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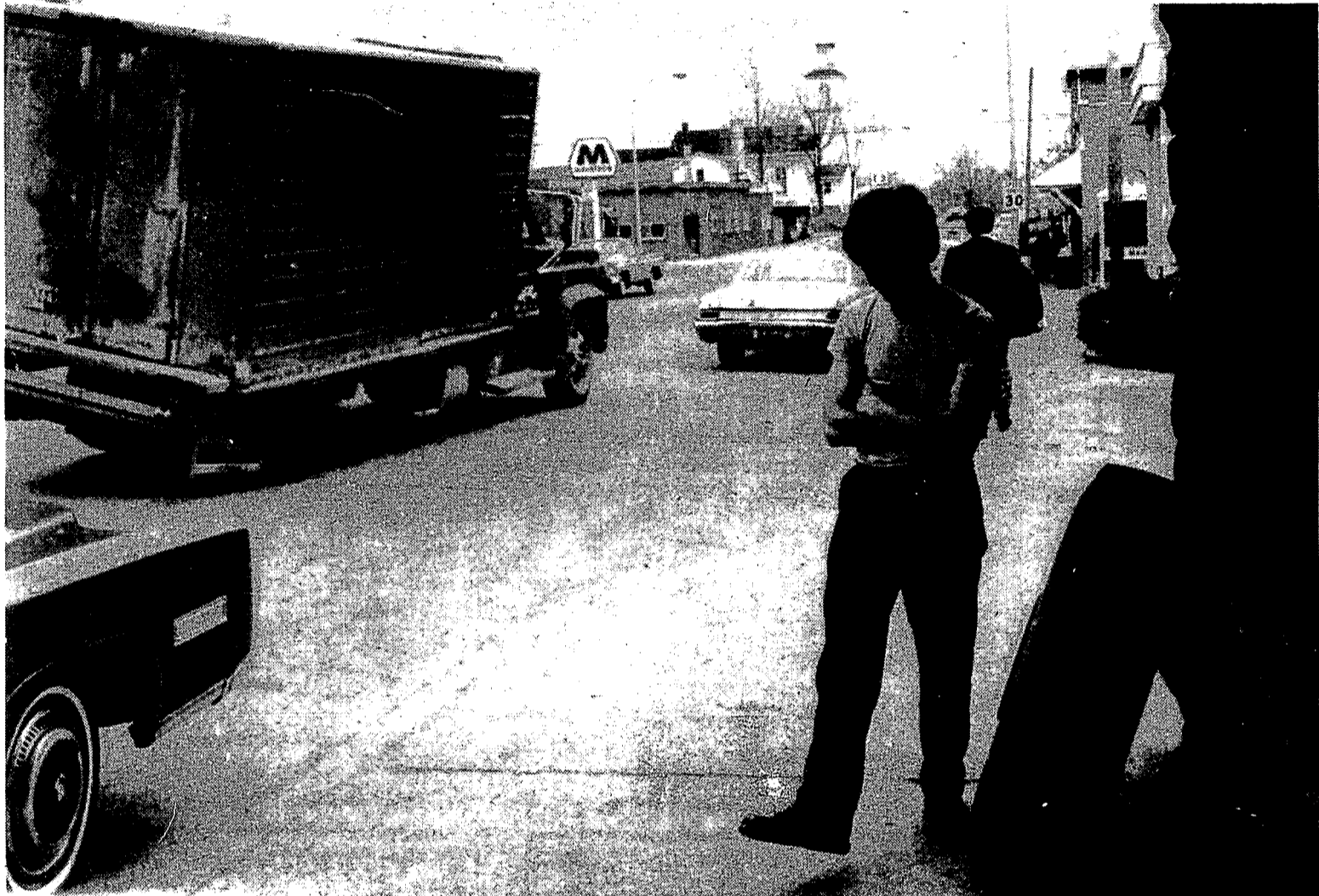


Photo by Pat Braunagel

What a letdown!

Driving through Clarkston turned out to be somewhat of an ordeal for truck driver Dean Bland April 25. Two tandem tires whirled off the truck he was driving for Greenlake Meats of Ortonville as he approached the Main-Washington inter-

section headed south. Bland, who lives in Flint, brought the truck to a stop at Mill Street, after a half-block struggle. He said he wasn't hurt, just "scared."

Marc Alan: 'Mills done in 60 days'

Developer says he's ready to wrap up work on mall

By Mimi Mayer

Developer Marc Alan anticipates that the Clarkston Mills shopping mall will be "totally completed" within 60 days.

Completion will bring to a close over three years of planning and work which transformed an abandoned factory at 20 W. Washington into a shopping center billed as "a street of fine shops" in Clarkston Mills advertising.

Throughout the work, Alan has held a central role. He discussed the Clarkston Mills and its place in the community during an interview with The Clarkston News.

However, the coming of the Mills has had a broader impact on Clarkston than the facelifting of a building.

Other topics discussed included Alan's promise of funds for the proposed Depot-Holcomb-White Lake roads intersection

improvement plan, water levels in the Mill Pond and the ongoing litigation between the mall's former project manager Frank Walker and the partners in the Clarkston Mills.

Asked when the mall will be completed, Alan responded, "I'd like to see it totally done in 60 days. When you look at it, much of the work has been done already. It's finishing touches. The most difficult work is behind us."

Negotiations are presently underway to lease one of the three unoccupied stores in the mall's lower level, Alan said.

"I can't divulge the tenant," he added. "On the other two, I really can't discuss those at the present time. Whatever it is, it'll fit in — it'll be part of the entire complex."

Despite the fact that extensive construction work is needed on the store space and the restaurant area, Alan said the

60-day completion date is "realistic."

"You have to have some goals. Yes, if we can put it all together, it'll be realistic. There's no reason why it shouldn't be," he commented.

Alan was less willing to name a specific date on which he'll turn over the \$15,000 he contracted to give to the village in November for the intersection improvement plan.

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Clarkston's spring stroll Friday, Saturday event

A stroll through downtown Clarkston is in order this week for those seeking good times and good bargains.

Clarkston's annual spring stroll will feature an old-fashioned popcorn wagon, games and entertainment—along with merchants' sidewalk sales.

Hours for the stroll are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

PK presents ear-tingling problems

By Kathy Greenfield

Owning a home just one-fourth mile west of the Pine Knob Music Theatre boundary means a summer filled with music for Richard Schmalz.

The music is so loud he is forced out of his back yard between 40 and 50 nights a summer, he said.

Schmalz asked the Independence Township Board Tuesday night to enforce the noise ordinance that prohibits sound over 55 decibels.

Some concerts were so loud last summer, talking was impossible inside his family room and the windows rattled, he said.

"I don't know why as a resident, I am not protected by the zoning ordinance, especially in instances like this," he said. "You can't keep the windows

closed, particularly on hot evenings."

When he purchased his home on Stowe Trail last year, he knew Pine Knob was there, but the people who sold the house told him it did not present problems, he said.

"So you can say I made a stupid decision moving into that area," he told the board.

Schmalz did say he enjoys the music at times and has attended concerts at Pine Knob.

"Some of it's enjoyable, the majority is not," he said. "Unfortunately you can't turn the damn thing off."

Pine Knob community relations director George White said he was familiar with Schmalz's complaints.

"He (Schmalz) has expressed

his problem to me continuously," White said. "It's something that's unfortunate—that he doesn't like to hear the sound generated by Pine Knob."

When complaints are received, he takes a decibel reading in at least three locations and if it is above 55, he notifies the theater, White said.

Sound is then turned off on the lawn and turned down on the stage amplifiers if necessary, he said.

Since Pine Knob opened, noise problems have decreased, he said, adding that one of Schmalz's neighbors was so pleased with the improvements he talked about writing a letter to the theater praising the achievements.

Monitoring the sound is

tricky, said Timothy Palulian, building department director.

A crisp, clear night allows the sound to travel farther and music preferences enter into the problems, he said.

The same decibel reading can be taken on a rock concert that brings in numerous complaints as on a concert like Neil Diamond with few complaints, Palulian said.

Board members took no action, but were asked by White to attend a public meeting to be held between residents and music theater representatives.

May 8, 17 and 22 are being considered as possible dates for the meeting, but a selection has yet to be made.

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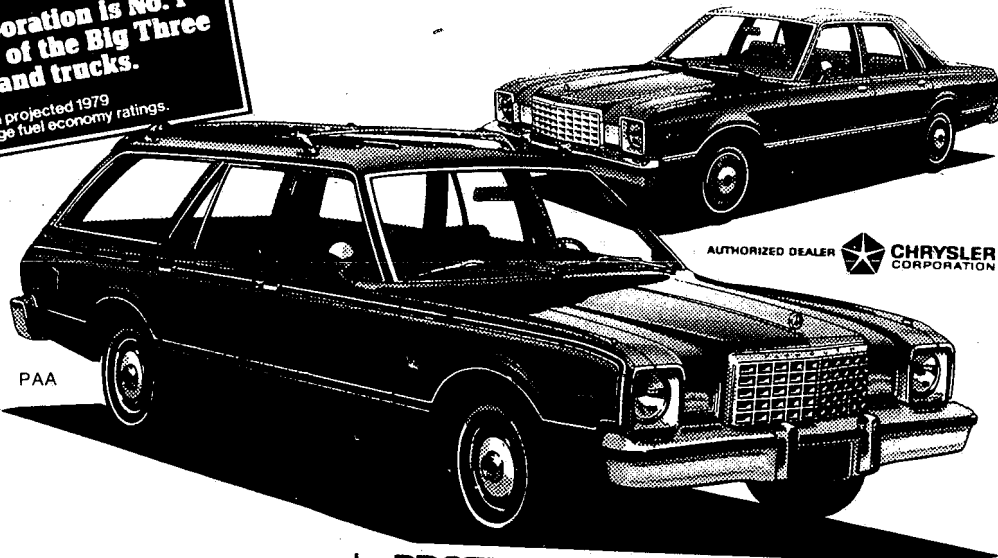
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Sewer tax just won't go away

If eliminated, unpopular levy would be reinstated, Anderson says

By Kathy Greenfield

The Independence Township ad valorem sewer tax could be eliminated in 1979, according to George Anderson, sewer and water department director.

"It would probably look good to the people to eliminate it for a year, but they'd (the township board) just have to go back and reinstate it," he said.

"If you drop the millage, all the people are going to do is think they're getting a burning," he said. "If you reinstate it, you're going to open up an old wound again."

The ad valorem sewer tax was reduced from 2 mills to 1.46 mills in 1978.

This year, \$100,000 from the general fund surplus that totaled about \$400,000 was used to reduce the tax further, down to .6 mill.

One mill is \$1 for each \$1,000 of assessed property valuation.

The ad valorem sewer tax was

levied in 1976 when the basic sewer system was built using Oakland County bonds.

The \$10 million bond debt that will total about \$20 million with interest was set for 20 years, so it will expire in 1996.

An ad valorem tax is paid by every property owner in the township regardless of whether they use the sewers or even have access to them.

Indeed, most of the houses in the township cannot hook up to the sewer, because it does not near their property.

The ad valorem tax has to generate \$210,000 each year to pay off the sewer bonds, Anderson said.

"Every year, as the value of the township increases, the millage will be reduced," he said.

There is enough money in the sewer fund at the present time to cover two payments in advance to the county, he said.

"It would be fiscally irresponsible not to have cash in that

account," he said.

As fewer houses are built with sewer hook-ups in the township, the money on hand will be needed to make payments.

At the present time, each time a house is connected to a sewer,

\$760 goes to the township to help pay the debt.

Actual running expenses for the sewer department come from the \$29 quarterly use fee paid by residents actually using the sewer, he said.

The \$287,700 sewer budget for the fiscal year that started April 1 was approved by the township board last week. Sewer rates and permit fees are expected to bring revenue totaling \$290,250 into the fund.

Hearing for Pine Knob

Public gets chance to speak on skyscraper plans May 10

The correct date for the Pine Knob hotel public hearing is Thursday, May 10.

Plans for the proposed 600 room, 22-story hotel are to be presented as part of the regular Independence Township Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the township hall, 90 N. Main, Clarkston.

Pine Knob owners and developers Joseph Locricchio and Gary Francell are expected to present the hotel plans to the public.

An amendment to the township recreation zoning ordinance to allow construction of

the 22-story building is also to be discussed.

Confusion about the hearing date resulted from discussion at the April 12 planning commission meeting.

After commission members discussed the wording of the zoning amendment change to be presented to the public, the first meeting in May was set for the public hearing.

May 11 was the date used in discussions. The planning commission, however, meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month and the second Thursday is May 10.

For a time, it was also thought the hearing date would be changed to June.

Locricchio called planning department Director Timothy Palulian two weeks ago.

"He (Locricchio) said they probably wouldn't be ready for a proper presentation in May," Palulian said. "It would have been up to the planning commission to make the decision to pull the item off the agenda."

"Near the end of the week, he (Locricchio) said, 'No, I want to go for what was originally scheduled on the 10th,'" Palulian said. "I said okay."

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Independent view

It's been too long now since downtown Clarkston lost its latest early-morning gathering spot, where town fathers and uncles and those seeking their counsel could share a cup of coffee and some wisdom or just plain gossip.

The closing of the Little Chef has left a sorry gap in the daytime social sphere of the village.

While early risers still are without a public coffee spot, the Clarkston Mills has come through with a good substitute for later in the day.

The coffee pot is kept hot during the day near the mall entrance off Mill Street. At 25 cents a cup, the Mills is offering one of the best coffee deals available. Another nickel will get you two cookies.

Ice cream parlor tables and chairs are provided, to make the spot a good place to pause during the day, meet a friend and/or solve a world problem or two.

Compare: the sound of a wooden gavel striking a table with the sound of a plastic ash tray hammered on a table.

Independence Township Planning Commission Chairman James Smith was presented an authentic wooden gavel last week.

"After all these years the chairman finally has a gavel—no more broken ash trays!" Smith said. He has served as commission chairman two years.

The reason for a "planning department gavel" is "to have something a little more meaningful (than a plastic ash tray)—a gavel is more a symbol of control," building department director Timothy Palulian said later, adding that public meetings can get lively.

And the gavel has arrived just in time for the 22-story Pine Knob hotel public hearing scheduled for May 10.

Usually when a department head leaves a job, the imprinted stationery becomes scrap paper.

Not so at Independence Township Police Services.

Although Jack McCall resigned about a year ago, his name still appears on stationery used by the local police department.

Speaking of correspondence, we were charmed into reading a recent letter which hailed us as "Gentlepersons."

The salutation was used by one of the community's most gentle of persons, 52nd District Judge Gerald McNally.

R2D2 couldn't have said it better.

Dropping by our office after an exhausting Monday systems analyst Don Porter signed and said, "My available real memory has been exceeded. My virtual processing has entered thrash mode, resulting in my through-put dropping off to nothing."

We knew how he felt—we were pooped too.

Outstanding citizen awards await special people

It's not too late to nominate outstanding persons in the community for the "1979 Citizenship Awards" to be presented during Independence Township's Michigan Week festivities.

The deadline for submitting nominations in the several categories is May 11.

Nomination forms are available at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, and several local businesses, including The Clarkston News, 5 S. Main.

Recipients of the awards are to be honored at a community awards dinner at Spring Lake Country Club May 24.

Eight award categories have been designated by the sponsors, the Clarkston Jaycees, North Oakland Civitans and the Independence Township Michigan Week Committee.

Nominations can be made for:

- Outstanding governmental official, a village or township employee either elected or appointed, with long or dedicated service "above and beyond the call of duty."

- Outstanding Clarkston educator, a professional employee of the school district with long or dedicated service who has made a highly unusual contribution to the education of children in the district.

- Outstanding young citizen, a boy or girl 18 years of age or younger "for an unusual or impressive contribution to the com-

munity or its citizens."

- A "super person," any citizen of any age who has made "an extra special effort in the area of good citizenship not related to the other award categories."

- Outstanding contributor to the creative arts, for "special contribution to the cultural quality of life in the community."

- Three distinguished service

awards to an individual, group and/or project.

In the last category, the awards are to be made "for special contribution to the quality of life in the community."

