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Kimbel gets top police job

By Kathy Greenfield
Staff writer

Charles Kimbel has been named director of Independence Township Police Services.

Kimbel, 50, took over as acting director of police services seven months ago when Jack McCall resigned.

The Independence Township Board approved Kimbel's permanent appointment at its Dec. 19 meeting in a 5-2 vote.

The board set his annual salary at \$18,720, starting Dec. 18.

In his previous capacity as acting director, Kimbel earned just under \$9 an hour, so his income will remain about the same, according to Township Clerk Christopher Rose.

Voting against Kimbel's appointment were Treasurer Fredrick Ritter and Rose.

"The timing was bad on it, because we haven't had a report from the police advisory committee," Ritter said, "and because of the millage defeat in November, we don't know what direction we're going to take with the police department.

"It wasn't a problem with Charley," Ritter added. "I think he has done a good job."

Ritter also expressed concern

over several other applications for the position not considered by the township before Kimbel was appointed.

"We've had four or five applications for the position and none of them have ever been reviewed," Ritter explained. "They gave us applications in good faith. I think they should have had an opportunity to present themselves."

Rose cited concern over recent changes in federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) guidelines that will have an effect on the local police department that has seven CETA-paid employees on the nine-member staff.

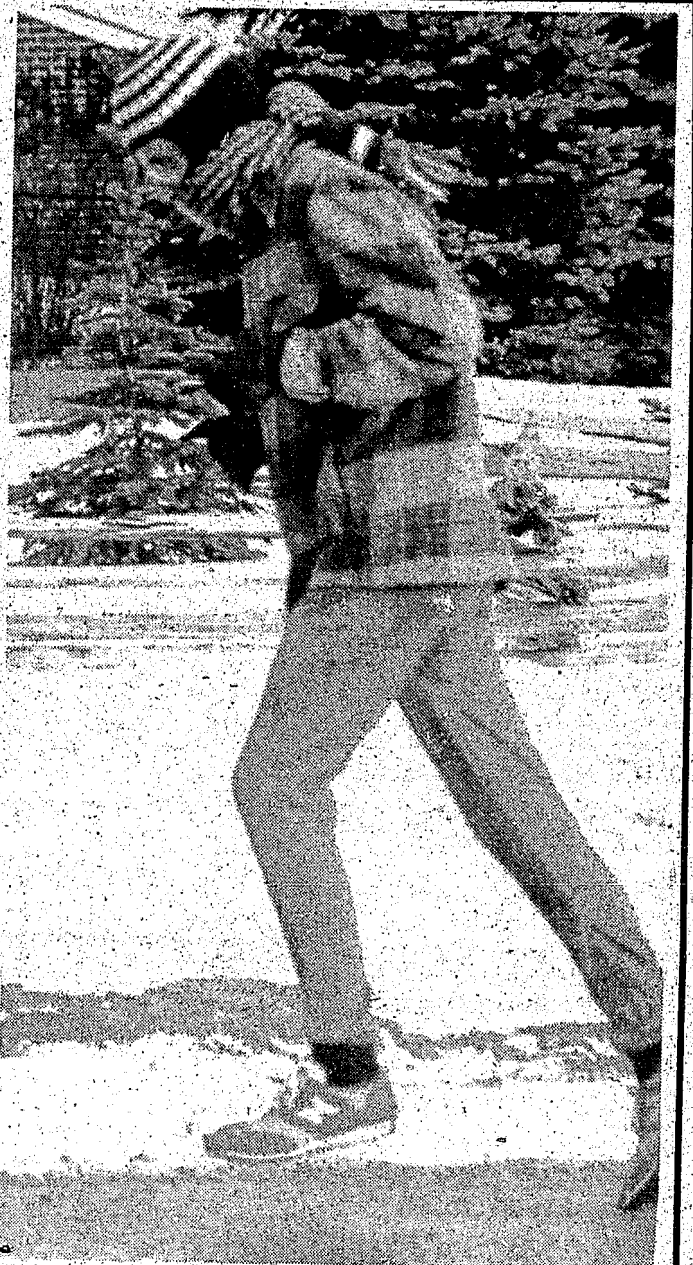
"We should have decided on a direction for police services before we decided on a police chief, since the millage was defeated and CETA funding was drastically changed," Rose said.

Kimbel and his wife Rose, who have four grown sons, have lived in Independence Township over eight years.

Kimbel has been active as a member of township police services since 1973 when he began working on a reserve basis.



It's the only way to jog—at least during December, said Dennis Dunlavy, intrepid runner.



Independence Township resident Dennis Dunlavy is a dedicated soul indeed. Not only does the young man jog three miles daily, he's become proficient at dodging icy patches as he exercises.

In gear for winter running

Photos by Mimi Mayer

Lake skaters

Beware thin ice

By David N. Braboy
Staff writer

Children who enjoy playing on frozen lakes may literally be walking on thin ice.

Recently, area youngsters have begun to venture out on various ice-covered lakes and small ponds to skate or play hockey. However, local police and fire officials warn that the children may be taking their lives in their own hands.

Independence Township Police Chief Charles Kimbel firmly recommended that frozen lakes should not be played upon at this time. "I wouldn't think it would be safe right now," he said. "It just hasn't been cold enough yet."

Citing a recent stretch of above-freezing weather, Kimbel

said, "It has to stay around 20 degrees all the time for a good number of days, at least a couple of weeks."

However, Kimbel added even after sub-freezing weather sets in, there are still some lakes and ponds which never completely freeze over.

"There can be underground springs which could keep certain areas of a lake open all the time," he said.

Kimbel advised parents to never let a child decide if a lake is safely frozen or not.

"Don't trust a child's judgment and never let children play be themselves. If they're alone and something happens, there's no one around to get help," he said.

"What kids don't realize is

that once they fall in, how do we get to them?" he added.

For such emergencies, the Independence Township Fire Department has a 100-foot-long, 2½-inch-thick hose, according to Fire Chief Frank (Tink) Ronk.

"We've had the hose for a couple of years and all we do is hook it up to an adapter and then plug it into an air regulator," he explained. "We then shoot compressed air into it and it becomes rigid enough to push out onto the ice where people can grab onto it."

Ronk said the department has been fortunate in not having to recently use the hose for such rescue purposes.

"But it's good to know it's here whenever we need it," he added.



James Mirageas, stealing the puck from George Antos, skates on the Mill Pond, hardly aware that the ice may be thin, endangering more than mere fun.

\$100,000? Ho-hum

Lack of public input will mean the Independence Township Board will continue to allocate \$100,000 in Community Development Act funds as in the past.

The second, and final, public hearing for ideas on how to use the money for the next fiscal year was conducted at a board meeting last Tuesday.

Clerk Christopher Rose said, "Since we got so few comments at the hearings with four comments on Tuesday and two comments at the first hearing, the board will spend it (the funds) in the same areas as in the past."

Those areas, Rose explained, include aiding senior citizens, park acquisitions and improvements, home improvement loans

and grants and a second year study of a township-wide storm drainage study.

Rose added he will next prepare the funds' budgeting with planning consultant Tod Kilroy and allocate certain monies for each area.

Their recommendations will then be forwarded to the board to face approval or rejection, he said.

During the second public hearing, Jaycees President James Randall of Maple Drive said, "Priority has already been set on

senior citizens, sidewalks and park development. I hope some of these projects could continue to get the funds."

Dick Schmalz, bike path committee chairperson, suggested the funds could be used to help finance the committee. "We'll form a study to figure out how best to get input into this suggestion," he added.

Other residents suggested the funds be used for a community center or funding recreational activities.

Appeals board filled

The Independence Township zoning board of appeals has one new member, and two other members have been reappointed.

Trustee Jerry E. Powell was named to the appeals board to carry out the remaining year of newly elected Township Treasurer Frederick Ritter's term.

Ritter's resignation, "effective immediately," was accepted by the township board at its Dec. 19 meeting.

Ritter, who previously served as a trustee on the township board, resigned because he is now a fulltime employee of the township, and the position on the appeals board is traditionally held by a parttime official, he said.

Paul Menke and Robert Newlin were reappointed by the township board for three-year terms on the zoning board of appeals.

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Independence rejects plat amid dispute

By David N. Braboy and Kathy Greenfield

Construction of the remaining 125 houses in Lake Oakland Woods subdivision has been further delayed.

In a 4-3 vote, the Independence Township Board last Tuesday rejected final plat approval for the second half of the subdivision located between Sashabaw and Maybee roads.

About 121 houses are now completed in the first half of the development and approximately 80 percent are occupied.

Clerk Christopher Rose made the rejection motion citing six areas of concern with the final plat approval requested by Ed Rose and Co. of Southfield, builder and developer of the subdivision.

The concerns, involving wetlands, bond placement, drainage easements and a difference in plats are now being checked by the township attorney, Richard Campbell, Rose said.

During discussion of the issues at the meeting, four residents of the subdivision discussed their concerns.

"You're allowing substandard homes to be built in your township," Larry Kozma of Pheasant Run Road told the board.

"Clarkston is a classy area that doesn't need these cheap homes," he said.

"If we deny this, do you think Ed Rose will pack his bags and disappear?" responded Treasurer Frederick Ritter.

Another subdivision resident said the township attorney should find out if the developers can force the board to approve the plat.

"I'm sure they (the developers) won't sue us if we delay on this," Supervisor Floyd (Whitey) Tower said.

After Rose made the rejection motion, Trustee Jerry Powell said he would vote against it.

"I feel the motion approved at the last meeting should stand until we get a lawyer's review," he said, referring to the postponement of plat approval at an earlier meeting.

Tower agreed, and Trustee Michael Thayer also voted against the motion.

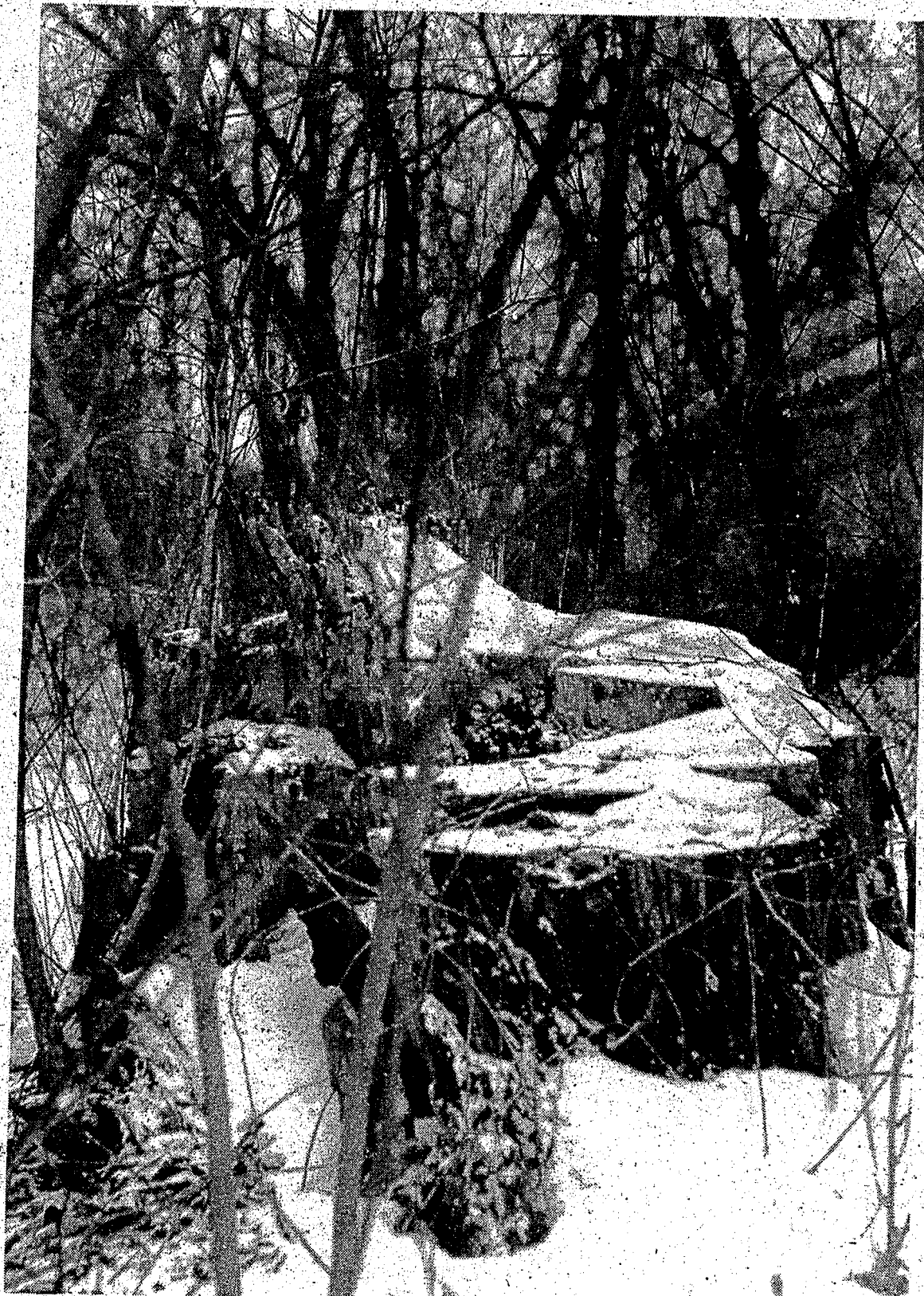
After the meeting, Gene Komarynski, the builder's representative, said, "Needless to say, we didn't expect to have the construction rejected."

The day following the meeting, representatives from Ed Rose and Co. visited the township offices, the clerk said.

"Needless to say, they were not happy," he added. "We said, 'We've got a list of six or seven items--they've got to be taken care of,' and they indicated there was no problem."

The builder will probably request approval of the final plat as soon as the attorney completes his research, Rose said.

"I would be very surprised if (Campbell) was ready by the first meeting in January," he added.



Sign of winters past

Tucked away near the millstream is this ancient stump. Measuring nearly three-feet wide, the stump is a trace of the huge trees that once forested the Clarkston area.

