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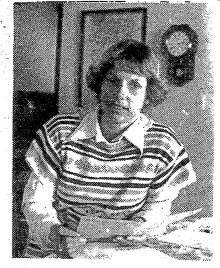
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PTA Questions Quality of Television

by Carol Balzarini



Dorothy Haase is a personable, outgoing woman, the mother of three school-age children, and president of the Clarkston PTA Council.

In combination, these qualities make her a natural for her role as the leader of a TV Monitoring Workshop sponsored by the PTA and aimed at parents, teachers and other individuals who are concerned about the type of television programming being offered these days.

One pamphlet Mrs. Haase has points out these alarming facts:

*Upon entering school in grade one, the average child has viewed 4,000 hours of TV.

*By graduation from high school, the average student has viewed 15,000 hours of TV and has spent more time in front of the TV set than in the classroom.

*By age 65, an average TV viewer will have spent the equivalent of nine years in front of the TV set.

There is little wonder that concern is expressed about the quality of such a dominant part of life today.

The concern has always been there but the PTA campaign to monitor television in general and violence on television in particular only began at the national convention in 1975, expressed at that time in the form of a resolution.

The next year, a 10-member National PTA TV Committee was formed. They held hearings in eight major cities across the country, welcoming all opinions, comments and suggestions. The results were compiled and the message carried to local councils.

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CVP to Present Mystery

Farce and mystery lovers are in for a double treat with the Clarkston Village Players next production of "Exit the Body," now in rehearsals.

It is the story of a mystery writer (Carol Arend) who rents a house in New England for a few weeks of rest and relaxation. Unknown to her, the previous tenant was murdered there and diamonds are hidden in the house. Her vacation becomes a nightmare of bodies that keep appearing and disappearing through the many doors in

Pat Thomas is cast as the secretary, Sandy Sanford as Jenny, the maid, and Tammy Hughson as the local real estate agent. Len Loveless plays Randolph, the "hip"

Pete Rose, veteran character actor, is once again cast as a character, a rustic, New England type who is both deputy sheriff and undertaker. Bob Cook and Betty Richards play a married couple with complications. Bob Arend, appropriately enough, is cast as the mystery writer's husband.

Play dates are March 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 and 11. Times are 8:30 p.m. except for Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 9 is SCAMP benefit night with a time of 8:30 and a ticket price of \$5.00 which included continuous refreshments of wine and cheese.

Independence Proposes Recreational Facility School Board Won't Lease Land

by Carol Balzarini

Tim Doyle of the Independence Township Recreation Department appeared before the Clarkston School Board last week with a proposal to lease all or part of a parcel of land located on Maybee Road between Birdland and Spring Lake and owned by the school district. With the aid of two federal grants - Land and Water Conservation Fund and Community Development Act - Doyle proposed to develop a recreational facility.

The facility would include tennis courts, ball fields, playgrounds, etc. Doyle reasoned that should the site ever be used for a new elementary school, the landscaping would already exist. The parcel in question would also meet CDA requirements that it be located near low and moderate income areas.

Doyle's site plans previously drawn up for the land between the administrative offices and the township library would be essentially the same for the new proposed location.

He also presented the results of a survey conducted last year pertaining to the development of the first location. Of the 220 homes surveyed, 88 percent were in favor of the park development, 12 percent wanted no development.

Discussion of the proposal centered around two things, the length of time the lease would tie up the property and the length of time required to make a

Doyle was looking for a twenty-five year lease and had only until March 15 to file a "pre-application" form.

Grants of this type require a period of time commensurate with the funds expended. The DNR recommends a minimum of 20 years. The lease, under the terms of the agreement, would not be revocable at

The time involved was so short because Doyle learned of the availability of funds too late for the January meeting and the deadline to apply is just two days after the March meeting necessitating an immediate decision.

David Leak questioned the use of the parcel for any future elementary building, saying that they were pretty well committed to the Bridge Lake Road site. He described the Maybee Road site as "money in the bank."

Eric Reickel stated, "Don't let it lie fallow - put it to the best use of the community." He also thought it unfortunate that the township had to rely on federal grants.

Other opinions were that the school district was not in the park business, that it was unwise to tie up such a valuable piece of land for such a long time, and that there simply was not enough time allowed to consider the proposal.

The motion to negotiate with the township on Doyle's proposal and lease 25 acres for twenty years at \$1.00 per year was defeated by a vote of 4-2.



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NOVEC has an open house. See page 25.



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Third Big Week of The Great Escape See Page 10



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This has resulted in workshops similar to the ones being offered in the Clarkston area this month.

Dorothy Haase has been thoroughly trained in conducting workshops. She will be armed with pamphlets, flyers, and forms for those workshops to be held Tuesday, February 28 from 10 a.m.-12 noon at Independence Center and from 7-9 p.m. in room 405 at Clarkston High School.

Ideally, Mrs. Hasse would like to organize a group of 21 people to monitor one week of prime time television on all three networks.

She acknowledges, however, that it's possible some people may not want to do this. Some may be more interested in children's programs alone, or just advertising, or even television news, criticized for being increasingly violent.

Mrs. Haase would be happy knowing she has taught people to write effective letters to networks or sponsors making their feelings known. And, she stresses, these need not be negative letters. Those in praise of "Good" programs or ads are also effective.

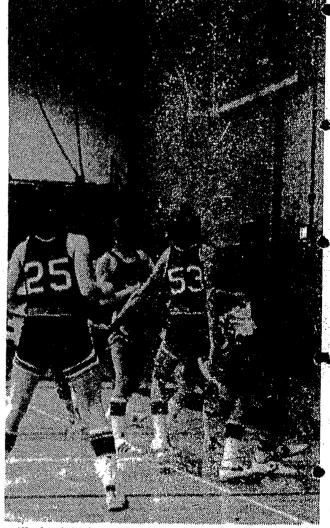
She also stressed the fact that television stations are licensed by the Federal Communications Commission, those licenses renewed every three years. The stations must maintain public inspection files. Only those letters specifically designated for those files will be placed there rather than in the wastebasket.

Programming itself is often determined to a great extent by the sponsors who draw up product profiles about the users of particular products and pair them with programs who attract similar viewers. Products left over dictate what type of programs are to be created to go with those products. Mrs. Haase adds that 80 percent of television advertising has already been sold for next season.

In addition to the two workshops already scheduled, Mrs. Haase is willing to conduct more for other groups such as senior citizens or church groups. All that is required is a two-hour block of time.

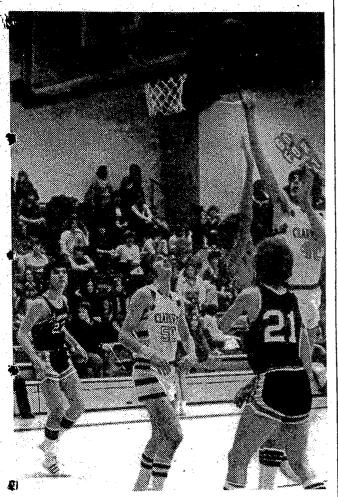
It must be pointed out that dospite her concern about the quality of television programming, Mrs. Haase is not anti-TV. Her family does own a set and they do watch it in their spare time between hockey, ballet and plane lessons, wrestling, the church choir, and tennis. She also concedes that her children would watch anything, anytime, if allowed, just the same as any other.

Clarkston Derailed by Andover Express 56-49



The hard-driving Andover Barons proved to be too much for the Wolves in general and Kit Pappas in particular as he gets knocked out of the way.

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Sophomore Tim McCormick [40] zeroes in on the basket to score two of the eighteen points he racked up in the Wolves' clash with the Barons of Andover High School. Steve Evans is number 50.



Coach Gary Nustad maps out some new strategy.



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Elaine Thornton

Sports Scoop

CLARKSTON SCRAPES PAST OXFORD, 67-63

The Clarkston Wolves were still feeling the woes of their loss to Rochester the previous Friday as they met Oxford Tuesday, February 14.

It was parents night at Oxofrd and the crowd was pulsating. Clarkston Coach Nustad said, "We knew we were in trouble after watching the junior varsity squad."

