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## Simmons sub disposes of waste hauler

By SCOTT DANIEL  
 Staff Writer

Confusion over trash collection has led one Novi subdivision to dump Pontiac-based hauler Oakland Disposal.

According to Nancy Pantaleo, of Simmons Orchard, the subdivision dropped the company last week because of pick up problems, which began in late August. She said garbage in Simmons Orchard, located near Ten Mile and Taft Road, sat uncollected from Aug. 30 to Sept. 3.

"We made up our minds that we weren't going to keep them," said Pantaleo, who works with the subdivision's homeowners association.

Like Simmons Orchard, other neighborhoods in Novi have recently experienced collection problems with the company. Oakland Disposal serves Meadowbrook, Glens, Turtle Creek, Willbrook and Charington Green subdivisions.

Residents complained of late pick up by Oakland Disposal over the Labor Day weekend. Similar reports from Turtle Creek surfaced over the same period.

According to Novi Ordinance Officer Tony Swope, the financial stability of the company appears to be in doubt. He said he stopped and ticketed an Oakland Disposal truck Friday.

The tickets were issued for using an expired license plate and collecting trash without a city license. The driver of the truck said he was working for a different hauling company, Al's Disposal and Recycling, Swope said. The driver of the truck told him, he said, that Oakland sold hauling contracts in Meadowbrook, Glens and the Chateau Estates Mo-

bile Homes to Al's within the past two months.

Pantaleo buttressed Swope's statements.

In late July, she said, she received a letter from the company stating that they were "reorganizing." She said the company changed its name to the "Bloomfield Disposal" Corp.

Because of Oakland's instability and collection problems, Simmons Orchard dropped the company and picked up Waste Management Inc.

"We never had a contract with (Oakland Disposal)," Pantaleo said. The firm has failed to respond to numerous attempts by the Novi News for an interview on its solvency or the reasons for trash collection problems. The Pontiac company answered phone calls Tuesday as "Oakland Disposal."

Pantaleo said Simmons Orchard paid the company on a monthly basis for its services. She said she recently got a bill from them that was labeled Bloomfield Disposal.

Meanwhile, Swope said the company faces fines from the ordinance violations.

A fine of \$250-\$500 is being levied against the firm for using an expired license plate. Swope said collecting trash without a license is punishable by a \$500 fine and/or 90 days in jail for the owner of the company.

According to Agnes Durbin, of the city clerk's office, neither Oakland Disposal, Bloomfield Disposal or Al's Disposal and Recycling is licensed to collect trash in Novi. She did say that someone, who identified himself as representing a "subsidiary" of Oakland Disposal, picked up paperwork Monday for the licensing procedure.



Photo by HAL GOULD

## Circus comes to town

The Frazer Bros. Circus performed two Jaycees. Above, Paul Ayala thrilled the audience with his juggling act.

## Ex-mayor comes up a winner in primary

By JAN JEFFRES  
 Staff Writer

Former Novi Mayor Robert Schmid led the pack of six city council candidates who will now proceed to the November election. His triumph won him a kiss from an Oakland County commissioner — his wife, Kay.

The top contenders of nine hopefuls in the Tuesday primary were Schmid (910 votes), Carol Mason (844 votes), incumbent Joseph Toth (746 votes), Kevin Crain (724 votes), Diana Canup (709) and Gerald Shulman (652 votes.)

They will compete for three vacancies on the council. Voter turnout was 8.8 percent. There was a certain symmetry about the total number of votes cast — 1,991.

Winnowed from the field were David Ruyie (330 votes), Robert Freeman (144 votes) and Robert Huntington (119 votes). Former candidate Rob Manooch, who withdrew from the race in August, won 34 votes.

Schmid served on the Novi City Council from 1975 to 1985. In November 1985, he lost out to Pat Karevich in his bid to be the first mayor in Novi history to win a third, consecutive term.

In the Nov. 5 election, Mayor Matthew Quirin should have no difficulty in taking that record. He is running unopposed for his third term.

"I feel very pleased. I'm a little disappointed with the total amount of votes cast," Schmid said.

"When you're number one, you have to work a little bit harder because there are five people chasing you. I think it demonstrates that the people of Novi liked Bob Schmid."

Mason was not at the gathering of candidates in the Novi city hall atrium.

Joella Shulman, campaign manager for her husband Gerald Shul-

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## Amnesty offered for cable pirates

By JAN JEFFRES  
 Staff Writer

It was a dark and rainy night. The suspect was curled up in an easy chair, remote control in hand, enjoying an evening of Nick-At-Nite when — Zappo — faster than a twitch of Samantha's nose, quicker than Mork can blurt out "Nano Nano" — an "electronic bullet" fired by MetroVision hit with the precision of a Smart bomb the heart of the purloined cable converter box.

So closes another case of television piracy. MetroVision, which provides cable service to 30,000 subscribers in Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills, is getting tough on illegal use through a new, 12-week cam-

paign — "Pull the Plug on Cable Theft."

Culprits will be offered amnesty, no questions asked, if they give themselves and their illegal cable converter and/or connection up by calling MetroVision at 553-7300, said Dan Dinsmore, regional marketing manager.

They will then be offered the chance to subscribe to the service. Moreover, law-abiding cable viewers are encouraged to turn in television pirates by dialing an anonymous number — 1-800-241-5889.

"People don't look at it as stealing. They look at it as getting something for nothing," Dinsmore said.

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## Brett presses on; starts first grade

By JAN JEFFRES  
 Staff Writer

Brett Schneider started first grade Monday — just seven schooldays late.

Listening to him chatter, it's hard to believe that not so long ago his young life was on the line. Brett was burned over half his body on July 8 when he somehow ran into a 13,200 volt downed electrical wire at Lakeshore Park. He remained in critical condition for three days.

The 6-year-old doesn't remember much about the accident.

But Brett says he would have preferred if it had happened to an ant, instead of him. He doesn't much like ants.

"One little spark was hopping along and it touched me and I said 'ow' and I was hopping up in the air and then another one came and another one. And I caught fire," he recalls.

His homecoming from the University of Michigan Burn Center two weeks ago was a surprise to

"One little spark was hopping along and it touched me and I said 'ow' and I was hopping up in the air and then another one came and another one. And I caught fire."

