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## New junior high a prospect

### Clarkston School Board authorizes planning

By Pat Braunagel  
Associate editor

The Clarkston Board of Education has decided to take the advice of its citizens advisory committee and move ahead on plans for a new junior high school.

The first step in putting together a specific construction package which eventually will be offered to voters was taken by the board Monday night.

The board authorized Schools Supt. Milford Mason to establish an educational specifications committee for a new junior high school.

A new building to replace Clarkston Junior High School was proposed last spring by the school district's citizens advisory committee, which had spent five months studying district needs.

The committee recommended that CJHS be replaced by a building comparable to Sasabaw Junior High School and that the old junior high building be used as an elementary school.

"From a historical perspective, the board of education identified the fact that Clarkston Junior High would need critical scrutiny as a facility six years ago," Mason said in recommending that the board get started on planning for the building.

"In 1974, the board named three priorities for the district," Mason said. "First, media centers for the elementary buildings; second, undertake a

course of action with Clarkston Junior High (either renovation or replacement); and, thirdly, develop multipurpose rooms for

each elementary building."

"The first priority was rather quickly accomplished," Mason noted. "Existing space was

renovated in each elementary. Classroom space lost was replaced with the purchase of six portable classrooms. A seventh

unit was obtained the following year."

The third priority—multi-  
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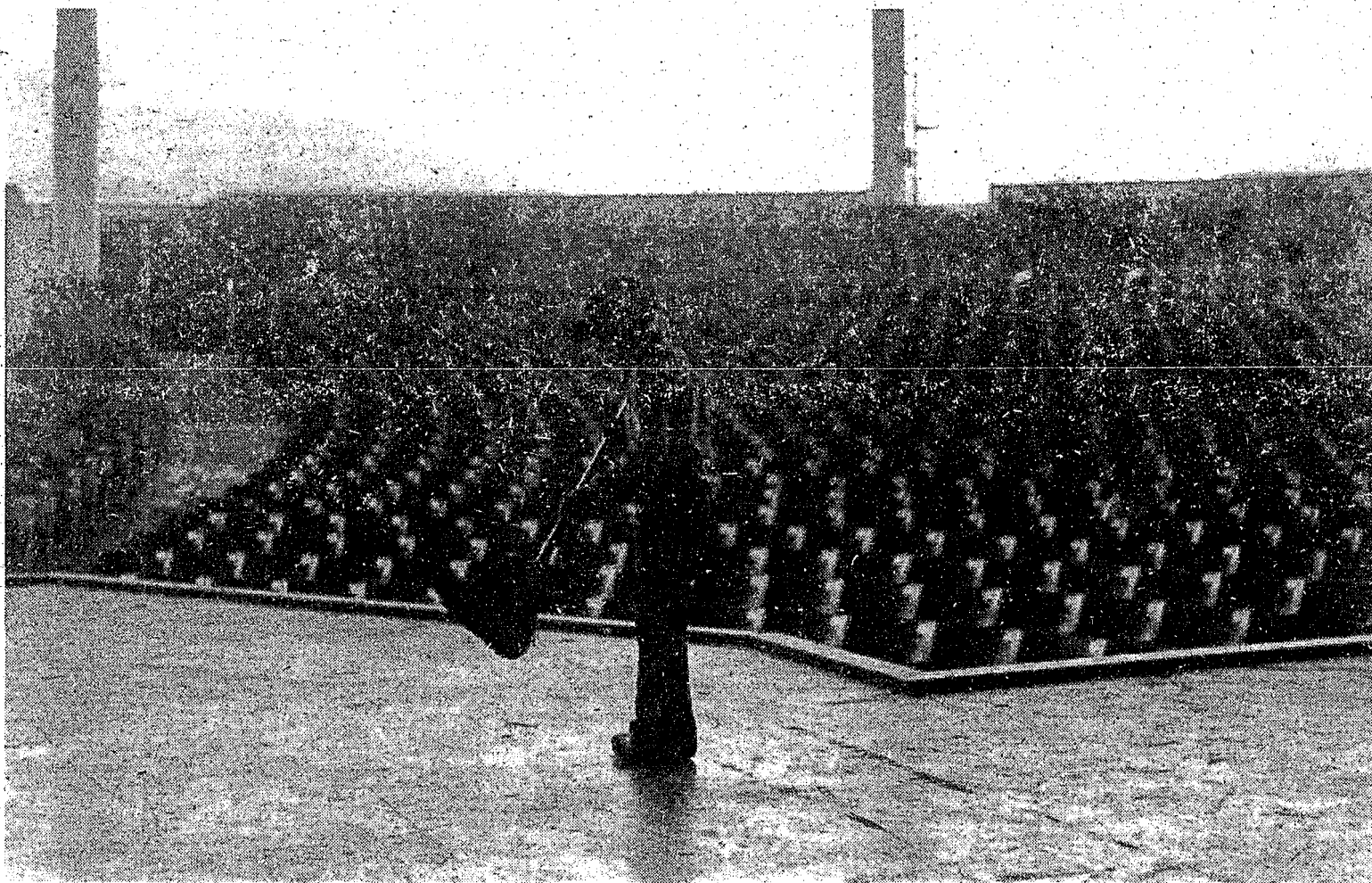


Photo by David N. Braboy

### Between seasons

What better way is there for an eight-year-old boy to spend his Saturday afternoon? Brian Wolski of Warren takes time out to sweep the dusty Pine Knob stage while waiting for his father to finish work at the nearby ski lift.

## Local motorists win stoplight

By Pat Braunagel  
Associate Editor

A stoplight will be installed at the corner of Dixie Highway and White Lake Road.

The announcement from the Department of State Highways and Transportation represents a victory for more than 4,000 petitioners and letter writers who combined their pleas during a three-week campaign in October.

Installation of the stoplight is expected early next year, accord-

ing to John P. Woodford, highway department director.

Local officials and citizens met with Rep. Claude A. Trim, D-Davisburg, and highway department engineers Friday, Oct. 27.

A letter from Woodford to Trim was dated the following Monday, Oct. 30.

In the letter, Woodford referred to the meeting, at which citizens' petitions with 4,182 names were presented, along with letters from the Clarkston

Village Council, Independence Township Board, Waterford Schools, Oakland County Commissioner Robert H. Gorsline and John L. Grubba, managing director of the Oakland County Road Commission.

"Our engineers have since reviewed the most recent accident information and concur that signalization is now appropriate," Woodford wrote to Trim.

"The engineering for the signal will be started immedi-

ately, and we anticipate that the installation can be completed by early 1979," he wrote.

Trim noted that highway department personnel previously had believed the widening of White Lake Road approaches to the intersection would clear up problems at the hazardous intersection.

"We took the cold, hard facts to Lansing and they came up with the widening," he said. "They thought that was enough. But now, after further study,

they've changed their minds.

"I feel the people in this area should receive the credit for it."

Thomas R. Boothby, whose business is on the southeast corner of the intersection, led the petition drive.

The petitions, Boothby noted, were signed by school bus drivers, truck drivers, Independence Township firefighters, post office employees, teachers, area residents and other motorists familiar with the intersection.

## Symons joins village council

Thayer giving dual role 'a lot of thought'

By Mimi Mayer  
Staff writer

Dr. Gary J. Symons, a Clarkston resident and dentist, was appointed to the Clarkston Village Council by Village President Fontie ApMadoc with unanimous consensus of the council Monday night.

Symons was appointed to replace ApMadoc, who was voted village president by the council Oct. 24 following Keith Hallman's resignation from that office.

Councilman Jackson Byers was appointed acting president pro tem during the same meeting, filling the position ApMadoc formerly held.

Elected as a trustee for Independence Township Nov. 7, Councilman Michael Thayer said he has not yet decided whether he will continue to serve on the village council.

"I'm just giving it a lot of thought right now," Thayer said. A decision will be made "soon," he added.

Thayer said unnamed Independence Township officials questioned if there will be a conflict of interest in his dual role as village councilman and township trustee.

He said township attorney Richard Campbell assured him there is not conflict of interest in these roles.

ApMadoc said earlier Monday that she selected Symons for the council position to represent the village business community and because of his interest in village affairs.

In addition to other council responsibilities, Symons will report to the council on village sewers and finance.

Symons, 27, has lived in Clarkston for approximately two years and opened his dental practice in the village close to two and a half years ago.

Originally from Lincoln Park, Symons attended Western Michigan University and received his dentistry degree from the University of Michigan.

His wife Denise, their daughter Jamie and he live at 24 S. Main Street in Clarkston.

Symons said he was "excited" about his appointment, adding, "I hope I can be of some use and benefit."

Both Symons and ApMadoc were sworn into office by Village Clerk Bruce Rogers during the Monday night meeting.

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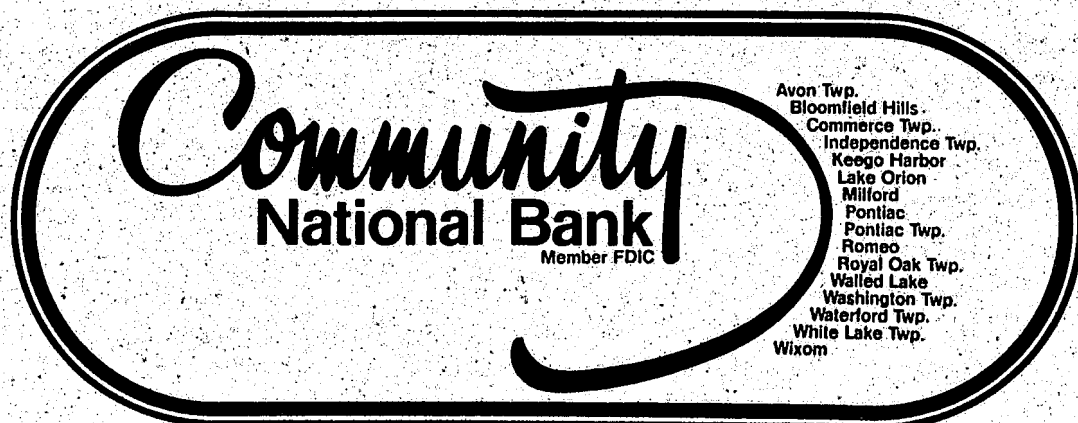
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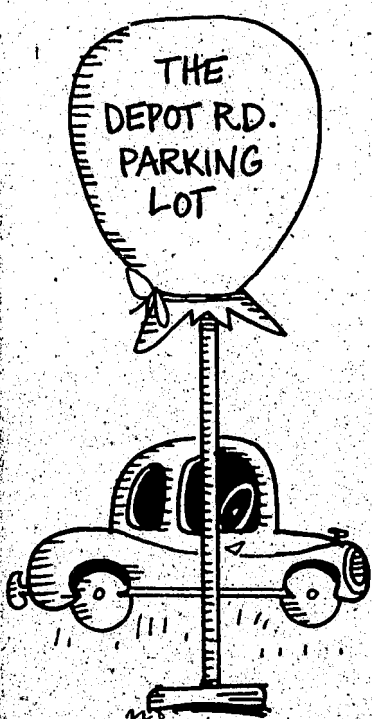
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# Local voters go with state trends

## Pattern broken with Proposal M, few races

Voters in Independence and Springfield townships agreed with the majority of Michigan voters on nearly every proposal and state official during this month's general election.

In Independence Township, voters followed the state-wide pattern on proposals A, B, C, D, E, G, H, J, K and R. The only difference came with Proposal M, dealing with a state transportation authority, which Michigan voters approved. Independence Township voters were against the proposal by a 3,441-to-3,178 margin.

Springfield Township voters exactly followed the statewide

pattern of all the proposals.

In the race for governor, secretary of state and attorney general, Independence and Springfield voters agreed with the state in electing William G. Milliken, Richard Austin and Frank Kelley to their respective posts.

A major difference appeared, however, in the U.S. Senator race. Independence and Springfield voters cast more votes for incumbent Robert Griffin instead of Carl Levin, who beat Griffin by 5 percent.

Regarding the election of State Board of Education members, University of Michi-

gan Board of Regents and Michigan State University Board of Trustees, Springfield voters followed the same pattern as state voters.

And while Independence voters agreed with the rest of the state in the State Board of Education candidates, they differed slightly with the U of M Board of Regents and MSU Board of Trustees races.

In the State Supreme Court Justices' battle, Independence voters disagreed with other state voters by casting their votes to Alice Gilbert, an Oakland County Circuit judge who lost the race, and James Ryan, who

won. Springfield voters agreed with the rest of the state in supporting G. Mennen Williams, but also supported Gilbert.

Both townships followed the state-wide pattern of electing Walter Cynar and E. Thomas Fitzgerald to their Court of Appeals posts.

## Independence:

How Independence Township voted:

Prop.	Yes	No
A:	1,156	5,066
B:	5,710	1,075
C:	4,346	2,337
D:	4,099	2,713
E:	3,806	2,873
G:	3,547	3,130
H:	1,103	5,610
J:	2,518	4,179
K:	5,819	804
M:	3,178	3,441
R:	2,487	4,044

Governor: Milliken, 4,325; Fitzgerald, 2,384.

Secretary of State: Austin, 3,403; Larsen, 3,249.

Attorney general: Kelley, 4,084; Bransdorfer, 2,356; Wells, 48.

U.S. Senator: Griffin, 3,720; Levin, 2,993.

U.S. Representative (19th District): Broomfield, 4,519; Collier, 1,821.

State Senator (17th District): Kammer, 4,035.

State Representative (60th District): Trim, 4,608; Ward, 1,719.

State Supreme Court Justice (2 elected): Ryan, 2,958; Gilbert, 2,856; Williams, 2,794; McDonald, 1,604.

Court of Appeals: Fitzgerald, 2,443; Cynar, 2,318.

Members of State Board of Education (2 elected): Dumouchelle, 3,096; Kanoyton, 2,630; Miller, 2,628; Dade, 2,111.

U of M Regents (2 elected): Bursley, 2,791; Brown, 2,598; Axe, 2,467; Waters, 2,282.

MSU Trustees (2 elected): Gadola, 2,813; Sharp, 2,770; Sawyer, 2,308; Lick, 2,191.

WSU Governors (2 elected): Haley, 2,799; Kopack, 2,625; Atchison, 2,270; Pincus, 2,243.

## Springfield:

How Springfield Township voted:

Prop.	Yes	No
A:	407	1,702
B:	1,830	319
C:	1,374	739
D:	1,336	816
E:	1,222	883
G:	1,294	813
H:	453	1,667
J:	1,000	1,129
K:	1,902	236
M:	1,083	1,008
R:	838	1,226

Governor: Milliken, 1,210; Fitzgerald, 903.

Secretary of State: Austin, 1,245; Larsen, 849.

Attorney General: Kelley, 1,406; Bransdorfer, 627.

U.S. Senator: Griffin, 1,076; Levin, 1,055.

U.S. Representative (19th District): Broomfield, 1,264; Collier, 711.

State Senator (17th District): Kammer, 1,312.

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While State Rep. Claude Trim [D-Davisburg] works on tallying votes late into the evening on Nov. 7, his wife Geraldine keeps busy knitting an afghan. Trim had nothing to worry about, he easily retained his office, winning with 70 percent of the votes cast in the 60th district.

## Independence tally by precinct

SUPERVISOR		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	TOTAL
Tower	(D)	211	201	276	273	314	365	305	259	200	274	233	115	92	105	80	78	3,381
Place	(R)	215	170	242	272	170	375	263	377	169	198	202	73	76	85	74	101	3,062
CLERK																		
Rose	(D)	214	221	263	264	287	440	332	284	224	301	267	97	103	113	85	86	3,581
Anderson	(R)	197	137	235	249	179	276	221	335	132	156	150	85	63	71	67	92	2,645
TREASURER																		
Ritter	(D)	204	245	295	287	313	447	328	332	195	256	290	85	90	99	80	92	3,638
Applegate	(R)	228	127	220	252	180	315	250	312	175	216	147	104	78	91	76	88	2,859
TRUSTEES																		
Benzing	(D)	156	202	227	201	263	375	243	203	143	207	234	55	69	71	64	71	2,784
Herron	(D)	121	203	192	165	258	326	201	206	105	180	215	36	72	50	49	51	2,430
Rowland	(D)	102	184	192	147	240	310	176	167	93	160	190	43	60	54	49	49	2,216
Lozano	(R)	252	146	276	308	193	352	287	389	189	213	181	124	83	114	87	107	3,301
Thayer	(R)	251	140	259	296	178	324	287	356	194	226	153	125	77	117	83	115	3,181
Vandermark	(R)	266	151	274	320	190	403	337	423	219	255	203	125	96	117	93	116	3,588
CONSTABLE																		
Patrick	(D)	164	226	243	216	305	406	263	263	144	223	255	87	109	105	91	97	3,197
MILLAGE PROPOSALS																		
Police	Yes	85	126	190	187	160	279	174	261	68	150	155	32	61	76	57	107	2,168
	No	92	211	300	325	284	465	382	330	123	295	243	44	112	115	98	76	3,495
Fire	Yes	282	192	360	365	273	480	347	434	231	288	269	150	123	144	121	145	4,204
	No	95	143	134	154	175	261	209	164	89	160	130	43	51	48	31	38	1,925

# Smooth day at Independence polls

Some Independence Township voters faced long lines on Nov. 7, and a few were slowed down by minor voting machine breakdowns.

But on the whole everything went smoothly, according to Township Clerk Christopher Rose, whose job includes running the elections.

Of the 28 voting machines used, a couple were repaired and one booth's curtains closed automatically, but had to be opened manually, Rose said.

There were two voting machines each in the majority of the 11 precincts. Four polling locations had three machines and one had four.

One machine was assigned for every 600 voters and extra booths were assigned to precincts with normally heavy voter turnout, Rose said.

According to precinct workers, some of the 7,000 township voters stood in line up to one and one-half hours, he said.

"The way to solve long lines is to buy more voting machines," Rose said. "Machines are expensive and they're quite large."

"The biggest problem we have is storage space," he said. "Hopefully by the next election, we'll have a place to store the machines."

Another possibility to de-

crease waiting time is computerized voting, but the township is not large enough to justify changing it, he said.

"It's very easy to spoil your ballot (using a computer punch card) and not know it," he explained. "The machine will not let you void your ballot and I

think that's important."

Much of the credit for the smooth operation goes to the 55 precinct workers and the five absentee ballot counting boards in charge of the 915 absentee ballots, Rose said.

"We have good workers. They do their jobs efficiently," he

said. "They're even getting paid by the hour and they're doing it fast." wrapping up voting tallies at township hall until 4 a.m., there were some light moments in the

Although Rose was busy long day.

## Voters give Trim 70%

State Rep. Claude A. Trim pulled more than 70 percent of the vote in his district to win a third term in the Michigan Legislature.

Trim, D-Davisburg, first won election to the State House of Representatives in 1974.

His vote total in the 1978 election was 20,242, against

8,132 votes cast for his Republican opponent, Richard E. Ward.

Trim's district—the 60th—encompasses Holly, Groveland, Brandon, Rose, Springfield, Independence, Highland and Waterford townships and the villages of Clarkston, Ortonville and Holly.

## Springfield tallies

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State Representative (60th District): Trim, 1,614; Ward, 433.

State Supreme Court Justices (two elected): Gilbert, 908; Williams, 895; Ryan, 849; McDonald, 499.

Court of Appeals: Fitzgerald, 814; Cynar, 656.

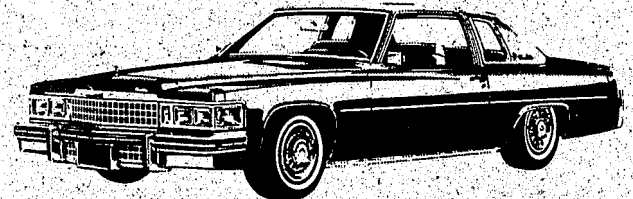
Members of State Board of Education: Miller, 948; Dumouchelle, 894; Dade, 756; Kanoyton, 747.

Members of U of M Board of Regents: Brown, 903; Waters, 846; Bursley, 777; Axe, 670.

Members of MSU Board of Trustees: Sawyer, 824; Lick, 809; Gadola, 784; Sharp, 776.

Members of WSU Board of Governors: Haley, 823; Pincus, 785; Kopack, 777; Atchison, 773.

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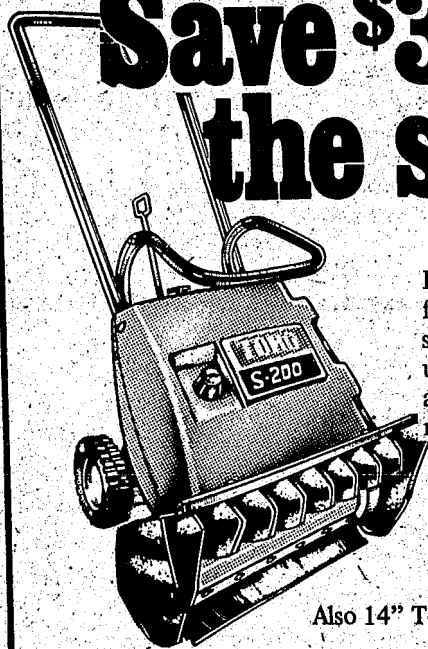
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## Community commentary

### 'I feel I'm a winner'

By Carolyn Place

As I was waiting in line to vote in the high school band room, I saw a large poster of Snoopy carrying a flag over his shoulder. The caption read, "It doesn't matter whether you win or lose, until you lose." Even at 9:15 a.m. it seemed prophetic.

Two givens: no one likes to lose. Someone must lose. I received fewer votes, therefore I lost the election, but I'm not a loser.

Quite the contrary—I feel I'm a winner. I've become a more informed citizen of this township, county, state and nation. Committed to the democratic process and our two-party political system.

It was difficult for me to make the decision to run for office because you do lay your personal and family life on the line. The more public exposure, the more vulnerable you become.

What motivates a person to take such a risk? Power? Status? Money? Service? Need to be employed? Desire to learn?

What motivated me? At different times, all of the above with the last the strongest.

I said earlier I believe in our democratic political system. As a political novice, I had the opportunity to involve myself in township affairs. The stimulation of running for office causes a viable candidate to become informed in all phases of that office. This interest will long remain and has challenged the opposition to work harder.

It is sad when candidates for any office, paid or unpaid, run unopposed. No one is perfect, there is always room for improvement and the political competition of the two-party system promotes this.

I firmly believe Mr. Tower should do a better job having been challenged by this campaign. Winning by 319 votes is certainly no mandate. Over 47 percent of the voters supported the issues I raised; for stronger leadership, sound management policies with job descriptions for

all employees, need for a full-time planner or full-time competent planning firm and strict enforcement of existing ordinances.

I'm glad I stood up and spoke out. I highly recommend it to all who believe in the democratic process.

Our leaders need support and input. It is only human to slack off when you feel no one cares. The democratic process requires participation, not only on election day but every day.

If you see the opportunity to serve—do it! You will gain much more than you give. We can't all be leaders, but there are many ways to help.

Keep informed—read—talk to and question your elected officials. Encourage them—often they only hear from us when we're angry and upset.

Elected officials remember—nature has given us two ears, two eyes and but one tongue, to the end we should hear and see more than we speak.



## You're invited

by Pat Braunagel

There are several ways in which you can tell your story or express your opinions in the pages of The Clarkston News—and this week we've added another.

The new forum is called Community Commentary, and its first contributor is Carolyn Place, who writes about the campaign which netted her increased political insight if not the Independence Township Supervisor's job.

Community Commentary is meant for those of our readers who have a little more to say than can easily fit into a Letter to the Editor.

It is intended not to encourage rambling but to serve as a forum for those who want to take an idea and develop it into what might be described as an "article" or "essay" or those who simply have a good story to tell.

Topics should be of communitywide interest. They should not, as Letters to the Editor can, deal with a specific complaint about a current controversy—unless that prob-

lem can be shown to have larger repercussions.

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Meanwhile, there are other methods you can use to get into the paper. Except for the personal columns we carry, you have access to all of The Clarkston News' pages.

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If you have a news tip or idea for a feature story and/or photographs, call me or one of our reporters at 625-3370.

If you think it's important, chances are some of your neighbors do too, and so will we.

In all these areas, judgments must be made about the amount and kind of space to be afforded any particular topic.

That's my job.

And, yes, you can comment on that too if you're so inclined.

## Letter to the editor

### Rezoning may harm lake

Dear Editor,

I oppose the rezoning of 14 acres on Dixie Highway and northeast corner of Dixie Lake in Springfield Township from R-4 district to RM and C-1 district for the proposed strip shopping center and multiple development.

As a lakefront owner, I feel

the ecological disadvantages should be considered. Runoff from parking lots into the lake, the added septic burden and overuse of the lake are a few. We have worked diligently to clean our lake and restrict polluting. Game fish are returning and weed growth has been controlled.

High-density population, such as multiple dwellings, would place an overtaxing burden on the delicate ecological balance. Our tiny 80 square acre lake cannot tolerate mismanagement. I urge the rezoning proposal be voted down.

Ina J. Golden  
Springfield Twp.

## Bouquet

### To Santa's Shed donors

Dear Editor

Our club participated in the Santa's Shed Bazaar on Nov. 11 and we would like to thank our area business people and parents who donated raffle prizes, handicrafts and baked items.

With your help and cooperation it was a great success, surpassing last year.

A big "thank you" to all Clarkston Athletic Booster Club



## Jim's jottings

### Fits over Fitz

by Jim Sherman

We've bought (Yes, we have to pay for it) Jim Fitzgerald's column for a number of years. Occasionally he picks a topic that suits his style, which is cynicism, and a reader's interest will be aroused.

Also, on occasion, this reader has commented, "I'd sure like to meet Jim Fitzgerald some time." I usually respond, "Why?"

They answer, "Oh, he sounds so interesting."

This is how interesting he is... elsewhere in this paper we've reprinted one of his Free Press columns that concerns me.

It tells how he took Hazel and me to the Woodbridge Tavern, one of Detroit's oldest saloons.

We took him and his wife, Pat, to the Fisher Theater that night. Fitz didn't mention that. He only mentioned that my wife and I were "in town to see, etc."

The deal was, and he suggested it, that I take them to the Fisher, he'd take us to dinner.

When we got to his apartment he suggested the Woodbridge Tavern. "They have great hamburgers and soup," he said. "It has a lot more atmosphere than the Chop House."

Fitz was driving. We went to the old saloon. We could have ordered the entire menu and Fitz would have come out ahead.

The atmosphere was noise. That was good two ways. We love the

community sing thing, and we couldn't hear the big city columnist tell how great he is.

The hamburger and soup were great, but the entire bill for seven of us for the night was a lousy \$48. Five of the party were Fitz's family. No way does that come out even with the Fisher tickets.

What really burned me was my wife ordering a grilled cheese. That was the cheapest thing on the menu.

But, through it all we had a great time.

Then comes this column we referred to above.

It seems a picture, hung rather high on the wall at Woodbridge, was missing following our night on the

town.

The owner, Marcia Cron, who we met that night, reasoned that only a tall person could have taken her prize, 80-year-old, 4-ft. long picture.

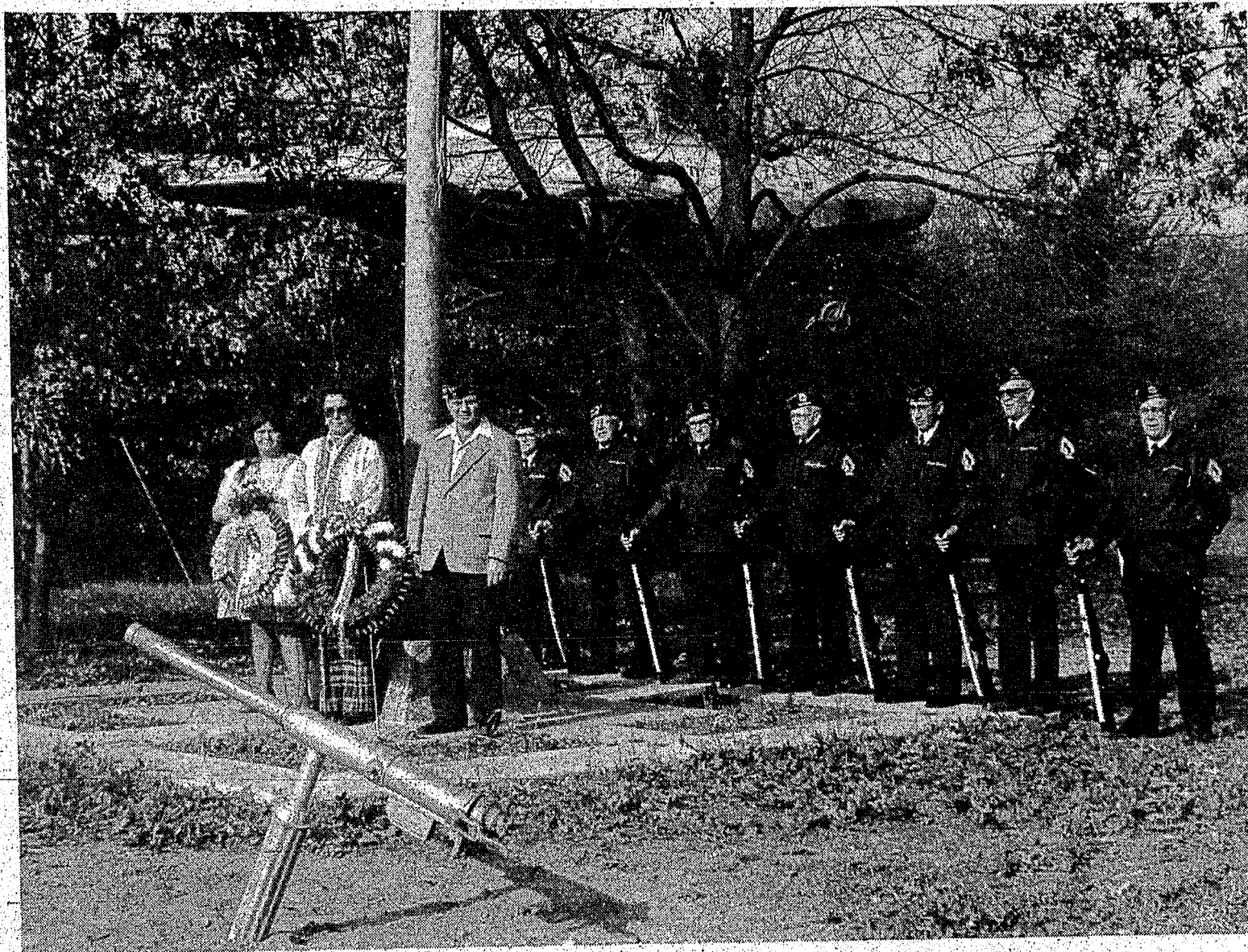
But, get this. The owner said she didn't suspect me of the crime at all.

It was my host. He not only suspects me, he just plain out says I'm guilty.

He did me out of a dinner, and calls me a crook.

Oh, yes, he's an interesting guy to meet. Just don't make any theater dinner deals with him, and for heaven sake don't let your wife order the cheapest thing on the menu.





