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30 acres adjacent to Deer Lake Farms

Developer moves to establish senior 'village'

By Marilyn Trumper

Developer Hugh Garner sees opportunity and is moving full-speed ahead with plans to build an \$18 million senior citizens' village on his 30 acres near Dixie Highway and I-75.

The project is to be built in phases, with ground-breaking planned this year, according to Garner.

Friday, Jan. 9, Garner retained the services of W.B.D.C. Inc. of Grand Rapids, the architectural firm that designed the Porter Hills village hailed by the Independence Township Task Force on Senior Citizens in its preliminary report to the board last week.

"I've hired them to proceed with preliminary plans for the 30-acre site so that we may make a presentation to the township board. We're going for full approval," Garner said.

"There's a lot to this. It's very complex and of course our plan will be a bit different than Porter Hill, because over the years they've learned and made changes. But, we expect to go before the township in the next 30 days," he said.

Garner said he envisions the development to be modeled after the Porter Hills complex, which includes housekeeping apartments, duplexes, nonhousekeeping units, a nursing center, supportive care and a social dining area.

"We don't call them condominiums, but they're really similar," he said. "They are housekeeping units, individually owned with a deed or a life-lease. There'll be total care for the elderly, nursing home

care, or people can move into a two-bedroom unit.

"If people, for example, move into a housekeeping unit and find they need additional help after awhile, they can move into a studio unit, and eat in the dining room rather than cook their own meals," Garner said.

Garner added he envisions a clinic staffed by doctors and an area that can be used by senior citizens from the local community for recreation and meetings.

Garner's 30 acres are bound by a 1976 consent judgment which limits development to commercial uses. Although the land is zoned multiple, an amended judgment would be required prior to beginning construction.

In addition, the site is shared by Independence and Springfield townships, with 13 acres in Springfield, according to its Supervisor Collin Walls.

Walls is quick to point out he's yet to be approached by Garner with the plan, and added the 13 acres, accessible only through Independence Township, are zoned for high intensity commercial use and are not bound by the consent judgment.

"I have absolutely no problem with (the plan)—I've talked to Bud Volberding, chairman of the senior citizens task force," Walls said. "Anything that has to do with senior housing in northwest Oakland County, all I can say is hallelujah."

Schools brace for \$611,000 loss

The expected loss of between 250 to 300 pupils spells a drop in income for Clarkston schools in the 1982-83 school year, said Milford Mason at Monday night's board of education meeting.

Using a pocket calculator, Mason figured a "rough projection" of a \$611,000 loss in revenue if enrollment for the next school year declines by 300.

Board members decided to hold a special meeting Monday, Jan. 18, to discuss the impact of the

expected student losses and other revenue and cost projections.

Mason called the situation "severe" and indicated the need for cuts even before any wage increases are considered, a reference to the present teachers' contract which expires in June.

The meeting to discuss the enrollment and fiscal projections is planned at 7:30 p.m. at the Clarkston schools Administrative Offices, 6389 Clarkston-Orion Rd., Independence Township.

Guess who's coming to dinner?

Members of the Clarkston Village Players practice songs from their latest production, "Two By Two," a musical comedy about Noah and the Ark and family complications. Pictured belting out a showtune are (back row from left) Janice L. Murphy, Judy Rood, John Merz, Jim Tyrell and Larry Bate, and (front row) Miriam Bate and Jane Schulte. The Ark is to float at Deer Lake Racquet Club in dinner-theatre style, a new fundraising effort for the Players. The special stage for the performance is under construction at the racquet club in preparation for the show dates—Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday, Jan. 27, 28, 29 and 31. The buffet is to be served at 6:30 p.m. each night with the play to begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 12 with a 10-percent discount for groups over 20. For reservations, call the Deer Lake Racquet Club, located at 6167 White Lake, Independence Township. The numbers are 625-6111 or 625-8686.



Board bounces Vaara off planning commission

By Marilyn Trumper

After 12 years on the Independence Township Planning Commission, working nine of those years as chairman, Mel Vaara has been replaced.

"I'm disappointed," Vaara said. "Naturally I would have liked to have been re-appointed. I sat on the commission when we revamped the township master plan, the land use plan and the zoning ordinance.

"I'm disappointed. But, I realize this is politics and I understand this," Vaara said. "Mr. Smith has the right to make whatever political appointments he wishes."

Vaara, who served under five supervisors' administrations, those of Stonerock, Glenzie, Vandermark, Tower and Smith, lent his voice and vote to some of the most difficult decisions in the township's history.

Vaara served on the commission that recommended approval of Pine Knob Investment Co.'s proposed 20-story, ski-run-roof hotel. He also sat on the Zoning Board of Appeals that denied Pine Knob's request, sending the matter back to court.

As a facet of the famed case, Vaara still awaits a ruling from the Michigan Supreme Court where Pine Knob seeks to take depositions from ZBA members regarding their review and denial of the hotel.

"All in all I've enjoyed serving this township and sitting on the commission," Vaara said, adding he still has one year to serve as chairman of the ZBA. "I feel fortunate to have had this be a part of my life, although it has often been at great sacrifice to my family. I've learned a lot."

At the Jan. 5 Independence Township Board meeting, Supervisor James B. Smith recommended Vaara's replacement be Gordon Andringa of Allen Road, for a three-year term. Andringa, appointed to the planning commission last year, will also sit on the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

Board members unanimously approved the An-

dringa appointment, as well as the following: Thomas Ritter, owner of Ritter's Farm Market, re-appointed to a three-year term. Township Board Trustee Daniel Travis, re-appointed to a three-year term. Newcomer Walter F. Eidam of Wah-ta-wah Road, chief estimator for the Detroit Territory of Turner Construction, appointed to a three-year term. Second newcomer, Lubomyr O. Hewko of Whipple Tree Lane, senior staff research engineer for General Motors Corp. Research Laboratories, to a three-year term.

Board members unanimously made the following ZBA appointments: Robert Newlin of Princess Lane, to his second three-year term and Gordon Andringa, the planning commission's representative to the ZBA.

Supervisor Smith said afterwards, "It was time for a change," when he explained why Vaara would not be re-appointed.

"It was a very tough decision. He was a good friend," Smith said of Vaara. "I had to think long and hard about it, but I was looking for something

Aid form assist

Help awaits parents faced with filling out forms necessary to receive financial aid from colleges and universities.

A financial aid information meeting is planned Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m. in the Clarkston High School Little Theatre.

Dick Johnson, of Mott Community College, is to explain the Financial Aid Form to parents and to discuss other forms of financial aid.

"All parents of seniors planning to attend college should attend this meeting," said Marilyn Hanson, CHS counselor.

Parents with questions may call the CHS counseling office between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays. The number is 625-0904.

that would offer a good geographic representation and a good spread of talents."

He also pointed to what he saw as potential conflicts of interest.

"I have been disturbed at potential and past conflicts of interest in his role as school administrator and that of sitting on the planning commission," Smith said. "Hypothetically, I see instances in which a decision could be influenced which might reflect adversely on the schools."

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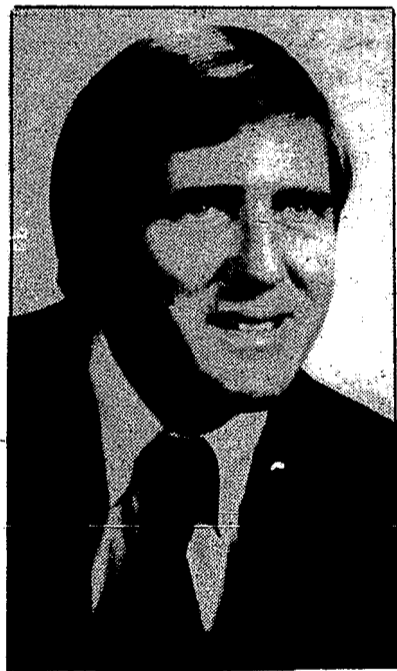


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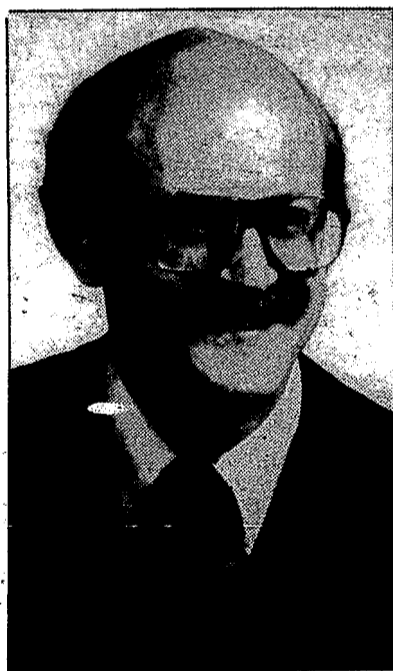
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Commision makes Lingor Road one-way north

By Marilyn Trumper

The Oakland County Road Commission thinks it's found a way to end heavy traffic and vandalism from passing motorists plaguing Parview Road homeowners in Independence Township.

At their Jan. 11 meeting, road commission members voted unanimously to make Lingor Road one-way north to Dixie Highway, effective as soon as the signs are erected, according to Dennis Pajot, information officer for the department.

The decision ends a four-year campaign by Parview Road residents and homeowners along Balmoral Terrace, Waterford Hill, Wellesley Terrace and Curtis Lane to hamper through-traffic between Dixie Highway and Andersonville Road.

The issue came to a head at a public hearing conducted by the road commission in October.

At the meeting, Scott Robeson, a Parview Road resident, asked the road commission to dead-end Parview at its center, and was disappointed at the road commission's final move.

"I'm not real happy with (the decision). I don't think it's going to make much difference. I'll give it a year or so and see if it cuts down on vandalism and speeds, and if it doesn't I'll go to the road commission for the dead end," he said.

Patrons of Howe's Lanes who wish to get to Andersonville Road via Parview, will head north on Dixie Highway and then left onto Parview, circumventing Lingor altogether, Robeson added.

Tim Patterson of Eddystone Court said last October that making Lingor Road one-way was at least a viable alternative to the dead-ending, and would possibly solve the problem.

He was pleased with the commission's decision.

"I think it's a good compromise to those against making Parview totally one-way. I think it's a good start at the solution.

"I don't live on Parview, but I think a lot of the problem the folks on Parview are experiencing is the late night traffic generated from the bowling alley, and I think this will serve to lessen that," Patterson said.

Bid for games in Commons

Local businessman Mark Richards envisions "a couple" of arcade machines inside Renchik's Paint 'N Paper in the Independence Commons shopping center on Dixie Highway, and he's taking his proposal before the Independence Township Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Jan. 20.

Kenneth Delbridge, director of the township building and planning department, says he understands the plan includes closing the paint and paper store and opening a complete arcade, which Richards immediately denies.

"That's what I got out of it," Delbridge said. "Otherwise, I wouldn't have sent him to the ZBA if all he wanted to do was put a couple of games in that store.

"I sent him to the ZBA for a variance, which is required if you want to open an arcade. According to our zoning ordinance, arcades are only allowed in enclosed malls and Independence Commons is not an enclosed mall," Delbridge finished.

The ordinance defines a "mall" as at least three stores with a common entrance and corridor.

"I saw the arcade plan as being the principal use of the business and that would require the variance," Delbridge insisted.

Richards, who says he'll be in partnership with store owner Robert Renchick in the game venture, denies a plan to open the store's doors as an arcade.

"I've been advised by my attorney not to discuss this," Richards said. "We only want to use part of (the store). Howe's Lanes has a few machines in their business, that's all I want.

"I'm just going to give (the ZBA) a floor plan, tell them I'm after a few machines, and ask them what they want us to do, what they'd like to see," he said.

Richards said he'd leave it up to the ZBA to dictate the number of machines the store will be allowed. He also pointed out that while the township ordinance limits arcades to enclosed malls, Independence Township has no malls and he questioned the balance of that.

Richards is scheduled to appear before the ZBA Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 7:30 p.m., Independence Township Hall, 90 N. Main, Clarkston.

Man dies after being hit by car

Police continue to investigate an accident that claimed the life of a 22-year-old Springfield Township man who died in Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital in Pontiac six days after being hit by motorist on M-59 in Waterford Township.

According to patrolman John McLain of the Waterford Township Police Department, Albert M. Nollet was struck by a car at 4:59 a.m. Jan. 1 as he walked along M-59. He died Jan. 6 from injuries suffered in the mishap.

Nollet, a 1977 graduate of Waterford-Kettering High School, was a shift leader for Heat Treating Services of Pontiac.

He is survived by his daughter Tamera Lyn;

parents, Albert and Beverly Nollet of Springfield Township; sisters Mrs. Phil (Cathy) Figurski of Utica, Michele and Patty; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Nollet of Grosse Pointe Woods and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Simonen of Utica.

Funeral services were held Jan. 9 at Our Lady of the Lakes Church in Waterford Township, officiated by the Rev. Thomas A. Belczak.

Burial took place in All Saints Cemetery on Andersonville Road in Independence Township.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Lewis E. Wint Funeral Home.

Memorial tributes may be made to the Tamera Lyn Nollet Trust Fund.

Conservancy nets \$300 windfall

The Independence Township Land Conservancy has come into a \$300 windfall, and its president is pleased with the surprise funds.

"We're very happy to receive it," said Douglas Roeser. "Quite honestly, I don't yet know what we'll do with it. We have two to three projects we're working on. One was a pamphlet to let developers know of our program. The other is going to be signage on properties letting people know what they're looking at and where these lands are."

"Hopefully," Roeser said, "this kind of donation will be added to to make more and we'll perhaps be actively able to buy land."

According to Independence Township Supervisor

James B. Smith, the \$300 was the balance of a "war chest" raised in 1972 by a concerned citizens group, geared to thwart use of the Whipple property on M-15 from use as a landfill by the county.

When that impending threat dissolved, Smith said, the money remained in a bank account.

"The nature conservancy seemed the best choice for its use," Smith said.

The Independence Land Conservancy which began in 1972, currently owns or has scenic easements on over 100 acres of property spread over eight different locations throughout the township. Its intent is to preserve open space for aesthetic and ecological reasons. Land donated to the group must be left in its natural condition.

Lone Ranger salute in Oxford

Remember the hearty "Hi Yo Silver"? The silver bullets? The masked good guy who fought to protect the West? The Lone Ranger!

Oxford Super Week is dedicated to the memory of the late Brace Beemer, the radio Lone Ranger who was a long-time Oxford resident.