Brett Schneider, recalling the incident in Lakeshore Park July 8

the entire family. The release came early because of his parents' skill in changing the bandages and dressing on his arms, legs and head.

"It's amazing seeing him sitting there, smiling and laughing, after seeing him a few weeks ago,"

said Francis Schneider, Brett's father. "When he was lying in intensive care, it was tough. He would be lying there — his head was all swollen — he'd have one eye open watching us. We'd read to him and hold up the pictures."

Over the past two months, the family put 13,000 miles on their new van, commuting to Ann Arbor. Brett's mother, Pamela, was at the hospital every day from 9 a.m. to midnight. His father pulled similar bedside shifts. Both read him stories until they were hoarse.

Brett was one of six people injured in Michigan by downed electrical lines following the July 7 super storm. Another four died.

"I feel he would have never survived if it wasn't for the way he acted and how tough he was. It was amazing how he was. A lot of adults couldn't take what he took," said mother Pamela Schneider.

"It's hard to answer his questions. He'll say stuff like why did this have to happen to him?"

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## Study will target excess fertilizing

By SCOTT DANIEL  
 Staff Writer

With the end of summer near, many Novi residents may be thinking it is time to put on that last application of fertilizer before winter hits, and then they can stop worrying about how green their lawns are.

But, Joe Toth says he won't stop worrying. The city councilman said he would soon propose that the city form a committee to study the effects of lawn spraying on health and ground water contamination. The committee would be geared toward developing an ordinance regulating lawn spraying and fertilizing in

Novi. "Something about (lawn spraying) just doesn't smell right," Toth said.

According to state and local officials, Toth may have a point. They say the application of fertilizers and other chemicals, by both lawn companies and individual homeowners, has contributed to problems with lakes and wildlife in Novi and much of Michigan.

Debbie Allen, chief of surface water quality for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in Lansing, said the same fertilizers that homeowners feed their lawns also feeds vegetation in nearby lakes. She said nutrients in the fertilizers, mainly phosphorus and

nitrogen, eventually run off into lakes and lead to shorter life spans. "What you end up with is a weed-choked lake or river," Allen said. "The aging process of the lake is speeded up."

That process, eutrophication, is natural, she added. Over time, vegetation in lakes and streams build up. The high vegetation levels cause oxygen levels to become deficient and life is slowly cut off in the lakes.

The problem is becoming more prevalent, Allen said. "It's very common," she said, particularly in southern Michigan with (its) warmer, shallower lakes. A main cause behind fertilizers seeping into lakes and rivers is their excessive use, Allen commented.

When more fertilizer is applied than the lawn needs, excess materials end up in storm sewers leading to the bodies of water.

"Nuisance weed growth results," Allen said. According to Edward Phelps, a resident of Novi's Walled Lake area for eight years, fertilizer runoff has helped contribute to a build up of algae at the lake. He believes the algae, in turn, has caused annual fish kills at Walled Lake.

Phelps, a member of the Lakes Area Residents Association (LARA), said his group is actively trying to encourage residents to use less fertilizers around Walled Lake.

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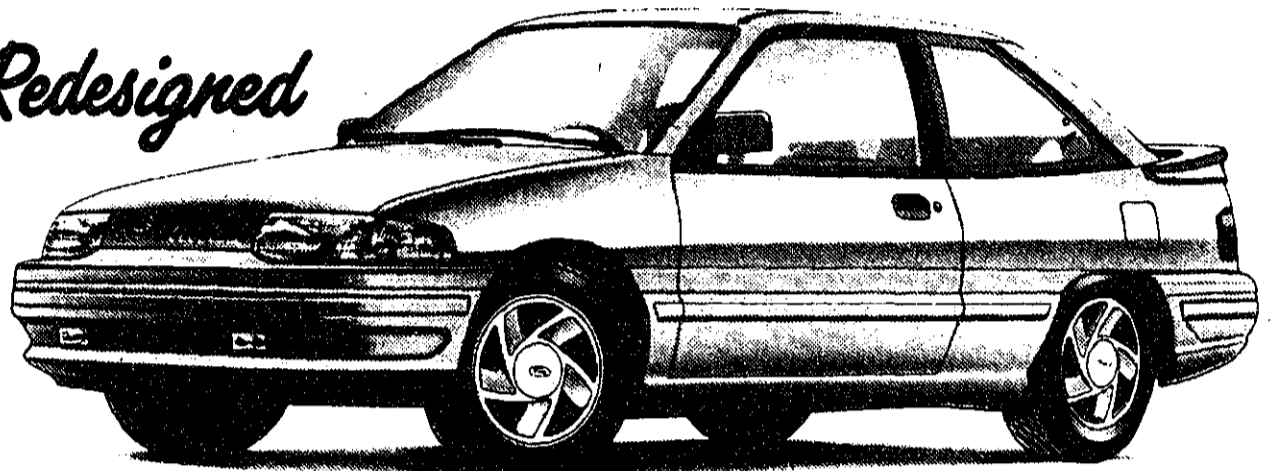
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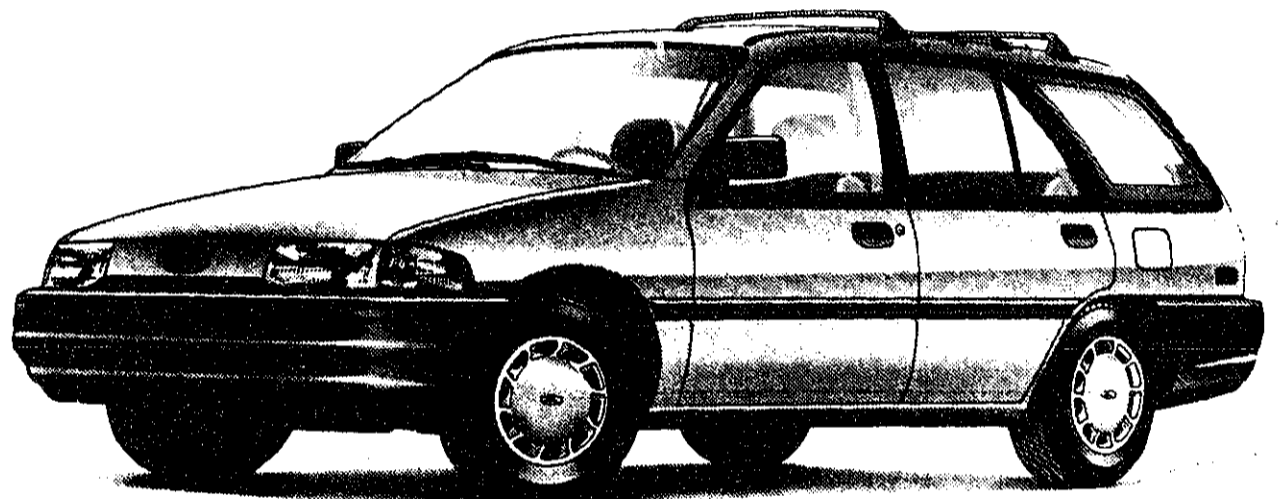
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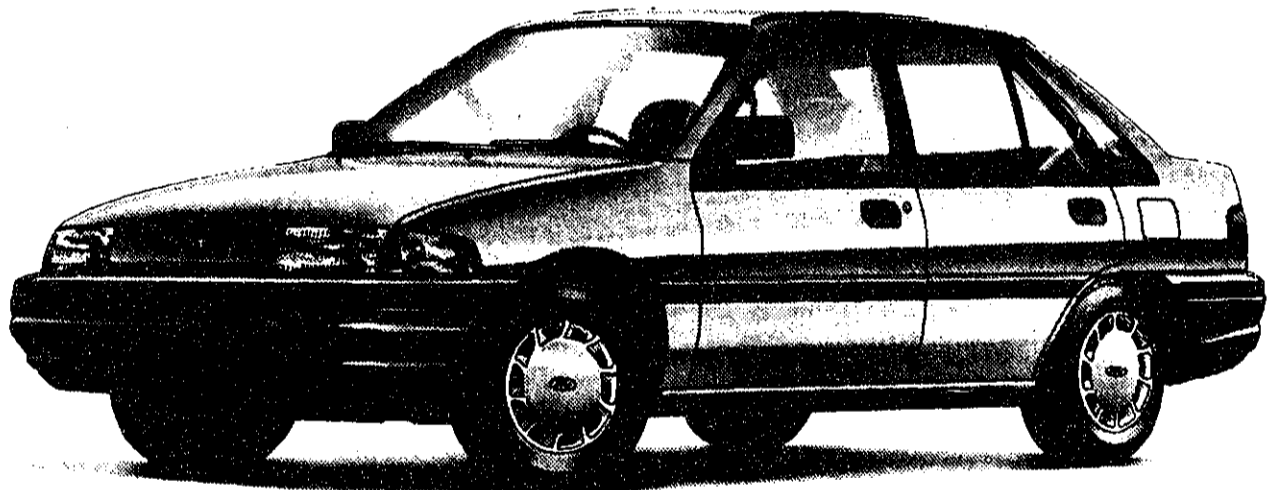
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Linda Irene Sharron at Northville's Marquis Theatre sits down to write a short story. (Costume and setting courtesy of The Marquis Theatre)