Clarkston took Oxford lightly which is a tendency for non-league games. The Wolves trailed Oxford until the end of the second quarter. Craig Czinder dunked a jump shot from 35 feet out seconds before the buzzer to tie the ball game at halftime.

Steve Evans was hot in the first half making 22 of the 44 points in that period. He had a game total of 24. Other double-figure pointers were Craig Czinder with 12 and Tim McCormick with 11. Matt Wenzel had a fine night contributing 9. Tim Birtsas had 5 points and 2 pointers were Rubin Hutchons, Skip Kulaszewski and Greg Robertson.

V-BALLERS ON WIN STREAK

Clarkston's girls volleyball team added two more wins to their record last week, making four wins in a row.

The gals saw action on their home floor Monday, February 13 with Milford. Clarkston took the victory in two games, 15-7, 15-1. Coach Denstadet commented that "there wasn't a lot of action." In the second game, Milford couldn't return any of Clarkston's powerful serves. Jane Tatu added points with six consecutive serves, four of those being A serves. In the first game Tatu executed five kill serves.

Waterford Kettering's net was the spot where Clarkston again brought home a victory Wednesday, February 15, in two games, 15-12, 15-10.

Clarkston proved excellent in serves, but faltered on their reception. The team played a good attack and the defense kept up the steam. Jane Tatu again executed three A-serves and Jayne Laefner punched over 1.

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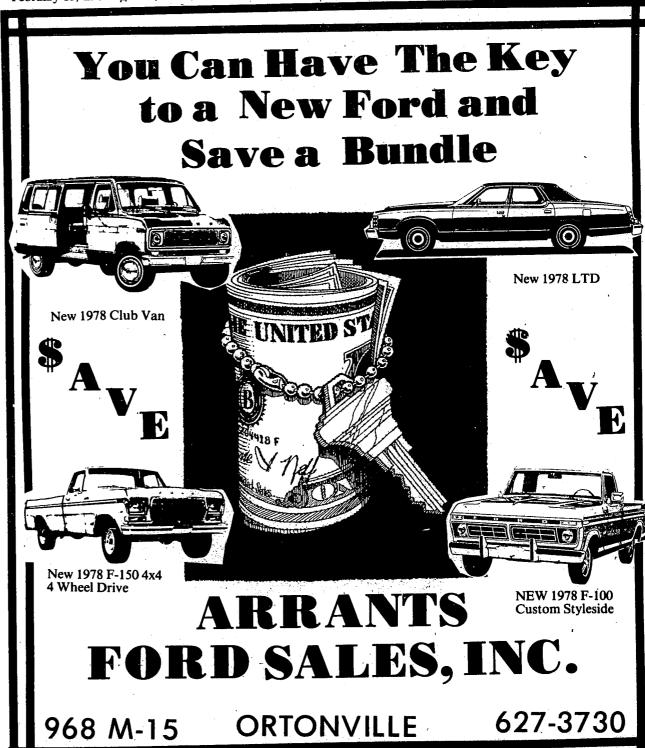
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This nation was founded on religious principals. The right to worship, think, speak and act as free people was intertwined with an assumption that we would be answerable to God. God could be every human's picture of perfection - the "all-good" of nature, and the punishment of nature, too. In other words, God would provide the rules and the sense of direction, and man

would respond to the direction of individual conscience, or what was regarded as the "voice of God."

That concept of an orderly and pleasurable existance, through free will, was a concept of people with vision, who felt that it was possible.

Somehow, along the way, however, God was replaced by the scientist, and new concepts were born. Different views of man and nature became popular, and the area of thought created a "push-me-pull-you" kind of confusion.

Where there is confusion, man will turn away, and seek that which is easier to bear. It is easy to live with order and simplicity. Confusion creates tension, however, and tension is energy which waits to be used, and causes discomfort. In other words, to release the tension we must work or fight. Work, however, has a negative connotation today, while the urge to fight is used up in what we call "recreational activity.

In order to avoid the confusion of thought and making choices, we human beings often choose to let someone else think for us. The people who come up with concepts or ideas for making life "easier" or more pleasant, become the leaders of society as a result. A second group, beneath the leaders, are those who prefer to stick to tried and true methods until the newer concepts have proven themselves. The third group are the followers who refuse to think, but prefer to sit back and let things happen. They find themselves in another kind of confusion as they jump from one new concept to another.

All leaders are not wrong, nor are they mediocre. Distinguishing between the "great mind" and the "great mouth" isn't always easy, though. New ideas and new products are thrown at us so quickly that we have little time to try one out before it has become outdated by something faster or better.

The trouble is, that to "sell" a new idea or product, one must "unsell" an older one. Fear tactics are the best way of doing that. The result is that changes occur swiftly in our society, and the effect on society is traumatic. We lose our sense of security, and agitation is the result. Our free society, rather than producing a secure and productive people, often seems more like a cage full of monkeys to the victims of mass communications. None of us ever knows what to expect of anyone else. In fact, we are warned not to count too much on honesty, faith, love, loyalty, or anything else that might allow us to sit back and enjoy life.

Women were once the real victims of insecurity because they knew enough to expect their husbands to roam. They did have the security of knowing that they had "position" through marriage however, because no man would want the type of woman who would roam with him around his children. A second plus was that a woman with children could count on those children to adore her for a lifetime, and a son or son-in-law would see to it that she was rewarded for being a "good" woman.

In order to raise women above the level of slave-labor, however, it was necessary to convince her that that wasn't enough. The "other woman" was raised to sainthood, and the "good" woman was made to look like a chump. Now, nobody trusts anybody, and men are as insecure as women. We certainly have come a long way since this country was founded!

The problem is that we listened to all the disallusioned people who went for the "quick and easy" and discovered that it didn't work. The rest of the people were so busy working that they didn't have time to appear on television or write books about their lives. Besides, who would read them? What a bore!

There comes a time in most of our lives when we do choose to slow down, cover our ears and eyes, and get in touch with the truth. Concepts are not truths, after all, but only ideas that have been "marketable." There are many good ones which never "sell." (If you don't believe me, ask any minister or priest)!

Take work, for instance. It is not a "dirty" word. Mowing the lawn is just as good exercise as playing raquetball. Mowing one's own lawn, however, makes a man look as if he's unsuccessful, while playing racquetball is what the "in set" does to keep in shape. There is no truth to either "concept" but a good many people are sold on them.

by Joan Allen



The truth is that calling the expenditure of energy play instead of work, does not change what it is. It only changes our attitude about it. Caring for a lawn, however, is a total experience with the built-in rewards of creativity and achievement. Playing racquetball accomplishes nothing. The sale of sports equipment, and power machines for yard care, has depended on "unselling" the idea that yard work is a positive source of pleasure. The same thing is happening on a more important level. Farming has been reduced to "menial" labor, and nobody wants to be stuck with it. Our farmers are more important to us than our scientists, in terms of survival, but they get very little credit for what they do for us. That doesn't make much

Raising our future citizens is of prime importance, too, especially in a free country. Discrediting the role of mother or teacher, and placing those occupations at the bottom of the list of "acceptable pursuits" threatens to rot the whole country at the core. Placing going to church at the same level of activity as mowing the lawn tends to hurry the rot along, of course.

Statements such as "we need food to live" and "our future depends on good parenting and teaching" and "we must make choices between positive and negative, or good and evil" are not concepts. They are truths. They are rules to live by that do not create confusion, but rid us of confusion. They can be tested mentally, and they will "prove out."

Now, as far as the rewards of life, such as honesty, faith, love and loyalty - They can be tested, too. If you are honest, faithful, loving, and loyal, then others are capable of it, too. "Nobody else is, so why should I be?" is destroying our children. It's time to begin demanding something of ourselves, as well as our children, and the rest of society. After all, if we only get what we expect, the world is worse off than even the best of our society believes!

Just One of Those Days

The kids have a secret - but Mom made them promise not to tell. It's about Mom's bachelor brother who had "just one of those days" recently. He doesn't know just how bad it was!