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Arson on upswing in Independence

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Inhalator Runs	57	69	91	107
Rescue Runs	13	11	8	9
First Aid Runs	—	43	82	202
Pavement Washdown	17	13	21	19
Miscellaneous	82	194	130	154
Complaints	18	43	55	55
False Alarms	8	10	11	22
Assists	12	18	8	9
Arson	7	7	15	16
Faulty Alarms	10	2	7	2
Public Service Calls	—	—	27	40

Arson. Burning for profit. A practice that brings insurance money for faltering business concerns or old buildings and even automobiles. Sure, it goes on in large cities, but what about Independence Township? "Of course we have burning for profit going on in this community," said Fire Chief Frank Ronk. "People get in over their heads and that's the easy way out. "Just lately, they've made arson one of the top FBI crimes," he said. In 1978, there were 16 arson

fires and 46 suspicious fires in the township with seven arrests. When the fire department finds a suspicious fire, investigation aid comes from the Michigan State Police and the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, Ronk said. The statistics were included in the 1978 annual report made to the Independence Township Board. The report also shows dramatic increases in first aid runs from zero in 1975 to 202 in 1978. "About 1976 is when we really got into the quality to respond to that type of alarm," Ronk said.

Of the 777 total alarms last year, 309 were inhalator or first aid calls. Also showing an increase were false alarms. In 1977, 11 were reported and last year the number doubled. "Due to follow-ups and our precautionary measures, our false alarms are really quite low," Ronk said. Among the methods used to determine false alarm calls are calling back if a bogus run is suspected. Every telephone call to the fire department is recorded, so a voice tape is also available for investigations,

Register bikes to thwart thieves

An unfortunate side effect of warm weather is an increase in bicycle thefts. In order to identify found bicycles, Independence Township Police Services urges all bike owners to register them. "If it's registered, then in the event it gets stolen, we have something to go on," said Beth

Tower of police services. The registration number can then be run through a computer that lists all serial numbers of found bicycles throughout Michigan. Six bikes have been stolen in the last two weeks, according to Tower. "Which isn't too bad, but it's

not too terrific," she said, adding that the theft rate has been higher in the past. Bikes can be registered with police services on Wednesdays and Fridays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Police Services is located at 900 N. Main, Clarkston. For more information, call 625-8600.

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Paradise regained



by Pat Braunagel

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Most of the 1,000 acres in the development are in Orion Township, but a small portion is in Independence, and that's the part that's being sold first.

They're asking—and reportedly have gotten—upwards of \$69,900 for lakefront lots. Additional one-and-a-half acre lots with a view and use of the lake start at \$24,900.

You don't command those kinds of prices by buying a day-glo "For Sale" sign and sticking it up beside the road. No sirree. "Once upon a time, a very wealthy merchant prince set out to find paradise," the slick advertising brochure begins. "He sought the comfort of woods and streams . . . the glory of sunsets and solitude. He discovered his paradise . . . he found Heather Lake."

The golden sailboat-in-the-sunset photograph on which this introduction is printed is suitable for framing.

There are more. Beautiful col-

or photos of people skiing, fishing, horseback riding and gazing into each other's eyes (before a sunset) with looks that might be interpreted as saying, "Gee, I'm glad I married wealth."

For those who can afford to build in the expected \$130,000-\$300,000 range, the developers have visions of each home being "an architectural gem" around "the jewel itself, Heather Lake."

"And Heather Lake is precious," the brochure continues. "She is untouched, unspoiled and virgin. No one has blemished her shores nor tapped her fertile depths."

There was, of course, a champagne opening for the development Thursday afternoon, at which the press, builders, architects, realtors, township officials and prospective buyers were invited to unwind and "think very pleasing thoughts of Heather Lake."

To help members of the press cover the event, a release was prepared on the hors d'oeuvres which were served.

You will want to know that the delicacies included petite quiches Lorraine, turkey wedges almondine, galantine de volaille, pate' de campagne, saucissons fum'ee and more at this party "focused around the exciting food presentation that will be offered."

The nouvelle cuisine hors d'oeuvres were seen as "essential to create the property community image of quality and exclusivity."

I cannot put this press kit aside without sharing with you the last words in the brochure.

The final page outlines cultural and social centers within a short drive of the development and concludes with "... and on a still night, you can hear noted celebrities performing under the stars at near-by Pine Knob."

Letter policy

The Clarkston News encourages letters from our readers.

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

As a matter of policy all letters must be signed and the writer's address and telephone number must be included. Names will be withheld at discretion of the editor.



New tree in town

A Bordine's Better Blooms of Clarkston crew plants a healthy sugar maple donated to the village of Clarkston Friday. Clarkston's newest tree is rooting itself in a berm next to the village hall on Depot Road.



Jim's jottings

No harm in looking

by Jim Sherman

Traveling with a couple 16-year-old girls is refreshing and tiring, remindful and frightening, delightful and discouraging.

We know time is growing short for many more mother-father-daughter vacations. For our at-home daughter it's Australia this summer, then 17 and a senior, then college and you know the rest.

With that in mind, we offered Kings Island to Susan and her friend, Lisa Bentley during their Easter break from school.

Part of the refreshing, remindful and delightful experiences came

when we stopped for gas in a small town in Ohio. I got out to stretch and pay the bill.

First a young fellow stopped me for the time. He positioned himself so he could get a good look at the girls. He changed his mind twice while walking away, going by the car one more time.

A mechanic, walking behind the car in the rack, dropped his screwdriver so it would roll toward the car. He groped for it while looking at the girls.

That mechanic's actions, plus all the other gawking, staring, and subtle glances was the remindful part.

How clever I thought I was at their age in getting one more look at a pretty girl.

The frightful part is that I still do steal a glance, but I'm begging to wonder why. That's discouraging.

Susan drove about half the trip, with mother and dad in the back. A black Trans-am with a young buck at the wheel passed us seven times.

We stayed with the girls only a short time at the amusement park. We knew we were a drag, and Kings Island is not for anyone over 19. In that short time we learned even the young men from southern Ohio are ardent girl watchers.

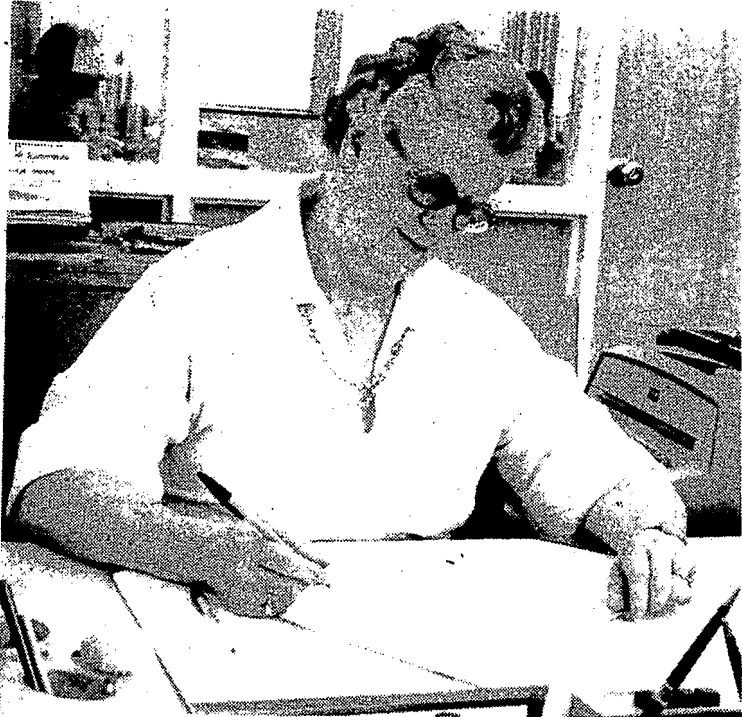
Heading home on Easter, the double-passing of cars continued with Susan driving.

Then, a surprise thing, to me, happened. With all that double-take flattering going on outside, Lisa went to sleep. That's probably the effect I used to have, only I was too conceited to know it.

Later, when I took the wheel, Susan put Grover, the hand puppet of television fame, on her hand and started amusing truck drivers and little kids.

I settled back, thinking, well, we haven't lost her yet, have we mother?

Food service career put on back burner



Eleanor Sommers spends much of her time at her desk in the Clarkston Schools' special services building.

By Kathy Greenfield
Go back 27 years.
Eleanor Sommers, now Clarkston Community Schools' food service supervisor, was beginning her career as kitchen manager of the brand-new Andersonville Elementary School.

"I could walk to work," she said. "It was a little more income so that we could do more things."

The hours were ideal for the mother of three school-age

children. If she worked past the time her youngsters came home, their grandmother lived nearby to help out. And, of course, her summers were free.

"I never felt I was depriving my children of my time or my affection, because I was home when they were," she said.

She had planned to work only a year or two, a memory that brings a smile as she prepares to retire in June.

"When fall came, I was always ready to go back," she said.

The Andersonville school kitchen was the first "real" cooking facility, although at that time South Sashabaw Elementary School had a PTA-run food operation.

Potatoes were peeled by hand. Dishes were washed by hand.

Now instant potatoes are used. And there are automatic dishwashers.

Hamburger cost 25 to 30 cents a pound. The latest price the schools paid was \$1.47 a pound.

Meat and other supplies were purchased at Terry's Market in the village of Clarkston and later at Rudy's Market.

Then the lunch system became too large for the small stores to handle the business.

Now, most food is ordered through a food cooperative of all the schools in Oakland County.

Between 2,200 and 2,500 lunches are prepared and served each school day at the nine Clarkston schools.

There are six kitchens and Eleanor has about 30 employees

plus substitutes.

The school lunch program has a budget of \$437,000.

Eleanor prepares menus, orders the food and supervises the kitchens.

After so many years on the job, "I do things so automatically, I don't think about what it involves," she said.

She became food service supervisor 19 years ago.

"I applied and was hired," she said, "and of course the job has changed tremendously from that time."

Although she has worked more years than she hasn't, she is looking forward to spending more time with Francis, her husband of 39 years.

"We have so many things to do," she said. "I've kind of reached the point to be lazy — not be on schedule."

"Maybe we'll take a winter vacation. We've never been able to before," she said.

Her husband is also retiring and they plan to gradually move from their home of 38 years in Springfield Township to Weidman, a small town about 20 miles northwest of Mt. Pleasant.

"Life is too short to keep on working and not enjoy each other and do some of the things we want to do," she said.

Although she'll miss the "really super group of women" she works with, the time has come to change.

"I have no regrets, actually," Eleanor said. "I think I'm ready to hand it to someone else."



Eleanor tastes a fresh-baked cookie at Pine Knob Elementary's kitchen while Mary Girvin [center] and manager Bonnie Locklar prepare lunch.

'If it Fitz. . .'

Misses dry dock

by Jim Fitzgerald



Funerals are usually great for nostalgia. At my mother's wake, an elderly man asked if I remembered the Dry Dock Iron Works. This reminded me I was born to be a shipbuilder.

I come from a long line of shipbuilders. Ships were built or repaired at Dry Dock Iron Works, which was owned by my grandfather and my father.

My big sister, Terrible Jean, and I used to ride to the Dry Dock Iron Works on railroad handcars. This was in the early 1930s when I was five or six and Terrible Jean was two years older and 20 pounds tougher.

Railroad repair crews can no longer give kids rides on those little open-air cars that had to be pumped along the tracks by hand. Today, the repair cars are enclosed and motorized, and it would be too great an insurance risk to use them simply to delight a youngster. Besides, today's kids couldn't participate unless handcar riding were an organized activity, supervised by a recreation director and funded by the government. I'm glad I was a kid when I was.

Anyway, the Dry Dock Iron Works was on the St. Clair Riverbank, about 10 blocks from our home in Port Huron, Mich. The railroad track ran along the river. A handcar never passed us by, probably because Terrible Jean tied me to the tracks.

Terrible Jean and I went to the Iron Works afternoons around 5 o'clock so we could walk home from work with Dad. That's the greatest thing I remember—walking home from work with my father.

It was a satisfying thing for a couple of little kids to do. It satisfied Mother, too. When we were with him, Dad couldn't stop at the White Star Bar.

The Dry Dock Iron Works mostly repaired Great Lakes freighters. It was a rambling, rickety building half on the river bank, and half on wooden piles, out over the water. At age five, I was most fascinated with the John.

It was the first I'd seen that didn't require flushing. I thought it was a much more sensible way to solve the disposal problem, with the waste moving directly from depositor through a hole in the

floor to the river below, eliminating the middle piping.

It was brilliant thinking such as this, 45 years ago, that made the noble anti-pollution crusade possible today.

The Great Depression killed the Iron Works. By 1940 it was abandoned and mostly fallen into the river. Grandfather died before then, and Dad eventually became a salesman. He went to work every day for many more years before he died, but I never walked home with him again.

If the Dry Dock Iron Works had continued to thrive, I would surely have been too busy to buck nepotism. I would have joined the family business, and what a brilliant builder of ships I would have made! I have to take three days off work to change the license plates on my car.

In fact, a fine example of my mechanical ability occurred just last week, when my son's car wouldn't start. He had been driving it through puddles, so it was simple for a born shipbuilder to diagnose the problem. The motor was wet.

"I know how to dry it," I announced, and grabbed my tools and headed for the car. My wife said she couldn't believe what she was seeing.

My tools were a hair dryer and an extension cord. I still think it might have worked if my dumb son hadn't stalled too far from the nearest electric outlet.

"If you'd grown up to be a shipbuilder, your customers would need webbed feet and gills," my wife said. I can't deny it.

If the Dry Dock Iron Works still existed, I wouldn't like to work there. But what I would like to do is get Terrible Jean and go down those railroad tracks one more time. We couldn't walk back home with Dad, to have supper with Mother, but we could remember how sweet it was.

It was a satisfying thing to do. And it was a splendid thing to be reminded of, in a funeral home, on the way we buried Mother, and I became an orphan. Some shipbuilder will probably want to adopt me.

Heather Lake Estates

New sub goes for Clarkston image

By Kathy Greenfield

A Clarkston mailing address may be in store for the Heather Lake Estates subdivision that spans Independence and Orion townships.

"There's more of an image associated with Clarkston than Lake Orion," said William Tyler, vice president and spokesman for the developer group, Heather Lake Associates.

Because the sales office for the 1,100-acre development has a Clarkston mailing address, "my guess is the whole development

will be," Tyler said.

The Clarkston mailing address was confirmed by Clarkston Postmaster Don Stoll.

"That's just part of our normal delivery area," he said. "There's no sweat, that's all Clarkston."

Of the 274 acre-and-one-half lots, 97 are located in Independence Township and four more lots are divided almost in half between the two townships.

Sewers and school districts, however, do not follow township boundaries.

As the property is now divided, most of the lots in Independence Township are included in the Lake Orion school district.

The sales force has contacted the local school districts to determine the breakdown, Tyler said.

So far, which schools children may attend has not been a problem with lot sales, he said.

"There has been no negative feedback on either side," he said, although some people have expressed preferences for both Lake Orion and Clarkston schools.

Because the Michigan State Health Department required a sanitary sewer system for the development, an arrangement was made between the two townships, said George Anderson, Independence Township water and sewer department director.

The closest Independence Township sewer hook-up was two miles away and Orion's only

1,500 feet, he said.

Both townships use the Clinton-Oakland sewer system, but Orion is especially concerned about keeping the total hook-ups as low as possible, because they are fairly close to the limit, said Anderson.

The subdivision's developers have agreed to pay hook-up fees to both townships for houses located in Independence that will use the sewer.

Each hook-up, then, will cost \$940 to cover Orion's fees and \$760 for Independence.

In addition, because Independence dwellers will be added to that township's sewer rolls, they will pay \$29 a quarter for sewer usage plus the ad valorem sewer tax.

"It would have been just about financially impossible for them (the developers) to do it" without the double-township sewer arrangement, Anderson said.

Even using the nearby Orion hook-up, the cost to the

developers will be about \$.5 million, he said.

House construction is expected to begin by July 1, Tyler said.

About 15 potential property owners have placed non-refundable \$2,500 deposits and about 15 additional people have put options on property.

Three miles of lots front on 110 acre Heather Lake and seven miles of asphalt road will be built in the subdivision.

"With 274 lots, it's one hell of a big development," Tyler said, adding that all platted subdivisions in Oakland County last year had a total of 21 miles of roads.

When all lots are sold, land sales alone will total between \$11- and \$12 million, Tyler said.

Houses with projected costs of between \$130,000 and \$300,000 will be constructed by independent builders.

"This is going to be a very fine, exclusive community," he said.

Democrats to debate legislative issues

Oakland County Democrats will meet May 8 to debate the issues for which the organization will lobby.

Among issues under consideration by the party's executive committee are: toxic substances, wetlands protection, restructuring of the Blue Cross/Blue Shield board and conflict-of-interest legislation.

Also on the agenda for the May 8 meeting is a presenta-

tion on Oakland Schools. Nancy Stark, director of public information for the intermediate school district, will speak.

There also will be a legislative report.

