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Sashabaw, Clintonville area ripe

Signs are that the development outlook is healthier

by Jean Saile
of The Clarkston News

Can Independence Township expect to push for development to start again soon?

Planner Larry Burkhardt thinks all the signs are there that it might happen. He says the number of calls from real estate people have picked up over the last several months, and that coupled with a loosening of mortgage money and the availability of sewers might spur building activity.

If it happens, he believes two new areas, apart from one already under development, will feel the effects first. He speaks of the Sashabaw/Maybee area and the Clintonville/Maybee area.

Already under development in its beginning stages is Jack Helveston's Deerwood and Foxwood residential district off Cranberry Lake and Perry Lake roads north of the village.

Four homes are in the ground, one already occupied, and entryways are being installed soon to admit visitors to the treed and rolling acreage where homes are serviced by sewer and water and all utilities are underground.

To eventually contain 480 lots on 350 acres, the Helveston development is rated as a quality single family residential area.

A combination of single family, multiple, commercial and industrially zoned land exists along

Sashabaw. Hottest of the proposed projects for the area appears to be Occidental Development Corporation's intention to build a 240 single family homes on a cluster plan in the area around the southeast corner of the Maybee intersection.

Part of the property fronts on Lake Oakland and some of the treed and swampy area has been set aside for common use. None of the lots, however, would be smaller than 13,000 square feet, Burkhardt said.

Final plat approval has been awarded the project, but developers have not approached the township for several months, Burkhardt noted.

Across the intersection, owner Clark Easley has applied for permission to enlarge his Pine Knob Shopping Plaza. Burkhardt said Easley is now preparing detailed construction plans, and expects to enlarge the individual store wing-off Food Town to the same depth as the market.

Directly west of the shopping plaza is 28 acres of multiple land, sold recently by Al Rottman to Total Development Inc., Burkhardt said. While nothing has been undertaken by the new owners, Burkhardt noted the land has been approved for 232 apartment units at a density of 7.9 units per acre.

Encircling 40 acres on the northeast corner of the Sashabaw

Maybee intersection is another 90 acres zoned for multiples. Fairwood Corporation is the owner, but no building permits have been obtained as yet for the projected 850 residential units to be erected there.

Burkhardt notes that some of the already approved plans might have to be redone in that the township's zoning ordinance adopted earlier this year contains new density restrictions.

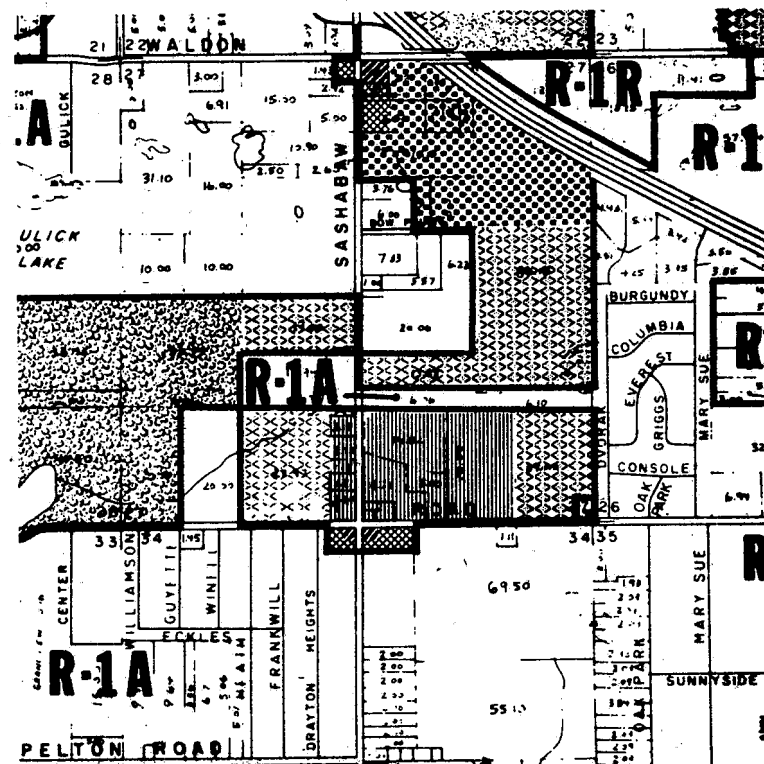
"It's a legal question," he says, "which will have to be resolved."

Farther north of the intersection is 18 acres of multiple across from Pine Knob school, currently listed for sale, and in the Pine Knob Ski Resort complex itself, plans for condominiums or apartments are currently in limbo.

Those projects, too, could presumably take off if money were to become available and the market open up.

Along Clintonville in the corner of the township, several projects are also ripe for development, Burkhardt believes.

There's 120 acres of multiple zoning, obtained by Kaplan and Singer in a consent judgement. Another 19 acres of multiple in the area is owned by builder Jack Raisin who recently said he is waiting to see what happens to sewer payments before proceeding.



To the west of Clintonville is 6.25 acres approved for a convalescent home. The property lies south of the present Clintonville Mobile Home Park.

Burkhardt notes sewers are available to the area, and that for the last four years, Clintonville Road has been paved. "It looks ripe," he said.

Watch for News sales

Salesman will be in the Independence/Springfield area next week offering subscriptions to The Clarkston News. If one should come to your house, please ask for identification to make sure that you are indeed spending your money for the local newspaper. Subscription price is \$6 a year.

It was a nice night for a concert



A concert by the new Clarkston Village band wooed about 150 residents to the banks of the Mill Pond to listen to the 38-member band.

With the sun throwing a silver path off the waters of the Mill Pond directly behind them, 39 members of the newly-formed Clarkston Band performed their first concert in the village parking lot Wednesday evening.

An estimated 150 people perched on the bank of the pond or lounged on deck chairs to listen to such selections as "The Impossible Dream" from "Man of LaMancha," the "Liberty Bell March" by John Phillip Sousa, and songs from "The Music Man."

"Response was very good," band director Douglas Doty said, one couple even commenting that they moved to Clarkston recently because of its small town atmosphere.

"They were amazed at us having a band concert in the parking lot," he said.

The band has been given \$2,000—enough operating funds by the Clarkston Village Council to operate for another three weeks, and will give weekly concerts, Doty reports.

The band was formed on a trial basis, he told listeners Wednesday night, and he hoped the council would see fit to continue the band.

This Wednesday night the band was to play in the village park off Depot Road, checking to see if acoustics will lend themselves to a future band shell at the sight.

This group was to play selections from the musical "Sound of Music" for that concert.

That concert was to be in conjunction with the village Farmer's Night.

The band is made up of former high school music students, and music teachers such as Bart Connors, Clarkston Junior High band director, Don Place, head of independence center, and former music teacher Mary Conklin.

The band could use about seven more members, Doty said. Practice is at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday nights at Sashabaw Junior High School for anyone interested.

4-H'ers readying for county fair

The Davisburg Busy Bees 4-H Club are indeed busy bees getting ready for next week's Oakland County 4-H Fair, being held at Springfield Oaks July 28 through August 2.

Members are putting final touches on sewing, cooking, first aid, and other projects.

Tammy Vergin of Scott Road said her club, the Davisburg Hoofbeats, are practicing with their horses every day, and also preparing leathercrafts such as belts and saddlebags for the fair.

The Busy Bees and Hoofbeats will be doing hostess and parking lot duty during the fair.

Also participating from this area are the Clarkston 4-H Wranglers and the Clarkston Conservationists.

The Conservationists will be doing some hostess duty, but will be unable to enter their projects due to a mix-up in entry data.

The fair begins Monday, July 28 at 9 a.m. with western horse judging. From 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday photography, cultural arts leathercrafts and personal appearance entries will be judged.

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At 6 p.m. the grand entry of the horse costume classes will be held, and at 7:30 p.m. the Kingston Trio will appear in concert.

On Tuesday, there's more western horse judging at 9 a.m. From 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. exhibits will be set up.

At 11 a.m. rabbit judging is scheduled, at 1 p.m. judging for horticulture, field crops, flowers, food, woodworking and veterinary science will take place.

At 2 p.m. cake decorating, outdoor cooking and emergency preparedness are scheduled.

At 7 p.m. Tuesday the 4-H King and Queen will be presented, the horse games will also start.

A trampoline act is scheduled for 7:30 and the Slaggett International Demolition Derby will begin smashing them up at 8 p.m.

Those wishing to enter the derby can contact Springfield Oaks at 634-9371. Entry fee is \$2.

Wednesday, July 20, English horse judging will begin at 9 a.m. and also beef judging.

Poultry and flower arranging judging will start at 10 a.m.

Goat judging is scheduled for 1

p.m., horse judging competition for 4 p.m. and swine judging for 6 p.m.

Mel Snyder the balloon man will appear at 7 p.m., and a fire works display will be shown at 9:30 p.m.

On Thursday, July 31, there's more western horse judging at 9 a.m., and sheep judging and dog obedience will also start at that time.

Home design, family living and passport to understanding categories will be judged at 10 a.m., a VIP luncheon will be held at 12:30 p.m., and an electrical and small engine demonstration will be held at 1 p.m.

Also at 1 p.m. will be dairy judging, at 2 p.m. a horticulture contest, at 7 p.m. square dancing and at 8 p.m. livestock showmanship sweepstakes.

Friday at 9 a.m. there's more western horse judging, at 9:30 a.m. livestock judging, from 10 a.m. until noon a demonstration in the rest tent, at 3 p.m. a Ralph Braid memorial contest, and at 7

p.m. a horse fun and horse costume class.

At 8 p.m. the annual livestock sale will begin.

Saturday, horse championship classes are scheduled for 9 a.m., an open horse show for 11 a.m. and at 8 p.m. a horse-pulling contest.

The carnival will open at 3 p.m. Monday until 11 p.m. and will be open thereafter all week from 1 p.m. until 11 p.m.

Also open from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. in the Youth Activities Center will be the 4-H exhibits.

Pine Knob crowd unruly

A minor accident and four arrests were reported by Oakland County Sheriff's deputies after the Joe Walsh concert last Tuesday.

A capacity crowd at the concert became unruly, deputies said. "People were drinking and smoking pot," deputy Robert Potts said.

Reportedly, concertgoers threw cans and burning newspapers in the crowd, and after the concert there was a

two-and-one half hour traffic jam.

A 21-year-old Pontiac man was arrested on a drunk and disorderly charge, deputies said.

A 15-year-old boy from Drayton Plains and a 16-year-old boy from Pontiac were arrested after they climbed the theater fence and allegedly tried to punch a deputy.

And a 17-year-old boy from Wyandotte was arrested on charges of being disorderly and possessing marijuana.

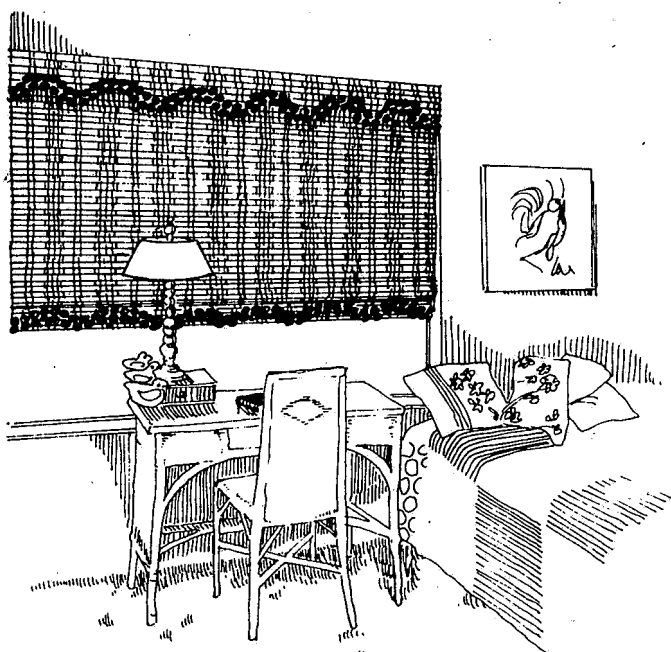
Brian M. Wickersham, 16, of Warren received minor injuries to his leg, deputies said, when another auto in the Pine Knob parking lot side-swiped the car Wickersham had just exited from.

Independence Township Police Director Jack McCall said steps are being taken to correct the traffic situation that caused the tie-up after the concert.

The Walsh concert is the biggest such incident to occur at Pine Knob this year yet, but McCall said the trouble was still not nearly on the same plane as that encountered during some concerts last year.

Since last year's troubles new traffic signals and a community relations liaison have been installed to try and avert some of the problems.

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Their tummies are tickled by America's favorites



Jennifer Miller

by Mary Warner
of The Clarkston News

For the mother who's worried about delighting her children's taste buds during the hot summer months, have no fear.

Success is as close as the nearest hot dog, hamburger or ice cream stand.

A poll taken of children at Gulick and Deer Lakes confirmed the underlying suspicion of most mothers that no matter if they fix filet mignon and creamed asparagus, their kids are still going to

prefer the good old American favorites, hamburgers and hot-dogs.

And pizza. And popsicles. And Kool-Aid. And that newly-found favorite fast food, Kentucky Fried Chicken, which Kerry Smith of Mohawk says is her favorite food.

"But I only get it once a year," she bemoaned. "On my birthday. You know why? Cause my dad doesn't like it."

Ah, well she is consoled by ice cream, she said, which is another favorite summer treat.

Chris Rollman, 9, of Eastlawn likes "ice cream, and popcorn in the night, and hamburgers and hotdogs and fried potatoes and a glass of Kool-Aid" for dinner.

liking chili hotdogs, lists fruit as his number one summer specialty. "I like grapes and stuff like that. They're juicy."

Chocolate ice cream and pizza are palate-pleasers for Virga Noble of Holcomb. Ice cream "cause its cold," and pizza "cause it tastes good."

Little pink porkers better look out for Jennifer Miller of Eston Road. Jenny's partial to ham "with mustard on it."

And topping a list of favorites is something Sarah Harthun of Clarkston Road said she bet no one else thought of -- "popsicles!"

"Because they cool you off in the summertime."

She also listed "dream twists," which are "two colors and I get them everytime we win a baseball game." And hotdogs and hamburgers "because we mostly have those--a hotdog on Tuesday and a hamburger on Thursday."

Oh, yeah, she likes pizza too...

"I like hotdogs 'cause my mother always makes them," Barbara Mervyn of Eston Road offered. "I also like pork and beans."

"Yeck," commented Jenny, the ham-lover.

Of course, there always those who are partial to the cook and not necessarily the product.

Caroline Wampfler of Whipple Lake Road likes her Aunt Virginia's homemade bread. "She makes it good," Caroline explained. She also likes ice cream. "And my Aunt Virginia's homemade cake."

Nissa and Erika Miller and Lorrie Adkins prefer corn, jello, and milk respectively.

"But you don't have teeth to eat it with," sister Erika told her sister, and sure enough, Nissa smiled and her two front teeth had long since been deeded over to the tooth fairy.

Nissa's got a double problem, because she's going to have to wait awhile to eat her other favorite--carrots!

Lorrie likes milk, she said, because it's cold. And after all, when it's 90 degrees out, it's cooler for the children to eat their favorite and a lot easier for the mom who has to bend over the ever-present hot stove.



Kerry Smith



Chris Rollman



Sarah Harthun

His sister Tracy, 11, is partial to hamburgers and french fries, slushes, watermelon, muskmelon and the inevitable--ice cream.

Daniel Carr was up from Texas to visit his brother on Foster last week, but strangely enough, his brother preferred pizza and chili hot dogs, while Dan just liked plain old hotdogs and hamburgers--"because they remind me of summer and they taste good."

Brother Todd is the pizza lover "I like Italian food," he explained. "My mother cooks lasagna sometimes and stuff like that."

Little Andy, though, while



Virga Noble



Todd [left], Andy and Daniel Carr



Nissa [left] and Erika Miller and Lorrie Adkins.

Bar/stores complex plan approved

Edward DePorter of 5080 Marvin in Clarkston, has been granted preliminary plat approval by the Springfield Township Board for a retail store complex on the east side of the Dixie Highway near Oakhill Road.

DePorter plans to build a bar/restaurant and four retail stores at the site. The restaurant and bar will contain 6,000 square feet; DePorter hopes to transfer

the liquor license from the Four Seasons Inn on the Dixie to the new bar.

DePorter was granted site plan approval at a special meeting of the township board. Time was running out for him to complete the structures, he said, and he needed board permission before the regularly scheduled meeting August 6.

The board could not grant approval at its last meeting, because a permit from the state health department had not yet been received.

DePorter may eventually build more stores on the more than 1,000 feet of frontage he has left at the site, he said.

In other action, the board refused to pay for any additional series of chloriding for township residents who want more than the contracted four staggered applications done by the Oakland County Road Commission.

Township Supervisor Donald Rogers said a set of neighbors decided to pay for another series of coatings, but the road commission made the group pay the entire amount rather than charge one fourth of the cost to the township.

Dry spells have created the additional chloriding needs, Rogers said, but the board was afraid too many people would want another set of chloridings done.

The township will only pay 2 1/2

cents of the 10 cents per foot cost for four chloride applications this summer.

The vote was 4-1, Rogers voting against the denial.

And the board reappointed member Glen Vermilye as its representative on the Springfield Township Planning Commission.

Vermilye will be serving his second one-year term as board representative.

Herbert (Doc) Swanson was also reappointed to the planning commission.

Pharmacy, offices asked at M-15, Paramus

Independence Township Planning Commission will be asked to recommend rezoning for the corner of M-15 and Paramus which would permit Tom Lufkin to build a pharmacy and medical offices on the corner.

The meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. Thursday (tonight).

In other business the commission will be deciding on amendments to the zoning ordinance which would allow existing lots to keep the old 15 foot side yard buffer. The new ordinance adopted earlier this year requires buffers of 10 and 20 feet be left between construction and the lot line.

Also under consideration is a measure to better regulate the placement of swimming pools in backyards. Planner Larry Burkhardt points out that under the present ordinance, wording would allow pools to be placed on lot lines.

\$800 taken from bar

Burglars took \$800, some lottery tickets and several bottles of whiskey from the Sportsman's Bar, 5864 Dixie Highway, early Sunday, Oakland County Sheriff's deputies report.

Bar owner David Kurko told deputies he left the bar about 3 a.m. and returned at 4 p.m. July 18 and discovered the theft.

The burglars broke in through the side window.

Blood Bank at Calvary

The Red Cross will conduct a blood bank for the community of Clarkston on August 1 from 2 to 8 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church on Bluegrass Drive, one block west of M-15.

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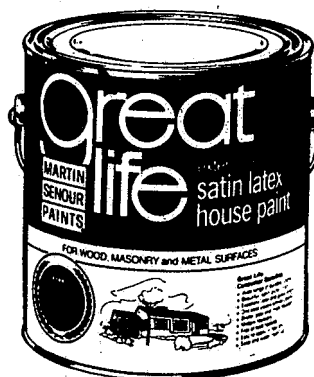
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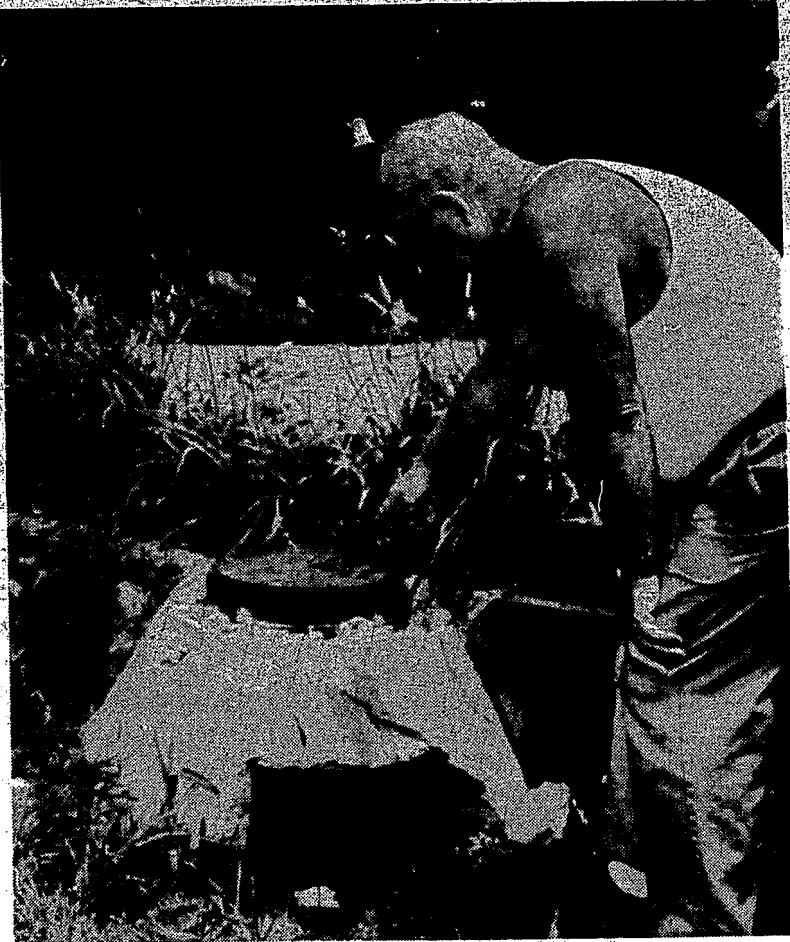
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Bank earnings up 11 percent

Net earnings for Pontiac State Bank for the first six months of 1975 were up 11% before and after securities transactions in comparison to last year's first half. This improvement was the result of a continuation of a more favorable spread between the cost and return of money, according to Milo J. Cross, chairman, and Edward E. Parker Jr., president.

Deposit growth so far this year has been restricted to increased savings of the consumer customer, both old and new, they said.

"At long last - our Union-Commerce Office will open its doors this month. Both Union-Commerce and Oxford-Orion (March, 1975) bring important service facilities to our market area. We even have some hope that our new and greatly expanded M-59 office will be completed by the end of this year," they reported.

"Over the past 20 months, our market area has taken a full onslaught of our worst recession since World War II. Changeover will rest the transportation manufacturers' plants through early August. In our view, we have seen the bottom and the only question now is the rate of movement, not the direction," they continued.

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Playgrounds keep kids busy

Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department's playground program is growing this year, despite a new \$2 registration fee.

Workers attribute the increased interest to varied activities offered. There have been visits to Herron Lake State Park, Circus Vargas and Kensington Park, and others are planned to the Detroit Zoo, Henry Ford Museum and possibly Bob Lo Island.

For the first two weeks of the summer, Bay Court Camp on Greens Lake was used for swimming and nature hikes.

Oakland County Parks and Recreation department mobile recreation service has added

additional fun at playgrounds in the way of swimming, roller skating, movies and sports.

Each playground -- there are four located at Sashabaw, Clarkston, Bailey Lake and Andersonville elementary schools -- sets aside a special day for arts and crafts. An end-of-the-year fair is planned to display the creations.

Specific time slots are also set aside for track and physical fitness programs. The best from the local programs will be competing in a statewide contest later this year at Huron Metropolitan's Metro Beach near Mount Clemens.

Several special days when all playgrounds combine for fun are

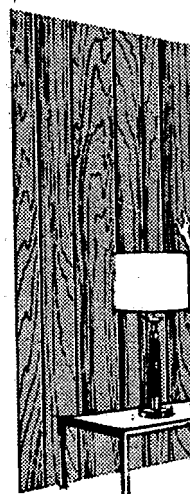
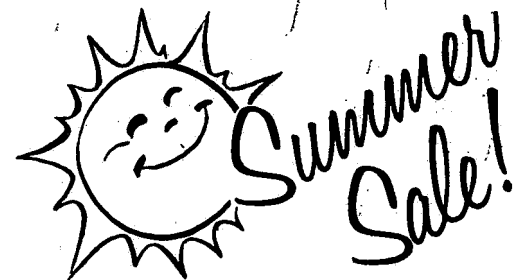
also on the calendar. A recent Friendship Day headed off the list, and a game day to raise funds to fight Muscular Dystrophy is slated for August 1 at Sashabaw.