## Legion honors World War I dead

*Honoring World War I dead on Armistice Day is one of the more solemn ceremonies at the Chief Pontiac American Legion Post in Independence Township. Participating in the ceremony Saturday are LuAnn Christopher, president of the post's junior auxiliary; Mrs. Arthur Mastick, president of the*

*auxiliary; and Samuel Christopher, post commander. Members of the post's color guard are [from left] Howard Teague, Henry Wiltfang, Marshall Charter, Arthur Mastick, Cleon Snowden, D. A. DeRouosha and M. A. DeRousha.*



**'If it Fitz'**

## Sherman's tall and guilty

**by Jim Fitzgerald**

My friend Sherman came visiting and I took him to the Woodbridge Tavern near Detroit's downtown riverfront. Sherman is 6 feet 4. His size may be a clue. If you solve this mystery, you may win \$100.

Sherman and his wife were in town to see Eartha Kitt in "Timbuktu" at the Fisher Theatre. It's a so-so show but it received a standing ovation the night we were there. Standing ovations have replaced handclaps as expressions of ordinary apathy. Ordinary approval requires jumping and yelling.

If you really love a show, the only way left to express extreme satisfaction is to go backstage and pledge to remember the chorus line in your will.

Anyway, after the show, I told Sherman I'd take him to a place where the customers not only stand and cheer, they also dance jigs and shake their booties in old-fashioned conga lines. That's the Woodbridge Tavern, one of Detroit's oldest saloons.

Fortunately, this was an alternate Friday. Gerry O'Connor sings and

Yolanda Smith plays the piano at the Woodbridge on alternate Fridays. It's Gerry who convinces the crowd to imitate a Busby Berkeley musical. If you enjoy this type of audience-participation fun, pick a Friday. If you pick the wrong Friday, the Woodbridge management will do its utmost to make your week's wait a pleasant one.

But please keep your hands off Euphrosia Van de Walt's pictures.

Euphrosia was the grandmother of Marcia Cron, present owner of the Woodbridge. Beginning around 80 years ago, Euphrosia operated a grocery, then a bar, then a blind pig at the Woodbridge location. She left behind several huge turn-of-the-century photographs which still hang on the saloon walls, adding much to the ambience.

A few days after entertaining my friend Sherman at the Woodbridge, I got a phone call from Marcia Cron. She was angry. She said some rotten person had stolen one of her grandmother's

nicest pictures. The theft occurred during business hours, most likely on the alternate Friday I was there.

"I can hardly believe it," Marcia said. "My customers aren't bums. They're professional people—lawyers and doctors and politicians. Those type of people aren't thieves."

Of course not. Whoever heard of anyone being robbed by a lawyer or a doctor or a politician? It is to laugh.

"The picture shows the Detroit waterfront around the turn of the century. It was hanging on the arch just above your table Friday. It's four feet long," Marcia said. "It would take a very tall person, or someone with a ladder, to steal it."

My friend Sherman was the tallest person in the saloon that night. And he isn't a lawyer, doctor, or politician. He is a printer.

It's a well-known fact that printers steal pictures because they know one picture is worth a thousand words. When a printer steals enough pictures

he trades them for words and starts his own newspaper. This makes him a rich publisher who can afford to buy a ladder. He no longer has to be tall to steal pictures. This is nature's cyclic way of protecting the ladder industry.

But before I could tell Marcia I'd never seen Sherman before that night, she said she didn't suspect him, or even me. The reason she phoned was to ask me to tell everyone that she's offering a \$100 reward for information leading to the safe return of her picture.

Frankly, I'm sure Sherman is guilty but I'm going to have a tough time collecting the \$100. I was driving that night and I think I know how he smuggled his four-foot-long loot into my car without me seeing it. I figured he traded the picture for 1,000 words while he was still in the saloon, and then he hid the words in his vocabulary where there was lots of room. But I'll never prove it as long as Sherman keeps his mouth shut.

Onward and Upward.

## Letters to editor

### Late political letters unfair

To the editor:

Freedom of the press is like every other freedom in that it must be limited or qualified by our traditional notions of fair play, equal opportunity to respond, and no hitting after the whistle or bell or below the belt.

A late hit in the NFL can cost your team 15 yards, your own ejection from the game and a substantial fine. In boxing, a hit after the bell or below the belt can cost you the round.

Only cowards and bullies violate these traditional notions of fair play and equal opportunity to respond.

The timing was obvious, two days before the election The Oakland Press published a letter through "Voice of the People" signed by an Oakland County Deputy Sheriff (The Ortonville Reminder carried the same letter four days before the election).

I must congratulate The Clarkston News and Herald Advertiser for not publishing the letter at all).

I am only going to say that the letter contained many half-truths, falsehoods, mis-statements, and inaccuracies. Given the opportunity, I could refute them one by one, but I was denied the opportunity. The timing of the article, two days before the election in the case of The Oakland Press, denied me the opportunity.

A phone call from the newspaper would have been sufficient opportunity to refute each and every half-truth, false statements and inaccuracy. If we are going to demand fair play and equal opportunity to respond from the citizenry, we must first get it from the police who are paid to protect our rights and property, and from the press which is in many cases

the last court of appeals.

I would suggest to all newspapers as was done by The Clarkston News and Herald Advertiser, do not print it unless there is opportunity to respond. Freedom to face and respond to

your accusers is one of our most fundamental and cherished constitutional rights.

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### Drama, music slighted

To the editor:

We parents who have young people involved in Dramatics Club and the Music Department at CHS wonder, "with a very large question mark," why these hard-working departments are so ignored in our local paper.

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Marianna Vascasseno

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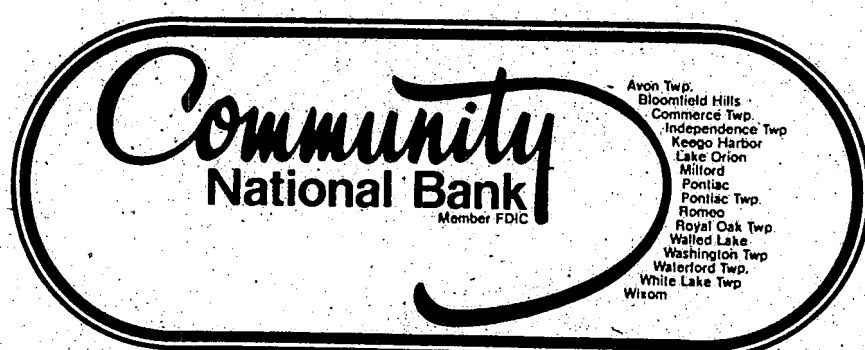
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# They'll be left dry, low



Enjoying in a local bar what will soon be an illegal pasttime for Michigan's 18- to 21-year-olds are [from left] Sue Elmy, 19; Rhonda Michaels, 19; Lori Jenkinson, 18; and Vickie Ladd, 19. The four women are busy discussing the passage of Proposal D, prohibiting the purchase or consumption of alcohol to persons under 21 effective Dec. 22.

By David N. Braboy  
Staff Writer

"Where are we going to go for a decent time and good entertainment?" 18-year-old Lori Jenkinson of Pontiac says while sipping a beer at a Drayton Plains bar. "I guess we'll be staying home."

Lori's questioning attitude was a typical response of area young adults regarding the passage of Proposal D Nov. 7, marking an end to a five-year legal drinking span for Michigan's 18 to 21-year-olds.

Since 1972, Michiganders in that age bracket have been able to drink in bars or purchase alcoholic beverages. However, effective Dec. 22, these same people will suddenly find themselves left high and dry. Or at least dry.

And area saloon proprietors and young adults are unhappy with the change.

Joe Puertas, owner of Heaven at 4443 Dixie Highway in Drayton Plains, believes the new law is "a shot in the dark" by state legislators to prevent 16- and 17-year-olds from drinking.

"How are they going to do that by stopping (18- to 21-year-olds) from going to bars?" he asks. "Now, instead of having an 18-year-old buying for a 16-year-old, there'll be 21-year-olds buying for 18-year-olds. And the younger kids will still be able to get it somehow."

Heaven, a youth-oriented establishment in which 18- to 19-year-olds are the average patrons, will have to make some changes to conform with its upcoming older crowd.

"I guess I'm going to have to jazz up the place to attract a more mature crowd," Puertas says. Other changes include possibly designating certain non-alcoholic nights, bigger name bands and increased promotion, he adds.

Under-age employees will also still continue to work for the time being, but not drink, he said.

Heaven's acting manager Diane Sartell believes the new law is "unfair." "I guess everyone is saying that, but it's really bad for business, especially if your clientele is 21 or younger."

However, she said the point behind Proposal D's purpose of taking alcohol from high school students "makes sense." "I guess in a sense it will take it away from some high schoolers, but when the others want to drink bad enough, they'll get it somehow."

Several student patrons at Heaven the day after the proposal was approved by 57 percent majority had strong opinions about the new law.

"I don't understand how they can take away our right to drink when we can still fight for our country or vote," Waterford student Vickie Ladd, 19, says.

Lori Jenkinson explains, "If they hadn't changed the law (in 1972), then I don't think there would be all this hassle. But now 18- to 21-year-olds have had the taste of the bar life and that's suddenly being taken away from them."

"I don't see how changing the law to 21 will change anything," she adds. "I know people who can still buy me stuff to drink."

A common complaint heard is that with the law's passage, there will be less places for young people to socialize in a controlled environment. Puertas points to this and adds: "I think (Proposal D) is going to cause a bad problem in that there's no control." He also speculates that increased drinking in cars and private parties will result in a doubling of alcohol-related accidents.



Joe Puertas, owner of Heaven, a youth-oriented saloon at 4443 Dixie Highway in Drayton Plains, makes a point while contemplating the future of his establishment. "I guess I'll have to jazz up the place to attract the more mature crowd," he says.

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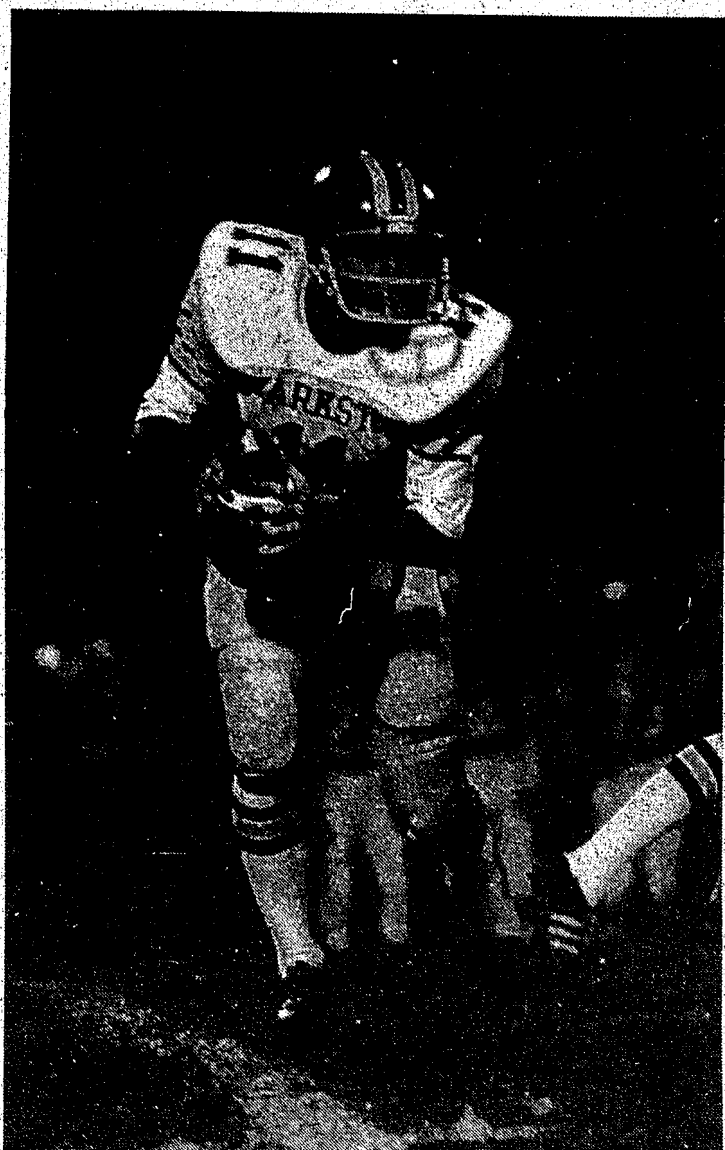
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JV Assistant Coach Al Merian sweeps his arms as if directing the path of the ball that a JV punter prepares to kick.

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# 'Improvement' byword for team

By Mimi Mayer  
Staff writer

The Clarkston High School varsity football team may not have had the spectacular seasons they've enjoyed in the past but varsity head coach Bill Valasco gives them lots of credit for improvement.

"I think they did improve," he said. "The way we looked after the first game, you would have

thought we'd never win a game or even get a point." The varsity Wolves lost the season opener against Grand Blanc 45-0.

"By the end of the season, we were doing things fairly well," Valasco said. "Most of all, the kids improved in terms of doing what we asked them to do."

Winning two games near the end of the season, the varsity Wolves' final record was 2-7.

While the team's knowledge of plays became better as the season progressed, Valasco said many of the athletes "hadn't played much before."

He credited the blockers and runners with making big strides forward.

A handful of athletes also won special praise from Valasco.

"Certainly our fullback situation when we had Reuben Hutchons in there improved consistently," Valasco said.

Other boys cited by the coach were Mike Mulane, outside linebacker; safety Seth Smith, who nabbed seven interceptions during each of three games; and cornerback Dan Leichtnam.

"Those kids made fairly remarkable progress. Some of that was fairly badly needed," Valasco commented.

Playing consistently good ball throughout the season were linebackers Ed Eaglen and Ron Thompson, guard Mike Latimer and tackle Ron Lapeer, Valasco

said.

Valasco was straightforward in his criticism of the team and himself.

"Honestly, we lacked in some areas," he said. "We weren't a very fast team. I think every team we played was faster than us."

Continual conditioning and sprinting did not help the situation, he added.

"I think one of our biggest problems was just placing the kids in the right position," Valasco continued. "But that comes with knowing the kids, and we just didn't know the kids."

"Once we got the people where they should be, they did a good job," he continued.

It took courage for the Wolves to walk on field during their consistent losses at the opening of the season, Valasco said.

"The kids had a lot of heart. It's not easy to go through a season after having a pretty good

season last year and not doing that well this season," he said.

"I think by and large we got down sometimes but that's not real surprising," Valasco said. "It would have been surprising if we hadn't."

The backing the Wolves received from people connected with the high school was appreciated by Valasco and his Wolf pack.

"I'm real happy with the support we got from the facility, the administration and the kids," he said. "I think as we put more wins on the board, we'll get more support from the community."

"And that's something we can work for," Valasco concluded.

As for next year's varsity football outlook, Valasco maintains a wait-and-see attitude.

While many of the experienced players will be graduating, reinforcements from the league-leading junior varsity team may be helpful, he said.

## Sports

### JV win tops fine season

Ah, the sweet taste of victory! Rounding out a perfect 8-0 season, the Clarkston Wolves' junior varsity football team stomped the Waterford-Mott Corsairs last Tuesday 27-0.

Tailback Mark Hughes, later honored as the JV's Most Valuable Player, scored the Wolves' first touchdown in the first quarter with a one-yard run, followed by a one-point conversion.

Hughes repeated his performance on the Corsairs' football field in the second quarter by catching an eight-yard pass from quarterback Jack Sprung, honored as the team's Most

Improved Player.

After halftime, the Wolves kept the pressure on by scoring two touchdowns in the third quarter, resulting in the final score.

Tight end Greg Wilson made the third TD after completing a 72-yard pass from Sprung. Split-end Kurt Esselink then followed suit by scoring another touchdown.

Head coach Gary Warner was naturally exuberant about his team's final game and their perfect season. "I feel excellent," he said. "We had a bunch of real fine athletes who did a fine job."

### \$500 for Clarkston duffer

By Mimi Mayer  
Staff writer

Though Kathy Dawson calls golf "a very humbling game," she has just cause to brag about her prowess on green and rough.

A Clarkston resident, 23-year-old Kathy was one of two Oakland University students to win a Falcon golf scholarship from the university. Awarded \$500 for her efforts, Kathy's scholarship will help pay two semesters' worth of O.U. tuition.

Kathy was an unknown to the Oakland physical education staff until she approached faculty members last summer requesting a golf scholarship, she said. She placed her application and, to her surprise, was mailed a note announcing her as a winner a few weeks later.

Hollie Lepley, head golf coach

for the university men's and women's golf teams, said Kathy was awarded the scholarship "because of her ability and the fact that she applied for it. She plays good golf and she deserves it."

"She shoots in the low 80s on a tough course, the Oakland University course," Lepley continued. "She's a good young golfer."

Kathy said she began playing golf soon after she graduated from high school five years ago. Seeking a school where she could get a golf scholarship, Kathy moved to the South.

Her bid was unsuccessful so Kathy turned to playing intensive rounds of golf, often for eight or nine hours daily, she said.

"For two and a half years, all I did was sleep, eat and live golf. Timewise, I haven't played a lot

of golf, but I've hit a lot of balls," she said.

Why is Kathy so taken with golfing?

"I think golf is the hardest sport of them all," she said. "It takes more skill to play golf. It's not only your physical ability, it's 90 percent mental. You really have to be alert to play golf."

Most duffers know that a round of golf takes approximately four hours of constant concentration. Kathy has successfully completed matches where she's played for 12 hours straight with nary a break in the mental intensity.

For this reason, Kathy said golf "develops your personality. It helps you mature. You can be on cloud nine one day and the next day you won't want to talk to anybody," she said.

Asked if she would like to become a pro golfer, Kathy replied, "Well, I'd like to. If I ever got good enough, I wouldn't turn down the chance."

"It's a long-range goal among many. Right now, I'd like to learn to putt," she said.

But didn't Lepley praise her putting? "Yes, I'm not a bad putter, but I've been known to blow it," she replied.

A freshman at Oakland, Kathy will have ample opportunity over the next three years to improve her game through team and individual competition.

Should her golf plans pan out, Kathy will have a business management degree to fall back on. And if she does make it as a pro, Kathy will not only be a formidable athlete but a good business manager.

### Girls drop game, last in league

The girls' varsity basketball team played only one game last week, and they lost it to Bloomfield Hills Andover by the score of 34-63.

Entered in the scoring column for the Wolves were Kay Pearson, eight points; Jeannie Odell, six points; Linda Foster, Lisa Forsyth and Kelli Ketzler, five points each; Lisa Steele, three points; and Kass Conway, three points.

Nine Clarkston ballplayers shared the rebounding duties, led by Forsyth and Odell each with eight boards and Pearson's seven rebounds. Odell blocked five Andover shots for the evening.

The loss last Tuesday left the

Wolves in last place in the GOAL final standings, which is a first-time happening for a Clarkston cager girls' team.

This week Clarkston encountered two nonleague opponents, and both games were to be played on the Wolves' home floor.

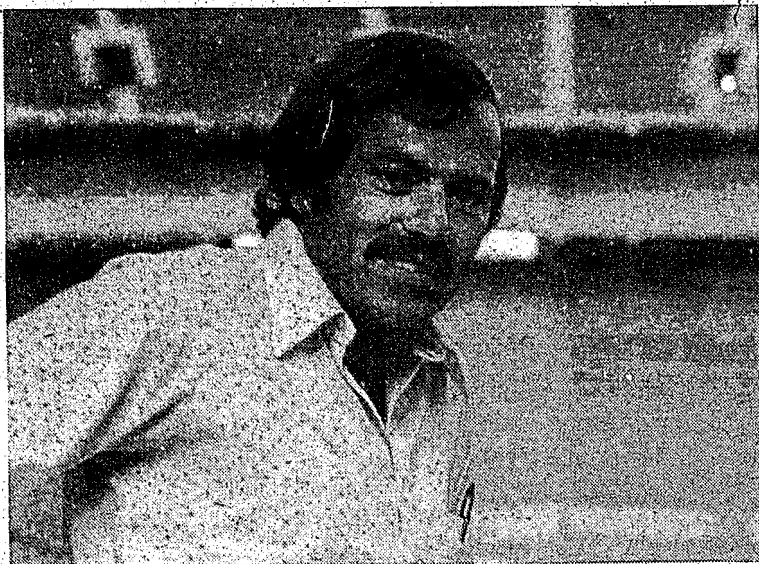
On Tuesday the opposition came in the form of the Eagles from Ferndale High School, and tonight the Wolves will square off against Pontiac Central's Chiefs.

Next week Clarkston will close out its regular season of play hosting Waterford Township's Skippers on Tuesday. That last home game has been designated "Parents' Night" for Clarkston.



Kathy Dawson

# Soccer's kid stuff, too



Klaas deBoer

Cheap thrills. That, literally, is what Klaas de Boer hopes to see area boys and girls having through the creation of a youth soccer program.

DeBoer, who moved recently to Oxford Township from Cleveland, is assistant coach of the Detroit Express.

Born and reared in the Netherlands, he moved to Holland, Michigan in 1956. The ethnic makeup of that town enabled him to stay close to his first love, soccer.

After collegiate soccer at Michigan State, he went on to play professional ball for the Boston Astros and the Cleveland

Stars of the American Soccer League.

In 1972 deBoer signed at Cleveland University as head coach of the Vikings. It wasn't long before the Express opportunity came, and deBoer says he's delighted to be involved in the North American League.

But he is not so delighted with the opportunity for youngsters here to enjoy a sport that he says is "a natural for girls and boys, and incredibly cheap."

"Wherever we moved, there was always a youth league, where kids could enjoy the sport. Youngsters' leagues are easy to establish, because outfitting is minimal," he says.

The move to Oxford was startling for deBoer.

"Here, I have a nine-year-old who loves the game, but can't play. I'm pretty sure there are other youngsters who'd like to play too. That's all it takes to start a program ... interest."

DeBoer admits, too, that he was slightly disgruntled to hear of a local little league football team which needed \$10,000 for outfitting.

"I love football, but it is obviously a very expensive game for kids," deBoer says. "And here, when you talk of outfitting a soccer team you're talking about shoes, shorts, shirt and socks at a cost of only about twenty dollars per boy or girl."

DeBoer says tennis shoes will suffice. Without shoe expenses, the cost for outfitting an entire team comes in at about \$120, he says.

Costs aside, deBoer says soccer is a natural for kids up to ages 12 or 14 because "everyone plays."

"In soccer, you don't have, for instance, one quarterback who calls all the shots. Whoever has the ball is quarterback for the moment."

"In terms of exercise, it's the greatest because there are no time-outs, the action is non-stop. It's not a game, either, where the smaller kids and girls can't compete successfully. Size has no bearing," he says.

The injury factor is almost nonexistent, deBoer says.

DeBoer is encouraging parents whose kids might be interested in soccer to contact him. He says he and other members of the Detroit Express will provide instruction on coaching and play.

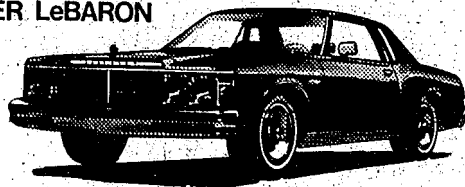
"It doesn't take much to get it going, and once it's started, it usually takes right off," he says. "Anyone who is interested in coaching, sponsoring or playing on a team in this area may contact me at my office, and we'll take it from there."

DeBoer's telephone number at the Silverdome is 338-9100.

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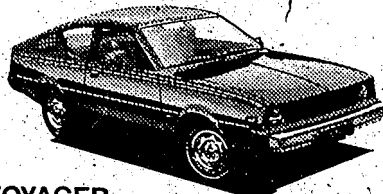
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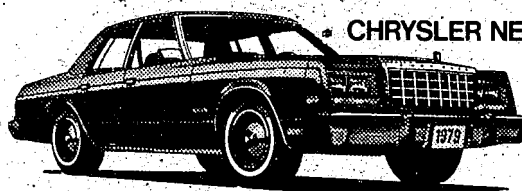
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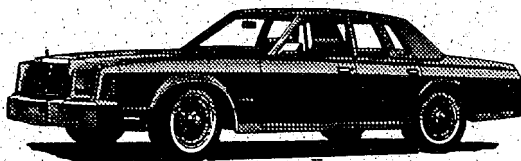
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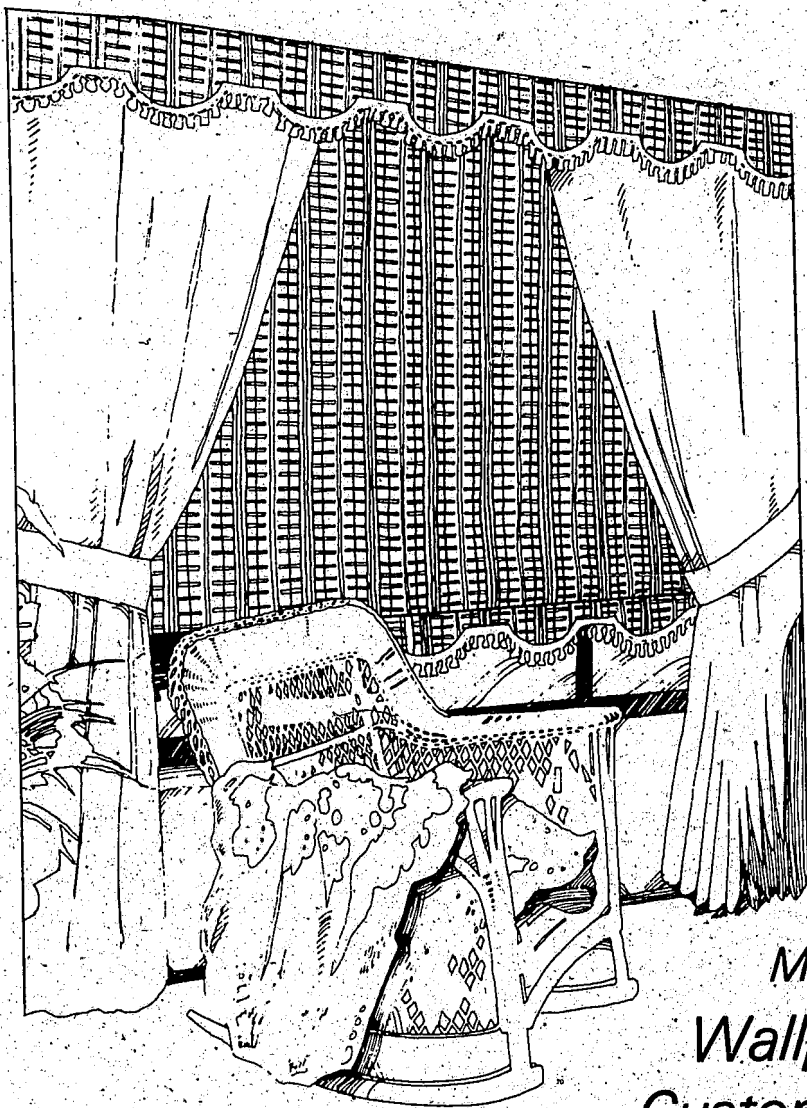


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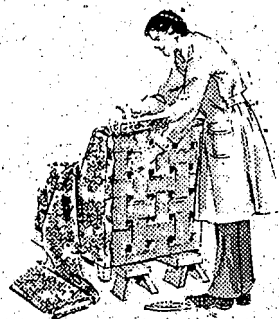


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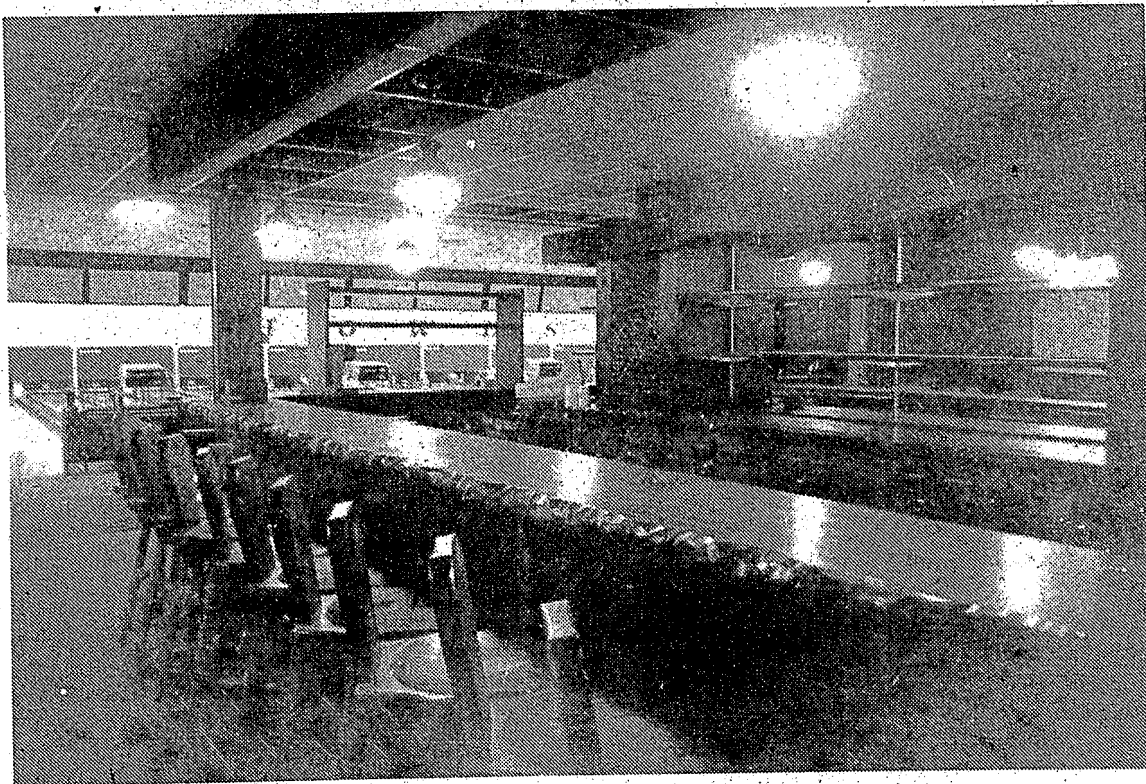
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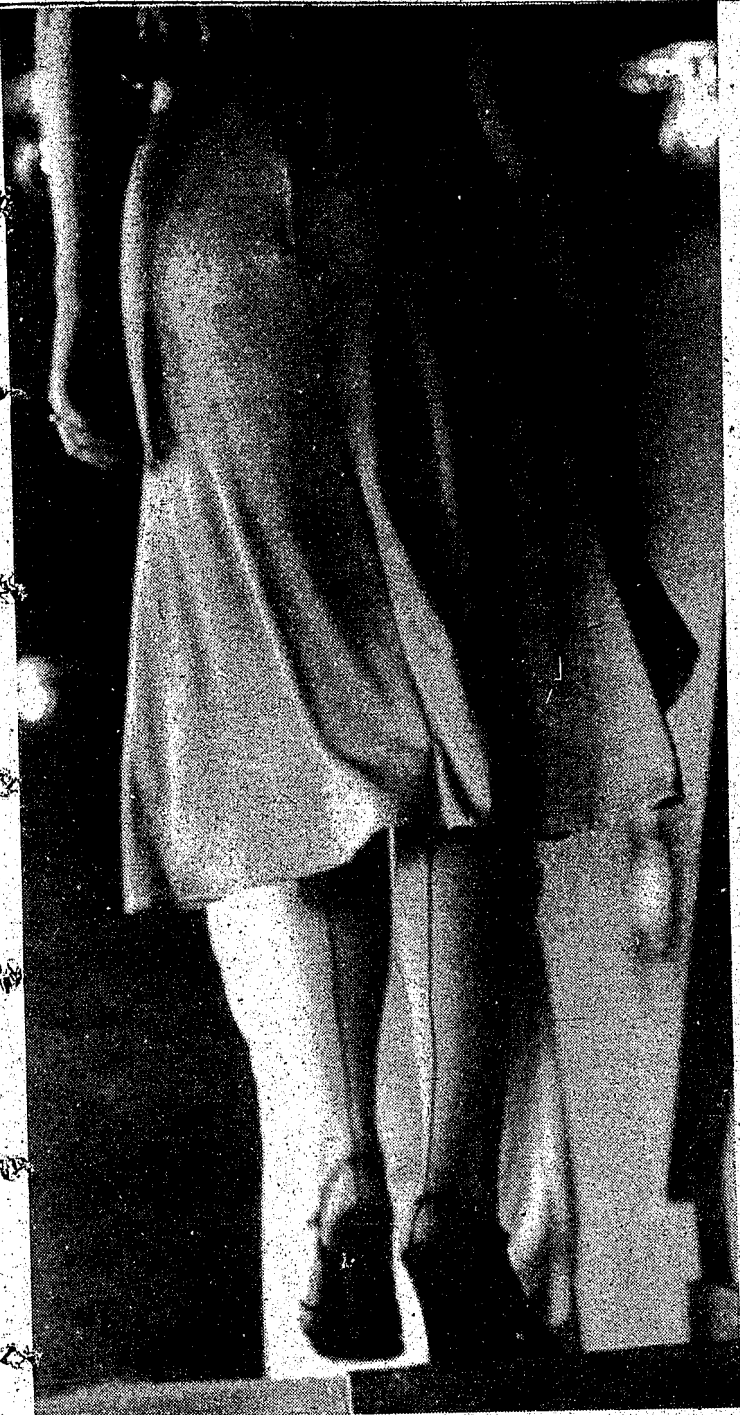
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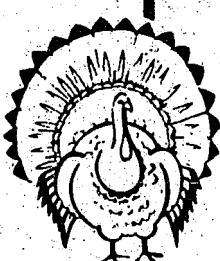
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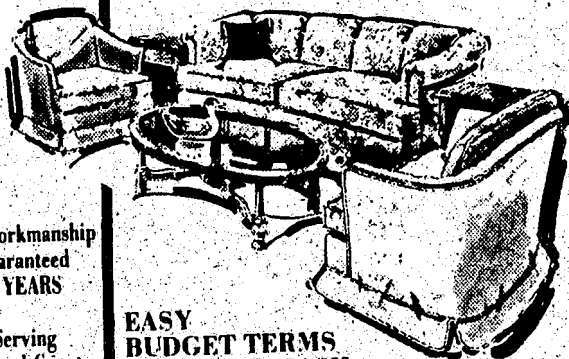
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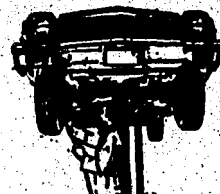
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# Nothing shady about this deal

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By Mimi Mayer  
Staff writer

The Village of Clarkston has a deal for people who love trees and tax breaks.

