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Fourth and seventh graders

Clarkston kids score highest

By Bob Shereffin
Associate Editor

School officials proudly hauled out the results of state-wide testing Monday—results that showed Clarkston school children ranked among the highest for basic reading and math skills for 1977.

Results of the September testing for the Michigan Educational Assessment program show Clarkston fourth and seventh grade students consistently scored higher than state averages. Results range as much as 20 percentage points over state levels.

The weakest link in the testing results—seventh grade math skills—still score 10 points over the state average. 490 fourth grade students and 513 seventh grade students took the 1977 assessment exams as ordered by the Michigan Department of Education.

The tests are designed to measure the proportion of reading and math skills attained by all fourth and seventh grade

students in Michigan.

Clarkston Schools Supt. Milford Mason said the results of the educational assessment testing are significant for two reasons. For four years the test results have showed a steady increase for Clarkston students, he explained.

And he added, the high averages are nearly consistent from school to school in the district, even though each school in the district reflects different socio-economic levels.

Administrative Supt. Mel Vaara was less reserved in his assessment: "We do an excellent job of teaching the basic skills," he said, "and the test results verify that."

With few exceptions, the results of the testing show a steady academic increase for fourth and seventh grade students tested over the years. Of the four percentile rankings, a large majority of Clarkston students consistently ranked in the top of 75th percentile over

the years, this year being the most successful.

In breakdowns by school, the lowest ranking elementary school in the Clarkston district exceeded the state average by a minimum of 10 points for both math and reading.

In reading, Clarkston Elementary took top honors with the largest number of students in the 75th percentile for reading skills.

North Sashabaw took top honors in math with 93.8 percent of its students placing in the 75th percentile.

Among the 513 seventh grade students taking the assessment testing, Clarkston Junior High

Math, reading well above state average

School students placed highest in both reading and math skills. In reading, 90.2 Clarkston Junior High students ranked in the 75th percentile. In math, 69.2 percent of Clarkston Junior High students placed in the top group.

In other action, Clarkston School Board trustees were told that an earlier move to reinstate a competitive ski team, had run into difficulty.

Administrative Aide Conrad Bruce said his search to find a qualified ski coach within the

school system was unsuccessful, "but there may be several persons outside the school system that may be interested."

By the end of the week, Bruce said, the schools should have a ski team.

The move to put together a ski team came last month with board members voting unanimously to reinstate the sport. The move was opposed by Bruce, citing the expense of the program, the lack of a qualified ski instructor and the past behavior of students at ski lodges.

The reinstatement of the ski team was subject to finding a qualified coach.

Cold and snow a danger to the unprepared



Winter delivered a one-two punch last week, hitting hard on Thursday after Monday's snow had been cleared from main roads.

By Rhea Lodge

of The Clarkston News

Snow may be beautiful and skiing weather a delight, but icy winds and falling temperatures can also spell danger.

Although winter officially begins December 21, Michigan doesn't go by the calendar and already area residents have suffered through two severe storms and temperatures hovering at zero and below.

To make matters worse, winds are generally stronger, too, and this is where the wind-chill factor must be taken into consideration.

Arctic explorers developed the wind-chill factor as a way to determine the cooling power of air on exposed skin. The air feels much colder when the wind is blowing than when it is calm and, according to the National Weather Service, a strong wind combined with a temperature slightly below freezing can have the same chilling effect as a

temperature nearly 50 degrees lower in a calm atmosphere.

Here are some common sense tips that can help avert a heart attack or a case of frostbite:

When the mercury drops, the first response of the body is to try to keep itself warm. This is accomplished by constricting the blood vessels, especially the arteries. Blood is then prevented from circulating to the outer layers of the skin and the head, hands and feet.

According to one cardiovascular surgeon, there is strong evidence that overweight people suffer more from arteriosclerosis (abnormal thickening and hardening of the arterial walls).

Because of these arterial insufficiencies, they are particularly susceptible to temperature extremes and are urged not to expose themselves to any more than absolutely necessary because they don't have the added

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Independent View

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Cheery smiles were the bows that held together the packages of Christmas spirit, community pride, togetherness and neighborliness that prevailed during the Band Boosters annual fruit pick-up at Clarkston High School Saturday and Sunday. Band members were busily directing traffic, helping people find parking space, greeting and escorting them to the right pick up points and loading the fruit for them.

But for the students' and their parents' patience and politeness the experience could have been fraught with crowding and confusion as is the case with so many of the holiday activities.

Least you think carolers are an extinct breed, a Clarkston area group will be on the streets Dec. 17. Members of Job's Daughters and DeMolay are busy collecting canned goods and staple items to help independence center. Mrs. Lula Willson, a guardian for the Job's Daughters, said persons donating the foodstuffs can take them to Clarkston's Masonic Temple from 3:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

The scheduled hearing of a grievance against the Clarkston school board by school custodians has been postponed until January 11, according to Conrad Bruce, negotiator for the board of education.

An official hearing had been set up for December 9 before a representative of the Michigan Employment Relations Commission in Detroit.

John W. Schram, owner of property next to Mrs. Genevieve Gosh's at the end of Dora Lane has denied that the 15 pickup trucks on his property have hindered the sale of Mrs. Gosh's lake property. A December 1 article in the Clarkston News mentioned Schram's old trucks as an example of junk cars that are littering the landscape in Independence Township.

Schram said he believed the price of the lot was the main factor holding up the sale.

Schram also said he intended to get rid of the trucks, some of them dating back to the 1920's.

Springfield gets deputy treasurer

Springfield Township has hired Sharon Bunting as deputy treasurer to assist Patricia Kramer with her duties.

The hiring is in compliance with the June 1977 state mandate that local governmental bodies must hire deputy treasurers on a year round basis.

According to Supervisor Collin Walls the township, in the past, has hired extra help during tax time only.

The new deputy will work at the discretion of the treasurer but Walls said that during tax time her hours would probably amount to 20 a week. After that she will be on call and will work only when needed.

Mrs. Bunting, her husband Richard and two children have lived in Springfield Township for 12 years.

Before taking the deputy position Mrs. Bunting did volunteer work at Pontiac

General Hospital and volunteered time to the Springfield Township Library.

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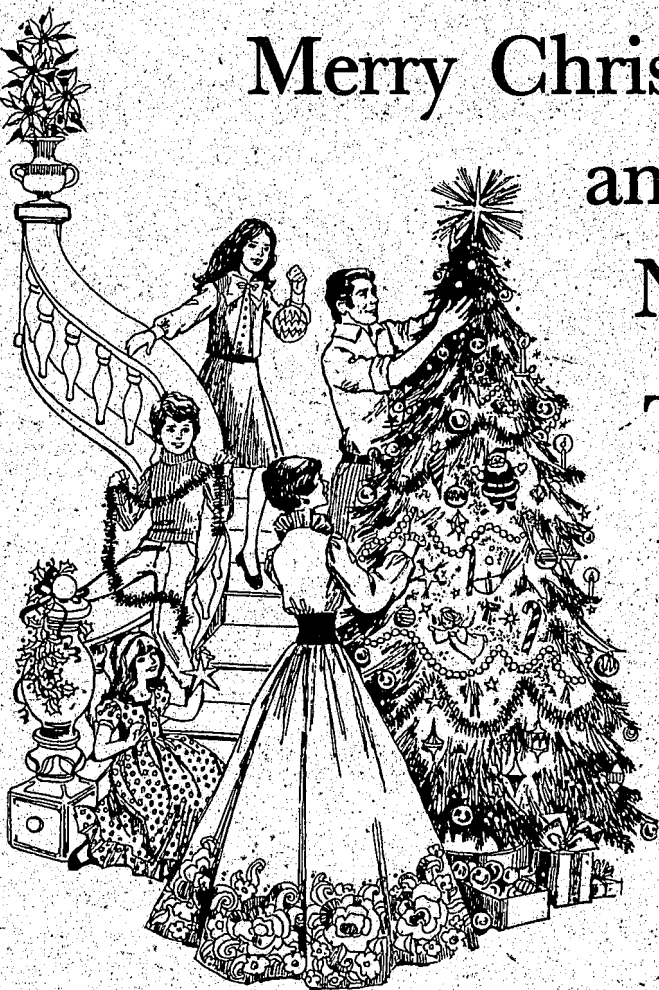
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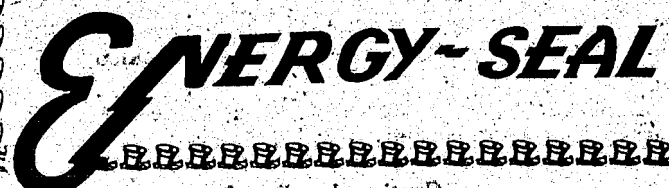
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Child, matches cited

Center burns, \$15,000 damage



SENIOR CENTER BLAZE. Firefighters rush to remove siding to get at the flames that began moving from the first floor of the center to the second floor.

The cause of the fire was later determined to a youngster playing with matches in a first floor bedroom.

By Bob Sherefkin
Associate Editor

Firefighters working in below freezing weather brought a quickly spreading fire in the newly purchased township senior center building under control Thursday—but not before it caused an estimated \$15,000 damages.

No injuries were reported as firemen ripped siding from the two-story building near Clintonwood Park as they blocked the spread of the fire through inner walls to the second floor.

A post fire examination revealed the blaze was due to a child of the building's previous owner, who had been playing with matches, according to Independence Twp. Fire Chief Frank Ronk.

Ironically, the fire occurred two days after the previous owner, Mrs. Nancy Smith, was due to vacate the building as requested by township officials. Mrs. Smith, who relinquished ownership of the building in mid-November, was asked to leave or pay rent.

Township officials had been eager to begin renovating the building as a center for area senior citizens. Officials expect the fire and smoke damage to delay work.

Firefighters responded to a fire call from the Smiths late Thursday morning. Ronk said

the alarm came only after the Smiths attempted to put out the fire, but failed.

Ronk said the delay in notifying emergency vehicles was responsible for the spread of the fire.

According to Chief Ronk, the four-year-old Smith boy had been playing with matches in a bedroom off from the kitchen. The bedroom was gutted and the fire spread to the second floor.

Following with Community Development Program guidelines, Independence Twp. officials gave Mrs. Smith one month after she sold the building to move. A letter from the township notified her she was due to leave Tuesday, Dec. 6, two days prior to the fire. There was no official follow-up to the letter, nor did Mrs. Smith indicate she would rent the building.

Tower said Mrs. Smith could not be contacted, and the building with all her contents, including clothing, was locked up by the fire department.

No time schedule was set for the township to begin renovating the proposed senior center, according to Tower.

"We have crews ready to go to work," he said, "but we are awaiting word from the insurance company to determine whether we get a cash settlement or have the building restored as is."

Independent view

Santa Claus is bringing his wife along this year when he visits Clarkston. The famous couple can be reached by phone tomorrow, December 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. They will then take up residence in a special workshop at the new location of Country Greens plant shop, four doors from Rudy's Market. Grandma Claus has brought her homemade cookies directly from the North Pole and you can visit with her and with Santa from 3 to 6 p.m. on December 20, 21, and 22.

Santa's visit is sponsored by Independence Senior Citizens, the township park and recreation department, and Laurie Stern, owner of the Country Greens.

Pornography was a topic of discussion at Monday's village council meeting. Council President Keith Hallman said he believed that the present zoning ordinance would provide the needed control.

Village attorney John Steckling agreed that the ordinance defines what type of business establishment is allowable in the village, citing the successful fight to keep a pinball arcade out of the village.

He said that if the time came when adult book stores or peep shows tried to get a foothold, the zoning ordinance would be successful in staving them off, and in the unlikely event that the problem became a serious issue, it could be tackled at that time.

He summed up the consensus of all present when he remarked that "pornography defies definition."

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Police, attorney confer

Village dog ordinance waits

By Rhea Lodge
of The Clarkston News

In a wide ranging session Monday night, the Clarkston Village Council discussed animal control and through truck ordinances, snow removal problems, the request for street lights on Middle Lake Road and the two-way communications problem with the Independence Township Building Department.

Official action on both ordinances was held off for further clarification and some revisions on the part of the village attorney, and further consultation with Police Services Di-

rector Jack McCall was called for.

The village treasurer was authorized to pay future utility bills when received in order to avoid late charges. The billing date of the utility companies has made it impossible to pay bills on time. Last monthly late charge was \$8.81.

Bills in the amount of \$4,566 were approved, including a \$50 membership in the Michigan Alliance of Small Communities.

The council was informed by the Michigan Department of Highways and Transportation that, per request, a sign would

be erected at the corner of Washington and Main Streets indicating a right turn on red from Washington onto Main, to be installed when the schedule permits.

Village clerk Bruce Rogers read a letter from Tim Palulian, administrative director of the township building department, asking for current information on Hawke's Cove and recent recommendations from the planning commission. Rogers said he had talked to Palulian in

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Running for village office?

The deadline for filing petitions for the upcoming village election is December 20. Clarkston residents who are interested in their community are urged to present petitions before next Tuesday.

Persons who wish to run for office must be residents of the village. Only 10 signatures of registered Clarkston voters are necessary to get names on the ballot.

Offices to be voted on next March 13 are: president, clerk, treasurer, assessor and three trustees, all for two-year terms.

In the event that a primary election is needed, it will be held next February 20.

To obtain petitions or get further information on election procedures, contact Bruce Rogers, village clerk.

Schools survey Voc Ed students

By Bob Sherefkin
Associate Editor

Clarkston School officials are hoping for feedback—and a lot of it—from over 300 students who took vocational education classes during 1977.

The year end survey mandated by the Michigan Dept. of Education will ask students whether their high school training got them a job, how they are doing and a half a dozen other follow-up questions.

Doug Pierson, an administrative intern with Clarkston High School said the district will want to hear from about 340 students

who were voc ed students or took classes through the North Oakland County Vocational Education Center (NOVEC) on Dixie Hwy.

The state does a year end evaluation of vocational education programming, Pierson said.

Both Pierson and Mrs. Alberta Donlin will send out the surveys next month. Tabulated results from the state are due back to local school officials in the spring.

A questionnaire containing 15 questions will be sent to students. Respondents will be asked questions like:

- Did their training help them get a job.

- Were they prepared for the job.

- Are they furthering their education.

- Did they receive help in acquiring their job.

"We are hoping for a good response," Pierson said. "Our goal is 100 percent."

"We are asking voc ed students to take the time to fill out the forms," he added.

Clarkston first began their survey of voc ed students in 1972 when the district graduated its first person with that training.

Village ordinance

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response to the letter.

Village President Keith Hallman offered to discuss the hiring of a school crossing guard with a member of the school board to seek a solution to the problems. Two applicants do not qualify under CETA regulations, according to Chief Jack McCall, although a crossing guard is needed now at M-15 and Middle Lake Road for a three-hour period each day.

Attorney John Steckling said insurance coverage should be looked into to determine liability of the village in case of an accident or injury.

Council members unanimously approved a raise for the council's law firm, from \$45 to \$50 per hour stating for the record that "service has been

excellent." Steckling said the last raise was in 1975 when pay went from \$35 to \$45 per hour.

Complaints on removal of snow from downtown sidewalks were discussed and Hallman pointed out that "It is not the obligation of the village to do the sidewalks... this has been done as a courtesy for a long time."

Trustee Neal Sage was asked to look at the problem and come back to the council with a recommendation.

The four families on Middle Lake Road who have requested a street light will be advised that the council will research the cost of installation, but that more information is needed as to the number of residents who want the lighting.

Teens charged in vandalism

Two Clarkston teenagers were charged Thursday, Dec. 8, for destruction of property at Clarkston High School.

Rickard Jones, 18, 9370 Whipple Shores was charged with malicious destruction of property over \$100 and Thomas Lekander, 18, 8620 Sequoyah was charged with driving on a revoked license in addition to malicious destruction of property over \$100 after they had made "donuts" with their automobiles on the school lawn.

The call from school custo-

dians to Oakland County Sheriff deputies Mike Shipman and Jay Clarkson, was monitored by Rex Egres at his Union 76 station at the corner of Sashabaw or Maybee Roads who called the department to report that the two vehicles involved had just pulled into his station.

The deputies stopped the youths as they were leaving the station.

In addition to damage to the school lawn, the teens ran into a light pole and knocked over a bicycle rack.

Oakland parks

Snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, ice fishing and ice skating facilities are available at two Oakland County parks this winter.

Addison-Oaks County Park, located north of Rochester Road off Romeo Road in northern Oakland County, features 13 miles of supervised snowmobile trails and a one-quarter mile dragstrip.

The site, which will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. each weekend this winter, also includes a lake for ice fishing, sledding and skating, plus a warming house and refreshments.