Highlight of the summer program is the Junior Olympics and Art Fair which will be August 14 at Clarkston High School track field.

Bike registration

Independence Township Police Services will conduct a bicycle registration from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 27, at Food Town parking lot, Maybee and Sashabaw.

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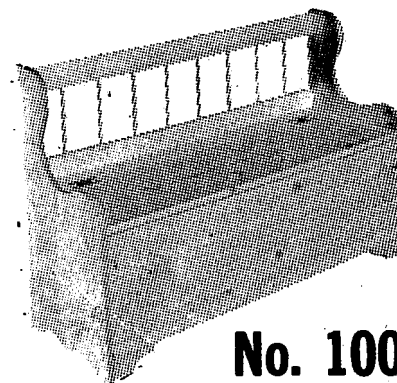
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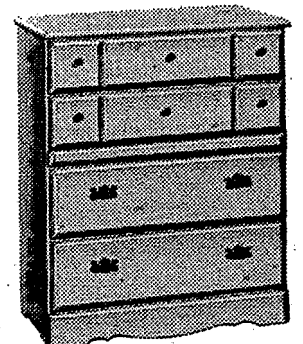
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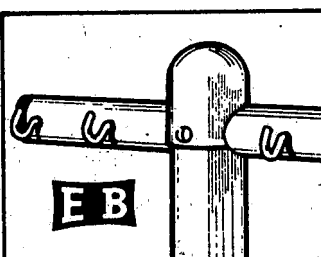
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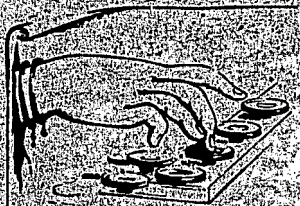
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Editorial

Let's lay off the kids

It's nice that parents take an interest in the activities of their children, but it seems that even that can turn into too much of a good thing.

When Little League becomes a sparring ground for parents and managers, and the kids are rated only on their ability to win, the program is somehow missing its point.

Not all teams are operated thusly, but too many are.

Being able to remember "the good old days" makes us wonder if some significant changes couldn't be put through in Independence Township.

First of all, to relieve pressure on those 12 and under, games ought to be conducted in the morning, when it is

virtually impossible for most parents to be in attendance.

And except for teenage umps (who know something about the game), the kids ought to be left pretty much on their own. Let them choose their captains, let them award positions according to ability (and winning combinations), and let them learn the FUN of the sport.

Too much emphasis is put on public acclaim for a kid who hits a double or pitches a good game. Half the satisfaction in life comes from a personal satisfaction — just knowing that you've done a job well and not having to rely on the public to tell you so.

We seem to be denying our kids that pleasure.



Dog days do pass

The dog days are with us.

We have residents upset about the sewer, the sewer consultants upset with the supervisor, the supervisor upset with the press, neighbors feuding over BB shots at the ducks on the Mill Pond, proposed rock concerts stirring things up in Springfield and at the county level, people stymied by Board of Education action, and teacher contract negotiations snailing along.

Something happens in July and August—the days get too hot and too long and people aren't as busy with routine as they are in the colder months—and it brings out the worst in a lot of us.

The only real thing to consider is that it won't be long before we're plunged back into fall, and the kids who were throwing rocks and the adults who were throwing brick bats are going to have other things to do.

The dog days do pass.

PEEKIN' into the PAST



25 YEARS AGO IN THE CLARKSTON NEWS
July 27, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chisolm and son Jack spent the past week in Northern Michigan, they attended the Indian Festival in Harbor Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. James Beers (Pat Riksen) of Clarkston are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Rebecca Lynn on Friday, July 14th.

On Wednesday evening of last week Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett Mann entertained some of his old Navy buddies and their wives at a dinner at their home.

'If It Fitz . . .'

Another lost weekend

by Jim Fitzgerald

(Jim Fitzgerald is on vacation. This is a summer rerun, reprinted by demand of the National Screwdriver Assoc. - and +).

Constant readers (Mother and Aunt Madeline) will remember my report on that Monday when a co-worker asked me what I'd done over the weekend. "I softened the water," I told him. "That doesn't take all weekend," he said. "It does if you do it with a hammer," I said.

Well, this will be a similar report on what I did last weekend. I changed the license plates on my car.

I was armed with a screwdriver. I've been changing license plates for 25 years and a screwdriver has always been sufficient unto the task. But not this time. Not with the tricky, flippy plate holder that hides the gas cap on my merry lousy Oldsmobile.

Honest, I thought I'd lost my mind. There were 2 screws with no slots for the screwdriver. What type

of horrible mutation is this? I asked myself after skinning several knuckles in a vain attempt to carve my own slots.

I have cried real tears while attacking-slotted screws with a screwdriver. I've worried about violating the Carpenter's Code of Ethics while using a — screwdriver on a + screw.

But never before, dear God, have I thrust a screwdriver into a screw and found no slot.

Could it be a nail? Whoever heard of nailing a license plate to a car?

I looked at the flip side of the plate. Both screws were screwed into nuts. After thinking and cursing for several minutes, sitting there on my cold driveway, I hit upon the answer: I would have to unscrew the nuts, rather than the screws.

You can't do that with a screwdriver, + or —.

"I need a monkey wrench," I said

to myself, wondering where I might borrow one. My do-it-yourself carpenter's kit is limited to 2 screwdrivers, a hammer no one can ever find, and a rusty saw borrowed from my father-in-law 14 years ago to shorten a Christmas tree.

It took awhile, but I finally found a neighbor willing to lend me a monkey wrench. By this time it was getting dark out and my wife appeared on the scene with news about dinner. She looked at me and the monkey wrench and the license plate.

"What you need is a pair of pliers," she said, making public a secret suspicion which had been slowing prickling my skin as I discovered there was no room behind the license plate for both my hand and a monkey wrench.

It was then that I began to blubber and roll down the driveway. By the time I regained my composure, my wife had located a pair of pliers. Back to the job.

Unless I crawled into the gas tank and reached back up the spout, it was difficult to get decent leverage on the nuts. The plate hadn't been changed in 2 years and the screws were rusty. I finally loosened the nuts but the screws simply spun around with the nuts. Clearly it would be necessary to hold the screws firm while unscrewing the nuts. But how could I hold the screws firm when there were no slots for the screwdriver? My sobbing became uncontrollable.

"You need 2 pairs of pliers and another person," my wife said.

She was right. She dug up another pair and she held the screws still while I finally removed the nuts and changed the plate in the moonlight. She then helped me into the house where I collapsed in a state of shock for 4 hours.

That's what I did last weekend and I really don't give a damn what you did.



hill'n gully

Pit thoughts

by Jean Saile

It's funny the way common place and even trite events evoke memories.

Cherry season is my time for remembering Jim's mom. Dead now for 14 years, she was a quiet, self-contained woman loathe to give even a brand new daughter-in-law any common sense advice. She figured I'd learn in time, anyway.

When Jim and I were first married, we restored an old summer cottage on their Lake St. Clair property and lived there for three years before accumulating enough money to move into a home of our own.

On the property were three cherry trees, two of them of the pie variety. When they ripened, we had our work cut out, and we moved speedily to beat the birds.

She'd take the lower branches while I hit the step ladder and the higher limbs, and we'd pick gallons in the mornings and then spend the afternoon, pitting and freezing the produce.

We used hairpins to extract the pits, an endless job then as it is now, and for hours we bent over the big sink talking woman talk and listening to the pits fall one by one into the stainless steel receptacle.

A lot of good conversation occurred during those times, and we came to really know each other during cherry pitting.

Putting the cherries into pie evokes another memory. An aunt of mine, who ran a road house when road houses were respectable, told me once if she

never left me anything else, she was going to teach me how to make good pastry. She strove to teach the "light touch" that would turn out the flaky delicacy she once served in the roadhouse.

We got to understand each other over the rolling pin and the floured board. She died last year at age 92, having determined to spend her last days near us.

This may sound like a sad column, but it's not. It's a good feeling to engage in the old rituals, and remember. It's even easy to smile.

Like seeing a train, and remembering my 90-year-old grandfather who had ridden one from Southern Illinois to visit us. In my youthful ignorance, I gasped, "Did you come all that way alone?"

"No," he said, "there were other people on the train."

I get older, and more and more people ride my memory train. It's not half bad.



Community calendar

JULY 24, THURSDAY

American Legion Exec. Bd. #63
Independence Twp. Planning Comm.

JULY 28, MONDAY

Cl. Rotary 6:30 p.m.
Cl. Village Council 7:30 p.m.
Cl. Athletic Boosters

JULY 30, WEDNESDAY
Civil Air Patrol



Letters to the editor

Sorry for Davidson outburst Fun Day a success

Letter to the editor,

I would like to tell the people that saw the Little League game at Pine Knob ballfield No. 2 on July 17, that I'm sorry that the fine play of both teams was overshadowed by the display put on by Mr. (Bob) Davidson.

I can control my boys and the

men that help me. I cannot control Mr. Davidson and the language he used when he ran onto the playing field.

How can this man control a Little League when he can't control himself?

Dennis Martin
Little League manager

[EDITOR'S Note: We talked to Mr. Davidson, who had a son playing in the game. He reacted [wrongly, he admits] to another abusive statement and apologized afterwards for his part in the flareup. He is not now attending games.]

Dear Friends,

So many people helped in so many ways to make Family Fun Day - '75 a success, it is difficult to write a letter of thanks that say what we feel for the wonderful people who extended themselves for the kids in the baseball/softball program.

Every committee ran so smoothly before Fun Day that we were amazed the way everything went on the big day. The wives and mothers, the players and umpires, the staff, and better than 75% of the managers did support our efforts and we reached our \$7,000 goal. Just as importantly, we gave the kids and parents an excellent free day of fun.

We were amazed at the response we received from businessmen in and out of our immediate area. They donated over \$900 in ticket sales, prizes and materials for the lottery and game booths. Again, a simple thank you does not convey our feelings for this response.

The Women's Auxiliary, working under some very trying circumstances at the beginning,

overcame all obstacles and developed a hard working group of 15 women that overextended themselves to insure success on Fun Day. Co-chairman Sandy Gamble and Dixie Butler cannot be thanked enough for the many hours they volunteered for the children in Independence Township. More impressive than the hours worked was their total involvement for the last ten days prior to Fun Day. Their concert and dedication cannot be measured in hours. They deserve (as do many others) the respect and admiration of 1665 ball players who will play on the fields in years to come. They are proud of what they accomplished and we are extremely proud of them.

Managers please look over the financial report and thank all your parents and your fellow managers that worked so hard to make fun day '75 what it was.

With sincere thanks,

Bob Davidson,

Baseball Commissioner

Timothy J. Doyle, Rec. Director

J. Edwin Glennie,

Twp. Supervisor

A 'fowl' ball?

Dear Mrs. Saile,

I really feel Jim Weber was dealt a "fowl" ball last week by the Village Council and should be given a "stay of execution" by Trustee Basinger. Consider the problem from the ducks' point of view -- he goes where the food is. (Don't we all?) Appears Jim's biggest mistake was in shooting BBs at the wrong "duck's" posterior.

Concerned Bird Watcher

Word from St. Johns

Dear Mrs. Saile,

Here's a check for two more years of the "Clarkston News" - to June, 1977. We like to know what's going on down there. We like St. Johns, and have made some nice, new friends, but we

miss our Clarkston friends.

Best wishes to you and the rest of the Clarkston News folks, including the Shermans.

Sincerely,
Eliza Johnson

He wants letters

Dear Sir,

Would you please help me by placing a small 'ad' in your newspaper for me. I have no funds, nor do I have any friends or family outside to turn to in time of despair.

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loneliest time of all in prison.

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Remember Father John?

Evelyn's retired after 21 years at the drug store



Evelyn LaPlante, retired after 21 years with the drug store

Evelyn in her earlier years also dispensed such items as Lydia E. Pinkham's pink liquid for ladies, and Father John for people of both sexes who had other problems.

"Linament was a big seller -- we are still getting calls for Sloan's," she remembers.

"We sold Humphrey's by the number. Each number was supposed to be good for a different complaint," she grins.

Beginning work when sulfa had just been discovered, she can remember the vast change in the drug business made by the discovery of penicillin shortly after World War II.

Now Evelyn has cataracts forming in both eyes, and she's waiting for surgery. Just the same, she's been able to catch up on the conversations she missed as a working woman and has a reunion planned later this summer with three sisters.

"I always loved being in the public," she says. "You can please 95 percent of the people. People in general are nice."

She entered the drug store business, having first worked 10½ years for the old Clarkston Cafe. Having quit that job to take a trip West, she was sitting home one afternoon when Keith Hallman, the present owner of the store called.

"He wanted to know if I'd retired, or still wanted to work. I told him I didn't know a thing about the drug business, but he asked if I couldn't give him a couple of weeks.

"That was 21 years ago," she smiles.



Rowena O'Dell and Evelyn LaPlante were proud of the recently remodeled O'Dell Drugs. This picture was taken in the late 50s after they'd gotten rid of the soda bar.

Clarkston's village drug store isn't the same for two generations of residents. Evelyn LaPlante has retired after 21 years of employment -- first with O'Dell Drugs and then Hallman Apothecary most recently.

Her days of service go back to the era of drug store soda counters -- and the long line of high school students who manned it each day after 4 p.m.

"People came from miles around for our sodas and malts," she says. "The sundaes were delicious, too. We used milk -- not water -- to thin our hot fudge sauce, and the fruit was top grade."

"You know you just can't get a good soda anymore," she reminisces.

Obituary

DAVID MERCIER

Funeral services were to be Wednesday morning at Our Lady of the Lakes Church for David Mercier, 55 of 6605 Northview. Mr. Mercier, a truck driver for Pontiac Motors, died July 20.

Rosary was said at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Goyette Funeral Home, and burial was slated for Ottawa Park Cemetery. The family suggested memorials to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

Mr. Mercier is survived by his wife, the former Shirley Green; a son, Michael D. with the Marines; a daughter, Marie Ann Roy of Clarkston; two grandchildren; a sister, Mary Delphine Richards of Pontiac; and two brothers, William J. Mercier of Sylvan Lake and Clifford Mercier of Pontiac.

DON B. MILLER

Funeral services for Don B. Miller, 80, of Springfield Township were July 17 at the Lewis E.

Wint Funeral Home. Mr. Miller died July 15, and was buried in Lakeview Cemetery. Rev. Charles R. Jacobs officiated at the services.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Schmidt of Arizona; a brother, Glenn Livermore of Romeo; and a sister, Mrs. Ivah Rose of Evans.

Mr. Miller was a retired self-employed truck driver, and a member of Harmony Lodge No. 143 F&AM Armada.



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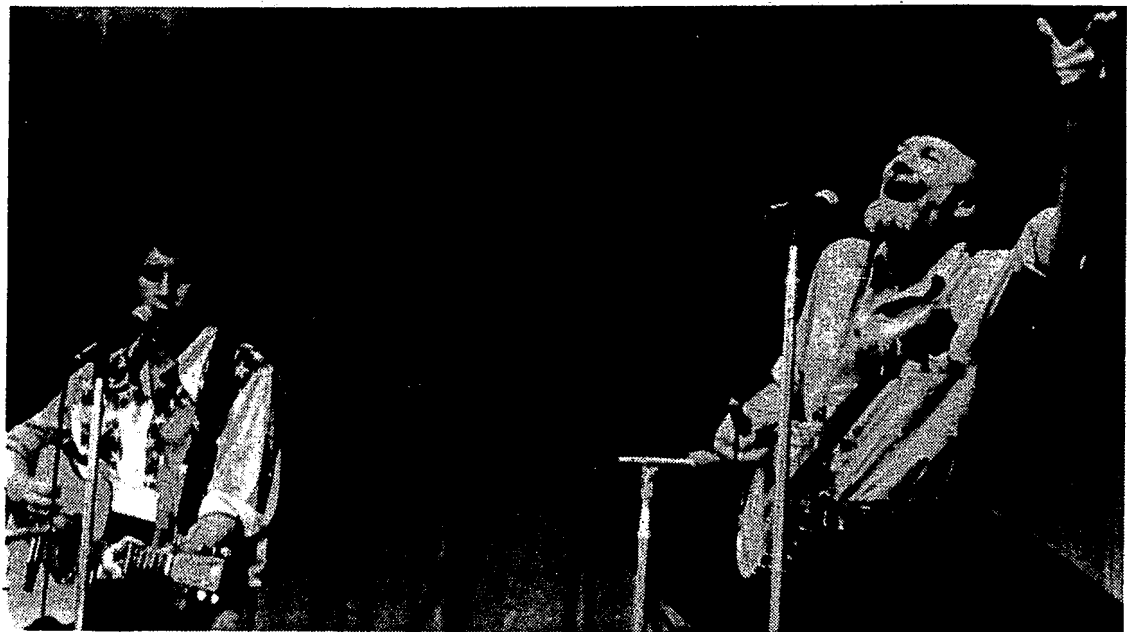
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Curtain time

Arlo Guthrie and Pete Seeger

by Phillip Purser

The concert at Pine Knob Music Theatre on Sunday night (July 20) was a real delight. Two men who might be father and son gave an excellent folk concert to the enjoyment and enthusiasm of a jammed-pack crowd.

Arlo Guthrie and Pete Seeger shared the billing and dueted well together despite their thirty-odd years difference in age. They fit together as well as one imagines Seeger and Woody Guthrie, Arlo's father, did in the forties when they too appeared in concerts. In this show Pete Seeger and Arlo Guthrie traded songs that ranged from African folk melodies to sea shanties and often

invited audience participation.

As usual from Seeger and Guthrie, much of their material contains a message or a twist, but a lot of it was just plain fun. The tunes were recognizable and there was the pleasant absence of banks of amplifiers, which is a rarity these days. Pete Seeger plays the acoustic guitar, banjo, and small wooden instruments which he refers to as shistles, while Arlo Guthrie accompanies Seeger and himself on grand piano and more often on six string acoustic guitar.

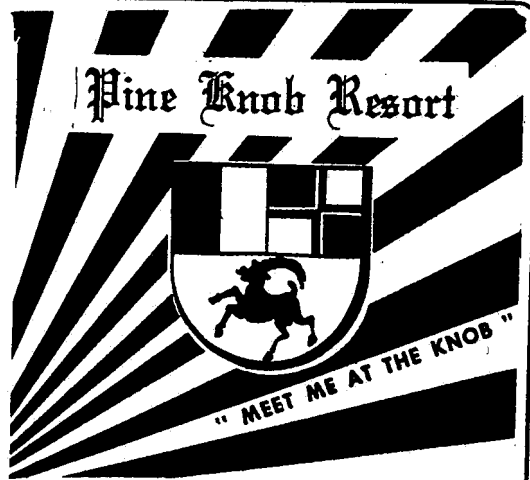
Forsaking some of his well known early talking-story songs, Guthrie sounded suprisingly mature in his vocal solos, while also displaying his strong blues piano

style. Together, Guthrie and Seeger pleased a young audience who regularly applauded their low key but biting protests of their frequent social comment. Both Seeger and Guthrie are casual in their approach, but both are highly skilled entertainers. Whether it is a leadbelly blues or the Cuban "Guantanamera" or "Amazing Grace", the two somehow make it a musical event and retain an image as spokesmen for today's youth. Resounding to the crowd's standing, stomping demands for encores, Seeger and Guthrie finished with the enormously popular "If I had a Hammer" and Woody Guthrie's "This Land is Your Land."

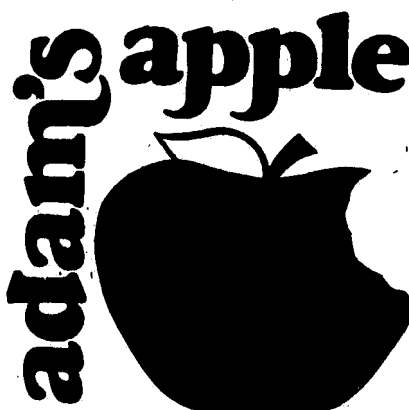
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things to do

The extremely popular jazz-rock group, Blood, Sweat and Tears, will kick off the free entertainment schedule at the 1975 Michigan State Fair, according to Harold Arnoldi, Entertainment Supervisor.

Blood, Sweat and Tears, featuring lead singer David Clayton-Thomas, will perform free in the Music Shell at 4:30 and 8:30 p.m. on Friday, August 22.

With the dynamite group opening this year's Michigan State Fair, Arnoldi announced that the Fair would close with some explosive entertainment, The Captain and Tennille, currently enjoying a meteoric rise to the top of the music charts, will appear on Sunday, August 31 and Monday, September 1.

Performing free twice daily in the Music Shell at the 1975 Michigan State Fair will be:

Fri., Aug. 22 - Blood, Sweat and Tears, jazz-rock musical group.

Sat., Aug. 23 - Tanya Tucker,

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known as the "Teenage Queen of Country Music."

Sun., Aug. 24 - The Pat Boone Family, who will participate in the Sunday morning religious service at the Music Shell as well as the afternoon and evening shows.

Mon., Aug. 5 - Sheffields, a highly talented group enjoying success at Las Vegas nightclubs.

Fri., Aug. 29 - Share, a vibrant family entertainment group from Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Sat., Aug. 30 - Ben E. King, former Detroit singer, having success with his latest recording, "Do It In The Name of Love."

Sun., Aug. 31 and Mon., Sept. 1 - The Captain and Tennille, staying together at the top of the music charts with their hit, Love Will Keep us Together.

Appearing twice daily at the Grandstand are:

Fri., Aug. 22 thru Mon., Aug. 25 - All American Thrill Show, featuring the only 360-degree

spiral jump from ramp to ramp as performed in the motion picture, "Man with the Golden Gun."

Tues., Aug. 26 and Wed., Aug. 27 - The Osmonds

Thurs., Aug. 28 - Al Green, the sensational recording star, better known as "The Maestro of Soul."

Fri., Aug. 29 - Jack Albertson and Freddie Prinze, stars of the popular NBC comedy series, "Chico and the Man."

Sat., Aug. 30 - Bobby Vinton, the Polish Prince of Song.

Sun., Aug. 31 - All American Thrill Show.

Mon., September 1 - Demolition Derby, where entrants attempt to outlast their opponents in an arena of crashing cars and scraping metal.

Ticket prices will be \$4 and \$6 for all paid performances with the exception of the Thrill Show and Demolition Derby. Prices for those shows are \$1 for afternoon performance and \$2 for the evening show.

Adam's Apple at the Knob

by Maralee Krug

Pine Knob has added another super young people's entertainment spot to the Clarkston area. I'll go back to the Adam's Apple soon, and often.

We stopped in after the Carpenter's concert Thursday night for a bite to eat, a beer and some more good Pine Knob entertainment and were really pleasantly surprised.

The skiers' cafeteria has been redecorated for summer with red tablecloths, a huge raised dance platform and a bar. The menu is informal and widely varied and SO inexpensive.

It ranges from baked ham at \$2 to the most expensive item - Open faced steak sandwich for only \$4.95. The other selections at in-between prices included Louisiana fried shrimp, fried chicken, roast sirloin of beef sandwich, a delicious salad called Klosters Antipasto which you have to promise you'll try, and more!

The entertainment was provided by a group called "Goodness"

and while their style is reminiscent of the old Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young group, it is still distinctive on its own. In addition to their own compositions, they performed selections from Uriah Heap, James Taylor, Crosby-

Stills, Nash and Young, and others.

