Note: The following is a summary of the top news events that occurred in Novi in 1977.

**JANUARY**  
The Kaufman and Broad subdivision Whispering Meadows won RUD approval from the planning board. The RUD option allows developers to lower lot sizes while instead providing more open space areas.  
Planning board chairman Bob Bretz said the open space would have to become a park or natural wildlife area

or the space would become an eyesore.  
The Novi City Council voted to return a \$112,000 HCD grant after federal officials said the city could not meet the guidelines on how the money should be spent.  
The reason the city could not meet the guidelines was unclear to council members. Council member Romaine Roethel requested that federal and state officials more clearly explain the matter to the city.

A ten percent increase in property taxes was announced by City Assessor John Merrifield.  
Merrifield said the increase was necessary in order to avoid receiving a revised county tax factor. City rates were well below what they should have been, Merrifield said.  
**FEBRUARY**  
Members of the library board and the city council criticized each other in a meeting held to determine how the

library should be run.  
The major point of concern was whether the library board should be completely autonomous from the city. The meeting ended with both sides agreeing that some problems were caused by lack of communications.  
A proposed SEMCOG (Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments) land use plan for the metropolitan Detroit area was judged inaccurate for

Novi projections, according to City Manager Ed Kriewall.  
The SEMCOG study labeled about half of the city will continue to be used for agricultural use. Kriewall noted that much of the land labeled for agricultural use is already commercially developed.  
SEMCOG is a regional wide planning agency.  
The Novi council voted to eliminate the city traffic bureau. A Novi News investigation revealed that while financial considerations would have ended the bureau in the near future. A threat of a grievance by the Novi Lieutenants and Sergeants (LSA) may have speeded up the demise of the bureau. The allocation of that property classification and promotion

procedures were not being followed.  
The armed guard was removed from the Novi Fun Center Pinball Arcade after the city council determined he was no longer needed.  
The guard had been placed at the center after the arcade was the site of numerous complaints.  
**MARCH**  
A Needs and Priority Assessment Committee Report was completed, detailing the city's most pressing needs.  
The report cited a number of needs, including completion of the library, construction of a police building and additional funds for parks and recreation facilities throughout the city.  
The report also recommended that the city expend more money on police personnel.



Father Leslie Harding discusses the roll of the chaplain's department with Chief Lee BeGole and Sergeant Dale Gross

### To help in emergencies

## Chaplain team to aid police

A crew of eight ministers have banded together to aid Novi police in emergency situations where an understanding voice is needed just as much as a badge.  
The ministers will each be on call for one week at a time on a rotating basis to help officers do anything from notifying relations of fatal car accident victims to helping officers with personal problems.  
The police chaplain crew is the idea of Sergeant Dale Gross of the Novi Police Department. Gross, in addition to serving as commander of the patrol division, acts as the pastor of the Milford Baptist Church.  
Gross said he had mulled over the idea of such a crew for months but had just begun to turn the idea to reality. He says many metropolitan police forces already have such a service.  
Gross says that chaplain crews have been proven very valuable in other police departments.  
"It can be a great help in barricaded gunmen and hostage situations, for example," Gross notes. "There have been many times in the past when a minister has been able to talk him out of it."  
Another aspect of the chaplain's function is to help patrolmen with any personal problems they might have. Gross notes that patrolmen are under a great strain in their jobs and the strain often carries over into their private lives.  
The chaplains will be a great help in easing some family fight situations,

Gross says. The minister does not necessarily have to be with the officers when a fight is investigated but might be referred to the next day for counseling.  
Serving as clergy coordinator for the crew is Father Leslie Harding of the Holy Cross Episcopal Church. Harding is presently serving as chaplain to the department, along with Gross.  
Harding says the crew will serve as an important "back-up function" to police officers.  
"When an emergency situation does occur, you try to plug in where you can," Harding says. "You work with the officer or whoever is in charge at the time and don't get in anybody's way."  
Harding says the clergymen have been trained in police techniques, so that they will be knowledgeable of what police officers must contend with.  
"When an emergency situation does occur, you try to plug in where you can," Harding says. "You work with the officer or whoever is in charge at the time and don't get in anybody's way."  
Besides Gross and Harding, the members of the chaplain crew are: Father Tom Martin of the Orchard Hills Baptist Church, Carl Ziegler of the Novi United Methodist Church, Father Kevin O'Brien of the Holy Family Catholic Church, Reverend Tom Scherger of the Freedom Lutheran Church, Dick Henderson of the Faith Community Presbyterian Church and Roger Marlow of the Living Lord Lutheran Church.

## Statistics favor Novi students

Editor's Note: This is the last of a four-part series dealing with problems and programs in the Novi schools.  
By STEVE BELL  
The statistics are working in favor of Novi schools.  
Recently released figures from the state testing service which judges how well students are learning basic reading and mathematical skills show that Novi students score well above average.  
And they also score well above students from neighboring schools.  
The test results are admittedly not designed to compare schools or even to determine just how well teachers are teaching.  
School officials are quick to point out that the test is just a diagnostic tool and not to be used for comparisons.  
But nonetheless, the statistics show

that Novi schoolchildren are doing very well in comparison with students throughout the state.  
If Novi is pitted head to head against students in Northville and Walled Lake schools, Novi comes out the clearcut winner.  
The following is a comparison of Novi with Northville and Walled Lake as well as students from the whole state. The scores reflect the number of students who met 75 percent of the test objectives.  
Fourth grade reading: Novi 82.8 percent, Northville 75.8 percent, Walled Lake 61.8 percent, state average 60.5 percent.  
Fourth grade math: Novi 94 percent, Northville 92.6 percent, Walled Lake 77 percent, state average 76.8 percent.  
Seventh grade reading: Novi 86.7 percent, Northville 86 percent, Walled

Lake 76.1, state average 65.7 percent.  
Seventh grade math: Novi 73.4 percent, Northville 68.2 percent, Walled Lake 56.4, state average 46.6.  
The scores are not a fluke: Novi did just about as well last year, finishing fifth among 28 school districts in Oakland County in combined scores.  
There are a number of possible interpretations for the high scores.  
First is that the scores are actually meaningless, that they are merely diagnostic tools. This explanation would suggest that a school doing a superior job of teaching might do poorly on the test.  
But even so, most parents and teachers would agree that the basic reading and mathematical skills judged in the state tests are indeed valuable and that a high score in the test is a good thing in itself.

Another explanation is that the teachers have finally paid off.  
But this explanation does not set well, either, since many studies have shown that bricks and mortar do not an education make. And besides, Novi has done well before the new elementary school and high school were built.  
And Novi teachers are neither paid more or less than average.  
One explanation would point to the relatively great wealth of the community to answer for the high scores. Novi is an upper-middle class community, with new homes running in the \$55,000 to \$100,000 range.  
This explanation rests upon the theory that a child's learning ability is based more upon his environment than

## Police receive report of suspected molester

Novi police have received another reported spotting of the suspected child molester, this time in the Village Oaks subdivision.  
The incident was reported by a sixth grade boy who attends Novi Middle School. The boy said he was walking home about 10 p.m. December 28 along Cranbrook Drive, carrying a hockey stick, when a red Maverick slowed down behind him and a bearded man stepped out and stared at him.  
The father called police and officers arrived to talk with the boy.  
Police discovered that the boy had read the November News article about the sighting of the suspected child molester. The father said he had made all his children read the story to insure that they would be cautious when walking home.  
The father told police, however, that he did not think that the article had influenced the child's story.  
The six-grader was very specific in his description of the man. He said the man was a white male, about 30 years old, 5' 10", medium build with a mustache, beard and brown hair.  
The boy said the man was wearing a green windbreaker and possibly blue jeans pants.  
The vehicle was described as a red Maverick, rusted out on one side with the right rear side marker light burned out.  
The boy said he was sure the car was a Maverick since his parents owned one. The boy said he had never seen that particular car before.  
Police also discovered that the boy had told his parents that a man had been following him once about three years before.  
Novi police have received two previous sightings of suspicious persons in recent weeks driving red cars.  
The reports of possible child molesters in the area have caused much concern among area residents. Parents of about ten kindergartners at the Orchard Hills Elementary School requested special bus service for their children as a result of the sightings.

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## Train tankcar derailments mar summer of 1977

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recreation facilities throughout the city.  
The report also recommended that the city expend more money on police personnel.

Citizens along Taft Road won a court suit against the city charging that the special assessing along mile roads was unfair.  
Judge William Beer of the Oakland County Circuit Court ruled that the residents along the road were not gaining \$10 per front foot benefit out of the road being paved.  
City Attorney Dave Fried immediately set about preparing an appeal.

A \$2.7 million bond proposal was placed on the November ballot by the city council.  
The money would go for the completion of the library, construction of a police facility and phase one and two of completion of the municipal complex site.

The council was still unsure as to how to place the issue on the ballot.  
Representatives of two hospitals have announced they want to construct ambulatory care facilities in the City of Novi.

The two hospitals seeking to make presentations in the city were Detroit Osteopathic and Providence Hospital. The hospitals need the approval of the State Department of Public Health before they can begin construction.

The city approved the funding of half the cost of a surveillance unit in 1977-78 and committed themselves to paying the entire \$115,000 for funding the unit the following year.

The Special Investigation Unit was created under the direction of Detective Sergeant Gordon Nelson.  
Council member Romaine Roethel noted that, without the grant, the city would have to lay off three or four police officers.

The school board approved giving the city \$13,000 for the paving of Taft Road.

The city had lost all the money they expected to get from special assessments when the city lost a suit filed by Taft Road residents charging the assessments were unfair.  
The new high school is located near Taft Road on Ten Mile.

**APRIL**  
Detroit Osteopathic and Providence Hospital both announced plans to submit letters of intent to the state health department.  
The two hospitals hoped to build ambulatory care facilities in the City of Novi.

Taxi service returned to Novi.  
The city council approved both the Star Cab Company and Community Cab to operate taxis within the city. The council had refused to renew Star Cab's license before because of ordinance violations.  
Police Chief Lee BeGole said he saw no problem in granting the licenses.

The city released a proposed \$2.47 million budget.  
The budget was smaller than anticipated and, according to City Manager Ed Kriewall, would cause cutbacks in the building department.  
The school board released a plan telling how they felt the two middle schools should be used.

Seven commercial corners on Ten Mile were eliminated by the city council when they voted to rezone the parcels residential.  
Council had earlier indicated that the corner commercial zonings were unwarranted.

The board said the middle schools should house seventh and eighth graders in the present middle school building and house the fifth and sixth graders in the second middle school building.  
A confrontation took place between members of the school board and the citizens' advisory committee.  
The battle took place over the make-up of the two middle schools, especially concerning the administrative structure of the schools.  
Board member Robert Wilkins commented he had never seen such threatening behavior in a school meeting before.