Seems he transferred here recently, and was invited to stay at sister's house until he got situated. He welcomed the idea, but wasn't prepared for the cramped quarters of his nephew's room. And so it was that he stepped on the cat's tail as he got out of bed the first morning. Half-asleep, the feel of fur moving under his bare foot, and the ensuing wail of the insulted cat, caused him to dive back into bed. - As he did, he hit his head on the headboard. His mood didn't improve when he saw Nephew doubled up, and laughing over his plight.

After the day started that way, it got worse. His car got stuck, and he was late on the job. It wasn't exactly all he had hoped it would be, and his new boss was arriving in from out of town after closing time - so he had to wait for him, and then attend a meeting. So, he missed dinner.

He arrived back at his sister's house after everyone had retired for the night, and he was starving. He was happily surprised, however, to find a dish of hamburger in the refrigerator, so he warmed it up, and had a sandwich.

It was the next morning that the kids were entrusted with the secret. Uncle's bad day had ended with a "hamburger" sandwich that was made of canned dog food that Mom had removed to a dish. When Brother told her what good meat it was, she didn't have the heart to tell him what he'd eaten - or, perhaps she was afraid that telling him would begin "one of those days' for her!

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The Basic Issue

You're Wrong I'm Right



by Sharon Springborn

Today, we're living in a society whose children are grossly undereducated considering the amount of money that we, as taxpayers, spend on education. Every year, a good part of our property taxes go toward building schools and paying teachers' salaries, but what do we get in return? A Johnny or Sally who can't form simple sentences, read textbooks or do simple math problems. I believe that the solution to this problem lies in having our teachers go back to teaching the basics - readin', writin', and 'rithmetic.

At the present time, the scores on academic achievement tests have declined and about 19 million 16 year olds in the United States are functionally illiterate. This means that the 16-year-old is unable to read things like a driver's license examination, a job application form, newspaper want ads, and medicine bottle labels. And when (or if) these teenagers make it to college, they use textbooks that have been made easier to read but have been used in their original form by students before them.

Of course, educators spend much time explaining the declining academic performances to irate parents. Usually, the educators point an accusing finger at social causes such as the lack of funding for schools and the underpriviledged life that some students lead. Very rarely do they mention that fact that no longer do they stress basic grammar, the how-to of writing a good, clear essay (complete with topic sentences), or the multiplication tables. Also, things such as dress codes, behaving properly and having respect for school property have been abolished.

Presently, teachers want to teach the whole child, letting him take the responsibility for deciding what he will study, when he will study or even if he will study. These teachers attack homework and learning a concept by studying it until it is correct, claiming that by doing set assignments creativity will be stifled and passivity encouraged. With the goal of aiding the 'whole child' before them, why bother with dull and insignificant things like teaching a child to read, write or solve math problems?

But I feel that if our schools went back to teaching our kids English grammar, geography and math the way that we were taught these subjects, we would be helping our kids to successfully live in a world where certain things are expected of a person at certain times. And both taxpayers and students would reap the benefits from getting back to basics.

by Joan Aller

I shudder when I hear people mention "the basics of education" and the "3R's" as if they constituted a magic formula for instant solutions to social problems. It is the "4th R" which is the basis and purpose of education. That "4th R" is Reason. It is man's ability to reason, to create, and to make choices that makes communication important, and makes an educational system worthwhile.

Reading, writing and arithmetic are simple tools that can be used to obtain and impart knowledge and information. Like any tools, however, they are of no value unless they are used, and used correctly. It should be remembered, too, that the "3 R's" are only a few of the tools that are used in communication today. Once they were the only means of exchanging ideas with others without traveling extensively. Compared to the telephone, television, tape, and computers, however, they are often regarded as a bother, or a waste of time, by our "quick and easy" society.

The ability to read and write was once equated with diligence and intelligence. Today, that is a faulty equation. One can be very skillful with a hammer and saw too, but that does not assure quality in a finished product. There are many other things that affect workmanship. The finished product that we look for in those who read and write well, is a display of accomplished thinking. That, however, is not always what we get. Which brings me back to the "4th R."

The purpose of food and drink is to create new energy by way of the digestive process. The purpose of reading and writing is to create new energy by way of the thought process. In other words, if we do not think about what we read, and think before we write, our skills are useless. They do not fulfill the purpose for which they were intended.

More stress on the "3 R's" is not going to accomplish anything spectacular. Granted, that "practice makes perfect." It is the ability to reason, to create, and to make positive choices that we must be concerned with; not the mastery of skills. There are, after all, a great number of adults who are proficient at reading and writing, who misuse, or fail to use those skills in positive ways. The result is that their communications are often negative and destructive, or completely wasted.

If the purpose of communication and education is to add to the quality of life, and to help us understand ourselves and our world; and reading, writing and

in order to save it. If you do notch it up this time. don'

Bother Me!

by Mandy Mitts

Dear Mandy,

A friend of mine borrowed my sewing machine to make a wedding dress for her daughter. Hers had to be fixed (her sewing machine) and she couldn't get it back in time to do the job. Well, I cleaned up my machine and gave it a good oiling so she wouldn't have any trouble with it, and she got oil on her material that she says she paid a fortune for. Now she says the material is ruined and it is my fault, so I should pay for the new material. I said nothing doing, and took my machine back. A friend of both of ours says I should offer to pay for half the material to save the friendship. I want to do what's right. Should I pay for part of it?

Mrs. G.

Dear Mrs. G.,

It was very nice of you to lend your friend your sewing machine. It was even nicer of you to oil it and clean it so she wouldn't have trouble with it. Your friend has no right to blame you for what happened. She should have tested the machine with a scrap of cloth to check tension and stitch length before she worked on her expensive material. I don't believe this friendship is worth saving if you must pay for half of her mistake

in order to save it. If you do patch it up this time, don't ever lend anything to her again!

Mandy

Dear Mandy,

I was the "caboose" in our family. I was only a child when my older brother and sisters got married. My mother and dad and I moved into an apartment when I was the only child left at home, and Mom gave everything that wouldn't fit into the apartment to the older kids. I'm planning to be married now, and I told Mom and Dad that I felt that I had a right to ask for some of the things back. They don't want me to because they say it will cause trouble. I agreed to get an outsider's opinion. My parents say they'll give my money to make up for the other stuff, but I say it's the sentiment that counts!

Benny

Dear Benny,

In the first place, the things your parents gave away were theirs to give, not yours; so you have no right to them. If it is sentiment that you are interested in, how about being sentimental about your parents and spare them a hassle. After all, they are still alive; so you don't exactly need "something to remember them by," and they can leave you some of the things they still have when they aren't around anymore. Don't cause trouble. Accept the gift of money they have offered you and save it to buy your children something to remember you by.

Mandy

arithmetic accomplish that purpose, why do we allow people to hide behind words, and twist them? And why do we provide a market for filth and hate and corruption? And why do we allow others to use communications to sell us things that are of little value to us, or are of inferior quality? Is this what communication tools are really for? Are they really magic tools that increase our chances for happiness and success?

I am not suggesting that we should not teach the use of those tools. I simply believe that there are adequate programs for teaching them already. There are, however, three stages to learning anything. The first is motivation for learning. Children should be motivated before they ever reach school age. They should be inspired, encouraged, and their curiosity should be whetted by their parents before they ever enter school.

The second step is learning to use the tools by which we communicate ideas. They should be presented as the keys to a wonderful world of knowledge. Parents must reinforce that enthusiasm, as they would expect their families to reinforce their enthusiasm on any self-improvement project. Then practicing becomes less of a chore, and less boring.

Motivation and practice are only the preparation for the rest of life, however. The third step is the most important. That is the application, or use of the tools to pursue happiness and success.

Learning to draw logical conclusions on the basis of evidence, and to build on those conclusions is important. Learning to develop the powers of observation, and to recognize cause and effect is important. Learning to analyze the reasons for war is important - and that analysis should take precedence over dates of battles and names of generals.

In short, the application of intelligence does not require the ability to read or write. Man survived against great odds long before such tools were invented, by using his powers of reason. Uneducated man invented the tools - they did not invent him. Educated man can, in turn, do away with them; for if he fails to fully develop his power of reason, his communication tools will be nothing but useless playthings anyway.

