

Road commission plans citizen service office

The Oakland County Road Commission's ombudsman office will be elevated January 1 to become the Department of Citizen Services, and the staff will be increased from two to four.

"Public acceptance of this specialized processing of complaints for both operational and policy responses has been great during its five year existence," said Fred D. Houghton, road commissioner, who has announced the reorganization.

"More than 10,000 citizen requests are handled annually now. In addition to assuring appropriate and timely actions by our maintenance, traffic and other departments, the ombudsman function has helped develop programs such as countywide road graveling and prompted use of specialized equipment," said Houghton.

"The new Department of Citizen Services will also assume the related function of processing the very popular dust-control calcium chloride program. Under this program local units of government and citizen groups contract with us for four applications of the chloride and road grading during warmer months," Houghton said, noting, "Now one telephone number (658-4041) will serve both complaints and chloring."

Michael Richardson, who has headed the ombudsman function since its inception in 1973, will be the new department's director. Richardson will be freed of the other duties he assumed in 1976 as secretary-clerk to the Board of Road Commissioners.

The position and title of secretary-clerk will be combined with that of managing director, which will facilitate handling by the office of managing director the receiving and processing of claims against the road commission, said Houghton. The road commission's new Risk/Loss Management function is a division of the office of managing director.

Other duties of the secretary-clerk will, effective January 1, be delegated to a new position of deputy secretary-clerk who will also be a director of the secretary-clerk department.

Eileen West has been named deputy secretary-clerk/director by Managing Director John L. Grubba. She will also continue as office manager to the offices of managing director and county highway engineer.

The new position of Citizens Services director will have a salary range of \$23,785 to \$27,196. Richardson will continue at his present salary of \$20,638.

The new position of deputy secretary-clerk/director will have a salary range of \$18,418 to \$21,418. West will be salaried at \$18,418.

The reorganization does not change the salary of the managing director, despite addition of the secretary-clerk title. Grubba is salaried at \$44,400.



Helping hands

At least 11 Wixom families enjoyed a full Christmas dinner thanks to the efforts of the Wixom Goodfellows. The hearty band of men and women purchased the baskets with money collected through their annual newspaper sales two weeks ago. Wixom Food Mart owner Sam Poota, flanked by Goodfellows Paul Salo and Henry Mack check the boxes prior to their delivery to homes Thursday. According to the Goodfellows, the yearly "baskets" which brighten the homes of those less fortunate, included everything for a complete Christmas dinner with enough staples to last at least one month. Along with a turkey or chickens, the Goodfellows included a small canned ham, canned goods, peanut butter, coffee, eggs, milk, bread, hot chocolate mix, vegetables and fruit. In addition, the Goodfellows remembered several Wixom shut-ins and those in nursing homes with poinsettia plants.

Wixom historians eye CBD funds

The Wixom Historical Society has mounted a campaign to preserve the old Novi Township Hall. Representatives of the Wixom Historical Society made a pitch for a portion of the Community Development Block (CDB) Grant funds which will be available to Wixom next year at a public hearing last week.

Society representatives asked that at least \$5,000 be set aside for construction of a basement for the former Novi Township Hall which has been donated to the group by Frazier Staman. Staman is a Wixom resident, a longtime Novi businessman, and a former Novi Township supervisor as well as a former member of the Oakland County Road Commission. He is also the owner of the former township hall which is located on Novi Road near the Grand River intersection.

Members of the Historical Society asked for the funding under a section of the program which permits restoration and preservation of property of special value for historic reasons.

A study group for the society investigated the building prior to its acceptance. Funds were requested to construct a full cement block basement on the city property at Wixom and Maple Roads where the society's historic Tiffin House is also located.

The building which currently stands on Novi Road south of Grand River is owned by Staman and bears a mid-1920s construction date.

It will be moved at Staman's expense to the Tiffin site.

Included with the acquisition are several pieces of old township memorabilia including the ballot box and clerk's records. A portion of Wixom stood in Novi Township until the city adopted village status in 1958.

Although the historic group was the only one to present a concrete proposal, several other residents added commentary to the grant usage.

The purpose of the public hearing was to gain citizen input into the program and was the first of two scheduled hearings. The second will be held January 23.