By donating money for tree plantings to the Clarkston Beautification Committee, village residents can gain both tax deductions and trees for the berm between the street and sidewalk in front of their homes.

Village president Fontie ApMadoc explained the donation receives a tax-deductible status as it is a contribution to a municipality.

Under Michigan tax laws, these contributions are completely tax-deductible, ApMadoc said.

Donors can also specify where they want the tree planted, ApMadoc said.

"They can ask for it to be placed in front of their house but not on their property," she added.

Other trees have been planted in the village park on Depot Road, she continued.

Although close to 40 trees have been purchased with beautification donations in re-

cent months, ApMadoc said Planning Commission Chairman Ted Thomson and she counted approximately 150 spots along the village streets which could be improved with tree plantings.

All planting is done by workers for the village's department of public works, ApMadoc said.

Members of the beautification committee will select the trees at the donors' request, she continued.

"With the beautification committee buying the trees, we save

sales tax because they're for the municipality," ApMadoc said. "We have been selecting the trees, but that's strictly up to them. If they (donors) want to donate a tree, that's great."

A nursery maintained by the DPW has been developed to nurture 12 small trees already donated to the village, ApMadoc said.

"If anyone wanted to donate a very small tree, that's good," she continued, promising the village would care for the saplings.

Late fall is one of the best annual periods in which to plant trees, said Larry Buechet, landscape manager for Bordine's Better Blooms of Clarkston, 8580 Dixie Highway, Springfield Township.

The lengthy dormancy period trees undergo throughout the winter strengthens the trees, Buechet said.

Several tree varieties, bred to be pollution- and salt-resistant, and fast growing were recommended for berm planting by Buechet.

Some members of the locust, linden, maple and ash families are especially appropriate for berm planting, Buechet said.

Donations to the beautification committee in the form of checks should be made out to the Village of Clarkston with a note on the check specifying that the monies are to go to the beautification committee, ApMadoc said.

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Max A. Soulby [left] receives a flag that was flown over the United States Capitol from Christopher Rose, Independence Township clerk. Soulby, who is financial director of the township, was honored for 25 years of service. He was hired by the township on Nov. 1, 1953. Soulby also received a resolution from the township board offering "profound thanks" for his years of service; a state flag, a resolution from Governor Milliken and a resolution from State Sen. Kerry Kammer. "I hope he stays another 25 years," said Township Supervisor Floyd [Whitey] Tower. "He's a dedicated, responsible employee." "He's the reason we have a good audit every year," Rose added.

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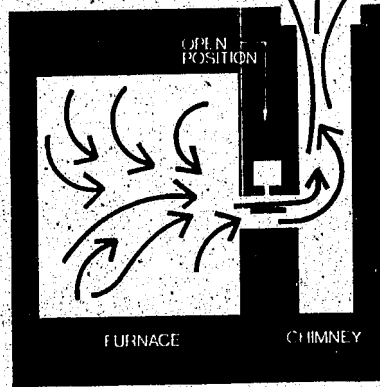
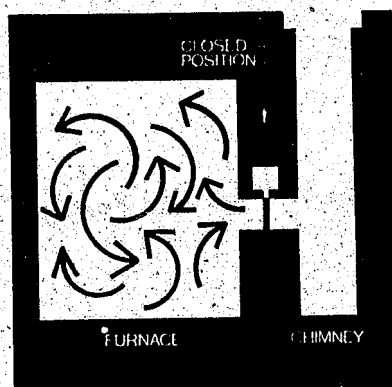
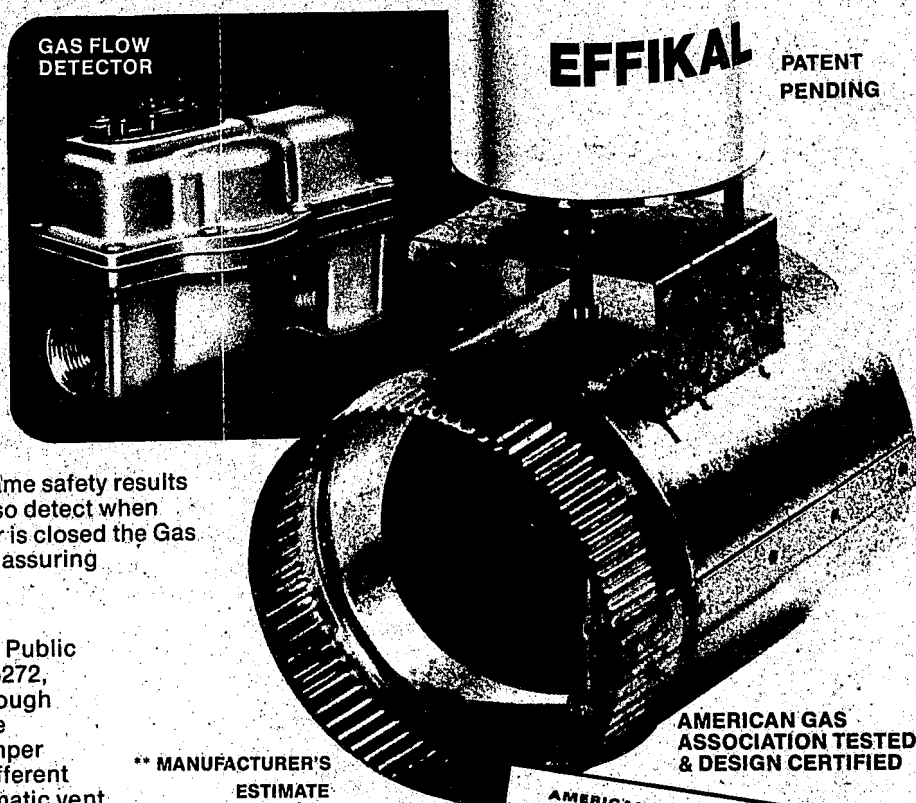
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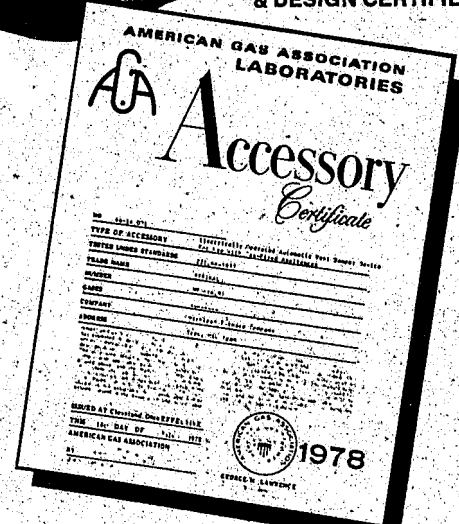


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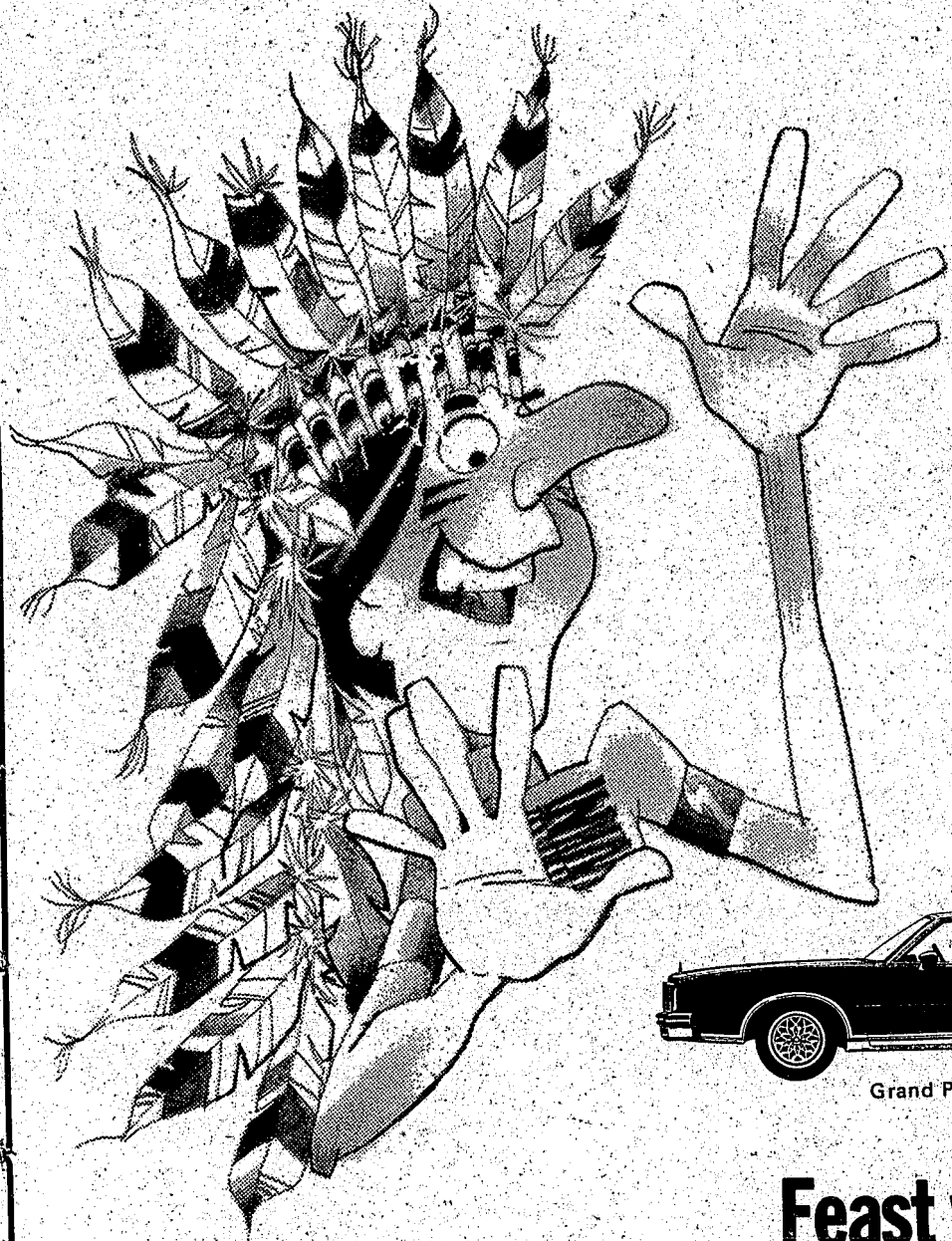
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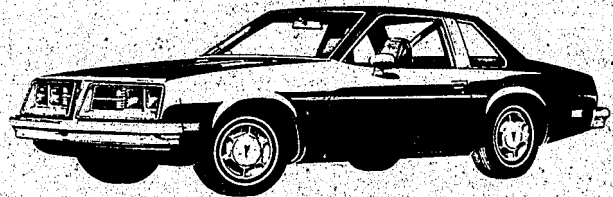
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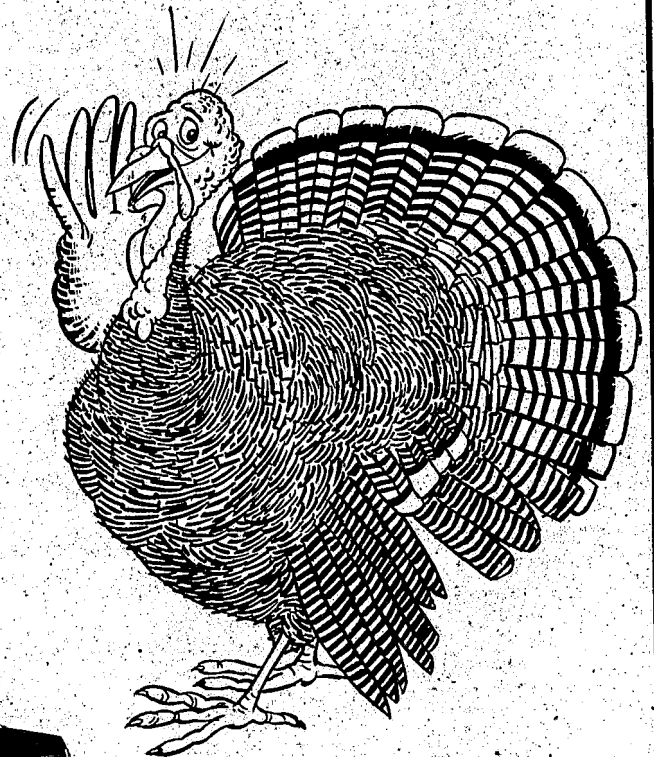
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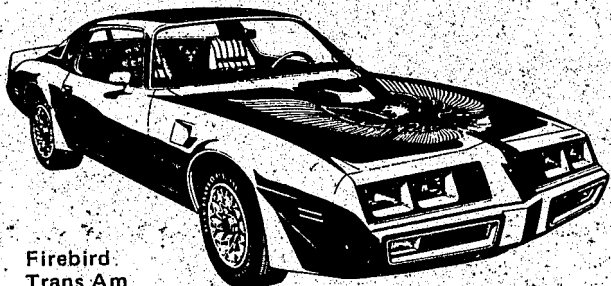
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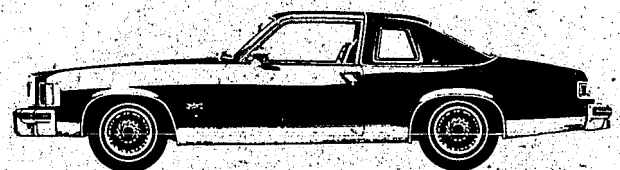


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purpose rooms—was taken to the electorate in June 1977 and was defeated.

A 1975 feasibility study on renovating the junior high indicated "that spending large sums of money for renovation might very well constitute throwing good money after bad," Mason said.

The superintendent noted that educational specifications should be drawn up for a new junior high school regardless of when the board decides to take the matter to voters.

School Board President Robert Walters noted, however, that a vote in favor of establishing the educational specifications committee was an indication that the board planned to proceed on the project.

The vote on the matter was unanimous.

While establishing the committee, to consist mainly of educators, Mason also was authorized to start the process through which an architect will be chosen for the project.

He is to interview architects and recommend five for the

consideration of the board.

Trustee Eric Reickel also suggested that site-selection committee be named in the near future.

The citizens advisory committee report has been the subject of a series of parent and faculty meetings held at each of the elementary schools in September and October.

The parent meetings, Mason noted, "were rather poorly attended."

A district-wide hearing, at which the board hopes to receive additional citizen input, was scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 29 in the Clarkston Junior High School cafeteria.

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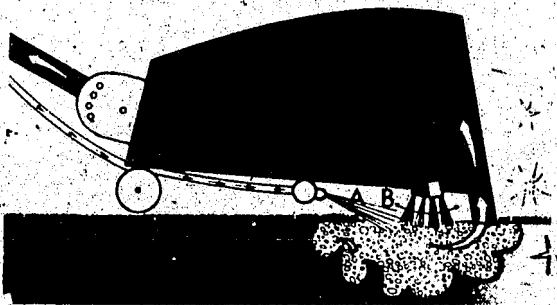
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Republican Anne M. Hobart also defeated incumbent Democrat Patrick K. Daly in the 4th District by 299 votes.

The sole Democrat upset of a Republican occurred in the 11th District, with Tom Lewand garnering 5,533 votes to incumbent James Edward Lanni's 4,478.

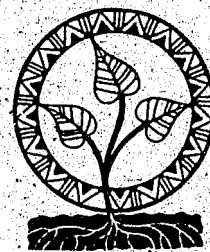
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Take advantages of the "Kids Only" room at the Carpenter

Schools' Christmas Bazaar and then let the children watch movies while shopping.

Items on sale will include Christmas ornaments, ceramics, doll clothes, fur animals, jewelry, plants and hand cast chocolates.

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Dine on an eight-course continental dinner at Meadow Brook Hall, Rochester.

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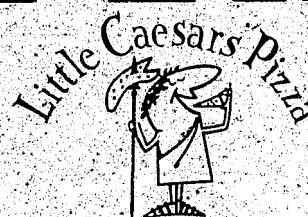
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Magician Harry Blackstone, Jr. will present a two-and-one-half hour show 8:30 p.m. today through Saturday, 6:30 p.m. Sunday and a Thanksgiving noon matinee. Matinees also will be presented 2 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

"The Kingdom of the Netherlands" on the George Pierrot World Adventure Series travel film at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Reserved seating for \$3 can be obtained at 832-7676.

The show was photographed by former NBC announcer Ross Potter, a Battle Creek native with Dutch ancestry. The film

will be narrated by Potter who will tell how the Dutch hold back the North Sea and have turned salty marshes into fertile farms noted worldwide for their dairy products, tulips and windmills.

The 1978 Ice Follies Show Nov. 28 to Dec. 3 at Olympia Stadium, 5920 Grand River, Detroit. Tickets at \$7, \$6 and \$4.50, on sale at Olympia box office, J.L. Hudson's Stores, Olympia Travel in Birmingham and Windsor Arena.

The 1978 Shipstads and Johnson Ice Follies features Peggy Fleming and newcomer Diane deLeeuw, a 1976 silver medal skater in the Olympics at Innsbruck.

Pontiac Theatre IV will present "Black Comedy" at Pontiac Central High School Auditorium, 300 W. Huron St., 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Tickets for students and senior citizens are \$2.50; adult tickets are \$3.50. Tickets can be obtained at the door or by contacting either 334-6439 or 338-6057.

"Black Comedy," a one-act play by Peter Shaffer, is directed by James Jones and produced by Barb Allen.

"Lakers: Boats and Beacons of the Great Lakes" art exhibit at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle, Detroit, until Jan. 7, 1979.

A one-man show of pen-and-ink drawings and acrylic paintings of ships and marine subjects by Southfield artist Jim Patterson has just opened at the museum on Strand Drive. The museum's hours are 10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. For more information, call 824-3157.

The Parthenon Dancers of

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The troupe, which has appeared in more than 50 Greek and international films and on numerous television shows as well as in concert, devotes off-stage time to research and maintenance of the traditional dance, music and costumes of various areas in Greece.

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"The Nutcracker Ballet" by the Michigan Ballet Theatre, 31315 Thirteen Mile Road, Farmington Hills, 48018. Performances at 8 p.m. Dec. 2 and 3 p.m. Dec. 3 at Harrison High on 12 Mile Road.

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A first time business adventure, for both Joan and John, they have created a cozy retreat in which to shop for all your bedroom and bathroom needs. Some of the items they carry include pillows, spreads and comforters, sheets, blankets, rugs, shower curtains, towels, Carolina soap products and a wide selection of accessories. Great stocking stuffer suggestions are Christmas hand towels,

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The Latimers feel their business is meeting a need in the community, where John grew up, and are offering their products at comparable, if not lower, prices than the major department stores, confirmed by Joan's recent shopping excursion.

In addition to John's hours at

the store—he also works a full time job as a Senior Project Technician at the GM Proving Grounds in Milford, where he's been employed for 23 years. Just prior to the store opening on September 6, Joan resigned her position as office personnel supervisor at the J.C. Penney's at Miracle Mile, where she had worked off and on for 26 years.

Retail is a new exciting experience for Joan who likes working with people and helping them plan and co-ordinate their selections. The Latimers take pride in the individual service they provide and are expanding their color selection to accommodate their customer's requests.

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# Handicapped kids 'giddap'

## 4-H program puts them on horseback

By Mimi Mayer  
Staff writer

Gavin Christie laughed and smiled as he was led around the riding ring atop Blaze the horse.

Tiny in the saddle, the seven-year-old boy clutched Blaze's reins as riding instructor Vikki Gartner exhorted him to "Sit up in that saddle nice and straight and tall! Try to touch your head to the ceiling. Now, Gavin, pull on the reins and give a great big 'Whoa!' to that horse."

"Whoa," Gavin murmured and Blaze halted right by the window where his mother, Mrs. Mynetta Christie, watched, glowing with pride.

A child discovering the fun of horseback riding for the first time—it's a scene enacted time and time again in riding stables across the nation.

But watching Gavin circle the ring in Springfield Township, it's hard to believe the excited little boy periodically withdraws into a world of fantasy impenetrable by professionals and his parents.

It's hard to believe that Gavin is an autistic child.

Monday and Wednesday evenings are very special times for Gavin and 35 other handicapped children from Northern Oakland County who participate in the Horseback Riding for Handicappers program sponsored by the Oakland County 4-H Club.

Held in a riding arena owned by Frank and Bertha Dennis of Springfield Township, the riding program was created to give handicapped youngsters an opportunity to improve their physical coordination and balance, their social skills and,

above all, their confidence.

Kathy Mayer, 4-H coordinator for the program, said the riding classes are in their fourth session with growing numbers of handicapped children signing up.

Members of the Davisburg Hoofbeats and the Milford Conquistadors, both 4-H equestrian groups, donate their time and their horses so the children can ride.

A free program, Horseback Riding for Handicappers is open to handicapped persons aged five and above, Mayer said.

"We take all handicaps. We're trying to reach everyone," she continued. Currently, physically and mentally handicapped youngsters are enrolled in the program, she said.

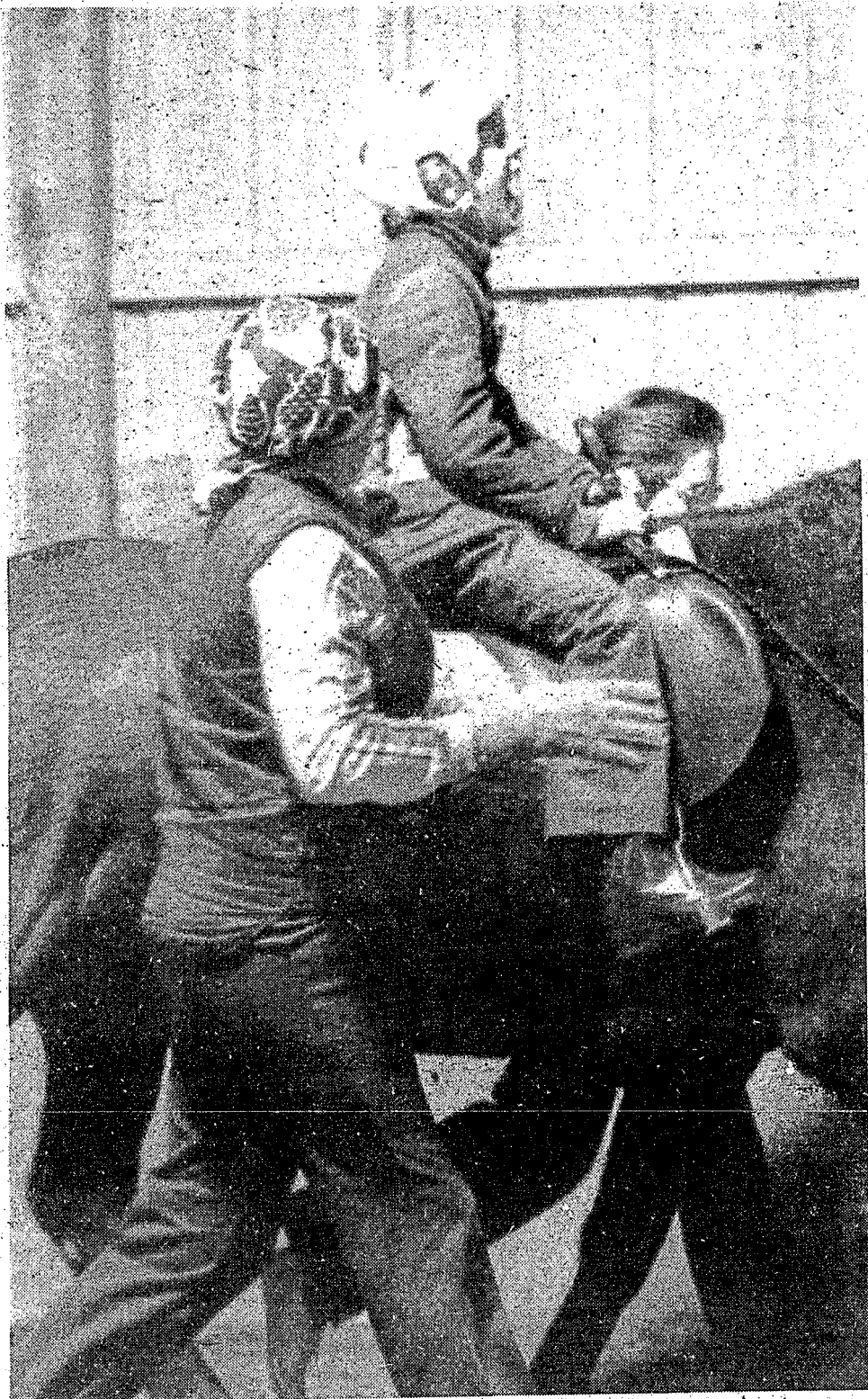
Wearing riding caps or helmets and sturdy canvas belts, the mounted riders are led around the ring by a 4-H volunteer and two other helpers, hands looped in the children's belts, flanking the horses.

Gartner puts the riders through their paces, teaching them to turn the horses, trot and even conducting brief races down the arena.

Funding for the program comes from 4-H activities like the Ride-a-Thon held Sept. 9 in the Highland Lakes Recreation Area. There, 82 riders raised close to \$6,000 for the program by seeking pledges from the public, Mayer said.

On hand to watch his daughter Pam, who wore leg braces because of spina bifida, Don Binkowski said the weekly riding gave Pam a tremendous lift.

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Laughing as he's led around the riding ring atop the horse Lady, Brian Flagg is delighted to take part in the Riding for Handicappers program sponsored by local 4-H clubs.



Thrilling as her son Gavin trots past her, Mynetta Christie is like other parents whose children are involved in the riding program. Run under the auspices of the Oakland County 4-H, the Riding for Handicappers program gives children an

opportunity for therapy disguised as fun when 4-H members donate their time and their horses to take both kids and horses through their paces.



# Volunteers get heartfelt returns

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A blaze trots down the arena led by Brenda Pope and Jennifer Glass. Gavin Christie, 6, expresses both apprehension and excitement.

"It's really given her a lot of confidence with balance and familiarity with control. It gives a lot for these kids' self-assertion. They don't usually get that much of an opportunity with control," Binkowski said.

Other parents made comments like "Brian thinks it's the greatest thing going" and "Ann just can't wait for Wednesday."

Frank Dennis added that the volunteers receive a great sense of personal reward from their involvement with the program.

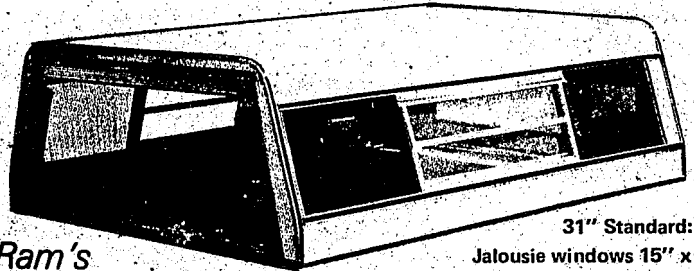
"We see signs of growth—that's what makes me happy," Dennis said. "We see some of the handicapped children go from complete dependence to less dependence. It gives the nonhandicapped kids a chance to give of themselves, too."

Though the program is filled, Mayer said volunteers with horses, riding equipment or a few free hours are needed, Monday and Wednesday evenings.

For more information on the Horseback Riding for Handicappers Program, call Mayer at 858-0960 during regular business hours.