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for you.

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CRAB POTATO NIBBLERS

Enough instant mashed potatoes for 2 servings 1 teaspoon minced onion

11/4 teaspoons worcestershire sauce

1/8 teaspoon garlic powder

1 71/2-ounce can crab meat, drained and flaked

1 slightly beaten egg

½ cup fine dry bread crumbs

Prepare according to package directions, but add instant onion to water before boiling, and use 2 tablespoons less milk than called for.

Stir in worcestershire, garlic powder, and dash of white pepper. Add crab meat. Shape into bite-size balls and dip into beaten egg, then roll in crumbs. Fry in deep hot fat (375°) for about 1 minute. Drain until golden brown. Makes 3 dozen.

POTATO SPINACH COMBO

1.10-ounce package frozen chopped spinach 4 servings instant mashed potatoes ½ cup dairy sour cream

Dash pepper

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serving instant mashed potatoes

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½ teaspoon ground cinnamon

Prepare potatoes according to package. Dissolve yeast from hot roll mix in water. Stir in egg and potatoes; mix well. Add flour from mix, beat well. Cover and let rise until double, about 45 minutes.

Stir down; spread evenly in greased 9 x 9 x 2-inch baking pan. Let rise until double, about 30 minutes. With finger, gently make indentations in top of bread at 11/2 inch intervals. Drizzle butter or margarine over. Combine brown sugar and cinnamon; sprinkle atop. Bake in 400° oven for 20 to 25 minutes. Makes 8



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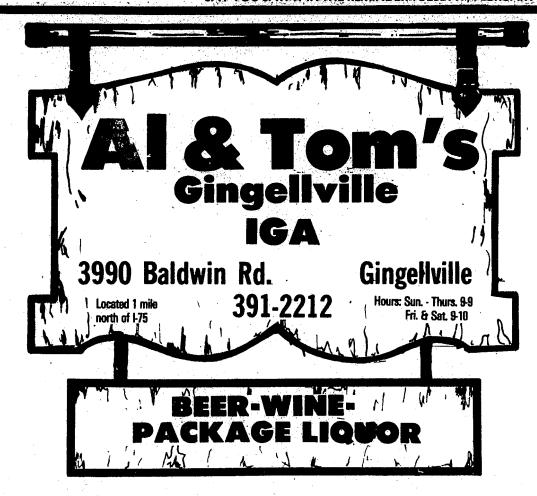
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On-The-Job

by Marilyn Bridgeman

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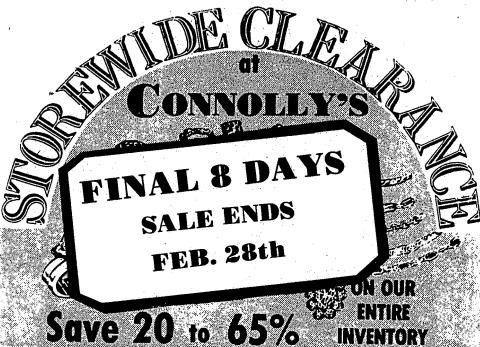
and lost pictures for three articles. I'm notorious for blurry pictures and chopped-off heads.

It was only natural I should work an On-the-Job with Bob Flath, a professional photographer. Flath had been warned about my lack of skill with a camera, but he seemed very willing to let me help him with a sitting at

I offered to bring a ringer to pose so I wouldn't offend one of his clients. But Bob said it didn't matter. I arrived Saturday morning, eagerly anticipating who my camera subject would be.

I was introduced to Neil Wallace, an attorney. Flath explained Wallace needed a current photo to use in his new position. Mr. Wallace said the photo was for his

We proceeded into Mr. Flath's studio. It was filled with camera equipment, lights, various props (i.e. a tree, barnwood) and different backdrops on each wall. I



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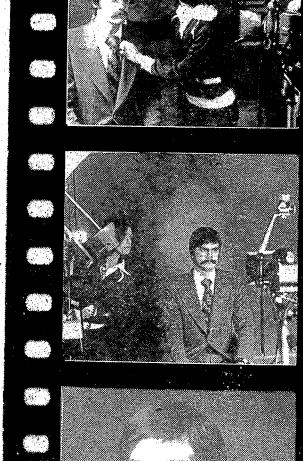
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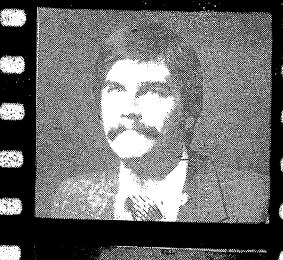
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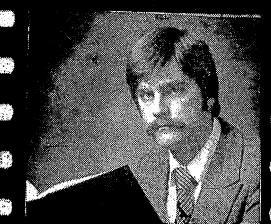
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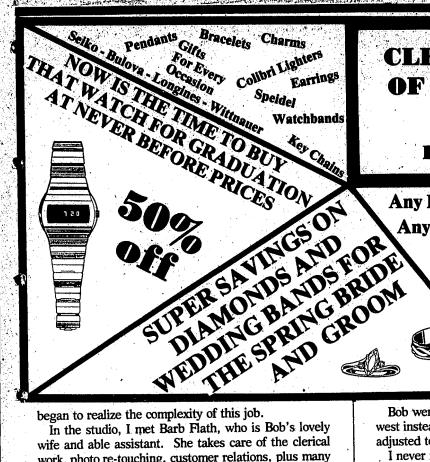
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began to realize the complexity of this job.

In the studio, I met Barb Flath, who is Bob's lovely wife and able assistant. She takes care of the clerical work, photo re-touching, customer relations, plus many other tasks.

We began by Bob saying, "Here's the camera, you pose Mr. Wallace and take his picture - then I'll do it and we'll compare.'

This didn't seem too fair for Mr. Wallace or me; but Bob assured me the camera was in focus so I figured I couldn't mess up too bad.

I asked Mr. Wallace to sit on the stool in front of the camera (logical), look at me and smile. Click! That's all there is to it. "Wrong," said Mr. Flath.

"First you talk to the subject to relax them, "he explained. Then you position their feet so they are comfortable. Next, Bob instructed Mr. Wallace to hold down the front of his suit coat so the collar wouldn't bunch up.

Now comes the adjustment of the lights. "You need more masculine lighting. We need heavy shadows to denote masculinity," Bob instructed.

Mr. Flath detailed the five points you need to highlight - "Forehead, each cheek, nose and chin" with

Barb interjected with, "Lighting is more important than posing.'

Now I understand why I MUST take the lens cap off. "You had the camera too low," Bob continued. "We don't want to photograph up his nostrils."

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Bob went on by saying, "Neil's nose goes east and west instead of north and south, so the lighting must be adjusted to compensate for shadows."

I never noticed, but who am I to judge; I'm a Barbra Streisand fan.

Mr. Flath continued his critique of Neil by relating, "Neil is a problem to photograph. When you want him to smile, you can't see because of his moustache. People have a hard time holding a pose. They feel unnatural, but the camera sees everything different.'

After learning these tips, I was anxious to look through the camera again to see if I noticed anything new. Sure enough, there sat Neil, bathed in masculine light, with his lower lip smiling and his nose running horizontally across his face.

Mr. Flath resumed his position at the camera, tried some different poses and took some pictures. "We want to take our time. We want it to be right," he said. Then it was my turn again.

With a bit more information under my belt, I attempted to pose Neil. This time, adjusted his jacket and straightened his hair.

I moved the lights back and forth like I knew what I was doing. Bob focused the camera and I tightened it into position. After looking through it, I still wasn't pleased.

I asked Neil to pose like Rodin's "Thinker" to add some drama to the photo. He obligingly did so. Click! I took my next picture.

This time Barb responded with, "You shouldn't spit on your hand before you smooth down his hair."

Bob took a few more pictures, then we let Neil rest before Mr. Flath continued with the color shots.

Before I left, Barb showed me the busy back room. She has been doing oil-coloring on black and white pictures since she was 13. I saw some of the work, before and after, and was amazed at her expertise.