Photo by HAL GOULD

## Take pen in hand and write for our 1991 Fall Fiction Contest

"Writing is easy; all you do is sit staring at a blank sheet of paper until the drops of blood form on your forehead."  
—Gene Fowler

Calling all fiction aficionados. Those who write the stuff, that is. The Northville Record/Novi News is launching its first-ever (we think) short story contest for adult writers, and you are invited to attend.

"It is a fact that few novelists enjoy the creative labour, though most enjoy thinking about the creative labour."  
—Arnold Bennett

Have you written a short story? Or have you got an idea for one buzzing around in your head, but you haven't found the impetus to sit down and write it? Then get busy, and send a copy of your original short story to us for our 1991 Fall Fiction Contest.

"Most writers are in a state of gloom a good deal of the time; they need perpetual reassurance."  
—John Hall Wheelock

Your story will be rated by our esteemed panel of judges — Northville author/teacher Kathleen Ripley Leo; Novi publisher Al Berlinski; Borders Book Shop publicist Warda Freeman; and Northville librarian Susan Petersmark — as well as Northville Record/Novi News staff members and avid bookworms Mike Malott, Managing Editor; Bob

### FICTION CONTEST RULES

1. Contest is open to all teenagers and adults.
2. Stories must be original and relate in some way to Novi or Northville. For example, the story might be set in the area, relate to local history, or involve a local experience.
3. One entry per person
4. Entries must be short fiction; no essays, articles or poetry
5. Entries must be limited to 1000 words
6. All entries must be typed
7. Entries must be received by Friday, October 3. Winning stories will be published in the November 7 Northville Record/Novi News
8. Attach a cover sheet to the manuscript, which includes your name, age, address, telephone number, and the title of your story, as well as any other pertinent information. Do not put your name on any other page of the manuscript. Judges will not know authors' names.
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—Samuel Johnson

But wait! There is a catch. The story must somehow, in some way, relate to this community. After all, we are your hometown newspaper, so please don't send us any stories about, say, Jack the Ripper unless he's terrorizing our own streets. Don't send us a love story about a weekend in Paris unless the characters are from our own area. You get the idea. If you have any questions, call us at 349-1700.

"Writing is an adventure. To begin with, it is a toy and an amusement. Then it becomes a mistress, then it becomes a master, then it becomes a tyrant. The last phase is that just as you are about to be reconciled to your servitude, you kill the monster and fling him to the public."  
—Winston Churchill

Winning stories will be published in the Nov. 7 issue of The Northville Record/Novi News.

"I love being a writer. What I can't stand is the paperwork."  
—Peter DeVries

There are a few more rules. Just read the box at the left. Good luck!

### Volunteer



JEAN MORRISON

## Delivering flowers is one of her tasks

By DOROTHY NASH  
Special Writer

This is the story about the hold that hospital volunteering can have on one woman. The hospital is St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, and the woman is Jean Morrison.

As Morrison put it, in 1982, "I wanted to do something different" — different from civic activities — and so I picked St. Mary Hospital, also because it was near home.

She did drop out after a couple of years, she said, because civic activities were so demanding, but she had to come back.

Two years ago she and her husband decided to move away, and they decided on Northville because it was near enough for her to continue at St. Mary Hospital.

What is the attraction at St. Mary? What has Morrison done there?