The Novi Charter Commission wrapped up two and a half years of work and released its revision of the city charter.  
The commission submitted the new document to the governor's office for approval.  
The charter would establish a primary election for council, consolidate city departments and increase the powers of the city manager.

President Jimmy Carter declined an offer to dedicate the new Novi High School.  
Principal Helen Ditzhay said she suspected the President never even got a chance to read the letter, that it was dismissed by some social secretary.

The city council approved paving of a 1,000 foot stretch of Taft Road in front of the high school at the request of the school board.  
The city agreed to pay \$35,000 of the cost while the school would pay another \$24,000.

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## Statistics favor Novi

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upon teaching methods.  
This philosophy was set forth in the famous federally funded Coleman Report, which became the rationale behind forced busing.  
The report suggested that 60 Grosse Pointe kids could be crammed into one classroom and still do better than ghetto children receiving individual instruction.  
The wealth and education of the parents were judged to be the most important factors in determining how well a student will do.  
But this explanation is not without its

problems, either. Because while Novi is a fairly wealthy city, it is certainly not as wealthy as its neighbor Northville.  
Yet Novi does better on the tests.  
This could possibly be explained by the fact that Novi is a younger community so that while its residents may be in line for great wealth, they have not yet acquired it.  
If this slight variation were taken into account, then the standard wisdom correlating wealth would still hold true.  
The final possibility is that the Novi schools are actually doing a fine job of teaching.  
It all depends on how much you believe in statistics.

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## Half-acre lots to be developed on Pulte property

Residents of Novi's Conemara Hills Subdivision have apparently won a round in their battle to preserve large lot subdivisions in the southwest quadrant of the city.  
Representatives from Pulte Homes are scheduled to appear before the Novi Planning Board tonight (Wednesday) with plans for a 97-acre parcel located at the southwest corner of Taft Road and the city's southerly limit.  
The proposed single family residential development, named Lexington Green, is tentatively slated to include 151 lots under the existing R-2 (half-acre lots) zoning designation.  
Pulte representatives are expected to request use of the city's Residential Unit Development (RUD), or Open Space, Option in order to preserve natural amenities on the site.  
The decision to develop the property under its existing R-2 zoning represents a victory of sorts for residents in the southeast quadrant of the city.  
Novi Police Chief Lee BeGole says he likes the minister crew for purely selfish reasons. He says he likes the idea of patrolmen being able to choose from eight ministers to help them with any problems they might have.

Residents from the area — centered in Conemara Hills which is located directly east of the parcel — waged a strong campaign against the proposed rezoning, however.  
Although the planning board recommended approval of the rezoning, the city council voted 7-0 to deny the rezoning request at a public hearing on November 21.  
William Pulte, president of Pulte Homes, told The News that he might seek legal action against the city after the public hearing at which the rezoning request was denied. Those plans have apparently been abandoned, however, with the decision to seek development under the existing R-2 zoning.  
The proposal to develop half-acre lot subdivisions on the Taft Road marks the second large lot subdivision currently under consideration in Novi.  
Koppy-Densmore has already received planning board and city council approval to construct a large lot subdivision on Meadowbrook Road between Eight and Nine Mile Roads. That subdivision, Carriage Hills Estates, will contain approximately 73

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As We See It

He served two careers well

We knew him best as a state legislator, but by the time Cliff Smart entered Michigan politics he already had enjoyed a very full and successful career in the field of education.

Thus, with his death last week less than a month before his 73rd birthday, we look back over his two admirable careers and marvel at his stamina and his unselfish dedication in serving his community and his state.

Cliff served as superintendent of the Walled Lake school district before retiring in 1964 to campaign for and win the state representative's seat in the newly-formed 60th District that included part of Northville, Novi and the Walled Lake area. Even before taking the Walled Lake

superintendency, however, he had served 19 years as principal and subsequently superintendent of the Auburn Heights school district.

At Lansing, Cliff Smart earned the respect of both fellow Republicans and Democrats. By the time he retired from the legislature, after a decade of service, his advice and support was regularly sought from both sides of the political aisle, especially in those legislative matters dealing with education.

While we did not always agree with his legislative decisions, we, too, admired and respected the man and the lawmaker. We deem it a privilege to have known him, an honor to have enjoyed his friendship.

Keep meetings open

Legislation that would circumvent Michigan's new Open Meetings statute could be enacted soon unless the public exerts pressure on those determined to change the law.

Specifically, the legislation would permit closed door party caucuses of county boards of commissioners. Under the existing law boards of commissioners are not exempt from openness in government.

The argument proponents make is that what commissioners say and do in party meetings is no business of the public.

What they fail to say is that their so-called "caucuses" would in fact involve discussion of public business and, in fact, direct commissioners how they should vote when these matters come up in public.

Particularly where one party constitutes a clear majority of board membership, the kinds of decisions made in secret are tantamount to actual passage. And in those kinds of cases the public is deprived of its right to know why and how those decisions are reached.

Openness in government is precisely that. And use of a party meeting to escape the eye of the public is as repugnant as a "secret meeting" of a school board prior to its regular, public meeting.

House Bill 4707 which exempts party caucuses from the Open Meetings Act recently was placed on the governor's desk for his signature. Fortunately, public

pressure forced the bill back into committee.

But because of a deliberate Senate maneuver, the bill was sent back to the State Affairs Committee—the very committee that had hoped to include exempting language in the Open Meetings bill. And there is no reason to believe that committee membership has changed its attitude—namely that secret party caucuses should be permitted.

We urge readers to write members of the State Affairs Committee and to tell them the public demands total openness—including party caucuses of county boards of commissioners. And in the event the bill is sent back to the governor's desk for his signature, as we believe will happen, we urge readers to tell the governor to veto the measure.

Here are the names of the members of the committee:

Arthur Cartwright (D-Detroit), chairman; Michael J. O'Brien (D-Detroit), vice-chairman; Joseph S. Mack (D-Ironwood), Gary Byker (R-Hudsonville) and Robert VanderLaan (R-Kentwood).

Letters to these senators can be sent, in care of their names, to the Michigan State Senate, State Capitol, Lansing, Michigan 48902. Letters to the governor should be addressed to William Milliken, State Capitol, Lansing, Michigan 48903.

A word of advice: one thoughtful, well-reasoned letter carries more weight than 100 form letters or printed postcards.

Protecting wetlands

Two months ago in this space, we urged the Commerce Township Board to enact a wetlands protection ordinance.

Last month, the board asked Township Attorney Doug Chartrand to review a draft ordinance prepared by the late township attorney, William Mungert, environmentalist Dan Shapiro and planning consultant Steve Lohoczky and come up with a proposal.

Board members said they want a local law that is enforceable, but will not cause duplication of work for township officials.

We applaud the board for its action last month and hope that adoption of a wetlands protection ordinance will be high on Commerce officials' list of New Year's resolutions.

The township has experienced a record year in new home construction and there are no indications that that trend will be slowed or reversed in 1978.

However, growth and protection of the environment are not necessarily mutually exclusive.



EMERY JACQUES, JR.

GOOD . . .

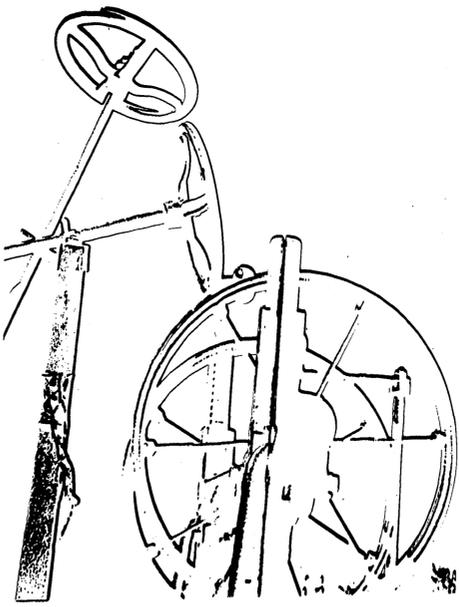
Not a relic of the past, nor blind adherence to nostalgic form; neither has the township form of government outlived its usefulness in this day of increased demand for governmental services. Rather, township government remains a viable and responsive method of providing needed governmental services in rural as well as urban communities.

A student of government would be hard-pressed today to document any real differences in the powers granted to townships by the legislature as opposed to the powers and prerogatives enjoyed by cities. If there is any undesirable aspect to the township form of government today, it would have to be the real disadvantage of losing a substantial tax base to a neighboring city as a result of an annexation. Rather than dissolve township government in a flight for city security, albeit expensive, the legislature should insure the integrity of township boundaries in the same measure as enjoyed by cities.

In the final analysis, township government in one form or another remains on the American scene because some people prefer it, for economic and other valid reasons, and these people should not be penalized in their choice by legislators who, in Michigan, will not solve the problem.

Emery E. Jacques, Jr., Attorney Northville

Photographic Sketches . . .



Bas relief of ancient farm equipment

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Speaking for Myself



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Township government

BAD . . .

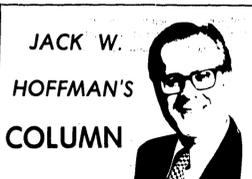
The basic problem of the township form of government, at least in the metropolitan or urban areas, is that it is not designed to function effectively in such areas. Unless it becomes a charter township, or can persuade the residents to vote additional millage, a township is basically limited to operating on one mill.

This was sufficient when all the township residents required was that the township keep its township records and conduct elections, but this is not the case today. Before subdivisions and developers invaded the townships the typical person moving into the township would buy some acreage, build a house thereon and install his own septic tank system and well. They were satisfied to rely on the county sheriff, state police and volunteer fire departments for protection of their lives and properties, the county road commission to maintain their roads, and to take care of their own garbage and rubbish.

Today the typical township resident has moved from a city and because of their greatly increased investment and the mobility of crime are not content with the basic services outlined above.

Home rule cities have greater statutory authority with respect to the levying of millage and special assessments and also more control over their local operations than do townships. As a result, many townships in urban areas have been forced, in order to meet the service demands of their residents, to either incorporate as a home rule city or as a charter township.

Philip R. Ogilvie, City Attorney Northville



JACK W. HOFFMAN'S COLUMN

By JIM GALBRAITH

Well, scratch up the first misfire of 1978. As he probably had hoped, my father managed to take the "festive" out of New Year's.

"Look after the house while we're gone," he had said upon fleeing South with mom. "Help yourself to the potatoes," he added.

Having "guarded" the house in their absence in the past, his two sons were more than eager to drive the 65 miles to look in on the homestead. But it wasn't potatoes dug from rich farm earth that interested us. What attracted us lay in the other corner of the basement, all neatly judged and begging for attention.

But dad's no dummy. He's played the game before.

The last time they went South, brother Dick and I pretty much drained those jugs over the winter months. We'd kill a bottle of his finest or each visit, then carry home another to tide us over until the next visit.

Even before we left the car it was, "You check the upstairs, I'll check the basement," and, "No, you check the upstairs and I'll check the basement."