I appreciate Neil Wallace for being such a patient subject. I hope his mom likes his picture.

> **McNally Announces Candidacy**

Judge Gerald E. McNally announces his candidacy for re-election to the 52nd District Court 2nd Division, Clarkston. The 2nd Division includes the Townships of Independence, Groveland, Holly, Springfield and Brandon.

Judge McNally is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, he was an attorney for the City of Dearborn, and an Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor. In 1968 he left the private practice of law and successfully ran for the District Court bench. From 1965 to 1973 Judge McNally had been a lecturer in Philosophy at the University of Detroit Evening Division, and is presently lecturing in Business Law at Oakland Community College Evening Division.

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Know-It-All, Grow-It-All

by Bonnie Hale

There are several good brands of chemical fertilizers on the market and they all have one thing in common with one another. They must be used according to the manufacturers directions and with extreme caution. Twice the amount of fertilizer mixed according to directions does not cause the plant to grow faster, it only hastens the plant's death by burning the roots.

I have found that plants respond better to weak constant applications of fertilizers than strong applications at regulated intervals. Strong applications (mixed according to the manufacturers' directions) are often leached out of the soil before the plant has a chance to fully utilize the nutrients leaving the plants without food until the next time fertilizer is applied. I call this the "Fast and Famine Dilemma."

One other thing that I have found is that some plants (examples being ferns, begonias, and pileas) have a more delicate root system than others and full strength fertilizer can damage the delicate hairs of the roots. It's a very good idea to mix the fertilizer ½ the strength recommended. For instance, if the label says 1 teaspoon per quart of water, use ½ teaspoon per quart of water.

Chemical fertilizers come in a variety of forms powders that are mixed with water, crystals that are sprinked on top of the soil, beads which are added to the soil and tablets which are inserted about an inch deep into the soil. Generally speaking, the water soluable kinds have their nutrients available to the plant much sooner. Without a major operation, it is very hard to tell when the tablet and bead kinds are fully dissolved.

The type of pot should be kept in mind when fertilizing. Clay pots, unlike plastic pots, hold fertilizer salts. This is why clay pots turn white and crusty. When plants in plastic pots are fertilized, most of the fertilizer stays in the soil (although some is leached through the drainage hole and evaporates), where with clay pots they are leached through the pores of the clay. Therefore, plants in clay pots should be fertilized less frequently.

When selecting a houseplant fertilizer, you should keep in mind that a balanced formula is the one you should select. This is where the numbers on a package of fertilizer comes in handy. A balanced fertilizer is one where the first number, nitrogen and the third number, potash, are the same and the second number, phosporus is higher. For instance, a 5-10-5 formula is a balanced fertilizer. Avoid a fertilizer which has a high percentage of nitrogen as this will cause the plant to make too much vegetative growth causing the leaves to be irregularly spaced.

Remembering the three numbers; the first number being nitrogen (color and lush growth), the second number phosphorus (sturdy root system), and the third number is potassium (blossoms and fruits).

With houseplants you want all things to grow equalgrowth, roots and blossoms. A good example of the numbers would be with lawn fertilizer; your main objective is a lush green growth on your lawn so you would use a fertilizer that is high, 30% being high in



Mt. Holly

nitrogen. But a lawn fertilizer would contain much too much nitrogen for houseplants and would be lethal.

When using chemical fertilizers it is a good idea to constant fertilize by mixing the fertilizer 1/8 the strength the manufacturer recommends. Every time you water, use the diluted mixture to water and feed the plant at the same time. This method eliminates the fast and famine dilemma often seen with chemically fertilized plants. And you are constantly replacing what is being leached out.

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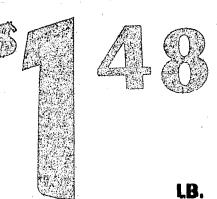


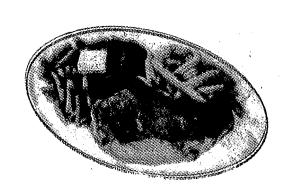
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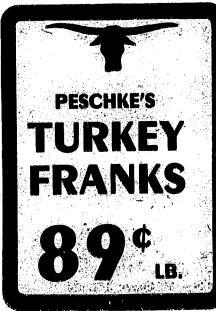
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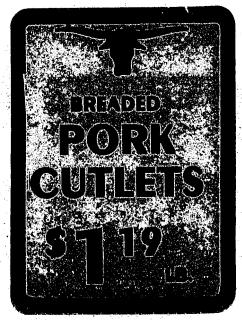
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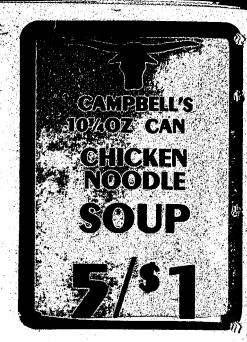














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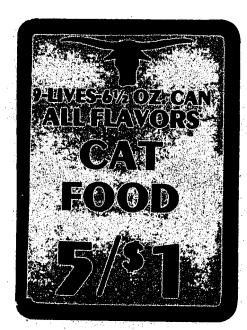
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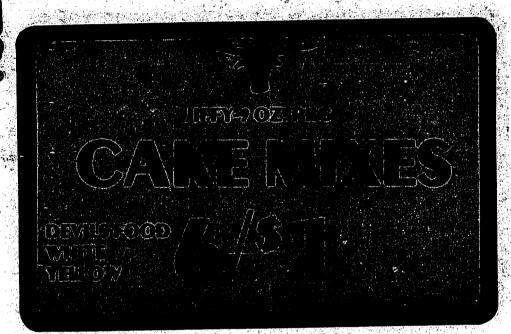


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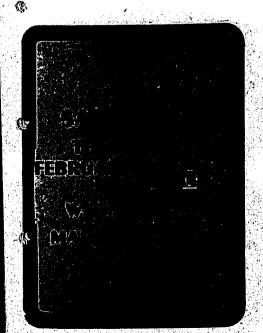
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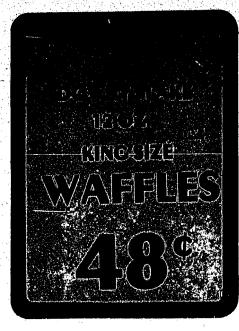
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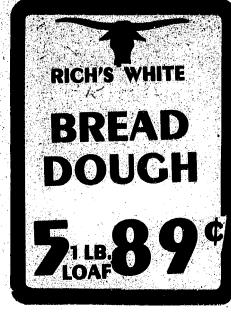
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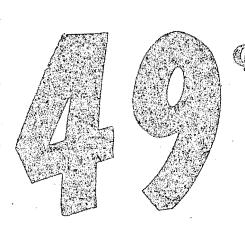




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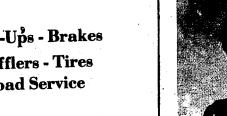
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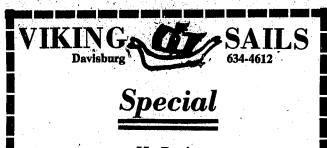
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AD-VENTURES:

A Weekly Feature About Our Advertisers

Dennis and Linda Francis, a couple in their late twenties, are the owners of the small cobblestone building on the Dixie Highway in Springfield Township which houses Springfield Antiques.

They bought the building, then consisting of two less-than-luxurious apartments, just two years ago. It took them nearly five months to redo the interior before opening for business in June of 1976.

Prior to coming to Springfield from Union Lake, Linda studied commercial art for two years and Dennis, after military service, graduated from a school for blacksmiths in Belleville.

His father had raised horses but Dennis didn't care for the animals themselves and settled on shoeing them instead.

Linda's family had always been interested in antiques and she had worked in that field herself off and on. So running Springfield Antiques is not a new experience for her.

The couple now owns four lots in what was the Bridge Lake Subdivision platted in 1926 by Robert White. Since the area was primarily intended for the use of summer residents, the lots are very small.

