

Garage burglars steal bundle in northern Novi

A rash of burglaries along New Court Street in northern Novi netted thieves more than \$5,000 worth of merchandise as they rifled through the garages of nine residences.

"We feel local people are involved," Novi Detective Bob Starnes stated. "There are several indications of that. We conducted a thorough search at each of the areas hit. We found similarities in each of the areas."

Among the items stolen were an out-

board motor, tools, a saddle, ceramics and cigarettes.

Starnes says the perpetrators of the crime weaved their way through a series of trails behind the garages along New Court Street. The trails would likely be familiar only to local residents, Starnes said.

He said the garages and sheds were easy targets for the thieves since they could not be spotted from East Lake Drive and, in most cases, by entering through the back windows and doors, completely shielded from homeowners.

"They were a real easy target to get into," Starnes said. "They just grabbed what was available. Some had no value on the fencing market."

All but one of the locations were locked, Starnes said. The detective noted the investigation of the robberies has netted a piece of physical evidence apparently used to commit the burglaries.

Mrs. Barb Changas, one of the homeowners hit along the stretch, said the garages of many residents was full of valuable equipment because they

have had no problems with theives before.

"It's not the place robbers usually hit," she said. "Usually they hit the more expensive homes in the southern section of the city."

Mrs. Changas said at least three of the families were apparently betrayed by dogs who failed to bark when the burglars were making away with valuables from their garages.

One man had \$2,971 worth of items stolen from his garage by the burglars. A tool box, valued at \$1,500, was just

one of several things stolen from his garage.

Another man lost merchandise valued at \$1,305 from his garage. Torches, a chain saw, a CB radio and a battery charger were among the items listed as missing.

The robbers included the office of Haverhill Stables along 14 Mile Road among their stops, taking \$2,856 in checks and \$64 in cash from the office. The thieves also made off with a saddle, police report.

Payment has been halted on the

checks, however.

An outboard motor, valued at \$300, was stolen from another garage.

The robbers made off with several ceramic figures from one garage, but apparently left them behind as they were loading up their getaway car.

"Whoever did it had a busy day," Starnes said, "but like I say, we have evidence now. It's a matter of investigation at this point. We just have to put the evidence together."



The great pumpkin?

It's October already and, besides cold weather and runny noses, nothing heralds the coming of the fall season more than the harvest of pumpkins. And the pumpkins grow big in Novi. At least they do at the Mercier home in

the North Hills Subdivision. Here Chris Mercier gets a helping hand from his mother Marlene in hoisting one of the biggest pumpkins this side of the moon.

City council okays restrictions on areas allowed for hunting

Going along with Police Chief Lee BeGole's recommendations, the Novi City Council restricted most, but not all, of the areas in the city to hunting at its October 2 meeting.

Although Chief BeGole was granted the power to make exceptions to the rule, the general policy calls for the elimination of permits issued in the areas east of Beck Road, north of 11 Mile and south of Nine Mile Road.

The recommendations were made by BeGole in a report requested by the council last year when several residents complained of hearing gunshots near the Novi Woods Elementary School last fall.

BeGole said the council basically had two alternatives: to restrict hunting or to eliminate hunting from the city altogether. Restricting hunting, BeGole said, would keep "our law abiding hunters happy and allows them use of

their shotguns on non-closed area property whose owners have secured permits.

"Over the years, we had had very little, if any trouble with legal hunters holding valid permits."

Eliminating hunting, BeGole said, "would require considerably less police man hours than are presently required to issue permits, check hunters for permits and answer complaints from residents alarmed by sounds of gun shots."

BeGole said he favored allowing hunting with restrictions.

Mayor Romaine Roethel asked how he handled requests from property owners in the closed areas who wished to hunt.

BeGole said he handled each case individually, based upon safety considerations.

The chief said much of the problems

arising from hunting comes from complaints from residents who get frightened by the sound of the gunshots.

"Last year, we were getting all kinds of calls from Northville from people saying that they (the hunters) were firing at cars, but actually none of this is going on," BeGole said.

BeGole estimated it took about an hour or two of police personnel time a day to handle the various problems involving hunting.

Council Member Robert Schmid said he supported hunting with restrictions because there was still plenty of room in a city the size of Novi for hunting.

The motion to accept BeGole's recommendations was made by Council Member Jim Shaw and seconded by Pat Kerevich.

The motion passed unanimously.

The hunting season begins October

15 and ends November 15.

Representing Chase in the lawsuit is Michigan Township Association (MTA) Attorney John Bauckham, who will challenge the decision of the State Boundary Commission in April to join the seven parcels of the township to the city.

Bauckham will charge the commission did not give a reason why the eighth and final parcel of Novi Township, the Brookland Farms Subdivision, was not included in the annexation petition.

If the Brookland Farms parcel had been included, all township residents would have been given a chance to vote on whether to join the city.

Commission members commented that such votes nearly always reject joining the city and its higher tax rate.

The appeal by Bauckham is the latest in a long series of court maneuvers which have prevented the city from

completing the annexation of Novi Township.

The seven parcels were originally left out of village incorporation petitions as part of the Agricultural Land Use Act, whereby farm owners could pull their lands out of such incorporation procedures to avoid the increased taxes and regulations.

Brookland Farms was left out of the original petition because residents chose not to do so.

Most of the parcels have long ago lost

agricultural status, however.

At the boundary commission held in April to decide the issue, Bauckham endorsed the joining of the eight parcels of the township with the city, saying that the present form is ridiculous. But Bauckham said it was also ridiculous to leave Brookland Farms as the entirety of Novi Township.

The subdivision would be the smallest township in the state should the annexation become effective.

Rezoning hearing set for Montgomery Ward

A public hearing on the rezoning of a 38-acre parcel of land in Novi to make way for the construction of a Montgomery Ward store will be held tonight (October 4) at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Public Library.

The proposed Montgomery Ward would be constructed just north of the expressway and west of the Twelve Oaks Mall.

Real estate developers Bill Gershenson and Mike Ward of the Ramco-Gershenson Company appeared before the planning board September 6 to present initial plans for the development.

Ramco-Gershenson is presently working with Commerce Township officials for the construction of a Kmart store at Union Lake and Commerce Roads.

Gershenson told the board September 6 that the Montgomery Ward store would only be the second constructed in the Detroit area in 11 years. He added the store would be a very modern facil-

ty and would fit in well with the surrounding shopping center complex.

The Montgomery Ward store would be a 245,000 square foot facility and would be a major building in the complex. In addition, a number of smaller stores would also be constructed on the 38-acre parcel.

The developers have asked that the land be rezoned from its present R-1F (small farms agricultural) designation to a B-3 classification.

The proposed Montgomery Ward store would be a regular full-sized store, similar to a store now being developed in Sterling Heights. The store will cost approximately \$3.5 million to construct, according to spokesmen.

Using the \$3.5 million figure, the construction of the store in Novi would mean an additional \$40,000 in taxes to the city per year and an annual jump of \$140,000 in Novi school revenues at current millage rates.

Ambulatory center sues Blues for reimbursement

By DAVID RAY

The West Oakland Ambulatory Care Center has obtained a temporary restraining order from an Oakland County Circuit judge to keep Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Michigan from stopping reimbursements to the center for outpatient surgical hospital services.

Judge William John Beer issued the order on Friday, according to Susan Zadeh, administrator of the West Oakland center.

The Blues had notified the commercial-based health care facility that reimbursements for the services would stop on October 1 with the end of a two-year study period, Mrs. Zadeh said.

West Oakland sought the order to continue payments from the Blues for outpatient surgical costs, she added, and also asks in the complaint for reimbursement for emergency room surgical procedures.

The center, located at 1885 N. Pontiac Trail, has received payment from the

Blues for certain outpatient surgical costs under the two-year pilot program that was designed to provide data for a study on comparison costs between an independent ambulatory center and the costs of similar procedures in a hospital, Mrs. Zadeh said.

However, the Blues now say they want to study another ambulatory center for a two-year period in order to determine whether those facilities should be eligible for reimbursement, Mrs. Zadeh said.

While the Blues planned to stop the

reimbursement program for West Oakland at the end of the study period, center officials said, 32 other "hospital affiliated ambulatory centers in the Detroit area and an increasing number of hospitals with outpatient surgical departments that are receiving reimbursement and will continue to do so even if the results of the study prove their costs to be excessive. West Oakland feels that it is the object of discriminatory practices by Blue Cross."

The problem, according to the ad-

ministrator, is two-fold. First, there are no other facilities similar to West Oakland that can be studied, she said. "It's much too early before the study is complete," and that leaves the center in poor financial shape. West Oakland is still operating in a deficit position, she added, and the loss of reimbursement from the Blues would cause the center "great harm."

West Oakland officials say their figures indicate their costs are about one-third of the charges levied by hospitals for the same surgical pro-

cedures, resulting so far in savings of an estimated \$5 million to the Blues for "expensive hospital care."

Mrs. Zadeh added, however, that it is difficult to compare the costs since hospitals don't always charge their posted costs.

She attributed the center's lower costs on several factors, including lower overhead expenses; scheduling personnel on a part-time basis; and "very little waste."

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Beware of butterfly

A minor injury to a student prompted Welding Instructor Bill Scrimger (left) and Assistant Principal Bill Menzel to indulge in a little tongue-in-cheek humor at the Southwest Oakland Vocational Education Center (SWOVEC) last week. A landscape student got so involved in his work that he failed to see a metal butterfly sculpture and received minor abrasions after bumping his head on the piece of artwork. Scrimger and

Menzel promptly donned hard hats and returned to the scene of the incident to erect a sign warning pedestrians to look out for butterflies. Approximately 30 SWOVEC students spent 35 hours sculpting the butterfly which was designed by Judy Bryant, a local artist and substitute teacher. The metal butterfly was constructed from pieces of scrap materials.

Schools face declining enrollment

Walled Lake's official "Fourth Friday" count is in.

And, as expected, the official enrollment figures fell significantly short of the number of students that had been expected in the preparation of the 1978-79 budget.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Harry Carlson had projected an enrollment of some 11,300 students during preparation of the 1978-79 budget.

But as preliminary enrollment counts were conducted throughout the district, it became more and more apparent that the enrollment would not meet the projected enrollment.

When the final figures were tabulated last Friday (September 29), they revealed a total of some 11,153 students for both the regular K-12 and adult education programs—some 147 students short of the projected number

of students.

The "Fourth Friday" count is important because it is used to determine just how much money the local district will receive in State Aid revenues.

Since the Walled Lake Schools receive a total of approximately \$1,564 per student in State Aid and local property taxes, the loss of 147 students figures out to a loss of approximately \$230,000.

The Walled Lake School Board has adopted a \$170,750 budget in which projected expenditures of \$18.7 million exceed projected revenues of some \$19.32 million by approximately \$377,000.

The projected loss of an additional \$230,000 in State Aid as a result of the declining enrollment could swell the deficit in the 1978-79 budget to approximately \$607,000.

The 1978-79 budget is being balanced with approximately \$991,000 left over in

fund equity from the 1977-78 school year. A \$377,000 deficit in 1978-79 would reduce the fund equity to \$61,000, while a \$607,000 deficit would reduce the fund equity to \$34,000 at the end of the 1978-79 fiscal year.

Superintendent Dr. Don Sheldon reported that he would prefer to chop some \$200,000 from the 1978-79 budget as opposed to cutting any further into the fund equity.

"We've been spending a lot of hours with the budget since it became apparent that we weren't going to make our projected enrollment figures," commented Dr. Sheldon. "We expect we'll have to make some more cuts to the budget before we're done."

Dr. Sheldon stated that he anticipated taking a list of projected cuts to the school board for approval.

"I would hope that we're able to make up for that loss of \$230,000 in revenues by tightening up our belts instead of dipping any further into the fund equity," commented the superintendent.

"Hopefully, we won't have to cut into that fund equity any more than we already have."

Dr. Sheldon said he was uncertain just what cuts we would recommend to cover the loss of \$230,000 in revenues, but that he hoped he would be able to trim the budget without having to cut programs or personnel.

"The one area that's always subject to attack is capital outlays," he said. "I think it would be penny wise and pound foolish, but I think that's the only way we can go without cutting into staff or programs."

"The capital outlays account is already pretty thin, but we're probably going to have to erode that account more than any other if we're going to cover \$230,000 loss of revenues without dipping into fund equity."

Dr. Sheldon did not state when he would take his list of recommended budget reductions to the school board for approval.

According to the residents, Judy Hamilton and former Councilwoman Ruth Tuttle, the petitions are supposed to be in the hands of Dennis McCoy, an unsuccessful candidate for state representative in the August 8 primary election. The News was unable to reach McCoy for comment.

The city council adopted an ordinance to create the EDC on June 20, and the measure took effect July 10.