We compromised.

Both of us headed for the basement first... the heck with the upstairs. It could wait, but not those jugs of Ruby Red.

No one makes wine like dad.

He can squeeze Yellow Delight from dandelions, Radiant Joy from rhubarb. His rule of thumb is simple: "Anything will ferment if you give it time."

The irony of this uncanny ability is that his own drinking is pretty much limited to the communion cup. All of which leaves a lot to be desired by his sons and relatives. And it's surprising how many of our non-drinking relatives suddenly develop a thirst upon visiting the house.

Even our abstaining Dutch relatives from

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Random Sample

By Steve Bell

Go Blue.

I know everyone around here is upset about the Wolverines losing their 600th bowl game in a row but I think that the defeat certainly did have its better aspects.

For one thing, it will be much easier now to fit yourself in the same room as a University of Michigan graduate and his ego.

For another thing, it will stop Michigan fanatics from saying, "If we had only beat Purdue... I mean, Minnesota."

And finally, it will once more raise the age-old question, "Why does Michigan refuse to place Central Michigan on its schedule?"

Actually, I have nothing against Michigan and its football team. I would be a fool to admit to such a dislike, especially in these environs. But then, I've been called worse.

I am actually opposed to winning football teams altogether. I agree with the time-honored saying that football builds character but I happen to believe it does so only when the team loses. Winning football players are a very disagreeable lot, spending most of their time haggling over which tutor they will allow to take their tests for them. They are pampered and spoiled and usually end up being independently wealthy, drinking margaritas in Jamaica.

Losing football players, on the other hand, learn fortitude by putting up with the unbridled scorn of all their fans. They learn never determination, security in the knowledge that they could not be as worthless as everyone claims they are.

So, you see, the loss to Washington was actually a good thing.

The case of Bill and Beverly Garrett, the Novi couple who want to take anything to do with Christmas out of the schools, is one which is sure to arouse strong feelings among city residents, although surely not as strong as those aroused against a Jewish school board member with similar ambitions 10 years ago.

Theoretically, the issue should cause no ruffled feathers whatsoever, since the religions of all those involved preach love for their fellow man. But nothing will start a fight quicker than a disagreement over which religion most accurately preaches love and truth.

The distinguished Ray says that part of the fun of seeing the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" are the close encounters of the first and second kind one finds in the lobbies of movie houses where the feature is showing.

My New Year's Resolution? No more bars at the University of Schembechler. (That was the last one.)

Oh yes, one more thing. I did go to Central Michigan.

Eighteen candidates filed for positions on the Novi council that will be filled in the November election.

The number marks the largest field of candidates ever to seek council seats.

Some political observers thought that the Williams candidacy was prompted by local Republican officials, who wanted someone to oppose the Democratic Roethel.

A week after filing for the mayor's spot, surprise mayoral candidate Vince Williams withdrew from the race.

Williams said he had been offered another job in Ohio and the offer was just too good to pass up.

Some political observers thought that the Williams candidacy was prompted by local Republican officials, who wanted someone to oppose the Democratic Roethel.

The Comprehensive Health Planning Council of Southeastern Michigan gave its recommendation for approval of the Providence Hospital proposal to build an ambulatory care facility in the city.

Fire Chief Duane Bell resigned from his post, citing "personal reasons" for leaving the job.

Bell noted it was difficult to keep the harmonious atmosphere that is required for the department. Bell was appointed fire chief in 1973.

His grandfather, Charles Trickey, helped found the Novi Fire Department in 1928.

The Michigan Supreme Court upheld the powers of the state boundary commission in a decision handed down October 26, thus opening the door for annexation of Novi Township.

The total labor force was estimated requested by the city in 1971 but had been delayed by court maneuvering ever since.

Township lawyers pledged to keep the matter in the court, however, will plan for a re-bidding of the state supreme court. If the state court

County does not need the four new managerial positions this line item would create. The present work load and number of persons being supervised does not justify four new managers."

Murphy's action, if upheld by the Board of Commissioners when it meets to consider the veto, would retain the four individuals at their present titles and salaries.

In a message to the commission accompanying the vetoed line item, Murphy said: "I take this action because, based on my long experience with the state government, including 12 years service on the Drainage Board, I believe the change in classifications called for by this line item to be unnecessary. Oakland

Zealand, where booze is as available as was sugar during World War II, come belly up when they visit the folks' place.

But back to my story.

Naturally, upon checking the house, Dick and I skirted the potatoes and headed straight for the basement corner of joy. But all we found were empty shelves.

You wouldn't believe the checking the house got that day. From basement to attic, from closet to cupboards. Not a place went unsearched, except...

...Except the crawl space under a wing of the house. And across the face of the crawl space a door had been freshly erected and it bore a giant padlock—dad's clear message: "No need to least all those weekend touchdowns with Ruby Red... have a sober New Year's and a potato instead."



OBITUARIES

DALE BRANCH

Funeral services for West Bloomfield resident Dale Branch will be conducted Wednesday (today) at 11 a.m. with Pastor Wendell Baglow of the First Baptist Church of Walled Lake officiating at the Richardson, Bird and Lynch Funeral Home.

The 20 year old Branch died Saturday at St. Joseph-Mercy Hospital, Pontiac after a brief illness.

Born March 31, 1957 to James and Irene (MacKay) Branch, he was preceded in death by his father.

A 1975 graduate of West Bloomfield High School, Mr. Branch was an assembly worker for GM Truck and Coach.

Interment will be in Commerce Cemetery.

DOUGLAS DICKSON

With Reverend David Church of the Walled Lake United Methodist Church officiating, funeral services were held for Wolverine Village resident Douglas M. Dickson at the Richardson, Bird and Lynch Funeral Home Tuesday at 1 p.m.

Mr. Dickson died Saturday after an extended illness in St. Joseph-Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. A retired auto body bumper for Rosedale Oldsmobile, Mr. Dickson had been a resident of the area for 32 years.

Born in Toronto, Ontario on December 12, 1906 to Frank M. and Millie (Adams) Dickson, he was a member of the Walled Lake Masonic Lodge No. 528 for 30 years, a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in World War II and a member of the Michigan National Guard.

He leaves his wife of 31 years Marilyn, three daughters Mrs. Gary (Sandra) Nelson of Clarkston, Mrs. Victor (Dorothy) Robinson of Oakley and Deborah, at home, two brothers, two sisters, and four grandchildren.

Masonic services were conducted for Mr. Dickson on Monday night.

Interment was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

WINIFRED EASTON

Funeral services for Winifred E. Easton will be held Friday, January 6 at 11 a.m. at the Richardson, Bird and Lynch Funeral Home, Walled Lake with Reverend John Freed of the Lutheran Church of Union Lake officiating.

Interment was in Walled Lake Cemetery from the Richardson, Bird and Lynch Funeral Home, Walled Lake.

Half-acre lots planned

Continued from Novi, I was constructed approximately 20 years ago before sewer and water amenities were available.

In seeking the R-2 zoning, Pulte indicated that it might be necessary to cut down on the size of the home under an R-2 designation in order to make them affordable to the consumer. No plans have yet been announced for the size of homes in the proposed Lexington Green Subdivision, however.

half-acre lots and is slated for construction this spring.

The proposed Lexington Green Subdivision will mark the first new construction of a large lot subdivision in the southeast quadrant of the city, however.

Although Commemora Hills is basically a half-acre lot subdivision, it

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# M-275 debate highlighted Lakes Area headlines

Continued from Walled Lake 1

Superintendent Donald Sheldon's contract to December, 1981.

**FEBRUARY**  
Walled Lake, Commerce and Novi agreed to participate in phase two (engineering) of the \$146-million sewer sewer, while Wolverine Lake Village decided to drop out of the project.

Long the source of political squabbling among communities in Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw and Monroe counties, the super sewer project in 1976 had been scrapped by the state Water Resources Commission, but the communities later agreed to form their own authority and proceed with the facility, minus the Washtenaw communities which started a separate treatment plant expansion.

**MARCH**  
Conservationists launched a successful campaign to stop logging operations on industrial park land near the Ford Wixom plant to save a blue heron nesting area.

A preliminary report on fire services in seven Oakland County communities — including Commerce, Novi, Walled Lake and Wixom — recommended a "cooperative arrangement" with the other options studied by the Public Administration Service of Chicago called for retaining existing fire departments and consolidation of area departments.

While each of the seven departments "get the job done," the report listed several problem areas, including the number of personnel responding, response time, fire station location, training, fire prevention, communications and emergency medical service.

More than a dozen possible alternatives for improvements to Wolverine Lake were presented to the Village Council by the Snell Engineering Group of Lansing which conducted the four-month, \$12,000 study.

Among the problems noted by the firm was heavy weed growth, probably caused by the shallowness of the lake. And, the engineers said, use of the village's weed harvester, while a temporary solution to the weed problem, probably wasn't a long-range answer because of nutrient sources other than the weeds.

A month after cancelling the controversial proposal to build M-275, the Michigan State Highway Commission received a Highway Department staff report that recommended cancellation of the Northwestern Highway extension.

Originally planned in the 1950's to stretch from Eight Mile Road in Detroit to US-23 near Fenton, Northwestern was extended in the early 1960's to Orchard Lake in West Bloomfield, and department engineers revised the plans to connect Northwestern with M-275 in Commerce. Without M-275, the engineers said,

there was no need to extend Northwestern.  
The Highway Commission took the recommendation under advisement and heard many Oakland County officials object to the cancellation of M-275.

Walled Lake Schools officials began monitoring daily attendance figures when absenteeism doubled for several weeks, apparently due to "flu-like" symptoms.  
The high rate of absenteeism was especially noted in elementary schools, with three buildings reporting that students 20 percent of their students did not report.

A group of Walled Lake residents launched a petition drive aimed at having the City Council rescind its sewer project or to place the issue before city voters.  
Although the group gathered some 470 signatures, the council did not take action on the request.

The cost of road patrol service for several Oakland County townships, including Commerce, Novi, Walled Lake and Wixom, was increased by the County Board of Commissioners from \$24,885 per deputy a year to \$26,533, a 7.5 percent hike.  
County officials at first had requested a 10.2 percent increase to \$27,206 per deputy, but township officials objected.

Commerce officials, although the council had 10 candidates for the four posts.  
Village voters also rejected by a two-to-one margin an advisory proposal for participation in the super sewer project, although the council had earlier in the year decided not to go along with plans for engineering the interceptor and wastewater treatment facilities.

Two Walled Lake companies — Jebco Plastics (now the Jim Robbins Company) and Fisher Oil Company — were fined a total of \$1,000 for oil spills into the Greenway Drain.  
The oil spills had occurred in May, 1976, prompting the fines levied by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Although the businesses are located in Walled Lake, the Greenway Drain empties into Wolverine Lake.  
Oakland County Executive Daniel T. Murphy unveiled plans for a parkway as an alternative to the M-275 freeway.

