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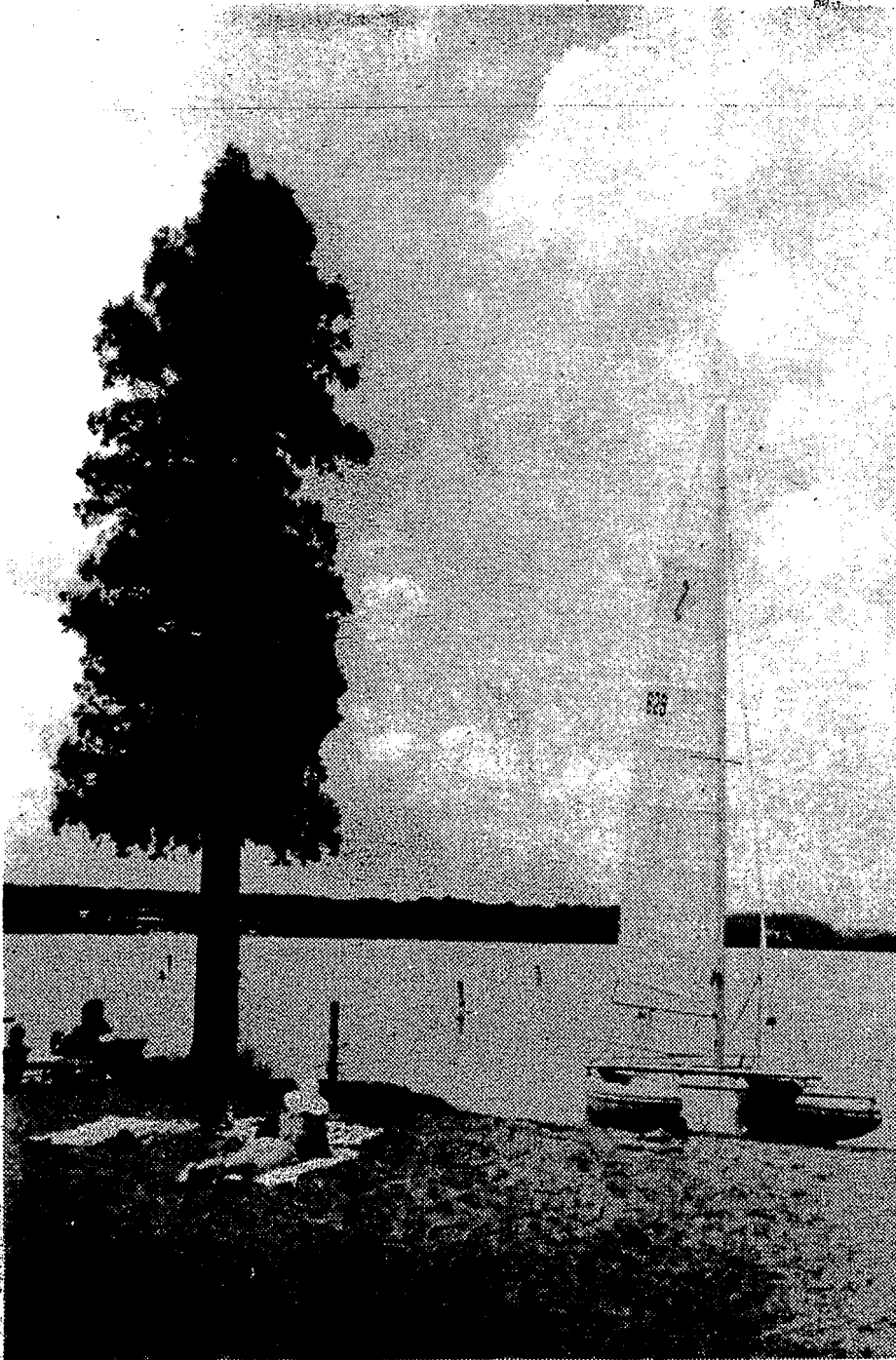
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Area lakes can be fun . . .



—Photo by Les Haight

For a scene that's relaxing to the eyes, gaze at sailboats serenely plying the waters of area lakes—or at, uh, other residents enjoying the resources available to them.



Balmy days offer an opportunity to take advantage of the beach of water of area lakes like Deer Lake.

unless . . . Sewage fouls lakes

By Mary Warner

Residents on Meyers Road fronting Lake Oakland and Woodhull Lake in Independence Township were recently warned by the Environmental Health Division of the Oakland County Health Department that swimming in that area could be a health hazard.

In a letter sent to residents July 8, the department advised private property owners to stay out of the lakes until such time as septic tanks which are suspected to be dropping raw sewage into the lakes can be repaired.

Residents of the area brought complaints to the health department, stating some children had gotten ill after swimming in the lakes.

Environmental Health Director Edward T. O'Rourke said there wasn't documented proof that anyone had contracted a disease because of swimming in the lakes, but the health department did detect some traces of human waste in the area. So his department issued the warning as a health precaution.

Oakland County Project Engineer Jim Lueders said the septic tanks suspected of the pollution were damaged by the earlier placement of a new sewer system in the area.

Earlier trouble with the contractor who placed the sewers led to the company's abandonment of the project, leaving the Oakland County Department of Public Works the job of repairing the tanks and finding a new contractor to continue restoration work

after the sewers were placed, Lueders said.

Lueders said the DPW has most of the six suspected sewers repaired, and hopefully residents can begin swimming again soon.

He said an additional problem was the delay in the delivery of a new pumping station for Lakeview Drive west of Sashabaw which, when completed, will allow residents of the Oakland and Woodhull Lakes area to tie into the new sewer system just completed.

The projected delivery date for the pumping station is September, he said, but the station will not be installed until later in the fall.

There will also be a new contractor doing the restoration work left by the Ackron Contracting Co. that withdrew from the project. The J. D. Armstrong Landscaping Co., started restoration work July 10.



Sign code enforcers bolstered by board

By Pat Braunagel
Independence Township will continue to pursue enforcement of its sign ordinance, despite what might appear to be some recent set-backs.

The township board Tuesday night reaffirmed its stand and gave full backing to its enforcement agents, who indicated they were getting disillusioned about the lack of support they've received on the ordinance.

"The lines of communication have always been open," said Ordinance Enforcement Officer Timothy Palulian.

Sparks fly from overdue bill

Justice being sought by Detroit Edison Company may depend on a balance between whose hand was on the switch and whose is on the purse strings for the building occupied by the Clarkston District Court.

At present, there are more heads than hands being shook over a \$4,907 back bill Detroit Edison says is owed because of an electrical hook-up snafu which occurred when the building behind the Independence Township Hall was renovated for use by the district court.

According to Edison, more than 182,000 kilowatt hours of electricity was used and not recorded because of two errors in rewiring the building.

Most of the unrecorded usage was due to a failure to connect the second floor wiring of the building to a meter, according to Clare Berger, Detroit Edison spokesman who appeared at the Independence Township Board meeting Tuesday night.

"I don't think they did it purposefully," he said. "I think they just went into a cabinet and hooked up some wires they shouldn't have."

The remodeling was done by the

"We don't go in and demand that a sign be removed. We have tried to be cooperative."

Yet, he noted, "we're encountering a concerted kind of resistance" from businessmen.

On the other hand, he said, township attorneys have been reluctant to take sign cases to Oakland County Circuit Court without township board approval.

"The authority to order compliance or removal is vested on the circuit court level," he said, commenting that the

county when it leased the building from the township in 1969. The error was discovered in 1973 when Detroit Edison workmen installed a new meter at the hall.

The utility company sent the bill for the overdue amount to the county, but was told the township was responsible for it along with other utility bills for the court building.

Confused township board members have referred the matter to Building Superintendent Kenneth Delbridge and Township Attorney Richard Campbell.

McDonald's sign under negotiation

Attorneys for Independence Township and the owner of the McDonald's store on Dixie Highway have started out-of-court negotiations on the temporary conforming sign permitted by an Oakland County Circuit Court injunction won for McDonald's.

Gerald Fisher, attorney who handles sign cases for the township, said an earlier decision to take the matter to the Michigan Court of Appeals is being

held in abeyance pending the negotiations.

Circuit Judge Robert Templin Friday denied a motion by the township to dissolve the injunction he had granted June 26 to the owner of the store at 6695 Dixie Highway.

Leon Blachura, president of North Oakland Development Corporation, was given permission to erect a 10-by-14-foot sign for six months in

order to evaluate the effect of a larger sign on his business.

The store "has not lived up to expectations," he said in making an earlier unsuccessful attempt to get a sign ordinance variance from the Independence Township Zoning Board of Appeals.

The township limits the size of permanent signs to 50 square feet a side and of temporary signs to 30 square feet.

ordinance review committee which has business representation.

The committee is headed by Tom Ritter of Ritter's Farm Market, 6684 Dixie Highway.

"We're doing something wrong, obviously," Kraud said. "If you look at the businesses along Dixie, it seems like the businessmen—and I hate to use the word—have a conspiracy against the sign ordinance."

One of the major complaints discussed was with nonconforming temporary signs.

"The chairman of the sign committee has one of those stupid signs," said Glennie.

"He was denied twice," commented Powell, who also sits on the appeals board.

"More than any other township or municipality," Palulian said, "we have strived to obtain the cooperation of those involved with the sign ordinance to try and iron out the differences of opinion."

"Despite our efforts, the enforcement attempts are as difficult now as they were one year ago. In some cases, even more so."

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County seeks unity on rezoning

By Pat Braunagel

Oakland County planning coordinators have recommended that Independence and Springfield township officials get their heads together over the portion of the proposed development at the north end of Deer Lake that lies within Springfield Township.

In the meantime, the Oakland County Coordinating Committee recommended that the Springfield Township Board deny a request to rezone 20 acres on the southeast corner of the Dixie Highway - I-75 interchange.

Hubert Garner and Deer Lake Development Corporation had won the approval of the Springfield Township Planning Commission to change the rezoning on the property from agricultural to commercial-3, a freeway service district.

Accompanying the commission's favorable recommendation on the proposal when it goes to the township board will be the county coordinating committee's recommendation that the

rezoning request be denied.

The property, which Garner said he wants to develop as a hotel-restaurant-conference facility, is land-locked by the I-75 ramp and the western boundary of Independence Township, on the other side of which is 372 acres of property now is the center of controversy both in and out of courts.

The recommendation to deny the rezoning was based primarily on three factors, according to Jeff Kacmarek, district coordinator for the Oakland County Planning Commission.

"It was felt that the rezoning should not be looked at in an isolated context," he said. "The Deer Lake property on the whole is under litigation and unresolved.

"Secondly, although the effect on existing land uses in Springfield may have been minimal, the effect on both existing and, especially, proposed uses could be fairly substantial."

The third reason cited by Kacmarek is that the property is land-locked and that, therefore, Independence Township should have some input into

Springfield's decision.

The 20 acres in Springfield Township is part of what had been proposed as a 30-acre commercial zone at the intersection, on the west side of the property which extends from Dixie to Holcomb Road between I-75 and Deer Lake.

A meeting of Springfield and Independence officials had been scheduled last year before progress on the development was halted and court cases started.

Both Independence Township Supervisor Robert Vandermark and Planning Director Larry Burkhart attended the July 11 meeting of the coordinating committee.

Vandermark noted that proper access to the 13 acres in Springfield Township cannot be provided before rezoning takes place in Independence Township.

In addition to considering the entire area, Vandermark said in his prepared statement that "the specific zoning request should be related to the needs

and feasibility of the specific use being proposed."

Regarding needs, he asked if the amount of land in the request is needed to service the specific use being proposed.

As for feasibility, Vandermark noted there are no sewers anywhere near the subject parcel.

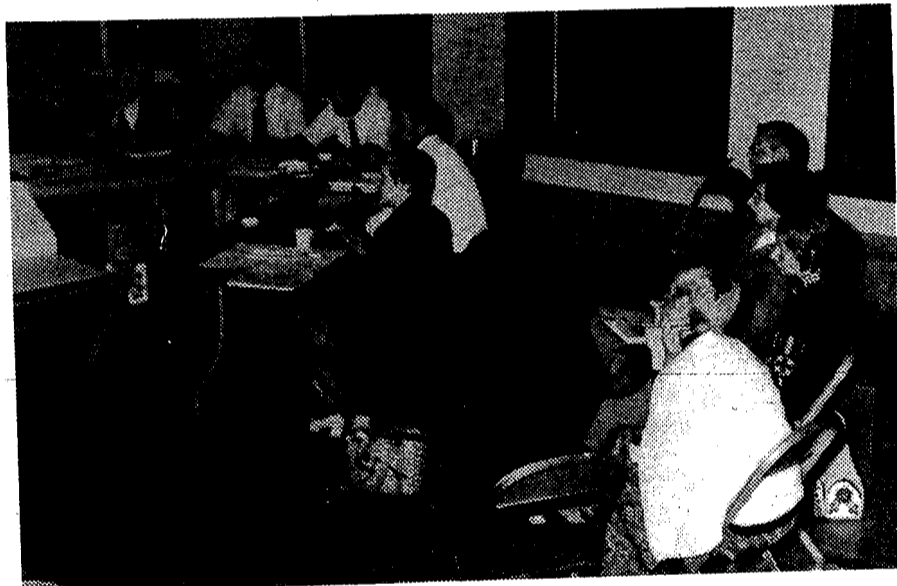
"A large development of the type proposed could hardly take place without them," he said. "There has been no indication of whether or not there is any market for the proposed uses.

"All indications from the success of existing business in the area and the lack of specific proposed tenants shows that this parcel is not ready for development at this point."

Vandermark referred to the possible observation that he was jumping the gun a bit in the tacking these matters onto consideration of a rezoning request.

"To not consider these things is analogous to zoning for a 1,000 unit hotel in the middle of the Huron National Forest," he said.

Village, township planners meet for first time



Planning commission members from village and township discuss common problems.

By Mary Warner

The Clarkston Village Planning Commission and the Independence Township Planning Commission met in joint session for the first time last Thursday night, in hopes of solidifying planning objectives for the future.

The evening began with introductions on both sides--eight of the nine township commissioners, and six of the nine village commissioners. Township planner Larry Burkhart stated planning goals with which both commissions will be concerned, such as the use of areas of Buffalo Street as restaurants and other commercial enterprises, the extension of Waldon Road southwest past M-15 to Dixie Highway, and the working out of projected traffic problems in and around Clarkston.

"I sincerely feel that if something isn't done about parking in the

Clarkston area, there are going to be some severe problems," Burkhart said. Burkhart also said there should be some coordination of planning on the future development of Clarkston as a commercial center, or, if the village wishes, coordination on the preservation of the community's antiquity.

The question of the widening of M-15 came up, Burkhart saying that the extension of Waldon Road might prevent M-15 from being widened in the future. But the Waldon Extension was planned with a community center being placed at Hawke Tool, he said, and plans for the center are tenuous.

Village commissioners commented that the extension would cut park land now owned by the village, and asked if the extension would really relieve traffic.

Bob Schwarze said the commission was swayed back and forth as to whether "we are going to yield up one or two acres of recreation land to hope M-15 wouldn't have to be widened."

The development of the north end of Deer Lake was also discussed at length, but commissioners were unresolved as to the answer of that complex developmental problem.

Village commissioner Henry Woolfenden brought up the question of the pollution of the Upper Mill Pond, which he said he had visited when "it was an odiferous mess." Township Commissioner Floyd Tower said that the township had die-tested the water in that area, and caught some people dumping their refuse in it.

Tower also said that the development of a township park will need joint planning efforts, and suggested that the village send an ex-officio member from the commission or village council to township planning commission meetings.

"I would suggest that the village have a member to communicate the position of the village to the township on matters such as Deer Lake, annexation, new zoning, and the village master plan," Jeff Kacmarek, district coordinator of the Oakland County Planning Commission, advised the group.

The commissioners wound up the meeting by deciding to send their minutes to each other. Village planning commission president Bob Schwarze said afterwards he did not know if sending a representative to the township could be worked out.

Looking at Deer Lake, again

By Mary Warner

"I think we should put mine bombs and barbed wire around it."

"No, we should just get helicopters to take everyone out."

"We are not going to have barbed wire--we're going to have tanks!"

No, this is not a council of generals planning war strategy, but some of the remarks made in a lighter vein Thursday night as the Independence Township Planning Commission and the Village of Clarkston Planning Commission, together for a joint meeting for the first time, discussed the current controversy over development of the north end of Deer Lake.

The Deer Lake problem seemed of primary interest to the two commissions as they discussed ways of planning for the future development of the community.

Proper development at the north end of the lake concerns both, as a small part of the 372-acre site lies in the village.

The village planning commission recently turned down approval of part of a preliminary plat for 68 of the 372 acres. The township planning commission, on the other hand, approved the preliminary plat for the 68-acre, township planning commission proposed

by developer Hubert Garner on condition that Garner provide a master plan for the entire 372-acre site, and that he show how he would provide sewer facilities for the area.

Those conditions have not been met, according to the majority of township board members, who last Tuesday turned down Garner's proposal.

The village commission is primarily concerned with traffic problems that might be created by the development, and the discussion Thursday night led to trying to find alternatives to the anticipated traffic problem.

Access routes in the development will lead out onto Holcomb Road, and thus the projected flow will travel south onto Dixie Highway.

Village planning commissioner Nancy Purcher suggested that the village make Holcomb a one-way street going north.

Township Planner Larry Burkhart proposed that every subdivision road fronting Holcomb be opened up to disperse the flow out onto Holcomb.

Village planning commission president Bob Schwarze said Burkhart's suggestion wouldn't solve the problem of traffic heading south down Holcomb.

Schwarze said the only ideal situation would be access onto I-75 from Holcomb, which would divert the traffic

north.

Burkhart agreed with Schwartz but added that there wasn't much chance of that.

Also discussed was the possible addition of a third road which would bypass Holcomb to the north and run into Dixie Highway. By the expense of building a street would most likely preclude that idea, township commissioner Edwin Manley said, adding that still wouldn't allow the Holcomb exit to be closed off, as the owner of the property couldn't be stopped from maintaining an exit there.

Township planning commissioner Art Ripley said there was a limit to what the commissions could do in that current litigation involving the site makes it hard to defend a commission stand on the matter.

Toward the end of the session, Schwartz heaved a sigh and said, "When it comes right down to it, there's no way out." However, a note of optimism was struck by Jeff Kacmarek, a district coordinator from the Oakland County Planning Commission, who said that "ninety-nine percent of planning issues are resolved by compromise, so I think the developer and the planning commissions can go the route of compromise and work these problems out."

Jaycees seek new carnival location

The Clarkston Jaycees are searching around for a more appropriate site than downtown Clarkston for their Labor Day holiday carnival.

The event, which annually earns the Jaycees about \$1,500, apparently has outgrown its traditional site in the municipal parking lot.

Now the organization is wondering if the track area at Clarkston Junior High School would be more appropriate and could be available for the carnival.

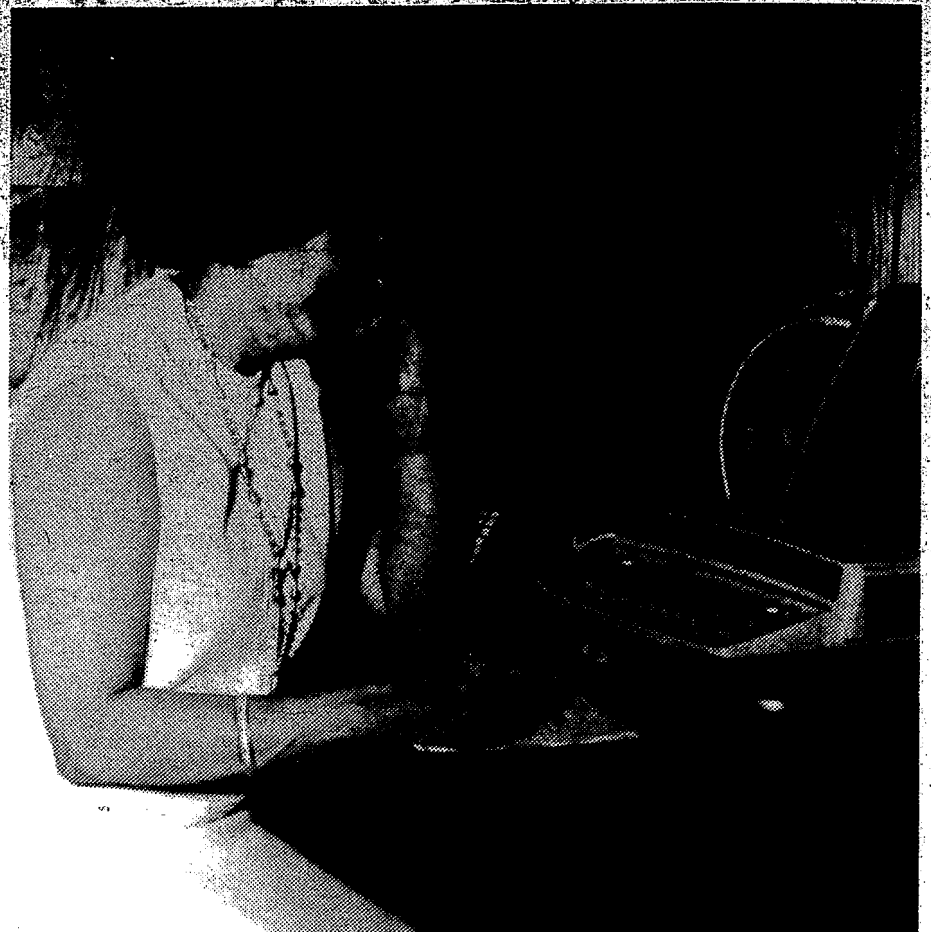
The owner of the carnival has told the Jaycees he will be unable to set up at least three of his rides in the downtown parking lot.

A formal request to use the junior high property reportedly was lost in the mail on its way to School Board President David Leak.

When Jaycee members appeared at the July 8 board meeting, they were told the board would have to examine the proposal further after research by school district administrators.

Various possible problems were mentioned, including the need to find out the viewpoint of the United Methodist Church, the requirements for sanitary facilities, the fact that teachers are tentatively scheduled to be at the school on the Friday before Labor Day and that school should start the day after.

Jaycees suggested as an alternative site the property behind the school district administration building. They would like, they said, to keep the carnival centrally located for easy access.



Evelyn Millward practices her answering skills in the new business she and her husband have opened at 8060 M-15, Clarkston. It is called the Clarkston Secretarial and Telephone Answering Service. She and her husband have thought for a long time that Clarkston needed an answering service, now they've got one. The service opened Monday, and will be open daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Meditation group to start

The beginning meditation group will hold its first official meeting on Monday, July 22 at independence center, 5331 Maybee, at 8:30 p.m., according to Michael Gramlich of Pontiac, coordinator for the study group.

While beginners will be learning techniques for relaxation, tension-easing and increasing personal awareness, they will be assisted by advanced members. Groups have been meeting in the Clarkston area at the home of George and Gwen Phillips since early Spring.

There is no charge for the four-week session, Gramlich indicated, with only a

free will offering being taken to help defray expenses. Similar groups are meeting in Bloomfield Hills, Troy and Pontiac with occasional weekend seminars being held. A seminar for advanced meditators and one for the study of healing techniques are in preparation.

Anyone interested in further information is asked to call Gramlich at 334-2082. He has been studying individual meditation techniques since 1956 and group meditation since 1961 in San Francisco. He is currently forming the New Directions Foundation for the purpose of studying meditation and related phenomena. A non-profit status is being applied for.

Monitoring sound at Pine Knob

Noise is a problem again this summer at Pine Knob, although thus far the music theater has not warranted a violation notice from Independence Township officials.

"We've had a lot of noise complaints," said Township Supervisor Robert Vandermark. "We've been there about every other night monitoring the noise. They're usually on the borderline, right on the edge, but seldom over."

The supervisor noted the township's decibel meter was calibrated in May to confirm its accuracy.

"We are keeping a log on the noise levels, keeping track of both the times and locations," he said.

Sound coming from the theater, he said, "has been a real inconvenience to residents, particularly those in Pine Knob Subdivision."

The noise "is almost as loud two miles away as it is at the property line," Vandermark said.

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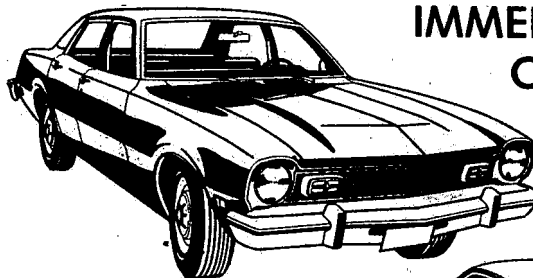
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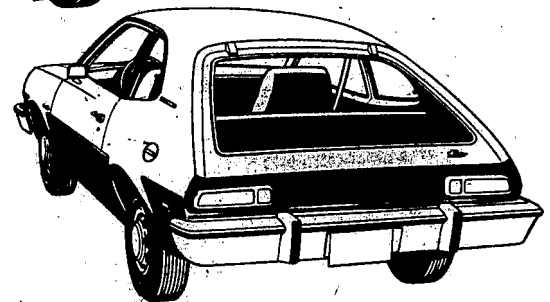
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New math over the hill

Sliding out of the 'modern math' era, the Clarkston School System will update its junior-high mathematics program this fall with the adoption of a new textbook.