In the beginning, she said, "I worked all over," doing things like es-

corting incoming patients to their rooms, keeping company with friends and relatives in the surgery lounge and delivering flowers. She said, "Oh, delivering flowers was a fun thing to do."

Her main responsibility now is to "keep a clip book of articles about St. Mary's appearing in local and Detroit publications."

But there are additional things that she finds on her desk now and then — like envelopes to be stuffed or little bows to be attached to name tags.

And a special plus for volunteering at St. Mary Hospital, Morrison said, is this: "There's a sense of belonging with a wonderful group of employees and other volunteers. And you feel that you're appreciated."

So she urges any man or woman of any age who would like to volunteer five hours any day of the week to call Sherri Fletcher in the volunteer office for an appointment. The number is 464-4800.

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Healthways offers a multitude of organic foods, according to owner Barbara Wade.

Photo by SCOTT DANIEL

## Healthways: natural food market

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Staff Writer

Ever wonder where you might find Dandelion leaves, Ginseng or Horsetail root?

Healthways of Plymouth.

Those three herbs are just a few of the products found at the store, which bills itself as the "natural food supermarket." According to co-owner Barbara Wade, Healthways has a very specific focus in the items it provides patrons.

"We sell only organic foods," she said. "No pesticides, no dyes, no processing — only natural foods."

Wade bought the company nearly a decade ago and operated it in downtown Plymouth until January. Healthways is currently located at the corner of Ann Arbor and Sheldon roads in Plymouth Township.

The 56-year-old Canton Township

woman, a former speech therapist, said she became interested in nutrition as a means of preventing and curing health problems. After taking many courses on the subject over the years, Wade said, she decided to make a career change.

"I got to the age where I wanted to get out of teaching," she said.

In starting Healthways, Wade said she wanted to share what she had learned about nutrition and self-healing. She said eating organic foods is one step in leading a healthier lifestyle.

Wade said while organic foods are healthier, they aren't boring. She added that many of the same type of items found in regular grocery stores can be found at Healthways.

Indeed, Ice Cream-style treats and chocolate chip cookies can be purchased to satisfy any sweet tooth. Other conve-

nience foods, such as frozen entrees and all natural turkey hot dogs can also be found.

All type of grains, pastas, meats and produce are available. Products made for individuals with food sensitivities — such as dairy or food dyes — can find what they are looking for at the Plymouth store.

Nutritional supplements, from A to Zinc, are also on hand.

Healthways also features a wide variety of sports nutrition products. Protein powders, energy drinks and supplements round out the section.

Non-animal test beauty products are another featured section of the store. Everything from shampoos to hand lotions are available.

A complete supply of herbs, including ginseng and horsetail root, offer patrons healthy solutions to minor ailments.

Wade said items are about 10 per-

cent higher in price at Healthways, compared to regular supermarkets. She said, however, many products are discounted.

Besides all of the store's products, Healthways also conducts periodic courses covering such subjects as sports nutrition and allergies. A vegetarian cooking class will be held Sept. 19 at the store.

Wade said she has noticed in her time in running the store that more and more people are interested in leading a healthier lifestyle. She the practice of preventing health problems by eating organic foods is on the increase.

"It's starting to come into its own in this country," Wade said. "We are starting to catch up."

Healthways is open 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 11 to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 455-1440.

## Schoolcraft offers Think Trim seminar

Schoolcraft College is offering Think Trim, a one-day seminar on Sept. 21 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. This workshop will explore new ways of thinking and behaving so you can change your relationship with food and shed those unwanted pounds. You will develop a personalized plan to help you succeed in your dieting efforts. The fee is \$44.

To register or to obtain more information, call 462-4413.

**Schoolcraft Health Club:** If you're thinking of joining a health club, Schoolcraft College has something for you.

The Livonia junior college is offering a Health Club and a Gym and Swim program. The health club is designed for families to enjoy unstructured activity in a modern, fully equipped physical education facility. A nominal fee of \$3 is charged per visit and you will have the use of gyms, racquetball courts, weight machines and saunas. A membership fee of \$25 per individual or \$65 per family will cover the entire fall session. The club meets on Sundays from 1-5 p.m. for 26 Sundays beginning Sept. 15.

The Gym and Swim program is offered on Thursdays and on Saturdays from 8 a.m.-noon. This program costs \$3 per visit on Thursday and \$2 on Saturday, and uses facilities including: the pool, weight training equipment, handball/paddleball courts, gyms and saunas.

Call 462-4413 for more information.

**Yoga Classes:** Seven-week yoga classes are being offered in Northville. Diane Siegel-DiVita, past president of the Yoga Association of Greater Detroit, is the instructor.

The classes will be offered on Thursdays (7-8:30 p.m.) and now Mondays (7-8:30 p.m.) at the Northville American Legion Hall. Yoga effectively trains the body to develop strength, flexibility and balance.

The new Monday classes start on Sept. 16. Cost is \$28. For more information, call Siegel-DiVita at 344-0928.

**Open Swim:** Northville Recreation Department will offer open swimming at the Northville

## Fitness Notes

High School pool on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:15-8:15 p.m., and on Saturdays from 2:45-3:45 p.m. A lap swim will also be offered on Mondays and Wednesday from 8:15-9:15 p.m. Locker rooms and showers are available. The fee is \$1 per person. For more information, call 349-0203.

**Learn to Eat Right:** Northville Community Education is offering a Learn to Eat Right class starting Sept. 23. This seven-week course is taught by a registered dietician with a Masters Degree in Food and Nutrition. The class content will include basic nutrition, weight loss tips, vitamins and minerals, cholesterol, fiber, caffeine, reading labels, cooking techniques for diet control and more.

The class will be held Mondays from 7-8:30 p.m. at Northville High School and the fee is \$22. For more information, call 344-8447.

**Rollerblading Club?:** Anyone interested in joining or organizing a rollerblading club is asked to call Jenny Devanny between 8 a.m.-noon at 349-0522.

**Fitness After 50:** Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education Services is offering a serious physical health course especially recommended for persons over 50. Instruction includes the latest health concepts and conditioning exercises.

The 12-week class begins Sept. 17, costs \$59 and is offered in two separate sessions. Call 462-4400 for more information.