Their goal is to erect a statue saluting Brace Beemer and the legendary hero he portrayed.

Activities include the Tammy Wynette Country Show on Friday, Jan. 22, at 8 p.m. in the Oxford Junior High School, 1400 Lakeville, Oxford; a dedica-

tion of the future site of the memorial statue on Jan. 23 at 1 p.m. in Centennial Park in downtown Oxford; the Brace Beemer Benefit Ball with dancing to the music of Lionel Hampton and his Orchestra at the Golling Pontiac Delaership, 1200 Lapeer Rd., Oxford, with tickets \$125 a couple; and a Super Tailgate Party Jan. 24 at 3 p.m. at the Long Branch Saloon, 595 N. Lapeer Rd., Oxford, with an all-you-can-eat buffet while watching the Super Bowl game on large screen televisions for \$15 a person.

For ticket information, call 628-7394.

Arcade question rests with planning commission

By Marilyn Trumper

Whether or not Robert Warrington's proposed arcade will open on M-15, south of Clarkston Village, is an answer left to the Independence Township Planning Commission; and is no longer a question for the circuit court to decide.

On Dec. 24, Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Francis X. O'Brien dismissed the lawsuit filed by the township, but ordered the restraining order which closed the Game Room's doors to remain in effect until the planning commission offers its opinion Jan. 14, according to township attorney Richard Campbell.

Warrington pointed out that if the planning commission denies him "mini-mall" status, there is no injunction which keeps his doors closed, in effect, allow-

ing him to open. He would not comment further except to say, "I'll know where I stand following the planning commission meeting."

If the planning commission denies Warrington his mini-mall status, Campbell said he anticipated refiling suit in circuit court.

Independence Township is charging the Game Room, adjacent to Clarkston True Value Hardware, is in violation of the zoning ordinance which limits "arcades" to malls, and defines the word "mall" as a structure with three or more shops, a common entrance and a corridor.

When the suit was filed in early November, Warrington charged the township's ordinance is unconstitutional, because Independence has no malls.

In the suit's interim, Warrington submitted

plans to the Independence Township Building Department and appeared before the planning commission with a proposal to give the adjacent hardware store and former hair salon, now game room, mini-mall status.

Warrington's plans include a gold store inside the hardware store.

Seeking mini-mall status by attempting to establish the arcade under the terms of the ordinance, Warrington, in the eyes of the court, accepted the constitutionality of the ordinance, Campbell said.

At a meeting in December, the planning commission tabled its decision to further study the issue, next slated to appear on the Thursday, Jan. 14, agenda at 7:30 p.m., Independence Township Hall, 90 N. Main, Clarkston.

Sheriff's log

Tuesday, thieves renting a room at the Clarkston Motor Inn, 6853 Dixie Highway, Independence Township, stole a \$400 TV, according to police reports.

Wednesday, thieves stole a \$185 pair of skis from the Pine Knob Ski Resort, 7777 Pine Knob, Independence Township, according to police reports.

Wednesday, thieves entered a garage on Havelock Road, Independence Township, and stole a toolbox filled with tools and assorted power tools worth more than \$200, according to police reports.

Wednesday, thieves broke into a garage on Pinedale Road, Independence Township, and stole a toolbox and assorted tools valued at \$50, according to police reports.

Wednesday, thieves stole four wire wheel covers valued at \$500 off a patron's car in Howe's Lanes, 6697 Dixie Highway, Independence Township, according to police reports.

Wednesday, thieves broke into a house trailer on Cecelia Ann Road, Independence Township. It was not known what was taken in the robbery, according to police reports.

Friday, thieves broke into a disabled vehicle on Rattalee Lake Road, Independence Township, and stole the stereo, \$35 jumper cables, \$70 battery, a watch, two chains, the jack and assorted trim parts, according to police reports.

Friday, thieves broke into the Pine Knob Community Church, 3041 Reeder, Independence Township, and stole a \$1,600 radio transmitter-receiver, camera, projector, microwave, microphone, speakers and a cassette tape player, according to police reports.

Friday, thieves stole a \$250 pair of skis from the Pine Knob Ski Resort, 7777 Pine Knob, Independence Township, according to police reports.

Friday, thieves broke into Lamoore House of Hair Design, 5854 Dixie Highway, Independence Township, and stole a \$500 coke machine and two leather chairs valued at \$625, according to police reports.

Saturday, vandals caused an unknown amount of damage when they smashed the windshield of a car on Independence Road, Independence Township, according to police reports.

Saturday, vandals driving automobiles caused an unknown amount of damage when they drove over a lawn on Tindall Road, Springfield Township, according to police reports.

Saturday, a thief pumped \$20 worth of gasoline from the Clark Super 100 Service Station, 4951 Sashabaw, Independence Township, and drove off without paying, according to police reports.

Sunday, vandals caused an unknown amount of damage when they smashed the passenger window of a patron's car at Howe's Lanes, 6697 Dixie Highway, Independence Township, according to police reports.

Sunday, vandals broke into a vacant house on Gulick Road, Independence Township, according to police reports.

An open window allowed the cold air inside, and water pipes under the living room floor burst and flooded the house, reports said.

Full cost of the damage is not available, reports said.

The above information was collected from reports at the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

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Vandal sabotages school buses

Sometime between Sunday evening and Monday morning, heaters for Clarkston schools buses were unplugged in an apparent attempt to assure school would be closed Monday.

Although the vandalism had nothing to do with the decision to cancel classes, the act was the latest in a string of thefts and property damage in the bus parking and maintenance area, said Gary Bliss, transportation supervisor.

"Somebody thought they would keep us from

having school," Bliss said. "They (the buses) would have started anyhow. It's just with the heaters, we wouldn't have to waste so many man hours starting them."

Bolt cutters were used on the gate chain to gain access to the area, Bliss said, and it appeared one person wearing "Moon boots" and driving a snowmobile was responsible for unplugging the between 30 and 32 buses keeping warm overnight.

The remainder of the 43 buses which run daily were either inside the garage or not plugged in, he said.

While theft and vandalism in the bus area has always been a problem, it seems to be getting worse, he said.

During the present school year, about 500 gallons of gasoline were siphoned out of buses, a cement mixer motor was stolen, a battery was taken from a drivers' training car and several road flares were taken.

Access is usually gained with a bolt cutter used to cut through the fence, Bliss said, and he suspects that one or two persons are responsible for the thefts and damage.

"I tell you, I'd like to catch him," he said.

Pressing need

CHS athletes seek weight sets

Have a weight set cluttering your garage or basement that's no longer being used?

You're just the person the Clarkston High School weight lifting program is looking for.

There's a dearth of weight-lifting equipment at the high school for the spring weight lifting program, and CHS teacher Walt Wyniemko is searching for some potential donors.

"We're looking for people in the area who might be falling over some weights and would like to clean them out," says Wyniemko.

"All they have to do is call the high school, and we'll send one of our athletes out to pick them up."

Despite \$600 in weight gear donated by the athletic booster club, the CHS weight-lifting program still is short of equipment, depending on students to lend some of their weights to the school.

Many of the students who lent equipment have graduated and taken their gear with them, making the school's need for weights even more pressing, says Wyniemko.

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AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD JANUARY 5, 1982

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. Roll: Kozma, Ritter, Rose, Smith, Stuart, Travis, present; Vandermark, absent.

1. Tabled action of the township's liquor licenses to a future agenda.
 2. Approved the agenda with the addition of two items.
 3. Approved the minutes of the 12-15-81 regular meeting.
 4. Approved the minutes of the 12-18-81 special meeting.
 5. Approved bills totaling \$68,231.80. Trustee Vandermark was now present.
 6. Tabled action on a lot split in Section 35 to the next meeting.
 7. Received a preliminary report from the Senior Citizen Task Force.
 8. Accepted the report of the Senior Citizen Task Force, thanked the members for their efforts.
 9. Held a public hearing on the request for street lights in Clarkston Ranch Estates and approved the placement of the lights.
 10. Approved having the townships' annual meeting on March 27, 1982, at 1:00 p.m., at the Township Hall.
 11. Appointed T. Ritter to the Planning Commission for three years.
 12. Appointed D. Travis to the Planning Commission for three years; Ayes: Kozma, Ritter, Rose, Smith, Stuart, Vandermark; Abstain: Travis; Nay: None.
 13. Appointed W. Eidam to the Planning Commission for three years.
 14. Appointed L. Hewko to the Planning Commission for one year.
 15. Reappointed R. Newlin to the Township Zoning Board of Appeals for three years.
 16. Appointed G. Andringa to the Township Zoning Board of Appeals for three years.
 17. Tabled action on the Resolution for Charter Townships.
 18. Tabled action to the next meeting on the barrier free meeting room.
 19. The meeting adjourned to 10:34 p.m.
- All votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated. The next regular meeting of the Independence Township Board will be January 19, 1982, at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Hall. Some tentative agenda items include:

1. Lot Split - Hamlett - Section 35
 2. Barrier Free Meeting Room
 3. Resolution - Charter Township
- Christopher L. Rose, Clerk
 Independence Township

Fire call

Friday, Jan. 1

11:22pm—Firefighters extinguished a suspicious fire in an ice fishing shanty on Van Norman Lake.

11:32pm—Emergency Medical Services (EMS) responded to a residence on Parview Drive. Riverside transported patient to Pontiac General Hospital.

Saturday, Jan. 2

8:11am—Firefighters responded on an odor investigation at 5885 M-15.

Monday, Jan. 4

5:06am—Firefighters investigated a report of wires arcing on Maybee Road near Waterford Road.

6:41pm—Firefighters responded to a report of a utility pole on fire on Clintonville Road, south of Pine Knob Trail.

8:40pm—Firefighters conducted a smoke and odor investigation at a residence on Williamson Road.

Tuesday, Jan. 5

6:29pm—Firefighters responded to a report of a house fire on Clinton Drive.

7:15pm—EMS responded to a residence on Waldon Road. Riverside transported patient to Crittenton Hospital.

8:07pm—EMS responded to a residence on Ascension Road. Patient refused transport. Riverside was on the scene.

Thursday, Jan. 7

11:20am—Firefighters conducted an odor investigation at a utility station on Parview Drive.

5:17pm—EMS responded to 5880 Waldon Road on a report of a medical emergency.

8:04pm—EMS responded to a report of an auto accident on Sashabaw Road north of Sally Road. Riverside transported patient to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

The Independence Township Fire Department has responded to 12 calls to date.

Barrier-free moves pondered

Giving all Independence Township departments a new place from which to operate is like moving the pieces of a big chessboard.

Move the building department to the current Oakland County Sheriff's Department (OCS) substation nextdoor to township hall. Move the substation downstairs in township hall to where Clarkston Area Youth Assistance is now located. Move youth assistance to the Independence Township Senior Citizens Center on Clarkston-Orion Road. And make the empty building department a permanent meeting place.

That's the plan to make township board meetings accessible to the handicapped proposed by Kenneth Delbridge, director of the building and planning department, at the Jan. 5 township board meeting.

Full cost of the giant chess game would run approximately \$15,000, he said.

But, Delbridge stressed, the move would allow seniors and those handicapped to attend township board, planning commission and zoning board of appeals meetings, something they haven't done in the past because of the two flights of stairs leading to the current meeting room on the second floor of township hall.

In addition, it would allow the township board to meet state requirements which mandate federal revenue sharing public hearings be held in a barrier-free building, he said. To date those hearings have been held at the township library.

A revamped building department should hold almost as large an audience as the current township hall, and if more room was needed the township could use the schools, Delbridge added.

Expenses would come from new telephone installations, moving fees, special lock-up cabinets for

deputies' firearms and removal of partitions in the building department, he said.

Delbridge also added that the building department has air-conditioning and better insulation for heat in the winter.

Township board members heard Delbridge's plan, but made no decision, asking instead that he return with more specifics on who would be moved where and a more detailed cost analysis.

Beef-up with buffet

Perk up the January blahs with a meal fit for a holiday at Northwest Oakland Vocational Education Center's Northwest Inn.

The January buffet is planned Tuesday, Jan. 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the restaurant located inside the school, 8211 Big Lake Rd., Springfield Township.

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Letter to editor

Hail more athletes in wrap-up

As a teacher and coach, I read with a great deal of interest the article that appeared in the Dec. 30th issue, "Highlights of 1981: The Year in Local Sports."

We certainly have a lot of student athletes to be proud of in our community, but I was upset that many deserving individuals and teams were not mentioned.

The following is a list of students that I feel were unfairly left out of the "Highlights of 1981" article.

In track, Steve Wyckoff (H.J.), Kelly Craig (H.J.) and Sheri Rowland all qualified in the state regional for participation in State Finals Track Meet. Wyckoff finished third in the state meet and was the 1981 Oakland County champion in the high jump.

In cross-country, Sheri Rowland, Pam Stoecklin, and Paul Burch all qualified in the state regional for participation in the state cross-country meet. Sheri Rowland also finished third in the Oakland County meet.

In girls' tennis, Mary Smith was regional champion and participated in the state finals tennis meet.

The Sashabaw Junior High School girls' track team should also be recognized for their excellent undefeated season which culminated in their winning the 1981 Oakland County Freshman Girls Track

Championship Meet.

While The Clarkston News staff makes a credible effort to cover local sports, often the accomplishments of the athletes who participate in the "minor sports" go unrecognized.

In my opinion, the talent and hard work shown by these individuals is worthy of our praise and recognition.

Mike Kaul

Letter policy

We welcome our readers' opinions. Letters to the Editor must be at The Clarkston News office by noon Friday to be considered for the following week's paper. We reserve the right to edit all letters for the sake of brevity and clarity and to limit the number of letters from any one individual on any one issue. We don't publish open letters or copies of letters sent elsewhere. Letters must be signed and a phone number and address included. Names will be withheld on request.

Around town

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 14-16—"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" by the Artful Pans at the historic Sashabaw United Presbyterian Church building, 5331 Maybee, Independence Township; 7:30 p.m.; family dinner-theater; tickets \$7.50 for adults and \$5.50 for children 10 and under; includes buffet-style meal; for tickets, call 625-2286 or 624-0029.

Thursday, Jan. 21—Welcome Wagon Club of Waterford-Clarkston meeting, 12:30 p.m., Pontiac Mall meeting room; bring box lunch to exchange; Bingo for prizes to follow meal; all new residents may attend; phone 673-1028 for club information.