Independent view

Independence Township now rates as the second fastest subdividing area in Oakland County.

So says a report from the county road commission that credits the township with just over six miles of new subdivision streets last year.

Avon Township was in first place with 13 miles of new subdivision streets.

West Bloomfield dropped to third place with just under five miles of new pavement in 1978.

What if a local business owner gets a 'Top of the Trash Heap' award?

Litter was a persistent topic at the Dec. 11 Clarkston Village Council meeting.

Not only was Mary McCann's letter requesting more trash barrels along the Main Street business district in Clarkston read, but the village president proposed giving an unusual award.

Active in the Clarkston Beautification Committee, Fontie ApMadoc is sharply aware of businesses whose patrons befoul Main Street with their trash.

Said Madame President, "I was thinking maybe the Beautification Committee should give a perpetual trophy to one of the businesses."

The question is: Will the proud recipient pick it up?

Little Chef to move

The Clarkston Little Chef restaurant will move south on Main Street in the early spring.

Dick Powe, owner of the restaurant, said the Little Chef will relocate from its present site at 10 S. Main to 59 S. Main in Clarkston.

Powe said the move will be made so he can expand and update the restaurant's kitchen facilities and provide parking for his patrons.

Few changes in the eatery's menu or atmosphere will be made, Powe said, adding, "It

will be the same type--family style and casual."

Powe plans to add more chef's specialty dishes to the menu.

The restaurant will be located in the basement of the Sutherland Place building, owned by Powe.

Survey polls voc ed grads

Comments on vocational education are being sought from area students who completed vocational programs and graduated from high school in 1978.

About 260 questionnaires were mailed in mid-December to find out what vocational graduates are doing and how well they feel the school programs have served

their needs.

Included in the survey will be space for written comments as well as multiple choice questions.

Completed surveys should be returned by Jan. 1.

Conducted by Clarkston Community Schools, the coordinators are Alberta Donlin of the

Northwest Oakland Vocational Education Center and Marvin Hess of Clarkston High School.

Results will be used by the local school system to improve programs, and will also become part of a state-wide survey by the Michigan Department of Education.

Shots scar office window

An unidentified vandal or vandals shot three holes in the front windows of the Clarkston News building at 5 S. Main St. sometime early Friday morning. The holes were first noticed by Jeanie Masak, secretary of Max Broock, Inc. The realty business occupies the front portion of the building.

"I came into work around 8:30 a.m. and saw glass all over my desk," she said. "And I soon found out there was glass on my chair, too."

After placing a call to the Independence Township Police Department, two officers inspected the holes and shattered

Officer Dirk Feneley said, "It was probably BB-shots, or a slingshot was used. The holes are too small for anything else." glass strewn about the carpeted floor.

Feneley said the department recently has been receiving similar reports from houses in the nearby North Holcomb area.

Water group expands duties

The Clarkston Hydrology Committee may be renamed the "Ecology Committee."

Formed in the late summer following residents' complaints about water levels in local lakes and streams, the Hydrology Committee originally intended to study the local water cycle.

Clarkston village Councilwoman, Ruth Basinger, received the Council's permission Dec. 11 to expand the committee's duties to include investigation of the area's ecosystem, and she suggested the name change.

Basinger reported that the move to widen the committee's responsibilities was suggested by Clarkston Mills shopping mall developer Marc Alan who attended the Nov. 14 Hydrology Committee meeting.

Alan owns the gates which control Mill Pond water levels.

He is willing to aid committee members in their research, Henry Radcliff, a Hydrology Committee member, said later.

"He has the same feeling the community has: the need for clean water coming into the Mill Pond," Radcliff said. "Mr. Alan is what I would say, quite cooperative."

Radcliff explained the committee's aims.

"Primarily, it is investigating

what is called water management—water quality, water upstream, environmental safety, convincing people to care about the water quality," he said.

Radcliff added that the committee's work has remained in the "the embryo stage."

Basinger said later she has arranged meetings with two water experts, "to get their recommendations on our project."

She plans to invite Ray Cummings, district chief of

water resources for the United States Geological Survey to a future hydrology committee meeting.

Basinger also will meet Jan. 3 with Dorothy Dumontier of the Oakland County Department of Public Health.

The committee will meet monthly throughout the winter and is "staffed" by Clarkston residents Frank Russell, Caroline Young, Rita Chisholm, Radcliff and herself, Basinger added.

Village endorses history committee

The Clarkston Village Council endorsed the creation of the Oakland County Historical Committee at the Dec. 11 meeting.

Sponsored by Robert Gorsline (R. Milford) of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, the committee was created so countywide support can be given to historical building preservation projects, Councilwoman Ruth Basinger told the

council.

The advisory committee will also work to establish historic preservation districts across Oakland County, she continued.

Committee members, appointed by county commissioners, will work in a purely advisory capacity, Basinger added.

The council's resolution endorsing the committee was passed unanimously.

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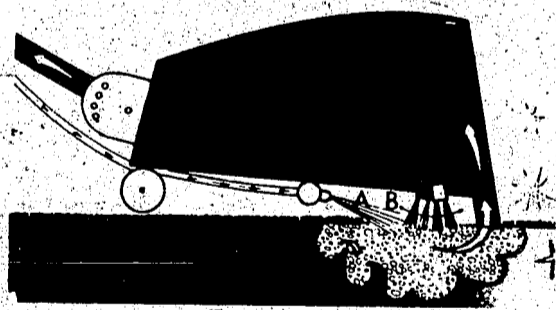
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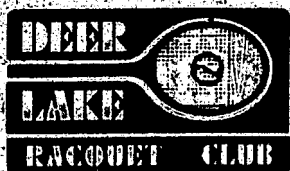
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Letter to the editor

Handicapped not harmful

To The Editor:

After reading the two articles in the Clarkston News regarding the Foster Care Home Facilities and the legal action of the CCOC, I wanted to write in behalf of these facilities.

After being involved with several foster care home facilities of the same nature in Genesee County last year, I found no "dangerous and harmful" adults - whether physically or mentally handicapped, in these homes.

In many cases these homes are the only facsimile of a warm, normal home life these people will ever have.

I suggest each of the members of the CCOC to go and visit and become acquainted with residents in these facilities.

Instead of "harmful creatures" they will find many residents capable of attending special schools teaching them to become an active part of the community and even working jobs.

I doubt the Department of

Social Services would ever allow a "dangerous" person into one of these facilities.

The question the Tiptons should ask the Department of Social Services if granted the license to open the foster care home should be "Will the residents of this home be safe from the people on Oak Hill Road?"

Sunni S. Sanger
Drayton Plains, MI

Be prepared— I wasn't



by Pat Braunagel

Quick now.
List the entire contents of the most cluttered cabinet in your kitchen.

Without looking, where is your family's ice bag located? Where is a plastic bag that could be used as a substitute?

Describe the operation of the "delicate" cycle of your washing machine.

Where is the address of your last friend who moved?

Where is the last book you read and wanted to pass on to a friend?

Where would you send someone for a wing nut in your house? Try again. And again.

In short, sinner, you are ready to direct the operation of your household--or your part of it--from a chair (or "throne," as my husband came to call it).

I sure wasn't and have wished I'd been given any notice at all that I was going to break a leg. Just a bit of time to put some essentials in order.

The break was not a complicated one. I have not had much pain to endure. For that, I am grateful--particularly after meeting other orthopedic patients.

I am primarily grateful for the friends and mother-in-law who crowded a bunch of good deeds

into their own pre-Christmas preparation to carry our household through the holiday.

I just wasn't ready to break a leg. Not six days before Christmas.

To begin with, we had not yet put up a Christmas tree because we had not yet finished painting our living room. So Don not only had an invalid wife to care for, he had to complete the painting job without an assistant to handle the trim and without a go-fer.

He had to select a tree (the best of three left on the lot) without any reliable advice. And he had to find all the decorations.

At this point, our friends the Marvins took over. Pat, Frank and four of their children came over, bearing dinner in a basket, to trim the tree and prove once again how great kids can be.

"Isn't this just like having the Osmonds for Christmas?" one asked as she made a ceremony of escorting me to the tree to place the last ornament.

Another friend, a writer, volunteered to do a screenplay of the whole episode to add to next year's Christmas offerings on television.

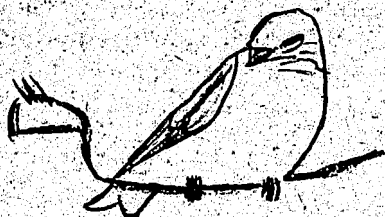
Maybe by then I will have found this week's TV Guide.

I heard
a bird
sing

I heard A bird Sing
In the dark of December,
A magical thing
and Sweet to remember.

We are closer to Spring
Than we are in September,
I heard a bird Sing
In the dark of December.

by Colleen
Dwire



Colleen Dwire is a sixth grader at Bailey Lake Elementary.

Bouquet

To the editor:

On behalf of the adult foster care home residents in the Clarkston-Ortonville area, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Clarkston Senior High School Band, under the direction of Mr. Cliff Chapman, for their Christmas Concert

which was presented at the Knights of Columbus Hall on December 12.

The musical selections were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Sincerely,
Dennis Jacobs, Coordinator
Brandon, Clarkston and Holly
Adult Basic Education

Jim's jottings



What's up for '79?

by Jim Sherman

What will the new year hold?

A majority of economists say a recession will be here by mid-year.

A majority of small merchants believe if newspaper writers and radio and tv news readers talk about what the economists predict a recession will turn into a depression.

Oh, the unholy power some people believe the media people have.

You probably think its natural for me to say a person might better prepare for the possibility than to miss the curve for lack of a sign.

It's going to take some setbacks to counter the inflationary spiral.

On one hand we cry about the 10

percent inflation rate, about costs of goods and services climbing faster than income.

On the other hand we whimper when adjustments are made to cut that inflation rate to 5 or 6 percent a year.

For the good news, no one is predicting an extended period of recession or a depression. No one is predicting war. No one is predicting a win for the Republicans.

No one is predicting a win for the Lions, Tigers, Pistons or Red Wings.

Which brings us around to our first point this week. If the media is

so all-fired great at making things happen, why aren't the area's professional sports teams world champions?

The media has them all big winners before their respective seasons start. So, what happens?

The media has the same influence on putting the country into, and taking us out of, a recession, or war, or win for the GOP.

A person might better have a little nest egg in the bank, than take on the obligation of that third pickup truck.

No sense in risking losing all your vehicles and having to move in with the folks when a few months of

delayed spending might save it all.

By the end of 1979 we will all likely be in about the same position as we are now. We will not have any more real income, we will not be much further in debt, and we will still be eating 4-squares a day.

Also, a year from now, the Lions, Tigers, Red Wings and Pistons will have all made their excuses, just as they have been doing for too many years.

And, for the most part, we will all be around to wish you a Happy New Year, just as we've done the past umpteen years, and as we do now.

Happy New Year

'Detect - a - Drunk' works

By David N. Braboy
Staff writer

Thursday night I got drunk. Well, at least I did according to an Automobile Club of Michigan test called "Detect-A-Drunk."

The point is, I did so in the safety of my home. I know that if I had suddenly decided to drive somewhere, the statistics were against my eventual arrival.

The subject is drinking and driving, and for several hours that night I had been doing the former. But not in the sense that I wanted to lose touch with reality, but because I wanted to see if I could fail or pass a test.

The test is known as "Detect-A-Drunk," an Automobile Club of Michigan party game designed to test people if they are too drunk to drive.

It's aimed at people who plan to party this weekend and attempt to drive home. With heavy emphasis on "attempt."

Recently, the test has been given various newspaper coverage explaining the test's procedures and benefits. I will go over the procedures briefly, but the benefits are obvious.

If a host can determine whether his or her guest is too intoxicated to drive after failing the test, then perhaps a life can be saved by telling that guest to stay.

And have a cup of coffee. Or two. Just enough so when they've sobered up somewhat to drive home, they can do so in safety. Or at least call a cab.

At 6 p.m. I and my roommate,

Jackson Telfer, of the Oxford Leader, began the "Detect-A-Drunk" test. He stayed sober for accuracy of notes and judging.

After three beers, I took the test. Admitting to a "slight sense of giddiness," I easily passed the first phase of the test: picking up three coins on the carpet.

The second part of the eight-phase test is called "Hokey Pokey," in which a person must turn in a circle three times without staggering. Again, I easily passed that.

"As Time Goes By" is the third phase, involving telling the time without looking at a timepiece. This I passed with a guess because 10 minutes earlier I had looked at a clock.

Phase five is titled "Disco Duck." This phase tests if a person can take a few steps in a duck walk position. Sorta like walking with your knees completely bent.

Flying colors. The last four phases I passed, too. They are: "Stagger Line," walking heel to toe in a straight line; "Stand Tall," standing erect and unsupported without weaving; "ABC's of Love," reciting the alphabet; and "Lock Around the Clock," inserting a key into a locked door and opening it.

At 10 p.m. I took the test again after belting down three more beers, an even six-pack.

I was very definitely feeling a buzz. My sense of coordination was slightly off, but I was able to completely pass the test, "Disco Duck" and all.



A direct miss

Clarkston News staff writer David N. Braboy fails to insert his house key into a doorlock while participating in a "Detect-a-Drunk" test. The Automobile Club of Michigan test is a party game which may persuade drunk drivers from driving home during this holiday weekend.

Jackson and I began to doubt the authenticity of the test. After drinking six beers on an empty stomach, I should have some reaction besides feeling good.

However, that reaction became fully apparent with the third and final test after downing three more beers. Much to the amusement of

Jackson, I failed to do the Hokey Pokey, the Disco Duck, Lock Around the Clock, As Time Goes By and (much to my embarrassment) the ABC's of Love.

So "Detect-A-Drunk" had lived up to its standards while I had not.

But the important point is that I learned of this while at home and not wrapping my car around a telephone pole. Or head on into another car. Or off a bridge.

And perhaps this holiday weekend, a few more people will be able to say the same.

'If it Fitz...' He's the Clark Kent type

by Jim Fitzgerald



When Superman was born in 1938, in a comic book, I was 12 years old, the perfect age to be enchanted by an invincible man. But there must have been something wrong with me.