Since that time, the corporation's Board of Directors has reviewed and recommended approval of a project for Walled Lake Commons proposed Kmart shopping center to be located at Pontiac Trail and West Maple Road.

After a meeting in July with Mrs. Tuttle and other supporters of the planned petition drive, McCoy told The News that the group would have to be better organized before the campaign began since the City Charter requires that the valid signatures of 25 percent of the city's registered voters, or about 475 before the petitions are filed with the clerk.

Mrs. Tuttle said last week that McCoy didn't want to do anything until after the primary, and Mrs. Hamilton

had reported that the department store would in-

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Open Meetings charge dismissed

The Oakland County Prosecutor's Office has decided not to prosecute the Walled Lake Board of Education for an alleged violation of the State Open Meetings Act.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Judge Friedman told The News last week that there would be no further action on the case "because we cannot prove any criminal violation of the act."

Friedman also reported that letters have been sent to board members, advising them of the grounds on which the complaint has been dismissed.

Charges that the school board had violated the Open Meetings Act had been filed with the Oakland County

Sheriff's Department on August 15 by Gerald Plas, a teacher at Walled Lake Junior High School.

The complaint alleged that the board had failed to provide Plas with notification of and agendas for three school board meetings held between July 24 and August 14.

Under the Open Meetings Act, a unit of government is required to provide notification of all meetings to any individual who makes a written request for the information and pay a fee to cover duplication and mailing costs.

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Commission asks

Feds to study trunkline proposals

Two federal agencies will be asked to review the alternatives for a north-south state trunkline through western Oakland County, the Michigan State Highway Commission decided last Wednesday.

According to Commission Chairman Peter B. Fletcher, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the U.S. Department of the Interior will be asked to comment on the four alternatives to the M-275 freeway project which was cancelled by the state panel in January, 1977.

Fletcher said he isn't sure when the original M-275 proposal, because the freeway would have crossed what environmentalists described as a unique black spruce bog located at West Maple and Haggerty roads in Clinton Township, would have been built in half the state-owned Dodge Park Number Five.

Commission members cited those reasons and others, including the potential for urban sprawl in semi-rural west Oakland, and demands for other types of transportation programs, as the main factors leading to their cancellation.

Fletcher said, noting that the agencies' comments will help the commission determine "what is acceptable and what is not before we make a decision on an alternative."

The FHWA must approve plans for highway projects that are funded in part by the federal government, while the Interior Department has legal controls involving public recreation lands and land purchased with Land and Water Conservation Fund monies.

The Interior Department opposed the original M-275 proposal because the freeway would have crossed what environmentalists described as a unique black spruce bog located at West Maple and Haggerty roads in Clinton Township.

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of the controversial freeway project almost two years ago.

The alternatives still under study include:

—the original M-275, which would have connected I-96 in Novi to I-75 near Holly as a westerly bypass of I-75 around Detroit;

—the McConnell plan, sponsored by County Commissioner Robert A. McConnell (R-Farmington Hills), which calls for construction of a parkway parallel to Haggerty from I-96 to Pontiac Trail where it would veer northwesterly over the original M-275 alignment to M-39;

—a scenic route proposed by the Clinton in Opposition to M-275 that would run from I-96 to M-39 in a corridor along Haggerty, Union Lake and Williams Lake roads with a proposed connector along 14 Mile from Northwestern Highway to Haggerty;

—a freeway without access plan that would have followed the original M-275, although it would have had only one interchange at M-59.

The highway department also studied the "no build" alternative as part of its comparison of the plans.

Fletcher said yesterday, however, that the "no build" and freeway without access proposals are not being seriously considered as alternatives, although they would be submitted to the federal agencies for comparison purposes.

The alternatives study also will be referred to the Michigan Environmental Review Board (MERB) for its evaluation, Fletcher said.

Also at last week's commission meeting, Commissioner Weston E. Vianek asked the state highway department to look into the possibility of upgrading existing roads to four lanes through the Haggerty-Union Lake-Williams Lake corridor, or slightly east, as yet another possible alternative.

Vianek suggested that the trunkline might be built as an extension of M-15 which now ends at Dixie Highway near Clarkston.

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Wixom residents on Loon Lake maintain that the heavy weeds in the canal make it difficult to gain access to the lake

Loon Lake faces weed problem

Residents of Northridge Estates subdivision on the Loon Lake canal are literally up to their necks in weeds, and wading out of the situation looks to be an expensive proposition.

Several homeowners on the canal approached the Walled Lake Environmental Study Committee (EESC) over a month ago, complaining about the buildup of weeds and silt in the canal that leads to Loon Lake. The group asked the committee to look into the possibility of removing the aquatic growth from the lake.

"It's getting near impossible to navigate the canal," said canal resident Sid Resner. "The weeds are very dense and they're just below the surface, so they get caught in boat propellers."

Resner, a seven year resident on the canal, said that weed killer is administered to the canal each spring, but that the weeds have actually never been removed.

"The weeds die and then fall to the

bottom and add to the silt that's already there," he said. He added that a major cleanup of the canal and lake is currently because the weed growth has accelerated significantly in the past four years.

"We're going to have to do something out there pretty soon," said Resner. "Or we won't be able to get to the lake."

But the solution to the problem will likely be costly. Although there are feasible ways to remove the weed, the cost of removing the silt and aquatic plants from the canal is estimated to be \$10,000.

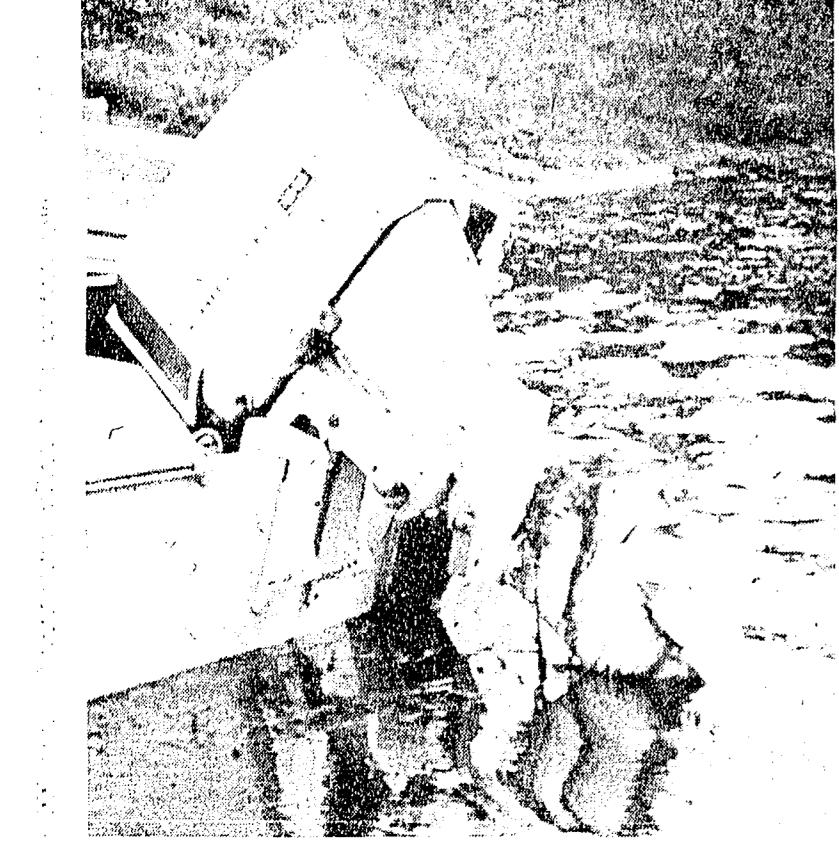
The committee has been in contact with Environmental Consultant Sylvia Baize, the woman responsible for the restoration of Wolverine Lake, and Ms. Baize offered a couple of solutions for solving the problem. One method would consist of dredging the canal, which would cost approximately \$11,000 per running foot. Another solution would be a dredging process, estimated at \$2,500 per cubic yard. Neither solution would be very economical for the approximate 1,000-foot canal.

Another, and possibly the biggest problem, canal area residents face in eliminating the weed problem on the canal, is the question of who should be saddled with the cost. The city cannot use its funds for the project, even though it owns a parcel of swamp land on the lake.

Resner is unsure of the cost of the project, but he and other concerned canal residents should get some input from Environmental Consultant Sylvia Baize at the next EESC meeting on October 16.

"I don't think there is any possibility of getting any kind of aid," said Environmental Study Committee Chairman Dennis Andrews. "We've talked to the DNR and it doesn't look good."

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Lakes Area lawmakers score low on environment

The Lakes Area's state senator and representative voted the wrong way on most of the environmental issues that have been brought before the legislature during their present terms, according to Environmental Action of Michigan, Incorporated, (EAM) a Lansing-based lobbying and citizen action group.

Senator Daniel S. Cooper (D-Oak Park) agreed with the EAM position on various bills and amendments 41 percent of the time on 30 votes recorded from 1975 through this summer. During his first term in the senate (1971-75), Cooper supported the EAM position on 50 percent of the votes.

Representative Richard D. Fessler (R-West Bloomfield) received a 40-percent score from the organization, based on 36 votes during the 1977-78 session, down from a 52-percent rating for his first term.

A four-page publication, "Michigan's Environmental Voting Record," was prepared by EAM and distributed by a

number of state environmental and conservation groups, including the Sierra Club, the East Michigan Environmental Action Council (EMEAC) and the Audubon Society, according to EAM.

Feedback from citizens has been favorable, Stanley said, because they know how their legislators voted on issues affecting the environment.

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EAM felt the proposed amendment "would increase population sizes and

growth rates (the environmental issues involved), eliminate freedom of choice and individual control of one's life for women, and increase the incidence of serious injury and death from 'back alley' abortions for the poor." Consequently, the organization supported a motion in the senate environmental committee, which was defeated, and opposed the resolution, which was approved and sent to the senate where it remains in committee.

Senator Joseph Mack (D-Ironwood), chairperson of the Senate Environment Committee, received a score of 11 percent, the second worst. The legislature's upper chamber, Mack's latest mark however, is four points better than his last grade.

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Committee members' votes are an on-going problem, he added, and the

most current report "just points that out."

The scores, Sagady said, are "useful as a general indicator on a legislator's philosophical leanings on environmental issues."

Environmental and conservation

measures they back, he explained, mainly because the legislative leadership has made poor choices for conservation committee assignments and a lack of rural lawmakers in the Republican caucus insist on apportionments designed to protect agricultural interests.

"It's not as easy to pass environmental legislation as it was in 1970-72," Sagady said.

As an example, the EAM coordinator noted that, in its last session, the group passed a strong wetlands protection bill by a margin of 94-7. During this term, however, the House Conservation, En-

vironment and Recreation Committee weakened a similar measure through the efforts of members who represent districts that have powerful mining and logging interests. Rural lawmakers, who have opposed a strong wetlands bill because many farmers view the measure as a form of land use control.

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Walled Lake board okays plans for medical clinic

A proposed addition to the medical clinic on the south side of South Commerce Road at the Decker Road intersection has received site plan approval from the Walled Lake Plan Commission.

The proposed plan involves the construction of two small office buildings, each containing 2,000 square feet, on the easterly portion of the 1.5 acre site.

The two new buildings are proposed for general medical and professional office use.