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Talk of the Times

A tribute to the past

By Bob Sherefkin

Dec. 7 passed quietly last week. A few veterans groups acknowledged the day. But for the most part, the hate and battle cry of 'Remember Pearl Harbor' has stilled.

For the first time in recent memory there were no tv specials recapturing that infamous day. No newspaper editorials called for renewed vigilance to avoid future Pearl Harbors.

The only Japanese threat most people see today is the burgeoning small car invasion. The Japanese finally did invade California.

This month 36 years ago the world came apart for a heretofore docile, isolationist America. A generation of peace entered a generation of war and hate. And the hate has persisted for years.

Even though I was born after the

war, but marched off to one of my own, I was still in touch with the feelings of Americans that fought and suffered through the big war.

In 1967 I was stationed aboard a World War II era destroyer of the "Pineapple Fleet" home ported out of Pearl Harbor. Each morning during inspection, I could look out over the stern and see the American flag waving lazily over the white memorial anchored on the sunken hulk of the battleship U.S.S. Arizona. More than 2,000 men are still entombed within her.

Dec. 7, 1967 dawned quietly in Hawaii. There was little recognition of the day, even among those grizzled veterans that saw the war first hand. But shortly after 9:00 a.m. the old fears and hatreds boiled over. A flotilla of Japanese

destroyers rounded the piers near Ford Island and glided quietly past our row of destroyers. The visit was an official one and done in the interest of peace and understanding, our captain said.

But no one could tell the sailors that. There were hurt, angry feelings aboard many ships. Several men suggested turning the 5-inch guns on the "Japs". For many, the memories of friends lost, years away from loved ones and frenzied struggles against the Japanese army and navy.

Not many things have changed in Pearl Harbor. After the war the place quieted down. For a brief period the Navy built up for the Vietnam conflict, but the Hawaiian fleet is still outdated, made up of a few obsolete destroyers and escort

ships.

Ford Island, once a bastion of arms, aircraft, ships and men is only a shell of its former self. The Island's enlisted men's club catered almost exclusively to the thousands of hell raising men aboard the eight battlewagons that tied up along side its piers.

Today the club is still operated. But the smattering of sailors on Ford Island hardly fill a corner of the giant club. The club today is a dark, musty place, almost as though some giant hand pulled a veil over it. A large portrait of the Battleship Arizona hangs on one wall, a tribute to the past.

Not everything has returned to normal since that day in 1941.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Welcome to Clarkston! You say you came here to get away from the vandalism, litter and harassment so commonly found in your native Detroit? Welcome indeed!

Be prepared to clean beer bottles and broken glass from your parking lot each morning. Be prepared to spend \$1500 to make your doors secure and your outside heating and cooling equipment more difficult to vandalize.

Be prepared to have your windows smeared with food and your newly painted walls splattered with pop. Be prepared to have the property behind your building used as a lavatory, a trash refuge, a dirt bike track, a

snowmobile track and a meeting place to distribute marijuana.

Be prepared for physical harassment when confronting young people abusing your property. Be prepared for tire tracks in your lawn.

Be prepared for these and more acts to be committed, not by thugs and society dropouts, but by teenagers who find beer and wine more readily available than the mature, responsible attitude necessary to consume these beverages; by teenagers and pre-teenagers who find it easy to leave school at any time; by teenagers and pre-teenagers who find it easy to leave home in the evening and have nothing to do but "hang around."

This doesn't sound like the

type of community where you want to live and work? Let's do something about it!

Bruce W. Harlton, D.V.M.

To the Editor:

I just left Sashabaw Junior High along with nearly 400 other proud parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters and friends of 5th and 6th grade beginning musicians who performed in an excellent Christmas concert. The vocal ensembles did a very fine job from Bailey Lake and Sashabaw Grade School, and the bands from Bailey Lake and Pine Knob were excellent.

The particular concern expressed in informal petition by 175 signers was the leaving of

Mrs. Linda Beedle, the band instructor. Mrs. Beedle is a part time teacher and after asking for, and not receiving, a full time instructing job in Clarkston, found it necessary to leave to accept a full time teaching position elsewhere. It's difficult to lose her talent when she relates to the students so well and has taught them so much in such a short period of time.

We hate to see her go and hope the board and administration realized the talent and explored all the avenues possible to retain her. Her leaving the Clarkston school system is definitely Clarkston's loss.

Sharron Santala

Dear Editor:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to report that the First Annual Clarkston Band Boosters Christmas Dinner Dance Saturday night, Dec. 3, was a tremendous success.

The food and music were met

with extreme delight and approval by a capacity crowd that included such celebrities as Rep. and Mrs. Claude Trim, whose niece is a member of the color guard and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Falls, the renowned sports writer for the Detroit Free Press and one of our new neighbors.

The Boosters have already made plans and taken steps for a bigger and better affair for next December.

On behalf of the officers and members of the Clarkston Band Boosters, I wish to thank the Clarkston School Board, the administration, and the instructors for their participation in this gala event. We also wish to express our sincere appreciation to the many local business people who donated their time, talents and money to help make our first such effort such a success.

Homer Biondi, President
Clarkston Band Boosters

Jim's Jottings

Watts the idea?

by Jim Sherman



The writer of this column seldom receives letters directed specifically at him. When he does the following is rather typical:

Dear Dummy:

Congratulations on publishing that splendid award-winning column by Jim Fitzgerald.

Congratulations on having the editorial courage to risk losing Fitzgerald by publishing those awful lies about him and what he was supposed to have said in an entirely fictional interview. Lucky for you he has a fine sense of humor plus compassion for ignorant printers.

Also, congratulations on having nerve enough to publish an article about your butchering at Preston

Mann's without revealing how much you paid for the meat.

Sincerely,
Jim Fitzgerald

P.S. What is this crap about you winning some sort of a national award for having an idea? When did you start having ideas?

The loss of free light bulbs from Detroit Edison is greater than I thought. I took our accumulation of burned out bulbs to the Rochester Edison office recently, and was enlightened by manager George Hesketh.

The office wall has a sign listing average bulb prices at retail outlets. As George pointed this out he

added, "And the bulbs you'll be buying in the stores will last about half as long as those we give away."

I decided to check him out. First I had to remember where I'd seen light bulbs sold. A supermarket. The bulb display in one I toured only carried three sizes of bulbs.

On to a hardware, then a second hardware before I found a full display.

George told me Detroit Edison takes bids on bulbs made to their own specifications. Sylvania is the latest successful bidder. GE had it for years.

A 60-watt bulb of Edison's has an average life of 1350 hours. A store-bought GE lasts 1,000 hours.

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Edison's 75 watt bulb lasts 1350 hours, GE's 750 hours. It costs the same as the 60 watt.

Edison's 150 watt also lasts 1350 hours and GE's 750. The cost is 78 cents.

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It all adds up to making a person just a little upset with the guy who took Edison to the Supreme Court to halt the electric company's give-away program.

Of Cabbages & Kings

I remember my friend Buzz

By Rhea Lodge



I remember my friend Buzz.

He never got farther than the eighth grade, but he was the wisest man I ever knew. In a few short years he taught me more about personal integrity, compassion, honesty and humor than I could absorb in a lifetime.

When I got upset he would say "Steady as you go" and he told me often that I was "stronger than I thought I was."

He spent untold hours of his own time driving me up one road and down another when I first arrived in Waterford Township to run the weekly newspaper and didn't even know its boundaries.

He sent me in a police cruiser one morning to cover a raging house fire that my friend, the fire chief, was

battling in sub-zero weather, and he took my son and me to Metropolitan Airport one rainy day, driving like a madman all the way.

When I bought my son a horse, it was Buzz who rode Blitz all the way from Union Lake to his new home at Windelers' on Hatchery Road.

It was Buzz who was in charge of a 4-H saddle trip and weekend campout, and it was Buzz who snored through the night. Because he had brought his gun along to protect us, we were afraid to waken him and I spent the night in lonely vigil by a dying campfire. He also put up the tent that collapsed when the little ones had gone to bed, and it was Buzz who led a bedraggled troupe of riders back home through a cold

and dismal rain.

He kept a special corner of his desk for my needle, thread and safety pins and was the only man I ever knew who could adjust screw earrings so they didn't hurt. At least twice a week, I would sit in his big chair and sew another button back on my coat.

Another drawer of his desk was reserved for the resignation letters of one young police officer who quit every few weeks. Buzz never acted on the resignations. "He'll change his mind," he would say, and he was right.

Suspecting one time that his office was "bugged", he used to pause during a conversation to bang on the desk and roar, "Take that, you #cl†!***#" for the benefit of whoever might be listening in.

When I asked his opinion about a news story one day, he advised me to "Throw in a comma whenever you slack off a little."

The only one time he was ever annoyed with me was when I told him that he "had more guts than sense." I thought at the time it was a compliment.

He was a big man with a scarred face and brown eyes that somehow could never look angry.

We used to argue about that because I insisted that FBI men had a "steely glance" and fliers had "a look of eagles." We never did agree on that.

Buzz began his lifetime career as a young patrolman in Oxford and on his first night of duty ran into the concrete abutment under the

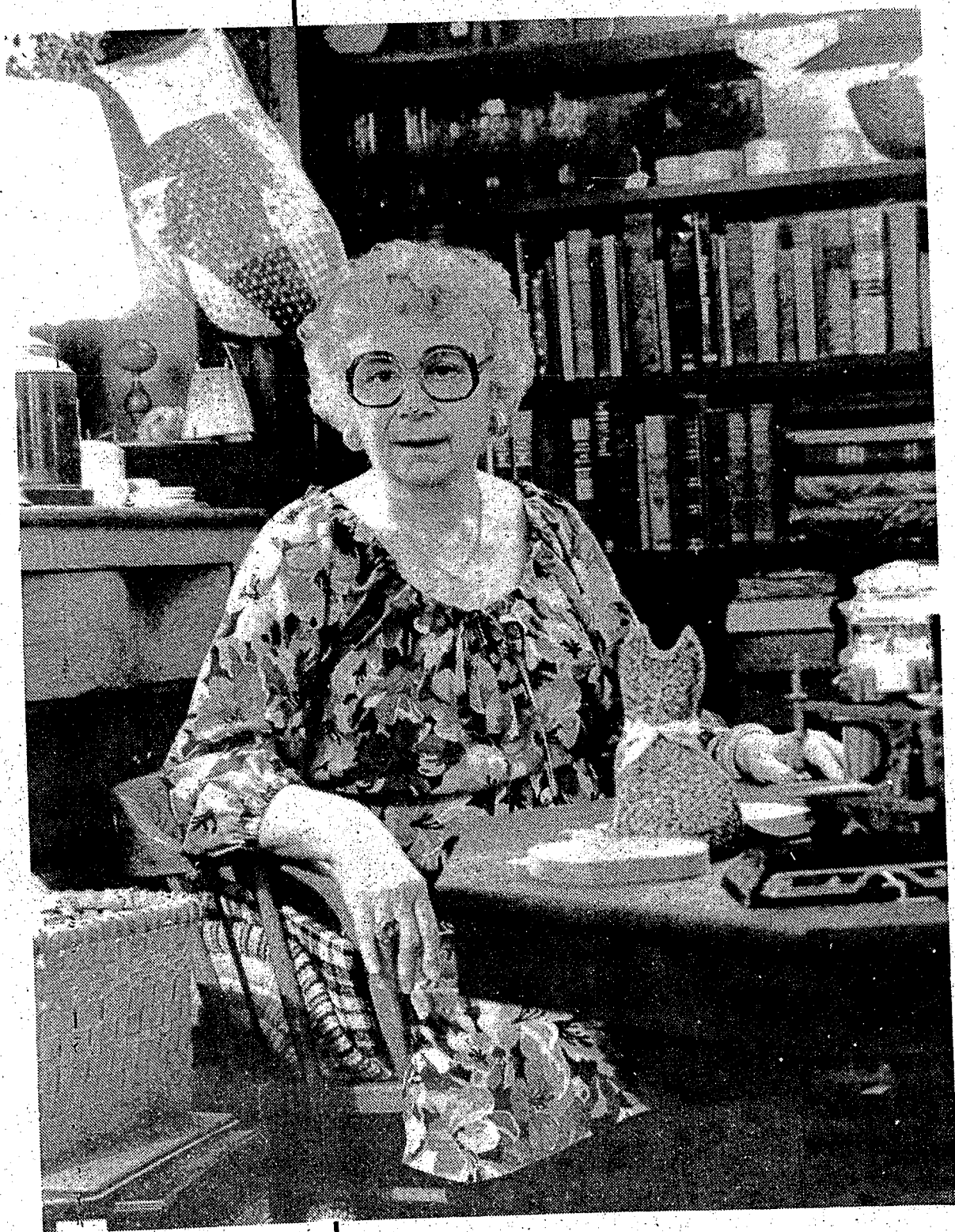
railroad tracks and demolished the squad car.

For awhile he was on traffic duty under a Waterford Township police chief who had set up a lucrative speed trap at the bottom of Waterford Hill. Buzz wrote his quota of speeding tickets with reluctance and the trap was eliminated when angry motorists complained to the Pontiac Press.

In spite of long exposure to life at its ugliest, he never lost his gentleness or his faith in others. From some deep, secret fount of wisdom, he dealt in justice, tempered with mercy.

I wish I had written this sooner.

He changed my life and I miss him.



A Christmas toy box

By Bob Sherefkin
Associate Editor

There is a disparity between Daisy Dowling and her delightfully cluttered antique shop in Clarkston.

On one hand, the old building on main street resembles a child's toy box filled with trinket boxes, ink wells, antique glass, crocks and a myriad of unusual objects that fill every space, sit atop every shelf and pack every cubby hole. To the uninitiated Main Street Antiques is organized disorganization.

Daisy Dowling, on the other hand is a model of organization with a systematic mind for assessing antiques, lecturing on everything from butter churns, the intricacies of glassware and 19th century furniture.

She is the attractive matron of memories of another era and at the same time a connoisseur of modern interior decorating with antiques.

In the best antique tradition, Daisy was born in Vermont but has lived in Michigan since 1921. She opened her first antique shop in an ancient barn in Clarkston 15 years ago. The building burned, and she moved to her present address, just north of the downtown Clarkston business district.

She met her husband, the late Franklin Dowling, in Clarkston.

Daisy is no newcomer to the antique business. She first took an interest when she was four-years-old. Since then she has expanded her shop into a business that gathers antiques from all over the U.S. On a buying trip this fall, she acquired over 300 items.

Christmas gift items now join antiques as jewelry, children's quilts and pillows, Christmas stockings, hand painted tooth fairy and trinket boxes fill the shop.

Daisy's Shop always looks like Santa Claus had just stopped.

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CB'ers open ears for holiday motorists

By Rhea Lodge
of The Clarkston News

There is an active group of CBers in the area, all primed and ready to help motorists during the coming holiday season.

Starting the Friday before Christmas, the Concerned Citizens group, working with the Pontiac post of the Michigan State Police, will be on active duty until the Monday night after New Year's.

Base stations and mobile units will be activated, among them the favorite of all the truckers, Ma B, a senior citizen who is on duty from 5 a.m. on.

And then there's Brown Eyes, and Silly Savage from Springfield Township, and Tinkerman from Brandon . . .

The 100 members of Concerned Citizens are headed by Jim Freitag who hasn't lacked for excitement and adventure since he became a CB volunteer three years ago.

The group was formed at that time, right after the big ice storm of 1976. All the power lines were down and CB radio was the only means of communication.

"We figured if they helped us, let's get going so we can help other people," relates Freitag.

Right now, Freitag, whose handle is "No Name," and his CB'ers are working with the state police and other CB associations to draw up guidelines for a citizens' action unit.

There already is a nationwide organization known as REACT (Radio Emergency Affiliated Citizens Team) that uses Channel 9, the official emergency channel designated by the Federal Communications Commission.

During regularly scheduled sessions at the Pontiac post, the CB'ers are trained in observation, taught to recognize anything suspicious and alerted to arsonists. They are always on the lookout for anyone who fits the only known description of the Oakland County child murderer.

"The more ears the better," says Freitag, a field engineer for National Cash Register, who came to Clarkston from Toledo 16 years ago. His wife, Patricia, works at Rudy's Market and is known as "Legs" on the CB circuit.

Freitag says his unit follows a definite procedure when stopping to help a motorist in trouble.

The CB'er is instructed to contact a base station, giving information on his location, the type of vehicle and its license number before he ever gets out of his car.

This approach is for the CB'er's protection.

"We've never had problems," says Freitag, "but you never know . . . there's always a first time."

If a car or truck has to be towed away, the patrolling CB'er notifies the state police and they in turn contact a service station. The only 24-hour station in the area is Rex's Union 76 on

Sashabaw Road.

