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Will he resign?

Hallman mum on decision

Keith Hallman won't say whether he'll withdraw his resignation and remain in office as Clarkston village president or whether he intends to stand firm on his resignation.

In a letter to the Clarkston Village Council dated Sept. 20, Hallman said he was resigning as village president due to criticism of his dual roles as village president and an employee of the Clarkston Mills shopping mall.

The letter was not discussed at a Sept. 28 council meeting.

On Oct. 9, however, five of the six trustees serving on the council voted to not accept Hallman's resignation and asked him to reconsider staying in office. Councilwoman Ruth Basinger cast the dissenting vote on the motion.

At the same meeting, petitions signed by 62 Clarkston residents and business people urging Hallman to stay in office were

presented to the council.

Asked if these moves had convinced him to remain in office, Hallman said, "I'm flattered. Period. I've had some really nice letters and some phone calls from people I respect urging me to stay in office."

Hallman added, however, that his decision is yet to be made and that he wants members of the council to be the first to know whether or not he'll remain in office.

"It was unfortunate that some of the council members heard about the letter (of resignation) through the newspaper first," Hallman said.

"I want to give them the opportunity to learn about it at the meeting first," he continued. "I'm not firmly convinced that I'm at the decision point yet."

Hallman's decision will be announced at Monday night's council meeting.



Clarkston High School homecoming queen Jenny Williams, a senior, won the applause of her classmates at an assembly Friday. The students also selected the queen's attendants, seniors Vicki Alexander and Sheri Beardslee and senior maid Liz Rekawek, junior maid Dawn Reis and sophomore maid Julie LePere. For more photographs and a story on homecoming, see pages 10-13. Photo by Kathy Greenfield

Pope John Paul II brings hope, joy

Local priests' reactions to the election of Karol Cardinal Wojtyla as the 264th pope of the Roman Catholic Church are filled with hope and joy.

The 58-year-old Polish archbishop chose to be called Pope John Paul II after his predecessor who died of a heart attack after serving only 34 days as the head of the church.

"It was a good choice. It certainly represents what is best known in the history of the Catholic Church," said the Rev. Charles E. Cushing of St. Daniel's in Clarkston.

"He comes from a country that's thoroughly Catholic and under a government which is very unfriendly to the church, but the church has thrived," Cushing said. "Catholics should feel much confidence in the warmth and vigor and certainty

of this man's faith."

The naming of the first non-Italian pope in 455 years and the first pope under the age of 60 in over 100 years was a surprise for the Rev. Alexander Kuras of Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church in Waterford.

"I'm really quite elated. It provides a good opportunity for renewal and springtime in the church," Kuras said. "Particularly younger Catholics in America will see this as the church really willing to break with tradition."

"The impact of the kind of life of the church behind the iron curtain is going to be a good example for the rest of the world, particularly for Americans, because to be a Catholic in Poland has meant they've had to fight for the church's right to exist and the church is really thriving," he said.

Village panel will keep tabs on building permits

By Mimi Mayer
Staff writer

Confusion over Clarkston building policies versus Independence Township building policies has led Clarkston Village Council to create a building advisory committee manned by top village officials.

The village president, Planning Commission Chairman Ted Thomson and Howard Huttenlocher, chairman of the zoning

board of appeals, will act as advisors to the Independence Township Planning and Building Services Department.

The committee was formed at the suggestion of Timothy J. Palulian, administrative director of the township department.

Since 1972, village property owners have received all building department services from representatives of the township building department despite

each municipality having its own zoning ordinance.

Differences between the two ordinances and mistakenly issued permits have caused village officials and residents to criticize the building department.

The situation culminated when representatives of the Village Business Association sent a letter to the council complaining that Palulian is-

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Advisory group to look at permits

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sued temporary occupancy permit to merchants in the newly opened Clarkston Mills shopping mall before adequate parking facilities were completed for the mall's patrons.

Council members asked that Palulian appear at an Oct. 9 meeting to establish better communication between the building department and village officials.

Palulian, who said he was unable to attend the meeting because of previous commitments, sent a letter to the council "clarifying the building department's action concerning the Mills."

Seeking to avoid further problems between township and village interpretations of the village zoning ordinance, Palulian suggested the following policy changes:

1. A village representative must approve and sign all plot plans, "residential and otherwise," before a building permit will be issued.

2. Any variances approved by the zoning board of appeals must be signed as such, "with accompanying minutes attached before permit issuance."

3. A village representative must approve sign construction plans before any sign permits are issued by the building department.

4. Final inspection and certificates of occupancy will not be issued to commercial establishments without "clearance from a village representative."

5. The village will initiate any prosecution of those who violate village ordinances "except in building construction that requires court action."

The council called for a meeting of the three-member advisory board to discuss Palulian's proposals. President pro tem Fontie ApMadoc will act in Keith Hallman's stead. Thomas Gruich, village legal advisor, questioned the legality of the advisory committee.

"I would say that you should not issue any building permits," Gruich said, adding that though the committee may have authority to advise the building department under the village charter, "whether this is OK under state law is questionable." Gruich also said three addi-

tional interpretations of the zoning ordinance may lead to problems.

The council authorized Gruich to research the legality of the committee.

Palulian's letter was presented after the council discussed the appearance of a temporary sign within the village limits.

Don Clinansmith, the proprietor of Village Total Service at the northeast corner of Clarkston-Orion Road and Main Street, was given a permit for the sign, posted \$150 bond and rented the sign for three months at a cost of \$350, ApMadoc said.

"We have one of two choices," ApMadoc said. "We can let it go or we can reimburse" Clinansmith.

Thomson, who looked into the situation, said the building department issued the temporary sign permit using township, not village, guidelines.

Thomson suggested that the council approach Goddard and Michelle Enterprises, the company which rented Clinansmith the sign, and ask that Clinansmith be released from the

three-month rental contract.

A group consisting of village officials should be formed to regulate the activities of the

building department, Thomson said. He added that he'd suggested such a committee be formed in the past.

Palulian said this week, "Nobody ok'ed any permit."

James Hock, the building department zoning officer who worked with Clinansmith, said he noticed the sign Oct. 4.

"At that time (Clinansmith) had the sign already erected. I noticed it, and that afternoon he came in," Hock said.

"We started to fill out the permit," Hock continued.

Hock said he then told Clinansmith that the sign was erected within the village limits and directed Clinansmith to obtain information on the sign ordinance at the village offices.

Clinansmith was told to wait on the permit request, Hock continued. Hock said he wanted

to consult the village attorney before issuing a temporary sign permit.

A member of Booth, Patterson, Lee, Karlstrom and Steckling, the village law firm, told Hock there is nothing in the village ordinances permitting temporary signs, Palulian said.

Palulian added that Clinansmith's 4-by-8-foot sign violates the township's temporary sign ordinance. "If he thought he was going by the township ordinances, he would still be in violation. It's too large," Palulian said.

Clinansmith said he is waiting for village and township officials to decide what should be done with the sign.

"There was a mistake and whatever are the results of this, I will abide by it," Clinansmith said.

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After injunction lifted

Handicapped move into new home

By Mimi Mayer
Staff writer

Five mentally and/or physically handicapped adults are now living in a Springfield Township adult foster care facility even though their residence may be a temporary one.

Located in Shiawassee Creek Farms Subdivision on Davisburg Road, one-half mile east of Andersonville Road, the group home has been the subject of a civil suit in which the developers of the subdivision hope to prevent the home from becoming a permanent adult foster care facility.

Although Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Robert L. Templin issued a temporary restraining order Oct. 6, the order was dissolved one week

later following a show cause hearing.

David Mansell, director of Living Alternatives for the Developmentally Disabled, Inc., a nonprofit corporation which administers the home, said two men and two women were moved into the home the afternoon after Templin lifted the restraining order.

Another man was moved into the home on Oct. 11, Mansell said. Karl and Carmen Lundquist and Roger Roeser, the complainants in the suit, said they are not certain whether they'll continue litigation.

"We're not sure what we're going to do. We're weighing that with our attorney right now," Lundquist said. "All the court order did was lift the restrain-

ing order allowing the handicapped people to move in. And the suit is still pending."

Lundquist added that the case was brought to define deed restriction laws and not to prevent handicapped people a home.

"The issue is not against retarded people. Its issue is the use of the land and the legal use of deed restrictions," Lundquist said.

"I think the thing they're trying to do at the Macomb Oakland Regional Center is make this into an issue against the mentally handicapped," Lundquist added.

Mansell said the residents are happy in their new home. "They're really enjoying themselves in here. At least they have

choices" they would not have while living in an institutional setting, Mansell said.

Should the home be closed, the residents will return to live in the Macomb Oakland Regional Center's regional housing complex for the mentally handicapped, Mansell said. Advocates for the mentally retarded, MORC has been instrumental in

setting up the Springfield Township group home.

Mansell said the residents are aware that their situation may be a temporary one. "They know that the suit is what kept them out of here," he said.

"They know something may happen and they hope it doesn't because they're happy here. It makes them a little anxious," Mansell continued.

Unpleasant postscript

Adding fuel to the smoldering controversy over the adult foster care home in Springfield Township was an incident which occurred there Sunday night.

A female staff member, attempting to get help for a coworker who had been slapped by a resident of the home, drove to the home of neighbors who had been opposed to the opening of the foster care facility.

Enroute, she was involved in a two-car accident, according to Oakland County Sheriff's deputies who are investigating the accident.

Gerald Provensal, acting director of the Macomb Oakland Regional Center, gave an account of the incident.

He said an unidentified resident of the adult foster care home got out of bed shortly after 10 p.m. and slapped one of the two female attendants on duty.

The male resident continued the slapping although he was told to stop, Provensal said, adding that he thought the women were prevented from using the home's telephone by the resident.

One of the staff members left the house and drove down Davisburg Road. She pulled into a driveway, realized she was "at the wrong house" and backed out, Provensal said.

As she was backing out of the driveway, her car collided with another one, Provensal said, reporting that the other driver left the scene.

The staff member continued on to the Robert Lund home, 11979 Davisburg Rd.

The Lunds, who had called

the sheriff's department after they heard the collision, described the staff member as "hysterical."

"The girl was hysterical because her friend was being beaten," Lund said. "She used the word 'beaten.'"

Donald E. Schuster, attorney for the Shiawassee Creek Farms developers who filed suit to block operation of the facility, said the plaintiffs had taken note of the incident.

"Obviously, if any incidents like this continue, we may consider asking the circuit judge to grant (another) injunction," he said.

Provensal said the controversy about the house has put pressure on the residents.