The \$61-million Lakeland Parkway would have been built by widening existing roads — Haggerty, Oakley Park, South Commerce, Carroll-Bogie Lake, M-59 and Ormond — to four-lane highways.  
Murphy's plan and several others were presented to the Michigan State Highway Commission later that month during a hearing on alternatives to M-275.

**MAY**  
A group of local equestrians launched a petition drive to overturn a ban on horseback riding in the Proud Lake Recreation Area, the only state park in the county with a prohibition on riding.  
Janet Papp of Walled Lake started the campaign which eventually was taken to the state Natural Resources Commission.

The Michigan Legislature's Joint Capital Outlay Committee received a report that suggested that the former U.S. Army Nike missile base in Commerce Township was one of 14 sites in Oakland County that could be converted to use as a state prison.

State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officials said there were no trails at Proud Lake because few equestrians used the park, adding that bridge trails were available at Highland and Holly Recreation areas.

Commerce officials said there was little likelihood that the township would incorporate as a charter township, under terms of a new state law.  
The main advantage of incorporation, said Supervisor Robert Long, was the provision for a local tax of up to five mills without a vote of the people.

Long added, however, that Commerce residents had rejected two requests for millage hikes in 1976.  
The Walled Lake City Council entered into a revised consent judgment with the developers of the proposed Walled Lake Villa senior citizen's apartment building and cluster housing complex.

The council had voted in June, 1976, to settle the then two-year-old lawsuit, and the revisions were made to change the mix of senior citizen and cluster housing, but not the six-story proposed height.

Walled Lake Mayor William Roberts ordered Police Chief Wilford Hook to frisk members of the City Council when the mayor's gavel mysteriously disappeared during a work session on the proposed city budget.  
The gavel was found under the cushion on Roberts' chair, leading to speculation that the mayor had been sitting on it.

Wixom Councilman James Lahde and Wolverine Lake Village Councilman F. Robert Kaiser resigned their council seats.  
Lahde cited personal obligations as his reason for resigning, while Kaiser gave no reason for his decision.

Sid Resner was appointed to fill the remainder of Lahde's term and R. Dean Radliff was named to the Village Council vacancy.  
The Byers Homestead in Commerce Township was officially designated as state historic site.

The two-acre site, located on Commerce Road west of South Commerce, is believed to be the homestead of the township's first white settler, Abraham Walrod, who moved to the area around 1825 from New York.

The Walled Lake City Council revised plans for the proposed extension of Decker Road, between 14 Mile Road and West Maple, to save some 100 trees that would have been cut during the paving.  
Original plans for the project called for a 24-foot road, eight-foot shoulders, 10-foot open ditches and a seven-foot safety path.

If that plan was followed, about 200 of the 235 trees along the road would have been destroyed.  
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Members of the committee had asked the state Bureau of Facilities to find suitable prison sites in Oakland County because of Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson's petition drive that would require persons convicted of crimes of violence to serve minimum sentences.

The Nike base was included in the list of four possible prison sites released last month and became the front-runner because it met most — but not all — of the criteria set by the state Correction Department.

The State Court of Appeals upheld an Oakland County Circuit Court ruling in favor of the developers of the proposed K-Mart shopping center at Union Lake and Commerce roads.  
The appellate court said the land was properly zoned C-1 (commercial).

A motion for a rehearing of the appeal was later denied by the court.  
The Commerce Township Board created a road study committee to review possible alternatives to the cancelled M-275 freeway.

Township officials said that some traffic improvements were needed in the area to avert chaos in local planning.  
Chester Gerbenski was elected to the Walled Lake Board of Education, replacing Kenneth R. Erdody who did not seek re-election.

Gerbenski defeated Kenneth Tucker, chairman of the Walled Lake Plan Commission, in the two-man race.  
Highlights of the last six months of 1977 will be featured in next week's edition of The News.

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He received the distinguished service award from the Michigan Education Association in 1952 and also received the Rotary Award for distinguished service to his community and his state in 1954.

Mr. Smart's family asked that, in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to the Rotary Foundation in care of the Walled Lake Rotary Club, 313 Northport Street, Walled Lake 48068.

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## Commerce Township to add one fulltime firefighter

Commerce Township officials will hire a new full-time fireman "as soon as possible," Clerk Robert McGee said last week.

The Township Board approved the addition of the new firefighter at its December meeting, but the actual hiring has been delayed while officials discussed the matter with the Association of Commerce Firefighters. The firefighters had expressed some concern over the hiring because the new man is expected to work a swing shift, filling in for other firemen who are on vacation or sick leave, and handling other duties delegated by Fire Chief Clarence Kutkuhn.

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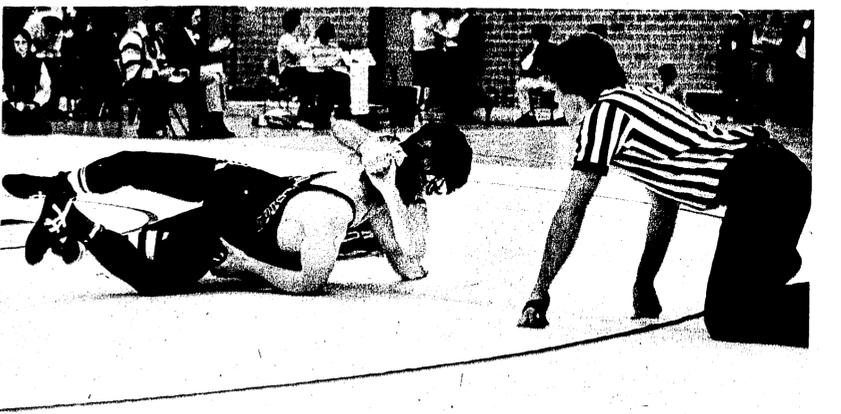
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# Sports ... in The News

## Finish close second at Rochester

# Novi wrestlers just miss a championship

Novi left little doubt that it's one of the top Class B wrestling powers in the state last Friday. Despite competing without two of their top regulars the Wildcats — who'd already lost two top-notch wrestlers to injuries earlier in the season — finished a close second to Osoda in the annual "Alpena" Invitational, held at Rochester Adams this year because of a millage failure in Alpena.



Novi's Kevin Mills lock's up Clarkson's Mike Nagel en route to a 7-1 semifinal victory at Rochester

Novi finished the 17-school tournament with 163 1/2 points, just 7 1/2 points behind Osoda, the fifth-ranked Class B team in the state. Capping the day was Kevin Mills' selection as the "Outstanding wrestler" of the meet.

"We had a pretty good day," coach Russ Gardner said in somewhat of an understatement. "Everybody wrestled real well."

He could hardly be blamed, though, for imagining how much better things could have turned out. Two of the Wildcats' stronger regulars — 138 pounder Andy Anton and 191-pounder Tim Thomas — were unable to make the meet because of family vacations.

Thus Novi had voids and couldn't pick up any points in both those weight classifications.

And to that the fact that the Wildcats probably lost at least eight points because two of their regulars drew first-round byes, and it's easy to see why Gardner has dreams of taking home the championship trophy.

"I know we could've won had Anton and Thomas been here," he said, pointing out that both grapplers would have probably placed (finished in the top six).

As it was the local squad placed seven wrestlers, all among the top three and all in the nine lowest weight divisions. Eighty-four of the performances had to be Mills' championship at 128 pounds.

After drawing a bye in the first round the powerful senior pinned Lance Irey of Northville in 1:03, beat Clarkson's Mike Nagel 7-1, and duplicated the score against Osoda's Matt Gary in the finals to earn most outstanding wrestler honors.

The victories upped Mills' team-leading match record to 21-1 this season, including a win over a defending state champ. He's only lost one year was a hard-fought 2-0 overtime bout to Farmington Harrison's Jeff Reid one month ago.

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## 1977—Our top sports stories

The year 1977 was a milestone for sports in the Novi-Walled Lake area. Not because of our competitors' successes on the field of play, but because of the booming quality and quantity of sports enthusiasm on all levels in this area.

Additionally, the changeover of this newspaper from the Northville Record-Novi News to the Novi-Walled Lake News in mid-July has opened a whole new channel for area sports, especially for the student athletes at the Walled Lake high schools.

Unfortunately, our coverage of the Walled Lake area did not begin until mid-summer and we have omitted the two high schools' spring sports in our wrap-up. Included in the omissions was the Walled Lake Western girls' track team which was among the top teams in the state.

Still, since mid-July the area has seen some very successful teams and individuals; and some that didn't fare so well. Among the winners were the softball teams of Fishers Spring Woods and the Kentucky Sporting Colonels; the Novi and Walled Lake Central girls' basketball teams; the Novi "Cinderella" baseball team;

associated with sports in the Novi-Walled Lake area and we look forward to your continued cooperation in the future.  
Read along to relive the top sports stories of the year.

## Mayne retires as Western grid coach

Walled Lake Western's Darrell Mayne's abrupt resignation as head football coach of the 4-5 Warriors rates as one of the top sports stories of the season.

Mayne submitted his letter of resignation to Richard Smith, Walled Lake Western principal, just two days after the Warriors' season ending 28-6 win over rival Walled Lake Central.

The letter listed no reasons for Mayne's resigning, and came somewhat as a surprise because it came when the Warriors' most successful campaign since the school was opened in 1969.

Mayne came to the Walled Lake school district in 1972 and worked for two years as an assistant to head coach Mike Mancini. He took over the head coaching duties in 1974.

Under his guidance the Warriors finished 1-8 in 1974, 0-9 in 1975 and 2-7 in 1976. In 1977, the Warriors won their first two games but then lost five of their next seven to finish at 4-5. Still, it was the team's best record since the 1969 campaign when the school finished 7-2.

Mayne said the toughest part of his decision was to leave his staff of assistant coaches and the kids on the team who he termed "a really superb group of people."

Mayne said he was uncertain as to whether he would remain a teacher in the Walled Lake district or seek another coaching job elsewhere. He maintained that he has made no plans to move at the present time.

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## Ice fishing on Walled Lake

Two important organizational meetings for the Novi Parks and Recreation Department's annual winter carnival were released last week.  
The carnival is slated for the weekend of February 11-12. Scheduled events include a teen dance, ice-sculpting, snowmobile races, cross-country skiing races, slalom and downhill ski races, speed skating races, and a fishing derby. Also included in the festivities will be the crowning of a snow king and queen for 1978.  
Community groups, individuals, and businessmen who would like to get involved in planning the carnival could contact Steve Bosak at the Parks and Recreation Department as soon as possible. The phone number is 349-1976.  
Cross-country Skiing  
A cross-country ski clinic will be held Wednesday, January 11, from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Parks and Recreation Center in the former Novi Elementary School on Novi Road.  
There is a \$5 fee for registration and reservations are required.  
Further information may be obtained by calling 349-1976.  
Softball Meeting  
Recreation Department's Men's Softball program has been slated for January 11-12.  
On Wednesday, January 18, at 7 p.m. there will be a meeting for individuals interested in playing in the department's men's residential softball league.  
On Wednesday, January 25, at 7 p.m. there will be a meeting for any team interested in playing in a newly organized men's open softball league.  
Both meetings will be held in the Parks and Recreation Department offices on Novi Road.  
Baby Sitters Needed  
Anyone interested in working as a baby sitter from 9:15-10:45 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday should contact the Novi Parks and Recreation Department.  
Prospective baby sitters must be 16 years of age or older. They should be responsible individuals and have some capacity for playing games with preschool children.  
Baby sitters will be needed starting January 16 and the next 10 weeks.  
Call 349-1976 for more information.  
Silmnastics  
The silmnastics classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. The classes will not be held in the evenings as previously reported.