The Adam's Apple is a great place to go before or after the concert, and if you're skipping one of the concerts and still feel like good food, drink, and entertainment at a nothing price, stop in for sure.

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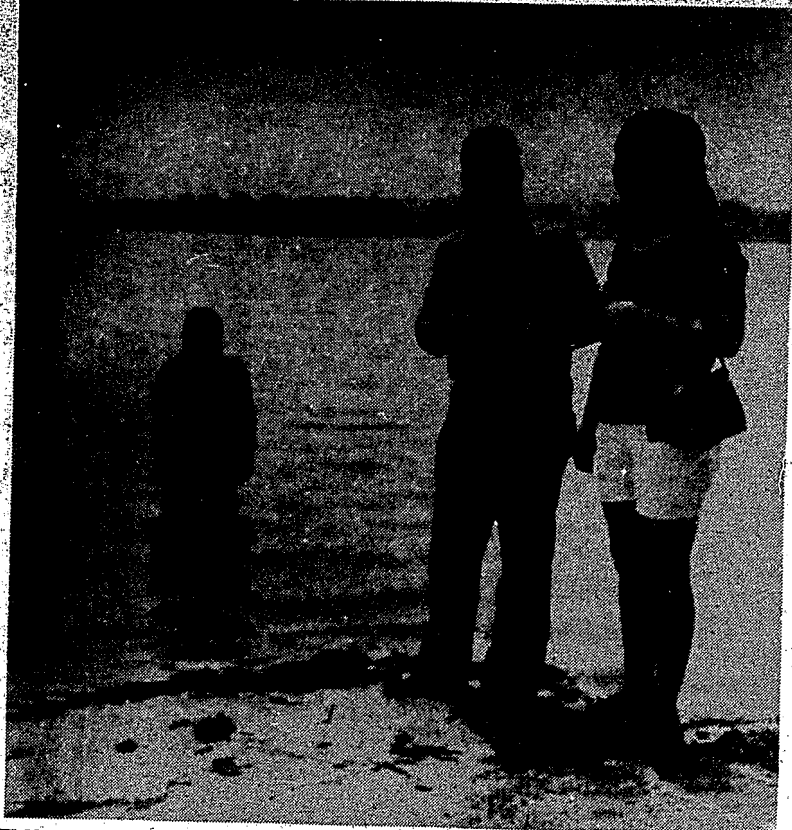
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Efforts to repair the boat landing at Woodhull Lake haven't been entirely successful according to Don DeWald, homeowners' association president. While sewer contractors have dredged sand away from the landing they've left it some 25 feet offshore, making the approach hazardous, according to DeWald and Anita Mann, association treasurer. Lindy Hart demonstrates water depth.

Springfield commission officers

A new chairman and secretary have been elected by the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Commission.

Robert Peters, former secretary, was elected chairman, while new member Nancy Hanes, the only woman on the commission, was elected secretary.

Peters had been serving as both chairman and secretary since Collin Walls resigned recently from the commission.

Peters was chosen chairman at an executive session of the commission, and members held the election Monday to clear up any problems that electing an officer in an executive meeting might have created.

The commission also decided to petition the township board for two paid meetings a month for six months of the year, from April through September.

The commission is currently allowed one meeting a month, but decided two were necessary during the summer months when the commission was trying to make improvements in the township parks and run other recreation programs.

Two lifeguards working under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act were replaced.

John Howard and Mark Prevost both left to go to school, and were replaced by Mark Waterbury of Clarkston and Michele Rosenberg of Bloomfield Hills.

Office hours were set by park department director Dave Conklin. He will be in from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. every weekday.

An attempt by the commission to set up a meeting with the township board fell through. The commission and township supervisor Donald Rogers had discussed having a meeting before the regular commission meeting Monday, but the meeting was cancelled.

The commission then tried to set up a meeting before the regular township board meeting the first Wednesday of the month, but commission member Gordon Rigoulot said he would not be able to attend.

A possible special meeting was then discussed, but no one seemed enthusiastic about that, so finally commission member George Thompson said "I guess it isn't that important to get together anyway."

The board and commission have been suffering a "lack of communication," some commission members said, most recently over the appointment of a replacement of former chairman Walls.

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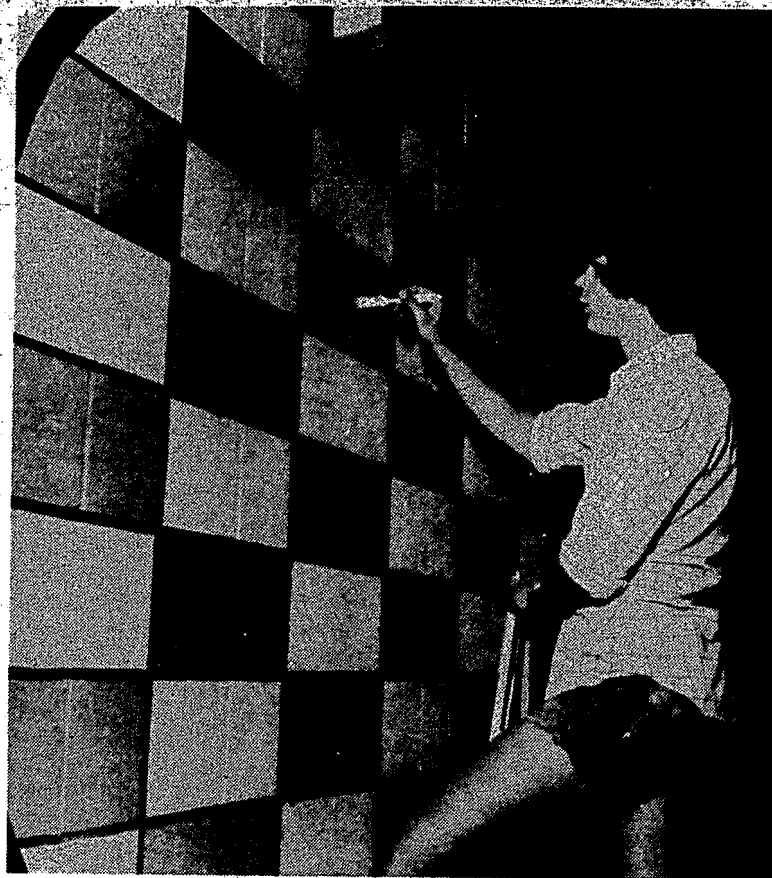
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Sauna gets new look

Chuck Wooderson, an employee at Waterford Hill Sauna, touches up a wall mural, which with new hardwood floors in the handball courts and a new roof on the building, have launched a major redecoration program there. The building was due to reopen again this week, but more remodeling of lockers and lobby is scheduled.

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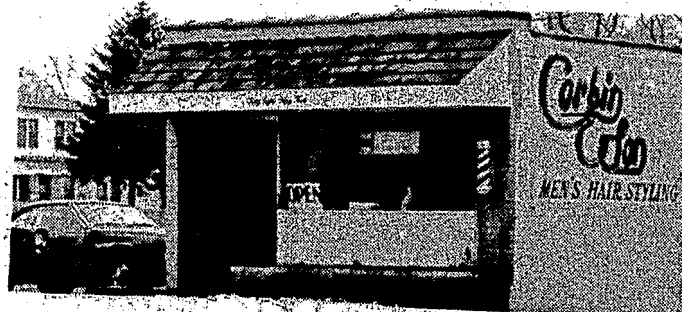
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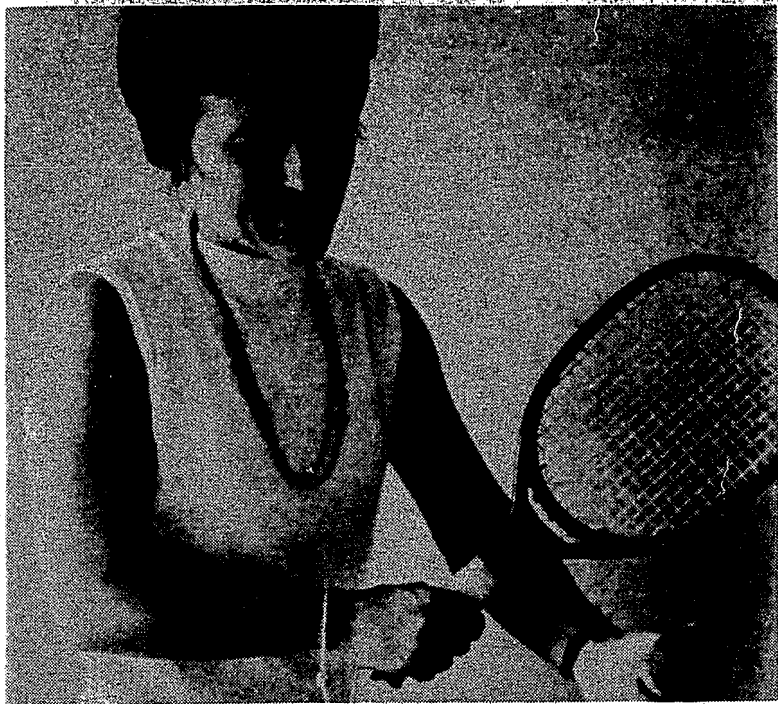
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Former physical education teacher Carol Lippincott

by Mary Warner
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If you're ever wandering around inside an athletic club and run across a high-ceilinged white room with a single window high up on one side and black marks etched on the walls, you might think the place was an old interrogation room Adolf or Fidel used to work out of.

But if you stick around long enough, you'll see a pair or even a foursome of women or men coming in sweat suits and socks with paddle, racket or glove in hand.

Pretty soon the players will start bouncing a small rubber ball off the walls, and by then you'll have figured out you've wandered onto a handball court.

The players could be playing handball, paddleball or the newest of this type of sport's additions--racquetball.

The three games are growing in popularity, Clarkston-area players say, especially racquetball.

And women are becoming interested in what used to be a male-dominated sport.

"When we first started playing at our club three years ago," Carol Lippincott of Snowflake in Clarkston said, "we were probably the only women playing there."

"Now there's a lot more women coming to play, not only there but all over."

The eight who play weekly at the Waterford Hill Sauna and Handball courts, decided to try the sport after conversations with their Rev. Robert Walters of Calvary Lutheran Church, who is an avid handball player.

"The game is good exercise and has simple rules," she explained. "It takes a lot of time to develop a tennis game, but in racquetball, after a couple of sessions, you can come out fair enough to have a lot of fun."

Racquetball, handball and paddleball are played with the same rules, Rick Solarz, a Clarkston resident who teaches the sport at the Flint YMCA, said.

In handball, you use either a padded or unpadded glove. In paddleball, you use a wooden paddle and in racquetball a short racket that looks like a tennis racket.

The games are played with rubber balls of various sizes and bouyancy, depending on the game.

"In racquetball, the ball is softer than the one used in handball. The handball is much livelier--almost like a superball," Solarz said.

"The ball for paddleball is

harder than a racquetball but less lively. Handball is a much faster game than paddleball because the ball's livelier."

When served, the ball must bounce off the front wall. The receiver can either return it then, or is allowed one more wall-bounce before returning it.

Points are scored only by the player serving, and the serve is passed when the receiver breaks the serve.

The first one to score 21 points wins.

Unlike tennis, wrists are flexed to achieve power, Solarz said.

Players usually try to stay in the center of the court, he said, and shots like the ceiling shot are used to force an opponent out of the center area.

The ball is bounced in that maneuver off the ceiling onto the front wall and then back into a rear corner, he said.

Another shot is that the kill shot, where a player hits the front wall with the ball very low to the floor, making the ball difficult to recover.

"There's a lot of exercise involved in the sport," Solarz, echoed Mrs. Lippincott.

"There's also relaxation and fun. A lot of older men playing at our place are there for the fun and exercise, while the younger men come to compete."

Competing isn't the Lippincott group's objective, she said, although the women could probably hold their own in a tournament if one were organized.

"We go mainly to have a good time. And I think we are all in better condition. Last night we mothers played our daughters in baseball, and most of the mothers were huffing and puffing. But not me, because I play racquetball."

The weekly games also offer the women a chance to get out of the house, she said.

Both Mrs. Lippincott and Solarz say there's a great deal of interest generating for the sport, especially racquetball.

"That's why you're seeing more and more handball courts being built," Rick said. In the future, he thinks there will be even more people forsaking the tennis courts and bowling alleys for a crack at the little rubber ball.



Rick Solarz took a few practice swings



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Pony League

Manager	Team	W	L
Sawyer	Couture Floor Covering	10	2
Birtas	Sentry Machines	10	2
Callahan	Morrow Dairy Queen	9	3
Taylor	State Tire	7	5
Gamble	Howe's Lanes	5	7
Anderson	Clyde's Wheel & Frame	4	8
Hillman	F.O.E.	3	9
Housefield	Oxford Mining	0	12

Midget-American

Manager	Team	W	L
Bentley	Haupt Pontiac	11	1
Williams	Knights of Columbus	10	2
Martin	Tally Ho	9	3
Collier	Met Club	7	5
Stutz	Bear Cats	4	8
Hutchins	Head Hunters	3	9
Sassie	A & A Trenching	3	9
Nancarrow	Waterford Hill Florist	1	11

Midget-National

Manager	Team	W	L
Collier	Met Club	11	1
Brancheau	Advance Floor Covering	10	2
Lamphere	State Wide Construction	7	5
Ruelle	B & B Sewage	7	5
Schnable	Pine Knob Rangers	6	6
Fisk	Armstrong	5	7
Beckman	Chevy	2	10

Widget-American

Manager	Team	W	L
Weaver	Custom Floor Covering	10	0
Davis	Carpenter Realty	8	2
Lowry	Hallmark Realty	8	2
Pitts	Baron Engineering	7	3
Freeman	Mini Mallers	6	4
Sheffield		4	6
Mitchell	Village American	3	7
Ruerat		3	7
Rachael		1	9
McIntyre		0	10

Widget-National

Manager	Team	W	L
Ross	Precision Pipe	9	1
Johnston	Huttenlocher Insurance	8	2
Stetz	Coleman Furniture	8	2
Teague	Great Oaks Mobil	7	3
Mullane	Excell Construction	6	4
Chupa	Rex's 76	4	6
McCall	Police Services	4	6
Bruns	Cummings Cement	3	7
Weeks	Little Caesars	2	8



Pee Wee-American

Manager	Team	W	L	T
McCormick	Clarkston Plumbing	9	1	
Upcott	Hallmark Realty	8	2	
Hess	Village Clinic	7	3	
Schnable	Pine Knob Rangers	4	6	
Verch	Crest Homes	2	8	
Smith	Midget Bar	0	10	

Pee Wee-National

Manager	Team	W	L	T
Salmons	Grimaldi Buick	9	1	
Graham	Coaches Corner	8	2	
Ragatz	Keith's Collision	6	4	
Wagner	United Tire	5	5	
Mirowsky	Richardson Farm Dairy	1	9	
McNally	Pine Knob Rangers	1	9	

T-Ball-American

Manager	Team	W	L	T
Meissner	Larkins Barber Shop	9	1	
Viergever	Golden French Fries	7	3	
Dieghton	Quarter Pounders	6	4	
Durham	Golden Arches	6	4	
Thomas	Triple Ripple	5	5	
Karrick	McDonaldland Cook.	4	6	
Van Houten	Ronald McDonalds	2	8	
Wagner	Q-L-T's	1	9	

T-Ball-National

Manager	Team	W	L	T
Doolin	Cheeseburgers	9	0	
Eshker	McDonald Shakes	8	2	
Foyteck	Kitchen Kids	7	3	
Froling	Egg McMuffins	6	3	1
McDonald	Fresh Cherry Pies	6	4	
Sherill	Hamburglers	5	4	
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Waid	Fish Fillets	3	7	
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Gettig		5	5	0	10
Davis		4	6	0	8
Ross	Clarkston Athletic Boosters	4	6	0	8
Stetz	Oxford Mining	3	7	0	6
MINI MISS NATIONAL					
Williams		8	0	0	16
Schneider	P.J.'s	7	1	0	14
Stark	Oakland County Sheriffs	4	5	0	8
Deighton	Covered Wagon Saddlery	3	6	0	6
Haase	H. Roadrunners	3	5	0	6
Miller		3	6	0	4
Curry		2	7	0	4
MIGHTY MISS AMERICAN					
Fuller	Pine Knob Pharmacy	7	2	0	14
Bailey	G. & W. Engineering	7	2	0	14
Satterlee		6	3	0	12
McLintock	Village Sports Shop	4	4	0	8
Simko	Mound steel & Supply	3	6	0	6
Holey	Village Clinic	2	6	0	4
Schmidgall		1	7	0	2
MIGHTY MISS NATIONAL					
Collier	Crest Homes	8	1	1	17
Funck	Jolly Green Sluggers	8	2	0	16
Hagyard	Schultz Electric	7	2	1	15
Adams	Gold Diggers	5	4	1	11
Wells	Wolveretts	4	6	0	8
Foster		3	7	0	6
Agee	Rademacher Chevrolet	2	7	1	5
Brooks	Spring Lake Country Club	1	9	0	2
MAXI MISS					
Dyke		5	0	0	10
Cummings		3	2	0	6
Burzyck		2	3	0	4
Tinsler	Blue Birds	0	5	0	0

Deputies win duel, 21-7.

An Oakland County Sheriff's deputy bats one out Sunday during the baseball battle between sheriff's deputies and Independence Township employees. The deputies won, 21-7.

Fun Day earned money

Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department terms the Little League Fun Day recently an unqualified success.

More than \$7,000 was raised by ticket sales for the event which took place at Clarkston High School athletic field.

Of that sum, the Women's Junior Softball Baseball Auxiliary has paid \$4,376.14 in bills and another for pop is yet due. A total of \$717.67 was paid for concessions, \$84.60 for games and prizes, \$1,800 returned to the township general fund, and \$1562.04 paid for raffle and contest prizes.

Without the pop bill having been paid, the women have on deposit the sum of \$5,059.07 which includes net earnings from the project.

Tickets were sold as follows:

T-Ball American League	\$913.00
T-Ball National League	795.00
Pee Wee American	588.00
Pee Wee National	281.00
Widget American	583.00
Widget National	680.00
Midget American	853.00
Midget National	610.00
Pony League	257.00
Mini-Miss American	508.00
Mini-Miss National	190.00
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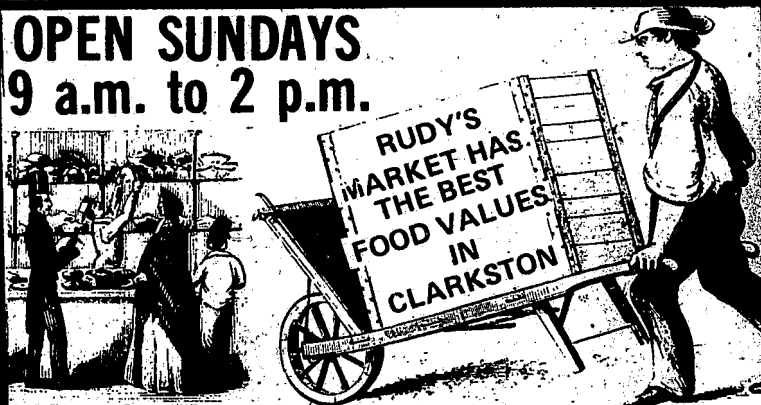
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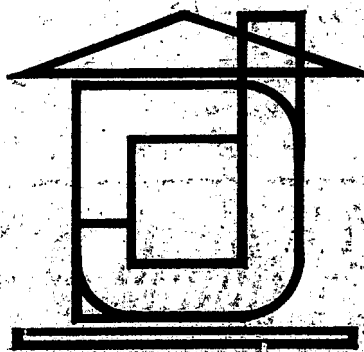
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Ralph Penney

He caught a big one in Deer Lake

Ralph Penney, 6085 Sunnydale, knows he hasn't a record catch for a small mouth bass in the state, but he thinks it might be a record for Deer Lake.

The bass weighs 4 1/2 pounds, is 21 1/2 inches long and 13 inches around. Penney says he's going to have it mounted.

He, with the help of neighbor Del Curson, took the fish on the nightcrawler between 10 a.m. and noon last week in Deer Lake.

Penney reports he thought he'd snagged the bottom, and that his line was twisted around a log to begin with. After he and Curson got the log disentangled, weeds from the bottom weighted the line.

"Del grabbed the line with his hands and I said, 'Pull', and if Del hadn't helped, I'd never have got him," said Penney.

Penney has been fishing on Deer Lake for three years. He's caught two other small mouth in the lake, both smaller than the most recent catch.

His favorite fishing spot is where the water shallows out over what he calls an island in the middle of the lake.

Penney reports the state record for small mouth is 9 pounds, four ounces.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING July 14, 1975

Meeting called to order by President Hallman.
Roll: Present: Basinger, Granlund, McCall, Schultz, Thayer, Weber. Absent: none.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Moved by Weber to pay the following bills:

Wages and Salaries	\$4899.37
Municipal Services	1647.29
Administration	15.96
Clarkston News	74.20
Legal Fees	362.50
Insurance	1449.39
Sewer Charges	3068.50

TOTAL \$11,517.21

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

Trustee Thayer reported that bids had been received regarding the blacktopping of a parking area south of Depot Rd. These ranged from \$5250 to \$5690. After a discussion on whether or not to go ahead with the project, it was decided to postpone any action until the traffic study figures are available, which will be at the next meeting.

The location of the steps leading to the new village park behind the Milzow office building was discussed.

Moved by Schultz to put these steps in according to the location listed in the easement exchange agreement. Seconded by Basinger. Motion carried unanimously.

Federal grants for uniform highway markings and signs were discussed. These uniform standards will be required on all roads where federal funds are used. Trustee Thayer will get more information for the next meeting.

Mr. Beutel complained about the lack of sewer construction progress in the Pinehurst area. The dispute between the county and the contractor over this project is supposedly settled. Trustee Granlund will check with the county on this.

Letters have been sent to various officials regarding the future status of M-15, according to Trustees Basinger and Schultz.

Trustee Basinger suggested talking to Mr. Hawke about the possibility of the village obtaining the water rights from Hawke Tool Co. It was agreed to send a letter to him regarding this.

Mr. Lohff from Kieft Engineering Inc. reported on the revised flood plain maps for the village. He will do some more study on this.

Mr. Kimball reported that the Bi-Centennial Commission would like to put a bandshell in the new village park by the stream. He also reported that the first band concert would be held this Wednesday.

Correspondence from the Jaycees was read, regarding their request to have village officials on hand for "Project Explore Day," a part of the International Special Olympics. It was decided to have the President Pro-Tem and the Clerk represent the village at the Aug. 10 luncheon.

Correspondence from the attorney was read, regarding the proposed amendment to section 12.07 of the zoning ordinance, and the new state plumbing code. The clerk will check with the attorney and the building department on these matters.

Moved by Weber that the minutes of the village council show that the reserves of \$37,375.00 be shown as transferred to be used for 1974-75 operation disbursements, according to the recommendation by the treasurer. Seconded by Grandlund. Roll: Ayes: Basinger, Granlund, McCall, Schultz, Thayer, Weber. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Correspondence from the Jaycees was read, regarding their appreciation for using the village hall for their board meetings.

Correspondence from the Village Business Association was read, regarding their endorsement for the paving of the parking area south of Depot Rd.

Moved by Basinger, seconded by Weber to adjourn. Motion carried.

Bruce Rogers
Village Clerk



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

Applications for cheerleaders as well as players will be taken at this meeting. New cheerleaders must be between nine and 12 years old; mascots must be between three and six years old.

Parents must accompany their children to the sign up.