The city is entering the final year of grants available to them as a Hold Harmless city through the HUD-sponsored program. Through the CDB, the city expects to receive \$80,000 in 1979 with an additional \$30,000 expected through city participation in the Oakland County Community Development Block Grant.

Additional programs listed for possible funding and under discussion are senior citizen housing, acquisition of property for such housing, recreation facilities and the development of 22 acres of additional city parkland located south of Maple Road near Beck.

Although senior housing and a senior center were discussed, Mayor's Assistant Stephen Bonczek said he did not think it necessary for the city to acquire land for such programs because of the development of senior housing in Walled Lake. He added that private investors have already approached the city with plans for senior housing, preferring to acquire their own sites.

The council and mayor appeared to be more in favor of building or upgrading a senior center. Councilman Melvin Green commented that it did not appear there was a definite need in the city for senior housing but there was a greater need for a center.

Pointing to the City Annex Building on Pontiac Trail currently used by the seniors for their activities, Mayor William Spencer claimed it was the most active center in the entire school district. She questioned if funding could be used to acquire property for better parking facilities.

"I don't think we should put the seniors off to themselves," remarked Councilman Val Vangjesson. "I am more in favor of monies being used to improve the facilities we already have if they meet the needs of the seniors."

Wayne Gleason from the Planning Commission and Bill Abrams, director of the Parks and Recreation Commission, expressed hopes for funding recreational facilities. Abrams leaned to monies being used at the Maple Road acreage for development of athletic fields.

The whole program will be discussed again in January. Other listed usage for CDB funds are solid waste disposal facilities, fire protection equipment and facilities, and parking and utilities.

Monies may also be used for street improvements, pedestrian malls and walkways, flood and drainage facilities not covered under other federal programs, and single or multi-purpose neighborhood facilities.

The final proposal for Oakland County CD funds usage must be filed by January 31. Deadline for submittal of the CD application to HUD is April 12. If approved, the city will receive notification from the governmental agency by June 30.

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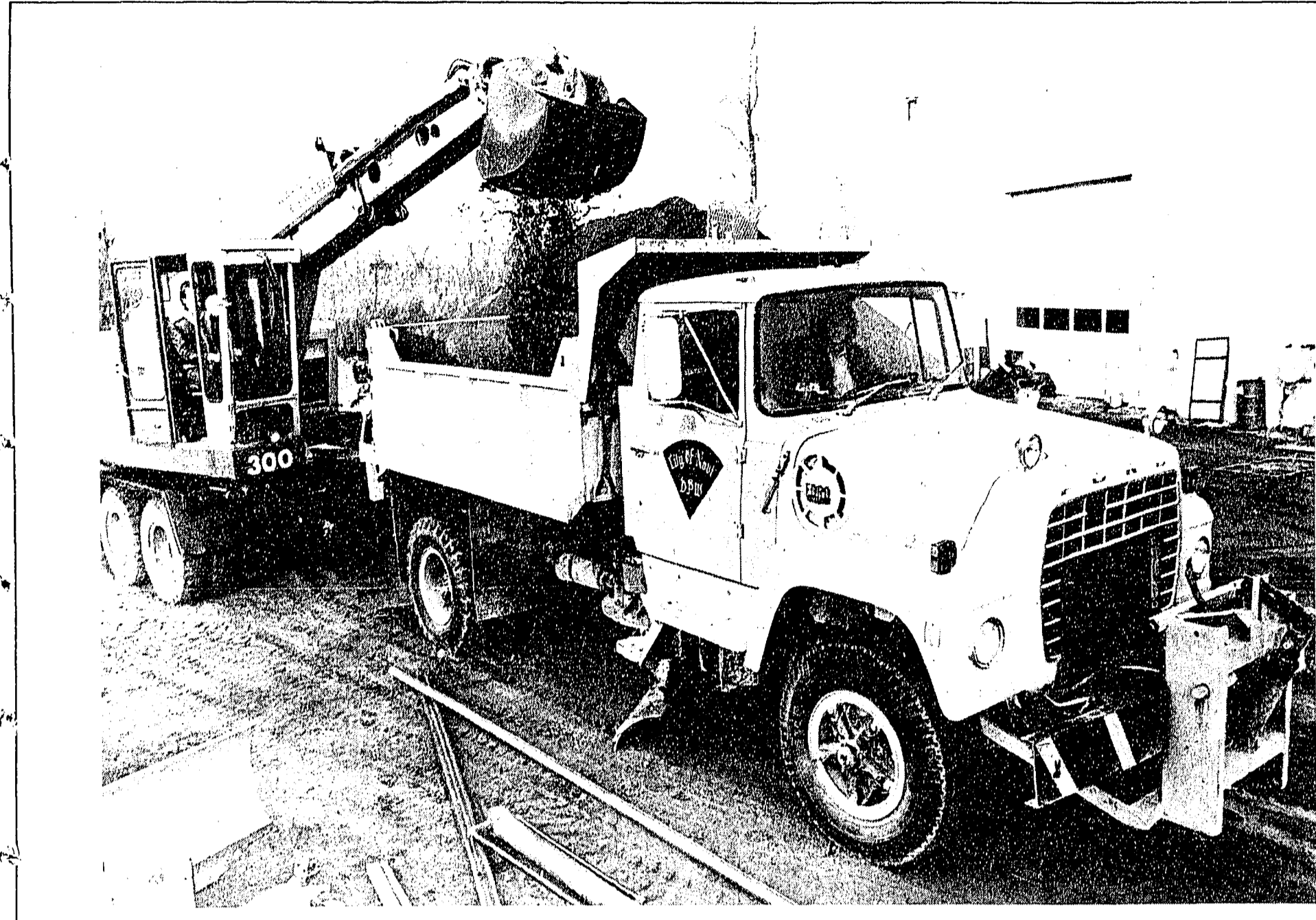
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The department has about 100 tons of salt on hand, 200 tons of sand treated with chloride, two road graders and six salt trucks which are used to keep 80 miles of roadway clear during the winter months.

