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Packed meeting sees 4-2 vote

Council rezones Hawke property for Mall

By Rhea Lodge
of The Clarkston News

The Village Council voted 4-2 to rezone the Hawke's Cove property from industrial to commercial use in a session that lasted until 11:40 p.m. Monday night.

Clarkston residents jammed the new village hall to express their doubts about the project and to register concern over the projected increase in traffic.

Declaring that it was "the most serious decision the council has had to make for years," Council President Keith Hallman declared a public hearing on the rezoning, following routine business items on the agenda.

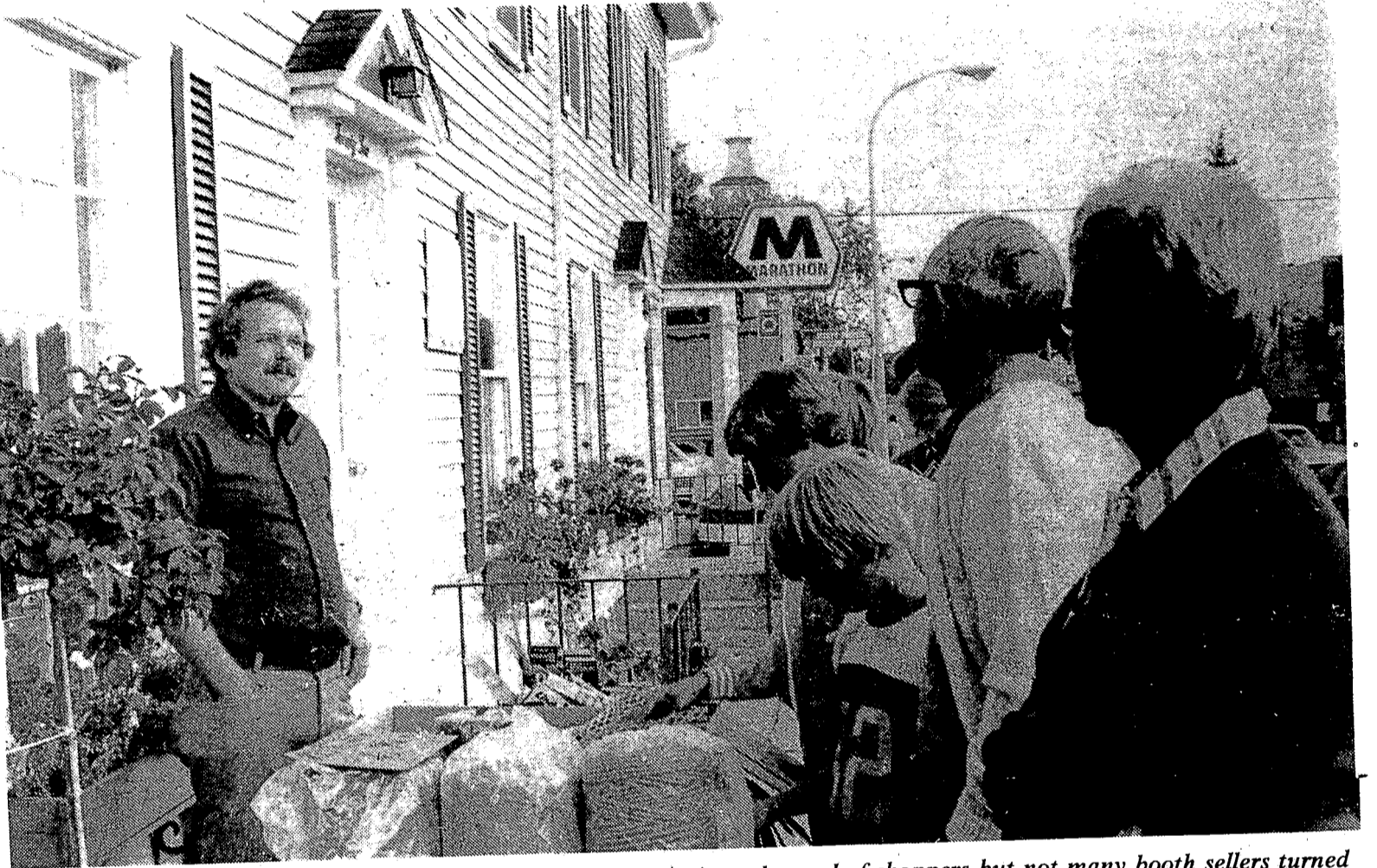
The request to rezone Lot 115 from M-1 to B-1 was read by Clerk Bruce Rogers. Minutes of the special August 16 meeting of the planning commission were then read, setting forth the commission's recommendation to the council. Vote of the planning commission was also 4-2 on the issue with Jim MacArthur, Virginia Walter, Jack Byers and Ted Thomson in favor; Nancy Prucher and Doug Roeser opposed.

The planning commission's approval of the rezoning carried a stipulation that the mill pond's water level would be suitably maintained after the village council and developer Marc Alan reached an agreement on its proper protection.

The commission had asked for professional help in deciding the issue and Chuck Cairns of Vilican-Leman, Southfield consulting firm, proposed a bypass road across the rear of the Hawke property to take pressure of traffic off Washington, Holcomb, Depot and Main streets.

The developer reiterated his position at the public hearing Monday night, declaring that a bypass would destroy the beauty and integrity of the project. He further stated that he would scrap the entire mini-mall project if council members insisted on a bypass road.

Police Chief Jack McCall said the Depot-Holcomb intersection would have to be greatly improved to accommodate changes in the traffic flow. He said proper controls would be a necessity on Washington Street and that a lot of cooperation would be required to work out the problems.



Downtown event

Most residents were concerned with the amount of traffic a shopping area and restaurant on the Hawke's Cove property would generate and expressed a desire to get some sort of commitment from the developer as to sharing costs of road improvements or assuming the entire expense. Cairns had projected a cost of \$100,000 to \$150,000 to construct a bypass.

Several residents questioned the advisability of bringing the proposed shopping center into the village at all, one woman stating that "I don't want to lose everything I moved here for."

John Gilder, counsel for Marc Alan, protested that the proposed small shopping center was "not a Fairlane project" but more similar in size to the Continental Market in Birmingham, once the site of an A&P Supermarket.

Clerk Bruce Rogers read several letters from citizens supporting the land use change and referred to a recent editorial by Jean Saile, editor of the Clarkston News, pointing out

that Hawke's Cove could be an asset to the community.

Council members finally agreed to take a vote on the issue after assurances that there would be some degree of control over the project when the site plan was presented for council approval. In favor of the rezoning were Fontie ApMadoc, Neal Sage, Jim Weber and newly-sworn in Jack Byers. Ruth Basinger and Jim Schultz were opposed.

Big Labor Day plans firming up

There'll be a rip roarin' good time in town starting Sept. 2. That's when the Labor Day festivities begin for Clarkstonites.

As in past years the Jaycee Carnival will be on Depot Road with the beer tent, handicraft tent and community activities scheduled for the park area.

The carnival begins Friday evening, Sept. 2 and runs through Labor Day.

The Jaycees will sponsor a

A good crowd of shoppers but not many booth sellers turned out for Farmer's Night last week in Clarkston. Buck Kopietz of Tierra Arts and Design had time to stop and talk with browsers.

Neil Granlund was presented with a plaque honoring his term of service on the council. Granlund resigned because of a move out of the village boundaries. With Planning Commissioner Jack Byers now a council member, there is a vacancy on the planning commission. Members were urged to submit nominations for the post by Council President Keith Hallman.

In other business, four bids

were opened for the old village hall at 25 South Main Street and referred to the village attorney for study. Council will also study the bids and come up with a decision at the next regular meeting.

Deer Lake Farms No. 1 was given unanimous final plat approval and two amendments were accepted to the uniform traffic code. The amendments involved printing errors in Ordinance 80.

Gong Show at 7 p.m. Friday night near the beer tent. Aspiring contestants can sign up at Ritter's Market on Dixie Highway.

Saturday night the park will be filled with the music of Sugarfree, an all girl bluegrass band.

With Sunday comes the annual chicken barbecue in the park, 2 p.m.-6 p.m. While you're eating, make a bid for something you've always wanted at

the Jaycees' auction at 4 p.m. Offerings are still being accepted for the sale. Call Bob McArthur at 625-4740 if you have something to donate.

Labor Day starts bright and early, 7 a.m.-9 a.m., with the Firefighters' pancake breakfast. Adults and kids can eat all they want for \$2 and \$1.50 respectively. The firemen are striving for \$5,000 in proceeds to donate to Muscular Dystrophy. Last

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Mining clause considered in Springfield zoning law

Labor Day

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The Aug. 15 meeting of the Springfield Township Planning Commission centered around discussion of the fourth draft of a mining zone to be added to the township ordinance.

Al Valentine of Oxford Mining and John Gillespie from Holly Sand and Gravel were on hand in the attempt to compose a classification that is workable for both the miners and the township.

The commission has been working on the proposed zoning classification since last fall. Presently mining is allowed in heavy industrial areas. Supervisor Collin Walls noted three reasons for the new classification.

- The industrial zone allows for other uses, which when including mining can't be used comprehensively for tax purposes.
- A separate classification would ease much of the worry about the future use of the mined area. Any other use of the property would have to be approved by the township.
- The new zone requirements

one spot so it will be easier for the secretary and the petitioner to find them."

The review includes the recommendation for increase in zoning fees. The township presently charges the petitioner \$150 for rezoning property. According to Walls the actual cost including advertisement of the meeting, commission member salaries, and planning consultant review are nearer to \$400.

A public hearing on the ordinance change will be Sept. 20.

The commission also discussed the master plan review. The plan is working, Walls said, but it was developed five years ago and may not reflect the needs and desires of the people and present economic conditions.