All of my buddies wanted to grow up to be Superman. I wanted to grow up to be Clark Kent, with no phone booth. Honest.

And I made it. All my life I've been a mild-mannered newspaper reporter. That's all I ever wanted to be. There's something to be said for setting low goals: Success is more easily obtained, especially if you kick extra points.

Superman is on my mind for the obvious reason.

Today he is starring as Marlon Brando's son in the most expensive movie ever made. If you've never heard of this movie you're dead and it's remarkable that you're able to read this column. You should probably have a few words with your mortician.

I saw the movie "Superman" the first night it played in Detroit. I was in a hurry because I wanted to tell my family and friends what I thought of the movie

before I read what the critics thought of it. I'm always influenced by the opinions of professional critics, and I hate to disagree with them. I'm mild mannered; remember.

"Star Wars" was tough on me. Before I saw it, I read the opinions of several eminent critics. They all said it was a great movie. I thought it was dumb, but I never told anyone. When people said they loved "Star Wars," it wouldn't have been mild mannerly of me to tell them they were stupid.

Besides, they would have pointed to the rave reviews and said I was weird to be the only person in the world who didn't love "Star Wars." So I simply said I hadn't seen the movie. One of the advantages of not being Superman is you can lie.

But even a mild-mannered person can get indigestion from swallowing too many opinions. I didn't want the "Superman" movie to be another "Star Wars." I wanted to get my "Superman" opinion on the record before I was intimidated by the professional critics.

As soon as the movie ended, I announced to my wife and all the people sitting around us: "That was a dumb, boring movie. I'm going to tell everyone not to waste money on it."

On the way home, I stopped at several tea rooms to spread the word further. I ripped "Superman" good. I said it was fine for little kids but it would bore sensible adults into insensibility. I said there was nothing funny or exciting about some guy flying from New York to California via phony photography instead of by United Airlines.

As I left one tea room, I heard a woman ask: "Who was that unmild man?" This bothered me, I'll admit. I didn't want to blow my Clark Kent image. But at least I had voiced my opinion before I could be cowed by the reviews in the next day's newspapers.

It was a good thing. The professional critics are nuts about "Superman." Many of them say it's even better than "Star Wars," for goodness sake.

My wife was bothered by my isolated position. "There must be something wrong with you," she said.

I suppose. What's wrong with me

now is probably the same thing that was wrong with me 40 years ago when Superman made his debut. He bored me in the comic book because, no matter how terrible the threat, the readers always knew Superman would win in the end. The movie bored me for the same reason.

What fun is it to root for a perfect person? That's as exciting as rooting for Wednesday to follow Tuesday.

On the other hand, a real Clark Kent, without phone booth, will lose more often than not. But it can be exciting to root for him. There's always the chance Clark might drop his mild manner long enough to fight off whatever is being dumped on him.

Without the aid of blue underwear, Clark might even refuse to go along with the crowds and the critics who think a movie must be super if \$10 million worth of advertising says it is.

It's true this world needs heroes. But heroes are made, not born to Marlon Brando in two weeks' gestation at \$1.8 million per week. You may quote that, but please do it in a mild manner. Thank you.

Sewer study continues

Action on enforcing Clarkston's sewer hookup ordinance has yet to be taken by the village council, despite further research

by attorneys.

The council authorized attorneys Thomas Gruich and Gregory Need to further investigate the legality of placing liens on property titles for buildings owned by Clarkston residents who haven't hooked into the village sewer system.

In a letter to the council read at the Dec. 11 meeting, Gruich said liens can be placed on the titles only in proven cases of financial hardship and with the property owner's consent.

An alternative tactic would be prosecution of the violators by

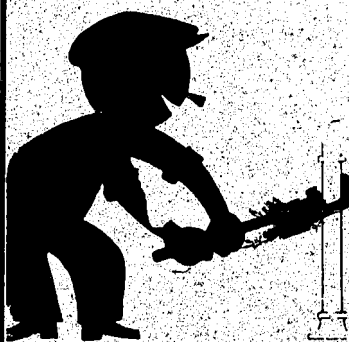
the council under the criminal provision of the village law, Need later said.

Using this plan, the council would seek an injunction from district court ordering property owners to hook up or face criminal charges, Need continued.

The council can "be selective" in whom they prosecute if they adopt this method, Need said, explaining that the approximately 25 property owners who haven't hooked up may be collectively named in a suit or prosecuted individually.

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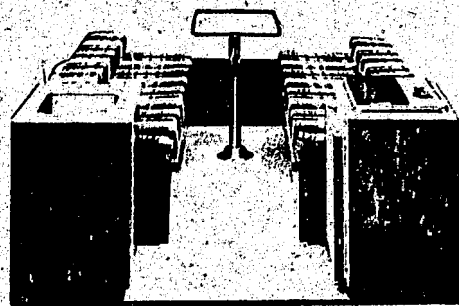
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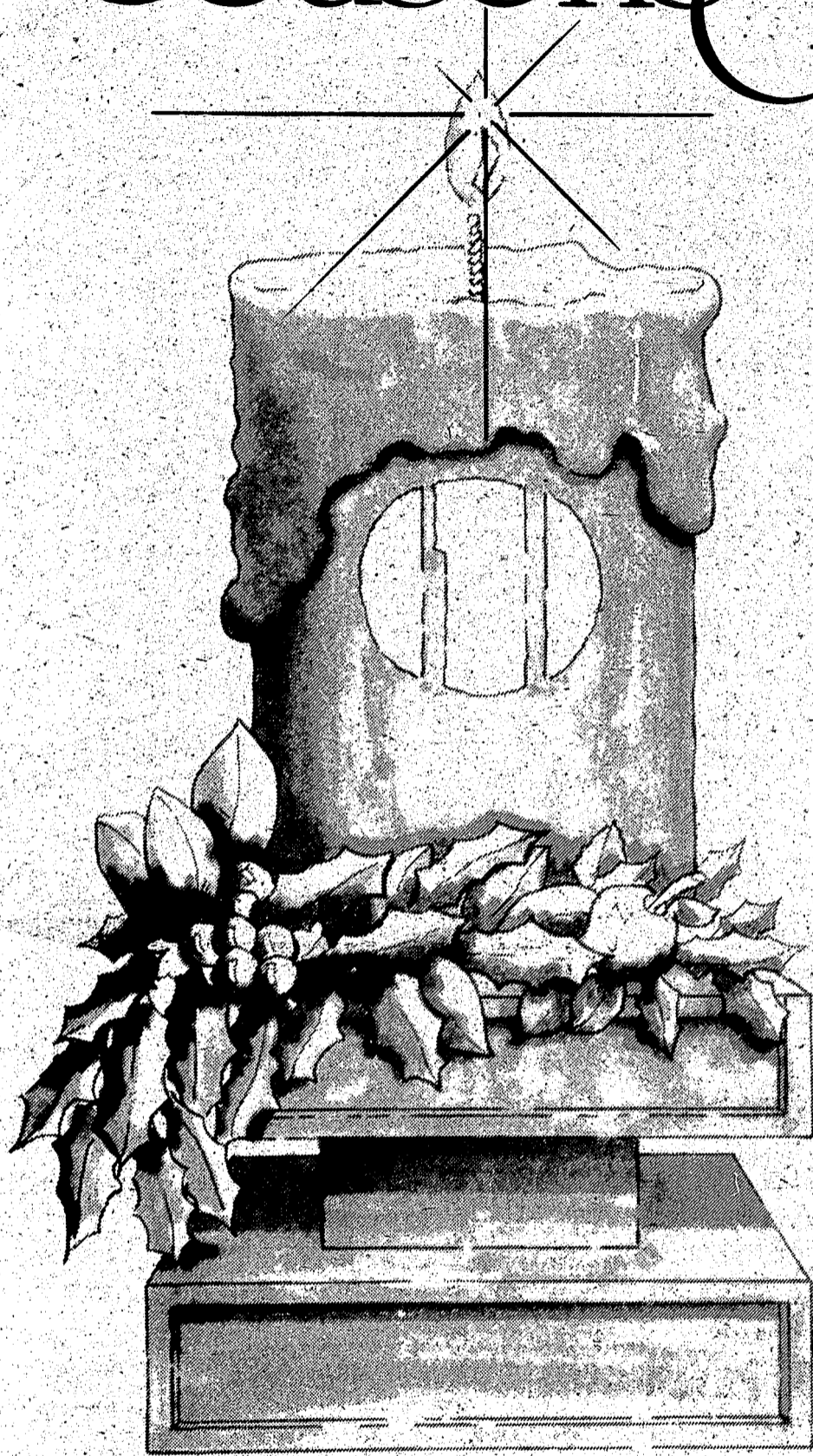


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Date	Opponent	Sport	Place	Time				
Thur. Dec. 28	Christmas Tournament	BB	W. Mott					
Fri. Dec. 29	Christmas Tournament	BB	W. Mott					
Sat. Dec. 30	Montrose Invitational (soph)	W	A	10a.m.				
Tues. Jan. 2	Flint Carmén	BB	H	6:30				
Thur. Jan. 4	Rochester (V. only)	W	A	7:30				
Tues. Jan. 9	Grand Blanc	BB	A	6:15				
Tues. Jan. 9	Troy Athens	W	H	6:30				
Tues. Jan. 9	Pontiac Northern	Skiing(S)	Pine Knob	4:00				
Wed. Jan. 10	Lk. Orion & Birm. Groves	VB	H	6:00				
Thur. Jan. 11	Milford	W	A	6:30				
Fri. Jan. 12	Milford	BB	H	6:30				
Fri. Jan. 12	B. H. Andover	S	Pine Knob	4:00				
Sat. Jan. 13	Schoolcraft Invitational	VB	A	9a.m.				
Mon. Jan. 15	Avondale	VB	A	6:30				
Tues. Jan. 16	Lake Orion	BB	A	6:30				
Tues. Jan. 16	Waterford Kettering	S	Pine Knob	4:00				
Wed. Jan. 17	Lake Orion	S	Pine Knob	4:00				
Wed. Jan. 17	Rochester	VB	A	7:30				
Thur. Jan. 18	Andover	W	A	6:30				
Fri. Jan. 19	Rochester	BB	A	7:30				
Sat. Jan. 20	Clarkston Invitational	W	H	9a.m.				
Mon. Jan. 22	W. Bloomfield	VB	H	6:30				
Tues. Jan. 23	Rochester Adams (varsity)	BB	H	8:00				
Tues. Jan. 23	Utica (J.V.)	BB	H	6:30				
Tues. Jan. 23	Rochester	S	Pine Knob	4:00				
Wed. Jan. 24	Milford	VB	A	6:30				
Thur. Jan. 25	West Bloomfield	W	H	6:30				
Thur. Jan. 25	Utica Eisenhower	S	Pine Knob	4:00				
Fri. Jan. 26	Andover	BB	H	6:30				
Fri. Jan. 26	Rochester Adams	S	Pine Knob	4:00				
Sat. Jan. 27	Adams Invitational	W	A	10:00				
Sat. Jan. 27	Ypsilanti Invitational	VB	A	9a.m.				
Mon. Jan. 29	Waterford Kettering	VB	H	6:30				
Tues. Jan. 30	Bloomfield Hills Lahser	S	Pine Knob	4:00				
Wed. Jan. 31	Andover	VB	A	6:30				
Thur. Feb. 1	Waterford Kettering	W	H	6:30				
Thur. Feb. 1	W.O.L.L.	S	Pine Knob	4:00				
Fri. Feb. 2	Midland	W	A	6:15				
Fri. Feb. 2	Waterford Kettering	BB	A	6:30				
Mon. Feb. 5	Rochester	VB	H	6:15				
Tues. Feb. 6	Port Huron Northern	W	H					
	Flint Central							
Wed. Feb. 7	West Bloomfield	VB	A	6:15				
Wed. Feb. 7	Divisional	S	A					
Fri. Feb. 9	West Bloomfield	BB	A	6:15				
Sat. Feb. 10	Detroit News League Meet	S	A					
Sat. Feb. 10	G.O.A.L. League Meet	W	A	9a.m.				
Sat. Feb. 10	Dearborn Invitational	VB	H	6:30				
Mon. Feb. 12	Milford	VB	A	6:15				
Tues. Feb. 13	Davison	BB	A	6:15				
Wed. Feb. 14	Waterford Kettering	VB	A	6:15				
Wed. Feb. 14	Pontiac Catholic	W	H	6:30				
Thur. Feb. 15	Regionals	S	A	6:30				
Fri. Feb. 16	Milford	BB	H	8:30a.m.				
Sat. Feb. 17	Clarkston Invitational	VB	H					
Sat. Feb. 17	Districts	W	H	6:30				
Mon. Feb. 19	Andover	VB	H	6:30				
Wed. Feb. 21	Lakeland	VB	A	6:30				
Fri. Feb. 23	Rochester (varsity)	BB	H	8:00				
Fri. Feb. 23	Troy Athens JV	BB	H	6:30				
Sat. Feb. 24	Regionals	W	H	8:30a.m.				
Sat. Feb. 24	J.V. Invitational	VB	H	6:00				
Mon. Feb. 26	Ferndale & Flint Northern	VB	H					
Mon. Feb. 26	State Championship	S	A	6:15				
Fri. Mar. 2	Andover	BB	A					
Fri. Mar. 2	District Tournaments	VB	A					
Fri. Mar. 2	State Finals	W	A					
Sat. Mar. 3	State Finals	W	A					
Mon. Mar. 5	Districts	BB	A					
Sat. Mar. 10	Regionals	VB	A					
Tues. Mar. 13	Regionals	BB	A					
Sat. Mar. 17	Finals	VB	A					
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Snowless hills suit these skiers

By David N. Braboy
Staff writer

When Jeff and Pattie Trim of Davisburg want to ski, they don't care if it's winter or summer.

Snowless slopes are just the thing for the Trims, who simply take their grass-skis and head for the nearest hill. And grass-skiing, as Pattie, 25, is quick to point out, is a new sport spreading rapidly across the country.