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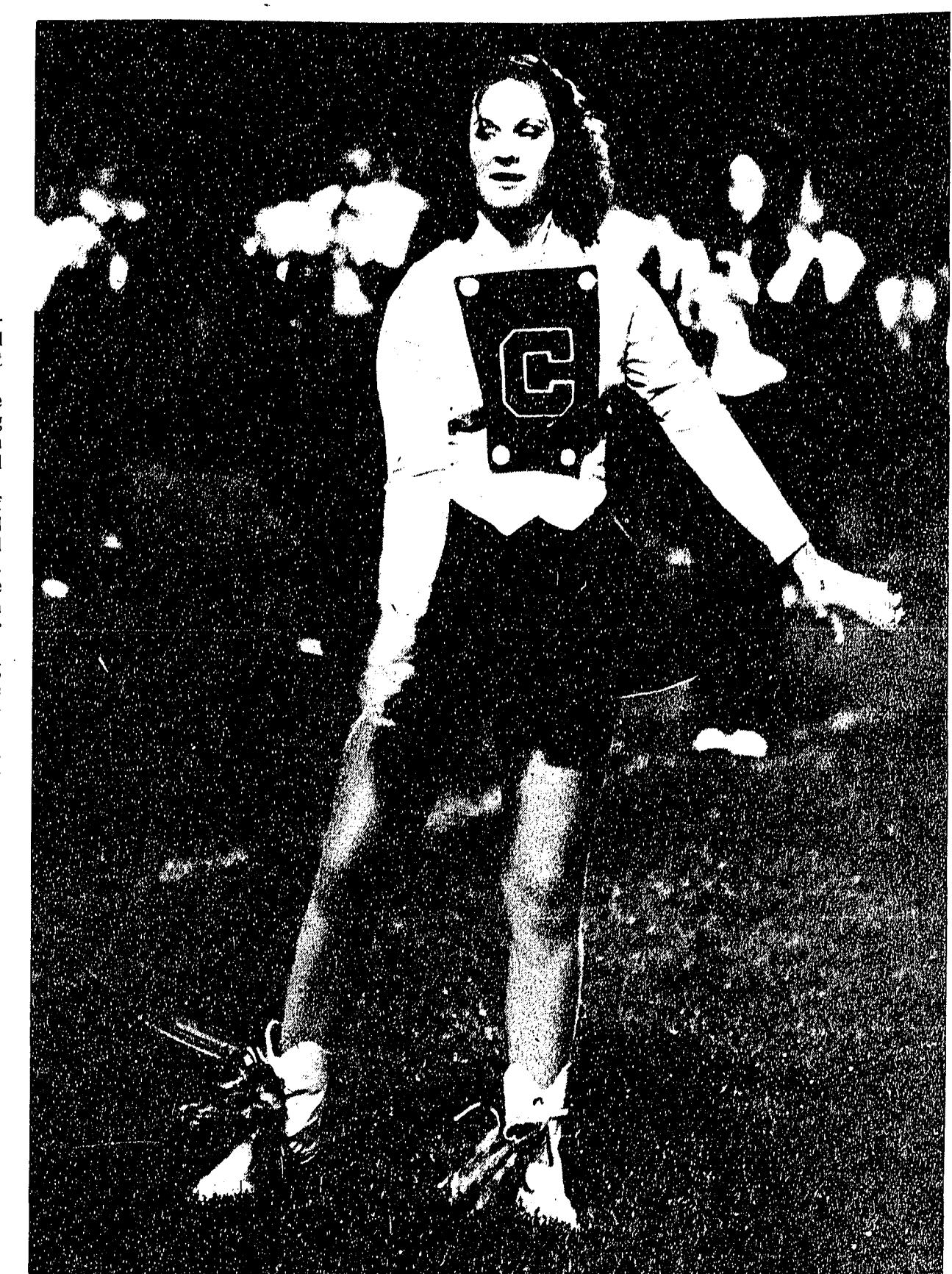
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Plan commission tables request for approval of warehouse facility

Walled Lake's Plan Commission has tabled action on a request for site plan approval of an office-warehouse facility on Ladd Road.

The proposed structure of 3,000 square feet would be located on an .8 acre parcel immediately south of Gay Street on the west side of Ladd Road and north of Maple Road.

The plan commission voted unanimously (6-0) last week to table the request for site plan approval pending the receipt of additional information. Specifically, the planners voted to table the property, that should be designated on the site plan. If some other method is to be utilized, that should also be indicated."

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been a majorette for the past three years, is captain of the squad. Other members of the Central majorette corps are senior Jackie Lewis and freshmen Carol Malloy and Brenda Whayne.

Novi's Planning Board has recommended approval of a request for the rezoning of a 1.5 acre parcel on 12 Mile from its existing R-1-F (one family agricultural residential) district to an I-1 (light industrial) classification.

The planning board has held up a request for site plan approval of a proposed lawn equipment building on an adjoining parcel until the city council has had an opportunity to act on the rezoning request.

Specifically, the planners voted unanimously (8-0) to recommend approval of a request from Polisano for the rezoning of the 1.5 acre parcel on 12 Mile from R-1-F to an I-1 classification. The property is located on the south side of 12 Mile near the 12 Mile-Beaumont Road interchange with the expressway.

City Planning Consultant Charles Cairns of Villian-Leman recommended approval of the rezoning request to the planning board at last week's public hearing.

Cairns noted that the area around the site is proposed for future industrial development.

"The land to the north and south has mainly been used for zoning purposes for several years and contains some industrial uses," noted the planning consultant. "The land immediately west of the subject site was recently rezoned to a light industrial district in conformance with the intent of the city's amended Master Land Use Plan for the area."

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But even though the planners voted unanimously to recommend approval of the rezoning request, they also voted unanimously to table action for a request for site plan approval on the original two-acre parcel until the council has taken action on the rezoning request.

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Food study shows Novi kids "unbeatable"



White milk drinker

Schools awarded grant for nutrition program



Debbie enjoys a big bite of her sandwich

The Novi School District has been awarded a grant to implement a nutritional education program during the 1978-79 school year.

The grant is given to the district by the United States Department of Agriculture and represents something of a coup for Food Services Director Yvonne Stephens and Teacher Rita Traynor who helped prepare the application for the funding.

Superintendent Gerald Kratz says that nearly \$300,000 was doled out to schools in Michigan, putting Novi in rather select company in the field of nutrition education.

"The whole idea of the plan," Kratz says, "is to tell what's good about food."

The wording of the application for the grant is somewhat more complex, however, filled with phrases such as "integrating cognitive nutrition education" and "needs for students' behavioral changes and food consumption."

Although the district already has health education offerings for each grade, the new program will provide for more in-depth studies of the principles of nutrition education.

The L.U.N.C.H. (Lunch Units of Nutrition Consider Health) will develop a K-12 integrated program of nutrition education which emphasizes through the cognitive process the affective areas of health, nutritional values, decision making, and the development of long-range positive attitudes toward nutrition habits in everyday life experiences."

In addition, the program aims to develop the awareness and knowledge of all district food personnel, teachers, parents, and administrators of good health nutritional values.

The program will entail a K-12 nutrition education curriculum and an in-service education program involving teachers, administrators, and other personnel as well as an evaluation of the program's effectiveness.

Each building within the district will organize a nutrition education awareness team composed of a teacher, parent, and student from each grade level, one food service person, and the building administrator. The group would plan, develop, and implement curriculum proposals under the coordination of the program director who will be hired at a later date.

No fire here, chief

There were more than a few embarrassed faces at the meeting of September 23 at Novi Fire Station No. 1, located in the police building along Novi Road. It seems there was a fire, or at least what looked like a fire, at the fire station. According to observers, smoke had filled the building, seeping into the police offices next door. An alarm was pulled and soon firefighters from all over the city responded to the call for help. After the crowd of firefighters had arrived, they nosed about a bit and, after a few minutes, the fire extinguished — by itself.

Firefighters were able to trace the cause of the preponderance of smoke to the fact that a light in the ceiling.

A word of explanation should be added. In all fairness, Novi Fire Chief Art Lenahan was not at the scene at the time of the incident and the alarm for all the stations was called by Police Chief Lee BeGole.

"That's why he is a police chief and not a fire chief," said one firefighter who responded to the scene.

Launch site blocked

State Representative Richard Pessler (R-West Bloomfield) successfully halted a public boat launch on the shore of a west Oakland County lake during debate on the House floor last week.

The \$37,500 appropriation was included in the \$128 million 1978-79 budget called for by House Republicans. He also pointed out that Middle Straits has 120 acres with two severe bottlenecks and an access site for each subdivision home on the lake.

who opposed the launch, offered an amendment that withdrew the money earmarked for the launch on the southern shore of the lake.

A new public access site would have added to confusion on the lake and provided greater safety hazards for citizens who use the lake and those who live near it," Pessler said. He also pointed out that Middle Straits has 120 acres with two severe bottlenecks and an access site for each subdivision home on the lake.

REGISTRATION NOTICE

FOR GENERAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1978

To the Qualified Electors:
CITY OF NOVI, COUNTY OF OAKLAND,
STATE OF MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that in conformity with the "Michigan Election Law", I, the undersigned Clerk, will upon any day, except Sunday and a legal holiday, the day of any regular or special election or primary election, receive for registration the name of any legal voter in said Township, City or Village not already registered who may APPLY TO ME PERSONALLY for such registration.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I WILL BE AT MY OFFICE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1978 — LAST DAY

From 8 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m.
The 30th day preceding said election
And on Saturday, October 7, 1978 — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Geraldine Stipp
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Editorials . . .

14-A—WALLED LAKE-NOVI NEWS—Wednesday, October 4, 1978

Conforming to law should be priority

For the second time this year the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office has decided not to prosecute the Walled Lake Board of Education for alleged violations of the State Open Meetings Act.

Charges filed by a Walled Lake Western teacher against the board were thrown out by the Prosecutor's Office earlier this year, while another Open Meetings Act violation charge filed by a Walled Lake Junior High teacher were dismissed last week.

In both instances, the charges appear to have been dismissed on a technicality.

In the case of the first complaint, the Prosecutor's Office reported that the case was dismissed because the complainant's subscription for notification of meetings had expired.

It should be noted, however, that an individual who was legally entitled to receive notification of meetings was contacted by the Prosecutor's Office to see if she was interested in pursuing the case against the school board. The board apparently avoided prosecution at that time because the individual declined to press charges.

In the case of the second complaint, the Prosecutor's Office reported that the case was dismissed on the somewhat tenuous grounds that the complainant had requested "agendas" for all meetings instead of "notification" of all meetings. The Prosecutor's Office explained that the Open Meetings Act does not require that "agendas" of meetings be sent to interested parties.

The two complaints and the grounds on which they were dismissed give rise to several observations.

First, there appears to be a general reluctance on the part of the Prosecutor's Office to prosecute units of government under the terms of the Open Meetings Act. Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Richard Thompson reported that Oakland County has yet to prosecute anyone for violation.

Hire planner soon

Novi Building Department Head Earl Bailey appeared before the Novi Planning Board recently in an attempt to rustle up support to hire additional help in his department.

The problem, according to Bailey, is that there is not sufficient manpower in the Building Department to give proper attention to site plans.

Concurrent with — and related to — the concerns cited by Bailey are concerns with the functioning of the planning board.

There is a widely-held opinion that the Novi Planning Board is created by the city council and is funded in the 1978-79 budget. The position has not yet been filled, however.

Once the position has been filled, there should be a general overall improvement in both the building department and the planning board. The in-house planner would be able to deal specifically with the site plans in the building department and, at the same time, relieve the planning board of its site plan functions, leaving it more time to devote to planning.

This concern prompted several candidates for the city council last November to propose that the functions of the planning board be split in two — and that separate rezoning-site plan boards and planning boards be established.

Although we still oppose that proposal, we are concerned that

... A page for your expressions and ours

Speaking for Myself



MIKE NESTELL

Contact sports for women?



MAUREEN LEHMAN

YES . . .

Somewhere along the line, someone developed the mistaken notion that females were not cut out for athletic activities. Girls were supposed to be "sugar and spice and everything nice," and somehow it was thought to be terribly wrong for a female to participate in anything as "unfeminine" as athletic endeavors.

Still there are lingering elements to the old myths about girls being unfit for athletic endeavors. In spite of the success of girls' athletics, the old-timers are now attempting to perpetuate the mistaken notion that there is something terribly wrong and "unfeminine" about contact sports for women.

They attempt to arouse emotional support for their faulty thinking by suggesting that contact sports for women would involve the interaction of the sexes.

Nobody is really advocating competition between males and females in contact sports. But the concept of prohibiting contact sports for girls against other girls is just as antiquated and unreasonable as the old notions about prohibiting any athletic participation for females.

Athletic competition — all forms of athletic competition — is a wonderful thing. We've been told for years that athletics "develop character" and the evidence would seem to support that old axiom.

So what's wrong with "developing character" in our women by letting them pursue all forms of athletic endeavors? Permitting women to participate in contact sports is just another step toward permitting equal opportunity for members of both sexes. And that's a constitutional right which is supposed to be afforded every citizen of this country.

Mike Nestell
Novi resident

Photographic Sketches . . .



Last days of summers past

Jack's Column

By JACK W. HOFFMAN

The road to riches isn't rough at all provided you observe the road sign that reads "O-P-M."

At least that's what a pair of moneybags informed those of us who are just \$99,999 away from becoming millionaires.

That first buck may have been a bugger to accumulate but the remainder is sure to be a snap, we learned last week upon turning up for the free lecture on "How to Make A Fortune Today — Starting from Scratch."

Having swarmed to the back-to-back lectures at the Farmington Holiday Inn and the Dearborn Inn, we found that our expected hosts — multi-millionaires

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Jack's Column

Continued from 14-A

William Nickerson and Dr. Albert J. Lowry — didn't show. Too busy making money, they sent their rich emissary, Bill Brangham, a property tycoon from San Francisco. But he was worth the price of admission.

I've a hunch Bill's brother works our area. I think I've seen him knives at the state fair and kitchen mixers at the builder's show. They're both show stoppers with silver tongues who could easily sell Ben Franklin's wooden teeth.