"The request for review was prompted by cancellation of M-275," Walls said.

In the fall township residents will be asked to participate in a community survey as part of the review process.

The commission has also reviewed the present fee ordinance and discovered that fees are to be found in four or five different ordinances.

"It is cumbersome to determine fees," Walls said. "We plan to consolidate the fees in

After the parade there are any number of things to do including the firemen's water battle tournament in the village parking lot and the Firefighters Auxiliary's booze raffle in the park.

Regattas will be run both Sunday and Monday noon from Deer Lake Beach.

For lunch head on out to Campbell Richmond Post #63 American Legion Hall on M-15 for the annual corn roast. Last year's prices will prevail on everything from corn to beer. There will be games for the children and free rides on the Legionnaire train or fire engine. Adults can pitch horse shoes while the children play.

Throughout it all Clarkston Village Days will be in progress with sidewalk sales and bargains for all.



Award winning lifeguard

Tim Doyle, Independence Township parks and recreation director, presents Kathy Howard the Cindy Pidd Second Annual Senior Lifesaving Award. The award is granted to the lifesaving student who most exemplifies the qualities desired in life guards in memory of Cindy Kidd, a lifeguard killed last summer. Kathy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Blachura of Par View, graduated from Clarkston High School in June and will attend northern Michigan University this fall. She will study medical technology. Kathy hopes to return to Deer Lake as a life guard next summer.

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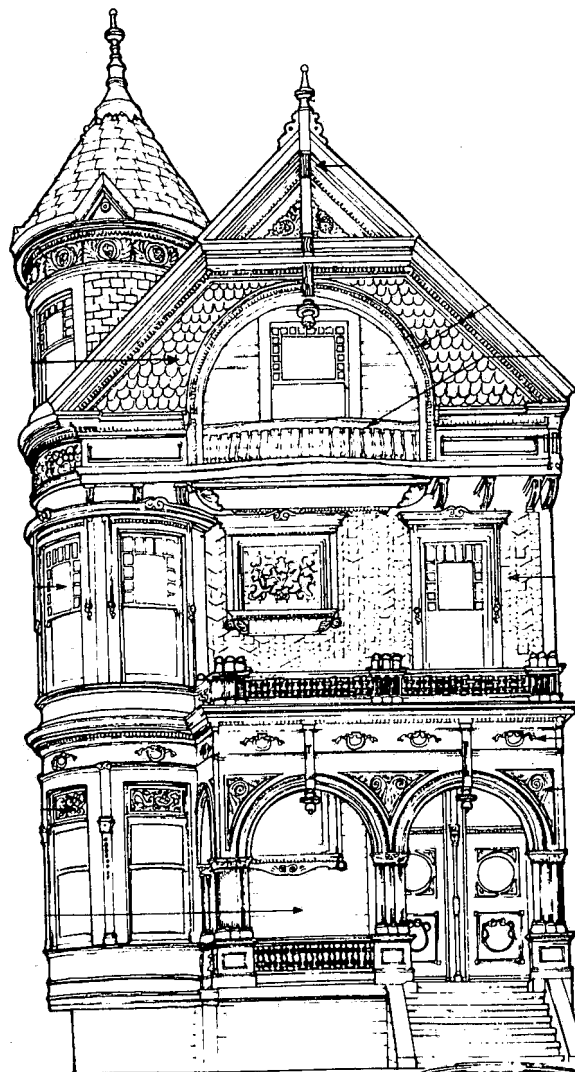
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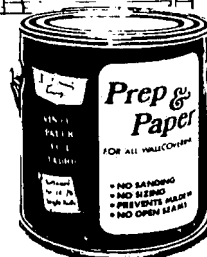


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Teachers, board to review stalled negotiations

Both sides were expected to meet this week in a review of stalled contract negotiations between Clarkston teachers and the Board of Education. Completed negotiations currently await the arrival of a State Labor Board mediator next week.

The Clarkston Education Association (CEA) has called a meeting for 4 p.m. Friday to appraise teachers of progress to date, and the board was expected to meet in executive session Wednesday night for its own review of talks.

For the first time in a number of years, a two-year contract is the aim—previous contracts for many years having been settled annually.

While salary and fringe benefits remain to be settled, spokesmen for both sides find two other issues causing a wider separation of opinion.

A maintenance of standards clause requested by the CEA would affect the transfer or alteration of duty of any teacher, according to board spokesmen. It requires that all standards be maintained at the "highest minimum" level in use at the time the contract is signed.

Conrad Bruce, chief negotiator for the board, says such language would make no allowance for a state funding loss or decreased millage at home.

The CEA contends the clause would protect present standards by staving off unilateral cuts or underfunding of programs without prior negotiation and would insure the professionalism of those teachers hired as replacements for moved or discharged teachers.

The grievance procedure is

Byers named to village council

Jackson Byers, chairman of the planning commission for the past two years, resigned from his post August 16 to accept an appointment to the village council.

He replaces trustee Neil Granlund who resigned at the August 8 council meeting. Granlund and his family have moved from the village, making him ineligible to be a council member.

"I really enjoyed working on the council and living in the village," Granlund said.

"I did make a recommendation to the council that they annex the township as soon as possible so I won't miss the services of the village," he added.

Byers, his wife and six children have lived in the village since 1963. He is a senior project engineer with Pontiac Motors where he has worked for 27 years.

"I have mixed feelings about the change. I have to turn my hat 180 degrees now. I have enjoyed my work on the commission and hope that with the council I can contribute to the welfare of the village," Byers said.

also open—evaluation reports providing the major bottleneck. The CEA wants to be able to grieve unsatisfactory evaluations which follow a string of satisfactory reports. The board contends such language would leave every unfavorable teacher evaluation open to grievance.

The CEA is reportedly desirous of being able to grieve probationary teacher problems, wants an expedited arbitration clause built into the grievance procedure, and wants the board to pay teacher witnesses at such procedures for time missed from the job.

Tentative settlement has reportedly been achieved on involuntary transfer of teachers and class size, while full agreement has been reached on the school calendar.

Neither side indicates any likelihood at this point that the opening of school will be affected by negotiations.



Conrad Bruce, schools negotiator, and Tom Browne, CEA negotiator, are at opposite ends of the table—informally.

Seniors may get home of their own

Senior citizens may have a place they can literally call their home much sooner than anticipated.

The township is currently negotiating for the purchase of a home and 4.5 acres of property which abuts Clintonwood Park on the east.

Township officials said they could not release the asking price for the property but the open market price listed by Hargreaves and Pilarcik Realtors is \$59,900.

Oddly enough, Supervisor Floyd Tower said, the township has wished it owned that property for a number of years.

The purchase of the property, he added, would resolve a number of problems.

The home has a total of 3,000 square feet of usable space and could almost immediately house many of the senior citizens' activities. If purchased, immediate plans call for the addition of an area to handle some of the

functions that draw 100 or more people.

The barn on the property, Tower said, could resolve the problem of housing township vehicles.

There is also a problem of annual layoffs of CETA employees in the recreation department during the winter months.

There has been a change in the CETA regulations, Tower said, that would prevent the township from hiring back those employees in the spring.

Normally three CETA employees take "voluntary" layoffs due to the lack of work in the department.

There would be more than enough work at the house and landscaping to keep those employees busy for some time to come, Tower added.

Currently, Tower said, the township is studying the cost figures of purchasing and renovating the house versus starting from scratch and building a new

senior citizen center behind the township library.

The township has proposed the purchase of the property behind the library from the school district.

Architects have been interviewed and, Tower added, it has come to a point where a final decision on which way to go will have to be made.

The parks and recreation department currently has \$87,000 allocated for a center, some of which is Community Development Act (CDA) money which carries restrictive guidelines as

to how it can be used.

Clerk Chris Rose said he has talked with the CDA office and has been told there should be little problem with receiving approval.

CDA guidelines call for monies to be spent in the area of the township that has the lowest per family income.

The CDA officials, Rose said, did mention the property is located in the wrong area of the township but because of the problems facing senior citizens, that factor would probably not enter the decision.

Sherrill named assessor

Dave Sherrill, assistant assessor in Independence Township for the last four years, has been named assessor following the resignation of Richard Huffman, effective August 31.

Huffman, who has been assessor the past four years, gave personal reasons for leaving.

Sherrill, a level III assessor as mandated by state law for the size of Independence Township, will receive \$17,500 a year.

The township is currently advertising for an assistant assessor paying \$12,800 to \$13,000 a year.

Walls would settle for parkway

Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls was to be in Lansing this Wednesday, making a pitch for the continuance of planning for a major north-south highway abandoned earlier this year by the State Highway Commission.

Walls is willing to settle for a parkway with limited access, a plan endorsed by the state staff earlier, in view of the commission's January cancellation of M-275 construction plans.

The Oakland County Road Commission this week endorsed a similar "rural highway" concept, it reported Tuesday. As projected, the parkway would cut through Springfield Township crossing Shindler, Shaffer, Big Lake, Scott, Andersonville, Clark and Davisburg

Roads.

Walls feels Shindler, Scott and Clark could be dead-ended at the parkway with little hardship, and that the only accesses to the parkway in Springfield would then be Shaffer, Big Lake, Andersonville and Davisburg roads.

What that would require in improvements of the intersecting roads is a subject Walls is not yet prepared to discuss, however he believes the construction of a new road as opposed to using existing roads would prove beneficial in the long run.

"The problem seems to be the exact definition of a parkway," Walls said. "If there are to be no driveway cuts and if we are to prevent it from evolving into another Telegraph or Wood-

ward Avenue, it would be very hard to tell people who owned a mile or more frontage on an existing road that they could not have access to it."

Walls sees the plan approved by the state staff as being similar to the White Lake Township alternative.