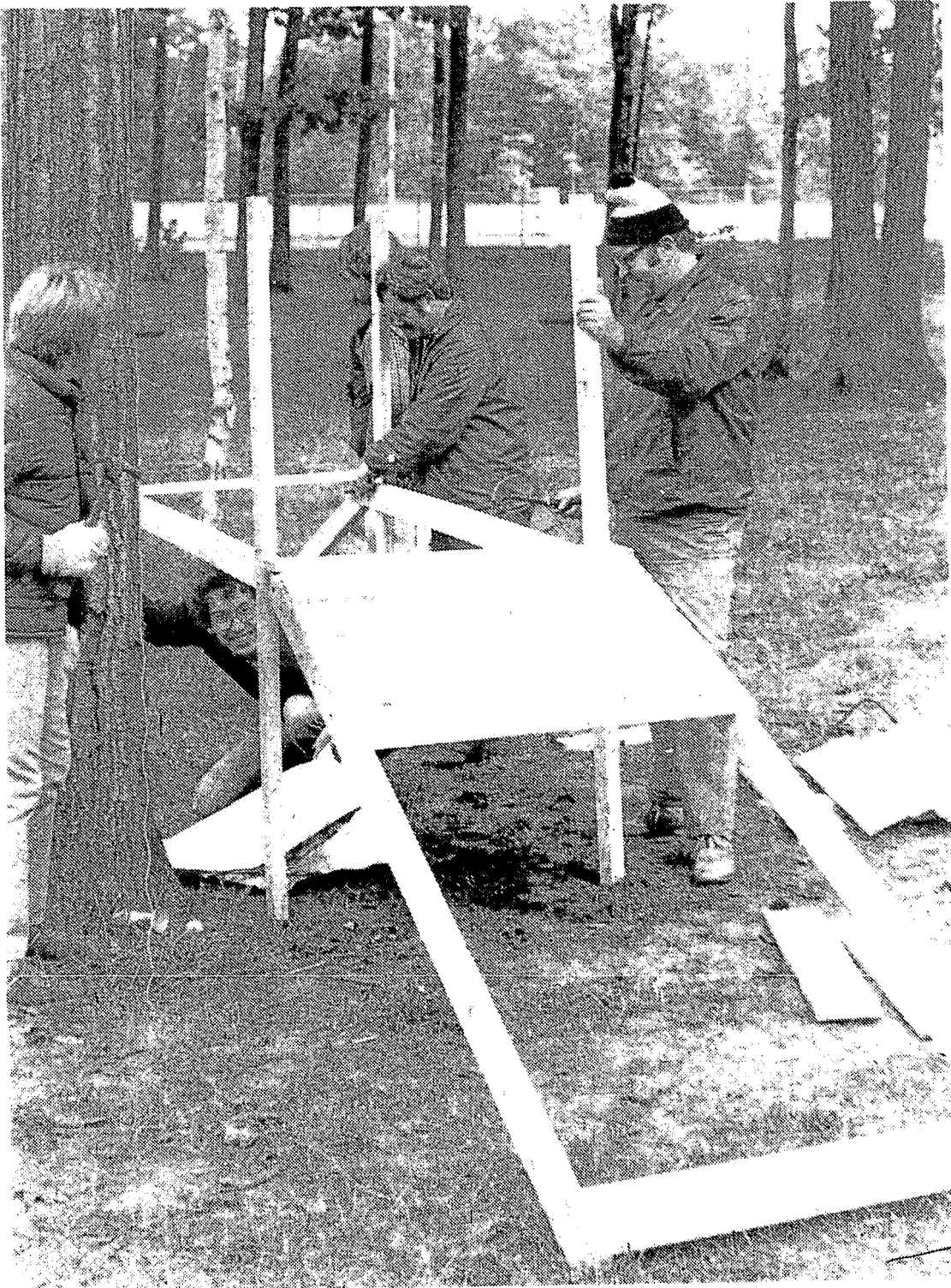
"With the extraordinary amount of pressure that has been placed on the home, an amount of this has filtered down to the residents," Provensal said.

"If as much tension surrounds most families as surrounds this particular one (the group home), I'd think we'd see some of the same behavior," Provensal continued.

Provensal said the attendant who was slapped will not press charges against the resident, who has since been returned to the Macomb Oakland Regional Center.

"I don't think I know of anyone in this field who's pressed charges for this kind of thing," Provensal said. "I think it's one of the things that you have when you work with mentally retarded people."

"They've been deprived of being treated in a consistent manner," Provensal said.



Trolls will getcha

It may not look very spooky during early construction stages, but once Clarkston Jaycee President Jim Randall is replaced by a troll under this bridge in the "haunted forest" at Pine Knob, area kids are in for scares. The Jaycees were busy last weekend building the cave and bridge which will attract ghosts, monsters and goblins [with the help of the Clarkston High School Drama Club] to the forest in front of the Pine Knob Music Theatre. The forest will be open from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 24-30. Admission charge will be \$1 for adults and 75 cents for children.

Independent view

"If you want some action, give a little bit more help."

This sums up a plea made by an anonymous Independence Township fire fighter this week.

The fireman asks that local residents get larger, more visible figures marking their names and addresses on their mail boxes and homes.

Fire fighters lose precious time scanning homes for addresses, the fireman explained. If homeowners installed at least three-inch high street numbers on their mailboxes, firemen wouldn't waste time creeping down the street hoping to glimpse a house number, he said.

"To serve people better, that would be a suggestion for their own safety," he concluded.

Stop light petition popular

More than 1,000 signatures were on petitions turned in at the end of the first week of a drive to obtain a stop light at the corner of Dixie Highway and White Lake Road.

School bus drivers, firemen, truck drivers, businesspersons and motorists familiar with the intersection are among those backing the campaign.

Thomas R. Boothby, who heads the petition drive, has asked that all petitions be returned to him by Oct. 26.

The petitions will be presented to State Rep. Claude A. Trim, D-Davisburg, and a representative of the State Highway Department the following day.

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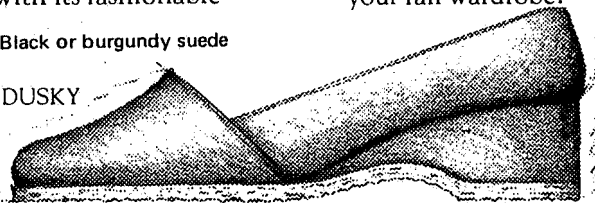
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mix," Sandy laughs. Since the baking profession runs in both families, it's not unexpected that Bill and Sandy today are the proprietors of the Oldfashion Bakery at 4508 Dixie Highway in Drayton Plains. In fact, this month they celebrate the Oldfashion Bakery's third anniversary.

Bill, who wanted to be a baker since he can remember, started working in a bakery when he was a lad of 15. By the time he was 18 he had graduated from scouring pots and pans and was cutting donuts. He later met Sandy when he went to work at her father's bakery.

They make a perfect team, as any customer to the Oldfashion Bakery will attest. Their day starts at 1 a.m., and by the time the door opens at 6 a.m. Bill has turned out an array of delectable

goodies and the bakery is redolent of hot baked bread, cookies, donuts and cakes. It takes a person of hefty will-power to pass by without coming in.

Bill and his father, who now works with him, turn out 300 dozen donuts a week, in addition to a gourmet's assortment of rolls, pies, cupcakes, cakes, bread and cookies. No preservatives are used.

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them out in designs of Mickey Mouse, Holly Hobbie and Sesame Street characters with professional ease. She displays the same dexterity with wedding cakes and other special cake orders, even copying photographs of persons in swirls of creamy icing. She has a versatility enabling her to tackle any request, once turning out a decorated cake in the shape of a house for a builder's anniversary.

For those of us who must beware of calories, Bill and Sandy are an enigma. He weighs 130 pounds; she weighs 95 pounds.

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Editorial

Ballot needs 'no' box

We'd like to suggest another box in each of the various office categories in general elections.

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The idea can't be new with us. Surely, other people have felt strongly that the candidates from each party were not qualified for the position they seek.

We would mark our "X" quickly under "U.S. Senate."

Robert Griffin has hardly been the super, aggressive leader we might stand up and shout for during his 12 years in office.

Of course, he hasn't been offensive either. He hasn't rocked the boat, or helped steer us into turbulent streams. He's just kind of been there. That's not all bad.

But, when he announced he was going to retire and not seek re-election, we were not upset. The man who Republicans had generally conceded would represent them (except for Gov. Milliken), Philip Ruppe, had a good reputation. It's even greater

now.

Then at a very late date, Griffin changed his mind. He more or less stabbed his good friend Ruppe in the back.

That action removed Griffin from my list of possible office holders. He slacked off in Washington before this announcement, then failed to keep his word . . . promise . . . to get out.

Opposing Griffin is Detroitier Carl Levin. Democrat Levin is a spender. He appears to be cut right out of the liberal die of the Americans for Democratic Action.

He'll vote for every social reform, welfare, labor-sponsored measure that comes down the pike. We can't afford the Levins of this world.

Griffin and Levin are the two reasons we'd like a "neighbor" box on the ballot.

As it is, all we can do is not vote for this office. Which we will do.

JAS

Council's loss village's gain



By Pat Braunagel

Keith Hallman is a good man to have around.

Clarkston has been blessed—and, resignation or no, will continue to be blessed—to have Keith as one of its leading citizens.

Allowing Keith to resign from his post as village president is not condemning him to permanent exile from the village.

It is difficult to believe that Keith would lay down his gavel and then turn his back on this village, his village.

Of course he wouldn't—and those who speak of Clarkston's "losing" Keith Hallman basically know better.

The village will lose the daily services of a man who took on the responsibility of making impromptu decisions to keep the village running smoothly.

As the pharmacist at the

corner drug store, Keith was accessible to the village's citizens to a greater degree than they had a right to expect from a public official. He was also available to visitors who needed information on the community.

It is safe to say that the style of government will change under another village president, but it is hardly wise to assume the changes will all be for the worse.

Keith's will be a tough act to follow, but, as he himself has pointed out, there are plenty of capable people in town if they can be prevailed upon to serve.

Clarkston at this crucial period needs leaders of the caliber of Keith Hallman. However, the village council should allow him to stick to his decision to resign from public office.

Let him do his work for the community in his capacity as marketing consultant for the Clarkston Mills.

The shopping mall can benefit from the guidance of a man who understands the community as well as Keith.

And he can be a better spokesman for the Clarkston Mills if he is not wielding the gavel during the discussion.

Clarkston Mills is destined to be an important part of this community for a long time. Growing into that role can be accomplished much more smoothly if Keith stands simply as the mall's spokesman in dealings with the village rather than representing both sides in a dialogue.

He ought to resign his public post—let him do it with grace.

Letters to the editor

Appreciates support on stop light

Dear Editor:

The Village of Clarkston Council has been attempting to obtain a stoplight at White Lake Rd. and Dixie Highway for a long time, and we are glad to read that Rep. Trim is ready to help us.