**New Attitude Aerobics:** Northville Community Recreation is expanding its fitness program beginning this fall. In addition to the regular high/low aerobics workout, New Attitude Aerobics is offering three new exercise opportunities: 'Light-n-Low Aerobics' for beginners and impact-

conscious exercisers; a 'Circuit Workout' using free weights, step-bench etc.; and a 6 a.m. 'Eye-Opener Circuit Workout.'

For more information, call 349-0203 or 348-3120.

**Aerobic Fitness:** Aerobic Fitness is a complete one-hour exercise program designed to improve overall fitness, increase endurance, strengthen and tone muscles. Morning and evening classes are now available.

Six-week classes run continually throughout the year. Fee is \$36 for two classes per week; \$48 for three classes and \$58 for unlimited classes. For locations and schedules, call 348-1280.

**Rent a pool:** For those who like to keep fit by swimming, the Novi High School Pool is available for rent. Groups may rent the pool on Fridays from 7:30-9 p.m. If interested, call the Novi Community Education office at 348-1200 at least one month prior to date requested.

**Health screening:** The Novi Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of health screening events each week.

One is blood pressure screening for senior citizens. This free service is offered each Wednesday in the Novi Civic Center from 11 a.m.-noon.

**Fitness over 50:** A one-hour exercise program called "Fitness Over 50", held Monday and Wednesday mornings at Twelve Oaks Mall, has been postponed for the summer but will resume in September. It will take place 9-10 a.m. in the Lord & Taylor corridor near the east entrance.

The program, conducted by the University of Michigan Division of Physical Education, is particularly aimed at older people and others who want to benefit from an invigorating but non-strenuous exercise program.

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**Refinancing a mortgage**

By James M. Woodard  
Copley News Service

Selecting a mortgage loan to finance a home purchase is tough in today's market. The number of available loan types and forms has never been greater.

One basic decision—whether to go for a variable-rate or fixed rate loan—is largely motivated by the potency of your gambling spirit.

I'm not much of a gambler. When I am on a trip and stop overnight at a Las Vegas hotel, the limit of my gambling investment is usually eight quarters in the slots. That can't spark much of a financial disaster.

When we purchased our town house residence nearly five years ago, I was pushed into a variable-rate mortgage. That has been bugging me ever since. I well remember when interest rates zoomed up to 17 percent.

That could indeed trigger financial problems. Being a confirmed non-gambler, I wanted a solid, fixed-rate mortgage.

The answer, of course, was to refinance with a new fixed-rate loan. And that's precisely what we did. Many other families are doing the same thing — many for the same reason.

I was surprised by the amount of information now required by a prospective borrower when applying for a simple refinance loan. The era of the low-doc (minimal documentation) mortgage loan is over. Too many lenders suffered huge financial losses by not checking deeply enough into borrowers' qualifications.

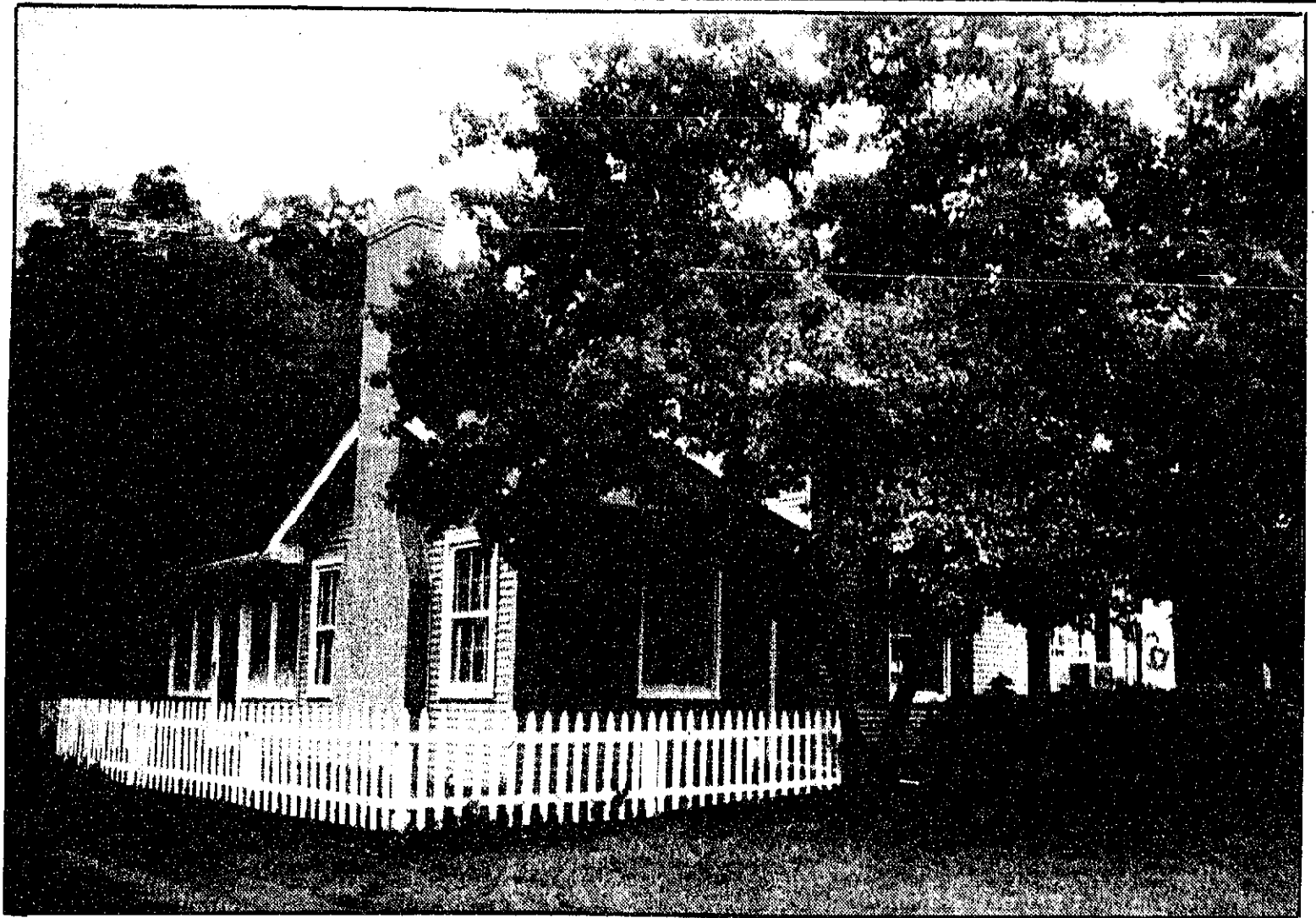
Our new refinance loan was only that—no other moneys requested. The total loan amount was only about 85 percent of the property's current value. And our past payments and credit record were unblemished. Even so, the required information was voluminous.