Friday, Jan. 22—"Star Gazing on Skis" designed for cross-country skiers at Independence Oaks County Park, 7:30 to 9 p.m.; novice skiers welcome; dress appropriately and bring own equipment; pre-registration required by calling 858-0903; maps at gate; park is located on Sashabaw Road, two-and-one-half miles north of I-75 in Independence Township.

Saturday, Jan. 23—Snow Rush Ski Race, a competitive cross country ski race for all ages at Springfield Oaks Golf Course, 12450 Andersonville Rd., Springfield Township; pre-registration \$4, registration day of the race is \$5, racing begins at 11 a.m. for experienced racers and 2 p.m. for novices; to pre-register call 858-0915.



Jim's jottings

Return to yesteryear

by Jim Sherman

If you lived in Oxford, where Jottings originates, you'd be fully aware next week is "remember Brace Beemer" week.

I've never been so involved with raising money before. Usually, we avoid getting personally involved, but give news space to charity inclined groups.

This one is different and I've allowed more space to be devoted to it than anything since the town's centennial in 1976.

I was really involved in that celebration, but it wasn't for a charitable effort. I had to read every newspaper the Oxford Leader printed every week beginning in 1898.

I started some 14 months before the August '76 partying date. When the time came to produce newspapers for the occasion we were

ready. Everything was in line.

Not so this time. The Oxford Super Week came on fast. It started November 5, 1981. Already a committee had more or less decided to have some major stars for two nights. I believe they had been caught up in a sales pitch from Jan. 24 Super Bowl XVI backers to 'plan something'.

I would have stayed out of this one, too, except the small group of beginners mentioned the proceeds would go to a memorial to Brace Beemer. Beemer, whose home town was Oxford, was most famous as the radio Lone Ranger.

I'd lived in Oxford about seven years before I met Brace. For some reason or other he thought I ought to own 3 acres of his property. He was just beginning to subdivide his 300 acre farm west of Oxford.

He called, we met, I said I couldn't afford it. A week or so later he called me back and said, "You've got to own that land!" There was no arguing with that voice. Hazel and I bought it and have been extremely pleased with Brace's decision.

I was never with Brace a lot, however, my editor Clem Cleveland and I went to his home a week before he died to interview him. It was the last interview Brace Beemer gave.

And we remember it so very well. He was gracious, cooperative, and generous to us.

I was a pall bearer at his funeral, helping carry him to rest at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. The memory of that day is still very clear, just as is his voice when we clung to our Coronado radio and "returned to yesteryear".

'If it Fitz. . .

Busy bussing Emily

by Jim Fitzgerald



Love can be risky when expressed too exuberantly. This became increasingly evident as the presents were opened Christmas Day. Bloodshed was a definite possibility.

My wife, daughters and grandchildren are a gushy crew. They are continually kissing and touching and saying "I love you." I graciously put up with this mush because I know they mean well. Sometimes, under the me-too influence of my environment, I even participate in these public displays of affection, albeit awkwardly. I wasn't brought up to kiss in church.

That's what goes on in many churches these days, you know. At a certain point during services, the preacher urges the congregation to wish each other love and peace. Some parishioners do this by simply shaking hands, but many others kiss and hug.

I'm sure this is a splendid way to behave in church, much more appropriate to the occasion than praying for hellfire to punish the infidels. But, whenever I see men leaning into pews to kiss men, I can't help wondering what my dear father would say if he'd lived long enough to see such goings on in the presence of the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

My father was always physically affectionate toward his daughters, but he must have stopped kissing me soon after I got out of diapers. My only memory of his lips touching mine goes back to when I

was an 18-year-old soldier about to get on a train headed for overseas duty during World War II. I remember feeling scared of the war for the first time. I didn't think much about the kisses received from my mother and sisters, but I figured if even my father kissed me goodbye, there was a chance I wasn't coming back.

I never expected a kiss from my dad because I knew how he felt about such nonsense. When I was growing up, our family was friendly with a family in which the father kissed his grown son everytime they met or parted. My dad thought this was unmanly, and he often made funny remarks about the kissy sissies. I agreed with him, because he was my wonderful father, and I didn't want him to think I was a big sissy.

Today, I like to see a father and son kiss, no matter what their ages. I realize my father taught me wrong all those years ago, but lessons learned that young are hard to forget. The only time I kiss my grown son is when he returns from Europe, and that's not often. But, for a long time now, I've been planning to kiss him when he is graduated from college. On that day, I may kiss everyone in the entire world.

I do much better kissing my seven-year-old grandson, John, which brings us back to the risks of love around the Christmas tree. Everytime John opened a present, he kissed the person who gave it to

him. That was nice, except the first present he opened was a complete football uniform which he immediately put on.

Have you ever been kissed by an enthusiastic boy wearing a modern football helmet? The kid darn near knocked my teeth out. When I automatically tried to ward off John's affection, my wife penalized me 15 yards for grabbing his face mask.

This Christmas it was also risky kissing my newest grandchild, three-month-old Emily. I like to sneak nuzzles while feeding Emily her bottle which is really a plastic sack. That's what I was doing when her mother, Ferd, walked by, glancing at her wrist-watch.

"It's eight o'clock," Ferd said. "That's when Emily always throws up."

Emily immediately threw up all over one leg of my favorite pants.

"She wouldn't have done that if you hadn't told her what time it was," I said to Ferd.

"Don't worry, it's pure milk," Ferd said. So I gave Emily another kiss. It's pure love, and worth the risk.

It's even worth having to wear corduroy pants that no longer go swish-swish when I walk. They go swish-squish.

Onward and Upward, and keep kissing.

Trustee's son begins community center quest

By Marilyn Trumper

Thirteen-year-old Dan Travis is sticking his toes in the water of local politics, testing the temperature and gearing up for the big dive.

The Clarkston Junior High School student, the son of Independence Township Trustee Daniel Travis, is lobbying for recognition of a school committee, comprised of schoolmates to act as liaison between township government and the student body. The committee's target would be to win a local Community Center.

His efforts came to the fore when a local businessman proposed opening an arcade on M-15, south of Clarkston Village, a pastime Travis said he sees as unproductive and expensive for kids.

"I have nothing against arcade games," Travis said. "I like them. But if we had a youth center we could put up games, not necessarily on a paying basis. If we were to pay for them, it might come right back to you in new equipment or like that."

Local ordinances often restrict use of arcades to those 18 years or older, creating an adult atmosphere, to which young teens and junior high students would be subjected in the event they gain entry, which he said he feels they will.

"When you restrict an arcade to kids under 18, it blocks out junior high and the lower high school grades. That kind of atmosphere, if the younger kids get in, would not be good," Travis said. "There will be drug activity, because that's where those age kids hangout."

Travis envisions a Community Center with transportation to and from, shared with Independence Township senior citizens. Listening attentively to discussion on a possible senior citizens' village development at the Jan. 5 Independence Township Board meeting, Travis zeroed in on the possibility of state aid to finance the project.

"I know a Community Center would be expensive. But, if a senior citizens' building were built, maybe we could use one wing of it for the Community Center, and receive state aid," he said. "We could have a gym, games, activities, basketball, arts and crafts."

Travis acknowledged the schools have gyms, and that Independence Township Parks and Recreation offers similar programs.

"But, the schools close. And, Parks and Rec offers classes in 'How to play basketball,' not organized games," he said.

"We need something organized. Instead of going down to the Mill Pond to play hockey, instead of trying to find people to play, they'll be there," he finished.

Travis has yet to sit down and outline details with school officials and local heads of government, but he has had discussions with township Supervisor James B. Smith.

"I think he has a splendid idea, if it can be worked out in the future," Smith said. "He's analyzed it, and I think it innovative that a person so young has this kind of thinking."

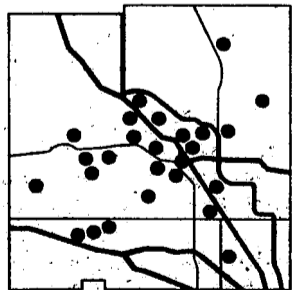
He makes a good point that young people don't have enough to do, and I'll certainly make what I can happen to do it," Smith said.

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- Tuesday, Jan. 19 at Rochester Adams, JV game starts at 6:15 p.m.

Sashabaw Junior High Basketball

- Friday, Jan. 15 at Rochester Van Hoosen, game time 4 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 18 at home vs. Lake Orion East, game time 7 p.m.

Clarkston Junior High Basketball

- Thursday, Jan. 14 at home vs. Waterford Pierce, game time 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 19 at Walled Lake Central, game time 3:45 p.m.

Clarkston High School Wrestling

- Thursday, Jan. 14 at Waterford Kettering, meet

starts at 6 p.m.

- Saturday, Jan. 16 at home to host the Clarkston Invitational Tournament, wrestling starts at 9 a.m.

Clarkston Junior High Wrestling

- Monday, Jan. 18 at home vs. East Hills, meet starts at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 20 at home vs. Sashabaw Junior High, meet starts at 6 p.m.

Sashabaw Junior High Wrestling

- Thursday, Jan. 14 at home vs. Walled Lake Western, meet starts at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 20 at Clarkston Junior High, meet starts at 6 p.m.

Varsity and JV Volleyball

- Saturday, Jan. 16 at Bloomfield Hills Andover to compete in Andover Invitational Tourney, action

starts at 9 a.m.

- Monday, Jan. 18 at Birmingham Groves, games start at 6 a.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 20 at Fenton, games start at 6 p.m.

Sashabaw Junior High Volleyball

- Friday, Jan. 15 at home vs. Flint Kearsley, game starts at 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 19 at Oxford, game starts at 4 p.m.

Clarkston Junior High Volleyball

- Monday, Jan. 18 at Flint Kearsley, game starts at 4 p.m.

Clarkston High School Ski Team

- Thursday, Jan. 14 vs. Rochester at Pine Knob, meet starts at 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 19 vs. Waterford Kettering at Pine Knob, meet starts at 4 p.m.

CHS will host wrestling tourney



There'll be plenty of top-notch prep wrestling action in town this weekend.

On Saturday, Jan. 16, Clarkston High School is to host an eight-school wrestling tournament in the CHS gym, with action getting underway at 10 a.m. Championship finals are to start at 5 p.m.

Competing against Coach Rick Detkowski's CHS Wolves are to be state-ranked Warren Lincoln, Walled Lake Central, Fraser, Grand Blanc, Fenton, Trenton and Plymouth Canton.

Refreshments are to be sold throughout the day by the Clarkston Athletic Booster Club. Admission to the tourney is \$1.50.



Wolfpack center Ray Kubani goes up for two in the first half of Friday evening's 50-42 Clarkston

loss at Waterford Kettering. The Wolves will resume league play this Friday

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Waterford Kettering	2	1	166	154	7	1
Waterford Mott	2	1	145	137	5	3
Clarkston	2	1	143	143	2	3
West Bloomfield	2	1	132	127	2	4
Lake Orion	1	2	125	146	2	4
Rochester	0	3	154	158	1	5

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Wolves play well—but still lose

By Al Zawacky

If it hadn't been for this little matter of the final score, Coach Gary Nustad could have been a very happy and contented man Friday night.

You see, just about everything else about last week's Clarkston-Waterford-Kettering league clash left him pretty well satisfied.

"I'm pleased with the way we played on the road and pleased with the way we looked against Kettering," he said.

"I'm disappointed in that I really felt we could win this ball game, but I think this is going to be a very good ball club before the end of the season. We've just got to survive the month of January (six of seven Wolfpack games this month are on the road)."

Meanwhile in the Waterford Kettering dressing room, Coach Chuck Shires had one big reason to be pleased: Kettering 50, Clarkston 42.

"It was a well-played game by both teams," said Shires. "I thought we struggled a bit early, but we hit some big buckets in the second half and that gave us a lift."

Although Clarkston held a few slim leads in the course of the game, it was Kettering that seized the initiative at the start, opening up a 14-9 first-quarter lead and hanging on through a torrid second-quarter rally by the Wolfpack to take a 24-21 cushion into the dressing room at the half.

The two teams played to a standoff in the third quarter and through much of the fourth, but by the game's closing three minutes the drift of events became clear.

With just 11 seconds remaining on the clock and Kettering holding a commanding 10-point lead, Nustad called time in what appeared to be an exercise in futility. But no strategy was discussed in the Wolfpack huddle.

"I just told them I was proud of them and pleased with their effort and the way they came back," he said. "I felt the kids needed a pat on the back at that point."

Clarkston's attack was centered almost exclusively on the tandem of Mike McCormick and Ray Kubani, McCormick finishing the game with 19 points and Kubani with 14. Ralph Gates and Dave Mortellaro topped a balanced Kettering offense with 10 points each.

Coming off an ankle injury sustained in practice early in the week, Kubani was playing at less than 100 percent, according to Nustad.

"I thought he looked tired—for all intents and purposes he didn't practice for five days in a row. That makes it hard to keep your stamina."

Sophomore guard Craig Kulaszewski scored four points in his varsity Wolfpack debut, joining sophomore teammate Chris Bruce who also notched four points. Rick Williams had one point to round out

the Clarkston scoring.

Nustad opined that the two sophomores played well together, and Shires agreed.

"We tried to pressure them with our full court press early, but they did a nice job," Shires said. "They may have gotten a little tight at the end, but

that's to be expected."

The victory bolted Kettering into a four-way tie for the top spot in the Greater Oakland Activities League with a 2-1 record, along with West Bloomfield, Waterford Mott and the Wolfpack. (Complete GOAL standings are on Page 8).

Grapplers 4th at Plymouth

By Al Zawacky

The Clarkston High School wrestling team welcomed 1982 last week with an impressive win over league-rival West Bloomfield before placing fourth in the tough Plymouth Salem Invitational over the weekend.

It was the first action of the new year for Coach Rick Detkowski's grapplers, and Detkowski expressed reserved satisfaction with the end results.

"As far as West Bloomfield is concerned, I thought we did a real good job," he said, reflecting on his team's 51-13 victory.

"We had two new guys wrestle varsity—Dean Buchanan and Phil Haase. They both faced really tough kids and did an outstanding job, I thought."

The Wolves were aided in their win over West Bloomfield by three voids—forfeits were awarded to Clarkston's Al Wall at 105 pounds, Keith Edwards at 198 and Mark Karrick at heavy weight.

Clarkston's winning wrestlers were Greg Ellis at 98 (1:55), Mike Conway at 112 (7-0), Jeff Miracle at

138 (2:37), André Gourand at 145 (4:57), Bruce Burwitz at 167 (2:32) and Tom Hecker at 185 (3:45).