"Grass-skiing is an everyday thing over in Europe," she said regarding the sport's origin in the early 1960's. Jeff, 24, added, "I guess it started out in California about two years ago, and it's starting to catch on here."

And it was two years ago the Trims decided to learn grass-skiing as training preparation for snow-skiing. This summer, Jeff and Pattie would drive to Bryce Mountain, VA, each weekend to compete in numerous races.

To grass-ski a person needs regular ski poles, boots and a special \$150 pair of Rollka skis, Jeff said. The skis are much shorter than snow-skis and constructed with durable "caterpillar" treads.

So instead of the gentle swooshing sound of a snow-ski, the grass-ski comes clackety-clacking down the slope during 1,800-foot-long races.

The Trim's home is decorated with many first place trophies Pattie has earned, plus silver and copper medals won by Jeff. And while there are no cash awards given, they also gain physical fitness and a feeling of accomplishment.

"It's a very hard sport," Jeff noted. "It takes a lot of effort to get down the slope, but once you finish the race you feel good having done it."

"It's a very tense sport," Pattie added. "There's nothing

relaxing about it."

Grass-skiing, according to Jeff, essentially is the same as snow-skiing except the absence of snow makes it more difficult to stop.

"You can get up to 50 MPH during a one-minute race," he explained. "And because you're rolling instead of sliding, you have to take longer to stop by rolling around back up the hill."

Grass-ski races are promoted by the U.S. Grass Ski Association and usually sponsored by sporting goods stores, Jeff said.

The Trims have been busy competing in these races trying to earn enough points to be eligible for an upcoming World Cup grass-skiing match in Europe.

"We hope to be able to race in Europe next year for the World Cup," Pattie said. "There'll be seven races each in the U.S. and Europe, and then the top 10 men and five women will compete in Europe."

The Trims have never raced against themselves because grass-skiers only compete against their own sex. However, Pattie does practice grass-skiing with men and Jeff proudly noted that she has held her own.

"She's all right," he said. "Not very many women compete because it's so demanding, but Pattie's a pretty good racer."

Jeff, the son of State Rep. Claude A. Trim (D-Davisburg), said his father thinks he's "crazy." "But he thinks it's pretty neat, what we do," he added.

The Trims also are raising two potential grass-skiing champions in their sons, Bobby, 8, and three-year-old Scout.

And while Bobby enjoys both snow- and grass-skiing, his younger brother may have to wait until next summer before rolling down warm, green slopes.

"All Scout can do so far is just ski on snow," Pattie said with a smile.



A snowless slope is the prime ingredient for grass-skiing, as shown by Jeff Trim of Davisburg. Jeff, seen here racing this summer at Bryce Mountain in Virginia, hopes he and his wife Pattie will compete next year in Europe's World Cup grass-skiing tournament.

Sports

CJH matmen win

Another win was taken by the Clarkston Junior High wrestling team Dec. 15.

Taking on the Van Hoosen

Junior High matmen from Walker and Tom Hecker and Rochester, the Clarkston grapplers scored a victory, 38-35. Wins were scored by Jimmy Thompson and Scott Lyons.

Parks and Rec standings

Men's Basketball, Winter 78-79
Standings as of Dec. 17.

Old Mill 53 (2-1)
Howe's 2 (2-1)
Rademacher Chevy 65 (3-0)
Pepper's 73 (1-2)
Schram's 85 (3-0)
Mr. B Bar 70 (3-0)
Big Tease Lounge 75 (2-1)
Extractors (0-3)

Pontiac Pacers 52 (2-1)
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Navarre & Smith 41 (0-3)
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Rob's Place 73 (1-2)
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The following paper back best-sellers published in December have been acquired for the library:

- "Ice," by Arnold Federbush.
- "Magic," by William Goldman.
- "The Savage Sands," by Christina Nicholson.
- "Love's Fervent Fury," by Robin Joseph.
- "Never Call it Love," by

Veronice Jason.
"The Rich Girl," by Elizabeth Villars.

A series of public meetings have been arranged in the library. The subject being ECKANKAR, a method of spiritual awakening.

The speaker is Judy Bill. The next meeting will be held Jan. 17 at 7 pm. This is a free public

meeting and all are welcome. Pre-school story time and after-school movies are continuing regularly.

Titles for the movies to be shown on the 3rd and 4th of January are: "Chotu and His Jungle Elephant Frog Went A Courtin'" and "John Henry."

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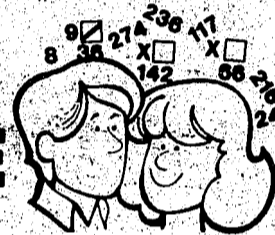
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The play, an adaptation of Thomas Wolfe's novel, received the New York Critics' Circle Award following its Broadway premiere in 1957.

For information and reservations, call the Hillberry Theatre box office at 577-2972.

Tickets are also available at Hudson's, and at Oakland University, Henry Ford Community College and the Schoolcraft College ticket services.

"The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial" at 8:30 p.m., Meadow Brook Theatre, Rochester, Jan. 4, the start of a four-week run.

The drama was made by

Herman Wouk from the climatic chapter of his Pulitzer Prize novel, "The Caine Mutiny."

Tickets for the play which will run through Jan. 28 may be purchased at Hudson's, or by calling the Meadow Brook Theatre box office, 377-3300.

Opening week performances are scheduled at 8:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 2 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturday and 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

The Bugs Bunny Follies, weeknights at 7:30, Saturday at 2 and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 and 6 p.m. at Cobo Arena, Detroit, Jan. 10-14.

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The Oakland County Road Commission's Davisburg maintenance garage is often referred to jokingly as the "old folks' home" by the 27 men who work there.

Not because it's a place to rest, since the men are on the job handling maintenance functions ranging from pothole patching and roadside ditching to snow removal and road grading daily from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. They often work 16-hour days beginning much earlier during winter storms.

The "old folks' home" tag for the facility on Dixie Highway near Rattalee Lake Road comes from the fact that the rookie crew member has 10 years experience with the road commission.

The district is the choice of most of the seniority maintenance workers, largely because the 503 miles of roads in the district are unharried, rural and most of the men have chosen the six-township area for their homes.

"Bud" Keyser, district superintendent, lives in Independence Township.

"I began as a road crew laborer 31 years ago, and we have people here who have been with the road commission nearly as long as I have," he said.

"This means I can depend on an experienced work force. They'll give me a full day's work. They'll report trouble spots. They know how to handle all of the equipment. They know the roads and they know the many tasks we do," said Keyser.

The roads include 342 miles of rural gravel routes and 161 of paved routes in Rose, Holly, Springfield, Groveland, Independence and Brandon townships. In summer, the emphasis is on grading, surface repairs, shoulder maintenance and the like.

In winter, 233 two-lane miles, including state trunklines, are priority salting routes and all 503 miles of county roads are plowed. All except the 76 miles of subdivision streets qualify for snow removal on overtime if necessary.

The roads, the men and the fleet of bright orange maintenance vehicles with the American Flag emblem that includes trucks, road graders, a truck-mounted shovel, road sweepers

and many other pieces of equipment, are in Keyser's hands in Springfield Township.

Arriving at the garage an hour before the crews, Keyser prepares a daily work schedule. For this task, he has the guidance of the road commission's maintenance management system that budgets and accounts for manhours, equipment and materials in a planned fashion, and he has the two-week schedule that he's worked out previously and coordinated with the road commission's maintenance director, "Bert" Mercer.

But, his early morning judgments each day call upon his own knowledge, reports of his men and citizen calls indicating where current problems are.

"We receive citizen calls here and through the road commission's office of public assistance, which functions very well to systematically handle complaints both for direct maintenance and help with overall programs," said Keyser. "That office is best equipped to do the most with citizen calls and we encourage its use. The telephone number is 858-4804."

"Most complaints are legitimate and we act on them as soon as possible," he said.

"Every day my foremen, Bob Thomas and Jack Thorsby, patrol the district checking on the road crews and keeping an eye out for areas that need work. We're particularly on the lookout for situations that might lead to accidents," said Keyser.

Keyser says the cold, wet winter months breed most of the potholes that infect the roads. He explained that potholes are formed when water seeps between cracks in the roads, freezes and then expands, breaking up the pavement.

"Water in and around the road bed is one of the main causes of road deterioration," said Keyser. "Therefore, our roadside ditching activities are very important. The crews use a machine called a Vac-All that uses air vacuum to remove dirt and debris from catch basins to allow for proper water drainage."

In an area that has 350 miles of gravel road compared to 160 miles of paved road, another important task performed by the road crews involves grading the gravel roads in the district and



Don't let a man's job fool you. Just because Bud Keyser of Independence Township bosses the salting crews speeding out from the Oakland County Road Commission maintenance garage in Springfield Township doesn't mean he likes winter. "Hate it," he said succinctly.

spraying them with a chloride compound purchased by residents to keep the dust down.

Since the men grade the same roads every time, they are familiar with their layout and Keyser assigns them the same routes in the winter when the roads need to be plowed and salted.

"We are pretty fortunate here, in that I can usually count on a full work force every day. The men are experienced and skilled in operating the equipment and don't abuse it," he said.

"If our equipment breaks

down, I have an excellent mechanic who is able to get it back on the roads quickly. All that is important when we're trying to make the roads as safe as possible for the traveling public."

He said one example is when the weather forecasting service used by the road commission issues a warning that snow is coming in the early hours of the morning.

Crews who are awakened from their sleep need to be up, at the garage and ready to be on the salt routes when that snow hits

the priority routes in the district.

"It wouldn't do the people who have to be at work by 8 a.m. much good if we waited until our normal 7:30 a.m. starting time to salt roads and plow snow," said Keyser. "And we often man the routes for 16 hours at a stretch to keep the roads open."

Maintenance of the roads is an important part of the road commission's commitment to safety, Keyser notes.

It is an important job the men of the Davisburg "old folks' home" have had years to learn to do well.

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See chrome, cars and stars at the 1979 Autorama in Detroit at Cobo Arena Jan. 5-7.

The 27th annual Autorama will feature dozens of the nation's foremost custom car builders who will discuss their hand-built creations. Also on hand will be TV stars Lou Ferrigno of "The Incredible Hulk" and Scott Baio of "Happy Days" (Fonzie's cousin).

The Autorama begins Friday, Jan. 5 at 5 p.m. and runs until 11 p.m. Weekend hours are noon to 11 p.m. Admission is \$4.50 for adults, and \$1.50 for children 12 and under.

If you look like John Travolta, then the Autorama is looking for you.

An Autorama John Travolta Look-Alike Contest will be conducted live on WDIV-TV Channel 4 program, "This Morning," at the opening of the car show.

Men between ages 17-35 are eligible to enter the contest,

featuring a \$100 prize plus the honor of opening the Autorama Jan. 5. Those wishing to enter should call Channel 4 at 222-0445.

Those not present and signed in at Channel 4 by 8:30 a.m. Jan. 4 will not be allowed to enter. Costuming is optional. No dancing, acting or other performing talent will count in the judging.

Join a badminton league for January through the Waterford Recreation Department.

Those wishing to sign up should register by Jan. 5 and registration is open to everyone, regardless of residency.

A registration fee of \$16 per team of two people may be mailed or brought to the Recreation Department, 5860 Andersonville Road, Waterford, MI 48095. The league will take place on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at Waterford Kettering High School. For further information, call 623-0900.

Enroll in a continuing education nondegree class at Oakland University.

Course offerings range from practical accounting and guidelines for purchasing a home to assertiveness training, basic photography, band and chorus.

The courses begin Jan. 22 and are offered on campus in Rochester as well as several off-campus locations.

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For more information, call 682-1885 or 963-8075.

Work toward undergraduate or graduate degrees or take non-credit courses at the Birmingham Center for Continuing Education this winter.

Brochures listing the courses from the University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Michigan State and Oakland University are now available.

They may be obtained at the center, the former Barnum Junior High at 746 Purday St., Birmingham, or by calling the various universities: Eastern--487-0407, MSU--645-5410, Oakland--377-4010, Wayne--642-2661 and U of M--642-9727.

Watch the action when the

Detroit Red Wings Hockey team hosts the Soviet Wings in international hockey competition at Olympia Stadium on Jan. 4.

Tickets are \$11, \$10, \$9, \$8, and \$6 and are on sale at the Olympia box office and Olympia Travel in Birmingham.

Play begins at 8 p.m. For further information, call the stadium at 895-7000 or Cobo Arena at 962-1800.

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In their best assembly line form, [from left] Jeff Furguson, Matt Hargett, Darren Verbouw, David Paull and Gretchen Gouin add final touches to the wreaths.

As the new year approaches, what better time to review talents of Clarkston area pupils, for with them lies the future of our world.

Samples of work were gathered from elementary schools throughout the Clarkston Community School District.

The following stories, poems, art work and letters are the result.

Due to space limitations, we were unable to use all items submitted, though we wanted to—the creativity and quality were impressive.

And so, to all the youngsters, our message is—“Keep up the good work.”

Manufacturing is elementary

Pine Knob pupils mix business, pleasure, learning

By Kathy Greenfield
Staff writer

Successful ventures in the world of manufacturing have given some Pine Knob Elementary pupils positive feelings about assembly lines, working together and mass production.

One fifth grade class made \$80 selling Christmas wreaths fashioned from garbage bags and another class cleared a whopping \$227 for colorful little creatures named “Lovey Fuzzies.”

While studying the manufacturing unit of career education, the classes chose what to make, set up assembly lines, and then made their sales pitches and sold the products.

Joanne Stout's class chose to make the wreaths. They organized two assembly lines and a final work table where supervisors added touches of bulbs, pine cones and bows to complete the products.

Some pupils worked on cutting the bags into strips, then joined others to tie the strips on

coat hangers formed in circles.

Touches of ingenuity were visible in the class—one boy draped the strips around his neck and was able to speed up his job of cutting the long strips to the proper size.

Dorene Cutshall's class named their products “Lovey Fuzzies” by holding a contest.

The furry products for use as bookmarkers, pins and pencil toppers went over so well with their schoolmates, the group went into over-production and made over 600 creatures altogether.