Freitag says a frequent distress call comes from truckers who have run out of diesel fuel. There's no diesel fuel between Detroit and Flint. The CB'ers try to get another truck to stop and siphon off enough fuel to get the rig as far as Flint or Detroit.

One night, after helping one driver and getting him some gas, he came home to discover that his wife had received a call that a motorist was stranded. On his way home he heard another call for help and found the motorist in a ditch. Freitag says he finally got home around 3 a.m.

"With the cold weather, you don't want someone to be sitting out there for long," he says.

Thirty million Americans are regular CB'ers and about 1.8 million of them are in Michigan.

While CB radio as a fad is leveling off, its growth as a

community service is growing in leaps and bounds. At its height it was attracting more than one million new recruits a month.

What was once a hobby has become a new way to help the local community. Many CB'ers are joining a national army of unpaid, unofficial deputies, operating as the eyes and ears of local police. They maintain an around-the-clock reporting system on traffic, offering emergency aid to motorists and warning drivers about dangerous road or weather conditions.

Results of a recent survey indicate that more than 94 percent of all state and local police departments are using CB in their regular duties.

CB'ers serve as volunteer troubleshooters for the American Red Cross and the federal Civil Defense Preparedness Agency. The U.S. Department

of Transportation is now offering \$9 million in grants to fund statewide CB programs.

A \$250,000 National Science Foundation study on the impact of CB is currently being conducted by the Denver Research Institute.

Floyd Shoemaker, a communications scientist with the institute, believes that "CB radio is the biggest explosion of communication technology since the advent of television. Its impact is tremendous, especially as a means of providing service. Its potential effect on law enforcement and the quality of police service could be as dramatic as the telephone was back at the turn of the century."

Detroit alone has a community patrol program, the largest in the nation, with an annual budget of \$40,000.

One well known group of

CB'ers is the Michigan Emergency Patrol, 100 volunteers who man an office on the top floor of the Fisher building in Detroit. MEP is on the job 24 hours a day, alerting TV and radio stations when there is an accident on one of the expressways, or traffic snarls.

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12-16

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Sashabaw vs. Walled Lake Western
away 3:45 p.m.

12-19

Sashabaw vs. Oxford
home 7 p.m.

Clarkston vs. Lake Orion East
home 7 p.m.

Wrestling

12-16&17

Oakland County Tournament
away 8 a.m.

12-16

Clarkston vs. Lake Orion East
home 7 p.m.



Clarkston's Bill McCludskey [top] works over Bill Pennella of Lake Orion at Saturday's Lake Orion Invitational Wrestling Tournament. McCludskey made short work of Pennella by pinning him early in the round.

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SPORTS WATCH

CHS adds one to win streak

A full court press and several key steals in the fourth quarter brought the Clarkston Wolves from behind to deny Lake Orion a victory in the Tuesday night (Dec. 6) basketball contest.

The 53-48 final score put Clarkston on the boards with a three game winning streak and brought the season win-loss record to 3-1.

The Clarkston five held together for two quarters before falling behind in the third to trail 41-34.

The Clarkston five got off to a good start and led 13-8 at the end of the first quarter. They held together during the second

quarter only to fall behind in the third, trailing Lake Orion 41-34 as the fourth began.

Once again the Wolves kept their heads and proved their ability to come from behind as they outscored their opponent 19-7 in the final stanza.

Tim McCormick, 15 year old sophomore who started the season as a junior varsity player and moved to varsity for the second game with Davison, was high point man with 15. He also snagged seven rebounds.

(The six-foot seven-inch McCormick scored 17 points and 13 rebounds against Waterford Kettering on Dec. 2.)

Matt Wenzel followed close on McCormick's heels with 14 points.

"We didn't play as well as we should have, but it was enough to win," said coach Gary Nustad. "We're not up to our potential yet but we don't want to peak this early in the season anyway."

Friday night's (Dec. 9) tilt with West Bloomfield was called off because of the weather and will be rescheduled.

Tuesday night, Dec. 13, the Wolves hosted a tough Milford Lakeland team and Friday night will entertain Milford, another tough contender, at 6:30 p.m.

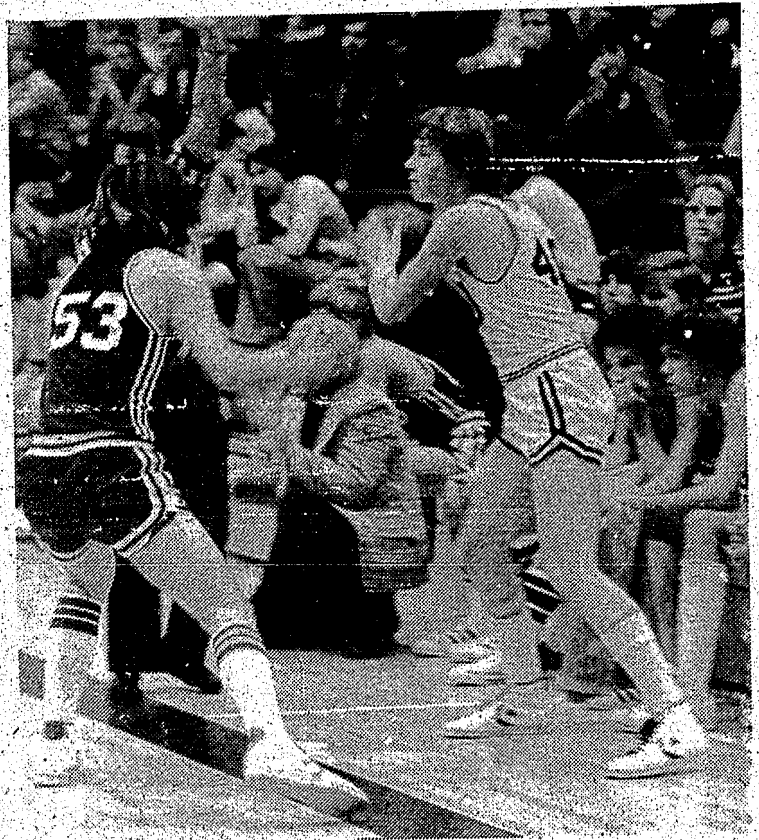


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Wrestling Wolves take second

Clarkston's matmen placed second in the Lake Orion Wrestling Invitational last Saturday. Grand Blanc won the tournament by placing four wrestlers first.

Five Wolves placed in the finals, with three of them winning their weight classes.

The Clarkston winners were team captain Brad Griggs, five foot, 11 inches and 132 pounds; Tim Detkowski, five-feet one inch and 155 pounds; and

Claude Gourand, six feet and 145 pounds.

This marks the second tournament win for Detkowski and Gourand, who both won the Avondale tournament earlier in the year.

Other team placings were: Roger Craig, 105 pounds, third place

Paul Grant, 112 pounds, second place

Ward Heard, 119 pounds, third place

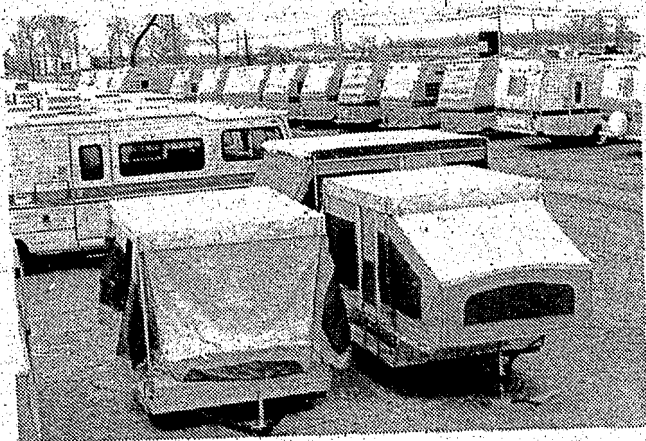
Mike Nagel, 126 pounds, second place

Bill McCluskey, 165 pounds, third place

Paul Carr, heavyweight, third place

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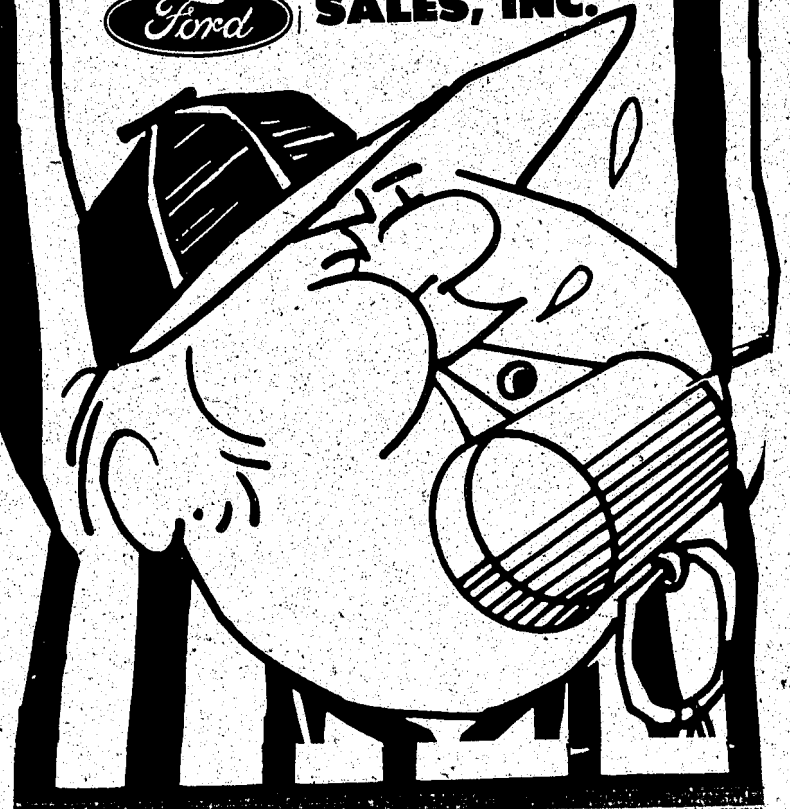
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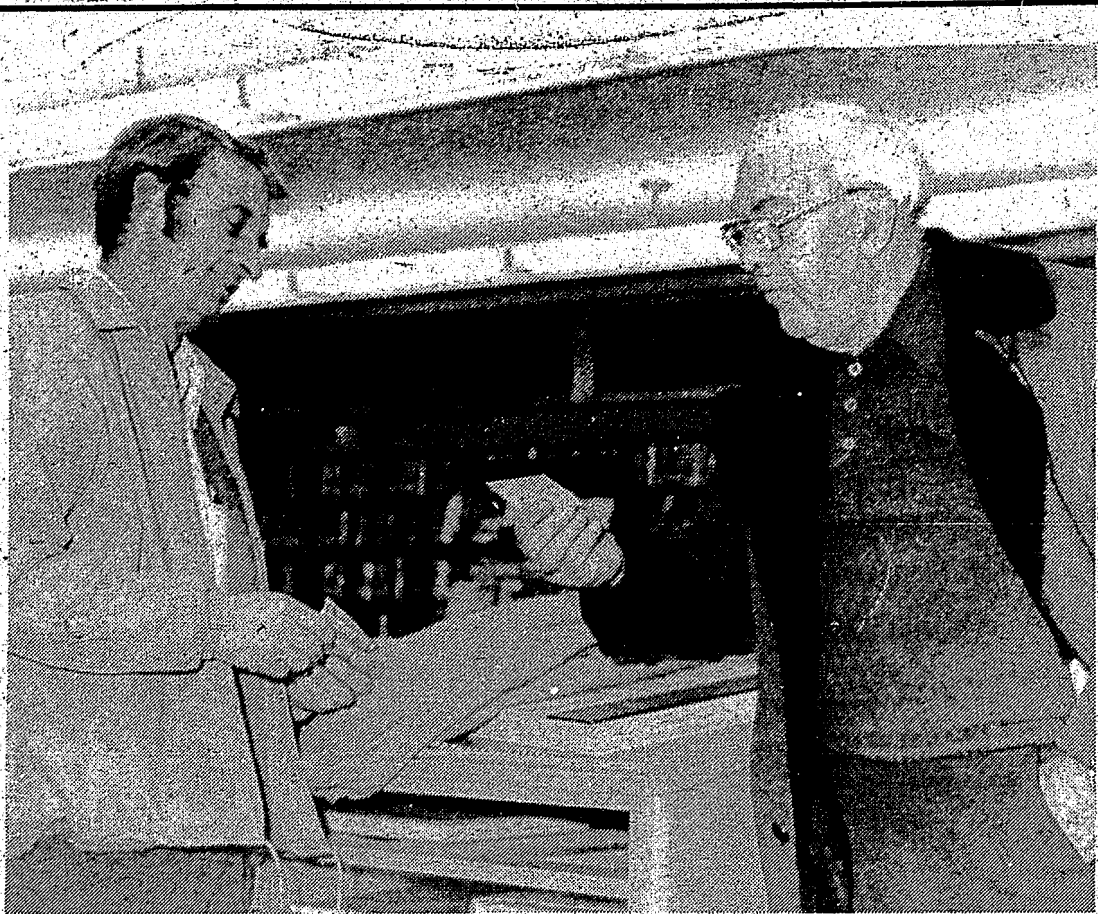
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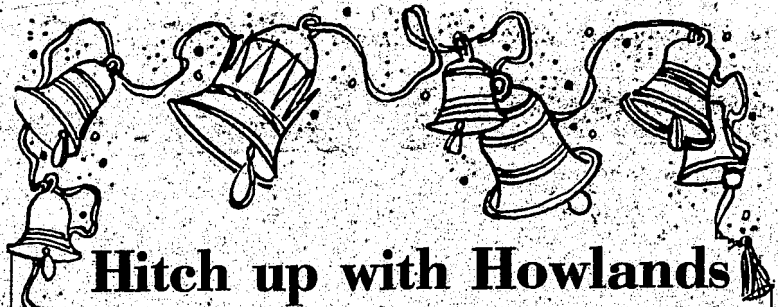
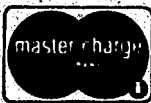
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Local boys on the card are Michael Grable, 8; Scott Banks, 11; Bill Hartley, 10; Sam Flores, Jr., 17; and Craig Grable, 17.

Tickets are \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and \$1.50 in advance for students. Pre-sale of tickets will be at the high school lobby afternoons on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week.

YMCA swim classes begin

A series of four learn-to-swim lessons has been scheduled at the North Oakland YMCA, December 27-December 30, with advance registration starting December 12. The classes are limited to 40 participants each, with a total of 160 participants.

Please take advantage of the pre-registration period.

The sessions are designed for non-swimmers grades one to six. The program fee is \$3 and is open to both boys and girls, members and non-members of the North Oakland YMCA.

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For program or registration information, phone the North Oakland YMCA at 335-6116.