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### Ice Fishing on Walled Lake

A frozen Walled Lake is an invitation to area ice fishermen. Photographer Jack Margolis caught this enterprising crew trying their luck last week. Top left: Lloyd Pool displays his Northern Pike. Top right: Larry Karisny uses his auger to make a fishing hole. Lower right: A minnow serves as bait for the hopeful ice fisherman. Opposite page: left: Lloyd Roudabush checks a tip-up. Upper right: John Redka demonstrates the proper technique. Center: A lonely ice fisherman carries his equipment to a new spot.

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## New seasons underway in girls' winter sports

After a well deserved holiday break, high school sports kids back into action this week with the addition of girls' gymnastics and volleyball.

Novi opens its varsity volleyball season January 6 at home against Northville, with its fourth coach in as many years. This year it'll be Chris Hamilton guiding the Wildcats, third place finishers in the Southeastern Conference in 1977. Additionally, the Wildcats put on a late season surge and captured the district title and advanced all the way to the regional final before falling to Fenton last season.

Walled Lake Western and Walled Lake Central both hope to improve on last year's less than spectacular finishes with new coaches also. Kathy Johnson will take the reins of the 9-11

(1977) Vikings and Karen Wolksi hopes to improve the Warriors' fifth place finish in the Western Six. Western opens January 4 at Churchill while Central plays January 5 at home against Stevenson.

Gymnastics also opens in January with Gail Cotter, coaching her Warrior girls to a 9-2 record in 1977, back at the helm. The Warriors had four girls qualify for the state meet last year and hope to repeat their performance in 1978 starting with Romeo at home January 10.

Walled Lake Central will be coached by Nancy Wallace who will hope to improve on her 5-6 record of 1977. The Vikings host Harrison on January 9 to open their season.

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# More top sports stories of 1977

## Girls Basketball: Winners at Novi and Central

It was more of the same for Novi's Ladycats in basketball action last fall, but more of the same meant another league championship and another district title.

Behind the shooting and rebounding of All-League senior Laura Birou and All-Area forward Annie Robinson the Ladycats roared to an 18-1 record in 1977.

Both Birou and Robinson averaged about 15 rebounds and 11 points per game, and had strong support from Sue

Beall, Mary Anne Wizinsky and Heather Barr.

Despite a pair of heartbreaking losses to arch-rival South Lyon midway through the season Novi closed out its Southeast Conference season with a 32-2 mark, one game ahead of the Lions. The league crown was the Ladycats' fifth in a row under veteran coach Chris Hamilton, and the district championship their third straight.

Birou sparked the title drive down the stretch, hitting over 50 percent of her

shots from the floor and scoring 30 in the district opener against Ypsilanti Lincoln.

But it was Robinson who kept the Ladycats in the Hartland game. The 5-11 forward, out with a partial fracture for two weeks during the regular season, scored 16 of the team's 19 first-half points and tallied 18 in all.

Novi's dreams of more glory were stifled in the regional opener, where the Ladycats lost a 43-24 decision to Tecumseh, but another successful

season for the perennial powerhouse had already been wrought.

Anyone following the fortunes of the Walled Lake Central girls basketball team this past fall knew that the lady Vikings would have to be selected as one of the top sports stories of the year.

Ken Butler had been coaching sports for 17 years, but never had he held the reins of a girls basketball team. The first year coach inherited a good nucleus with absolutely no height, and took the team all the way to the regional

finals, while winning the InterLakes co-championship along the way.

"We weren't big so we'd have to play pressure defense and rely on good outside shooting if we were going to go anywhere," said Butler, "I said at the beginning that we'd either be a team with a record of 15-5 or 5-15."

The Vikings did better than that, finishing 20-4, and losing only to co-champion Livonia Stevenson, state champion Our Lady of Mercy, and undefeated (at the time) Redford Union and Plymouth Canton.

Central was led by four standout players.

Senior Karen Ausmus and junior Patti Limb were the strong assets of the championship team as each averaged over 17 points a game and were named to the first team all-InterLakes and all-Area girls cage teams. Junior Julie Kunze, the tallest Viking at 5-7, was listed on the all-InterLakes second team, and Krista Graham, the diminutive point guard, was given an honorable mention.

### Wildcat wrestling

After a less-than-impressive showing in 1976-77, Novi's wrestlers got off to one of their most successful starts ever last month.

First it was championship in the Northville Invitational, then three dual meet victories and an impressive performance in the Country Day tournament.

All told the Wildcats rolled to nine straight dual victories, two tournament titles (including a runaway in their own invitational), and two "just-misses" in other tournaments.

What made the streak even more impressive was the fact that they were competing without two of their top returning veterans, who were lost to injuries for the season. Sparking this ferocious drive were a pair of middle weight wrestlers, one a returning 126-pound

state finalist and the other a vastly improved 132-pounder.

Senior Kevin Mills, who had placed ninth in the state at the 106 Class B finals in his junior year, stormed to 21 match victories in 22 tries and recorded 12 pins in the process. In one tournament he overcame sore ribs and defeated a defending state champion for a first place in his flight.

Dennis Maier, meanwhile, almost duplicated Mills' feats with 23 victories of his own in 23 matches at 132 pounds. Combined with other strong efforts by grapplers like Jim Longhurst (98 pounds), Duane McCarty (105), Mike Doyle (145), Bob Lewis (155), R.J. Bayne (178) and Thomas (191) the Wildcats became a genuine contender for an SEC title dominated in recent years by Saline.

### Kentucky Colonels

Well, what can you say about the Kentucky Fried Colonels' Summer after summer team from Union Lake assembles a powerhouse of a softball team.

This past summer the Colonels finished as one of the top teams in the World as finalists in the 1977 USSSA Class A World Series. The Colonels, coached by Max Burt, earned the right to compete with the world's best by defeating a number of foes in placing second in the Eastern Regional tournament in Southgate.

Earlier in the summer the Colonels had been

rated seventh in the USA North Division and 24th nationally before entering the Eastern Regional.

Over the past four summers the Colonels had accumulated a record of 318 wins and 68 losses and captured 35 team trophies. In 1977 alone, the squad finished 74-22 and captured 11 team trophies.

Mike Turk swung the big bat for the Kentucky Fried unit in the Eastern Regional by clobbering ten home runs. Turk, catcher Ray Koenig, and left fielder Mary Gross were selected for the all-tournament team.



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Fishers, coached by Bud Miller and known for its active recruitment of top players in the suburban area, swept to a first place finish in the Novi Men's league; second place finish in the Detroit Free Press Tournament of Champions; and third place finish in the World Series of Softball in Petersburg, Virginia.

Fishers won over half its games in the Novi league while playing shorthanded and possessed the leagues top three batting leaders in home runs, batting average, and runs batted in.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 6  
Basketball vs. Farmington, 6:15 p.m.  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 7  
Wrestling at Brighton Invitational  
MONDAY, JANUARY 9  
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 6  
Basketball vs. Harrison, 6:15 p.m.  
Wrestling at Schoolcraft Tournament  
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 10  
Basketball at Brighton, 6:15 p.m.  
Wrestling at Walled Lake Central, 6:30 p.m.  
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### Cross Country stars

The Novi-Walled Lake area boasted some of the finest cross country runners in the state this past year, and though a separate story could be written about each, it was felt best to combine their talents into one article.

No less than seven individuals earned at least conference honors this past season.

First of all there is Novi's Jeff Johnston. Only a junior, Johnston finished sixth in the Southeastern conference meet, ninth in the Class B regional held in Sturgis, and 20th in the State meet held in Grand Rapids. The Wildcat harrier was making his second trip to the state finals, finishing a 34th place in 1976.

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### Novi baseball champs

Everybody loves a fairy tale once and a while, and the Novi varsity baseball team proved followers with a Cinderella story if there ever was one.

The Wildcats had lost their first 13 games after being touted by coach Rick Trudeau as a potential threat for the SEC crown. Enter second baseman Jeff Lavery, giving a starting pitching assignment against Brighton in a crucial SEC game for the Bulldogs. Lavery went the distance in stopping Brighton 7-3.

Later the Wildcats entered the pre-district tournaments where they were given almost no chance of a victory with their 2-15 record and yet they came out with the district title.

Lavery's arm and all-league Randy Wroten's year.

### Novi baseball champs

bat carried the Wildcats over Dearborn Robichaud in the pre-districts. Then Lavery came back in the district's second game and threw a three hitter against Melvindale, winning 7-1, and topping his personal record to 3-0.

Then Novi was put against a tough Inkster squad in the district finals, and it was Wildcat ace Rick Faulkner who threw a two-hitter for a 0 Novi win.

The team that had gone 0-13 went on to win the district baseball title.

Midnight eventually struck for the Cinderella Wildcats though, as a well-timed Fenton squad pounded Lavery and his teammates in the regional opener 9-3.

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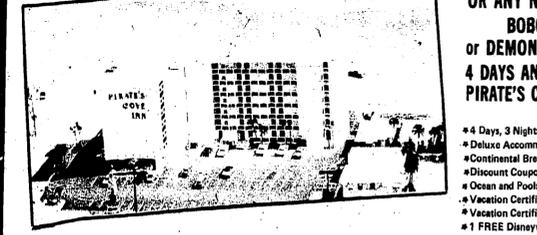
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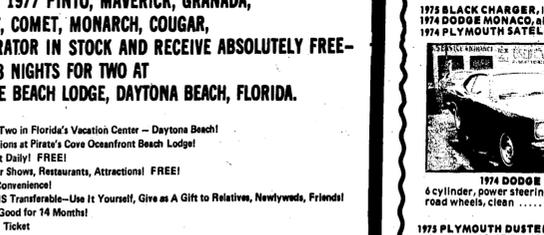
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**INCREASING BUSINESS** has forced X-Mation Tool Company of Farmington Hills to expand its facilities, and to accommodate this increase it is having a giant new office and manufacturing plant constructed in Novi on the north side of 10 Mile Road near Timberlane Lumber Company.

Presently, X-Mation operates from two buildings of approximately 15,000 square feet of manufacturing space. Its new facility will include 20,000 square feet of manufacturing space and 3,000 square feet for offices.