If you are now considering a mortgage loan, for a home purchase or refinance, be prepared to dig deeply into your "personal records" box.

For starters, many lenders now want copies of tax returns and W2 forms for last year, or covering two or three years if you're self-employed.

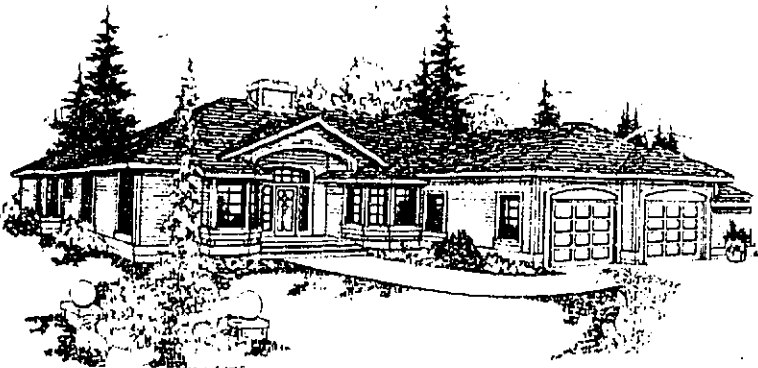
They also ask for a complete list of credit card accounts with the outstanding balance of each account. And, of course, they want the account numbers and out-

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The Howards have redecorated this home that was once located on the practice green at Meadowbrook Country Club.

**HOME DESIGNS**



**Contemporary styling highlights Azalea 2**

By James McAlexander  
Copley News Service

It would be hard for anyone to complain that there's not enough storage space in the Azalea 2. This medium-size country-contemporary home is built to accommodate a growing family and all of its belongings, with room to spare.

Not only do each of the three bedrooms have a walk-in closet, but there's also an entry closet, a pantry, twin linen closets, a closet by the utility room, cupboards in the utility room and a large extra storage area in the two-car garage. (Half of this could easily house a small workshop.) Even the trash has its place, tucked into an enclosure just outside the garage.

But storage isn't the only attraction. Not at all. The solarium, living room and dining room are each richly windowed to take advantage of every bit of light possible, especially important in northerly latitudes during winter months. Window seats in the front corners of the living room and dining room offer cozy getaways for reading, drawing or other quiet pursuits.

And the solarium is not only lined with windows, but further brightened by two skylights. Hanging plants flourish in this bright nook, and breakfasting here gets

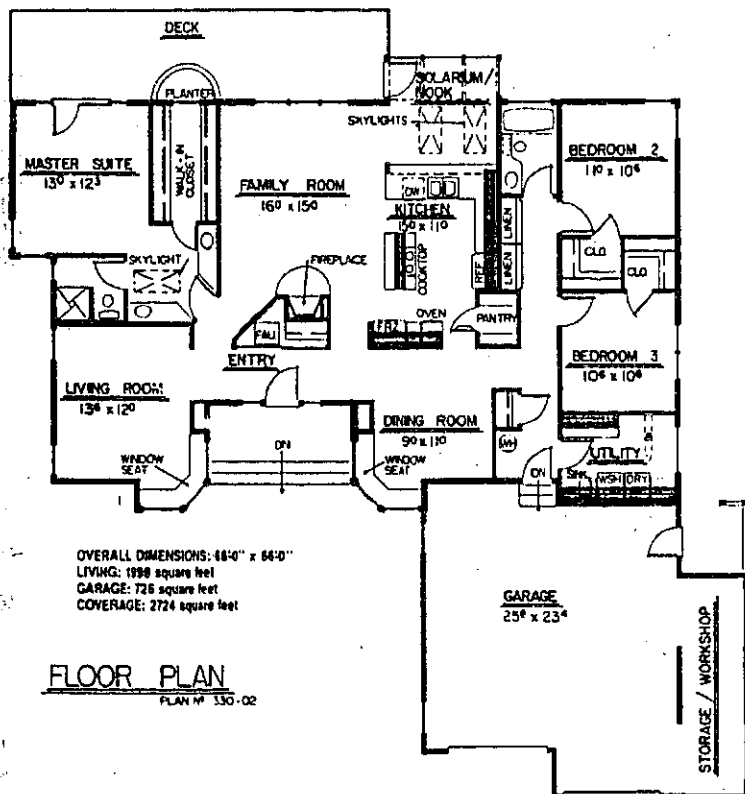
the day off to a cheerful start. The sink in the wide country kitchen faces into the solarium, over an eating bar that doubles as a serving center. There also are a cooking island, double oven, plenty of cupboards and counter space—room for several cooks at once—as well as space for a freezer. A desk could go here if no freezer is desired.

Another skylight brightens what would otherwise be a dark dressing area in the master suite. His and hers basins prevent early morning competition for space, and a window allows light into the far end of the huge walk-in closet.

The master suite is located as far away as it can get from the other two bedrooms, providing maximum privacy and noise separation. This arrangement will be especially appreciated by families that include teen-agers.

The utility room, convenient to both the kitchen and the bedrooms, includes a built-in ironing board.

For a study plan of the Azalea 2 (330-02), send \$7.50 to Landmark Designs, c/o HomeTown Newspapers, 323 E. Grand River Ave., Howell, MI 48843. (Be sure to specify plan name and number when ordering.)



**'FOREMER TIES**

By RICK BYRNE  
Copy Editor

The home of Joseph and Rose Howard of Northville has a lot of history both ancient and recent, wrapped up inside. The charming farmhouse, which dates from the mid-1800s, is the classic Michigan farmer's home.

"It's not the kind of place you'd see downtown," said Rose. "They built it with just the basic rooms they needed. Farmers didn't have a lot of money for fancy gingerbread."

Though the home now rests on two and a half acres of secluded, wooded land just west of Meadowbrook Country Club, it was built on the site of the club's present practice green. It was moved in 1958 by former owner Ernest Wood, from whom the Howards purchased it in 1983.