Edward Sniadek, DPW director, explained that the number of trucks used depends upon the amount of snow which has fallen. Salt crews will go out in three to four trucks if less than two inches have fallen, but the entire fleet will hit the roads if more than four inches have accumulated.

Trucks can be dispatched for any amount of snowfall since even half an inch of snow could freeze and cause slippery road conditions which require salting, Sniadek explained.

Snow crews are ready for work at all hours of the day or night. Novi police constantly monitor the roads and if hazardous conditions develop the employees on the DPW call list are notified to clear the streets.

Basically the road crews follow two different routes to clear away the snow, according to Sniadek. The routes vary depending upon the amount of snow, the direction of the wind, and other weather conditions.

After a snowfall or when icy conditions exist, the snow removal first clear the major streets and mile roads, then take care of the collector roads which run between the mile roads, and then move onto the subdivision streets which are school bus routes.

Probably the hardest part of the city to keep clear, when there is a northerly wind, is South Lake Drive, Sniadek said. When the wind shifts, Garfield, Taft, Beck and Meadowbrook roads all present difficulties.

Some hazards accompany the job of keeping city streets clear since the roads are slippery when the men go to work, according to the DPW director. He also said problems are caused by persons who get stuck and leave their cars in the road.

His crew has never had to perform any heroics, such as saving a stranded motorist, but simply keeping the roads clear could be considered saving people's lives, Sniadek said.

Sniadek remembers the exact date of the worst snow storm his crew has encountered: January 26 and 27 of 1978. During the storm, which buried the state, his men worked 30 straight hours. Last year the DPW used 200 tons of sand and 800 tons of salt to keep the roads clear.

With at least four months of winter left this year the department has used only 30 tons of salt and 100 tons of sand. The sand and salt is ordered as is needed, Sniadek explained.

Beside the responsibility of keeping the roads clear, the crew also must keep the equipment operational and maintain the trucks and graders.