Owners of the company, which began operations in 1973, are Clayton and Clifford Pearce.

The company's ability to produce high quality tooling has created the demand for its services. It is presently engaged in the construction of jigs, fixtures, gauges, welding fixtures, resistance welding machines, transfer equipment, and special machines for such companies as General Motors, Ford Motor Company, Chrysler Corporation, Hydra-matic, Kelsey-Hayes, and Ex-Cell-O Corporation.

One of X-Mation's major accomplishments was the development of a tool that provides a unique and effective method of assembling the front coil spring for the 1978 Pontiac automobiles. This method has now been adapted for use on all GM cars with the tooling supplied by X-Mation to most GM plants.

With its new Novi plant, X-Mation's owners feel confident they can operate the larger facility for less money than they spend for their present facilities.

The new building will feature a height clearance of 20 feet and a lifting capacity for two 10-ton cranes. "Construction of this building," the owners said, "will provide the area a most outstanding facility with capability of handling the largest requirements of the tooling industry."

Builder of the new facility is R.A. DeMattia Company of Livonia. Its owner, Robert DeMattia, is a Northville resident.

DeMattia specializes in industrial construction, site selection and financing of industrial projects of the X-Mation magnitude.

**MELVIN W. MINER** of Northville, funeral director for Ross B. Northrop & Sons for the past seven years, has purchased the D.A. Asp Memorial Funeral Home of Norway, Michigan and will be moving to the Upper Peninsula Community at the end of this month.

Thirty five year old Miner was graduated from the Wayne State University College of Mortuary Science in 1968. He served in the United States Navy from 1961 to 1966.

Born and raised in Midland, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald J. Miner. He was married in 1965 to Emogene Rumminger. They have two children, Paul, 10, and Alan, 7.

Miner is a member of the Northville Kiwanis Club and serves as its treasurer. He also has been an active member of the Northville (city) Fire Department since 1971.

**A NEW MUSICAL** group, Star Dance, will play for dancing and listening at Top of the Pontich from Tuesday, January 10, through January 28.

The five members of Star Dance are Tom Fossalleman of Taylor, on keyboard; Kirk Given of Wixom, bass player; Greg Dixon of Dearborn, drummer; and female vocalists Diane Getzen of Wixom, and Maryann Thomas of Taylor.

Star Dance members all possess solid musical backgrounds which include recording work, commercials, travel with big bands, and playing with other local groups.

Star Dance can be heard Tuesdays through Saturdays from 7:30 p.m. through 1 a.m. at Top of the Pontich, on the 25th floor of the Hotel Pontchartrain.

**GRAND OPENING** — of Aruffo's custom floor covering in Northville Plaza Mall, located on West Seven Mile Road in Northville Township, has been announced by owners Ernest G. and Eva Dawn Aruffo. Opening celebration began yesterday and will continue through January 24.

Aruffo's is now in its 41st year of business, having been established in Detroit in 1936 by Aruffo and his father, the late Ernest G. Aruffo, Sr. The two men were partners in the business for 28 years.

The Detroit store has been closed and the business moved entirely to the Northville mall.

Aruffo's features custom, Oriental, and scatter rugs of all kinds. "We've always prided ourselves in providing quality merchandise at reasonable costs," said Aruffo, who will manage the business with his wife. "I think a major factor in our success has been that we have always enjoyed a personal relationship with our customers. We intend to continue that kind of relationship in our new Northville store."

The Aruffos have moved to Novi and are now residents of Country Place subdivision off Eight Mile Road. They have two daughters, one in Mt. Pleasant and the other in Illinois.

**JOHN LUKE** is the new full time manager of Northville Camera Shop, 124 North Center Street in Northville.

Having excellent qualifications to answer questions of customers, Luke has worked for a local photo finishing firm during school vacations. While attending Northern Michigan University, his major was marketing and management with a minor in photography.

Luke also is taking a course on camera repair, which Northville Camera confidently predicts will be "a tremendous help to our customers."



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**GROUNDBREAKING**—Owners Clifford and Clayton Pearce of X-Mation Tool Company turn the first shovel of dirt, signalling start of construction of their new plant in Novi. Among those on hand for the occasion Thursday morning was Martha Hoyer, mayor protem of Novi. Others present (1 to r) were: Kenneth Masters, sales manager of X-Mation; Dale Bemish, general superintendent for R.A. DeMattia Company, builders; the two owners, Ilio Alessandri, architect; Robert DeMattia; and Mrs. Hoyer.

**APPOINTMENT** of Harold R. Walton of Northville as assistant divisional comptroller responsible for Chevrolet Motor Division's commercial accounting center, central office general accounting, cost consolidation and forecast, procedures and special studies has been announced by Chevrolet Finance Manager James C. Salrin.

Walton succeeds Louis E. Kemp, who retired recently under provisions of the General Motors Retirement Program. Walton previously was assistant divisional comptroller responsible for budgets and cost analysis, pricing, operations analysis and forward programs.

A native of Jamestown, New York, Walton was graduated from Kenmore Senior High School in Kenmore, New York, and received a bachelor degree in economics in 1959 from Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania.

He joined Chevrolet in 1959 in the financial department at Chevrolet's manufacturing plant in Buffalo, New York and was promoted to senior statistician at Chevrolet Central Office at Detroit in 1958.

Walton became an analyst in Pricing and Projects in 1960, assistant director of Pricing and Projects in 1961, director of government contract administration in 1963, general director of Central Office Accounting and Consolidation in 1970, area financial coordinator in 1972, manager of Information Systems in 1973 and assistant divisional comptroller in 1974.

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## Cartoon violence

### MSU professor cautions parents to be wary of Saturday television

So you think letting your kids watch television on Saturday morning has no adverse effect on them. After all, how can these cartoons, so obviously flights of fancy, hurt anybody?

Better re-evaluate the situation. That's the message Dr. Bradley Greenburg, a professor at Michigan State University, has for parents.

Saturday morning cartoons, Dr. Bradley says, have the potential for more negative impact than shows with live people in them.

"Saturday morning is the time period of most physical violence on television," said the television researcher from MSU.

"It's the most negative, most aggressive, most anti-social time on television," Dr. Greenburg asserted.

Television programs with real people in character roles, even though unrealistic, may convey verbal and physical violence. But, Dr. Greenburg says, there also is a pro-social aspect to these programs.

Cartoons, on the other hand, convey less pro-social behavior. Their impact on children is largely negative, due to the verbal and physical violence they portray.

Dr. Greenburg cited research facts to back up his claim. On Saturday morning television, he said, 30 acts of anti-social behavior were recorded and only 20 acts of pro-social behavior.

Dr. Greenburg also said that Saturday morning viewing is schizophrenic.

"A child can be guided on Saturdays through non-cartoons and get more positive social behavior from them," he said.

"There is a causal linkage between watching violence on television and use of aggression in an anti-social fashion," Dr. Greenburg said.

The problem is, he explained, that children do not perceive the unreality of cartoons or other programs for that matter, no matter how unrealistic.

"If you ask a child if what he is watching is a story," Dr. Greenburg said, "the child will say, 'yes.' But he does not retain this cognition. What he sees are real people and real solutions to problems."

"They believe it," he said, "because someone is not saying, 'Don't believe it.'"

Dr. Greenburg's studies weren't confined to Saturday morning commercial television. Prime time

viewing of children during the week also was analyzed.

Commercial television bills the 8 to 9 p.m. viewing time as the family hour. But, Dr. Greenburg contends, the 8 to 9 p.m. viewing hour contains as much anti-social behavior as the 10 to 12 p.m. viewing time for adults.

The difference is, Dr. Greenburg contends, that from 8 to 9 p.m. there is more verbal violence and less physical violence. As examples of verbal violence, he cited "Maude," "All in the Family" and "The Jeffersons."

In addition, Dr. Greenburg said that during the 10 to 12 p.m. viewing time, the intensity of the violence is greater.

Although the situation comedies may convey verbal aggression, he said, they also teach some pro-social behavior.

"It is patently absurd to think that children stop watching television at the conclusion of the family hour (at 9 p.m.)," he said. "They're just getting warmed up. A majority of kids watch until 10 p.m."

"How much is over their heads and under their heads depends on the child," he said.

Ninety percent of the programs children watch, Dr. Greenburg further asserted, were created for adults.

And children are watching more and more television. Two years ago, Dr. Greenburg said, the average daily consumption was three hours. Now, the average is four hours per day.

The majority of children, he said, watch television before school and after dinner. On Saturday mornings, he continued, children are likely to get up before their parents and to have watched considerable television by the time the parents appear on the scene.

The tendency of children to "get caught up in a story and believe what they see is quite real to life" does not only apply to children five and six years old, Dr. Greenburg pointed out. The realism impact is similar on kids up to 12 and 13 years of age.

There are two kinds of major motivations prompting children to watch television, Dr. Greenburg contends — (1) school of life and (2) need for excitement.

The school of life motivation, he explained, reflects the child's motivation to learn. Children try to extract from television things that will enable them to cope in their own lives. Children also turn to television for



## You can resolve to be better shopper in '78

If that trip through the checkout lane is making your weekly shopping trips a little less carefree; if the old "that looks good — I'll take it" philosophy is causing more pain in your pocketbook than pleasure at the table, perhaps it's time to take a second look at your food shopping strategies, suggests Sheila Morley, Michigan State University consumer marketing information specialist.

Why not add a few resolutions to your list for 1978 and become a better shopper?

Resolve to look, listen and read information on food buying, food marketing and food usage. Check the newspapers, radio, television and magazines for food buying information. In addition to being alerted to foods in best supply, you often get the "reasons why" of particular food situations, such as weather conditions.

Resolve to keep alert to what your market is featuring. Watch for and study food ads, and plan menus to include as many "specials" as possible. Try to remember the "regular" process so you'll know if the special is really a special. Buy featured foods in quantity if you can use them and if storage space allows. When planning menus for the family, keep their nutritional needs and their likes and dislikes in mind.

Resolve to plan ahead for what you need and want, but keep the menu plan flexible enough to include in-store special items and multipackage (unit) deals on certain foods not mentioned in ads. Always take a shopping list — it helps cut down on impulse buying.

Resolve to shop alone and on a full stomach if at all possible. Shopping with spouse, children or a friend can increase the food bill by as much as 10

percent; and shopping when you're hungry also results in higher expenses — too many things look appetizing.

Resolve to figure the "real" cost and not just the price per unit. The cost per pound or unit of an item is often misleading. The cost per serving is the shopping strategy. Many, for example, which has a large amount of bone at a lower price per pound, will often cost more per serving than boneless meat at a higher cost per pound.

Resolve to compare prices, unit price markers and quality of different brands. There's no need to buy the highest priced product when you plan to mix it with various other ingredients and it becomes undistinguishable. Think through the matter of quality — is it necessary to have perfect apples, oranges or pears? If there's a price break, consider buying them with a blemish or two.