Careful brushing of the fur and placing two tiny movable eyes on each “Lovey Fuzzy” were part of their tasks.

Quality control was maintained by using inspectors who could reject creatures that did not meet their high standards.

The pupils had such a good

time learning about manufacturing that their writing about the experience is packed with enthusiasm.

The following samples of their work best show what they learned.

Manufacturing Today
By Donna Bright

In room 7 we are manufacturing some little things called lovey fuzzies, And I myself think it's a Blast!

I mean I haven't had this much fun since kidergarden.

I can remember hearing about

the people who invented manufacturing like Eli Whitney, Elias Howe. But most of all Henry Ford I.

He's the one who invented the car and then taxes came along. We pay taxes for school gasilon and a lot of other things too.

Now getting back too room 7, So far, we made \$79.39. With that money we're going to Disney Land “I wish.”

And that's manufacturing from room 7.

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Using a toothpick, Julie Lawrence applies glue to the eyeball-to-be of yet another fuzzy creature.



Jackie Roberts [left] and Christine Raymer show that working together makes the assembly line wreath production smooth.

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Mini-magnates describe process



John Rogers takes his job of combing and inspecting the "Lovey Fuzzies" seriously. John chose the name for the creatures in a class contest. "I just thought they were so furry and felt neat, so I named them that," he said.

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Manufacturing at Pine Knob School By Kim Billig

In room 7 at Pine Knob School, we are studying about manufacturing.

We found out a lot of things about people that had something to do with manufacturing like Henry Ford the first and second; Eli Whitney and a lot more.

We are manufacturing things called Lovey Fuzzies. It's funny fur that is made into book-markers, pins, and some that go on pencils.

So far we have made \$79.39. We might go to McDonald's or The Buckingham Palace in England!

Manufacturing By Susan White

Hi! My name is Susan White.

In our fifth grade room we are studying something called Career Education. In it we study different careers.

We are doing a unit called Manufacturing. We found that Eli Whitney invented the way of interchangeable parts.

We learned that the assembly line started in the early 1900's by Henry Ford I. Also, we learned about the Industrial Revolution.

We started our own assembly line!

We are manufacturing "Lovey Fuzzies." We are doing great. In about a half an hour we sold over 300, and we made \$73.25 profit! We have to manufacture more because we didn't get to all the rooms.

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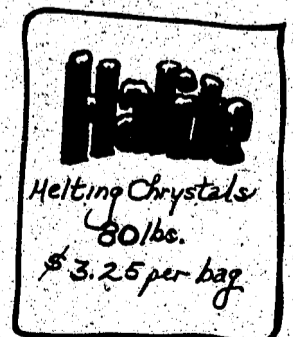
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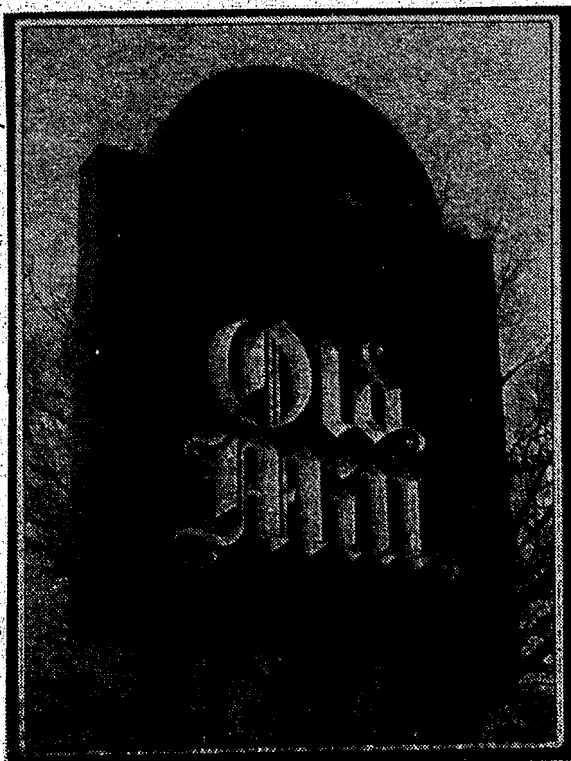
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Country Living

by Kathy Greenfield

Wints change homes, perspective



A downstairs recreation room has allowed the Wints to keep their ping pong table set up, and Lew and Bill frequently enjoy a friendly game.



In comfort of her new home, Diane reads over Christmas greetings from friends.

Living in their first house is a big event for most couples.

But for Lew and Diane Wint, married nearly 22 years, the move to their first house in October held special significance.

They had lived in an upstairs apartment above the business--the Lewis E. Wint Funeral Home--they built and started 20 years ago.

That is where they worked together to establish their business on M-15 near Dixie Highway and raised their children--Joy, now Mrs. Alan Leonard, and Bill, 17, a senior at Clarkston High School.

The house they purchased on Overlook Drive is within walking distance of the funeral home and they are still on-call 24 hours a day--the business telephone also rings in their new house.

But the move has given them an awareness and appreciation of many things other families take for granted.

For one thing, not living in the same building as their business has given them a great deal more privacy.

"It's been a dream come true to be able to do things as a family without interruptions," Diane said.

She still works fulltime at the funeral home, but having time alone is something she treasures.

"I thoroughly enjoy having my new home to myself in the morning and getting everything ready for Lew and Bill," she said.

To be able to bake cookies or prepare a meal and have her family come home rather than just walk upstairs is a special time for her.

"To have a home, to be able to serve my family has fulfilled a need I've always had," she said.

Leaving the house to go to work is another new experience.

"One of the biggest adjustments has been getting up in the morning and actually saying good-bye to Diane," Lew said.

"I've never been able to kiss Lew good-bye and say, 'Have a good day,'" Diane said.

Although their children's friends have always been welcome to visit, having a recreation room has made everyone more comfortable.

"The (new) house is always full of young people, which we love," Diane said.

The Wints said they always wanted to live in the neighborhood where they bought the house, but fate played a role.

"We were not looking, we just drove down the street and found the for sale sign on the house," Lew said.

Even though the move wasn't planned, they feel the timing was good.

"We're glad we can do it now, but it was right that we lived (above the funeral home) during the growth of our business," Lew said.

A special moment for Diane was when their son expressed similar feelings.

"One night Bill was sitting

here and he said, 'This is so neat,'" Diane said; "and I said, 'Bill, I wish we could have done this when you were younger,' and he said, 'Mother, you were with us and you couldn't have been if we were here.'"

Two other factors have helped make the move smooth.

The Wint's daughter and son-in-law are now living in the apartment above the funeral home and they have hired an associate to help run the business.

"Our business has grown enough to have a fulltime associate. His name is John Gladysz and he's a graduate of Michigan State as well as Wayne State mortuary science school, so he has a degree in mortuary

science as well as psychology," Lew said.

"We're really looking forward to him becoming part of the community and I think he'll be a great asset to the business," Lew said.



Sitting around their Christmas tree, the Wints [from left] Lew, Diane and Bill, with their dog Heidi in the foreground, get ready for a gift exchange.

One present's enough if it's robot

By Peter Hollis
Fourth grade,
Clarkston Elementary

Chapter 1 The Robot

Once there was a boy named Matt. He got only one present for Christmas, an electronic robot.

It did almost everything. Play baseball, football, and even tennis.

He helped with things around the house first of all like helping clean up Christmas paper.

His name was Miracle.

Chapter 2 The Run Away

One day Matt was mad at a bunch of things. He got so mad he decided to run away from home.

He took his robot with him. He packed one bag of food and one bag of things that he needed and things that he could play with.

They went through the forest in the back yard.

That night Matt had three bananas for dinner.

When he went to sleep Miracle guards in case a wolf or something like that wonders by.

The next day they walked a while and then Miracle saw something.

He couldn't believe what he saw.

Chapter 3 Incredible the Dog

Miracle saw his old friend from the metal shop--his name

was Incredible. He was a robot dog.

A little boy was playing with magnets. Miracle had to get his attention so he would get away from the magnets.

When Incredible saw Miracle's head peeking through the bushes he ran toward Miracle. The little boy was playing so much with the magnets he didn't see Incredible leave.

"Incredible is there a lot of magnets around there?" said Miracle.

"Yes his dad is a magnet scientist," said Incredible.

"You better run away with us you could get killed around there," said Miracle.

"If I could kill myself I guess I better go," said Incredible.

Chapter 4 Back Home Again

That night Matt thought a lot about the Christmas ornaments that were still hung on Incredible's house.

It reminded him of his old house and how much fun it was there. He thought about his parents and how much he loved them.

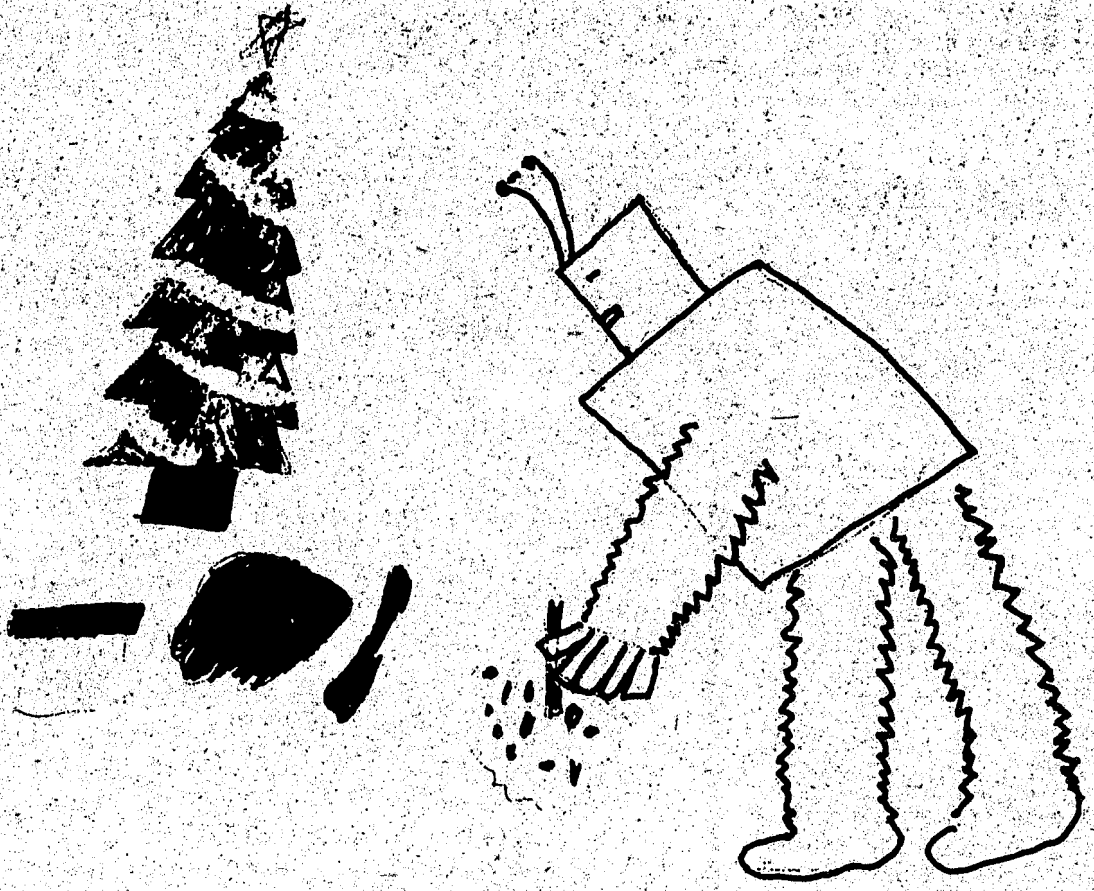
The next morning he decided to go back home. He told Miracle and Incredible.

Miracle said, "I was waiting for you to say that."

It was a long trip back but when they got back home his parents hugged him for 10 minutes. Matt's mother prepared a feast.

Matt decided never to run away from home again.

The End.



Matt got only one Christmas present, but what a present it was! The giant robot named Miracle could do anything.



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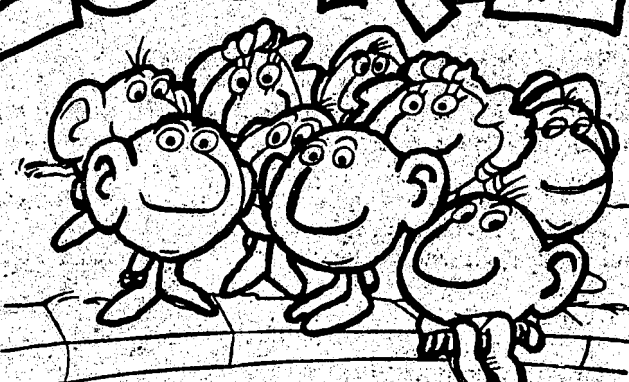
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Peeking into the past

10 YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 26, 1968
LETTERS TO SANTA:
 Dear Santa,
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year. I made out a small list of items I would like. I hope it's not too much. A color t.v., a Harley-Davison 350 c.c. motorcycle, a new school locker, a new sister, a new dog, a new bike, a bank with 2 million dollars inside. Like I said if it's too much don't overwork yourself. Besides I'll get other presents anyway. Remember me.

Roger Zander

25 YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 31, 1953

Young people, friends and college crowds are invited to spend New Year's Eve at the ballroom setting of the Clarkston's Community Center. Paul Wilmont's Dance Band will provide music, with favorite townspeople acting as emcees.

Robert Dean is among the members of the Michigan State

College marching band who will head for California on a special 12 car trail. The 120 band members will give concerts in several states before the Rose Bowl Tournament of Roses.

Obituary

J.R. Maybee

Funeral services for lifelong Independence Township resident J. Russell Maybee will take place 11 a.m. today at the Lewis E. Wint Funeral Home, Clarkston. The Rev. Walter J. Teeuwissen will be officiating.

Burial will follow at Sashabaw Plains Cemetery, Independence Township.

Mr. Maybee, 82, died Dec. 25 of natural causes.

A retired farmer, Mr. Maybee had served as an Elder for the past 19 years at the Drayton Plains Community United Presbyterian Church. He also was a life member of Cedar Lodge #60 and a member of the Clarkston Pioneers and Waterford Senior Citizens.