One of the Francis' lots contains the cobblestone antique shop, another a small stone cottage, and another a log cabin, now covered with siding on the outside and dry wall inside. Here is where the couple lives trying to decide whether or not to strip off the coverings and restore the cabin.

The fourth lot which fronts on the Dixie Highway, contains the small Greek Revival building which went unidentified in a recent Reminder. It's the old Springfield School used as such until the early 1930's.

The schoolhouse and its property had been for sale for some time but the owner was reluctant to sell to anyone who would tear the building down. She felt it should either be restored or moved but not destroyed. She also wanted it kept in Springfield Township.

The Francises have since cleared away the overgrown bushes and underbrush and extended a split rail fence across the front of the two buildings. The schoolhouse has been gutted and in time will house another antique shop. Since the couple deals mainly in furniture, the extra space will come in handy.

An interesting story goes with that cleanup. Last Halloween while Dennis and his neighbor were pulling out several scrubby old trees with the neighbor's truck, they found a tombstone entangled in the roots. That same evening the neighbor died of a heart attack. Dennis says, however, that he is not superstitious and that the man had a previous heart condition.

The bottom of the tombstone is broken off and so no dates are there but it reads, "My home is above, in loving memory of Charlotte E., Beloved wife of A.F. Myers." The Francises have been unable to discover the origin of the stone or who the Myers might have been. They're just keeping the stone and looking for some information about it.

Director Asks for Summer Band

Clifford Chapman, band director at Clarkston High School, has submitted a proposal for a summer competitive band, an extra-curricular, volunteer band that would participate in local, regional and national events. The band would also include graduating seniors and in-coming sophomores as well as current students.

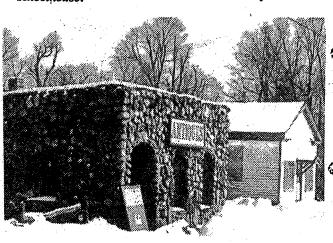
In his proposal, Chapman included educational objectives, how the program would be implemented, a tentative contest schedule for June and July, and a financial statement.

Money needed for out-of-state competition in Whitewater, Wisconsin, would be raised by the Band Boosters. The Board of Education approved an estimated expenditure of \$1,990 for transportation to local contests and for the salary of two staff members.

Also submitted was a proposal for a "Band Day" for the purpose of "securing popular, financial, and moral support for instrumental music in our schools." This day could be coordinated with a variety of activities in the village or township. Funds raised would be used for the support of the instrumental music department at the high school.



Linda and Dennis Francis have their work cut out for them refinishing furniture and restoring the old schoolhouse.



The old Springfield School [right] will soon become a companion shop to the cobblestone building housing Springfield Antiques.

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Committee Selects Architect for Athletic Improvements

At the December meeting of the Clarkston School Board a motion to appoint a committee to study outdoor facilities and needs of the three secondary schools was approved. The decision was precipitated by a request from the Athletic Boosters Club to expand and improve the concession stands at the high school football field.

The committee, composed of Albert Foster, Duane Richardson, Conrad Bruce and Eric Reickel, drew up a list of needs for each of the schools. The high schools were more extensive than those of the junior high schools.

Cited at the high school athletic field were the need for improved lighting, bleacher expansion, improvement of the press box and filming area, expansion of the track to regulation size, improved ticket booths and parking, development of a practice field, sodding or re-seeding of the present field, and public restroom facilities and a new concession stand.

The two junior high schools' needs were listed as improved baseball diamonds, football fields, and security of those facilities.

Of the three firms interviewed, Anderson/Lesniak and Associates of Royal Oak, specializing in landscape architecture and community planning, was chosen.

Reasons for the selection, as outlined by Conrad Bruce, were that the firm's representatives had spent the most time with the committee, they had expressed the most sincere interest, their experience in dealing with other districts with exisiting facilities, and the fact that they had submitted the lowest bid, \$7,500 of the three interviewed.

For that fee, Anderson and Lesniak will prepare a base map for the sites in question, do a site analysis, and meet with staff personnel directly involved to identify needs and priorities.

Once identified, these needs and priorities will be compared with the existing structure of the sites to determine a future course of action. The final land use concept plan agreed to be the most appropriate will be used as a guide for development of the master plan. That plan will be used to formulate construction costs and budget requirements.

The work agreed upon would be concluded in 4-6 weeks but would also be dependent upon weather conditions for survey information and site inspections.

CORRECTION:

Due to a typesetter's error, it was reported the last 150 persons to buy tickets for the Millionaires Party drawing sponsored by the Davisburg Rotary and Jaycees would be eligible for a drawing. It should have read the first 150 persons.



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WWI Veterans Meet

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Past Commander A.B. White gave information about the W.W. I Pension and its relation to Social Security Benefits. Americanism Chairman, Eunice Tremper, gave a reading of "Our Flag" by T.V. commentator John Daly.

Much discussion was given to a resolution urging Congress to have the Postal Service issue a Veterans Day commorative stamp for November 11, 1978. The Michigan House and Senate have adopted the resolution and it is being sent to the President of the United State Senate, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, and to each member of the Michigan delegation in Congress.

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Obituarys

Ernest Thayer, 85, of Independence Township died February 13. He was the husband of Nellie E. Thayer; father of Kenneth Thayer of Clarkston; grandfather of Nancy Goldecke of Tucson, Arizona and Sally Hall of Corona, California; also survived by nine great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. Mr. Thayer was a member of First United Methodist Church of Pontiac and was retired from Production at Fisher Body in Pontiac.

The funeral service was Thursday, February 16 at 1 p.m. at the Goyette Funeral Home, Clarkston; Reverend Arthur V. Norris officiating. Interment was at Perry Mount Park Cemetery.

Harry A. Bartlett of Grosse Pointe Park, age 65, died February 11. He was the son of Mrs. Mabel Bartlett of Saginaw, the father of Allen Bartlett of Clarkston, President of the Clarkston Education Association, Mrs. Joseph (Suzanne) Abajay of Waterford, brother of William of Arizona, and he is also survived by three grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday, February 15 from the Lewis E. Wint Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Boy Scout Tribute Fund.

Mr. Bartlett was a retired commercial artist.

Lorene M. Treece, age 64, of Clarkston and Port Richie, Florida died February 11. She was the wife of Amos; mother of Mrs. Robert E. (Patsy) Cole of Independence Township, Mrs. George Virginia) Edwards of Waterford and Mrs. Michael (Alice) Pierce of Highland; sister of Mrs. Woodrow Webber of Caruthersville, Missouri; eight grandchildren.

Services were last Thursday at the Lovend Funeral Home, the Reverend Roger Campbell officiating. Interment was at Ottawa Park Cemetery. Contributions can be made to the Michigan Lung Association. Pre-addressed envelopes are available at the Funeral Home. Mrs. Treece was formerly employed by John K.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS **RE: REVISION OF MERIT SYSTEM RULES**

A Subcommittee of the Board of County Commissioners' Personnel Committee has been established for the purpose of reviewing the Rules of the Merit System. The Subcommittee is charged with making recommendations to the Personnel Committee on desirable rule changes.

To meet these objectives and to allow input from all persons interested in testifying in regard to revisions in the Merit System Rules, the Subcommittee has scheduled public hearings on the following dates:

Tuesday, February 21, 1978 - 9:30 a.m.

Monday, March 6, 1978 - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7, 1978 - 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 21, 1978 - 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 28, 1978 - 9:30 a.m.