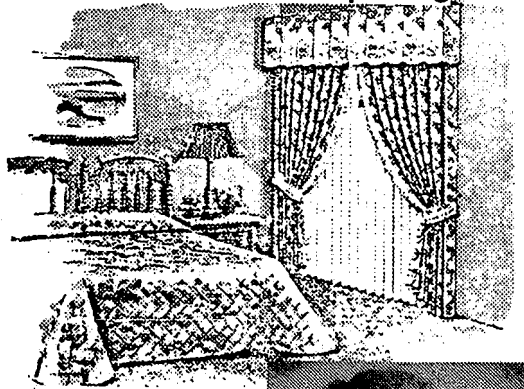
The meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. at UAW Local 417 at 1640 Stephenson Highway, Troy. Coffee will be served beginning at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

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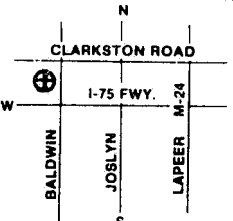
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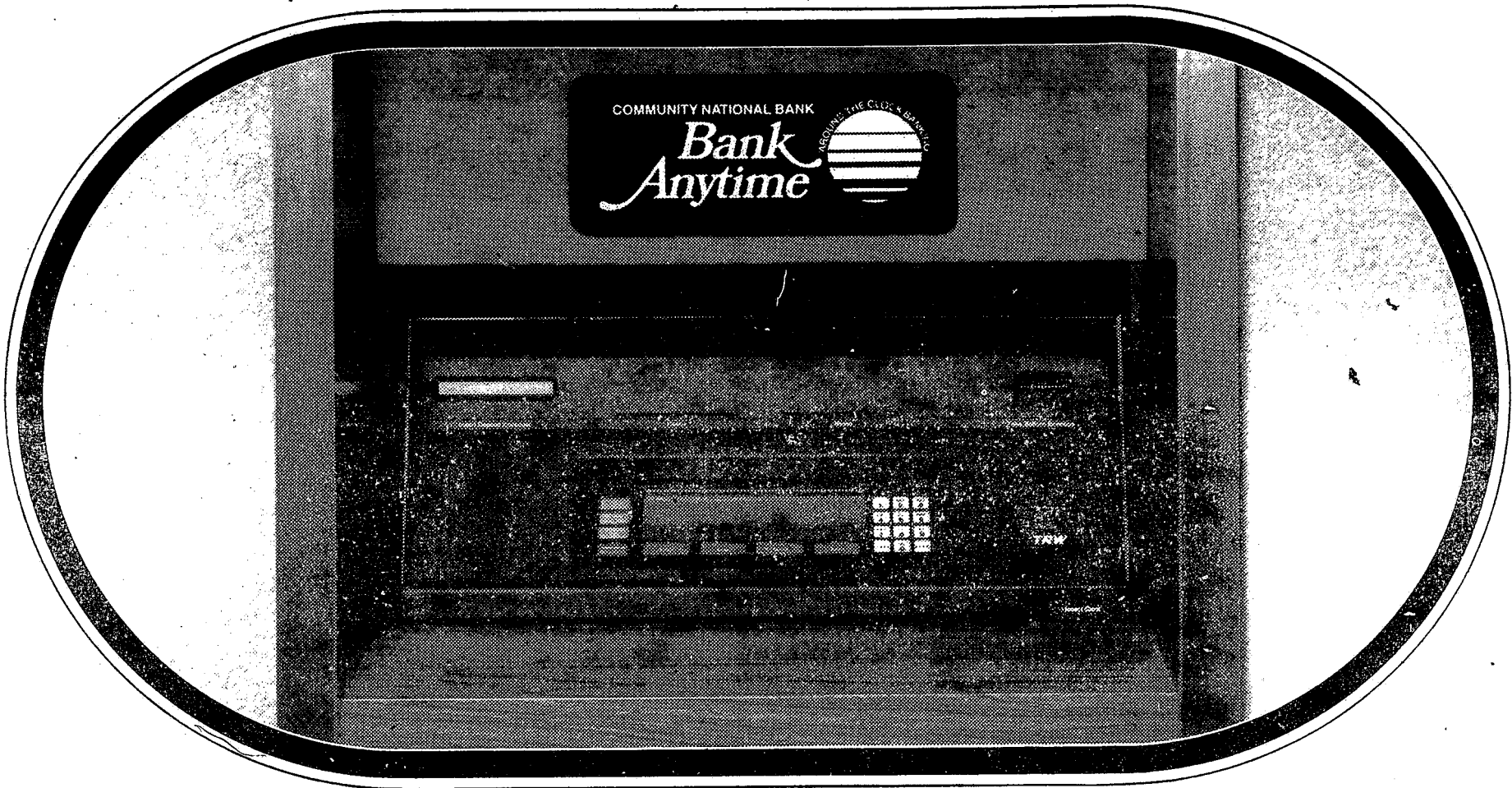
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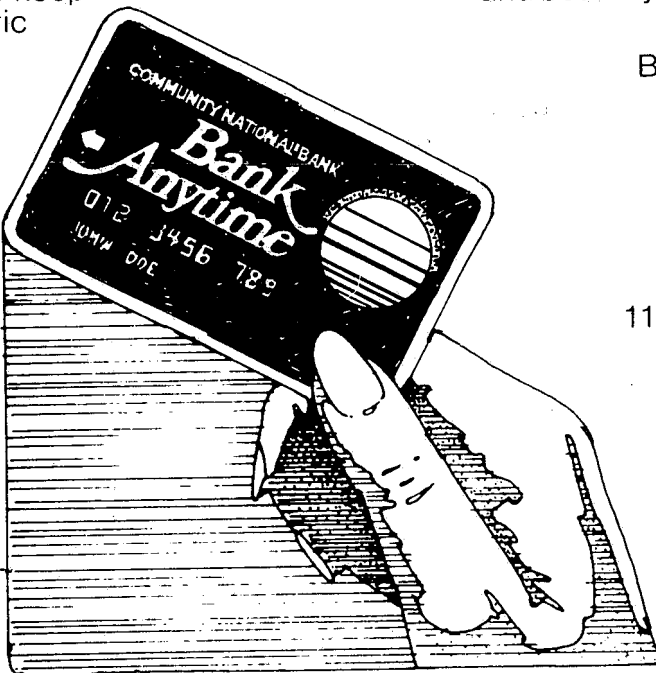
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- Waterford Twp
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CHS Baseball

Coaches: Roy Warner
Gary Warner

Day	Date	School	H/A	Time
Wed.	May 2	Milford	H	4:00
Wed.	May 2	Milford JV	A	4:00
Fri.	May 4	Wtfd. Kettering	A	4:00
Fri.	May 4	Wtfd. Kettering JV	H	4:00
Sat.	May 5	R.O. Kimball	J.C.	11:00
Sat.	May 5	R.O. Dondero	Park	
Mon.	May 7	Andover	H	4:00
Mon.	May 7	Andover JV	A	4:00
Wed.	May 9	Rochester	A	4:00
Wed.	May 9	Rochester JV	H	4:00
Thurs.	May 10	Wtfd. Mott	A	4:00
Thurs.	May 10	Wtfd. Mott JV	H	4:00
Fri.	May 11	West Bloomfield	H	4:00
Fri.	May 11	West Bloomfield JV	A	4:00
Sat.	May 12	R.O. Kimball JV (DH)	H	11:00
Mon.	May 14	Milford	A	4:00
Mon.	May 14	Milford JV	H	4:00
Wed.	May 16	Wtfd. Kettering	H	4:00
Wed.	May 16	Wtfd. Kettering JV	A	4:00
Fri.	May 18	Andover	A	4:00
Fri.	May 18	Andover JV	H	4:00
Mon.	May 21	Troy Athens	H	4:00
Mon.	May 21	Troy Athens JV	A	4:00
Fri.	May 25	Pre-Districts		
Fri.	June 1	Districts		
Sat.	June 2	Districts		
Sat.	June 9	Regionals		
Sat.	June 16	Finals		

CHS Softball

Coaches: Kathy Mahrie
Sheryl Stickley

Day	Date	School	H/A	Time
Wed.	May 2	Milford	H	4:00
Wed.	May 2	Milford JV	A	4:00
Fri.	May 4	Kettering	A	4:00
Fri.	May 4	Kettering JV	H	4:00
Mon.	May 7	Andover	H	4:00
Mon.	May 7	Andover JV	A	4:00
Wed.	May 9	Rochester	A	4:00
Fri.	May 11	West Bloomfield	H	4:00
Fri.	May 11	West Bloomfield JV	A	4:00
Mon.	May 14	Milford	A	4:00
Mon.	May 14	Milford JV	H	4:00
Wed.	May 16	Kettering	H	4:00
Wed.	May 16	Kettering JV	A	4:00
Thurs.	May 17	Birmingham Groves	H	8:00
Fri.	May 18	Andover	A	4:00
Fri.	May 18	Andover JV	H	4:00
Tues.	May 22	Mott	A	4:00
Tues.	May 22	Mott JV	H	4:00
Wed.	May 23	Grand Blanc (DH)	H	6:00
Wed.	May 23	Grand Blanc JV (DH)	H	6:00
Fri.	May 25	Pre-Districts		
Wed.	May 30	Flint Carman	H	4:00
Wed.	May 30	Flint Carman JV	A	4:00
Fri.	June 1	Districts		
Sat.	June 2	Districts		
Sat.	June 9	Regionals		
Sat.	June 16	Finals		

(All Home Games at Clintonwood Park Except 4/11/79)

CHS Track

Coaches: Sandy Stevenson
Errol Solley
Bill Valasco

Day	Date	School	B - Boys G - Girls	H/A	Time
Fri.	May 4	Avondale (G)		H	4:00
Sat.	May 5	Lake Orion Invitational (B)		A	11:00 am
Sat.	May 5	W. Bloomfield Invitational (G)		A	
Tues.	May 8	Kettering (B&G)		H	4:00
Wed.	May 9	Brandon (G)		H	4:00
Fri.	May 11	Livonia Stevenson Inv. (B)		A	5:00
Tues.	May 15	Andover (B&G)		H	4:00
Tues.	May 22	Oakland County Meet (G)			Lakeland
Thurs.	May 24	League Meet (B&G)			Kettering
Fri.	May 25	Oakland County Meet (B)			

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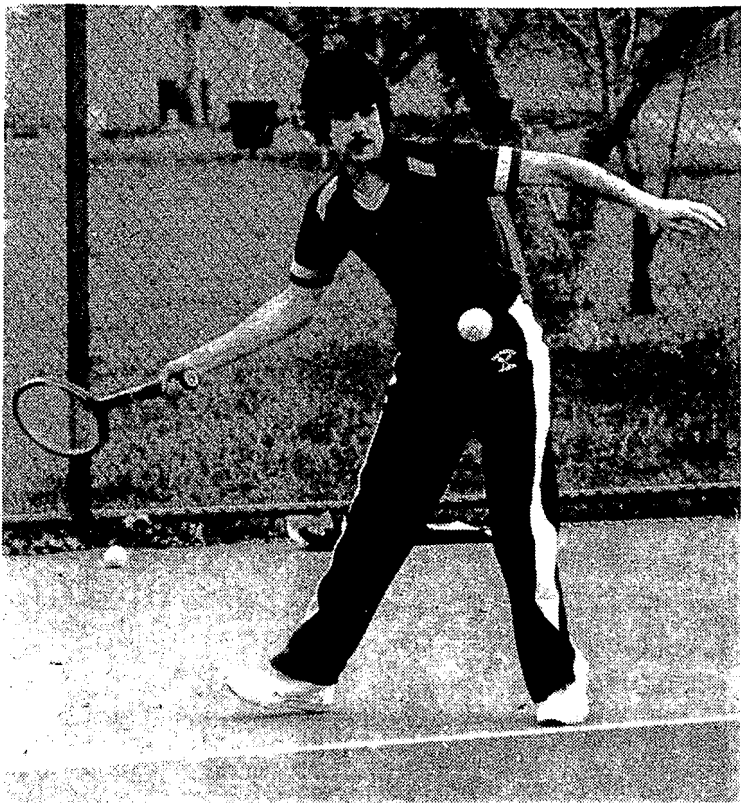
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Sports



Lined up for an easy shot, Matt Ballough prepares to smash the ball back at Rochester player in a doubles match Friday.

Jeff Haase sweeps his racquet to complete a backhand lob against his Rochester opponent.

CHS nets 1-2 record

A 1-2 record is held by the Clarkston High School boys tennis team.

Opening the season with an

April 24 win over Pontiac Northern, the Wolves dropped a Friday match against Rochester 5-2 and a Monday contest against West Bloomfield 4-3.

The boys will be busy this week with matches Wednesday

and Thursday against Milford and Lake Orion. A Friday contest with Waterford Kettering is also scheduled.

The Milford and Lake Orion matches will be played at Clintonwood Park.



The Clarkston High School boys' tennis team number one singles man, Greg Hall reaches for the ball during a Friday match against Rochester High.



Steve Rollman covered the front half of the court in a doubles match against Rochester.

CHS Girls' Golf

Coach: Jim Chamberlain
School

Day	Date	School	H/A	Time
Wed.	May 2	Rochester Adams	A	3:15
Thurs.	May 3	Harper Creek Inv.	A	9:00 am
Tues.	May 8	Pontiac Central	H	3:00
Wed.	May 9	Rochester	A	3:00
Thurs.	May 10	Troy Athens	A	3:00
Fri.	May 11	Pontiac Northern	H	3:00
Mon.	May 14	Davison Invitational	A	9:00 am
Tues.	May 15	Birmingham Seaholm	A	3:30
Fri.	May 18	Regionals		
Mon.	May 20	Regionals		
Tues.	May 22	Troy	H	3:30
Fri.	May 25	Rochester Adams	H	3:30
Mon.	June 4	Finals		

CHS Boys' Tennis

Coach: Linc Smith
School

Day	Date	School	H/A	Time
Wed.	May 2	Milford	H	4:00
Fri.	May 4	Wtfd. Kettering	A	4:00
Mon.	May 7	Andover	H	4:00
Tues.	May 8	Wtfd. Mott	A	4:00
Wed.	May 9	Rochester	A	4:00
Fri.	May 11	West Bloomfield	H	4:00
Mon.	May 14	Milford	A	4:00
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Softball team shy in experience

By Michelle Marzahl

After losing seven seniors from last year's team, Clarkston High School's varsity softball team faces the problem of inexperience as they begin their 1979 season.

"We're learning at this point," said coach Kathy Mahrle. "With only four seniors we're a little inexperienced."

The seniors returning from last year's varsity squad are Michelle Dearborn, pitcher; Kay Pearson, shortstop; and Pam Blower and Donna Odell in the outfield.

Infielders Kass Conway and Linda Foster are juniors coming back for another season along with Kelly Mason playing both third base and pitching.

Rounding out the rest of the team are juniors Minday Haas, Mary Olney, Patti Johnson and Lee Vedder; and three

sophomores: Jane Acton, Lisa Forsyth and Theresa Whitehead.

Pitching is a strong point for the Wolves. Dearborn has been pitching since her sophomore year and is "experienced, dependable and strong," said coach Mahrle.

Mahrle also hopes to get strong pitching from Mason who had some problems with control last year.

"Kelly can throw the ball like dynamite. Once she starts throwing strikes, nobody will be able to hit her," she said.

Self discipline is a quality Mahrle wants from her players. "Self discipline and dedication are important. They have to be willing to put in extra time and learn from mistakes," she said.

Mahrle has coached softball for nine seasons. She led the Wolves to a 13-7 record last

year, good for third place in the Greater Oakland Activities League, GOAL. She sees the toughest competitor for this year from league foes West Bloomfield and Andover.

Overall, Mahrle is optimistic about this year's team and said development will be important for a successful season.

In their first game of the season, the Wolves scored 10 runs in the first inning and went on to beat Pontiac Northern 17-7.

In another game, they were shut out by Waterford Township, last year's state champions, but gave up only three runs.

Despite the loss, Mahrle said, "I'm encouraged. We did well against Waterford Township." The Wolves travel to Waterford Kettering for a game tomorrow afternoon.

Win opens track season

A strong showing by the Clarkston High School runners saved a track meet against Milford April 24, giving the Wolves a 71-61 victory over the Redskins.

The win led coach Errol Solley to predict the Wolves and the Redskins will face off for the

second place title in the Greater Oakland Activities League finals this year, with West Bloomfield taking first place.

Saturday, the thinclads placed 10 out of 19 teams assembled from across the state in the West Bloomfield Invitational meet, a boys' event.

Distancer Gordon Sanders

and hurler Scott Eriksson put in "outstanding performances" in the Saturday invitational, with Eriksson breaking a CHS record in discus throwing 151.5 feet, Solley said.

Soggy weather canceled a girls track event against Pontiac Catholic Thursday.

Ball team drops two

The Clarkston High School varsity baseball team is "trying to get it back together" after two defeats last week, coach Roy Warner said.