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ADOPTED: July 15, 1975
EFFECTIVE: August 23, 1975

ARTICLE 4. Capital Charges

Sec. 4.2 Owners of premises within the area served by the system and upon which buildings or structures are hereafter constructed, which buildings or structures have facilities from which sanitary or industrial sewage shall originate and which premises are connected to the system, shall pay a capital charge for connection to the system in the amount of \$760.00 per unit in cash prior to the issuance of any occupancy permit of any kind for any building or structure on the premises.

ARTICLE 5. Lateral Benefit Fees

Sec. 5.2 Owners of the premises within the area in which there is an available public sanitary sewer collection facility and upon which buildings or structures are hereafter constructed, from which sewage shall originate, shall pay a lateral benefit fee upon connection to the system in the amount of \$1500.00 per unit in cash prior to the issuance of any occupancy permit of any kind for any building or structure on the premises.

Robert D. Lay
Independence Township Clerk

Passed this 15th day of July, 1975 A.D. by the Independence Township Board. Ayes: Glennie, Hallman, Lay, Powell, Ritter. Nays: None.

Published July 24, 1975

INDEPENDENT view



A large slide that will enable swimmers to swoosh down it into the water is being installed at the Davisburg Mill Pond this week. Springfield Township Park Commission members will be trying to locate a pump to pump water down the slide also.

The Park Commission will also be installing a merry-go-round and other playground equipment for the Mill Pond beach and Dilley Road park.

The commission has also decided not to allow anyone to take a bath in the Mill Pond. Seems a fellow brought his soap to the public beach last week, intending to wash up. But park department director Dave Conklin would not allow the gentleman to do so, and the man left, Conklin said, saying he's been washing up there for 25 years and somebody would hear about this.

Forty-three-year-old Al Lopez, chairman of the Springfield Township Planning Commission,

gave a plug for youth last Tuesday during a Springfield Township Board meeting.

The board was discussing a protest over a rock concert that is being considered by the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Department, to be held at Springfield Oaks.

Lopez said, "I think society is making a big mistake. Here we have something that young people are fantastically interested in, and we're all trying to stop it."

Township clerk J. Calvin Walters countered by saying the concerts held at the county park have no limitations on the number of people allowed in, and until there are such limitations, the concerts cause too many problems for the township.

Charles and Dorothy Dubord of Drayton Plains stood mute at their arraignment on charges of delivering a controlled substance in Judge John O'Brien's Oakland County Circuit Court Thursday, and a plea of not guilty was entered in their behalf.

Bond was continued for the couple, who were arrested in February and again in March after drug raids on their home. No trial date has been set.

Their son, Charles Jr. pled guilty earlier to the delivery of cocaine, and was sentenced to three years-probation, the first six months of that to be served in the Oakland County Jail.

In Clarkston 52nd district Court the same day, a preliminary exam for Anthony Bercheny of Union Lake, who is charged with attempting to kill his wife in Springfield Township, was adjourned to July 28.

The Springfield Township Fire Department rescue unit was delayed in answering an emergency call Saturday night. Seems a neighbor phoned in the message for Bessie Johnson, 10412 Andersonville

The Oakland County 4H Fair will present motorized mayhem in the form of a demolition derby July 29 at Springfield Oaks Activities Center.

All the local dare-devil drivers who make area law enforcement officers' lives miserable are invited to obtain their entry blanks and to smash each others' cars to bits legally.

Road, who was having a reaction to allergy medicine.

Between the neighbor's call to the operator, the relayed message to the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, to the Groveland substation and then to Springfield the Andersonville address was given as 10412 Big Lake Road.

The roads were finally straightened out somewhere down the line, according to Springfield Township Fire Chief Martin Hillman, with only a five or six-minute delay. Mrs. Johnson is okay, too.

There's still some openings in the summer youth employment program in Springfield Township. Supervisor Donald Rogers said he has not received any applications from young people who are interested. Time is running out; the program has only another month to go. Those interested (there are certain economic qualifications) should contact him at the township hall in Davisburg, 625-4802.

Independence Township firemen pumped 12,000 gallons of water for the Waterford Township Fire Department Thursday, July 17. The Waterford firefighters were dousing a blaze on Nelsey Road just south of Andersonville Road.

The fire was in the remains of a house and barn that had been torn down and bulldozed into a pile on the property.

About 30 people have submitted names for the new Springfield Township quarterly newsletter. The winning selection will grace the newsletter when it is next published, September 1.

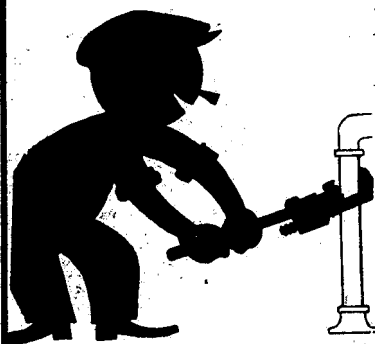
Some of the names submitted: "The Springfield Bugle," "The Springfield Rover," "The Springfield Hot Line," "The Spirit of Springfield," "Springfield Spring board," "Springfield Spigot," "The Informer," "The Springfield Township Informer," "The Springfield Informer," and "The Mainspring."

A couple of loyal souls submitted "The Davisburg Banner," and "Davisburg Herald." And one left it up to the imagination of the readers by simple saying "STP."

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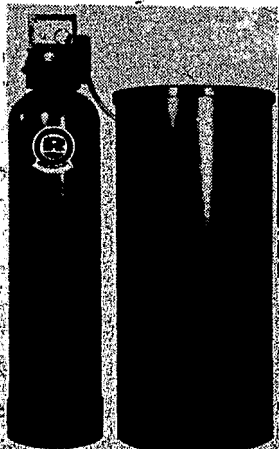
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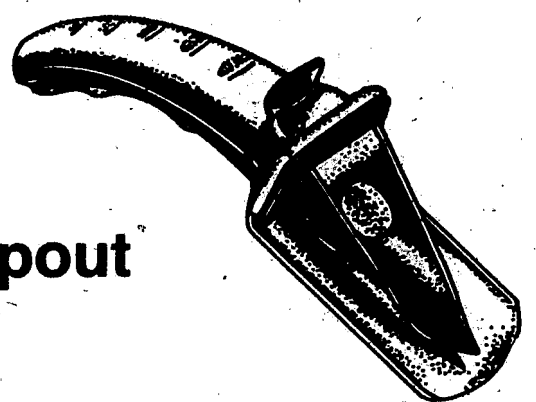


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Ex-drinkers face the future together

by Jean Saile
of The Clarkston News

Em, and that isn't her real name, is a grandmother. She never really had a problem with drinking until her husband died not too long ago, and then the loneliness prevailed.

Her only son persuaded her she should go to Brighton, the area's closest in-house treatment center for alcoholics.

"I walked in," she says, somewhat proudly. "They carry a lot of them in."

And now she spends much of her time going to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. There was one Thursday night in an office of the Dixie Highway north of town.

"They're a Godsend for me, because I don't know too many people here," she confided.

About a dozen people sat in various style chairs around the perimeter of the room. They read a chapter from their "big book" -- the one called Alcoholics Anonymous.

Thursday's chapter dealt with a young woman who began drinking socially, not even liking the taste of liquor until several bad things had happened in her life and finally she had joined AA.

After the community reading, the members talked about what they'd just heard. Led by John, a sober man for the last 27 years, they were drawn out to tell some of their own facets of drinking and the problems it had led them to.

because grapes were on sale," she smiles.

Harry just got out of Brighton two weeks ago and called up the Pontiac AA office and was referred to the local group.

"I just found out it was alcoholism," he says somewhat wonderingly. "Alcoholism is a disease and up till now I thought it was just lack of will power. You can cure a disease, but with lack of will power, you have no respect for yourself."

George, who picked up his habit in the service while in Morocco -- "there wasn't anything to do all day but drink" -- has lost his wife through his and her drinking.

"I can remember checking my ex-wife into the hospital several times and feeling that some day this is going to happen to me," he says. He was referred to the program by the same judge as Maryellen.

"Now all my friends are in AA. All the ones I had, I drank with everyday. I can't afford to hang around with them anymore. They're uncomfortable and so am I."

He's going back to school this fall. He's still young.

God or a higher power gets mentioned a lot in these meetings, and you get the feeling the group really believes in something outside themselves to haul them through. Some have been in AA just a few weeks; others have stuck it out for years.

AA and its goals

Just about any time, seven days a week, there's an AA meeting somewhere. Some people go to as many as 15 a week in order to kick the habit that brought them in trouble with the law and endangered their families.

AA is a self-help agency where ex-drinkers help those trying to dry out. They begin by admitting they are in fact alcoholics.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership, the club is self-supporting through its own contributions.

AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; and neither endorses nor opposes any causes.

"Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety," says its handbook.

To get in touch with the local chapter call the Pontiac AA office at 332-3521.

I was diagnosed as a schizophrenic psychopath, and I look back now and damned if that wasn't what I was

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AA helps, says judge

years. "I was amazed she's four inches shorter than I am, because I can remember looking up to her." Sponsors are the right hand helps of many members.

Marion was the child of alcoholic parents. The divorced mother of two, she says she started drinking alcoholically at the age of 11.

"Drinking to me is like diabetes and sugar. I'm allergic to it, but I break out in bad behavior where other people break out in hives," she explains.

"Most alcoholics hate themselves, you know," she says soberly. Her oldest child, 5 when she sobered up, had some difficulties, but things are straightening out. "Families with ex-alcoholics tend to be very close. They've had so many bad times.

The people talk, and you know they're not putting you on. They've had to demonstrate a maturity and a will power that towers over many of us, and yet they're learning to laugh at themselves. Sometimes they slip. I told them they were the soberest bunch I'd spent an evening with in a long time.

District Judge Gerald McNally of Clarkston, who has referred a number of defendants appearing before him to Alcoholics Anonymous, says the program is one of the few proven successful for the rehabilitation of the alcoholic.

While he also refers candidates to the Alcohol Highway Safety Program, he calls AA excellent for those with a strong religious and paternal background.

Judge McNally says he believes alcoholism to be more of a cultural than a criminal problem, and as such is a good candidate for the group therapy practiced by AA.

'One day at a time'--AA motto

'Alcoholism is a disease and up till now I thought it was just lack of will power. You can cure a disease . . .'

Said Lou, a golfer in her 30s, "There were so many things that hit home. In my first seven months of on and off sobriety, I had all kinds of people holding my hand. When I really did make it (accept sobriety), it was because people got tough with me. She, too, had been to Brighton.

John commented how alcoholics tend to feel sorry for themselves.

"When I was drinking and I had a pimple, right away I was sure it was cancer. When I got sent up for 30 days, I told everybody I was being put away for 15 years." He can smile about it now, but you get the impression it wasn't always funny.

Maryellen (all the names are fictitious), who began drinking at 30 and had three years of hell before she was referred to AA by a judge who had her up for leaving the scene of an injury accident, said that first of all she couldn't read the book.

"I had projected myself so deeply into these stories, that everytime I read one I cried."

Maryellen believes she reached out and touched the face of God. "It's a miracle I'm here. I was diagnosed as a schizophrenic psychopath, and I look back now and damned if that wasn't what I was."

Buy Maryellen was lucky. She kept the same husband and her child through her travail. Many of the other members are divorced.

She admits that if she wants to stay sober, she's got to keep coming to the meetings.

"Now every day I'm happy about something. Today it was

Joe and Grace were there. Grace is a member of Al Anon, the organization for families of drinkers. Joe who tried AA once before but wasn't ready for it, said tersely, "I'm still sober, living a day at a time, and going to meetings."

"Before I used to try to figure how to get out of the meetings; now I try to figure how to get to them," he adds.

Which led John to add that somebody had said, "You have to go to meetings till you like them." They all laughed.

All the people there were attractive, well-dressed, and none really bore the facial scars of deep-seated bouts with alcohol.

Joannie, one of the more sophisticated appearing members said she'd stashed booze all over the house -- in the bathroom, kitchen, laundry room -- She preferred pints, because you could hide a pint in your purse easier than a fifth, but she didn't know she was an alcoholic until she went to Brighton. She saw it then on her Blue Cross form -- "acute alcoholism", it said there.

She says she knows now how to stay sober and has the tools to cope with her problems.

Will, a tall spare man in his advancing 50s, said, "I coulda stopped easy today and had a beer because it was so hot. If it just woulda been two beers it would have been fine, but I'd probably be sitting there yet without AA."

Mike, appearing in his 30s, said he never liked the taste of alcohol but he like the excitement of "gin mills". It took him six or eight beers to get up the nerve to dance, and he doesn't know when he crossed over to becoming a bona fide alcoholic. "It took time," he said. He was referred to the group by the same judge.

Stewart said only, "I'm grateful to be an alcoholic."

When pressed for an explanation, he grinned, "I've always had a grudge against the program for sobering me up. I came in to bum \$5 for booze and wound up getting sober."

Seriously, he continued. "It's knowing all the alternatives. Being an alcoholic is probably one of the best things I can be because I know what I can be when I'm drinking. I've taken money from kids -- them standing there trembling while I break open their toy cash register with a hammer to get 80 cents for beer.

"It's driving down the road and spotting a dark house, pulling in and knocking on the door and finding nobody home and spending the night there.

"I'd have been an A-1 felon if I'd been caught, And yet I despise somebody who won't keep his word or who will steal. What a joke!"

A late arriving woman spoke of recently meeting the sponsor who'd introduced her to AA. She hadn't seen the woman in four



New bicentennial flag raised

Clarkston-Independence Bicentennial Chairman Bill McClean and Village President Keith Hallman erect a new Bennett '76 Bicentennial flag on the village parking lot pole. The flag was donated to the village by Lesco Corp. of Lansing.

'Most alcoholics hate themselves'



COUNTRY LIVING

by Hilda Bruce
of The Clarkston News

John and Carole Tezak came to lower Michigan fourteen years ago when John began his teaching career in the Waterford School system. They have just returned from a vacation in the Upper Peninsula where they were both reared. While there, they attended John's 20th high school graduation reunion.

Their brick ranch home in Independence Township is the result of many Sunday afternoon rides. "When they saw it we knew it was the house for us", commented Carole. Their privacy is insured by hedges of privet, lilac and roses. The lawn is dotted with Carole's many flower gardens. The front flower bed is flanked by a rail fence made of rails over 100 years old. John does the vegetable gardening.

Carole's interest in flowers continues into the house where plants and cut flowers abound. The hanging planters (she has recently learned to macrame) in the living room are filled with vines, an interesting background for her antique crockery.

A small butter crock was her mother's. The vinegar bottles are antiquing finds. In the same corner is a captain's chair originally belonging to Michigan's General Cass. When his Saginaw home was sold, a tavern owner bought the chairs. Later the tavern sold out and Carole's great grandfather bought some of the furnishings. The chiming clock was hand made and is also an antique.

The first piece of furniture purchased by Carole's grandpar-

ents is now a coffee table. The dropleaf table serving twin couches is one at which she helped grandmother make cookies. The dents still remain where the food grinder was clamped.

Most of Carole's antiques have a story. That makes them all the more valuable to her. The sewing chest in the hall is no exception. It belonged to her great aunt. It was topped by a washbowl and pitcher filled with daisies. The set is one of Carole's ceramic pieces.

The large ceramic turtle, made by Carole, holds a diffenbachia. Originally the turtle was meant for an outdoor piece, but Carole was afraid children would think it a toy and left it in the dining room.

Also in the dining room is an antique handmade buffet, now cut down, that holds pots and pots of plants. Resting on a 150 year old plank from the Kingston Carriage House, Kingston, Michigan, is a three dimensional picture of a sailing ship. It was hand carved by Carole's great grandfather who sailed the Great Lakes during the 1890's.

While the living area of the house is decorated in greens, a perfect backdrop for the plants, the children's rooms are in red, white and blue. In Renee's blue and red room, a ceramic lamp, a drum major (made by Mom), reveals her interest in baton twirling. She also plays clarinet in the school band. Softball is another of her interests. Her team lost its first game this week.

Susan and Julie share the blue and white room. They like Raggedy Ann. The large doll

reclines on the bed during the day. Ceramic plaques repeat the theme. A large bookcase holds Susan's collection of glass animals. Over 50 of them are cats. She is allergic to real cats. Six-year-old Julie is at the

"Barbie" stage, the room reveals.

Besides vegetable gardening, John enjoys hunting and fishing. He also bowls, and has a couple trophies show for his efforts, and collects coins.

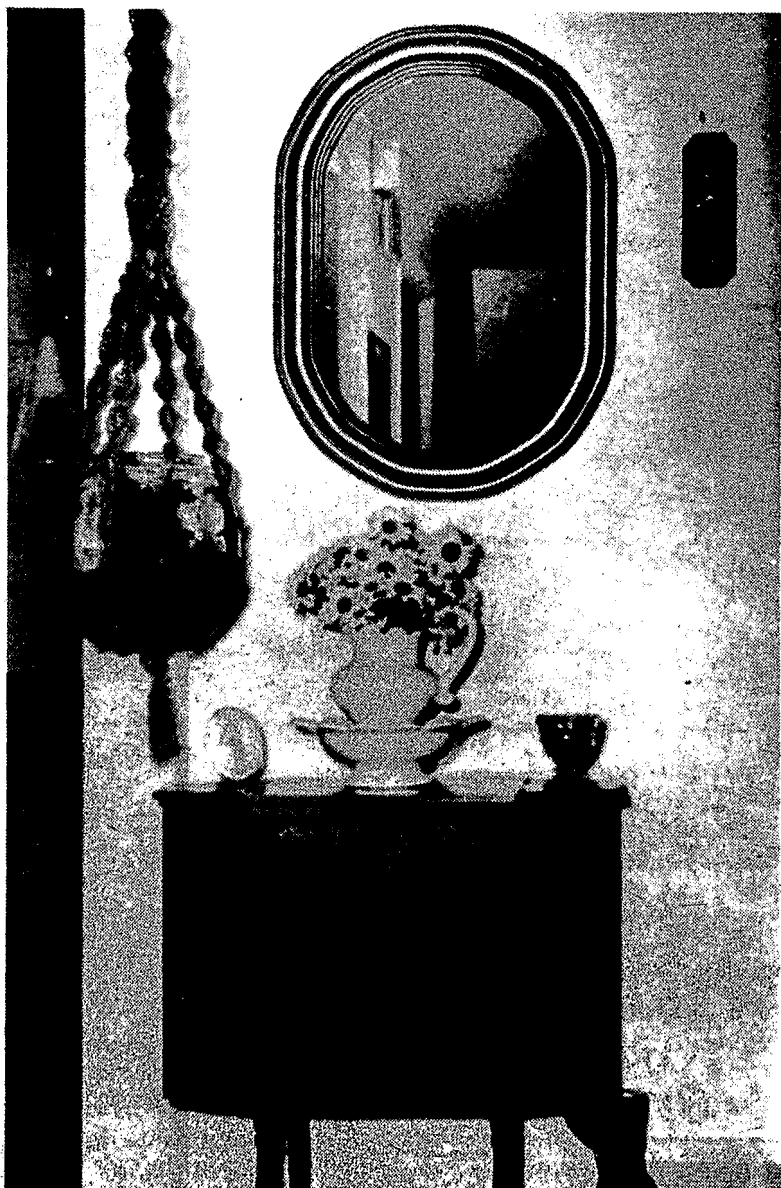
Returning from vacation the

Tezak's were confronted with a garden crying to be harvested. It was. Now Carole is busy pickling. Her favorite recipes come from neighbors. When the tomatoes are ripe she will can lots of chili sauce.

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Chair belonged to Michigan's Governor Cass



Sewing table belonged to great aunt



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COUNTRY LIVING

Here are three of her favorite recipes.

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1/2 cup salt

Pour over pickles and seal.

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2 tsp. cinnamon

2 tsp. allspice

2 tsp. grated nutmeg (optional)

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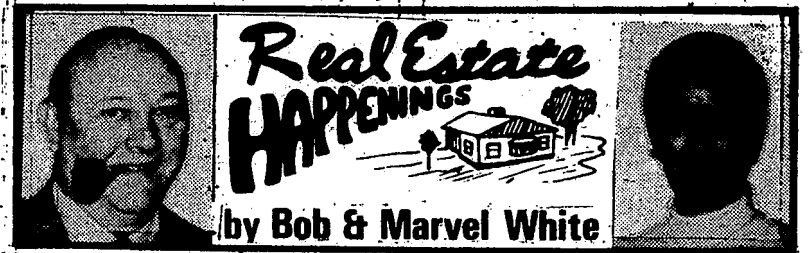
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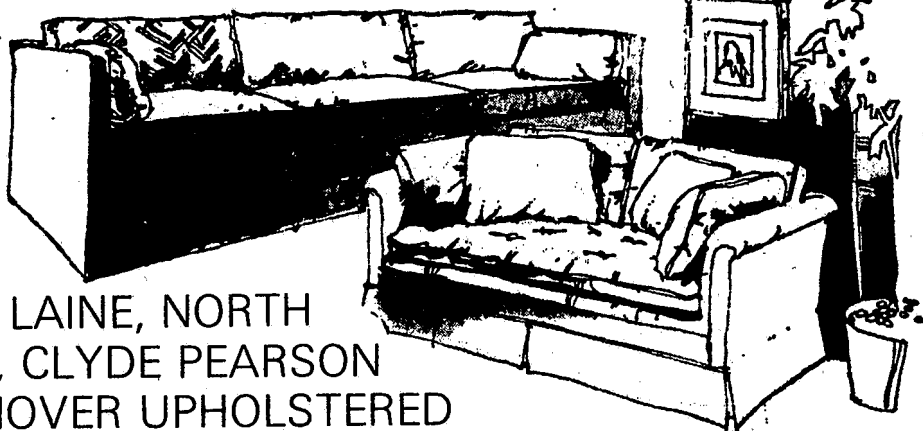
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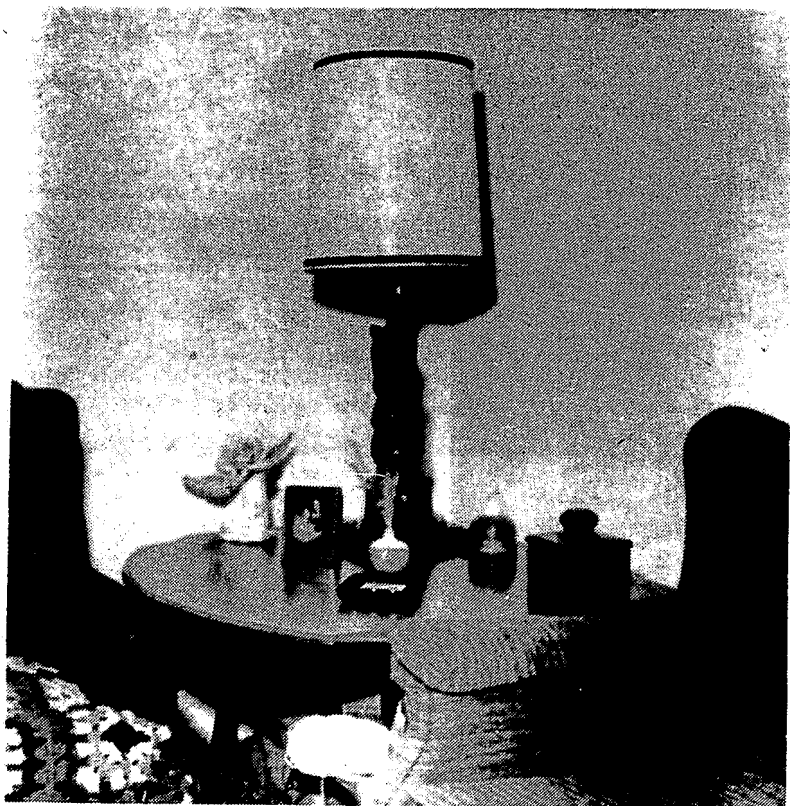
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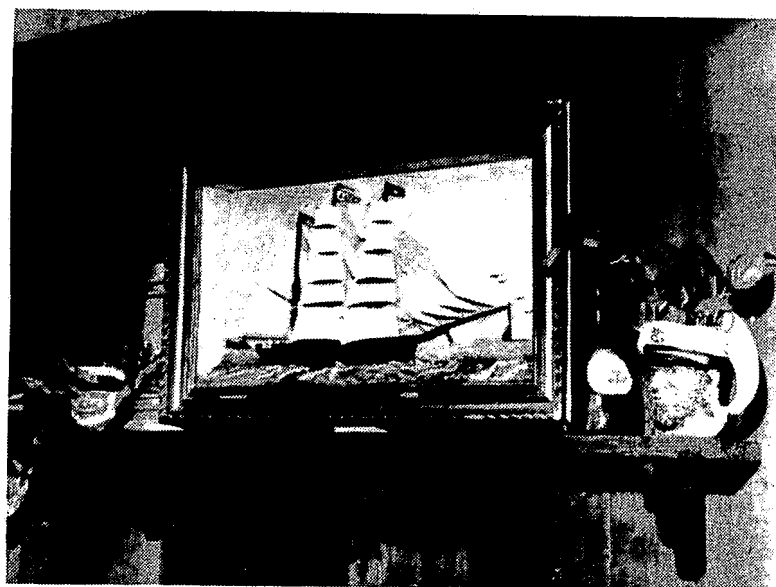
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Carole once baked cookies at this table



