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Jim's Jottings

The last time I told you I'd quit smoking cigars it lasted 3 weeks. If I stay away from them another 4 days it will be 3 weeks again. I will also be dead. There is no question in my mind that I won't make it.

In the early days of lighting stogies I assured Hazel I wouldn't form the habit. And, in my own mind I knew that if the cigar smoking habit did develop I could quit with no trouble. After all, I had quit smoking cigarettes and I was a 2-pack-a-dayer.

There were other circumstances involved with the fag quitting. Like a doctor told me I had to. Even then I continued trying. I'd light one, take a puff and butt it . . . light it again, take a puff and butt it again. It'd take half a day to finish a cigarette.

But, you know, there is something that makes the flavor change once a man of medicine tells you to quit.

In the last couple years I've hinted to my doctor to tell me I had to quit smoking cigars. A word from him, even if he lied, might help. Trouble with this plan is that your subconscious rationalizing reasoning takes over and within seconds destroys all the common sense rational reasoning you were going to use if you got the urge again.

One other thing you can't do if you want to quit smoking: That is keep a cigar around so you can show yourself you have the will to look, but not touch. I tried that trick for 6 months. I couldn't get by the first 15 minutes in the morning. If there was one on my desk I lit it.

During the months it took me to drop the last dirty old cigar butt I came up with a fine list of reasons that were sure to discourage me from lighting another: Show my children I was strong of will, set a good example for them, no more burned holes in my shirts, no more smelly clothes, my coffee and Hazel's floor would be free of ashes.

The new-car smell would last longer if I ever buy another new car, I wouldn't stink up the office or friends' homes, no more burned noses or fingers, and there were more.

It didn't take more than a second to discredit all the excuses. My mind has never worked so fast on

Teachers-Board to vote

Ratification expected soon



Float building for this weekend's Homecoming activities was well under way in the barn at the Floyd Tower home on North Main. Doing what comes naturally were these sophomores, from left to right: Brian Leak, Toni Westover, Judy Tower, Gary White and David Topolinski.

Negotiations on the '69-'70 contract between the Clarkston Board of Education and the Clarkston Education Association (CEA) progressed toward completion this week.

Legal terminology for the section regarding binding arbitration was being supplied by attorneys Harvey Wax and Charles Kelley, who represent the groups.

The contract, in its complete form, was expected to reach the teachers by Wednesday, October 22.

Previous action taken by the CEA requires that the contract be in the teachers' hands for 24 hours before the vote for ratification can be made.

Accordingly, with no further delays, the voting should take place today.

If things proceed on schedule, the School Board, according to spokesman Milford Mason, will probably call a special meeting tonight to voice their final approval of the contract.

The negotiations which began last March were marked by the teachers' returning to the classrooms in September without contracts and subsequently withholding their services on September 29.

After 13 days, with the Clarkston Area Schools closed, negotiations were resumed. General agreement was reached on October 14 and the teachers returned to the classrooms pending the ratification.

Hanson named head coach

B. J. Hanson has been named varsity basketball coach at Clarkston High School. Doug Pierson will take his place with the J.V. squad. The appointments were announced by Ralph Kenyon, Athletic Director for the Clarkston schools.

Hanson has successfully handled the Freshman and J.V. squads as well as being assistant football coach here for the past 7 years.

In addition to his coaching responsibilities, he instructs physics classes and is the head of the Science Department.

A graduate of Michigan State University, Hanson received his Master's degree from Western Michigan University. He was head coach in basketball and football for 13 years at Middleville before coming to Clarkston.

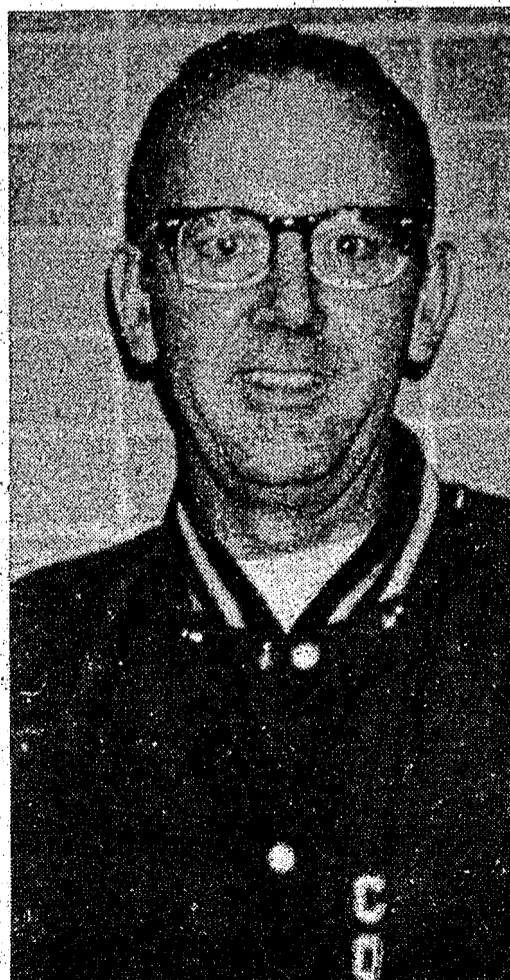
Mr. Hanson's wife is also a teacher and the librarian at Clarkston High School. The Hansons have 2 daughters, Jan, 19, and Bev, 16. They make their home on Snow Apple Drive.