We want to thank Tom

Boothby for his help in observing that intersection and beginning the petition drive. We now have petitions in all the stores in Clarkston and have been getting a tremendous response to them.

We also want to thank Pat Braunagel for her editorial in

the Clarkston News which spearheaded the petitions.

The Village Council hopes that concerned citizens will take a few minutes to write and let Rep. Trim know how they feel.

Sincerely,

Village of Clarkston
Bruce Rogers, Clerk

Clarkston kids vandals after dark

To the editor:

This letter is addressed to the parents of the children in Clarkston.

Do you know what your kids do when they wander the streets after dark? Let me fill you in on

a few things.

They've pelted our newly painted house with eggs and mud, tore our mailbox off the post and threw it in a ditch down the street, set the street sign on our property on fire, endangering trees close to it, and cracked

our picture window.

Since you can't control your kids, I wonder what kind of citizens they will turn out to be, if they ever grow up enough to be called "adult."

Carolyn R. Thibert

Jim's jottings

Gas-tax pains

By Jim Sherman



People with causes are frequently on the defensive. They look for a hidden meaning in whatever is said or done.

Perhaps that's the reason a female Eaton County commissioner labels the multi-million dollar gas and weight tax increase anti-feminist.

This tax increase, recently passed by the state legislature (Note: Gov. Milliken's election commercials say there hasn't been overall tax increase since 1972. I don't know what he calls this.) will add 2 cents a gallon to gasoline and diesel fuel and shuffle the weight taxes for

vehicles enough to bring in 30 percent more money.

This highway package also changes the name of the highway dept., which few remember from the last change, changes the method of picking the director, and changes some procedures.

The juggling of the weight tax is what raised the voice of Commissioner Betty L. Jones from the other side of Lansing.

Under the new law the minimum license fee would be raised. Formerly, the fee was on weight alone. A small car paid least. Maybe \$10 or \$12.

Now there's a minimum. \$20.

Ms. Jones is quite concerned about the philosophy of the proposal. Richard Milliman, publisher of the Livingston County Press (and a dozen other papers), brought the commissioner to our attention.

She told her colleagues the new law would be counter-productive because the national policy is to conserve energy on the one hand, and the new law would penalize economy cars on the other.

That's contradictory, she says and I guess it is.

Ms. Jones continues, the proposal was aimed directly at women drivers. She concluded, more women than men drive compacts and

sub-compacts, so women would bear the brunt of the vehicle tax increase.

Seems like we do see more women than men in the dwarfed vehicles. Being 6'4" and 210, I know they weren't designed for me. Maybe we, who are larger than the average size should take offense at the intent of the designers.

But, back to Ms. Jones' point. Perhaps the new law is discriminatory. But, every tax or law discriminates against someone. And, frankly, that is the intent of the law. So, Ms. Jones could be absolutely right about this one.

Letter policy

The Clarkston News encourages letters from our readers.

No restrictions are placed on length, however the newspaper reserves the right to condense and edit the letters.

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Fire department records show

It pays to check for fire hazards

By Kathy Greenfield
Staff writer

Fire prevention inspections in Independence Township have paid off.

The inspection program was started in the fall of 1973 and was in full force by early 1974.

"Just as an example, in 1974 we had 19 runs to commercial buildings, and in 1977 we only made seven," said Fire Marshall Jack Beach.

Beach heads the fire department's inspection program that includes checking all schools, commercial and industrial buildings at least once a year, sometimes twice a year.

"Housekeeping is probably about 90 percent of what we look for," he said.

Some of the most frequently found hazards are flammables stored in furnace rooms and blocked aisles and exits.

One important goal of the program has been fire safety awareness. Since the inspections started, he's noticed an improvement, Beach said.

The department also has other programs to encourage fire prevention practices.

New and remodeled buildings must pass fire inspections that start with the blueprints and continue through final approval before they can open.

After opening, "the problem is the do-it-yourselfer," said Fire Chief Frank (Tink) Ronk, but through the inspection program they have been able to spot potential problems.

Fire safety awareness in private homes involves a program presented to Clarkston Community School kindergarten through third graders.

The presentations include the junior fire marshall program that provides hats and a list of fire hazards for the children.

"We find that age group are the ones that go home and harass the parents until they go over that check list," Ronk said.

The fire department also schedules free inspections in private homes upon request from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Ronk's only complaint about the prevention program is that the department's staff is not large enough to have fulltime employees working to stop fires before they start.

Most of the firefighters are involved in the prevention program in some form, however, and that isn't all bad.

"They're aware of everything going on; they're involved in everything," Ronk said. "So everybody has an idea of every phase of fire service and is trained in every phase."



"Would you believe we'd find this?" asks fire department engineer Gar Wilson as he demonstrates an overloaded plug complete with a frayed cord and a "cheater plug" that leaves the grounding prong on a three-pronged power tool exposed, defeating the safeguard against electrocution.

Keep cars corralled in Clarkston in winter

It's not too early to warn village residents, Independence Township police have decided—autos blocking snow removal equipment will be towed away.

Overnight parking on any village street is illegal between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.

With winter fast approaching, streets will have to be kept clear for snow removal, the police note.

They warn that violators might find their cars missing some morning after a snow-storm.

'If it Fitz . . .'

The \$149 lunch

by Jim Fitzgerald



Now that Michigan legislators have established a secret-lunch maximum, they must worry about eating it. Some lawmakers may seek a ruling on doggie bags.

The Legislature recently passed a reform bill which allows lobbyists to buy \$149 worth of secret lunches for every legislator every year. If a lobbyist spends \$150 or more on lunches for any single legislator, the lobbyist must make a public report of his generosity.

In the past, there was no limit on the secret lunches a lobbyist could buy a legislator. Many Lansing observers are praising the new reform bill as a much-needed brake on the influence lobbyists can exert on the legislative process by buying steaks for hungry lawmakers.

I disagree. I think the reform bill will have the opposite effect. There will be more legislators eating more steaks paid for by lobbyists. This is because the \$149 maximum, for many legislators, will really be a \$149 minimum.

I'm talking about those legislators who used to refuse free lunches from lobbyists. There are many of them. I have a friend who was a legislator for more than 15 years and he says he always bought his own lunch, or he didn't eat.

"But if I were still a legislator today, under this new lobby reform bill, I'd accept \$149 worth of lunches from every lobbyist who wanted my attention," my friend confided recently. "I would regard the \$149 as my minimum charge, just like at a country club. I wouldn't want to waste it."

At many country clubs, members must pay a monthly minimum of, say, \$50 to keep the club restaurant solvent, even if they never go near the restaurant. So they make darn sure they eat a minimum of \$50 worth of food in the club restaurant every month. Otherwise they have wasted the money.

It will be a similar situation for the legislator who formerly didn't accept lunches from lobbyists. He refused the lunches to protect his public image, not

because he was afraid a lobbyist would influence his vote with a free meal. Any legislator will tell you he can't be bought for a lousy steak sandwich, but he's afraid you won't believe him.

That's why legislators don't want to be named when a lobbyist makes his expense account public. Reporters have convinced the public that there's something sinister about a racetrack lobbyist spending money on the lawmaker who heads the committee that will decide whether air bags should be installed in all racehorses.

Before the reform bill was passed, lobbyists weren't required to report any of the lunches they bought for legislators. But there was no guarantee of secrecy. Legislators always had to worry about some nosy reporter peering through the restaurant window and then telling voters that Sen. Blower was seen eating out of the hand of the General Motors lobbyist just 30 minutes before the senator voted that all Chevrolets should be exempted from the 55 m.p.h. speed limit.

In the public mind, before the new reform bill, there was no clear notion of how much free lunch a legislator would eat before feeling obligated to kiss the lobbyist picking up the tab. So some legislators skipped the lunches altogether, just to be safe at election time.

But now, thanks to the reform bill, the public knows a legislator can't be influenced by a \$149 lunch, but will roll over for \$150.

Voters will expect all lawmakers to accept a minimum of \$149 worth of lunch from each lobbyist. And even the cautious legislators who formerly refused lobbyist food will eat their minimum to avoid charges of not cleaning their plates.

The only problem will be for legislators who are poor eaters. They may be unable to eat every \$149 lunch bought for them. They will probably amend the reform bill to allow lawmakers to take home unlimited doggie bags.

The bags could be opened after the legislators retire to become ordinary slob citizens who have to buy their own lunch.

Officer, foot soldiers needed for downtown parking war

By Mimi Mayer
Staff writer

A new meter minder plus vigilant shopkeepers watching Main Street for illegal parking can improve the parking situation in downtown Clarkston.

The Clarkston Village Council, members of the Village Business Association and Director of Police Services Charles Kimbel are trying to rectify the problem.

One solution will be a meter minder the council authorized Kimbel to hire at an Oct. 9 meeting.

Working nine hours a week with the hours staggered so parking violators won't know when he or she will strike, Kimbel said, the meter minder will have one and only one duty:

"to mark those tires and write the tickets."

Kimbel said he hopes to hire a retired police officer to take the job.

Another boon to village parking will be the additional two-hour spaces created in the village parking lot at the northwest corner of Washington and Main Streets.

The first two rows of parking spaces north of West Washington will be designated for two-hour parking between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The parking spaces running parallel to the Mill Pond and the two rows of spaces on the north side of the lot will remain all-day parking.

At the Oct. 12 meeting of the business association, Kimbel and a group of local merchants

hashed out some other solutions and suggestions for alleviating parking problems in the village.

Most people at the meeting agreed that business owners and their employees who take parking space early in the morning and leave their cars parked there throughout the day are a main source of parking woes.

"The owners of the business places and their employees want to stop right in front of their own store," Kimbel said. "Everyone in the business district is going to have to work together and park in the places farthest away."

Gloria Hayes, co-owner of the Clarkston Cafe, suggested that those who work in Clarkston police themselves.

"Why can't we attack the problem? Main Street is only one block long. If we see people parking for four hours long, we can appeal to them, 'please, you're interfering with my business,'" Hayes said.

Kimbel told the shopkeepers the Independence Township police, contracted by the village on an annual basis, would gladly respond to complaints about people who break the two-hour parking limit on Main Street.

Kimbel also suggested that the village raise its parking violation fee from \$2 to at least \$5. "I wouldn't go less than \$5. Two dollars is cheap parking if you only get a ticket once a week," he said.

Other ways to ease the parking problem in Clarkston

proposed by business people and Kimbel included expanding the parking lot behind the village office off Depot Road and adding parking meters to Main Street to reinforce the two-hour parking regulation.

A third proposition was making better use of the parking lot space provided behind the Clarkston Cafe by striping the area.

Vilican-Leman and Associates, Inc., the village planners, have suggested the village purchase a strip of small land parcels to expand the alley west of the Main Street stores, Buck Kopietz, co-owner of Tierra Arts and Designs, said.