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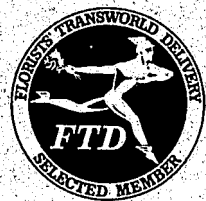
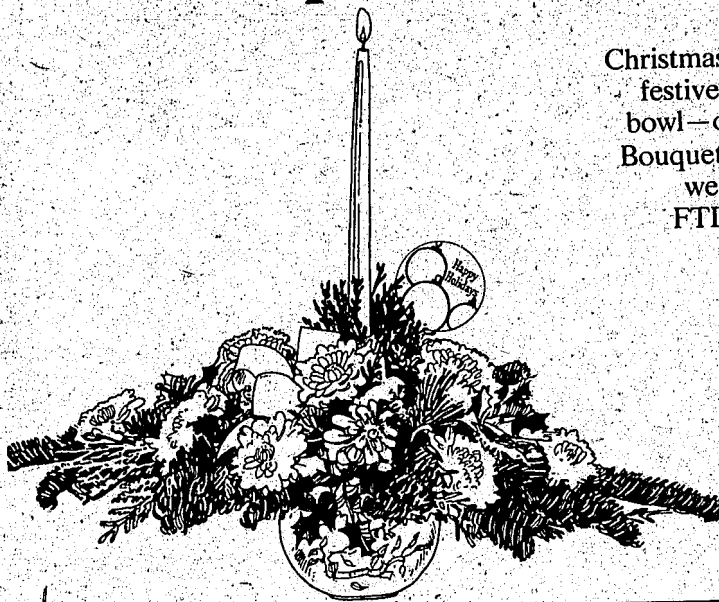
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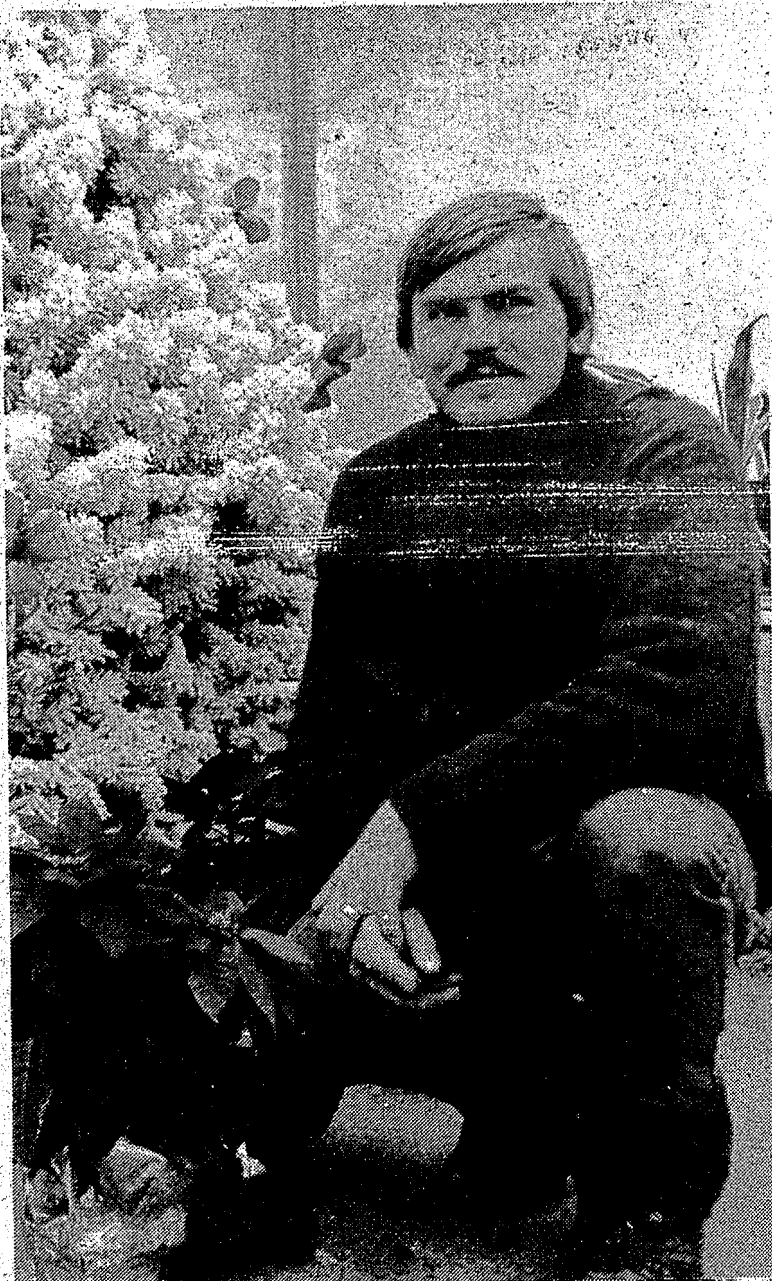
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Flocked trees are a specialty of the house at Bordine's on Dixie Highway. John Kamin of Clarkston is nursery manager for the new greenhouses. Fresh cut trees are available indoors in one of the large greenhouses so that customers won't get cold while they are deciding which tree they want.

Bordine's opens in time for Christmas

If you're looking for something a little different in a Christmas tree this year, check out the "flocked" Christmas trees at Bordine's Better Blooms on Dixie Highway just north of I-75.

Bordine's, owned by Bruce Bordine, and situated in Rochester since 1940, recently opened its second store in Clarkston to better serve the Clarkston and surrounding areas.

The "flocked" Christmas tree, as described by John Kamin, manager of the nursery department, is either a Scotch pine or a Douglas fir sprayed with a fire-proofed material making the tree look like it's covered with snow.

A table-top sized tree that has been flocked sells for around \$15.

They also have the regular Christmas trees available now, including Scotch pines, Douglas firs, and some spruce, Kamin said. They sell from \$8.98 up.

Bordine's new location was selected because of the convenient access to I-75 and, Kamin added, there were some existing greenhouses on the property.

The greenhouse is open for Christmas, he said, and is managed by Jim Eckert. They are offering a new variety of long lasting red, pink or white poinsettias, selling from \$.98 up. Christmas cactus as well as other indoor plants are available.

Besides the good selections of Christmas trees, they have wreaths and roping as well as memorial blankets.

"We have tried to put up as much as possible for people to come out to see," Kamin said, noting that by spring the entire place will be completely renovated. The excavating presently being done on the property will be the nursery for outdoor plants used in landscaping.

By next spring, Kamin said the Clarkston's Bordine's store

will have all that their catalog offers. And they have plans for a garden store in the future.

During the Christmas season, Bordine's will be open seven days a week, from 9-5 Mondays through Saturdays, and 10-5 on Sundays.

"We are glad to be here," said Kamin, noting the excellent response they have had from the immediate area. "We would like everybody to come out and see us."

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Sunday, December 18, 11 a.m., Church School Christmas Pageant

Saturday, December 24, 8 p.m., Christmas Eve Holy Communion

Saturday, December 24, 11 p.m., Christmas Eve Holy Communion

Sunday, December 25, 11 a.m., Christmas Day Holy Communion

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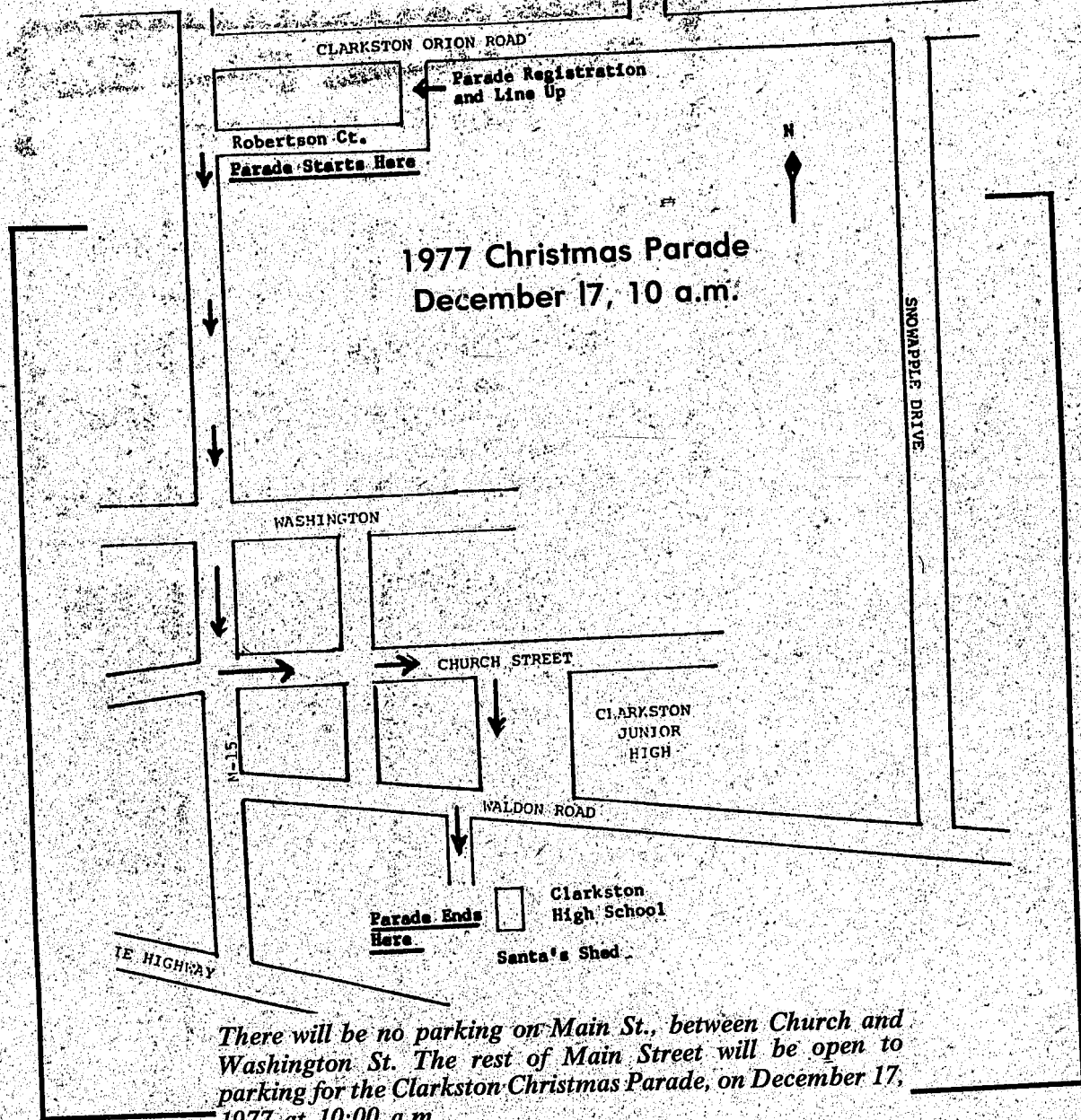
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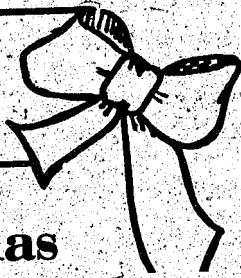
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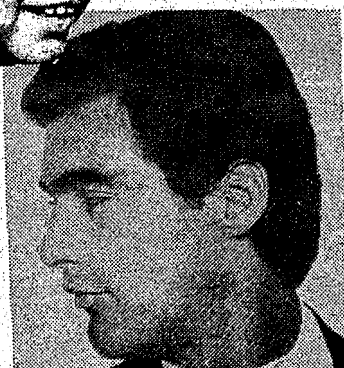
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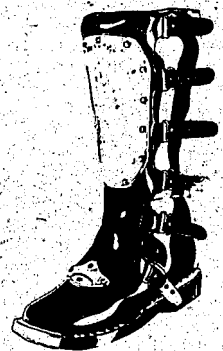



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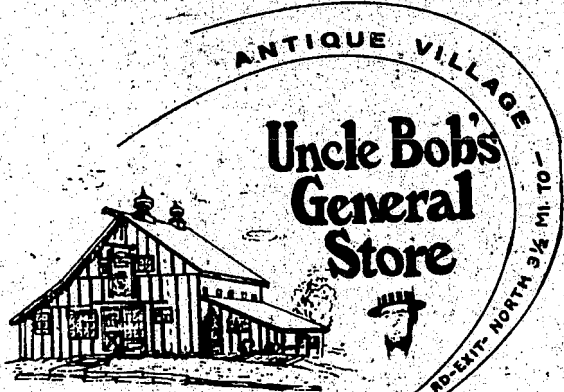


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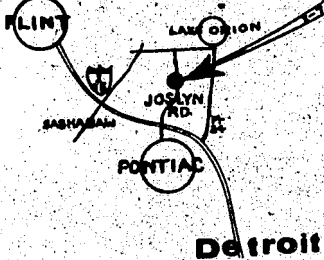


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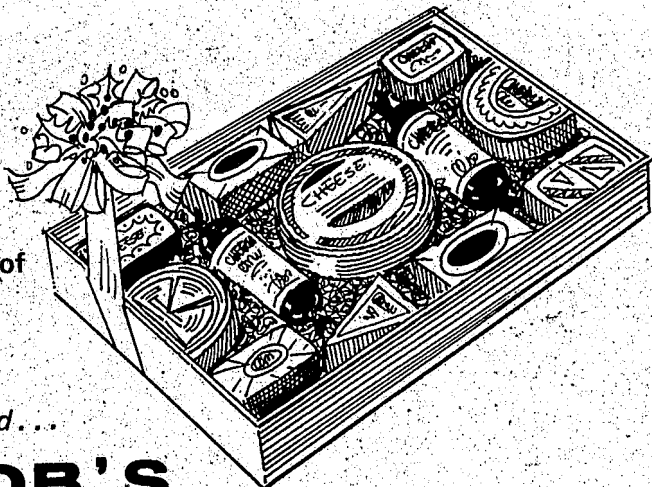
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That is traditional in our society, but it results in our youngsters having a large assortment of accumulated toys, many of which are unplayed with during most of the year.

It is of course important to consider the age and developmental level of the child when selecting toys and there are books and newspaper articles that will be appearing that will list toys that are keyed to a child's maturational level.

The toys that children may request because of the slick commercials on television may not be the toys that will give them the most pleasure over an extended period of time.

The push-button, battery-operated toys leave little room for creativity for the child and for the most part are rigid in the range of play possibilities. In effect, most of the play is in the

toy and does not come from the child.

We suggest that a truly creative toy or plaything need not come from a toy store at all. Non-toy stores have all sorts of interesting, useful and fun things that will give children hours of fun and educational play.

While we don't think of a large cardboard box as a gift that is good enough for our children, it could provide for the stimulation of a child's creative potentials.

A box has endless possibilities; a child can imagine it to be any number of things from a car to a house to a submarine; it can be painted, cut, tied, colored on, pushed, poked, crawled in, and pounded.

Some children would be delighted with a box of plain blocks of wood obtained at the lumberyard and given with a small hammer and many sizes of nails.

Others would truly enjoy various types of paper and glue, paste, paint, felt-tip pens, or scissors. From a hobby store, could come model-building

equipment or a stamp book for a beginning collector.

Art supplies can be purchased from art stores and department stores and many children would appreciate large pieces of poster board and cheap brushes and either water colors or finger paints.

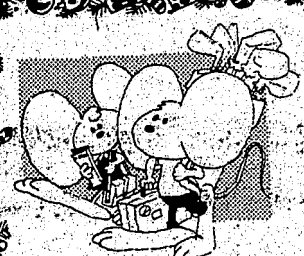
Other non-toy ideas can be obtained from book stores, stationery shops, museum or art institute shops, hardwares, fabric shops, and pet shops.

However, the best and most important toy does not come from a store at all and that toy is the parent. There can be no more fascinating fun than an emotionally satisfying amount of time spent with mom or dad.

As a gift and a firm promise, a parent can give a ticket to an event that they will go to together or a plan for a visit to the major museums in the area during the weekends following the holidays.


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Kammer asks balloting speed up

Two bills designed to facilitate the balloting procedure on election day and stimulate an increase in voter participation were recently introduced by State Senator Kerry Kammer (D-Pontiac). SB 1261 calls for appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman to the precinct election inspection boards well in advance of major election, thereby allowing ample time for a thorough understanding of election procedures.

SB 1262 allows county boards of commissioners to centralize voter registration records by designating the County Clerk as the chief elections official in the county and making local clerks deputy registrars.

"I fully expect SB 1261 to increase the efficiency of the operations on election day and provide election inspectors with a sense of pride about their very important responsibilities," said Kammer. "As the balloting procedure is coordinated by competent and well-trained individuals, voters should be in and out of the polls within minutes," he said.

The bill requires that a chairman and vice-chairman from separate parties be appointed to a 3-member inspection board during January of an odd-numbered year. Terms of office are to be two years. Training programs for the chairman and vice-chairman of the board are required by the bill.

According to Kammer, the program, which would be conducted by the County Clerk, should typically include instruction in the State election laws, the type of voting equipment to be used and procedures to be followed throughout the election day.

SB 1262 would allow county boards of commissioners the option of declaring county clerks the chief elections official for all local governmental units within the county.

County boards taking advantage of the option would centralize all voter registration records at the county level and deputize all municipal clerks to accept voter registration from any county resident.

Currently, persons may register to vote at their local

governmental office or any secretary of state office.

The bill would centralize paper work, and by allowing county residents to register at any local governmental office, encourage greater voter participation.

County boards not wishing to participate may vote to exempt themselves from the provisions of the bill. Cities or townships with populations of 50,000 or more may also be exempted from the provisions of the act by a vote of the local elected council, board or commission.



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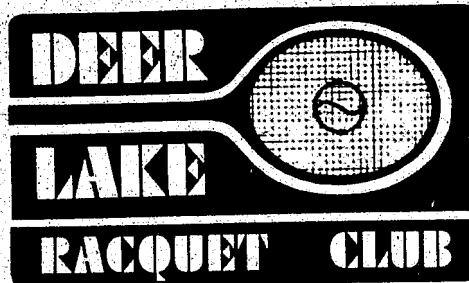
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Watch that party, alcohol can kill

By Sharon Hahn
Whether you're a party goer or a party giver this holiday season, there are certain facts regarding alcohol that will be worth your remembering.

While it "Tis the season to be jolly," the merriment will be cut short if injury or death results from the abuse of alcohol.

"It is the time of the year when people get into a little more involvement with their parties," said Jack McCall, director of police services, in discussing drinking and driving. "Those kinds of situations are what kill people."