The new book, replacing the 13-year-old Exploring Modern Mathematics, is Holt School Mathematics.

Both the old and new texts are published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston.

Selection of the new book was recommended by a committee of 13 teachers five administrators after they had reviewed 11 books and consulted with Dr. David Wells, director of instruction and mathematics for Oakland Schools.

To be used in seventh and eighth grade math classes, the new book "provides a good balance between traditional and modern math, taking the best from both," the committee report states.

The old book was considered inadequate because it emphasized "modern math" to the exclusion of other facets of mathematics and was deemed to be too difficult for many junior high aged youngsters.

Another factor is that the new book provides a unit on the metric system, which the old one did not.

The book to be introduced this fall has large type and is easy to read, according to the committee.

Its predecessor was criticized for having a difficult reading level, no provisions for improving computational skills and now enough practice

problems following the introduction of a new concept.

"It puts too much emphasis on learning by self-discovery," the committee said. "Some concepts are so obscure that no student can 'discover' them by himself."

The Clarkston Board of Education authorized an expenditure of \$6,639 to get the new program underway.

Immunization clinic

An Immunization Clinic will be held at independence center, 5331 Maybee Road, Aug. 1, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This service is being offered to infants, pre-schoolers and school age children by the Oakland County Department of Health. There is no charge.

For further information call independence center at 673-2244 or Oakland County Department of Health 858-1389 or 858-1280.

Cyclists killed

Two motorcyclists were killed in a head-on crash with an automobile which police said had swerved into the oncoming lane on Sashabaw Road early Friday morning, July 12.

Dead on arrival at Pontiac General Hospital after the 3 a.m. collision were Ronald J. Barden, 36, of 5470 Boyne Highland Trail, Clarkston, and Frederick M. Kirkwood, 29, of Pontiac.

The driver of the automobile, Patrick C. Stevenson, 19, of 5045 Greenview, Clarkston, treated his own bruises, according to Oakland County Sheriff's deputies.

They said Stevenson was northbound and the cyclists southbound at the time of the collision.

Secretaries veto wage package

A tentative salary agreement with the Clarkston Board of Education has been turned down by the school district's secretaries.

The proposed salary schedule called for a five-cent-an-hour increase for beginning elementary secretaries and three more cents for those starting in secondary schools.

Secretaries at the top levels in both categories would get eight-cent-an-hour raises.

The wage schedule, the only part of the three-year contract which can be opened before the contract expires in 1976, was approved July 8 by the board of education. It was turned down July 11 by members of the Clarkston Association of Educational Office Personnel.

Artrain nears

Furthering of plans to bring the Artrain to Clarkston, following the Clarkston Area Arts Council's first money-raising event July 4, will be discussed at the council's meeting Wednesday, July 24.

Renovation of the depot to coincide with the Artrain festival also is to be considered. The meeting, open to any interested member of the community, will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Clarkston High School library.

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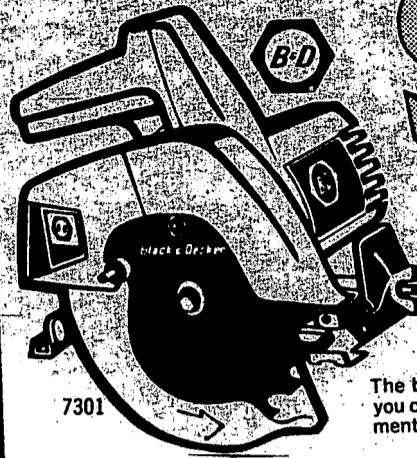
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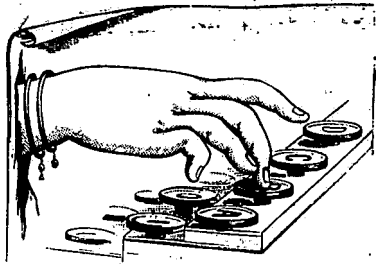
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Pacesetting

by Jean Saile

Bikes go big

Used to be, when your bike was stolen, the culprit was the neighborhood bully.

And you were only out of a bike for as long as it took you to get your big brother or a tough friend or—at the very worst—until your Dad got home.

Alas, those days appear to be gone forever. Bike thievery has grown to such proportions that even Dads can't keep it under control.

It's hard to believe there are national (international?) bike stealing rings. But, then, it's hard to believe you can put out upwards of a couple hundred dollars for a kid's bike.

The more common pattern is that bikes stay in the general area from which they're stolen—seldom the same community, but usually the general area.

In these days of professionalism in bike snatching, the two wheelers get changed drastically and quickly.

Within virtually minutes of its being stolen, a bike's parts can be changed and repainted.

Det. Roland Pless of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department estimated deputies get bike theft reports at the rate of two a day.

Pless, a dad, will tell you what he told his own kid.

"Make it hard for a thief to get your bike," he said. "Don't leave it in a ditch and go for a hike in a field. Don't leave it unlocked and unattended—even in your own yard or garage.

"Of course, you can't keep an eye on it night and day, but you don't have to make it easy for him to take.

"Thieves are lazy but quick. They like to run in and out!

"Don't let them run out with your bike."

Thanks, Dad.

The pacesetters are finally climbing into my league.

When pajamas as fashion became popular, they and I came into my own. About the only things the couturiers can do now is make housecoats acceptable for street wear.

Ordinarily I'm embarrassed when the doorbell rings at 7:30 a.m. and I straggle to the door in barely concealed nightwear. No more! I'll simply be in style—the gracious

hostess—even if my eyes aren't open yet.

I was too old to take advantage of the new status recently given blue jeans, but if that had happened when I was 17, I'd have been on the best dressed list.

I can still remember my parents telling me to get out of those knee-high rolled jeans and into something more acceptable because company was coming. I really thought I looked pretty good—the jeans, a sloppy joe sweater and dirty saddle shoes topped by sloppy white sox.

Clothes and I have never been on close terms. We tolerate each other out of necessity, and the same goes for shoes.

I empathize with barefoot kids. I've been one for 44 years whenever I thought I could get away with it.

There have been complaints registered during my long assault on the fashion world, but like I tell the kids—beauty is only skin deep. Purity of heart and a comfortable pocketbook are what count.

Comfort also plays a big part in my life. I don't know what I'd done if I'd lived during the era of whalebone corsets. Probably been an outcast—kept in the attic and only let down for family meals.

I guess I've always figured if my hair and face were clean and the clothes pressed, I'd get along. It now appears that even the fashion setters are beginning to think that way.



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'If It Fitz . . .'

A plague on her

by Jim Fitzgerald



It was Dominion Day in Toronto, something like our 4th of July, and I figured that was why hotel management had stolen my car. They couldn't fool me; I've seen too many movies.

Obviously, my wife Pat had dropped dead of the plague and the Toronto Tourist Asso. was afraid of losing money.

This tragedy began immediately after we checked into the world's largest Holiday Inn, in downtown Toronto. A bell assured me he would get my wife and luggage up to our room. He said I should go park my car in the underground garage and we'd all get together later for fun and tips.

I agreed, thus bringing quick tears to Pat's eyes. She embraced me warmly and lovingly whispered in my ear: "Where is the key to our safety deposit box?"

This was her snide way of reminding me that I have a tendency to get lost while traveling. She keeps remembering the time we were staying at a Howard Johnson's

and I went to play golf without her and then returned to the right room but the wrong Howard Johnson's.

The crack about the safety deposit box meant Pat thought there was no way I could escape an underground garage without her, and therefore she would soon be reading my insurance policies and last will and testament. (Wait until she finds out I'm leaving everything to the Traveler's Aid Society).

Anyway, I was determined to prove her wrong. As I wound my way down into the garage, I remembered Hansel and Gretel. But I didn't have any cookie crumbs to drop. So, please excuse the vulgarity but appreciate the cleverness. I occasionally spit out the window. The plan was to follow the saliva trail back to the surface. And it worked.

I parked in Stall 34, immediately writing 34 on my notepad, shirt and chest. I had almost completed the walk back up to the hotel when I remembered I'd left my reading glasses in the car. I was planning a

lot of reading the next 4 days (wine lists), so I went back to Stall 34 for the glasses.

My brown Oldsmobile was gone. Parked in its place was a green Ford, no relation. I doublechecked my notes and the stall sign. 34. There was no mistake.

In less than 5 minutes, my car had been wiped off the earth. It was mysterious, astounding . . . it was as though I'd never been there; never checked into the hotel at all.

Suddenly, I realized that was it. I remembered that oft-told tale about the mother and daughter who went to the Paris Exposition around the turn of the century. The daughter left her mother in hotel room number 321 for a few minutes. When she returned, there was no Room 321 and no mother. The hotel management insisted the 2 women had never even checked in. The bell boy who carried their bags a few hours earlier swore he'd never seen the 2 women. And so on . . .

It was a long time before the mystery was solved. The explanation

was that the mother had died of the dreaded plague. The hotel manager knew news of the plague would send all the tourists running for home. The Exposition would flop and local businessmen would lose millions. So Room 321 was boarded over and the death was covered up to save the tourist industry.

There was only one thing to do. I went to the hotel bar to await the end of the Dominion Day celebration at which time Toronto businessmen would doubtless return my car. I made a note on my chest to remind me to ask them about Pat's body, too.

I was explaining the note to a skeptical bartender when Pat walked in. She soon explained that the parking garage had 2 levels with a Stall 34 on each level and I'd probably parked on the 1st level and searched on the second.

It turned out that she was right, on the level, as usual.

A plague on her would be a good idea.



Letters to the editor

Suggests rules for appeal board

An open letter to Township Officials especially the Zoning Board of Appeals: There are many ordinances and rules passed that deprive individuals of their rights, i.e. signs ordinances, junk car ordinances, soliciting ordinances, etc., but the one ordinance, namely the zoning ordinance, is being violated many times, legally, which has a more dilatorious affect on the township than any other ordinance.

The reason is that each appeal is handled on an individual basis rather than its affect on the entire area. I would propose that the following rules be enacted or adhered to, that I am sure will improve many areas of this township:

1. Allow no one to seek variance except owner of property or a personal representative. (not persons involved in buying property based on issuance of variance).
2. If owner seeks variance to build on nonconforming building sites on the basis of paying taxes for so many years

then let variance stipulate that it applies only to property owner and is null and void if property is sold (this will prevent land speculation).

3. If owner seeks variance for the purpose of selling property, board should not accept application until owner attempts to sell property to adjoining owners. If adjoining property owners refuse to purchase property at a fair price then let Board consider Appeal.

The above rules, if adhered to, should stop a great deal of overbuilding in certain areas, and in many cases will bring some existing homes into conformity with zoning laws by additional adjoining property being added to them. If any of the above rules could be illegal then let the powers to be study the legalities and come up with something to prevent the Zoning Board of Appeals from ruining This Township.

Walter F. Grogan

Need animal control

Letter to the Editor;

Let me congratulate you on your coverage of the need in this township for ANIMAL CONTROL. This is a much neglected service and one that would be quite expensive to create for this community by itself.

There is a solution, however. Contracted police services with the county resulted in great savings to the community, providing a concentrated benefit to the citizens. Why not seek a similar contractual arrangement for

ANIMAL CONTROL

Further, I see at the Township Board meeting, July 2nd, a proposal for hiring policies and employment standards will receive attention in August. That's great! In fact, I pointed out that priority need in my June 27th release announcing my candidacy for Trustee. I plan to pursue that matter until it is completed.

Charles T. Whitlock
5364 Drayton Road
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PEEKIN' into the PAST



25 YEARS AGO IN THE CLARKSTON NEWS July 21, 1949

Miss Doris Boyns of Clarkston is enrolled for 6 weeks summer session at Western Michigan College.

Last Sunday afternoon, Mrs. William Allen entertained at a lawn party at her home on Dixie Hwy. honoring Mrs. Fred Olson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray (Bob) Parker returned on late Saturday from an 8600 mile trip across the USA.

10 YEARS AGO IN THE CLARKSTON NEWS July 23, 1964

The Stanley Stelmachs and children Gary & Dale of Waldon Rd. came home last Wednesday winding up a four day holiday in the Upper Peninsula.

Lisa Svetkoff daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Svetkoff of Snowapple will celebrate her 1st birthday today July 23.

Birthday greetings to Kim Kushman—July 24, Dave Erickson and Jeff Elsholz—July 25, Steve McGill—July 29.

Close call on lake

Dear Editor:

Our children have a love and respect for Deer Lake instilled in them by people who lived on the lake when the waters were more tranquil. With allegiance to that love and respect, they have enjoyed skating (when the snowmobilers didn't wreck their rink), swimming, fishing, sailing and canoeing.

On Saturday afternoon, my son Seil and his friend, Tom Pidd were in the canoe approximately 75 ft. from the shore, a pontoon boat, carrying five people and pulling a water skier, headed toward them. Despite their frantic screams and gestures, it continued on its course toward them. At 20 to 30 ft. away, the boys dived for their lives and miraculously escaped. The canoe was rammed and is a total loss. Without good judgement and a quick decision to try to escape, they too would have been "totaled".

We called the marine division of Oakland County who responded

promptly to investigate. The officers shuddered when they saw the canoe. One officer commented that he had seen a life lost in a canoe not nearly as mangled. Our boys were spared - THIS TIME!

The owner of the pontoon knew who we were, yet it took two hours before he arrived with his apologies. "I didn't see them, I just didn't see them. I had that thing wide open and I didn't see them, I just didn't see them. I'm sorry".

We were relieved to find him genuinely sorry, perfectly honest and in retrospect, equally horrified as we to realize that he "just didn't see them."

But are apologies really enough? The responsibility of caring for Deer Lake belongs to us all. Lake-front property, owners own lake-front property - not the lake! "Save our lake" you shout? I implore you - SAVE OUR CHILDREN!

Mrs. Frob J. Gruenberg
7290 Deer Lake Rd.
Clarkston, Mich. 48016

good pop singer and a performance by him, with his relaxed gentleness and humor, are always worth seeing and hearing again. ***

Doobie Brothers

By Eric Mobey

I caught the Doobie Brothers and The Elvin Bishop Band at Pine Knob Monday, July 8. This was the first night of a two night stand for the Doobies and Bishop, and they packed in a near capacity crowd on this sweltering night.

The Elvin Bishop Band started the show with surprising vigor for an opening act. Bishop (formerly with the Paul Butterfield Blues Band) has dropped his blues roots for harder rock and roll licks.

The Bishop Band performed several songs from their new album "Let it Flow" on Capricorn Records.

Capricorn is the label of the Allman Brothers Band and Bishop's new sound fits in well with the Capricorn artists sound.

The Doobie Brothers opened their set with their big hit "Listen to the Music" and the high energy was sustained throughout the evening. The live sound of the Doobie's is much harder than on their records and I was impressed by the tightness of the group.

The driving beat of two drummers coupled with bass and hard guitar riffs moves even the most passive spectator. A good example of the energy exerted at Pine Knob was the hard driving "Rockin Down The Highway" a song they had the crowd dancing and clapping.

Rumor has it that in California a "joint" if referred to as a "Doobie". Well, that's where the boys got their name and there were lots of "Doobies" being smoked by the young crowd.

The Doobie Brothers are made up of Tiron Porter on bass, Pat Simmons guitar, "Little John" Hastman drums and percussion, Michael Hossack drums, and Tom Johnston lead vocal and lead guitar. Jeff Baxter from "Steeley Dan" was with the group well as singing lead and playing lead guitar. Three part harmony is effectively used by "the Doobies" as in "Black Water". The band played most of their songs from their three albums and the set lasted almost two hours.

The show was quite visual with an excellent light show, smoke bombs exploding from the drums and waist high fog engulfing the stage. The Doobie Brothers gave the folks their monies worth.



Andy Williams

By Phillip Purser

Andy Williams drew a large and appreciative crowd to Pine Knob Music Theatre Wednesday, July 10 as he opened a four night engagement.

Preceding Williams, was composer, arranger, and pianist Michel Legrand. Leading a large orchestra, Legrand played a variety of his movie theme love songs and several jazz-influenced swinging numbers.

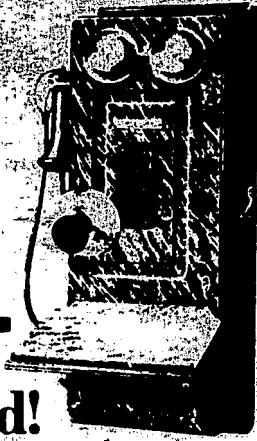
Michel Legrand has a personable manner which, combined with his skill and wit, make for a pleasant hour. He led the orchestra through most of his familiar music including "Windmills of Your Mind" and "Theme from Summer of 42". Tho close out a sometimes exciting first half, Legrand was joined by a female singer, Mary Phillips, and they sang the theme and other songs from the "Umbrellas of Cherbourg," a French movie love story.

Andy Williams with attractively unpretentious arrangements sang some of his old favorites as well as some new things from his latest album ("The Way We Were"). His easy, gracious manner with a song and with his audience puts him across without the fancy trappings that some other entertainers need.

He sings ballads like "Almost There" and "Moon River" with convincing romanticism, while he can bring an audience to its feet, as he did with a rousing rendition of "MacArthur Park".

The warm night and Williams' un gimmicked approach was a happy blend - even when he repeated things we had heard many times before. He is a

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School lunch funds raised

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has increased its rates of payment to state educational agencies to assist schools taking part in the national school lunch and school breakfast programs.

The increases, which will be in effect July 1 through December 31, were announced by USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to implement the provisions of Public Law 93-150, passed in November 1973. It provides that payment rates for school lunches and breakfasts be adjusted twice each year, in line with changes in the "food away from home" series of the U.S. Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index (CPI).

This is the second such adjustment and, as provided by law, it reflects changes in the CPI for the period December 1973-May 1974.

During that period, the series increased 4.94 percent, and the lunch and breakfast rates announced today approximate that amount of increase, rounded off to quarter-cent intervals as provided by law.

In the national school lunch

program, the national average payment to states for their use to assist local school authorities help defray food costs of each lunch served to participating children will be increased a half cent, from 10.50 cents to 11 cents.

Within that average, states are authorized to vary the rate of reimbursement to individual schools, subject to certain conditions, up to a maximum of 17 cents a lunch. Previously the ceiling was 16.50 cents.

The additional guaranteed average payment to States to assist local schools in the service of lunches to needy children will be boosted 2.25 cents—to 39.50 cents for each reduced-price lunch and to 49.50 cents for each free lunch.

The maximum reimbursement which States can pay to individual schools on free lunches is increased 2.75 cents. It can range as high as 65.5 cents for a reduced-price lunch and as high as 75.5 cents for each lunch served free. These maximum rates are arrived at by combining "general cash assistance," paid on all lunches served and "special cash assistance," paid on free or reduced price lunches served to needy children.

The national average payment to States for each breakfast served to eligible children will be increased one quarter cent—from 8.50 cents to 8.75 cents. The additional average payment to States for each reduced-price breakfast, which has been 15.75 cents, will be increased to 16.50 cents. The additional average payment to States for free breakfast, which has been 21 cents will be increased to 22 cents.

For cases of severe need, maximum rates of reimbursement remain at 40 cents for reduced-price breakfasts and 45 cents for free breakfasts.

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Places to go, things to do

The fifth annual Midwest Sports Collectors convention will be held at the Troy Hilton July 19-21.

On display will be some 90 tables of sports related collections--pins, autographs, books, cards and other items. Rare and unusual sports hobby items are auctioned off at frequent intervals. Last year, one baseball card went for \$1,100.

Medieval plays, dances and music, as well as sideshows and demonstrations of crafts of that age, will be featured during the fifth annual Ann Arbor Medieval Festival Aug. 10-11.

Located beside the University of Michigan School of Music pool, the 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. festival will include free presentations of plays and music.

An "Art on the Lake" festival, featuring artists' and craftsmen's work from Michigan, Ohio and California is being held Sunday, July 28, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Northfield Hills condominium development on East Long Lake Road in Troy.

The festival will feature chain saw sculpture demonstrations, handcrafted Indian jewelry, on-the-spot portraits, bronze and other metal sculpture, painting, pottery, silk-screening, and many other art forms.

There is no admission charge, and the Kinder-Care Center will be available to provide child care for children 2½ to 12 for \$1.

Johnny Mathis is back for a third season at Pine Knob Music Theatre with special guest star comedian-impressionist Rich Little Wednesday through Saturday, July 17 through July 20 at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday July 21 at 7:30 p.m. Reserved pavilion seats at \$7.00 and unreserved lawn seats at \$5.00 are available at the Fisher Theatre, Pine Knob box office and all Rose Jewelers.

Johnny Mathis made musical history with his first recording, "Wonderful, Wonderful" and hasn't stopped since. Over the past fifteen years he has recorded over fifty albums and is the only singer to have had four of them simultaneously on the national music chart as best sellers.

"Brunch with Bach" -- and other master composers -- will be introduced as a Sunday innovation in the Detroit Institute of Arts' Kresge Court Cafe on July 21, and will be offered each Sunday through Aug. 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The picturesque setting in the heart of the museum will be appropriate for instrumentalists performing classical, renaissance and baroque music, to be enjoyed with a special brunch at \$2.25, as well as an a la carte menu in the popular restaurant facility.

Mail-in registration is now in progress at Oakland Community College at the following campuses: Auburn Hills Campus, 2900 Featherstone Road, Auburn Heights; Highland Lakes Campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Union Lake; Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington, and the Southeast Campus System with campuses in Oak Park and Royal Oak.

Students seeking additional information may inquire at all of the college campuses Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The new "Queen of Soul", Gladys Knight, and the singing and dancing Pips will appear in concert at Pine Knob Music Theatre Saturday, July 27 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, July 28 at 7:30 p.m. Reserved pavilion seats at \$7 and unreserved lawn seats at \$5 are available at the Fisher Theatre, Pine Knob box office and all Rose Jewelers.

With two Grammy's and three hit records in less than a year, Gladys Knight's overwhelming talent has proven to be of "superstar" proportions.

All-American rock and roll band Poco brings its unique new sound to Pine Knob Music Theatre Monday, July 22 at 7:30 p.m. Reserved pavilion seats are \$6 and unreserved lawn seats at \$4 are available at the Fisher Theatre, Pine Knob box office and all Rose Jewelers.

Since its beginnings in 1968, Poco has been the spawning ground for some of popular music's most restless talents.

Pontiac's Summer Widetrack Festival will feature a national all-terrain vehicle race this week-end--the first race of its kind to be held in a downtown area.

The 1 p.m. races Saturday and Sunday will be in a five-acre field south of Pike Street between Widetrack and Saginaw Streets in Pontiac, and will feature three and six-wheeled machines of both the stock and modified classes.

An informational meeting on sudden infant death syndrome, or crib death, is scheduled for Sunday, July 21 at the Oakland County Health Department auditorium.

Dr. Clara Raven, retired medical examiner for Wayne County, will speak at the 3 p.m. session, at which the possibility of establishing a Michigan unit of the International Guild for Infant Survival will be discussed.

The Royal Oak Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its fourth annual outdoor art fair 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4 at Memorial Park, 13 Mile and Woodward Avenue. If raining, it will be held at the Royal Oak Parking Structure, Center and Third Streets. Admission is free.

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Tennis team needs players

The Independence Township tennis team put up a pretty good fight despite losing their first match against Oak Park Friday, according to coach Dick Swartout.

Swartout said his team lost eight sets and won two, but the lost matches were close, and the Independence team did well against opposition both older and more experienced.

All Swartout's team members are beginners, he said, and the team also suffered when they had to default on six sets for lack of players in the age categories.

Swartout said he needs more players to join the team. He said any boy or girl from the township between the ages of ten and sixteen can join by contacting the Independence Recreation Department.

Winning the two sets were Sue Frazier with a 10-7 score over her singles opponent, and Dan Rollman and Zoann Matthews who won 10-2 in their mixed doubles category.

The team has five matches left, with Walled Lake, Troy, Bloomfield Hills, Waterford, and a league meet at Waterford respectively.

Service news

Pfc. Ricky B. Pierson, 18, has completed a 14-week radio teletype operator course at the U.S. Army Southeastern Signal School in Ft. Gordon, Ga.

Pfc. Pierson's father, Johnny Pierson, lives at 5160 Woodlane, Clarkston.



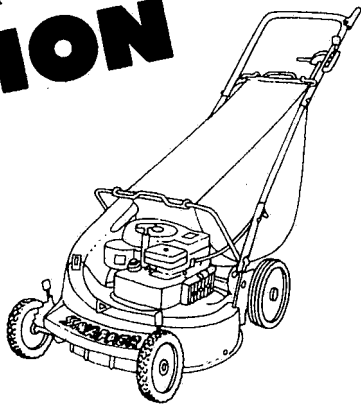
Practicing their serve for an upcoming match with Coach Dick Swartout are the girl members of the Independence Township's tennis team, Pam Blower [left] Kay Pearson, Sue Frazier and Zoann Matthews.