The Wolves dropped games to Pontiac Northern April 24 with a 9-6 score and Waterford Town-

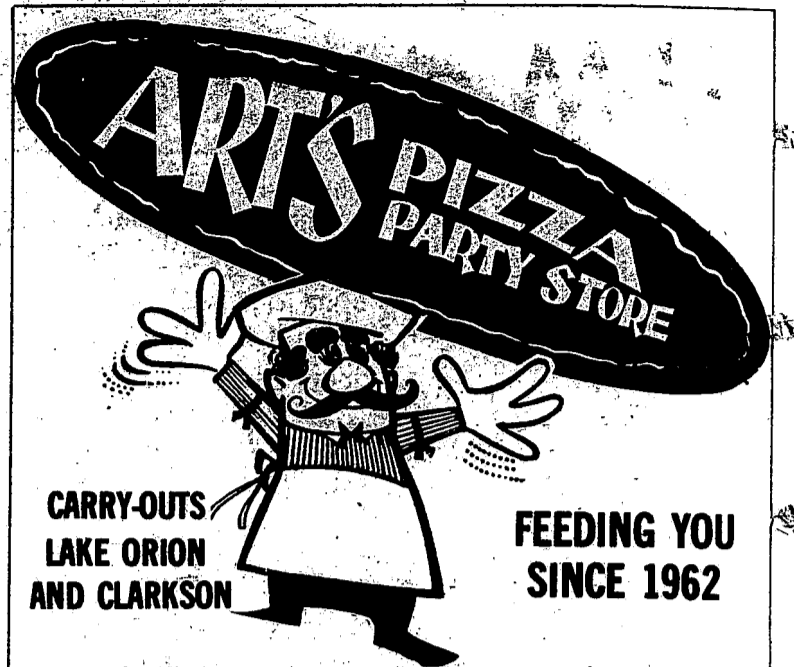
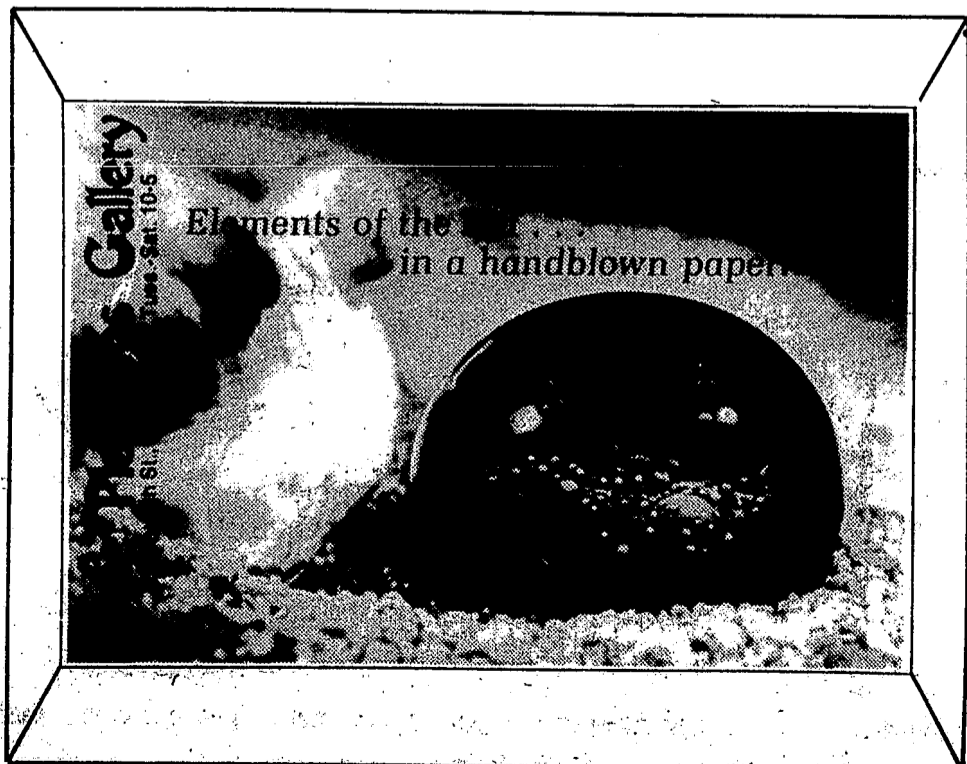
ship, 11-5, the next day.

"Both teams were hitting the ball. Theirs were going into the hole and we were hitting the ball to them," Warner said of the Pontiac game.

The Waterford contest "would have been a close ball

game, but we walked 15 hitters that day," he continued. "We couldn't find anyone to throw a strike."

A home match against Rochester and a doubleheader in Midland were cancelled due to weather.



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U-M coaches to dazzle local duffers

A golf outing to quicken the heartbeat of all University of Michigan sports fans is planned for May 9 at the Spring Lake Country Club.

and a dozen other U-M coaches will be among the duffers on the Independence Township course.

the university's football and basketball programs, participants can shoot for several prizes in the five-man scramble tournament.

by the newly-organized 'M' Club in Oakland County, but you don't have to be a Michigan alumnus to join in the outing. The \$30 fee covers 18 holes of

golf, beer and a dinner. To register for a tee-off time, call Dan Fife, manager of the club on Maybee Road at 625-3731.

Bo Schembechler, Johnny Orr

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'Walk for Independence' sponsor sheets available

Volunteers to "Walk for Independence" are being sought to raise funds for Independence Center.

The 16-mile walk through the Clarkston area is scheduled May 19, beginning at Clarkston High School at 8:30 a.m.

People planning to participate need to find sponsors to donate money for each mile walked.

After the walk, they will collect the money and turn it over to the center.

Sign-up sheets are available at

all Clarkston schools and at The Clarkston News office, 5 S. Main, Clarkston.

Independence Center is housed in a 124-year-old building, provided rent-free by the Sashabaw Presbyterian Church at 5331 Maybee, Independence Township.

The nonprofit organization's purpose is to provide services to help people help themselves.

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Counseling for youths and adults is available from a social worker and a psychologist.

Shut-ins are telephoned daily and transportation is provided for medical appointments when necessary.

"Walk for Independence" is the major fund-raiser for the center which operates solely on contributions from area churches, civic groups and individuals.

Last year, the walk provided about \$1,200 for the center.

Fishing derby this weekend

On Saturday and Sunday, the Drayton Plains Nature Center and Oakland County Sports-

mans Club are sponsoring their annual fishing derby at the Drayton Plains Nature Center, both days from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All participants must fill out an application available at the nature center and schools in the Waterford District. The fee is

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Children between the ages of 3 and 12 are to be accompanied by an adult.

Paddleball champions

Jay D'Alessandro of Clarkston and Rick Pankey of Waterford, last year's paddleball champs at the Waterford Hill courts, were beaten out of first place Sunday by an Ann Arbor area team.

Kevin McCully of Ann Arbor and Ron Pudduck of Dexter won the championship at Waterford Hill's 8th annual paddleball tournament by defeating D'Alessandro and Pankey in a series which ran 21-12, 18-21 and 21-7.

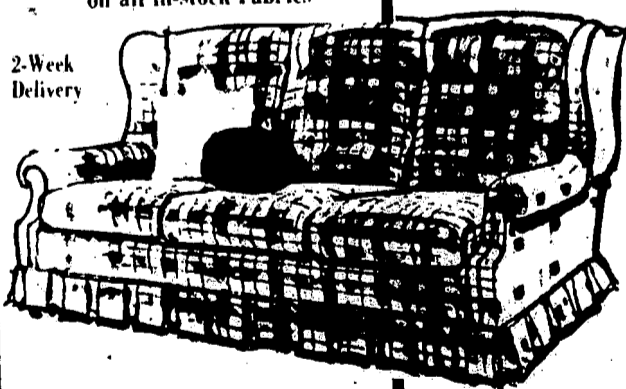
Third place was captured by Don McManus and Dave Craigmile of Waterford. Mick Fetter and Harold Singleton of Clarkston took consolation honors.

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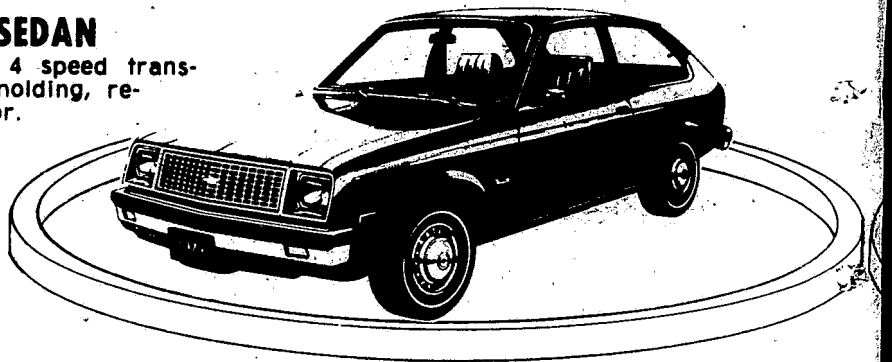


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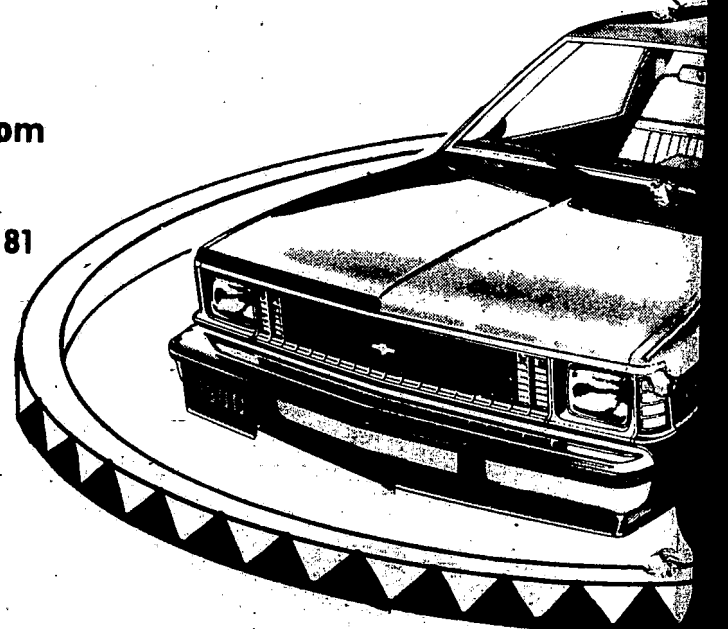
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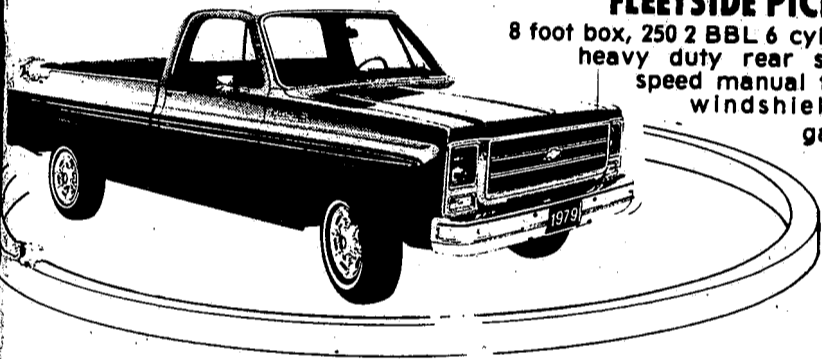
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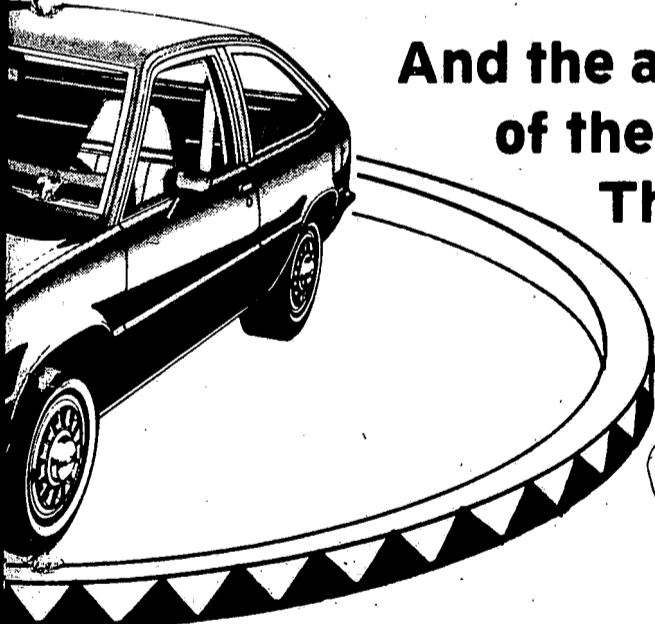
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'Catch 22' drain major frustration

By Kathy Greenfield

Ernie Severance is ready to let the water roar for him.

After several years spent in a methodical search to get help with a 30-year-old drain that leads to Walters Lake, he and a group of homeowners say they are seriously thinking about blocking the drain.

"Nobody will help us. Nobody will take responsibility for the drain," said Severance, who has been a Sunny Beach Property Owners' Association officer for four years.

He points to the heavy sand-like sediment half filling the drain that goes under Clarkston-Orion Road then underground for about 250 feet across his lot on Lakeview Drive and several other lots.

At the end of the drain is a clogged, crumbled area of ground with no visible opening aside from the hole in one of his neighbor's back yards that causes water to gush into a fountain during heavy rains, he said.

"The sediment that's washed down there has changed the contour of the lake," he said. "It's filled the lake in. It's polluting the lake—all the salt and oil and everything is washing down into the lake."

In his search for help, he has written or telephoned at least six county, state and township government offices.

"Every place we go, we just run into a dead end," he said. "It's just frustrating. Every time I go to a (property owners') meeting, they say, 'What have you done about the drain?'"

Severance's last round of pleas for help brought a road commission crew to clean out the culvert under the road.

Now, one-and-one-half years later, it's clogged to inefficiency again.

The drain problem is common throughout the township and the county, said government officials contacted by The Clarkston News.

They gave no easy solutions. At best, recommendations for stop-gap procedures were offered.

"I will contact the road commission and try and get (the culvert) cleared out again—either them or the township," said state represen-

'Nobody helps us. Nobody will take responsibility for the drain.'

— Ernie Severance,
Sunny Beach property owner

tative Claude Trim (D-Davisburg). "Somebody has to clear it out."

"As I seem to recall, and this is strictly from memory, we received an inquiry from Claude Trim so we tried to investigate it," said Donald Ringler, county manager of sewer, water and solid waste.

"The end result was that it's not ours," he said. "In other words, we did not construct it or assume any jurisdiction over it."

"We are not responsible for any of the problems that are being caused by the drain," he said.

A memo written in 1978 by county highway engineer Paul VanRoekel outlined the road commission's role, said Dennis Pajot, public information officer.

The "normal solution" would be to set a special tax assessment district to rebuild the drain and then it would be the county drain commission's responsibility.

Ten to 20 percent of the expenses would be paid by the county road commission and the remaining costs by local taxpayers.

"The people or the township, either one, could initiate something with the drain commission, or the township could do something on its own," Pajot said, although the township would probably act only in an emergency.

Independence Township Water and Sewer Department Director George Anderson put the township's responsibilities in three words.

"Zero, zip, nothing," he said. Anderson offered two possible solutions.

One was setting up a special drainage district, as described by Pajot.

Such action would require 51 percent of the about 300 property owners to sign a petition ask-

ing to be taxed, which is unlikely, he said.

The other solution was for the homeowners to repair or replace the existing drain that runs across their property themselves.

"It's catch 22—no matter what they do, they're going to end up paying for it," Anderson said.

He nixed the idea of blocking the drain.

"They'll wash themselves away," he said. "If they plugged that up, they'd be sued (by the road commission and people with damaged property)."

Noting action by the township board to buy \$1,000 in materials for repair of a dam on Walters Lake several years ago, Anderson said the group should appear before the board and ask for help.

Anderson places the blame for such problems on private roads and the resulting private drains.

"Private roads are always good when they start out and 30 years 'down the road, they're always a problem," he said.

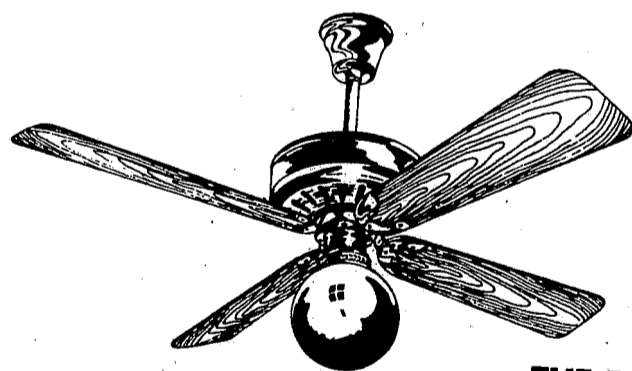
Although the township board recently adopted an ordinance amendment that in essence



A collapsed portion of the drain results in a gush of water flowing out of this hole in a neighbor's back yard during heavy rain storms, Severance said.

allows private road construction with several guidelines, Anderson said his position stands. "I still object to them and I always will," he said. "They will continue to be a problem as long as the public can't maintain them."