Mr. Maybee was the husband of the late Vera Miller.

Surviving is his daughter Charlotte Ann Maybee of Clarkston.

Memorials in Mr. Maybee's name can be made to his church.

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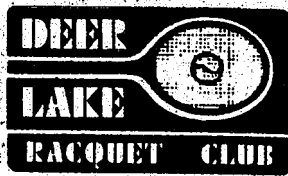


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INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

Synopsis of Action Taken at the Regular Meeting of the Independence Township Board, December 19, 1978.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll: Lozano, Powell, Ritter, Rose, Thayer, Vandermark, Tower, all present.

Old Business

1. A public hearing was held on the townships' use of Community Development Act funds.
2. The final plat for Lake Oakland Woods phase 3 was rejected. Ayes: Lozano, Ritter, Rose, Vandermark; Nay: Powell, Thayer, Tower.
3. Discussed the Fire Department dispatcher.
4. Approved bills totaling \$69,744.93.

New Business

5. Approved the rezoning of a parcel on Ortonville Road and Hidden Lane from C-2 to C-1.
6. Discussed the proposed multiple development on Clintonville Road.
7. Granted conditional approval to an acreage split on Ortonville Road in Section 17. Ayes: Lozano, Powell, Ritter, Thayer, Vandermark, Tower; Nay: Rose.
8. Denied a lot split request on Ortonville Road in Section 8.
9. Referred an acreage split in Section 17 to the township attorney for review.
10. Senior Citizen Center furniture bids were discussed, the bid procedure was waived and a committee appointed to review the bids.
11. Accepted a bid for window replacement at the Senior Citizen Center.
12. Approved an amendment to the Federal Revenue Sharing budget of \$764.
13. Accepted the resignation of Mr. Ritter from the Zoning Board of Appeals and appointed Mr. Powell as his replacement.
14. Reappointed P. Menke and R. Newlin to the Zoning Board of Appeals to a 3-year term.
15. Approved the appointments of the Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer.
16. Appointed the Senior Citizen Program Assistant effective June 20, 1978.
17. Appointed Mr. C. Kimbel as the Township Police Chief. Ayes: Lozano, Powell, Thayer, Vandermark, Tower; Nay: Ritter, Rose.

The meeting adjourned at 12:36 a.m. All votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated. The next regular meeting of the Independence Township Board will be January 2, 1978 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 90 N. Main Street in Clarkston. The Township board meets regularly the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

Christopher L. Rose, Clerk
 Independence Township



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Susan Lovelady's snowman appears shocked at the sight of a falling star on a winter's night. Susan, 10, is a pupil at Andersonville Elementary.

Snowman makes choice

Winter time and keeping warm must have been on Justin Loaes' mind when he wrote about a snowman with a problem.

A second grader, Justin wrote the story in Mrs. Duke's reading class at South Sashabaw Elementary School.

Mr. Flouride's Dilemma By Justin Loaes

One cold, stormy day, my friends and I were making a snowman. It was four feet tall. He had a pipe in his mouth made out of wood. His name was Mr. Flouride. When we put a hat on him he

jumped and he thumped and he bumped all around.

We started to run but we couldn't catch up with him. He was too fast for us.

Later, it was almost spring and Mr. Flouride had to make a choice.

"I can't go to the North Pole," he said. "Jack Frost will turn me into ice. If I stay here I'll melt."

But he made his choice. He went to the North Pole and wore his long underwear.

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Odes to weather

Using poetry to express their feelings about weather and school, some North Sashabaw Elementary third grade pupils penned these verses.

Summer is here.
Summer is fun
summer is gay
time to swim
time to play
summer is fun
summer is fun.
—Scott Desgrange

Snow is white
Snow is good
and nice I like Snow
you like
Snow everybody
likes
Snow.
—Nancy Kickery

School School!!!!
School is fun.
School is hard.
School is learning
School is walking down the
halls.
School is working hard.
School is nice.
—Tabatha Wilson

Snow falls down
Children gather around
They all are happy to see their
pappy
they all play games and
make chains and snow keeps
falling down.
—Renda Beck

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Clarkston Village Planning Commission's regular monthly meeting has been rescheduled to January 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the Clarkston Village Hall, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, Michigan 48016. The regular meeting date would have fallen on January 1, a legal holiday.

Virginia L. Walter
Secretary

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Independence Township offices will be closed for Christmas and New Year's holidays on the following dates:

Friday, December 22, 1978 (Only Treasurer's Office open)
Monday, December 25, 1978 (All offices closed)
The Treasurer's office will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Friday, December 22, 1978 and Friday, December 29, 1978.
The Treasurer's office will also be open Saturday, December 30, 1978 from 9:00 to 12:00 noon to receive tax payments.

Frederick Ritter, Treasurer
Independence Township

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, January 3, at 7:30 P.M. at the Independence Township Hall, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan to hear the following cases:

CASE #846 Gary C. Scott
APPLICANT REQUESTS PERMISSION TO ADD 374 sq. ft. to a 4000 sq. ft. STORAGE FACILITY.
Marvin Street Lot 6
08-33-126-008

CASE #847 Paul M. Mission
Rep. By: Charles Halpin
APPLICANT REQUESTS RD. FRONTAGE VARIANCE OF 20' Plus REAR YARD SET BACK VARIANCE OF 16' and LAND VARIANCE OF 7000 sq. ft. TO CONSTRUCT A NEW HOME.
Clarkston Rd. Lot 7-8 Sunny Beach C.C. #2
08-13-152-020

CASE #848 Gerald F. Stanton
APPLICANT REQUESTS REAR YARD SET BACK VARIANCE OF 22' plus FRONT YARD SET BACK VARIANCE OF 8' and LAND VARIANCE OF 2800 sq. ft. TO CONSTRUCT A NEW HOME.
Wah-Ta-Wah Lots 43-44-45 Thendara Park C.C.
08-11-427-096

CASE #849 Old Colony Homes
APPLICANT REQUESTS REAR YARD SET BACK VARIANCE OF 10' TO CONSTRUCT A NEW HOME.
Marshwood Circle Lot 113 Deerwood Subdivision
08-16-153-010

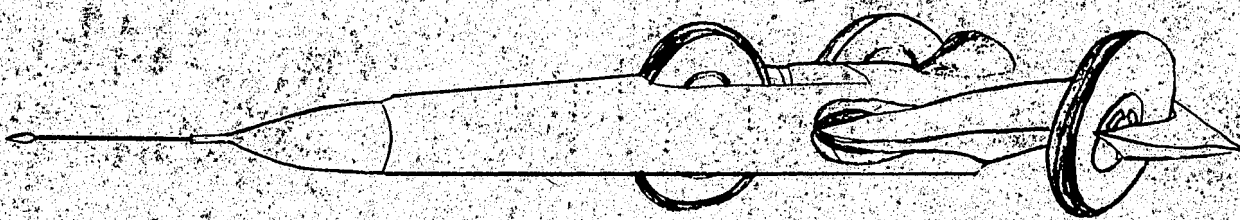
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed variances may be examined at the Independence Township Building Department, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan, 48016 during regular office hours each day Monday thru Friday until the date of the Public Hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher L. Rose
Independence Township Clerk

Beverly A. McElmeel
Administrative Secretary
Building Department

Car of the future



Michael Hargitt's pencil drawing of a car of the future comes with a description. "This rocket engine car of the future is designed to operate at speeds of 550 miles an hour. The long needle nose is a pitot tube that is a device [to] measure the air speed around the car and signal the car to slow down if this speed begins to give rise to violent air shock wave formations." Michael is a fifth grader at Pine Knob Elementary School.

Whyfors of gifts

When Mrs. Marie Luzi's fifth grade class at Andersonville Elementary School wrote Santa letters, they included a good deed to show they deserve their wishes.

particular toy is because I like the rock and roll group Kiss. Besides yesterday I shoveled all the snow out of the driveway of my house.

Sincerely,
Chris Gruinwald

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a "Gene Simmons" Kiss Doll. The reason I would like this

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a clock radio, goucho boots, and a

curling iron.
I want the clock radio because I'll need an alarm clock for my new bedroom. I want the goucho boots so I'll have some boots to wear with gouchos. I want the curling iron so I won't have to use my mom's all the time. And I haven't done anything to deserve anything yet.
yours always
Amy Sample

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a new bike and a TV. All so I would like a new pair of motorcycle pants. All so I want a pair of motorcycle boots. I want them because I like them. I'm a good boy and I help my parents around the house.
sincerely
Bill Rohn

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like R2-D2, a new Album, a dog Poster, no school, a dog, and a new teacher. But most of all I would like a pair of boots. Why...because I need new things. Good deed...because my mom came to see me in the Gong Show.
Thank you
Kim Saiz

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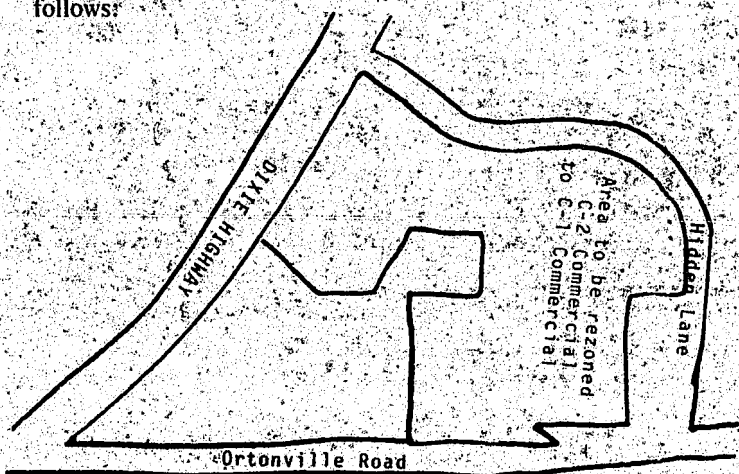
PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN

ADOPTED: December 19, 1978
EFFECTIVE: January 27, 1979

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

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

That the Zoning Ordinance No. 83 of Independence Township is hereby amended as follows:
TO WIT: To change from C-2 Commercial district to C-1 Commercial district, located in Section 29 and described as follows:



Drawing not to scale

This being lot 58 of Supervisors Plat No. 9

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

Passed this 19th day of December, 1978, by the Independence Township Board.

Ayes: Lozano, Powell, Ritter, Rose, Thayer, Vandermark, Tower.

Nay: None.
Absent: None.

Christopher L. Rose, Clerk

Dec. 28, 1978

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Millstream

Crosshill Community Pre-school of Davisburg has openings for the winter session which runs from Jan. 8 through April 12.

Sessions are from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday for four-year-olds and Tuesday and Thursday for three-year-olds.

Registration will be held Friday, Jan. 5 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The preschool is located at the Davisburg United Methodist Church, Davisburg. For more information, call 625-5632 or 634-8077.

Dr. Durant Benjamin of Foster Road, Independence Township, recently completed a postgraduate course on Hepatobiliary disease at the National Study Center for Continuing Education.

The National Study Center, the first such facility designed for continuing medical education, is located in Florida.

Among 600 degree candidates for graduation from the University of Wyoming is Betty Jane Erwin of Clarkston.

Erwin was slated to receive a master's degree at commencement exercises Dec. 20.

Prenatal class

Expectant parents wishing to become better informed on what to do when the right time comes may now register for January classes offered by the Oakland County Division of Health.

The weekly classes, taking place between Jan. 4 and Feb. 22, have limited enrollment and are available free of charge. Those wishing to join should call 858-1394 before Jan. 2.

The classes will be taught by a Public Health nurse and are

Recently at a rally put on in Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic High School certain students were recognized for the services they performed both in and out of school.

They were recognized for their leadership abilities as well as their ability to put enthusiasm and spirit into people at pep rallies and at games.

These people are the Lakes cheerleaders.

The junior varsity Cheerleading Squad consists of Bobbie Allen, Ann Mauro, Cindy Diehm, Kim Riganon, Vernetta Rovillos and Audrey Hryckowian.

Those leading the varsity teams are Eileen Zurbriggen, Linda St. Dennis, Diane Siriluk, Christine Nuss, Carol Harworth, Caron Erznosnik, Laurie Seeterlin and Karen Wise.

Members of the varsity football team who recently received the Oakland Press All County Sports Award were also recognized at the rally.

Those receiving the award are seniors; Joel Sauve, Jon Muscat, and Pat McMahon and Juniors; Dan Webster, Craig Oliver.

John G. Dark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard W. Dark of Robertson Court, Clarkston, was awarded his doctorate degree from Wayne State University at

winter commencement exercises.

The new Dr. Dark was the recipient of a doctorate degree in Biopsychology from the WSU College of Liberal Arts.

He earlier earned his B.A. degree from Oakland University in 1972 and his M.A. degree from Wayne State in 1974.

Clyde R. Kizer, born and raised in the Clarkston area, has assumed command of a Navy Reserve helicopter squadron on board the Naval Air Station, Point Mugu, Calif.

Kizer graduated from Clarkston High School in 1956 and from Eastern Michigan University in 1960.

Commander Kizer served on active duty in the Navy from 1960 through 1974, serving in Vietnam and at the Navy Test Pilot School in Maryland.

Since his separation from active duty, Kizer has resided in the San Francisco area and has been employed by United Air Lines as an Engineering test pilot.

He is married to the former Hazel Lee Miller of Waterford.

Marquis N. Harris Jr. of Clarkston was recently named chief engineer for an experimental test at GMC Truck and Coach Division of General Motors.

He joined GMC in 1963 after several years with the Chevrolet Engineering Center in Warren.

Harris's previous GMC assignment was chief engineer for body and sheet metal.



In service

Marine Pvt. Jerry Collins recently completed basic training in San Diego and is now stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif., for further training in engineering school. Collins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Collins of Allen Road, Independence Township.



Garden wedding

Jane Louise Richard and Craig R. Jones were recently married in a garden wedding at Addison Oaks with the Rev. M. James Fleming officiating.