Whether property owners would go along with this plan was questioned by some at the meeting.

Builder ticketed

Paneling that does not meet thickness requirements under the Independence Township building code has resulted in a lawsuit against the Ed Rose Building Co. of Southfield.

Family room paneling in some of the houses built in the first and second phases of the Lake Oakland Woods subdivision located off Maybee Road east of Sashabaw Road was brought to his attention a couple of months ago, said Timothy Palulian, township building department director.

"The main argument over the

paneling right now is the thickness," he said. "The code requires one-quarter inch if it's going to be applied directly to a stud wall without a noncombustible back."

A letter was written to the building company stating that the existing paneling had to be brought up to code.

"They didn't respond to my letter, so I asked the township to instigate a suit," Palulian said.

A show-cause hearing was to be held on the matter yesterday morning at Oakland County Circuit Court.

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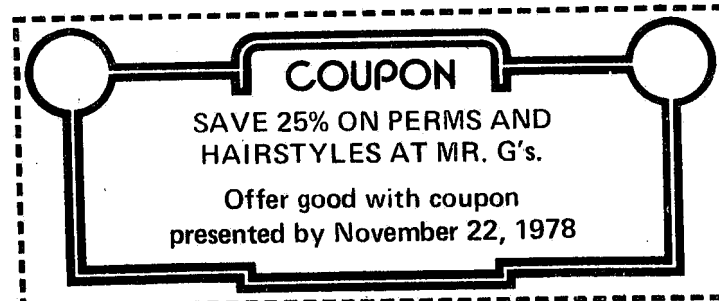
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Girls Basketball

Date	School	Home/Away	Time
Thurs., Oct. 19	Andover	Home	6:30
Tues., Oct. 24	Rochester	Away	6:15
Thurs., Oct. 26	West Bloomfield	Home	6:30
Tues., Oct. 31	Milford	Away	6:30
Thurs., Nov. 2	Waterford Kettering	Home	6:30
Tues., Nov. 7	Andover	Away	6:15
Tues., Nov. 14	Ferndale	Home	6:00
Thurs., Nov. 16	Pontiac Central	Home	6:00
Tues., Nov. 21	Waterford Township	Home	6:30

Boys Golf

Date	Event	Home/Away	Time
Sat., Oct. 21	State Finals	Away	

Cross Country

Date	School	Home/Away	Time
Sat., Oct. 21	League Meet	Away	
Wed., Oct. 25	Fenton	Away	4:00
Sat., Oct. 28	Regionals	Away	
Sat., Nov. 4	State Finals	Away	

Varsity and Junior Varsity Football

Date	School	Home/Away	Time
Thurs., Oct. 19	Waterford Kettering (J.V.)	Away	4:00
Fri., Oct. 20	Andover (Varsity)	Away	8:00
Thurs., Oct. 26	Andover (J.V.)	Home	7:00
Sat., Oct. 28	Rochester Adams (Varsity)	Away	2:00
Fri., Nov. 3	Waterford Mott (Varsity)	Home	8:00
Tues., Nov. 7	Waterford Mott (J.V.)	Away	3:30



Three touchdowns and two extra points took the varsity team's score to 20-0 in its winning homecoming game Friday.



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First victory of season

Wolves win homecoming game

By Mimi Mayer
Staff writer

Shutting out the Waterford Kettering Captains in the Clarkston High School homecoming game, the Clarkston varsity football team had its first victory of the season Friday night, 20-0.

"We played very, very well," said head football coach Bill Valasco. "I thought we were getting better and better every week and it would pay off. Eventually, it did." Valasco said. "The kids feel really good and I feel good for them.

"We played much better in this game than in any other game. We didn't do anything fancy, we just did our jobs better," Valasco continued.

Rueban Hutchons, who com-

pleted 240 yards rushing can be credited with a sizable portion of the Wolves' success.

Two of Clarkston's touchdowns were made by Hutchons, one in the fourth quarter following a 96-yard run by the athlete.

The Wolves' first touchdown was made in the game's second quarter when Hutchons scored on a two-yard run. Jussi Rantanen's kick gave Clarkston the point after touchdown.

A third-quarter touchdown was made by Scott Curry. Again, a successful kick by Rantanen awarded Clarkston the point after touchdown.

Hutchon's spectacular 96-yard run occurred during the fourth quarter when the last touchdown of the game was scored.

The Clarkston offense is credited with tallying 336 yards rushing compared to Kettering's 66-yard total rushing and passing.

"Passing we were 0-5," Valasco said. "But we didn't plan to pass the ball much. (Kettering was) 7-24 but for only 29 yards gained."

Only after the Captains completed seven passes did they gain the 29 yards, Valasco said, adding that the Wolves intercepted four Kettering passes.

Seth Scott was responsible for all the interceptions, Valasco said. "He intercepted one and ran back 45 yards which set up the second touchdown," Valasco said.

Though Kettering has a 0-6 record, Valasco said this doesn't necessarily mean the Captains were easy to beat. "They have some good players. Some of our kids said they were some of the toughest kids (Clarkston) played," Valasco said.

Valasco said the Clarkston defense was strong on Friday night. "They were a little more aggressive. We just decided to throw caution to the wind," Valasco said.

He cited a fourth quarter Clarkston interception by Scott when Kettering was inside the Clarkston 30-yard line as an example of the good defensive play.

Asked if the fact that Friday's

game was the homecoming game affected Clarkston's play, Valasco said, "I think it had an effect."

Valasco tempered his enthusiasm by adding, "We can't celebrate for very long because we have Andover next Friday."

Tied for first place in the league, Andover has a 4-2 season record. The game will be held tomorrow at the Andover field. Play begins at 8 p.m.

In the meantime, Valasco is proud of his team. "When we had to be good, we were very, very good. It would be impossible for me to name all the kids who played well because they all played very, very well," Valasco said.



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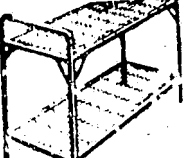
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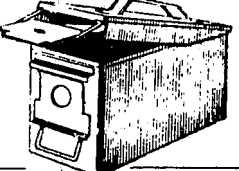
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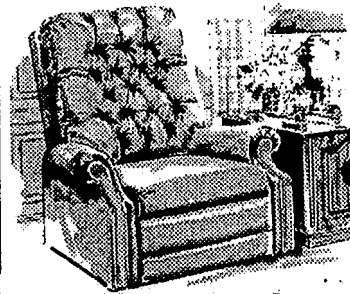
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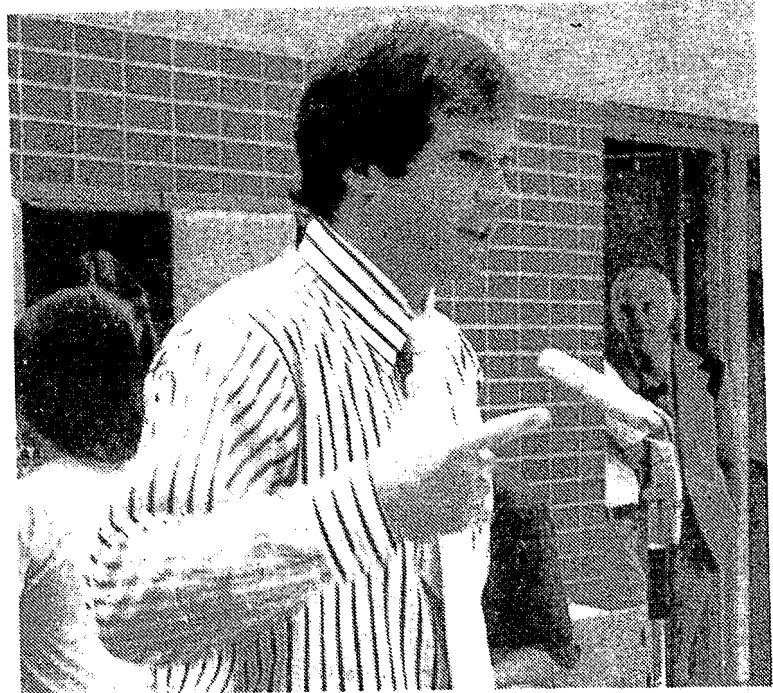
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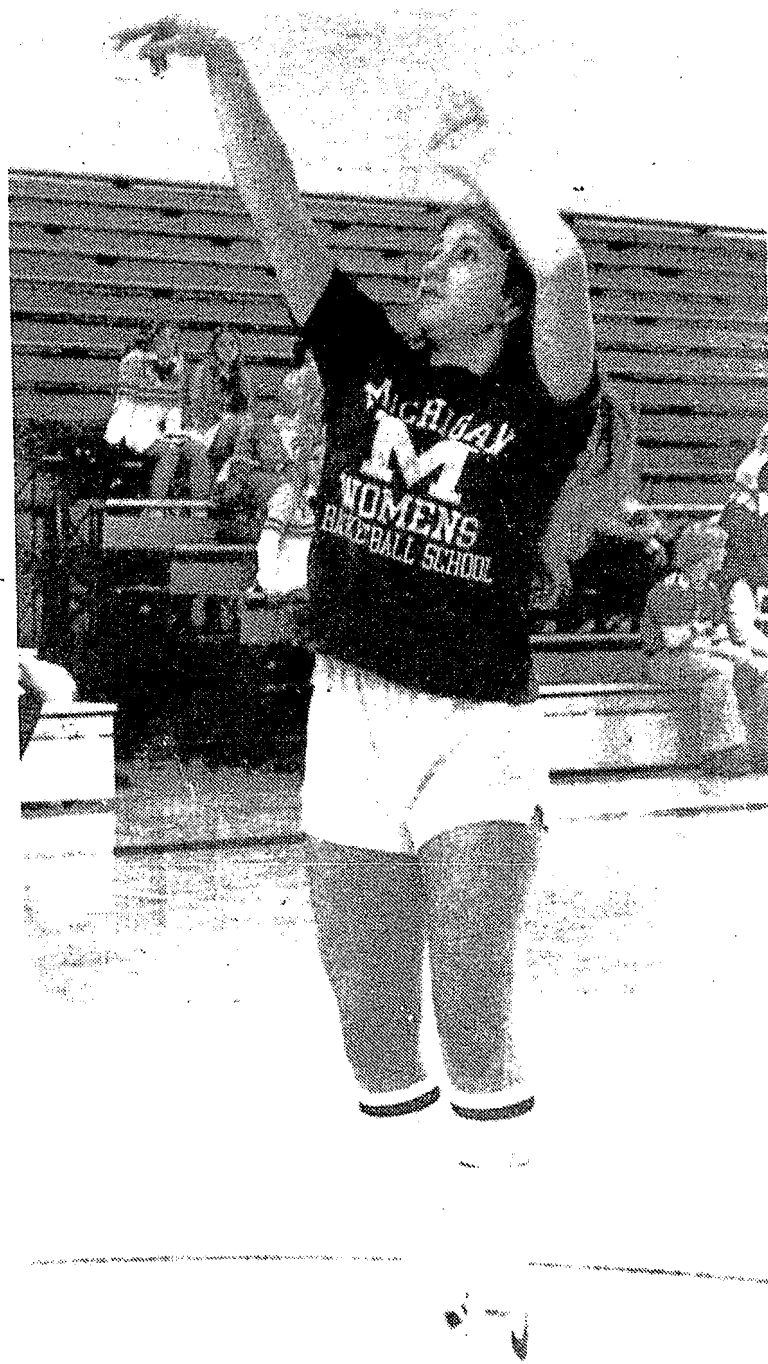


but the triumphant sophomore class won the tug-of-war and most events in the "Challenge Between the Classes."