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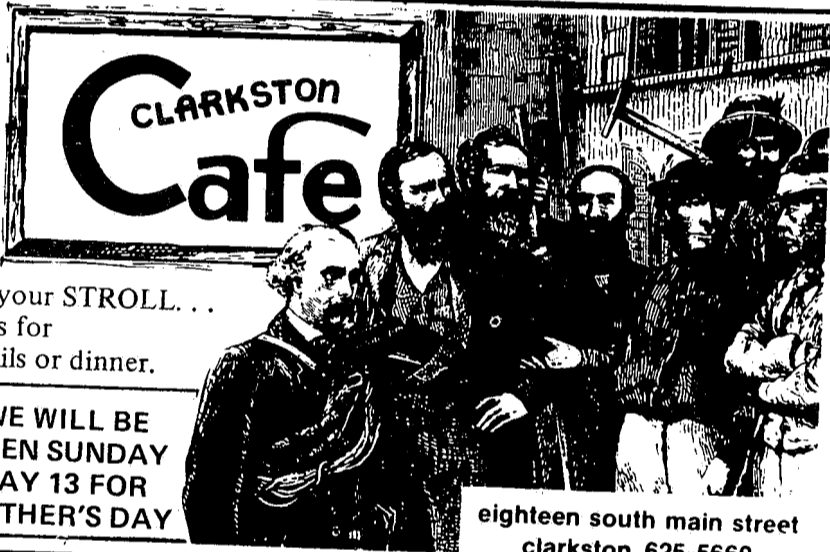
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Mail sales for new subscribers planning to attend one or more of the four six-concert series started last Sunday.

Because 90 percent of last year's subscribers bought tickets this year, only a few pavilion tickets remain for series 1, 2 and 3, according to a music theater spokesman.

To avoid a repeat of last year when several theater ticket requests had to be returned, those interested in pavilion seats for the three series should call the Pine Knob hotline at 647-7790 before mailing orders.

Lawn tickets for all four series are readily available as are pavilion tickets for series 4, so telephone calls are unnecessary for those concerts, the spokesman said.

Subscription sales will only be taken by mail and should be addressed to Pine Knob Subscriptions, P.O. Box P1033, Birmingham 48010.

Last year over 1 million people attended concerts at the theater that seats 5,000 in the pavilion and 5,000 on the lawn.

Individual tickets for Pine Knob's eighth season are to go on sale at the music theater in late May.

The four series dates and prices are:

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Engelbert--June 18, 19, 20, 21
Sammy Davis, Jr.--June 26, 27, 28, 29

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Perry Como--Aug. 13, 14, 15, 16
Johnny Mathis--Aug. 20, 21, 22, 23

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Series 2

Beach Boys--July 4, 5, 6
James Taylor--July 8, 9, 10
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Chicago--Sept. 4, 5, 6
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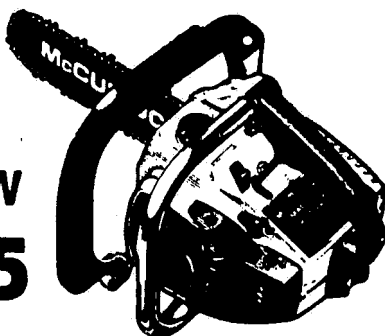
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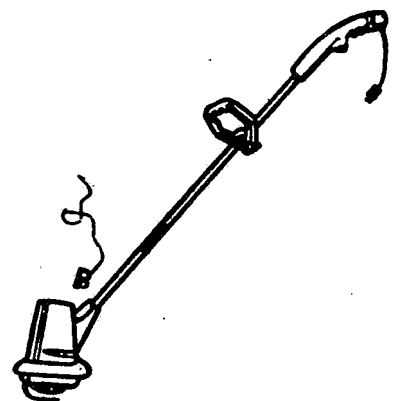


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Keith Benoit hoists the plastic bag containing 30,000 eight-day-old northern pike. The fish were gently released into Crooked Lake Marsh at Independence Oaks Monday, where they will grow to 3 to 6 inches before removal in the fall. Benoit, a University of Michigan senior, works for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources as a student aide.



Ken Downing, a DNR fisheries aide, holds some of the baby pike to show their size. They will grow to 3 to 6 inches before removal and placement in lakes in Oakland, Wayne, Macomb and St. Clair counties. The pike will be legal fishing size in about two years, Downing said. Most are caught during ice fishing season and they can measure between 25 and 29 inches.



In the fall, if the season is good, up to 10,000 pike will survive the early months. The marsh is drained, the fish are trapped in a holding tank and taken out with nets. Dan Stencil (left), assistant park supervisor, and Benoit check the trap.

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A car driven by Charles F. Beck, 44, of West Bloomfield Township was going the wrong direction on the expressway, said Deputy Robert Wark, Oakland County Sheriff's Department public information officer.

Upon impact, the automobile driven by Mark A. Ramsey, 21, of Pontiac, exploded, Mark said.

Ramsey and his passenger Ellis P. Riggins, 20, of Pontiac,

were burned beyond recognition, he said.

The accident completely closed off the expressway and officers were on the scene from 4:20 to 9 a.m., Wark said.

No skid marks were visible at the scene and estimated speed upon collision was between 65- and 70 miles an hour, Wark said.

Nine Oakland County sheriff's department officers answered the call, as well as members of the Independence Township Fire Department, he said.

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Kicking off the schedule will be a Band Day parade May 19,

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The parade calendar for the remainder of 1979 is May 28, Memorial Day; July 4, In-

dependence Day; July 28, the 4-H Club parade; Sept. 3, Labor Day; and Dec. 15, the Christmas parade.

The parade schedule and the Band Day festivities in the village park were unanimously

approved by the Clarkston Village Council at its April 23 meeting.

After the parade May 19, there will be a barbecue in the park, during which the various

Clarkston bands will perform lawn concerts.

Those interested in participating in the parade should contact Sandy Freel at 625-5209 by May 7.

Rain didn't dampen them

A dozen young people persevered despite a downpour Saturday morning and three Clarkston district school yards are the better for it.

Four times as many youngsters had been expected for the clean-up effort organized by the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance Committee. The rain cut youthful attendance to 12 and made the work more difficult on muddy school grounds.

Nevertheless, before a luncheon of pizza and pop at the Clarkston United Methodist Church, the crew cleaned the yards at Sashabaw and Clarkston junior highs and did some work at the high school.

Those participating from Clarkston Junior High School were Bob Cattin, Rick Eckhardt, Wendy Eckhardt, Jeff Lyons, Shirley Lund, Shannon Moore and Scott Smith.

Kelley Craig, Sandi Craig, Annette Slattery and Kathy Taylor represented Sashabaw Junior High. Also participating were Michelle Cunningham of Clarkston Elementary School and Marlene Cotton of Flint, who was visiting friends here.

Marlene enlisted for the clean-up effort while visiting Al and Sylvia Carter of Independence Township. Carter, a member of the youth involvement committee for Youth Assistance, supervised the outing Saturday.

Garry Pullins, Youth Assistance social worker, also was on hand, along with committee members Elaine Murray, Kay Robertson and Virginia Walter. Betty Smith was the volunteer driver of the van which transported hoes, rakes and other equipment to the workers.

Seniors to go shopping in Canada

A day trip for any senior citizen to the farmer's market in London, Ont., is planned by the Independence Township Recreation Department.

The outing is scheduled for May 9, with departure from the Clarkston United Methodist Church on Waldon Road at 9 a.m.

The total cost of \$23 a person is to include motorcoach transportation to and from Canada, lunch at the Garage Restaurant and shopping at the farmer's market.

Registration deadline is May 7 at 5 p.m. Call the recreation department at 625-8223 for further information.

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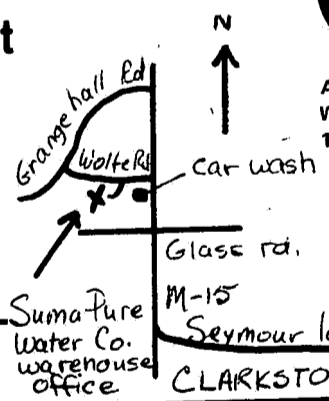
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Dawn Bradley puts the finishing touches on the mache model made by her group.



Lillian Wells peeks over the shoulder of a papier mache man affectionately called "George" by his creators.

Sashabaw students take papier-mache art from life



A group of Sashabaw Junior High students discuss the merits of their papier mache creation. Complete with white shirt and black tie, they plan to have a replica of popular comedian

Steve Martin when finished. Working in groups, the art students of Suzanne Kizer created four mache people for display at the school's open house tonight [Wednesday].

Seniors can get song-fest freebies

Local senior citizens are invited to attend the May 19 Pine Knob Barber Shop Quartet Spectacular, compliments of the Clarkston Rotary Club.

Over 200 free tickets, priced at \$3.50 for the general public, have been provided for seniors.

They are available at the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department, 90 N. Main, Clarkston. To qualify, senior citizens must be able to prove they are age 55 or older.

Those interested in attending should call the township senior citizen department at 625-8223 by May 9 so reservations can be guaranteed.

Transportation can be arranged for those who need it.

The program, to be presented at Pine Knob Music Theatre from 8 to 10:30 p.m., includes The Citations, rated number one nationally; The Vagabonds, and The New Baltimore Exit, a comedy group.

Plenty of pancakes for kids, grandparents

Senior citizens and their grandchildren are invited to a free breakfast Saturday, May 12.

The Clarkston Jaycees are offering free pancakes, sausages,

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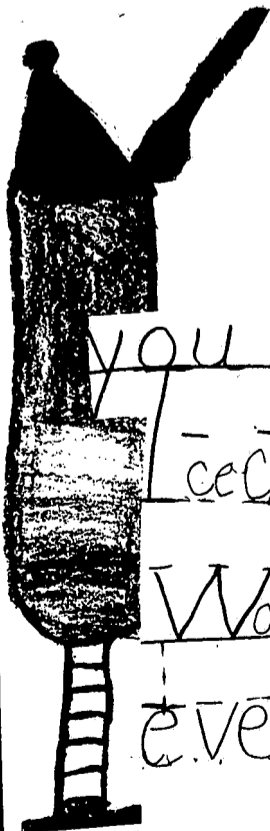
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Testimonial dinner to honor Billie Farnum

A testimonial for former 19th District Congressman Billie S. Farnum, now secretary of the Michigan Senate, is planned for May 10 in Madison Heights.

In the mid-1970's, Farnum, a Waterford Township resident, served as financial consultant for the Village of Clarkston's sewers.

Once an assistant to former U.S. Sen. Blair Moody, Farnum has been a member of the Michigan State Fair Commission, an assistant secretary of state, the deputy secretary of

state and the deputy chairman of the Michigan Democratic Party. He was the last state auditor elected on a statewide ballot.

Among those urging friends and supporters of Farnum to attend "The Times of Billie Sunday Farnum" salute are Gov. William G. Milliken, Attorney General Frank Kelley, Secretary of State Richard Austin, State Supreme Court Justice G. Mennen Williams, Sen. William Faust and Sen. Robert Vander Laan.

The testimonial dinner is to be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Retail Store Employee Local 876 at 876 Horace Brown Drive near 13 Mile and I-75 in Madison Heights.

Tickets can be ordered by sending \$20 to the "Billie S. Farnum Testimonial Committee, 122 S. Grand, Suite 225, Lansing, MI 48933.

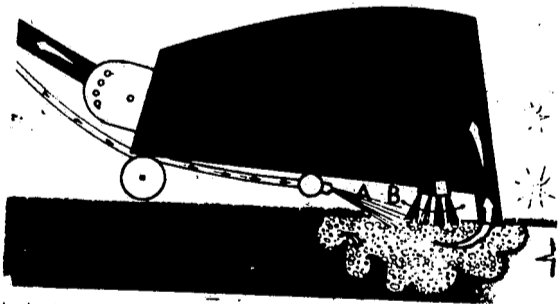
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Alan: Will keep fund commitment

(Continued from page 1.)

Proposed by Alan, the project was originally estimated by Clarkston Mills planners to cost \$33,000. Skyrocketing construction costs have upped the price for the project to at least \$46,000.

Village President Fontie Ap-Madoc reported April 9 that Alan cannot contribute the funds at this time and that Clarkston cannot carry out the construction work until Alan's share is received.

At the April 24 meeting, the council moved to ask for a letter from Alan detailing when the money will be in hand.

"We have made our commitment and we have never reneged on a commitment in our lives, because we think it's vitally important to maintain commitments and see that Depot Road is improved," Alan said.

He did not provide a timetable for the payments.

Alan's stance on water levels in streams and lakes fed by the Mill Pond remains as it was last summer.

In August, several Clarkston residents complained of low water levels in the streams and lakes which abut their properties. The water level is controlled by a dam on Alan's property.

"I can't create the water," Alan said. "Sometimes, there are times when we have too much water and there are times when we don't have enough."

A log of when the Mill Pond water levels are manipulated is kept and is open for examination by the village council, Alan added.

Alan had little to say about the breach-of-contract civil suit filed by Frank Walker in the Oakland County Circuit Court.

In affidavits, Walker and Alan charge each other with mismanagement. Each claims the other is responsible for cost overruns of \$450,000 on top of the \$650,000 initially invested in the Clarkston Mills.

Preliminary hearings on the case were held in December.

Alan said he had "No comment whatsoever" to make on

the litigation.

Asked if the lawsuit had any bearing on the delay in developing the facilities in the Mills' lower levels, Alan said, "That didn't help us, obviously. You don't argue a lawsuit in the newspaper. You leave that up to your counsel."

Despite the problems Alan has faced with the Clarkston Mills, he said he is "happy" with

the mall.

"I think any project of this type has to grow and mature and when the complex is fully established and running, you'll find it is an excellent addition to the community."

Clarkston has already benefited from the presence of the Mills in the business district, Alan said. He predicted that the successful renovation of the

building will be a stimulus to similar improvements throughout the downtown area.

The Clarkston Mills has also brought additional parking to Clarkston, clean up of the area surrounding the mall, and provided opportunities for Clarkston area residents to own shops in the mall and find employment in its stores, he said.

Presently involved in aiding Clarkston Mills merchants in developing "an aggressive merchandising program," Alan described his role in the management of the mall.

"I think it's to see the project through to its fulfillment and the kind of quality that we understand. I think the Clarkston Mills is an important asset to the village of Clarkston."



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SECTION TWO

The Clarkston (Mich.) News

Wed., May 2, 1979 29



Ruth Smith of Dixie Highway, Independence Township, takes a closer look at the bottle of shampoo she got for 25 cents at the Pioneer Club's white elephant auction.



A string of beads bought at the auction by Jeannette Atkins [left] of East Church Street, Clarkston, is admired by Eva Masters of S. Main Street, Clarkston.



Wes Walter of N. Holcomb Street, Clarkston, holds up his prize purchase—an antique wooden-handled meat carving set.



Auctioneer for the event, Will Sutton of Ortonville sings the praises of a bottle of bath salts.

Clarkston Pioneers

25 years

of

friendship

By Kathy Greenfield

Clarkston's Pioneer Club is 25 years strong.

Founded in 1959, the group meets for lunch the fourth Thursday of each month.

Meat, rolls and coffee are provided and covered dishes are brought to share with friends.

Friends. That's the idea of the club.

"It's a fellowship of people your own age—good food, good fellowship and good entertainment," said Jeannette Atkins, vice president.

A program is planned for each meeting, but most of the fun comes from being together.

Holidays are observed with touches like colorful Easter napkins at the April 26 meeting held, as usual, at the Clarkston United Methodist Church on Waldon Road, Independence

Township.

A white elephant sale was also conducted to raise money for bingo prizes.

There were items from beads, shampoo and bath salts to glass plates and vases, but the fun came from bidding and buying 25-cent bargains, and laughing together.

Indeed, "where old friends meet" is how Wes Walter describes the club.

There are about 30 members from several northern Oakland County communities, and the group is looking for more new friends to become old friends.

The only membership requirement is that the person be age 55 or older.

For more information on how to join the Pioneer Club, call 625-2058.

For Steve, the play's the thing



Memorabilia from past performances decorates the walls of aspiring actor Steve Cunningham's bedroom.