Saturday's tournament was won by host school Plymouth Salem with 172½ points, followed by Montrose with 145½, Westland John Glenn with 145, Clarkston with 132 and Fenton with 80. Sixteen schools competed in the tourney.

"We had two guys hurt—Hecker was hurt in the finals and Wall was injured in his final match, too," Detkowski noted. "But they should be ready this week."

"I thought our underclassmen performed really well (at the tournament), but I thought some of our seniors let us down a bit, as far as performance and leadership go.

"Still, we had nine of 12 kids place—that's a good team performance."

Conway, Miracle and Hecker were the Wolves top finishers, all placing second. Taking third were Ellis and Jeff Lawrence; Wall took fourth; Burwitz and Karrick fifth; and Gourand sixth.



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Discussing reunion plans are (from left) Dennis Potulsky, Cathy Crowley, Mary and John Garlak.

15-year reunion for Platter Box

For years, the idea has been brewing in the minds of John and Mary Garlak, Dennis Potulsky and many of their friends.

Next month the sights and sounds of old time rock 'n' roll will come to life at Deer Lake Racquet Club, and the years-old dream will become a reality.

The event: "The Platter Box 15-Year Reunion." "The Platter Box," a teenage dance hall owned by John's father, "Big John" Garlak, used to occupy the building now housing a real estate office on Dixie Highway near M-15. The dance hall opened in 1965 and closed in 1968, according to John.

John, Mary and Dennis were part of the regular crowd of Clarkston teenagers who used to jam into The Platter Box every weekend back when groups like Paul Revere and the Raiders were at the top of the charts.

"People who didn't know a thing about it are amazed that something could have had as much impact as it did for being there just three years or so," says Mary.

"We'd always see old friends on the street and say, 'Hey, remember those days?' And now all those teenagers are parents."

The threesome hope to get all those old friends and their families together to relive old times Friday, Feb. 5, beginning at 7 p.m. at Deer Lake Racquet Club, 6167 White Lake Rd., Independence Township.

The event is also to be a surprise 60th birthday party for "Big John" Garlak, the dance hall's original owner, who currently resides in Warren.

Partiers who want to partake in the surprise are asked to arrive between 6:30 and 6:45 p.m.

Everyone is invited, but ticket numbers are limited. Advance tickets are \$5 single and \$8 per couple and can be purchased by calling 625-9032, 625-1133 or 625-0166. Tickets for couples will also be available at the door for \$10.

Featured will be food, a cash bar, 1960s' music, dancing, a dance contest and prizes. Period dress is optional.

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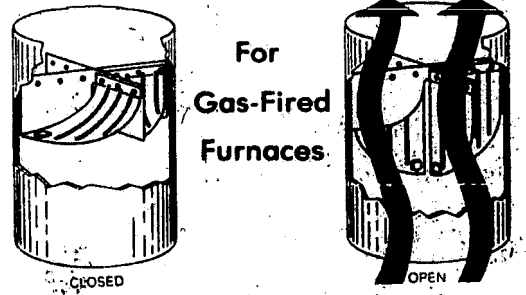
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Each student is bearing his own cost and as a group are trying to raise their travel expenses of \$4,500 by performing in this Band-A-Thon. The Clarkston Band Boosters call on the Community to rally around and help support these students. You can help by making contributions by check made out to CLARKSTON BAND BOOSTERS, (a non-profit organization) and mailed to Art Thomas, P.O. Box 358, Clarkston, MI 48016; or you can sponsor a band student that you know or are approached by for your support. Students will be seeking Band-A-Thon sponsors in Mid-January.

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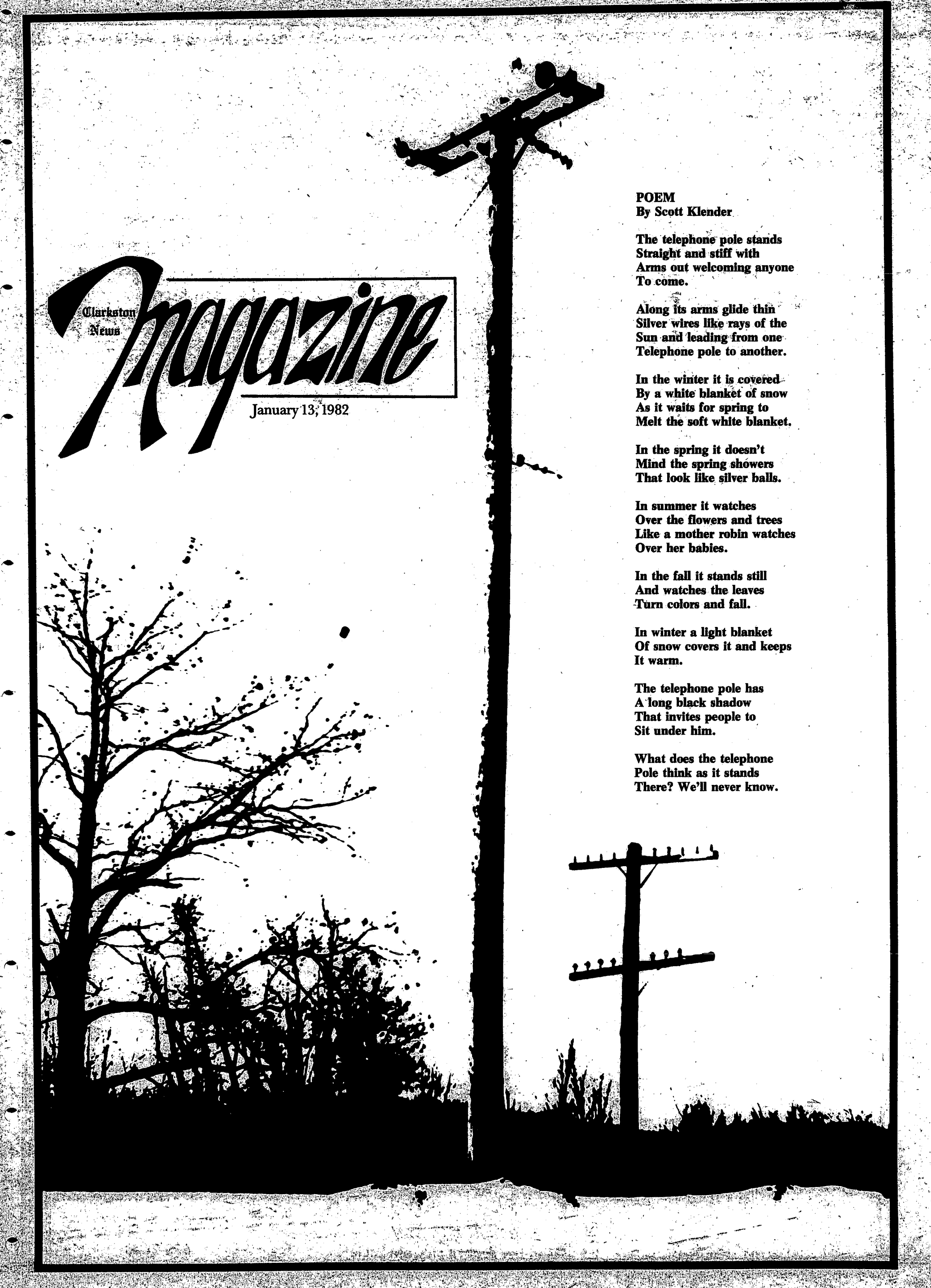
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By Scott Klender

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Sun and leading from one
Telephone pole to another.

In the winter it is covered
By a white blanket of snow
As it waits for spring to
Melt the soft white blanket.

In the spring it doesn't
Mind the spring showers
That look like silver balls.

In summer it watches
Over the flowers and trees
Like a mother robin watches
Over her babies.

In the fall it stands still
And watches the leaves
Turn colors and fall.

In winter a light blanket
Of snow covers it and keeps
It warm.

The telephone pole has
A long black shadow
That invites people to
Sit under him.

What does the telephone
Pole think as it stands
There? We'll never know.

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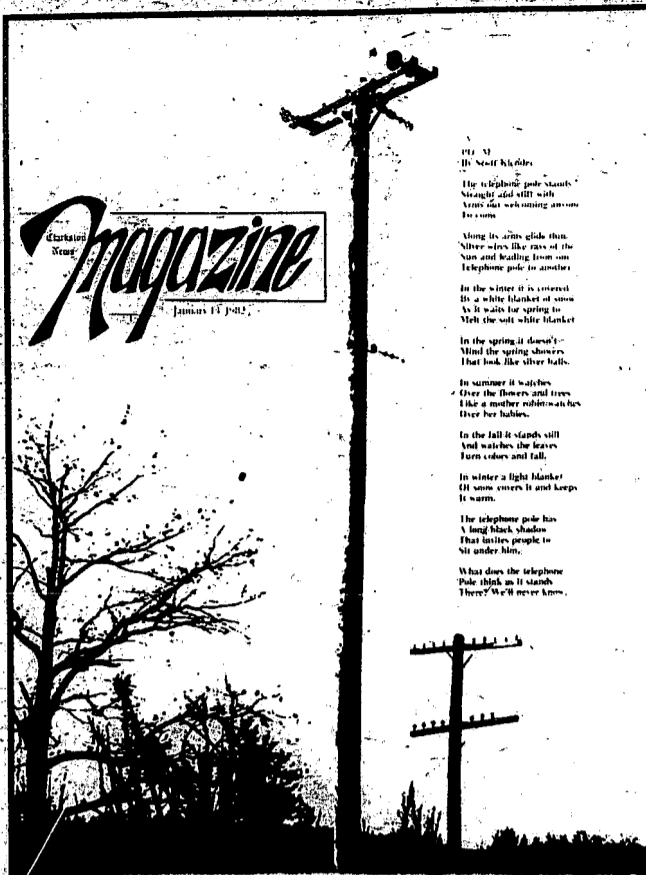
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Inspiration

Inspiration for this week's Clarkston News MAGAZINE cover came from the writing of a sixth-grader at Bailey Lake Elementary School. The telephone poles, captured on film by Kathy Greenfield, are located near the railroad tracks on Andersonville Road in Springfield Township. More poems by the talented youngsters are on Pages 6 and 7.



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After graduation, as an LPN, she found a job in a doctor's office and in 1976 she started taking classes toward becoming a registered nurse.

A career in teaching emerged in 1970 when she heard of a part-time teaching position at Northwest Oakland Vocational Education Center (NWOVEC) through Herbert Olsen, the principal at the time.

She liked the hours and took the job.

Irma teaches future medical assistants at NWOVEC, on Big Lake Road in Springfield Township, to do everything in a doctor's office from telephone work and insurance forms to preliminary lab work and assisting in minor surgery.

Her students are excited about the program, and it is not uncommon to hear talk about further careers like nursing, x-ray technology and lab work.

In addition to teaching at the vocational center 11 years, Irma has been working in the office of Dr. Charles Hermes the past 16 years.

She works four hours a day, four days a week at the office and teaches four nights a week, four hours a night at the vocational school. Irma enjoys what appears to be a hectic schedule.

"Dr. Hermes is super. I couldn't do this job (teaching) without his books and literature. I feel I can have my cake and eat it too, because I love both jobs," she said.

Betty Key works at Hermes' office with Irma and lives in Clarkston. She took the first class Irma taught.

"I went to learn and was interested in what was being offered. The classes were a lot of fun and informal. It was easy to learn. Irma is a very nice person and she has a way with people. She can tell you things in a way that is easy to understand," she said.

"She is very modest person. She isn't impressed with all that she does, but she is very active, well-rounded person," Betty added.

Indeed, being a wife, a mother of four children—now ages 23 to 29—a teacher and working is not all that Irma does.

She enjoys camping and traveling and last summer she and her husband went to Alaska for vacation. She does latch hook rugs, crochets, tends a huge garden and makes wine—30 gallons this year—and she bowls on a mixed doubles league.

"I'm a rotten bowler, but I enjoy it," she laughs.

Irma also takes a special interest in finding jobs for her students, and Neil Sage, placement coordinator at NWOVEC, testifies to her success.

"Irma Crosby has two sections with about 20 students in each section. I'd say she places about 90 percent of those students who are interested in getting a job."

It is not that she plagues doctors' offices with telephone calls, but instead the doctors call her when looking for good medical assistants.

Betty had not been looking for a job, but through Irma, the job found her.

"I had no intention of going to work after taking the classes. I completed the course in spring and in the early fall I got a call from Irma. Dr. Hermes needed some part-time help. I've been with Dr. Hermes for nine years now," Betty said.

Most students are looking for jobs when they complete the course. Clarkston resident Karen Hagedon has been working five years for Dr. Chung Lee, an obstetrician and gynecologist.

"She knew I was looking for a job in the

Clarkston area and called me when she heard of the opening at Dr. Lee's. I interviewed with him the same day I talked with Irma and he wanted me to start right after the interview. I had company at home, so I had to start the following Monday," Karen said.

The system of Irma's connections becomes apparent when Karen describes her continuing contact with Irma.

"When we need part-time help or someone to cover vacations, we call Irma and she recommends someone from her classes," Karen said.

As a teacher, Irma strives to maintain her enthusiasm.

"I like working with young people—you're teaching them all the time. Every once in awhile, I revamp the course to maintain my own interest even though it entails more work. This year I hope to add CPR instruction," she said.

The medical assistant program has become more significant since Michigan started licensing assistants. More doctors are becoming aware of the value of licensed assistants with the increase in malpractice suits, Irma said.

"This is a really a successful class and I'm proud to be a part of it," she said.