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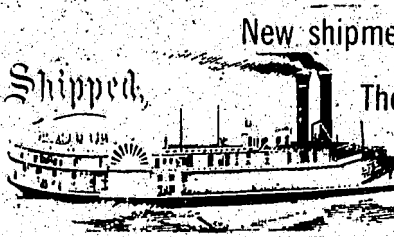
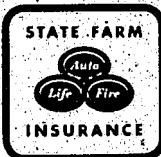
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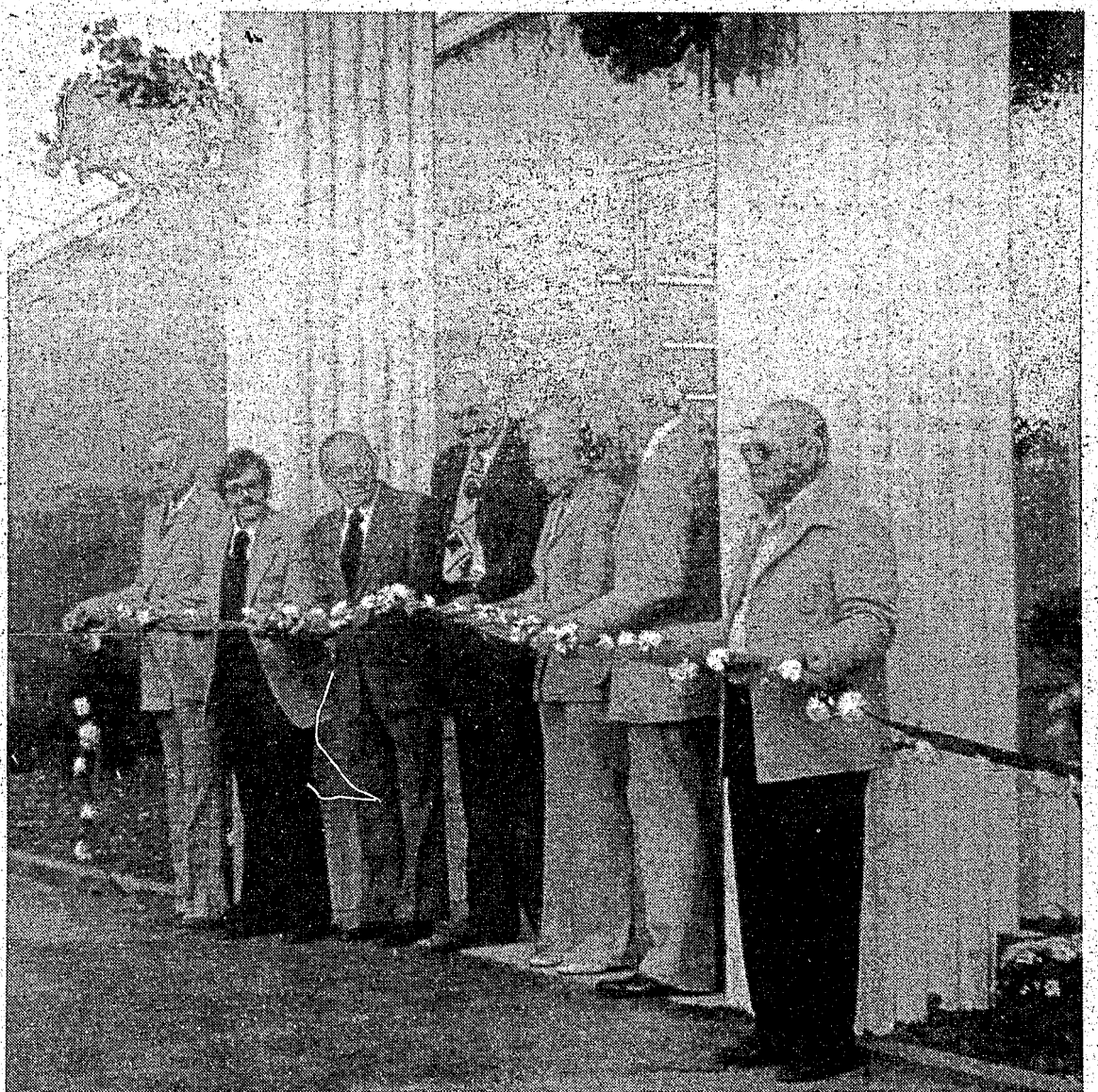


by Maralee Cook

## Doing Business



Juanita Mikulus, former MSU horticulture student and graduate as a master of flower design from the Bill Hixson School of Flower Design, is now designing dried flower and silk flower arrangements at Country Greens, 25 S. Main, Clarkston. Wedding bouquets, corsages and table arrangements are on display at the store, and Ms. Mikulus will design special arrangements as well. Ms. Mikulus and her husband live in Ortonville.



Mrs. Marian Bordine and her son Bruce [fourth from the left] are among the Bordine employees and local officials present at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Springfield Township garden store Nov. 10. A Bordine's local greenhouse, nursery and landscape departments have been in operation for a year, and the adjoining 15,000-square-foot building is the newest addition. John Schwartz, MSU horticultural graduate, will manage the new store, which will be devoted to Christmas trees and trim for the holiday season, and garden supplies the remainder of the year.

## Shop Talk

Realty World-D&S Carpenter Inc., 60 S. Main, Clarkston, has captured two major sales awards for the month of September, announced Jean Lanphar, director of the Michigan Region of Realty World which now numbers approximately 100 offices. The office itself placed first in the state with sales of \$894,300. At the same time, Realtor Asso-

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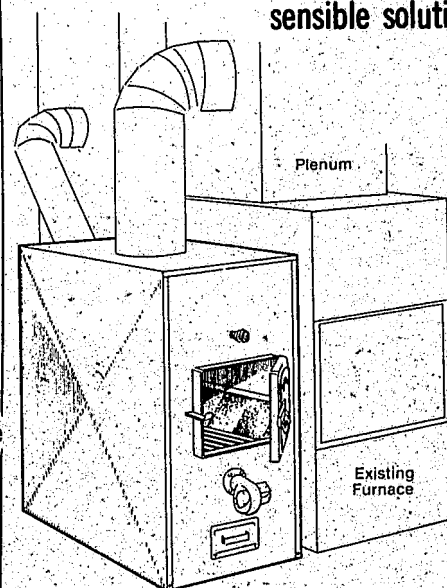
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by Kathy Greenfield

## Country Living

# Young widow learns to cope

Strong faith in a philosophy of living pulled Mary Ann Heil through the death of her husband in 1970 and has given her a positive, upbeat feeling about life as the working mother of three young sons.

Her husband's death was unexpected—they had just purchased a house in Independence Township just a few months before he died—and she faced the task of raising her three sons alone.

"When he died, I was a very, very dependent person," she said. "I was a nice, dependent housewife who depended on him

for everything, but I loved it. "I never knew how to write a check, but I didn't care. I had three little children. I was happy."

"I've always wanted to write a book about what it's like," she said. "You're in a cocoon for years and years—you don't realize you're there—and all of a sudden, you're forced out of it."

"For a while, I was numb and just thought everything was over," she said.

But a belief she feels she's always had gave her the ability to carry on.

"I live under the philosophy

that everything that happens, happens for the better," she said. "When something like that happens, you have to sink or swim, and I'm not a sinker."

The transition to life as a single parent was painful at times. There were nights when constant decision making and being the major source of comfort for her children were overwhelming.

"You cry a lot and you scream in the middle of the night in the pillow when nobody can hear," she said.

Mary Ann worked on overcoming feelings of guilt and taking too much responsibility in the care of her children.

Mark, now 12; Michael, 10; and Darren, 8; do most of the housework, including much of the baking and cooking.

"I really protected my children when Fred died," she said. "I didn't want them to hurt anymore. You go overboard."

"The last year or so, I've really come into my own about accepting how I raise them," she said.

On Saturday morning, she puts a job list on the dining room table that has to be completed by early afternoon. As each task is finished, her sons cross it out and go on until all jobs are completed.

"I'm really proud of them," she said, "but I think they should have these kinds of responsibilities."

"I used to always worry about it. I wanted to be mother, father, everything," she said. "You have to just be mother and do the best you can."

And there are positive feelings that come from being a single parent.

"In some ways it's very

difficult. You're always the person who has to say 'No,'" she explained. "It gets you down—at one time or another they all hate you, but it's rewarding, too, because you know that all of the good things that come out of it have something to do with you."

Mary Ann is quick to give credit to friends and family who helped pull her through the grieving period.

She received her degree from Michigan State University in early childhood development and home economics and was working at that time for a local cooperative nursery school.

"I had good friends who took me by the hand and said, 'You can't drop out of things,' and with three kids you can't sit around and mope," she said.

Another woman who worked at the school offered special support, because her husband had also died a short time before.

"She called me about six weeks to the date and said, 'Would you like to talk?'" Mary Ann said. "We talked 'til four in the morning about all the problems. She had been through it before I was. It was so neat, I could always call her."

Mary Ann still has friends she can turn to for help—people who have come over in the middle of a rain storm and fixed the roof and others who lend moral support.

"I'm just so lucky. It's wonderful," she said.

Her parents who used to live in Milford also helped in many ways, especially by letting her grow stronger without interfering.

"They never said, 'Come on home,'" Mary Ann said. "They let me be and grow. They didn't stifle me and protect me."

She recently changed jobs after working as a nursery school teacher for three years.

"I just decided I didn't want to teach nursery school all my life, but I knew I wanted to be around kids," she said.

During her search for a career change, she discovered a course offered by the Northwest Oakland Vocational Education Center for training as a medical assistant.

Since early this year, she has worked in that position for Dr. Irving Kernis whose office is located on M-15 in Independence Township.

You have all the fun of the kids and you don't have to take it home," she said. "I do all the lab work, weigh and measure babies, take temperatures and prepare them for the doctor."

"I like it. It's relaxed; it's happy," she said. "I think the patients feel at ease and feel happy here."

Mary Ann also feels she can help parents who are faced with trauma.

"It's so nice to be able to say, 'Hang in there—everything will work out,'" she said.

That statement pretty much sums up how Mary Ann feels about her life and about her philosophy that everything happens for a reason.

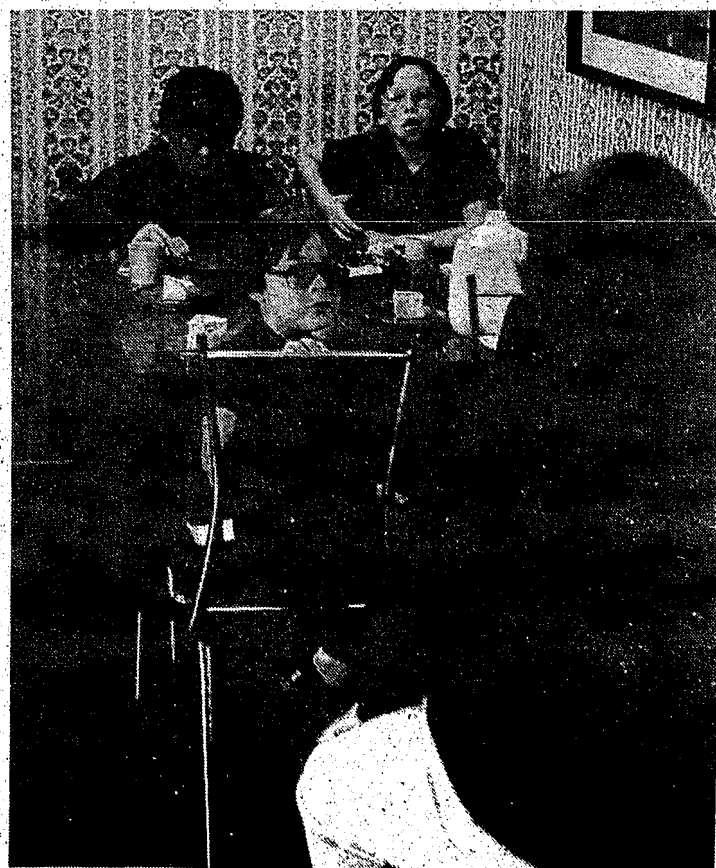
"God knew what He was doing," she said. "I think I was supposed to grow, to become independent and know where I am and what I'm doing."



Mary Ann makes use of the microscope on the job in the office of pediatrician Dr. Irving Kernis.



Young newspaper publisher Mark [left] gets some favorable response from his brother Michael as the two go through the joke column in the latest edition of The New Arrow News, which Mark produces for circulation among his school chums.



Eight-year-old Darren shares some school news with his mother during a Saturday snack session in which the brothers enjoy a strawberry cake baked by Mark.



# Trains to roll for Hudson's Thanksgiving parade

Train service to the J.L. Hudson Thanksgiving Day Parade, Thursday, November 23, will be offered.

For the first time, SEMTA will have two trains available for service.

Traindeer No. 1 will leave Pontiac at 7:45 a.m. and arrive at Detroit's Renaissance Center at 9 a.m. Traindeer No. 1 will stop at Bloomfield Hills at 8

a.m., Birmingham at 10 a.m. and at Royal Oak at 8:25 a.m.

This train will depart from the Renaissance Center at 11:30 a.m. and arrive in Pontiac at 12:35 a.m.

Traindeer No. 2 will leave Pontiac at 8:15 a.m. and arrive at Detroit's Renaissance Center at 9:30 a.m. Traindeer No. 2 will stop at Bloomfield Hills at 8:30 a.m., Birmingham at 8:40 a.m.

and Royal Oak at 8:55 a.m.

Passengers must return on the same train which they boarded earlier in the day. Traindeer No. 2 will depart from the Renaissance Center at noon and arrive in Pontiac at 1:05 p.m.

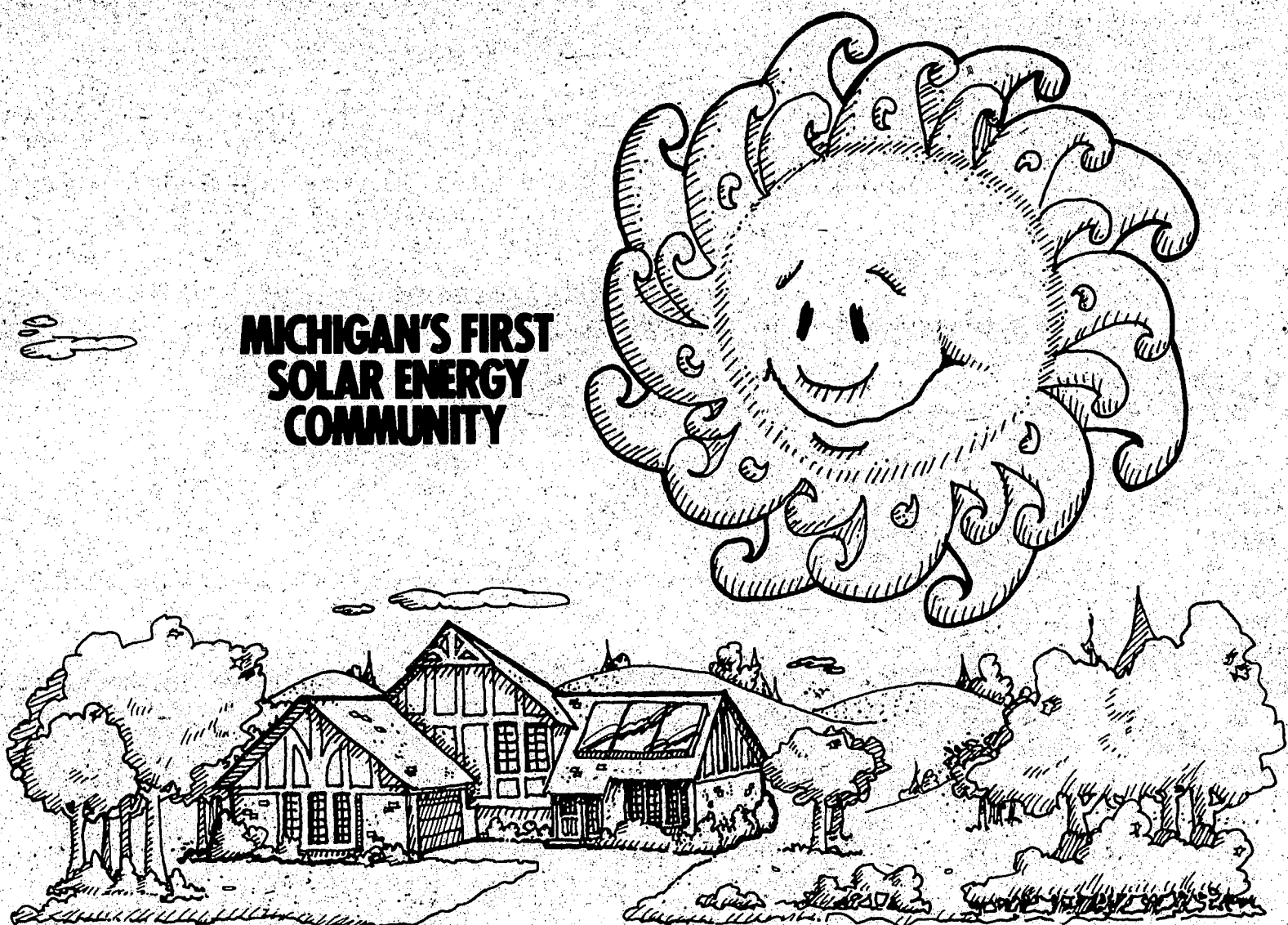
Round trip adult and children's tickets for the SEMTA Traindeer service are available for \$2 each at the J.L. Hudson Co. ticket outlets at the Pontiac

Mall and Oakland Mall, the Royal Oak Greyhound Terminal at 202 Sherman, the SEMTA Train Station at Renaissance Center and the SEMTA Main Office located on the 16th Floor of the Detroit Bank and Trust Building at Fort St. and Washington Blvd.

All tickets will be sold in advance and will not be available on Thursday, November

ber 23.

Tickets may be purchased in advance by mail. A check or money order made payable to SEMTA should be mailed together with the train number, first and second choices, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Mail orders should be mailed to: SEMTA Traindeer, 211 W. Fort St., Suite 1600, Detroit, Michigan 48226.



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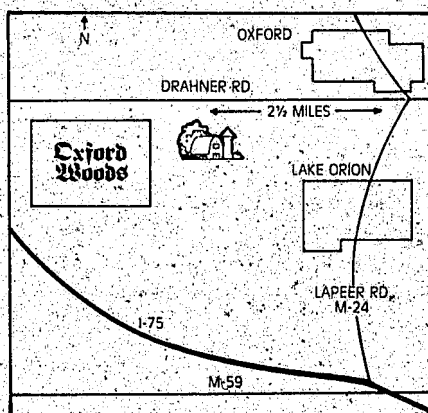
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## CHS music extravaganza

The second annual "Band-O-Rama" at Clarkston High School Monday night will kick off a season of concerts, fund raisers and other activities for Clarkston's student musicians.

The free concert will begin at 8 p.m. Monday in the CHS auditorium.

Performing in the concert will

be the high school's jazz ensemble, symphonic band, wind ensemble and marching band.

To help raise money for Clarkston Schools' musical programs, the Clarkston Band Boosters are sponsoring their second annual holiday dinner dance Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 5660

Maybe Road, Independence Township.

The 7:30 p.m. dinner will be preceded by cocktails at 7 p.m. Dancing to live music will be from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets, at \$25 a couple, can be purchased from Martha Wheeler at Pontiac State Bank in downtown Clarkston or by calling Doris Leach, 625-3861, or Eunice Mandilk, 625-8793.

## Free airdale terrier show

A free-admission dog show featuring two match classifications of airdale terriers will be held Sunday at 10221 Crosby Lake Road, Springfield Township.

Sponsored by the Airedale Terrier Club of Southeastern Michigan, the show will open

with obedience entries accepted from 9-11 a.m. and judging beginning at 11 a.m.

Conformation entries will be taken from 10 a.m.-noon with judging starting thereafter.

Ribbons and trophies will be awarded, and refreshments will be available.

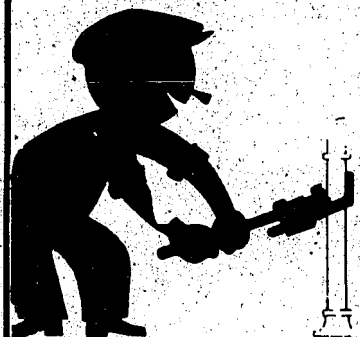
## Art rep renamed

Carol Balzarini of Reese Road, Independence Township, was reappointed as Clarkston's representative on the Oakland County Cultural Commission.

The Clarkston Village Council reappointed Mrs. Balzarini, who also represents Independence Township on the cultural commission, at an Oct. 23 meeting.

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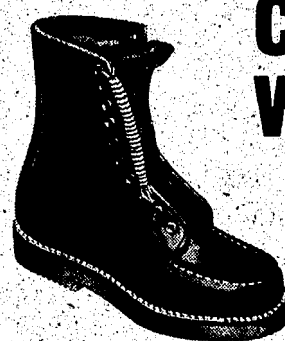


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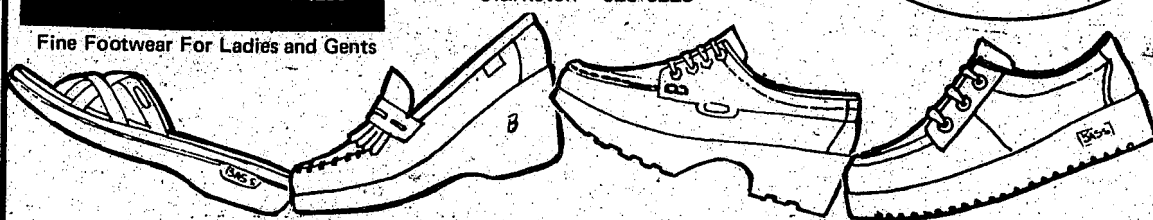
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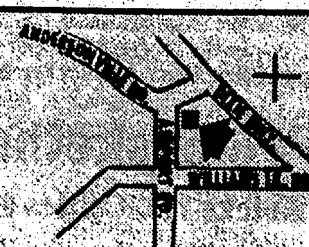
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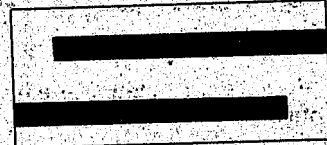


OAKLAND UNIVERSITY presents the hit Off-Broadway musical revue, "Starting Here, Starting Now," this weekend at the Studio Theatre in Varner Hall on the Rochester campus. Tickets for the Nov. 16-19 performances of the Michigan premiere are available by calling 377-2000 or at the door.



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Chris Miller, co-author of the smash film "Animal House" will speak at Oakland University November 16 on the topic "Is Sex Funny?"

The public is invited to the 7:30 p.m. presentation in the Crockery of the Oakland Center. Included in the presentation will be additional scenes from the "Animal House" that were not contained in the theater version.

Miller is a contributing editor to the "National Lampoon" and an award winning writer for such publications as "Playboy" and "Oui." He is currently involved with the development of "Animal House" for television.

Miller's appearance is sponsored by the Concert Lecture Board. Admission to the public is \$1.50 per person with tickets available at the door. For additional information call 377-2020.

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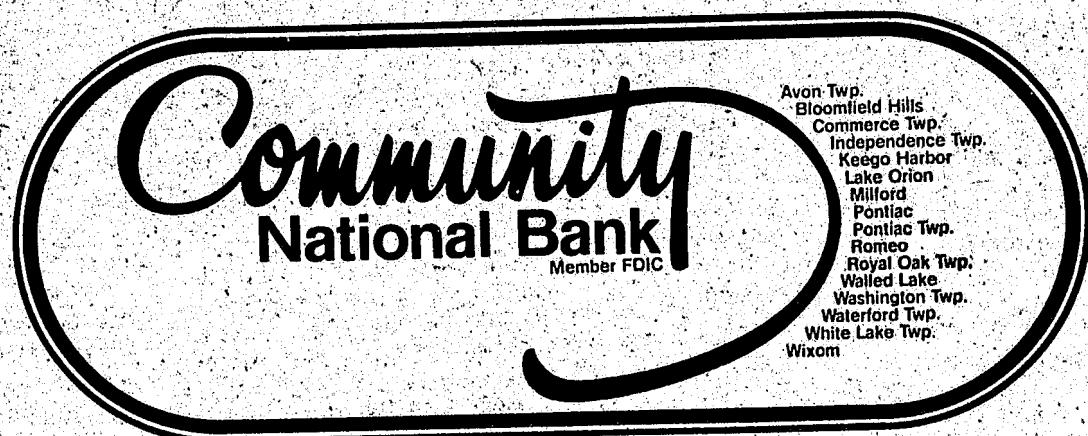
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## Millstream

A holiday bazaar is scheduled Nov. 18 at Our Lady of the Lakes grade school, Waterford.

The sale, from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. will feature hand made items, homemade candy, baked goods, game booths, new and used items and refreshments.

Bring the family for a fun-filled day at the school, at 5481 Dixie Highway.

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Ed Ball, a native of Independence Township, was a featured soloist when the California State College of Pennsylvania Choir toured the Philadelphia and Johnstown area Nov. 10-12.

A tenor, Ball sang a solo from

the Boar's Head Carol. Ed is a junior at the college majoring in industrial arts and the son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Ball Sr. of Pinedale Road.

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Mrs. David Woolfenden of Pine Knob Road, Independence Township, recently participated in the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority regional leadership school held in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Woolfenden is the sorority's national alumnae chairman.

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Nancy Kay Henry of Clarkston-Orion Road, Independence Township, was recently awarded

a master's degree from Western Michigan University.

She was among the 647 students awarded an advanced degree at the end of the summer session.

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Arthur B. Williams was among the recent graduates of Central Michigan University.

Williams, of Parview Drive, Independence Township, received his bachelor's degree in business administration in August.

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Shayla Renee Stuetzer, the second daughter of Martin and Shellie Stuetzer of Ute Pointe, Clarkston, was born Nov. 1 at Pontiac General Hospital.

She weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces at birth.

Shayla Renee's sister is two-and-a-half-year-old Kristi Lynne.

Their grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Melverne Hillman of Clarkston and Christian Stuetzer of Clarkston. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clare Hillman of Drayton Plains. Joyce Kelley of Davisburg and Marjorie Schalle.

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Navy Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Robert L. Scott was promoted to his present rank and is currently on an extended deployment in the Mediterranean Sea.

He is assigned to the destroyer USS Forrest Sherman, homeported in Charleston, S.C.

A 1974 graduate of Clarkston High School, Scott joined the Navy in November 1974. He is the son of Geraldine and Robert Scott Jr. of Caberfae Trail, Independence Township.

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Navy fireman recruit Nicholas B. Kolos has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week session, he studied general military subjects designed to train him for further academic and on-the-job training.

The 1978 graduate of Clarkston High School is the son of Alice M. and Parker Bates Jr. of Columbia Street, Independence Township.

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Chief Warrant Officer William S. Wiscombe recently received a safety award for flying military aircraft 200 accident-free hours.

Wiscombe is presently stationed at Hunter Army Field, Fort Stewart, Ga. where he lives with his wife Sarajo.

He entered the Army in September 1969. His father is William R. Wiscombe of Whipple Lake Road, Independence Township.



## Evening ceremony

Janis Marie Dunk and Claude Alan Carlson were recently married in an evening ceremony at the Free Methodist Church, Auburn Heights.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Dunk of Auburn Heights, graduated from Clarkston High School in 1976.

Her husband, son of Mrs. Bob Kelly of Pontiac and Charles

Carlson of Pontiac, graduated from CHS in 1974 and is employed by the Autec Co., Lake Orion.

Sister of the bride Lori Dunk of Auburn Heights, served as maid of honor for the Sept. 23 wedding.

Best man was Gerry Bellant of Clarkston.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlson are residing in Auburn Heights.



## Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon D. Verch announce the engagement of their daughter Vicky Sue Verch to Michael Patrick Nurenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Nurenberg. The bride-elect of Winell Road, Independence Township, is a 1976 graduate of Clarkston High School. She is employed by Larden Plastics. Her fiancé of Ellis Road is a 1975 graduate of CHS and is employed by Chrysler Corp., Detroit. The couple plans a May 12, 1979 wedding.



## Thomas, Johnson

Wedding vows were exchanged by Tracy Alayne Thomas and Kenneth C. Johnson at Community United Presbyterian Church, Drayton Plains.

The bride graduated from Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing in 1976 and is employed by St. Joseph's Hospital, Ann Arbor. Her parents are Dr. and Mrs. William R. Thomas of Apple Valley, Calif.

The groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson of Middle Lake Road, Clarkston, is a 1978 graduate of Wayne State University. He is employed by Holloway Construction.

Given in marriage by her father at her Aug. 12 wedding, the bride wore a gown of white organza over taffeta trimmed with Alencon lace and clusters of seed pearls. The gown had an

empire waistline, scalloped hemline and a self-train.

Matron of honor was April Gunder. Bridesmaids were the bride's sisters Mary and Cordelia Thomas and the groom's sisters Sandra and Elaine Johnson.

The attendants wore waltz-length gowns sewn by the bride of pink floral chiffon with scoop necklines and gathered tiers.

Best man was Brian R. Johnson, the groom's brother. Other attendants were Joseph Quisenberry of Ortonville, Rick Detkowski and Michael Fetter of Drayton Plains and Rick Hunt of Clarkston.

The reception for the 125 guests was held at the Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are presently living in Ypsilanti.



## More Millstream

Navy Seaman Recruit Terri L. Gee recently graduated from data processing school.

The eight-week course at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, gave fundamental instruction on electronic accounting machines and computers.

Terri is the daughter of Edmond and Patty Gee of Davisburg. She joined the Navy in May, 1978.

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Marine Lance Cpl. Richard A. Smith has been assigned with the Second Engineer Battalion, home-based at Camp LeJeune, N.C.

Richard is the son of Laura Smith of Clarkston-Orion Road, Independence Township. He joined the Marine Corps in December 1976.



## Recipe File

By Lorna Bickerstaff

Have you planned your Thanksgiving dinner salad? The recipe I would like to share with you is excellent with fowl. Also, if you are entertaining the salad is good served with your favorite Christmas cookies.

**Strawberry Jello Salad**  
1 large pkg. strawberry jello  
2 cups boiling water  
Two 10-oz. frozen strawberries  
1 small can crushed pineapple

2 large ripe bananas  
1 c. sour cream  
Stir Jello in boiling water until dissolved, add partially thawed strawberries, stir until thawed, add drained pineapple and bananas cut lengthwise in quarters. Put one-half mixture in 8x8 glass dish, refrigerate until firm. Spread sour cream over top, add remaining ingredients.



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## Engaged

Engaged to be married are Paige Ann Dennis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Dennis of Waldon Road, Independence Township, and Craig Paul Dziepak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dziepak of West Bloomfield Township. A 1978 Clarkston High School graduate, the bride-to-be works at Jim Robbins Co. Her fiancé, who graduated from Waterford Township High School in 1976, is employed at GMC Truck and Coach Division. No date has been set for the wedding.



## Engaged

A June 2, 1979 wedding is being planned by Sandra Easler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Graham of Andersonville Road, Springfield Township, and Rodney Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Cole of Transparent Drive, Independence Township. Both are Clarkston High School graduates. He is a gun welder at GMC Truck and Coach Division and she is a bookkeeper at Beverly Enterprises.