Bill works for Nickerson and Lowry. He doesn't really have to work, he told us after the lecture, because he's already independently wealthy. "I do it just because I like to lecture," he scolded a doubting Thomas, who wondered aloud why Bill wasn't out making money the Nickerson-Lowry way instead of trying to sign us up for the "Education Institute" at \$495 a crack.

But back to the lecture itself.

The "vehicle" for becoming very rich today, the Nickerson-Lowry way, is through the purchase and sale of real estate, according to Bill, who had many of us scribbling notes.

But, good salesmen that he is, Bill offered only enough tips to tantalize us, to make us want to sign up for the course so we could learn the rest of what it takes to become a millionaire. Lots of folks

signed up. Others, like me, were satisfied just to soak up the free stuff.

In case you missed the lecture and the opportunity to become rich, let me highlight some of his observations and advice:

- Only buy income property; let the renter help pay for the purchase.

- Use Other People's Money (O-P-M) to make your purchases.

- Only buy financially sound property.

- Once purchased, the property should be improved "cosmetically."

- Raise the rent.

- Sell or trade property to make more money to buy more property.

- Avoid taxes.

- It doesn't matter so much anymore how much money we make, but what matters is how much we can keep after taxes. Thus, it's vital to learn how to keep the IRS out of our pocketbooks.

- Many folks feel unpatriotic about avoiding payment of taxes legally, but once the money starts rolling in this feeling disappears quickly.

- Motivational courses — they always give you this terrific urge to ride, but they never give you the horse on which to ride. It doesn't matter how motivated you are; you have to have the right vehicle to ride in order to get rich today.

tgaging. There's a much simpler method that costs "only \$10." He called it a "\$10 Release" but he left us hanging on how to go about it.

- For the average person, trying to get rich through cash value insurance, tax exempt bonds, the stock market, or lending institutions is futile. You have to be rich to become richer this way.

- Similarly, trying to get rich by starting a business is a waste of time and money. You and I can't expect to start a "mom and pop" operation and expect to get rich. Why, to make \$100,000 on the sale of TV sets, with a profit of \$100 per set, would require the world's largest warehouse!

- Four of five businesses fail within two years of their start, according to government statistics.

- Two big advantages of becoming rich through real estate include: you don't have to give up your job to get started and it doesn't take a lot of cash to get started. You can start with a little money or no money at all. Bill said he recently purchased a nearly \$400,000 piece of prime San Francisco property without a penny down.

- Many folks feel unpatriotic about avoiding payment of taxes legally, but once the money starts rolling in this feeling disappears quickly.

- People who use their property equity to purchase other property often make the mistake of getting their hands on the equity through expensive remor-

Novi council consider seniors bus proposal

In a short discussion on the proposal, Greengood commented that the bus would be used primarily for short trips to such places as the Renaissance Center. He said the school district was unable to provide bus service because of the estimated \$1.05 per mile cost and the regulations concerning bus usage.

The bus would be run separately as the SEMTA buses already in operation. The bus service, OCART, funded through Oakland County, is expected to begin operation sometime this winter.

The SEMTA and OCART buses are primarily for short runs of just a few miles and not for organized outings as would be used by the bus Greengood.

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NO . . .

Although I participate in many individual and team sports, I am not a masochist. Getting tackled by a 220-pound jock or slapped by a puck-slapping right wing is not my idea of a sporting contest.

Don't get me wrong. I love competition and sweat, but my body can only stand so much abuse. In order to keep my limbs and vital organs intact, I prefer to perfect my game than to waste energy avoiding the "killer instinct" in charging linemen.

For many female athletes, "contact sports" are fine. When playing mixed volleyball, a "non-contact sport," one must use caution going up against a "Wilt the Stilt." The big boys seem to weigh more coming down on your foot or slamming into your side while blocking than they do when swimming or running track.

I might agree to playing football or ice hockey with persons of my own gender, but a Dick Butkus I am not and there are many 150 to 200 pound women in the sporting arena. As for getting into a ring with Muhammed Ali or their wrestling counterpart — forget it. These are not my favorite sports.

If each contact sport team was grouped into weight classifications, it might lower the odds on injuries, but according to the laws of physics every action has an equal and opposite reaction. When two bodies collide, something must go and I prefer it wasn't me.

I enjoy physical activity to keep fit. I couldn't compete if I were in traction. Most contact games are violent and I'm not into masochistic sports.

Maureen Lehman
Wixom resident
USUBA Referee
MHSAA Volleyball Referee

By JIM GALBRAITH

Readers Speak

Citizen questions lunch program

To the Editor:
An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, or so it is said. But when it comes to Novi Woods Elementary School's family-style lunch program, the most important of all, are these children given an annual tuberculosis test?

Wouldn't it be terrible to have a child contract this disease and be confined to a children's hospital because of the carelessness of oversight?

Let's re-evaluate this program and make it work before we suffer from needless consequences.

M. Provow

Christians cite Fessler for help with Novi school

State Representative Richard Fessler was one of five legislators honored by the Accelerated Christian Education Conference, which was held in Lansing recently.

Fessler was presented a personalized Bible for his support of Christian education. Fessler helped to speed approval of building plans by six to eight weeks for the Novi Christian school by contacting state agencies and receiving approval of several building plans. As a result, the school was open in September of 1978.

Fessler said he was pleased to have been honored by the organization because he was sympathetic to the ideas the people at the school are attempting to promote. Fessler stated further that the personalized Bible presented to him in front of more than 2,000 members of the Christian conference was well received because it is identical to the Bibles used in the Christian education courses taught at the Novi Christian school.

It was very happy to receive the Bible," commented Fessler. "It will always be treasured by my family and me."

Fessler was sponsored by The Reverend Richard Burgess of the First Baptist Church of Novi.

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Stolen Corvette operation uncovered in Wixom

An intensive surveillance by the Oakland County Organized Crime Strike Force led to the smashing of an alleged stolen car operation in Wixom Thursday afternoon.

The operation, termed "major" by Lieutenant Donald Dool of the strike force, is believed to have been a source in the stolen car and parts market. Dealing mainly with the select Corvette models, the operation provided a steady stream of parts and cars to and from the location weekly, according to police.

The 5 p.m. raid, directed by the strike force, included officers from the Wixom Police Department as well as the Michigan State Police. Arrested was Sterling Eugene Worley, thought by police to be the "brain" behind the operation. He was arrested at the scene for obstructing a police officer. Arrested in said District of Walled Lake on Friday afternoon, Worley was released on \$1,000 personal bond.

The totaly stripped Gremlin was found in the wooded fields off West Maple Road during a routine investigation.

A mid-1970's model Mustang was reported stolen from the Ford Motor Company employees' parking lot sometime between 4:10 p.m. Friday. The car was equipped with a hood scoop and wide oval tires.

Although the owner of the car said it was an older model, he stated it was "in perfect condition and carried a new paint job."

In Novi

An undetermined amount of money was stolen from the Twelve Oaks Tire Store located along Grand River Avenue just east of Novi Road September 29.

The operators of the store have not yet determined whether any tires were stolen. Police say entry was made through the rear door.

A Caterpillar truck engine, valued at \$3,600, has been reported stolen from the Michigan Tractor Company along Novi Road.

Officials from the company have no idea when the engine could have been stolen beyond saying it was sometime between mid-June and September 29.

Officials had first thought the engine had been misplaced, but checks with possible storage places proved otherwise.

During the raid, police say a number of reportedly stolen vehicles still intact were found on the property in addition to car engines and parts. In the barn itself was a 1978 model Corvette, freshly cut in two parts.

Flood commented that the strike force is currently "doing the hard work" of identifying all the equipment

A 1976 Ford Pinto was stolen from the parking lot at the Twelve Oaks Mall September 30.

The owner of the car reported he went into the mall to do some shopping and when he returned, the car was gone. The value of the vehicle was placed at \$1,500.

Report card schedule set for Novi schools

Everybody knows that today's parents are a lot smarter than today's kids.

And there's good reason for it, too. Many of the clever little tricks which today's kids attempt to use were invented by their parents 20 and 30 years ago.

Like not telling your parents when report cards come out, for example.

To help parents know when report cards are issued, the Novi School District has released the following report card marking period schedule for the 1978-79 school year:

In the elementary schools, parents will receive their children's report cards during the first marking period at parent-teacher conferences between October 23 and November 6.

Report cards for the second marking period will be sent out January 31.

Report cards for the third marking

period will be delivered to parents by the teachers in conferences between March 14-21.

Report cards for the fourth marking period will be sent home on June 14.

In the middle schools, report cards for the first marking period will be sent home on October 25. Second marking period report cards will be issued on December 26, while third period report cards will be sent out January 31. Report cards for the winter-spring semester will be sent out on March 14, May 2, and June 20.

In the high schools, marking periods for the fall-winter semester will end November 10 and January 26. Marking periods for the winter-spring semester will be March 20 and June 20.

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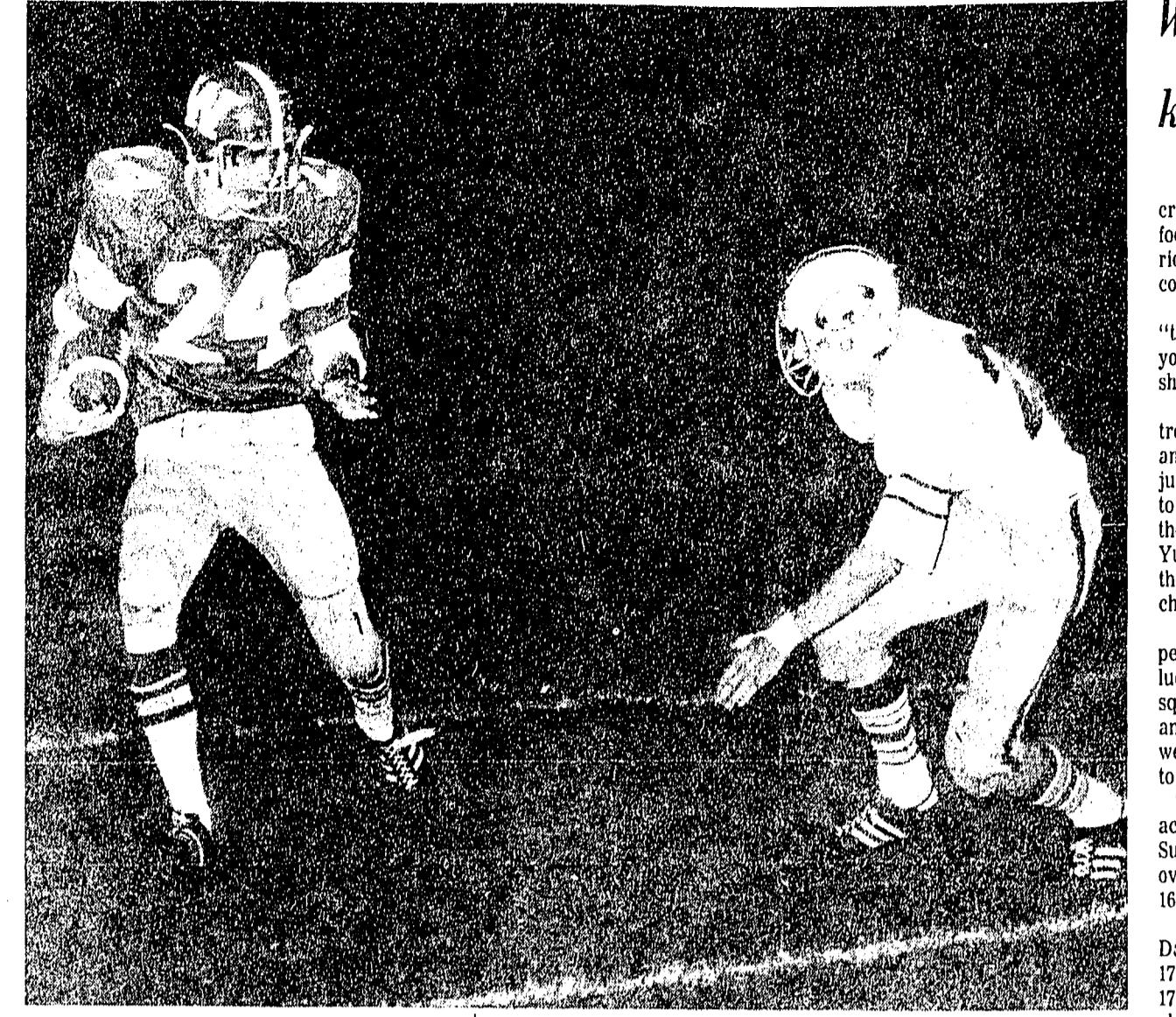


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Warrior runners keep improving

Walled Lake Western dropped a 17-12 cross-country decision to conference foe Waterford Mott last week, but Warrior coach Dan McAuliffe was encouraged by his squad's performance. "We're coming on," said McAuliffe, "the times are dropping and our younger ones are really improving. We should be getting more competitive."