—Laura Bickley



Irma Crosby's job as a medical assistant at the Ob-Gyn clinic in Waterford Township includes taking blood pressure readings, giving shots,

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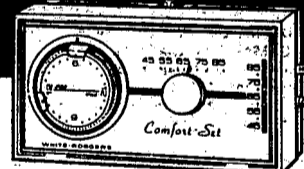
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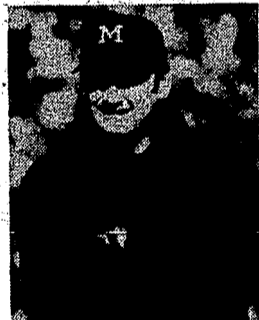
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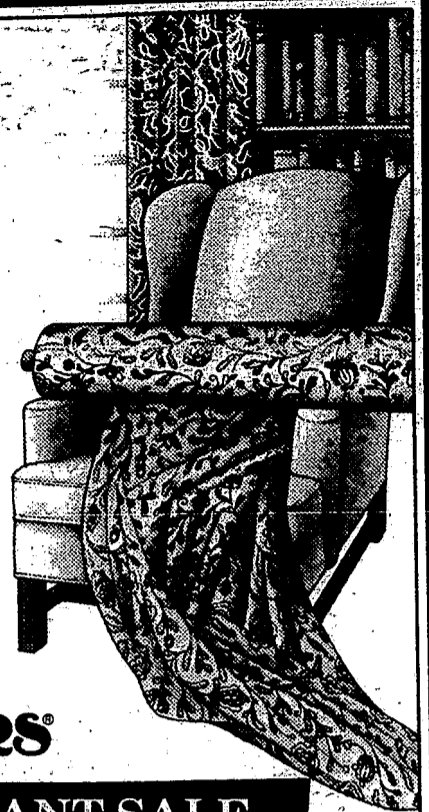
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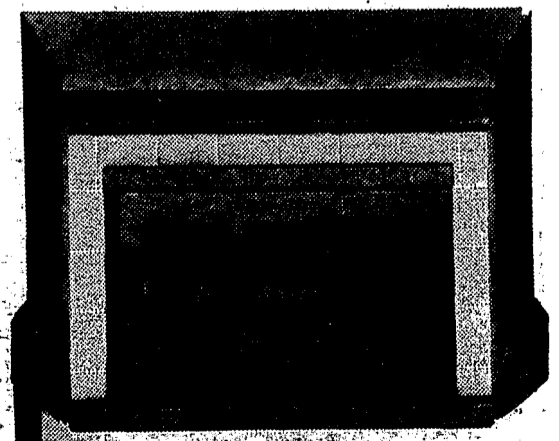
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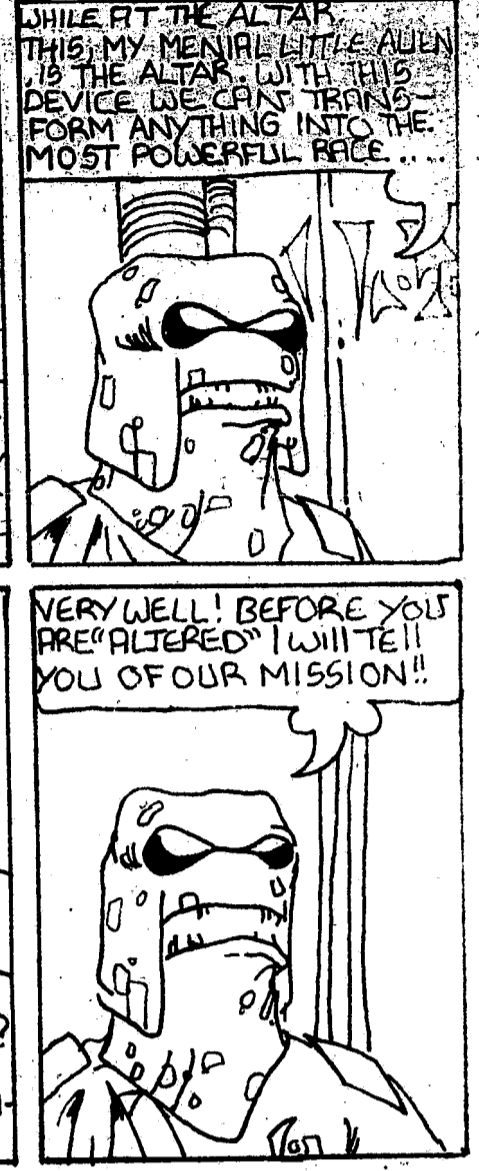
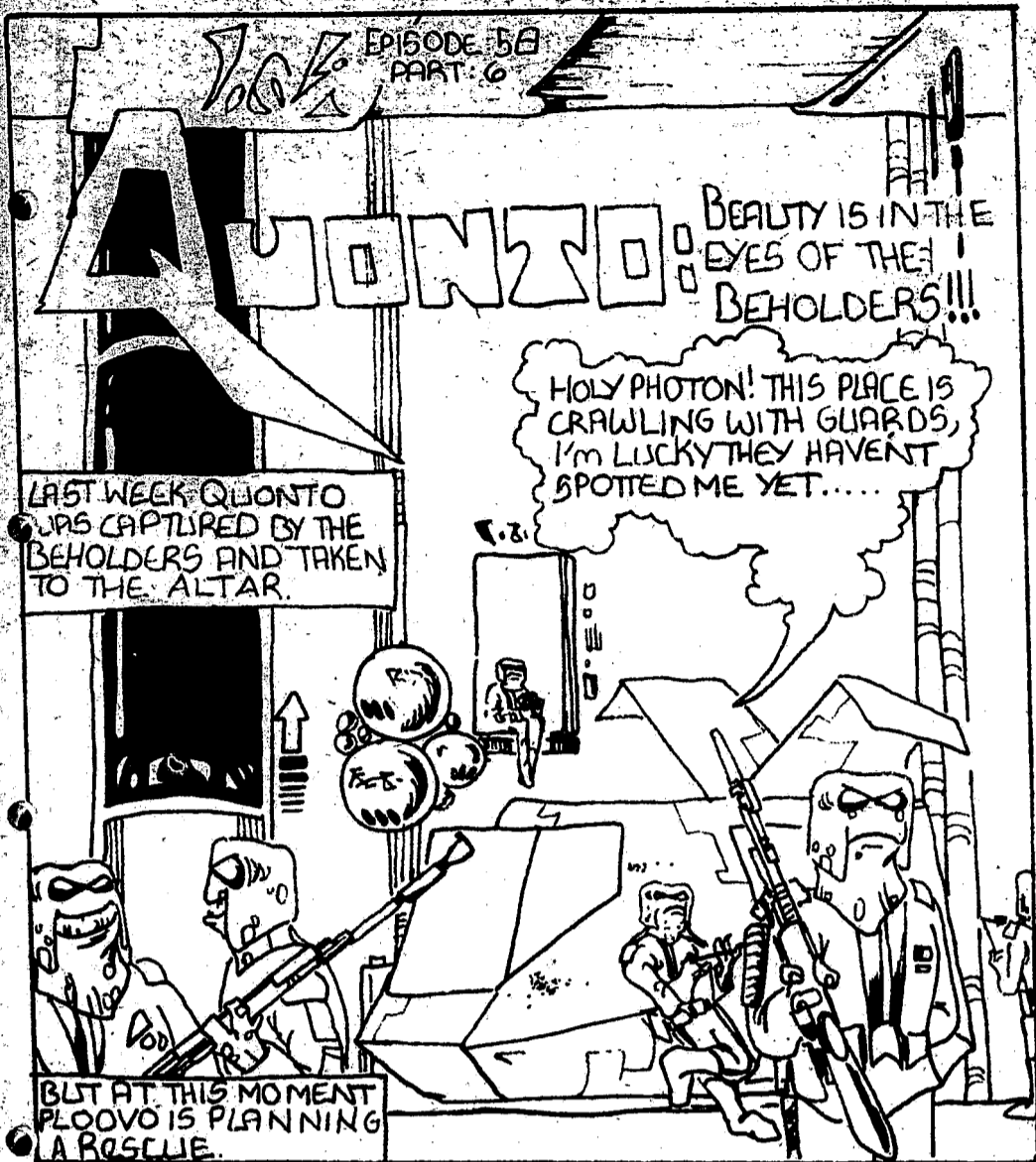
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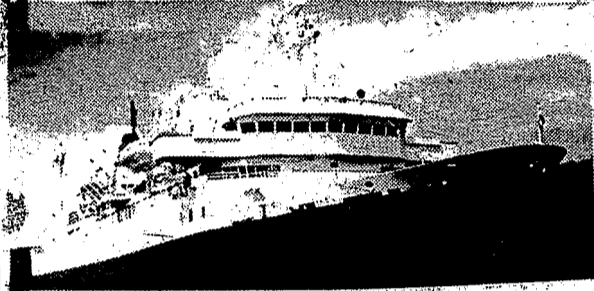
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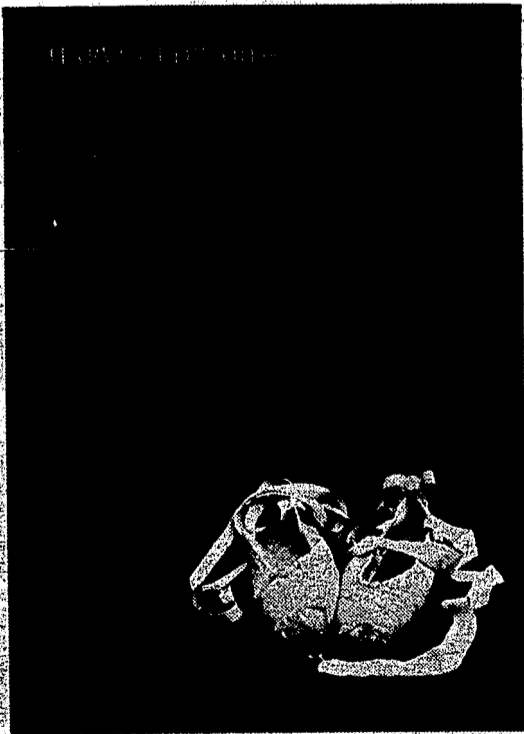


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BLANKET By Todd Wagner

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 Is like a huge blanket,
 That never keeps you warm.
 Instead, it makes you very cold.
 No matter how thick it gets
 It still stays cold.

SANDY By Kristy King

When we walk into the house,
 She has a smile on her face,
 Wagging her tail back and forth,
 Keeping the same pace.
 She always looks embarrassed
 With trash all over the place.
 When she walks out of the room
 With her sad little face,
 Who could scold her
 When she makes that face?

Assignment: Write a poem

A unit in poetry led to the creative writing displayed here by some Bailey Lake Elementary sixth-graders.

Once the pupils had studied works of two poets, they were assigned the poem writing task.

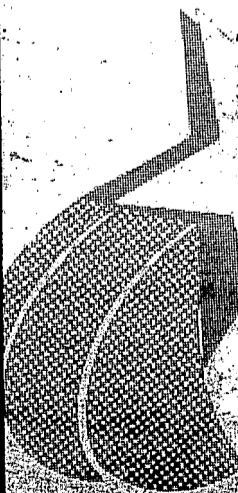
The results were so good, said their teacher Jackie Hoisington, that she decided to ask The Clarkston News to reproduce them in the paper.

"These were so nice—just too good to grade and give them back. I thought they ought to get special recognition," she said.

We agreed and included some artwork to show off the talents of the young writers.

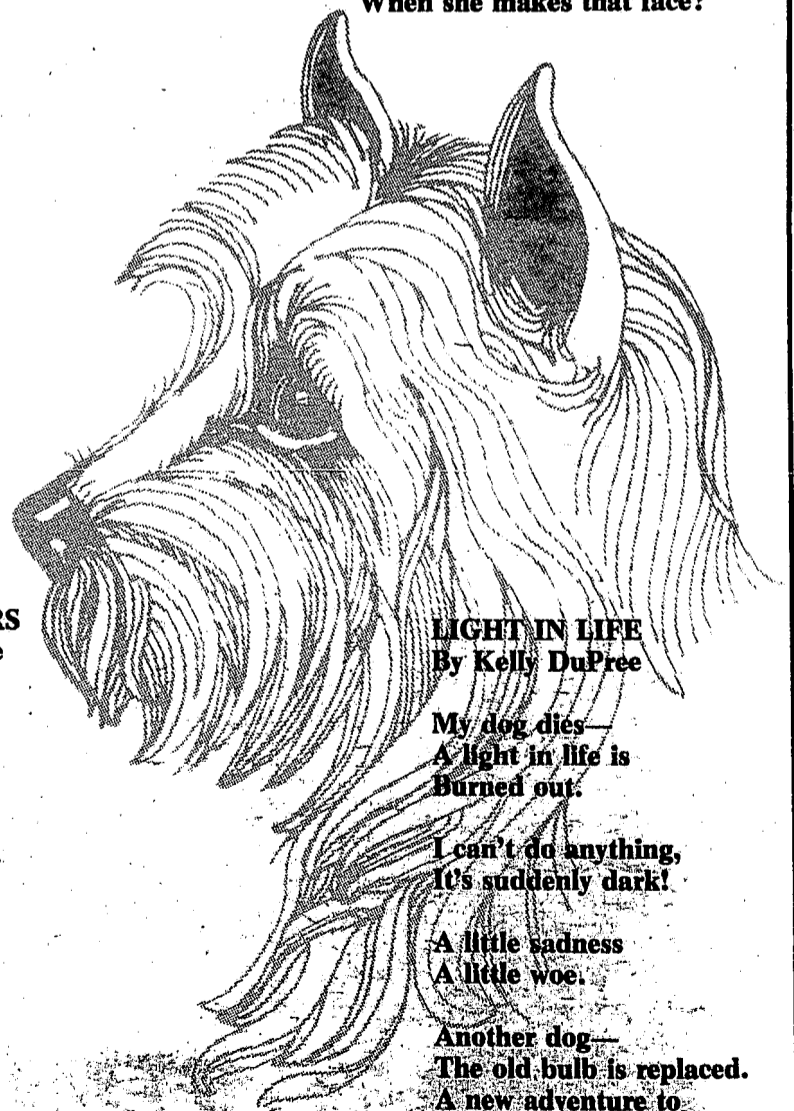
SHOOTING STARS By Andy Chinavare

The shooting stars
 Flash all night,
 Like two
 Space Creatures,
 Fighting.



LIGHT IN LIFE By Kelly DuPre

My dog dies—
 A light in life is
 Burned out.
 I can't do anything,
 It's suddenly dark!



A little sadness
 A little woe.
 Another dog—
 The old bulb is replaced.
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 Explore!