Displaying the trophies they received as second place winners of the Peanut Division of the Youth Bowling Association Eastern Division Roll-offs are Greg Roselli [left], Todd Thompson, Steve Cipparone, Scott Carter and Rick Carter. The boys just received their bowling trophies at an awards banquet held July 7. The boys bowl out of Howe's Lanes on Dixie Highway.

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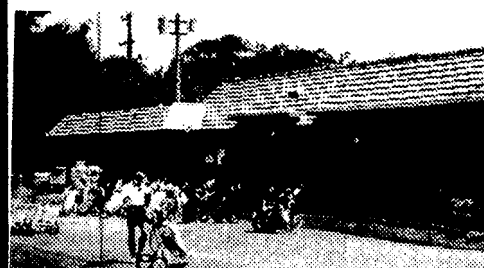


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Girls' league cannonballs

By Dick Esser

Working with the township recreation department, the Independence Township Athletic Association has cosponsored the almost completed



Umpire Nancy Chartier is totally in command.

second year of organized softball for Clarkston area girls.

This successful season will come to a close in approximately two weeks.

Ken Ross, the league softball director and the athletic association president, has been assisted this year by commissioners Mike Boyer, Ray Dawley, Ray Hughes, Jack Sprung and able members of the I.T.A.A. Auxiliary.

"We first started talking seriously about expanding the athletic association's sponsored activities at our March board meeting. Although we have been entertaining the thought for several months prior to that... why confine our skills, organizational talents and energy to only football when there is so

much to be done for our young people. Exposure to as many different kinds of sports activities as we can effectively manage with out limited personnel and funds is our objective," said Ross.

"The Independence township association has, up until now, only been involved with the Chiefs' three football units which they organized and introduced four years ago.

"Softball for the girls has been quite an experience, and I might add... quite a challenge," said Ross. "All of our experience to date has been working with the boys. Ladies... more than 450 of them, ranging in age 8 through 17, on 23 different teams... well now... that's something else!"



Both players and fans of girls' softball take their sport seriously.

The new league has been averaging 17 games per week, played on three different township fields. In conjunction with the parks and recreation department, the athletic association organized the training of the umpires and other officials, arranged for managers and coaches, purchased shirts for the girls and managed the complete program.

"It's our intention to continue the program again next year," said Ross. "It's conceivable that we could have far in excess of 450 girls for the '75 season.. We've seen great excitement and enthusiasm on the part of both parents and players."

The league is broken down into three different age groups: the Mini-Misses, ages 8, 9, 10; The Mighty-Misses, 11, 12 and 13 years; and the Maxi-Misses, 14, 15, 16 and 17 years old.

At this point in the season the "Snoopy Smashers" coached by Faith McLintock are tied for first place with the "Streakers" coached by Carol Richard in the Mini-Division. Coach Fred Dyke's "Cold-Cuts" are undefeated in the Mighty division although there are four teams in a second place tie situation: The "Clarkstonettes," coached by Tim Agar, Dave Kosiba's "Gang," Lowell Satterlee's "Ladies" and Yvonne Tersigni's "Turn Ons." In the Maxi Division, Juanita Verch's Bombers are the No. 1 contenders.

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Sue Keverns of the Clarkstonettes dashes for first base as the Cold Cuts' Pam Blower grabs for the ball.

Clarkston girl earns state golf honors

Mary Jane Anderson won a first in the Jaycee Junior Golf Tournament recently to be one of three Clarkston young people to place in the state contest in Kalamazoo.

Playing 18 holes on the Elks Golf Course July 8, Mary Jane scored a 79, Vivian Booker came in third with an 85 and Teri Thomson had a 99.

The boys played 36 holes. John Anderson placed fifth in the 16-17 age group with a 154. The other area resident to qualify for the tournament, Eric Booker, shot a 185 in the 12-13 group.

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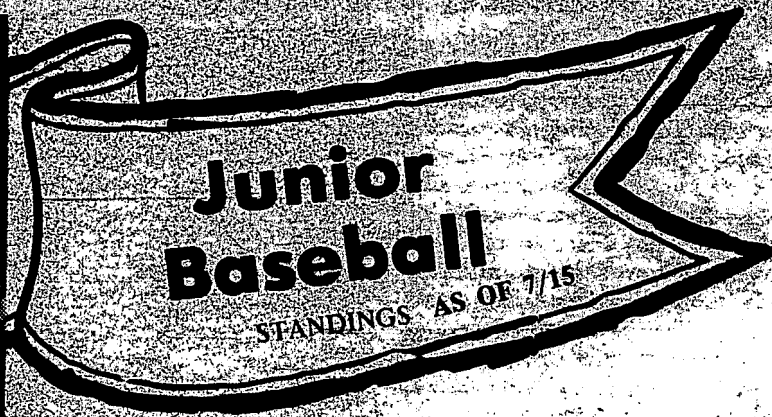
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8	Sluggers	6
2	Hits & Misses	4
3	Tigers	4
4	Appleton's	4
5	Clarkston Creepers	2
9	Summer Swingers	2
MIGHTY		
1	Cold Cuts	14
6	Satterlee	10
8	Kosiba	10
5	Beardslee Bombers	8
7	Clarkstonettes	8
3	Tersigni	6
2	Schmidgall	5
9	Bailey Bombers	4
10	Rookies	4
4	Little Rascals	1
1	Masters	0
MAXI		
2	Bombers	10
3	Streakers	2
1	Adolph's Hitters	0

Chiefs' sign-up set for July 29

The Independence Township Athletic Association will hold its football sign-up meeting for past and new members of the Chiefs Monday, July 29.

The 8:30 p.m. meeting will be held at the American Legion Hall on M-15, according to football director Ray Hughes.

Boys must be nine years old weighing between 65 and 105 pounds, 10 years old weighing between 70 and 115 pounds, or 11 and 12 years old weighing between 85 and 125 pounds.

Applications for cheerleaders will also be taken at this meeting. Girls must be three to six years old for mascots and nine to 12 for cheerleaders. The age requirement for cheerleaders is

only for new members, and very few vacancies exist.

A parent must accompany youngsters to the sign-up.

Those unable to attend the meeting can contact Hughes at 625-2469 during the week of July 29 - Aug. 2.

A \$10 fee will be collected at the meeting, and the date of physical exams announced if it is available.

Part of the staff for the Chiefs' upcoming year has been announced. Darrel Williams, last year's junior varsity coach, will move up to the varsity head coach position. Dick Heath, freshman coach for the past four years, will be coaching the junior varsity.

Two classes postponed

The start of the Independence Township Recreation Department's summer basketball clinic has been postponed from July 15 to Monday, July 22.

The clinic will last from Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., and is for all nine to 12-year-olds in the township. Recreation director Timothy Dolye said the clinic had to be postponed for lack of registrations.

The clinic is being held at Clarkston High School, and will teach basketball

techniques and skills. Instructors of the clinic are members of the high school athletic staff.

Also postponed was a karate class sponsored by the township scheduled to begin this Thursday, July 18.

The class is now scheduled to begin a ten-week course Aug. 1, on Thursdays, from 7-9 p.m. Minimum age required for the course is 13. For additional information on the clinic and karate class, contact the recreation department at 625-8223.

Waterford recreation activities scheduled

Recreational activities scheduled by the Waterford Parks and Recreation Department this summer include a men's golf tournament, a day camp for children, tennis lessons and a girl's basketball clinic.

The Second Annual Waterford Mens Open will be held at White Lake Oaks on Saturday, August 3. Gift certificates and prizes will go to the winners, and the five placing first will go on to state golf tournament finals.

A girl's basketball clinic featuring basketball skills, drills, and team concepts will be held July 22 - August 2 at

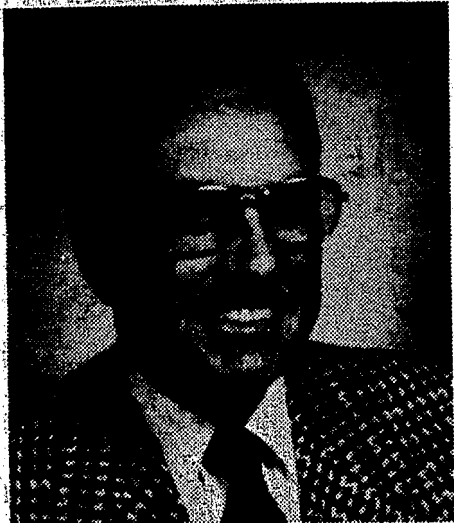
Waterford Mott High School.

Tennis lessons beginning July 15 will be offered at the Crescent Lake Racquet Club for anyone in the Waterford area. Free nursery care is available. Cost for six lessons is \$20.

Four one-week day camp sessions will be offered for children in Waterford Township beginning the week of July 22-26 at Camp Tomahawk in the Highland Recreation Area.

For more information about these activities contact the Waterford Parks and Recreation Department at 666-2320.


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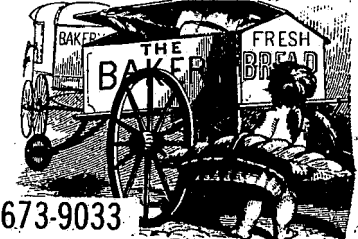
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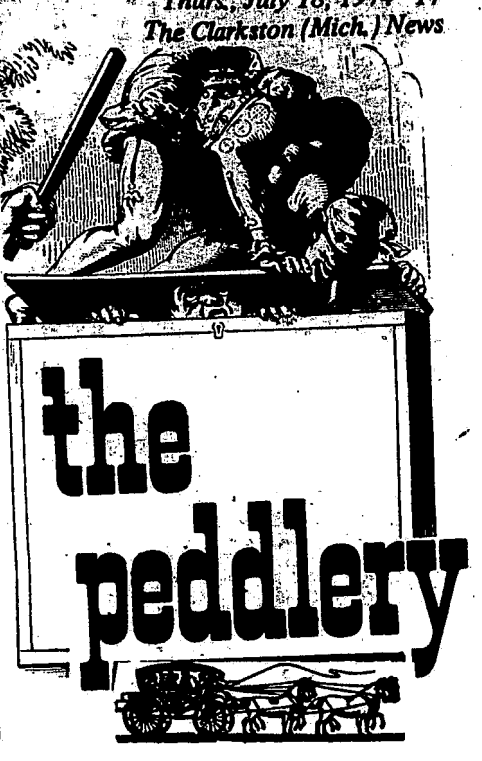
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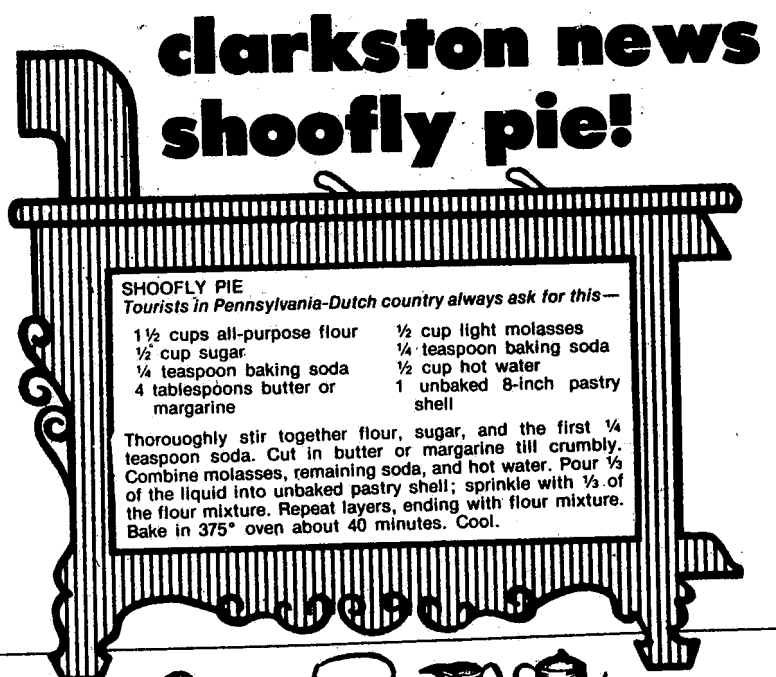
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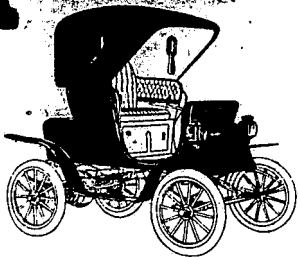
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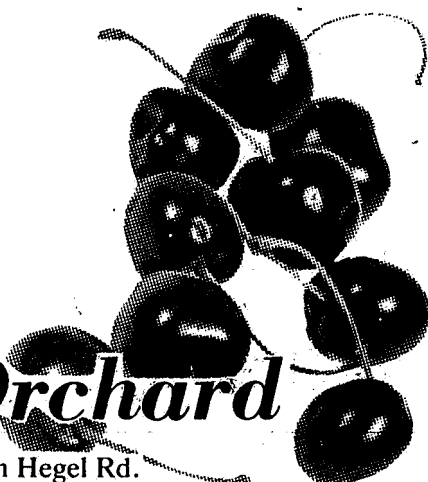
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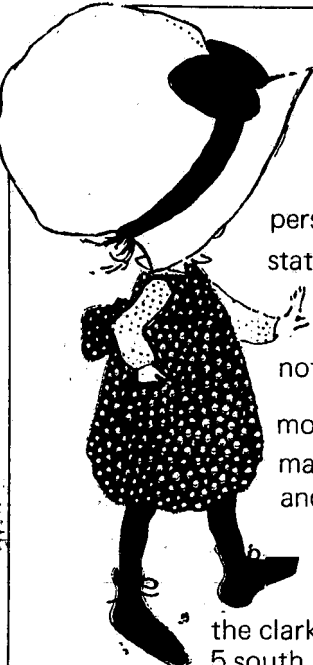
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- .Lg. can of tomatoes
 - 1 tsp. salt
 - Pepper
 - 1/2 cup of water
 - 3 T. Worcestershire sauce
 - 1 1/2 lb. beef
 - 5 potatoes, cut
 - 5 carrots, cut
 - Onions
 - 3 T. tapioca
- Cook in covered. pan for 5 hours at 275 degrees.

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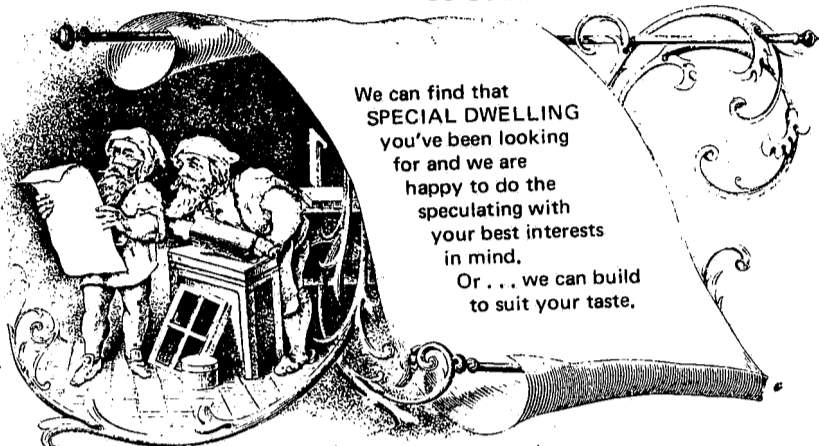


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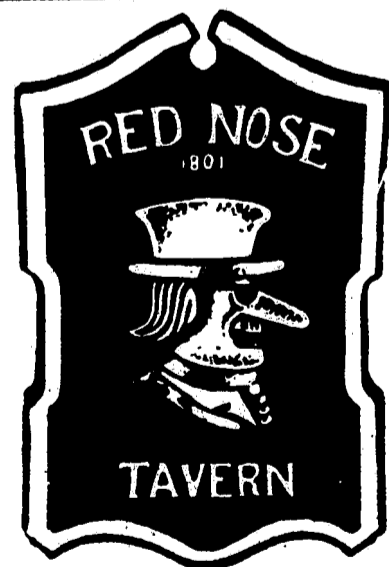
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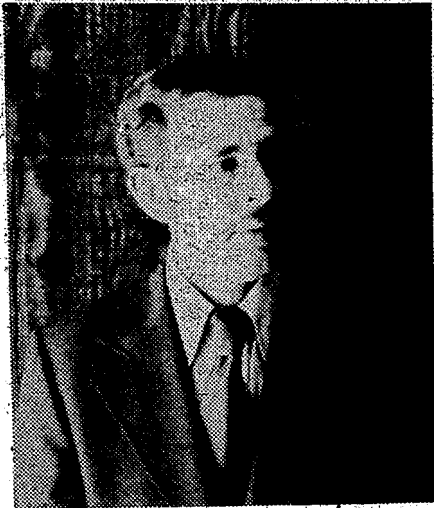
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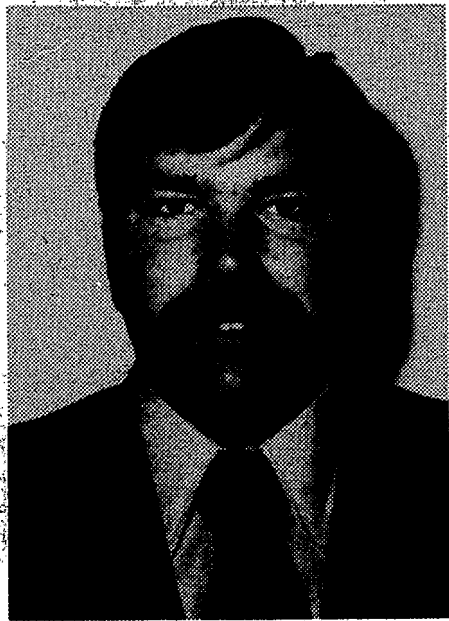
Meet your candidates



Glen J. Vermilye, 38, of 12601 Andersonville Road, Democratic candidate for the position of trustee in Springfield Township, is currently serving as a commissioner on the Springfield Township Planning Commission.

He had been a resident of Springfield Township for nine years, and is a member and past president of the Davisburg Jacees.

Vermilye states his goals are to "serve the township residents to the best of my ability to insure that each and every aspect of local government decision "making serves the best interests of the entire community."



Tommie R. Fiorini, Jr., of 6750 Wellesley Terrace, Waterford, who is running on the Democratic ticket for Independence Township constable, has been a security guard for four years.

Fiorini, 23, is currently the head of security for the North Oaks Plaza on Elizabeth Lake Road in Pontiac. He works for Mall Security, and before working at North Oaks he worked at the Pontiac Mall. He also sells fireplaces at the King's Row Fireplace Shop at North Oaks.

He is single, and has an associate's degree in social science from Oakland

Community College. He has lived in Independence Township for two and a half years, and has been a resident of Oakland County for many years.

Fiorini said he has had related police experience by riding with an officer he knows on the Independence Township police force.

"I think that there should be a better relationship between law enforcement and citizens," he said, "and as constable I will be able to work with the

people, so that when they have a problem, they will feel free to talk with law enforcement officials."

"I'd also like to see some changes made in the type of duties the constable performs. The township should let the constable do the ordinance enforcing, instead of the ordinance officer it is employing, because they are losing money paying a full time ordinance officer," he said.

"The constable is merely a figurehead now," he continued, "and I'd like to see this changed."

"I'm going to do everything in my power to help someone when they need it -- I'm sure I can do a good job as constable."

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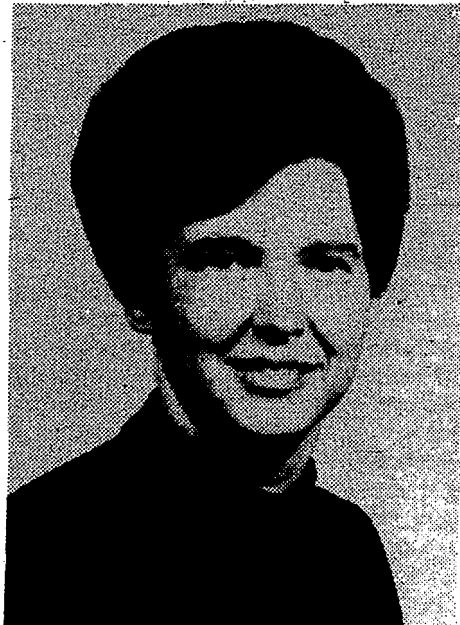
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Political corner

Meet your candidates



Seeking the Democratic nomination for Independence Township supervisor, Jean C. Benzing this year earned a bachelor's degree in urban studies-political science with specialized research in urban planning and community development.

She also holds a degree in landscape technology with a Michigan Association of Nurserymen award for outstanding scholastic achievements.

She has worked in the community development departments of both Flint and Pontiac, the latter of which presently is employing her for an environmental impact study of the Pontiac Stadium.

With six years of experience solving individual landscape problems she has served as treasurer of the Independence Land Conservancy two years. She presently is auditor for that organization and secretary of the Independence Township Building Authority.

Mrs. Benzing, 35, is married and the mother of two teenagers. Residents of Independence Township for 12 years.

the Benzings live at 5429 Williamson. "Independence Township requires a leader who is innovative and can respond effectively to the growing needs of our community," Mrs. Benzing said.

"I am deeply concerned with the direction our decision makers are taking. Decisions must be made for the good of the community as a whole.

"We must think long range. Decisions made now have effects which will be with us for a long time. We must question ourselves as to our direction. Only with proper leadership and cooperation of the entire board will we be able to set positive goals and protest the future of our Township.

"Preservation of open space and our natural landscape must receive a priority for the continuing beauty and healthy atmosphere of Independence Township. My experience in working with people on an individual and community basis, extensive research on land-use and planning has prepared me for leading our community-Independence Township in a knowledgeable progressive direction.

"It is my sincere plan to encourage citizen participation and reduce voter apathy in an effort to prevent the catastrophes growing communities such as ours-Independence Township -- are witnessing today.



Republican J. Edwin Glennie, 32, of 6900 W. Church, is seeking to retain his post as Independence Township clerk.

He has taken special courses through the Michigan Department of the Treasury for governmental accounting, in addition to other selected course work.

Having previously worked in real estate sales, Glennie was able to familiarize himself with property values, land uses and zoning and property descriptions. He had been a professional pilot for seven years, and prior to that was a mechanic and lineman at an airport while completing his training and schooling.

"The Township Clerk's job is two-fold: legislative and administrative," he said.

"Talking to the first point, I would like to say that it is my goal to prove that this grass roots government of ours is honest, stable and something you can count on. Of course the township clerk is only one vote on a 5-member board, but I can unequivocally say that I have been and will continue to be a stalwart for consistency in the legislative activi-

ties of the Township Board.

Then to the second point, I would like to point out that the township clerk is responsible for all record keeping, financial records and reports and all elections. This past year our book-keeper and our accounting system under my direction has received emphatic praise from the Township's auditors. In this area I feel that we will continue to improve to a point of being second to none.

"In the area of elections, I will continue to strive for an efficient, convenient system for the people of Independence Township. One thing I must say is that change is necessary sometimes in order to make overall improvements. These changes have been started this past year by dividing and rearranging precincts and establishing some new polling places which afford better access and parking for the voters. These changes are hard to get used to, but in the long run they will improve the processes. I will continue to work to the end of a more acceptable system of voting in Independence Township.

"In closing I would like to say that in these days of very widespread distrust for people in political offices across the nation, it would seem to me that we must start right here at the grass roots level to prove that government officials can be trusted and counted on. That is not to say that we must tell everyone what they want to hear, but to take positions and lay down policies and stand by them so that the people know

where we are and can count on it. As I said before, I have been and will continue to press the Township Board to act in this manner at all times."

Youngquist for commissioner

David B. Youngquist, 24, of 17070 Coventry Lane, Holly, Democratic candidate for Oakland County Commissioner of District Two, has had two years of schooling as an engineer at Oakland University.

He said "I hope to encourage greater cooperation between the county and the township I will represent. I would also like to use the county as liaison between the state and the townships."

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A copy of said franchise is on file with the Township Clerk, and it is open to the inspection of the electors of said Township.

At said election the form of ballot will be as follows:

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YES ()
NO ()

The polls of said General Primary Election will be opened at 7 o'clock a.m. and will remain open until 8 o'clock p.m. on said day of election.

July 18 - Aug. 1



HEALTH HINTS

BY Keith Hallman, R. Ph.

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BY THE THIRD EYE

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I also see a sheriff's deputy chasing a fugitive. The police will get their dogs out, and track the fugitive. They capture the man, but it looks like someone in the sheriff's department is going to be injured--possibly fatally--

during this incident.

There will be a fire in the village of Clarkston. It looks like it's either a small building or a small blaze. I think it's a small store. It's going to cause some damage, but the fire department is going to do an excellent job of controlling the blaze.

I see the township is going to be faced with another lawsuit involving land--I think it will be resolved in favor of the land owners.