Resolve to make time and shop around every week for your food stores. Displays are set up to attract attention, to remind you of seasonal values, of products that you may not have purchased for a while and to introduce you to new products. They do their job well, but remember you can go over your allotted food budget unless you're selective. And remember also that not all items on display are offered at "special" prices.

Resolve to consider cost and time when selecting convenience foods. Many foods with convenience built in cost the same or slightly more, but some (like frozen orange juice concentrate) cost less. If tightening your budget is important, a frozen entrée may not be as wise a choice as preparing it from scratch. However, if time is more important, convenience foods may be well worth the additional cost.

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# Carloads of gifts await 1978's first infant

There's still time to call in announcement of the birth of the first baby of the new year in Northville or in the Novi-Walled Lake-Wixom communities. Deadline for the annual competition to find the New Year baby of 1978 is 5 p.m. Monday, January 9.

While the competition is 22 years old in the Northville and Novi-Wixom communities, this is the first year that separate New Year babies are being chosen in Northville in a contest sponsored by the Northville Record and supporting merchants.

It is the first annual competition for the new Walled Lake-Novi News and that newspaper's participating merchants.

To qualify for either community, it is not necessary for the baby to have been born in the area, but parents of the Northville Record Contest must have a Northville mailing address. Call 349-1700 to tell about any baby born after midnight December 31 who may become the New Year Baby of 1978.

Novi, Walled Lake and Wixom residents must have a mailing address of one of the three communities. Call the Walled Lake-Novi News at 624-8100.

If previous winners are any indication, the new baby in each community is likely to be a girl as girls have won 13-5 since the competition began in 1957.

First winner was a girl, Ruth Ann Edgin, daughter of the Charles Egins, who lived at 332 Yerkes, but no longer are listed as living in the Northville community. Ruth Ann was born at 8:30 a.m. January 1, 1957, and weighed in at seven pounds, eight ounces.

Second winner, Sherry Coykendall, was born to the Keith Coykendalls of Novi Township but didn't arrive until January 5.

Third winner was a boy, Timothy McDonald, born to the Charles McDonalds, who then lived at 314 Debra but have since moved to Farmington Hills. Timothy was born at 4:45 a.m. on a cold January 2 and weighed seven pounds, fifteen ounces.

Now 19, he was graduated last June from Brother Rice High School in Birmingham and is a pre-dental school

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Last year's winner was D'Anne Noel Syer, born to the Anthony Syers of Wixom at 6:18 a.m. New Year's Day. She weighed 10 pounds, 13 ounces and had brown eyes and a little black hair.

The 1976 First Baby of the year also captured the title of Bicentennial Baby. She was Kelly Marie Sumiec, daughter of the Thomas Sumiecs who live at 22525 Heatherbrae in Novi. She weighed seven pounds, four ounces, arriving at 10:26 p.m. January 1.

She's now not only walking but running as she approaches her second birthday, her mother reports.

Sabina Hae Chung, first baby of 1975, was born at 6:40 p.m. January 2 to Dr. and Mrs. Byung Chung and weighed seven pounds. Dr. Chung with his wife had come from Korea and was associated with Northville State Hospital. The family since has moved from the community.

Tracy Ann Thompson became the New Year baby of 1974 when she was born at 4:16 a.m. January 6 to Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Thompson of Novi. She weighed five pounds, two ounces as one of the smallest New Year babies. That year the contest deadline had to be extended to find a first baby.

Keeping girls in the lead, Jennifer Lynn Batt was born January 1, 1973, to



Kelly Marie Sumiec of Novi, Bicentennial Baby of 1976, is almost 19.

## Novi Christian School lists honor students

A total of 16 students have been named to the academic honor roll at the Novi Christian School for the first quarter marking period.

Of the 34 students enrolled in the elementary department, ten achieved academic honors and six students from the junior and high school department with 53 enrolled received top honors.

A student must achieve test scoring of 90 percent or better and recite a number of required scripture verses in order to achieve academic standing.

From the elementary department: Craig Wantin, Karen Randall, Jolyn Smith, Sharon Hewett and Rhonda Clifton attained standing.

Completing the list is Tony Leech, Rene Stump, Mary Jarvis, Dawn Hamilton and Dan Plautz.

In the junior and high school department: Betsy Brenner, Gary Carroll, Sandy Higbie, Mark Millour, Rebecca Smith and Randy Stowe were named to the academic list.

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## By the Way... with Nancy Dingeldey

There is only one good thing about snow...it can be skied upon. When not on skis, a sport relegated strictly to the weekends for our family, this one tries to leave the home and office as few times as possible when snow is on the ground.

The joy of romping in the snow, of having cold slush dribble down the backs of legs totally saturating both shoes and feet, of soggy, drippy ice cold mittens may be the thrill of childhood but the scourge of those with additional years.

Kids and dogs get excited when the first flakes begin to fall. Mothers mop up puddles from the kitchen floor and I growl to think about cleaning off car windows.

But skiing is really great, if it doesn't get too cold, if the sun is shining, if the day is good and conditions perfect and if the lift lines are short.

Otherwise I prefer a blazing fire, toasty warm toes and a comfortable seat. And I'm only 29!

The Sheridan Valley Ski Club near Lewiston draws many families from this area for a week of holiday skiing. It's almost like "insect your neighbor" on the slopes. Walled Lake Attorney Harold Bulgarelli and his boys were on the slopes as well as the Jim Flannerys. The Draheims are also members as are the Bob Taylors.

Another grouping of snow-frolicers, this time the snowmobile fans, headed to Kalkaska for their post-Christmas fun. The Trombleys, Mills and Westervelts of Wixom headed in that direction.

But the Dingeldeys, always to be found on the Sheridan Valley slopes this time of the year missed out on the camaraderie. Past masters at the art of procrastination, this time we waited too long and found there was "no room at the inn."

An unfortunate happening, but skiing will not be denied. We headed instead to the Canadian Sault and several days at a little spot called Searchmont.

Along with the Trombley's son Buck, we aimed toward the higher hills and longer slopes just for the thrill of it all. Great fun and the last effort of 1977.

And now to face January...the big hole made in the monthly paycheck for Social Security purposes, gathering up one year's accumulation of papers, tickets and stubs for the income tax and the most disagreeable job of all...undecorating the house.

Sometimes think I would like the tinsel, ornaments and sparkling lights to remain until at least the end of March just to help me through the ghastly first quarter of the year.

When Father Leslie Harding called to tell about special Twelfth Night services planned in Novi I immediately had visions of jolly old England captured in an Oliver Twist print.

Not quite that, exactly, but Twelfth Night or Epiphany services planned by the Novi Ministers' Association sounds like a pleasant way to end the holidays...and get rid of the Christmas tree as well.

I suggested the garbage men in the area would be delighted to know of the services. They may even wonder where all the dried out picky things went.

To Holy Cross Episcopal Church to be added to the great pile of other dried out picky things to be lighted and burned following a short service in celebration of the event.

New Year's Eve was celebrated in many ways and in many places the world around. In Novi, the congregation of the First Baptist Church gathered for their annual watch night services which began at 7 p.m. and continued to midnight.

There was basketball, volleyball and table games in the school gym followed by a buffet supper and a devotional service.

Seeking the sun in Florida for the holidays were Wixom Mayor Val Vangjesson and his family although by the looks of the weather map, it may have been a wee bit cool where it was supposed to be warm.

Heading in a different direction were Romaine and John Roeth as they flew west to spend Christmas with their son in Las Vegas. Now here it was warm!

Before leaving Novi, Romaine packed up those special Christmas tree ornaments that were added each year as their family grew up and placed them on the tree in Las Vegas. "It's the first time in 31 years that we've been away from home on Christmas," said Romaine, "and I decided something from home had to go along."

Journeying to "sunny" Massachusetts for the holidays in Boston were Audrey and Ray Murphy and their family of Novi. They spent Christmas with Audrey's folks.

"It was such fun and meant so much to be back home, especially since mother prepared our traditional feast," laughed Audrey. I forgot to ask if her mother cried.



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## Walled Lake couple celebrates sixty years of wedded bliss

For MaryLee and Crit Morris, Christmas Eve holds a special place in their hearts. On that day 60 years ago in rural Paragon, Kentucky, the two exchanged wedding vows.

Now a spry 77 and 83, respectively, the Walled Lake couple were tied with a day-long open house by their six children on Christmas Eve.

Decorated for the holidays, the couple greeted friends and family which includes 34 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

"There's a bunch of them alright," laughed Mrs. Morris. "I guess the party would have to last all day otherwise we'd never get them all in."

Looking back on their wedding day in 1917, the couple was married at 7:30 a.m. with a nephew and sister-in-law as their attendants.

The Morris' have known each other since she was six years old. Crit and Mrs. Morris' brother were "chums" and so began their romance. She was 16 when they were married.

Surrounded by their children Lillian and Harry Taylor who came from Canoga Park, California, Lucy and Chalmers McFarland of Fontenot, Margaret and John Morris of Union Lake, Mildred and Robert Becher of Lake Orion, Audrey and Robert Morris of Walled Lake and Ivy and Auburn Hall of Novi, the Morris' moved to the area in 1959.

Mr. Morris was a custodian at Novi Equipment Company until his retirement. A broken hip suffered two years ago has slowed his steps but they still face life with a smile.

Separated only during a short hitch in World War I Mr. Morris was injured before seeing active duty. "If he hadn't gotten hurt he might never have come back," said Mrs. Morris.

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- Here are some of the agencies you can write or call with consumer complaints or suggestions. The list isn't complete but it should point you in the right direction.  
—Consumer Product Safety Commission. About the shocking hair dryer call toll free (800) 638-2666.
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Community Notes

Wixom officials plan open house

Dedication ceremonies followed by an open house featuring tours and refreshments is planned for Sunday, January 8 at the newly renovated Wixom City Hall.

Providence program offers parenting help

The extremely difficult job of rearing children will be the topic of the next program in the community health education series, sponsored by the Providence Hospital family practice center.

Here's what's happening this week

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 Orchard Hills Booster Club Executive Board, 8 p.m., Orchard Hills Elementary School, Novi.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5 Program set on beekeeping The second session of the "Beekeeping Workshop" will be held at the Kensington Metropark Nature Center on Wednesday, January 18, at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6 Walled Lake Senior Citizen Drop-In Center, 10-2, Shepherd of the Lakes Church Epiphany services, 7:30 p.m., Holy Cross Episcopal Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 Walled Lake Rotary, 6:15 p.m., Walled Lake United Methodist Church Novi Boy Scout, 7:30 p.m., Novi Community Building

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 10 Choralaires Rehearsal, 7:30-9 p.m., Novi Middle School Farmington Hills Sweet Adelines, 7:30 p.m., University Hills Church

After the opening presentations by the speakers, there will be workshop sessions in which specific questions and/or problems will be handled.