There are some guidelines to follow if you are planning on entertaining with alcoholic beverages over the holidays.

Party givers are requested to serve food along with those beverages. If a dinner is not being served, be sure you have plenty to munch on throughout the party setting.

And being a good host includes cutting off the drinks of the guest who doesn't know his or her own limit.

Making the 'one for the road' a cup of coffee is not a bad idea, but don't expect it to sober the

already inebriated party goer. Either arrange for the guest to be driven home, or permit him/her to spend the night.

In some communities, the local police departments have developed the service of using patrol cars as taxis for driving people home who are incapable of driving themselves.

"We don't have enough people to do that here," said McCall, admitting he would much rather answer those calls than police an accident caused by drunk driving.

How do the local police handle the drunken driver on Christmas Eve? Do drunk drivers really go to jail?

"Most officers have a tendency to be as cooperative as can be with the situation," said McCall. "In most cases the departments around use discretion. They enforce the law and take what steps are absolutely necessary."

If a holiday celebration takes place in a local pub, rather than in a home setting, it is the responsibility of the bartender to cut off drinks when the patron does not check his own drinking.

Don Hayes at the Clarkston Cafe says, "We definitely do

that." "We just tell them it's for their own good, and that we would love to keep selling them beverages, but we don't want to jeopardize their safety going home," he said, adding, "and we don't want to lose our license."

Hayes says he has a good clientele at the Cafe who respond in a positive manner to that kind of statement.

And for those who prefer to be responsible for themselves and their own drinking, the National Council of Alcoholism suggests the following:

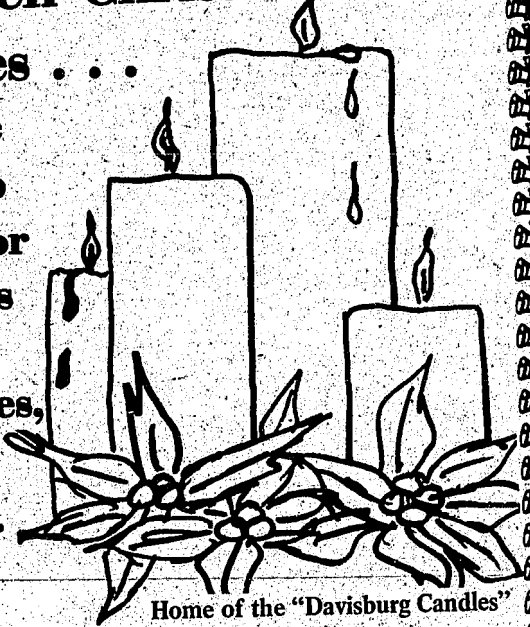
- Know your limit.
 - Eat while you drink.
 - Don't drink fast. Sip for enjoyment; don't gulp for effect.
 - Accept a drink only when you really want it.
 - Cultivate taste. Choose quality rather than quantity.
 - When dining out, if you must drive home, have your drinks with dinner, not afterward.
 - Beware of unfamiliar drinks.
 - Remember that the purpose of a party is togetherness, not tipsiness.
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blood supply to combat the stress on the body when it is exposed to severe cold.

After a snowfall, the first reaction generally is to get out and shovel the walks or the driveway, but unless a person is in excellent physical condition, this is a definite risk. When the temperature drops, the heart muscles are forced to work harder. The blood vessels are constricted because of the cold, and there is a reduced flow of blood, putting an additional strain on the heart.

Nature may give a warning such as sudden, severe chest pains. If this happens, physical activity should be stopped immediately and a doctor should be called at once.

People who have been exposed to cold for an extended period of time are vulnerable to a serious cold injury—frostbite. This is the actual freezing of exposed body tissue and can have very serious results.

Elderly people or those with poor circulation or in a semi-exhausted state are especially prone to frostbite.

The first indication is when the affected skin area changes color, first turning red, then white or grayish yellow. The area then becomes shiny. These changes may be accompanied by pain, but in some cases there is no sensation, just numbness.

A frostbite victim should get out of the cold immediately and put something warm, not hot, on the affected area in order to

warm it as quickly as possible. Never pour hot or boiling water over frostbitten areas or put them under a heat lamp or hold them over a hot stove. Best treatment is to breathe gently on the affected part or have someone put his hand on the frostbitten area.

People used to believe that rubbing the frostbitten area with snow would help. Don't do it. Snow is abrasive and can break down frozen tissue, inflicting permanent damage.

Alcohol doesn't help either. No matter how mild the case of frostbite may be, it is wise to see a doctor as soon as possible.

Nature also has means of protecting the lungs in severe weather, filtering it through the nasal passages and the trachea into the bronchial tubes. If subzero air does reach the lungs, it can freeze the tissues and cause suffocation.

The medical director of the American Lung Association, Dr. Donald Young, warns that everyone should remember to breathe through the nose during cold weather, because air isn't warmed enough when it is gulped through the mouth, particularly during strenuous outdoor exercise. It may or may not have serious effects, but it can cause chest irritation.

Cold air causes the breathing tubes to narrow and restricts the air supply, a potential hazard to asthmatics. In any event, it is a good idea to wrap a scarf around the face so the air the person is

breathing will be warm to start with.

Dr. Young also cautions people to be careful about standing or walking in slush without proper protection for the feet. Diabetics should be especially careful, because poor circulation in their feet will not give them a warning signal and can lead to a condition known as "trench foot."

There is no scientific evidence that colds have anything to do with the weather, and no one knows why more people catch colds in winter than in summer, says Young.

It is just plain good sense to dress warmly before going out in the cold in order to avoid frostbite, and, because air is a good insulator, it is better to layer outerwear instead of bundling up in a heavy overcoat. Loose clothing should be worn, because tight clothing constricts body tissue and interferes with the blood supply. It is important to keep the major artery and pulse points covered. That means a hat, a scarf, long gloves or mittens when it is very cold outside.

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Curtain time

by Phillip Purser

I must confess right off that I'm an Alan Ayckbourn devotee. Whenever I see one of his plays whether for the first or the fourth time there are parts of it that will reduce me to a foolishly guffawing half-wit. Neil Simon can usually not do this to me, but even in the re-reading of an Ayckbourn comedy I'm hopeless.

Having seen "Table Manners" (as well as the two companion plays, "Living Together" and "Round and Round the Garden," which altogether form a unique trilogy entitled "The Norman Conquests") and the other plays in the simultaneous trilogy on three successive evenings in London's West End three years ago, I was looking forward to reunion with "The Norman Conquests."

There was very little disappointment last Thursday evening at Meadow Brook Theatre, even though the actors in this production could not live up to the excellent teamwork of the British cast which included Tom Courtenay, Michael Gambon, and Felicity Kendal.

The three plays in "The Norman Conquests" are concurrent and overlapping and take place in the same time span with the same actors working with the identical situation in different parts of an old English country home. "Table Manners" is the dining room sequence and the basic plot in this as in the other two revolves around Norman, a feckless assistant librarian, who is full of love that he desires to share with any woman that crosses his path (he said that he is a three woman a day man) and that includes his sisters-in-law, Annie and Sarah.

His immediate object at the curtain is his wife Ruth's younger sister, Annie, the family Cinderella, who unmarried looks after the demanding mother (who does not appear on stage). Annie and Norman have previously planned to nip off to unromantic East Grinstead for a bit of a "dirty weekend." The shrewish, prudish, and discontented Sarah, married to Ruth and Annie's brother Reg, steps in to prevent the weekend escapade and tries to spark up the languorous relationship between Annie and Tom, a ponderous, dull veterinarian who appears more interested in accident-prone cats and stricken horses than in any female including Annie.

The comedy arises from three characters: the engaging, little boy and would-be satyr Norman, Sarah with her continual need to nag, organize and give advice, and Tom who is a slow-moving, dull-witted, and passively unresponsive non-pursuer of Annie. Norman is always available to offer solace and comfort to any of the women and at the drop of a hint of frustration he is ready for a romp on a fur rug or a quick trip to Bournemouth or East Grinstead.

Eric Tavaris as Norman is jovial, lecherous, and infantile.

He seems a bit too scheming and slick and not enough of the shaggy, little lost boy, but that may be somewhat nit-picky and a needless comparison to Tom Courtenay's Norman. Peter McRobbie is a marvelously obtuse and hopelessly naive boyfriend.

There is a dining room scene in the second act which depicts some of the clever characterizations and maneuvering of Ayckbourn. Seating Tom on a make-shift and short-legged chair next to Norman in the seating arrangement, which in itself becomes a source for highjunks, provides a host of sight and verbal gags mostly by Norman and directed at the dense Tom ("How's the little chap doing?", asks Norman, patting Tom on the head. It

doesn't sound all that clever of a line and can't compare to most wise-acre lines by Simon, but in this situation was hilarious).

All members of the cast were admirable and deserve mention. Mary Gallagher looked and acted the part of the repressed and frustrated Annie. Barbara Sohmers as the discontented Sarah, Marion Brasch as the myopic, efficient and tolerant wife of Norman, and Michel Cullen as the oral and easy-going Reg, filled out the talented cast.

"Table Manners" is a funny play which offers equal portions of farce and a half-serious look at the strains of marriage and family.

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These are just some of the basic precautions you should take, according to Lester Smith, safety coordinator with the Oakland County Road Commission.

"County and city snow removal crews and equipment are limited, and when an abnormally heavy snowfall occurs it could be three or four days before roads you depend on can be cleared," he said.

"Also, cars stalled in the roadway make it just that much more difficult for road crews to clear paths. Anything you can do

to stay put safely will make it that much easier for us, police, fire and ambulance services," said Smith.

"Even if you could get to your druggist, your druggist may not be able to get to his counter to fill your prescriptions. It's a good idea to stock up," Smith cautioned.

"The whole idea," said Smith, "is to reduce the necessity to be out on the road when conditions are bad."

If you should get caught out in your car, the best insurance you can have against serious problems is to have enough gas in your fuel tank, he said.

"Quite often, winter weather comes on fast and slows traffic to a crawl. You'll need more fuel for long periods of idling," said Smith.

"If you should get stuck miles from help, the automobile is the best protection you have from exposure, but it's better if

you can operate the engine periodically to provide warmth and keep the battery charged.

"For the same reason, it's important to assure that your exhaust system is safe. Exhaust fumes coming into a car are potential death," Smith noted.

"Unless you can easily reach help, it's best to stay with your car," the Road Commission's safety coordinator advised. "Leaving your car invites danger such as frostbite or injury, and makes it difficult for rescuers to locate you."

He said an emergency kit in the car can make the wait more comfortable and prevent disaster. Smith said, "At the very least, such a kit should contain essential medicines, a warm hat, boots, gloves, extra clothing, first aid kit, a flashlight, candles and matches."

Smith noted that a full list of survival items would include

such things as a shovel, sand and jumper cables to free the car from minor mirings; drinking water and food for possible long waits for help; and a signal mirror and whistle to summon help.

He said that should any of these items be forgotten, equipment on the car can often be used in an extreme emergency. "For example, a hubcap works as a shovel or a signal reflector. Carpeting and upholstery can be wrapped around the body. Newspapers make good insulation."

Smith warned against trudging through the snow in a snowmobile suit. "Such clothing is designed to repel moisture and doesn't allow the body to breathe properly. Therefore, it causes excessive sweating, which causes dangerous dehydration," said Smith.

"Living in a metropolitan

area, we're all accustomed to moving freely about in our automobiles and tend to forget that severe weather is hazardous anywhere. Some of the problems are just compounded in a metropolitan area, where thousands of vehicles can be bogged down in roadways necessary for emergency services. That happened, with all too many disastrous results, in Buffalo, New York last year," said Smith.



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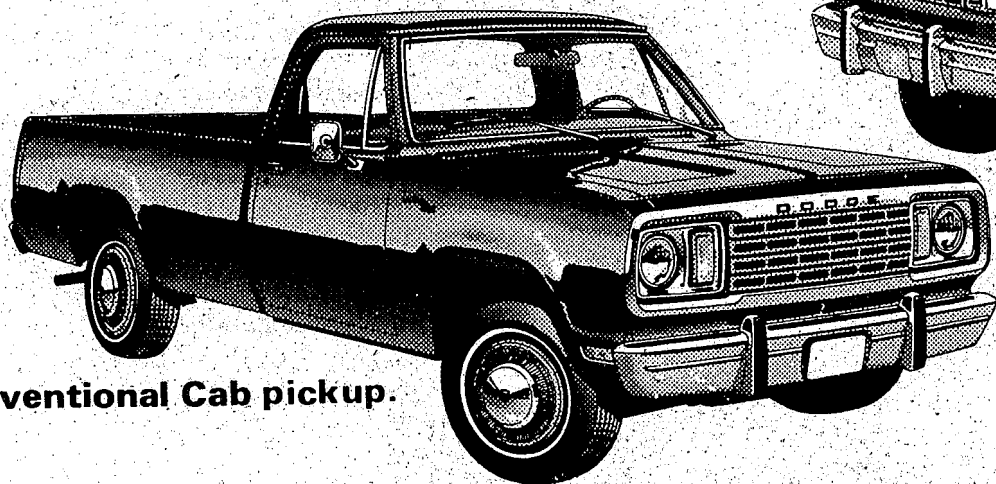
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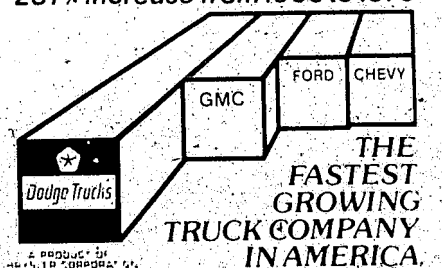
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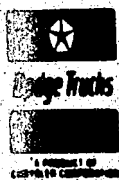
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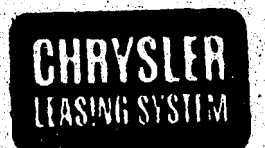
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That perfect Christmas gift item

By Hilda Bruce
of The Clarkston News

There doesn't seem to be any one item that is selling big for Christmas this year—but there certainly is a variety in Clarkston shops.

Popular gift choices in the

area for the Christmas of 1977 range from an X-rated doll that earned a police inspection to as pristine a gift as a Sierra Club calendar.

One of the two biggest sellers in Clarkston is Uncle Sherman, the fluffy, explicit, flasher doll

that can also be used as a pillow. Uncle Sherman, who is available in two sizes at The Essence of It, comes attired in his raincoat. The peewee Sherman sells for \$10.99 and the larger version is \$22.50.

While the Essence of It has been selling dolls, Tierra Arts and Design has sold 8,000 pounds of jute for the making of macrame wreaths. Joan Kopietz had been out of the jute for a week and a half when the delivery man arrived this week with another 2,000 pounds.

"He said that was the best delivery he had made all week," Joan noted. "I was so glad to see him."

Since word got out that the jute was in, people have been coming in droves, Joan said.

"I'll be out again in a couple of weeks," she added. "And that's a lot of jute."

Enough jute for a wreath costs \$3.50. If you buy enough for 10 (to give as gifts) the price drops to \$2.00.

At the Village Gallery, Norwegian kitchen witches are going for \$7 each. It seems many people know of someone who needs the good witch. She is guaranteed to prevent bad coffee and burned food.

"She's so ugly she is cute," said proprietor Sue Berry.

At Country Value hardware small kitchen appliances are selling well. The new Watta Pizzaria tops the list with



Joan Kopietz rests on her fast diminishing supply of jute and displays the macrame wreaths that have everyone flocking to the bead loft at Tierra Arts and Design for instructions and materials.

portable electric broilers and Little Fries (deep fryers) following close behind.

A lot of ladies will find new coffee makers under the tree this year too.

And it seems some families are opting for one gift to benefit all—the auxiliary heating units of which Country Value has several types.

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Patsy Weeks displays Uncle Sherman, the flasher doll. The fellow has a helpmate, Aunt Sophie but she is not as readily available as Sherman is. The doll can be purchased at the Essence of It.

Amtrak, samtrack: It's no joy ride

by Diane Dzik

"We're doing the best we can" or so their slogan goes but somehow their best just wasn't good enough Sunday evening following Thanksgiving.

That's when I found myself sitting on my suitcase in the crowded vestibule of a passenger car aboard Amtrak's Blue Water Limited.

It runs from Chicago to Port Huron with stops in Niles, Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, East Lansing, Flint and Lapeer.

Getting to the Union Street Station in Chicago an hour and a half early didn't seem to matter in the rush of holiday crowds.

An earlier phone call assured us that additional cars would be put on to accommodate an overflow of passengers.

So, we bought our tickets confidently and waited in a large crush of people to board the train.

When the gates opened, we surged forward to the waiting cars. Each car seemed full so we proceeded to the next, and then to the next. When we reached the last car, we climbed aboard.