Photos by Kathy Greenfield



Varsity football coach Bill Valasco predicts the team's first victory at the assembly held Friday afternoon before the homecoming game.



Junior Lisa Steele shoots a basket during the free throw contest. Other events in the "Challenge Between the Classes" included an obstacle course and a banana eating contest.



The crowd's favorite event started with the quick defeat of the junior class in a tug-of-war.

JV football team wins

Another win was racked up by the Clarkston High School junior varsity football team when it defeated Milford 35-12 Thursday night.

Milford scored the first touchdown in the game during the opening quarter. The Milford bid for a point after touchdown was unsuccessful.

Clarkston quickly retaliated by making two TD's in the first quarter. Mike Olgen clinched the point after touchdown following Mark Hughes' score

on a 32-yard run.

Craig Schnable added another TD to the Clarkston tally in a six-yard pass play from Sprung.

Clarkston upped the score again during a second quarter 11-yard run made by Olgen. Hughes followed up the touchdown successfully on the conversion.

Neither team scored during the third quarter.

Milford's brief rally in the fourth quarter led to a TD in their favor. Clarkston's Keith

Preito blocked the Milford PAT kick.

Newcomer Dave Jackson was responsible for Clarkston's final touchdown, scoring with a grueling 60-yard run.

Members of the JV Wolves wrapped up some fine rushing stats. Hughes led the pack with 112 yards, followed by Johnson, 71 yards; Sprung, 48; Olgen, 22; and Joel Partlo, 16.

The JV team will meet Waterford Kettering in an away game this afternoon at 4 p.m.

Varsity cagers lose two

The girls' varsity basketball team at CHS let its record slip to 4-6 last week with losses in two league contests.

On Tuesday they lost to the West Bloomfield Lakers 54-40.

The Wolves posted two players in double-figure scoring: Kay Pearson led the offensive attack with 17 points and Jeannie Odell pumped in 14 points. Pam Blower scored five points, Linda Foster contributed two points and Kelli Ketzler and Lisa Steele each added one point.

Clarkston out-rebounded WB 29-25, and 16 of those rebounds were ripped down by Pearson. Pearson and Odell combined to reject seven of West Bloomfield's shots.

In Thursday's game with the Milford Redskins, Clarkston never did get on track at either end of the floor. They dropped

the contest by the final score of Clarkston 36-Milford 43.

Leading scorer for the game was Pearson, who canned 19 points. The remaining points were scored as follows: Blower and Ketzler, five points each; Foster, Odell and Steele, two points each; Lee Vedder, one point.

Ketzler and Pearson shared the honors in the rebounding department as they each hauled in 10 rebounds. Blower and Odell each had three blocked shots off Milford's shooters.

This week the Wolves traveled to Waterford-Kettering on Tuesday and will host the league-leading Barons from Bloomfield Hills Andover on Thursday night.

JV girl netters 7-2

An overall record of 7-2 was established by the Clarkston High School junior varsity girls' basketball team with victories over West Bloomfield and Milford.

In the game against West Bloomfield, Clarkston scored 19 points in first-quarter action and held the lead to defeat West Bloomfield 47-27. Teresa White-

head made 14 baskets, and Jane Acton scored 13 points.

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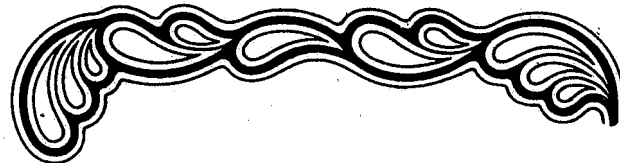
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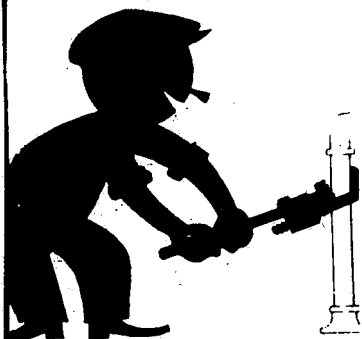
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Saturday was a big day for cross country runner Gordon Sanders.

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The three mile race zig-zagged across the Oxford Hills golf course. The seven-man Clarkston High School cross country team took 14th place among 23 schools.

Sanders said he didn't expect

to take second place in Saturday's meet.

"I've always done badly on this course. I've never placed this high," he said.

"It's about time I picked up," Sanders said, adding that an illness earlier this fall prevented him from running at full capacity earlier this season.

A track and cross country runner since he was in ninth grade, the Clarkston High School senior placed fifth in cross country and 12th in track in statewide competition last year.

What does Sanders think about as he runs along a cross country course?

"A lot of the time, I think about quitting. It changes all the time. It depends on who you're running against," he said.

"All the time I have to pace myself and all the time I have to push ahead or stay back," Sanders said.

Currently, Sanders is hoping to win a cross country or track scholarship for college. He said he's looking at lots of schools.

Sanders is also looking forward to the state finals held Nov. 4. He said he wants to do as well this year as last.



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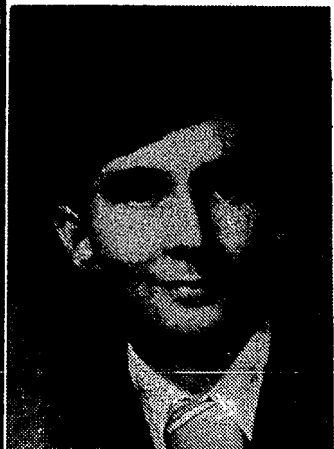
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Harriers need self-discipline, stamina

By Mimi Mayer
Staff writer

The Clarkston High School boys who run cross country are well-disciplined people.

"It's a type of person," cross country coach Errol Solley said. "A person who can stick to running 10 miles a day has a lot of self-discipline."

"It takes a lot of dedication to run cross country," he con-

tinued. "Most cross country runners are real good students and real good kids."

This year's record in meets is 2-4 with the Clarkston team defeating Oxford and Rochester Adams runners, Solley said the poor record is largely due to Clarkston's loss of four top runners.

During the sport's season, the 10-member cross country team

runs approximately six miles daily on a track zigzagging across the Clarkston High School - Clarkston Elementary School campuses.

Foul weather or fair, the runners are on the track, Solley said. The runners are excused from practice only if a thunderstorm is occurring or if snow has covered the ground, Solley said.

The team's number one

runner, Gordon Sanders, has continued to run cross country, Solley said.

Other leading runners are Charlie Byers, Scott Ferguson and Kurt Kristopek.

"Those guys are doing a pretty good job," Solley said.

"Our biggest problem is just numbers," Solley said. "The people who are out are doing what they can do. What we lack

is depth."

To encourage the boys, Solley runs with them. "They don't feel that I don't know what's going on," he said. "That lets them know I know what's going through their minds."

"You'd be surprised what things you can think up as excuses (to rest) when you're running. It'd be so easy to stop," he said.



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O'Neill to enlarge medical center

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The old zoning was for a planned shopping center and allowed the building of restaurants, a bowling alley or a hotel. The new zoning approval was requested for construction of professional buildings for doctors' offices or businesses with some type of medical connection.

The six parcels of land are between the A&P shopping

Township Hall spruce-up

Renovation of Independence Township Hall is continuing.

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The township board gave Supervisor Floyd (Whitey) Tower permission to seek bids.

center and Hidden Lane, between M-15 and Dixie Highway.

One medical office building is already being planned next to the professional center that houses O'Neill's pediatrics office.

All the spaces in the proposed building are rented, O'Neill said, "so sooner than later we will probably put another (building) up there."

The new building will be similar to his present building on M-15, but "maybe a little more modern," he said.

Concern over drainage in the area was expressed by Patricia Beach of 6900 Hidden Lane.

"My big question is the drainage, because we have to take the drainage all the way down from the high school into the woods," she said.

Rezoning does not include site plan approval, said James Smith, planning commission chairman, referring to building plans that would have to meet the commission's approval when submitted.

"It would have to be first reviewed and the draining problem tackled by the township engineer," Smith said.

"I'm very concerned about

what she mentions—there is a drainage problem," O'Neill said. "We can assure the people that when we come with site

development (plans), we'll keep your fears in mind."

The rezoning proposal was unanimously approved by the

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Sewer slackers still village problem

Forcing Clarkston residents to hook into the village sewer system has been and will continue to be a thorny problem for village officials, according to the village legal advisor.

Under state law, sewer hookups must be made within 18 months of the addition of a municipal sewer system. Approximately 20 Clarkston property owners have yet to hook into the three-year-old village sewer system.

Hoping to prod these property owners into hooking up with the village sewer system, the council discussed placing land title liens on the properties at a mid-August meeting.

Under this plan, a property owner would be unable to sell the home until the sewer hookup was made.

However, at an Oct. 9 council meeting, Village Attorney Thomas Gruich said liens can be legally placed under two conditions.

State law provides that, acting under the public health and safety authority invested in village officials, a lien can be placed in cases of proven financial hardship, Gruich said.

Secondly, a lien may be placed only if the property owner gives permission to village officials to do so, Gruich said.

This situation leaves the

council one other alternate means of enforcing the village sewer hookup ordinance, Gruich continued.

"The only remedy that state law allows is good-old-fashioned go-to-court state law and compelling somebody to hookup," he said.

In a letter to the council, Gruich additionally summed up three possible tactics the council might use to enforce the village sewer hookup ordinance.

"The first involves simply suing all the noncomplying owners in district court either seeking criminal sanction or a court order compelling compliance," the letter reads.

Gruich's letter also suggests that the council enact an ordinance which defines financial hardship and offers assistance in paying part or all of the sewer tap-in fee. Litigation could be used as a last resort with those property owners who do not comply with the program, the letter continued.

The lien tactic, termed by Gruich as the "most questionable alternative" to enforce compliance, is the third tool at the council's disposal.

Gruich suggested that these alternatives would be "more effective if combined."

No action on Gruich's advice was taken by the council.