How does water change to snow and ice? How can snow and ice increase an animal's chances of surviving the winter?

This "free" program is for families and individuals, however, advance registration is required.

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The holidays are over and it's getting close to the time when you'll have to discard your Christmas tree.

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Novi Highlights

Friends and families get together for Christmas

NOVI HIGHLIGHTS  
By Jeanne Clark

Recent out of town guests at the Ed Dobek home on Twelve Mile Road, included Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dobek Jr. and family from Atlanta, Georgia; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Brown and family from Jackson and Louise Bresse and Alan Taylor from Clinton.

Parents Without Partners

The general meeting will be held on January 10 starting with dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Northville Park Haus, followed by orientation for newcomers at 7:30 p.m. and a general meeting to follow at 8:30 p.m. and afterward will follow at 9:30 p.m. Special speaker will be Dr. Richard Slating, veterinarian, with topic "Emergencies and Pets".

Novi Welcome Wagon

The Welcome Wagon will be publishing a cookbook to be sold at the March 7th Fashion Show. Recipes may be contributed by members and anyone else who would like to share a favorite one. Forms are available by contacting any WW member. Members are reminded of the ski group to start in January at Alpine Valley through the Novi Parks and Recreation Department.

through the winter months and include pinocchio groups, both daytime and evening, bridge, again both daytime and evening, tennis, bowling both couples and ladies, book exchange, kitchen witchery, evening creativity, couple gourmet, racquet ball, book discussion, volleyball. Anyone wishing more information may call President Paul Anderson.

Novi Senior Citizens

The next meeting will be a covered dish luncheon at the United Methodist Church on Ten Mile. Hostesses will be Peg Wilcox, Dolly Aegnani, Bess Boyd, Harel Mellen and Wally Cheaney. All senior citizens in the area are invited to come to the luncheon. Bring a passing dish and your own table service. Novi senior citizens will be able to obtain help for their tax exemptions this year through the help of the AARP who will be having professional help at the Novi Community Building from 12-4 p.m. on January 25, February 9 and 22.

National Campers and Hikers

The local chapter met at the Chateau Estates clubhouse for their election of officers. The new president is Russ Fertitta, vice president, Lorraine Letarte, Bob Degennara is secretary

and treasurer is Bob Steiner. Another new family, Jerry and Linda Lyke were welcomed into the group. Anyone interested may call 349-2064. The next meeting will be January 28.

Novi Athletic Booster Club

An invitation is being given for the first meeting of the year scheduled for this evening, Wednesday, January 4 to be held at the new high school, room 107 at 8 p.m. sharp. All parents with youngsters involved in the athletic program of the school are urged to come and become involved with those who want to help boost the athletic programs of the school. They will be working on the winter sports banquet which will involve all participants in boys' basketball, wrestling, girls' volleyball and cheerleading. The officers are looking into adopting some bylaws in the near future. Anyone wishing more information may call 349-0229.

Novi Goodfellows

The Goodfellows report the delivery of some 47 baskets which include over \$900 worth of clothing, some \$900 worth of groceries by some of the following people from the building department of the City of Novi: Murray Goodrich,

Wayne Merriman, and Chuck Stewart; Robert Geiger, John and Margaret Casel, Herman Worley, Bill Brewer, Leon Dohet with Eugene Choquet helping with the distribution. The list continues to grow of civic minded groups and individuals who helped so far this year. The Elks Lodge No. 1068 of Farmington shared some of the toys they had accumulated with the Novi group. Again, anyone who has not sent their contribution may do so by mailing to General Delivery, Novi.

Cub Scout Pack 210

The committee meeting was held on January 3 at the Living Lord Lutheran Church with final plans being made for the month's activities. These include participation by the pack in the Ottawa District "Fisheree" to be held on January 7, Saturday at Kensington Park. All cubs should contact their den leaders before 9 a.m. when they will be meeting at Orchard Hills School. The pack meeting is scheduled for January 17.

V.F.W. Post 1519

The regular meeting will be on Wednesday, January 18 at the Novi Community Center at 8 p.m. with the Auxiliary meeting at the post home located at 3925 Grand River at the same time. All those wishing to go to the Annual Post and Auxiliary Dinner Dance on Sunday, January 22 should make reservations early by calling Chairman Don Roe at 397-2465. All post members are reminded of the dues that should be paid as soon as possible for the coming year.

Novi Rebekah Lodge

The lodge held their election on December 22 with the following results: Noble Grand - Nancy Little, Vice Grand - Nesby Bulton, Recording Secretary - Betty Harbin, Financial Secretary - Shirley Carter and Treasurer - Jennie Champion. Plans are being made for the installation to be combined with Plymouth on January 28 at the Oddfellows Hall in Plymouth.

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Metroparks require entry permit

Huron-Clinton Metropark Director David O. Laidlaw stated that this new policy of extended year-around charges is designed so that park users help meet the operational and maintenance costs of providing winter sports and other seasonal facilities.

Vehicle entry permits will be in effect when weather conditions make the facilities suitable for public participation. Huron-Clinton Metropark vehicle entry permits were in effect April 1 through October 1 during 1977.

Metropark winter facilities include Kensington Metropark cross-country ski rental and ski trails, food service, ice fishing, ice skating, hills for tobogganing and sled-

Extinct and endangered birds will be theme for program

A program entitled "Extinct and Endangered Birds" will be presented at the Kensington Metropark Nature Center on Saturday, January 14, at 9 a.m. This is the first of three programs on the subject of endangered species.

An increasing number of the world's 8,600 species of birds are being placed on the endangered species list. The past few hundred years have seen the passing of many species into extinction, including the dodo and the passenger pigeon.

Michigan's Kirtland Warbler are in trouble. Naturalist Bob Hotelling will lead the presentation of slides and discussion, emphasizing the causes of extinction and what can be done to reverse the processes.

Cross-country ski tour scheduled at Kensington

A "Nature Cross-Country Ski Tour" will be conducted at the Nature Center of Kensington Metropark near Milford on Sunday, January 9 at 9 a.m.

For information-registration contact the Nature Center of Kensington Metropark, Phone 685-1561 (Milford).

What better way to enjoy some of nature's winter activities than by cross-country ski? Strap on your skis and join naturalist Dave Mollanen as he glides along one of the park's ski trails, stopping periodically to examine the activities and survival techniques of plants and animals in winter.

Participation must provide their own ski equipment. Meet at the Nature Center. This 2 1/2 hour ski tour is for individuals and families only and ad-

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SEMCOG 'generally approves' lake restoration plan

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) is "generally in agreement" with the proposed Wolverine Lake restoration project, although the regional planning agency's staff has raised several questions on the "technical level" of the \$90,000 program. According to Carl Harlow of SEMCOG's project review staff, the three-page letter of comments was sent to village officials last Thursday and will be forwarded to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) which will consider Wolverine Lake's application for 50-percent federal funding for the restoration work.

SEMCOG serves as a clearinghouse for federal grants programs for the seven-county region of southeast Michigan. Village officials were scheduled to hold a public hearing last night on the necessity of the project, which includes winter drawdown and freeze, removal of tree stumps and four inches of sediment and aeration, and a proposed method of financing the work. Details of the proposed method of financing the project were not available at our press time.

The need for further discussion and cost estimates of alternatives to the village's proposed restoration project, with more emphasis on controlling the sources of pollution and nutrient loading; —an analysis of how potentially contaminated metallic-based materials that will be removed from the lake bottom will be disposed of and how the Shell Environmental Group arrived at the decision to remove four inches of muck;

—further consideration of the cost effectiveness of aeration versus source controls such as a ban on fertilizers and an educational program on saving the lake. "It is our feeling that it could be worthwhile and less costly to study some of these alternatives," Harlow said.

"We have a question as to whether (the restoration) will be a long-term solution, if nutrient and pollutant sources aren't eliminated," he added. In addition to the comments which deal specifically with review provisions of the federal Clean Water Act, the SEMCOG staff suggested that village officials should be concerned about the possibility of structural damage to lake-front homes resulting from compaction of soils and a lower water table during the de-watering.

Harlow said the EPA may ask village officials to respond to the comments listed in SEMCOG's letter, and he added that the federal agency may ask SEMCOG to re-review the restoration proposal. "We're just a reviewing agency," the SEMCOG staff member said, "but we tried to indicate some things the village should be concerned with."

By the questions posed in the letter. "Greenway (Drain, a source of pollution to the lake) is being taken care of," McLellan said. He added that village officials also weren't sure how Shell arrived at the figure of four inches of sediment to be removed, but said that the engineers could explain that phase of the project and the cost effectiveness of aeration.

"The only thing I really can't answer is on disposal of the muck," McLellan said. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) also is studying the restoration project, Harlow said, and has referred the proposal to various agency divisions for review.

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McCConnell to reveal M-275 compromise

A new "compromise" alternative for the cancelled M-275 freeway will be unveiled at 7:30 tonight (Wednesday, January 11) at a special meeting of the Commerce Township Road Study Committee. Oakland County Commissioner Robert A. McConnell (R-Farmington Hills) requested the meeting to "see if we can at the local level come up with a consensus" on an alternative to the controversial bypass route that was scrapped a year ago by the Michigan State Highway Commission.

McCConnell said he decided to try to work out a compromise between opponents and proponents of the original freeway plans because the Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation's proposed four-year, \$2-million study of M-275 alternatives "is not in the best interests of west Oakland County." Highway Department engineers have said that the proposed study is needed to start from square one in evaluating road problems in an area bounded by Telegraph, I-96, Duck Lake Road and I-75.

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Dedication ceremonies in Wixom

The City of Wixom proudly unveiled its brand new city hall to residents of the community at special dedication ceremonies Sunday. Approximately 200 residents braved the cold and winds to tour the new facility and attend the official dedication of the building which was constructed with a grant from the federal government.

Donald Lee has been appointed to the Walled Lake City Council, succeeding Alan B. Holdridge who resigned in December to accept a new job in Arizona.

Fletcher and Commissioner Weston Vivian last month blasted the department for proposing a four-year, \$2-million study of alternatives for the controversial freeway that was cancelled a year ago.

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Fletcher to provide direction

Michigan State Highway Commission Chairman Peter B. Fletcher said this week that he believes the Highway Department staff has been given sufficient direction from the commission on the proposed M-275 alternatives study. Fletcher added, however, that, if the department still has questions on the commission's position, those questions will be answered at the panel's meeting January 25.

Council ponders fate of disposal company

A decision on whether Frency's Disposal Service will continue to serve Walled Lake probably will be made at the City Council's meeting of February 7. The council last week voted to seek bids from other contractors who might be interested in the city's business. City Manager Peter Parker said later that he would see how Frency's is performing under its contract with Walled Lake at the time of the February session. If the firm still is not performing satisfactorily and another contractor offers an acceptable bid, Parker said, the council may decide to give Frency's the 30 days' notice required under the contract.