Moving down the aisle we quickly discovered that all seats were taken. So, back to the doorway we went to tell the conductor that the extra car would certainly have to be added.

To our amazement, he loudly announced "Standing room only." Then he told us to move into the vestibule and back from the doors if we intended to stay aboard.

Undaunted we asked the fellow with him, who

had an air of managerial importance, if they were going to put on another car. "No-mam, this is it," he stated agitatedly.

I spent the next few minutes in vain trying to convince my husband that maybe we could come back tomorrow and try the whole thing over again.

He felt he couldn't take off an extra day and I resigned myself to making the best of the situation.

The situation was that we both were to stand (or sit on our suitcases if we chose) with our backs propped against the sliding compartment door or the heater vents on either side of the aisle.

And, we were to be careful that we didn't block the aisle—safety standards and all.

We had a chance to talk with the conductor, and later to a few freight men, who were on their way home.

We were told the Amtrak rides this run every day with a handful of passengers and that "the decision makers" for the company didn't make special exceptions during holiday rushes.

"There isn't even an extra car available on this line anyway," said one of the fellows, "they put extra cars on their prime runs only."

Obviously, the Blue Water Limited is not a prime run.

Ironically, back at the station, men on loudspeakers announced at the last minute that any passengers wishing to debark in Niles, Kalamazoo, or Battle Creek should not come aboard. Some of the people at the gate turned back at this announcement. We smiled and thought, Aha! we'll get there faster

they won't be stopping at these points.

But as the trip progressed the Blue Water Limited did indeed make stops at these points and the reason for the announcement became clear.

Even though we were at standing room only capacity, the stops were made to pick up more passengers!

A few came on at Niles, then more at Battle Creek. The topper was an additional thirty or more to our car alone at Kalamazoo.

At that point I was too weary to ask the red-faced conductor the total number of embarkees on the entire train.

For the next 55 minutes our train car was wall to wall people and movement was next to impossible. I looked dejectedly at the bag of crewel work and the book I had brought.

Relief came five hours later when finally, at East Lansing sixty percent of the people (mostly students) debarked.

Sitting in a padded seat is a luxury we really take for granted. For the last lap of the journey I did nothing but enjoy the luxury of a seat.

An indignant, assertive passenger at the beginning of the journey, I was now just cold, slightly nauseous, rather sore, and totally resolved never to ride a train again. At least not the Blue Water Limited.

One of the conductor's statements came back to me.

"These are just glorified street cars, Lady," and sadly I thought "he's right".



Doll collecting goes professional . . .

Country Living



Baptismal gowns like the one on the baby doll seated in the antique chair are Mrs. Hancock's latest project.

By Hilda Bruce
of The Clarkston News
While little girls are writing Santa for their favorite dolls a lot of mothers are stopping by

Evelyn Hancock's farm home display room to do some wishing of their own—if not buying. Mrs. Hancock's dolls don't appear in the Christmas wish

books although some of them have in the past—Shirley Temple, Toni, Betsy McCall.

Some of them were never listed in the Penney's, Ward's or Sears' catalogs. They come from all over the world and some approach 100 years of age.

Others are the creation of this Davisburg doll maker.

The display includes almost any doll from the antique to the modern collectibles. (According to Mrs. Hancock, doll collecting is the second most popular hobby. Stamps and coins are the first only because dolls take more space, she said.)

She is not a collector. She buys and sells. And there are plenty of dolls available for Christmas shoppers.

"They're just like the calves we raise for market," she explained. "We don't make pets of them."

Mrs. Hancock might not be attached to the dolls, but she spends all of her time with dolls.

"I haven't seen TV or read a good book since I started this. I spend all my time reading about dolls," she said.

Only one doll has eluded her researching efforts. About all she knows is that the doll is of German origin and is of composition construction.

But there are the dolls from Occupied Japan, collectible because they were made for only three years during World War II and were sold only in the United States.

Ranging in price from \$4.50 to \$400, there are wax dolls, and china dolls and bisque dolls and papier mache dolls and pipe cleaner dolls.

There are baby dolls with tin

filled with mattress stuffing. Then Mrs. Hancock designs and makes the fashions her dolls wear.

"I've always sewn. I guess my mother taught me when I was six or seven years old. I like to sew, but not for people," she said. "The dolls wear whatever I put on them."

And why not? They're dressed in the fashion height of their

"I haven't seen TV or read a good book since I started this. I spend all my time reading about dolls,"

eyes and baby dolls with concave eyes.

There are Madame Alexander dolls, and Madame Hendron originals.

If the Davisburg collector doesn't have the doll a customer wants, she can get it. If she can't get it she may make it.

Her own creations include Scarlet O'Hara and Jackie Kennedy (John is yet to be finished), among 25-30 others.

She started making dolls when she ran out of ideas for her ceramics hobby.

"That was five, six, maybe seven years ago," she said. "I never expected it (the business) to grow like it has."

The ceramic heads, legs and arms are affixed to cloth bodies

years.

Mrs. Hancock gets most of her ideas from TV and her reading. If she is afraid she is going to forget what the garment looks like she sketches it. After that her imagination takes over.

While she is busy making the dolls her husband Charles wiles away his retirement hours carving out cedar shingles and grooving redwood siding for the doll houses he designs.

"The most popular are the Victorian and farm houses," Mrs. Hancock said. "And Charles has all the orders he can finish by Christmas."

"I'm pretty well caught up. I'm only about six months behind," she said, laughing.

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Dana Lynn is Evelyn's creation in Porcelain dressed for a ball in late 1800s style.



Santa's helpers

Country Living



we were working," she continued.

She retired from a supervisory position at Oakland County Children's Village five years ago and Charles retired from the machine shop at General Motors Truck and Coach July 1.

When Mrs. Hancock isn't making dolls, she repairs favorites that have seen their better days and each week she manages time to teach ceramics to 40 Davisburg Busy Bees 4-H Club members.

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The Township Board of Springfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan hereby ordains:

SECTION I.

1. Amend Article 23.00 subsection G as follows:

All lots and/or parcels must have a minimum lot size and minimum lot frontage as required and must front a dedicated public road. This requirement may be modified upon application to the Township provided that the following conditions are complied with.

SECTION II.

This Amendment shall be effective from and after January 15, 1978.

I, J. CALVIN WALTERS, HEREBY certify that the foregoing amendment was adopted by the Springfield Township Board on the 7th day of December 1977. Members of the said Township Board on the 7th day of December 1977. Members of the said Township Board voting thereon and their respective votes are as follows:

Ayes: Kramer, Walls, Vermilye, Underwood and Walters. Nays: None.

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"She's so ugly she's cute," says Sue Berry of the kitchen witch available at the Village Gallery.

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are 24 karat gold plated Christmas ornaments in 24 different designs that can be engraved at the shop. The \$2.50 charge includes mailers if the gift is for someone out of town.

They also have tintage letters with boxes for the person that is hard to buy for. Cost depends on the letters chosen with the smaller ones priced at 20 cents each, medium ones at 40 cents and the larger ones at 75 cents. It is one gift that is easily personalized.

As in the past Terri Berri will have the Norman Rockwell commemorative bulbs and also the Sierra Club calendars.

If you still need ideas, try Main Street Antiques. As Daisy Dowling says, most people don't think an antique shop carries anything but antiques. But they're wrong. Daisy has many gift items and because she operates an antique shop many of them are antiques, but many of them are not.

There you will find herb, calico and straw wreaths, stuffed dolls and wooden toys and decorations of all prices. Daisy also has unique sterling tree decorations. There may even be an angel for your own little angel.

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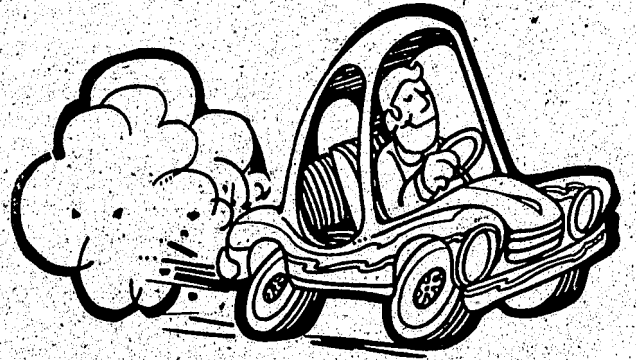
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country club dancing gave the proper festive touch to the Chatham Club's 10th anniversary celebration.

Floyd Tower has been appointed to the National Americanism Council of the American Legion.

25 YEARS AGO
December 11, 1952
Goodfellow newspapers went on sale for the 13th time, as Rotarians took to the streets. Their efforts are made to help the needy children in the community have a brighter Christmas.

Forty-one guests attended the annual Weber family Christmas party. The large number moved the Yule gathering from the home of Mrs. Charles Weber to the Township Hall annex.

The dedication and lighting of a "living" Christmas tree, in memory of Mrs. Jessie Field Campbell, was made in a ceremony at the Community Center.

Champagne cocktails and

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Notice

NOTICE

Nominating petitions are now available for the 1978 Village election. The offices to be voted on are: president, clerk, treasurer, assessor, and three trustees, all of these being two year terms. The deadline for filing these petitions with the clerk is Tuesday, December 20, 1977 at 4 p.m. The election will be on March 13, 1978, and a primary election will be Feb. 20, 1978 if necessary. For petitions and other information, contact Bruce Rogers, Village Clerk, at 29 E. Washington, Clarkston, phone no. 625-3686.

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Dec. 1, 8, 15

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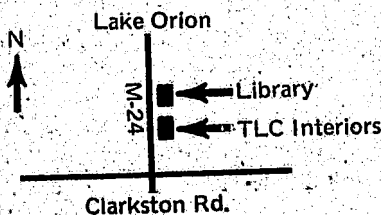
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Christmas activities abound

by Hilda Bruce 625-3370



Christmas cookie exchanges are now in full swing—another reminder that Christmas is almost here. Monday Pat Morrow [left] of Warbler and friends, Judy Hocking of Tamarack and Kay Marietta of Chanto, gathered for coffee and sampled again the rewards of their exchange last week. At the friends annual Christmas party 10 gals each contributed fifty cookies of two varieties and left with 20 different kinds each. According to Pat there wasn't one duplication in the collection of goodies that ranged from cookies and candies to healthfood bars and orange bread sticks.



Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bennett, 9640 White Lake Road, Clarkston, announce the engagement of their daughter, Renee Elizabeth to Bruce M. Hubbard. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hubbard, 6966 Tappan Drive, Clarkston. The bride to be is a secretary at Standard Federal Savings and fiancée is an interchange clerk with Grand Trunk Railroad. The wedding is set for June 16, 1979.

Clarkston area Camp Fire Girls are busily celebrating the Christmas season through service to others in their community. A dozen groups have made tray and table favors to be distributed next week to children's hospital wards, nursing homes and senior citizens.

Judy Johnson and her sixth and seventh graders are coordinating the collection and distribution. Brenda Dupree's fourth grade pupils, Joyce Gibson's second grade students and Paula Acton's fourth graders will help with deliveries.

"People helping people help themselves" is not a philosophy unique only to independence center on Maybee Road.

Last summer past ic chairman Jim Randall met a Swedish missionary, Karli Le Froot, who had instituted the same philosophy in his mission to the Zulu tribes of the community of Kwazulu in South Africa. The missionary and his wife decided to implement a self help scheme rather than to try changing the culture of the Zulus.

December 17 ic will be selling mats, table runners, baskets and ornaments woven of native grasses and carved from native woods by the Zulus at the Jaycette sponsored Santa's Shed at Clarkston High School.

The Zulus produce the items in their homes, for it is there that their designs and materials originate. By selling the items they have an income while maintaining their Zulu traditions.

All profits from the sale will benefit independence center and in turn help others help themselves.

Senior citizens and shutins in the village will be entertained on Wednesday, December 21 when three groups of Camp Fire Girls bring them Christmas cookies and sing carols.

The third and fourth graders, led by Barb Richards, Flo Pilarcik and Joyce Eaglin will start from Clarkston Methodist Church at 6:15 p.m.

The Clarkston McDonalds has invited fourth grade Camp Fire Girls to paint Christmas scenes on their windows. Linda Meadows' and Joan Schultz' groups will start painting December 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce L. Sommers of Davisburg are the proud parents of a baby boy. Paul Michael weighed in at 7 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 21 inches long when he arrived on November 29.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Sommers of Davisburg and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geist of Frederic, Michigan.

Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Sommers of Davisburg, Mrs. Leona Marks Mitchell of Clarkston and Mrs. Garnett Wisenbaugh of Brown City, Michigan.

Michael Barker of Clarkston, a student at Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes Campus, was named to the 1977-78 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges." Students were selected on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extra-curricular activities and future potential.



Engaged

Mrs. Beverly P. Stormer of Waterford Township announces the engagement of her daughter Kelly Marie, to Gerard Anthony Stevenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Stevenson, formerly of Waterford Township, now of California. The couple are both 1976 graduates of Clarkston High School. The bride-to-be now attends Oakland University school of education. Her fiancée is a salesman for Times Realty of Waterford and is employed at General Motors Corporation. An August 4, 1978 wedding is planned.

Santa Claus is beginning to make his rounds of the Award; Ken Barrott, Frank Christmas parties and showed Barott and Mike Walters, the up with his bag full of goodies at Wolf Award.

Arrow points went to Kevin party last night (Wednesday). McNally, Mickey Menjo and The scouts and their families David Johnston.

Past dinner bars were awarded to Matt Batzloff, Craig Greenfield, and Mark Fought.

The dulcimer is an ancient Persian stringed instrument.

The Davisburg Firemen's Auxiliary will sponsor an American Red Cross blood drive at the including Greg Harned and



Ken Craft

Shirley Foote

Two Clarkston realtors were recently elected to head the Brandon, Independence, Springfield Exchange [B.I.S.E.] Ken Craft, whose office is at 18 1/2 S. Main took over as president in November. Shirley Foote, whose office is at 6696 Dixie Highway is the new secretary-treasurer of the 13 member group.

More Millstream

More activities



If you're still looking for that Christmas plant for someone special, you may find it at the greenhouse at the North Oakland Vocational Education Center on Big Lake Road just off of Dixie Highway northwest of Clarkston. Poinsettias, azaleas and other blooming plants range from \$4 to \$5.50 in price. For further information call 625-5205 between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Davisburg United Methodist Church on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2 p.m.-8 p.m. Call 634-7017 for an appointment.



Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor of Pine Knob Road, announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol Dianne Taylor of Coldwater, Michigan to Joseph Charles Tinervia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tinervia of Coldwater. The bride elect graduated from Clarkston High School and Michigan State University. Her fiance graduated from Western Michigan University. A June 24, 1978 wedding is planned.

Central Michigan University, is a member of the Women's Glee Club.

The Glee Club, which is open to all university women by audition, performs folk songs and popular arrangements from many different eras, and also joins the Men's Glee Club for concerts.

Joanne is the daughter of Beverly and Ernie Rose of Clarkston. She sings soprano in the Women's Glee Club.

The Davisburg United Methodist Church is in the midst of the Christmas whirl. Last Sunday night the church's young people presented an original play, "The True Meaning of Christmas," authored by Bob Walters.

Thursday, Dec. 15 the church women will pack Christmas lunches for shut-ins.

Next Sunday evening, Dec. 18, 7:30, the Clarkston High School Madrigals will sing at the church.

Before the Christmas Eve Cantata members and friends of the church will hold with tradition and line the altar with poinsettias in memory of loved ones and in honor of living relatives.

Davisburg Rotary Club celebrated its tenth anniversary Saturday, Dec. 10 by presenting \$1,000 to Rotary International for the Paul Harris (founder of Rotary International) Fellowship in the name of the club's first president, Charlie Goings of Parker Road.

Dale Wilder of Dixie Highway was named Rotarian of the Year while Don Hart, Louis Benfield and Gerry Lacy were honored as outstanding Rotarians. Tom Purvis of Clarkston was commended for never having missed a meeting.