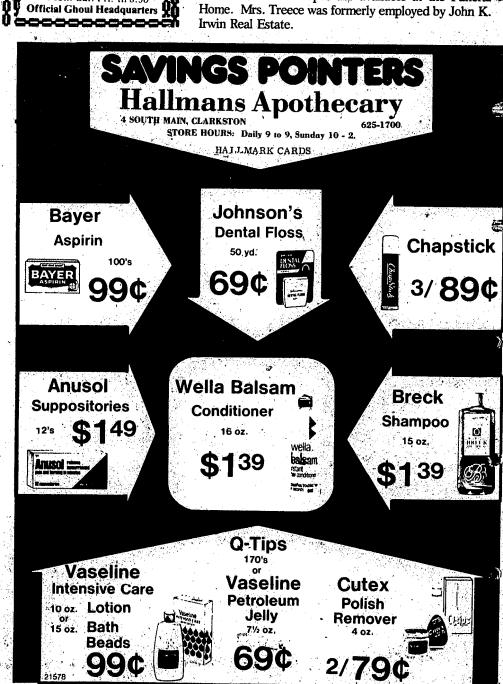
The Subcommittee encourages input from Elected Officials, Department Heads, employees, bargaining group representatives, and the public; in general anyone who is interested and willing to offer constructive input to the rules revision process. **HEARING GUIDELINES**

- 1. Persons wishing to testify should submit their requests in writing to the Personnel Department. Speakers will be scheduled in order of the receipt of their requests by Personnel. The Subcommittee may determine alterations in the schedule in order to provide an accurate sampling of all diverse interests and opinions if time limitations require.
- 2. Speakers must submit a written summary outlining the details to be expanded on in testimony. Separate summary sheets should be submitted for each rule to be discussed, identified by rule number.
- 3. Persons testifying and members of the Subcommittee will be the only persons allowed to speak during the hearings, in order to keep the meetings orderly and to conclude the Subcommittee's business in a timely manner. Others who may wish to comment or testify should submit an application to testify to the Personnel Department and be scheduled in the manner described above.
- 4. The Subcommittee intends that the hearings will be conducted openly and with candor and advises all parties that there will be no retribution for testimony given, however, all comments should focus on the issue of Merit System Rules revision. The Subcommittee cannot provide immunity for any libelous statements made in the course of testimony.
- 5. Speakers will be limited to ten (10) minutes to present their statements. Speakers requiring less than ten minutes for their presentation should indicate the actual time they intend to speak on the application to testify.
- 6. Employees wishing to testify will be allowed adequate time to travel from their work station to the hearing, to testify and to return to their work station during working hours. Employees who are scheduled to testify should advise their supervisor as far in advance as possible in order for the supervisor to make adjustments in the work schedule accordingly. Department Heads and Managers will be officially notified of this release time provision. Employees who plan to attend these hearings longer than their scheduled hearing times should make advance arrangements with their Department Head for annual leave time in accord with the current provisions of the Merit System.

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If this type of drama is a bit too heavy for you this weekend, why not sit back and enjoy an organ concert. Vincent Czarnowski, organist at St. Anne's Church in Ortonville will be appearing at Brandon High School on February 24 at 7:30 p.m. Musical selections will include modern as well as semi-classical jazz.

Now for you card players; a Euchre tournament is being sponsored by the Goodrich Jaycees on Saturday, February 25 at 8:00 p.m. at the Goodrich Country Club. So all you Jacks can take your Jills and enjoy an evening of fun and challenge.

If you can't handle murder, organs or cards take the family to the Clarkston Cinema to see George Burns and John Denver in "Oh, God." This well-accepted movie is good for all ages.

Don't forget, first-aiders, that the Brandon Disaster Relief Committee needs your help this Saturday, afternoon (February 25) to stage their mock disaster. Call 627-3618 to offer your services.

Cultural Council to Host Art Exhibit

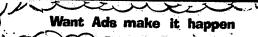
The Oakland County Cultural Council will host its first major art exhibit February 26 through March 31 with a presentation of original paintings and drawings from the Dominican Republic, it was announced today by Marlowe Belanger, chairman, and Lillian V. Moffitt, vice-chairman.

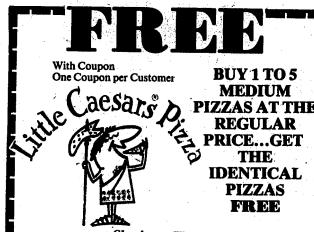
"Arte Dominicana" will feature the works of 21 artists, most of whom have studied in Paris and New York to learn the techniques necessary to produce distinctively Dominican renditions of Caribbean art.

The exhibit will be in the Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 North Telegraph, Pontiac. It will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., five days a week. The art will be available for purchase and many of the artists will be present to meet the viewing public.

It was originally opened in the Domincian Republic by Michigan Governor William Milliken, who emphasized the closeness of the ties between Michigan and that nation, and expressed confidence that "Arte Dominicana" would strenghten that relationship. The exhibit comes to Oakland County through the Michigan Partners of the Americas in cooperation with the Michigan Council for the Arts.

The Oakland County Cultural Council was formed last year as the first local arts council in the state. Its purpose is to coordinate the many music, lecture, fine and performing arts activities available in Oakland County, and to enhance communication and cooperation between the many groups providing opportunites in the county.





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WE THE PEOPLE

by Joan Allen

Kenneth Brown, Superintendent of Oakland County Schools, is a man dedicated to the education of children. "I always liked being a kid, and I always liked kids, and I liked the position of showing somebody how to do something," he said in a recent interview.

Brown himself went to kindergarten in Detroit, but his dad "wanted to keep a cow," so they moved to Ferndale where he remained until he was in the sixth grade. "The population of Ferndale became pressing then, and my dad still wanted to keep a cow," he said, "so we moved to Clawson."

"My dad bought a knocked-down house from Sears Roebuck, and by matching numbers, we were able to build it," he said. Brown continued school there, and graduated from high school in 1933.

While he was in high school, Brown's principal told him of all the satisfactions she'd had as a teacher, "and that sounded kind of exciting to me," he said. "She encouraged me to go to college. My dad encouraged me to go to Ford Trade School. The principal told my dad he was wrong, and got me a scholarship at Alma, and a job up there. My dad was smart enough to know that he couldn't stand in the way of all that free money, and so he let me go."

"Teaching wasn't my first love, though," he said. "I thought I was going to be a doctor. I guess I thought that because my parents thought I was going to be a doctor. We ran out of brains or money, though - in one way or another," he added.

He received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Alma. He then attended Wayne University, and received a Master's degree in Education Administration, and then a Doctorate in Political Science and Education Administration.

Brown met his wife while he was attending Alma, and they were married in 1940. They raised a family of seven.

"I'd worked at everything," he said, "from raising guinea pigs for Parke Davis, to peddling milk, selling magazines, and working in a grocery store."

He began teaching in 1940. "I began as a teacher, principal and superintendent in Lamphere," he said. I stayed there for about ten years before accepting the position of deputy-superintendent for Oakland Schools, which was in 1950. "At that time, William Emerson was moved up from deputy to Superintendent, and I was recruited for the position of deputy under him."

"I was local yokel, and I didn't think that I had a chance at this kind of a job," he said. "I always respected the services out of this office so much, that I never envisioned that I'd be a candidate for it. As it turned out, they, at the same time, were looking for somebody who might keep kids as his first concern. Someone who wouldn't get office bound, or play the political game."

Brown said, "I don't know how to define it; but if there is anything in afterlife and the good that you do, remaining, I think it rests with those who are alive, and the young ones are going to carry on. The better input we can give to those folks, the better lives they'll be able to lead - and I've got an itch to work for that, that's all."

And so he accepted the position of deputy-superintendent, and held that position for 13 years, working with Dr. Emerson. "But," he said, "I was looking forward to pasture when Bill (Dr. Emerson) beat me to it." Now, he claims, he is only holding the staff together until another "Mr. Big" can be found to take his place.

When Brown began working with Oakland Schools, the County had 170 small school districts, and the job they faced was taking all those small K-8 districts and designing a complete K-12 unit for them. According to Brown, the biggest job was studied over a 2-year period,

with all the separate school boards meeting to determine the final plan. The final plan grew out of a sociological study, based on the churches and shopping areas the people frequented.

Once they had yiable K-12 districts, the attention was turned to the ways and means of helping all the teachers in Oakland County to better themselves, and the quality of education in the County.

According to Brown, it was decided that providing specialists of the university professor type, who would be community oriented instead of campus oriented, was the solution. People with the "smarts" who were also willing to go through snow drifts to reach the teachers they sought to help were the kind of people recruited. The visiting fireman kind of specialist was considered, but it was felt that specialists that would remain in the community, and be on hand to answer questions, would be of more help.