McAuliffe's runners have had their troubles lately, as runners Todd Peller and Mike Sutherland have been out with injuries, reducing an already small squad to even smaller numbers. Add to that the retirement of leading runner John Yuhn and things looked bleaker than they should have been against Churchill.

"We could've been more competitive," said McAuliffe, "but with the luck we've been having running a solid squad, we weren't. The injuries hurt, and as for John Yuhn's retirement, well, it's just something he felt he had to do. We're sorry to see him go."

Taking Yuhn's place as the team's ace against Churchill was junior Steve Sutherland. Sutherland finished fourth overall with a three-mile clocking of 16:59.

Following Sutherland was sophomore David Sherwood in seventh place at 17:38. Senior Rick Spiehar was ninth at 17:58. Both Sherwood and Spiehar clocked their season's fastest times in the race.

rounding out the Western scoring was junior Duncan Mein at 18:00 and junior John Dewey at 18:35.

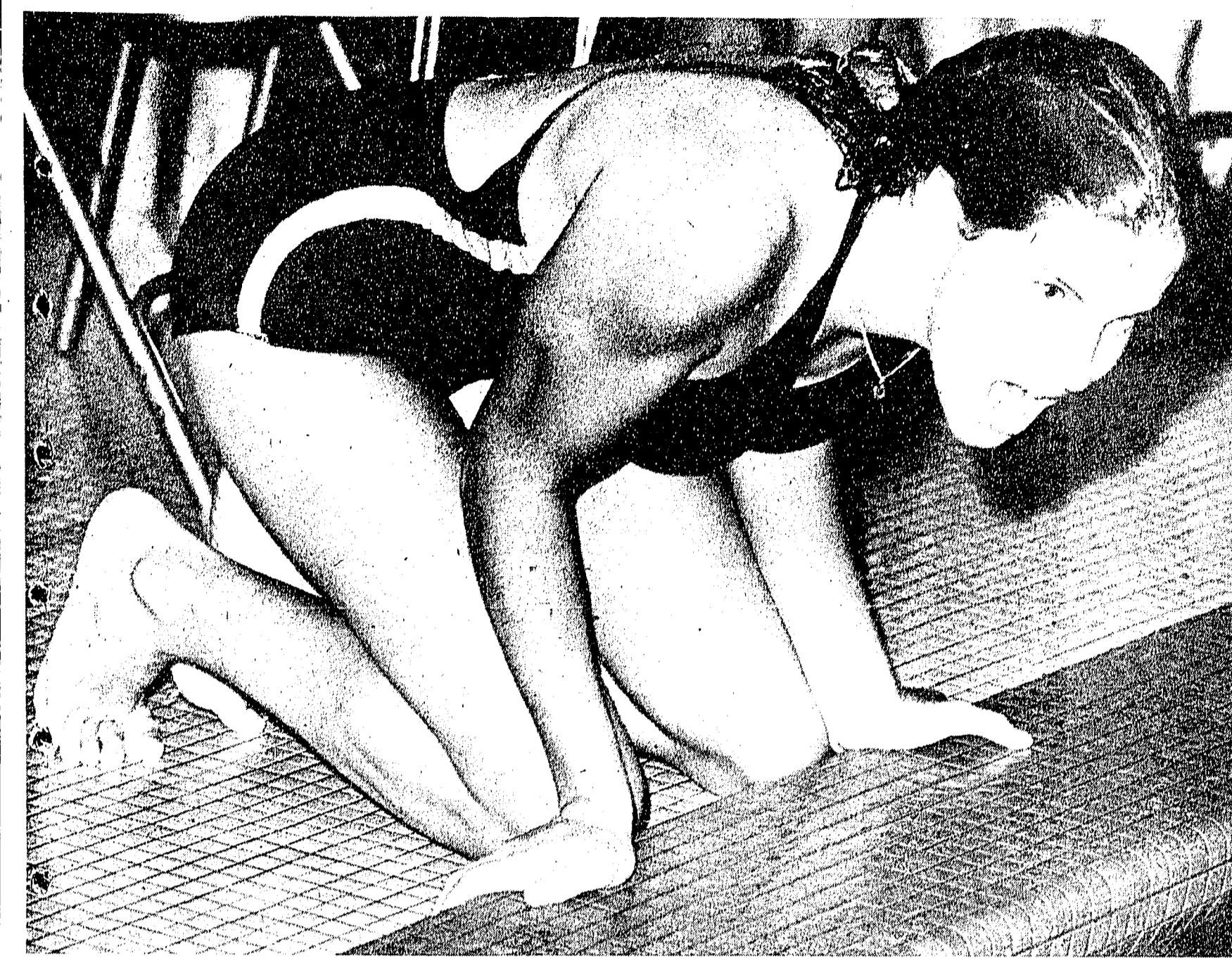


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Western's Tammy Mihifeld, one of the Warriors' top divers, shouts encouragement to a teammate

Western swimmers take second

A second-place finish in the Troy Relays highlighted Walled Lake Western swimming results last week which included a split of two dual meets.

Competing in the ten-team Troy Relays, the Warriors compiled 86 points, just two shy of champion Troy's total of 88.

"We were in first place going into the last event," said Warrior Coach Gail Cottier, "and we only took third." The last event was the 400 freestyle relay which was won by Troy, giving the host school enough points for the win.

It was a real heartbreaker," said Cottier. "The kids deserved to win."

Western placed in six of the ten events, taking three first places and setting a couple of meet records along the way.

Western's diving trio of Michelle Kumm, Tammy Mihifeld, and Sue Baker, all from Novi, were the top performers by Cindy Holland, Sue Baker, Tammy Bliss, and Judy Yuhn.

Western took third places in both the backstroke relay and the 400 freestyle relay. Becky Schenck, Wendy Harrison, Katie Kumm, and Anne Artlip formed the backstroke relay team, while Sue Baker, Margaret Grubb, Sue Baker, and Michelle Kumm formed the freestyle quartet.

"As a whole, we did real well," said Cottier. "It's too bad we didn't win it."

In other swimming action, the Warriors' outswam Pontiac Central 97-74 before bowing to conference foe Novi 112-60.

In the central meet, the Warriors managed four first places including a one-two-three sweep in diving. Springboard artists Michelle Kumm, Tammy Mihifeld, and Sue Baker all placed ahead of the Chiefs with Kumm's 169 points winning the event.

Freshman Sue Baker outswam runner-up teammate Tammy Bliss to win the 200 freestyle in 2:24; but Bliss outswam Katie Kumm in the breaststroke with her season's best 1:18.3.

Against Northville it was a different story, with only diver Michelle Kumm netting a first place finish. Kumm's score of 175.9 was just a few points better than runner-up Tammy Mihifeld.

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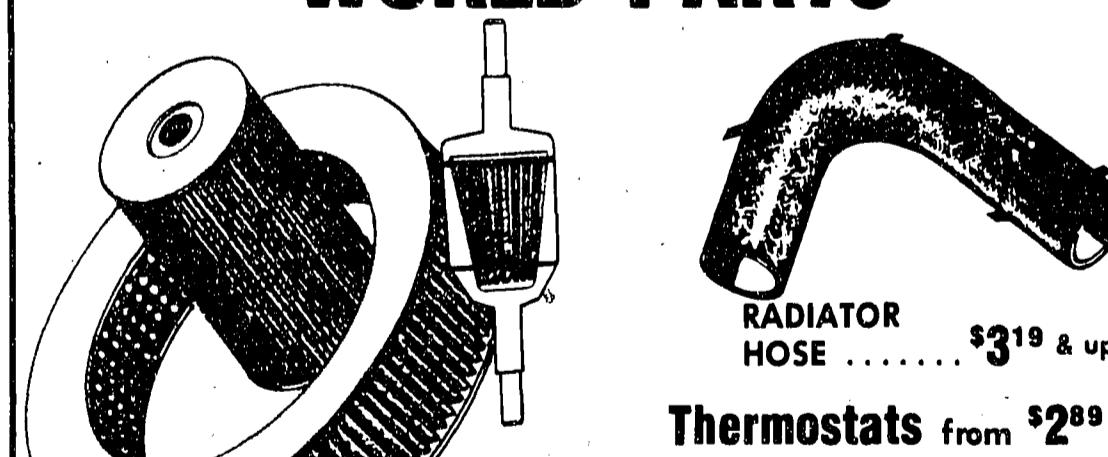
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Vikings continue skid with Stevenson loss

The Walled Lake Central football team found out just how unlucky old number 13 really is last Friday night, as the Vikings dropped their 13th consecutive ballgame, this one to Stevenson, 33-6.

"We just can't seem to get one," said Viking Coach Dick Woodworth. "Either we play a bad game and lose or we play a good game and lose. It's hard to figure it out."

There was "not much for Woodworth to figure out" this time, however, as the powerful Spartans rolled to their fourth consecutive victory of the season in somewhat easy fashion.

Stevenson scored the first two times it had the ball to build up a 14-lead, and from then on it was just a matter of guessing at the final score.

The Spartans' first score came on the game's opening drive, with running back Jim Gemund breaking off a 37-yard run for the touchdown. Gemund kicked the point after and it was 7-0.

Following a Central fumble on its first possession, Stevenson put up seven more points with Gemund finding paydirt on four yards out.

Although Central showed signs of putting together a sustained drive, the Vikings failed to accumulate more than two first downs on any one occasion.

"We had trouble getting anything going," said Woodworth. "We're always the little guys trying to move the big guys and it's hard to keep doing that the whole game. But we didn't play that well anyway."

Stevenson ran the score to 20-0 before halftime when full back Tom Smith tallied from the Central 15-yard line.

The second half didn't look any brighter when Stevenson scored a third quarter touchdown on another run by

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Smith, this one from five yards away. And Stevenson added its fifth touchdown run in the final period on a ten-yard jaunt by Mike Price.

Central did manage to put up six points on the board in the fourth quarter after a fine interception by lineman Steve Schneider. Schneider picked off a Spartan pass at the Stevenson 37, and four plays later the Vikings crossed the goal line. After two incomplete passes, Central's quarterback Jeff Detwiler found tight end Doug Sheldon on the middle for 18 yards and a score. Central's two-point conversion try failed.

Stevenson clearly dominated the Inter-Lakes Conference game, holding a wide statistical edge. It's been said that statistics don't always tell the story, but they read like a book in this case.

Stevenson rammed the ball into the Viking line 44 times for 283 yards and 14 first downs. The Spartans threw only eight passes, completing five for 70 yards through the air.

Central rushed 26 times for an even 100 yards while accumulating seven first downs. The Vikings completed just five of 20 passes for 63 yards.

One thing going for the game was the low number of Central penalties. The Vikings, lately one of the area's most penalized teams, committed only two infractions against Stevenson.

"We've got to work up some offense," said the coach whose offensive unit averages just eight points a game. "We'll try to get something going against Northern."

The Vikings travel to Pontiac Northern next Friday night to take on the Huskies, currently 2-2 overall. Kickoff is at 8 p.m.

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Central's Julie Kunze hauls down a rebound against Waterford as Patti Limb watches

Viking girls win two laughers

Walled Lake Central jumped out to early leads in the first quarter and boasted to a pair of wins over Walled Lake Western and Waterford Township in girls' basketball action last week.

Central grabbed a 23-7 advantage in the first quarter, then led by 17-13 in the second.

"We had a very good first quarter," said Viking Coach Ken Butler. "The Western girls had the desire, but not the experience. They couldn't handle the zone press."

Patti Limb, a first team Vikings utilized a zone press and some hot shooting by senior forward Patti Limb to rattle the younger Warriors. A

Limb ended the game with 20 points, again sitting out more than a

quarter of the contest. Slick guard Krista Graham had her best game of the season with 15 points, while backcourt mate Tammy Grames netted 11. Julie Kunze, in what Butler called her best game of the season, also meshed 10 points. And once again, Kelly Kucera grabbed 11 rebounds.

It was more of the same against Waterford, as the Vikings opened with the hot hand and outscored the Skippers in every quarter. The zone press continued its magic and Patti Limb scored 12 points in the first quarter as the Vikings "rolled" again.

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quarter of the game.

"We're finally starting to come around," said Butler. "We shot 41 percent as a team and that's the best we've shot this year."

Central, now 3-2 on the year, travels to Livonia Stevenson tomorrow (Thursday) night.

Central runners hot; second in invitational

Walled Lake Central Cross-Country Coach Harry Edgington was feeling a bit under the weather last week, but his Viking cross-country runners certainly weren't.