"I just hope they do something," Walls said. "Right now we're in limbo, development waiting on what is to happen with the road."

Still, he admits, Springfield doesn't have the problems it might have. The township master zoning plan took construction of M-275 into consideration and recommended commercial zoning at certain points along its route. The township failed to implement the recommendations.

"It's a good thing we didn't or we'd have isolated islands of commercial in the midst of residential and no good reason for their being there," he reported.

Whatever the commission does this week, Walls doesn't expect that approval on any plan will be immediate. That will take at least another month, he figures. The start of construction could take as long as two years, he adds.

"I'll be happy whatever they do, except if they should abandon all plans. Despite the energy shortage, the amount of development and the accompanying traffic is continuing to increase. We need something to handle the through travel," he said.

NOVEC set to open despite county problems

By Jean Saile
of The Clarkston News

Clarkston Schools officials expect the Northwest Oakland Vocational Education Center (NOVEC) will open its new addition and six new programs on time this fall, despite funding problems at the county level.

The district has state money enough on hand to run the center through mid-September, according to Clarkston Schools which administrates the building but puts no local school funds into its operation.

The vocational center funding comes from the State Department of Education and Oakland Intermediate Schools, the latter funded by a half mill tax spread over the county.

County funds are now short because of an extensive building program undertaken in the four vocational centers of the county, located at Royal Oak, Pontiac and Walled Lake besides Clarkston. Until now, the Michigan Municipal Finance Commission—which must approve all school loans or bond sales—has refused to let the county intermediate school district borrow \$1 million it needs for operation expenses and \$1.8 million to repay construction debts.

The \$90,000 still on hand in Clarkston is money the state affords Clarkston as the difference between the cost of operating a normal school

program and the more expensive vocational program offered at the center. The intermediate district is charged with making up the balance.

Under the terms of its set-up, Clarkston schools have had ownership of the NOVEC building, but that will change under MMFC terms for loan approval. The finance commission says the county must take ownership of all the centers, however local superintendents are requiring that a revision clause be included in the transaction. They would like to regain ownership of the buildings once the loan is paid or once the present 20-year lease agreement with the county expires.

In the meantime, local officials would still be charged with the formulation of budget and the handling of payroll, payables, purchasing, hiring and labor management.

NOVEC teachers are part of the Clarkston Education Association, which represents Clarkston teachers, and the center, though it services students from Brandon, Holly and Waterford as well as Clarkston, is closely tied in all respects—but funding—to the local district.

Clarkston Schools Supt. Milford Mason has promised he will not take local money to run the vocational center, should county financing plans fail. "We've got all we can handle here," said the man who successfully spear-

headed a second try at increased local school millage earlier this month.

The Clarkston vocational center is in many respects in better shape than other county centers, Mason said. Its budget at \$700,000 per year is smaller than the others, and its construction debt of \$1.2 million is all but \$65,000 paid off.

The Clarkston district was the only one in the county to receive

federal and state help in the financing of the new addition. By making application early, the Clarkston district was able to benefit from \$242,000 in state and federal funds.

For its job of administrating the center, the district receives three percent of the NOVEC budget. Presumably that arrangement would continue if ownership goes to the county, Mason said.



Kristin Potvin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Potvin of Ortonville, beams at meeting a real live cowboy, Roger Martin, before the 5th Annual World's Championship Rodeo began at Springfield Oaks August 18.



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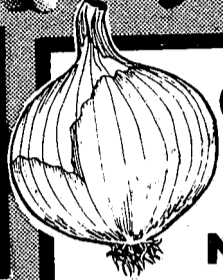
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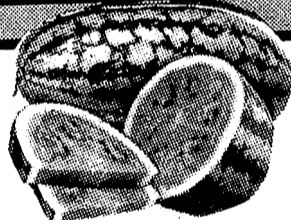
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Beware the power of SEMCOG



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Con-con again?

by Jean Saile

We're being besieged with all kinds of information about Clean Water Week which will be August 28 to September 3 in Michigan.

Tied in with it are public hearings in regard to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) water quality management plan for Southeast Michigan. A local hearing will be 7 p.m. September 1 at the Oakland County Courthouse Auditorium.

The effort to prevent pollution in rivers, streams and

lakes is couched under the Water Quality Planning Program which is part of the 1972 Federal Water Pollution Control Act. Section 208 of this law requires each state to conduct a planning program to improve the quality of water and SEMCOG has been designated the agent in charge of this area.

All of which sounds most noble—but has implications we don't believe too many governmental units have considered. Tied to SEMCOG'S

role in the water review will be federal funds, and indications are there will be a lot of them. Once again SEMCOG will have the say about who gets what.

And that means—in our past experience—that development of areas like Springfield and Independence Township can come under direct control of the regional government. We have heard it mentioned that this would be a great way to stop all development in the suburbs, and we are not sure we are totally opposed to that concept.

However it is up to our locally elected representatives and our representative units of government to make that decision—not SEMCOG. SEMCOG as you will recall was formed as a volunteer layer of government to provide coordination between the communities of southeastern Michigan. We have seen the volunteer status disappearing as master plans for the area were devised, in many cases without local consultation, and now we fear that with a sacred reason like clean water the power will be increased.

We are headed into a regional layer of government with far-reaching control whether we want it or not, and despite all the pious mouthings about this being a "volunteer" agency.

Michigan's political parties are currently coming to a decision about whether to endorse the call for a new constitutional convention.

While it may seem like only yesterday that newspapers were full of the deliberations of Michigan's big Con-Con, it was in reality back in 1961. The new constitution which was adopted in 1962 provided there should be a vote in 1978 and every 16 years thereafter on whether or not to reconvene such a body.

The issues tend to frighten some of the political leaders—abortion, for instance—the old and not yet dead issue of busing—gay rights—the current furor over crime which could result in overly stringent measures and an erosion of some important rights—the problem of school financing and whether it should be handled through the income tax alone or by a combination of property and income tax.

All are controversial issues, and they could blow wide open during a constitutional convention. But at the same time, there is much good that could be accomplished.

This being a local paper, I am inclined to hope that if the convention is called—there will be some knowledgeable people about local government on hand.

Once removed to county and state level, politicians and lay experts tend to forget the importance of being able to call on a neighbor in times of trouble and see only the "inefficiency" and "duplication of effort" in local government.

They fail to realize that a representative or a bureaucrat insulated by miles and the strong walls of a legislative fortress does not respond quickly, and when he does it is often without intimate knowledge of the problem involved.

If there is a constitutional convention, I sincerely hope local government will be strengthened by increasing the terms of our elected supervisor, clerk and treasurer from two to four years and putting them on a staggered basis.

Local government does not offer so many plums—either financially or powerfully—that we can consistently attract knowledgeable people. Under the present set-up, it takes an elected official the better part of a year to learn his job and then he finds he must begin campaigning all over again if he is to keep it.

Added to that are the new financial disclosure laws for all political candidates, the sometimes silly consequences of the sunshine law (legally two members of our board cannot discuss business together), and the fact that because the official is local he or she is constantly on the firing line from friends, neighbors and even relatives.

We need something to make the job more endurable.



Helping out

Chris Rose, co-sponsor of the May 21 Walk for independence center sponsored by the Clarkston Area Jaycees presents the walk proceeds, \$1,500, to Nancy Davis, i.c. co-ordinator and Marty Durlacher, i.c. chariman. The funds will help cover the center's operating expenses.

'If it Fitz . . .'

Truce cancelled

by Jim Fitzgerald



This is getting nauseating. I mean this business about Dave Rood, the martyred editor.

Rood and I have been trading insults for 20 years. Much of the barbed exchange concerned environment. He has always maintained that only fools and Jackson Prison inmates live south of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. And I say it is hazardous to a person's spirit to live more than a few miles from Tiger Stadium and a metropolitan mix of muggers and jazz bands.

As I recall, the feud began at a convention of the Michigan Press Association in East Lansing. Rood, who then published a newspaper in Manistique, was haranguing a defenseless group of people about the cost of crossing the Mackinac Bridge. He has always believed passionately there should be no toll to use the bridge connecting the two peninsulas.

Rood didn't know me well then, but he was impressed by my intelligent demeanor, so he picked me out of the group as a source of support.

"Don't you think the bridge toll is too high?" he asked me.

"Not if you are driving south," I

answered, and the 20-year battle was begun.

Once I wrote an editorial headlined "The Bridge to Nowhere." It suggested that Michigan would be use to trade the Upper Peninsula to Wisconsin for 20 kegs of good beer.

Rood retaliated with the usual nonsense about tall trees, trout streams and pristine air. And he wrote such wrathful paragraphs as this:

"Solution of the long-existing problem of what to do about Detroit seemed close at hand recently when an earthquake hit the downriver area and there was hope that the southeastern corner of the state would tilt sufficiently to allow Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties to slide off into the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair. Unfortunately the tremor was a minor one, and the problem remains."

Oh, it has been a splendid battle, with much malevolent manipulating of verbs and adjectives as two hacks begged their abused typewriters to produce biting sarcasm and flashing wit. But last month a truce was declared.

You may recall how it happened. Rood was fired from his job as editor of

the Escanaba Daily Press. He was canned because he refused his publisher's order to print a couple of incredibly cruddy articles which claimed that President Carter wants his wife to be vice-president and that he approves of his male staffers sexing around with lots of women.

Rood's nobility sparked my magnanimity. I wrote a column lauding his integrity and didn't include one nasty word about the Upper Peninsula or Rood's stubborn stupidity in continuing to live in a bog. It wasn't only that I admired his journalistic principles. Rood was a man with no job and a family to support. I felt sorry for the guy.

I don't feel sorry for him anymore. He doesn't need sympathy. He needs an agent to book his public appearances and screen his mail.