Carole made the ceramic turtle planter



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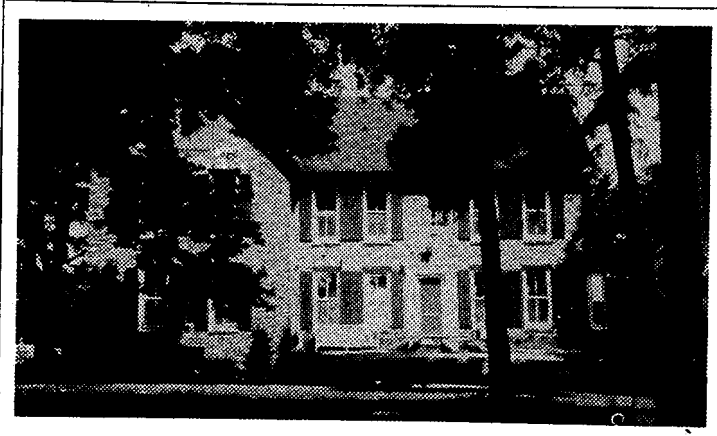
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Robert D. Lay, Clerk

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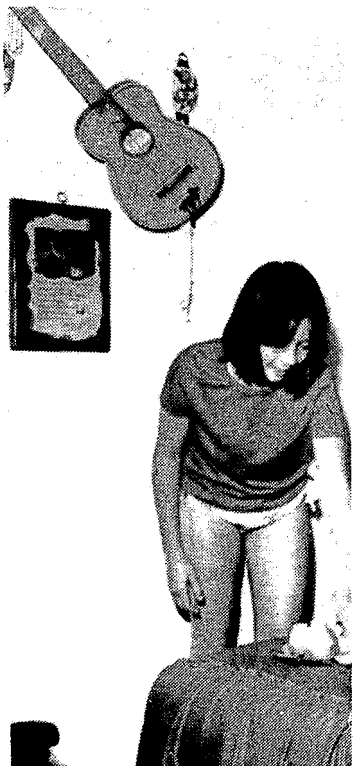


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Hobbies
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Susan keeps a handmade cradle



Renee likes music

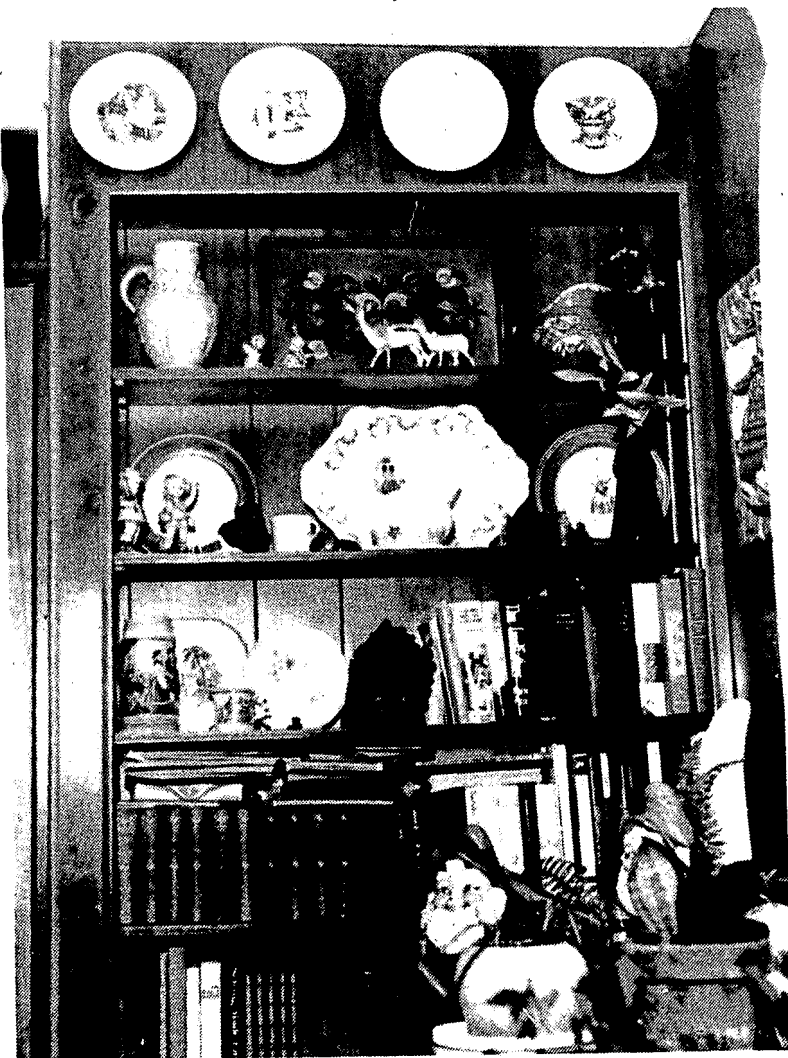
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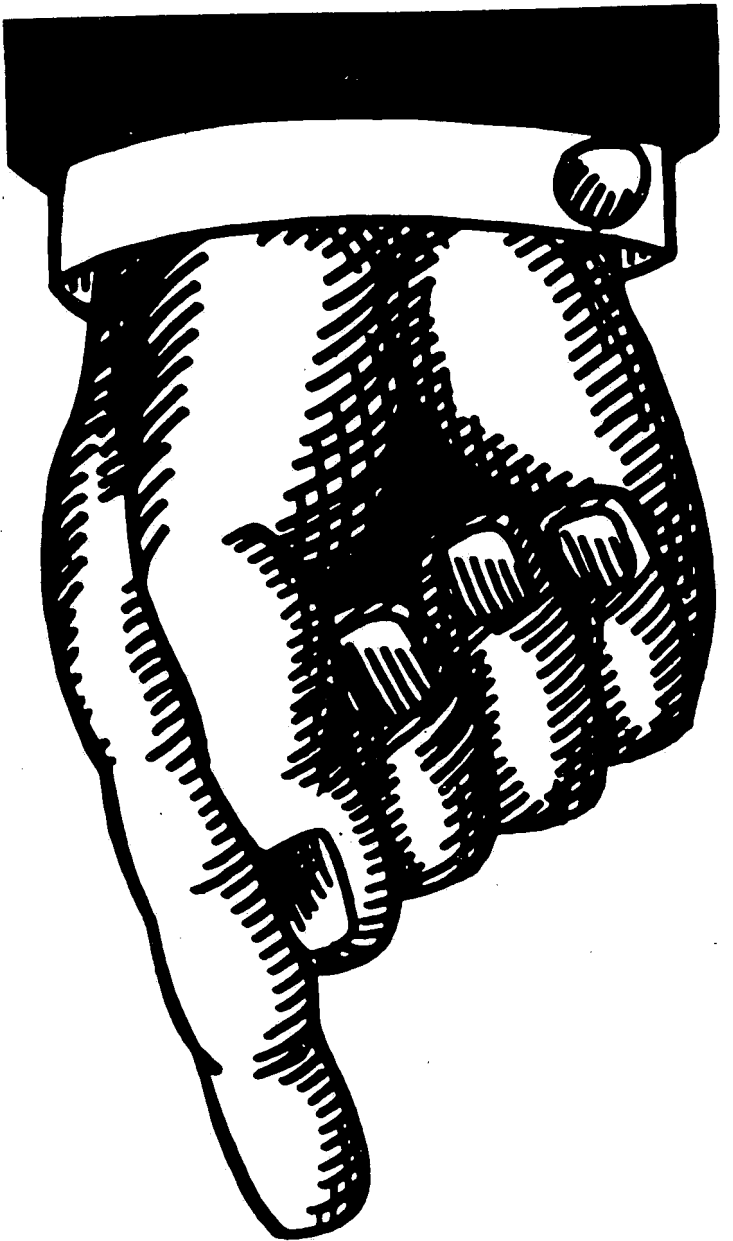
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Pilot trades his wings for an apron



Ned Gerndt has switched from flying airplanes to making lasagna. The new owner of Tally Ho Restaurant and Paul Lou Bar, he says his specialties are Italian dishes and Bloody Marys.

by Jean Saile

of The Clarkston News

Ned Gerndt has traded the gold braid of a chief pilot for the apron of cook and bartender.

The new owner of Tally Ho Restaurant and Paul Lou Bar on the Dixie Highway says he's fulfilled the dream most pilots have -- that of owning a bar some day.

"The restaurant," he says, "was an afterthought."

Both were sold the first of the month by long time owner Chris Nicholas, who has since purchased a restaurant on Huron Street.

Since then Ned's been working 20 hours a day, and the help reports he's sometimes stayed right around the clock.

Ned logged more than 15,000 hours as chief pilot for Aerodynamics Inc. and Standard Airways, before going into sales for an area food service company.

"I was 43 and I didn't want to wait until I was an old man before I quit flying," says the Lotus Lake resident, married and the father of two. "Flying doesn't provide a retirement."

Ned's made the transition well. We found him stirring up a big pot of lasagna, which he claims is a leader at the bar. That and his Bloody Marys. "People come from as far away as Flint and Detroit because they've heard about the Marys," Ned grins.

Having done some gourmet cooking at home and familiarized himself with the business end of restaurants, he seems quite at home.

Some cosmetic changes are planned for the restaurant, he indicates, but primarily he wants to keep it a family type place, open 24 hours a day, and serving good food.

Already a couple of new sandwiches have been devised -- the Friar Tuck (a quarter pound hamburger with Swiss cheese and

bacon and sauce) and the Little John (hot shaved ham, melted Swiss cheese and sauce).

"That secret's in the sauce," he claims

Ned believes in quality. The restaurant is currently baking bread and makes its own pizza dough each day. Fresh homemade pies are next on the agenda. He says he's got the best Greek salad in the county.

As for the bar, Ned's already gotten the country music off the jukebox, substituting it with tunes popular in the 40s and 50s.

He visualizes oaken beams, an old fashioned saloon, and again a nice family atmosphere -- "some place you can bring your wife or your girlfriend after the show." The grill is open to 1:30 a.m., and the bar from 10:30 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Youth charged with possession

An October 16 preliminary exam has been set for John Navarro, 35, of 5179 Westview, who was arraigned last Wednesday on charges of possession of

marijuana.

Navarro was arrested by Oakland County Sheriff's deputies July 15 at 11 p.m. in his car, which was parked on Sashabaw.



New auto parts business

Brothers-in-law George Trapp [left] and Jeff Martinelli had plenty of stock in their new auto parts store Monday—all in boxes. The pair are opening Independence Auto Parts Thursday at 6670 Dixie Highway. The boxes would be unpacked by Tuesday, they said. Hours for the new store, which is part of American Parts Co., will be from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. "We're very friendly folks and will always have a pot of coffee on," they promised.

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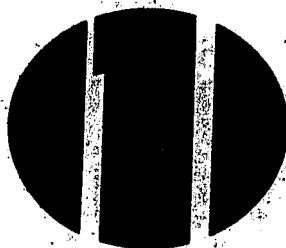
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Jim's Jottings

by Jim Sherman

Call the police! Stop the presses! Somebody, I say somebody has been shootin' up my house!

That's supposed to sound like Colonel Cleghorn who resided on Fred Allen's Alley of mid-1930 radio fame.

My home is in an "unlawful to discharge firearms" area, so obviously the shooter had to be a Bald

Mountain Recreation area shooting range, which is about 8 miles away.

Certainly, no one goes against the restrictions in MY neighborhood.

Of course, there is the possibility that the shooting was intentional. Hard to believe that a newspaper man (person?) could do anything to provoke anyone to attempt to maim, a scare to arouse, or a harassment to anger.

Two holes in the home have been found to date. One went in and out of the roofing. The other penetrated the aluminum siding at a corner. It went through the 2x4's or whatever makes up a corner and dented, but did not come out of, the aluminum siding around the corner.

Right now I'm torn between calling in the ballistics experts and caulking up the hole and forgetting it.

It wasn't hard to determine it was a rifle shot, and that it came from the southeasterly direction. But, that's a vacant field.

Maybe someone was hunting tall mice. Or shooting from a tall ladder or hovering helicopter.

Regardless, I sleep on the other side of the house. So, should I find holes on that side I know where to look. State representative Mel Larsen lives just down the creek and straight out in back.

But the only thing that would provoke His Honorable to attack is if we came out strongly in favor of Michigan State and U of M over his Alma Mater Notre Dame... which we do, here and now.

Make that 2 tubes of caulking compound, please.

No promises, but this may be my

last golf story of the season. You hope so, heh?

The Michigan Press Association summer convention was at Bay Valley Inn in Bay City last weekend. Their course is made up of land and water in equal proportions.

Also, the water is the color of the land. Thusly, when one's golf ball finds water (and everyone's does) it immediately disappears from sight.

The day we were there, skin divers, with whatever apparatus they need to glean balls from the bottoms of the lakes and rivers, were retrieving them.

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Happy Birthday

A salad luncheon, plenty of door prizes and a lot of fun marked the 70th birthday of Mrs. Gray Robertson of Robertson Court [center]. The first birthday party Mrs. Robertson ever had was arranged by her husband and friends, and was hostessed by Mrs. Charles Robinson [back left] and Mrs. Richard Bullen [back right]. The party was held at the Old Mill, with 45 guests attending.

A drive is under way to raise the remaining \$35,000 required to construct a \$250,000 activities center at Camp Sherwood, near Lapeer, Mich., which is operated for area youth programs by the Northern Oakland County Girl Scout Council.

Alex C. Mair, chairman of the council's development fund, reported that \$215,000 has already been raised or pledged to the project and urged area business and industrial firms to spearhead the procurement of the additional \$35,000 required.

"The number of persons who can be accommodated at Camp Sherwood will be severely restricted unless the planned multipurpose structure becomes a reality," Mair pointed out.

He said this is the first capital drive directly involving business and industry since Camp Sherwood was founded in 1928.

There has been no major construction at the 320-acre camp since 1951 and the new building will permit adding new programs and transferring several activities from a cottage donated to the Girl Scouts over 44 years ago.

In addition, the project will mean better utilization of total camp facilities by permitting a year-round schedule of youth activities instead of being limited to the favorable weather months, Mair said.

Mrs. Nelson Kimball of Main Street is once again asking people to save pine cones for her which she will take to Clinton Valley Center for patient crafts programs. Her appeal was so successful last year, she hopes you'll come through again.

Fred L. Stark of 6665 Almond Lane has been awarded a bachelor of science degree from Wayne State University.

Effective August 1, Gerald A. Fisher will be leaving the firm of Campbell, Kurzman, Leitman, Plunkett and Rogenbaum, and as a result terminating his representative of Independence Township.

Taking over his duties will be Richard Campbell, recently returned from a leave of absence, and Tom Angell, a new associate with the firm.

Having spent the last couple of years working with Campbell, providing legal counsel to Independence Township, Fisher is now planning to open his own office at 1100 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

Prior to joining the Campbell firm, Fisher served as clerk to Circuit Court Judge Farrell Roberts and was successful in publishing two articles regarding zoning in the Journal of Urban Law.

Clinton Valley Barracks and Auxiliary of World War I Veterans #2803 held their July picnic at the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Adams of Maybee Road, Clarkston, on Saturday, July 12. In spite of the gloomy weather a goodly crowd was in attendance and enjoyed the bountiful pot luck dinner. A social afternoon followed with the highlight of the entertainment being the accordion music played by Louise Bechard of Clarkston.

Special guests were Quartermaster and Mrs. Herman Jaenichen, Senior Vice President, Mr. Harold F. McFadden and Past Commander, Mr. John Kliffel all from District 5.

The August picnic will be held at the Bald Eagle Lake home of Mrs. Bruce Green of Ortonville. All veterans of World War I, their wives, widows, sisters and daughters are eligible to attend. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass and be prepared for an enjoyable, social afternoon.

Good news from the Robin Adair family of Kent Road in Ortonville. Robin has found someone to take care of his four boys, and he has returned to work.

Mrs. Adair was recently killed in an auto accident, and Robin was afraid that if he didn't find someone to care for the boys, he would not be able to return to work.

But a mother and her two daughters between them have volunteered to look after the family for awhile.

The North Oakland YMCA is accepting registrations for the final period of Day Camp Arrowhead, July 28 - August 7.

The camp for elementary school age youth operates from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday and is located near Clarkston on 200 acres of property owned by Colombiere College.

Transportation is provided from the YMCA and pick ups are made along Oakland, Dixie and in Clarkston.

For registration information contact the YMCA office at 335-6116.

A series of five diabetic classes will be Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., at the Oakland County Health Department, 1200 N. Telegraph Road.

The classes are scheduled July 29 to August 26, and are for children and teenagers who are diabetic, and their parents.

Sponsored by the Oakland County Health Department, they will be taught by public health nurses and a nutritionist.

Pre-registration must be made. This can be done by calling the Education office, Oakland County Health Department, 858-1394. Enrollment is limited.

The Clarkston Conservationists 4-H group will be taking about 15 children from the Oakland County Children's Village on an outing to Wildwood Park Saturday.

Clarkston Co-Op Nursery which meets at Clarkston United Methodist Church has openings in its 4-year-old program. If you're interested in enrolling a youngster, call Jan Mackson, 625-3465.

Christopher Morgan, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael

Morgan of Guyette Street, won a first place in a five-year-old category of a Big Wheel contest in Birmingham. The contest was sponsored by the Michigan Bicycle Federation and the Birmingham Junior Women's Club.

Sunday night church services don't necessarily mean a trip into the church.

The Andersonville Community Church, 10350 Andersonville Road, will be holding drive-in gospel meetings every Sunday night the entire month of August, beginning August 3.

The drive-in meetings will be held in back of the church near the school. The meetings start at 6 p.m. and will feature "lots of special music," according to church member Mary Holloway.

She said the church is starting the drive-in service because "we figured (drive-in meetings) would draw more people than a regular service would."

For those who don't wish to sit in their autos, chairs will be available.

Calvary Lutheran Church will hold its vacation church school August 4 through August 8 from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

This year's theme is "Followers of Jesus." Registration is \$1.50 per person. Forms are available at the church, 6805 Bluegrass.

Classes are for children 4 through 8 years old.

Lakeland Players will have a kick-off party beginning at noon July 26 to open their 1975-76 season. Swimming, boating, lawn games and a picnic are planned at 3819 Dorothy Lane, Waterford. In case of rain, the festivities will be delayed to July 27. Further information is available by calling Lee Acheson, 623-7104, or Judy Spaysky, 674-1497.

Grogg/Fisher rites performed

An afternoon ceremony June 28 united Barbara J. Grogg of 6785 Townview, Clarkston and Lance

K. Fisher of Minnesota, in marriage. The 4 p.m. ceremony was

conducted by Rev. Galen Hershey at the First Presbyterian Church in Pontiac.

Mrs. Nancy Pitstick of Saginaw, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Mrs. Janet Ravelli served as bridesmaid.

The bride's brother Leon acted as ringbearer; best man was Frederick Woolary of Albion.

Acting as attendants were Timothy Topolewski of Illinois, Ralph Fisher of Ypsilanti and Edward Porrett of Illinois.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon R. Grogg of Clarkston and is a 1975 graduate of Michigan State University.

Lance is a graduate of the University of Michigan, and is currently working as a computer engineer. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Winston J. Fisher of Bellaire, Mich.

A buffet dinner reception followed the ceremony, with 150 guests attending, at the Holiday Inn in Pontiac.

The couple honeymooned in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado, and are now residing in Excelsior, Minn.



Mrs. Lance Fisher



Captain Mary L. Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William V. Wood, was presented the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster by Major General DeWitt C. Smith Jr., Commandment, in ceremonies at the US Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa. Captain Wood was cited for exceptional meritorious service while serving as the executive officer for the Department of National and International Security Studies at the Army's senior educational institution from October 1972 to July 1975. Captain Wood's parents reside at 5635 Parview Drive, Clarkston.

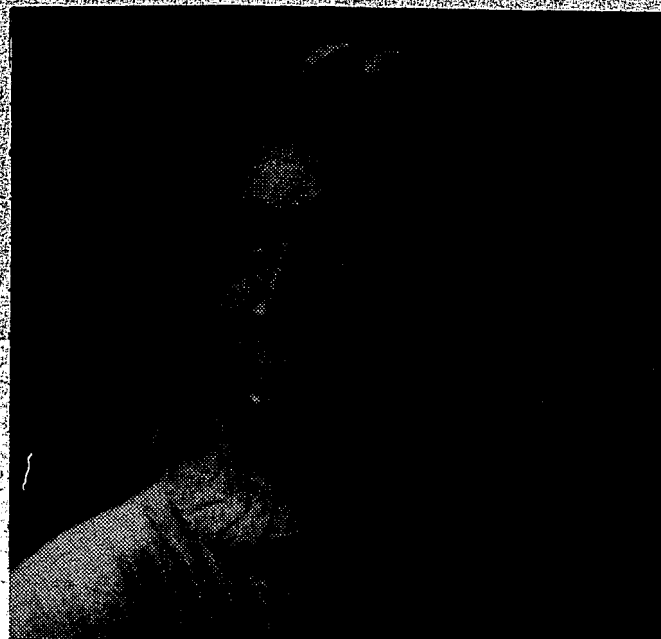
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Margaret Weiderhold
Anyone who has not returned a pledge for the Walk-a-thon, Bike-a-thon, please do so as soon as possible. The Waterford Jaycees are preparing their final tally of money.

Independence center is open from 9-4 weekdays to accept the returns.

Independence center and its board of directors would like to express their gratitude, with this public thank you for the \$50 money order, which came in the mail from an anonymous donor.

A half a day a week is all it takes to help independence center fill its volunteer staff. Can you spare a morning or afternoon. It's a good feeling helping people help themselves.



Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ridgeway of 5447 Heath have announced the engagement of their daughter, Marilyn, to Paul Simons, Eagle Hill Drive, son of the late Walter Clarence and Ilene May Simons. An October 18 wedding at New Hope Bible Church is planned.

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Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Church School - 9:30 a.m.

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9880 Ortonville Road

Worship - 11:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

Rev. John K. Hendley

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Ken Hauser

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Worship - 11:00 a.m.



CALVARY LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Pastor Bob Walters

Spiritual Message

We had a party this week—when you hit forty, you either celebrate with friends or you sit and sulk. The latter does no one any good, so we celebrated.