By Mimi Mayer

"The Roar of the Greasepaint, the Smell of the Crowd." Although Steve Cunningham is yet to perform in that musical, he'd probably jump at the chance.

At age 19, Steve, of Ellis Road, Independence Township, is an admitted theater junkie.

"I really can't let a week go by when I'm not reading one or two shows or seeing one or two shows. If I let more than a month or two go by without being in a show, I go crackers," Steve said.

His fascination was formed while performing in Clarkston High School productions, during a cross-state tour with a government-funded theater troupe and when he portrayed the villain in Pontiac Theater IV's Sherlock Holmes."

And now Steve is further broadening his experience by serving as assistant director for Edward Albee's "The American Dream" and "The Sandbox" with the Lion Company, an Oakland County theater group which gained fame when it performed Albee's "The Zoo Story" at Detroit's Attic Theatre.

As interested in play production and direction as in-acting, Steve is working at McAnnally Realtors, Independence Township.

"It's business training," he stated. "To be a producer, you need to have some sense of business. I figured real estate was as good a place to get business training as anything."

"I want very much to act and I want very much to be a good actor. I don't think you can be a capable director or producer without having been a good actor."

Steve's schooling in acting includes courses at Clarkston High, a stint in the Cranbrook Theatre Academy's summer program and one term at Wayne State University studying theater arts.

But Steve feels genuine stage training comes from partaking in production after production.

"I really think being involved with a show is the best way to learn about theater," he said. "You can spend your life studying theater in a school but you have to be an actor or a producer or a director to learn anything."

Eventually, Steve plans to travel to either New York or Los Angeles to carve out an acting career. He is aware, however, that the competition is stiff and he may fail.

"I guess I have large dreams of glory that any aspiring actor has. I have to try it no matter what. I've decided this way of life is for me," he said.

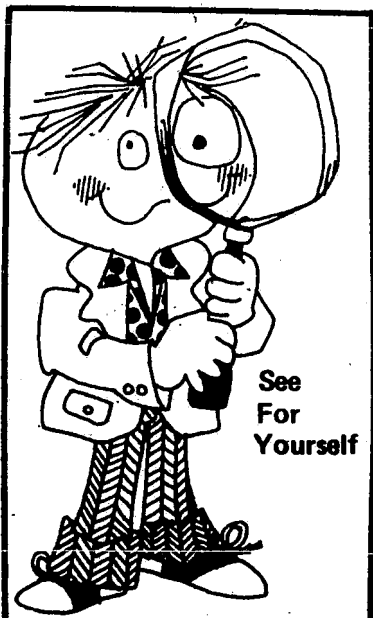
"I don't intend to be a person who has this dream in their life and doesn't pursue it. I'm going to shoot for these high ambitions and, if later on I fail, I'll at least be content in knowing I tried."

A sample of Steve's work can be seen during the Lion Company's productions of "Three by Albee" June 1, 7, 9, 10 and 15 at Oakland Community College, Auburn Hills campus.

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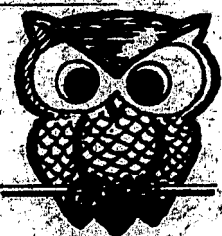
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Prepare for childbirth with a series of classes at the Henry Ford Hospital West Bloomfield Center.

"Prepared Childbirth" classes

will be taught by Linda Foreback, a registered nurse and mother of two. The program will deal with childbirth techniques, parents' questions and what happens after the baby is born.

Classes are scheduled 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturdays for six weeks starting May 5, with a seventh "reunion" session planned after all class couples have had their babies.

Pre-registration is required for the class, limited to 10 couples and with a fee of \$25. To register, call 349-4016 or the center at 661-4100. It's located at 6777 W. Maple, 2½ miles west of Orchard Lake Road.

Attend a rummage and bake sale.

There will be rummage and bake sale Friday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Seymour Lake United Methodist Church, Sashabaw and Seymour Lake roads, Brandon Township.

Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be a rummage sale only.

Find out about wills, trusts, estate planning and your rights under no-fault insurance from three attorneys.

Michael F. Pourde, Bruce Yuille and Joseph Z. Zeleznik, whose law offices are in Water-

ford Township, will take their free informational program to Bethany Baptist Church, 15 Mark, Pontiac, May 9.

Young adults with families, single persons and older citizens are encouraged to attend the 7:30 p.m. program, sponsored by the Women's Missionary Society of Bethany. For further program information, call 333-7881.

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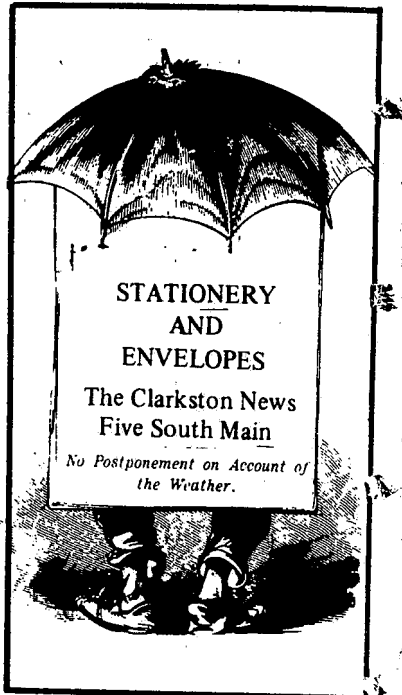
Free vision screening is available at the Oakland County Health Division, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. Bring your pre-school child on Wednesday, May 9, from 9 to 11 a.m. No appointment is necessary. For further information, call 858-1280.

Go to a free introductory lecture on Transcendental Meditation.

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Places to go

Ninth annual summer theater festival at Wayne State University's Hilberry in Detroit.

The season, July 3-Aug. 11, will include six plays.

The first will be "Aladdin," a new version of the tale from "A Thousand and One Nights" which will incorporate participation by children in the audience. It will run Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 and 11:30 a.m. in the downstairs Studio Theatre from July 3 to July 26, except for July 4.

Alan Ayckbourn's British comedy "Absurd Person Singular" will play July 5-7 and 11-14 at 8:30 p.m. at Hilberry's upstairs stage.

On July 18, two plays open.

Arthur Miller's "The Price" will play upstairs, while Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin in the Sun" will be in the Studio. Both plays will run for two weeks, Wednesdays through Saturdays, at 8:30 p.m.

On Aug. 1, Emlyn Williams' "Night Must Fall" opens in the Hilberry, and David Mamet's "American Buffalo" begins in the Studio. They'll continue for two weeks, Wednesdays through Saturdays, at 8:30 p.m.

For further information, contact the box office, Cass and Hancock, Detroit 48202, or call 577-2972.

Blind bowling exhibition.

The third annual match between the Pontiac Police Officers

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"Berlin To Broadway With Kurt Weill" is a deliciously dark smorgasbord allowing only some tempting samplings of Kurt Weill's music.

It's not for people with Cole Porter and Irving Berlin appetites, however. This is not mindless or overly romantic musical theater.

It is music and lyrics with ideas displayed in quick, nervous lines and sardonic harmonies.

Meadow Brook Theatre's last offering of each season is usually a musical comedy.

"Berlin To Broadway With Kurt Weill," which opened last Thursday night to play through May 27, is different from the musicals which have closed previous seasons.

This is a revue of the musicals of Weill with no book of plot except to follow Weill's life and musical development.

Weill was born in Dessau, Germany in 1900 and died as an American citizen in the United States in 1950.

In between those years, he wrote and composed the music for a handful of musicals in collaboration with some of the finest lyricists of the century.

These included Maxwell Anderson, Paul Green, Alan Lerner, Ira Gershwin, Ogden Nash and, of course, Bertolt Brecht.

The Brecht-Weill team produced "The Threepenny Opera" which opened in Germany in 1929.

This was to be Weill's most famous and perhaps his finest musical, but he was only 28 at the time he wrote it and he never lived to see its success in the United States.

He left Germany ahead of the Nazis and came to the U.S. where some of his last musicals were displayed on Broadway.

This revue, directed by John Ulmer, is a musical voyage through 11 Weill musical plays with bits of songs from each

hung on a slight personal and social biography.

Three males and two females sing and act the songs on a stage that has dark steps resembling the staging of a street scene.

Weill wanted his theater to be a real blending of music and drama, and seeing these compelling bits in segments only begs for complete productions. I particularly liked the cyni-

cism of "How to Survive" and Jenny Brown's singing "That's Him" with the spicy lyrics of Ogden Nash. Each of the five performers had a hard edge when it was needed—which is

often with Weill music.

This is not a musical that is neat and tidy with a happy ending, but it is recommended for its gut-wrenching sincerity and satiric musicality.

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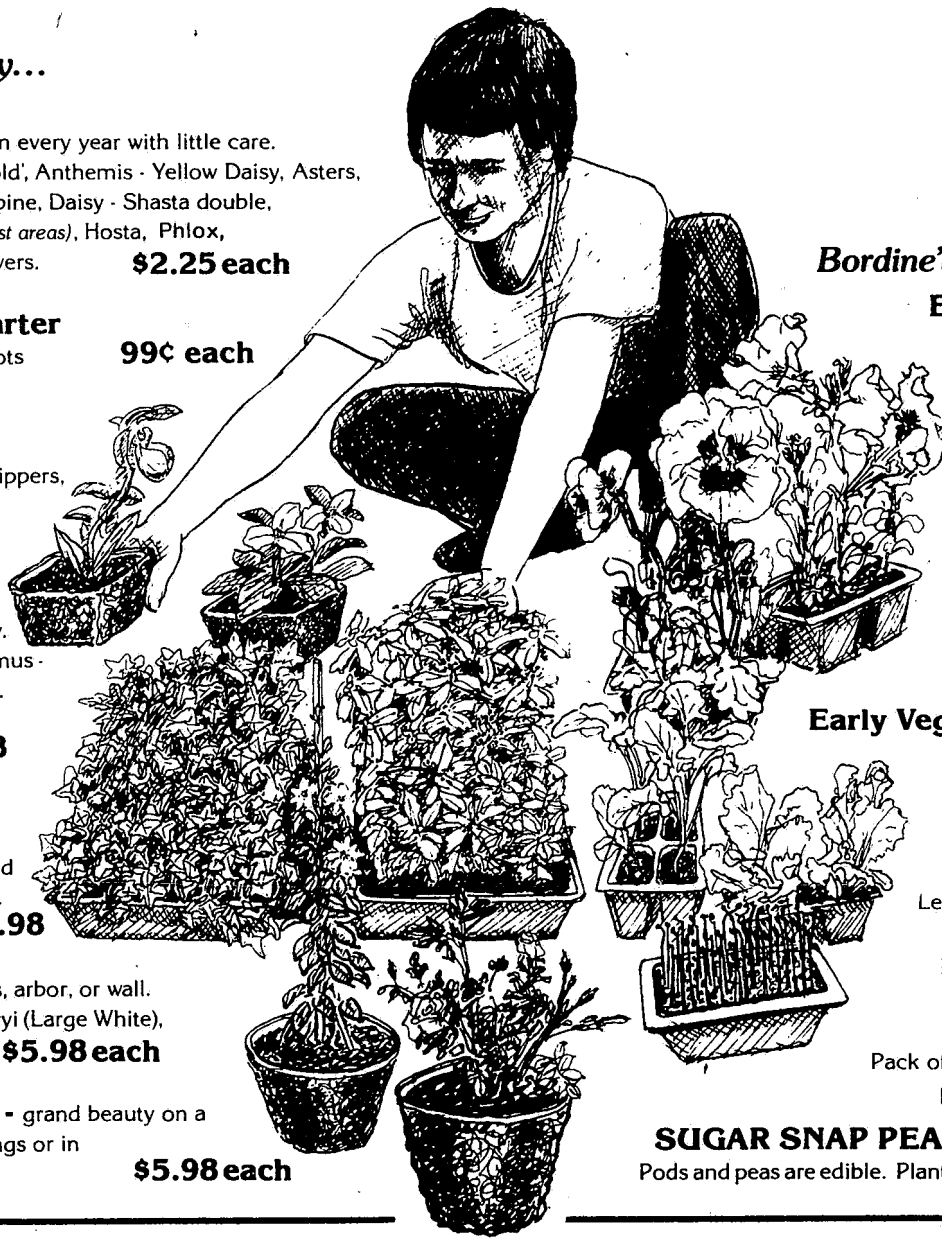
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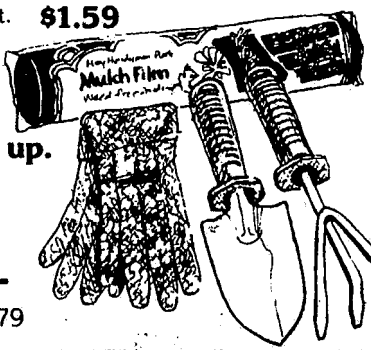
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By Mimi Mayer

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Walt's gentle teasing draws a giggle from nine-year-old Elise.



A warm hug is Gretchen's reward after she crawled on her mother's lap.

A career takes a family from one community to another.

This has been the experience of Walt and Erika Eidam and their daughters Elise, 9, and Gretchen, 5.

In the 10 years since Walt and Erika married, the Eidams have lived in Louisville, Ky., and Painesville and Cleveland, Ohio. They arrived in Independence Township last June to live in the Greens Lake Apartments until their custom home on Wa-Tah-Wa Road was completed.

As an estimating engineer with the Turner Construction Co., Walt said he knew from the start of his career that moves would be required of him.

Erika had moved often during her childhood.

Born in Germany, Erika and

her family emigrated first to Canada and later to Cleveland where she and Walt met.

Because the Eidams' moves have been career-related, approaching their new home in a non-judgmental fashion is important to them.

"It's not a case of going to an area because you like the area. I'd never been to Detroit. You have to go into an area with a certain open-minded attitude," Walt said.

"Attitude is the whole thing, really. You can move somewhere and you can take the position. 'Gee, it's not as nice as what we used to have.'

"Whenever we move to an area, we try to find the positive aspects as to what the area has," Walter added.

"We try to generate this to the children, too," Erika said. 'I've always been saying, 'Isn't this fun?' or 'Won't this be fun?'

"But if you look at it saying, 'Oh, it's not going to work out,' of course it won't work out. And that's what life is all about," she added.

A self-avowed activist, Erika plunged right into the local clubs and organizations.

Having lived in Clarkston for less than one year, she is presently handling all the publicity for the Clarkston Community Historical Society and is crafts chairperson for the Bailey Lake Elementary School Fair.

Other pastimes revolve around the girls. She is a room mother at Bailey Lake — "She's been a room mother all her life!"

Elise said — and introduces school children to great works of art as a Picture Lady.

Both Walter and she are members of their neighborhood association and the family attends Calvary Lutheran Church, where Erika and Walt have gone for outings with the congrega-

tion's couples group.

"You know what happens? I sign up a lot. I always sign up. I feel it's a great way to meet people," Erika said.

"I'm a city girl, and this is really country for me. Every time I come up that road, I think,

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More Country Living

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"What am I doing here?" I'm going to get to work on improving the road after all this historical stuff is finished."

In contrast, Walt is not as much of a joiner as Erika.

"I typically go along for the ride," he said. "I think the other places I've been I knew I'd only be there for a short time so I never got involved with things."

"It's an attitude, it's a transient kind of thing. The more transient people are, the less apt they are to get involved."

However, Walt and Erika are pleased with Clarkston and plan

to remain here for quite some time.

"If everything goes right, I have hopes of staying here for several years, that being one of the reasons we built instead of buying," Walter said.

"Our kids have adjusted right away. They fit right into school. They're flexible. It's easier for a man to adjust with his work. It's harder on his family," he added.

It's been Erika's role to establish the actual nuts-and-bolts aspects of living in a new community, finding doctors and dentists and where to obtain goods and services.

"I think the kids kind of go

off on their own," she said. "If I had friends from other neighborhoods, they'd bring their children and we'd try to do it that way. Really, most of their friends come from school."

"I've grown. I've learned. We all have. We all have benefitted from the different experiences in each area."

So far, the Eidams are en-

thusiastically pursuing their interests in Clarkston. The family enjoys the variety of recreational activities, including swimming, sailing, ice skating and skiing.

This summer, they look forward to visiting Frankenmuth, Greenfield Village and the Keatington Antique Village with their old friends from Painesville and their new friends from

Clarkston.

"It takes about a year to get your bearings. Four months we've been here," Erika said, motioning at the home. "You know, it usually takes you years to get ingrained. That hasn't happened here."

"And that's got to be the biggest plus for the whole area," Walt said.



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by Ann Glenn

Ann's ark

(I asked veterinarian Dr. Joel Smiler of Rochester to write a guest column on the veterinary client in hopes of helping as many as possible become the best kind of client.)