Rood has become a national hero. He came out of the swampland with a bashful grin on his rustic mug, and told the big boss to bag it. He is James Stewart in a 1940 movie.

In the Upper Peninsula, a town meeting was called for the purpose of electing Rood king of the oppressed.

The newspaper that had dared fire him lost subscribers and advertisers.

Big newspapers, even in dratted Detroit, ran editorials praising Rood's guts. National publications added to the adulation. Quill, the magazine of professional journalists, gave him the "Courage of One's Convictions Award." And Quill added that the articles Rood had refused to print were "shoddy journalism on all counts."

Our hero also made several TV appearances. He was called into Gov. Milliken's office to hear nice words from the state's top officer.

From several job offers, Rood chose to become news director of WKZY, an FM radio station in Escanaba. He could have Jimmy Carter's job, except they couldn't get the White House over the Mackinac Bridge.

In view of all this ridiculous idolatry, I am cancelling the truce. Rood and his peninsula will get no more kind words from me, after I've said this:

Damn, it's great that everything turned out so well for the old bogtrotter. I'm proud of all the journalists and others who rushed to Rood's support and I am proud of him.



Clover Patch

Hold on there a minute

by Dan Trainor



Perhaps it's nitpicking but the general conversation at the school board meeting August 15 bothered me.

Ever since spring, the administration and the committee working toward passage of the millage had campaigned on the basis the extra revenue was needed just to keep even.

Only one new program was to be introduced into the curriculum and that was to be career education at the elementary level.

Now just a week after the millage was approved by the

voters, three school board members called a special meeting to reinstitute fifth grade band, which fell victim to financial cutbacks in 1970.

There are all kinds of pluses on the side of the new program and no one can argue that is a bad idea basically.

The only problem is the board of education, the administration, and the various committees established to set priorities for the district never touched upon it, as a priority item.

Now out of left field and

once the millage is passed, fifth grade band is an absolute necessity and something the district cannot live without.

From a non-priority item, it is now among the top priorities.

The one major argument against the program was touched upon at the school board meeting and reinforced by Trustee Robert Walters who was an hour late for the meeting's start.

That argument is that if one program is introduced, the other departments and

pet projects of both teachers, board members and administrators will start filtering in; and where do you stop and how do you determine which is better than the other?

Walters missed the argument that if this is approved others will be coming in and he just added a whole bunch of credence to that argument when they touched upon the physical education program.

Walters, out of a clear blue sky, said what the district needs is a physical education coordinator.

That is another cost item, another program that campaign arguments contended couldn't be funded because the revenue from the added 3.79 mills would only be enough to keep the status quo in the district due to inflation and what have you.

Granted fifth grade band would, as one board member put it, cost only about \$6,500 and "that is negligible when compared to the total budget."

It may be negligible but is it credible?

ConCon opens interesting questions

By Rhea Lodge and Jean Saile

of The Clarkston News

The advisability of spending an estimated \$8 million and conducting another constitutional convention in Michigan is being weighed by representatives of both the state's political parties.

Republicans will meet October 5 in Ann Arbor to update reports and present recommendations at a public hearing immediately following. The party's State Central Committee will debate the issue December 2 and 3.

Democrats are planning a series of five public hearings beginning September 19 in various locations throughout the state and will weigh their findings at a State Central Committee meeting October 29 in Grand Rapids.

Whether the parties decide to endorse the idea of a new convention or not, voters will still have to ultimately answer the question. When the present state constitution was adopted in 1962, it mandated that there should be a convention vote in 1978 and every 16 years thereafter.

Weldon Yeager, state Republican secretary and his party's ConCon Commission chairman, doubts that a constitutional convention is necessary. He believes changes in the state constitution can be accomplished by amendment without the expense of a convention. The money so saved would be better spent building a new state prison

facility, he says.

Democrats, whose ConCon Commission is headed by Dudley Buffa, former administrative assistant to the late Sen. Phil Hart, has unearthed a number of Democratic concerns which Buffa says must be debated before any party decision is reached.

Among them are:

Revision of the legislative apportionment process in the state by naming a commission to serve as a tie-breaker in deadlocks. The State Supreme Court has been called in to break most recent deadlocks, he notes.

The possibility of limiting the number of terms a legislator must serve. Eight years has been mentioned. There has been some concern expressed in the party as to what would then happen to legislative pensions. Would lawmakers become eligible after eight years or would the credit accrued be applied to some universal pension system.

Prohibit discrimination on the basis of age or sex, a move which would do away with mandatory retirement ages.

Eliminate bail for repeat offenders, possibly by category of crime.

Strengthen "sunshine" laws, guaranteeing open meetings.

Require the nomination of judges by a direct vote of the people in primary elections rather than at party conventions. Explore the possibility of public financing for judicial elections in that heretofore candidates have been able to count on party

support.

Place major department heads under control of the governor rather than a commission.

Abolish the State Board of Education and provide for direct election of a superintendent of all education. Buffa says such a move would give people in the state a direct voice on the single most expensive program of state government.

Abolish the property tax as the major source of education funding, using instead an income tax.

Reform of civil service.

Strengthening of county government, which could involve the power to levy an income tax to be halved with local units of government.

Yeager disagrees with most of the recommendations of the Democratic Constitutional Convention Commission. The GOP spokesman is opposed to a graduated income tax, abolishment of the State Board of Education with provision for the direct election of a superintendent over all education, and elimination of the property tax as the major source of education funding for schools.

A limitation of the number of terms a legislator could serve is "a good idea but not practical." Yeager says such a restriction would effectively remove all but the wealthy from getting on the ballot.

The commission chairman advocates the elimination of bail for repeat criminal offenders.

Pointing out that the United States is the only country in the world that still elects its judges, he referred to Resolution "O" currently up for consideration in the Senate. This modified Missouri plan would provide for judges to be appointed from a list prepared by a blue ribbon panel and judges would be required to run periodically on their own records. He says he is willing to work for a change or a compromise solution, because election of judicial candidates is

now made unfairly on the basis

of personality or name recognition.

Of all the possible controversial issues expected to surface in regard to a possible revision of the constitution, Yeager says he is most concerned about possible changes in the strict requirements for a balanced budget.

He sees lack of continuity and confusion if state department commissions such as the Department of Natural Resources, Civil Service and Highway, are abolished and all department heads appointed directly by the governor. Although the idea has merit on the surface, he says if

such a change is ever made, the governor might as well appoint the secretary of state and the attorney general as well, giving him an entire cabinet which would be directly responsible to him.

Preliminary fencing on the issues took place between Yeager and Dudley Buffa, chairman of the Democratic Party's Commission on a Constitutional Convention, in a radio interview Monday night. The two men meet again in a "Pro and Con" program following "Meet the Press" September 11 on Channel 4.



Letters

Open classrooms still a concern

In response to the article, "Whatever Happened to Open Classrooms?," I must correct the misconception that the furor has died down. There are many of us, who originally were (and still are) in favor of alternative programs, still around. Some of us have been busy finding teachers for our children who will give them some of the benefits of alternative classrooms. We have been volunteering our time to help these teachers. Others have left the school system, or the community, and have found better schools elsewhere.

All of us are still hopeful that Clarkston will catch up with other communities around, in recognizing OFFICIALLY that all children do not learn in the same way, and will one day ENCOURAGE teachers to use their talents creatively.

I would express to the Board of Education that our "yes" votes for the millage are

definitely NOT an endorsement of the school program. I find it hard to get excited over spending 3.79 mills more for what we have already, when the schools lack so much.

Carlene Van Voorhies

Mail box for Food Town

Dear Editor,

I've wondered for some time if there aren't many more people in the eastern stretches of Independence Township that feel as I do about a mail deposit box? The shopping area at Sashabaw and Maybee Rds. is very busy and growing, but still one cannot post a letter there, and there is no place closer than the middle of Clarkston or Drayton Plains to find a mail box. What can we do or how do we go about getting attention? Any suggestions anyone?

Edris Hoffmann

Red Cross needs blood

Red Cross is sending out a five-county appeal for blood donors as a result of the halt in local blood collections during a four-day labor dispute with its mobile unit assistants last week.

"Our normal blood reserves were quickly depleted last week when attempts to collect blood at our permanent and mobile sites during the dispute failed," said A. William Shafer, M.D.,

director of the Red Cross Blood Center.

Dr. Shafer said that donations often sag dramatically from now until Labor Day, which compounds this problem. He urged every eligible donor in this area to call the Red Cross Blood Center, 833-4440 or the Bloomfield Donor Center, 334-3575, and make an appointment to donate.