The Central harriers, ranked among the top ten teams in the state, ran to a shutout win over Inter-Lakes for Pontiac Northern and then finished second in the Lakeland Invitational.

In the 15-50 win over Northern, all seven Viking runners crossed the finish line before the first Huskie runner. Senior Bob Slais continued his unbeaten dual meet string with a first place time of 16:15. He was followed by Kevin Atkinson, Chris Harrington, Jim Owens, Randy Piotrowski, and Larry Turner, all of whom broke the 17-minute mark. Darrel Jackson was the seventh Viking across the line, grabbing the stick in 17:03.

The Viking junior varsity upped its record to 4-1 with a duplicate 15-50 shutout of Northern as Ken Artega and Rick Lengel strode across the line together in 17:10.

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In the meet at Lakeland, senior Chris Harrington was the first Viking homecoming with a time of 16:04. Running mate Bob Slais was right behind with a ninth place 16:06, and junior Jim Owens' time of 16:07 was good for 12th.

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Novi golfers still tied at top

The Wildcats are still very much alive and kicking in their surprising run for this year's Southeast Conference golf title, despite a key loss to defending champ Saline last Tuesday.

Novi's 150, which was enough to vault them into first place in the SEC race, suffered a 145-150 setback to the Hornets in a tri-meet at Croton Glen, but came up with a pair of league victories over South Lyon and Milan.

That left the Wildcats with an 8-2 mark in SEC competition this season, and since Brighton and Chelsea knocked off Saline in another meet last week Novi is still tied for first place — only now it's with Brighton.

Saline shot a school record-setting 145 in beating the Wildcats and South Lyon at Tuesday's tri-meet. Novi's 150 total was good for second, while South Lyon placed third at 164.

Dave Boehmer led the local squad's effort with

Ladycats nip Saline, 33-31

The Ladycats came back from Saline feeling a little bit lucky last Tuesday.

Battling back from an early 10-point deficit, Novi's girls collected the second straight Southeast Conference basketball victory of the season with a 33-31 cliffhanger with the Hornets.

"I'm really happy we won," said a relieved coach Chris Hamilton. "It seems we never play well down there."

"It's kind of funny — we lost to Pinckney (two weeks ago, 29-21) after playing a fantastic defensive game. This time we played our worst defensive game of the year, but won."

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a 37 while Phil McCarty followed with a 30, Craig Iseli with a 41 and Kevin Klemet and Steve Sayre with 42's.

McCarty later the Wildcats avenged their only other SEC loss this season by knocking off Milan, 158-126, in a dual match at Croton Glen.

McCarty took medalist honors at the meet with a 36 while Boehmer came in second at 37, Iseli third at 41 and Don Ross fourth at 43.

Novi's only other action this past week was at the Pinckney Tournament Monday, where the Wildcats finished fifth out of 11 schools.

Grand Lodge, with 320 points, won the tourney, which involved adding up the 18-hole scores of each school's top four golfers. Pinckney placed second with 321 points while Novi had 349.

McCarty had the Wildcats' top individual effort, an 86, while Boehmer and Iseli shot 87's and Klemet an 89.

Warrior cagers beaten twice

Walled Lake Western parlayed the old Rip Van Winkle routine into a pair of basketball losses last week, falling to rival Walled Lake Central, 76-43, and conference for Livonia Churchill, 63-46.

"We fell asleep," said Warrior coach Tom Szczesinski, "and when we woke up it was too late."

Against Central, the Warriors fell victim to a shooting drought and found themselves trailing 23-11 after one quarter. And in the Churchill game, the girls woke up when the score was 20-2 in the Chargers' favor.

In the Central game the Warriors never even came close, but it was a different story at Churchill. The young Warriors pulled back to within four at halftime, 25-25, but then suffered a relapse in the third quarter. In the second half, the closest Western could come to was within 10 points, but eight missed layups sealed their fate.

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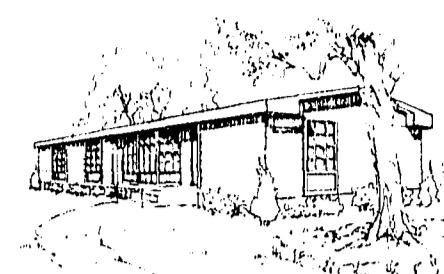
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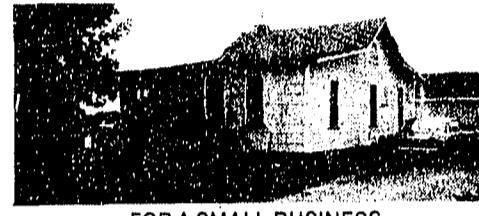
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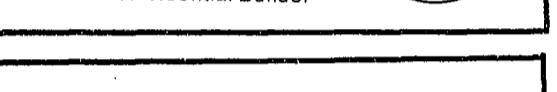
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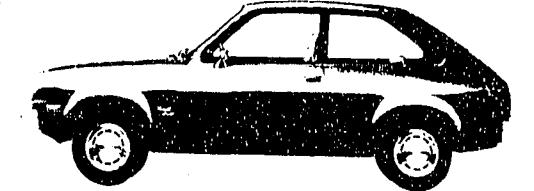


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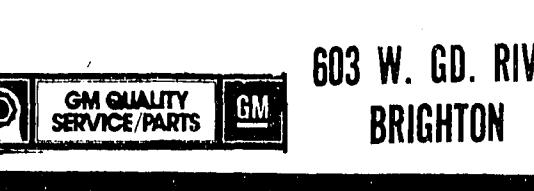
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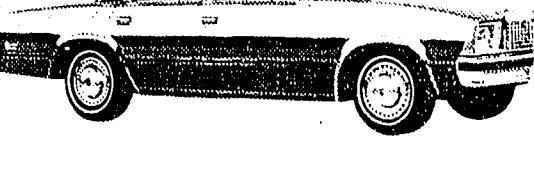
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Michigan Mirror

State to cut timber

Modern day Paul Bunyans will soon be seen along Michigan highways.

A unique, cost-cutting forestry program, the commercial harvesting of roadside timber, will soon begin under the strict control of the Department of State Highways and Transportation.

The program is designed to better manage the thousands of acres of wood-right-of-way along state highways in northern Michigan.

Now in the experimental stage, the new program will permit logging companies to remove dead and dying trees and selected live trees where thinning the right-of-way, the condition of roadside timber stands.

Both the state and forestry industry are expected to profit from the program through the sale of timber that might otherwise go to waste. Also the state is expected to benefit by the elimination of potential traffic hazards.

The pilot study for the program was undertaken by the Ford Forestry Center of Michigan Technological University.

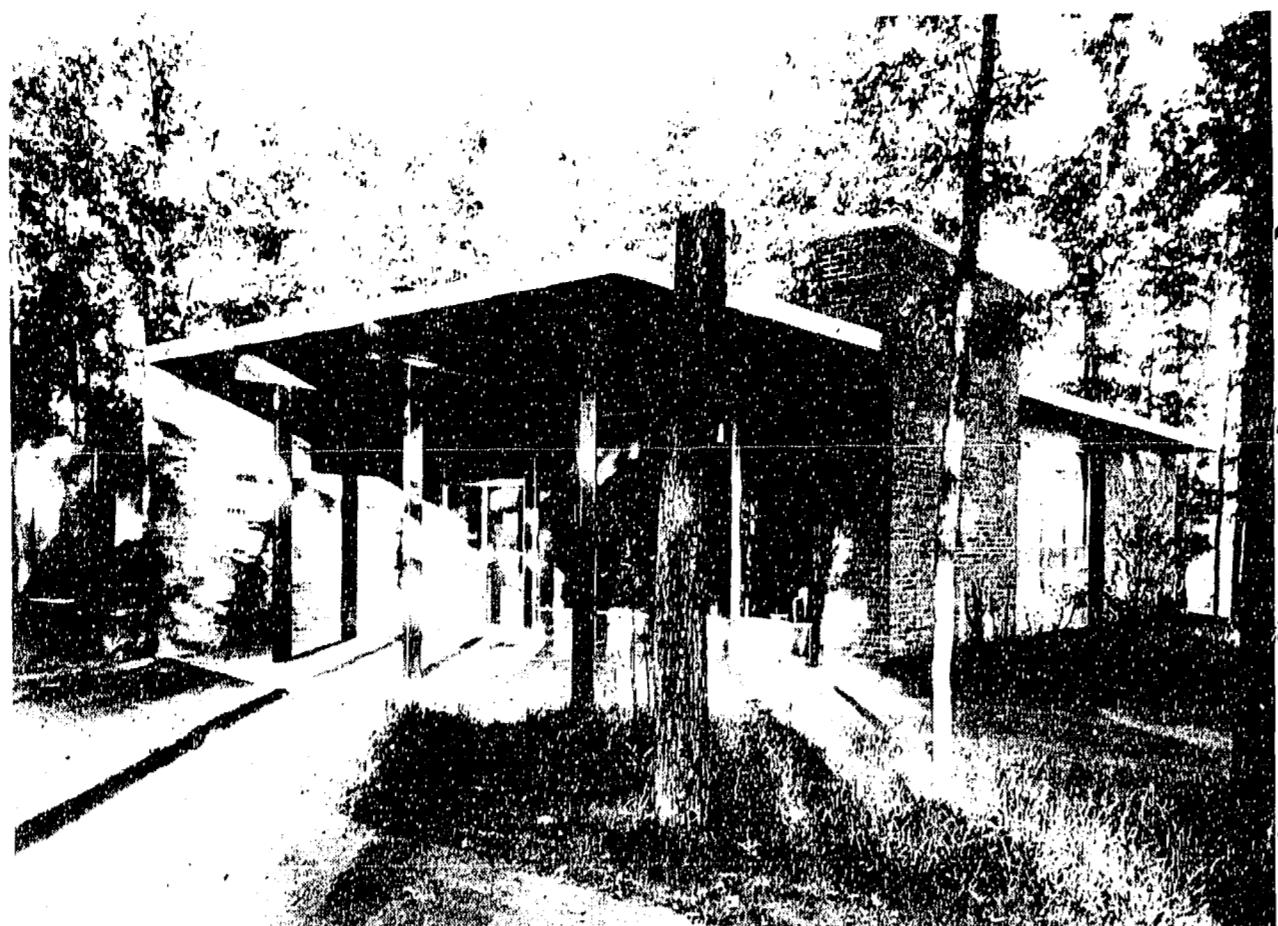
The demonstration projects also will provide information on costs, cutting schedules, the impact of roadside aesthetics and other aspects of roadside logging useful for future management.

The Federal Highway Administration was impressed enough by the potential benefits of the program to pay for part of the pilot study's \$58,000 cost.

The Insurance Bureau within the state Department of Commerce has published a series of consumer fact sheets designed to inform Michigan citizens about important aspects of automobile, health and life insurance.

The bureau will produce additional consumer alerts on topics of concern as new issues surface.

Copies of the alerts are available without charge from the Insurance Bureau, Department of Commerce, Office of Consumer Protection, P.O. Box 30200, Lansing, MI 48909.



Nature center

This building of contemporary design is the Nature Center at Kensington Metropark near Brighton/New Hudson. Seasonal exhibits are on display year-round and the several labelled nature trails are open in all seasons for self-guided hikes. During the school year, the

Nature Center is open to the general public on week-ends from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and weekdays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., with mornings reserved for school appointments. For additional information contact the Nature Center — Phone: 685-1561 (Milford).

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who desperately need kidney transplants, according to Ms. Robins. "The waiting list fluctuates from week to week, but the need never diminishes."

Persons wishing to donate their kidneys following death may ask for donor cards by calling the toll free number, 1-800-462-0757.

The "uniform donor card" issued by the Kidney Foundation permits the donor to specify donation of kidneys, eyes or both bodies. If a person changes his mind, after filling out the card, all he has to do is tear it up and agree to be a "cadaveric" donor.