Public hearing on block grant set for January

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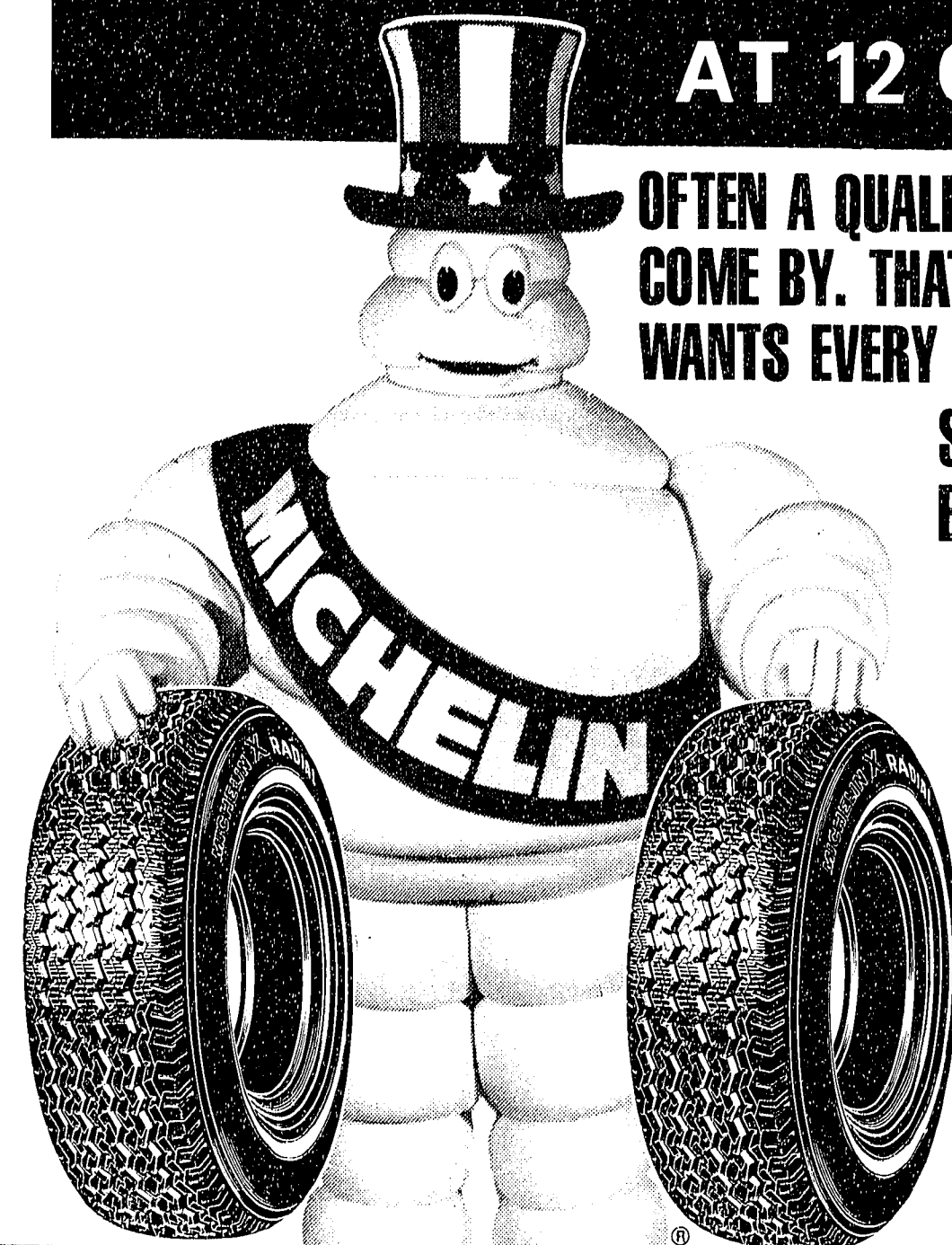
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By ROLLY PETERSON

As never before, Americans are digging into their pasts, tracing the family tree and reading more and more history. The recent surge of historical interest was spawned by the popular television serial, "Roots," and also by the United States Bicentennial celebration.

people in this area, history always has beckoned to them like some beneficent Siren with its alluring song. The three are Glenn Ruggles, a Commerce Township resident, Francis Gazlay, who lives in Northville, and Edna Peach, a Green Oak Township resident.

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The groom-elect is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Morris, also of Walled Lake.

Both are graduates of Walled Lake Western High School. She is currently employed in the secretarial field, while he is in welding.

A February 9 wedding is being planned by the couple.

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Patricia Erwin weds Indiana man

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Puppeteers to entertain kids at Wixom Library

A special winter vacation treat is planned for Wixom youngsters on Thursday, December 28...

Save Your Tree
If yours happens to be a live Christmas tree and you live in the Novi area...

New Year's Eve
The First Baptist Church of Walled Lake will bid farewell to the old year...

Recreation Public Hearing
A public hearing on the proposed Wixom Master Recreation Plan will be held...

Waxom Baptist Church will celebrate its annual Watchnight Service from 9 p.m. to midnight on New Year's Eve at the church located on Wixom Road at Maple.