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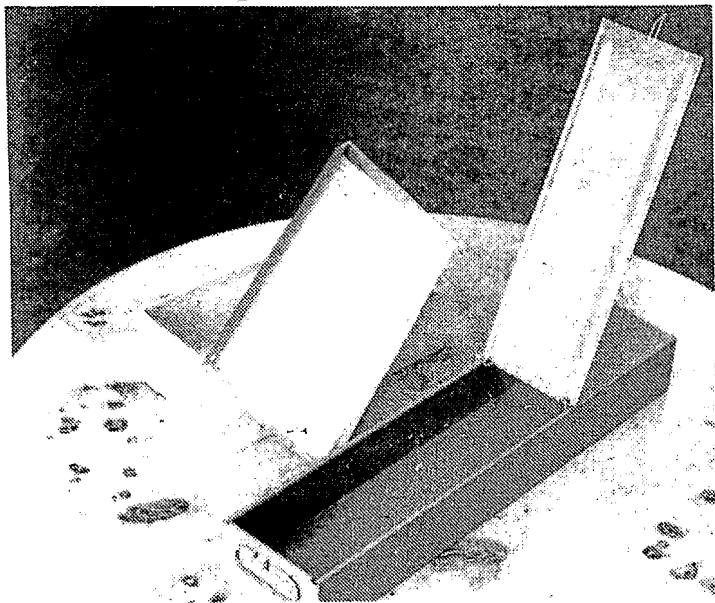
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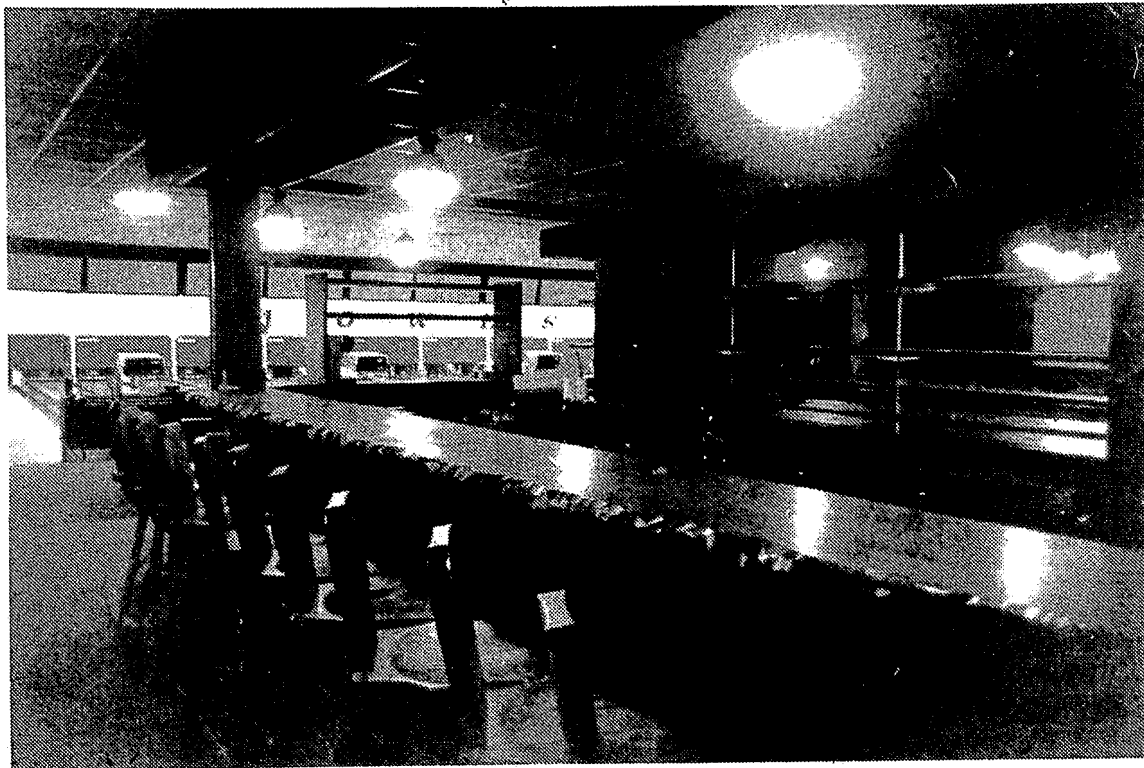
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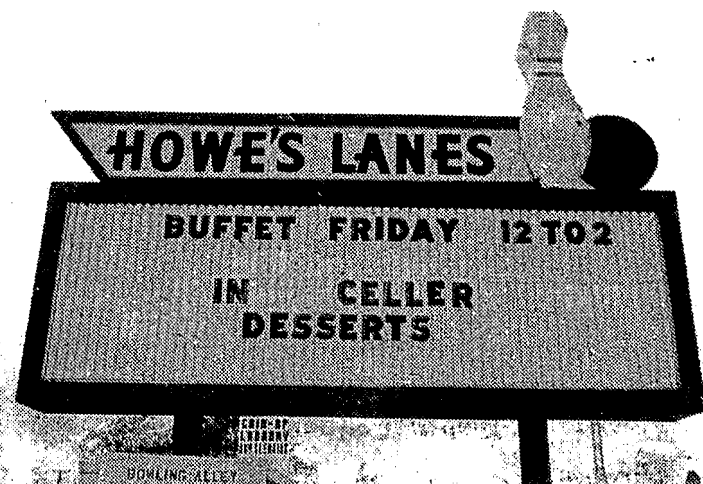
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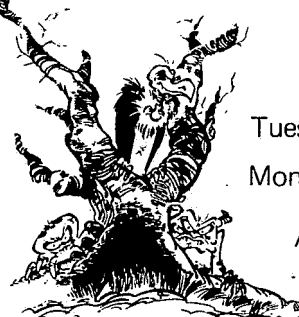
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Lake Oakland Woods gets plat extension

by Kathy Greenfield
Staff Writer

A group of 30 irate Lake Oakland Woods homeowners attempted, for the second time this month, to persuade the Independence Township Board to delay the plat extension for the subdivision's final phase.

Although closer scrutiny by the building department was promised, the board unanimously granted Ed Rose and Co. of Southfield the plat extension at Tuesday night's meeting.

Of the subdivision's approximately 250 houses, 88 are due to be completed by the end of this year in the subdivision located south of Maybee Road and east of Sashabaw Road.

A meeting was held last week between the builder's representatives and his department, said

Timothy Palulian, building department director. Over 30 complaints about needed repairs were discussed.

"It was their intent at that meeting to follow up on all the problems, he said.

Ann Godoshian of Pheasant Run Road said some repairs were started, but she requested a delay on the plat extension until the next board meeting.

Godoshian also expressed concern about safe and proper drainage, because children at play can climb inside and under cement culverts where the soil has washed away.

"We've been promised the world and given very little," she said.

A study done in 1973 by Johnson and Anderson, the engineering firm retained by the

township, was mentioned by Larry VanDeVelt of Pheasant Run Road.

"There is erosion, in my opinion, taking place around the (swamp's) perimeter. If this is so, it should be sodded," he said, referring to guidelines mentioned in the study.

Grass and a fence around the pumphouse that holds the subdivision's wells have also not been installed, he said.

The township's department of public works that now owns the pumphouse would be responsible for enforcing sod requirements and he would contact the engineer to look at the drainage problem, Palulian said.

Township Supervisor Floyd (Whitey) Tower said the board could not delay the plat extension because of problems with areas other than those covered by township ordinances.

"If county agencies have approved the extension, quite frankly, we'd be a little bit in a legal bind," he said. "I think we do have to separate the issues."

"We came here because this is the first stop. We don't know where to go, what to do," said Sandy Wikle of Fox Chase Lane. "We need something that's going to rectify this now."

Problems should be directed to the builder and then to the township if they are not solved, Palulian said.

"Let me know and we'll follow up on them. It's pure and simple," he said.

He became aware of many of the problems only recently, Komarynski said.

"I would be the first to say there has been a breakdown in communication all the way around," he added.

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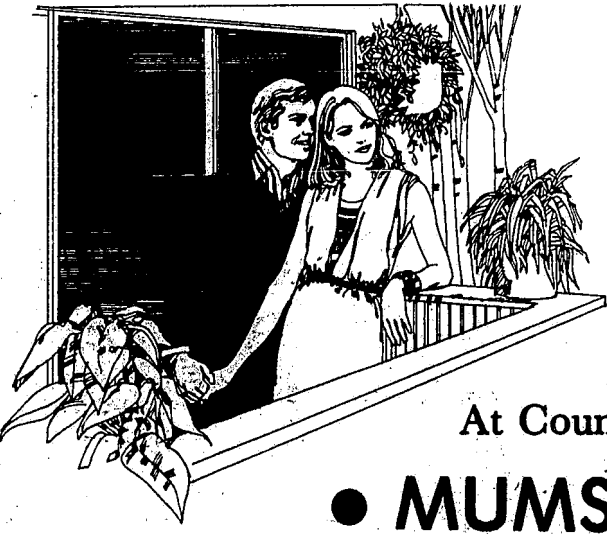
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The Wright Mansion as it stood while the Rothermels refurbished the 135-year-old house. Owner Robert Rothermel said converting the landmark into a quality restaurant had long been one of his dreams.

In touch with Springfield's past

Rothermel family creates restaurant in landmark Wright Mansion

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By Mimi Mayer
Staff writer

Robert Rothermel's sense of history has been rewarded.

Rothermel, his wife Wanda and their three children—Jody, 19, Judy, 17, and Janice, 14—

recently opened the Old House Inn in the Springfield Township landmark known as the Wright Mansion.

Located near the intersection of Dixie Highway and Holly Road, the Old House Inn is now a restaurant and cocktail lounge.

Scattered throughout the mansion are seven dining areas, each carrying the same name it did in the residence. In addition, three bars, one on each floor, and a small dance area are available for customers.

Born into a family which ran a catering business in Detroit for close to 40 years, Rothermel said he thought the Wright Mansion would make a fine restaurant and bar facility from the moment he saw the stately old building.

Rothermel first spied the house when he was a youth. When his family moved to Springfield Township in 1961, Rothermel said, "That's when I knew I was going to buy the house."

It wasn't until 1968 that he had the chance. A local family put 10 acres of the Wright estate up for sale and Rothermel jumped on the opportunity.

The Greek revival home was built in 1843 by David Austin Wright, a widower from New York state who later became the Oakland County coroner and a Michigan state senator.

Following the death of Wright and his wife Harriet, the mansion was inhabited by a series of tenants.

Among the customers the Rothermel family has served at the Old House Inn are descendants of the Wright family and other people who said they'd once lived in the home.

"We had a woman in here who was 85 and she lived in this house when she was 12 years old.