Negotiations between the Clarkston Board of Education and the teacher's union are coming along fine, and school will open on schedule in the fall. But I do see one of the teachers getting sick in the middle of the year. It looks like she's pregnant.

I see lightning hitting a house causing a small fire, but no one is injured seriously. I also see a large blow coming up, which will take off a few housetops and blow a few trees down.

Nothing will be done about the possible hiring of a dog control officer for Independence Township until after the November elections. There will be serious talk about it, but no serious action will be taken because no one will want to allocate money right before the election.

I see some trouble at Pine Knob Music Theater, but it won't take place until next year. This year will be limited to a little vandalism.

VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
July 8, 1974

Meeting called to order by President Hallman.
Roll: Present - Basinger, McCall, Schultz, Thayer, Weber; Absent - Granlund.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
Moved by Thayer that the following bills be paid:

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Seconded by Weber. Roll: Ayes - Basinger, McCall, Schultz, Thayer, Weber. Nays - none. Motion carried.

Tim Dobson was present to request council permission to use the parking lot for a Muscular Dystrophy Carnival on August 3rd. Following a discussion, it was decided that the lot adjacent to Rudy's Market would be a better location for it, so he'll check with them to get permission.

The attorney was present and reviewed the legal opinions on the vacating of the north end of Buffalo St. which took place in 1968. He reiterated his opinion that the street was properly vacated, and that the council would have to undertake condemnation procedures if it wanted it back. Trustee Basinger felt that a court order was necessary in order to complete the vacation, but attorney Steckling said that it was possible to proceed under another section of the act which would not require a court order. Trustee McCall said that Parke Lake is too small to accommodate more boat traffic which may result if the street had public access. Trustees Thayer and Weber felt that it was better off vacated as it would be a nuisance and a liability for the village. President Hallman said that it was the opinion of the majority of villagers that he had talked to to keep it closed to public access. Trustee Basinger said that this council was responsible for divesting the village of a valuable public resource with nothing being given in return.

Moved by Thayer to accept the opinion of the attorney as to the vacating of the north end of Buffalo St. as being legal and binding. Seconded by Weber. Trustee Schultz said that he didn't feel that the council should accept or not accept attorneys' opinions, as their opinions are legally binding on us anyway. Roll: Ayes - McCall, Thayer, Weber. Nays - Basinger. Abstain - Schuktz. Motion carried.

The attorney presented the amendment to the easement exchange request between the village and the new owner of the Milzow office building, giving the owner of the building responsibility of constructing a ten foot strip for ingress and egress. A discussion followed.

Moved by Thayer to accept the easement exchange request between the village and the Milzow office building as amended. Seconded by McCall. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence from the township building department on the inspection of the Methodist Church and from the Clarkston Community Historical Society was read and discussed by the council. The building department would like to know the contemplated use for it before they could really determine what would be necessary to bring it up to code. The Historical Society urged that the council purchase it so the historical building could be preserved. President Hallman feels that we should check on the financial feasibility of such a purchase and renovation as an initial step, and asked the Historical Society if they could get more structural information from a qualified engineer on it. Trustee Basinger said that they would be glad to check into this.

Treasurer Art Pappas presented the council with a financial report and the annual audit. It was decided to set up a separate account for revenue sharing funds, in accordance with the auditor's recommendation. Investing money from some of the other accounts was discussed.

Moved by Basinger to authorize the treasurer to invest \$7,000.00 from the Major Streets Fund, \$6,000.00 from the Local Streets Fund, and \$3,000.00 from the Septic Fund in U.S. Treasury Bonds. Seconded by Thayer. Roll: Ayes - Basinger, McCall, Schultz, Thayer, Weber. Nays - none. Motion carried.

Future sidewalk repair was discussed, but no action taken at this time.

Moved by Schultz to approve the request of the Clintonville Social Brethren Church to use the parking lot for a car wash on July 20th. Seconded by Weber. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence from the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance Committee was read, thanking the council for our contribution to them recently.

Correspondence from Bill Martin was read, stating his resignation from the Independence-Clarkston Bi-Centennial Commission's chairmanship, due to ill health. It was decided to have the clerk write him a letter thanking him for his past efforts, and expressing our desire for him to accept an honorary chairmanship of the commission.

Moved by Schultz, seconded by McCall to adjourn. Motion carried.
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Cub Scouts start day camp

By Mary Warner

The Clinton Valley Council Cub Scouts last week took over Camp Agawam in Lake Orion to begin the first of four day camp sessions ever to be held in this area for the cub scouts.

The camp is a former Boy Scout camp owned by the council, which has now been turned into a training and activities center for the council, according to director of the Day Camp activities, John Crady.

Crady, who is assistant scoutmaster for Troop 52 of the Cub Scouts in Drayton Plains, said the Boy Scouts outgrew the camp and have moved to another location for their summer camp, paving the way for the cub scouts to begin using the facilities.

The Clinton Valley Council will have a lot of its boys from surrounding areas such as Clarkston, Drayton Plains, Waterford, Ortonville, Pontiac

The boys participate in many recreational activities which are fun for them, and their participation in them can also count toward their merit badges. Among the activities are swimming, archery, arts and crafts, nature hikes, scavenger hunts and various other games. The boys were even able to practice their tightrope walking skills on a rope bridge made for them by boy scouts working as counselors at the day camp.

Every Thursday night the scouts have a barbecue and present awards for the various contests held during the week.

Last Thursday the barbecue featured chicken, and skits were held after dinner. One of the skits included an Indian dance done by the Cub Scouts in which they dressed up as Indians and danced around a blazing bonfire.

Another skit featured two cubs who tried to talk through a rope with two cans on the end. When they couldn't hear each other, they asked people from the audience to serve as telephone poles.

After about 15 parents served as poles, the scouts finally succeeded in talking to each other. When they asked what each other had been doing, one said "I've been fishing." "Oh, yeah?" the other replied. "What'd ya catch?" "Fifteen suckers" was the reply.



On your mark, get set, go! And go these cubs did, after a greasy watermelon bobbing out in the lake.

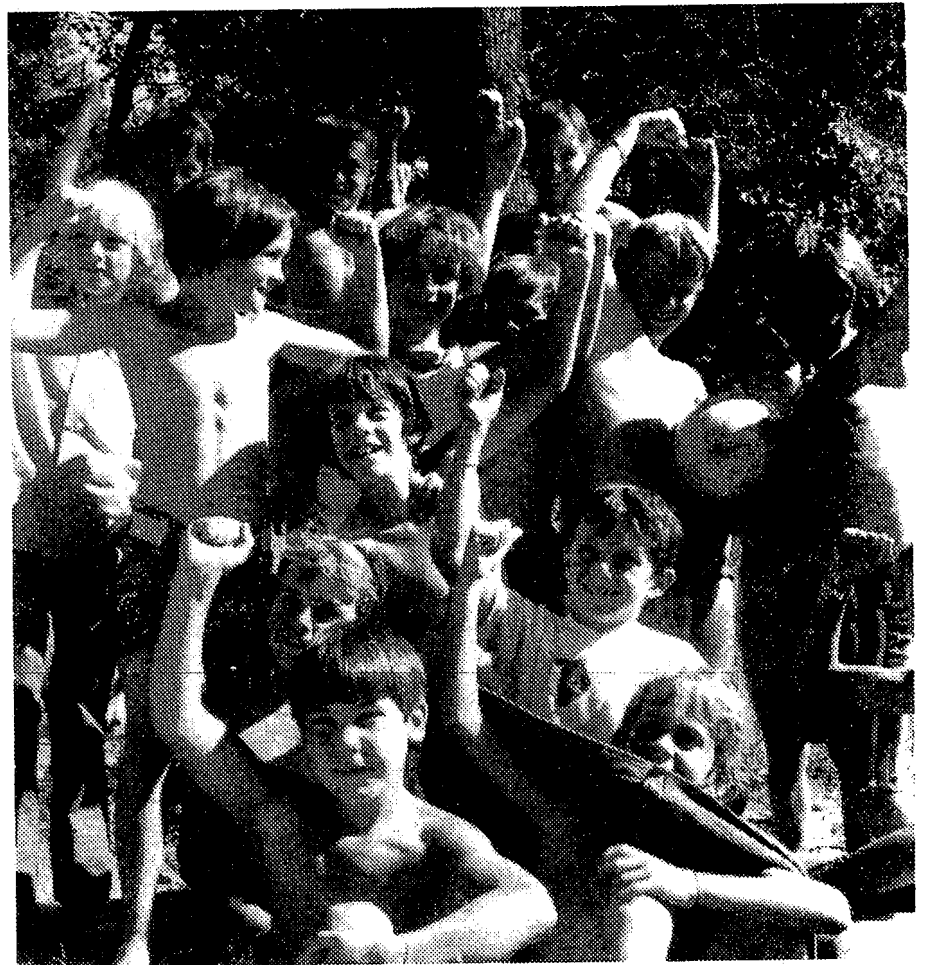
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And yet another featured five boy scouts, the first acting as reporter who was going to jump off a building because he could't get a story.

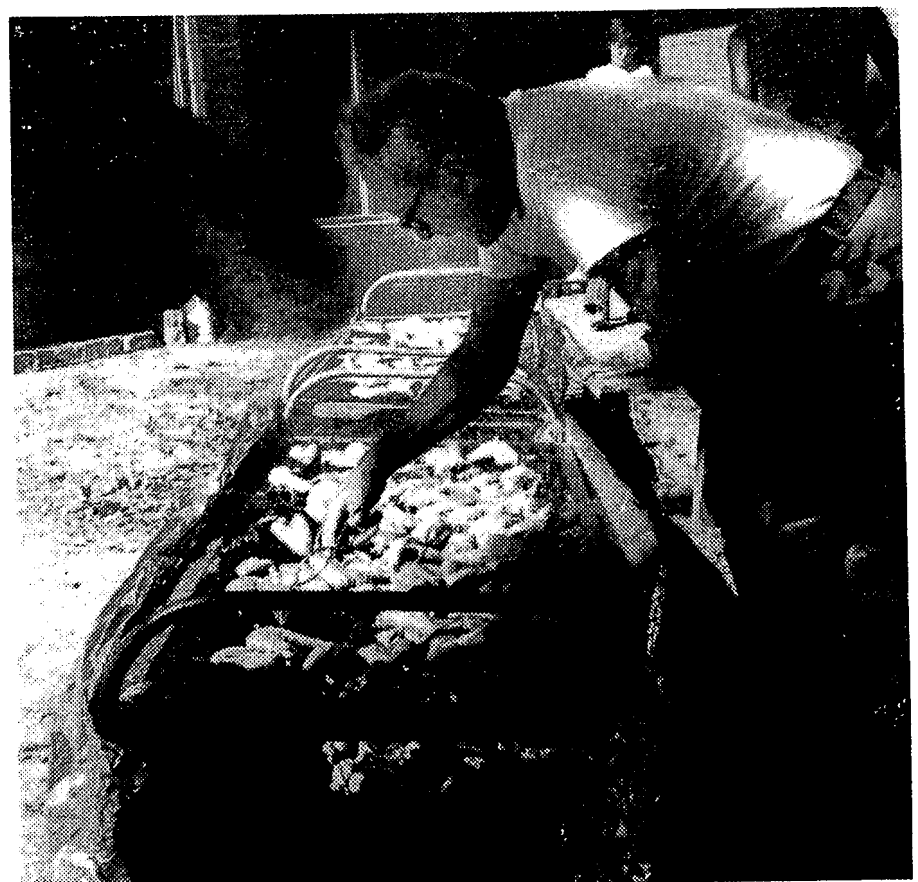
Four other scouts, acting as various people with problems, such as acne and girls troubles, soon joined the reporter in his desire to jump off the building. So the four jumped, and the reporter heaved a sigh of relief. "At last", he said, "I've got my story!"



Matt Tetherage [left] and Craig Gisse, two Cub Scouts from Pack 132 in Drayton Plains, proudly hold up the greased watermelon they managed to snare from offshore in Tommys Lake and bring in to the Camp Agawam beach. Sharing their victory are their fellow troop members and members of Pack 49 from Clarkston.



Michael Suran, David Lewis, Phillip Tucker, Rich Mullane and Lisa Suran perform for the Indian dance they will do for a skit after dinner. Dana Lewis plays the victim. The boys are members of Pack 49 from Clarkston Cub Scouts.



Beds are sometimes not for sleeping in, but for barbecuing chicken for 75 hungry Cub Scout mouths. Camp Agawam ranger Donald Maher has to make a taste test to see how his cooking is coming along.

Clarkston's gardens bountiful



COUNTRY LIVING

By Mary Warner

"It will be a bountiful year for gardens and crops" came the prediction from our Third Eye sage in this paper, so we decided to check out her prediction with a look at some of the area flower and vegetable gardens.

We began our search at Mrs. Helen Woolfenden's home on Main Street. Mrs. Woolfenden has been a member of the Clarkston Garden Club for nine years, but considers herself no expert on the matter, only tinkering with various flowers in her garden on the side of the house and in flower beds in the back yard.

Nevertheless, from our point of view,

the variety of blooms and bushes clustered prettily around her house is something she can be proud of.

Next we stopped at Mrs. Janette Hitchcock's house, also on Main Street, where she has both flower gardens and a vegetable patch. This is the first year Mrs. Hitchcock has been able to have a vegetable garden, and she reports that the garden has produced many vegetables that the Hitchcocks have enjoyed heartily this summer, including peas, beans, radishes, carrots, tomatoes, and the yet-to-be harvested zucchini, peppers, brussel sprouts and cabbage.

Mrs. Hitchcock has been a garden club member for four years, ever since they moved to their house which fronts Parke Lake. Recently she and other club members gathered at her house to paint flower pots to place plants in they are going to sell.

Lastly we traveled over to Marietta Bullard's in Clarkston, where we found a garden full of blooms, hanging flower pots, adorning their ranch house, and down in front, a big vegetable garden, where Mrs. Bullard has been growing beans and lettuce and raspberry plants, among other things.

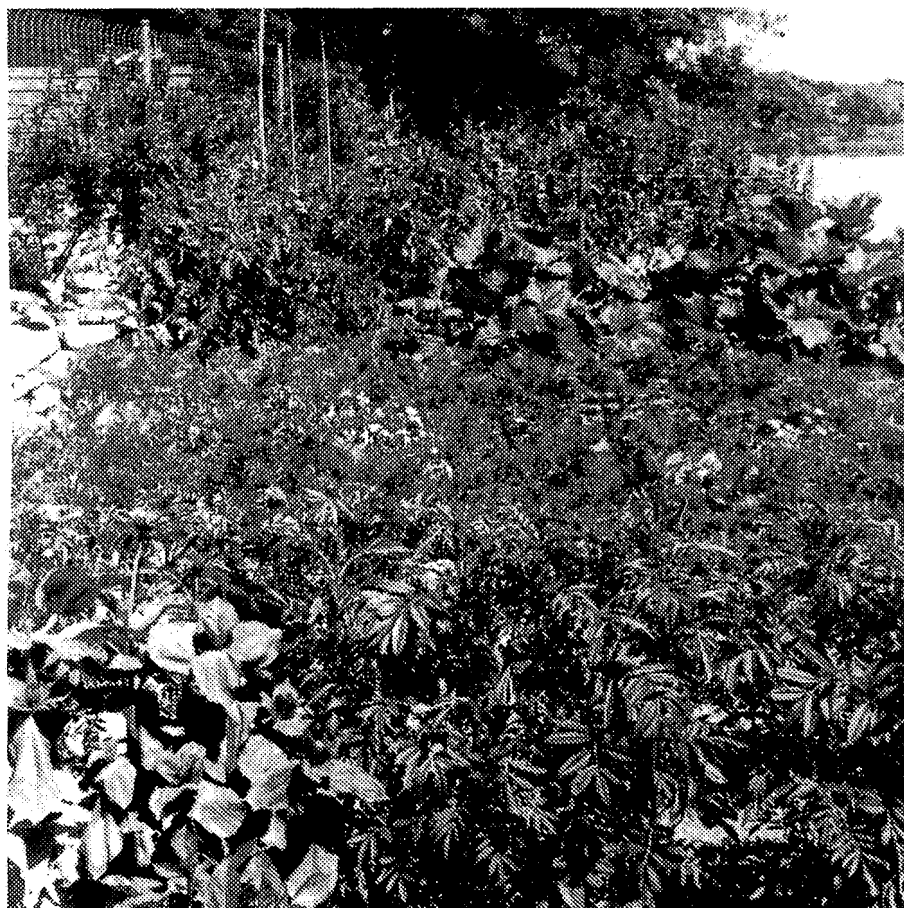
Mrs. Bullard reiterated the thought of the others that their gardens were not very spectacular, and that most of the gardens were waiting for the late-blooming August plants to flower.

But our prediction from the Third Eye that this was a bountiful year seemed to be born out as we surveyed all those beautiful marigolds, zinnias, begonias, fushchia and petunias.

The only real worry is how to find time to weed and hoe all that bounteousness.



One of Marietta's strawberry plants



Janette's garden has a variety of vegetables



Brightly painted flower pots wait for leafy tenants

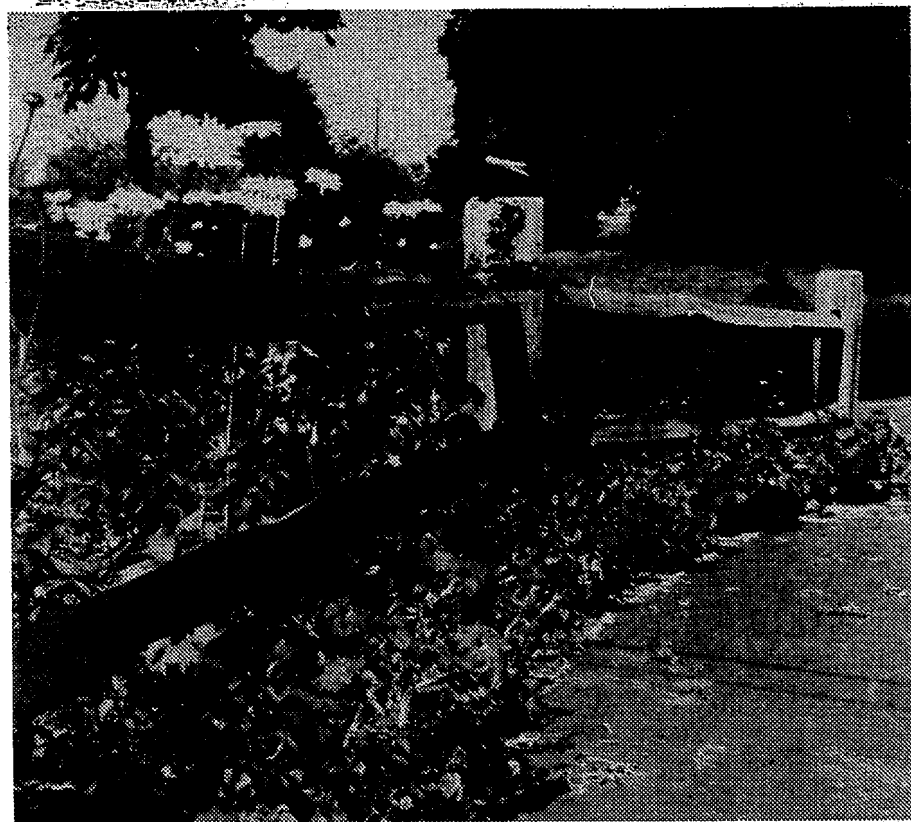


Helen's garden filled with both flowers and children



Marietta's garden has big, bright blooms

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The fraternal organization is putting on the benefit performance to contribute to three charities, the Max Bauer Heart Fund, the Jimmy Durante Crippled Children's Fund and the Damon Runyan Cancer Fund.

There will be six bands in back of the Eagles' Barn who have donated their time free to the event. The jam fest lasts from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Eagles President Bob Shagena said there will be refreshments on sale, and total charge for the event in \$1.50 a car.

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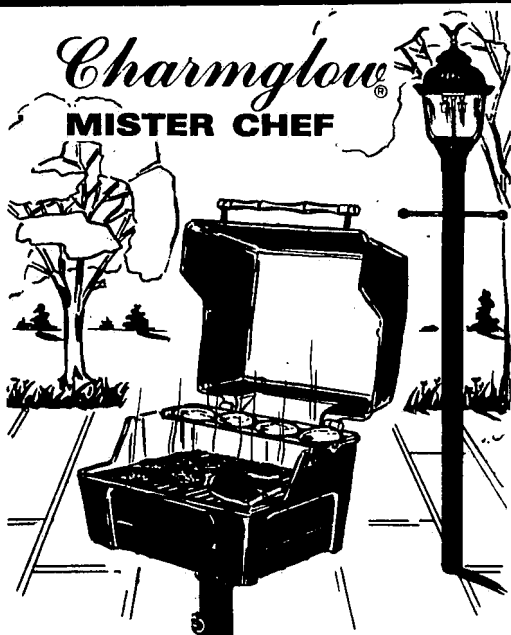


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by Bob & Marvel White

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To save money when buying fireplace wood, consider the amount of heat produced and pick the right time to buy.

Late summer or early fall purchases will allow the new wood to season properly, Neal said.

For a fire that's hot and long-burning, he recommends hardwoods. Oak and hickory are excellent heat-producing hardwoods.

Good medium-heat producers are ash, beech, maple, elm and birch. Aspen and pine are softwoods and low-heat producers.

Several fruit trees, such as cherry and apple, burn in different colors. A load of mixed wood will produce an even, desirable heat at a reasonable price.

Prices vary according to types of wood and the seller, says Neal. Generally, hardwoods cost the most, followed by the medium-heat producers and the soft-woods.

Frequently you can find individual sellers in the local want ads for medium priced woods. Lumber mills are a cheap source but are limited in their firewood operations.

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Fluffy, lovable opossum who's a favorite at the Drayton Plains Nature Center, gets some special attention from two special volunteers, Barry Clark of Lake Orion and Jean Moeller of Springfield Township.

By Pat Braunagel

It's got to be difficult for an active 14-year-old boy or a busy mother of eight, both of whom live within the confines of what is known as the Greater Metropolitan Detroit Area, to come to an understanding with the ways of the wilderness.

But Barry Clark of Lake Orion and Jean Moeller of Springfield Township are the kind of people who can make that special commitment—and they're bridging the ecology gap as volunteers at the Drayton Plains Nature Center.

Barry just likes animals, started hanging around the nature center early this spring and has decided he wants to be a conservation officer.

Jean, also a regular at the center since "March or April", brought her interest with her when she moved from Macomb County.

Having worked at the Morgan Environmental Center of Utica's School System, Jean also has pursued a degree in botany at Macomb Community College.

Although both Barry and Jean have lived near woods, those little havens were in the densely populated area of the state.

"I lived near the Village of Warren, which doesn't exist anymore," said Jean. "But there were a couple of woods—with certain places which at certain times of the year had certain plants. That's my special interest."

Now the Moeller family, which includes three children still at home, lives at 5280 Hillsboro, just south of Big Lake and very close to the Timberland swamp owned by the Michigan Nature Association, of which she is a member.

"Our property is very close to Timberland, so it is quite wild, quite wooded and swampy," Jean said.

She is concerned that people be educated about nature so they can make intelligent decisions on the inevitable development. She does not propose that development be halted.

"But I want us to have foresight with what we're doing with development, with every highway we build," she said.

Each subdivision that comes in takes a habitat away," she continued. "That's why these little animals come in here. They're being killed."

Barry agrees on the value of a refuge for animals like the 140-acre Drayton Plains Nature Center.

"The animals are being moved out of their natural homes. With subdivisions and cities, they have no place to go," he said.

Barry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Clark of 507 Kennard, made his first visit to the nature center with a lonely duckling.

"They had been filling in a swamp which had duck nests in it," he recalled. "There were little kids playing around the hills, and they broke all the duck eggs, except for one, I incubated it."

The father of a friend of Barry told him to take the duckling to the nature center on Hatchery Road in Waterford Township.

Since that first visit, Barry's mother has driven him to the center twice a week. He spends all day Tuesdays and Saturdays there.

"I feed and animals and clean them," he said, not mentioning the tender loving care he demonstrated to several during the conversation.

Barry now is going to become a guide for the groups that take field trips to the nature center.

The tours begin in the main building on the site.

"We usually take out Fluffy, the opossum, and let the kids pet her," Barry said. "Then we tell them about the animals, what they eat and how they live out in the wild."

"This isn't a zoo," he added quickly. "The animals that are here are here because they're injured or too young to take care of themselves. As soon as they are ready, they go right back to the wilds."

Stephen Vandembark, educational resources director at the center, said Barry and Jean are among a contingent of volunteers he conservatively estimates at 50.

"We're in need of that many more," he said, and he'd like them to be as dependable as Barry and Jean.

"Jean is my right-hand person," he said. "For a volunteer, she ought to be a paid person."

Jean declined to estimate how many hours a week she spends at the nature center.

"It could be one day, or five," she said. "I just come when they call me."

Besides leading tours and caring for the animals, volunteers are needed for proposed crafts classes and to work in the nature-oriented gift shop at the center.