The hardest part of the whole thing was deciding which friends to invite. Maybe you've experienced

this before, but so many people mean so much that the basis of choice must be made on space available, rather than how you feel about them.

In some cases the choice of who is invited and who is not boils down to an excruciating game of "eeny-

meeny-miney-moe," based on physical limitations instead of feelings.

The process of putting together a church directory list is similar. Do you include those who are very much involved in the life of the church but haven't technically joined, and do you exclude those who are not really involved but have met the technical requirements for membership?

When we think about God's judgment, we tend to think about who makes it and who doesn't. Our thoughts are colored by our fears, our lack of love, and our severe physical limitations.

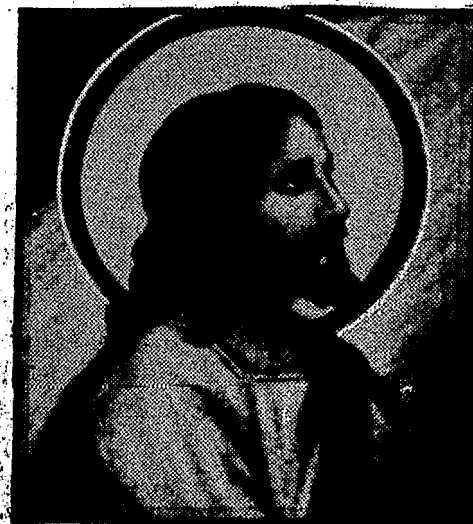
What a mind-blowing expansion is forced on us when Paul describes God's basis for judgment in his letter to the Roman congregation (5:8,9):

"But God has shown us how much he loves us: it was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us! By his death we are now put right with God..."

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Labor dispute

Picketing by a carpenter's union has stopped work on two 11-unit complexes under construction at Chalet Villa on Andersonville Road. The union is reportedly protesting the hiring of non-union labor by builder/owner Robert Tuson. Tuson reports the trouble, which has gone on for about a week, has involved carpenter's chalk thrown in the pool, nails and glass in the parking lot, and at least one instance of a secondary boycott when truck drivers refused to deliver furniture to a tenant. Jim Perry of Berkley, representing the Carpenters District Council, was among the picketers.

Accept party store site plan

A site plan for a Richardson Farm Dairy Store on Dixie Highway south of Davisburg Road has been accepted for processing by the Springfield Township Planning Commission.

Part-owner, Del Richardson said the combination party/convenience store would be 40 feet by 80 feet, and have room outside for 23 parking spaces.

The store will sell baked goods, ice cream, delicatessen foods, groceries and other such items, he said.



HEALTH HINTS

BY Keith Hallman, R. Ph.

Iron deficiency is the major cause of anemia today, among both the rich and poor. It affects 10 to 20% of all American women of child bearing age, most of whom take iron supplements on their doctor's advice. Unfortunately, many good food sources of iron are not very popular.

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BIDS WANTED

Independence Township has a 15' backhoe attachment for a Ford tractor and also, a 1962 Ford pickup truck for sale. The above equipment may be seen at the Lakeview Cemetery.

We will take bids until 7:30 P.M., July 29th, 1975, at the Independence Township Hall Department of Public Works office 90 N. Main Street, Clarkston.

GENERAL REVENUE SHARING PROVIDES FEDERAL FUNDS DIRECTLY TO LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS. YOUR GOVERNMENT MUST PUBLISH THIS REPORT ADVISING YOU HOW THESE FUNDS HAVE BEEN USED OR OBLIGATED DURING THE YEAR FROM JULY 1, 1974, THRU JUNE 30, 1975. THIS IS TO INFORM YOU OF YOUR GOVERNMENT'S PRIORITIES AND TO ENCOURAGE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN DECISIONS ON HOW FUTURE FUNDS SHOULD BE SPENT. NOTE: ANY COMPLAINTS OF DISCRIMINATION IN THE USE OF THESE FUNDS MAY BE SENT TO THE OFFICE OF REVENUE SHARING, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20226.

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Signature of Chief Executive: *Keith Hallman* Date: *7/14/75*
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(D) TRUST FUND REPORT (refer to instruction D)	
1. Balance as of June 30, 1974	\$ -0-
2. Revenue Sharing Funds Received from July 1, 1974 thru June 30, 1975	\$ 4,054
3. Interest Received or Credited (July 1, 1974 thru June 30, 1975)	\$ -0-
4. Funds Released from Obligations	\$ -0-
5. Sum of lines 1, 2, 3, 4	\$ 4054
6. Funds Returned to ORS	\$ -0-
7. Total Funds Available	\$ 4,054
8. Total Amount Expended (Sum of line 15, column B and column C)	\$ 3,040
9. Balance as of June 30, 1975	\$ 1,014

(F) THE NEWS MEDIA HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT A COMPLETE COPY OF THIS REPORT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN A LOCAL NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION. I HAVE A COPY OF THIS REPORT AND RECORDS DOCUMENTING THE CONTENTS. THEY ARE OPEN FOR PUBLIC SCRUTINY AT 25 S. Main St. Clarkston, Mi. 48016

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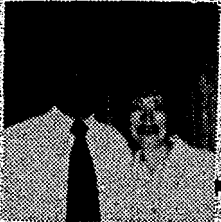
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Adoption fears

By James and Ellen Windell
Probably all of us at one time or another have wondered if we are really the children of our parents or if we were adopted. This is a more common fantasy in childhood but it is a thought they may persist into adulthood depending on how the parents respond to it if the thought is verbalized.

Adoption fantasies seem to occur at age seven more than at any age. Seven year olds tend to be rather withdrawn and moody and often feel picked on. Though not every seven year old goes as far as to think he is adopted, this

fantasy does tend to typify the "nobody loves me" attitude of this age. If he thinks his parents are too "mean" to him, the seven year old may threaten to run away from what he considered intolerable persecution.

Fantasies of adoption like various kinds of other fantasies are very important source of creative energy to a child. It is a way of coping with a world with multiple problems. Mastery of oneself and one's environment calls for coping strategies and fantasy can be the most productive and most gratifying method of coping. Children have rich imaginations and much of their time is given up to vivid fantasies such as the common fantasy in early childhood of an imaginary playmate. As children become older and approach adolescence, games involving fantasy give way to daydreaming. The teenage years with their new physical and emotional problems are coped with often through fantasy and daydreaming.

There is no cause for worry if a youngster has the occasional feeling that he might be adopted. Parents might handle this by asking about the feeling which leads to the adoption fantasy thus increasing communication. If the child persists in the thought, then the parents might make strong, unequivocal statements about his not being adopted. Some children may need to see their birth certificate.

Parents need to realize that the child's verbalization of a fantasy is not something to be criticized or ignored. It can be useful for the child in working through an upsetting feeling and, also, it can be used as a bridge for the parent to communicate on a more effective, understanding level.

Certainly if the child persists in a fantasy, for instance, that he really has other parents somewhere, that no one will tell him about, then the situation may require professional attention to unravel the reason why fantasy has replaced reality.

Service News

James R. Loba, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Loba of 6062 Middle Lake Road, has been assigned to B Battery, Sixth Battalion, Ninth Field Artillery in Grafenwohr, Germany.

James, a cadet at West Point, is an acting second lieutenant with the battery.

He is learning how to operate 175 mm guns and is working in the fire direction center where they compute ranges for the firing of the whole battery.



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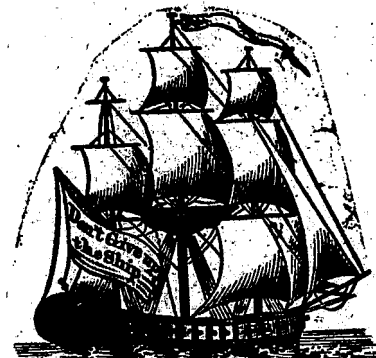
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Robert Montie
Kenneth Johnson
J. Raisen
Bud Patton
Nancy Barrott
John Tezak
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Roger Horton
Edward Falardeau
Raymond Stanton
Robert Kraud
Robert C. Anthony
Mrs. Shirley Oldenburg
W. Siecinski
James Hudson Jr.
Steve Janis
Dorothy Pittam
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NOTICE

The Clarkston Village ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS will meet on August 5, 1975 at 8:00 P.M. at 25 S. Main St., Clarkston, Michigan, to hear CASE #A-9, an appeal by Milton F. Cooney for property located at 56 E. Washington Lot 11 Assessors Plat of Sidwell #08-20-452-005 Clarkston. Applicant seeks variance from Village Ordinance, Article 3, Section 8.01 to allow variance on side yard set back.

Betty Smith, Secretary

NOTICE

The Clarkston Village ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS will meet on August 5, 1975 at 8:00 P.M. at 25 S. Main St., Clarkston, Michigan, to hear CASE #A-10, an appeal by Fred Irish for property located at 88 Clarkston-Orion Road Lot 1 Park Lakeview Sub. Sidwell #08-20-402-014. Applicant seeks variance from Village Ordinance, Article 3 Section 8.01 to allow variance on side yard set back.

Betty Smith, Secretary

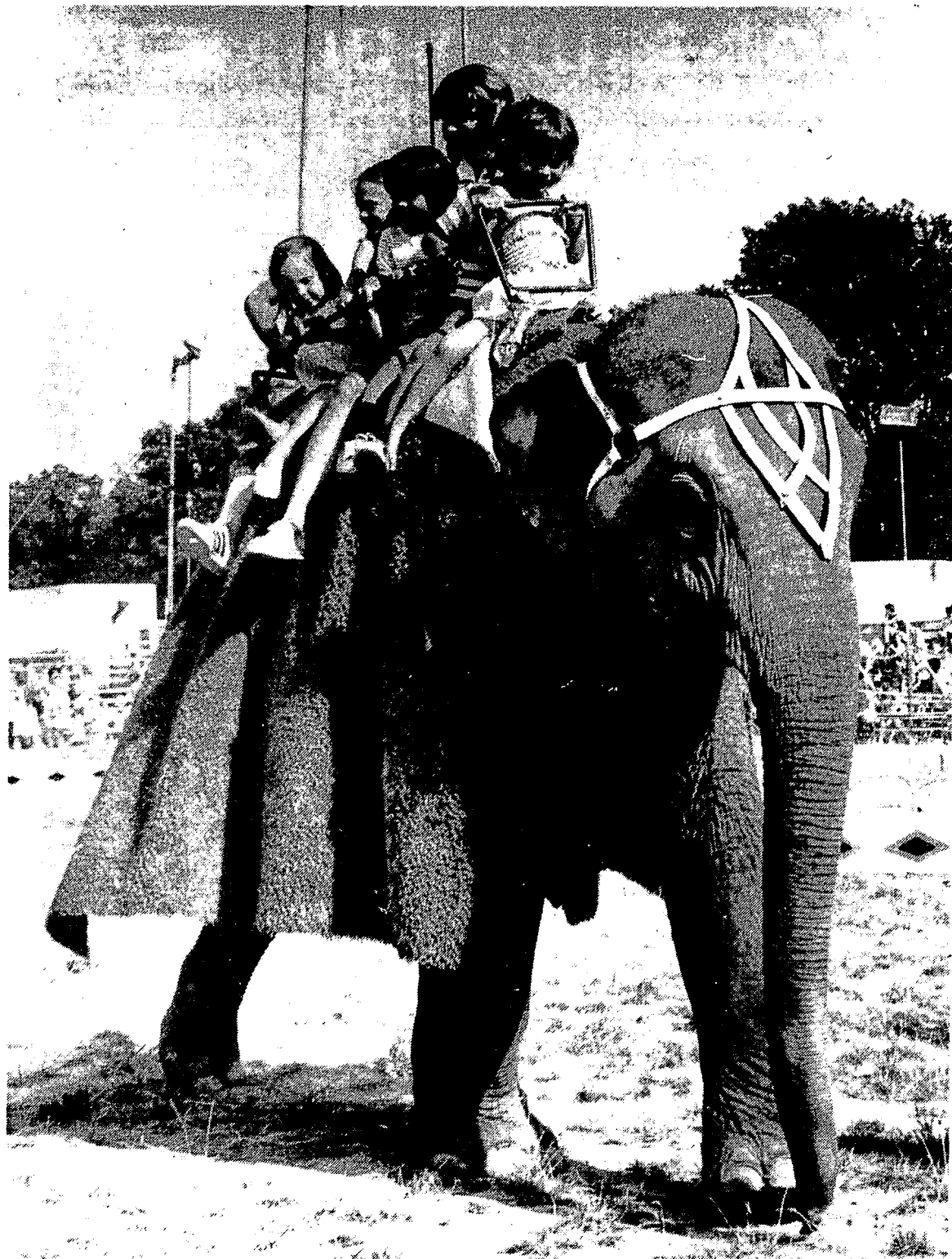
SYNOPSIS

Regular Meeting Independence Township Board, July 15, 1975.

1. Approved liquor license - Milzow.
2. Adopted resolution to Utilities Authority.
3. Postponed condemnation lots 129, 107 Woodhull Lake.
4. Revised Sewer Ordinance to allow new construction to pay cash anytime before occupancy permit.
5. Rescheduled August 5 Township Board meeting to Aug. 29.
6. Adopted pay rates and benefits for non-union and salary employees for 1975.
7. Authorized Parks & Recreation Dept. to advertise for bids for van type vehicle.
8. Postponed action on School Traffic Ordinance.
9. Revised Subdivision Control Ordinance.
10. Adopted resolution to Michigan Townships Association.
11. Confirmed hiring of Ceta employee to replace one who quit.
12. Named clerk to administer Ceta Program.

Next meeting July 29, 1975, replacing regular August 5, meeting.

Robert D. Lay, Clerk



During intermission the children had a chance to ride an elephant.

Nope, out in the sun

While the absence of the Big Top was disappointing, area residents still enjoyed the three-ringed Circus Vargus when it came to Springfield Oaks for three days last week.

The tent was blown away by tornado-force winds in Mt. Clemens 2 days before the Oakland County performance.

Wednesday afternoon's performance was given in 90-degree weather, but the audience clapped anyway at the elephants, Arabian horses, clowns and lions.

Besides the two-part circus, there were side shows, pony rides and an animal petting tent.



The rolling of the drums was a bit too much for him.

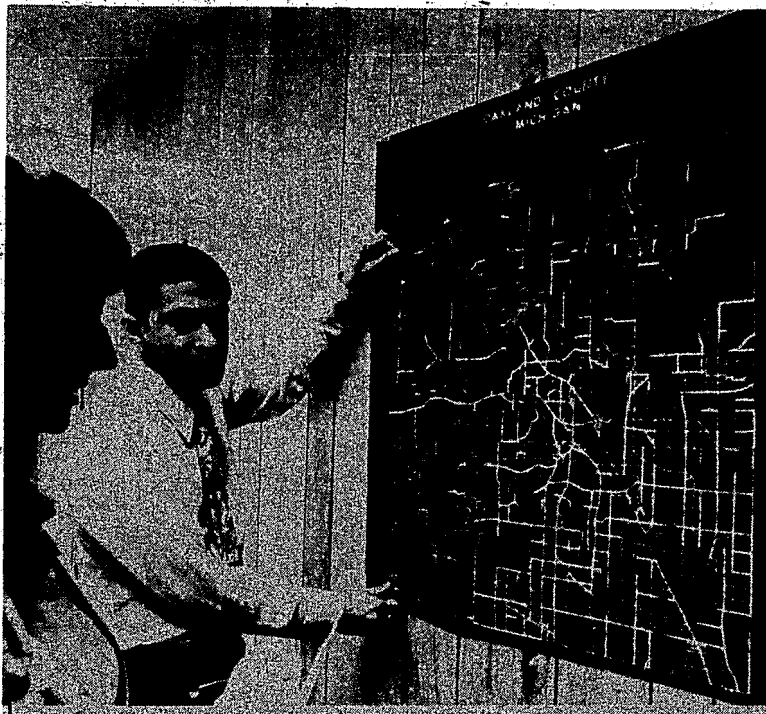
Under the Big Top?



A hat screened out some of the hot sun during the performance for him.



This clown needed a stuffed dog to help him wow the children.



SPAGHETTI ROADS? Not really. What looks like spaghetti bits dumped on map of Oakland county is the beginning of a preliminary plot of inadequate segments of county roads. When Shyamal Basu and Eileen West finish, there'll be still more "spaghetti" — representing 674.4 miles of primary, 690.8 miles of local and 547 miles of subdivision roads that now fail to meet state standards of road adequacy.

Transit's plan's okay, but . . .

Board blasts funding plan

Public transit is probably an expensive necessity in southeast Michigan, but let's be fair in the way it is to be financed.

That's the position of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Oakland county.

In a recent position paper and policy statement about Governor Milliken's public transit proposal for our seven-county southeast Michigan area, the road commissioners accepted the principle of public transit but took sharp exception to the governor on four points.

The road commissioners agreed with the governor that traditional energy sources can no longer be considered limitless and that Michigan needs a long-range transportation program to provide balanced transportation for all citizens. They conceded that public transit is a necessity in the Greater Detroit metropolitan area, including Oakland county.

They particularly applauded the governor's recognition that the automobile will continue to be the primary mode of transportation into the foreseeable future and that continued attention to roads to accommodate cars safely remains a primary responsibility of government.

"Some of these premises may not be in accord with our personal wishes, but they express the realities with which we must live," the road commissioners' statement said.

"There is so much merit in the governor's proposal that we are puzzled by some of the negatives he saw fit to include," the statement continued.

Singled out for criticism were "inequities" in the financing proposal, the likelihood of Detroit domination of policy-making for the seven-county system and lack of solid assurance of adequate funds for vital road needs.

The entire transit system proposed by the governor would cost an estimated \$2.5 billion. The \$800 million first phase would consist of construction of rail transit in Detroit's Woodward, Michigan and Gratiot Avenue corridors, a \$107 million people mover in Detroit's central business district, and widely expanded bus service in Detroit and the suburbs.

Financing of this first phase would, according to the governor's proposal, be 80 percent from the federal government, 10 percent from the state, and

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Banish holes, congestion? Here's how!

Voters hold key to road improvement

Think you'll live to see the day when the county roads in Oakland county are free of those long familiar bone-jarring chuckholes and interminable rush-hour traffic jams?

If you have a life expectancy of ten years or more. . . and if you want good roads enough, it's a real possibility!

Working closely with the planning division of the Oakland County Road Commission, the Citizens Research Council of Michigan has charted a concentrated 10-year improvement program that will qualify 99.7 percent of the county's road mileage as "adequate" under state standards.

That's a tremendous leap forward in anyone's book. At the end of 1974, only 21 percent of the county road system's 2,388 miles of roads rated as adequate.

The program calls for significant improvements for every type of road in the system, as follows:

Primary Roads

- Widen to four or five lanes the 50 miles of primary roads that are presently critically congested and another 50 miles of primary roads considered likely to become critically congested in the next five to ten years.

- Pave the approximately 100

miles of unpaved primary roads in rural areas.

- To keep abreast of surface deterioration (chuckholes!) on presently paved primary roads, resurface about 50 miles of these each year.

- Spend \$1 million a year for the ten years to improve (flair, signalize where necessary) intersections on the primary road system.

Local Roads

- Pave 340 miles of "mile-type" local roads.

- Remaining mileage of local roads to be gravelled periodically, with emphasis on correcting base and drainage problems.

Subdivision Streets

- The road commission would budget \$4 million a year for the 10 years as its matching share of cost for paving 400 miles of the present 547 miles of inadequate

subdivision streets in unincorporated areas.

Five years ago, the road commission took stock of its existing road needs and of those that might be expected to develop in the 20 years between 1970 and 1990. Best estimates at the time put a price tag of \$1.8 billion on meeting existing and anticipated road needs for the 20 year period. That figures out to an average of \$89 million a year for Oakland County roads — exclusive of city and village streets!

Obviously impossible. The road commission knew it. So did Citizens Research Council when it studied the problem in 1973 and 1974.

But one fact struck Research Council consultants. Fully two-thirds of the road needs for the 20 years were needs that were here and now in 1970 — urgent existing needs.

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HORSES? NO: BIKES. TRANSIT? YES

But don't abandon car yet

The horse and buggy may not return to popularity, but you may be relying more on the bicycle, bus and transit train for trips you used to make by car.

Blame it on that worldwide energy crisis that suddenly shattered our complacency in 1973.

According to the experts, your lifestyle and your pocketbook are in for changes — for the worse.

For openers, soaring gasoline prices, a nationwide speed limit of 55 miles per hour, and periodic uncertainty about home heating.

And there's more.

Those rising gasoline prices and the lowered speed limit are the result of a national policy to restrict use of petroleum products so as to reduce our reliance on foreign oil sources.

But people must be moved, energy crisis or no. If not exclusively by car, how?

One proposal likely to mater-

ialize is public transit. Don't expect it to be a total solution, however. It doesn't pretend to be. At best, transit will supplement not replace the car. It will be costly to create and operate in relation to its somewhat limited benefits.

For example, a public transit system proposed for our seven-county area of southeast Michigan carries an estimated price tag of \$2.5 billion. That's billions — not millions! Yet at its peak capacity sometime after 1990 it will accommodate only about 7.6 percent of all trips.

So, transit or no, the car will remain our primary standby.

But the implications of it all won't exactly make your day.

It all figures to cost you more — for gasoline, for construction and operation of public transit, and for the roads that your car and transit buses will share.

In this Issue. . .

Almost everything you've ever wanted to know about Oakland county roads. Their future, how they fit into your future transportation needs, how they will fare with the coming public transit — page one.

Meet some interesting people who work at the Oakland County Road Commission — page four.

Your chance to talk back to the road commission. See questionnaire — page eight.

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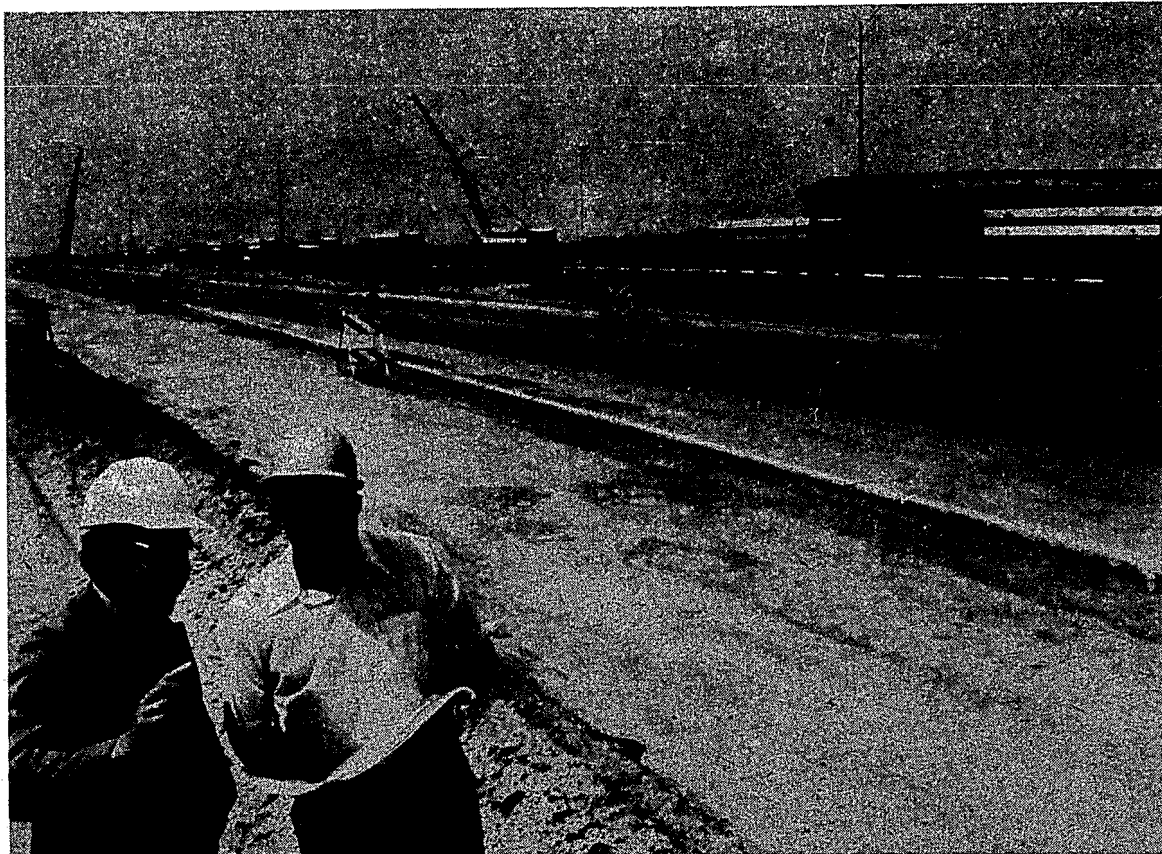
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Award-winning road commission — page two.