It's sort of nice to see the expression on her face," Rothermel said.

Rewards like this are what the Rothermel family sought during the four and a half years they refurbished the crumbling mansion. All the furnishings Rothermel and Wanda selected were chosen to accentuate the home's old-fashioned interior.

Aged beams, hand-hewn from timber that stood on the property when Wright bought the property in 1843 are seen in almost every room of the Old House Inn.

The Stone Cellar, Rothermel's latest addition to his eatery, features more rough beams and field stone walls which were the original foundation of the mansion.

The Rothermel children "grew up" with the renovation project and continue to work at the Old House Inn. Jody doubles as a bartender and musician for the house band, Judy waits table and Janice is the salad girl. Wife Wanda helps in the kitchen and co-manages the place with her husband.

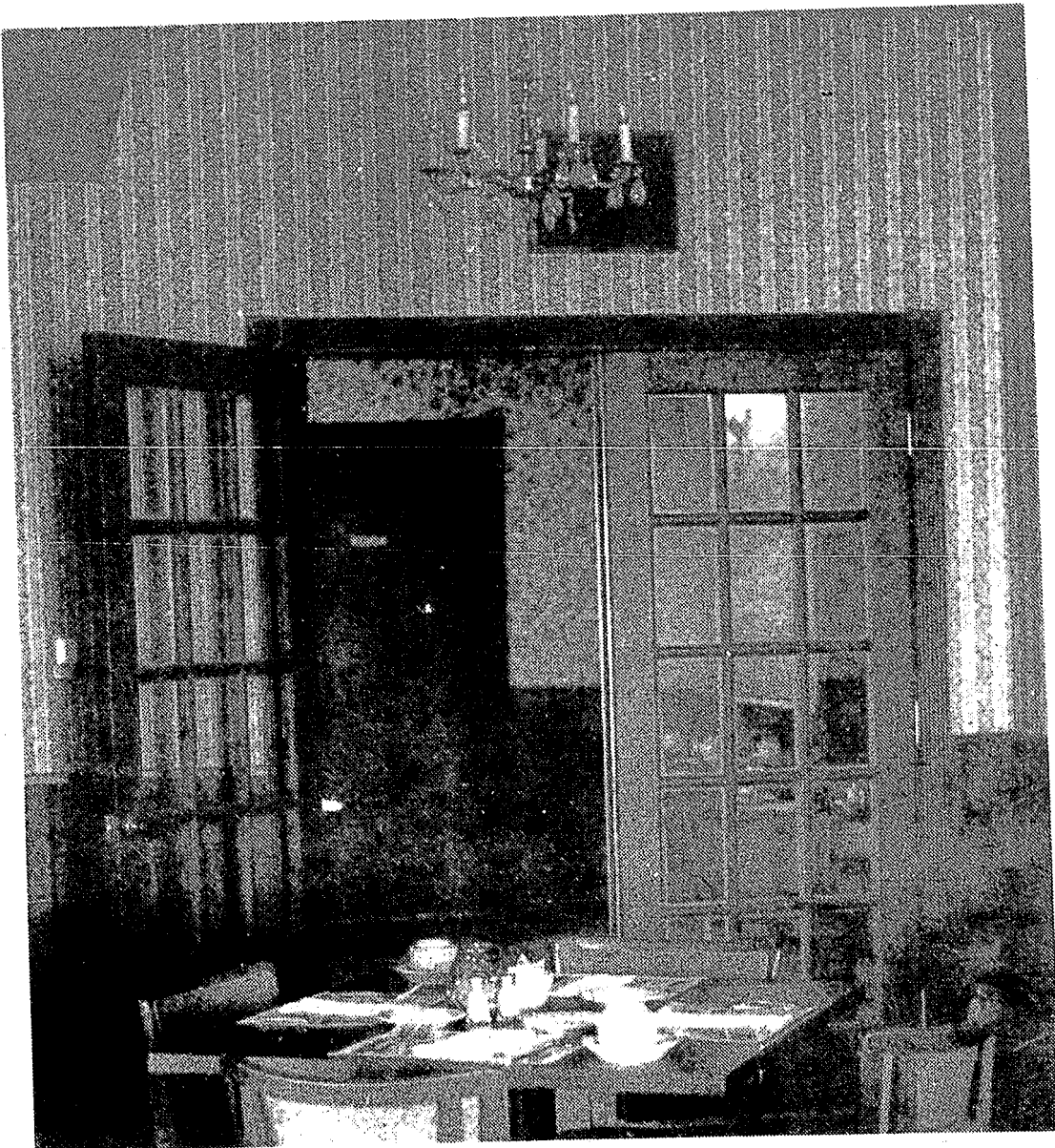
The completion of the restaurant and lounge has given the Rothermels a deep sense of personal satisfaction.

When the dining room first opened last March, the family "was quite excited about it. You get really enthusiastic about nice people coming into your own place," Rothermel said.

There's also the pride of having preserved a swatch of local history.

"The fact that maybe 150 years from now some of the great-great-grandchildren will be able to talk about me and still refer to the original owner excites me," Rothermel said.

"If I didn't do this, I would say that the house eventually would be a plaque in history," he added.



An original chandelier hangs in the Parlor Room of the Old House Inn, a restaurant-cocktail lounge in Springfield Township. Owner Robert Rothermel and family spent nearly five years restoring the Wright Mansion to house their business.



Clarkston Campfire member Jennifer Eaglin and her mother Joyce were delighted with the proceeds from a Campfire cookie sale at the Independence Center flea market last Saturday. Cookies made by the girls and their mothers netted \$65.35 for the center.

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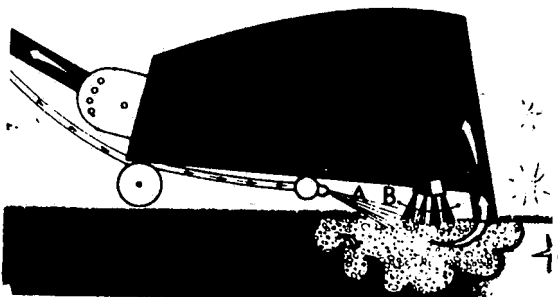


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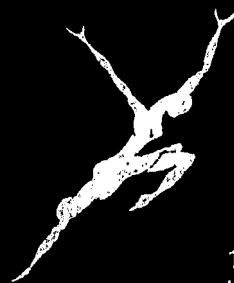
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Stanley Darling, business manager for the school district, estimates the district will pay \$35,900 in interest on the new loan during the period it has use of the money.

However, at the same time, the district will earn interest on the portion of the money which remains on deposit.

The cost of borrowing money to operate Clarkston schools has shot up over 1.5 percent in a year.

The Clarkston Board of Education will borrow \$1 million at 4.97 percent interest from

Pontiac State Bank, which submitted the lowest of two bids.

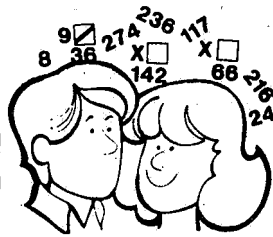
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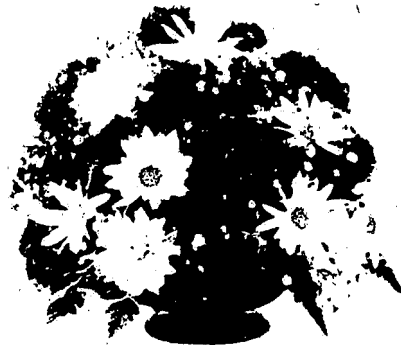
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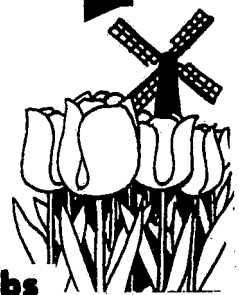
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Country Living

By Kathy Greenfield
Staff writer

Friends call Joyce Moffett a whirlwind.

They also see the mother of five children as a successful divorcee who has realized a dream since her 16-year marriage ended three years ago.

Indeed, Joyce has made enormous strides in the tough radio broadcasting market, having worked as a news reporter and disc jockey during the last two years at WDRQ, WPON and WMJC.

Joyce, however, is quick to squelch her glamorous image.

"I don't like to be called a successful divorcee, partly because I don't believe in divorce, partly because of the loneliness, partly because of the economics," she said. "They don't know how bad it is behind the scenes. I'd hate to see anybody get divorced because of me."

Her responsibilities are sometimes overwhelming as she faces the realities of her life that include dealing with food bills that have doubled in the past year, heating and maintenance of her home in Independence Township and not having medical insurance for her family.

Realizing a dream has led to a more positive side of her experiences, though, and she also shared some of the good feelings.

"It did give me a chance to accomplish something I wanted to do with my life," she said. "The last two years have been so packed—to be free to be able to accomplish that; to look back and say 'It wasn't easy, but, boy was it great.'"

When Joyce took on the workload necessary to achieve her goal and support her family by holding three jobs at once, her children Eric, 17, Becky, 15, Jimmy, 13, Michele, 11 and Carrie, 6, were willing to help.

"The kids were super about taking over the house," she said. "I don't do any housework."

She also feels they understand her need to pursue a career.

"I'm a better person when I work, because I have something to be proud of—I don't feel any pride in cleaning toilets," she explained.

Breaking into broadcasting wasn't easy, but Joyce tackled it with determination.

"I hit every radio and TV station in town for two years," she said.

Her first radio job at WDRQ involved a bit of luck.

A friend who had just been hired at the station, told her about an opening in the newsroom, so she applied.

The decision to give her the chance she was looking for saved her new boss from going through the "300 applications" on his desk for the position, she said.



Radio news reporter and disc jockey Joyce Moffett spins an album in her home.

Since her break, she has worked at five radio stations.

"That's the name of the game," she said. "At 'DRQ, I had seniority in the newsroom after nine months. There were only two deejays who had been there longer than I."

The experience she gained from working in all phases of

broadcasting has paid off in technical knowledge, as well as practice in both hard and soft news.

As she explained hard news reporting, her voice inflection changed to the precise, hard-driving style.

Soft news requires a conversational style, she said, and she

demonstrated with a voice she aptly described as "warm, friendly, fun and light."

Her work in news reporting has also enabled her to interview some famous people.

"Being in broadcasting, I've met both presidents (Ford and Carter)," she said. "One of the first things I did was cover sports for 'DRQ, so I have literally been in every locker room in town—the Lions, the Red Wings and the Pistons."

Dr. Benjamin Spock, Gloria Swanson, Gladys Knight and the Pips, Stevie Wonder, Aerosmith and television star Robert Conrad are some of the famous people she has interviewed.

Although working several jobs at once is a recent happening in Joyce's life, she has almost always been a working mother.

"Even during my married life, I spent seven years working, five years having babies, and two years going to school," she said.