Commission and city officials are requesting citizen input into the program, described as the first comprehensive plan developed for the community based on standards set up by

Idiopathic Scoliosis is a lateral curvature of the spine that can lead to permanent crippling if undetected...

Teachers at both junior high schools have been trained in the screening procedure. Parents will be advised of the dates of screening and the procedures used.

A morning session of Novi Weight Watchers is being offered every Monday at the Novi Library from 10 to 11 a.m.

Expectant Parent Class
A series of Expectant Parent classes sponsored by the Oakland County Division of Health will begin Thursday, January 4...

Immunization Clinic
The Oakland County Division of Health will offer a free immunization clinic at the Southwest Oakland Vocational Education Center (SVOVEC) in Walled Lake on Tuesday, January 2...

Recent Changes in Tax Laws...
A talk on what's new in 1978-79 personal income tax laws will be given by John Snow, CPA, on Wednesday, January 10...

Regular registration for the winter semester at Oakland Community College will be held January 3-5 according to alphabetical schedule.

Parents can bring a copy of the income tax laws booklet and paper and pencil if desired. A question and answer period will be included in the discussion.

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The Lions Club visited the Whitehall Convalescent Home recently, singing carols and leaving holiday baskets of fruit for the residents at the home.

Barb Pietron won the mystery game. The week's high bowler was Jean Fortner with a 210 in a 9/16 series.

Novi Girl Scouts
Village Oaks Brownie Troop 519 had an evening investiture under the direction of Marcia Toth. The ceremonies were followed by a Christmas party at which entertainment was provided by Deborah Kidd with her guitar.

Novi Lioness Club
The Lioness Club visited the Whitehall Convalescent Home recently, singing carols and leaving holiday baskets of fruit for the residents at the home.

Novi Jaycees
The Novi Jaycees have announced plans to sponsor snowmobile drag races in February. There will be competition for both professional and amateur racers from across the state.

Novi Boy Scouts
The boys raised some \$480 through their rummage sale under the direction of Mrs. Burgess.

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Novi Highlights

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Here's what's happening this week

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27
Walled Lake Eagles Aerie, 8 p.m., Eagles Clubhouse, 125 East Walled Lake Drive
Novi American Legion Post 19, 8 p.m., American Legion Post Home, Northville

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28
Puppet Show, 1 p.m., Wixom City Hall community room
Parents without Partners, 8 p.m., Chalet, 3688 Grand River, Farmington

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29
Walled Lake Senior Citizens Drop-in Center, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

Season's Greetings from ROSS B. NORTROP & SON FUNERAL DIRECTORS

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Table listing various churches including Beck Road Baptist Chapel, Living Lord Lutheran Community, Walled Lake Baptist Church, Bethel Baptist Church, etc.

A tangible reminder of the past

Continued from I-D she too heard the tales linking the home with the escape route. Dr. Banks died in 1926 at the age of 68. She is buried in the Banks family plot in the Walled Lake Cemetery.

Perhaps the Banks-Bradley-Foster house may be named a state historical landmark, a first for the city. Perhaps the economics of preservation should be explored. Perhaps then the house would face a certain future.



Something new to interest you.

First Federal has a new Eight-Year Certificate Savings Account that pays 8% interest per year, guaranteed for the full term.

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Local students earn degrees

A total of seven local residents were among the more than 1,100 students who received degrees from Eastern Michigan University (EMU) at winter commencement exercises recently.

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Prizes await first arrival

Expectant moms may be eyeing December 31 as a good date for the arrival of an extra 1978 deduction, but for the little tyke who waits for an early 1979 birth date, a title awaits.

In the second "new baby" contest sponsored by the Walled Lake-Novi News and participating merchants, the first baby to be born in 1979 will capture the title and a host of prizes.

The contest, open to any expectant mom with a Walled Lake, Novi or Wixom mailing address, will spotlight the first baby born after midnight on New Year's Day. The babies are not required to be born in these particular communities, however.

This is the second year for the contest sponsored by The News in Walled Lake. Wixom and Novi residents have been vying for the title however, through a similar contest run by the Northville Record-Novi News for 23 years.

Deadline for reporting the first baby is Monday, January 8, at 5 p.m. Time of birth must be verified by the attending physician. If no entries are received by the deadline, the contest will be extended one week.