## 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 p.m. Youth and bible study 7:00 Evening Service Wed. 7 pm Family Prayer & Bible Study
CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 6600 Waldon Road Rev. James R. Balfour Worship & Church School 10 am	CLARKSTON CHURCH OF GOD 54 South Main Sunday School 10 am Morning Worship 11 am Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer, Bible & Youth 7 pm Pastor: Carl Mayfield
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 1950 Baldwin, Lake Orion, MI 48035 Sunday School 9:15 Family Worship 9 and 10:30 am Weekday school Wed. 6:15 pm Pastor: Charles Kosberg	SPIRITUAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN, Clarkston 5401 Oak Park off Maybee Rd. Rev. Allan Hinz - 623-1074 Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm Silver Tea last Thursday each month.
ANDERSONVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH 10350 Andersonville Rev. Wallace Duncan Worship 11:00 am	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. Philip W. Somers Worship 11 am	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 am Eve Worship 6:00
ST. DANIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH Holcomb at Miller Rd. Father Charles E. Cushing Sunday Masses: 9 and 11 Sat. 5 pm & 7 pm	WATERFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH Airport Road at Olympic Parkway. Minister of C.E., Russel G. Jeandell Minister of Youth, Jonathon Toliver Sunday School 9:30 Morning Worship 10:45 Evening Service 6:00 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 Rev. Philip Whisenhunt, Pastor
FIRST BAPTIST 5972 Paramus Rev. Clarence Bell Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Service 11 am Primary Church thru 4th Grade Evening Service 7 pm	ST. TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 7925 Sashabaw Road Pastor, Rev. Ralph C. Claus Sunday Worship 8:30 and 11:00 Sunday School 9:45
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instructor Jan Myers said she and her students love it.

"I think it's great, and the kids really enjoy it," she said. "I teach them how to cook with it instead of just warming up foods, and it's a big energy saver because it uses less electricity to cook food faster."

Labeling microwave ovens as the second leading appliance

being purchased in the country (refrigerators are number one), Myers said the 300 home economics students operating the oven also learn what types of cookware are to be used.

Since metal pots or pans can

cause sparks to fly due to radiation, special non-metal cooking utensils are needed, she said.

Assistant Principal George White said statistics show that within 10 years, 80 percent of all

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Flu vaccinations are available at the health division offices, 1200 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac. Clinic hours are 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

## Public TV to add station

Area residents may soon be able to watch a new public television station.

The station will be operated by the University of Michigan-Flint with a transmitter in Atlas Township. It will transmit on Channel 28. Broadcasting is expected to begin early in 1980.

Funding for equipment purchase is from a \$600,000 grant from the U.S. Office of

Education. Earlier grants of \$600,000 by the DeWaters Charitable Trust and \$200,000 by the Mallery Trust to the university will be used to acquire the transmitter site, construct the transmitter building, and provide matching funds to the federal grant. There also has been an appropriation of \$190,000 by the Michigan Legislature for the new station's pre-broadcast year operating costs.

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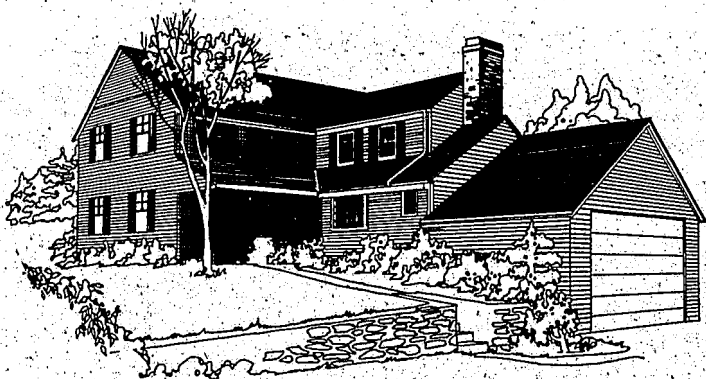
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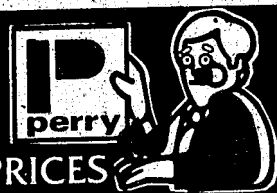
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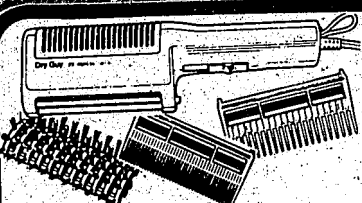
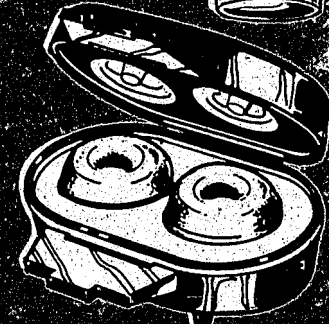
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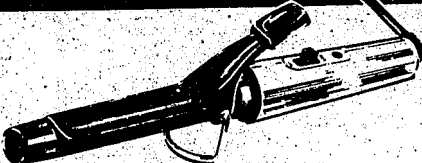
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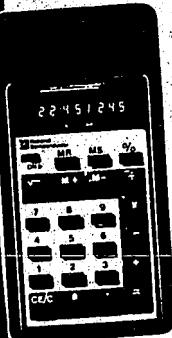
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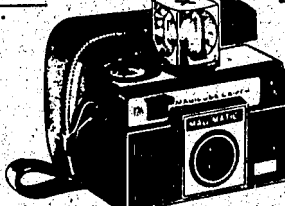
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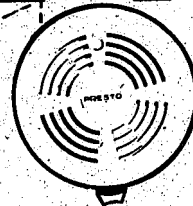
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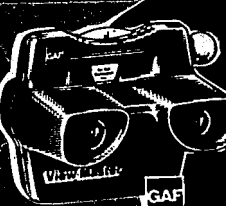
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## Coping with kids

The loneliness and isolation that children feel who have experienced a divorce cannot be explained by those children.

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The acting out of their unhappiness can take many forms.

One 12-year-old girl recently

began to be indecisive, obstinate and resistant. She did not want to join the rest of the family in activities, or if she decided she would, she made the choice so late that everyone was angry with her or her mother, as punishment excluded her. As a result, she had a good excuse to be angry which is how she was feeling underneath her resistant behavior.

When Terry, the girl, talked about her behavior she could only say that she did not know

why she acted as she did. Her mother tended to think that she wasn't trying to handle her problems. In desperation while trying to explain her feelings and actions one day, she said, "I wish I had the guts to let myself go and enjoy the good things in our family."

This perceptive comment was a clue for her mother (and father) that Terry needed time to work out some of her feelings. These feelings were such that even she did not know or understand them but she felt blocked in her ability to be a fully functioning member of the family since the divorce.

Children need time and tolerance in working through the feelings and resulting behavior that follows a traumatic event, like a divorce or the remarriage of a parent.

Sometimes their behavior is erratic and troublesome for the parents. Some children have such a difficult time trying to please both parents that they end up moving back and forth, often in a literal sense, between the two parents, making both of them upset with them.

Just as adults need time to make a critical adjustment, so do children. Feelings linger with children much longer than we would often like, and a loving tolerance is all that a concerned mother or father can sometimes offer.



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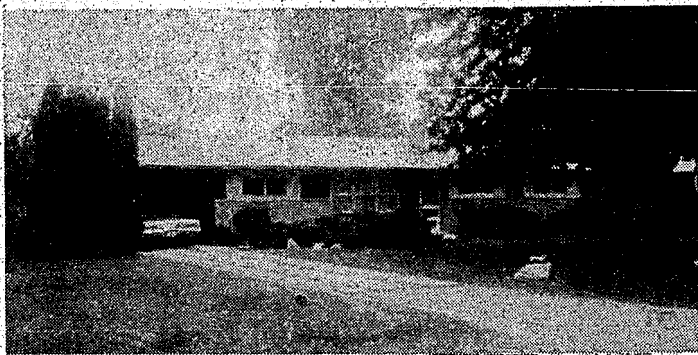
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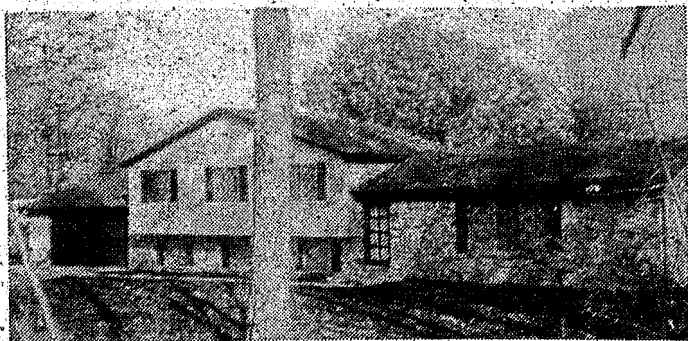
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According to a summary of data from TALUS (Detroit Regional Transportation and Land Use Study), Clarkston is

distinguished with high incomes, large families and a heavy volume of travel activity.

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Janet and John Smith became the proud parents of a son, John Smith Jr. Waiting at home to welcome her brother is 16 month old Lori Ann.

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25 YEARS AGO  
November 12, 1953  
The stone building currently

in use as a local branch of Kroger's has been purchased by Rudy Schwarze. Rudy had first occupied a store at the southwest corner of Main and Washington. This building was destroyed by fire.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sam Miller entertained about fifty people from the Allemanders Dance Club. Following a hayride the group enjoyed dancing at Louie Jaenichen's Hall.

## Library scene

The following contemporary fictions have been added to the Independence Township Library collection this week:

"Countess" by Josephine Edgar.

"Savage Ransom" by David Lippincott.

"The Day They Kidnapped Queen Victoria" by H.K. Fleming.

"Wings" by Robert J. Serling.

"Tales from Gavagan's Bar" by L. Sprague de Camp.

"Tales to Make Your Blood Run Cold" by Alfred Hitchcock.

"The Slender Chance" by Dermot O'Connor.

"The Killing Kind" by Elliot West.

"Find the Body" by Jeremy York.

"Third Party Risk" by Guy Cullingford.

"The Gold of St. Matthews" by Duffy Hart-Davis.

"Neck and Neck" by Leo Bruce.

"The Dead are Discreet" by Arthur Lyons.

"A Death out of Season" by Emmanuel Litvinoff.

"The Golden Cockatrice" by Gavin Black.

"A Death in the Life" by Dorothy Salisbury Davis.

"Modern Ambassador" by Ned Calmer.

"Raven in Flight" by Donald Mackenzie.

"The Unforgiving" by Howard Clewes.

"The Telefon" by Walter Wager.

Moratorium on overdue books is set on Wednesday, November 29. Books that are overdue can be returned without paying the fine.

"Stagecoach," a Western classic starring John Wayne and Claire Trevor, will be shown Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the library.

Pre-school story time and the after-school movies are continuing as per schedule.

Title for this week's after school movie is Peewees Pianola.

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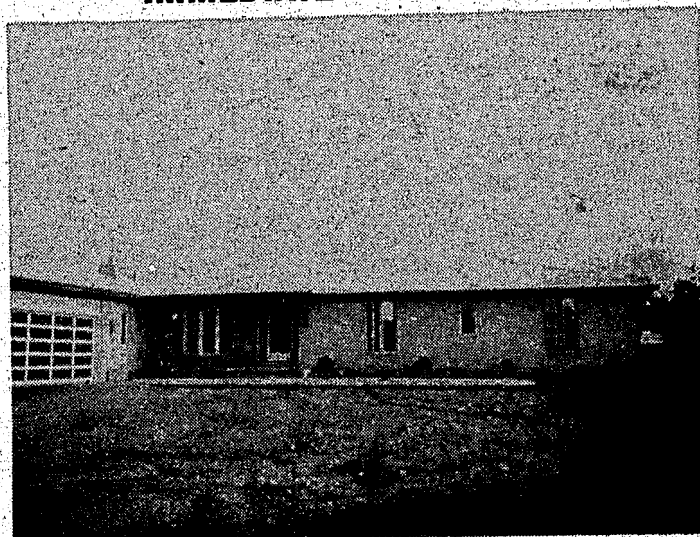
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### That Championship Season By Jason Miller Meadow Brook Theatre

Eric Tavaris returns to Meadow Brook Theatre this year in a role that is certain to be memorable for playgoers. In "That Championship Season," the 1972 drama that won all the important theatre awards on Broadway that year, Tavaris is the cynical, dead-eye, sarcastic alcoholic who is able to strip away all the romantic self-delusions of the other characters.

He does this in a brilliantly deteriorating and charming way.

Tavaris as Tom Daley is one of four basketball players who

return to an annual reunion with their coach to celebrate their Pennsylvania State High School basketball championship of 1952. It is now 20 years later and as Phil, the sleazy businessman who is not unwilling to buy political favor, says, "That championship season... That was my best memory."

Each year they meet at the coach's house, a set designed by Douglas Wright that exemplifies the static and out-of-tune-with-the-times life and thinking of the coach, and try to recapture their past glory and comradeship.

The coach, Joseph Warren, has been the mentor for these

boys who are now in their late 30s. His philosophies molded them into a winning team before and they still look to him for guidance as they make their way through life.

As events in the play unfold, the coach is revealed to be a reactionary hate-spewing racist who not only believes in team work and winning, but also has taught his "boys" that they have to be "lean and mean" and that "You have to hate to win."

His beliefs are bankrupt but they all go on deluding themselves just as they have about how they won that championship. The coach would have his boys continue to remember that it was discipline and precision that brought them a perfect season whereas in reality, it was hate and dirty play that made them eventual winners.

Only Martin, the fifth member of that team, the one player who has never returned for a reunion, has escaped the romantic self-delusion. The rest go through life in a small Pennsylvania town attempting to put some of the coach's teachings into practice with, of course, great personal sacrifice.

Tom is the dipsomaniac nomad who must be constantly rescued from alcoholic wards in various big cities by his brother, James, who was also a member of the team. James, played with appropriate rigidity by Frederick Ainsworth, is now the local junior high school principal who is the mayor's advisor.

The mayor is George Sikowski and was the kid on the team that was the scapegoat. Now he is a petty politician whose patronage system is necessary to keep the job that is his whole life.

The re-living of the championship season is played this year against the planning of George's mayoral campaign against a young, ethical upstart who gives an intelligent contrast to "the village idiot" image of George.

George is given a slobbering interpretation by Richard Jamieson that fits well, while Ainsworth has a suitably low-key role in the ever-dependable but always frustrated James.

During this critical evening that starts out in playful celebration, James' suppressed political ambitions are shattered. In fact, the life of each character is skillfully dissected by the author Jason Miller.

John Ulmer directed this production and allowed it to plumb some of the uproarious humor that pervades this drama that parallels life with games. Ulmer's first rate interpretation should not be missed. The acting of all five men, especially of Tavaris, make it a comic and pathetic study of a championship team grown up.

by Phillip Purser

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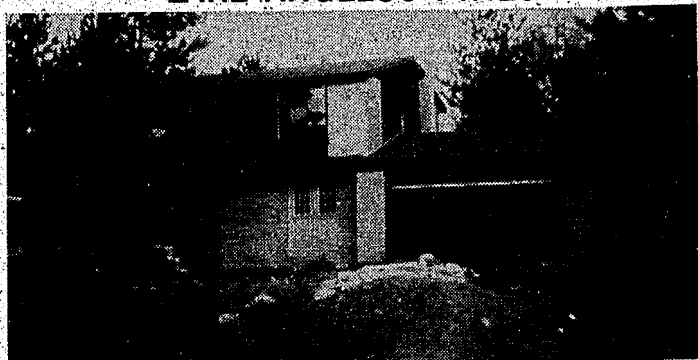
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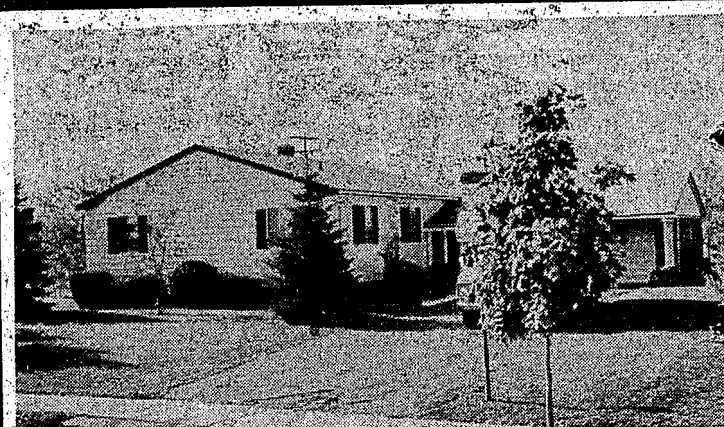
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By Greg Patchan

Would it be all right to pile leaves we gathered in our yard on our garden area? We plan to work them in with a rototiller next spring.

V.D. - Clarkston

Dear V.D.:

If you place only a shallow layer of leaves, about three inches deep, enough decomposition will occur so that you will be able to work the leaves into the soil. If you pile the leaves too deep, you will find that it will be difficult or impossible to work them into the soil.

In general, I prefer to compost leaves and garden residue. When the organic matter has decayed to be no longer recognizable, it is ready for garden use. Composting will reduce the volume of bulky residues such as leaves plus destroy many harmful diseases and insects.

First, process all the materials to be composted with a shredder. Second, add good topsoil and fertilizer as you build the compost pile. Third, keep the pile moist. Fourth, every two months turn the pile with a fork to insure aeration.

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How can we stop the rabbits and mice from feeding on the bark of our apple trees?

B.T. - Troy

There are two methods that can be tried. Thiram is a fungicide that can be used as a repellent when sprayed or painted on the trunk of the trees. More than one treatment may be necessary to obtain protection for the entire winter. A positive method for preventing damage is with a mechanical barrier. Window screening or hardware cloth wrapped around the trunk will prevent injury. Be sure to set the bottom edge two inches into the soil, and the total

barrier height should be about one foot higher than the maximum expected snow depth.

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Our office has a grouping of tropical plants in large fiberglass planters. Lately the plants are growing poorly with some leaves developing brown margins. What could be wrong?

R.W. - Royal Oak

If the plants have been in the planters for several years without drainage, they could be suffering from a build up of soluble salts in the soil.

Without drainage to flush these salts out of the soil they can gradually build up to a concentration that can injure the plants.

The best solution to this problem would be to repot the plants in fresh soil. If the plants and containers are too large for this approach, you could gradually remove cores of soil from the containers. Fill the holes with a fresh potting soil.

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Our house is on a busy highway and we want to plant evergreens to screen out the road. What do you suggest?

J.M. - Waterford

Evergreens would be a good choice because they form a dense barrier that doesn't change with the seasons. Possible damage from de-icing salts will limit your choices of plant material.

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Dated: 10-23-78

Petitioner  
Stephanie Leigh  
1300 Woodlow  
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John W. Steckling (P20930)  
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MAGNAVOX entertainment center, 25" color, AM/FM stereo, tape, showroom new. \$900. 623-0571.†††12-2cwp, 8-2

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REMINGTON 700 BDL 30.06 left hand. Like new with 80 rounds of ammo. Mr. Rogers, days 358-3200. Best offer over \$200.†††12-3cwc, 8-3

LIVE CRICKETS in stock, open daylight to dark, 7 days. Snug Harbor, 160 Heights Rd., Lake Orion. 693-9057.†††RC13-1f

## FOR SALE

MEN'S AND women's skis and poles, \$75 or best offer. Men's ski boots size 10 1/2, women's boots 7, \$25 pr. End table \$35, 18 ft. sailboat with trailer and all gear, \$1200 or best offer. New tire, J-7815, \$20. 625-0688.†††13-2cwp, 9-2

FIREWOOD for sale, \$35 delivered. Wood stoves built to order. 625-2283.†††13-2cwp, 9-2

SCHWINN RED BIKE\* like new, \$50. 683-2044.†††13-2cwc, 9-2

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PETS: Doberman puppies, AKC black and tan, 6 weeks. Show quality, bred for gracefulness and intelligence. 634-8045.†††12-2cwc, 7-2



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LABRADOR - Newfoundland puppies, only 5 left. 4 male, 1 female. (3 golden, 2 black). 8 weeks old. \$10. 625-3307 after 5pm.†††12-2cwc, 7-2

OLD ENGLISH sheep dog needs loving country home. Excellent with children, good retriever. \$50 or best offer. 858-7207.†††12-2cwc, 7-2

OLD ENGLISH sheep dog, 3 years old, spayed. Loves kids and needs loving home. Has papers. \$75. 625-0688.†††13-2cwp, 9-2

SCHNAUZER pups, AKC, wormed, tails cut, shots, ready by Nov. 30. \$150. Will hold for Christmas. After 3, 625-0734.†††13-2cwc, 9-2

## REC. VEHICLES

SUZUKI MOTORCYCLE, TM 125 1974. Also equipment just overhauled. Good condition. 627-3118.†††12-2cwp, 8-2

1972 11 FT. PICKUP CAMPER. Self-contained. Exc. condition. \$1400. 627-2650.†††13-2cwp, 8-2

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REWARD: Sable and white collie dog, answers to name of Lassie. Last seen with James Stewart and Mickey Rooney in the thrilling new motion picture adventure, "The Magic of Lassie." Look for her starting Nov. 17 at the Huron Theatre and collect your entertainment reward. Check Thursday's Oakland Press movie guide for show times or call 681-2191.†††LC13-2c, 8-2

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FREE TO GOOD HOME, 1 1/2 year old spayed Spitz female, housebroken. 673-1440.†††12-2cwf, 7-2

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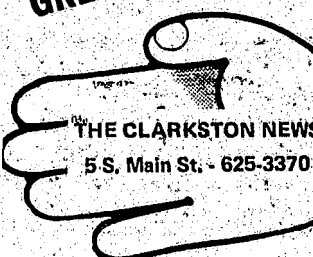
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FREE: female Irish setter, 3 years old. Needs room to run. 683-2044.†††13-2cwc, 9-2

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## LOST

LOST: MALE GRAY tiger cat. Vicinity Waldon and Pine Knob Rd. Please call 391-1457.†††12-2cwc, 8-2

BROWN AND BLACK tiger cat in the area Bridge Road, Waterford. Answers to Tiger. Reward. 623-0577.†††13-2cwc, 8-2



## HELP WANTED

**AMBITIOUS COUPLES** to run consumer service center from home. Call for appointment. 623-7081.†††RC12-3

**PAINTERS NEEDED.** Experience preferred. 625-3235.†††12-2cwc, 8-2

**EARN EXTRA INCOME** the Amway Way. As little as \$16 can get you started in a business of your own. Get the whole story. 623-7085.†††RC12-3, 8-3

**BABYSITTER WANTED** for one 5-year-old girl. 2:15pm to 9:30pm. 625-4282.†††13-2cwc, 8-2

**PERSON WANTED** for greenhouse work. Watering, spraying and other physical-oriented work. Foliage plant identification helpful. Some weekend work required. For interview, 651-9000, ext. 58, ask for Lorraine.†††13-2cwc, 8-2

**APS NEEDS YOU** to deliver shopping guides and other third class material approximately 2 hours one day per week in the Waterford, Drayton area. Mileage fee and piece rate paid. No soliciting or collecting. Must be 18 and have dependable car. Call 693-9369 days or 625-1860 evenings.†††8-2cwc, 3-2

**DISPLAY ADVERTISING** sales people wanted for North Oakland county and south Genesee county. Sell for well established weekly newspapers. Apply at Clarkston News, 5 S. Main, Clarkston, 625-3370. Davison Index, 218 N. Main, Davison, 653-3511.

**HELP WANTED:** person to rake leaves, general clean-up, and some interior painting. Holcomb Street. 673-8515, 682-2811 evenings.†††12-2cwc, 7-2

**ATTENTION:** Boys and girls for delivering shopping guides and circulars in the village of Clarkston. Deliveries are made Tues. afternoon-evening or Thurs. afternoon-evening. No collecting. Call APS, 693-9369 days or 625-1860 evenings.†††11-2cwc, 6-2

**HELP WANTED:** McDonald's of Bloomfield Hills needs mothers that want to work while kids are in school. Hours between 10am and 2pm. Apply McDonald's, 3230 South Boulevard, Bloomfield Hills. See Tom Stratton.†††LC13-1c, 8-1

**GAS PUMPER,** day shift, male, female. Retiree. 625-9382.†††12-2cwc, 8-2

**HELP WANTED:** McDonald's of Bloomfield Hills needs full time maintenance man. Hours 11 pm to 7pm. Apply McDonald's, 3230 South Boulevard, Bloomfield Hills. See Tom Stratton.†††LC13-1c, 8-1

**TEXAS OIL COMPANY** needs mature person for short trips surrounding Clarkston area. Contact customers. We train. Write T.B. Dick, Pres., Southwestern Petroleum, Ft. Worth, Tx.†††13-1p, 8-1 9-1

## HELP WANTED

**WAITRESSES** wanted: Part time, \$2.25 to start. Off Broadway Cafe, 693-1977.†††LC11-3c, 6-3

**LABOR FOR** single family construction project. Independence Township area. Call 286-7331 after 6pm.†††13-2cwc, 9-2

**KINNEY SHOES** is now accepting application for full time employment. Our full time employment starts with sales and within 2 years an ambitious person can be managing a store. The pay and benefits are good and the future is exactly what you make it. Apply in person at your local Kinney Shoe Store, Lake Orion, 693-7550, Clarkston 625-9826 and Meadow Brook Mall, 373-9880.†††RC13-3, 9-3

**TEXAS REFINERY CORP.** offers plenty of money plus cash bonuses, fringe benefits to mature individual in Clarkston area. Regardless of experience. Write A.N. Pate, Pres., Texas Refinery Corp., Box 711, Fort Worth, Texas 76101.†††13-1cp, 9-1

**SALES IN GOLD,** turquoise and silver. High pay. No experience necessary. Call 625-9630.†††13-2cwc, 9-2

## ANTIQUES

**ANTIQUE SHOW & SALE:** Bella Vista Mall, Grand Blanc, Mich. Nov. 16, 17, 18. 10am to 9pm. Closed Sat. at 6 pm. Furniture, glassware, books, post cards, china, silver, toys, ads, granite ware, coins, primitives, license plates, pocket watches, jewelry, type trays and type, \*Replacement Hardware, \*Lamp Repair Man, \*Mich. Lid Lady, \*Mich. Beer Can Man. C&P Promotions.†††13-1cw, 8-1

**ANTIQUE SHOW AND SALE.** Orchard Mall, West Bloomfield, Mich. Nov. 16-19. During Mall hours. Free admission, free parking.†††13-1cwc, 8-1

**SQUARE OAK TABLE** and 4 pressed back chairs, oak secretary, hall tree, pairs of oak pressed back chairs, old oak fireplace mantle with mirror, stained and leaded glass windows. Old round top door with casing with 8 beveled glass windows in it and other oak furniture. Call after 5 o'clock, 673-6310.†††13-2cwc, 8-2

**THE SMALL MALL** of Flint Antique Show and Sale, Nov. 17, 18, 19. During mall hours, 3600 S. Dort Hwy. A quality antique show. Free admission, free parking.†††13-1cwc, 8-1

**DAVISBURG ANTIQUES** Market. Last time this year. Nov. 26. Springfield Oaks County Parks building, 12451 Andersonville Rd. 10am-6pm. Antiques and collectibles only. Free admission, free parking.†††13-2cwc, 8-2

## REAL ESTATE

**BY OWNER:** Priced below duplication. Clarkston schools plus country atmosphere goes with this 2000 sq. ft. of living. Minutes from I-75, dead end paved street area of new homes, access to 4300 acres of state land. Deck off doorwall with awning. Landscaped yard with completely fenced rear yard. Stockade on neighbor's side to afford privacy. Four bedrooms, walk out recreation room. Cathedral ceiling, huge garage, circular drive, thermal windows, 6" insulation, lovely carpeting throughout. Less than 2 years old. \$68,900, no agents. 623-9235.†††13-2cwp, 8-2

**THREE BEDROOM,** brick ranch, 1½ baths, attached garage, finished walk out basement. Dixie Lake front. \$72,900. 625-8681.†††13-2cwc, 8-2

**FIVE ACRES** Allen Road, Independence Township. 10 acres Sashabaw Road, Brandon Township. \$22,900. Call Lee, 625-1934 or Bob White Real Estate.†††13-2cwp, 8-2

**CUSTOM HOME** building sites are now available in the private and secluded estate of Bitterbush. 3, 5, and 10 acre parcels. See our display ad on page 36.†††13-1c

**KEATINGTON CONDO,** 2 bedroom ranch, excellent condition. \$32,500. 391-0657.†††RC13-3, 9-3

## WANTED

**WE BUY** junk cars and trucks, \$5:00 to \$100.00. 334-2148 or 628-3942.†††46-tfc

**WANTED:** 1969-1970 Johnson 300 Challenger or Snow Cruiser snowmobile. Engine condition not important. 628-1297.†††13-2cwc, 8-2

**RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS** couple with no children desires house with or without option on lake or in woods. Gas heat. Clarkston-Waterford area. Excellent references. By Dec. 1. 627-4788.†††13-2cwc, 9-2

**MALE WORKER** wanted at Bald Mt. Riding Stable, full-time or part time. 391-1553.†††LC12-3, 7-3

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

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

**CASH** for used records and tapes, Looney Tunes, 5200 Dixie Hwy., Drayton Plains. 623-1999.†††31-TFC

**WANTED:** Furnished one bedroom apartment fairly close to Oxford. Call 628-4801 or 664-1666. Ask for Donna.†††C8-tfdh, 3-tfdh

**THREE BEDROOM** house with at least ½ acre lot. \$35,000-\$40,000. No agents. 625-8784.†††12-2cwp

**FUR BUYER.** We buy raw fur, coon, muskrat, fox, deer hides. Also buying good used traps. 682-1394.†††RC12-3

**WANTED TO BUY:** used piano. 625-9385.†††12-2cwc, 8-2

## GARAGE SALES

**BASEMENT SALE:** beds, hockey skates, C.C.M. Pros size 7, girl's 26" bike, 80 gal. electric hot water heater, antique desk, clothes and much more. 6550 Eastlawn, beginning Nov. 16.†††13-1cp, 9-1

## AUTOMOTIVE

**1973 CAPRICE** Classic, 4 door, one owner, excellent condition. 857-3593 between 8am and 4:30pm.†††13-2cwc, 8-2

**GREAT TRANSPORTATION!** '71 VW squareback with fuel injection. Gets 30 mpg. Michelin radial tires, AM/FM radio. \$300. 332-1859.†††10-cwdh, 6-dh

**1978 CHEVY** half ton pickup, Scottsdale model, PS/PB, 350 automatic, 2 ton paint and extras. 10,000 miles, \$5200. 625-1917.†††12-2cwc, 7-2

**1977 VEGA,** Excellent condition. Stereo, new radial tires. Best offer. 623-0332. 673-8818 after 6.†††13-2cwc, 8-2

**1970 LeMANS 2 DR.,** AM/FM, good transportation, \$295. 1967 Honda 160 \$125. 394-0024.†††13-2cwp, 8-2

**1976 COUGAR XR-7** loaded, plus mint condition. Must see to appreciate. \$4200. 625-1068.†††13-2cwc, 8-2

**YOUNG DRIVERS:** Bet I can beat your present auto insurance rate. 673-1276.†††23-tf

**'68 PONTIAC** LeMans convertible, running order. \$300 firm. 625-8866 after 6pm.†††13-2cwc, 9-2

**FOR SALE:** 1978 Grand Prix LJ. Generously equipped, excellently maintained. \$5400. 1974 Ford van, \$2500. 623-1707, 625-0635 or 627-2257.†††LC13-3, 9-3