When she taught high school speech and drama, she saw the need for adding to her experiences.

"I don't think anybody should be teaching anything they haven't done professionally," she said, "so I went out and did a show at Meadowbrook."

Her first experience in the professional theater convinced her to change her goals.

"I realized I didn't want to be an actress, I wanted to be myself," she said, "and in news I could be myself more, dealing with real problems."

Watching news broadcasts on television about six or seven years ago and realizing that she could do as well made Joyce decide a radio career was a distinct possibility.

She made a survey of her talents: "What have I got? English, writing background, a



One of Joyce's hobbies is tending the plants that fill the windows of her Independence Township home.

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Country Living

voice and an interest in news and politics. You put it all together and it comes out radio news."

Her radio career is an extension of an ambition dropped for the security once offered by a teaching career.

"People talked me out of theater when I was 18, but it comes back on you when you're 35 and your life is half over," she said. "If I had gone into the media when I wanted to, I'd have 20 years' experience."

Because she was directed away from her dreams when she was young, she stresses realization of ambitions during youth

for her children.

"I want my kids to accomplish what they want the first time around," she said.

Joyce has lived in Independence Township near Cranberry Lake for seven years.

The area is a "super place for kids to grow up—where they can throw a stone and not hit the neighbor's house," she said.

Joyce recently quit her job as a weekend disc jockey with WMJC. She played records from midnight to 6 a.m.

"I felt like I was talking to the walls," she said, and a fulltime job didn't materialize at the

station.

She had decided to seek more security for her family with a fulltime job that included benefits. She was considering taking a sales position.

"Whatever I do, it's got to be with people," she said. "I tend to form relations with people easily; it's probably my best quality."

That's when the telephone call came from WXYZ radio for an in-station audition for a position in traffic and weather reporting during the new morning show replacing Dick Purtan who left to join CKLW.

And the dream returned.

"People look at me and say, 'You're going to make it—you're determined,'" Joyce said. "I just do what I have to do; I just do the next step."

"I felt I had accomplished too much, that I had come too far . . ." she said, and she was prepared to change her goal for her family's sake.

It was Friday the 13th, and the interview had started with Joyce reading her horoscope.

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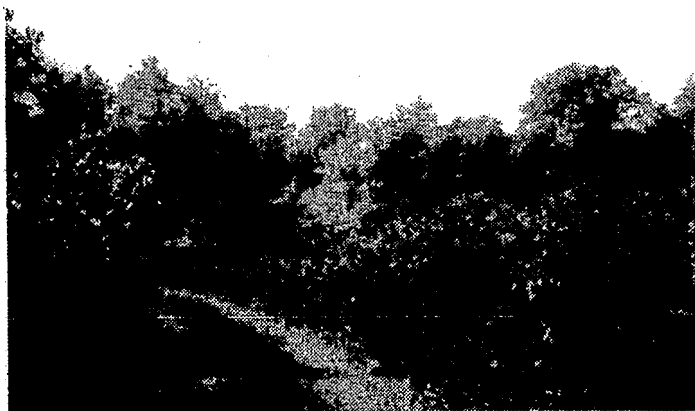


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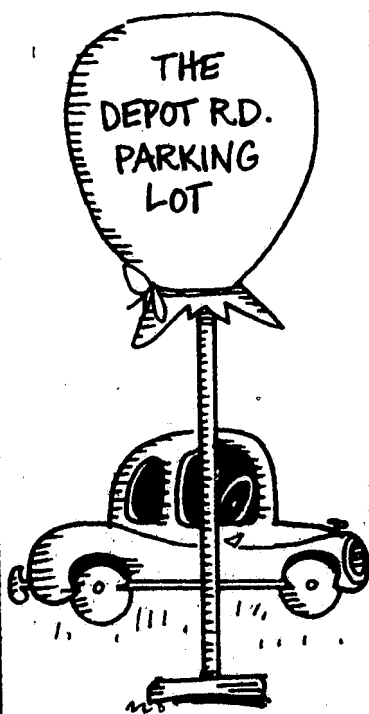
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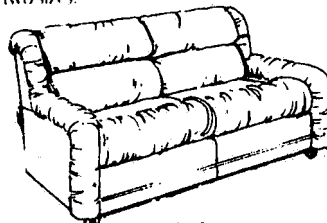
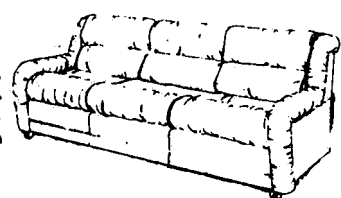
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Some election works have been lost because of the popularity of township offices.

Township Clerk Christopher Rose said four persons who previously have worked on elections will not be able to this time because members of their immediate families are running for office.

Besides local, state and Congressional races, Independence voters also will need to make decisions on nonpartisan judge candidates, 11 state propositions and two local questions.

Rose said at least four workers

are required in each of the township's 11 precincts, but he would like to have five in each precinct. Another 16 workers count absentee ballots.

The workers will be on duty at least 14 hours, Rose said, with their election workday beginning

at 6:30 a.m. The polls close at 8 p.m., and at the last election the counting was completed at 11 p.m., he said.

Election board chairpersons are paid \$3.50 an hour, and other workers receive \$3 an hour, he said.

Lumber bid okayed

The contract for lumber to build the deck and ramp on the senior citizens' center on Clarkston-Orion Road adjacent to Clintonwood Park was awarded to Currier Lumber of Detroit.

The bid of \$4,009 was accepted by the Independence

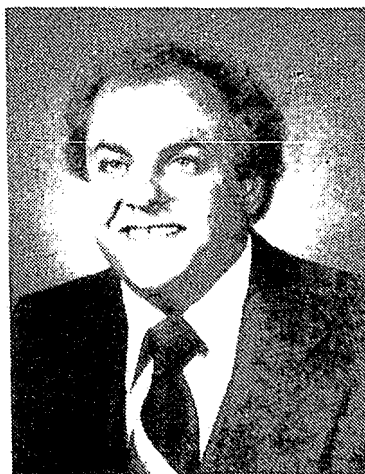
Township Board.

All four bids presented to the board were within \$85 of each other, but no other company could promise the needed deck materials within a week.

Shop talk



David Carter has joined the sales staff at L.H.R. Evans and Associates, real estate company in Waterford. Carter, previously worked for a motor home manufacturing firm in San Diego, CA. He graduated from Pontiac Central High School and received his real estate training from Middleton Real Estate School. Carter is single and resides in Clarkston.



Jerry Parnall recently joined the sales staff at L.H.R. Evans and Associates, real estate company in Waterford. Parnall has a background in advertising and sales, and previously worked for the Pontiac-Waterford Times and the Oakland Press. He attended Adrian College and Purdue University and has taken several real estate classes at Oakland University.

Parnall and his wife Loretta live in Clarkston.



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Coping with kids

Facing fears

By Jim and Ellen Windell



All children go through a myriad of fears as they go from infancy to adolescence.

Fears come and go, are less intense and then for no seemingly good reason are more intense.

Parents should recognize how many fears the normal child will have, especially around Halloween time.

Children who are exposed to too frightening experiences at the wrong age can be traumatized for weeks, months and even years.

A six year old bullied into going into a "haunted house" because all the other kids or families in the neighborhood are doing it, may have nightmares for several days afterwards.

Fears in children are natural, normal and originate as self protection. In the early baby years, fears relate to noises, strange events, and danger of falling.

During the second year the child retains those fears and anxieties and is usually afraid of the dark and being alone.

At age four there is not only a

fear of the dark but also of wild animals.

Five-year-olds are not very fearful, and their usual fears are visual in nature and include fear of the dark.

A year later, at age six, the fears are of sounds and the supernatural — ghosts and witches and monsters.

The seven-year-old youngster again has many fears, but they are primarily visual and include fears of the dark, attics, basements, cellars and concern about burglars breaking in at night.

The eight- to nine-year-old has fewer fears, but the 10-year-old is a fearful child being frightened of the dark and of criminals and "killers."

Childhood fears are highly unpredictable at all ages, and individual children have marked differences in their susceptibility to fears.

Interestingly, brighter kids have more fears at most ages.

Because of their intelligence they not only recognize potential dangers but have livelier

imaginings and perhaps think more about most things including danger.

Parents should be aware of the changeable nature of fears and not over-react to a child having a certain fear at a particular time.

It is probably transitory. But, parents should also respect the fears and never ridicule or criticize a youngster for being afraid.

Children should not be forced to face a fearful situation just to avoid embarrassment for the parent.

Most parents have fears of their own. While parents should not make their children overly afraid because of their own unrealistic fears, they ought to let them know that even adults have many fears and they can let the child know that many fears can be successfully overcome.

CHS singers to perform next week

"Sound Off to Music" will herald the beginning of the season for the choral department at Clarkston High School on Oct. 25.

The performance will feature the Men's and Girls' choirs, Mixed Choir, Varsity Choir and the newly-costumed Madrigal group under the direction of Grayce Warren.

In the music department's first autumn concert, a variety of music will be presented, including a "Choric Psalm," that combines drums and speaking, "See Me, Feel Me" from the rock opera "Tommy" and selections from "Grease."

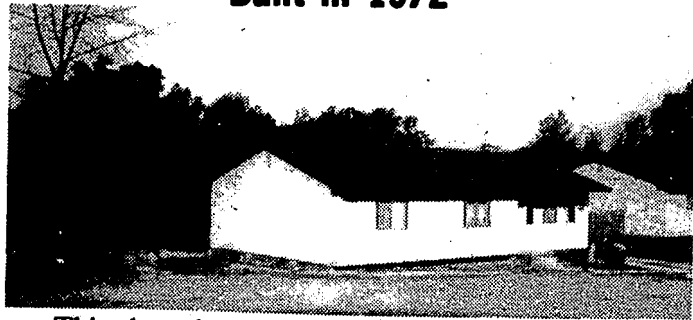
The performance will begin at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Other vocal music events scheduled this year are a Christmas concert, jazz-rock concert, spring concert and several musical competitions.

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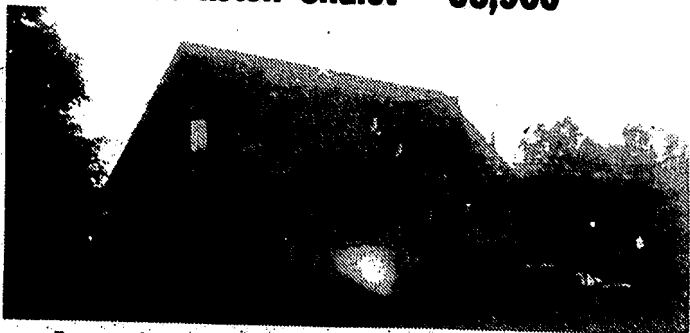
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