A picture of the home hangs in the entryway of the clubhouse at Meadowbrook Country Club. The house's ties to the club are well-known to longtime area residents.

On one particular occasion an older visitor described his recollections of the place to Rose.

"The man said, 'I remember this house well. I used to caddy at Meadowbrook when I was younger. This was the greenskeeper's house. We used to shoot craps behind the house.'"

Rooms were added on to the two-story frame home at various points in its history.

There is a central core with a comfortable-size kitchen, dining room and living room, and upstairs are two bedrooms. Joined onto the kitchen is a sunny family room with southern exposure. Also at the south end, the living room has been extended, and includes a charming fireplace with a carved cherrywood mantle.

Off the west end of the kitchen is a library, which gathers light from both the north and south. Rose, an avid reader, calls the peacefully decorated room her sanctuary.

As a result of the growth and expansion of the home, the exterior

has a strange hodgepodge look, with no two sides bearing similarity to each other.

"We're never really sure what's the front and what's the back," said Rose. "We call it our funhouse — and it really is our fun house."

Rose has most of her fun on the inside, though. An interior decorator by trade, she's the subject of a good-natured joke among her friends who say, "That's Rose. She goes around redoing houses."

The Howards, 25-year residents of the Northville- Novi area, have hopped from home to home, living out their own version of the TV show "This Old House." When they first purchased this home, it was full of knotty pine, but, said Rose, "It had yellowed something fierce."

The result was a very dark appearance, which the Howards combatted with lots of white paint and lively print wallpaper. Contemporary appliances and new white countertops brightened up the kitchen, and in the adjoining bathroom, lighting was added where previously there had been none.

In the living room, the ceiling is decorated with huge beams that came from a barn which once stood on the property.

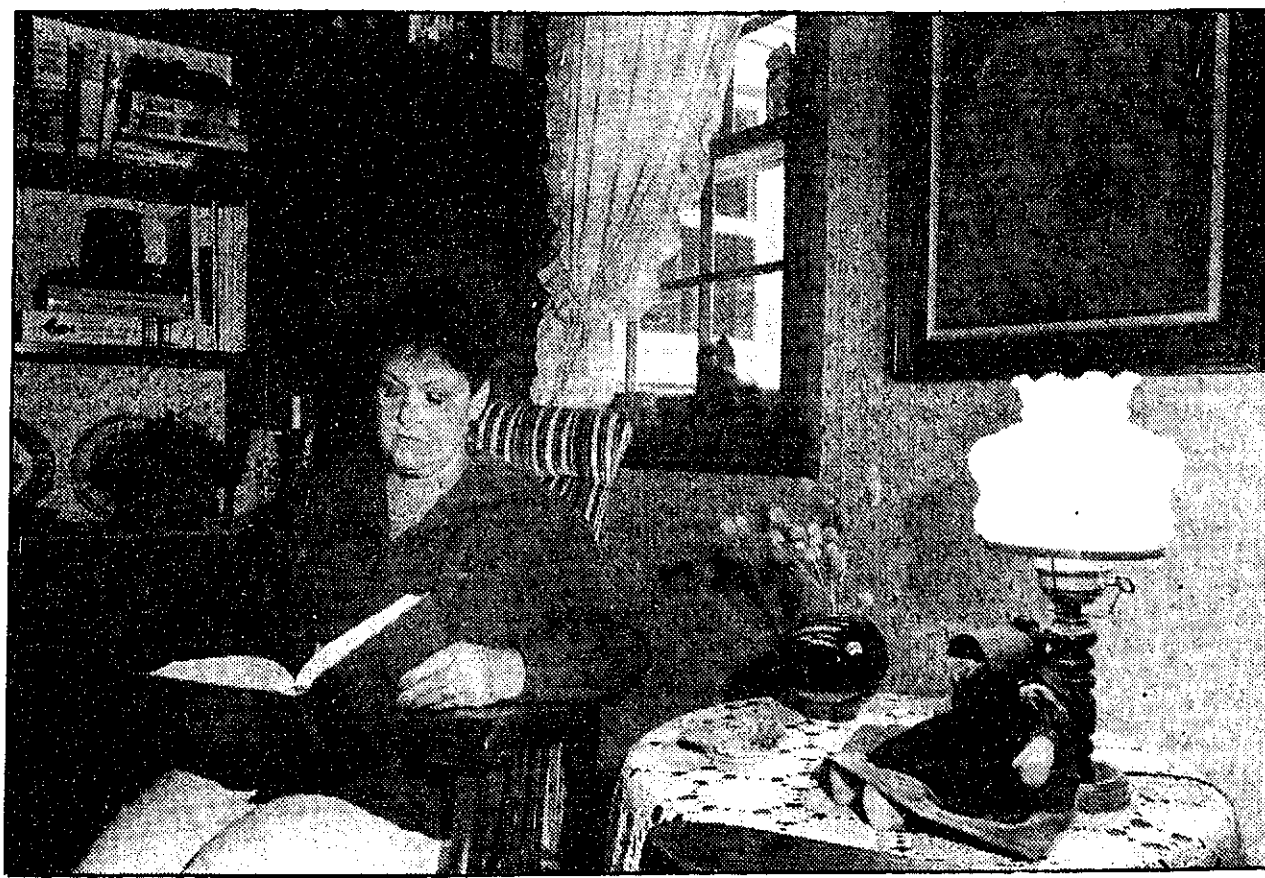
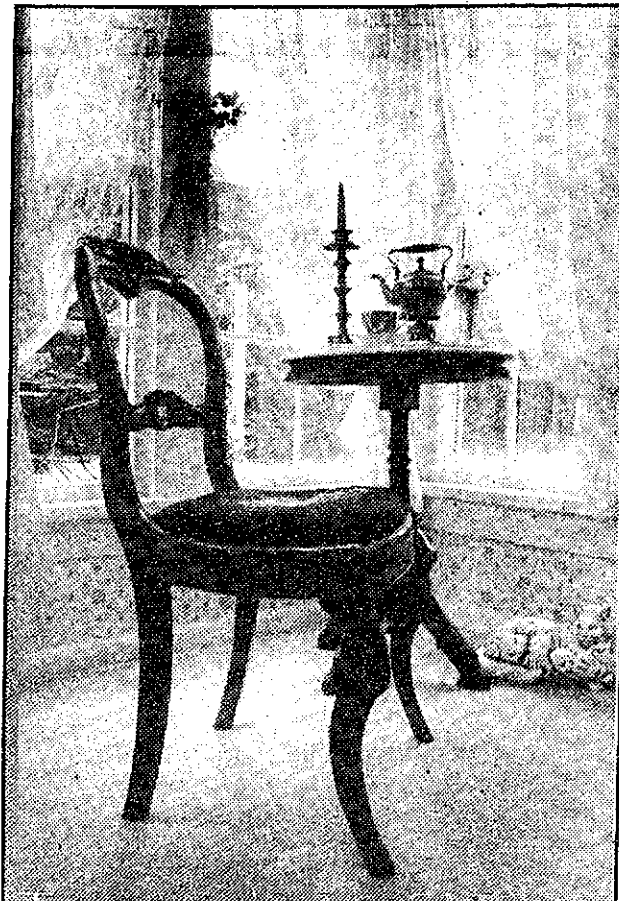
On the walls are many framed artworks — paintings and sketches Rose has created, as well as contributions from local artists.