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WIDER OPDYKE: BOON TO INDUSTRY, SPORTS FANS—Checking progress of road commission project to widen Opdyke road from present two to five lanes between Featherstone and Auburn roads are Dennis Grylicki, left, acting director of engineering, and Harold Rathfoot, construction engineer at Oakland Road Commission. All five lanes are scheduled to be open to traffic in mid-August. Project has been identified as urgent need since 1970, will benefit southeast industrial complex of nearby Pontiac as well as those attending events in Pontiac stadium, background.

Road board blasts transit funding

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10 percent in regional matching funds.

The governor proposes to raise the \$80 million in regional matching funds over a six-year period by charging passenger car owners in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties \$10 extra each year for license plates.

The statement of the road commissioners points out that the governor proposes to tax the class of citizens who will benefit least from public transit — the automobile owner.

And, though the transit system will serve a seven-county area, the road commissioners complain, only one class — car owners — in only three of the seven counties — will be required by the governor to pay all of the regional matching share of cost for the initial six-year phase.

The Oakland Board of Road Commissioners insists that all seven of the benefitting counties share the regional matching share of cost and that the regional financing base be greater than just automobile owners.

"This suggests," the road commissioners' statement says, "that the general funds of all of the seven counties be the source of regional matching funds."

The "people mover" for downtown Detroit also raised the hackles of the road commissioners.

"Foisting the cost of such a frill on people who have no earthly use for it is unconscionable," the road commissioners argued.

"If downtown Detroit businesses and the City of Detroit conclude that the cost of a people mover will help revive the central business district, then let them assume the entire local matching cost."

Governor Milliken has also proposed restructuring the board of governors of Southeastern Michigan Transit Authority (SEMTA), the transit operating agency.

"His proposal looks like an open invitation to the City of Detroit to dominate the policy body of the proposed transit system," the Oakland road commissioners charge. "The formula for appointments to the SEMTA board must guarantee against the possibility of domination by any one of the governmental entities represented."

The road commissioners were also critical of the governor's handling of road financing in his transit message to the legislature.

Noting that his transit proposals were detailed and specific,

the Oakland road policy board expressed disappointment at the vagueness of the governor's remarks about future road funds. He had pledged a study of that problem by the State Highway Commission.

"The prospect of a study is no substitute for specific funding commitments with respect to roads that are just as detailed as those for public transit," the road commissioners said. "If people are going to be depending on roads for their primary transportation needs as far ahead as we can see, we are going to have to look at the governor's hole card — and the legislature's — before throwing our wholehearted support behind public transit."

QUOTABLE QUOTE

"With very few exceptions, the road commission is not out to carve new road routes from the landscape. What we want, and what citizens have a right to expect, is to make present roads adequate — and to keep them that way." — Fred L. Harris, chairman, Board of Road Commissioners.

'Award-winning road commission'

Turn-around wins honor

The Oakland County Road Commission has won Oakland county its third national award in two years from the National Association of Counties (NACo).

Daniel T. Murphy, county executive, was advised by NACo in April that Oakland county is to receive a NACo New County Achievement award for the road commission's reorientation and revitalization that began in 1973 when the Board of County Road Commissioners arranged for a comprehensive management study of the road commission by Citizens Research Council of Michigan.

The county received two NACo awards last year — for the road commission's master right-of-way program and for the drain commission's program for harvesting weeds from lake bottoms.

The road commission's presentation that won the latest award is entitled "An Urban-County Road Commission Steps Up to the 'New County U. S. A.' Concept." It details the efforts of the Board of Road Commissioners and the road commission management to upgrade the agency's public

responsiveness, maximize results from available funding, and install a modern management system in line with NACo's objective of encouraging county government to deal competently with problems arising from urbanization.

"We must give substantial credit for the award to Citizens Research Council," said Fred L. Harris, chairman of the Board of Road Commissioners, "for their painstaking study that identified our problems and for specifying in 135 recommendations how we might overcome them."

One of the Research Council suggestions was to undertake a 10-year catch-up road improvement program in the county (see story, page one).

Since receiving the 135 recommendations last October, the Board of Road Commissioners has adopted and implemented a total of 34, according to William M. Richards, vice chairman, who was chairman of the body when the CRC study was first launched.

"We are proceeding to implement others of the recommendations as quickly as conditions permit," Richards said, "so our public can enjoy the substantial benefits of this study."



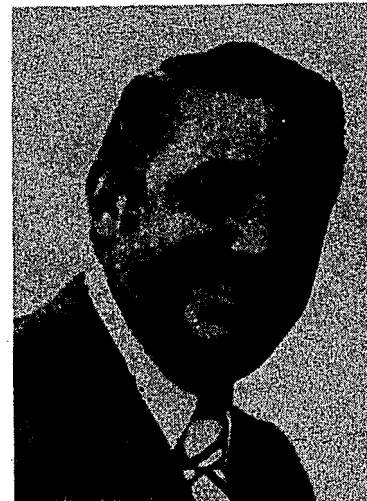
HARRIS



RICHARDS

They make road policy

Fred L. Harris, Southfield attorney and four-year veteran of Board of County Road Commissioners, was elected chairman of the policy body for 1975. William M. Richards, Royal Oak businessman and chairman of the road panel in 1973-4, became vice chairman of the panel. John R. Gnaul, Jr., business executive and former Bloomfield township trustee, was named to six-year term as a road commissioner in January.



GNAUL

Adequate roads: worth trying harder?

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So the Research Council made a practical decision. Forget the future needs and concentrate on needs that are critical now.

That was the basis for the 10-year catch-up program.

The price tag for this 10-year program is not peanuts. It will

cost a total of \$302 million. That means an average of \$30.2 million a year for 10 years.

Even so, that's a much more acceptable figure than \$89 million a year for 20 years — as planners looked at the problem in 1970.

A substantial portion of the cost of the 10-year catch-up

program would, of course, come from normal road commission funds.

The \$18.8 million spent on 1974 road construction by the road commission was a record high. But only \$7 million of that total came from road commission funds. Another \$5.5 million was federal aid for designated projects. The balance of the \$18.8 million came from sources within the county — the county itself, townships, cities and villages and from special assessments levied against property owners for road improvements in subdivisions in unincorporated areas.

Assuming road commission and federal aid contributions to the 10-year catch-up program would average \$10.2 million, the local matching share that Citizens Research Council calls necessary would amount to only \$21.50

a year for ten years from each of the county's 975,000 residents.

That is not, however, the way anyone has proposed raising the local matching share of cost. The road commission does not have and does not seek taxing authority.

Instead, the Board of County Road Commissioners has indicated its backing of the 10-year catch-up road improvement program. Further, the road commissioners think a decision of this magnitude should be shared with the county executive, the Board of County Commissioners and the citizens of the county — through both their elected county officials and through a broad-based and representative citizens committee.

The road commissioners are laying the groundwork now for

all of this input in the decision-making process.

Whether the county will actually undertake the 10-year catch-up road improvement program and how it will be financed will ultimately be decided by the residents of the county.

The Board of Road Commissioners considers the catch-up program the most valuable of all of the 135 recommendations that came out of the Citizens Research Council's year-long study of the road commission.

It provides a highly visible and much needed benefit to the public. At reasonable cost.

The question now is whether the public really wants to get rid of the costly car repair bills, wasted time, safety hazards and frayed tempers that are the inevitable companions of an inadequate county road system.

Acting on 'recs' proves highly complex!

"If we can bring that 10-year program off. . .

Oakland County will have a truly adequate road system for the first time. . ."

If you've ever tried to assemble a complicated Christmas toy from printed instructions, you can sympathize with John L. Grubba.

Grubba is managing director of the Oakland County Road Commission. He is responsible among a host of other things for seeing that 135 improvements suggested for the road commission by Citizens Research Council of Michigan are put into action — the sooner the better!

Figuring where to take the first bite out of such an "elephant" was the first problem.

Product of a solid year of analysis of the road commission by CRC staff and consultants, the report's 200 pages of single-space typing detail changes that show the way to better county roads and a more effective road commission.

Sounds simple, doesn't it?

But appearances, like assembly instructions, can be misleading.

Surest way to assure failure would be to cram all that change down the throats of the very people whose cooperation is vital to success — the road commission staff. Grubba recognized this.

So he circulated the report to all staff departments and asked department heads to suggest how best recommendations for their departments might be implemented.

Adjusting to far-reaching changes is not comfortable for everyone, and here is where resistance might have been expected.

"But that was not the case," Grubba says. "Negative reaction

was almost non-existent. The prevailing attitude was either 'let's get on with it' or 'isn't this a better way to achieve this objective?'

"The constructive attitude of our people was fantastic."

This homework completed, Grubba was able to take 26 of the CRC recommendations to the Board of Road Commissioners for approval this May. They were all adopted. Along with nine adopted earlier, all dealing with subdivision street-paving, the board has formally adopted a total of 35 of the 135 CRC recommendations. Others have been put into practice by administrative directive.

"I haven't sat down and taken a precise count of the recommendations that are partially or fully in practice," Grubba says, "but I believe I am conservative in estimating the number at 50 or more. Others will be adopted as we can get to them."

The big one, Grubba says, is the 10-year catch-up program to bring the county road system's 2,388 miles of roads up to state standards of adequacy.

"Our new transportation planning and environmental concerns department — itself the product of a CRC recommendation — is defining the needs of each inadequate section of road so the design division can work on design of improvements."

"If we can bring that 10-year program off with the help of the county and its citizens, Oakland will have its first truly adequate road system in modern history."

Q. & A.

Q. Why are our roads so bad?
A. Because, as Citizens Research Council confirmed, the road commission has never had sufficient funds since the development boom started after World War II. Result: nearly 80 percent of county road mileage is inadequate.

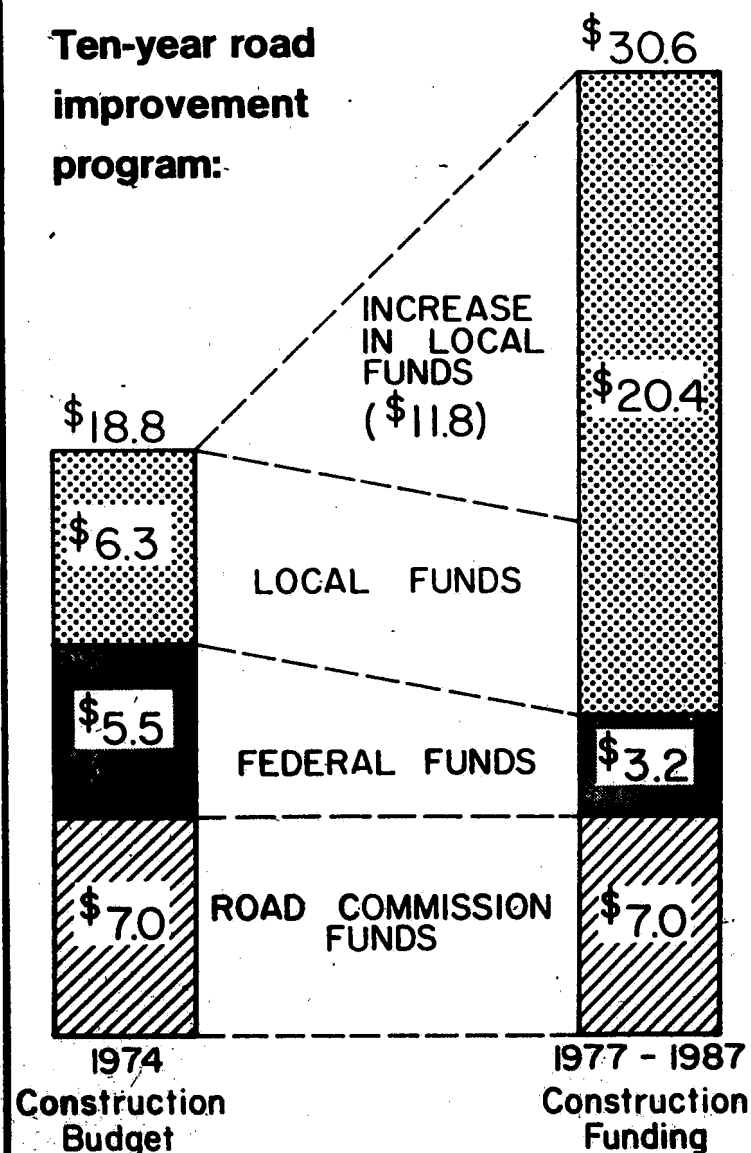
Q. Ten years is a long time to wait for good roads, isn't it?
A. That's just the financing period. With the money assured, probably 80 percent or more of the improvements can be complete in five years.

Q. Taxes are breaking my back now. How can I afford a transit tax and a road tax?

A. The transit tax will hardly be noticeable when it all shakes out. Only you can decide if adequate roads would save your family enough in time, car repairs and travel safety to justify the estimated yearly cost of about \$22 a person for good roads.



Ten-year road improvement program:



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They're nice people!

Road folks serve community, on and off duty

Who are the people who build and maintain your county roads? When you have occasion to call the road commission, who's behind that voice on the other end of the line?

If the results of a survey of road commission employees' outside interests is indicative, chances are you're talking to a pretty typical Oakland citizen — interested and active in the community, pursuing hobbies, contributing personal talents to make life a little better for others.

Chetney Stader, a construction permit supervisor, plays a sax and clarinet in his off-duty hours with the "Dick Murphy Big Band," a group of mostly professionals who play from time to time at benefits to raise funds for combatting muscular dystrophy, sickle cell anemia and the like.

Bob Reynolds, an inspector in the subdivision streets function, raises vegetables (a 27-inch cucumber and one- and two-pound tomatoes, on occasion), cooks, and raises funds for charities.

Gary Grabendike, a traffic clerk, moonlights as a member of the county security force.

Robert Wightman, electrical services superintendent, is part-time electrical inspector for Oxford township and flies airplanes for relaxation.

Paul Van Roekel, county highway engineer, and his wife, Ann, are dedicated duplicate bridge enthusiasts and rank as

"life masters" in the demanding game.

Several hold part-time elective or appointive public office. Melvin J. Ousnamer is an elected trustee of the village of Ortonville. William R. (Bert) Mercer, director of permits, is vice chairman of the Waterford township planning commission. Robert C. McGregor, also of the permits department, holds a similar title in Highland township.

Others help youngsters enjoy organized sports. Joe Vance, a grader operator, manages a Little League baseball team while working in United Fund campaigns and being active in his church. Robert E. Grady, a senior traffic technician, coaches baseball and basketball for St. Benedict's elementary school in Pontiac.

Bernard (Bud) Speace, supervisor of the accounting division, serves without compensation as chairman of the board of independence center (that's right, not capitalized!), an organization of volunteer citizens who provide social services for people in northern Oakland county — free emergency food, clothing and furniture, daily calls to shut-ins. They also arrange professional counseling. They enjoy the use of a building at 5331 Maybee road in Clarkston for nominal rent — which Speace says is contributed by civic groups and scout troops.

Earl Budrow is a float operator in the Davisburg district by day and repairs old clocks for fun in his spare time. Another float operator, Terry Baden of the Pontiac district, races dune buggies and has helped conduct an

off-road vehicle show from which proceeds were contributed to the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children.

William P. Moroski, II, a shovel operator, is a volunteer fireman in Oxford and a sergeant reservist in the Army's Special Forces. Archie Spence, Jr., a traffic specialist, also is a volunteer fireman — and a Jaycee — in Waterford.

Melvin Caldwell, auger operator, serves on his union's local board and gets his kicks out of archery — target and hunting.

Mike Long, a permit engineer, is a trustee of his church in Davisburg and is on the Shrine Crippled and Burned Children Committee.

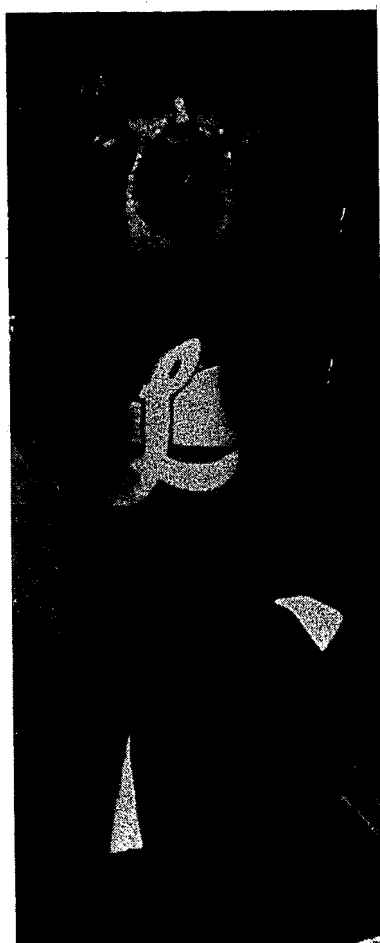
Calvin J. Voorheis, weighmaster, is president of the men's fellowship at his church and secretary of the Lions Club in Holly.

George Suarez, purchasing director, is a Madison Heights councilman and serves on several city boards and commissions.

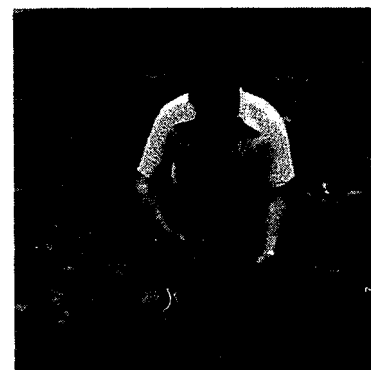
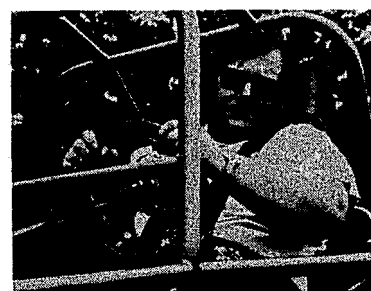
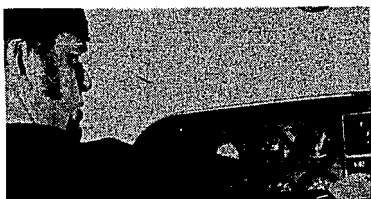
But shed a tear for his secretary, Barbara Bowdell. As captain of cheer-leaders for the Detroit Lions last year, Barb looked forward to completion of the new Pontiac stadium where the Lions will be entertaining their National Football League competitors.

Now, the Lions have decided to disband their cheer-leaders and to use pom-pom girls from local high schools, instead, Barb has been told. So she's looking for another hobby.

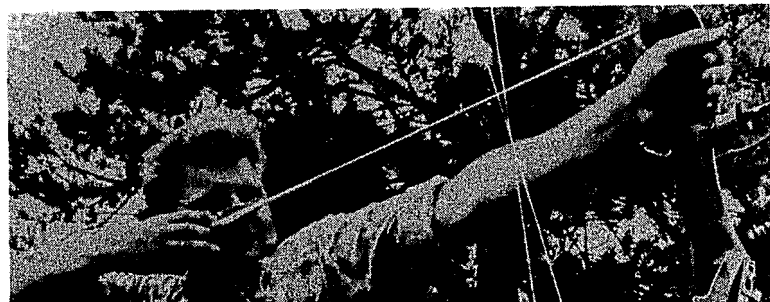
Judging from that cross-section of road commission people, one might conclude they're the type anyone would like to have as friends and neighbors.



Bowdell



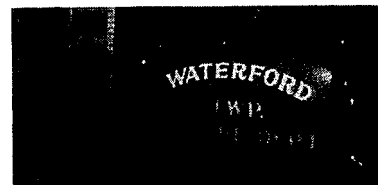
From top, Wightman, Baden and Reynolds



Caldwell, above, and Moroski and Stader, left to right, below.



Grabendike

Spence, Jr., above
Grady and Little Leaguers

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SHARE EVEN THEIR BLOOD — Each of 116 road commission employees helped win this American Red Cross "Good Neighbor" award by donating at least one pint of blood. John L. Grubba, center, managing director of the road commission, displays plaque with Virginia Falk, field representative for the southeast Michigan chapter of American Red Cross, while Lester J. Smith, road commission safety supervisor, beams with pride in fellow employee's life-saving gifts.

Winter challenges maintenance men

Oakland or Siberia?

Paul Bays doesn't plan many evening activities during the winter.

Bays, a Waterford resident, is a road commission float operator and back-up dispatcher. Typical of the maintenance department's 280 employees, he is on 24-hour call when a winter storm dumps a load of snow or ice on Oakland county roads.

He and his fellow employees in the maintenance department, from Maintenance Director David W. Hasse down, had their full share of being hauled out of bed at all hours to combat snow and ice this past winter.

For Oakland county experienced 44 occasions of measurable snowfall, and the winter's 77.5 inches of the white stuff was only 2.5 inches short of qualifying Oakland for a windfall usually reserved for far northern Michigan counties — a snow-control "bonus" that the

Michigan Motor Vehicle Highway fund pays counties that have 80 inches or more of snow a year.

The county also had its earliest snowfall since the weather bureau began recording such information 104 years ago — snow mixed with rain on the evening of October 1.

The 3.5-inch snow of November 13 was the first to require Bays and his companions to turn to their salters and snow plows. That turned out to be only a warm-up for two real main events — the 19-inch deluge of December 1 and 2 and a storm on April 2 that featured eight inches of snow, plus hail, sleet, freezing rain, lightning, thunder.

Most of the past winter's snows required plowing rather than salting.

As a result the road commission used only 29,000 tons of salt, the lowest tonnage in years. During the previous winter, 1973-74, the road commission used 6,751 tons more than that with only 55.25 inches of snowfall, compared to the past winter's 77.5 inches.



BAYS

Overtime too, under pressure because of declining road revenues this year, was lower than in previous winters.

"The reduction in overtime is largely attributable to our excellent storm warning service from General Weather Center," says Maintenance Director Hasse.

Hasse said 66% of General Weather Center's alerts came after regular working hours.

And if it seemed to you that the past winter was one of a kind, you're right. Just ask any road commission maintenance crew worker!

Speed upsets woman

Restorations improved

The woman on the phone was alarmed.

"The contractor connecting us to the sewer cut through the road pavement, put in our sewer connection and backfilled the excavation one day, then came back the next and patched the pavement cut," she said. "Some of my friends have waited as long as a year before having the pavement patched. This contractor must be doing something wrong."

She was reassured after William R. (Bert) Mercer explained. Mercer, director of the road commission's department of permits and special uses, agreed the speedy restoration of the woman's road was in contrast to past practice.