The bride, daughter of Betty and Vincent William Richard Jr. of Cramlane Road, Independence Township, is a graduate of Central Michigan University.

She is employed by Swartz Creek Community Schools as a health education teacher.

Her husband, son of Robert and Jean Jones of San Diego, Calif., is also a CMU graduate. He is employed by the Haris Dental Laboratory, Burton, as a laboratory technician.

For her Aug. 27 wedding, the bride wore a gown of voile fabric with a wide collar, lace border and three-tiered skirt.

She carried a bouquet of tea roses, baby's breath and carnations.

Mrs. Mary Burton Wright of

Ann Arbor, the bride's college roommate, served as matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were sisters of the bride Gail and Ruth Ann Richard, Mrs. Lynn Norberg Gage of California, Susan Lynn Griffiths of California and Mrs. Barbara Bradley Wismer of Grand Rapids.

The bride's attendants wore sleeveless, floor length, turquoise sundresses.

Serving as best man was James Dart of Cohocta.

Other groomsmen were the bride's brother Eric Richard, Doug Knuerk, Bob Wright, Dave Watson and Dave Ward.

A champagne reception and sit-down dinner were held for the 175 guests at Addison Oaks.

For their wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Jones traveled to San Diego, Calif.

They are residing in Swartz Creek.



Giant stocking winner

A giant Christmas stocking was won just in time for the holidays by Mickie Wells of Andersonville Road, Davisburg. Mickie entered a drawing at One Hour Martinizing in the Harvard Plaza, Waterford, and took home his 8-foot stocking stuffed with goodies on Dec. 20. Jim Briley, owner of the dry cleaning business, made the presentation.

Recipe File

By Lorna Bickerstaff

The recipe for Chicken Divan was given to us by former Clarkston resident Mrs. James Skaggs. Madelyn and Jim now reside on a farm in Deford, Michigan.

Chicken Divan

- 2 whole chickens (leftover turkey may be used)
- 1 pt. sour cream*
- 2 cans Cream of Chicken Soup
- 1 4 oz. can mushrooms
- 1 pkg. Pepperidge Farm Dressing

Simmer chicken 1 1/2 hours with a pinch of sage, thyme,

marjoram, garlic salt (or whatever suites your taste).

Place boned chicken in bottom of 9" x 12" pan.

Mix together sour cream, soup, mushrooms and liquid. Pour over chicken.

Prepare dressing as directed on package and sprinkle over top. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour.

*I found when making this dish that 1/2 pint sour cream was sufficient.

If you have a recipe you would like to share with us, please send or bring it into the office. Hope you all have a Happy New Year.

Lorna



Millie Gates displays tiny rooms on book shelves.

Millie's miniatures

Just in time for Christmas, Millie Gates put the finishing touches on her recent project.

She placed a tiny Santa Claus beside the little yarn Christmas tree in the living room of the six rooms of miniatures she had created.

Then she put wrapped packages under the tree.

Then she glanced around the "rooms" displayed in a bookcase in the Gates' Pine Knob Road home.

She looked at the "baked goods" on the kitchen table and had another idea—a sponge cake created out of a bit of real sponge.

This is the way the collection has grown and will continue to grow as the imaginations of Millie, various members of her family and friends are caught by the project.

"It's something the whole family has gotten involved in," she said.

Millie started creating the miniatures this fall. By the time she had 166 pieces, she figured she had \$2.25 invested "in nickels, dimes and quarters."

Most of the raw materials were items destined to be thrown away—bottle caps, broken jewelry and the like.

An aunt's handkerchief became a bedspread. A plastic

baby powder bottle became a refrigerator, with a pen clip for the handle.

Nephews Jeff and Johnny Irons made hurricane lamps of light sockets. Son Joseph fashioned kitchen chairs by bending pieces of coat hangers. A friend of his, Janine Baker, created a tiny macrame hanger for a real plant.

Sea shells serve as planters, ash trays and a candy dish.

The rooms will continue to expand, to be remodeled, as long as Millie maintains her habit of "looking at something, and imagining something else it could be used for."



Santa visits the living room of the house that Millie Gates is furnishing.

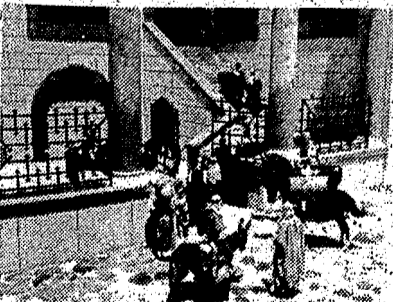
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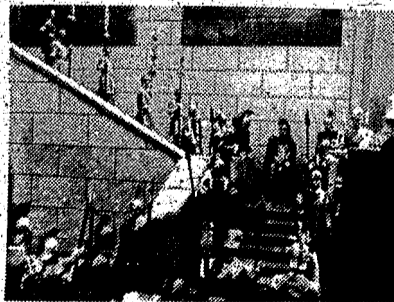
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Santa and his reindeer flying over rooftops is a crayon drawing by South Sashabaw Elementary second grader Ryan Harner, age 7.

Minds turn to Santa

Letters to Santa were written by Mrs. Star Hauser's fourth graders at North Sashabaw Elementary School.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want an Afx day-night race set, star bird, and a new sled thank you.

I have been a good little boy and I beat up my brother but only a little but thank you very much.

Your's truly,
Jeff Funck

Dear Santa

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Your frenind
Pauley

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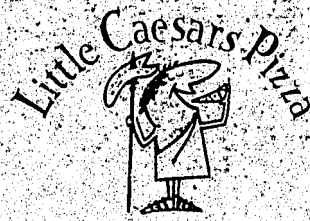
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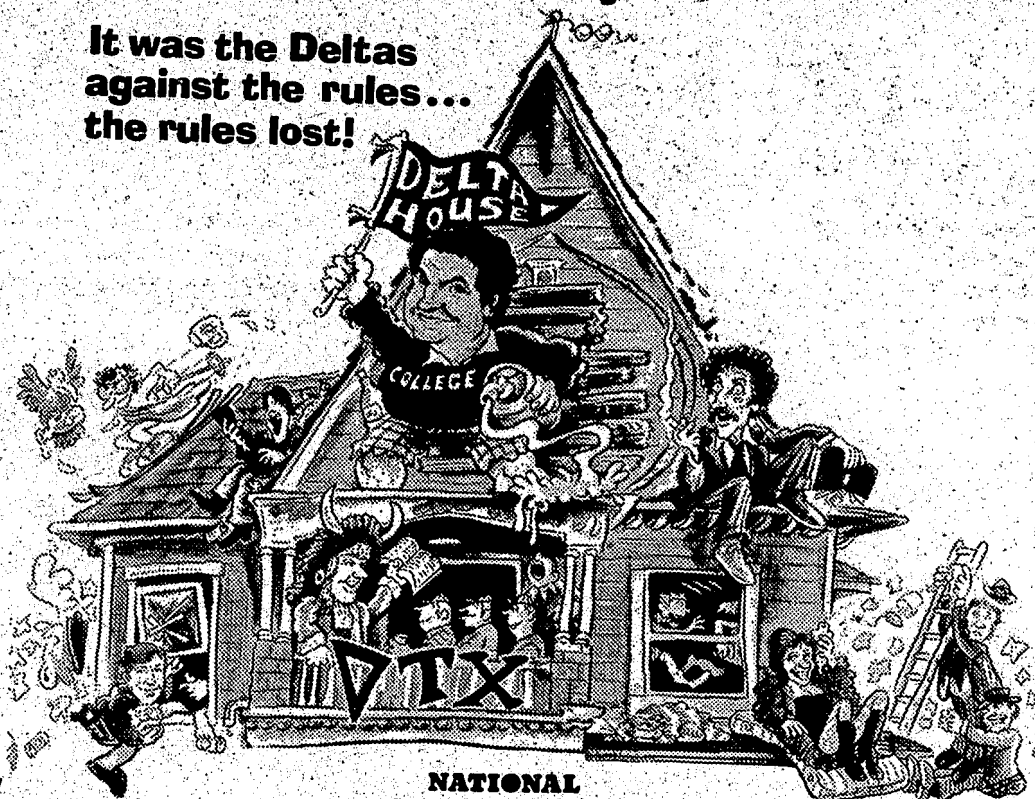
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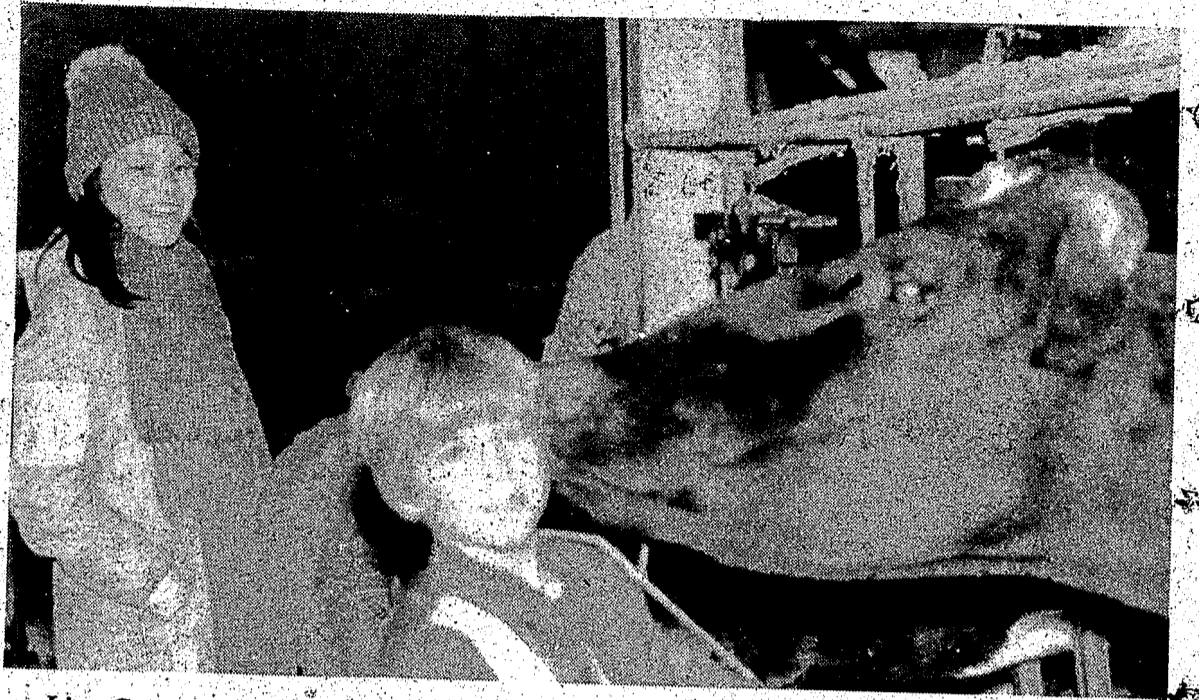
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Lisa Carter apparently thinks this cow's overwhelming affection for Joe is pretty funny. She really loved it when the cow stopped nestling and gave the boy a big, wet, wide, friendly lick. Whether the cow's display delighted Joe is another question.

Milking time ideal for barn visit



A cow barn is filled with lots of fun for children with a little imagination. Joe McPeek, who said he'd like to be a stuntman someday, just leaped from a ledge into a deep pile of straw when his friend Lisa Carter is building with a pitchfork.



The barn cats always enjoy a chance for fresh milk, as Joe and Jim Thorsby realize.

Photos by Mimi Mayer



Pouring milk still warm from the cow into a filtering can, dairy worker Gene Thorsby completes another of his daily tasks at David Field's dairy farm in Springfield Township.



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I would like to be comit. I would help santa lod the slay and help the elfs and help make the toys and talk to the other rain deer.

Paul Hanson

Hi my name is Dasher. I am one of Santas rainder. I remember last christmas eve. it was awful. Dancer kicked me and Prancers antler cowl with mine. I hope next christmas is a good one

Sally Dunham

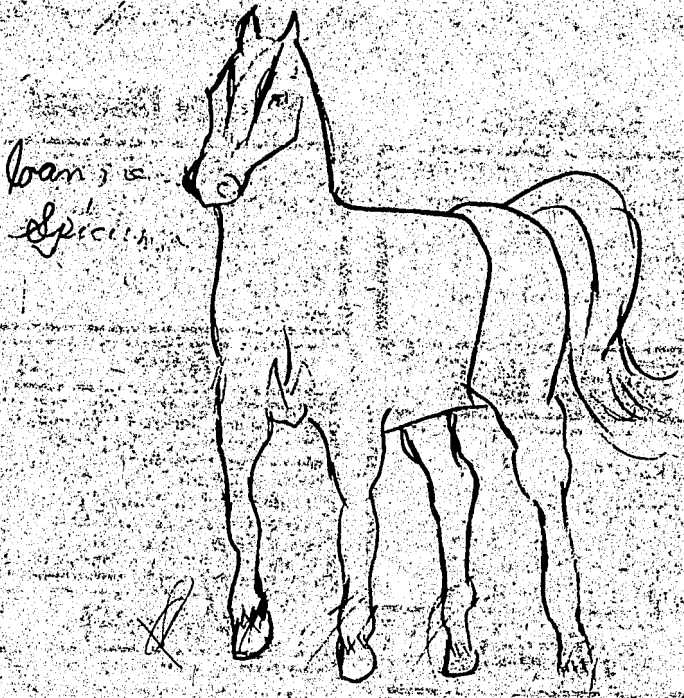
It was the first night of Christmas and I am Rudlfu and santa needed raindeer for the ride

it was imputend for santa too have raindeer

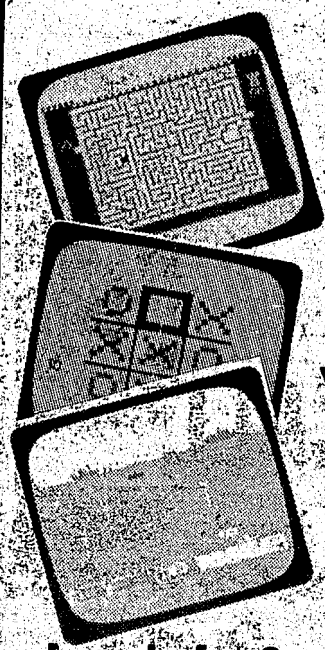
one night Santa's elfs put up a sine it said santa needs raindeer please come if you are a raindeer

if you are good for the Job yo'll be highred for the job and I hid cause nobody like me and I was no good on christmas night santa needed a light and I got highred.