In doing so, they can get the best possible care for their pet at the least possible cost.)

Most veterinarians would consider their best clients simply those that take the best care of their pets, accepting preventative care, rather than requiring "firehouse" care.

The good client will bring his pet into the veterinarian yearly for an examination, routine vaccinations and tests, rather than waiting until the pet needlessly contracts a preventable disease.

When the pet is sick, the good client will bring it in within a reasonable length of time for treatment, rather than waiting until things have progressed to a more serious state, in the hope that the problem will just go away by itself.

As you can see, those that take the best care of their pets will receive the most benefits from their veterinarians.

The following is a list of pointers which will help make you a better veterinary client:

1. As mentioned, take good preventative care of your pet.

2. Try to become familiar with what is normal for your pet so you will better know when there is a problem.

3. Try to organize in your mind or on paper your problem list when you bring your pet in because it is sick, or when you bring it in for a routine check-up. Help the veterinarian with the diagnosis. We are unable to ask your pet about its symptoms or ask "How are you feeling?"

We must rely on your answers in trying to diagnose your pet's problems.

Nothing is more frustrating than asking a series of questions regarding the problem you are having with your pet, and getting a series of "I don't know's."

4. In the same vein, have someone bring the pet in who is familiar with it.

If the parents feed, walk and care for the dog, do not send the pet in with a child. If the kids care for the pet, bring them along.

5. Try to understand that veterinarians are hard pressed to diagnose problems over the phone. We will try to help with simple things, but often cannot tell you too much without examining the pet. A "runny eye" could mean nothing more than a slight allergy to the weeds the dog was running through. Or it could be caused by a foreign body in the eye or glaucoma.

6. Try to be considerate regarding after-hour emergency calls. Use this privilege only for true emergencies that cannot wait until the next morning, not for routine information.

Also remember that many

emergency calls are the result of problems that really just needed earlier routine attention.

7. Follow your veterinarian's advice to the letter — whether it be regarding home medications, rest or exercise, bandaging, or

return visits. If you cannot comply with the recommendations, call back to discuss your problems.

In summary, again I will point out that in the long run the good veterinary client gets the best

and most economical veterinary care.

The good veterinary client and the competent veterinarian should form a team for the best that modern veterinary medicine has to offer.



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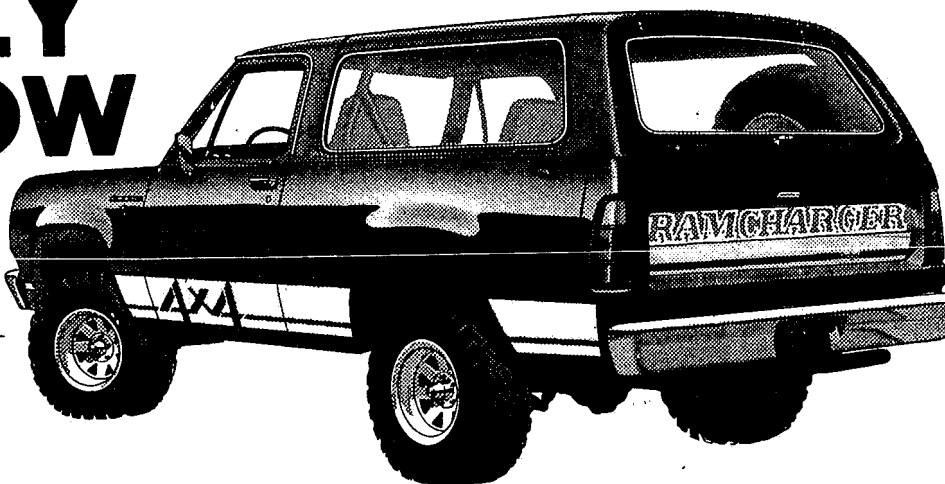
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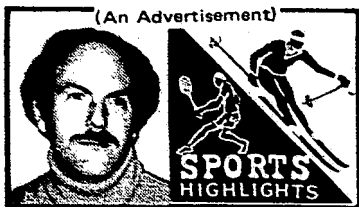
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by David McNeven, Coach
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"The group will attempt to meet the individual needs of the members," she continued. It will also deal with the individual's social, marital, vocational and economic concerns. And, the supportive atmosphere within the group encourages the expression of feelings."

The group will be led by a specially trained nurse and social worker. Enrollment is limited, with no charge.

For further information, or to register for the mastectomy discussion group, call the MCF's Oakland Service Center at 549-4600.


The Michigan Cancer Foundation is a Torch Drive United Way agency.

Steno wins annual award

Patricia Case of Clarkston was chosen as "secretary of the year" by Manpower Temporary Services of Pontiac.

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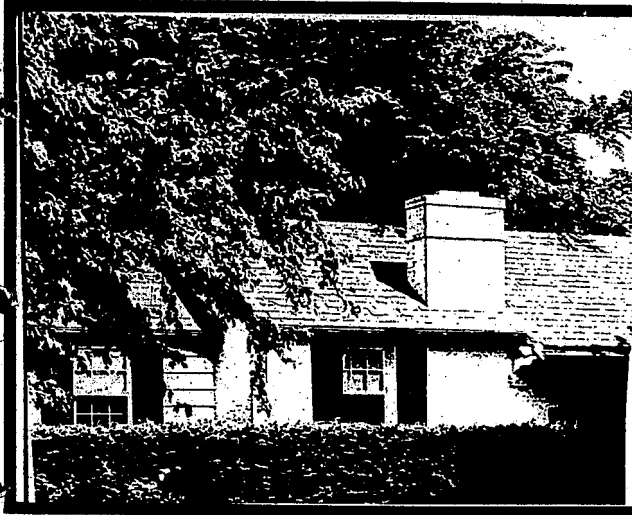
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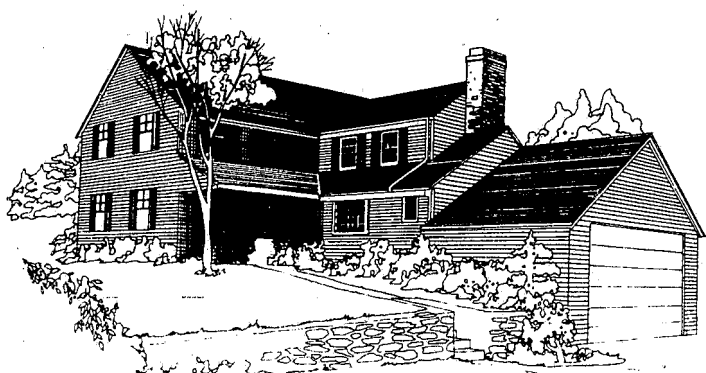
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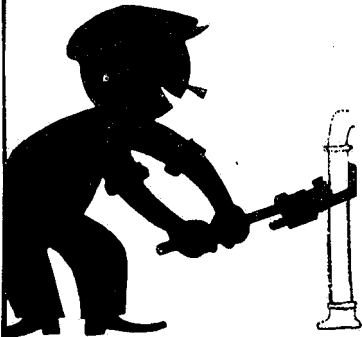
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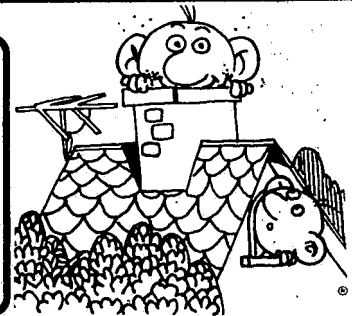
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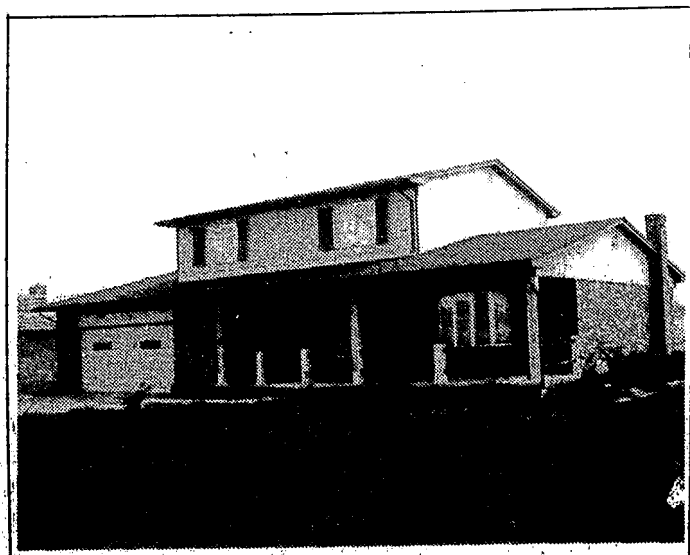
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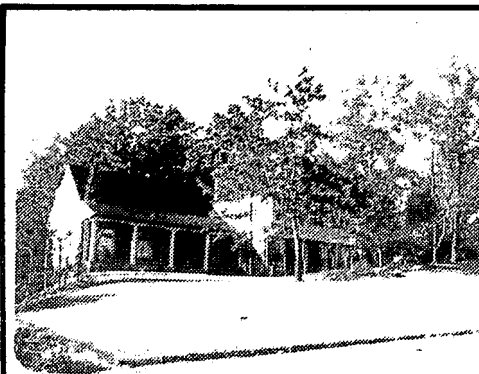
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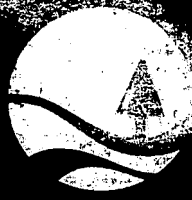
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Oakland County road officials have authorized a traffic signal at the plant driveway, some 100 feet east of the Grand Trunk Railroad tracks. They also okayed an advance signal at Williams Lake Road and Van Zandt, about 200 feet west of the tracks.

"Both signals will be semi-actuated and will indicate green

continuously on Williams Lake Road except when a car approaches on the plant driveway or Van Zandt," said Road Commissioner Richard V. Vogt.

"Both signals will also be equipped to stop traffic in all directions when a train crosses Williams Lake Road," Vogt said.

The estimated cost of both installations is \$23,177 and will be assumed by General Motors, which also will be responsible for the signals' maintenance costs.

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Do you have an opinion on human needs and how well they're being met by public agencies?

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Citizens are urged to speak out on such needs as health, education, child care, housing, energy, employment and transportation. The agency con-

ducts hearings every three years to evaluate its services in these areas, and to learn of other needs in communities not now being served by the agency.

All hearings are open to all, but citizens are urged to attend the closest. Area hearings will be at Drayton Plains School, 3000 Sashabaw, on Thursday, May 17 from 1 to 6 p.m. and the Holly Community Education Building gym, 111 College, on Thursday, May 17, from 1 to 4 p.m.

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Coping with kids



Firmness and consistency are important ingredients of good parenting.

Kindness, however, is an essential part of being a good parent and balances out with firmness.

Firmness is frequently confused with strictness and an angry, disciplining mood or atmosphere.

As we have discussed at other times, this is not at all the case. Firmness relates to sticking to rules and decisions without feeling guilt.

There is another way of looking at the matters of firmness and kindness, the last of which refers to affectionate responses.

Firmness might be said to suggest respect for oneself as a parent, while kindness indicates respect for the child.

To be an effective parent, one has to like and respect oneself. Mothers or fathers who don't respect themselves often have the most difficulty being firm and consistent.

They will sacrifice their own contentment and well-being, allowing a child to misbehave or violate family rules.

In effect, they do not think enough of themselves to demand certain necessary things from

the child.

But just being firm is not sufficient for good parenting. This must be counterbalanced by kindness. This basically means respect for the child.

A child is respected when he is viewed as an individual with feelings and rights.

A parent respects a child when the parent is willing to discipline to force the child to become a social person capable of taking a useful place in society.

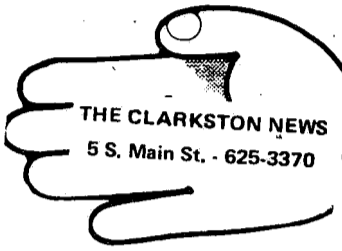
Kindliness implies that mom or dad enjoys his son or daughter and while being firm and having definite rules also will be patient and encouraging of positive behavior.

Anyone can be firm and consistent and bring about rigid adherence to rules and regulations. It is kindness, though,

that brings about a willingness to accept rules cheerfully — at least at times.

One cannot be an effective parent without the two, firmness and kindness; respect for oneself and respect for children.

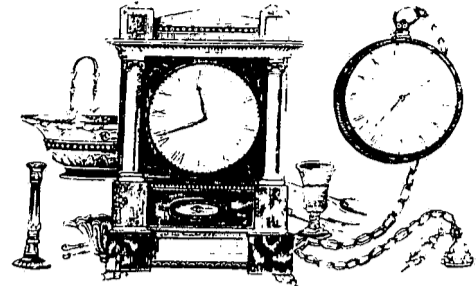
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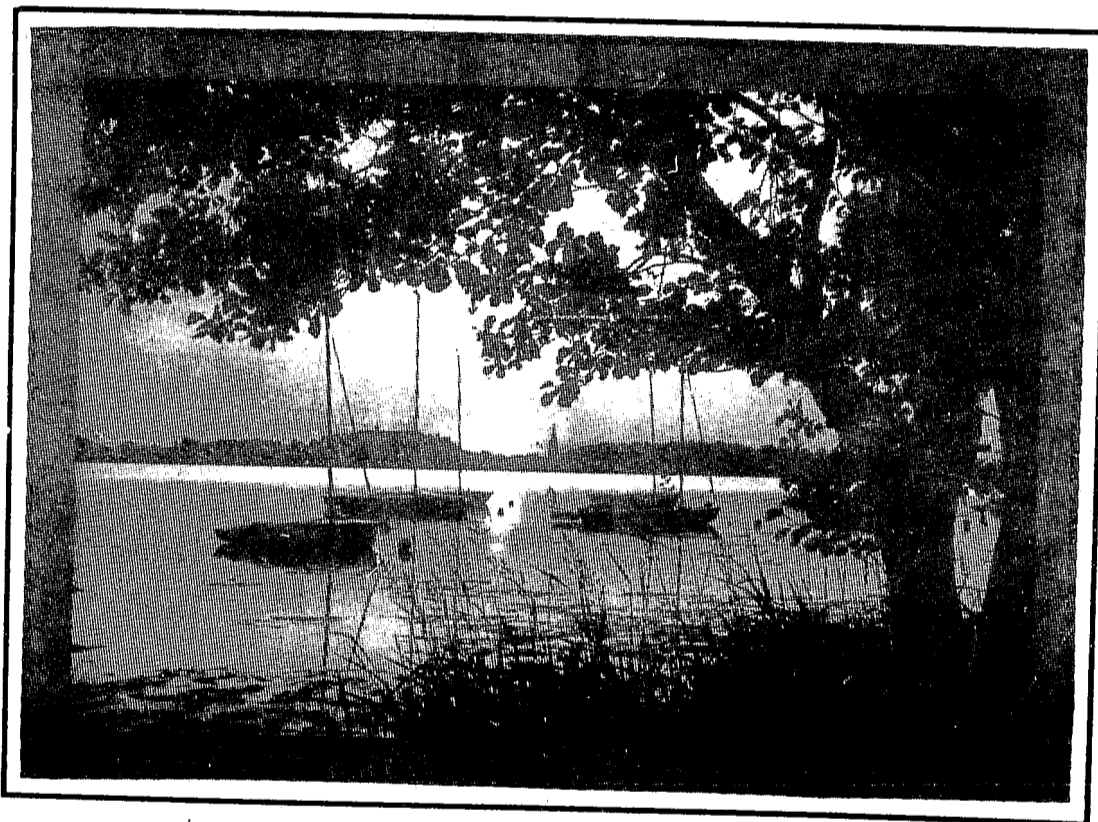
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Colette's CHS

by Colette Fortin



Though this year's senior class left for Acapulco on Friday, April 13, it certainly was not a bad luck sign.

Six chaperones looked after 80 rowdy students during the 8 day, 7 night vacation.

The estimated cost per traveler was \$425, plus an average of \$200 was spent on meals, activities and souvenirs.

Most students felt the venture was worth every peso spent. Many are fortunate that the trip was such a success because for some, a whole summer's income went towards it.

Boarding on airplanes in Detroit, half of the group flew to Chicago and the others to St. Louis. Without further delay, they landed once more in Dallas before their final destination in Acapulco.

The group was randomly separated among several floors

of the luxurious Hyatt Regency. The hotel was located on the sandy beaches of Acapulco Bay.

Some took advantage of the steady 100-degree temperatures and soaked up the sun. Others went deep-sea fishing, scuba diving, water skiing and sailing.

One of the most interesting of all their activities was that of parasailing.

For this a person is harnessed to a sail and a rope.