In his new assignment, Hanson will replace popular Bud McGrath who

anything as it did on coming up with reasons to grab an El Ropo.

Nothing is really clear. I think cigar. Soon, I'm sure, I will have reasoned that dying of lung cancer at the age of 45 can't be all bad, that I would be killed by a car anyway, and that I will die at 43 of mental anguish if I don't have a cigar.

resigned from the coaching assignment to spend more time in his field of counseling.



New Varsity
Basketball Coach,
B. J. Hanson

Doug Pierson has coached basketball here for the past year. The 1965 graduate of Western Michigan University teaches Mechanical Drawing. His wife, Kathy, teaches Business Education. They live on Lakeview.

Pierson coached the golf team at CHS last spring.



New Jr. Varsity
Basketball Coach,
Doug Pierson

Suras build a dream house



By Jean Sura

I eased myself into my most comfortable bathrobe one night (the one with the hole under the arm, not for company), figuring it was the night as the saying goes, "that no man nor beast would be out." I sat down in our recliner chair. When I bought this chair, it raised the eyebrows of my interior decorating minded friends and I got a million dollars worth of hot air from a few. Anyway, I was just down-shifting myself into an evening of bliss when the cabin was attacked.

"Mom, Dad, guess what? We're going to be your neighbors. We have found this great old house up the road a few miles. It just needs a little work."

"Okay, Mr. Blanding, when do we start?" chimed Big Dad.

For those of you who are too young to remember, or those of you too old to recall, Mr. Blanding was the guy who bought an old house and made a million dollars writing a book about his million dollars' worth of experience, expense and frustration.

The difference in this situation is that in the movie, Mr. Blanding was played by Cary Grant, he was wealthy and had all the work done for him. In this case, Big Dad and Tom are doing the work with Jan and I getting the ticky-tacky assignments like woodwork, and we don't have a money tree.

We've made some marvelous discoveries.

The reason that people in olden days slept in those little beds is because they couldn't get a normal sized bed up their steep, narrow stairways. We discovered this on moving day.

"No problem," said our heroes, "We will just hoist it up over the roof and swing it in through the window."

Four hours of playing Tarzan didn't help. It just wouldn't work, so they put all the window frames back on and lowered the thing back to the ground, took it in and set it up in the living room. Neat!

"Well, that isn't so bad," said some optimist. "The bed fits downstairs in the living room, maybe the stove and refrigerator will make it up the stairs." That was when Jan really started to cry. So we changed the subject and started on the wallpaper. We rented a steamer and really got down to the nitty-gritty. And believe me, it is gritty.

Under 100-year-old wallpaper you are not apt to find old gold certificates, money or rare jewels. You are apt to find old rough, sandy, crumbly plaster. You are apt to find holes where lighting fixtures or heat pipes were once installed.

We did discover that wallpapering can be fun — for somebody else. We can prove that wallpaper paste really sticks.

"Go soak your head," they said to me after they had accidentally dropped a cup full of paste. My short hair is now a necessity.

It looks like a long winter. Little Matt is the first kid I know that has cut his teeth on rusty old nails, chewed on antique window glass and eaten a bushel of 100-year-old wallpaper and paste before he had his first birthday.

"We are really coming right along," said Tom (he has got to be the nutty one). "This place is going to be just great. We're right on schedule too. What atmosphere! Can you think of a better place for a Halloween party?"

Harvest dinner

"Trinity United Methodist Church of Waterford will hold their annual Harvest Dinner on Friday, November 7, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door or from any W.S.C.S. member. A Christmas Bazaar and M.Y.F. candy and bake sale will be held in the basement beginning at noon of the same day.

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Semi-finalist for scholarship.

Kevin B. Urick, son of former Clarkston residents now residing in Armada, placed as a semifinalist on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. He is the first student from Armada High ever to have achieved this honor.

Last February, 750,000 students across the country took the NMSQT. Kevin is one of the 15,000 semifinalists appointed to compete for about 3,000 scholarships. He can become a finalist and be eligible for a scholarship by taking another examination and submitting his academic and extracurricular achievements.

The test itself consists of five parts: English Usage, Math Usage, Social Studies, Natural Sciences and Word Usage. The test was developed to show the ability of students on a national basis.

Kevin was initiated into the Honors Society of Armada High School last year. This year he is serving as Editor-in-Chief of the school news which is published in the Armada Times every other week. Kevin is also very active in sports, playing on the varsity football and basketball teams, and is also a member of the track team.

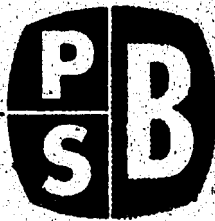
He is planning on majoring in journalism in college.



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