Joanne Rose, a freshman at

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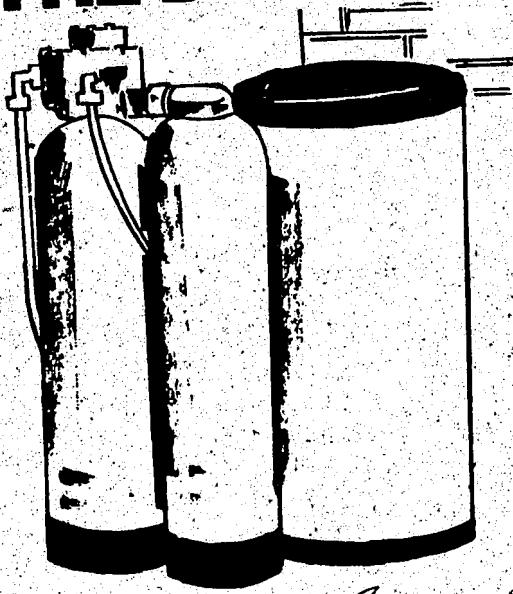
AREA CHURCHES AND THEIR WORSHIP HOUR

SASHABAW UNITED PRESBYTERIAN 5300 Maybee Road Pastor Mark H. Caldwell Church School 9:30 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.	LAKE LOUISE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE M-15 at W. Seymour Lake Road, Ortonville 9:45 Sunday School 10:50 The Hour of Worship 6:15 Youth and Bible Study 7:00 Evening Service Wed. 7:00 p.m. Family Prayer & Bible Study
CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 6600 Waldon Road Rev. James R. Balfour Worship & Church School 10:00 a.m.	CLARKSTON CHURCH OF GOD 54 South Main Sunday School 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Eve. Evangelistic 7 p.m. Wed. Prayer, Bible & Youth 7 p.m. Pastor Richard Lowe
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 1950 Baldwin, Lake Orion, MI 48035 Sunday School 9:15 Family Worship 8 and 10:30 a.m. Pastor Charles Kosberg	SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN 5401 Oak Park off Maybee Rd. Rev. Allen Hinz Worship Hours: Wed. 7 p.m., Sun. 7 p.m.
ANDERSONVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH 10350 Andersonville Rev. Wallace Duncan Worship 11:00 a.m.	CLINTONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH 5301 Clintonville Rd. 9:45 Sunday School 7:30 Evening Worship 11:00 Morning Worship Wed. 7:00 Choir 6:30 Training Union 7:30 Prayer Service
MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH 5790 Flemings Lake Road Rev. Phillip W. Somers Worship 11:00 a.m.	CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH INDEPENDENT NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH Gene Paul, Minister 3246 Lapeer Rd. (M-24 near I-75) B. School 9:45, M. Worship 11 a.m. Eve. Worship 6:00
ST. DANIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH Holcomb at Miller Rd Father Charles E. Cushing Sunday Masses: 9 and 11 Sat. 5 p.m. & 7 p.m.	WATERFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH Airport Road at Olympic Parkway Sunday School 9:45 Morning Worship 11:00 Evening Service 6:00 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 Rev. Phillip Whisenhunt, Pastor Elizabeth Jencks, Children's Worker
FIRST BAPTIST 5972 Paramus Rev. Clarence Bell Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Service 11:00 am Primary Church thru 4th Grade Evening Service 7:00 pm	ST. TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 7925 Sashabaw Road Pastor Rev. Ralph C. Claus Sunday Worship 8:30 and 11:00 Sunday School 9:45
DRAYTON HEIGHTS FREE METHODIST CHURCH Corner of Winnell and Maybee Rd. Rev. Clancy J. Thompson 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Hour 6:00 Vespers Wednesday, 7 p.m. Family Night	CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 4453 Clintonville Road Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Family Prayer Wed. 7:30 p.m. Wayne G. Greve, Pastor
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PINE KNOB COMMUNITY CHURCH 3041 Reeder Road off Clintonville Pontiac, Michigan Ken Hauser Worship 10:15 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.	EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION 6490 Clarkston Road Rev. Alexander Stewart Worship 8:00 & 10:00
NEW HOPE BIBLE CHURCH 5311 Sunnyside Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m. Worship at 7 p.m. Rev. H. W. Crawford, 674-1112	CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH 6805 Bluegrass Drive Rev. Robert D. Walters 8:00 am Spoken Communion Service 9:00 am Contemporary Worship and Sunday School 10:45 am Service and Nursery
SEYMOUR LAKE UNITED METHODIST Sashabaw at Seymour Lake Rd. Rev. Larenz Stahl Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30a.m.	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DAVISBURG 12881 Andersonville Road, Davisburg Rev. Robert R. Hazen, Pastor Phone 634-9225 Sunday: Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Gospel Hour 6 p.m. Wednesday: Family night program 7 p.m. Awana clubs 7 p.m.
CLARKSTON COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH Presently meeting in the Clarkston High School Auditorium Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m. Evening Service 6 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Myron Gaul, 625-0519 Christian Ed., Roger Sykes	UNITY in Pontiac West Huron at Genesee 3 blocks east of Telegraph 10:30 Worship Hour 10:00-11:30 Sunday School, Pre-school through Junior High
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A fresh tree, good lights and a safe Christmas

By Rhea Lodge
of The Clarkston News
Reflections of colored lights bounce off the sparkling ornaments that hang from the tree. All is well with the world, and you feel safe and secure.

And you will be safe if you take a few precautions before you sit back and enjoy the holidays.

Every year fires and severe electric shocks from holiday decorations end the season abruptly for thousands of Americans. To help prevent accidents and keep the holiday season joyful, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission offers these safety suggestions.

TREES

A dry tree is a fire hazard, so before buying a cut tree, check it for freshness. The needles on a fresh tree will bend; needles on a dry tree feel brittle and break or fall off when you try to bend

them.
When you bring your tree home, cut the butt end off diagonally one or two inches from the bottom. The diagonal cut allows more water to be absorbed into the tree. Make sure the tree is held securely in a sturdy tree stand and fill the holder with enough water to cover the cut line. Check it every day to make sure there is plenty of water in it.

Set the tree up away from the fireplace, heat vents and other heat sources and make sure it is not in a spot where someone could knock it over or fall into it.

As soon as the needles begin

to fall off in large quantities, dispose of it.

Metal trees present no fire hazard in themselves, but can be the source of a serious shock if electric lights are attached to the tree. Sharp metal edges may cut the cord insulation or the metal needles might touch an electrically charged component.

The only way to illuminate a metal tree safely is to use colored floodlights placed in different areas of the room.

If you buy a plastic tree, it should be made of fire resistant material. This doesn't mean that it can't burn, but that it won't catch fire easily.

LIGHTS

Check all tree lights and outdoor lights each year before using. Check the strings for frayed wires, loose connections and cracked or broken sockets and repair or throw out any set that is damaged.

All lights should be fastened securely to the tree and the light bulbs should not come into direct contact with the needles or branches.

Don't overload extension cords and wall sockets and don't put more than three sets of lights on any extension cord. Keep the connection joints well away from the water supply of a live tree.

Don't ever try to use indoor lights for outdoor lighting. Any outdoor lights should be weatherproof, but remove them as soon as the holidays are over because they aren't designed to withstand prolonged exposure to snow and cold.

When you leave the house or go to bed, always unplug all the inside and outside lights.

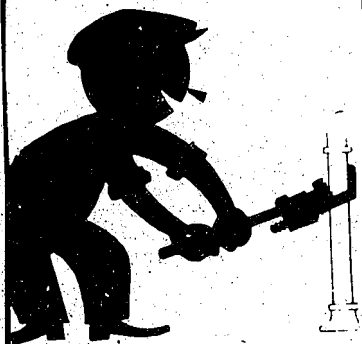
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Christmas safety

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knock them off. Trimmings should be non-combustible or flame resistant. There is danger in using spun glass "angel hair" and spray-on artificial snow together because the dried combination can burn rapidly if accidentally ignited. Some traditional holiday decorations are poisonous and

should be kept out of the reach of children. If your child swallows mistletoe or holly berries or the salts that are thrown on a wood fire to produce colors, call your doctor or your poison control center immediately. Use only tinsel or artificial icicles that do not contain lead,

because lead is poisonous. And, nostalgia or no nostalgia, never use wax candles on or near a tree.

FIREPLACES

Keep a screen in front of the fireplace any time a fire is burning. Be sure the damper is open for efficient burning and to prevent accumulation of gasses. Don't use gasoline or other flammable liquids to kindle a fire because the flammable vapors can explode.

Never use the fireplace as an incinerator. Do not burn wrappings or evergreen boughs in the fireplace because they can burn suddenly and rapidly, throwing off sparks and burning debris. Dispose of wrapping paper immediately.

Be sure all ashes have thoroughly cooled before disposing of them and make sure the fire is out completely before you leave the house or go to bed.



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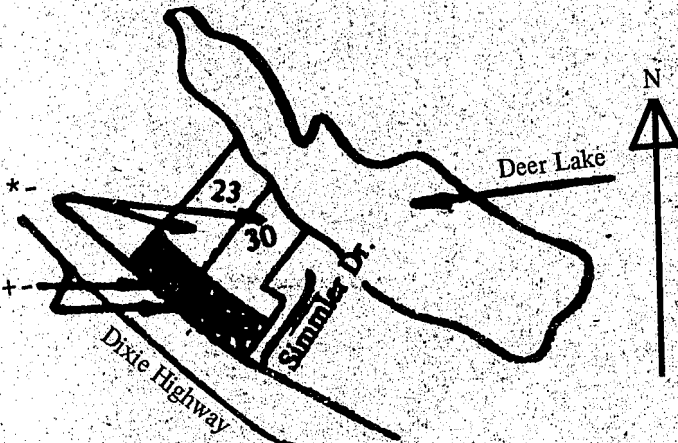
PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN

ADOPTED: December 6, 1977
EFFECTIVE: January 14, 1978

TITLE: AN AMENDMENT TO THE INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 83

THE BOARD OF INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF OAKLAND, OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

That the Zoning Ordinance No. 83 of Independence Township is hereby amended as follows:
TO WIT: To change from R1R Residential district to R1C Residential district, located in Section 19 and described as follows:



+ - Present Office Zoning & C-3 Highway Commercial Not Included

*Total acreage rezoned 42 acres

This change is not reflected with the map circulated with the ordinance copy.

Passed this 6th day of December, 1977, by the Independence Township Board. Ayes: Hallman, Powell, Ritter, Rose, Tower. Nays: None.

Christopher L. Rose, Clerk

Published December 15, 1977

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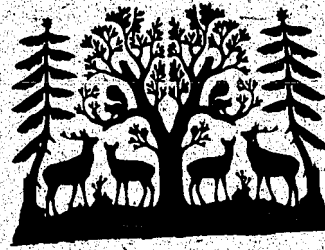
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by David McNeven, Coach

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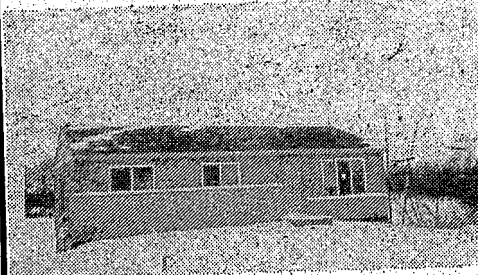
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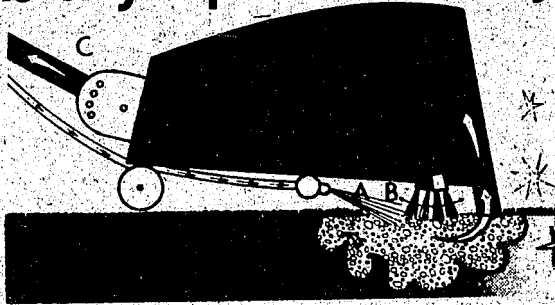
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Public Notice

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, December 21, 1977, 7:30 P.M. at the Independence Township Hall, 90 North Main St., Clarkston, Michigan to hear the following case:

- 1) CASE #724 - Gary A. Hutchinson, Lots 10, 11, 12, 13 Thendara Park Country Club. Applicant requests a rear yard set back variance of 22 feet, and a front yard set back variance of 8 feet. 08-11-433-019.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed variance may be examined at the Independence Township Building Department, 90 North Main, Clarkston, Michigan during regular office hours, each day Monday thru Friday until the date of the Public Hearing.

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SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DECEMBER 20, 1977

Notice is hereby given that the following Public Hearing will be held by the Springfield Township Planning Commission on Tuesday, December 20, 1977 beginning at 8:00 P.M. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway Street, Davisburg, Michigan for comments related to the following:

- 1. Request by George R. Oberer, 4324 Webster Street, Dayton, Ohio 45414, to rezone the following described property from PUD (Planned Unit Development) to the following:

Parcel #1, #2, #3, #7, #8 and #9 to R-2.
Parcel #4 to C-3, which is Freeway Service
Parcel #5 to RM which is Multiple.
Parcel #6 to C-2 which is General Business.
Parcel #10 which is not part of the PUD Zoning will remain M-1, Light Industrial.
The Recreational portion of the PUD will be rezoned to RC for Recreational.

The above parcels are all or part of the following SW #'S 07-03-300-001,004, 07-03-451-003, 07-04-351-001 & 003 and 07-04-276-002, 07-04-400-002, 07-04-376-005, 07-04-151-002, 07-04-376-004 07-05-451-004 and 07-10-100-001. Also known as Holly Greens Golf Course.

Notice is further given that the tentative text and any maps of the Zoning Ordinance to be amended may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 650 Broadway Street, Davisburg, Michigan during regular office hours each day Monday through Friday until the date of the Public Hearing.

J. Calvin Walters
Springfield Township Clerk

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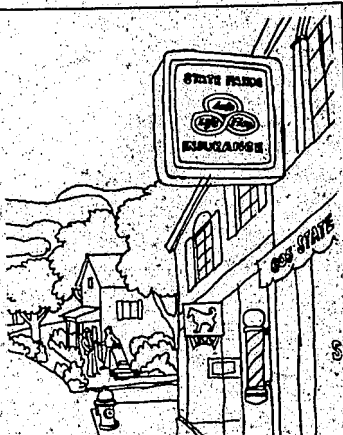
REGULAR MEETING
INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD
Dec. 6, 1977

Synopsis

- Meeting called to order 7:30 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll: Hallman, Powell, Ritter, Rose, Tower, present.
- Approved hiring of a Ceta employee in the Fire Department.
- Tabled action on a zoning amendment.
- Authorized payment of Improvement Revolving Fund monies for the Township share of the County Tornado Siren System. Paid bills totaling \$76,623.80.
- Tabled action on the engineering fees and electrical ordinances.
- Authorized the transfer of \$5,381.00 from the anti-recession fund to the Police Fund.
- Approved the closing of the township offices on December 26 and 27 for Christmas holidays.
- Waived the bid procedure for the purchase of portable radios for the Police Department.
- Refused to authorize the Assistant Recreation Director to be paid extra for directing Sunday basketball program.
- Meeting adjourned 9:13 p.m.
- The next regular meeting of the Independence Township Board will be held December 20, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. All citizens are urged to attend. Some tentative agenda items include rezoning request, liquor license transfer, township employee policies.

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Watson new VP

By Maralee Cook

The youngest Vice President in the history of First Federal Savings of Oakland is also branch manager of the Clarkston office. Allan B. Watson, who is 27, and formerly Assistant Vice President, will continue his duties as branch manager in Clarkston.

He has been with the company for six years, having started as a management trainee at the teller window because, as he said, "you have to learn it all."

Watson said the Clarkston branch is one of the savings and loan institution's most successful. He attributes this to the support of the Independence and Springfield people and added that 1977 was a record business year for his office.

The major growth for 1978 is expected to be in the areas of housing and savings with a projected increase of 25% over that of 1977. This growth is in accordance with Watson's belief as well as that of local and county officials, that the major population thrust into this area will take place within the next five years.

Evidence that Clarkston is still made up of small town values lies in the fact that while Watson once had a private office, as do most branch managers, he found that his customers preferred to see the manager when they did their regular savings account business. Hence, he moved his desk into the main office and it is now the first one you see—on the left as you walk in the door.



Allan B. Watson

Watson, his wife Rhonda and their six year old son Allan, reside in Waterford and are presently looking for home in the Independence-Springfield area. He is a member of the Businessmen's Association of Independence Township (BAIT), Lion's International which is presently forming a Clarkston branch, and a member of the National Chamber of Commerce. He is past chairman of the Independence Township United Way, and the Boy Scouts Waterford Branch Fund Drive.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in commercial art and keeps his creative side active through his hobby of making stained glass from scratch. And, although he has as yet not been offered any commissions to create original works of art, he did not say he would turn down any offers, either.

President named to NOCBA

The North Oakland County Builders Association of South-east Michigan; a member of the board of the Michigan Home Builders and is an alternate director of the National Association of Home Builders. Mr. Elliott thus joins the recent presidents of NOCBA such as Harold Muxlow, Charles Futrell and Ed Santala in assuming the responsibility of guiding the activities of the most active home builders' association in North Oakland County.