Football, Basketball back on the scene

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1977**

Date	School	Home or Away	Time
Tues. Sept. 13	Lake Orion	Home	6:30
Thurs. Sept. 15	Avondale	Away	6:30
Tues. Sept. 20	Walled Lake Western	Home	6:30
Thurs. Sept. 22	Rochester Adams	Away	6:15
Tues. Sept. 27	Waterford Mott	Away	6:15
Thurs. Sept. 29	Fenton	Home	6:30
Tues. Oct. 4	Troy Athens	Home	6:30
Thurs. Oct. 6	Rochester	Home	6:30
Tues. Oct. 11	West Bloomfield	Away	6:15
Thurs. Oct. 13	Milford	Home	6:30
Tues. Oct. 18	Waterford Kettering	Away	6:15
Thurs. Oct. 20	Andover	Home	6:30
Tues. Oct. 25	Rochester	Away	6:15
Thurs. Oct. 27	West Bloomfield	Home	6:30
Tues. Nov. 1	Milford	Away	6:30
Thurs. Nov. 3	Waterford Kettering	Home	6:30
Tues. Nov. 8	Andover	Away	6:15
Fri. Nov. 11	Bishop Foley - Madison Hgts.	Home	6:30
Tues. Nov. 15	Walled Lake Central	Away	6:15
Tues. Nov. 22	Waterford Township	Away	6:15

**CLARKSTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Varsity and Junior Varsity Football
1977**

Date	School	Home or Away	Time
Fri. Sept. 9	Oxford (Var.)	Away	7:30
Sat. Sept. 10	Oxford (J.V.)	Home	2:00
Thurs. Sept. 15	Lake Orion (J.V.)	Home	7:00
Fri. Sept. 16	Lake Orion (Var.)	Away	8:00
Thurs. Sept. 22	Rochester Adams (J.V.) (Roch. Comm. Fld.)	Away	7:00
Fri. Sept. 23	Rochester (Var.)	Home	8:00
Thurs. Sept. 29	Rochester (J.V.)	Away	7:00
Fri. Sept. 30	West Bloomfield (Var.)	Away	7:30
Thurs. Oct. 6	West Bloomfield (J.V.)	Home	7:00
Fri. Oct. 7	Milford (Var.)	Home	8:00
Thurs. Oct. 13	Milford (J.V.)	Away	4:00
Fri. Oct. 14	Kettering (Var.)	Away	7:30
Thurs. Oct. 20	Kettering (J.V.)	Home	7:00
Fri. Oct. 21	Andover (Var.)	Home	8:00
Thurs. Oct. 27	Andover (J.V.)	Away	7:00
Fri. Oct. 28	Rochester Adams (Var.)	Home	8:00
Thurs. Nov. 3	Port Huron Northern (J.V.)	Home	4:00
Sat. Nov. 5	Port Huron Northern (Var.)	Away	1:30
Sat. Nov. 12	Quarterfinals	Away	---
Sat. Nov. 19	Semi-finals	Away	---
Sat. Nov. 26	Finals	Away	---

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Hockey school for youngsters

It's time to pack away the swimsuits and pull out the hockey gear. The Lakeland Hockey Association has announced its schedule for team registration and pre-season clinics.

The Can/Am Pre Season Hockey School Sept. 12-18 for ages 8 through 15 includes 10 hours of on-ice instruction and 5 hours off-ice lectures. The \$60 fee may be made payable to the Lakeland Hockey Association, 185 Elizabeth Lake Road, Pontiac 48053. The clinic is limited to the first 75 applicants.

The Novice Hockey School for children 5, 6 and 7 years old runs Sept. 13 through 18. It includes six hours of on-ice instruction and two hours off-ice lectures. The fee is \$45 payable to Lakeland Hockey Association. Classes are limited to the first 45 students.

Dates for player registration are:

Atoms: Tuesday, September 6	6- 8 pm
Mites: Wednesday, September 7	6- 8 p.m.
Squirts: Thursday, September 8	6- 8 p.m.
Pee Wees: Friday, September 9	6- 8 p.m.
Bantams: Saturday, September 10	10-12 a.m.
Midgets: Saturday, September 10	1- 3 p.m.
Juniors: Saturday, September 10	1- 3 p.m.

For more information contact Barbara Ware at 625-5405.



Eric Booker, son of former Clarkstonites, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Booker now of Naples, Florida, placed first in the 14-15 year old boys division of the Michigan Junior Invitational Golf Tournament at Holly Greens last week. Booker finished with a 36 hole total of 151. The youth tourney was organized and directed by Kirk Hart of Clarkston.



REGULAR MEETING INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD August 16, 1977

Synopsis

Called to order 7:30 p.m. Roll: Hallman, Powell, Ritter, Rose, Tower, present.

Accepted minutes of August 2 meeting.

Approved street lighting proposal for the Drayton Highlands Sub.

Sent the Aircraft Ordinance to the Planning Commission for review.

Adopted amendments to Township Sewer Ordinance.

Opened sealed bids for township equipment and accepted the high bidder.

Paid bills totaling \$18,714.30.

Approved final plat for Deer Lake Farms No. 1

Approved one request for rezoning and denied another.

Transferred an employee from the Recreation Dept. to Police Dept.

Agreed to continue lease for Deer Lake Beach property.

Agreed to match a Federal D.N.R. Park Grant.

Accepted the resignation of the Township Assessor.

Accepted a bid for the purchase of a cement mixer.

Appointed a replacement for Township Assessor.

Appointed a committee to look into a possible land purchase for a Senior Citizen Center.

Next regular meeting of the Independence Township Board will be September 6, 1977. As always all citizens are welcome. If you have any questions on these items or any past Township Board actions, the minutes of the meetings are available for public inspection at the Township Hall.

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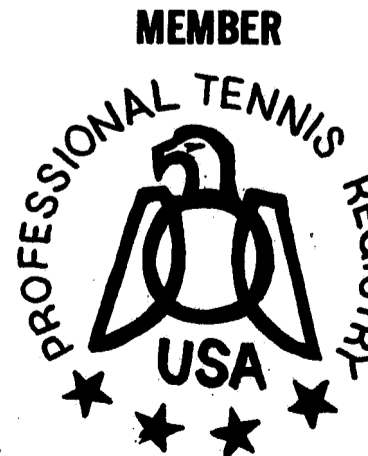
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CHS grad organizes junior golf tourney

Kirk Hart graduated from Clarkston High in 1972 and was soon too old to play in the Michigan Junior Invitational Golf Tournaments. That and the discontinuance of the event at Spring Lake Country Club spurred him to organize an event for other youngsters up to the age of 19.

Having started playing when he was 12 years old, Kirk would like to make golf his career.

"Perhaps on a professional level," he said hopefully.

During his teen years Kirk played on the high school golf team. In 1971 the team, coached by Doug Pierson, won the regionals and a chance at the state title. That they didn't manage.

"The most exciting win we had was against West Bloomfield in 1972, at that time considered the king of golf. They hadn't been beaten in over 40 matches," Kirk remembered.

Kirk left school and went on to study at Oakland Community College and work at Spring Lake

and Arrowhead golf courses.

In 1974 he convinced the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission of the need for a tournament for youngsters and got himself appointed the tournament director.

Most recently Kirk organized and directed the Michigan Junior Invitational Tournament held at Holly Greens in Springfield Township last week.

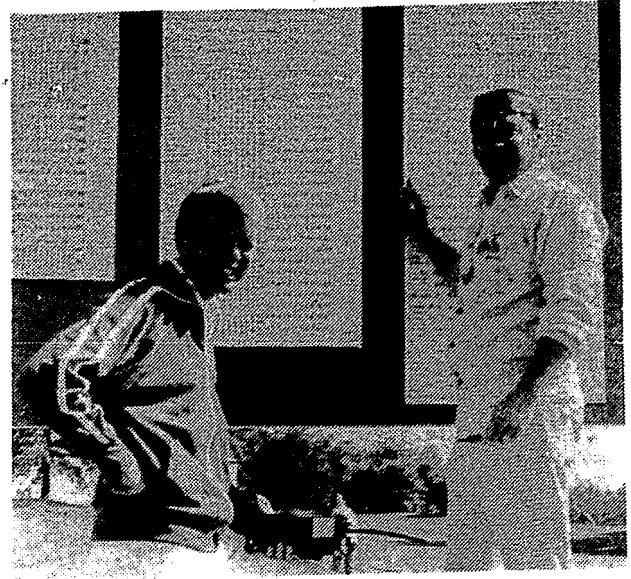
The tourney was the first for the course. It attracted 205 youngsters from several states.

Kirk contends that he couldn't do it without the help of

a lot of friends and relatives including his parents, Jim and Mona Hart of Hummingbird Lane, Shirley Raedeke and her family of Hummingbird, Isla Small of Bloomfield Hills and about 40 others. Most important to the tournament is the course involved, he noted.

In spite of his organizing and directing duties Kirk still finds time to play a round of golf once or twice a week and an occasional local tournament.

When the snow flies Kirk switches sports and referees in the International Hockey League.



Kirk Hart [left], organizer-director of the Michigan Junior Invitational Golf Tournament helps Tim Caul post scores on the final day of the event, Aug. 19. Caul was only one of many who made the Holly Greens tournament a success.



by David McNeven, Coach

America's Cup Sailing competition is no place for amateurs. To begin with, it takes about \$1.5 million to do an adequate job with a boat. Since few individuals are willing to put that much money into a boat, it is usually a syndicate that sponsors the Cup competitors. After half the money is raised, the syndicate assumes they will be able to raise the other half, and the important selection of a designer is made. Without the money, nothing can be done, but without a good designer, the money will not get the job accomplished. The next step is picking the skipper and the crew. The whole group has to function as a team. There is no place for individual stars, or for the type that doesn't work well under pressure or can't take disappointment.

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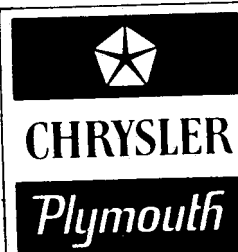
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Others on the team are Cathy Cameron of Pontiac, Binky Hilthon, Marsee Burns and Cindy Parrott all of Waterford. The girls are directed by Doris Burns. Their teachers are Judy Reiland and Mickey Kampsen.



Debbie Ragatz

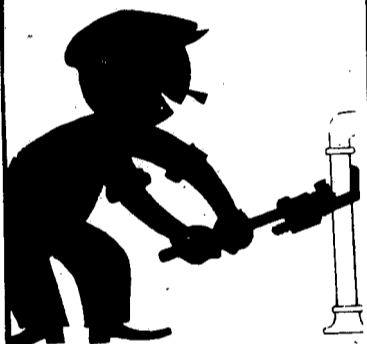
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Park improvements assured

The Independence Township board approved the transfer of \$21,500 in future federal revenue-sharing funds into the parks program to match a grant from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

The money, set aside for the proposed senior citizens center, will be replaced by a like figure from the Community Development Act funds originally designated for park development but subsequently ruled ineligible by the county CDA office.