GOD'S WORK
By Joey Willis

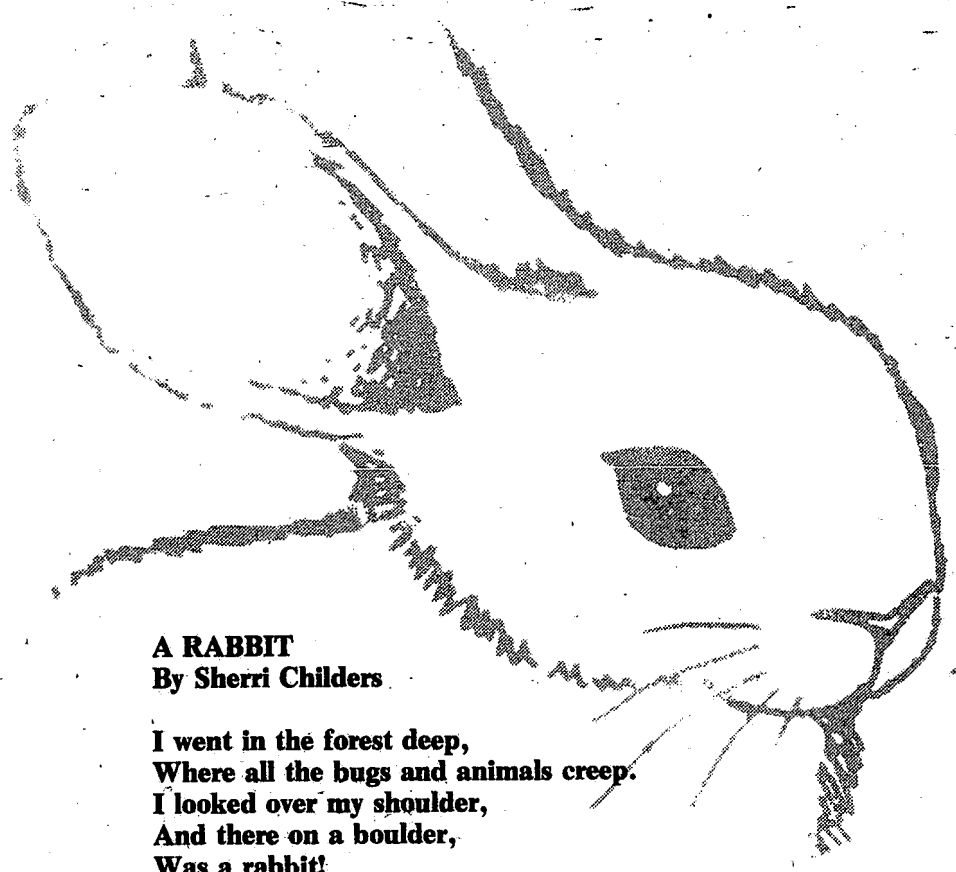
When the morning sun comes up
And awakens us,
That is when God starts his work.

He begins with blessing everyone
After the church bell has rung.
Then He answers all the things
That were prayed from everyone

He sees if the earth is turning right,
And if the sun is shining bright.

Then His day is almost done
Because you can see that dusk
Has come.

Now the day is completely done,
And tomorrow the same thing
Will be done.

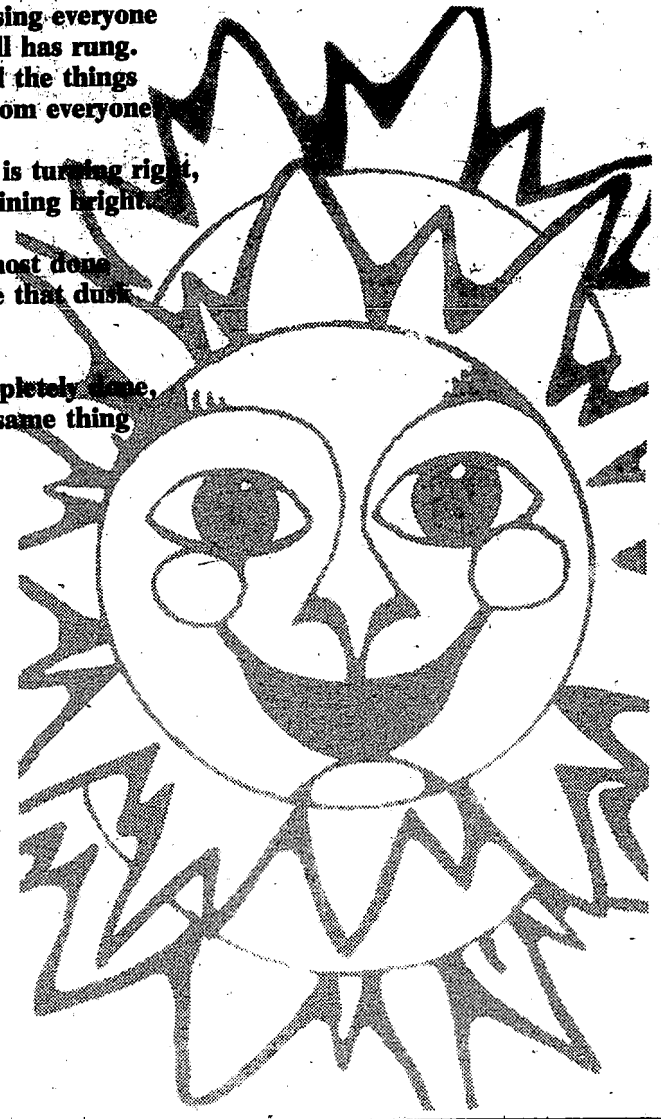


A RABBIT
By Sherri Childers

I went in the forest deep,
Where all the bugs and animals creep.
I looked over my shoulder,
And there on a boulder,
Was a rabbit!

With his big brown eyes,
He looked at me, full of curiosity.
I moved an inch,
Thinking it would be a cinch,
But I broke a branch!

I looked it up, but it was too late!
He was gone, but up popped his mate.
I wasn't going to stick around and
Go through the misery again.
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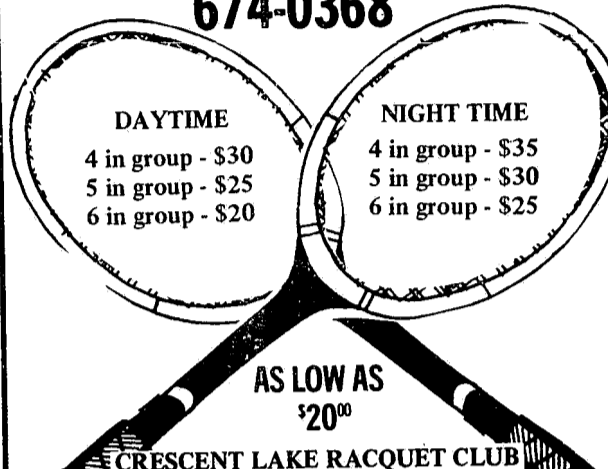
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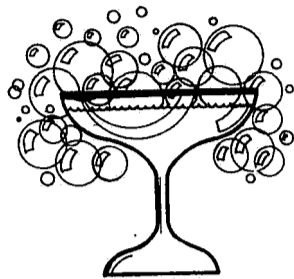
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Seeing the need for a steak and seafood restaurant in the Rochester area, owners Miki Ceric and Zoran Mihajlovic report "excellent initial response," with customers from as far away as Ann Arbor, Saginaw, Grand Blanc and Grosse Pointe.

"With such a move, it was evident that we needed some experienced, highly-qualified people to make the plan work," the owners said. "And we were very fortunate to obtain three top men — Iolovic, Mazin and Cliff Ely."

Iolovic brings an abundance of experience to his new position. After 9 years with Joe Muer, he left in 1976 to take on the conversion of Holly's Hawaiian Gardens to Vladimir's Inn. He was recently general manager of Tanti's Wine Cellar and part of the original team at Henley Street. Chef Mazin has also been creating steak and fresh seafood specialties at Henley Street.

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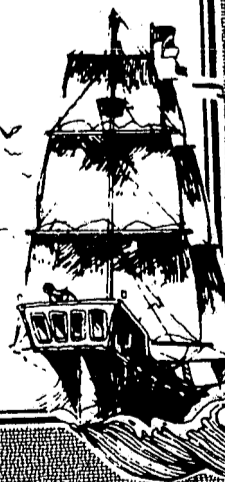
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Accordian champion sets keys on Vegas

Jody Rothermel's father "pushed" him into taking accordian lessons at the age of 4.

Today his blue eyes smile when he says, "I don't think I could even lift it then, I was so little. I had a special strap to help keep (the accordian) on."

He leaves the room and returns offering a small red accordian with flawlessly clean keys, an aged, but spotless case and a strap that looks new, announcing, "This is it. This is my first accordian."

At 22, he's received national acclaim for his talents. With 18 years of lessons and practice behind him, the man, no longer small, effortlessly moves the heavy instrument from its case.

With pride, he offers a view of his first- and second-place trophies for polka and standard solo and the challenge cup, all from the Michigan Accordian Association—but it's the National Cup captured in 1975 that he's most proud of.

"A guy from New Jersey actually won second, and I took first when they found out he was a professional and disqualified him from the contest. But he cried, he actually cried right there on the stage so I told him, 'You keep it. You keep the trophy. I don't need it...I know I won,'" Jody said.

At the time, he remembers his teacher warning not to expect too much.

"She told me I would not do anything. That I would probably not take anything, including the Michigan title. Well I proved to her, myself and my parents. I won."

Today, he splits his talents among several instruments, playing piano, organ, drums and accordian.

"I could go anywhere right now and work—and I do. You name it, weddings, halls, everyplace in and around town and out of town," he said.

There's no room for doubt.

Jody's positive, and has that tunnel vision that's seen him through 18 years of lessons and captured the national title.

It's the same self-assurance that's taking him to the University of Michigan and pre-law study.

What's left to do?

What aspirations?

"I haven't played in Vegas yet. But I will," Jody said, and he smiled again.

—Marilyn Trumper

Surrounded by accordions and trophies, Jody Rothermel displays the fast-finger coordination that's won him national acclaim. The young Springfield Township resident has been playing

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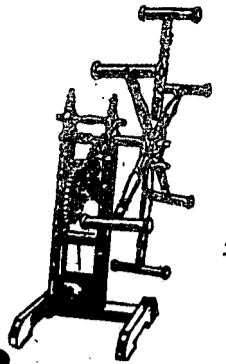


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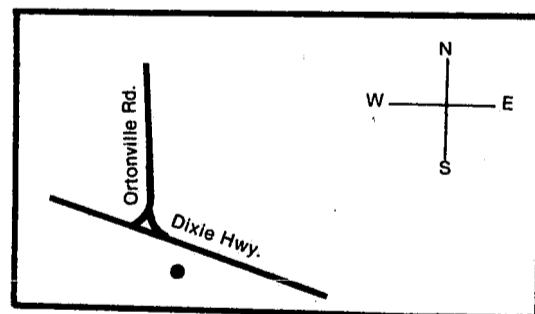
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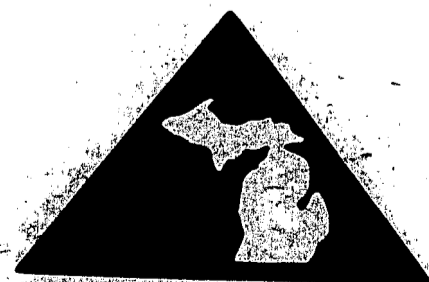
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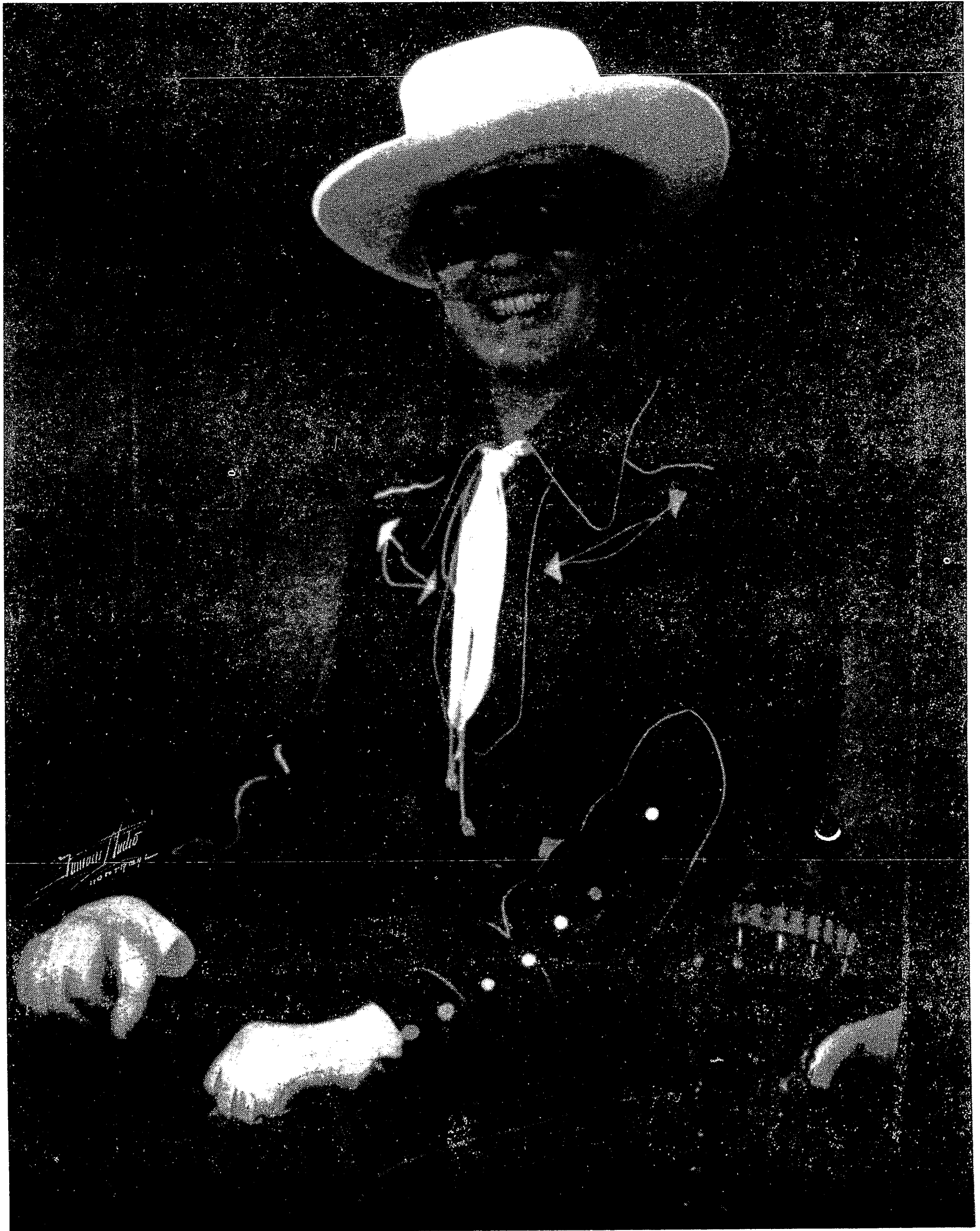
Brace Beemer

The most famous radio Lone Ranger

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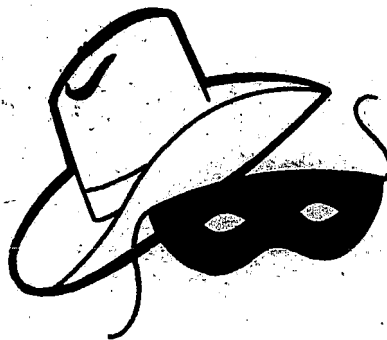




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Wherever Brace Beemer went in his appearance as The Lone Ranger he mentioned with pride his home town, Oxford, Michigan. We, too, are proud to be here, and pleased to be included with those wishing the community well in its salute to Brace Beemer.