As president of their association, the group selected Arthur G. Elliott, III, who is the president of Shelter Associates, a custom home builder. He has served the industry as the officer of his local association as well as committee chairman of the

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AUTO MECHANICS needed. Will train, ages 17 to 34. Call Military Counseling, 634-4224. †††15-3c

WANTED: installers, Clarkston area for shoppers and circular tubes for rural delivery. Must have own vehicle, preferably van or pick-up type. Tools furnished. Call 693-9369 during office hours. 625-1860 evenings. †††15-3c

BABYSITTER MY HOME every day after school, Sat. and every other Sunday. P.O. 404, Clarkston. †††16-3c

YOUNG WOMAN for office work and mother's helper. Approx. 6 hours a day. Non-smoker. 625-0375. †††16-3p

ADVERTISER POSTAL Service has jobs in the Clarkston area for supervisor and deliveries. Deliver shoppers and other 3rd class printed material one day each week. (Tues. evening until 8 am Wednesday). No soliciting or collecting. Men or women over 18 are eligible. Must have dependable car. 693-9369 days. 625-1860 625-4127 evenings after 5. ††

PART TIME permanent. Neighborhood lady to train for presser. No exp. necessary. One Hour Martinizing, 5598 Dixie Hwy. Harvard Plaza. 623-9278. †††16-2c

PETS

FREE: PART German shepherd-collie female puppy, 6 months old. All shots. 625-8452. †††16-3cw

FREE TO GOOD home, female spayed Irish setter, 1½ years old. 628-9341. †††16-3fcw

PART GERMAN shepherd male, 4 mos. old. Free to good home. 1025 Hollyview Lane, Holly. †††16-3fcw

CANARY AND BIRD supplies. All bulk seed. Canary, parakeet, cockatiel, finch and bird grit. Birds boarded. Yates Aviaries, 666-2184. †††16-6c

TWO GOOD FRIENDS must find a good home because of child's allergies. 12 week old adorable female puppy, \$10 and 4 mo. old male kitten, \$5. Both have shots. 625-0125 after 5. †††16-3c

BEAUTIFUL PUPPIES, Alaskan malamute, Irish setters. Ready by Christmas, \$10. 634-4798. †††17-3f

COLLIE PUPPIES, AKC registered. Finest quality, champion sired. I health certificate pedigree. Looking for that exceptional Christmas gift for someone special. Shady Hill collies for that special gift of love. 653-2777. †††17-2c

SCHNAUZER MINI AKC pups. Shedless, tails cut, wormed. \$140. Deposit will hold until Christmas. 625-0734. †††17-3cw

FREE TO GOOD HOME, 1½ year old medium sized male mixed springer beagle. 627-3688 after 6pm. †††17-3p

FOUND

FOUND: 1934 Rochester High School ring. May be claimed at the Post Office. †††16-3cw

WANTED

GOOD AUTOMATIC slide projector. 625-3408. †††10-3w

WANTED:
CARS AND TRUCKS
Junk or Used Autos
Top Dollars Paid
858-7231 681-2894
16-1f

SEMI-RETIRED couple need 2 or 3 bedroom home or apartment, have well behaved collie. Orion/Oxford area preferred. Call 628-5285. ††† RC14-3

WE BUY junk cars and trucks, \$5.00 to \$100. 334-2148 or 628-3942. †††46-tfc

SILVER COINS before 1964 or older. Gold coins wanted. Highest prices paid. 625-2331. Evenings 625-3964. †††42-tf

USED GUNS wanted, regardless of condition. Top cash dollar. We buy-sell-trade. Guns galore. Fenton, 629-5325. †††24-tfc

CASH FOR YOUR used records and tapes. Looney Tunes, 5200 Dixie Hwy., Drayton Plains. 623-1888. †††17-3cw

WANTED: babysitter in my home Wed.-Sat., 4 hours a day. Call 623-7428. †††17-3c

WORK WANTED

WILL BABYSIT pre-schoolers week days, full or part time. References. Near Bailey Lake School. 625-2722. †††16-3cw

PRIVATE DUTY NURSE wishes work day or night. References. 887-6006. †††16-3c

TYPING AND bookkeeping done in my home. Experienced and reliable. 625-5927. †††17-3cw

ANNOUNCEMENT

LIN'S BUNKA embroidery supplies now at Custom Seaming Fashion Shop, Battle Alley, Holly. †††17-3cw

REAL ESTATE

3 ACRE BUILDING SITE. Ideal for walkout basement, Clarkston area. 5 minutes from I-75. Already perked. Please ask for Ernie Severance at O'Neil Realty. Residence phone 394-0273. Business 674-2222. †††17-3p

ANTIQUES

ANTIQUES: Pine ice box, 3-drawer chest, single brass bed, maple three-quarter spool bed, ice cream chairs, mirrors, iron stove, etc. Fenton, 1-629-0626. †††15-3cw

INSTRUCTION

CERAMIC LESSONS, firing, greenware supplies. 625-0397. †††9-12cw

READING SPECIALIST now available in area. Will help any person with reading skills, could include tutoring in school subjects. Reasonable. 625-1446. †††16-3p

PIANO LESSONS your home or mine, \$4. 625-3157. †††16-tfc

The Clarkston News
\$7.00 per year
Call: 625-3370



by Maralee Cook

If you'd like to give your van or truck a Christmas present, call **ENERGY SEAL** at 373-2288. Actually the present will be for you because your vehicle will be warmer. Insulate with spray foam van seal now at \$25.00 off the holidays through January 1. ***

Help celebrate the opening of the **PEANUT BARREL'S** new building at 4265 Dixie Highway, south of Sashabaw. They will be having in-store specials from Wednesday, December 14 through Sunday, December 18. For imported wines and beer, packaged liquor and dairy products, imported coffee and teas and Christmas gift items, see Ruth and Dick at the Peanut Barrel. Call 673-2681. ***

Party Trays are once again available at the **NICKELO-DEON**. A good idea for the holidays, just as are the gift baskets. Boiled ham is \$2.49 per pound and Swiss cheese is \$1.99 per pound. Enjoy beers from around the world and a fine selection of packaged liquor. Gift certificates are available too. Stop in at 10081 Ortonville Rd., Clarkston or call. 625-4809 or 625-4833.

Way(s) to save money . . .

1. Deal only with firms whose dependability can be established by intelligent inquiry.
2. Be sure the sales man represents the company he claims to represent.
3. Don't sign papers before you understand the terms and conditions of the sale.
4. Before you sign, be sure the name and address of the firm is printed on the contract.
5. If premises are made verbally, be sure that they are represented in substance in the contract.
6. Retain a copy of the contract.

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10 W. Huron St., Pontiac, MI 48058 • 335-6148

Fire Call

- 12- 7-77 Responded to a first aid run at Sashabaw Jr. High. Fire Department transported subject to doctor's office. Independence Twp. Police Services on scene.
- 12- 7-77 Extinguished bus fire on I-75 at the weigh scales. Independence Township Police Services on scene.
- 12- 8-77 Responded to house fire on Clarkston Road. Fire extinguished with fire damage to bedroom and upper story. Independence Police Services on scene.
- 12- 8-77 Responded with Rescue Truck to P.I. accident on Stickney Rd.
- 12- 8-77 Smoke Investigation on Drayton Road. Short circuit found in stove.
- 12- 8-77 Responded to possible fire on Pheasant Run. Found reflection of gas torch.
- 12- 9-77 Rescue Truck responded to inhalator run on Dixie Hwy. Administered oxygen. Fleet Ambulance transported subject to hospital.
- 12- 9-77 First aid run on Waldon Road. Administered first aid. Fleet Ambulance transported subject to hospital.
- 12- 9-77 Automatic Alarm on Waldon Road. Investigated and found alarm to be malfunctioning.
- 12-10-77 Possible P.I. accident on Clarkston Road. Subjects left scene before fire department arrival.
- 12-10-77 Inhalator Run on Clarkston Road. Administered oxygen. Transported by private vehicle to hospital.
- 12-10-77 Responded to chimney fire on East Circle. Stand by to allow chimney to burn out to cool.
- 12-12-77 Rescue Truck responded to heart attack on I-75. Administered boxygen. Fleet Ambulance transported to hospital. Independence Police Services on scene.

SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD DECEMBER 7, 1977

Meeting called to order at 8:00 P.M.
All Officers present.

The following items were discussed or acted upon by the Township Board.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Member of the Holly Volunteer Ambulance was present to answer questions and gave a brief report of the emergency runs into Springfield Township. A Resolution was passed supporting H.V.A. and the proposed communications program.

A letter from the H.V.A. was read asking for support to encourage the Oakland County Sheriff's Dept. to dispatch the closest ambulance.

A letter from the State Highway and Transportation Department regarding the traffic and safety at the I-75 ramp, Dixie Highway and Big Lake Roads.

Report received from the Oakland County Disaster Control as a notice that the present siren is capable of modification for Tornado Warnings.

OLD BUSINESS:

Extension of the Final Preliminary Plat of Springfield Acres was granted.

Approval was granted to accept the CDA agreement, cooperative with Oakland County, designating Supervisor Walls to sign said agreement.

Revision of Subdivision Ordinance #27 was discussed, some of the questions were on the park and side walk requirements, approval was granted to refer Ordinance #27 to the Township Planning Commission for review.

The amendment to Ordinance #26 Section 23 G was approved. \$2,525.29 of Anti-Recession Act Funds was unallocated. Motion by Walters, supported by Vermilye to designate \$2,525.29 to the Park Commission as reimbursement for the salaries of the Life Guards for the summer of 1977. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request from the Township Park Commission for additional operating funds. Permission was granted to amend the Township Budget to allow the Township Park Commission \$1098.29 and to reduce Clerical in the Building Dept. to cover this amendment.

Acceptance of the Treasurers Bond was approved. Resolution was passed designating First National Bank of Fenton-Davisburg Branch, Citizens Bank of Holly and Pontiac State Bank Clarkston Branch as depositories for Springfield Township.

Approval of the appointment of a Deputy Treasurer, Sharon Bunting, with a salary of \$50.00 a year plus \$3.50 hour for hours worked, was granted.

Site Plan approval was granted to Bordine's Better Blooms for their development on Dixie Highway.

Approval was granted to waive the 4% penalty from February 14th thru February 28th, to Senior Citizens, Veterans, Blind, Paraplegic, Quadruplegic, Totally and Permanently Disabled who have filed their Homestead Property Tax Credit with the State of Michigan and furnish proof of such.

Approval was granted to contract on a rental or trial basis a new copy machine for 30 days.

Bills for the General Fund for \$13,949.68 were approved for payment. Bills for the Fire Department Fund for \$1,180.73 were approved for payment.

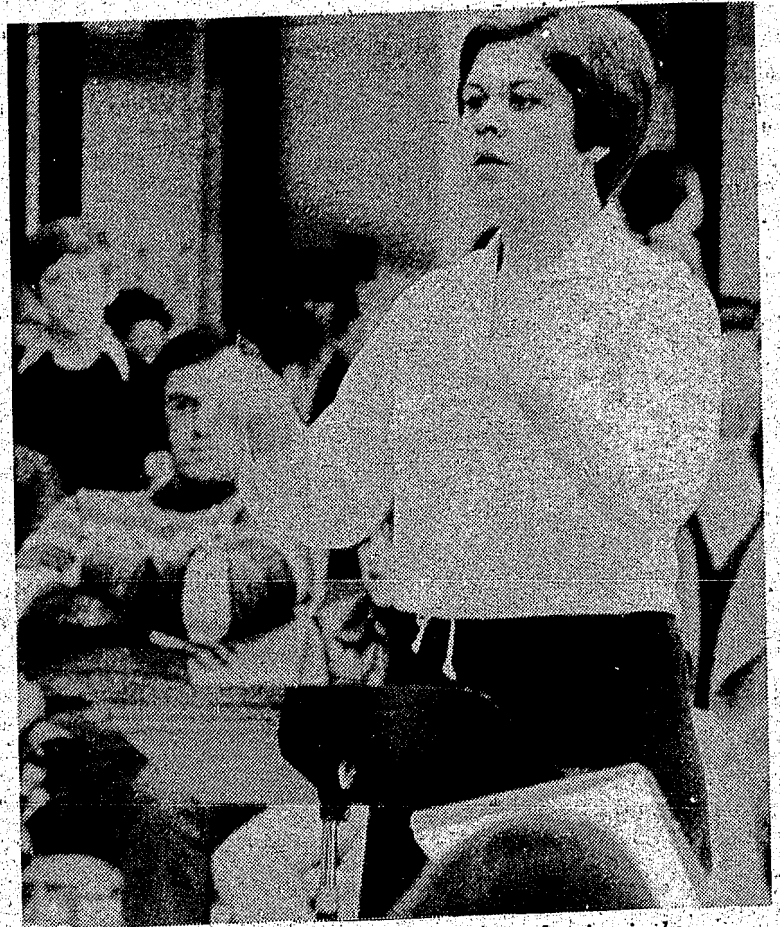
Meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Next meeting of the Township Board will be held on January 4, 1978.

J. Calvin Walters, Clerk



LITTLE DRUMMER BOY



MRS. LINDA BEEDLE puts on one last inspired performance before leaving Clarkston schools as elementary band instructor.

Christmas concert

A combination of vocal ensembles, choruses and bands from three schools put on a special pre-Christmas musical presentation Wednesday night.

Playing before an overflow crowd at Sashabaw Junior High School, musical representatives from Pine Knob, North Sashabaw and Bailey Lake Schools presented their annual Christmas concert.

Playing before a crowd of over 400 persons were the Bailey Lake and Pine Knob Combined Bands, Bailey Lake Vocal Ensemble, North Sashabaw Vocal Ensemble and combined choruses.



'If it Fitz. . .'

Hurt by truth, again

by Jim Fitzgerald



Often it is not a good idea to know too much about some things. This is particularly true at Christmas time. For instance, there is Jennifer O'Neill for Hudson's department stores, and a Detroit Christmas tree for sure.

Start with the Christmas tree. It stands in front of the old County Building, perhaps 30 feet tall. When its lights are shining in the dark, they reveal the tree's splendid symmetry. The triangle could have been drawn with a slide rule by a graduate engineer.

That's how it looks from a block away. But if you take a closer look, you make a startling discovery. There is no Christmas tree there at all. Not one lousy branch. Not the merest sprig of spruce.

This Christmas tree is nothing except strings of lights stretched from the top of a flagpole to the ground where they are anchored to simulate the Tannenbaum pattern. The lights decorate nothing. Inside the "tree" there is nothing, but air.

A deep thinker might suggest that such a tree is symbolic of what Christmas has become since the Three Wise Men got Master Charge cards. Merry Hollow Christmas.

But I'm not that disturbed by the hollow tree. After all, it is doubtless cheaper than the real thing, thus the county is saving the taxpayers' money, and that could be regarded as some sort of a Christmas present.

I'm just sorry I found out the Christmas tree is a phony. I wish I'd stayed two blocks away, where illusions are real and all my kids want for Christmas is a hug and a kiss.

I'm also sorry I learned the truth about Jennifer O'Neill. I thought she came to my town to help me with my Christmas shopping, and my heart is gladdened. I have been in love with Jennifer ever since she starred in "The Summer of '42," one of the nicest movies ever made.

Jennifer is currently appearing in local TV commercials several times every day. She is telling me what to buy

at Hudson's, a store I can see from where I live. This type of advertising seems so much more intimate than those network ads in which Sir Laurence Olivier urges me to give my wife a certain camera for Christmas, but doesn't tell me where in my neighborhood I can buy it.

I know Sir Laurence lives in England and doesn't really care what my wife gets for Christmas. But Jennifer seemed like something else. There she is, a famous movie star, standing by a Christmas tree in a store in my hometown, showing me all sorts of presents my family would love to receive. It is as though Jennifer is an Avon lady who braved the snowy weather to come into my living room to roast chestnuts and talk about frankincense and myrrh.

That's what I thought. Then I read a newspaper article which said the Jennifer O'Neill commercials were filmed last July in a Fifth Avenue-penthouse in New York City.

Jennifer never set foot in my home-

town. She never even saw the merchandise she is urging me to buy in 60 different commercials. The products were filmed later in a Detroit suburb and this footage was spliced onto Jennifer's introductory pitches.

The gift items were held by anonymous hands which never once caressed a troubled teenager during the summer I was 16.

I didn't want to know that.

Adults are not allowed to believe in Santa Claus. But why shouldn't a middle-aged man be allowed to believe he might go into a neighborhood store the week before Christmas and bump into Jennifer O'Neill, softly?

The truth hurts, and you may quote me on that.

Now I know that perfect Christmas tree is hollow, and I don't enjoy looking at it as much as before. Now I know Jennifer O'Neill might as well be Laurence Olivier, and I don't enjoy my fantasies as much as before.

For Christmas, lie to me a little.