**1971 JUNK MONTE CARLO** for sale for parts. 681-1591 after 5.†††12-2cwp, 7-2

**1970 MERCURY** transportation. 625-2025.†††12-2cwc, 7-2

**'75 DODGE 318** engine, low mileage, air, PS/PB, mint interior, good condition. \$2500. 623-6366.†††12-2cwc, 8-2

**1977 MINI WINNEBAGO** 20 ft., sleeps six. Exc. condition. 625-3319.†††12-2cwc, 8-2

**1972 PONTIAC** Grand Prix, air, low miles, excellent condition. 625-5760 after 7pm.†††12-2cwc, 8-2

**1978 VOLARE** station wagon, 6 cyl., 4 speed overdrive, 22 mpg, extras. 625-5760 after 7pm.†††12-2cwc, 8-2

**1975 GRANDVILLE** 2 door white. Cordoba top, plus maroon interior. Air, full power, stereo radio, cruise, rally wheels, new tires, more. Original owner. \$2995. 625-0475.†††13-2cwc, 9-2

**MUST SELL 1977 Grand Prix LJ.** PS/PB, air, AM/FM, bucket seats with console, crushed velour, Mojave tan. Sharp. 693-2557. 1976 Ford LTD, PS/PB, air, 60-40 split bench reclining passenger seat. Brougham interior. New tires. 693-2557.†††LC13-1, 9-1

## Wanted To Rent

**LOCAL BUSINESSMAN** with family wants to rent home in Clarkston School District for 6 months to 1 year or more. Excellent references. 625-2946.†††13-2cwp, 9-2

## ANNOUNCEMENT

**DREAM CLASS,** being presented by ECKANKAR, a way of life. Learn while we dream about the dream master and how we are guided into greater spiritual unfoldment thru dreams. For more information contact David Bill, Ortonville. 627-2798.†††12-3cwp, 7-3

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**BEN'S BULLPEN** Bar and Restaurant in Keatington Antique Village, 2375 Joslyn Ct., Lake Orion. Proprietor, Ben Hazelton. Now serving business lunches and dinners. In a sophisticated barn atmosphere, featuring live entertainment week-ends through the holidays. With Ms. Andrea O'Dea, female vocalist and James Allen at the piano. Reservations suggested. Call 391-3200.†††LC12-3c, 8-2

**SNUG HARBOR** bait and tackle open daylight to dark, 7 days. 160 Heights Rd., Lake Orion. 693-9057.†††RC13-tf, 9-tf

## WORK WANTED

**BABYSITTING** in my home, days preferred. Dixie and Rattalee Lake Road area. Call 625-8982.†††12-2cwc, 7-2

**WANTED:** Housecleaning. Ask for Dale, 625-4407.†††13-2cwc, 8-2

**HOUSECLEANING.** References. Call 625-8366.†††12-2cwc, 8-2

**RETIREE WANTS** janitor work in Clarkston Drayton area. 673-5522.†††12-2cwc, 8-2

**WANTED:** offices to clean evenings. 628-5086.†††12-2cwf, 7-2

**TYPING DONE** in my home. Experienced. 623-1776.†††13-2cwf, 9-2

**BABYSITTING** in my home, Dixie and Davisburg Road area. References. Call 625-3866.†††13-2cwc, 9-2

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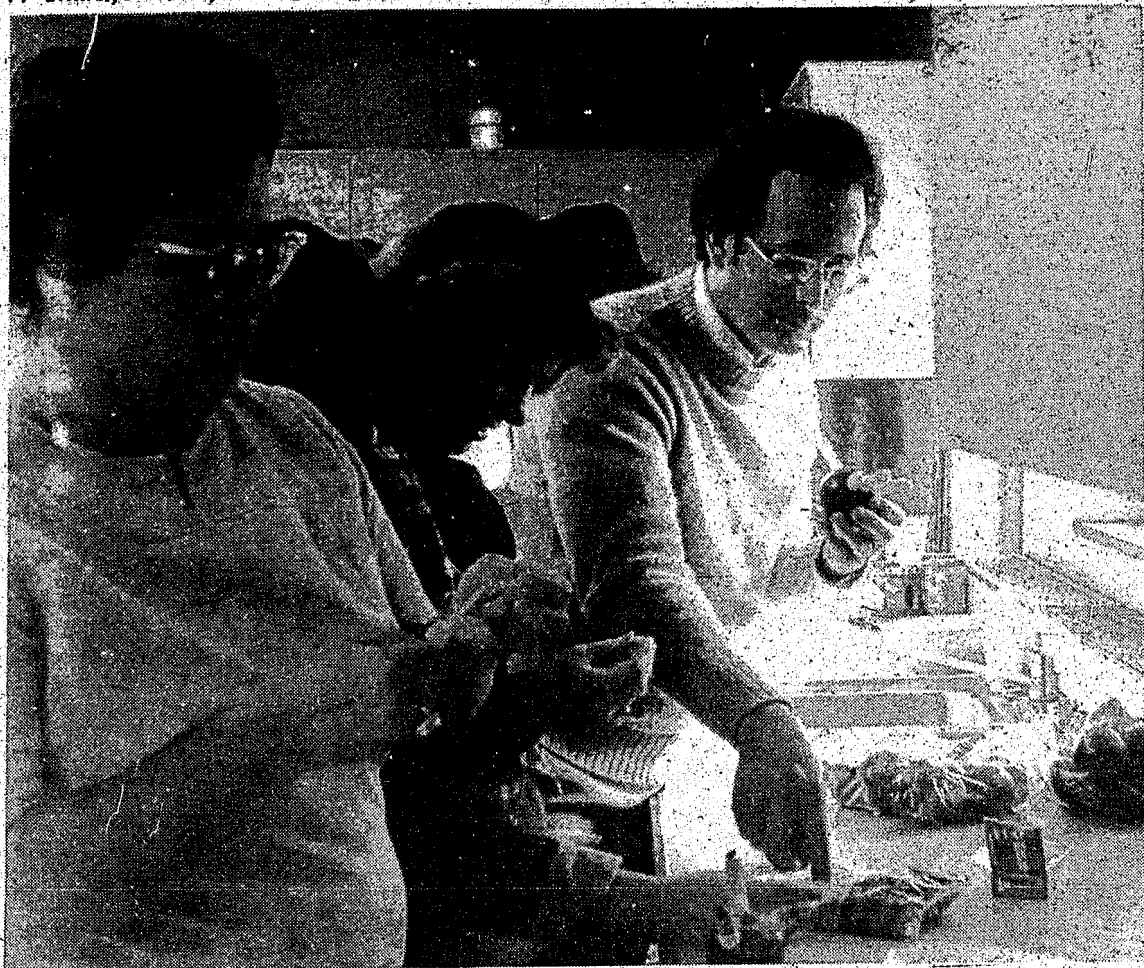
315 North Lapeer Street

Lake Orion, Michigan

693-6271 Extension 206

RC11-2





Mel Rassier's sixth grade class at Bailey Lake Elementary School can look forward to creating turkey apples for which gumdrops serve as plumage.



As gay as the "Alphaducks" mobile she designed, Florine Boman, who teaches remedial reading in Pontiac schools, is ready to help Clarkston elementary teachers master the educational games she and her partner Marcia Boykin devised.

## Teachers at work on kids' day off

In-service day includes lectures, films, seminars, workshops

While Clarkston School District students enjoyed a vacation on election day, their teachers were at work gaining new skills and preparing teaching pro-

grams.

School was cancelled for students while the school system's 324 teachers gathered at Clarkston High School for an

in-service training program.

Teachers participated in workshops, watched films, listened to lectures and attended departmental meetings.

For junior and senior high school teachers, the day opened with a showing of "The Massey Tapes," a film which examines five generations since 1910 and how childhoods spent in the intervening eras have shaped generational values.

Throughout the afternoon, high school teachers held departmental meetings, while junior high instructors attended a lecture by Dr. Arthur Jalkenen of Oakland Community College's Auburn Hills Campus. Dr. Jalkenen suggested ways to motivate junior high pupils.

Elementary teachers attended workshops all day. Writing and careers sessions were mandatory in conjunction with new penmanship and careers programs lately instituted in the schools.

Elementary teachers then had a choice of 12 electives, ranging from "Cooking in the Classroom" to "The Gifted Student."

The in-service training program was developed by Clarkston Schools in cooperation with the Clarkston Education Association. Workshop topics were selected by teachers, and speakers were other Clarkston teachers or professionals in other disciplines.



A first grade teacher at South Sashabaw Elementary School, Pat Smith tells other Clarkston Schools teachers how to make cooking in the classroom fun and educational. Pat is wearing an apron decorated by a group of her former students.



The classroom routine was broken election day when teachers in the Clarkston Community Schools converged on the high school for a day of workshops, films, lectures and meetings. Tracing the gumball game which teaches children to read double consonants like "cl," "br" and "ft", Nancy Shubitowski, a student teacher at Pine Knob Elementary, participated in the educational games workshop.



# Safety Is Now Our No. One Priority

Safety is now the "Number One Priority" of your Oakland County Road Commission. It has been since late 1977.

No longer will efforts to provide greater and greater mobility take precedence over safety considerations.

In the area of the highway environment alone, it makes little sense to provide capacity for ever-increasing numbers of vehicles, if

in the process more people using the system are killed, maimed and forced to pay the costs.

Over 800 persons died and over 85,000 suffered injuries on the highways, roads and streets of Oakland County during the past five years. The public cost of all accidents exceeded one-half billion dollars, or more than \$3,000 for every highway crash.

People individually and as a so-

ciety increasingly hold highway agencies responsible for the carnage and the cost. By late 1977, for example, accident liability claims against the Oakland County Road Commission totalled \$72 million, which is almost three times the Road Commission's annual budget.

Court judgments on such claims are increasingly against the government units charged, thus placing the burden of fault on taxpayers.

Public agency liability insurance premiums have skyrocketed. To continue past coverage for this year would have cost the Road Commission \$1.5 million.

Meanwhile, hazards on the roadway are mounting rapidly nationwide as roads deteriorate in the face of cost increases that outpace revenue increases. Sources of road construction and maintenance funds, particularly highway user taxes sensitive to smaller, more fuel-efficient vehicles, are already inadequate and are being usurped for other purposes . . . most notably public transit.

The only thing reasonable public highway officials can do is concentrate on the most important fact of life: life itself and the quality of it.

The Board of Oakland County Road Commissioners, its management and all employees are embarked on a comprehensive program that begins with the policy, "Safety Is Our Number One Priority."

## Report to the Citizens

From  
The Board of  
Oakland County Road Commissioners



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### INSIDE

- Where your Oakland County Road Commission's money comes from and where it goes.
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## Risk Management Underway

To implement the "Safety is Our Number One Priority" policy, the Oakland County Road Commission has adopted a top-to-bottom program and commitment, and is reaching out to multiply resources and effect.

The program is called "Highway Risk Management: A Comprehensive Approach to Highway Safety." Its shortened title "Risk Management" is heard in hallways, in maintenance garages, in telephone conversations and in memos throughout the Road Commission every day. It's a term the public will be hearing more and more.

The "Risk Management" portion of the title was borrowed from the insurance industry where it has meant determining clients' risks, advising on how to reduce existing risks and programming an insurance package to cover possible losses.

At the Road Commission the emphasis is on reducing highway crash risks and "managing" for safety in everything the Road Commission does.

The Road Commission's chief executive officer, Managing Director John L. Grubba, is personally su-

pervising the overall effort.

The Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County (TIA) and the University of Michigan Highway Safety Research Institute (HSRI) have joined with the Road Commission Risk Management program.

TIA is well known for its 10 years of developing methods to analyze crash problems and of mobilizing across agency and jurisdictional lines to effect a coordinated county-wide response to needs. HSRI has had 10 years of experience focusing on highway safety. Kent B. Joselyn and Ralph K. Jones, who have been associated with HSRI, developed a conceptual framework for applying the risk management process to the highway crash problem.

Early in the year every Road Commission employee was asked to complete newly-developed forms for every risk he or she could think of that either exists or could develop, what was being done about them, what the employee thought could be done and the priority the employee would assign.

From the beginning citizen complaints, more than 10,000 of which

were processed by the Road Commission's on-going Dept. of Citizen Services in 1977, have been analyzed as part of the program. Records of previous and current accident liability claims against the Road Commission are also analyzed and compared to other findings. An early significant finding was that potholes and edge ruts are not simply an inconvenience but often can, in certain situations, create significant safety problems.

The Board of County Road Commissioners responded by authorizing \$600,000 more for the need annually, making repair of potholes and edge ruts both million dollar efforts.

Meanwhile, employee safety hazards have been getting similar attention. Through the employee feedback process it was determined that employee safety efforts have been significant all along, but not as effective as they might be because they lacked coordination.

A first corrective step — now nearly completed — has been to compile all employee safety procedures and rewrite them in a standardized style into a single safety handbook.

## Self Insurance Protects Costs

As part of the Risk Management program, the Oakland County Road Commission is self-insuring against liability claim losses up to \$100,000 per claim or an aggregate up to \$1 million per year. This is expected to save \$400,000 the first year alone. Insurance premium costs alone were reduced from \$1.2 million to \$513,240.

All other claims are covered by insurance underwriters.

Although \$78 million worth of claims were pending in mid-1978, only a fraction of that amount is expected to be settled in the claimant's behalf.

In addition to cost savings, the retained self insurance method will allow the Road Commission to analyze claims in-house for purposes of determining where hazards exist and methods of eliminating such hazards for the travelling public.

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## We Get Compliments

# Of Dead Cats & Orchids

"Throwing dead cats at government agencies is an old and cherished tradition in this country, as I'm sure you're well aware," wrote Ralph O'Reilly of Davisburg in July of 1978. He added:

"So when a government responds promptly and sympathetically to a citizen's beef, it's only fair to throw an orchid for a change."

With that, O'Reilly penned a truly beautiful "orchid" complimenting the Road Commission for repairing a driveway culvert as he requested.

O'Reilly was one of several who threw orchids to the Road Commission during 1977 and 1978. Considering the fact that we received 10,512 requests for citizens services, such "orchids" did indeed more than make up for any dead cats thrown our way (which were fewer than in recent years, incidentally).

Here are a few of the "orchids," which we'd like to share with the public as a bouquet on behalf of the 520 Road Commission employees whose efforts made them possible:

● "My heartiest thanks for speedy compliance with my request for weeds to be cut on Cedar Island Road. You have restored my faith in our local government." — Alice E. Schulte of Union Lake, August, 1977.

● "It has been a pleasure to be involved with a governmental entity that is responsive to citizen concerns." — Gerald J. Kuchera of West Bloomfield, April, 1978.

● "We still say no one can match Oakland County for its service and the excellent road signs." — Mr. and Mrs. Edward Januszko of Pontiac Township, February, 1978.

● I want to congratulate the people whose job it is to maintain the roads. You did one heck of a job during the Winter of 1978. As a resident of Brandon Township, I would also like to commend you for the job you have done all year long on our gravel roads." — Roger Krainock of Ortonville, April, 1978.

● "It is most refreshing to work with a governmental agency that seeks a solution to a problem rather than simply saying it can't be done." — Alfred J. Nelson, architect and project administrator with Dayton-Hudson for the Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

● "Your people and the other governmental departments which are responsible do a good job of clearing and salting during the Winter months." — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson of Drayton Plains, November, 1977.

From public officials, we received comments like:

● "We work closely with our County Road Commissioners, and have been able to maintain a high degree of professional rapport." — Oakland Township Supervisor Alfred J. Taylor, May, 1978.

● "I must say I am very proud that out of all the local transportation delivery agencies in the nation, the Oakland County Road Commission was the only one invited to testify (before the U. S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Surface Transportation)." — U. S. Representative William S. Bromfield, October, 1977.

From the news media:

● "In the past there was some reason to believe that the Road Commission was so poorly managed that it would be foolish to give it extra money to play with. But that day is long gone. Under Commissioners such as John R. Gnaul, William M. Richards and Fred Houghten, the road agency has been thoroughly overhauled. Almost all the managerial recommendations made by consultants in 1974 have been made. Their personal and professional efforts are to be commended, as are those of John Grubba, the road agency's first full-time managing director." — Neil Munro of the Oakland Press, February, 1978.

From professional consultants:

● "We have had significant contacts with road commissions, highway departments and other public agencies in our professional careers. We found, in all levels of the Oakland County Road Commission, a sense of professional responsibility and competence that is both refreshing and encouraging. The Road Commission appears to have a well educated staff with strong capabilities and sound experience. The general competence and sense of professionalism is significantly above average." — Kent B. Joscelyn and Ralph K. Jones of Ann Arbor, July, 1978.



## BOARD OF OAKLAND COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

WILLIAM M. RICHARDS Vice Chairman JOHN R. GNAUL, JR. Chairman FRED D. HOUGHTEN Commissioner

Pictured during the weekly policy-setting meeting, the Board of Oakland County Road Commissioners currently is these three businessmen and community leaders. Mr. Gnaul is serving his second consecutive term as Road Commission chairman and is a resident of Bloomfield Township where he previously served as a township trustee. Mr. Richards, of Royal Oak, is a former Road Commission chairman who previously chaired the elected Board of Oakland County Commissioners and served as Oakland County Drain Commissioner. Mr. Houghten is also a former County Board chairman and is a resident of Rochester. The Road Commissioners serve six-year terms by appointment of the County Board and are paid \$7,500 annually, with the chairman receiving an additional \$1,000. The Road Commissioners serve as part-time policymakers, appointing a full-time managing director, a county highway engineer and a clerk.

## Chairman's Report:

# We Hear Your Messages

You are telling us, dramatically, to do something about accidents on the roads.

We have gotten your message and we are well underway with a broad, pioneering program to meet the challenge. No longer is our main objective greater mobility. Safety is now our "Number One" priority.

Your calls and letters to our Dept. of Citizens Services about problems on the roads is one way your concerns reach our attention.

When you participated in public hearings on our budget, on our construction program or on individual projects, we heard you.

The alarming rate at which you are involved in highway crashes speaks loudly. You are telling us we are going to be held responsible, by your lawsuits which cite road conditions as a liability factor in those crashes.

Our liability insurance carriers emphasize the point, by demanding premium payments in excess of \$1 million annually.

Road Commissioners Bill Richards, Fred Houghten and myself became convinced in late 1977 that a concerted effort is needed to be directed at safety of the highway environment. Efforts nationwide to provide safer cars and safer drivers have been underway for years with limited results. We decided to try an ambitious concept; one that had been thought of before but never tried in the United States. It's called "Highway Risk Management: A Comprehensive Approach to Highway Safety."

It means, among other things, identifying road hazards and prioritizing them on the basis of

severity and availability of resources to respond to them. That's a bigger task than it may at first seem. Considerable data is available, but not enough.

Reason indicates need for a systematic management approach, but no such system is available off the shelf. Money, a fundamental resource, is in short supply.

A first step is to get a handle on specific hazards from any source available. We devote a special team and managers at every level to the task of identifying and prioritizing. Through new policies, management decisions and employee commitment throughout our agency we attack those we can the best we can.

For example, we have stepped up funding of pothole and edge rut repairs by 70 percent (devoting a million dollars annually to each) because of early findings.

With the help of consultants who have long given thought to the need for systematic highway safety risk management we are mobilizing our agency from the top down.

We are attempting to obtain special federal funding by demonstrating how our program can be applied throughout the nation.

We have just begun this War on Highway Carnage. It's a war we're not likely to win completely. But we hope to show significant gains in a few short years that will mean fewer accidents on our roads.

You can continue to help, by keeping your opinions flowing to us.

JOHN R. GNAUL, JR.  
Chairman  
Board of Oakland County  
Road Commissioners



DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING on the Road Commission's 1978 budget and construction program, Road Commissioner Fred D. Houghten (second from right) talks with (from left) Novi City Manager Edward Kriewall, Novi Mayor Romaine Roethel and Oakland County Commissioner Dennis Murphy.



## Van Pool Help Offered Employers

In this era of subway mania most discussion of alternatives to the private automobile centers on grandiose and expensive schemes. The taxpayers' burden in comparison to transportation benefits gets the last, if any, consideration.

Were it not for the Oakland County Road Commission's efforts in late 1976 and into 1977 and 1978 that demonstrated an "affordable" tri-county transit system is possible, it is likely that all available money—and more—would already be committed to a one-corridor, heavy-rail subway system.

Now the Oakland County Road Commission has gone one step further. It is showing that a significant alternative to the one-person, one-vehicle private automobile trip can be implemented—without soaking the taxpayer. That alternative is van pooling. Several persons with common originating points and destination points share rides in a systematic, self-supporting program.

The Road Commission in early October 1978 offered to help employers in the Big Beaver Corridor of Troy set up such van pools. That corridor has one of the most heavily congested roadways and intense employment. The Road Commission program has been endorsed by the Troy City Council.

Drawing upon expertise of existing staff and without significant public cost, the Road Commission makes direct contact with employers, provides assistance in setting up van pools and trains employers and employee participants to manage their own van pool programs.

"Van pooling is a positive means to address road congestion, pollution and energy consumption problems without large expenditures of public funds. It is a proven method of providing a comfortable, convenient and flexible alternative to the automobile, particularly for work trips," said John R. Gnau, Jr., Road Commission chairman.

## Five-Year Contracting Proposed

A supplemental \$1.5 million road construction program in 44 cities, villages and townships was launched during 1978 when the elected Board of Oakland County Commissioners contributed \$500,000 as a one-third share.

Actually, the communities said they would contribute one-third toward a total of \$4 million worth of county road improvements, but the County Board's \$500,000 one-year commitment forced selection of only \$1.5-million worth.

"Therein lies one of the frustrations of your Board of Oakland County Road Commissioners," said Chairman John R. Gnau, Jr. "We know there is a need for more road construction than funds available to us, allow, and we know there is willingness of the people locally to pay for more.

"However, we do not have taxing authority. We have to depend on other units of government for our funding. We have to rely, particularly, on the elected Board of County Commissioners because it alone has the power to place a countywide road funding proposition on the ballot — or to contrib-

ute for countywide road-purposes from its general fund.

"The County Board has contributed an average of \$433,000 annually to road construction since it became an elected body in 1969 — using its general funds.

"We think there is a better way and we are working on it," said Gnau.

"We were asked early this year by County Board Chairman Wallace Gabler to propose ways in which the Road Commission and the County Board could better work together to improve the county's transportation system. One way, we recommended, is to commit the County Board's road funds on a multi-year basis, which is legally possible through contracting.

"We pointed out that this will give all areas of the county fair and equitable opportunity to make use of the County Board's contributions. It will also make possible advance efforts to multiply the seed money with Federal matching funds for some projects, and thus to do more significant construction programs.

"Part of our proposal is that the elected county officials will be able to decide which projects will be undertaken throughout the five-year program.

"We purposely avoided suggesting an amount of annual contribution by the County Board, preferring not to put the Board members on the spot. Even if the Board committed only \$500,000 a year, which is its usual amount, multi-year programming would be more beneficial than the surprise method thus far practiced. The need for an even greater amount for countywide projects is so obvious it doesn't really need to be officially pointed out."

## Seminars Held For Teamwork

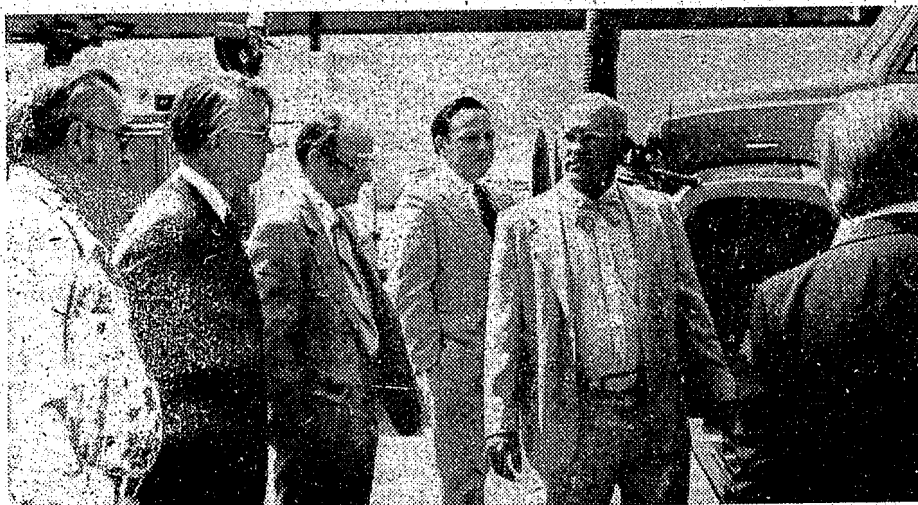
Wallace Gabler, Chairman of the elected Board of Oakland County Commissioners, seemed to signal a new era—a "Rebirth of Teamwork"—at the beginning of 1978.

He called for greater cooperation between his Board, the Board of County Road Commissioners and the County Executive.

"We welcomed and accepted Gabler's proposals," said Fred D. Houghten, Road Commissioner. "As he suggested, we recommended ways to implement better teamwork.

"One such way was for us to hold seminars on Road Commission matters in an effort to promote better understanding. We did hold such seminars, on two different dates to maximize opportunity for elected officials to participate. Gabler, 13 others of the 27 elected to the County Board and the elected county executive did participate.

"Our seminars featured tours of our main operating facility on Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford Township; a slide-show presentation of our overall programs, accomplishments and problems; and a chance for the elected officials to ask any questions they wished. We also offered tours of our other facilities



ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIALS attended Road Commission seminars early this year. Pictured while hearing an equipment explanation by Maintenance Director William "Bert" Mercer (at right, facing camera), are (from left) County Commissioners Patrick Daly of Waterford Township, Chairman Wallace Gabler of Royal Oak, John Peterson of Rochester, and Dennis Aaron of Oak Park. At right, back to camera, is Road Commission Managing Director John L. Grubba.

## RAID AND RUIN: State Actions Deprive Roads

The raid on highway user taxes to pay for mass transit will lead to ruin of the highways, roads and streets.

William M. Richards, Vice Chairman of the Oakland County Road Commission, explains:

"The highway user taxes are no longer sufficient for road needs, let alone the massive costs of transit. Yet a transportation package adopted this year by the Michigan Legislature and Governor Milliken increases transit's share of those taxes from 3.6 percent to 8.3 percent of the total fund.

"That package will cost motorists two cents more per gallon of gasoline and 30 to 35 percent more for vehicle license plates.

"It will boost transit's share of the gas and weight taxes from \$20 million annually to \$60 million annually, which is a 200 percent increase.

"It will increase the Oakland County Road Commission's share

by only 23 percent, from \$17.5 million to \$21.5 million annually.

"The package covers neither the needs of transit nor of roads. There is nothing in the package for transit operating costs, which are projected to require \$50 million annually of additional taxes. The money coming to the Road Commission falls far short of the \$89 million annual need of Oakland County roads identified by the Citizens Research Council of Michigan.

"For some time now the State Highway Commission has been gearing for its participation in transit programs, loaning highway money to transit and cutting future highway obligations by reniging on long-standing plans. The reniging is especially notable in western Oakland County.

"In January of 1977 the State Highway Commission cancelled its plans for an M-275 freeway north-south. Under a storm of protest that included a better than 2-1

vote in eight communities for the freeway, the State Highway Commission appeared to resurrect the original freeway plans just before the November elections. Actually, that appearance was a bamboozle attempting to deceive the public, because the Highway Commission neither indicated its choice among five alternatives nor submitted the alternative to the proper federal agency.

"The alternatives were submitted to the U.S. Department of the Interior, and even the Interior Department says 'a decision on the M-275 matter is the responsibility of the U.S. Department of Transportation.' The State Highway Commission's diversion to the Interior Department and refusal to indicate a preferred alternative will delay the project at best or cloak intended final cancellation in buck passing at worst.

"During 1978, also, the State Highway Commission continued to

balk against extending Northwestern Highway as a freeway through western Oakland County as called for in a 20-year-old contract with the Oakland County Road Commission. The Michigan Supreme Court refused to mandate the State Highway Commission to build the freeway. Instead, the Supreme Court said the Road Commission can sue for specific performance in Oakland County Circuit Court or can sue for damages in the State Court of Claims.

"Such remedies are being studied by our Legal Counsel, but a decision cannot be easy. For example, how do you place a cost figure on damages suffered by the public over 20 years during which county and local agencies adopted zoning ordinances and other official actions based on anticipation of a planned freeway?

"How, indeed, do you determine a course of action regarding roads in a climate of raid and ruin?"

# Here's How We Fight Winter's Woes

"Some, but not all, of winter's impact upon the highways, roads and streets can be fought successfully by Oakland County Road Commission crews," according to John L. Grubba, Managing Director.

"High winds and extremely low temperatures simply overrode all of our efforts during one storm during the Winter of 1977-78," he said.

"That particular storm was battled by full crews from midnight to 7 p.m., well over the 16-hour limit desirable for continuous work.

"But winds simply blew the snow back onto the roadway. Slush formed by the salt we applied quickly refroze in the subzero temperatures," said Grubba.

He said, "Salt is useless below zero. At five degrees above zero its effect is so minimized that usually the pavement reglazes before the ice melt can run off. To give a further idea of salt's limitations, consider that one pound of salt will melt 46 pounds of ice at 30 degrees, only 14 pounds of ice at 25 degrees and only five pounds of ice at 10 degrees.

"During 1977 we required 44,359 tons of de-icing salt, or enough to melt 3.1 billion pounds of ice at 30 degrees. The cost for salt alone exceeded one-half million dollars."

Grubba said up to 278 tons of

salt per hour can be spread on the 1,393 miles of critical and priority routes on the county and state trunkline road system in Oakland County. "That means this winter cost of salt alone can run as high as \$3,600 per hour.

"Add that to the cost of equipment and crews, and costs can run as high as \$7,028 per hour during regular working hours, up to \$7,432 per hour on overtime and up to \$7,717 per hour on holidays," he said.

"We can put up to 83 salt trucks on the road at a cost of \$19 per hour each, or \$1,577 per hour combined. For plowing, we can muster up to 135 pieces of equipment at a cost of \$23 each or \$3,100 per hour combined," said Grubba.

"All-out salting requires 95 persons, counting supervisory and loading employees. All-out plowing requires 147 persons. Wages and fringe benefits per employee average \$12.75 per hour on regular time, \$17 per hour on overtime and \$20 per hour on holidays. That means total employee costs can be up to \$1,211 per hour for salting on regular time to \$2,940 per hour for plowing on holiday time in an all-out effort," he said.

He said the general procedure is to salt until one inch of snow accumulates; then plow and resalt

critical and priority routes as necessary.

Grubba said only 1,393 miles of critical and priority routes are manned during holidays and during overtime hours (before 7:30 a.m. and after 3:30 p.m. weekdays) although 2,672 miles of county and trunkline roads require maintenance.

The critical routes total 394 miles of state and county roads with more than 40,000 vehicles per day of travel, he said. "These are manned at forecast of snow or bad conditions with the objective of achieving 75 percent bare pavement, particularly for rush hours," he said, noting that trunklines not included in this "critical" category are I-75 north of Baldwin Road, M-24, M-15, M-59 and I-96 south of I-696.

"Priority I routes totalling 880 miles are manned when snow begins, with the objective of achieving clear wheel tracks," said Grubba. These routes are roads with 5,000 to 40,000 vehicles per day, including the remainder of freeways and state trunklines."

"Priority II routes, which include most of the through roads in the northwest quarter of the county, are manned variously according to conditions. There are 108 miles of such roads.

"The only other routes manned on overtime are about 10 miles of local and subdivision streets that serve schools or are collector roads.

"Other roads are manned only on regular time, and in most instances subdivision streets can't be reached until two or three days after the brunt of a storm," said Grubba.