Superintendent Brown discussed some of the problems of the school systems today. "I think," he said, "that a lot of the changes are here to stay, though I don't know what might occur through parental and professional cooperation." Right now, parents are saying 'Johnny can't read,' but on the other hand, they also say they can't afford to support the schools. The priorities haven't been established yet, and the schools have lost the battle of obtaining proper financial support for the things they know the kids ought to have. Meanwhile, parents blame the schools for not doing things, and teaching things that ought to be handled in the home, and used to be the parent's reponsibility. Someday (and the sooner, the better), the government officials, school administrators, and parents will get together.

"Parents and teachers, as a unit are, of course, affected by outside influence. Along financial lines, there is Federal money that can be used by the schools, but along with that money goes governmental control. We can't take advantage of the money without giving up control. That kind of conflict has a devastating effect as far as ever getting the parents and teachers working together on a program that's best for the child.

"If we didn't have Oakland Schools here, for instance, with the specialists that we do have, it would be possible to organize a professional development center and employ such people with Federal money. But along with that money, the government says in the instance of professional development centers, we're going to have to do things like let the elected officials (like the local school boards) be the fiscal agent; but the center is going to be governed by the teachers, and the teachers, in this instance (in Oakland County, in Michigan), would be the MEA, or the union, AFT, or some other union organization. This means if you are willing to give up the responsibility of administering and governing the public school system with elected officials, we can use the Federal money.

"That is, if we're willing to turn over our responsibility to organized labor, then the money will flow. That kind of outside interference hurts the parent-teacher relationship. Somehow, in the future, there will have to be some kind of agreement, or we will continue in a state of conflict."



Independence Library **Initiates Moratorium** for Overdue Books

A Moratorium Day to encourage the return of past-due books has been set for Wednesday, March 1, at the Independence Township Library on Clarkston Road.

The attempt to retrieve some of the long overdue books was suggested as a method to cut the loss of 25% of the annual budgeted book expenditures which the facility experienced during the past year.

The library reported a 1977 circulation of 35,789 books and periodicals, and the loss through a non-return of over 288 items during the same period with a total value of nearly \$2,000 to the township tax-supported institution.

Part of the renewed effort to encourage more responsible use of library materials will be an increase in delinquent book fines from 2 cents to 5 cents per day beginning March 1.

The library will institute a closer follow-up program on unreturned material. General book circulation is 3 weeks. Two weeks after the due date, a notice will be sent for the \$1.00 (50 cents for paperbacks) charge. Two weeks after the first notice, another notice for a \$2.00 (75 cents for paperbacks) will be sent. Eight weeks after the due date, a bill will be sent for the entire price of the book, and the family circulation cards will be pulled curtailing use of library services until payment is made.

A similar procedure will follow the periodical and record loans which are for one week intervals. The library also offers residents a choice of some 50 Best-Seller titles on a regular rental basis at 10 cents per

Health Department **Plans Expectant Mother Classes**

The Oakland County Division of Health is again offering a spring series of Expectant Parent Classes that will begin on Thursday evenings, starting March 9, at 7:30 p.m.

The topics covered by the series of eight classes included mental health of the family unit; growth and development of the baby before birth and immediately after birth; labor and delivery; and care and feeding of the infant.

Films and other audiovisuals are used to illustrate some of the topics. One of the class sessions will be a tour of one of the local hospitals.

The classes are taught by a Public Health Nurse and are co-sponsored by the Oakland County Medical Society and various adult education departments throughout the

Classes will be held weekly for eight weeks from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Oakland County Health Department, 1200 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac. To register call the health department at 858-1394 or 858-1280. Pre-registration is advised as classes are limited as to the number enrolled. There is no charge for these classes.

Parent-Teacher Meetings Set for February 23

The Clarkston High School Parent-Teacher conferences are set for Thursday, February 23.

The Clarkston Senior High School staff will be available for conferences during afternoon hours of 12 noon and 3:00 p.m. and also during evening hours 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

These conferences are scheduled to coincide with progress reports which will be mailed to parents earlier in the week. No appointments will be necessary as parents can attend either or both sessions of the conferences.

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There will be half-day sessions for students on both Thursday, February 23 and Friday, February 24. Students will be attending all classes both days as a shortened schedule has been arranged. High School students day will be completed at 11:00 a.m.





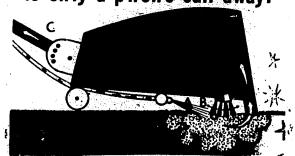
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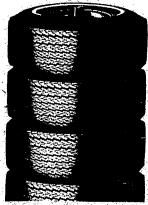
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As Gothic Revival architecture swept the country much as Greek Revival had done, the Greek style came under sharp criticism. Some people were particularly scornful of attempts to force the requirements of a home into the conventions of a temple. This criticism, however, was mainly leveled at the pure styles.

However, as we have seen, Greek Revival, especially in rural areas like Independence and Springfield Townships, was modified and simplified so that it really became yet another style.

Thus the changing fashions in architecture affected not only current buildings but also exisiting structures. The earliest local examples of the phenomenon can be seen in the grafting of various elements of Carpenter Gothic design to Greek Revival houses.

Houses with mixed architectural styles are often problems for restorers. Some purists believe that anything not original to the structure should be removed. Others believe these additions provide a valuable history of the house and, often, good examples of local craftsmanship.

There are two probable reasons for additions to exisiting homes. Interiors and exteriors were often changed to meet the needs of the owners. Those changes would usually be done in the style presently fashionable. Also, some changes were made for the sole purpose of updating the house.

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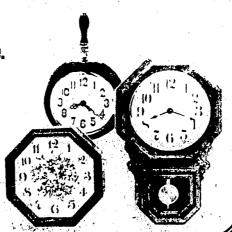
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The Methodist parsonage on North Buffalo in the village was built in 1861, late for Greek Revival. It features the 🏻 👊 wide entablatures with returns seen at the right. The doorway is in the long side instead of the gable end. This configuration is common in this area. A steeper pointed Gothic Revival-type gable is incorporated in the front of the house. The porch with its turned posts and the proportions of the windows can also be traced to the Carpenter Gothic style.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Barnhart of Rattalee Lake Road [center] took time out from their tour of the vocational school to sample the refreshments prepared by food services students.



Kay Varner, Clarkston junior, was one of the retailing students who modeled fashions from Hudson's for open house guests.



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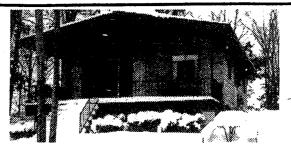
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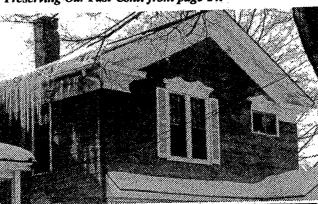
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This house on South Buffalo, circa 1856, is another example of the incorporation of Carpenter Gothic design in a Greek Revival structure. The unusual pointed gable

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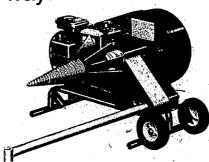
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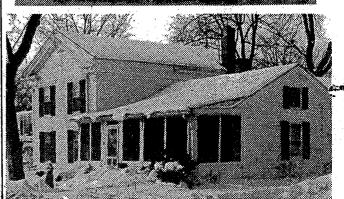
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on the porch duplicates the one in the roof in shape as well as in applied wooden design. On the side of the house not seen in the picture is a bay window which uses also Carpenter Gothic elements.

Located on East Washington Street, this house shows the entablature and pitch of the Greek style. The windows, however, are tall and slender with pointed arch drip moldings, characteristics which have a closer relationship with Gothic Revival.

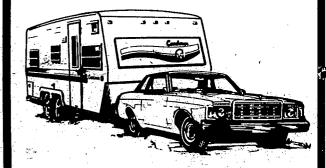


This house on South Holcomb is a beautiful example of Greek Revival typical to the area. The screened porch roof is supported by pillars with Carpenter Gothic-type ornamental brackets. These Gothic details seem to have been applied to the existing house rather than incorporated in the original design.



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