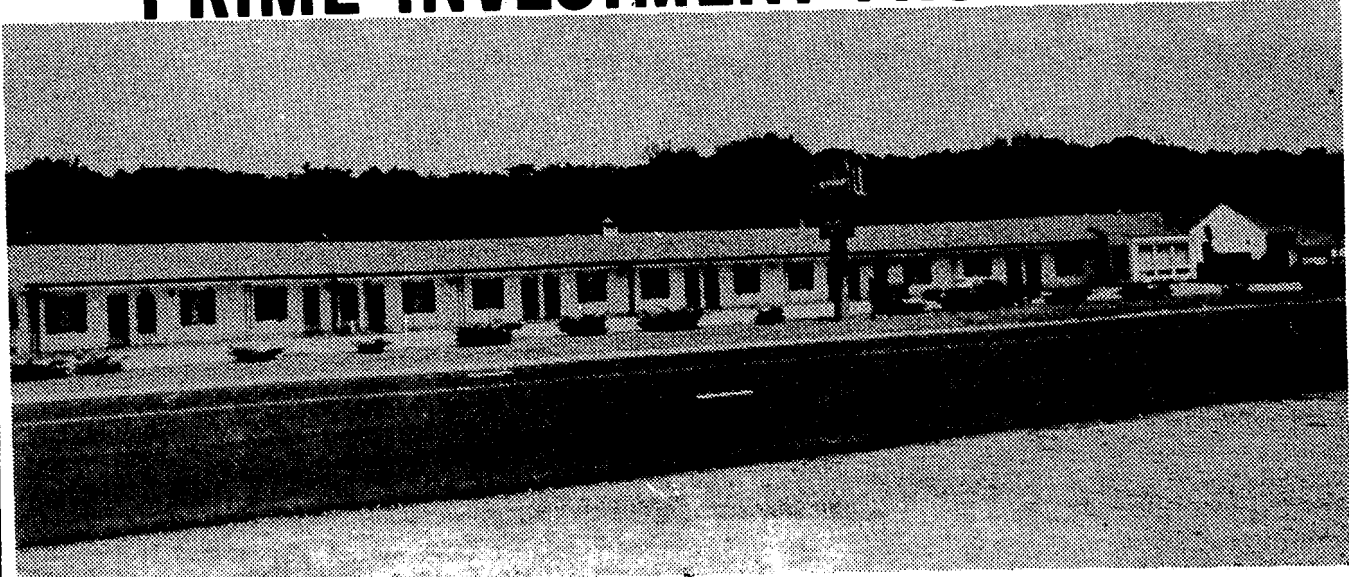
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Area campers are advised that visitor restrictions are in effect in state parks and recreation areas. That does not include beaches, picnic sites and other recreation facilities, according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

So be sure that if you're planning to visit friends in these campsites, you check visiting hours with the park office first.

A big tip of the lens cap--and a few flag waves thrown in for good measure--to Les Haight, our newly discovered photo protege.

Les, former Clarkston High School auto shop teacher who now works for Chrysler Corp., helped mightily with our photo coverage of the Fourth of July parade.

Les' talent with a camera was discovered by us as we got acquainted with him and his wife Rhoda, our new advertising sales representative.

"Man, I'll never make it as a politician," Charles Whitlock told himself as he put up signs for one of his opponents in the Aug. 6 primary.

Whitlock, Edwin Manley, and Robert Kraud are running for the Republican nomination for Independence Township trustee.

While Whitlock appreciated the enthusiasm of some young supporters who told him they had taken down Manley posters nailed to the same trees as his, he thought it was misdirected.

"I just didn't think it was quite proper," he said. So Whitlock went to Manley's house and got some new signs to replace the ones that had been removed.

It may have been a matter of honor to Whitlock, but there's still a question about whether anyone's looking at the signs or listening to the candidates.

Kraud, commenting on voter apathy, observed that people seem to be weary of politics.

However, he noted this is not a new phenomenon.

"I remember going to meet-the-candidates program at the township hall for the election two years ago," he said. "When it started, there were nine candidates there--and me."

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Jim's Jottings

by Jim Sherman

There will be no betting from this corner on any incumbent winning re-election this fall. Normally, I stick with incumbents and cham-

pions to repeat. More often than not they do.

If there is one incumbent who should be re-elected it is Mel Larsen (R-Oxford) in the state house. He's done a fine job representing his constituents. He should be a shoo in. But this year the populace is restless and disturbed.

An incident in St. Clair Shores helps make my point. Teenage girls working for a candidate for the state legislature say they were man-handled, chased down the street by hostile householders and cursed at.

One is quoted as saying, "The people yell at us, they are fed up with government and with politics. They say everything is so corrupt they don't even want to talk to us."

This mood prevails. The people have had it up to here... with inflation, high interest rates, high

costs, whatever.

All the news seems bad. It isn't really, but we remember the negative. Like the divorce rate is climbing above 33 percent. Like more than 1 in 10 being unemployed. Like new home construction down, interest at 12 percent, and the stock market, while not directly affecting the average family's status, is at a 4 year low.

We have seemingly lost confidence in government, business, the media and each other. Reminds me of the old bromide "everyone is honest but you and me and I'm not so sure about you."

What's happening to utilities also helps make my point. For years they have been one of the blue chip stocks. They had a reputation as good employers with stability. Partly because of their monopoly standing they had a high reputation for security.

So what happens? One company admits a goof in spending millions of dollars. Another shows some luxury spending and another is attacked by the state attorney general. And now the utility

companies have chinks in their standards.

My belief is that we are going through another phase. A phase of distrust, if you will, but nevertheless a period that will pass.

Whether it takes a few weeks or months, our attitudes will change. We will start thinking "good" again.

And, of course, we must if the republic is to stand, and it will.

We cannot live with mistrust... nor do I believe we want to.

We like to have confidence in our leaders and our fellowman. To a great extent we like to be led. True, we like to give the impression we are independent, free thinkers, but we wanted General Eisenhower to lead us. Oh, how badly we wanted him.

The most recent presidential election results would indicate we wanted Richard Nixon just as badly. Now we've been hurt, offended. We're going to fight back. We're going to be against everything.

However, one of these days the feeling of trust, inherent in our nature, will return. All will be onward and upward again.

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TOWN MARKET

W Rd. Corner Maybee Rd.

7 thru Sunday, July 21, 1974

LOTTERY TICKETS

TO 9 PM SUNDAY HOURS: 10-5

QUANTITIES WE REDEEM FOOD STAMPS

Whitlock-Genereux vows

Mary Jeanne Genereux, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Genereux of 317 E. Jackson St., Lake Orion, was wed to Charles F. Whitlock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Whitlock of Clarkston Saturday, June 1, at the Dominican Academy in Lake Orion.

Fr. Emmet Lowrey performed the ceremony, with Barbara Genereux, sister of the bride, as maid of honor, and Linda Taulbet, Carol Miller, Leeanne Sinclair and Cecilia Stayley as attendants.

Best man was Carl Whitlock, and ushers were Daniel Garrett, Marty Genereux, Chuck Bailey and James Casper.

The bride wore white chiffon with lace on the bodice and sleeves, and carried white roses.

A reception was held after the ceremony at Myrick Hall in Lake Orion, after which the couple went on a honeymoon to Niagara Falls.

The Whitlocks are currently residing in Pontiac.



Jaycees gear for action

The Davisburg Area Jaycees, a community service club in the Springfield Township area, recently began its 1974-75 year with the election of new officers and the instituting of new projects to benefit the community.

Dean Lowery was elected president of the club, and Chuck Underwood and Glenn Underwood as External and Internal vice-presidents.

Plans for the year include money-making projects such as pumpkin raising, carnival booths, making a Haunted House for Halloween, and Christmas tree sales.

Money made on these projects is returned to the community in the form

of Halloween, Christmas, and Easter parties for area families, sports programs for area youth, and service projects such as Burn Prevention and Care and Springfield Township Clean Up.

In the process of conducting these projects, Davisburg Area Jaycees learn planning methods and goal setting, plus learn how to become active members of their communities.

Interested young men are welcome to contact the club through the Davisburg Post Office (Box 182), or come to a meeting at 8:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, at the Springfield Township Hall.



Weighing justice

The mill stream

by Mary Warner, phone 625-3370



Mrs. Nancy Woodruff, 5653 Kingfisher, Clarkston, was among 15 women of the Waterford Branch of the American Association of University Women who just completed a month-long "court-watching" sojourn at the 51st District Court in Waterford.

She and the other members took turns at the courthouse watching the daily session of the court to find out what kind of things the district courts are involved in.

This is a group activity of the association, and data from the study will be discussed and compiled at a future meeting.

Nancy said she wasn't exactly sure how the women planned to use the material they've gathered, but their impressions of the workings of the court should be pretty interesting. Nancy said that those who did the watching have really learned something. Hope we'll have a chance to share their knowledge.

The Independence Township Fire-fighter's Association held its annual July picnic last Saturday night at the Waterford Firefighter's Club in Waterford.

Neal Sage of Clarkston was chairman of the event, and along with his wife Karen, Fire Chief Tink Ronk and his wife Mary, and Association President Dean Callison and his wife Brenda, joined 40 Independence firefighters and their wives in a pot luck supper.

After the supper, the group played "Killer" and "Thumper", which are two games you'll have to ask the firefighters about.

New residents to Clarkston are Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Pheil, of 6888 Snowapple, who just moved into their home June 21, after residing previously in Pontiac.

The Pheils have two children, Bill, 10, and Gretchen, 5. Both will be attending Clarkston Elementary School next year.

Bill wanted to make sure I put in that he was interested in science--perhaps we're gaining an Einstein?--and Gretchen said that her future plans are to become a doctor.

Sounds like the Pheils have a wide range of talents to offer the community, as Cliff is an assistant professor of music composition at Oakland University, and his wife, is currently majoring in art history at Oakland. Cliff said that he likes Clarkston very much, and was welcomed very nicely by its residents.

Brenda Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lewis of Church Street in Clarkston, is spending her summer vacation taking care of her grandmother in Scottsdale, Arizona. Mrs. Roy B. Lewis. Brenda is a senior at Clarkston High School, and will be working at an ice cream parlor in Scottsdale while she is visiting her grandmother.

Playing football is no mean trick, and those that aren't in shape to withstand the bruising battles are going to be hurting. To counteract that problem, the Clarkston Wolves high school varsity football team is starting conditioning drills to help limber their summer-droopy muscles up. Regular practices for the team won't be starting until later, but in the meantime the boys will periodically be out at the high school running and exercising and sweating off all that fat.

The Independence Township Businessmen's Association will be holding a meeting on Thursday, July 25, at Howe's Lanes on the Dixie Highway in Clarkston. The meeting is being held in the Green Room from 2-3 p.m. and will feature guest speaker David Haassee of the Oakland County Road Commission. All Independence Township businessmen are invited to attend.

Beverly Bronson of Clarkston gave a party for her husband Denny last

Friday night at the Bronson's home on Meadowlawn to celebrate Denny's 30th birthday. The gathering was made up entirely of Clarkston school system teachers and their spouses, including the Dennis Colwells, the Tom O'Brians, and the Tom Fords. Food, drink and merriment was the order of the night.

A tent full of Bible stories will be offered to area children at the Oakland County 4-H Fair held at the Davisburg Fairgrounds July 29-Aug. 3. Really, there will be members of the Child Evangelism Fellowship on hand to tell children stories about the Bible and direct them to various churches if they so desire.

The fellowshp is sponsoring the tent, and is a non-profit making venture aimed at getting children interested in religion. For additional information, contact Tom Schoff, a Fellowship member, at 625-2383.

A 1972 graduate of Clarkston High School, John Whitmer, is among 50 Michigan State University students who are participating in the Humanities in London program offered by MSU this summer. Whitmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Whitmer of 112 Wompole Drive is a sophomore majoring in agriculture and natural resources. While in London John is combining academic work with experiences outside the classroom, including performances by the Royal Shakespearian Company and debates in the House of Commons. The session lasts from July 8 to August 15.

With her wedding to James Wimsapp Jr. of Dayton, Ohio approaching July 27, Dingena Weeks has been honored at two recent showers.

A miscellaneous shower was hosted by Mrs. John Gould of Deer Lake Road and attended by about 30 guests July 10. Earlier, Dingena was guest of honor

at a personal shower given by her roommate at the Hurley School of Nursing, Diana Ferrigan of Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Anderson, 6198 Cramlane Drive, Clarkston, and their four children just returned from a vacation in Kathryn, N. Dakota, where they attended Duane's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Anderson's, 60th wedding anniversary.

They also attended a birthday party for their nephew Richie, who was 10 July 4, during their two-week stay. This was the first time Duane's family had been together in five years, as his sister from California and Canada came down for the anniversary party.

The Andersons' daughter Lori, 16, made and decorated the elder Andersons' anniversary cake. The anniversary was July 7, and friends and relatives joined both sets of Andersons for an open house.

The Davisburg area Jaycees and the Davisburg Jaycette Auxiliary held their annual family picnic Sunday, July 14, at Herron Lake in Groveland Township. Everyone had a great time enjoying the food, games, and swimming in the lake.

Mollie Lynch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lynch of 6260 Eastlawn, Clarkston, was happy to hear recently that the yearbook for which she was an editor just received first prize, as the best yearbook in the state.

Mollie edited the Central Michigan University "Chippewa" in 1973 while a junior at CMU. The judging for the state college yearbook contest takes a year, which is why Mollie didn't get the news until this summer.

Mollie just graduated this June from CMU with a bachelor of applied arts degree. She recently returned from summer counseling duties at the American Legion Girl's State in Oliver, where she has been a counselor for four years. She is now job hunting.

Independence center

by Holly Stephens

HEW MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC - Pontiac General Hospital will have a satellite Mental Health Clinic in our area. The clinic will be a new service at independence center, 5331 Maybee Rd., Clarkston, starting Monday, July 22.

Dr. Woodward, psychiatrist, Mr. O'Day, psychologist, and Mr. Griffith, psychiatric social worker attended the independence center board meeting last Wednesday and received approval for their plan for the clinic.

The clinic will serve the people of North Oakland County who need help. The first visit includes an evaluation of the persons problems to determine where of what counseling is needed. Dr. Woodward stated that they worked primarily with adults and older teens or families as a unit. She felt young children and drug problems were best treated by other agencies like Fairlawn

Center which is also at independence center unless the problem was taken up as part of an entire family counseling situation.

This service is being offered in an effort to practice more preventive psychiatry. People with mental stress, family stress, depressing may seek help before their total mental health is severely affected. The clinic will be open every Monday afternoon starting Monday, June 22. Please call an independence center volunteer for an appointment - 673-2244. Fees are covered by Blue Cross and based on ability to pay.

CENTER NEEDS - independence center desperately needs a new outside sign on Maybee Rd. Most of the letters have peeled off and weather has taken its toll of the present sign. If there is an artist, or sign painter in the area who would like to do their part toward "helping people help themselves" please call. The center helps at minimum 50 individuals and numerous groups like scouts, teen rap groups etc. each month, won't someone help us keep our name out in front. Please contact Betty Bond, center coordinator, if you wish to help the number is 672-2244. Holly Stephens

Balloon postcard answered

Six-year-old Kelly Haskins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haskins, of 9835 Allen Road, was pretty thrilled last Wednesday, July 10, when she received a letter in the mail from Ontario, Canada.

The letter was from Jack McKellar, of Chatham, who wrote Kelly after having a balloon plunk down on his lawn in front of his lawnmower with a postcard attached reading "please write" and giving Kelly's address.

Kelly had only sent the helium-filled balloon up into the clouds five days earlier from the playground of Bailey Lake Elementary school on Pine Knob Road, where she and other children had gathered for a "Friendship Day" sponsored by the Independence Township Park and Recreation Department.

Many children, including Kelly's brother Jeff, sent their balloons flying in hopes of a far-away reply, but Kelly is the only one heard of thus far who has received a reply.

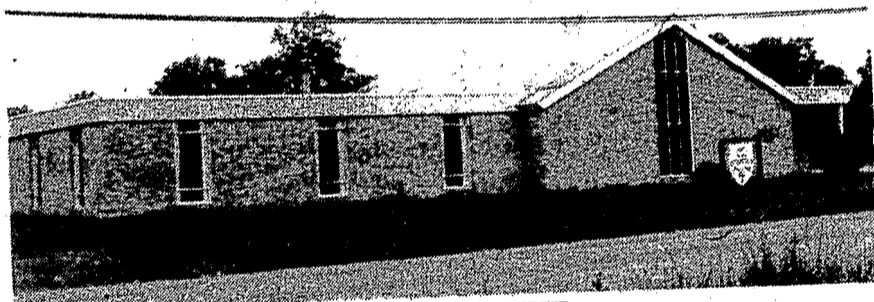
The irony of the reply was that the letter's sender, McKellar, has been a recreation director for the Community and Social Services Branch of Canada at the Southwestern Regional Center for Handicapped Children for 20 years.

McKellar wrote that "It is rather nice to pick up a new acquaintance in this manner, and it would be nice if we could correspond to find out a little more about each other."

Kelly's father said she was very excited about the letter and plans to write McKellar back.

AREA CHURCHES AND THEIR WORSHIP HOUR

SASHABAW UNITED PRESBYTERIAN 5300 Maybee Road Pastor Mark H. Caldwell Worship - 11:00 a.m. Church School - 9:30 a.m.	FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF DRAYTON HEIGHTS 5482 Maybee at Winell Rev. Clancy J. Thompson Worship - 11:00 a.m.	CLINTONVILLE BAPTIST CHAPEL 5290 N. Sashabaw Elem. School on Maybee Road, Clarkston Church School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Rev. Dwight Young	PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE 9880 Ortonville Road Worship - 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. Rev. John K. Hendley	PINE KNOB COMMUNITY CHURCH 3041 REEDER ROAD off Clintonville PONTIAC, MICHIGAN Ken Hauser Worship: 10:00 & 11:00 a.m., & 6:00 p.m.
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 1950 Baldwin Rd. SUMMER SCHEDULE Family Worship 9:30 p.m. Pastor Charles Kosberg	DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH 8585 Dixie Highway Rev. Paul Vanaman Worship - 10:00 a.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m.	CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 6600 Waldron Road Rev. Frank Cozadd Worship & Church School 10 a.m.	CLARKSTON CHURCH OF GOD 54 South Main C. J. Chestnut Worship - 11:00 a.m.	ANDERSONVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH 10350 Andersonville Rev. Wallace Duncan Worship - 11:00 a.m.
LAKE LOUISE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE M-15 at W. Seymour Lake Road Ortonville 9:45-Sunday School 10:50-The Hour of Worship 6:15-Youth and Bible Study 7:00-Evening Service Wed. 7:00 p.m. Family Prayer & Bible Study	MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH 5790 Flemings Lake Road Rev. Philip W. Somers Worship - 11:00 a.m.	THE SALVATION ARMY 29 Buffalo Street Lt. Robin Haines Sunday School - 2:30 p.m.	NEW HOPE BIBLE CHURCH 5311 Sunnyside Rev. Dennis Johnson Worship - 11:00 a.m.	ST. DANIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH Holcomb at Miller Rd. Father Francis Weingartz Sunday Masses: 9 and 11 Sat. 7 p.m.
	SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN 5401 Oak Park off Maybee Rd. Rev. Allen Hinz Wed. & Sun. Worship 7:00 p.m.	EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION 6490 Clarkston Road Rev. Alexander Stewart Worship - 8:00 & 10:00	SEYMOUR LAKE UNITED METHODIST Sashabaw at Seymour Lake Rd. Rev. W. Howard Nichols Services at 9:15 and 10:30	FIRST BAPTIST 5972 Paramus Rev. Clarence Bell Worship - 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.



CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION-EPISCOPAL

The Rev. Alexander T. Stewart

Spiritual Message

"Show yourself in all respects a model of good deeds; and in your teaching show integrity and sincerity." — Titus 2:7

Someone is watching you! No, this isn't "1984" and it isn't "Big Brother" but it might be little brother or little sister or your children or your neighbors or

friends. Wasn't it in the story of the Pied Piper of Hamelin that the observation was made that "everyone pipes for the feet of someone to follow"? Little boy watches big boy,

little girl watches older sister or mother, pupil observes teacher and so on. Whatever you do, wherever you go someone is watching you and you are setting an example for them. Actually, if we only would realize it, there exists a constant chain reaction of influence-by-example. This is what makes corruption in high places even more heinous than the act itself—it sets a deplorable example. Only too often, and more now than ever before, people seem intent on "doing their own thing", without any thought as to its rightness or wrongness or to the example they are setting. A lot of criticism is heaped upon the young but usually, in one form or another, they merely are following the examples set by some of their elders. This doesn't excuse any wrong doing but it should make us take a closer look at the examples we ourselves set. Loyalty, patriotism, honesty, integrity, dependability, morality, faithfulness—whatever the virtue, you name it — it is taught by example rather than

words. This is why St. Paul wrote so moralistically about Christian behavior—he knew its importance. Too often we are content to follow contemporary standards rather than reach to attain to the perfect example set by Christ. Not that we are capable of attaining it, especially by ourselves, but through His grace and His help we can come closer to it.

A small boy once asked his mother, "Mommy, what is a Christian?"

She replied, "A Christian is a person who loves Christ, believes in Him and follows Him."

The boy blinked, and then asked innocently, "Do we know any?"

"By their fruits shall ye know them." Christians follow the examples set by their Lord and, in turn, set the example for those who watch them—their children their neighbors, their co-workers, their friends. This is what He expects of us. What have those who watch us come to expect?

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GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That a General Primary Election will be held in the Township of Springfield (Precinct No. One & Two) COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN

—AT—

PRECINCT NO. ONE—SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP HALL, 650 BROADWAY, DAVISBURG

PRECINCT NO. TWO—SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP OFFICES, 650 BROADWAY, DAVISBURG

within said Township on

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1974

for the purpose of placing in nomination by all political parties participating therein, candidates for the following offices, viz:

STATE Governor

CONGRESSIONAL Representative in Congress

LEGISLATIVE State Senator, Representative

COUNTY County Commissioner

TOWNSHIP Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, One Trustee, One Constable

And for the purpose of placing in nomination, candidates participating in a non-partisan primary election for the following offices, viz:

JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS—Regular Term, New Term
JUDGES OF THE CIRCUIT COURT—2 Regular Terms, 1 to Fill Unexpired Term

JUDGES OF THE PROBATE COURT—Regular Term, New Term
JUDGES OF THE DISTRICT COURT

And for the Purpose of Electing

Delegates to the County Convention of each Political Party

And also to vote on the following County Propositions:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall the County of Oakland adopt the optional unified form of County Government pursuant to Act 139 of the Public Acts of 1973, as amended.

PROPOSITION NO. 2

Shall the County of Oakland adopt alternate "A" as provided in Act 139 of the Public Acts of 1973, as amended, for an appointed County Manager?

PROPOSITION NO. 3

Shall the County of Oakland adopt alternate "B" as provided in Act 139 of the Public Acts of 1973, as amended, for an elected County Executive?

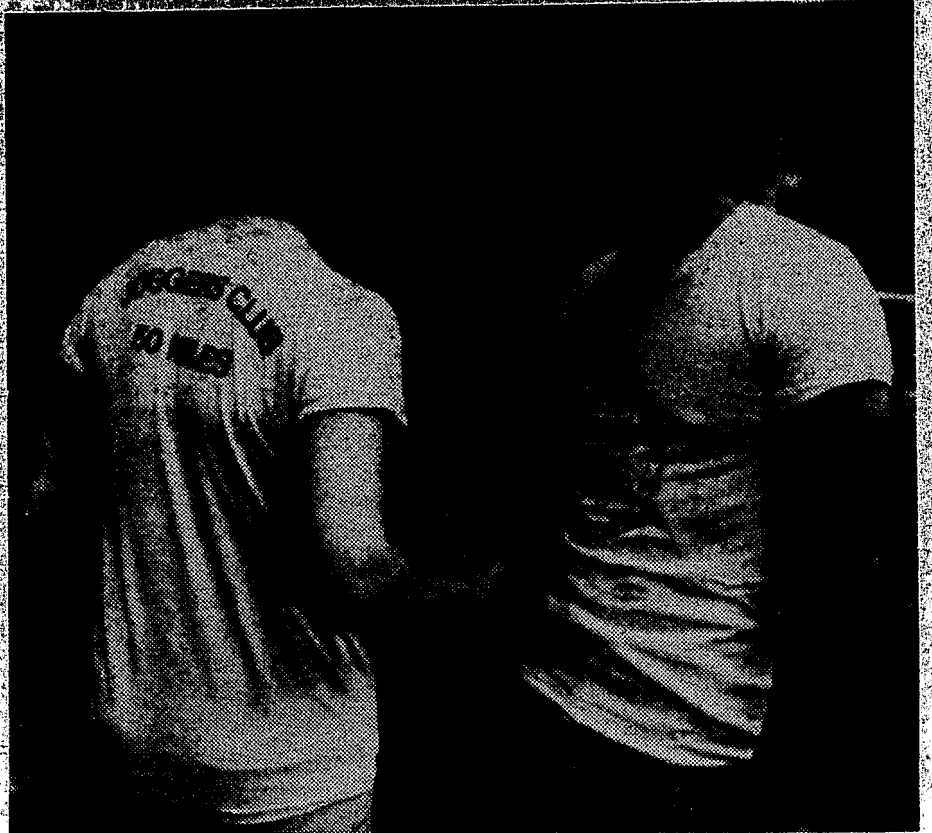
PROPOSAL NO. 1

Confirming grant of franchise to THE DETROIT EDISON COMPANY, for the purpose of the erection, construction and maintenance of towers, poles, mains, wires, pipes, conduits, apparatus, etc., requisite for the transmission, transforming and distribution of electricity for public and private use?