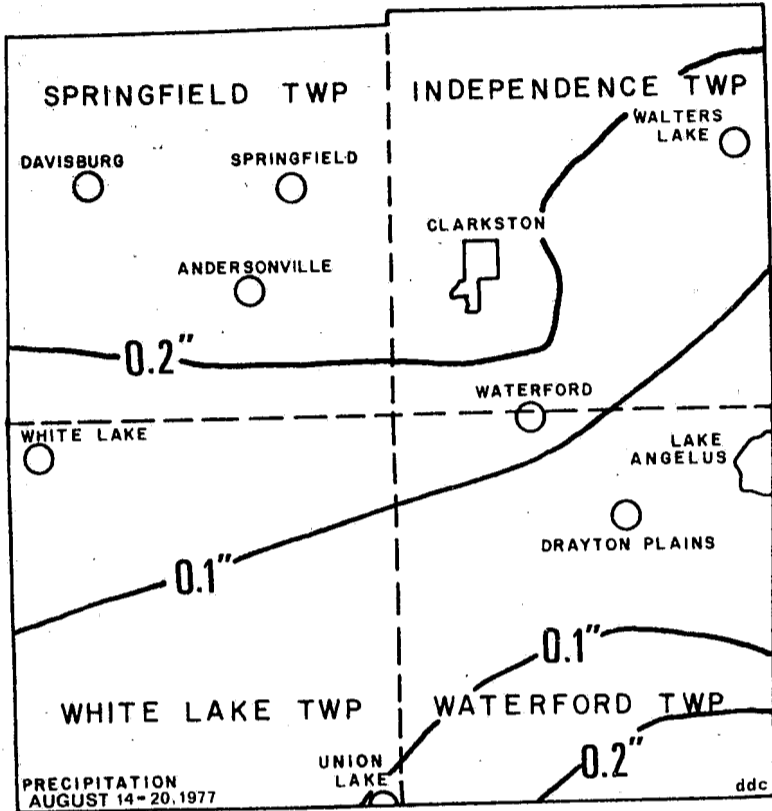
The township has received preliminary approval for a \$21,500 grant from the federal agency which, Parks and Recreation Director Tim Doyle said, is tantamount to final approval.

The grant, to be matched by the township, will be used for lighting of Clintonwood Park estimated to cost about \$30,000 with the remainder of the monies going toward the purchase of a Mark IV, which is a combination of playground equipment such as swings,

slides, climbing bars and other items combined into a single unit.

The township had submitted a grant application for \$66,000 earlier this year, Doyle said, but because of the large number of requests from the county, all applications were not approved at full funding.

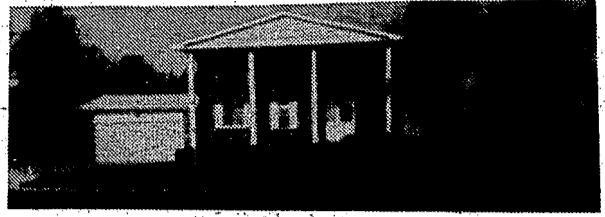
The transfer of federal revenue sharing funds will come from non allocated funds from the past year, according to township officials, plus a portion of the \$84,000 to be received next month.



TEMPERATURES DIP DURING DRY WEEK

Rainfall for our 4-township and surrounding area for the week of August 14-20, 1977 ranged from no rain in the Northville area to 0.34 of an inch in Fenton. Both Clarkston stations reported 0.22 of an inch for the week. Based on data from the station at Clarkston/Gulick Lake, the highest temperature recorded during the week was 81 degrees on the 16th; the lowest temperature was 38 degrees on the morning of the 20th with temperatures in the low 40's the 18th and 19th. (This report was prepared by Dennis D. Cox of Johnson & Anderson, Inc.)

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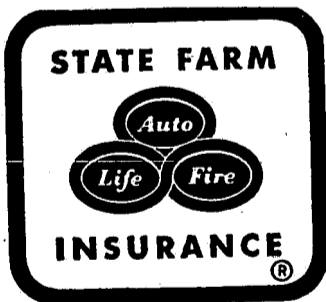
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Lake residents want no hunting

A hunting area control committee heard arguments from Deer Lake residents Tuesday afternoon to close the area to hunting. The five present gave statements from most of the remaining Deer Lake residents to the committee in support of their petition.

DNR representative Bruce Andrews said most problem

hunting is already illegal. What is needed is enforcement of laws already in effect.

The committee will now physically review the land in question, plus DeerWood and Greens Lake. Recommendations from the findings will be made by the committee to the Independence Township Board as soon as possible.

Heat help extended

The deadline to apply for aid in paying heating bills has been extended until September 14. The federal home heating aid program has also been extended to apply to blind and disabled persons as well as the elderly.

Applications for assistance are being handled through the Oakland County Department of Social Services. The applications are available at the information desk of the agency at 196 Oakland Avenue, Pontiac.

To date only 55,000 eligible persons in Michigan have applied for the aid, which ranges from \$50 to those who have already paid up their heating bills to as high as \$259 for those with unpaid bills.

Governor William G. Milliken Persons who believe they qualify for assistance are asked to call, toll free, 1-800-292-5930.

Man arrested in Redford robbery

A Shelbyville, Ind. man was arrested Saturday morning at the rear of Redford Trailer Sales on the Dixie Highway. Charged with possession of stolen property worth more than \$100, he faces examination Friday in Clarkston District Court. A \$500 bond has been set.

Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy Jerry Asher reported he found Michael Horsley, 34, at the rear of the firm with an air compressor beside him which had been contained inside the building. A window was broken.

Woodhull drug case in court

Lenna Ann LaFontaine of Ennismore Street was arraigned before 52nd District Court Judge Gerald McNally on a felony charge—distribution of a controlled substance to a minor—on August 23.

LaFontaine approached an

11-year-old Independence Township youngster, according to five witnesses.

LaFontaine was released on personal bond and was ordered to appear for a preliminary examination on September 9 at 1:30 p.m.

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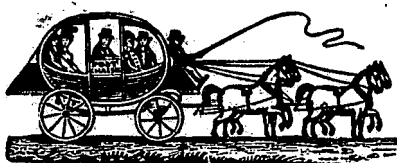
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Places to go

If you're a parent without a partner get out your dancing shoes. The 10th anniversary dinner dance of the Pontiac Chapter of Parents Without Partners is Aug. 27 at Spring Lake Country Club, 6060 Maybee Road. The evening will begin with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. Dancing begins at 9 p.m.

Tickets are available from board of director members or at the door. Call 623-7766 for more information.

Registration for day baccalaureate students at Lawrence Institute of Technology is set for August 31, September 1 and 2. Evening baccalaureate students should register August 26 or 29; and evening associate degree-seeking students should register August 25 or 30.

The L.I.T. admissions office advises new students to apply for admission well in advance of registration. For additional information, phone 356-0200, or visit the campus on West Ten Mile Road at Northwestern Highway.

The Warren Symphony is currently taking applications for auditions for its 1977-78 season. Openings exist in the string section as well as the woodwind and brass sections.

Qualified students and experienced non-professionals are encouraged to call the Warren Symphony Office at 754-2950, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for further information.

A free public exhibit of Oriental art will be displayed from September 1 to November 30 at Cranbrook Science Center, 500 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. The exhibit will feature rare pieces of Chinese jade, jadeite and nephrite, according to Dr. Sheldon Siegel, president of the Michigan Oriental Art Society.

The pieces are on loan from collections of the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, the Art Institute of Chicago, Buffalo Science Mu-

seum and the Cleveland Museum of Art.

Auditions for the Oakland University Concert Band and the University Community Chorus have been scheduled by the Division of Continuing Education.

Concert band auditions will be held the first evening of class, August 31, in 110 Varner Hall. Participants will perform regularly for 13 weeks under the baton of James E. Dawson, assistant professor of music.

Auditions for the University Community Chorus will be conducted during the first two class sessions, by appointment. The chorus is combined with the 150-voice campus chorus in performing larger choral works and appearances with area symphonies.

The band and the chorus meet weekly from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Registration can be made through the Oakland University Division of Continuing Education.

For additional information, call John Dovaras, director of university choral activity at 377-2038.

Except for one-night stands each by Helen Reddy and Bobby Short, Mozart dominates the programming at Meadow Brook Music Festival this weekend.

Musica Aeterna Orchestra and its conductor, Frederic Waldman, present four Mozart concerts—Thursday and Saturday evenings at 8:30, a Friday noon luncheon at Meadow Brook Hall and a Sunday afternoon special at 2:30 p.m.

Helen Reddy is the Friday evening attraction. Her recording of her own song, "I Am Woman," in 1972 won her a coveted Grammy award. But she is also well known for her recordings of such favorites as "Delta Dawn," "Angie Baby,"

and "Ain't No Way to Treat a Lady." Starting time Friday evening is 8:30 p.m.

Bobby Short brings his trio to Meadow Brook at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Short will take his audience for a nostalgic trip through selected works of Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Noel Coward and others of America's great generation of musical comedy composers.

Bonwit Teller presents "Destination... Detroit," Saturday, August 27, featuring the best of fall fashions to be seen this fall in and around Detroit. Junior fashions will be modeled at noon in Troy's Somerset Mall just outside the store.

The important fashion feeling this fall is the soft and feminine layering of beautiful fabrics such as wool challis, cashmere, and velvet, interpreted in soft sweaters, blouson styles, dirndle skirts, giant shawls and many more new and exciting looks.