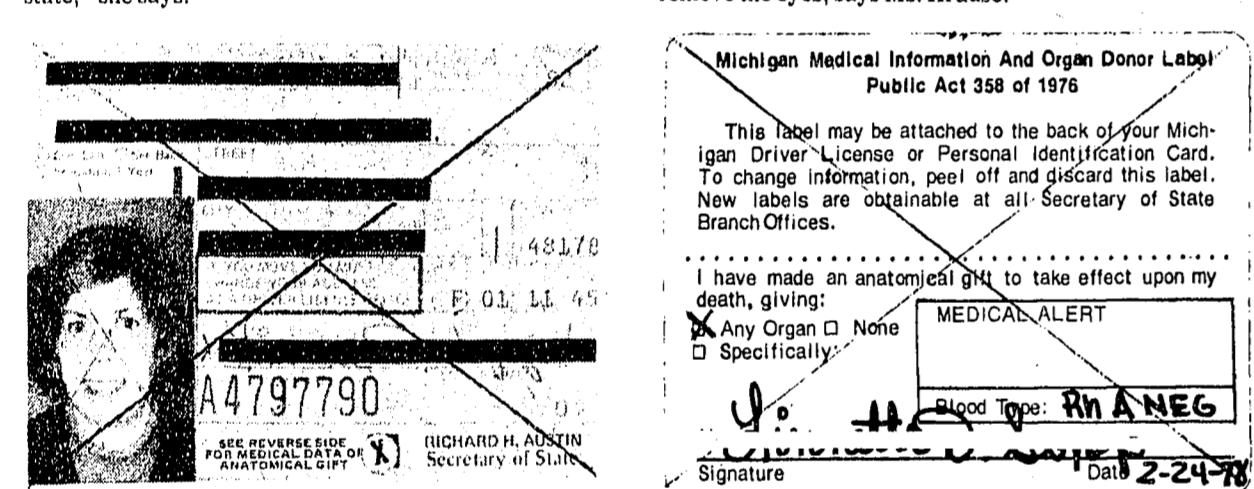
Immediately upon death, permission is sought from survivors for removal of the kidneys. Once this permission is obtained the Kidney Transplant Society is alerted and a special team of physicians, on 24-hour call, speed to the hospital for the removal surgery.

The physician of the deceased does not remove the kidneys. Removal involves highly specialized surgery, explains Gerda Lipczman, executive director of the Kidney Transplant Society.

"Tissue typing" of the removed kidneys occurs immediately. With a weekly listing of waiting kidney recipients at their fingertips, the removal team can scientifically "match up" the removed kidneys with two "matched" recipients.

Each donor has two kidneys, thus a single donor can save the lives of two persons, emphasizes Ms. Lipczman.

The Michigan Kidney Foundation has a reciprocal agreement with other states "so if we can't find a 'match' with a Michigan resident we'll find a recipient in another state," she says.



Motorists can indicate desire to donate organs on the back of their driver's license.

Space on tap

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which includes one "Cosmos" showing and the demonstration hologram, which is a three-dimensional image exposure, is being shown daily by using laser light.

Younger visitors are fascinated by the Rainbow Reaction demonstration where chemical reaction produces a spectrum of colors. In another demonstration, angular momentum, the principle of the gyroscope, is played before delighted audiences.

Admission is \$2 for older children and adults and \$1 for children five years old and younger.

Big Savings on Kitchens...



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heat, light and sound. One of the demonstrations includes the hologram, which is a three-dimensional image exposure, is being shown daily by using laser light.

For information on other things to see in Michigan, contact the Travel Bureau, Michigan Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 3026, Lansing, Michigan 48909 or call toll free, in Michigan: 1-800-292-2520; out of state: 1-800-248-5466.

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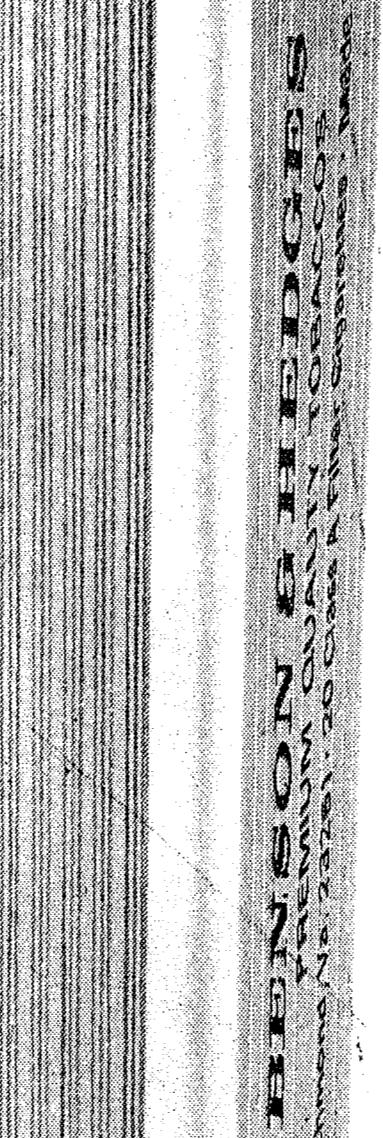
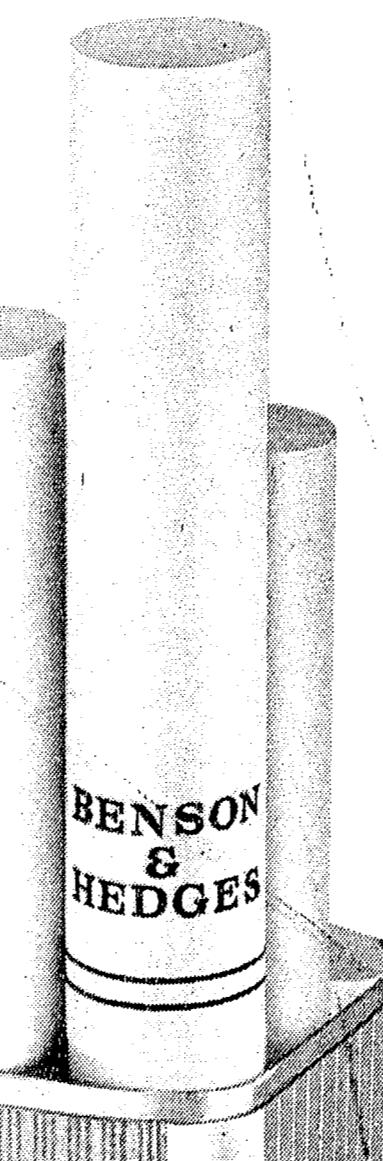
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In The News

Modern Living

Wolverine Lake man enjoys his whittlin'

By NANCY DINGELDEY

Emil Savich says he only knows an apple tree when there are apples on it. He also says he can't draw.

But, given a piece of wood and a knife, the recently retired Wolverine Lake Village man can turn out wood carvings that stand among the finest.

Usually choosing to carve animals or people, the man who says he can only draw stick figures, captures even the most minute details in his carving. Some are whimsical, some true to life, some painted, others left in the natural wood colors.

His talent is relatively new-found, not discovered until about ten years ago when a co-worker was attempting to

carve a chain for his B-57 Super Flying. Savich offered "I'll give it a try." Using a pen knife, he carved the length of wooden chain and launched himself into a hobby.

"It's the kind of thing you can pick up and put down," nodded Savich. "and I only carve when I feel like it. You can't hardly enjoy something if you look on it as work."

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As he became more involved in carving, Savich graduated from the pen knife to an X-acto knife, with changeable blades. Even though he bought a carving set a couple of years ago, he admits to always going back to his now favorite tool.

While still an inspector with the Ford Motor Company, Savich always carried a piece of wood and his trusty carver in his pocket. He used his break and lunch periods to relax with a little carving.

Those exploits, he says, always drew a group of onlookers, and a collection of carvings. One day he cracked, "used to tell me I carved the best fancies on horses and women of anyone around." Others, he added, constantly asked, "What's it going to be?"

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At one point, Savich said he felt he wasn't going to make it as a carver at all. "One of the guys at work came down with an old car he had carved — moving pistons and all. It was perfect. I couldn't begin to do it. But you know, he couldn't carve an animal or person to save himself."

At one point, Savich took a sculpting class and dabbled in clay, but his ability with the carving tool is basically self-taught — a natural talent.

Currently looking for a "good" book on anatomy and bone structure, Savich said he "eye-balled" his figures at first to get them in proportion. "My girls had boy's shoulders and short legs — they just didn't look right. Women have sloping shoulders, longer legs."

Taking a chunk of wood, Savich first determines what the subject will be and makes a rough outline on the material. He uses a hand saw to shape the wood to nearly one-eighth of an inch to the line. Then he attacks with his carving tools.

Savich says he always cuts the base first and makes one flat side for ease in handling. From then on, it's "all in the fingers."

Looking forward to moving to a retirement home in Florida, Savich says the first thing he has to buy is a band saw. Combine that with some wood and his handy set of golf clubs, he and his wife Irene, who recently retired as doctored Wolverine Lake Village, will be all set to enjoy their leisure pursuits.

There will be time for carving, "but only when I feel like it — I mean, after all, that's what a hobby is for, isn't it?"



Emil Savich has the master's touch with knife and wood



Savich displays figurine

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Community Notes

Novi Lions selling tickets for travelogue series

Members of the Novi Lions Club are busy selling tickets for the Novi Travel Series which begins October 25 with a presentation on the wonders of Ireland.

The presentation will be held in Novi High School's Fuerst Auditorium.

The travelogue is arranged by famed world traveler George Pierrot, who has piloted similar programs in Detroit, Troy and Birmingham.

Tickets, priced at \$15, can be purchased from any member of the LCI Club or by calling 348-1200, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. They also may be purchased by mail from Travel Masters, 43546 Grand River Avenue in Novi. Hudson's also serving as a ticket outlet. Individual tickets are priced at \$8.

paperback books for a used book sale later this month. The Pierrot will accept book donations until October 10. Used paperback books may be brought to the library or pick-up will be arranged by calling Linda Care at 624-8322.

Fire Prevention Night

In conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week, the Walled Lake Fire Department will display a fire and rescue truck at the Walled Lake McDonald's on Monday, October 9.

Representing the department will be Jeff Callahan. He will be on hand from 5-7 p.m. to explain the para-medical gear and life support systems contained in the units.

Children and parents are invited to view the equipment as well as receive information on fire prevention.

Oktoberfest

The West Bloomfield Episcopal Church of the Advent will host an Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The church is located on Middlebelt Road between Long Lake and Square Lake roads.

Continuous special events, games, and entertainment for all are planned.

Throughout the one-day festival, included are games, contests, street dancing, balloon artists, mouth-watering delicious German food, and German beer as well as soft drinks.

Handmade crafts, homemade goods from the Kitchen Nook, and an art fair are planned. The Rheingold Male Chorus will entertain at 3 p.m. along with the Schubert Band Singers direct from Germany. In addition, the movie "Sound of Music" will be shown at noon and 2 p.m.

Children's Benefit

A benefit dinner-theater performance for children, "Peter Pan's Never-Never-Village" (CISV) will be held at Vinton's in Livonia on Friday, October 20.

Included in the package is a buffet dinner and the play "Jaques Brel Is Alive and Well and Living in Paris." Tickets are priced at \$17.50 apiece.

Proceeds from the event will assist CISV in establishing a Greater Detroit chapter in 1980. Art and Joan Cornell of Walled Lake head the group. They may be contacted at 624-3329 for ticket reservations.

Brazilian Missions

Toni and Marlene Ramos, young

Brazilian missionaries from the Amazon Valley, will be the guest speakers at the 11 a.m. services at the Novi Community Church of Walled Lake on Sunday, October 8.

The missionaries are former students of Reverend Sam Ross, pastor of the Walled Lake church during his tenure as an instructor at the Bible Institute in Brazil.

The service will be in Portuguese with a simultaneous English translation.

LWV Meeting

Eleven ballot issues will be discussed at the League of Women Voters of Plymouth, Northville, Novi and Canton meeting on Wednesday, October 4, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Meads' Mill School at Six Mile and Bradner Roads in Northville.

Should the drinking age be raised from 18 to 21?

Should bail be denied to certain "criminals" or repeat offenders?

Should prisoners serve a minimum sentence before becoming eligible for parole?

Should a new constitutional convention be called to rewrite Michigan's basic laws, last revised in 1963?

Should property taxes be cut in half, 10 percent?

while allowing a one percent increase in the state income tax ("Fisch Amendment")?

Will we eliminate the use of property taxes for financing schools and provide state financing of public and private schools? (the voucher plan?)

These are some of the questions voters will be asking themselves. The League, as a part of its Financing and Government Services Study, will be discussing the pros and cons of issues that Michigan voters will decide in the November election.

The public is invited to attend the meeting.

AAUW Meeting

The Novi-Novi branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 10, in the

Cooke Junior High School Library on Taft Road in Northville at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Merte Richmond, an instructor in human ecology at Schoolcraft College.

The PBB, chemical and nuclear waste disposal, chemical fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides and radiation levels will be considered in the relationship of man to his daily environment.

Mrs. Richmond has taught biology and ecology at Schoolcraft College since 1970.

The American Association of University women was founded in 1889 and is open to all women who hold the baccalaureate or a higher degree.

Tickets are priced at \$17.50 apiece.

Proceeds from the event will assist CISV in establishing a Greater Detroit chapter in 1980. Art and Joan Cornell of Walled Lake head the group. They may be contacted at 624-3329 for ticket reservations.