PROPOSAL NO. 2

For the purpose of providing additional funds to be used solely for the repair and resurfacing of paved roads, repair and resurfacing of gravel roads and for dust abatement on gravel roads in the Township; shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Springfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan, for all purposes except the payment of bonded indebtedness, be increased as provided in Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of 1963 by one (1) mill for a period of five (5) years?

AND ANY ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS OR PROPOSITIONS THAT MAY BE SUBMITTED



Modeling the new T-shirts given them by the Independence Township Recreation Department, Andrew Rossano [left] and Jack McCall congratulate each other for being the first township joggers to log 50 miles. Two recreation department groups have been jogging since the end of April, one leaving the township hall every morning at 7:30 and the other running around the high school track starting at 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

NOTICE

The next Village Council Meeting will be held Monday, July 29, 1974 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS

If you are planning on being absent from the community on Tuesday, August 6, 1974, and wish to cast your vote, you can obtain an Absent Voters Ballot Application from the Township Clerk's office:

90 North Main Street
Clarkston, Michigan
Phone 625-5111

You also qualify to vote by absent voters ballot if you come under any one of the following situations;

1. I expect to be absent from the community in which I am registered for the entire time the polls are open on election day.
 2. I am physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another.
 3. I cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of my religion.
 4. I have been appointed an election precinct inspector in a precinct other than the precinct where I reside.
 5. I am 62 years of age or older.
- Applications will be available at my office until 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 3, 1974.

J. Edwin Glennie
Township Clerk

NOTICE RELATIVE TO OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE POLLS

Election Law, Act 116, P.A. 1954

SECTION 720. On the day of any election, the polls shall be opened at 7 o'clock in the forenoon, and shall be continuously open until 8 o'clock in the afternoon and no longer. Every qualified elector present and in line at the polls at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote.

The polls of said election will be open at 7 o'clock a.m. and will remain open until 8 o'clock p.m. of said day of election.

J. Calvin Walters, Township Clerk
July 18 - Aug. 1

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FOR SALE

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TREES FOR SALE \$1.00 and up Russell Walter, 9700 M-15, 625-8821. Wanted Brush hog mowers to cut grass for sale cheap.†††47-1c

CHAIN LINK fence installed or repaired. Fast efficient service. Free estimates. 674-3961.†††31-tfc

SINGER DIAL-A-MATIC zig zag sewing machine in modern walnut cabinet. Makes designs, appliques, buttonholes, etc. Pay off \$54 cash or monthly payments. Guaranteed. Universal Sewing Center, FE 4-0905.†††14TFC

MOVING SALE July 17-20. 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. 6461 Paramus, Clarkston. Silverware, toys, kitchen set. No pre sales.†††46-2c

1972 PARKWOOD MOBILE home, 12x56, appliances, carpet, large bath, 2 bdrms. 1-634-8757, evenings.†††47-3c

KNITTING machine. Call after 3 p.m. 625-4547.†††47-1c

SCHWINN BOY'S heavy duty bike, \$25. Man's bowling ball, \$3.00; Scott's lawn spreader - like new, \$10. 625-3533.†††47-1c

1972 HONDA CT70, good condition. 625-3873.†††47-1c

MAKE YOUR own signs, 3 ft. x 21 in., plastic mounting board with 215 red and blue letters and numbers. Complete sign kit, \$20.00 Ideal for businesses, politicians, garage sales, etc. 394-0055.†††47-2p

5 ACRES Independence Township. Perry lake area. Also cab high camper for truck and 2 motorcycle trailer. Call 332-2635.†††46-3c

NECCHI DELUXE Automatic zig zag sewing machine - cabinet model - embroiders, blind hems, buttonholes etc. 1968 Model. Take on monthly payment or \$53 cash balance. Guaranteed. Universal Sewing Center. FE4-0905.†††5-1c

PHOTO EQUIPMENT: Yashica A. \$20 Polaroid 95, \$15; Rolliflex "T" f.3.5, \$135; Saturn 4x5 view camera w/210 mm f.5.6. Symar Copal, \$210. The Orion Review, 693-8331.†††13-tfdh



Card of Thanks

DONNA AND LIN PORTER wish to express their gratitude to the numerous people who helped in dislodging their boat after it mysteriously separated from their car last Sunday and damaged the front of Mope Pontiac body shop.†††47-1c

ANTIQUES

COLLECTORS DELIGHT - beds, books, buttons, bottles, china, carnival goofus, depression and pressed glass, lamps, scales, records, tools, trinkets, pottery, some rummage 11801 Scott Rd., Davisburg, now through July 21.†††47-1c

LARGE ANTIQUE and Family Heirloom Auction, North of Clarkston on M-15 to Seymour Lake Rd., follow signs to 1841 Burrus Rd., Ortonville, Mich. Saturday, July 20th, 1974, 11:00 a.m. Good selection of primitives and antique furniture and collectables. Incl. pr. of Civil War matched Dress swords, oak roll-top desk, many unusual items! Jeanna R. Leake - Owner. Albrecht Auction Service - Herb Albrecht and Son, Auctioneers. Ph. Vassar 517-823-8835 for a handbill.†††47-1c

AUCTION

Biggest in Ortonville History. Fine Antiques, household goods and Van. Sat. July 20th, time: 11:00 a.m. 1841 Burrus Rd., north on M-15 to Seymour Lake Rd., and follow signs. Herb Albrecht Auctioneer.†††47-1c

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THE BRANDON Co-operative Nursery, 825 M-15 is now accepting new memberships for 3 and 4 year olds to begin our fall 1974 sessions. For information, please call Sue Fler, 627-3377 or Marva Morgan, 627-2005.†††45-4c

AVON
To BUY or SELL
Call our District Manager
M.L. Seelbinder
627-3116
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ATTENTION!!

Announcing the opening of the Clarkston Secretarial and Telephone Answering Service serving Clarkston, Waterford - Drayton Plains and surrounding areas. Opened Monday, July 15. Hours are 8-6 weekdays and 9-12 on Sat. For line reservations (which are limited) or for more information, please call 625-1769 or 625-9230.†††47-tfc

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WANTED

APARTMENT WANTED by mother of 3 Clarkston Elementary pupils. In or near town. P.O. Box 339, Clarkston.†††47-1c

VOTE FOR Mildred Chanter, Springfield Township Treasurer Republican life long resident of Davisburg. Employed by Oakland County Clerk - Register of Deeds.†††45-5c

LADY TENNIS player wanted to play on CHS courts during days, 625-2933.†††47-1p

UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR and family seeking country rental or with option. Preferably Oxford, Clarkston area. Call evenings, 628-1090.†††41-tfc

PHOTO COPY machine wanted, 693-8331.†††38-tfdh

REAL ESTATE

60 ACRES (or more) 1/2 mile from freeway, 3 miles from Saginaw bay, 2 miles to Standish. Zoned Recreational and farming. Phone 846-4810.†††47-3p

BY OWNER immediate occupancy. 3 bedroom, tile basement, air conditioned, carpeted, Near I-75 Approx. \$3,000 down. \$24,000 full price. Phone 332-4915.†††47-2c

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MOTHER'S HELPER. Live-in, Southfield, own room. Mainly care of baby, some light chores. 557-1635.†††47-1c

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ASPHALT work, driveways, parking lots, patching. Free estimates. 627-4279.†††44-5p

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Talking to your adolescent about drugs

BY JAMES AND ELLEN WINDELL

Psychological staff members of the Oakland County Juvenile Court and Clinical Resources, Incorporated

The Oxford Leader Newspaper in an editorial on June 13, 1974, following a large local drug bust, encouraged parents to begin talking to their youngsters about drugs.

How does a parent talk to their adolescent? It is hard enough to discuss most things with one's own child, but a generation-splitting topic like drugs is sure to involve strong emotions on both sides. This is especially true if communication hasn't been occurring on a more or less regular basis.

Adolescents are particularly adept at thwarting conversation with adults. They can be too busy or too preoccupied to talk. They can feign innocence or tell you what you want to hear ("Using drugs is bogue, Mom; they can really mess you up.") They can cry, accuse you of mistrust, prying or worst of all answer all questions with "I don't know."

A parent when trying to talk to an

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Estate of Janet H. McGuffie, also known as Janet Hunter McGuffie, Deceased

NOTICE OF HEARING

TAKE NOTICE: On the 14th day of August, 1974 at 9 a.m., in the Probate Court, Oakland County Courthouse, Pontiac, Michigan, before the Honorable Eugene Arthur Moore Judge of Probate a hearing will be held on the petition of Eleanor W. Garrett for probate of a purported Will of the Deceased dated December 30, 1948 and for the granting of administration to Eleanor W. Garrett, Administratrix With Will Annexed or some other suitable person for the determination of heirs.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate must be presented said Eleanor W. Garrett at 4851 Commerce Road, Orchard Lake, Michigan 48033, and proof thereof with copies of the claims filed with the Court on or before October 9, 1974.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned to the persons appearing of record entitled thereto.

Dated: July 15, 1974

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Orchard Lake, Michigan 48033

Paul M. Mandel
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P. 17040
Kahn, Kollin, Mandel
207 Pontiac Mall Office Building
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July 18, 1974

adolescent should keep in mind that they are peer-oriented and would be much more comfortable talking with someone their own age. Also, as they have an emerging sense of independence, they may be offended by mom's or dad's concern ("Do you think I am a baby and can't take care of myself?").

Following in some advice for parents attempting to communicate with an adolescent. No guarantees accompanying this advice:

1. Don't begin with a question, which may be viewed as nagging, or with an accusation.

2. Begin by saying that you want to talk to him or her at their convenience about something that is bugging you.

3. If there is an attempt to avoid discussion, be persistent. For instance, ask for a specific time that the matter could be discussed.

4. Do not allow it to degenerate into an angry episode, a tirade, or a lecture.

5. If his or her feelings are interfering with the discussion, deal with those first ("You look like you're really angry because we are having this talk.")

6. Don't feel like you have to fill in silences. Don't put words into his or her mouth or ask leading questions ("Are you using drugs to get back at us?")

7. Ask straight, non-critical, non-emotional questions. Instead of saying, "Why do all of you kids think you can break the law by using illegal drugs?", You might say, "I'm curious about what drugs you have been using."

8. If you find out something about drug use, then respond in a non-critical non-judgemental way, in order to keep the conversation and hopefully an improved relationship going ("I see; thanks for the new information," or "I feel better knowing the truth. If you decide you want to stop using drugs let me know.")

It is not necessary to be a drug expert to talk to your adolescent about drugs. A general knowledge about drugs will perhaps ease your anxieties. But even if you don't learn very much about his or her drug habits, perhaps the effort at communication will result in an improved relationship and better feelings between you.



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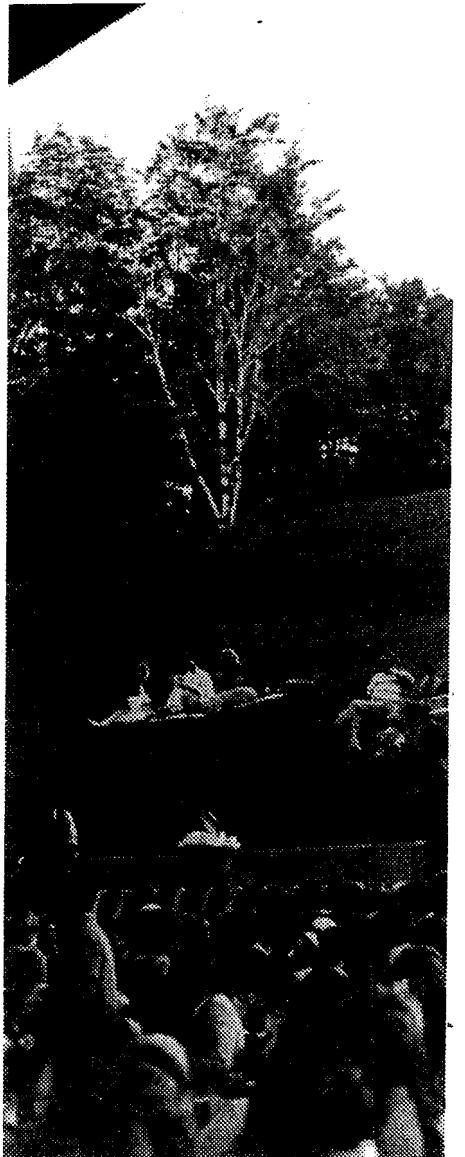
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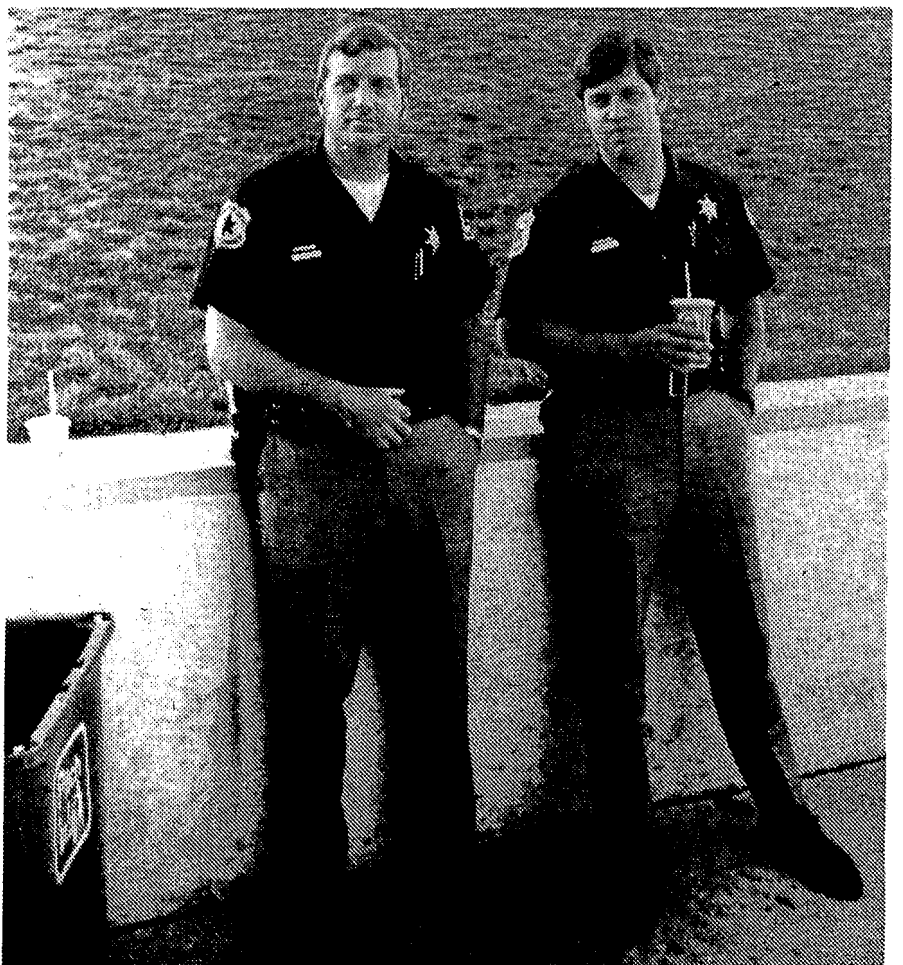
There are plenty of spots for picnicking before the concert.



Clarkston kids work at refreshment stand.



They're on their way--the show's about to start.



Two deputies pause to listen while on patrol.

OAKLAND ROAD PROGRESS



1973 Annual Report

Oakland County Road Commission

JULY, 1974

New Plan Set For Subdivision Road Projects

Brand new policies and procedures for paving of subdivision streets in townships have been adopted by the Board of Road Commissioners, ending an eight-month moratorium on such projects that has prevailed since last October.

The Board approved the new system on June 18 to clear the way for consideration of requests for subdivision paving in 1974. Yet to be adopted after further staff refinement are sections dealing with abandoned or defeated projects and with assessment policy.

The new procedure is based upon nine recommendations made by Citizens Research Council as part of its comprehensive study of the Road Commission in 1973. All nine Council recommendations were incorporated in the new procedure.

Emphasis is placed on providing timely and reliable information to affected property owners so they may base their decisions on complete understanding of the proposed project and its implications for them.

Sharply increased protection is also provided for the interests of property owners at virtually every stage of proceedings.

In addition to public hearings as to necessity and apportionment of costs of a project that are required by law, the new policy requires Road Commission staff to hold an informational meeting with affected property owners at the first indication of interest in the project and before the Road Commission takes any further steps. Staff representatives are ordered to be prepared to discuss estimated cost per lot, type of pavement and drainage, environmental problems and traffic, pedestrian and bicycle considerations at this preliminary informational meeting. They also will be prepared to discuss possible future sewer construction scheduling that might require work under streets.

Information presented at the preliminary meeting is also to be mailed to all affected property owners.

On the basis of information presented, the property owners would then decide—without pressure from the Road Commission—whether to initiate the project or to drop it.

After this initial informational meeting, all further hearings as to necessity, objections and apportionment of costs will be conducted by an independent hearing examiner who is not a Road Commissioner. (See **SUBDIVISION POLICY**, p. 4)

Million Dollar Break for Road Users!

County Puts Frosting on 1974 Construction Cake

More than a third of Oakland County's total county road mileage will be in like-new condition by the end of 1974 as a result of a June action of the Board of County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners approved \$1 million as the county's

share of a massive matching-fund program to rebuild some of the most worn sections of the county's paved and gravel roads.

Of the County's appropriation, \$354,601 will be used to match like amounts pledged by the Road Commission and fourteen Townships to extend last year's gravel road reconstruction. The resulting \$1.06 million will rebuild 203

miles of gravel roads, in addition to the 547 rebuilt in a similar matching-fund program last year. That will bring to 750 the miles — 70% — of our gravel road mileage that will have been rebuilt in 1973-74.

New this year is a matching-fund program to resurface worn sections of paved county roads in cities and urbanized townships. The remaining \$645,399 of the County's \$1 million matching-fund appropriation will be matched equally by the Road

Commission in a \$1,290,798 supplemental bituminous overlay program to renew 60 miles of paved roads in 1974.

In addition to the Road Commission's own repaving program, this will result in resurfacing of 116 miles of paved roads in 1973-74.

All told, the matching-fund catch-up program will, in a two-year period, have restored to new condition some 866 miles of county roads — 36.5% of our total county road mileage.

SAFETY INNOVATION — Three-year-old Angela Weber of White Lake Township, and her mother, Sharon, have good reason to watch Road Commission crew men Clif Priestley and George Michaels installing this sign near their home. Angela, who is deaf, was almost run down at play because a driver didn't realize she couldn't hear his car horn. Mrs. Weber wrote the Road Commission and Board of Road Commissioners cheerfully violated all principles of standardized signing by ordering this special sign erected. (Oakland Press Photo by Eddie Vanderwoorp).



MANY SHARE ROAD TAXES YOU PAY

When you look at the bottom line of your property tax bill, do you ever wonder why our county roads are not better?

Many people do. They assume they are helping to finance roads with their property tax payments. With a few exceptions, that is not true.

The Road Commission receives none of the property tax collections, except in the case of a few townships that have voted specific road millage. And in those few cases, the Townships usually administer funds from their voted millage.

County road commissions get their money principally from two sources — the Michigan motor vehicle highway fund and the Federal Highway Administration.

All Federal funds are earmarked as matching money for specified Federal-aid projects and thus cannot be used at the discretion of a county road commission.

(See **TAXES**, p. 6)

Letter from the Board —

COMMISSIONERS CITE '73 INNOVATIONS TO PRODUCE BETTER ROADS PER DOLLAR

When you face a responsibility as large as the Oakland County Road Commission's, you had better be both efficient and ingenious. At the beginning of 1973, the Board of County Road Commissioners concluded we had been short on both counts.

So, 1973 became the year of constructive change at the Road Commission. Some major changes were completed during the year. Others were initiated and may be expected to bear fruit in subsequent years. We did not make change simply for the sake of change. Instead, we identified our shortcomings and moved to correct them.

The products of our 1973 changes are what this annual report is all about. We believe we have made tremendous progress that is being and will increasingly be reflected in markedly better quality of our county road system.

The very fact that you have this annual report in your hands represents a change. In prior years, the Road Commission has been complying with statutory requirements by publishing about 200 copies of an annual report that were seen almost exclusively by State, County and local officials.

Somehow, simply meeting the minimum requirements of law with respect to reporting to the public seems inadequate to the present Board. Corporations report regularly to their stockholders. (see **BOARD LETTER**, page 2)

PUBLIC INFORMATION SUPPLEMENT TO:

Oakland Press, Daily Tribune, Ortonville Reminder, Clarkston News, Oxford Leader, Lake Orion Review, Southfield Sun, Farmington Forum, Novi Sun-Forum, Rochester Observer-Eccentric, Birmingham Observer-Eccentric, South Lyon Herald, Holly Herald Advertiser, Spinal Column, Lakeland Tribune, West Bloomfield Observer-Eccentric. (Editions of July 17 or 18, 1974)

more BOARD LETTER

(Continued from page 1)

While the Road Commission is a public body, we feel the taxpayers who supply our funds and rely on our services deserve at least the same access to information as corporate stockholders. After all, a stockholder has a choice whether or not to invest. Taxpayers don't.

Accordingly, this annual report is being distributed as a supplement in two daily and fourteen weekly newspapers circulating in Oakland County. All told, the report will reach some 264,000, although there will be a degree of unavoidable duplication. It is also being sent to the libraries in the county, as well as to the usual list of governmental bodies.

Broad distribution of our annual report is but one of many changes we have either made or initiated in 1973. You will see them described elsewhere in this report.

We would like, however, to mention one other in particular. All of us at the Road Commission, from bottom to top, are emphasizing an attitude of cooperation and consideration for others in our relationships — both within the staff and in our contacts with the public. Being only human, all of us occasionally reflect a bad day by responding brusquely. But all of us are trying to exercise self-discipline so as to be uniformly courteous to our public and our fellow employees. When we have to say "no" to some request for a particular service, we strive to say it as pleasantly as we know how.

OUR CHALLENGE

In this and many other ways, we are getting our own house in order so that we may more efficiently and responsively meet your expectations with respect to an adequate system of county roads. The Road Commission is currently responsible for 2371 miles of roads. That county road mileage is the greatest, by far, in any Michigan county. It is approximately twice the road mileage administered by either the Wayne or Macomb County Road Commissions.

We are the fastest growing county in Michigan, and growth increases the pressures on our roads. We have some near-unique area drainage problems that add significantly to our costs for building and maintaining roads. Unfortunately, it is not in the province of the Road Commission to solve area drainage problems. They can be solved only by vast drainage projects which — again unfortunately — depend for financing largely on assessment of costs against benefiting property owners, all of whom are already burdened with general property taxes and, in some cases, sewer and subdivision street assessments.

CONSTRUCTIVE CHANGES

But enough for our difficulties. They were somewhat offset in 1973 by changes and accomplishments that we are sure will be reflected in greatly improved Road Commission services over the years ahead. We enumerate just a few:

- the Citizens Research Council of Michigan has completed a comprehensive management study and is preparing extensive recommendations for delivery of better and more Road Commission services per dollar
- a related study of our purchasing function by Arthur Young & Co. has already produced a detailed set of recommendations that we are incorporating into our procurement and inventory control policies and procedures
- we adopted, for 1974, the very first operations budget the Road Commission has ever had in its 61 years
- we have ordered an annual independent audit of our financial records (in addition to such partial audits as are required by law)
- ordered complete revision of our procedures for paving subdivision streets
- created and filled the new position of managing director to coordinate staff activities and implement Board policies

When the present Board was seated on January 1, 1973, we saw our staff and employees as our greatest asset, but we also discovered our organization and procedures were deficient, in many respects, to the extent that our people were not able to achieve their maximum individual productivity levels. Our reorganization implies no criticism of our Road Commission people. On the contrary, it is designed to let them more fully exercise their capabilities in a coordinated effort to meet our primary objectives.

ACHIEVEMENT

We are proud of our 1973 achievements. In addition to the management reforms previously listed, we have delivered, among other end products, 557 miles of completely rebuilt gravel roads and 57

more miles, paved or repaved — with the financial assistance, in some cases, of 18 Townships and the Board of County Commissioners.