He said the available snow-fighting equipment is distributed around the county in six maintenance districts, and that each salt truck is assigned to critical and priority routes that each take between two and three hours to complete.

He said, "The Road Commission maintains state trunklines by contract with the Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation. Cities and Villages maintain their own roads, although through routes in most cities are state trunklines or county roads. A few cities maintain some or all county roads in their boundaries by contract with us."

## "Red Alert" Means Roads Being Drifted

The "Blizzard of '78" forced the first "Red Alert" ever in the history of Oakland County.

That meant, under a system set up by the Michigan State Police and Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation, that "motorists (were) urged to curtail driving unless of an emergency requirement."

The Red Alert was declared at 2 p.m. Thursday, January 26 and continued through 6 p.m. Sunday, January 29. It received widespread notice throughout the news media and cooperation of the public despite its novelty.

Without such cooperation, the already-frustrated efforts to remove snow and ice from the freeways, state trunklines and county primary and local roads would have been much worse," said Oakland County Highway Engineer Paul Van Roekel.

Two other situations are provided for in the system. One is a "Condition Yellow," in which drivers are urged to use caution. This advisory is seldom officially issued because it applies to virtually every winter storm.

The other is "Condition Red," in which roads are closed and motorists are advised to stay out of the area until further notice.

A "Red Alert" is appropriate when a storm is expected to continue with increasing drifting conditions stalling traffic, which was certainly the situation faced shortly after noon January 26.

A "Condition Red" is appropriate when there is a high probability that roads will be ultimately blocked and many motorists stranded.

## Township Levy Of Millage Can Help Roads

Yes, roads in some townships do get better care than roads in other townships.

The reason is simple. Some townships have levied a special millage for roads and are able to provide greater matching funds to enable construction projects or elect to maintain their roads under contract with the Road Commission.

Commerce Township is currently using its third consecutive five-year locally-voted millage for construction projects. As a result, that township has 76 percent of its roads paved, compared to a countywide average of only 48 percent of the county roads in townships being paved.

Bloomfield Township uses its locally-voted millage to maintain county local roads year-around and thus increases the maintenance by one-third as compared to what the Road Commission could do in allocating maintenance costs throughout the county.

Highland Township levies a millage for road construction, with which it provides the local 50 percent matching share of county local road construction costs.

Avon Township levies a millage for dust-control calcium chloride and other road maintenance purposes.



SNOWPLOWING was a job like this during the Blizzard of '78.

## Sand Use Problems Cited

Some subdivision residents have wondered aloud why sand spread on their streets during last Winter's severe icing conditions wasn't swept away sooner after Spring thaws.

The answer is two-fold. One reason is that such residue sand not washed away by rains generally presents only an appearance problem, which is much lower priority than safety considerations involved in such things as pothole patching, edge rut repairs, shoulder repairs and the like.

Secondly, available equipment hasn't been adequate to keep up with sweeping requirements of the

entire road system. More sand was used last Winter than ever throughout the county road system. Main travelled roads must be swept before subdivisions.

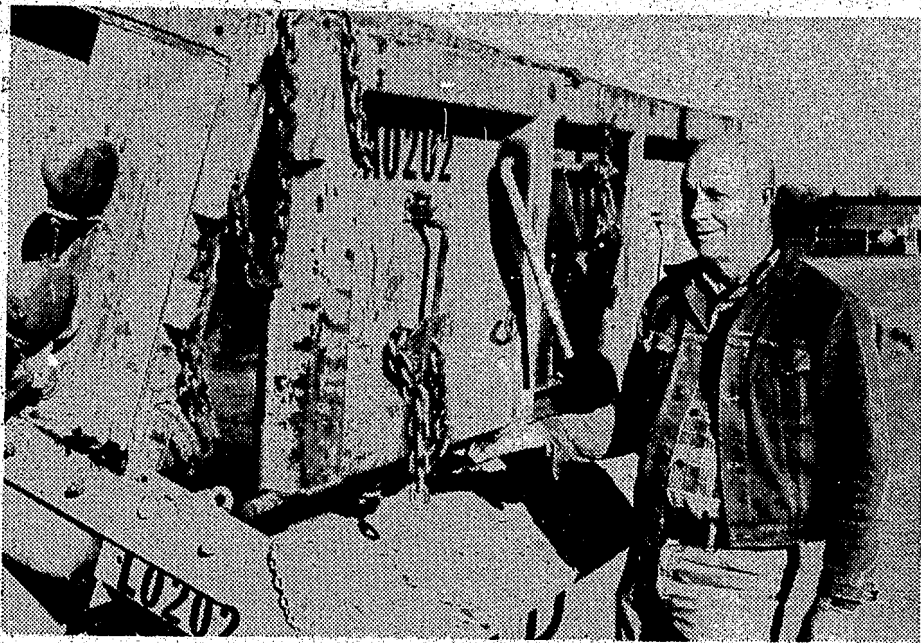
Compounding the problem has been equipment breakdowns and long waits for parts from the manufacturers. Between April 1 and August 1, only four of six curb sweepers were available at any time for this reason.

Steps are being taken, said Maintenance Director William "Bert" Mercer, to overcome the problem. Two of the existing six sweepers are being replaced and two additional sweepers are being purchased.



## Maintenance Department

Requiring the greatest amount of the Road Commission's basic revenues and employing more than half of all Road Commission employees is the Maintenance Department. The department is assigned to a multitude of activities. Winter safety snow plowing and de-icing are priority traffic services. The department conducts repairs to road surfaces, shoulders and rights of way year-round. These functions are performed on the 2,450 miles of county roads and, by contract, on the 251 miles of state trunklines—including freeways within the county. The department oversees a fleet of 392 vehicles and hundreds of items of equipment, and has custodial oversight of the Road Commission's buildings and grounds. It employs 263 persons under Director William "Bert" Mercer and has an \$8.2-million budget for 1978.



**CHARLIE WELCH** of Pontiac, a 31-year Road Commission employee, invented a safer method of fastening the chains that regulate the spread of tailgates when dump trucks are spreading material. By means of an extension arm and pin, the gate may be released whether or not a load is pressing against it without the driver being forced to risk limbs. Welch earned a special award from the Road Commission for his invention, which is being installed on Road Commission vehicles.

## 13 Miles Could be Paved with Asphalt Used in Potholes

The Oakland County Road Commission devotes more than \$8 million annually to Maintenance Department activities—or almost 30 percent of its total budget.

Only construction is a more expensive item in the budget, and then only because federal and local government matching funds are included in the construction budget. Maintenance is funded totally from state-collected gas and weight taxes, including contract payments by the Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation for Road Commission maintenance of state trunklines which include freeways in the county.

**During 1977 the Road Commission Maintenance Department:**

- Spread 44,359 tons of de-icing salt, which cost more than a half million dollars. That's enough to melt 3.1 billion pounds of ice at 30 degrees Fahrenheit.

- Used 13,526 tons of asphalt to repair potholes and edge breaks. That's enough to pave a two-lane road for 13 miles.

- Used 6,092 tons of material to repair roadway base. That's the equivalent of 50 tons per day.

- Placed 437,000 tons of gravel on 282.6 miles of gravel roads in a special program of placing three inches of new gravel in cooperation with local units of government and

the Board of County Commissioners. The \$1.3 million was shared 40 percent by the Road Commission, 40 percent by the 17 benefitting townships and 20 percent by the County Board.

- Graded a total of 12,836 road miles, or the equivalent of 11 times over the 1,164 miles of county gravel roads.

- Used 39,499 tons of gravel for general gravel road patching, or enough to place three inches on more than 25 miles of two-lane gravel roadway.

- Reconditioned gravel shoulders for 6,606 miles, or the equivalent of five times along the gravel shoulder of every paved road.

- Cleaned 4,301 drainage structures and 135,000 feet of ditches.

- Devoted 6,504 manhours to litter cleanup.



**WILLIAM MERCER**  
Maintenance Director

## 'Blizzard of '78' Was Blinger; Cost \$353,000

The "Blizzard of '78" was one of the most difficult storms ever to hit Oakland County. Not only was 13 inches of snow dumped in a 48-hour period beginning early on a Thursday morning; it was preceded by an inch and a half of rain and was accompanied by winds exceeding 35 miles per hour.

Drifting during the storm made the job of plowing almost futile. When the winds subsided and snow could be removed, the water beneath froze three and four inches thick. Efforts to remove that ice were frustrated by a salt shortage.

Despite the adversities, Road Commission winter maintenance personnel had main roads passable by Sunday afternoon following the storm and at least one lane had been punched through side roads and subdivision streets by Monday. Clean up of our subdivision residential streets was virtually complete by the following Friday, while in Detroit that job was barely begun.

It cost \$353,000 to fight that blizzard on the 2,672 miles of roads maintained by the Road Commission. Wages and fringe benefits for Road Commission crews alone—from pre-dawn hours January 26 through February 1—cost \$80,200, of which three-quarters was for overtime. The cost of salt and sand used totalled \$40,800.

The Road Commission called in 14 private contractors to help on the second day and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hired additional private contractors on the 4th day. The private contractors worked through the eighth day following the initial storm. Oakland County was in the "best shape of any in Michigan" by that time, according

to the Army Corps of Engineers colonel assigned to this district.

The cost of private contractors was \$105,000 of the \$353,000 total storm costs computed.

The salt shortage that occurred during the storm was due primarily to failure of salt supply companies to fill Road Commission orders as much as three weeks previous to the storm. The Road Commission's six maintenance garages had full salt storage facilities when winter began. Early winter storms took some garages to below capacity while waiting for deliveries, and then a severe two-day storm struck January 8-9. After battling that storm the supply shortage was critical.

## Salt Purchased For Emergencies

The Board of Oakland County Road Commissioners has taken several steps to head-off a salt supply shortage such as occurred during the "Blizzard of '78" and other instances during the past two Winters.

The most drastic step has been to commit funds desperately needed for other purposes to a special "emergencies only" salt storage pad, cover, and 5,000-ton supply of salt. The contract for the environmentally sound pad was let October 2 at a cost of \$40,863. The cover is expected to cost \$3,000. The salt is expected to cost \$60,000.

The emergency supply will be used only when the continuing 8,000 to 12,000-ton supply in the six district maintenance facilities is depleted and needs on the road system are paramount.

## Purchases Require More Than \$4.4 Million of Your Money

With more than \$4.4 million worth of equipment, materials, supplies and parts budgeted to be purchased in 1978, the Oakland County Road Commission Purchasing Department has been kept busy.

De-icing salt costs alone amount to more than one-half million dollars annually and requires replenishment of stockpiles at six maintenance garages constantly during Winter, said Purchasing Director George Suarez.

About three-quarters of all budgeted purchases are for road maintenance functions, including road graders at \$54,000 each; 190 drums of motor oil at \$12,000; 3,000 road grader blades at \$160,000; six snow plows at \$10,000; 15 hydraulic underbody scrapers at \$39,000; and 92 truck tires and 154 truck tire tubes at \$12,000.

The traffic services operations also require some hefty purchases, such as 4,500 steel sign posts at \$26,000; 30,000 feet of electrical cable at \$8,000; 24,000 traffic signal light bulbs at \$9,000; 225,000 pounds

of glass beads used for reflectivity in pavement marking paint at \$32,000; 28,500 pounds of instant-dry paint powder at \$46,000; 53,000 gallons of paint at \$131,000; 550 sign decals at \$5,000; 1,500 aluminum street sign blanks at \$2,000 and 20 traffic signal pedestals at \$3,000.

For engineering-construction purposes, outside materials testing and inspection service costs \$8,000.

"These are just samples from lots purchased during 1977 and 1978, for which the Board of Oakland County Road Commissioners accepted competitive bids," said Suarez.



**GEORGE SUAREZ**  
Purchasing Director





**GERALD HOLMBERG**  
Director, Traffic

# Sign, Signal Upgrading Underway

Early on a cold and blustery December morning in 1977 crews from the Oakland County Road Commission's Traffic Department scaled poles and strung a pre-assembled wiring harness across an intersection that carries 100,000 vehicles daily.

They removed existing signal lights and attached newer, larger ones to the harness. They connected the harness to wires that had previously been imbedded in the pavement and to a computerized controller.

Within a few short hours traffic at Southfield and 10 Mile Roads,

the most heavily travelled intersection on the county road system, was regulating itself—and the accident rate began to fall.

Months of preparation paid off. That preparation included detailed studies, applying for and justifying federal funding, a traffic engineer's innovative pre-assembly and testing of the system beforehand, and obtaining cooperation of Southfield police who served as old-fashioned traffic cops during on-site work.

Thus was established the first traffic-actuated signals on the Oakland County road system. The Traffic Department then turned its attention to obtaining necessary funds to install six more, to its programs to interconnect signals on other routes and to upgrade signs throughout the road system—in addition to its routine duties.

## ACTUATED SIGNALS

Next to receive traffic-actuated signals, tentatively in the Spring of 1979, will be the intersections of:

- Greenfield and 10 Mile Road in Southfield and Oak Park.
- Southfield and 12 Mile Road in Southfield and Lathrup Village.
- Southfield and 13 Mile Road in Southfield and Beverly Hills.
- John R and 12 Mile Road in Madison Heights.
- Grand River and Novi Roads in Novi.
- Crooks and I-75 in Troy.

## TRAFFIC SIGNAL INTERCONNECTS

The traffic signal interconnection project will involve 45 intersections on five county roads, as follows:

- Cooley Lake Road from Union Lake to Hospital Roads in West Bloomfield and Waterford Townships.
- Middlebelt from 9 Mile to Maple in Farmington Hills.
- Orchard Lake Road from Shiawassee to Long Lake Road in Farmington, Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield Township and Orchard Lake Village.
- Big Beaver from Adams to Dequindre in Troy.
- Maple from Coolidge to Dequindre in Troy.

## SIGN UPGRADING

The sign upgrading involves two projects totalling \$507,600 county-wide on the 2,450-mile road system.

Included are improved railroad crossing signs at 278 locations; new lane transition signs at 263 locations; other new signs at 2,095 locations and relocating of 1,040 signs.

## SCHOOL CROSSINGS

Separately, the Traffic Department was involved in proposing and justifying a \$110,000 project of school speed limit signing at 52 locations and special "School" legend, crosswalk and stopbar markings on pavements at 116 school locations. That project was approved for federal funding in mid-1978 and contracts for it were let by the Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation in August.

## REGULAR FUNCTIONS

All the while, the department carried on its regular functions, which in 1977 included, according to Director Gerald Holmberg, a registered professional engineer:

- Fabricating 8,381 signs, installing 2,614, repairing 12,692.
- Designing and laying out construction signing and pavement marking for 131 county road improvement projects.
- Installing or repairing 44,434 feet of guardrail and 14,670 feet of fencing.
- Painting 2,723 pass miles of pavement, 877 crosswalks, 1,335 stopbars and 1,065 legends.
- Installing 31 new electrical signals, modernizing 59 and responding to 612 electrical signal trouble calls.

## SAFETY IS HELPED

Incidentally, the 50th anniversary of the yellow "no passing" lines on pavements was observed in mid-1978. This warning "sign" is considered an important factor in the one-fifth reduction in traffic accident rates over the 50 years. Perhaps one of the most interesting pieces of equipment used by the Traffic Department is a truck-based painting rig that paints center, passing and edge stripes simultaneously.

Such painted stripes are renewed twice a year on 677 miles of paved county primary roads; once a year on 74 miles of paved county local roads; and the Road Commission is contracted by municipalities to paint a total of 454 miles of city and village streets.

## Traffic Department

There are 670 electrical signals, flashers and other devices on the road system in Oakland County; plus 35,231 signs and thousands of miles of center lines, yellow "no passing" lines, white edge lines, other pavement markings and guard rails and fencing. These important motorists' aids and safety devices are the responsibility of the Road Commission's Traffic Department. It costs \$170,000 per year just to provide electricity to operate signals. The department engineers, fabricates, installs and maintains systems on county and state roads and assists cities. The department has 78 employees under Director Gerald Holmberg, who is a registered professional engineer, and has the third largest operating budget at \$2.4 million for 1978.

# Driveways, Driveways

Take a guess at how many driveways were connected to the Oakland County Road system in 1977.

While you're guessing, keep in mind that the only known driveways are those for which the required permits were obtained from the Road Commission's Department of Permits and Special Uses for connection to the 2,450 mile county road system.

Did you guess 3,055? You're right if you did.

Almost half of those were added in Avon (808) and West Bloomfield (704) Townships, where new subdivision developments are occurring at the fastest pace. Large numbers were also added in Bloomfield (230), Waterford (320), Commerce (153), Highland (191) and Orion (181) Townships.

The department issued a total of 7,114 permits for all purposes during the year, including 1,578 for one-time travel with a greater than standard load weight, 1,377 for annual above-standard load weights, 505 for underground activities, 239 for commercial approaches, 41 house moves and 37 parades.

Permits were also issued for and inspections accomplished on 6,500 lineal feet of asphalt paving overlay, 2,000 lineal feet of curbing, 7,667 lineal feet of road graveling and 20,682 lineal feet of shoulder gravel replaced by utility companies after construction activities.

A total of \$97,013 was collected in fees, reported Department Director James Dunleavy.

Meanwhile, the department's weighmaster division checked 3,271 vehicles and issued 214 tickets for violations, 175 formal warnings and 1,317 verbal warnings. The division's inspectors travelled a total of 144,437 miles, or the equivalent of 54 times over each mile of road, in carrying out its duties.

This department also biannually publishes a "Truck Operators' Map" which shows special situations on the county road system, such as reduced loading on bridges. The map graphically illustrates the roads suitable for "All-Weather" maximum loading and those which require reduced loading during the Spring frost melt.

## Permits Department

To carry out its responsibility for safety and uniformity of special uses of the road system and rights of way, the Road Commission has assigned a department known as "Permits and Special Uses." Truckers know it well, because they come to it for permits and find themselves checked for conformance to laws by the department's weighmaster division. Two other categories of permits and enforcement activity are sizeable also. Commercial or private driveway connections to the road rights of way require permits and are inspected for conformance to standards. Construction on, above or below the road rights of way by others also require a Road Commission permit and inspection. Parades and similar uses are also regulated. The department employs 22 persons under Director James Dunleavy and has a budget of \$450,388 for 1978.

## Subdivision Developers Add Mileage

By the end of 1978 subdivision street mileage on the Oakland County road system will total more than 1,000 miles and will be more than 40 percent of the total county road mileage.



**JAMES DUNLEAVY**  
Director, Permits

Such streets are added by developers and at developers' cost, over which the Road Commission has control only of design and standards, said County Highway Engineer Paul Van Roekel.

During 1977 a total of 28.97 miles of new subdivision streets were added. Already in 1978 a total of 16 miles have been added and the pace indicates last year's total will be exceeded by year's end.

Avon and West Bloomfield Townships have experienced the most new subdivision street mileage, followed closely by Independence Township.



## Engineering Department

All activity involved in the Road Commission's construction program is handled by the Engineering Department. Right of way is acquired. Funding commitments of others are obtained. Sites are tested before design. Projects are designed. Citizen opinions are sought. Work is advertised and let to private contractors, on the basis of the low qualified bid. Construction in progress and after completion is inspected. All of these functions are performed by this department of 81 persons under Director Dennis Grylicki, a registered professional engineer. The department has a budget of \$1.7 million, but its responsibility is far greater because it actually includes the value of the construction program, which was programmed for \$12.2 million in 1978.

## Construction Status: Wait Until Next Year

During 1977, the Oakland County Road Commission brought to completion \$7.5 million worth of construction projects. These included:

- 43 miles of bituminous overlays at an average cost of \$33,721 per mile.
- 282 miles of road gravelling at an average cost of \$3,895 per mile.
- 7 miles of paving two-lane gravel roads at an average cost of \$181,030 per mile.
- 2 miles of reconstructing to five lanes at an average cost of \$1 million per mile.
- 14 miles of subdivision street surfacing or resurfacing at an average cost of \$93,683 per mile.
- 7 intersection widenings at an average cost of \$62,703 each.
- 43 miles of new subdivision street construction, which was contracted and paid for by developers but inspected by Road Commission staff.
- passing lane construction.

### BIG BEAVER POSTPONED

The top priority project for 1977 — reconstruction of Big Beaver Road in Troy, from one half mile west of Coolidge Highway to one-quarter mile east of Livernois Road — was not completed. Unavoidable delays completing an environmental impact analysis pushed the project into 1978. Objections during a public hearing led to indefinite postponement while the community studies its goals and alternative ways to achieve them.

The Big Beaver project was a \$2 million portion of the construction program, of which \$1.4 million was to be federal funds and \$600,000 was to be Road Commission funds. Funding will be reprogrammed for the year in which construction is likely to be accomplished. Meanwhile, the Road Commission's portion has been used for a \$100,000 supplemental street repair program (targeted at older streets needing major repairs but not yet due for complete reconstruction) and a \$500,000 upgrading of maintenance equipment including 12 trucks of the type used for salting and snowplowing.

### 1978 CONSTRUCTION

For 1978, the Oakland County Road Commission budgeted \$12.2 million worth of construction. Features of the program, as amended, are:

- 39 miles of bituminous overlays (resurfacing of existing pavements).
- 15 miles of subdivision street paving or repaving.
- 13.4 miles of paving gravel roads.

- 22 intersection widenings and other improvements.
- \$683,000 worth of marking and signing improvements.

### ORCHARD LAKE ROAD DELAYED

The top priority project for 1978 — reconstruction to five lanes of Orchard Lake Road, between 12 and 15 Mile Roads — was not completed due to unavoidable delays completing an environmental impact analysis. That analysis is now complete and has been accepted by federal authorities. The project was strongly supported at a public hearing. Right of way acquisition is underway. The project is now scheduled to go to bidding in the Spring of 1979 and be completed that year.

The Orchard Lake project was budgeted for \$3.2 million, of which federal funding was scheduled for \$2.1 million, the Road Commission was scheduled for \$550,000 and \$550,000 was to be shared by the City of Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield Township. Actual cost is now estimated to exceed \$5 million which will be shared on the same ratio in the 1979 program.

Several tentatively scheduled 1979 projects were added to the 1978 program in place of the Orchard Lake project. These were 14 locations of resurfacing totalling 15 miles.

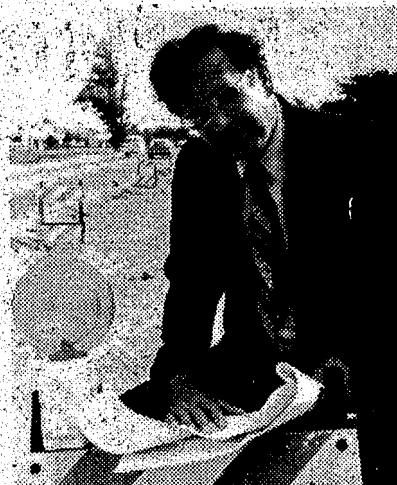
Many construction projects programmed for 1978 will not be under construction until 1979 for various reasons, not the least of which was receipt of bids as much as 40 percent over estimates on many advertised projects.

Engineering Department Director Dennis Grylicki and County Highway Engineer Paul Van Roekel expect that more and better bids will be possible by readvertising for bids in mid-Winter for 1979 work. They believe that high bids in 1978 were largely due to the construction industry boom that included accelerated work for Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sewer projects.

### 10 MILE ROAD WIDENING PLANNED

As part of the proposed 1979 construction program, the Road Commission is planning to widen 10 Mile Road to five lanes between Telegraph Road and Northwestern Highway at an estimated cost of \$2.3 million for the two-mile project.

Actually, the 10 Mile Road project is expected to require two years, with right of way purchasing in 1979 and actual construction in 1980.



DENNIS GRYLICKI  
Director, Engineering

## ORION ROAD

A first in Oakland County Road Commission history was accomplished during 1977-78 with the use of Federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds for a road project.

Orion Road for its entire 8.1-mile length from the Lake Orion Village Limits to Rochester Road was repaved, with widening of some sharp curves and corrections of surface slopes.

EDA approved \$399,000 of public works money for the project and the Road Commission contributed engineering and inspection, estimated to cost \$25,000.

## Tri-Party Construction Programs Spread Gravel, Safety

Two construction programs supplemental to programmed projects were undertaken in 1977 and 1978 when the elected Board of County Commissioners decided in mid-year to contribute funds.

During 1977, the program was primarily placement of three inches of new gravel on local roads in 17 participating townships at a total cost of \$1.3 million. The County Board contributed 20 percent of the cost, while the Road Commission contributed 40 percent and townships contributed 40 percent of projects within their boundaries.

Also a part of the 1977 program was paving of Brown Road from Joslyn to Giddings, which the County Board sought to service the Michigan Humane Society and the County Sheriff's Trusty Camp on Brown Road.

During 1978 the County Board contributed \$500,000 toward completion of the Brown Road paving east of Giddings and numerous safety projects in cities, villages and townships.

Funding of the safety projects is one-third by the County Board,

one-third by the Road Commission and one-third by benefitting communities, which limited the total project to \$1.5 million although communities indicated willingness to contribute one-third toward \$4 million worth of county road projects, said Managing Director John L. Grubba.

Participating are 20 of 23 townships, 21 of 26 cities and three of 12 villages. "It is amazing that cities and villages are willing to contribute to so much work on county roads," said Grubba. "The program could not be extended to city and village streets because state law prohibits use of the Road Commission's share of state-collected gas and weight taxes in jurisdictions that also receive shares of the state-collected gas and weight taxes. Fortunately, cities and villages which have home rule taxing powers were willing to contribute from general funds."

He said townships' participation was not surprising because townships are accustomed to contributing toward Road Commission projects on local roads.

## How Projects Are Funded

Funding of Road Commission construction projects is often misunderstood. To come up with even a \$12.2 million construction program requires resourcefulness. Only \$3.3 million would be available if the basic source of revenue—the state-collected gas and weight tax—were relied upon. Other Road Commission programs depend almost exclusively on the gas and weight tax funds. The Road Commission cannot levy taxes.

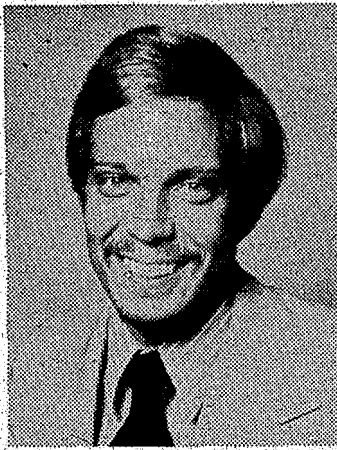
The State law limits gas and weight tax money to no more than 50 percent of the cost of construction on "local" roads. This means 1,678 miles or 68% of the Oakland County system, including 976 miles of subdivision streets. Generally township boards are counted on and do contribute the 50 percent local match for non-subdivision local road projects, but even the \$2 million in the 1978 program from that source doesn't come near meeting the countywide need. Neither the Road Commission's funds nor township board contributions have historically been able to stretch enough for 50-50 funding of subdivision street improvement projects. Therefore, Road Commission policy is to fund 10 percent of subdivision improvement construction; townships contribute 10-25 percent; and benefitting property owners pay 65-90%, for which state law and very successful Road Commission procedures provide a special assessment districting method. The 1978 construction program anticipated \$2.7 million of such special assessment funding.

Available federal funding is actively sought to the extent of ability to come up with required matching funds and ability to justify needed projects for currently authorized federal categorical programs. Federal funding can be up to 90 percent of qualifying safety projects or 70 percent of other projects. The Road Commission's 1978 program included \$3.5 million of federal aid. Also included in the 1978 program was \$500,000 contributed by the Board of Oakland County Commissioners, which was matched by participating cities, villages, and townships and by the Road Commission.





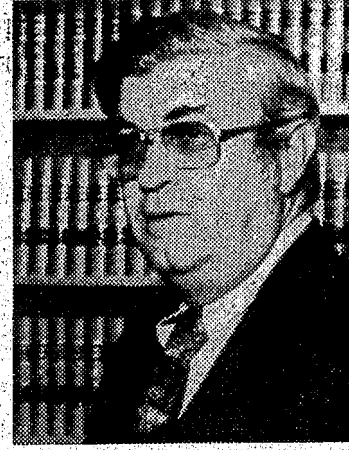
**JOHN L. GRUBBA**  
Managing Director



**JAMES BRINEY**  
Assistant Managing Director



**PAUL VAN ROEKEL**  
Highway Engineer



**LEROY McENTEE**  
Legal Counsel

## Executive Committee Formed

The Oakland County Road Commission this year invited consultants to take a look at existing management personnel and overall organization for recommendations on how to organize for Highway Risk Management.

The resulting report contained some encouraging remarks, such as:

"The Road Commission has a well educated staff with strong

capabilities and sound experience. The general competence and sense of professionalism is significantly above average."

The study was by Kent B. Joscelyn and Ralph K. Jones, who have been associated with the University of Michigan Highway Safety Research Institute. It was the first professional assessment of the Road Commission since a 1973-74 reorganization study by the Citizens Research Council of Michigan (CRC) which contained 135 recommendations. Most of the CRC recommendations have been implemented in the past five years, including delegation of responsibility for supervision, coordination and

direction of all staff activities to a managing director.

Joscelyn and Jones recommended lodging central responsibility for the Risk Management program in the managing director also, rather than in a separate department.

They further recommended that the managing director augment the top-level management capability by drawing upon three existing managers to create a Risk Management Executive Committee.

Managing Director John L. Grubba has followed the advice of Joscelyn and Jones. To the Executive Committee he has named County Highway Engineer Paul Van Roekel, Assistant Managing Director James Briney, and Road Commission General Counsel Leroy McEntee.

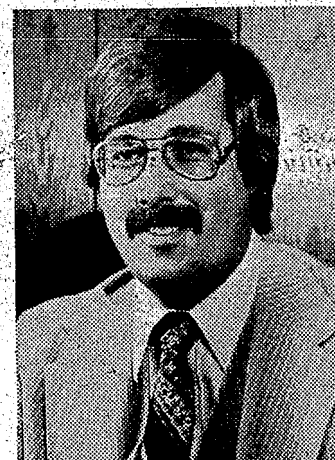
A third recommendation was to continue a Risk Management Coordinating Committee consisting of effected department heads, under chairmanship of the Risk Management Coordinator.

## Union Contracts Settled; Costs Up

Three multi-year collective bargaining contracts covering 435 of the Road Commission's 520 employees were ratified in early 1978, which among other things call for wage and salary increases of more than six percent annually and liberal fringe benefits.

A more productive classification system, which had been recommended by the Citizens Research Council of Michigan, was put into effect with the contracts. "The classification system aligns compensation according to skill levels and allows worth based on competitive market factors to be recognized within the organization," said Lee Rogers, Director of the Road Commission Personnel Department.

Increased costs to the public will be more than \$1.3 million over three years.



**BRENT BAIR**  
Risk Management Coordinator

## Risk Management Coordinator Named

Brent Bair, who joined the Road Commission in mid-1977 as Transportation Planning Coordinator and retains that position, has been additionally named Risk Management Coordinator.

His prior experience as a multi-line insurance underwriting manager was called upon early in the Road Commission's Risk Management program and his management skills combined with broad knowledge of program development have made him a valuable leader.

## Natural Beauty Requests Received

Citizens have petitioned the Oakland County Road Commission during 1977-78 to have segments of four roads designated as Natural Beauty Roads.