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Award winner

Once again Mary Stricker of Wolverine Lake Village has proven herself a winner. She coped the top over-all prize in State Fair competition for china painting. Judged outstanding from all entries, this year's rendition, a large vase, combines delicate flowers and birds in a blend of delicate colorations. Adding the huge rosette to her growing collection, Mrs. Stricker's artistic talents have reaped her dozens of awards over the years for her

finely executed works. A well-known instructor, Mrs. Stricker will be one of the featured teachers at the annual Michigan China Painting Teachers Association show at Roma's of Bloomfield. A champagne preview is scheduled from 7:30 p.m. today (Wednesday) with Thursday hours from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Final day of the colorful show, which includes several demonstrations, is Friday with hours from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Women's caucus meets

A "Women in Politics and Public Life" conference will be held by the Second District Michigan Women's Political Caucus on Saturday, October 7.

The conference will feature Olivia P. (Libby) Maynard, the Democratic candidate for the lieutenant governor in the November 7 election.

The conference will be held in the Schoolcraft Cultural Arts Auditorium at 1800 Hagerty Road in Livonia.

The conference will enable participants to talk with women elected and appointed to local, county, and state offices — both Republicans and

Democrats. The conference will run from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Among the panelists will be Oakwood University Judge Alice Gilbert who is running for the Supreme Court, University of Michigan Regent Sarah Power, Governor William Milliken's Director of Women Affairs, Lavan Bremner, Wayne County Board of Commissioners Chairperson Jarrett Simons, and Livonia's Director of Community Resources Joann Duggan.

Those in attendance will also be able to obtain information on appointive positions on local, county, and state levels. A personal assessment of "Where Do I Go From Here" will conclude the conference.

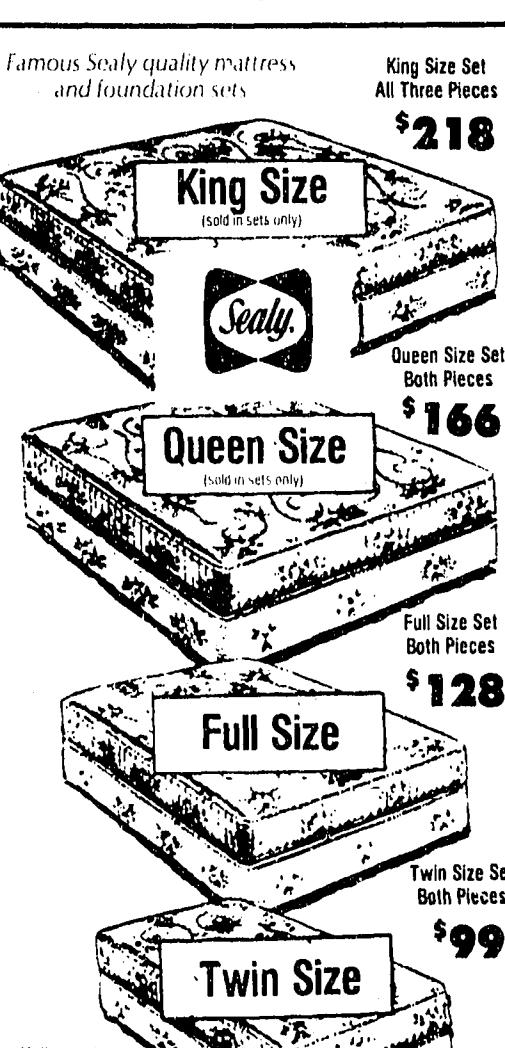
Registration materials are available from Alice Gunderson at 522-8738 or the Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center.

The Second District Women's Political Caucus is a multi-partisan organization whose goal is to involve women in the political process.

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Women's special interests are subject of workshops

Women and their special interests will be the focus of a series of workshops being offered at the Henry Ford Hospital (HFH) West Bloomfield Center beginning October 12. The workshops are offered in conjunction with the West Bloomfield Community Education Department.

The four-week Women's Workshop series, organized by HFH volunteers, is aimed at answering a woman's questions about various phases of her life. A different program will be offered each week. The session with topics ranging from menopause to communication within the family.

The first session will be on clinical and psychological implications of menopause as discussed by HFH Gynecologist Dr. Dorothy Porter and HFH Social Worker Barbara Richter.

The Reverend Father Cliff Ruszkowski, chairman of the Communications Department at St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake, will be the featured speaker at the session on October 12. He will discuss communications between spouses and between parent and child.

Stress and distress is the topic of the third session on October 26. Michelle Lepore, registered nurse from HFH, will be the speaker. The last session will be

on the importance of exercise and diet with HFH physician Dr. Bruce Reylea as the speaker. A potluck diet luncheon made from recipes supplied by HFH Dietitian Kathleen School on Orchard Lake Road. There is a \$5 fee for the series and class size is limited.

ed to bring their own lunch.

Registration for the workshops must be done at the Community Education Office in Orchard Lake Middle School on Orchard Lake Road. There is a \$5 fee for the series and class size is limited.

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Census starts in November

The city will gain no additional tax revenues from the special census, however, due to the special census conducted in 1975 when 14,385 residents were counted.

The state only recognizes one special census in between the ten-year federal censuses for additional state aid.

Estimates of the city's population today run from 16,000 to 19,000.

The estimates run even higher when the population of the several parcels of Novi Township, tentatively slated for annexation, are included.

The authorization to proceed with the census was granted by the Novi City Council at its September 25 meeting, reversing two close votes which rejected the proposal.

Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall argued for the special census in order for the city to gain additional liquor licenses. The additional liquor licenses will in turn, according to city officials, raise enough additional tax revenue to offset the approximate \$10,000 cost of conducting the census.

Kriewall said the city was in a "crucial" time in regard to attracting high quality developments and the availability of liquor licenses might be the determining factor.

Rumors of a large hotel coming into the city have floated around city hall for several years.

City officials used up the city's last two liquor licenses last year, granting licenses to B's Pub in the Twelve Oaks Mall and Kim's Gardens, a Chinese-Polynesian Restaurant under construction on Novi Road just north of Grand River Avenue.

The city is allotted one liquor license for every 1,500 residents.

Allie hopes to gain two, and perhaps three, liquor licenses from the special census.

Mid-rise complex faces delay again

At the August 14 meeting, action on the rezoning request was delayed a third time after City Planning Consultant Charles Cairns told the council that the new regulations were "excessive" and might not stand up in court.

The council subsequently reversed its decision on setback requirements, decreasing the 4:1 ratio back to the original 3:1 ratio of setback per linear foot of building height.

In addition, the council also retained a regulation which requires buildings to be at least three stories but no more than five stories in height. The rationale behind the three-story minimum requirement is that it would prohibit the developer from constructing a series of fast food stores and other less desirable buildings along the major thoroughfares.

Cairns returned to the council last week with a new set of regulations for the OSC district. The planning consultant said the new regulations had been developed to eliminate the possibility of strip commercial development along major thoroughfares in the OSC.

According to the original plans of the developer, the 85-acre complex would include:

— a four-story office building that would serve as regional headquarters of a major United States corporation presently located in New York;

— a five-story hotel;

— 40,000 square feet of office space in a series of buildings;

— a recreation complex that could include a theater, building alley and racketball courts;

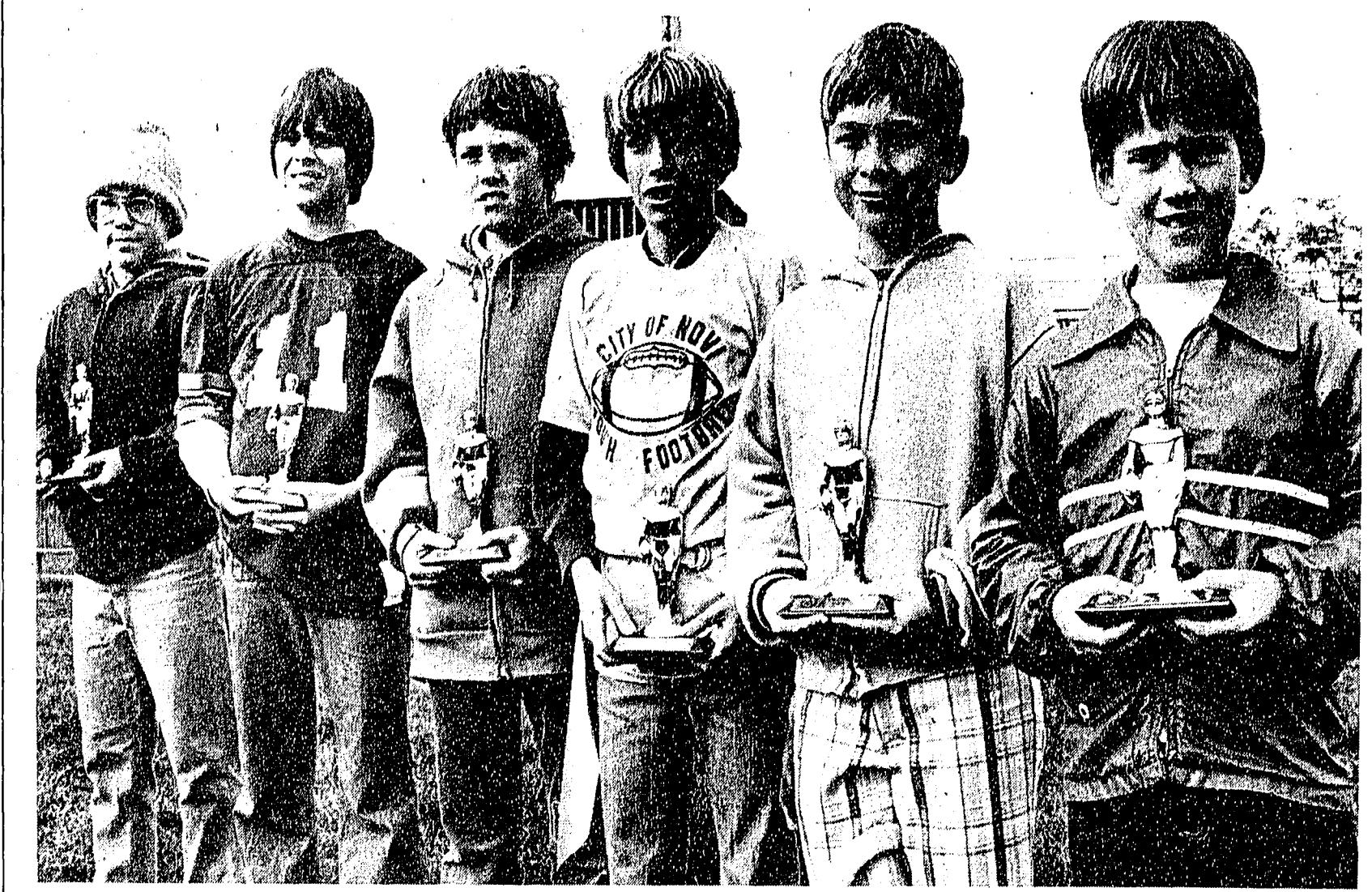
— a series of retail stores.

The proposal has prompted a considerable amount of interest and led the council to establish new rules and regulations for the OSC district.

Orchard Hill Place Representative Joseph Gerak first requested the rezoning at the June 27 council meeting, but the request was delayed in order for the council to adopt changes in the OSC district at its July 24 meeting.

At the July 24 meeting, the council voted to adopt the new regulations on the district and increased the setback requirements from three feet per linear foot of building height to four feet per linear foot of building height. The council also made more restrictive regulations concerning the amount of the development which can be used for parking.

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Board considers tax proposals

Taking a noncommittal approach, members of the Novi School Board decided October 5 to take no stand on the three tax proposals facing Michigan voters on the November ballot.

But despite taking no official stand as a board, several board members said it pretty clear they would like to see all three proposals rejected by voters.

The three proposals — the Tisch, Headie and voucher plans — all seek to change the ways tax dollars are

handled in the state. All would affect the financing of public education to varying degrees.

Perhaps the most controversial of the three proposals is the Tisch Amendment, modeled after California's Proposition 13. The proposal has been pushed by Robert Tisch, Shiawasse County Drain Commissioner.

The Tisch Amendment, if passed, would reduce property taxes by one-half and limit property value increases

for tax purposes to 2.5 percent per year. It would also, however, allow for an increase of one percent in the state income tax and allow local income taxes if approved by the voters.

In an informational report, Novi Superintendent Gerald Kratz stated "it is an enormous tax shift, benefiting primarily non-residents, businesses, corporations and vacation property owners."

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estimated a loss of \$1.75 billion in property tax revenues to local units — with about \$1.1 billion of that taken from local schools.

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