Further, we adopted a 1974 construction budget of \$21.3 million, by far the largest in Road Commission history. If that program works out, as we believe it will, the leverage of \$11,785,000 in Road Commission funds will have attracted the balance of the \$21.3 million in matching funds from a variety of sources. In addition to widening and other improvements, combined 1973-74 results will be renewal of 750 miles (70%) of our total gravel road mileage and 116 miles of worn paved roads. The 866 miles of new-condition roads represents 36.5% of the total of 2371 miles of roads in our county road system.

We hope you will read this report thoughtfully and give us your constructive comments. Communications is a two-way street. We seek your response to the new directions upon which the Oakland County Road Commission has embarked.

Cordially,

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
William M. Richards, chairman
Frazer W. Staman, vice chairman
Fred L. Harris, commissioner

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Meet Your Road Commissioners



RICHARDS

The Board of County Road Commissioners is the policy body of the Road Commission. It is composed of three members, appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to six-year staggered terms.

The three Road Commissioners elect a chairman at the first regular board meeting each year. William M. Richards, of Royal Oak, former chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and interim County Drain Commissioner in 1972, was named chairman by his two colleagues when he was first seated as a road com-



STAMAN

missioner in January, 1973. He was re-elected chairman again in 1974.

Frazer W. Staman, of Wixom, is vice chairman of the Board. He is also dean of the body, in years of service. After 10 years as supervisor of Novi Township and a member of the old County Board of Supervisors, he was appointed to the Board of Road Commissioners in 1963. He will complete his second six-year term on December 31, 1974.

Fred L. Harris, of Farmington Hills, is the third commissioner. He was appointed to the Board of Road Commissioners in January,



HARRIS

1971. Harris is a practicing attorney in Southfield, a member of the City of Detroit Aviation Commission and holds the rank of colonel in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve. He had previously served four years as a member of the Board of County Commissioners in Wayne County, as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Wayne County, and as a commissioner of the Detroit Housing Commission.

The Board of Road Commissioners holds weekly meetings at 10 a.m. every Tuesday at the Road Commission offices, 2420 Pontiac Lake Road, Pontiac.

to confine their responsibility to policy-making. The result was the new staff chief position and Grubba's appointment to fill it.

He had been a Road Commission attorney for four months, served a year as chief deputy County Drain Commissioner, four years as senior assistant civil counsel and Lansing legislative agent for the County, and had practiced law.

Grubba Named Staff Chief

John L. Grubba was named to the newly-created position of managing director of the Road Commission last August after the Road Commissioners realized two part-time and one full-time commissioner could not be expected to assume responsibility for both policy and operations.

Until recent years, three full-time Commissioners did combine policy and operations responsibilities. When the Board of County Commissioners made the job of Road Commissioner part-time, the Road Commissioners decided



Grubba

The county road system of Oakland County had only 106 miles of concrete road at the end of 1973. Two more miles are being built.

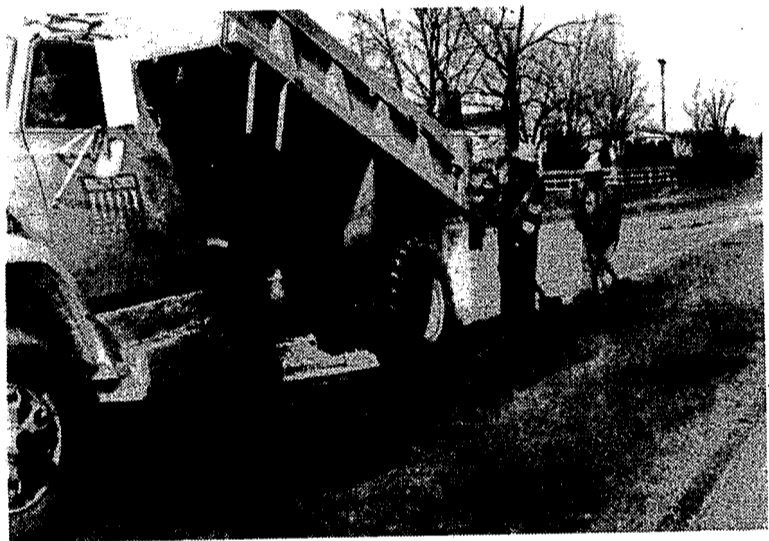
SCENES LIKE THESE IN '73 TO BE MORE PREVALENT IN '74

92 Miles of Urban Roads To Be Resurfaced This Year

Lots of This in '74 . . .



. . . Will Mean Fewer Potholes in '75

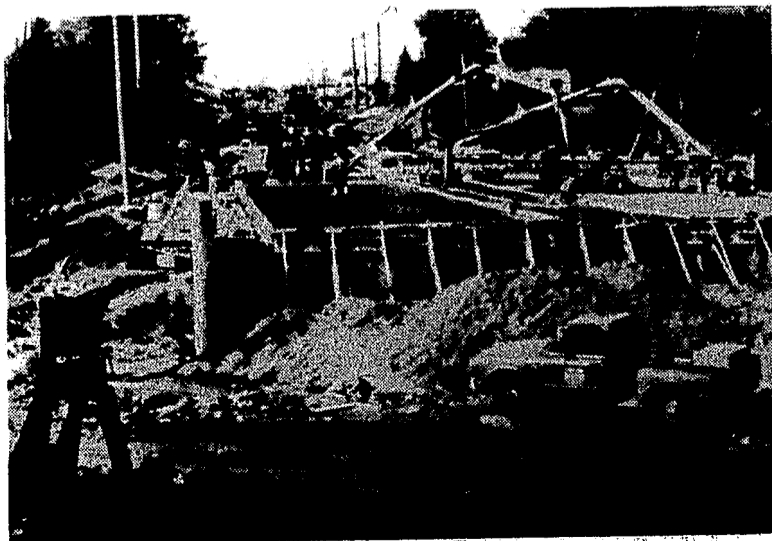


In 1973, the Road Commission resurfaced a total of 24 miles of broken and potholed pavement on county roads in cities and urbanized townships.

The record 1974 construction budget, with the help of a matching-fund contribution from the Board of County Commissioners, will finance resurfacing of an additional 92 miles of worn paved roads.

The catch-up resurfacing program will tend to minimize the pothole problem that comes regularly with the spring thaw, since moisture seeping down through pavement cracks is one of the major contributing factors in spawning chuck-holes.

We Also Build Bridges . . .



\$21.3 Million for 1974 Road Building

The Board of County Road Commissioners had originally budgeted a minimum of \$18.7 million for 1974 construction, but had anticipated prospective additional matching funds that would provide a total of \$21.3 million, all told, for 1974 construction.

There is every indication that the full anticipated amount will become available.

Among the road improvements this construction money will buy are:

- resurfacing of 92 miles of worn pavement in urbanized areas of the county
- 203 additional miles of rebuilt, all-weather gravel roads
- widening of several miles of major primary roads to five lanes
- improvement of high-volume intersections
- paving of some gravel local and primary road segments
- improving selected rail crossings

The \$21.3 million earmarked for 1974 construction exceeds the previous record of \$13.6 million in 1973 by 57%. The astounding year-to-year growth rate is attributable to a \$1 million grant of matching funds from the county, increased revenue from the Michigan Motor Vehicle Highway fund, and increases in matching funds from Federal and other sources, as well as borrowing.

In 1973, for comparison, the Road Commission resurfaced a total of 24 miles of paved roads and rebuilt 567 miles of primary and local gravel roads, in addition to other types of construction.

The Road Commission is using every available means to catch up with the widespread road deficiencies that accumulated over a period of many years when the county's growth exceeded the financial ability of the Road Commission to keep pace with demand.

. . . and Remove Diseased Trees



203 More Gravel Road Miles To Be Reconstructed, Too!

Starting with This — or Worse! . . .



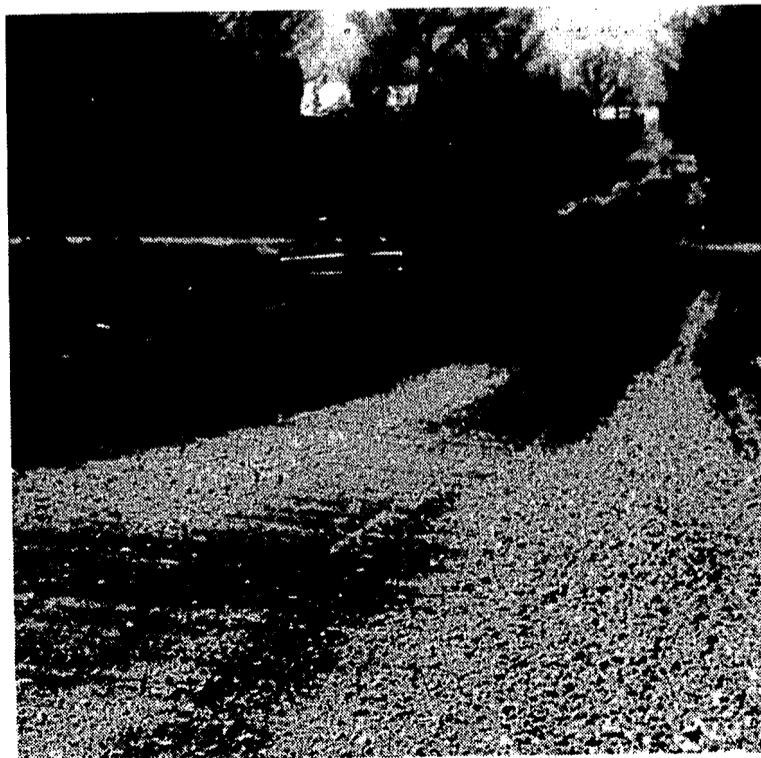
Spring thaw, 1973, left many miles of the county's ancient gravel roads in condition similar to that pictured above . . .

. . . Lots of this . . .



. . . then, during last summer and fall, scenes like the graveling operation shown above became common as the Road Commission rebuilt 437.5 miles of failed gravel roads under special program jointly funded by 18 townships, Board of County Commissioners and Road Commission.

. . . Produces All-Weather Roads



Result: in one year, the jointly-funded program, plus Road Commission reconstruction of entire 110-mile gravel primary road system, produced all-weather surfaces, like that above, on 46.7% of the gravel road mileage in the county system.

Gas Tax Boost Aids Our Roads

The recent decision of the Michigan Supreme Court that the 1972 gasoline tax increase is not subject to referendum is a boon for Oakland County roads and streets.

It means the Road Commission and the county's cities and incorporated villages will continue to receive substantially larger quarterly payments from State gasoline tax collections.

In 1973, the Road Commission, alone, reaped \$3.1 million extra dollars as a direct result of the 1972 gas tax increase and accompanying change in the distribution formula for the increase, designed specifically to offset a bias in the original formula that discriminates against Oakland County.

The County's cities and villages also enjoyed proportionate increases in proceeds from the fuel tax.

Following enactment of the gas tax increase in late 1972, citizens petitioned for a public referendum that could have overturned the increase.

The courts denied the referendum on grounds that the tax increase was part of an appropriations measure.

Since certification of a referendum suspends operation of legislation, pending outcome of the referendum, whole departments of government could be paralyzed if appropriation measures were subject to referendum. Hence, to assure orderly and continuing government, our state constitution prohibits the submission of appropriations measures to referendum.

Also, subsequent increases in gasoline prices have made the two-cent-a-gallon tax increase seem relatively insignificant.

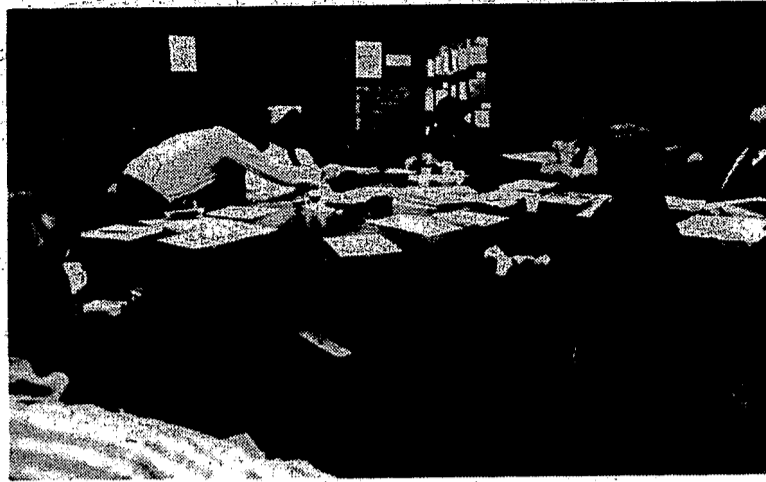
One-and-one-half cents of the increase goes for highway purposes and is divided among the Department of State Highways and Transportation, the 83 county road commissions and the state's cities and incorporated villages.

The remaining half cent is earmarked by law for public transit purposes.

Michigan's total tax on gasoline is nine cents a gallon.



Board at Work



This is a typical scene at regular weekly meetings of the Board of Road Commissioners. Leaning across the table to hand material to Commissioners is William Foghini, the Road Commission's director of engineering. To his right is R. G. (Skip) Worland, secretary-clerk to the Board. From left to right at head table are Commissioner Harris, Chairman

Richards and Vice-Chairman Staman. Right foreground is John L. Grubba, managing director of the Road Commission. Left foreground is LeRoy McEntee, legal counsel.

Paul Van Roekel, county highway engineer, also attends weekly meetings, but was absent the day this picture was taken.

SOPHISTICATED SIGNAL SYSTEM STRETCHES DOLLARS, CAPACITY

One of the Road Commission's dollar-stretching projects in 1973 was the first step toward demand-responsive traffic signals that will increase traffic capacity on ten major southeast Oakland County thoroughfares by at least 10% for a cost equivalent to widening one intersection.

The \$322,379 project, jointly funded by the Federal Highway Administration TOPICS program, the Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation, 13 of the 15 eligible cities and villages, and the Road Commission,

involved changing the time-phasing mechanism in hundreds of traffic lights for ultimate compatibility with computers that would change red lights to green when waiting traffic volume justifies.

The thoroughfares involved contain six of the 10 county intersections identified by Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County as the most accident-prone. One additional intersection on the "worst 10" list was widened on all four legs by the Road Commission in 1973. That was the intersection of Orchard Lake and Twelve Mile Roads.

more SUBDIVISION POLICY

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mission employee. The examiner will make his report and recommendations directly to the Board of Road Commissioners.

The Board will consider only petitions that are on Road Commission forms. This policy is aimed at assuring that any property owner asked to sign a paving petition will also have access to factual information that will be attached to all petition forms released by the Road Commission.

Finally, the new policies and procedures will be published in order to give property owners prior familiarity with their rights.

The Board imposed a moratorium on new subdivision projects last October and ordered procedures revised so as to eliminate heated antagonism and controversy that often resulted, in part, from the old procedure.

Meanwhile, the general problem is slowly shrinking. All streets in new subdivisions must be paved by the developer to Road Commission standards in order to qualify for maintenance by the Road Commission. There still are 432 miles of gravel subdivision streets in the county road system, but no more gravel roads are being accepted into the system.

The Road Commission paved 14.8 miles of streets in 16 subdivisions in 1973, at a total cost of \$1,825,950. As noted elsewhere in this report, the Road Commission voluntarily pays 10% of the cost of such projects. Most of the balance is paid by benefitting property owners through special assessment.

The 1973 subdivision projects were committed before a moratorium was imposed by the Board in October.

'AREA DRAINAGE' PROBLEMS HINDER ROAD SYSTEM QUALITY

Aside from development that outstrips the Road Commission's capacity to keep pace with growing road requirements, there is one problem that stands above all others in the adequate construction and maintenance of Oakland county roads.

It's called "area drainage."

Drainage Costs Eat Road Dollars

Even though area drainage problems are outside of the charter of the Road Commission, we are responsible for drainage within our rights-of-way so as to maintain the integrity of our roads.

Ten percent of our total spending for maintenance in 1973 was drain-related. In dollars, work clearly identifiable as drain-related cost our maintenance department \$375,600 on primary roads and \$340,400 for local roads.

Construction costs that were drain related consumed an even higher percentage of our construction spending.

Take the case of an \$855,000 project to pave two lanes of Livernois Road, from Avon to Hamlin, in Avon Township. Forty-seven



percent (\$400,000) of the project cost was devoted to construction of a new bridge, widening of an old bridge, relocation of the Clinton River, and slope protection. The Road Commission also helped finance construction of a large storm sewer to provide road drainage.

An extreme example? Yes. But drainage costs range between 7% and 31% of our total construction costs. They average 21%.

13 Million Miles of Accident-Free Driving

Forty Road Commission truck drivers were honored last October with a banquet and safety awards for 13 consecutive years of accident-free driving.

At a conservative 25,000 miles a year each, these forty Road Commission employees piloted Road Commission equipment a total of 13 million miles without accident during the 13-year period.

Rainwater drains from road surfaces, of course. But that is not what is meant by area drainage.

Rather, area drainage refers to water contributed to the roadside ditches through run-off from adjoining properties, such as land, rooftops, parking lots, sump pumps, septic tanks and the like. It also refers to standing water in marshy areas along roadways — water that has nowhere to go.

The urbanized areas of the county accommodate these waters through storm drains. But increasing development can overtax the capacity of existing storm drains.

In the townships, the problem is worse. There, development usually precedes storm drain construction and aggravates the drainage problem.

Why is the Road Commission concerned? Because water is the worst single enemy of roads. It infiltrates the road base and can compromise the integrity of the road itself.

We saw it happen when our gravel roads failed in spring of 1973 when a sudden thaw and heavy rains saturated the road beds. We see evidence of drainage problems in the potholes that pock-mark pavements in the spring. Water gets under the pavement. It freezes and expands, creating upward, buckling pressure on the pavement above. When spring thaws the ice pocket, the volume contracts, leaving the weakened pavement above unsupported. A few vehicle wheels pass over the weakened pavement section and a new chuckhole is born.

We do our best to patch the worst of these holes, as they occur. But they are so many and so widespread we are often weeks in getting to some of them.

Patching, however, is a makeshift, temporary measure. The permanent cure lies in curing the drainage problem and then resurfacing so as to deny water access to the substructure of the road.

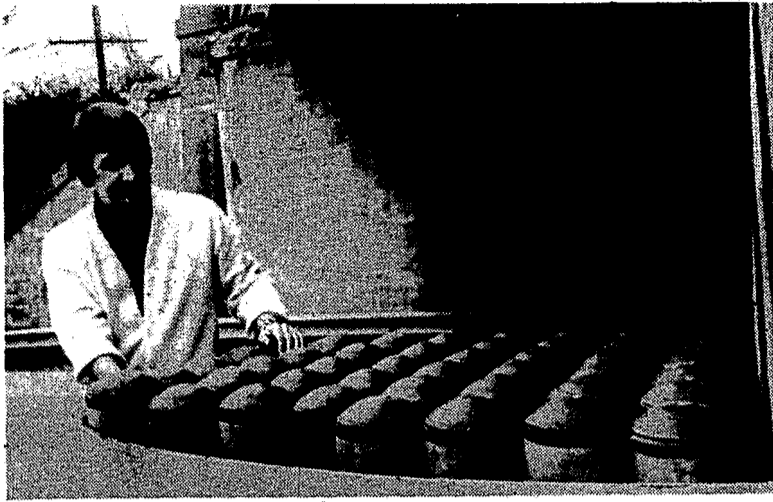
Either solution is costly. The first is usually beyond the charter of the Road Commission, for solution of area drainage problems often requires drainage work that can be adequately financed only through creation of a drainage district that can assess costs to all who benefit — including the Road Commission, as well as owners of private property.

Adequate drainage is costly. But so are roads. Once major drainage problems throughout the county are solved, you will enjoy better and more durable roads.

FEDERAL AID

Oakland County Road Commission fared well in Federal funds in 1973. Our county has 9% of the state's population, but the \$2,285,989 of Federal aid received by the Road Commission was 16.3% of total received by all 83 county road commissions.

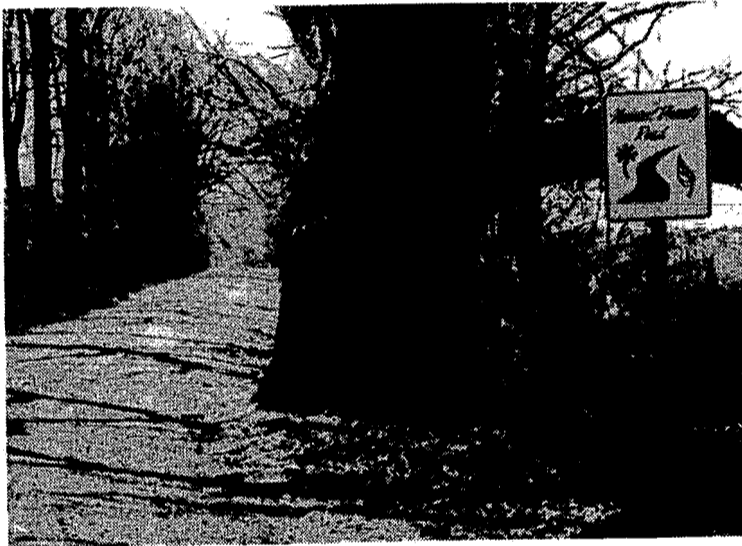
ROAD SALT: Environmental No-No — or Safety Imperative?



LIFESAVER — Frank H. Belt, Birmingham advertising executive, ponders what might have happened, but for these crash cushions, when his car skidded out of control and spun into the Grand Trunk R. R. bridge abutment on Big Beaver Road in Bloomfield Township. Instead of minor damage to his car, Belt said, he could have been seriously injured — perhaps even fatally.

This particular set of "impact attenuators," as they are technically known, was installed by Road Commission in 1972. In 1973, Road Commission made similar installations at Big Beaver-I-75 and Long Lake-Grand Trunk overpasses.

The tubes are filled with freeze-proof liquid and absorb most of the energy of a crash impact.



PROTECTION FOR 'CHAMP' — The life expectancy of this national best-of-species swamp oak was enhanced when Board of Road Commissioners designated Rush and Predmore Roads, in Oakland Township, as first of Oakland County's Natural Beauty Roads.

State law creating the designation prohibits destruction or substantial damage to native vegetation in the road's right-of-way in the course of road maintenance operations.

Listed by Cranbrook Institute as national champion of its species, this specimen towers 103 feet high, with trunk girth of 312 inches and limb-spread of 107 feet.



SCENIC BRIDGE — At least the young fisherman in the picture, and probably lots of boaters, welcome completion of this bridge that carries Maloney Street, in Oxford Township, to an island in Long Lake. The bridge replaces a temporary causeway that impeded boat travel between Long Lake and Clear Lake.

The Road Commission attempts to design its projects for compatibility with surrounding environment, as this unobtrusive bridge indicates.

A little of both, says Road Commission, but a net safety asset when it is sensibly applied



OMBUDSMAN — That strange term originated in the Scandinavian countries where governments have long had an official with that title whose sole responsibility is to help citizens deal successfully with government.

The Road Commission adopted the idea in 1973 by establishing its Office of Public Assistance.

Mike Richardson, above, is administrator.

When you have a problem or question involving the Road Commission, you can save yourself time and trouble by calling Mike or his assistant, Pauline Tedder, at 858-4804 or 858-4805.

Dust Control Service Offered

Residents living along unpaved subdivision streets that are part of the county road system can turn to the Road Commission for relief from summer road dust.

Arrangements may be made with the Road Commission to grade and shape the roads in the spring, and then make four applications of calcium chloride between Memorial Day and early fall.

The minimum road length for such work is 1,000 contiguous lineal feet. The cost — eight cents per lineal foot in 1973 — is paid by benefitting property owners, except in the case of residents of Avon, Bloomfield and Oxford Townships. These three townships pay for chloriding of all of their local and subdivision roads.

You may get full details by calling the office of the Secretary-Clerk to the Board of Road Commissioners. The number is 858-4811.

The deadline has already passed for ordering chloriding for 1974, but you may wish to keep this information at hand for 1975.

Steel-Plated Pavement Cuts

The Oakland Road Commission was a pioneer in the use of steel plates over pavement cuts during repairs and maintenance to permit normal operation of traffic.

The Road Commission has evolved a road salting policy that is in the balanced best interest of both the motorist and the environmentalist.

Salt application for ice and snow control on roads has been demonstrated to be more satisfactory than any other method. Jurisdictions, including nearby Ann Arbor, that have tried other alternatives, have quickly concluded that salt has more advantages and

that salt's disadvantages can be minimized.

The Oakland Road Commission minimizes undesirable effect of salt on the environment by rigid control of rate of application.

Extensive experimentation by the Salt Institute and others has determined that 800 pounds of salt per two-lane mile of road is the best application rate in terms of protecting human life through adequate tire traction and, at the same time, avoiding unnecessary threat to roadside vegetation and wells.