Jennifer Blagg



Joanne Spicuzza, fourth grader at Pine Knob, drew her sketch of a horse with a lead pencil.



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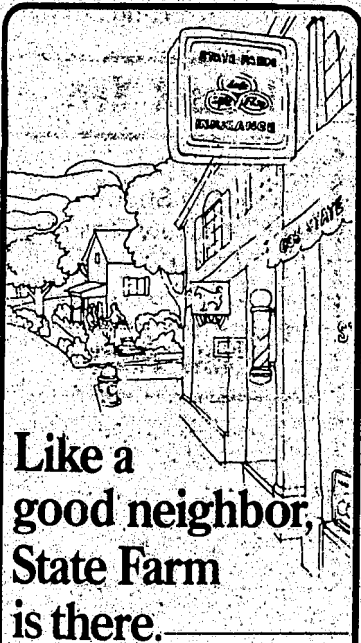
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Coping with kids

by Jim & Ellen Windell



The normal adolescent goes through the teen years with a minimal amount of psychological stress and emotional disruption. However, there are a great number who are bewildered, undirected, dissatisfied and searching for a different way of life.

For those who feel fragmented and directionless, it may have been the parents who unwittingly and quite unintentionally brought this about.

Often the teenager is concerned about his or her identity and personal worth, frequently feeling mediocre and looking for meaning in life. This is a most normal part of growing up and finding one's own way.

With our present day families that are fragmented and generally rootless themselves, it forces the basic family unit of parents

and children to rely more heavily on each other. This results in considerable intensity, and when the young person turns outside the family looking for values and meaning, there is generally no other close family member to turn to.

To find a different way, the young person may reject the parental values and beliefs, and in our largely middle class society the parental attitudes about security, material possessions, and the values attached to reasonableness and hard work may be thrown out.

Fathers and mothers may have taught their children that there is a better life, and that art and literature is an important aspect determining the quality of life.

But these same parents may be unhappy to find that their son

or daughter turns to art, music, literature, poetry, philosophy or political ideology to anchor themselves in comfortable values.

Some of these parents also will have stressed the importance of happiness in education or a career only to find that their offspring has taken them seriously and opts for a simpler way of life, and may view taking of "any job" as a crass conflict in the values they have learned.

Also, many young people are trapped in the conflict that comes about, because they have always enjoyed the luxuries provided by their parents and are therefore quite fearful of attempting to pursue a direction or a particularly desired vocation that may be initially unsteady, economically.

Finding they have an adolescent in this kind of situation, a parent has little choice but to be supportive and allow the young person to work out these conflicts and searches for personal identity and meaning

to life in their own way.

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At Davisburg Elementary

Kids flip over gymnastics

By Mimi Mayer
Staff writer

Right now, students at Davisburg Elementary School are all abuzz with talk of the school's gymnastics programs.

Try-outs for the tumbling and gymnastics apparatus teams have been going on for the past two weeks and the kids now await word of who joins the team from Coach Nancy Hanes.

"I have so many kids that want to be on the team that I have two-hour-a-week practice for the girls and two-hour-a-week practice for the boys," Hanes said.

She estimated that close to 300 kids have undergone training or qualifying tests for approximately 60 spots on the tumbling team.

Boys and girls from third through sixth grade have been team members in the past.

"I have approximately 40 to 45 fifth and sixth graders, 18 fourth grade boys and girls and three or four fourth graders," on the 1978 team, Hanes said.

"The third and fourth graders are hand-picked by me to see if they are mature enough. The fourth, fifth and sixth have to tryout," she continued.

Each participant must complete forward and backward rolls, handstands, cartwheels and backbends from a stand during the tryouts, Hanes said.

Nor does membership on the '78 team guarantee that a pupil will make the '79 team.

"This means that the person who wasn't on the tumbling team last year has a chance to make it," Hanes said.

Once the team is selected, participants sacrifice their 20-

minute recess period after lunch for daily team practice.

The season culminates with an hour-long program presented before Easter and intramural competitions with other elementary level gymnasts.

Working solo or in groups, the kids create their tumbling program around a specific theme. Hanes said fairy tales, western scenes and even the bicentennial motifs have been used by the tumblers in the past.

Once parents and friends have viewed the program, the team tours. "We do go to other schools in our district and surrounding districts if we're asked," Hanes said.

The cream of the tumbling team is selected by Hanes to serve on a gymnastics apparatus squad.

"We had 25 this time, I had 21 boys and four girls," she said.

Among the skills the kids

work on are stunts for still rings, parallel bars, vault, pommel horse, and horizontal bars.

"When they begin, we just have practice once a week and each class meets for two hours of extra practice if their school work is done," Hanes said.

Last Saturday, 25 members of the '78 apparatus squad were bused to Hartland Lakes Elementary School in Hartland for a semiannual meet.

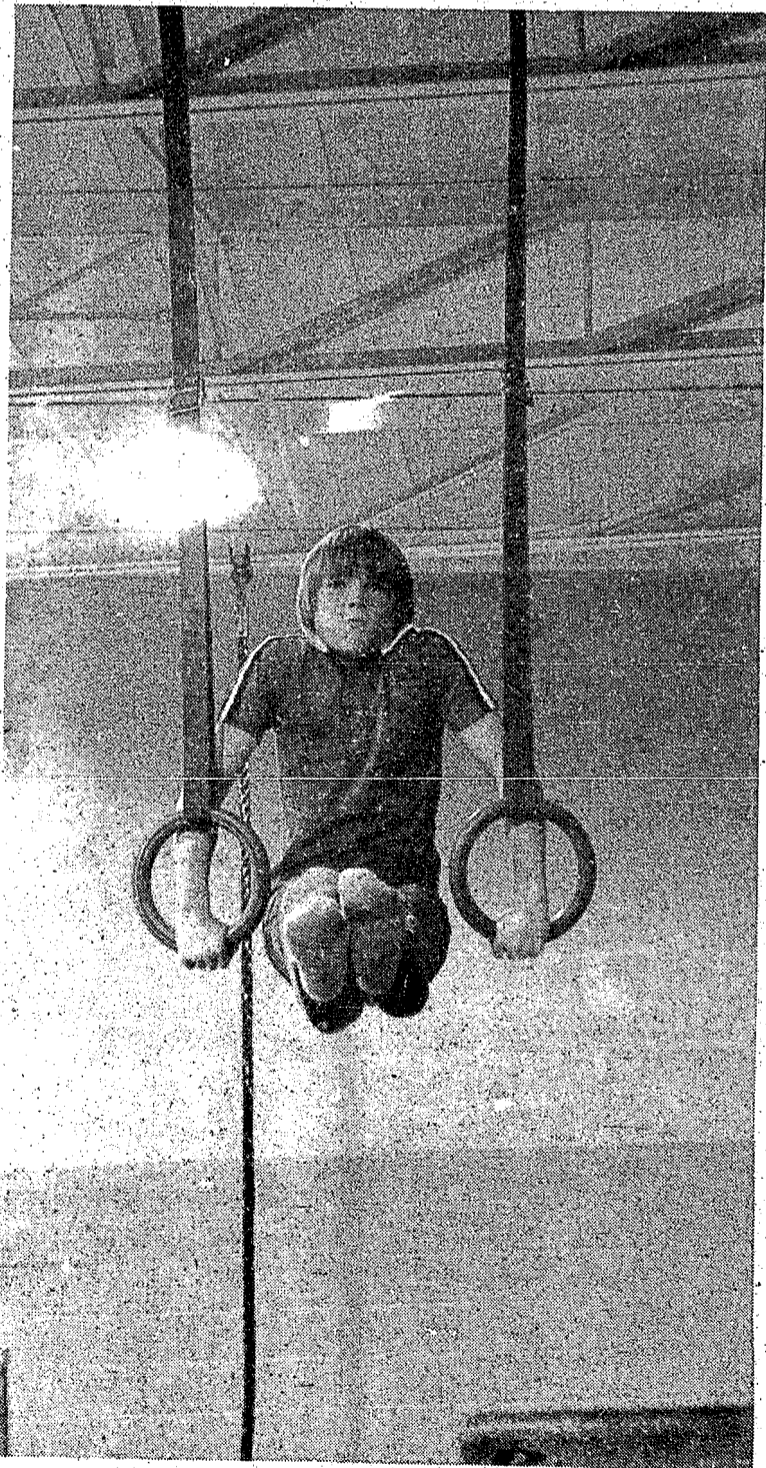
Close to 200 children from Waterford, Linden and Hartland elementary schools competed in the event, Hanes said.

Among the Davisburg third and fourth graders who came home bearing ribbons were Steve Stack, honorable mention for best all-around athlete, first place in parallel bars and second in still rings and pommel horse; Tony Moses, first place pommel horse; Joe Gustinis, first place still rings; and Dennis Houston,

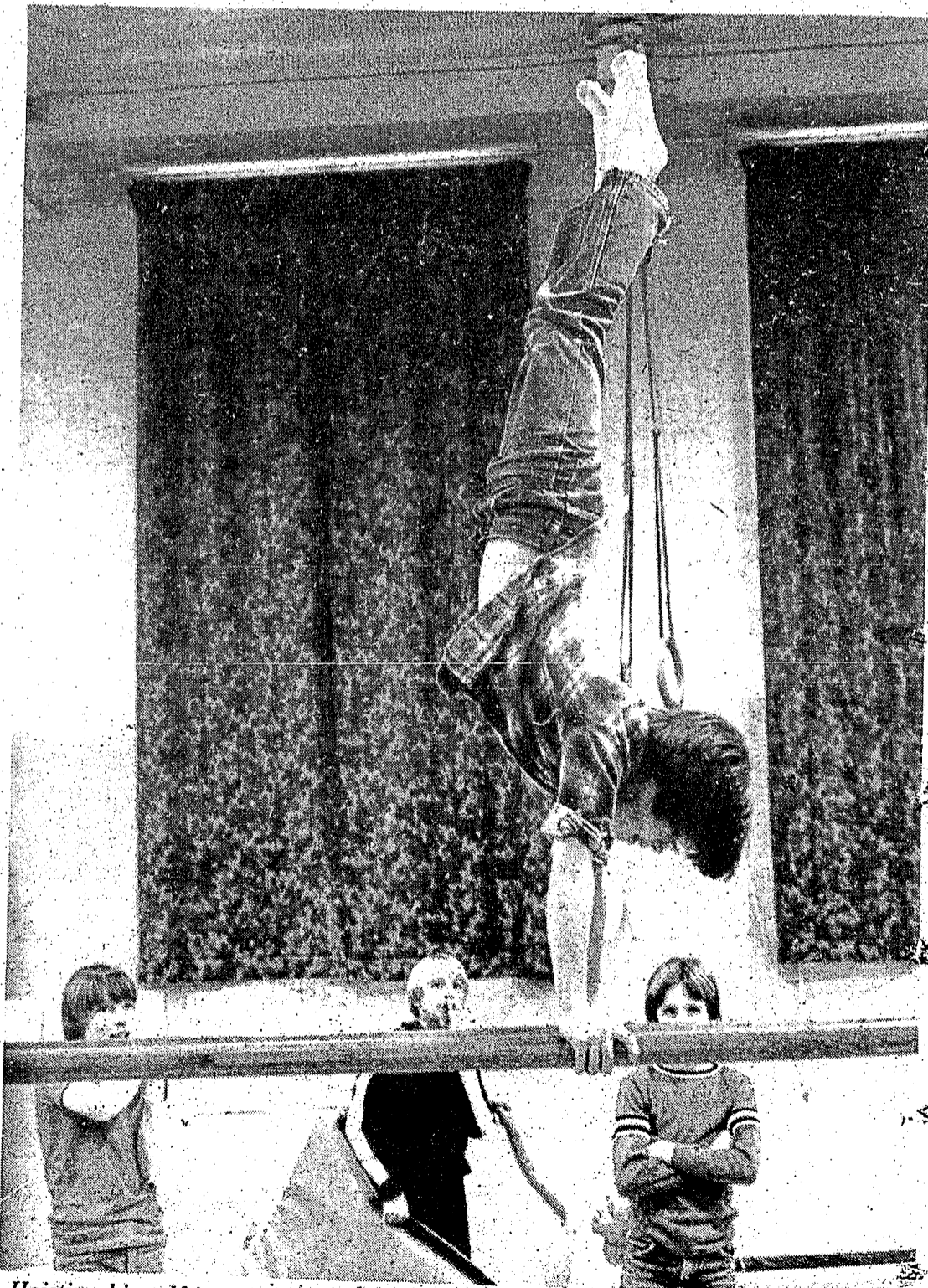
second place tumbling and vault.

Fifth and sixth grade winners were team captain Kurt Stack, first in tumbling, second in vault, best all-around athlete; Jeff Farrell, second still rings; Tim Gardella, first in pommel horse and parallel bars; Larry Bradley, second in pommel horse; Craig Smith, second in horizontal bars; Tracy Ayres, first in vault; and Brenda Alvarez, honorable mention as best all-around girl athlete.

Returning seventh and eighth graders who took prizes were Matt Sennett, best all-around boy athlete, second in still rings, tie for first in pommel horse, first in parallel bars, tumbling and vault; Lenny Alvarez, second in pommel horse and tumbling; and Mark Kahn, who tied for first in pommel horse and placed second in vault and parallel bars.



Gymnast Kurt Stack suspends himself from the still rings hanging in the Davisburg Elementary School auditorium. Captain of the apparatus squad, Kurt has been active in gymnastics for three years.



Hoisting himself into a handstand atop the even parallel bars, fifth grader Craig Smith surprised the other kids watching his performance. "That's the longest you've ever stood up!" one of them cried. The stunt won Craig a second-place ribbon during a gymnastic meet for elementary students held Saturday.