They are: Duck Lake Road and Wardlow Road East in Highland Township and Delano and Ray Roads in Oxford Township.

William Fognini, Director of Transportation Planning and Environmental Concerns, noted that "Such designation does not prohibit future changes, such as paving of the roadway. It does protect the natural vegetation in the right of way from destruction by acts within the control of the Road Commission."



**WILLIAM FOGNINI**  
Director,  
Transportation Planning  
& Environmental Concerns



**MICHAEL RICHARDSON**  
Secretary-Clerk,  
Director, Citizen Services



**LEE ROGERS**  
Personnel Director

## We're Involved in Regional Planning

The Oakland County Road Commission has representatives on several committees of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) where they attempt to contribute local input.

William Fognini, Director of Transportation Planning and Environmental Concerns, is a member of SEMCOG's Council on Regional Development (CORD).

Brian Blaesing serves as a member of the CORD subcommittee on recreation.

Brent O. Bair, Transportation Planning Coordinator, is a member of the CORD subcommittee on Transportation.

William McEntee, Environmentalist, is a member of the CORD subcommittee on air pollution.

## Your Input Helps Us To Manage

Public input into the policy and management decisions of the Oakland County Road Commission is considerable, and very helpful.

All of your input is analyzed and responded to in some manner, often by carrying out efforts sought or by designing better general programs such as Highway Risk Management.

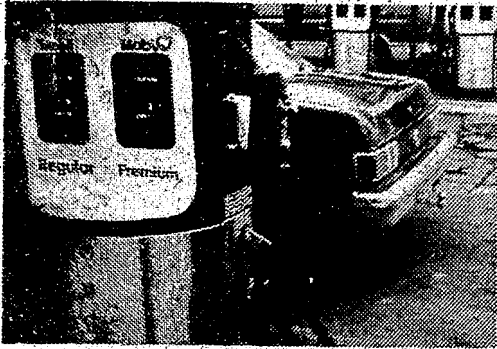
During 1977 alone, you referred 10,512 "complaints" to our special Dept. of Citizen Services on subjects ranging from dust to safety hazards. Already this year the pace of your calls to that special telephone number (858-4804) is even greater.

You attended our numerous public hearings, including the Fall pre-adoption hearing on our 1978 budget and construction program and 29 hearings and 20 administrative meetings on individual special assessment subdivision improvement projects. Three projects suggested at the annual budget hearing were added to the 1978 construction program.

During 1978 you became additionally involved, attending 23 hearings on individual general construction projects and four Natural Beauty Road proposals.

Most notable among the general construction project hearings, initiated in 1978, were those on proposed widening of Big Beaver Road in Troy and widening of Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield Township. Opposition at the hearing led to shelving the Big Beaver Road plans until the community studies its goals and alternative ways to achieve them. The Orchard Lake Road project was supported enthusiastically and is proceeding, with construction expected in 1979.



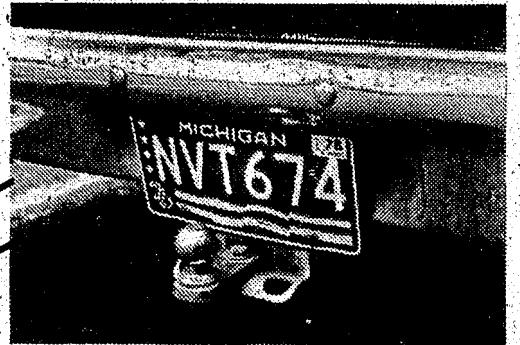


## Your Road Commission Does Not Levy Taxes

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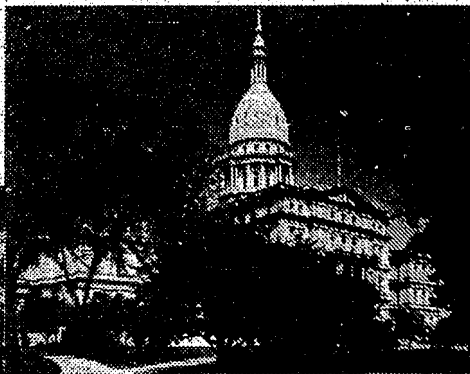
... at the pump for gasoline and diesel fuel ... and ...

... to the Secretary of State for motor vehicle licenses.



The State reimburses us for trunkline maintenance.

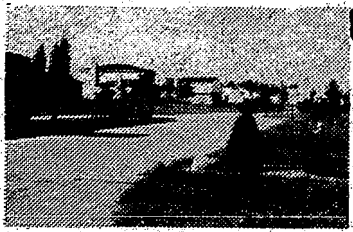
\$3.8 million



State distribution of such funds to the Oakland County Road Commission is budgeted to total \$17.5 million in 1978.

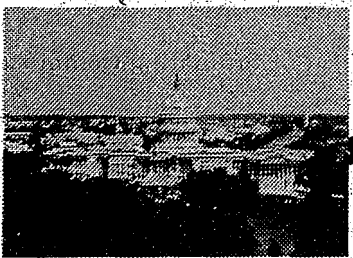
The Oakland County Road Commission attempts to make its gas and weight tax revenue stretch by developing programs that will attract matching funds from other sources.

Benefitting property owners assess themselves for subdivision street improvements.



\$2.7 million

The Federal government contributes to qualifying construction projects.



\$3.5 million

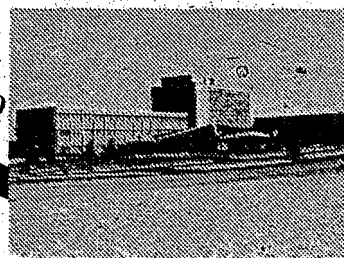


\$2.7 million



Local governing units vote funds for construction projects.

\$500,000



The County Board votes funds for construction projects.

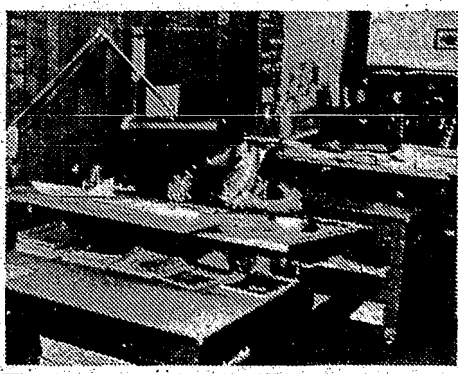
HERE'S HOW THE ROAD COMMISSION BUDGETED IN 1978 TO PUT ALL AVAILABLE MONEY TO USE.



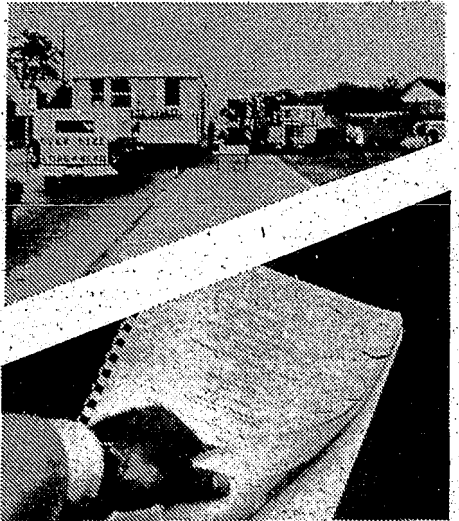
Maintenance: \$8.2 million



Fixed Costs: \$5.3 million



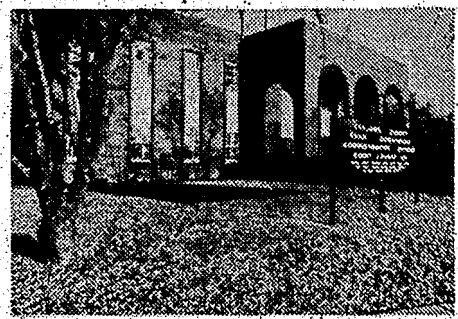
Engineering: \$1.7 million



Other Departments: \$745,000



Traffic Services: \$2.4 million



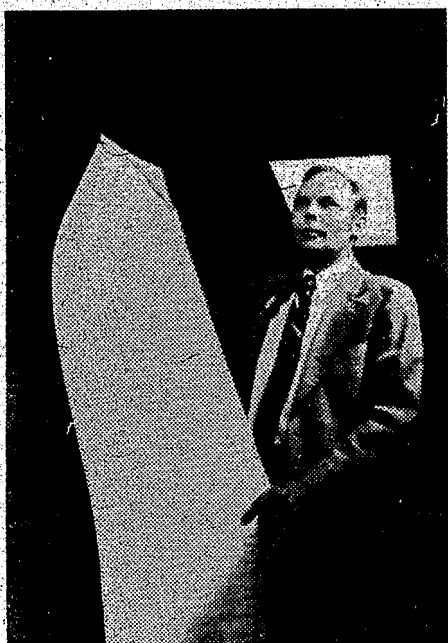
Administration: \$1.5 million



Construction: \$8.4 million

# Auditors Praise Our Progress In Improved Financial Controls

The Oakland County Road Commission has significantly improved its financial controls over the past four years, according to Bruce M. Berend, partner in the Certified Public Accounting firm of Plante & Moran of Southfield.



**JAMES DANE**  
Finance Director

While presenting the audit report of the Road Commission's 1977 books, Berend told the three-member Board of County Road Commissioners: 'Most significantly, you are getting much greater use of your computers with new applications that include accounts payable and inventory distribution. Financial reporting has also been computerized so that you are able to get reports compared to the operating budget and compared to state requirements for use of the state-collected gas and weight tax revenues.'

'More use of the computer has also allowed quicker reporting, which provides your managers with data upon which to base day to day decisions,' said Berend.

'By adding personnel in the Finance Department, particularly, you are realizing better use of the financial records. One outstanding example is that with greater data and accurate calculations you have been able to achieve fuller reimbursement for your overhead costs involved in maintaining the state

trunklines. That alone should recover more than \$100,000 per year,' said Berend.

He said Purchasing Department upgrading of inventory taking and controls have also been a measurable benefit.

Berend told the Road Commissioners that progress with financial controls over the past four years has reached the point where now 'it's just a matter of fine tuning.' He recommended including property owners' special assessment projections in the annual operating budget, switching from a cash to accrual basis accounting for local government contributions to federally aided projects and strengthening inventory controls of electrical equipment and materials.

Road Commission Chairman John R. Gnau, Jr. said, 'We are pleased to learn the attention given to improving financial controls is having results. This is an unglamorous part of the Road Commission's responsibility, but with a \$28.6 million budget it is crucial.'



**WILLIAM MOORE**  
Budget Coordinator

## Budget Supervisor Monitors Expenses

An experienced budget administrator was added to the Road Commission staff in mid-1978. William F. Moore, 38, of Ortonville, who had 10 years of experience with Oakland County general government, helps prepare the annual budget and monthly budget reports. He also advises on improvements and changes in the budget process.

James Dane, Finance Director, said, 'The budget, which is a basic and important management tool, will have closer scrutiny at that management level with addition of Moore.'

Within its \$28.6 million budget for 1978, the Road Commission provided for an \$8 million payroll for its 520 employees.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

### ROAD FUND BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1977

#### ASSETS

Cash	\$ 642,705
Investments—Certificates of deposit and Treasury bills—At cost	6,500,050
Accounts receivable:	
Special assessments (Note 3)	\$2,622,440
County road agreements	560,364
State Highway Department (Note 6)	5,522,505
Work orders	34,124
Other	413,626
	9,153,059
Accrued interest receivable	43,868
Deposits:	
With State on Federal construction projects	313,500
Bond paying agents	100,235
Inventory—At average cost	1,164,088
Due from deferred compensation carrier (Note 9)	521,642
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$18,439,147</b>

#### LIABILITIES, DEFERRED REVENUE AND FUND BALANCE

<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts payable	\$ 1,326,963
Advances of deposits:	
Escrow deposits	\$1,497,131
Township matching funds	198,511
Inspection projects	49,686
Others	33,406
	1,778,734
Accrued liabilities	419,503
Amounts due employees—Deferred compensation plan (Note 9)	521,642
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>4,046,842</b>
<b>DEFERRED REVENUE</b>	
Work orders	317,489
Special Assessment Districts (Note 3)	299,063
	616,552
<b>CONTINGENCIES (Note 7)</b>	
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>13,775,753</b>
<b>Total liabilities, deferred revenue and fund balance</b>	<b>\$18,439,147</b>

### Board of Road Commissioners Oakland County Road Commission Birmingham, Michigan

We have examined the financial statements of Oakland County Road Commission for the year ended December 31, 1977, which are listed in the table of contents. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and standards prescribed by the State Treasurer and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

The financial statements of the Oakland County Road Commission Retirement System have not been included in the accompanying financial report. The retirement system financial statements were examined by another independent auditor who issued a report dated March 20, 1978.

As disclosed in Note 7 of the notes to financial statements, the Oakland County Road Commission has been named defendant in several lawsuits. In some of the suits, the amount of damages claimed exceeds insurance coverage by a material amount. It is not possible to determine the outcome of these lawsuits at this time.

In our opinion, subject to the effects, if

any, on the financial statements of the ultimate resolution of the lawsuits discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements listed in the table of contents present fairly the financial position of the Oakland County Road Commission at December 31, 1977, and the results of operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Our examination was made primarily for the purpose of rendering an opinion on these basic financial statements, taken as a whole. The additional information identified in the table of contents is not necessary for a fair presentation of the financial statements, but is submitted as additional analytical data. This information has been compiled from the accounting records which were subjected to the tests and other auditing procedures applied in the examination of the financial statements mentioned above and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Our report of comments and recommendations is submitted under separate cover.

**Plante & Moran**  
Certified Public Accountants  
Southfield, Michigan  
April 19, 1978

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—December 31, 1977

**NOTE 1 — ACCOUNTING POLICIES —**  
The Road Commission is a governmental agency responsible for the maintenance and construction of the road system in the County of Oakland, Michigan.

The books and records of the Road Commission are maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Modifications in such method from the accrual basis are as (Continued on Page 11)



# ROAD FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977

	Original Budget	Budget Amended	Actual	Over (under) Amended Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>				
State aid — Act 51	\$16,510,000	\$16,510,000	\$17,211,162	\$ 701,162
Other State and Federal aid	3,619,500	3,619,500	4,524,094	904,594
Revenue from local government	1,714,000	1,940,000	2,574,595	634,595
Fees and other revenue	766,500	766,500	1,316,489	549,989
Special Assessment District (Note 2)	—	—	1,031,798	1,031,798
Total revenues	22,610,000	22,836,000	\$26,658,138	\$3,822,138
Appropriation of fund balance	—	2,381,392	—	—
Total budget	\$22,610,000	\$25,217,392	—	—
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Board of County Road Commissioners	\$ 54,500	\$ 67,500	\$ 62,961	(\$ 4,539)
Managing director	329,238	178,673	168,352	(10,321)
Office of public information	—	15,275	12,744	(2,531)
Clerk of the Board	116,539	129,640	122,541	(7,099)
Finance department	372,754	347,254	334,185	(13,069)
Legal department	99,850	99,850	93,592	(6,258)
Purchasing department	172,846	172,846	163,199	(9,647)
Personnel department	122,006	146,807	150,703	3,896
County highway engineer	79,765	82,132	66,999	(15,133)
Engineering department	1,679,363	1,703,829	1,638,238	(65,591)
Transportation planning and environmental concerns	218,740	301,029	261,397	(39,632)
Traffic department	2,322,675	2,392,003	2,235,480	(156,523)
Permits and special uses	431,881	431,881	422,616	(9,265)
Maintenance department	7,432,562	7,886,956	7,802,810	(84,146)
Nondepartmental	5,055,781	5,386,717	6,109,560	722,843
Construction expenditures (Note 5):	—	—	—	—
Other than special assessment districts	4,121,500	5,875,000	5,345,168	(529,832)
Special assessment districts (Note 2)	—	—	908,473	908,473
Total expenditures	\$22,610,000	\$25,217,392	\$25,899,018	\$681,626

## ROAD FUND STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977

FUND BALANCE — January 1, 1977	\$13,016,633
EXCESS REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	
Revenues	\$26,658,138
Expenditures	25,899,018
FUND BALANCE — December 31, 1977	\$13,775,753

## Notes to Financial Statements

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follows:

- Revenues that are both measurable and available for use to finance operations of the Road Commission are recorded as revenue when earned. Under this policy, certain revenues, including State-shared revenue, are recorded even though funds are not received until after year-end.
- Interest revenue on investments is recorded on the accrual basis. Interest revenue from construction deposits with State of Michigan is recorded when received. Interest revenue on special assessment receivable is not accrued until its due date.
- Interest on long-term debt is not recorded as an expenditure until its due date.
- Normally, expenditures are not divided between years by the recording of pre-paid expenses.

**Long-term Debt.**—Long-term debt is recorded in the Long-Term Debt Group of Accounts. Principal and interest payments on long-term debt are recorded as expenditures in the Road Fund on their due dates.

Accounting policies relative to recording investments and inventories are indicated in the captions on the Road Fund balance sheet. Information as to the accounting policies for Special Assessment Districts, pension costs, general notes to financial statements.

**NOTE 2 — BUDGET FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM.**—The Road Commission considers the accounting aspects of the special assessment program as separate and distinct from those of the normal road con-

struction program. For this reason, the budget of the Road Commission does not provide for revenues from the confirmation of special assessment rolls or for expenditures of construction and debt retirement of the special assessment program. Actual revenue and expenditures amounts presented in the financial statements are, therefore, reported against zero budget amounts for these classifications.

**NOTE 3 — SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS.**—Certain types of road improvement projects are financed by assessments upon the properties receiving benefit. Revenue is recognized on these special assessments when they are levied, except for the portion attributed to construction not completed, which is deferred until completion. In 1977, revenue was recognized in the amount of approximately \$1,032,000. Expenditures exceeded revenues by the portion of construction costs which is borne by the Road Commission. Revenues deferred at December 31, 1977 on uncompleted construction totaled \$299,063.

Because the assessments can be paid in 10 annual installments, at the option of the property owner, the Road Commission had to advance funds to the projects to pay for construction. To provide these funds, the Road Commission originally issued revenue notes in the amount of \$5,500,000. While future gas and weight tax receipts are pledged for the repayment of these notes, special assessment collections are used for this purpose. The balance of the notes payable at December 31, 1977 is \$2,450,000. Because these notes are long-term debts, they are recorded in the General Long-term Debt Group of Accounts rather than as a liability of the Road Fund. Thus, a portion

of Road Fund fund balance equal to the assessments receivable is intended to be used to retire these notes.

**NOTE 4 — RETIREMENT PLAN.**—The Road Commission has a retirement plan covering all employees. The contribution to the plan for the current year totaled \$1,133,103. This contribution includes a provision for funding unfunded accrued service costs of \$6,647,903 over 34 years from December 31, 1976, the date of the most recent actuarial report.

**NOTE 5 — CONSTRUCTION IN PROCESS.**—As of December 31, 1977, various construction projects were in process. Payments had been made to the contractor or a liability recorded for the amount of work done as of that date. It is estimated that the Road Commission contribution for construction, net of revenue from Federal aid and contributions from participating communities, needed to complete the projects that were in process as of December 31, 1977, totals approximately \$1,200,000 for general road improvements. The total amount needed to complete these projects will be greater than the contract amounts due to inspection costs and other noncontracted services that will be required. Determination of the total of such other costs is not possible, though it is anticipated that a significant part of such costs will be shared with other governmental units.

**NOTE 6 — EMPLOYEE BENEFITS.**—Under contracts negotiated with employee groups or under Board policy, individual employees have a vested right to receive payment for unused sick leave, accumulated vacation pay, and certain other benefits upon termination of employment or retirement. The value of these vested rights, which is not recorded on the financial statements, is approximately \$990,000 at December 31, 1977.

**NOTE 7 — CONTINGENT LIABILITIES.**—The Road Commission has been named defendant in several lawsuits in which plaintiffs are seeking damages of various amounts. Among these are ten lawsuits with claims which exceed insurance coverage by approximately \$45,000,000. In the opinion of legal counsel, it is not possible to forecast the result of any one of these lawsuits at this time. In addition, there are several lawsuits pending in which plaintiffs do not specifically seek damages but rather injunctive or mandatory relief. While these lawsuits may involve a cost to the Road Commission, it is estimated to be of an immaterial amount.

**NOTE 8 — GENERAL FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION.**—General fixed assets purchased are recorded as expenditures in the Road Fund at the time of purchase. Such assets are capitalized at cost in the General Fixed Assets Group of Accounts, except for certain improvements including roads, bridges, curbs and gutters, streets and sidewalks, drainage systems and lighting systems.

Provision is made for depreciation in the General Fixed Assets Group of Accounts. Depreciation charges in 1977 totaled \$869,

## LONG-TERM DEBT GROUP OF ACCOUNTS

### STATEMENT OF LONG-TERM DEBT DECEMBER 31, 1977

Amounts to be provided for the retirement of Act 51 Bonds	\$4,645,000
Amounts to be provided for the retirement of Act 143 notes	3,650,000
Amounts to be provided for the payment of contractual obligation	146,262
Total amount to be provided for long-term debt	\$8,441,262
Revenue bonds payable:	
1962 issue	\$1,945,000
1968 issue	2,700,000
Total revenue bonds payable	4,645,000
Revenue notes payable (Note 3):	
1970 issue	450,000
1971 issue	800,000
1973 issue—Series I	1,200,000
1973 issue—Series II	1,200,000
Total revenue notes payable	3,650,000
Contractual obligation—Computer installment purchases	146,262
Total long-term debt	\$8,441,262

998, based upon the following methods and useful lives:

	METHOD	USEFUL LIVES
Buildings	Straight-line	50 years
Road equipment	Sum of years-digits	5-8 years
Shop equipment	Straight-line	10 years
Office equipment	Sum of years-digit and straight-line	8-10 years
Engineering equipment	Straight-line	10 years
Brine wells	Straight-line	Various
Gravel pits	Units of production	Various
Salt storage bins	Units of production	Various
Yard and storage equipment	Straight-line	10 years

**NOTE 9 — DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN.**—During 1976, the Road Commission adopted a deferred compensation plan. Under the plan, employees may make contributions, through payroll withholdings, to the plan. The assets of the deferred compensation plan are administered by an insurance carrier and are not available to employees until termination of employment.

**NOTE 10 — SUBSEQUENT EVENTS.**—On February 21, 1978, the Michigan Municipal Finance Commission approved the Road Commission's application for permission to issue Motor Vehicle Highway Fund revenue notes totaling \$2,500,000. Annual principal payments of \$250,000 begin August 1, 1979 and continue through 1988. At the date of this report, the date of issuance of these notes and the interest rates have not been determined.

Effective January 1, 1978, the Road Commission adopted an insurance program for its general liability coverage under which the Road Commission is responsible for payment of losses incurred of \$100,000 or less per occurrence, up to a total of \$1,000,000 for a policy year.

## GENERAL FIXED ASSETS GROUP OF ACCOUNTS STATEMENT OF GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

	Balance January 1, 1977	Additions	Disposals	Balance December 31, 1977
Land and land improvements	\$ 964,813	\$ 57,878	\$ —	\$ 1,022,691
Buildings and storage bins	3,413,184	74,347	133,673	3,353,858
Road equipment	5,884,202	1,021,181	580,278	6,325,105
Shop equipment	204,532	12,238	274	216,496
Office equipment	390,690	24,177	1,775	413,092
Engineering equipment	55,002	2,286	235	57,053
Brine wells	83,669	—	—	83,669
Gravel pits	75,965	—	7,680	68,285
Yard and storage equipment	350,248	21,960	—	372,208
Total general fixed assets	11,422,305	1,214,067	723,915	11,912,457
Less accumulated depreciation (Note 8)	5,374,284	869,998	608,574	5,635,708
General fixed assets—Net of depreciation	\$ 6,048,021	\$ 344,069	115,341	\$ 6,276,749



# Here's What You Told Us In Last Year's Survey

"About 40 percent of respondents to our questionnaire said they are willing to pay additional property taxes for road improvements," announced John R. Gnau, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Oakland County Road Commissioners.

"That is amazing and surprising," he said, adding that the 935 responses received was also unexpectedly large.

"Of course, the majority were opposed to any new property taxes, but who could have reasonably expected 40 percent of any sampling to favor additional taxes for roads," asked Gnau?

"Huge majorities" favored construction of Northwestern Highway and M-275, and favored widening of M-59 and Big Beaver (16 Mile Road). These projects were also ranked as the top priority, although building "more" freeways and interstates was ranked last in priorities, he said.

Gnau said, "We were not surprised that our own Tri-County Alternate transit plan was preferred substantially over a Detroit subway plan proposed by the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA).

"Nor were we surprised that the majority of respondents believe progress in county road construction and maintenance is inadequate, because we know full well the needs are greater than funding capability," he said.

## TAXES

60% said additional funds should

come from federal and state sources, while 10.9% favored use of county general funds, 1% favored use of city or township funds, 1% favored additional property taxes, 6.2% favored a special tax and 21.1% gave no answer.

(Percentages fail to total 100% due to rounding.)

50.7% opposed any new property tax for countywide road improvements and 7.9% gave no answer. But 41.3% said they would accept a property tax for countywide road improvements, as follows: \$1/\$1,000 property valuation (23.2%); \$2/\$1,000 (10.9%); \$3/\$1,000 (2%); \$4/\$1,000 (5.2%).

51.2% opposed any new property tax for road improvements within their community and 10.2% gave no answer. But 38.6% said they would accept a new property tax for such purpose, as follows: \$1/\$1,000 (21.5%); \$2/\$1,000 (9.6%); \$3/\$1,000 (1.8%); \$4/\$1,000 (5.7%).

## PRIORITIES

Priorities favored by respondents for spending of tax money on transportation in the future were ranked as follows:

1. "Build or complete the proposed freeways and interstates (e.g. M-275, Northwestern, and I-696)."

2. "Improve existing roads through widening and straightening programs."

3. "Improve existing roads through surfacing, resurfacing and intersection improvements."

4. "Extend and improve bus service to all populated areas."

5. "Improve transit service and bus services to the rail stations and other areas."

6. "Introduce and promote other forms of transit, such as Dial-a-Ride, Carpools, Vanpools, etc."

7. "Build more freeways and interstates."

## STATE HIGHWAYS

By a 72.2 to 20% majority, respondents said county roads are not adequate without proposed M-275, Northwestern Highway, and a wider M-59.

By a 59.2 to 28.8% majority, respondents criticized the state's decision cancelling the M-275 freeway.

By a 60.7 to 21.4% majority, respondents said the extension of Northwestern Highway should be built as planned.

By a 79.8 to 7.7% majority, respondents said widening of M-59 west of Pontiac is long overdue.

## MASS TRANSIT

Less than 30% of the respondents said they would use either the Tri-County Alternate proposal or the SEMTA proposal "frequently" or "occasionally." Only 19.8% said they would have that much use for SEMTA's system and 28.1% said they would have that much use for the Tri-County Alternate. Asked which is "preferable," 35.6% said the Tri-County Alternate and 20.7% said SEMTA's plan.

Asked whether suburban taxpayers should help finance a sub-

way system for Detroit, 79.6% said "no" and 12.4% said "yes."

Asked if a suburban community helps pay for a transit system, should it receive its fair share of the service, respondents answered 91.3% "yes" and 2.9% "no."

## COUNTY ROADS

Asked if progress in county road construction is adequate, 54.2% said "no" and 30.6% said "yes."

Asked if county road maintenance is adequate, 56.7% said "no" and 32% said "yes."

Asked if Big Beaver Road (16 Mile Road) should be widened to a divided, multi-lane arterial from Coolidge east to Dequindre Road, 41% said "yes" and 18.9% said "no."

## DEMOGRAPHICS

• Waterford and West Bloomfield Townships tied for the greatest number of respondents from a single community with 57. Place of residence was omitted by 49 respondents.

• Detroit was the work of desination cited most frequently, by 91 respondents; followed by Pontiac (71 respondents). Respondents answering "unemployed" or "retired" totalled 87. This information was omitted by 101 respondents.

• Waterford was listed as the shopping destination most, by 114 respondents. This information was omitted by 79 respondents.

• The median number of persons per household was three.

• The median number of cars per household was two.

## We'd Like To Know What Your Present Opinions Are

The Board of Oakland County Road Commissioners would like your help with several issues being considered now.

You can have an impact by checking your answers to the questions presented below. You needn't sign the questionnaire.

Please return the completed questionnaire to the Oakland County Road Commission, Administrative Offices, 31001 Lahser Road, Birmingham, Michigan 48010 (or 2420 Pontiac Lake Road, Pontiac, Michigan 48054).

### SECTION I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. I live in ..... (indicate name of city, village or township).
2. I work in ..... (indicate name of city, village or township).
3. I shop mostly in ..... (indicate name of city, village or township).
4. There are ..... people in my household.
5. There are ..... cars in my household.

(Please check ONE response for each statement.)

### SECTION II. COUNTY ROADS:

1. The Oakland County Road Commission made the right decision in putting safety first, even if it means that congestion problems may have to wait.

Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Undecided ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐

2. I feel the greatest safety problem on our roads today is (check one):  
\_\_\_\_\_ Potholes and edge ruts \_\_\_\_\_ The Other drivers  
\_\_\_\_\_ Design of roads (curves, width, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ The vehicles  
\_\_\_\_\_ Pavement markings, signs, signals \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

3. In my opinion, the most unsafe road in Oakland County is ..... Road, between ..... Road and ..... Road. It is unsafe because .....

4. In my opinion, the most unsafe intersection in Oakland County is the intersection of ..... Road and ..... Road. It is unsafe because .....

5. Progress in county road construction is adequate.

Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Undecided ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐

6. County road maintenance is adequate.

7. I would be willing to pay \$1 per \$1,000 of property valuation for county road improvements.

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

8. Lack of State highways is a major factor causing overburdened county roads.

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

9. The M-275 freeway as originally planned is one State highway that should be built.

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

10. I travel on roads to destinations outside the county .....

Over 30 Times Monthly ☐ 20-30 Times Monthly ☐ 10-20 Times Monthly ☐ Under 10 Times Monthly ☐ Never ☐

### SECTION III. MASS TRANSIT:

1. If one of the proposed SEMTA light rail systems were operating, I would use it .....

Over 30 Times Monthly ☐ 20-30 Times Monthly ☐ 10-20 Times Monthly ☐ Under 10 Times Monthly ☐ Never ☐

2. Rather than a fixed-rail system, regional transit should develop more bus, dial-a-ride and similar regional services.

Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Undecided ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐

3. A subway for Detroit should be part of the regional transit plan.

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

### SECTIONAL IV. PRIORITIES:

1. In terms of spending tax money on transportation in the future, I think the priorities of Federal, State, County and Local governments should be as follows: (Place the number 1 in front of the area that should be the highest priority; the number 2 in front of the second highest priority, and so on.)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Build or complete the proposed freeways and Interstates (eg. M-275, Northwestern, and I-696).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Build more freeways and Interstates.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Improve existing roads through widening and straightening programs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Improve existing roads through surfacing, resurfacing, and intersection improvements.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Improve transit service through addition of rail transit service and bus service to the rail stations and other areas.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Extend and improve bus service to all populated areas.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Introduce and promote other forms of transit such as Dial-A-Ride, Carpools, Vanpools, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please explain) .....