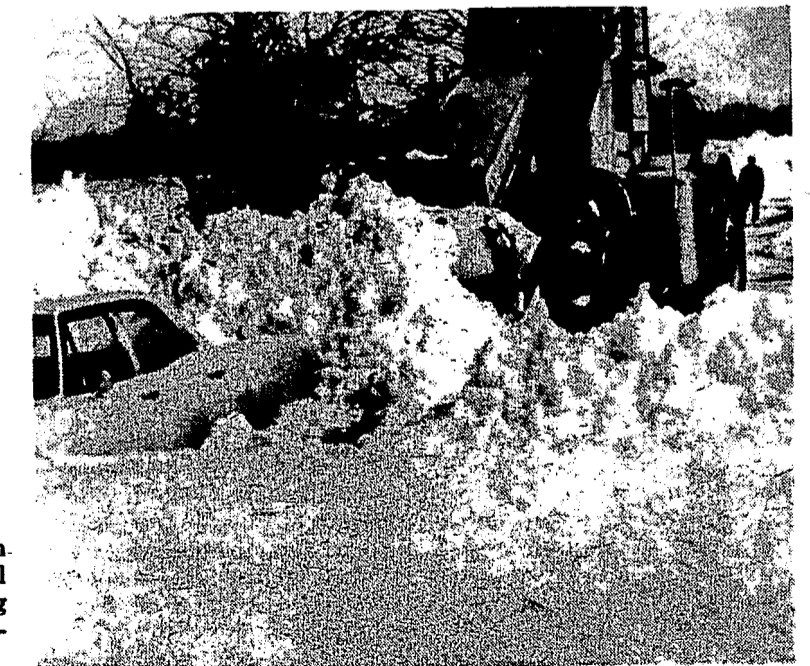
The Oakland Road Commission adheres carefully to this rate in applying salt.

The Road Commission is also following closely results of Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation (MDSH&T) experiments in use of pre-moistened salt for traction control. Early results indicate that pre-wetting salt speeds its effectiveness and may permit lighter application, since the wet salt sticks to the pavement instead of bouncing and scattering off the pavement as dry salt crystals tend to do.

If pre-wetting of salt lives up to its early indications of effectiveness, it could save the Road Commission money and further reduce potential salt damage to the environment.

Salt is largely ineffective in the lower temperature ranges. Under such circumstances, we plow and use sand.

In addition to following the "sensible salting program" of the Salt Institute, the Road Commission is taking other measures to minimize environmental damage from salt. For instance, the new Frazer W. Staman maintenance garage, on Stephenson Highway between Maple and Big Beaver Roads in Troy, will feature enclosed salt storage when it is completed in mid-1974. Our five older garages will also have their salt storage enclosed by the end of 1975.



more ROAD TAXES

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The Michigan motor vehicle highway fund, then, is the primary source of discretionary funds for county road commissions.

The motor vehicle highway fund receives all statewide collections from the weight tax you pay on your car or truck when you get your annual license plates. The fund also receives statewide collections from the State's nine-cent-a-gallon tax on gasoline.

The State skims off some of this money to pay for tax collection and administrative cost. The Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation keeps a substantial portion, and one-half cent a gallon goes for public transit purposes.

What is left in the fund after the State takes its legal share, as outlined, is distributed to the 83 county road commissions and to the cities and incorporated villages of the state, according to a complex formula specified by law.

The base against which this formula is applied is the number of dollars collected in gas and weight taxes in each county, city and incorporated village.

At the time the State added two cents to the gasoline tax in 1972, it also made some changes in the distribution formula that go far to correct previous, long-standing inequities that had penalized the larger counties, like Oakland, in receipts from the motor vehicle highway fund.

Consequently, your Road Commission received substantially more dollars from this source in 1973 than in previous years. But we do not benefit generally from your property tax payments.

How much, then, do you contribute to county roads through the gasoline and weight taxes.

The average motorist who drives 20,000 miles a year in a car that averages 12 miles to the gallon pays about \$150 to the State in gasoline tax and, perhaps another \$18 for vehicle license. His contribution to state and county roads amounts to \$168 a year. And that is divided as we have indicated.

CONSTRUCTION TIME CUT 10 MONTHS

Clever time-phasing by a Road Commission contractor cut ten full months off the construction time for a 1973 major intersection improvement in Southfield.

The complex project involved widening all four legs of the Eleven Mile-Lahser Road intersection to five lanes and adding five full-width lanes on the bridge carrying Lahser across I-696.

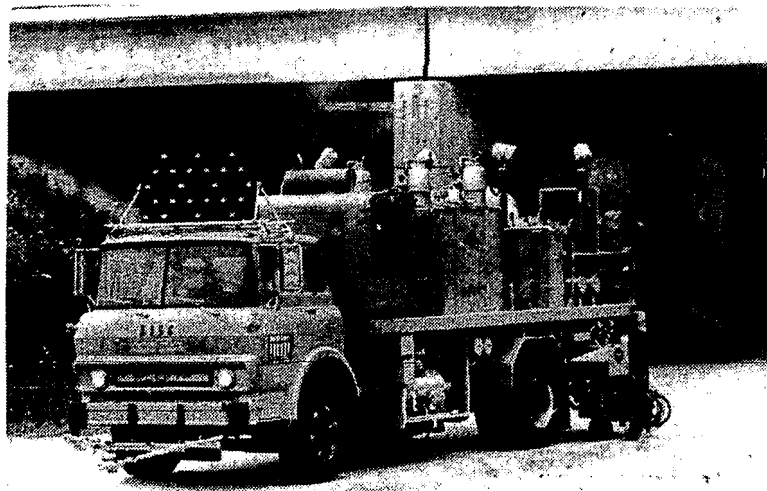
Originally, traffic volume of 26,000 vehicles a day was to have been detoured around the Eleven Mile-Lahser intersection from mid-June of 1973 to September 15, 1974.

Thanks, however, to the ingenuity of the prime contractor — Tony Angelo Cement Construction Company, of Detroit — the project was completed and traffic restored last November 15.

The secret of the early project completion lay in innovative time-phasing of the numerous steps involved in construction.

Traffic capacity of the intersection was increased 75%, and safety was enhanced by the project.

Total cost of the project was \$1.2 million. The City of Southfield paid all of the costs for improvements to Eleven Mile Road, because it is a city street. The Road Commission's share of cost was \$200,000. The Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation paid the entire \$200,000 cost of widening the Lahser bridge over I-696. The remaining \$600,000 came from the Federal Highway Administration's TOPICS program for improving intersections.



EFFICIENT STRIPER — The Road Commission exactly doubled its pavement-striping capability when it bought this \$75,000 machine in 1973. It applies hot paint that dries in 20 seconds, avoiding the necessity of placing cones to prevent smearing of pavement stripes freshly applied. It has capacity of 800 gallons of paint in three colors and can simultaneously apply both a lane marking and an edge marking stripe.

The Road Commission will be painting continuous edge markings on 116 road segments, totaling 536 miles, in 1974, as well as renewing worn lane markers and painting new ones. Markings are part of Road Commission public safety effort.

PLIGHT OF BUSINESSES RESOLVED

The Board of County Road Commissioners responded quickly when advised that a 1973 construction project to improve the intersection of Orchard Lake and Twelve Mile Roads had landlocked some 40 businesses away from their customers.

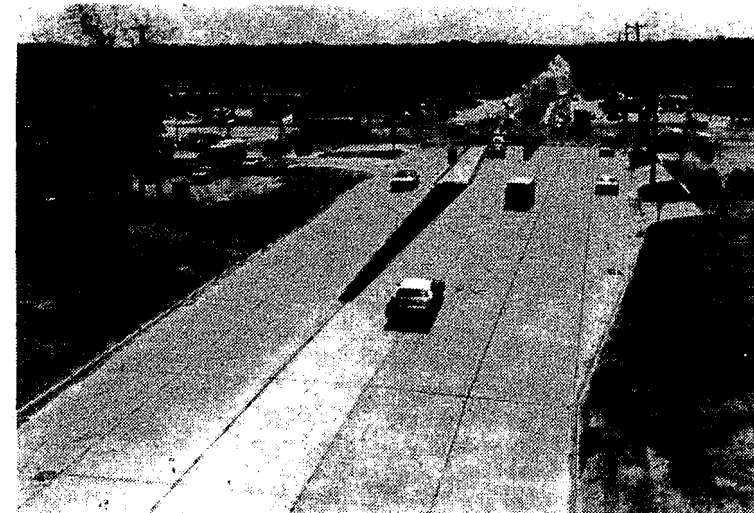
The businesses had only recently opened their doors in a new shopping center just north of the project. Detouring necessary to permit construction was making it impossible or inconvenient for customers to reach the shopping center.

When the Farmington Chamber

of Commerce told the Road Commissioners that the businesses might be driven to bankruptcy by denial of customer access, the Board acted.

It ordered the contractor to keep one lane open at all times for access to the shopping center, even though the step added to the cost of the project. The news media emphasized the need for driver cooperation and the public responded.

The project is now completed, and the 40 threatened businesses are now well established after suffering no interruption of business during construction.

TYPICAL IMPROVEMENTS**Completed . . .****Twelve Mile-Orchard Lake****. . . and Coming this Year**

'74 CONSTRUCTION — Typical of projects in Road Commission's record \$21.3 million 1974 construction budget is widening of John R in Madison Heights from present two lanes to five lanes, from Twelve Mile to Fourteen Mile Road.

This view, looking north from Twelve Mile, shows five-lane intersection and present two-lane section of John R that will have three lanes added before end of 1974.

Unique Safety Device Lets Drivers 'See' over Hill to Avoid Collisions

Ingenuity came to the rescue when the Road Commission set out to cure the safety problem at Cairncross and Adams Roads in Oakland Township.

A hilltop on Adams, immediately north of the intersection, made entering Adams from Cairncross like a game of Russian roulette. Cairncross traffic simply couldn't see approaching southbound Adams traffic until too late.

One solution considered was cutting down the hill. That would have been quite expensive.

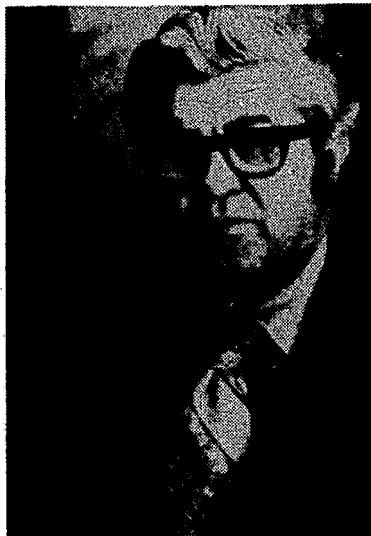
Then the Traffic Engineering Department proposed a low-cost

alternative — installation of a traffic-actuated flashing yellow beacon to warn Cairncross traffic that a vehicle was about to zoom over the hill. A loop detector was installed in southbound Adams, 600 feet north of Cairncross. When a car passes over the loop, the yellow warning signal flashes for Cairncross traffic.

The device was installed on December 7, 1973, and thus far seems to help avert crumpled body metal and personal injuries.

The signal is the first of its kind in the county. If it proves out, the Road Commission will consider duplicating it in other appropriate locations.

Legal Counsel



McEntee

Legal counsel to the Road Commission since 1960, L. W. McEntee was this year given the distinguished service award of the County Road Association of Michigan, which hailed him as a foremost authority on Michigan road law.

Mr. McEntee, a senior assistant Oakland County civil counsel, is also an active advisor and counselor to the Inter-County Highway Association.

MORE MONEY INTO ROADS, LESS FOR OVERHEAD

Never before has the Oakland Road Commission had a year as successful financially as 1973.

Revenues from the state motor

vehicle highway fund were up sharply and so were Federal aid dollars. The Road Commission magnified these results by obtain-

ing unusual leverage in using its funds to attract matching funds from other sources.

The result, of course, was increased maintenance and construction in 1973.

The financial report on page 8 supplies the detail that is highlighted as follows:

RECEIPTS of \$22.3 million were up 44% over 1972. The up-trend was uniformly present in revenues from every source:

- state motor vehicle highway fund distribution, up 29%, at \$13.9 million

- Federal aid of \$2.3 million, more than double the \$1 million of 1972
- county-raised revenues (special assessments, county and township matching funds) and other contributions of \$3.6 million, higher by \$900,000 than 1972
- miscellaneous revenues of \$489,000, compared to \$309,000 in 1972
- non-revenue receipts of \$2,040,000 from sale of bonds for street improvement, up from \$1,340,000 in 1972.

Studies Point Way to Efficiency

Purchasing Changes to Save \$40,000

Recommendations from a study of purchasing procedures will save the Road Commission at least \$49,000 annually in forms and labor alone, to say nothing of probable substantial savings in procurement costs through added bidding competition and buying through the County purchasing function.

The study was conducted by Arthur Young & Co., international accounting and management consulting firm, in conjunction with the Citizens Research Council study.

The consultants worked so closely with our purchasing director, George Suarez, that Suarez was able to incorporate many of the recommendations before even receiving the final, detailed report.

Research Council Report Awaited

The Road Commission is, at the time of this report, like the person who has just completed a physical examination and awaits the doctor's diagnosis and prescription.

At our request, staff of the Citizens Research Council of Michigan has spent months studying every aspect of Road Commission policy, organization and procedures.

By early summer, their report and detailed recommendations for improving our management should be in our hands.

The Research Council has already given us nine recommendations for improving the operation of our subdivision street improvement program. Our staff has tentatively adopted some of the recommendations and is studying feasibility of others.

Citizens Research Council is recognized as one of the most respected governmental research organizations in the nation. The Council's recommendations can be expected to lead the way to sharply improved Road Commission performance.



BOARD SECRETARY — R. G. Worland has been secretary-clerk to the Board of Road Commissioners since 1967. His previous experience included ten years with the City of Sturgis where he served, successively, as treasurer, clerk and acting city manager.

Employees Help Support Gov't., Area Economy

The Road Commission's 529 employees receive their pay from tax funds, to be sure, but they are also taxpayers, like the rest of us.

Federal income tax withheld from employee paychecks in 1973 totaled \$1,137,340.91. Total withheld for Michigan income tax was \$231,350.97.

Employees purchased \$16,863.45 worth of Series E bonds, paid \$332,097.54 in Federal social security tax (matched equally by the Road Commission), and contributed \$334,476.76 to their pension fund (to which the Road Commission contributed another \$602,824).

Total 1973 payroll was \$7,239,476.82.

Right-of-Way Program Grows

The Road Commission's master right-of-way program won an achievement award in 1973 from the National Association of Counties.

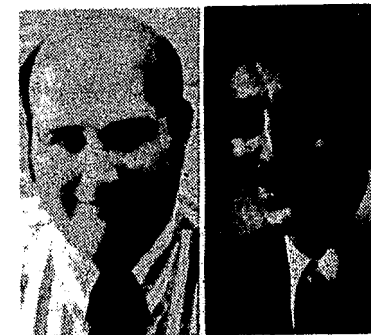
The master plan provides for future availability of land, not only for highways, but also for public and private utilities and sidewalks as the needs arise.

While such master plans have been authorized by law since 1925, their greatest growth has been since 1970.

Recent qualification by the Cities of Troy and Oak Park has brought participation in the program by 27 of the 61-eligible governmental jurisdictions in the county.



TOP ENGINEER — Paul Van Roekel is the Road Commission's head engineer as county highway engineer. With the Road Commission 17 years, Van Roekel is a registered professional engineer and past president of the National Association of County Engineers. He is currently a member of the transportation policy committee of the National Association of Counties.



Personnel Appointments

Appointed in 1973 as personnel director for the Road Commission was Lee R. Rogers, above left, of Milford, a graduate of Western Michigan University.

George W. Suarez, above right, is new purchasing director. Formerly in purchasing 22 years at Michigan Consolidated Gas Co., Suarez is a councilman in Madison Hts.

Spending Emphasized Construction, Maintenance

The Road Commission spent \$21.1 million in 1973 — \$6.2 million (42%) more than in the prior year. All but \$1.1 million went into end-product: construction and maintenance of the county road system.

Construction projects in 1973 accounted for \$12.7 million, a 92% increase over 1972 construction spending of \$6.6 million.

Spending of \$7.3 million for maintenance in 1973 was \$1 million more than 1972, largely reflecting the unusually devastating effect of the 1973 spring thaw.

Operating Costs Down

Only the "non-productive", operating costs were down in 1973 from the previous year. Operating costs dropped by \$40,000 during the calendar-year period when spending for construction and maintenance increased by a total of \$7.1 million.

Year-End Condition Good

The Road Commission ended 1973 in excellent health financially, as indicated in the balance sheet on page 8.

The year-end cash position remained unchanged at \$4.2 million. That figure included \$2.1 million held to improve subdivision streets, \$1.2 million in escrow from deposits by subdivisions and contractors, and about \$900,000 to meet our operating costs.

Receivables — money owed to the Road Commission — totaled \$4.9 million, higher by \$1.5 million than a year earlier. The increase reflects an increase of \$1 million due from special assessments and a \$600,000 increase in amounts due on county road agreements.

Assets Grow

Total assets increased \$3.8 million, to \$27.5 million.

Liabilities and fund equity also increased. Deferred revenues from special assessment districts were up \$1 million, equity in plant and equipment was up \$400,000, and bonds and notes payable increased by \$2 million.

Finally, available operating funds increased over the year by \$1.2 million, to \$4.8 million, reflecting the more robust financial condition of the Road Commission as a result of increased revenues from the motor vehicle highway fund. These available operating funds will be used to meet contract obligations for street construction projects currently underway, for financing future construction projects, and for operating expense.



When it is dedicated sometime this summer, this new Road Commission maintenance garage in Troy will bear the name "Frazer W. Staman Garage." The Board of Road Commissioners adopted the name in honor of the vice chairman, who is completing his twelfth year as a road commissioner.

The Staman garage is on Stephenson Highway, between Maple and Big Beaver Roads, readily accessible to I-75. It will concentrate on maintenance and snow control of state trunklines and county primary roads in southeast Oakland County.

Management Training

Seventeen Road Commission foremen and management trainees spent one night a week for twelve weeks learning the fine points of supervision.

The course was conducted by the Wayne State University Management and Technical Center in the Road Commission conference room at Road Commission expense, "as an investment in improving the quality of our first-level of management."

More Federal Dollars?

Further leverage for Road Commission dollars may be in the making. Our right-of-way department is working to qualify some 1974 and later construction projects for partial Federal funding in acquisition of right-of-way.

A limited number of extra copies of this report are available on request. Address requests to: Road Commission, 2420 Pontiac Lake Rd., Pontiac, Mich. 48054.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Here, in brief, is what the financial statements tell you:

The Road Commission started 1973 with \$3,532,274 in available operating funds carried forward from 1972.

We received \$22,294,448 during the year from sources listed in the table showing receipts. Therefore, we had a total of \$25,826,722 to account for in 1973.

During 1973, we spent \$21,064,290 for road

construction, maintenance, traffic services and the other services listed in the table of expenditures.

Thus, we carried \$4,762,432 forward in operating funds for 1974. The overall cash position at year-end was \$4.2 million, the same as a year earlier. During the year, our fixed assets increased by \$400,000, to \$4.5 million. Total assets increased during the year by \$3.8 million, to \$27.5 million.

What our spending bought in road improvements and other services is detailed elsewhere in this report.

	Primary Road Fund	Local Road Fund	County Road Commission Fund	Total Available Operating Fund	BALANCE SHEET December 31, 1973	
Beginning Available Operating Fund Balance 1-1-73	\$68,523		\$3,463,751	\$3,532,274		
RECEIPTS					ASSETS:	
Motor Vehicle Highway Funds					<i>General Operating Fund</i>	
1. Engineering	\$6,617	\$1,716		\$8,333	County Treasurer's Cash Account	\$4,242,086
2. Snow Removal Funds					Imprest Cash—Office	300
3. Urban Road System	1,407,058	583,876		1,990,934	Payroll—Bank Account	2,500
4. Allocation	9,609,876	2,266,571		11,876,447	Accounts Receivable:	
5. Optional Transfer	-1,653,533	+ 1,653,533			State Trunk Line Maintenance	307,283
6. Emergency Transfer—State Authorized					State Highway Department—Other	163,526
7. Total Motor Vehicle Highway Funds	9,370,018	\$4,505,696		13,875,714	Due on County Road Agreement	751,082
Federal Funds					Due on Special Assessment	3,474,524
1. Federal Aid Secondary	200,969			200,969	Sundry Account Receivable	31,004
2. Federal Aid T.O.P.I.C.S.	1,301,258			1,301,258	Due on Sale of Land and Buildings	
3. Federal Aid Urban Highways	652,181			652,181	Inventories:	
4. Submarginal Land Act					Equipment Materials and Parts	108,173
5. National Forest Reserve					Road Materials	533,577
6. Emergency Employment Act			131,528	131,528	Deferred Expense F.A.S., F.A. TOPICS and F.A. Urban	821,318
7. Other					Total General Operating Fund	\$10,574,869
8. Total Federal Funds	2,154,409		131,528	2,285,936	<i>Fixed Asset Fund</i>	
County Raised Funds					Land and Improvements	890,176
1. Property Taxes					Buildings	\$2,195,505
2. Appropriations by County		176,541		176,541	Less Reserve for Depreciation	431,816
3. Special Assessment Districts		688,578		688,578	Equipment Road	4,859,144
4. Contributions—Cities & Villages	901,773			901,773	Less Reserve for Depreciation	3,169,276
5. Township Contributions		1,400,719		1,400,719	Equipment Shop	165,486
6. Other Contributions		436,172		436,172	Less Reserve for Depreciation	117,748
7. Total County Raised Funds	901,773	2,702,010		3,603,783	Equipment Office	188,270
Miscellaneous Receipts			489,015	489,015	Less Reserve for Depreciation	112,647
Bonds: Act 51					Equipment Engineers	45,420
Notes: Act 143		2,000,000	40,000	2,040,000	Less Reserve for Depreciation	17,798
Sales of Land and Buildings					Depletable Assets—	134,406
Total to be Accounted For	\$12,494,722	\$9,207,706	\$4,124,294	\$25,826,722	Less Reserve for Depreciation	107,814
					Yard and Storage Equipment	26,386
					Less Reserve for Depreciation	4,641
					Total Fixed Assets	4,483,053
					<i>Long Term Fund</i>	
					Amount to be provided for the Retirement of Bonds (Act 51)	7,082,500
					Amount to be provided for the Retirement of Long Term Notes (Act 143)	5,390,000
					Total Long Term Funds	12,472,500
					TOTAL ASSETS	\$27,530,422
EXPENDITURES					LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITIES:	
Construction					<i>General Operating Funds</i>	
1. Road	\$7,338,934	\$3,485,113		\$10,824,047	Liabilities	
2. Structures	745	81,660		82,405	Accounts Payable	\$788,754
3. Roadside Parks					Notes Payable (Short Term)	187,842
4. Nonmotorized Transportation					Accrued Liability	
5. Other					Advances—Special Assessment District	
6. Total Construction Expenditures	\$7,339,679	\$3,566,773		\$10,906,452	Deferred Revenue	
Maintenance					Special Assessment District	3,474,524
1. Road	1,800,452	2,831,978		4,632,430	Deferred Revenue	
2. Structures		1,795		1,795	Sale of Surplus Properties	
3. Roadside Parks					*Other (detail below)	1,361,317
4. Nonmotorized Transportation					<i>Available Operating Funds</i>	
5. Other—Maintenance Agreements	176,990			176,990	Primary Road M.V.H. Funds	\$737,703
6. Total Maintenance Expenditure	1,977,442	2,833,773		4,811,215	Local Road M.V.H. Funds	79,896
Traffic Services					County Road Commission Funds	3,944,833
1. Winter Maintenance	601,605	425,917		1,027,522	Total Operating Fund Equities	4,762,432
2. Traffic Control	1,222,379	210,197		1,432,576	Total Operating Liabilities & Equities	\$10,574,869
3. Total Traffic Services	1,823,984	636,114		2,460,098	<i>Fixed Asset Fund</i>	
Special Assessment—Districts		1,777,877		1,777,877	Plant and Equipment Equity:	
Administrative Expense	447,242	282,476		729,718	Co. Rd. Comm.	4,483,053
Interest Expense	279,081	142,256	8,200	429,537	<i>Long Term Debt Fund</i>	
Equipment Expense	111,122	111,513	132,841	355,476	Act 51 Bonds Payable	7,082,500
Loss on Sale of Surplus Property			407,278	407,278	Act 143 Long Term Notes Payable	5,390,000
Capital Outlay					Total	12,472,500
Gain or Loss on Disposal of Equipment (Schedule IX)			-101,293	-101,293	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITIES	\$27,530,422
Debt Payments					*Deposits by Subdividers and Contractors	1,189,894
Total Expenditures	11,756,906	9,127,756	181,344	21,066,006	Advances by Others	6,196
Adjustments	118	54	-1,683	-1,716	Inspection charge	30,815
Inventory Adjustments					Advances—Matching Funds by Township	134,413
Ending Available Operating Fund 12-31-73	787,708	79,996	1,944,833	4,762,432	TOTAL	1,361,317
Total to be Accounted For	\$12,494,722	\$9,207,706	\$4,124,294	\$25,826,722		