He told her why. His department has recently revised specifications for underground construction requiring cuts in county roads. The new emphasis is on more timely and higher quality restoration of road cuts and drainage disruption by contractors for other governmental agencies and public utilities.

To further assure prompt and satisfactory restoration of road surfaces by contractors, the road commission has negotiated an agreement with the county

department of public works that calls for more rigid and earlier inspections before signing off with a contractor who has cut into a road surface. This agreement implements one of the 135 recommendations made by Citizens Research Council for improving road commission services.

"Unsatisfactory restoration of road cuts and road drainage by contractors has long been a source of public complaints," Mercer says. "One swallow doesn't make a summer, of course, but that lady's call is proof that our efforts for better and quicker restoration are working."

Not all of the permit department's activities are as visible as policing pavement cuts, Mercer points out. But other activities are important, nevertheless.

The department is responsible for issuing permits for a variety of purposes bearing on county roads — including underground and overhead utilities, special-haul routes, road-oiling, parades, banners, house-moving and forestry in road rights-of-way, and driveway cuts.

All told, the department issued 5,964 permits in 1974, and it collected \$106,793 in fees for them.

'74 improvement record not threatened in '75

The day may come when the road commission again has \$18.8 million for construction as it did in 1974 — but don't hold your breath! The petroleum shortage has slashed road revenues. And the economic downturn hasn't helped.

By comparison, there's only \$6,681,000 in the road commission's till for construction in 1975. So more expensive types of construction are being deferred, and emphasis is on lower-cost projects.

Scheduled for 1975:

- rebuilding or widening 5.7 miles of roads
- improvement of 9.9 miles of local roads
- \$716,000 worth of intersection improvements, including 14 railroad crossings that will be improved partly at federal expense
- resurfacing 27.5 miles of paved roads, and
- paving 6.7 miles of gravel roads.

Road commission results in 1974 were more impressive. Four

miles of road widened, some to as much as five lanes. Seven and four-tenths miles of paved roads rebuilt. Major improvements of 16 intersections. Routine resurfacing of 21.6 miles of paved roads and 3.6 miles of gravel roads paved.

Another 47.1 miles of worn paved roads were resurfaced, with the road commission and the county splitting the bill.

Fourteen townships, the road commission and the county also shared equally in paying some \$880,253 to place 336,000 tons of gravel, three inches deep and 20 feet wide, on 210 miles of gravel roads, in addition to the 5,000 tons of gravel the road commission applied at its own expense to primary roads in Brandon and Oxford townships.

Maintenance activities provide interesting comparisons. The 7,330 tons of asphalt used to patch chuckholes is enough to pave seven miles of two-lane road. The 14,704 road miles graded in 1974 is equivalent to more than half-way around the world. Enough litter was swept up from 1,670 miles of curb to fill 50 average home swimming pools. Crews mowed the equivalent of 2,300 football fields and removed 1,826 dead trees.

Through special assessment procedures, the road commission paved 7.54 miles of subdivision streets in Bloomfield township and 2.18 miles in West Bloomfield township.

Every major storm and the advent of dust season sent complaints skyrocketing. The 5,736 complaints registered in 1974 were up 25.6 percent over 1973 volume. West Bloomfield and Waterford shared the dubious honor of complaining most. West Bloomfield complaints ran at a rate of one for each 26.8 residents. Waterford's rate was one per 32.7 residents.

Bloomfield township, whose residents tax themselves extra for roads, was at the other end of the scale — one complaint per 135.5 residents. The two other townships with road taxes complained at a higher rate, but still below the average of one in 52.3 for all townships. Commerce's rate was one in 71 and the rate in Highland was one in 72.2.

Intended slip!

Slip-form paving has been a stranger to Oakland roadways since it was tried experimentally in the early 1960's — until 1974.

Last year, the paving technique was used effectively on three of the largest county road projects — widening of John R road in Madison Heights and of Maple road in Troy and Clawson, and the paving of a section of Tienken road in Avon township.

The process provides significant savings in materials and labor costs. With a special mix, such as the one specified on the three 1974 projects, the newly-poured concrete can bear traffic loads 12 hours after being poured. That feature minimized disruption of traffic to business places along the projects.

Instead of relying on conventional pre-installed forms, the special paving machine drags movable forms behind it that simultaneously and quickly form two lanes and integral curb. The process also eliminates the expansion strips that often cause annoying thumping when a car is driven over them.

The department's weighmaster division checked 1,214 vehicles for possible weight or permit violations. It issued 339 violation citations and let another 295 drivers off with a stern warning.

Fognini heads new department

There's nothing hidebound about the Oakland Road Commission. Not since the Board of Road Commissioners ordained change by inviting a critical evaluation by Citizens Research Council.

Latest evidence is the board's action in creating a new department of Transportation Planning and Environmental Concerns.

The long-range forward planning had previously been done by a division of the engineering department. Citizens Research Council suggested upgrading and broadening the function by giving it departmental status and including among its responsibilities appraisal of social, economic and environmental consequences of proposed road construction projects.

Selected to head the new department was William J. Fognini, formerly director of engineering. Dennis A. Grylicki, former design engineer, is acting director of engineering, and Ralph O. Collyer, formerly a construction project engineer, is acting design director.

"The changing transportation needs of the county and region have forced us to include modes of transportation other than the automobile in our planning," said Fred L. Harris, chairman of the road commissioners.

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Financial Statement

This report is a milestone in the history of the Oakland County Road Commission.

It is the first independently audited financial report ever to appear in a road commission annual report in this county. It is also the first financial presentation in our annual reports that will be understandable and useful to laymen.

In past years, the road commission has published a report, required by law, that is of use only to the Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation.

In 1973, the Oakland Board of Road Commissioners ordained otherwise. They ordered the accounting system broadened to produce data required by law, but also information that would have meaning to others interested in road commission financial stewardship—road users and taxpayers. Further, the road board voluntarily ordered an annual independent financial audit, although that is not required by law.

Road commission financial records were independently audited for 1973, but the difficulty of translating data from the accounting system adapted to the state's requirements delayed completion of the 1973 audit beyond the deadline for the road commission's 1973 annual report.

Consequently, the report published last year was the virtually meaningless one required for state purposes. When the audited report became available, it was released to the news media of the county and circulated to all of the public libraries in the county.

Beginning with this "first," the audited financial report, in useful form, will be an important part of future road commission annual reports.

No summary is necessary. You can easily see income sources and the purposes for which road commission funds were spent in 1974.

Auditor's Report

To the Board of Road Commissioners
Oakland County Road Commission
Oakland County, Michigan

We have examined the financial statements of Oakland County Road Commission for the year ended December 31, 1974. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

The financial statements of the Oakland County Road Commission Retirement System have not been included in the accompanying financial report. The retirement system financial statements were examined by another independent auditor who issued a report dated February 7, 1975.

As disclosed in Note 3 of the notes to financial statements, the accompanying statement of revenues and expenditures of the Road Fund does not include a

comparison with a formal budget, as required by generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, except for the omission of the information described in the preceding paragraph, the aforementioned financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Road Fund, the general fixed assets group of accounts, and the special revenue long-term debt group of accounts of Oakland County Road Commission at December 31, 1974, and the results of the Road Fund operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year, except for the combination of the Special Assessment Fund with the Road Fund as described in Note 2 of the notes to financial statements.

Plante & Moran
Certified Public Accountants
Southfield, Michigan
May 9, 1975

OAKLAND COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION ROAD FUND BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1974

ASSETS

Cash		\$ 383,550
Investments:		
Certificates of deposit - At cost	\$2,915,000	
Treasury bills - At cost - Approximates market	850,000	3,765,000
Accounts receivable:		
Special assessments (Note 4)	3,245,343	
County road agreements	705,866	
State Highway Department	419,651	
Other	80,067	4,450,927
Deposits - Federal construction projects		692,789
Inventory - At average cost		1,161,366
Work orders in process		38,255
Prepaid expenses		18,535
Total assets		<u>\$10,510,422</u>

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED REVENUE AND FUND BALANCE

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable		\$ -1,376,026
Advances and deposits:		
Escrow deposits	\$1,297,247	
Township matching funds	108,479	
Inspection projects	43,670	
Other	17,650	1,467,046
Accrued payroll and other		270,838
Total liabilities		3,113,910

COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Notes 5, 6 and 7)

DEFERRED REVENUE - Special assessment districts (Note 4)	90,715
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FUND BALANCE	<u>7,305,797</u>
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Total liabilities, deferred revenue and fund balance	<u>\$10,510,422</u>
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See Notes to Financial Statements

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES Year Ended December 31, 1974

REVENUES

Motor vehicle highway funds	\$15,667,901
State trunkline maintenance	2,239,505
Federal aid revenue	3,844,446
Contributions for construction - Townships	1,417,579
County appropriation	1,151,661
Contributions for maintenance and construction - Cities, villages and other	1,097,328
Contributions on work orders	966,567
Special assessment districts	1,190,558
Interest earned	919,713
Miscellaneous	377,762
Proceeds from issuance of special revenue notes	2,000,000
Total revenues	<u>30,873,020</u>

EXPENDITURES

Primary road construction	10,153,560
Local road construction	4,473,497
Primary road maintenance	4,594,874
Local road maintenance	1,998,701
State trunkline maintenance	2,064,185
Special assessment construction	1,548,720
Work order expenditures for maintenance and construction	1,396,689
Primary and local structure construction	118,536
Inspection charges	64,964
Administrative expense	963,504
Capital outlay	1,361,945
Long-term debt payments	1,350,000
Interest expense	532,316
Equipment charges (Note 8)	(777,864)
Total expenditures	<u>29,843,627</u>

EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 1,029,393</u>
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See Notes to Financial Statements

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

Year Ended December 31, 1974

FUND BALANCE - January 1, 1974 (Note 2)	\$ 6,276,404
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EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	1,029,393
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FUND BALANCE - December 31, 1974	<u>\$ 7,305,797</u>
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See Notes to Financial Statements

GENERAL FIXED ASSETS GROUP OF ACCOUNTS STATEMENT OF GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

	BALANCE JANUARY 1, 1974	ADDITIONS	DISPOSALS	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1974
Land and land improvements	\$ 830,176	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 830,176
Buildings	2,195,505	326,664	—	2,522,169
Road equipment	4,876,685	885,002	437,223	5,324,464
Shop equipment	165,486	6,338	2,198	169,626
Office equipment	188,270	14,764	8,444	194,590
Engineering equipment	45,421	6,627	—	52,048
Brine wells	58,441	3,140	—	61,581
Gravel pits	75,965	—	—	75,965
Yard and storage equipment	26,386	119,410	—	145,796
Total general fixed assets	8,462,335	1,361,945	447,865	9,376,415
Less accumulated depreciation (Note 9)	3,961,742	791,782	440,129	4,313,395
General fixed assets — Net of depreciation	\$4,500,593	\$ 570,163	\$ 7,736	\$5,063,020

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 1974

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The books and records of the Road Commission are maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Expenses, except for interest on long-term debt, and wages payable at year-end are accrued. Revenues, if measurable and available, are accrued. Other revenues, such as gas and weight tax from the Motor Vehicle Highway Funds, are recorded when received. Proceeds from the issuance of long-term debt are recorded as a revenue when received and payments of principal and interest are recorded as expenditures when paid.

Expenditures for construction are recognized as the work progresses except for work orders and certain inspection projects. Costs and billings related to the work orders and the inspection projects are recorded as assets or liabilities until completion of the work, at which time costs are recorded as expenditures and the related billings are recorded as revenue.

Accounting policies relative to recording investments and inventories are indicated in the captions on the Road Fund balance sheet. Information as to the accounting policies for special assessment districts, pension costs, allocation of equipment charges, general fixed assets and depreciation are included in the other notes to financial statements.

2. COMBINATION OF FUNDS:

In the prior year, the special assessment activity was reported as a Special Assessment Fund rather than as a part of the Road Fund. It has been subsequently concluded that the special assessment activity is directly related to the other activities of the Road Fund and should be included therein. Therefore, the fund balance of the Road Fund as of January 1, 1974, has been restated to reflect the combination of the two funds into one. The resulting fund balance at January 1, 1974, of \$6,276,404 is the sum of the Road Fund balance of \$3,397,798 and the Special Assessment Fund balance of \$2,878,606. The Special Assessment Fund balance has been reduced by \$595,918 from the amount previously reported. Of that amount, \$309,008 is the result of a deferral of 1973 revenue equal to construction costs not yet incurred as of January 1, 1974. (See Note 4.) In addition, the Special Assessment Fund balance has been reduced by \$286,910 which

represents the Road Commission share of construction costs which should have been recognized in 1973.

3. BUDGET:

The Road Commission is in the process of revising its record-keeping system and installing budgetary accounting and reporting, which will provide necessary information for reporting both in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and in State reports as prescribed by Public Act 51 of 1951. In 1974, while the revision process was developing, the Road Commission adopted a cash basis budget classified by departments. This budget has not been presented in the financial statements since it was not practicable to present the budget information on a basis consistent with the accounting methods and classifications used in the financial statements. Any comparison of the budget with the financial statements would not provide meaningful information.

4. SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS:

Certain types of road improvement projects are financed by assessments upon the properties receiving benefit. Revenue is recognized on these special assessments when they are levied, except for the portion attributed to construction not completed, which is deferred until completion. In 1974, revenue was recognized in the amount of \$1,190,558, which excludes a deferred amount of \$90,715. Expenditures for construction totaled \$1,548,720 for the year. Expenditures exceeded revenues by the portion of construction costs which is borne by the Road Commission.

Because the assessments can be paid in ten annual installments, at the option of the property owner, the Road Commission had to advance funds to the projects to pay for construction. To provide these funds, the Road Commission issued revenue notes in the amount of \$5,500,000. While future gas and weight tax receipts are pledged for the repayment of these notes, special assessment collections are used for this purpose. Because these notes are long-term debts, they are recorded in the general long-term debt group of accounts rather than as a liability of the Road Fund. Thus, a portion of the Road Fund—fund balance equal to the assessments receivable is intended to be used to retire these notes.

SPECIAL REVENUE LONG-TERM DEBT GROUP OF ACCOUNTS STATEMENT OF LONG-TERM DEBT

December 31, 1974

Amounts to be provided for the retirement of Act 51 bonds	\$ 6,280,000
Amounts to be provided for the retirement of Act 143 notes	5,900,000
Amounts to be provided for the payment of contractual obligation	202,500
Total amount to be provided for long-term debt	\$12,382,500
Bonds payable:	
1962 issue	\$ 2,955,000
1968 issue	3,325,000
Total bonds payable	6,280,000
Notes payable (Note 4):	
1970 issue	900,000
1971 issue	1,400,000
1973 issue — Series I	1,800,000
1973 issue — Series II	1,800,000
Total notes payable	5,900,000
Contractual obligation — Department of State Highways to retire 1957 limited access highway bonds	202,500
Total long-term debt	\$12,382,500

See Notes to Financial Statements.



PATIENCE REWARDED — Pavement and curbs for Kensington road, in Bloomfield township, were one constructive use of road and township funds.

Project started in 1974, reached completion in mid-year of 1975. Tree removal for project did not mar final appearance, as had been feared by alarmed residents.

5. RETIREMENT PLAN:

The Road Commission has a retirement plan covering all employees. The contribution to the plan for the current year totaled \$831,938. This contribution includes a provision for funding accrued prior service costs of \$7,032,925 over 37 years from December 31, 1973, the date of the most recent actuarial report.

PROGRESS:

As of December 31, 1974, various construction projects were in process. Payments had been made to the contractor or a liability recorded for the amount of work done as of that date. It is estimated that the amounts needed to complete the projects that were in process as of December 31, 1974, total \$1,980,000 for general road improvements. Approximately

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6. CONSTRUCTION IN

HELP US HELP YOU . . .

Tell us how you see it!

Help the road commission do a better job for you. Take a few minutes to complete this survey. Mail it to: "Reader Survey," Oakland County Road Commission, 2420 Pontiac Lake Road, Pontiac, Michigan 48054.

1. Write in name of city, village or township where you live:

2. How do you feel about the 10-year catch-up program to improve our county roads?

- a. it's necessary _____
b. it's not necessary _____
c. no opinion _____

3. Would your family consider an additional tax payment of \$100-\$125 a year for ten years to get an adequate road system?

- a. worthwhile _____
b. unreasonable _____
c. need additional information before answering _____

4. Should Northwestern freeway be extended northwestward as long planned?

- a. yes _____ b. no _____
c. no opinion _____

5. Governor Milliken's transit proposal calls on automobile owners in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties to pay the entire local matching cost of phase one of a system to serve seven counties. Car owners in the three counties would be required to pay an additional license plate fee each year for six years. Do you consider this

- a. fair _____ b. unfair _____
c. no opinion _____

6. Do you think you should help pay the \$10.7 million local share of cost for a "people mover" that would serve only downtown Detroit?

- a. yes _____ b. no _____
c. no opinion _____

7. Should the City of Detroit be in position to dominate policy-making for the seven-county transit system?

- a. yes _____ b. no _____
c. no opinion _____

8. If adequate bus and other public transit service were available now, what percentage of your daily trips, now made by car, would you make by public transit?

- a. 0 to 20% _____
b. 20 to 40% _____
c. 40 to 60% _____
d. 60 to 80% _____
e. 80 to 100% _____
f. don't know _____

9. Should one lane each way of expressways and major county roads be reserved for exclusive use of express buses?

- a. yes _____ b. no _____

10. Southeast Michigan Transit Authority estimates public transit would handle only about 7.6 percent of all trips when it is completed. Reserving one lane in each direction for exclusive bus use would reduce the capacity of the roads involved to handle cars and trucks. What should be done to assure reasonable capacity for cars and trucks that would be necessary for 92.4 percent of all trips?

- a. nothing _____
b. the transit authority should pay a fee for the privilege sufficient to restore needed road capacity for cars and trucks _____
c. state and federal government should increase their financial support of roads to offset reduced capacity for cars and trucks _____
d. no opinion _____

N'western fate
up to court

Almost everyone else has wrestled with the issue of extending Northwestern freeway.

Why not a circuit judge?

Thus reasoned Road Commissioner John R. Gnau, Jr., in moving that the Board of Road Commissioners file suit against the Michigan Department of Highways and Transportation to enforce a contract between the two parties for extension of Northwestern freeway from Telegraph road to intersect with U. S. 23 near Fenton.

Chairman Fred L. Harris and Vice Chairman William M. Richards agreed and ordered the road commission's legal office to prepare pleadings and file suit, probably sometime this summer.

The road commission has paid \$90,000 a year since 1958 as debt service for bonds sold to finance the extension, which has been in Oakland county's planning since the 1920's.

"Critics to the contrary, the road is needed," said Gnau.



NEVER-ENDING CHORE—Road maintenance, like a woman's work, is never done. And it costs more, too, when roads are as inadequate as Oakland's county roads. If

Road Commissioners Write

Dear Oakland neighbor:

We're trying harder—to provide you an adequate road system, to keep you posted on what we're doing in that respect, and to make every road dollar contribute its full share to good roads. As you have read in this report, we have a way to go yet, in spite of some progress.

Only a little over 20 percent of our road mileage is adequate. At our present rate of income, there's little chance of improving that miserable statistic.

The Citizens Research Council has delivered a practical plan for making our roads adequate. It is not an easy solution. It will cost you some more money, but we feel the benefits of a good road system justify sacrifice at a level that is not unreasonable.

The program will be thoroughly discussed at many levels before a decision is made. We will not make that decision. In the end, you will—directly and through your elected county officials. We urge your most

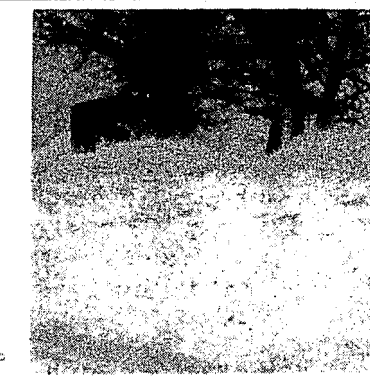
serious consideration of the program. It represents the one and only hope of achieving adequate roads within a reasonable time span.

There's another and more immediate way you can help us to be more responsive to your wishes. Tell us how you feel about road-related issues.

The questionnaire on this page is a good starting point. Complete and mail it to us. We'll read your reply thoughtfully. And add whatever comments you may consider appropriate.

That may be inviting as much trouble, considering the condition of our roads, as setting a lighted lantern near the rear hoof of Mrs. O'Leary's cow. But there it is. For better or worse, we solicit and will appreciate your suggestions as to how we may serve you better.

Sincerely,
Board of County Road
Commissioners:
Fred L. Harris, chairman
William M. Richards, vice chairman
John R. Gnau, Jr.,
road commissioner



the 10-year improvement program goes, money saved on maintenance can be spent, instead, on further road improvements. Another reason for backing 10-year plan.

Notes to financial
statements continued

\$90,000 is needed to complete special assessment projects, as indicated in Note 4. In addition, certain contracts have been negotiated for the construction of Road Commission buildings or facilities. The estimated balance to complete these projects as of December 31, 1974, is \$196,000.

7. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES:

Under contracts negotiated with employee groups or under board policy, individual employees have a vested right to receive payment for unused sick leave and certain other benefits upon termination of employment or retirement. The maximum value of these vested rights, which is not recorded on the financial statements, is approximately \$700,000 at December 31, 1974.

The Road Commission has contracted with the Michigan Department of State Highways to provide maintenance services

for State trunklines. The State has audited the program through 1973 and has tentatively disallowed certain expenses totaling approximately \$103,000 for 1972 and \$148,000 for 1973. The Road Commission is contesting these claims and accordingly has not paid these amounts.

The Road Commission has computed costs under the 1974 contract in the same manner as in prior years. Therefore, the possibility exists that the State will seek to disallow certain expenses relating to the 1974 contract in an amount that cannot be determined at this time. Due to the uncertainty as to the outcome of these disputed claims, no liability has been recorded as of December 31, 1974.

The Road Commission has been named defendant in several lawsuits in which plaintiffs are seeking damages of various amounts. Several of the cases result from alleged actions which are not covered by the Road Commission's insurance carrier. There are several other cases pending which are being defended by the insurance carrier and which include claims in excess of the

policy limits. It is the opinion of legal counsel that the aggregate dollar amount of all such litigation should not exceed \$100,000.

8. ALLOCATION OF EQUIPMENT CHARGES:

Equipment operating costs, including operating and direct equipment expenses, shop expenses and depreciation, are charged to functional classifications based upon predetermined rates applied to the number of hours the equipment is used. The \$777,864 credit shown in expenditures is the excess of such charges over the actual expenditures for equipment operating costs.

The predetermined rates, which are consistent with the rates used for State reporting purposes, include an allowance for equipment depreciation which is not recorded as an expenditure in the Road Fund. Total charges allocated to functional classifications attributable to depreciation amounted to \$707,482. Total equipment expenditures (without depreciation considerations) incurred in 1974 amounted to \$1,940,739.

9. GENERAL FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION:

General fixed assets purchased are recorded as expenditures in the Road Fund at the time of purchase. Such assets are capitalized at cost in the general fixed assets group of accounts, except for certain improvements including roads, bridges, curbs and gutters, streets and sidewalks, drainage systems and lighting systems.

Provision is made for depreciation in the general fixed asset group of accounts. Depreciation accumulated in 1974 totaled \$791,782, based upon the following methods and useful lives:

	METHOD	USEFUL LIFE
Buildings	Straight-line	50 years
Road equipment	Sum of years-digits	5-8 years
Shop equipment	Straight-line	10 years
Office equipment	Sum of years-digits and straight-line	8-10 years
Engineering equipment	Straight-line	10 years
Brine wells	Straight-line	Various
Gravel pits		Units of production
Yard & storage equipment	Straight-line	10 years