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MILLIONS OF LISTENERS KNEW THAT VOICE -

Brace Beemer

By Jim Sherman, Leader publisher

No single person on radio or screen so captured the hearts of Americans like The Lone Ranger . . . Brace Beemer.

A strong statement? Yes, but one often repeated in the early 1940's as the radio series neared and passed the decade mark.

A survey from Ohio State University and national polls confirmed the magnetism of "The daring and resourceful masked rider of the plains."

Over 80 million people, 80 percent adults, tuned in the Monday, Wednesday and Friday show that originated over station WXYZ in Detroit.

Brace Beemer's great initial asset was his voice. This was the necessary ingredient for a radio hero. It was to his advantage, too, to have the physical looks his voice projected.

It was often written in the press across America, "Brace Beemer looks the image of the Lone Ranger." His contract promoted the reputation of living the image of the Lone Ranger."banning smoking, drinking and swearing around youngsters. There are many who knew Brace Beemer who insist it was only a reputation of abstinence, not all fact.

However, in public, doing perfor-

mances, visiting children in hospitals, which he did often, and whenever he was around youngsters, Brace Beemer was The Lone Ranger . . . "Never cheat the public and never fake an act," he boasted.

Brace Beemer loved being The Lone Ranger, and did it well for 13 years, until it was ended Sept. 3, 1954, after over 2,000 broadcasts over 129 stations.

Brace Beemer and Silver were often the featured act in appearances with various circuses. He also appeared at rodeos, Madison Square Garden, state fairs, football games (including the Rose Bowl), auditoriums and, at the invitation of Eleanor Roosevelt, entertained her grandson on the White House lawn.

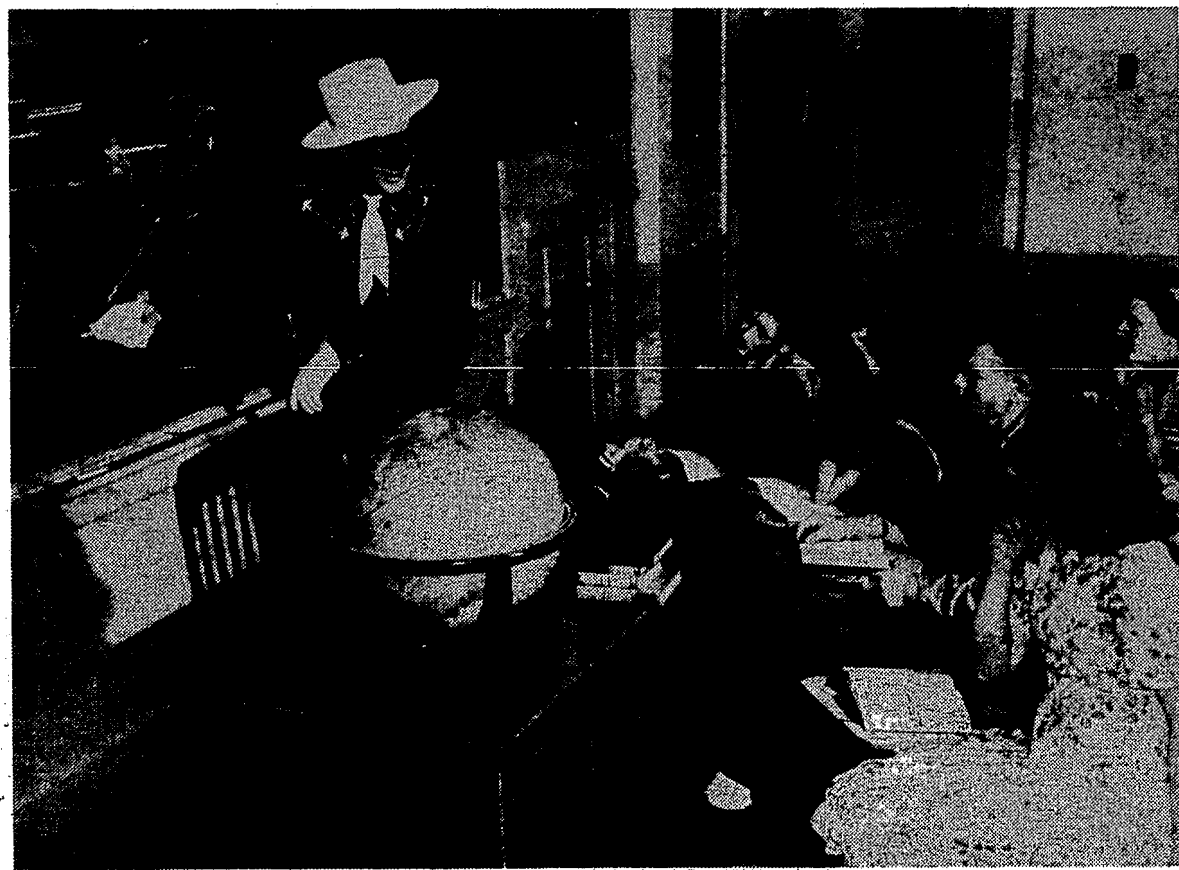
To give an even clearer view of the impression Brace Beemer had on the public . . . in 1964 he was hired by Chrysler Corporation to do spot radio commercials.

Listeners melted. The commercials were so popular other ads were listed telling when the Chrysler commercials were going to be aired.

This was 10 years after The Lone Ranger went off the air.

The identity of The Lone Ranger was

More on Brace Beemer on page 5



Indian lore and safety were Brace Beemer's pitch when he visited schools.

This magazine

is produced for Oxford Super Week

by the publisher of this newspaper.

We thank the advertisers for helping

make it possible, and the people

who provided us with material,

including Mrs. Leta Beemer Peterson.

Jim Sherman, publisher



The entire Lone Ranger radio staff turned out for a cake cutting. Some friends were there, too. On the far right is John Todd who played Tonto throughout the radio series. Standing

fourth from the right is Al Hanoute, close friend of Brace Beemer and Lake Orion auto dealer. Hanoute died early last year.

*A Salute
to a Legend -*

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Brace Beemer

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not disclosed for some time. When Brace Beemer did make his first appearance it was remindful of Pied Piper tales. Crowds of kids hung on him and followed him as he appeared with the Children's circus for Detroit Parks and Recreation.

That appearance, in July 1933, was Brace Beemer, however, he was not the radio voice of The Lone Ranger at the time. The voice was that of Earl Graser, but he was too short to project the desired image.

Beemer was THE image. His appearance was to fill space between circus acts. But when he came on the field yelling "Hi-yo-oh Si-ilver-r", the circus was over.

The Free Press reported the next day the 1200 kids and 10,000 spectators clamored after the radio hero so much the circus ended.

Brace Beemer first became interested in radio when his father bought one in 1922. He got a job with Indianapolis radio station WKBF. He sang, read commercials, read poetry and even did the Indianapolis 500 race on radio.

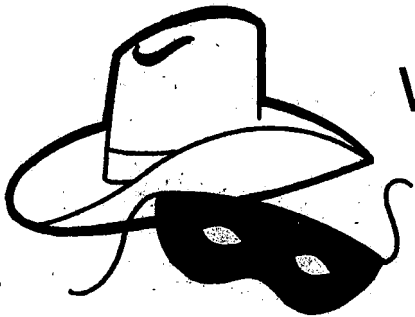
He was reading poetry over the air when H. Allen Campbell, sales manager

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Brace Beemer playing solitaire in his tackhouse on West Drahnner road. Walls of the tackhouse were covered with publicity pictures.

No single figure in radio or screen so captured the hearts of Americans like The Lone Ranger



We Remember
Oxford's
Masked Man

In this special edition, we, at First Federal Savings of Oakland take time to remember Brace Beemer, The Radio Lone Ranger, who in the 40's brought so much excitement to millions of people across our nation. A masked man of honesty and integrity that instilled these virtues in people of all ages.

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We wish you
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We all remember that voice from the past, that voice of the masked rider of the plains whose home town was the same as ours, Oxford, Michigan.

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A fiery horse with the speed of light, a cloud of dust and a hearty Hi Yo Silver.

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for WXYZ in Detroit heard him. Campbell hired Beemer without getting approval from station owners or managers.

In an interview in 1965 with the Oxford Leader, Brace Beemer said, "I became an announcer when the regular announcer didn't show up one day. I picked up the commercial, read it, the sponsor liked it and I was on my way in radio."

In Dick Osgood's book "Wyxie Wonderland", which came off the press

Brace Beemer became the radio Lone Ranger April 9, 1941.

the first week of December, 1981, he said Beemer became station manager at WXYZ.

Osgood's research shows George Stenius (later changed to George Seaton), was the first voice of The Ranger. Jack Deed did a few shows, then Earl Graser took over. It was still 1933.

At age 32 Earl Graser was killed in an auto accident.

The same day, April 9, 1941, Brace Beemer was signed by WXYZ to become the Lone Ranger.

Until Graser died, no one knew the identity of the western hero.

Beemer was working at the radio station as a narrator for The Lone Ranger. He had actually returned to WXYZ after a stint in private business in 1939.

He left his station manager job (though he made all the personal appearances and sat for newspaper and magazine photos as The Lone Ranger), in 1936.

At the urging (and promise of the

(Part of the introduction to the Lone Ranger Radio show)

R. G. Dunn cigar account) Beemer started an ad agency. He also produced a couple radio shows, "News Comes to Life", and "Town Talk".

On the latter, a late night show, Beemer at times would finger hoods. After doing this one night he was shot at as he left the Maccabees Building, according to his son, Bob.

In 1937 Brace Beemer met and married Leta Wales. She was a singer at WXYZ, though she also sang at WJR and WWJ in Detroit. They, and Braces' four children, Bob, JD, Dick and Barbara, lived in Detroit and Rochester before buying a 300-acre farm on W. Drahn Road and moving here.

Silver was stabled at the farm along with other horses, sheep, and his large dogs. People brought their children by the farm, called Paint Creek Acres, and let them watch Silver over the fence. In

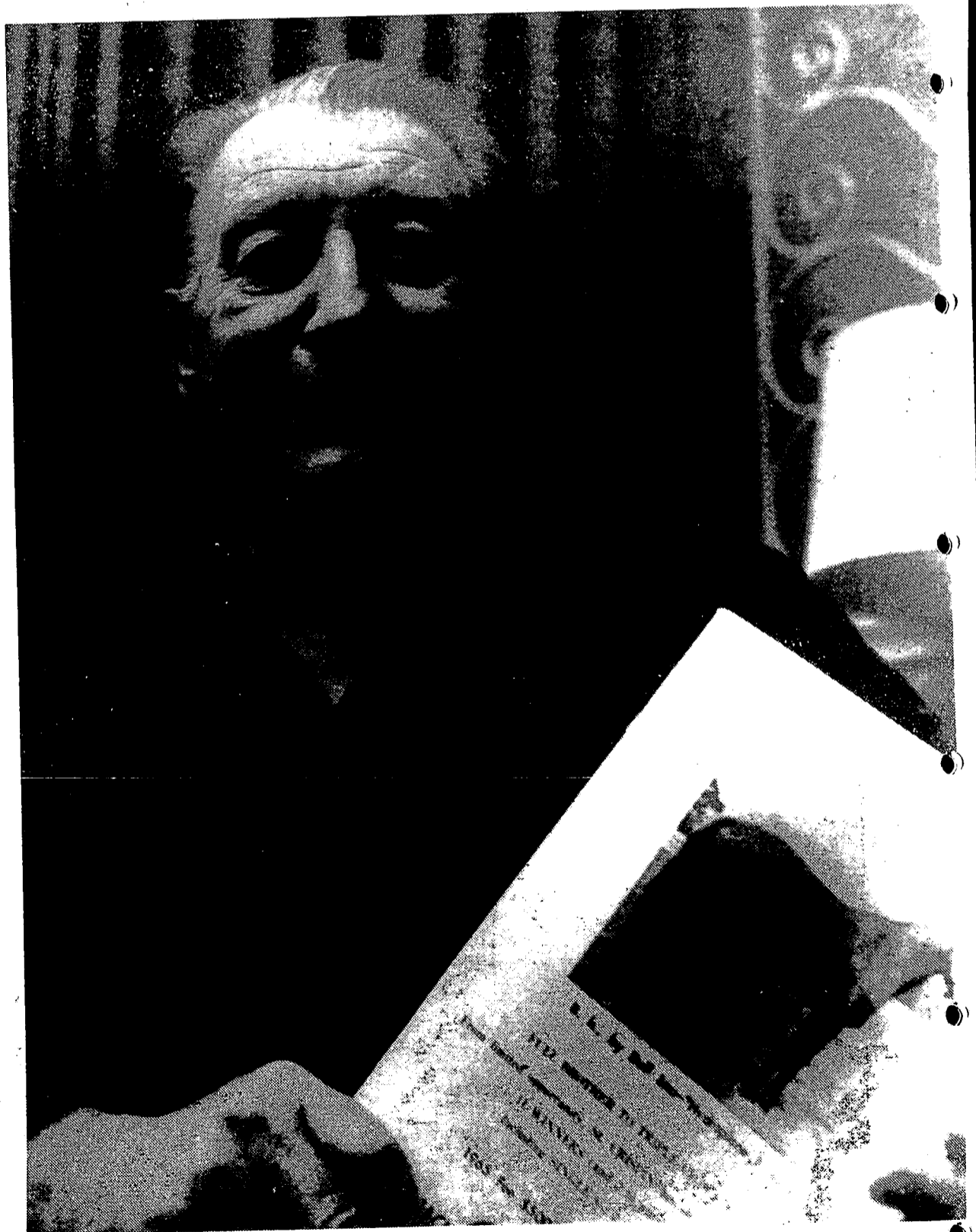
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Leta Wales, who married Brace Beemer in 1937, was a dancer and singer. She was singing on WXYZ when they met. She was the lead singer the last time the DelMar Revue went to California.