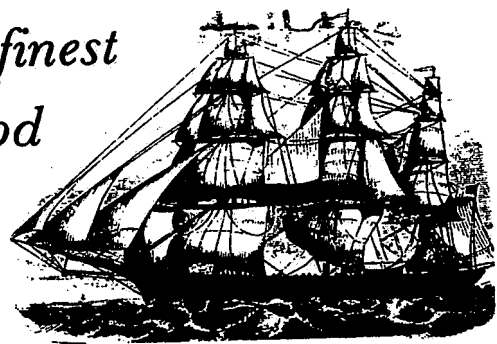
You'll see these fashions in many moods as Bonwit takes you on a special, imaginary tour through some of Metropolitan Detroit's most interesting places to be this fall.

Some 20 volunteer parent aides are sought by the Family Living Education division of Oakland County Cooperative Extension Service for its new Parent-to-Parent program. Volunteers will be matched on a one-to-one basis with another family who lives within the neighborhood. Aim of the program is to help the parent who is having trouble with raising a family and maintaining a household. Two to four hours a week are needed, either during the day or evening. Mileage and babysitting costs are paid for the volunteer. Eighteen hours of training will begin September 12. If you're interested call 858-0895.

Lakeland Players, Waterford's theater group, will present Bullshot Crummond September 23, 24, 30 and October 1 at Mason Junior High School. Other offerings scheduled later in the year include Don't Drink the Water, I Remember Mama, God's Favorite, Butterflies are

Free and The Boyfriend. Season tickets may be ordered now by writing to PO Box 379, Waterford, 48095 or calling 666-3094. Price for all six plays is \$12.50, price for four is \$9. Students and senior citizens may purchase the six-play ticket for \$8.35 and the four-play ticket for \$6.

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things to do

The Oakland County Sub-Area Council of Comprehensive Health Planning will meet Monday, Aug. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Commissioners auditorium at the Oakland County Courthouse.

The meeting will feature a panel discussion on health care cost containment. Participants include Rep. Mel Larsen, Jack Shelton of Ford Motor Company, Paul Masseron of the UAW, Jim Castle of Michigan Hospital Association, and Tom Bullen of Michigan Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Dr. Edwin Blumberg will serve as moderator.

County Human Services Director, L.A. Volberding, chairman of the advisory council, urged both consumers and providers of health care services to attend Monday night's meeting.

Single parents are invited to attend the general membership meeting of Parents Without Partners, Orion-Oxford Chapter, Tuesday, August 30 at 8 p.m. Summer location is the LakeVilla Mobile Home Park clubhouse, Lakeville Road, Oxford.

For more information call 628-1047 or 628-9465.

Over 3,000 volunteers from Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw Counties and Windsor, Ontario are needed to answer telephones and record pledges during the 1977 Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon for Muscular Dystrophy. The Telethon, telecast for the third straight year by WJBK-TV will run 21½ hours, starts 9 p.m. (EDT) Sunday, September 4 and ends at 6:30 p.m. (EDT) Monday, September 5.

Volunteers who are age 18 and over will be asked to report to the Jerry Lewis Telephone Center nearest their homes, for a five-hour shift of their choice. Telephone centers are located this year in the Northland, Eastland, Westland-Dearborn, Mt. Clemens, Pontiac, Ann Arbor, Windsor and Downtown Detroit areas, and will have a total of 700 phones in operation during the show.

Those wishing to help at any area telephone center, either on the phones or as clerical helpers may register by calling Telethon headquarters at 399-8800.

The Pontiac-Oakland Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of David Daniels, has scheduled auditions for the first

week in September at Varner Hall, Oakland University.

Anyone interested in auditioning for the orchestra should call the Symphony Office (334-6024) or the Oakland University Music Department (377-2030).

To audition, plan on bringing your own orchestral music passages, and be prepared to sight read.

Blind Recreation Society needs volunteer drivers and bowlers for the upcoming bowling season. The group bowls noons beginning Sept. 12 at Airway Lanes on M-59. If you can help call Linda at 674-2890 or Rita at 698-3699.

Keatington's Antique Village Art and Craft Show will be August 27 and 28 on Joslyn Road, north of I-75. Artists will display their work on the village grounds. Admission is free. Hours are 10 a.m. to dusk daily.

Pontiac's new Neighborhood Child Care Center, located at 120 Lewis Street, between Edison and Perry, will host an open house from 6 to 8:30 p.m. August 31.

Stop in and say hello to the new Clarkston office of EARL KEIM REALTY, located at 5914 South Main Street, just north of Dixie Highway, during their open house Friday, August 26 at 1 p.m.

Grab up your Gibson girl outfits and fasten up your sleeves with garters! The Michigan State Fair has added a Gay Nineties Day to its list of special days.

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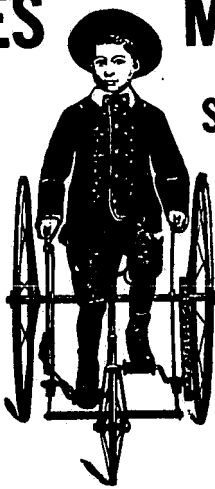
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Independent view

There were some real rodeo fans at Springfield-Oaks over the weekend. A crowd of 1,500 waited out a 30-minute down-pour Friday night to see the World Championship Rodeo, and another crowd of 2,000 sat through Sunday's drizzle for the same purpose.

Park manager Gerry Lacey said nine bus loads of kids from various parts of the county were taken free to the program through the donations of local businessmen.

Two new commemorative stamps will be available at Clarkston Post Office next month. One recognizing the first civil settlement in Alta, Calif., will be issued September 9, and a second in honor of the drafting of the articles of confederation will be available September 30.

Facial injuries were sustained by Penny Noble, 19, 8460 Holcomb last Friday when her car, northbound on M-15, collided with one driven by

Margaret Vascassenno, 21, 6235 Middle Lake Road. The Vascassenno car was pulling off Waldon and making a left turn onto M-15 at the time of the impact. Miss Noble was taken to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital. Both cars were damaged to the point they were not driveable, according to Independence Township Police Services.

Township officials confirm they are receiving several complaints about failure to mow weeds in various and mostly vacant areas of the township. Owners are warned, then the township does the job, the expense included on the owner's tax bill in December.

Bidders on the old village hall include Laurie Stern and Charles Mahnken of Country Greens; David McNiven, Coaches Corner; Tierra Arts and Design, and Ed Adler of Foodtown. The council is not expected to announce a decision until the next meeting.

Township officials have stated the purchase of a 4.5 acre site abutting Clintonwood Park would resolve a number of problems—among them horses, goats, and softballs.

The horses and goats housed on the property have been known, on more than one occasion, to get out of their pens and wander over to the adjacent baseball diamonds to chew on the grass and tear up the infield.

The softball problem became evident when a group of township officials went out for an on-site tour of the property. They found 11 softballs lying around, one official said, and they weren't even looking for them.

The Newspaper Guild of Detroit Local 22 representing editorial employees and Graphic Arts and Communication Local 13 representing pressmen at The Oakland Press have launched a consumer boycott against the paper, designed to end negotiations which have gone on since February, 1976 for the pressmen and June, 1976 for the guild. Both groups have been working without a contract since those respective dates. The move is aimed at subscriptions and advertising.

Is Romney in the running? The latest unsubstantiated report is that former Governor Romney is weighing his chances of grabbing off the Senate seat to be vacated by fellow Republican Bob Griffin.

He will have to convince his party that he's a winner if he wants the nomination in '78.

Kimberly Viergever, daughter of the Wayne Viergevers of Deer Lake Road, won a first place trophy in a Royal Oak USTA tournament last week. Kimberly, 13, teamed with Helena Stanisavljevic of Lake Angelus in competition Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to take first place for 14-year-olds and younger.