The rope is connected 50 feet or so later to a boat. The boat speeds in the waters while the person above flies along.

The typical American image of Mexican food was proven all wrong once the students began to order in the restaurants.

For example, the Mexican taco was loaded with everything from raw fish to cooked vegetables. However, most of the group still preferred the

American version of this dish.

Several birthday and Easter parties were celebrated there out of the country. The festivities were kept American-style with cake, singing and traditional Easter eggs and candy.

A large number of those who went commented on the living conditions in this tourist city. They quickly observed that the city's inhabitants were either very poor or very rich.

These two extremes surprised many CHS students. Perhaps this is because they were accustomed to a middle class, as is commonly found in the United States.

Some vacationers spent up to \$500 in clothing and souvenirs. Every student seemed to buy an Acapulco T-shirt, a hat and some jewelry of silver and turquoise.

However, some purchased

more unique items, such as: hammocks, bells, plates, bowls, blankets, candleholders, statues and dolls.

All the CHS tourists returned with great enthusiasm, new friendships and rich tans. Mark Douglas, senior, summed the experience up by saying, "There

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No used book sale can have too many books, so the Friends of Independence Township Library continue to collect used tomes for their event, which will be held May 24-26 at the Clarkston Mills.

Contributions — either paperback or hard cover — can be deposited in a bin at the library. A special feature of the book sale will be appraisals of old books by a representative of Stalker and Boos, estate appraisers from Birmingham.

The next meeting of the friends organization is Thursday at 8 p.m. at Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road.

Clarkston High School class of 1974 has planned its five-year reunion on June 30 at Waterford Oaks.

Tickets are \$25 a couple and \$15 single. Deadline for purchase is June 18.

For information, contact Gale

Jorgensen at 625-2922 or Beth Tower at 625-2102.

Joseph C. Bird, Chapter No. 249, Order of the Eastern Star is having a family style dinner at the Clarkston Masonic Temple, 2 N. Main St., on Sunday, May 6, from noon to 3 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door at the cost of \$3.75 for adults, \$1.75 for children 5 to 12, and children under 5 are free. The public is invited.

The Eckankar classes formerly held at the Independence Township Library have been re-scheduled due to a change in library hours.

On May 9, the discussion group will meet at the Metro Detroit Eck Center, 23906 N. Woodward Ave., Pleasant Ridge, located between 9 and 10 Mile Roads.

The class is open to the public and is free.

For more information, call the Detroit center at 545-7370.

New arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thomas of Ortonville are parents for the first time.

Angelita Marie was born April 23. She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces at birth.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas of Ortonville Road, Independence Township, and Angelita Piazza of Bridgeport, Conn.

Robert Irvine of Ortonville Road, Independence Township, is her great grandfather.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Keener of Davisburg announce the birth of their first child.

Jason Gerry, born April 22, weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Pursley of Waldon Road, Independence Township, and Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Keener of Ortonville.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Jennie Wiechert of Madison Court, Clarkston, and Mrs. Robert Pursley of Pontiac.

Jason's great-great-grandmother Ruth Pursley lives in Glendale, Ariz.

Wendi L. Salzano came into this world on Jan. 29. She is the daughter of Sr. Airman Kurt Salzano and his wife Lorna, former Clarkston residents, currently living in California.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Simonds of Drayton Plains, and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Salzano of Sepons, Ariz.

In service



Marine Pvt. William R. McClusky, son of Robert E. and Lois J. McClusky of Clarkston, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

A 1978 graduate of Clarkston High School, McClusky joined the Marine Corps in March 1978.

Diane M. Mills, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Hinz of 1801 S. Eston, Independence Township, has been appointed to noncommissioned officer status in the U.S. Air Force.

Recipe File

By Lorna Bickerstaff

Mrs. Marshall Brenner of The Essence of It is sharing her carrot ring recipe with The Clarkston News this week. Bee said she serves the carrot ring as a vegetable filled with green peas.

Carrot Ring

1 c. grated carrots
2 eggs
½ c. soft butter
½ c. brown sugar
2 t. candied lemon peel
1¼ c. flour

1 t. baking powder
½ t. baking soda
½ t. nutmeg
½ t. cinnamon
½ c. seedless raisins

Put grated carrots in large bowl. Process eggs, butter, sugar and lemon peel in blender at "chop." Add to carrots. Sift dry ingredients and add. Stir in raisins. Mix well. Bake in small funnel pan or spring form pan at 350 degrees, uncovered, for one hour. Serves 6 to 8.



Art wins prizes

Two Sashabaw Junior High School ninth graders were recent winners at the Holly Art Fair. Teresa Slatter (left) won a second place ribbon for her pastel drawing of her pet Collie titled "Shep". Ann Phipps won honorable mention for her pen and ink drawing called "Water's Edge." The girls are students of art teacher Suzanne Kizer.

College notes

University of Michigan students who expect their degrees this spring attended the commencement ceremonies on April 28.

More than 5,800 students on the Ann Arbor campus were expected degree candidates

John L. Anderson of Clarkston attended the College of Literature, Science and Arts, with an expected bachelor's degree in arts.

Julie A. Poage also of Clarkston, attended the School of Education, expecting a bachelor of science in education degree.

David B. Richards, another Clarkston resident, attended the College of Architecture and Urban Planning, with an expected master's degree in architecture.

Noelle D. Trese of Clarkston, recently received a bachelor of social work degree. She was among the 90 students in the 1979 graduating class from Nazareth College.

Mark J. Swanson of 8270 Foster, Springfield Township, recently received a bachelor of science degree at the spring commencement of Eastern Michigan University.



Party plans

On Sunday, May 6, from 1 to 5 p.m., an open house is being held at the Waterford Hill Greenhouse, 5992 Dixie, in honor of Ethel Craft's 80th birthday. She has requested no gifts.

A resident of Waterford since

1931, Mrs. Craft is semi-retired and has three children, Kenneth of Clarkston, Edward of Drayton Plains, and Harvey of Ortonville.

She has eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Around town

Now through May 15 - Clarkston Neighborhood Girl Scouts will assist senior citizens by raking yards, washing windows, weeding or doing other small projects as part of "Cleansweep," a statewide clean-up project. (Call Beth Tower at 625-8600.)

Wednesday, May 2 - Sashabaw Junior High School open house, 7 to 9 p.m., 5565 Pine Knob Rd., Independence Township (674-4169)

Thursday, May 3 - Free immunization clinic; 1 to 3:30 p.m., Independence Center, 5331 Maybee Rd., Independence Township; shots for measles, German measles, mumps, polio, diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough; parent or guardian must accompany a child under 18; bring previous shot records.

Thursday, May 3 - Shaklee products demonstration and display hosted by Friends of the Springfield Township Library, 7:30pm, corner of Andersonville and Hog Back Lake roads; pro-

ceeds to benefit library. (625-3715 or 625-5170)

Saturday, May 5 - Bailey Lake Elementary School Fair, noon to 4 p.m. at the school, 8051 Pine Knob. Tickets 6/\$1 in advance at the school, 5/\$1 at the door.

Sunday, May 6 - Sunny Beach Property Owners' Association annual meeting, 6 p.m., Clarkston Golf Course, 9241 Eston Rd., Independence Township.

Thursday, May 10 - Pre-kindergarten screening for children planning to start school in the fall of 1979, Clarkston Community School District, 4:30 to 7 p.m., Clarkston Elementary School, 6595 Waldon Rd., bring birth certificate. For more information, call 625-3330.

Saturday, May 12 - Clarkston Community Historical Society will conduct Heritage Days at Clarkston High School, items other than furs and jewelry

will be appraised for \$2 each by Stalker and Boos, estate appraisers from Birmingham, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 16 - "Straight Talk," a breast cancer program for women, 7:30pm, St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Rd., Independence Township, register by calling 625-4644 or 625-8754.



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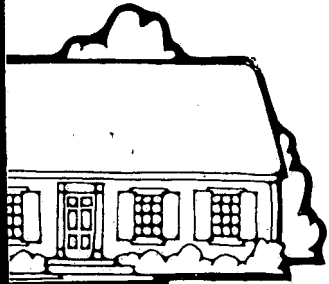
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Performer

Patsy Marsh of Clarkston recently performed in the musical "A Little Night Music" at Northern Michigan University in Marquette. Marsh, who played the role of Anne, is a senior music education major. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Marsh.

Three Clarkston-area sisters and their husbands spent four days in Las Vegas recently.

Mr. and Mrs. William Allen of Buffalo Street, Clarkston; Mr. and Mrs. George Keyser of Waldon Road, Independence Township; and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Pursley also of Waldon Road returned April 22 from their long weekend.

"We had a ball, had beautiful weather, didn't win a lot of money, but some," said Shirley Pursley.

Honors

Alan Solley, an Albion College senior from Clarkston, received the E. Maynard Aris Award for outstanding scholarship in economics at the college's honors convocation March 29.

He was awarded this honor by the economics faculty for his academic achievement at Albion, contributions to the economics department and to the college, and promise of achievement in the chosen field.

Solley, an economics and management major, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan F. Solley.

Joel A. Norton, a Tennessee Tech student from Clarkston, has made the winter quarter dean's list at the university. The list is made up of students who achieve a grade average of 3.1 or higher out of a possible 4.0.

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[Editor's note: In 1961, when he was 84 years old, Clarence Vliet recorded some of his family's anecdotes about the settling of Clarkston. These memoirs, now in the possession of the Clarkston Community Historical Society, are being run as a series in The Clarkston News].

By Clarence Vliet

Deer were very abundant in northern Oakland County since cedar swamps were common in which deer yarded and fed on cedar tips when snow was deep and other food was scarce.

These cedar swamps were connected by well-defined trails made by traveling deer in bygone years.

One such trail extended from the Huron River Valley south of Springfield Township to the upper Clinton River valley northeast of Clarkston and passed along the north edge of the Holcomb cedar swamp and crossed M-15 about a mile north of Clarkston just south of my grandfather's house.

Deer were specially prized game since not only was the flesh (venison) edible but adequate in weight and the hides of buck does or fawns were all very useful and had a ready sale value for scarce hard cash or a barter value for salt, tea or sugar in the nearby village.

Generally a deer hunt was a cooperative affair. Uncle Nathan Vliet and his boys and dogs would come down from Crooked Lake some brisk fall morning after frost time and would be joined by the older boys and grandfather — there were finally 14 children in grandfather's family.

The older boys and the dogs would be dispatched over the hills to the upper end of the Holcomb cedar swamp west of Deer Lake with instructions to start the dogs in the swamp headed northeast.

The younger children, all barefooted, squatted on the log cabin floor in front of the huge open fireplace where a big blaze kept them warm while Grandfather and Uncle Nate slipped quietly over the hill and waited near that well-marked, century-old runway.

A faint hullabaloo would be

heard from the southwest — a blend of baying hounds and shouting dogs — and soon frightened deer came swiftly past the waiting hunters.

Carefully selecting a prime buck or doe, depending on which was most needed in the household economy, the animals would be dropped with a sure shot which, heard up at the cabin, resulted in a frantic race even if there was some snow down to where the game had been killed.

By the time the dogs and older boys came up, the deer would have been skinned, dressed and divided into chunks to be carried up to the cabin where grandmother speedily fried tender cuts for hungry children.

The hides of the bucks were tanned and added to the pile awaiting the traveling shoemaker. Each child marked the outline of his foot on a prepared hide and waited with patience 'til a pair of shoes or moccasins could be stitched up since money for "boughten" shoes could not be had.

Barefoot boys who had to bring up the cows from the edge of the woods where they bedded down at night dashed through the snow with bare feet and stood in the warm spot where the cows had lain 'til they could muster up courage enough for a return dash to the warm cabin.

Hence shoes, even if crude and rude, were greatly prized and a prime buckskin became the source of much happiness.

Squirrels were so abundant that boys had to guard the cornfields. Squirrels were killed in quantity for daily food by skillful hunters who aimed just below where the squirrel sat on a limb and "banked" or shocked him so that he tumbled to the ground.

Black bears were common. I remember my father showing me a huge dead cedar tree on the edge of the Holcomb cedar swamp where bears stood up and marked by huge scratches their height on the tree as an evidence for other bears to heed.

It was near this "bear tree" that a wild turkey hunter killed Dr. Robertson who lived next to my father's home in Clarkston.

Dr. Robertson was a turkey hunter who put a feather in his hat and, with a turkey call in his mouth, tried to lure a huge gobbler from the cedar swamp.

Mr. Green heard the turkey

call from up on the hill; saw the feather in Dr. Robertson's hat move and thought it was a wild gobbler.

One shot ended the worthy doctor's life. But the huge log

behind when he had crouched in later years fascinated all small boys who passed by to pick wintergreen berries which grew in profusion in that cedar swamp.



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10 YEARS AGO
May 1, 1969

Touring the spring gardens in the Richmond and Williamsburg areas of Virginia were Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Prucher. Part of Garden Week, certain gardens and estate homes were open to the public. The Prucher's were able to put some of their newly acquired ideas to work at their home on North Main.

Check for \$545 was presented to Mrs. Evan Leonard, treasurer of this Library Building Fund, from Clarkston Village Player

president Jim Tyrrell. The money was the benefit proceeds from the CVP show "Mouse-trap". Mrs. Bart Connors, Clarkston Woman's Club president made the second check donation of \$130.

Ann Miller of Clarkston has been selected as a member of the Reach Out Staff, a two week Girl Scout encampment for 600 girls from all over the United States and Canada.

25 YEARS AGO
April 29, 1954

The township fire department

SYNOPSIS

OF ACTION TAKEN AT THE
APRIL 24, 1979 SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD

Called to order 7:37 p.m. Roll: Powell, Ritter, Thayer, Tower, Deputy Clerk Lessard, present; Lozano, Rose, Vandermark, absent.

1. Approved \$59,000 total library budget.
2. Approved sewer budget totaling \$287,683.
3. Approved water budget totaling \$101,541.
4. Tabled police and fire budgets for a future special meeting.
5. Approved expenditure with village for study of local waters conducted by U.S. Geological Survey.
6. Township Master Plan amendment tabled for future meeting.

Marian Lessard, Deputy Clerk

5/2/79

by Rustle Leaf



has a new Dodge Power Wagon, equipped with a 200-gallon water tank, high pressure pump, etc. The truck will be housed at the fire station at the corner of Sashabaw and Clarkston Roads.

Forty-three couples and

friends were present last Saturday evening for the Clarkston's newest Dance Club, the 4th Nighters.

SYNOPSIS

OF CLARKSTON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 1979

Roll: Present, Adams, Basinger, Byers, Schultz, Thayer. Absent: Symons.

Tabled a request to divide Lots 47, 54, 55, and 56 of Assessor's Plat of Clarkston made by Robert Pilarcik.

Tabled a request to split Lots 1, 2, and 3 of Clarkston Estates made by Ruth and Merlin Donnelly.

Approved the 1979 parade resolution.

Granted permission to the Band Boosters to use the park on May 19 for Band Day.

Approved requesting a response from Marc Alan to our letter of Feb. 21.

Approved having the village attorney review our zoning ordinance in light of new state legislature affecting it.

Discussed the 1979-80 budget and tabled it until the next meeting.

Adjourned at 10 p.m.

Bruce Rogers
Village Clerk

5/2/79

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of Independence Township, Oakland County, Mich., will hold a Public hearing on May 10, 1979 at 7:30 P.M. at the Township Hall, 90 North Main St., Clarkston, Michigan, to consider the following request: Amendment to Independence Township Zoning Ordinance #83, Section 21.03 permitted uses after conditional approval in accordance with Section 5.15.

- #2. Convention-Resort-Hotel facilities with a minimum site size of ten (10) acres and such facilities are hereby permitted to extend to a maximum height of 200 feet. This maximum height will apply only to this use and section.

The proposed amendment is a result of the Pine Knob Resort Hotel proposal. Public attendance and comment at this meeting are encouraged.

Any further information regarding the above hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular office hours, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday thru Friday, or by phone at 625-8111.

James Smith, Chairman

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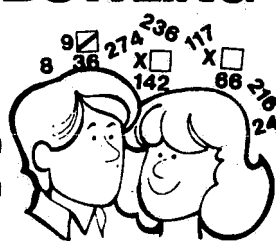
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Using a rolling pin, clay and cookie cutters, Stacy Martin prepares to 'bake' during the free play portion of the nursery school. Stacy is one of approximately 80 pupils who are signed up for the nursery program.



Who knows where Alesia Constable and Gerry Sawyer are going in their imaginations while Gerry drives a car at the Clarkston Nursery, Inc., a preschool program which has operated in the area for 10 years.



Matthew Bleicher is ready to glide down a slide while Jeremy Thompson, decked out in a fireman's hat, eagerly awaits his turn.