"I have a few friends that do pottery and art stuff," she said. "I decorate for them, and they decorate for me. It's a nice tradeoff of talent."

As ardent antiquers, the Howards have sprinkled some unique, old country furnishings around the home. Much of the furniture, though, was made by Joseph in his spare time.

"He's great," said Rose. "All I have to do is say, 'Gee, I need a ...' and he makes it."

They tend to think of these home-made pieces as their own future antiques. "We're doing our own little antiques, sort of our heritage for our kids," said Rose. "I believe in supporting a little of our own Americana, if you will."



Rose Howard reads in the back room of her Northville Township home. The home is sprinkled with collected and home-made furnishings

Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL













John and Judy Rybski are owners of Woodmasters Furniture in Milford

## TLC for antiques

### Refinishers treat furniture like family

By **SUSAN MAXWELL**  
Special Writer

Woodmasters Furniture Service, Inc. emphasizes old-fashioned custom service. The shop, located in a scenic setting in Milford, offers its customers services ranging from furniture repair and refinishing to caning and whitewashing.

The owners, John and Judy Rybski of Milford, emphasize quality work and personalized service at Woodmasters, located at 321 S. Houghton.

As you step inside the door of Woodmasters, you seem to go back in time. Everywhere you look, you see an antique or what appears to be an antique.

Touring the facility with owners John and Judy Rybski, visitors can visualize the process of furniture repair in Woodmasters' offices and workrooms. The master woodworkers in the workrooms can turn a bag of broken pieces of wood and various screws, nuts and bolts into a beautiful, finished piece of furniture.

The Rybskis employ seven additional woodworkers. There is an expert to carve a replacement dowel to match those hand-carved original pieces in grandma's rocking chair, or to match that missing leg from great Aunt Elsie's dining room table that's been in the garage for 22 years.

If you have a memory of a gorgeous gun rack in granddad's house but somehow it didn't withstand the test of time, Woodmasters can restore it for you. There's a wood artist on staff, too.

How did Woodmasters get started? Here's the story by which John Rybski swears truth. A difficult history class presented a problem for him in high school. Try as he might, it just wasn't clicking enough to ensure a passing grade.

That particular instructor required the assistance of a cane to walk. It was a nice cane—but it was pretty worn. John had taken wood-

working classes in high school, and he found he enjoyed them a lot.

He got this great idea: Maybe, just maybe, he could impress the instructor by refinishing his cane, and possibly influence his final grade.

He took the cane home to his parent's garage and did his best to make that cane look like new. He succeeded. He also passed the class.

Not long after that, someone called and asked him to refinish another cane after seeing the work completed on the teacher's cane. Word traveled, and he started receiving more and more calls to work his magic on other old pieces of treasured wood items. His parent's garage turned into his first shop. That was 12 years ago.

John met and married Judy, and they have been in business together ever since. That 200-square-foot garage at his parent's Dearborn Heights home has been replaced by a 3,400-square-foot building in Milford. The Milford shop opened five years ago.

John gives more than a personal touch to each finished piece. He carefully chooses, trains and serves as mentor to his support staff.

One thing John requires of his woodworkers, in addition to talent, is that they adopt his philosophy. John understands that old table is not just an old table. It was grandma's table; the one its current owner remembers sitting at as a child for Sunday dinner or every Thanksgiving.

He knows that memory is what the person sees every time they look at that table. John sees that, too, and when Woodmasters is finished with it, it looks as good as it did all those years ago.

Each piece brought to Woodmasters to be repaired and/or finished receives this kind of treatment. There are no production assembly lines; each piece is worked on individually

and receives personalized TLC.

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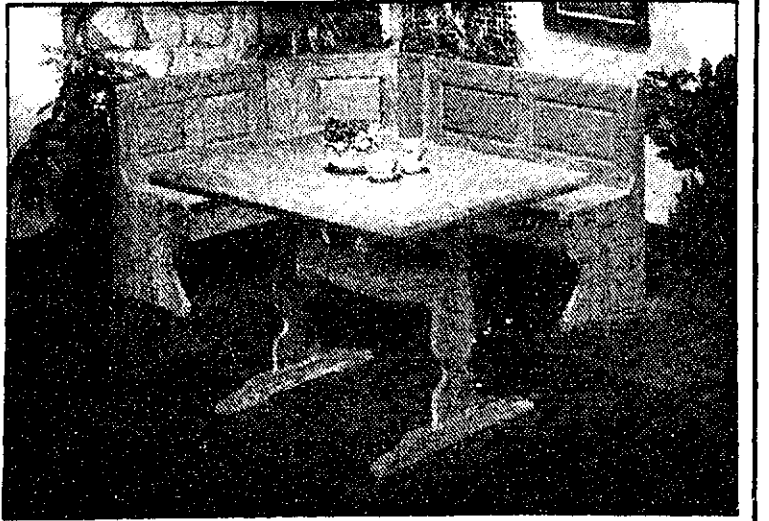
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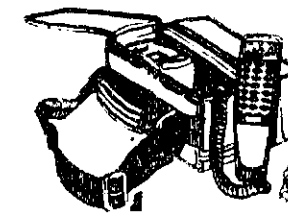


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