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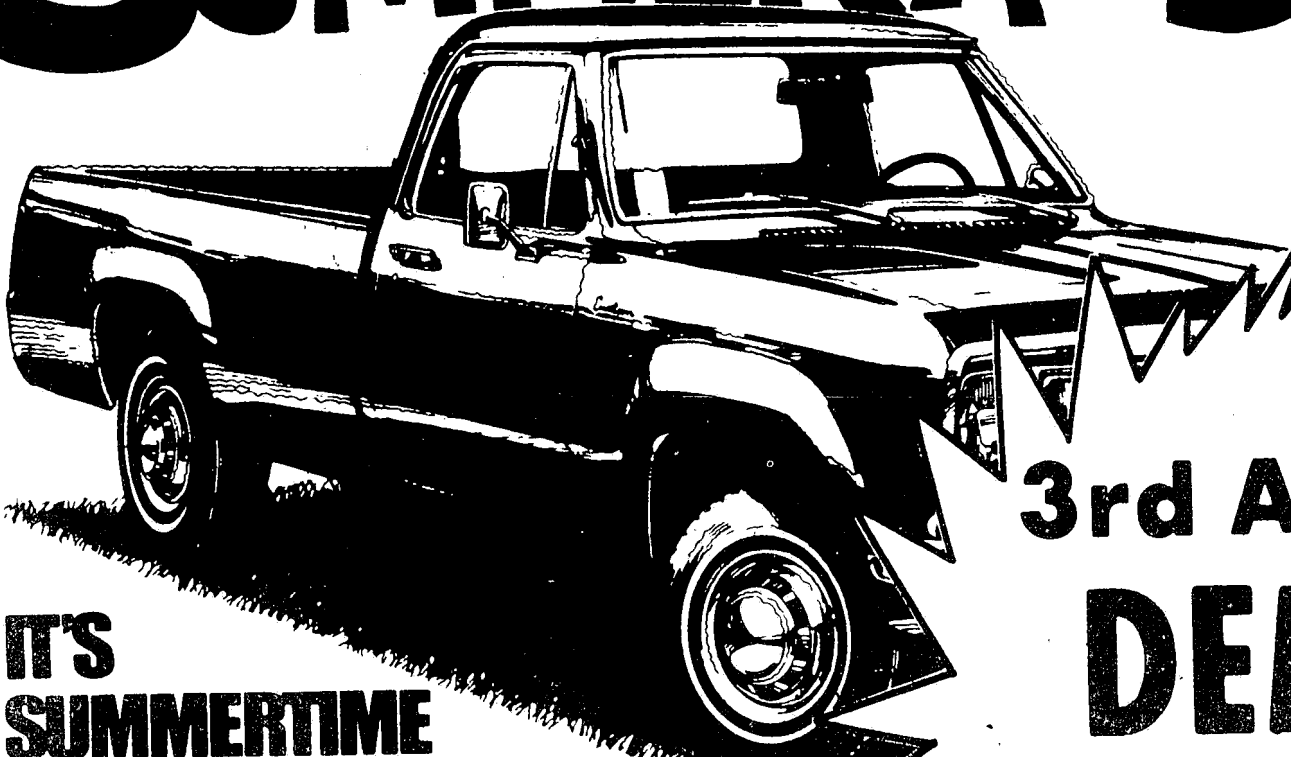
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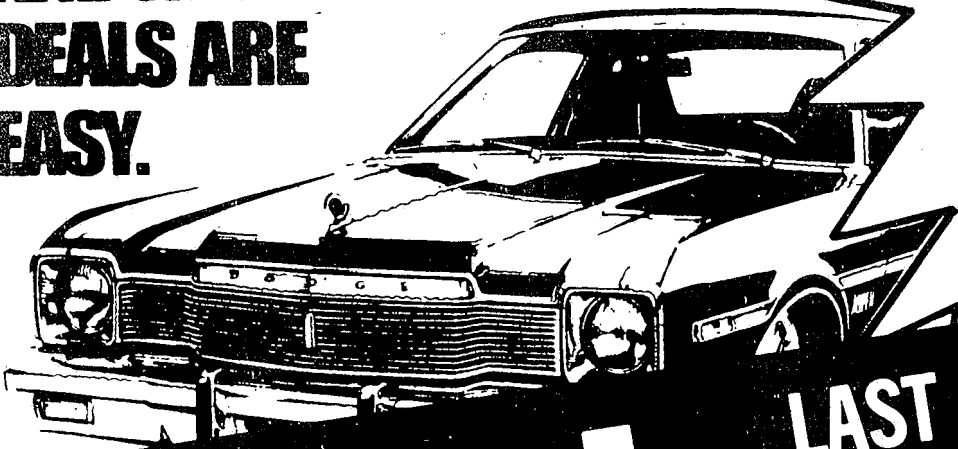
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Clarkston man spends 6 months in Russia

By Hilda Bruce
of The Clarkston News

When Bill Vandermark of Clarkston boarded the plane for Russia the middle of last January he was in his work clothes—Levis and Levi jacket (with a little American flag sewn on because he thought it was appropriate).

When he arrived in Moscow about a day and a half later, he found he was among the best dressed there.

According to Vandermark, Levis are the most important commodity in Russia. The cost there is prohibitive. A Russian working man would have to save an entire month's wages to buy a pair—150 rubles. The Russian government exchange rate is \$1.38 to one ruble, Vandermark said. Even the black market rate of \$30 to \$40 a pair is steep by American standards.

Vandermark was not in Russia as a tourist. The tool-maker from Sys-T-Mation, a wholly owned subsidiary of LaSalle Machine Tool, Inc., spent six months helping install automation and machine tools for the purpose of manufacturing truck pistons at a plant in Chelney in the Tartar Republic.

The city, with a population of about 300,000 people was developed to accommodate the factory, called Kamaz. The engine plant there is the largest in the world, one mile wide and three miles long, Vandermark said.

"And there is not a piece of Russian made equipment in the plant," he added.

Vandermark sees the American involvement as a positive one for international relations, both social and governmental.

He noted that Russian industry is being developed by outsiders and to alienate any of them would mean to lose whole industries.

"It does more for international relations than all the Kissingers in the world," Vandermark said.

Living in Russia gave him a viewpoint on the country and its people that the ordinary citizen does not have the opportunity to glean.

The Levi example is probably most descriptive of the common man's dilemma in the country.

"They have no material goods. But they are a warm, happy people." Even though both parents work, in most instances, they have close family relations.

"Parents spoil their children rotten. They really do," Vandermark said. "Families are similar to the traditional American family."

He also noticed that families of more than two children are unusual.

"Abortion is very common.

And it is free. There are other means of birth control but abortion is the standard means."

While that may not be acceptable to many Americans,

Vandermark explained that Russians have lived through so much hardship in their lives that death is acceptable.

"They don't seem to place the value on human life that we do."

But despite their hardships the Russians are healthy people, he said.

"There were two months in Chelney when there was no meat. There is always milk, bread and cabbage. You never see an overweight Russian," Vandermark reported. "Vegetables are only available when in season."

Food shortages are caused not so much by a lack of production but because of the lack of efficient transportation, he reported.

"Russia is such a vast expanse that it is unimaginable and in some areas there is an abundance of foodstuffs. It's a matter of distribution," he said.

The people are very sports oriented, probably because there is very little entertainment (only one theater in Chelney). A family of four lives in a small apartment of one bedroom, living room, small kitchen and small bath, he said.

"On weekends everyone heads for the forest. There are many parks—though not in the cities. In the winter, even when it is 20



Bill Vandermark wears his Russian mink hat which he says was tested for 40 degree below zero weather. Selling for about \$25 equivalent in American money, it, like the example of straw inlay art he holds, is a reminder of his visit to the USSR.

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Wouldn't want to live there

It was a nice place to visit but Bill Vandermark wouldn't want to live in Russia.

After eight hours in customs he finally got into the country. That was the first line he saw.

But as a foreigner he was often given preferential treatment and went to the head of the line.

Such was the case when he was admitted to the hospital. Although everyone was cordial, he refused to stay more than one day.

"It was dirty," he said.

"Their doctors are the equivalent of our registered nurses and their specialists the equivalent of our technicians," he added.

In expressing his appreciation of the United States and how great it is in comparison, Vandermark often couldn't find the words.

"My biggest reaction to the stay is how much I love America," he said.

But after being there he has no fear of America being overrun by communism.

"They (the Russians) just don't have the efficiency. With the mobility foreign technology is giving them and the changes that will bring, they will have to deal with us on our level. Now they just can't compete with capitalism."

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Russians are out indulging in sports like cross country skiing."

Vandermark and other foreign workmen at the new plant were invited out on a forest outing near the end of their stay. "The Russian workers brought everything but the meat. We took that," he said.

The invitation was typical. It took Vandermark a couple of months to begin to understand and speak Russian but once he did he was accepted by his Russian co-workers.

"The reason tourists feel the Russian people are cold is because they don't have contact except on Moscow streets. There the people don't speak to foreigners because they are under surveillance by the KGB (the Russian police). If they were to speak to strangers they would be questioned about their activities," Vandermark explained.

The KGB is ever present.

"Our rooms were bugged. We had to turn our room keys into the key lady at the desk each time we left and pick them up from her on our return. No Russians were allowed in our rooms.

"The one thing that was hardest to accept was the lack of freedom. My biggest reaction to the trip is my love of America. But the Russians have never had our kind of freedom.

"They are proud of communism. They live better now than they ever have. Even though they can't get good shoes, short sleeved shirts are non-existent and American cigarets (much sought after by Russians) cost about five rubles a pack."

Because of the scarcity of commodities the black market flourishes.

"The most extensive industry in Russia is blat, the Russian term for the black market. It's capitalism. Blat also invades the police and crime flourishes as well," he said.

"It's easy to buy the police there. The police never get in trouble for it. They don't see the crimes that their friends commit," Vandermark remarked.

"The Russians don't admit they have a crime problem though."

Noting that Russian technology is 20 to 30 years behind the United States and that Russia is now interdependent with so many other countries, Vandermark believes that change is coming to Russia.

Chain accident hospitalizes 3

A five car accident hospitalized three people and injured two others following the Sha Na Na concert at Pine Knob Aug. 25.

According to Jack McCall, director of police services, a car driven by Michael Morris of Rochester ran into a line of traffic waiting to turn onto the I-75 Freeway from Sashabaw.

The original accident became a chain reaction with one car being pushed into a car ahead of them, McCall added.

Hospitalized were Morris and his passenger, Tilley Peck, also of Rochester along with Daniel Morin of Clawson, a passenger in the car struck by Morris.

Injured were Ted Zoblici of Clawson and Satoshi Kondo of Clawson.

Morris was ticketed for not stopping within a safe distance.

Rash of burglaries while homeowners sleep

Oakland County Sheriff's Department detectives are investigating a rash of house burglaries early Friday morning and some tire slashings in three separate areas of the township, all committed while the occupants were at home and asleep.

Det. Roland Pless reported six incidents in Birdland Subdivision. A house generator had

been taken from a home on Kingfisher, a tool box and \$100 from a purse kept in the kitchen from a home on Warbler, a bottle of Scotch and \$25 from another home on Warbler, a set of socket wrenches from a home on Kingfisher, and an automatic door opener from another home in the area. Two tires were also slashed.

At the same time four cars on Middle Lake Road had their tires slashed and another larceny from an auto was reported in the same vicinity. A chain saw was reported taken from a garage on Amy Drive during the same period.

Pless said he did not know whether all the incidents were connected, but he is investigat-

ing the report of an older car seen in Birdland early Friday morning.

"Many of these people had left their garage doors open, and that simply makes it easy for anyone to get in and steal," Pless said. He warned homeowners to keep their garage doors closed and to investigate any disturbing noises during the night.

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