To date, the overall competition has had 13 girls and nine boys as winners. Eric Allen Sahlberg from Novi took the first Walled Lake-Novi news crown last year.

His arrival came on January 3 at 11:09 a.m. The hefty first-born of Sharon and Sten Sahlberg, he weighed in at nine pounds, seven ounces, was 21½ inches long, and was said by his dad to be the most beautiful baby in the entire hospital.

Now 23 pounds and 30 inches tall, Eric has a limited beginner's vocabulary of "ma ma" and occasionally "da da" and has just begun to walk. Described by his mom as a happy, sociable baby, Eric just experienced his first visit with Santa "and loved every minute of it."

Stuffed animals and the kitchen cupboards are included among favorite playthings of the young man. Although his parents agree that life has changed a great deal with his arrival, they continue to enjoy watching him grow and look forward to his first birthday party.

To the new "first baby of 1979" will go a list of gifts that will prove useful to mom, dad and baby. The News awaits the first call after January 1 at 624-8100.



Eric Sahlberg of Novi was 1978's first baby

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Aspirin use high among students

A survey of average intake of drugs conducted by a team of Michigan State University research scientists has shown that 40 percent of fourth to sixth graders use aspirin in a typical week, and that 25 percent take aspirin without parental knowledge.

The findings came in a survey of thousands of college, elementary and high school students to determine the average use of all drugs including aspirin and alcohol.

The boys and girls who used aspirin without parental approval indicated that their parents would not have objected had they known of the use. In fact, some youngsters said their parents had given them permission to use aspirin whenever they felt ill.

Among college-age students, one of

every four had used aspirin during the 48 hours prior to their interviews, with women (33 percent) reporting a rate twice that of males (17 percent).

The study was undertaken because of a lack of data concerning the use of non-prescription drugs available to the general public from supermarkets and drug stores. Previous studies have stressed the consumption of illicit drugs such as heroin and marijuana.

Of all the drugs investigated in the three surveys of college, elementary and high school students, aspirin was consistently used at high rates by all age groups. Headaches, tension, restlessness, insomnia, colds and "a feeling that a headache was coming on" were given as reasons for taking aspirin. The researchers noted, however, that aspirin is not intended to

combat insomnia or restlessness, and has little or no effect on bacteria or viruses.

In attempting to explain their findings that women used aspirin much more than men, the investigators suggested that women may be more socialized to readily admit discomfort and thus ingest drugs to alleviate pain and stress.

The high use of aspirin could not be explained simply on the basis of relieving menstrual discomfort. Even girls who had not reached puberty consumed larger amounts of aspirin than did preadolescent boys.

College seniors, both men and women, ingested more aspirin than freshmen. The increased usage by individuals approaching graduation, the professors said, may indicate

increased stress related to the anticipation of entering the world of work.

"Although proper use of some aspirin can be beneficial, merchandising efforts of aspirin manufacturing companies have been so successful," said the MSU researchers, "that most of the population is not aware of the harmful aspects of aspirin use such as stomach ulceration, bleeding and kidney damage."

They suggested that drug education programs should begin early and include parents as well as children. Harmful effects of such easily available drugs as aspirin should be emphasized, they said. Children should learn to avoid using drugs as a crutch in facing the stresses of modern living.

Grants available for OCC

Persons interested in attending Oakland Community College but concerned about tuition may be eligible to take advantage of a Basic Educational Opportunities Grant. These grants, which require no repayment, are available to all persons regardless

of age who have not received a first baccalaureate degree. Grants normally cover up to four years of study leading to a first degree. Awards are determined according to an "eligibility index" and by the level of federal appropriations available.

An in-county resident carrying a full load of 30 credit hours at OCC for 2½ semesters may receive a total of \$988. An out-county resident with a similar academic load would receive \$1,138. Students must be enrolled in at least six credit hours to be eligible. Senior citizens living on fixed incomes are

especially urged to take advantage of these educational benefits. OCC offers a variety of courses that may be of interest. Interested persons must apply directly to Basic Education Opportunities Grant for the grant money. Any OCC Financial Aid Counselor can help obtain the necessary forms.

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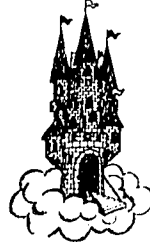
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