Brace Beemer, 1959



Brace Beemer as he appeared for his last interview in 1965.



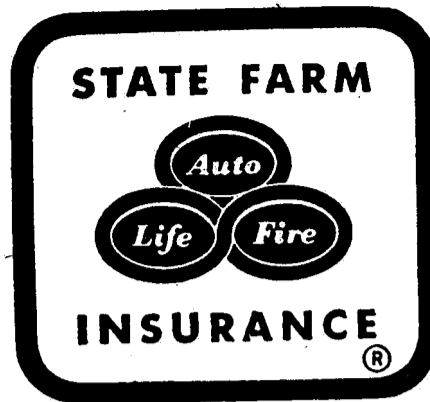
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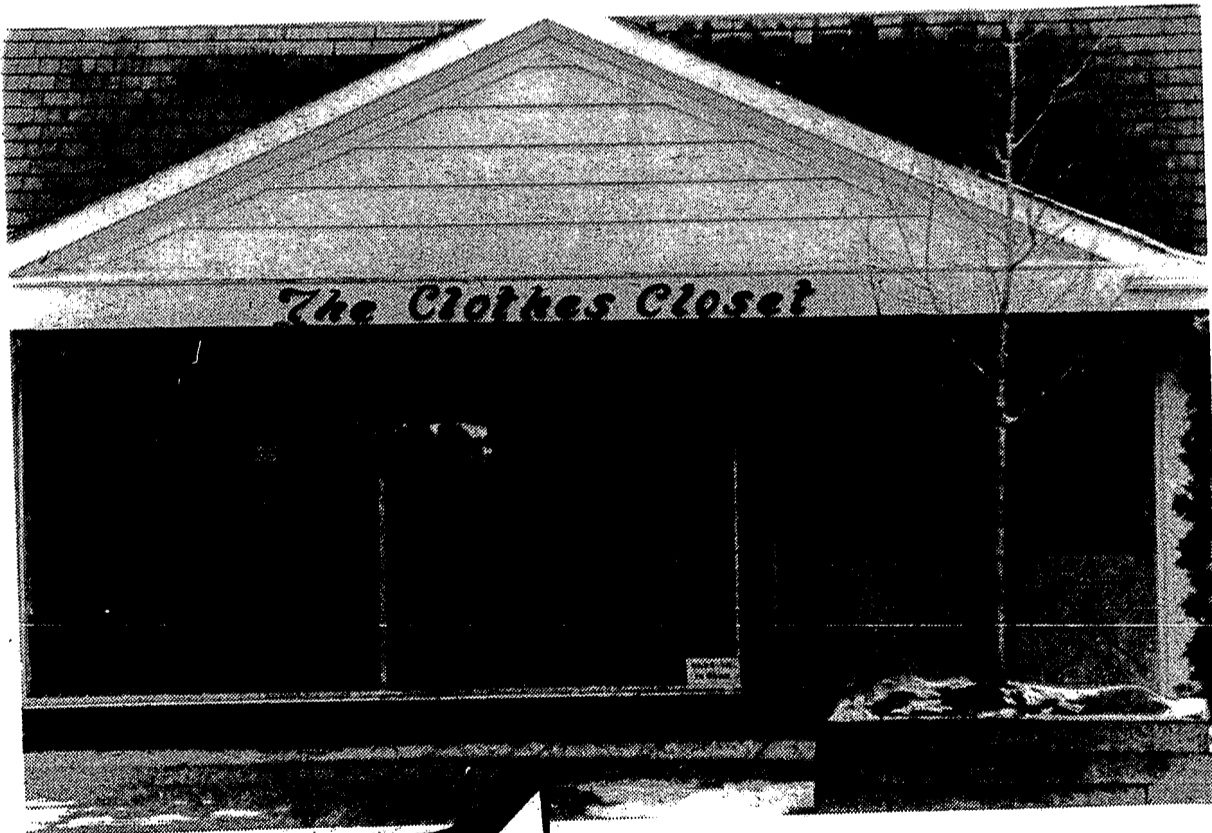
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As he appeared when he went to Tulsa for a reunion with his WWI Rainbow Division.

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*"Never cheat
the public,
never fake an act"*
--Brace Beemer



A standard publicity photo in 1945.

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Brace Beemer took time out during a war bond drive in Atlanta, Ga., in January 1945, to visit crippled children in a hospital. He made numerous such appearances.



Getting ready for an appearance at The Forum in Montreal.

asked rider of the plains' was from Oxford

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later years Beemer bred thoroughbreds.

He also hunted the fields and fished the lakes on his property. He was an ardent outdoorsman.

The Beemers started subdividing their farm in 1957, opening the first plat in Lake Shore Estates, joining an established subdivision on Tanview Drive.

In the second Lake Shores Estate plat the Beemer name was given to one of the streets.

Brace Beemer was born in Mt. Carmel, Ill. in Dec. 1902. At the age of 14 he enlisted in the 150th Field Artillery and was attached to Col. Douglas MacArthur's Rainbow Division of American Expeditionary Forces.

He was the youngest American to fight during the war. His discharge papers had to be corrected because it was against the law for a child to be taken out of the country and used for military service.

During WWI he saw action in

Belleau Woods, St. Mihiel, Chateau-Thierry, Luneville and the Argonne. He was gassed, machine gunned and hit by shrapnel. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Victory Medal and an Accolade from President Wilson.

When Brace Beemer signed the contract with Lone Ranger program owner George Trendle, questions on his private life was forbidden. No backstage information could be given out, he could not appear in costume without his mask and he could not sign autographs with his own name.

Trendle also ruled out Beemer smoking or drinking if children were present, he could never drink wearing the Lone Ranger costume, he was forbidden to make speeches on his own, he had to be introduced as the Lone Ranger, never Brace Beemer and he could not make any appearances other than what was arranged by Trendle.

Brace Beemer made a lot of personal appearances, and shook a lot of hands.

He said at times he had to soak his hand in Epsom salts and pack his arm in ice after an especially long appearance day.

He traveled with 15 custom made costumes, six pairs of hand tooled boots,

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CE BEEMER'S HOME TOWN



Around Oxford, the dogs were as well known as Silver.

Brace Beemer

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six special white Stetsons, and a \$3,000 hand carved saddle when he had to appear with Silver.

Brace Beemer became a personal friend with J. Edgar Hoover, top law enforcement officer in the country, and Alben Barkley, vice president of the United States.

In one letter to the Lone Ranger, Hoover wrote: "Maybe you are too close to your daily task to realize what a constructive piece of building you are doing with the youth of this country."

After his death March 1, 1965 the House of Representatives in a concurrent resolution, memorialized Brace Beemer in official congressional records.

'He (Brace Beemer)

believed in the ideals of the

Lone Ranger he carried them

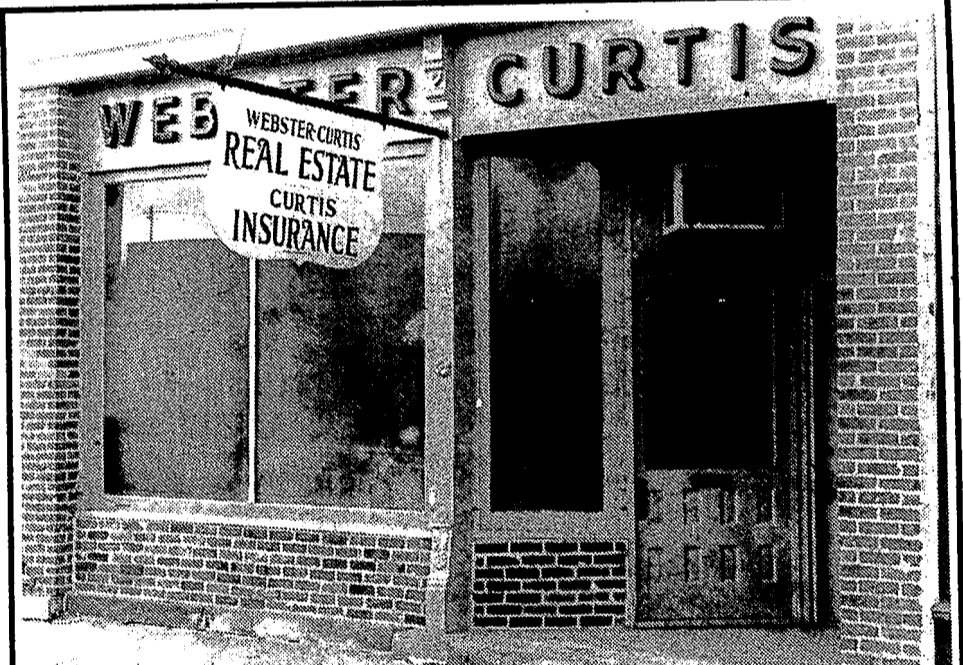
through in his life on the outside.'

Ernie Winstanley, actor on the Lone Ranger radio show. Quoted from David Rothel's book, "Who Was That Masked Man?"



The Council of the Village of Oxford commends the efforts of the Oxford Super Week Committee for honoring the memory of Brace Beemer the Radio Lone Ranger on the eve of the Lone Ranger's 50th Anniversary

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Tammy Wynette

The Sophisticated Country Music Star



Rags to riches stories are nothing new in country music, but no one ever made it to the top against greater odds than Tammy Wynette.

Just 15 years ago she was living in a rundown, 60-year old, three room log house on a Mississippi farm with no indoor plumbing, no way to pump water and no stove. She cooked in an open fireplace, carried water from a spring down the hill and boiled diapers in an iron pot over a backyard fire.

Today, "The First Lady of Country Music" divides her free time between her spacious new home in Nashville, Tennessee, and her French Regency beach house in Jupiter, Florida.

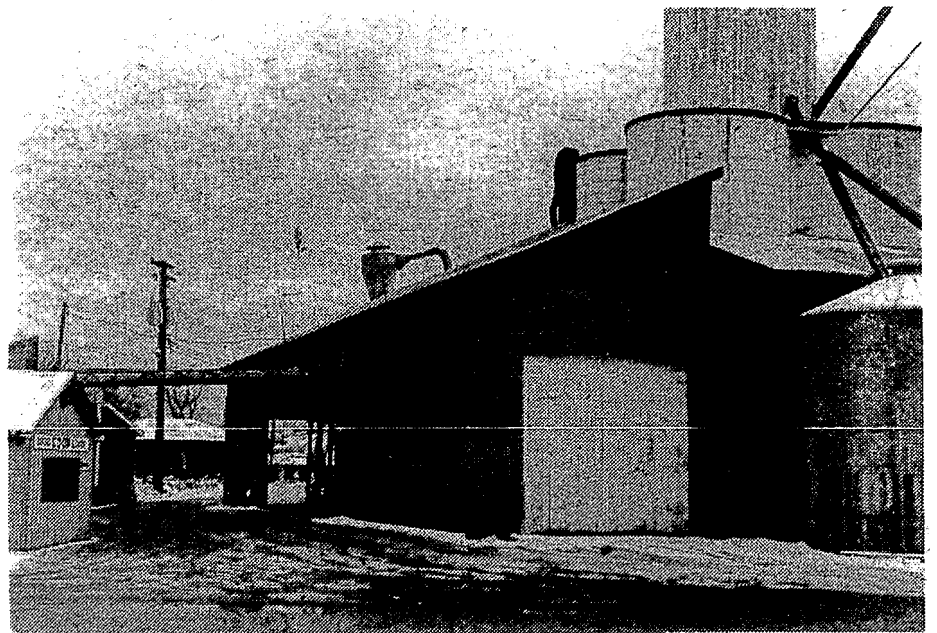
"Stand By Your Man" is no longer just a recording. It's also the title of Tammy's best-selling autobiography, published in hardback by Simon and Schuster in the autumn of 1979, and in paperback by Pocket Books in the late summer of 1980. The book has been praised by fans and critics alike, who feel it's an absorbing and honest view of Tammy's life from birth to her marriage with George Richey. It aired as a CBS-Television movie special March 31, 1981, starring Anette O'Toole in the role of Tammy.

Much of Tammy's time (averaging 15 days each month) is spent crisscrossing the country in a luxurious \$225,000 custom designed bus, traveling over 100,000 miles a year to concerts which have brought her enthusiastic acclaim nationwide. Chicago Tribune columnist Jack Hurst calls her "...one of the greatest vocal stylist of our time, and of any music." Tammy has also performed in

Follow "Tammy" to page 12

Silver was our kind of horse

His master knew what feed was best for Silver, and he came to Oxford Co-Op for it. It was our pleasure to have Brace Beemer as a customer and our pleasure to share home towns with him. We salute all efforts in remembrance of him.



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Tammy

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Europe many times, where some of her albums have been certified gold and platinum.

From a naive farm girl totally unfamiliar with the music business until she cut her first single ("Apt. No. 9") in 1966, Tammy has gone on to sell more than 18 million records, grossing more than \$60 million (her recording of "Stand By Your Man" is the biggest selling single in the history of country music). Her releases have made the number one position on the charts some 35 times; she became the first female country artist to receive a platinum album (sales of one million units); she has won two Grammys and was thrice named by the Country Music Association as Female Vocalist of the Year; and in the U.K. was honored in 1976 as Number one Female Vocalist of Great Britain. Ireland's RTE Radio/TV network sponsored a public poll in 1980 that declared Tammy to be Ireland's Female Vocalist of the Year.

Her professional accomplishments are impressive regardless of her background. However, it's the obstacles that Tammy had to hurdle enroute to stardom that makes her story so exceptional and moving.

She was born Virginia Wynette Pugh on May 5, 1942 on her grandfather's farm in Itawamba County, Mississippi. When she was eight months old her father, a local musician, died of a brain tumor. Her grandparents raised her while her widowed mother found work in a Birmingham defense plant.

By age seven Tammy was working the cotton fields along with other relatives on the farm ("Hoing, chopping, picking and hating every minute of it," she recalls.) Her father's legacy - a piano, a guitar and the dream that his daughter would make music her life - became her only escape from the dull arduous routine of farm life. She played piano and sang in church before she

started school, and by adolescence had organized a trio which performed on local radio.

As a teenage bride she found times even harder than she'd known at home. She had two children within three years and her husband, an itinerant construction worker, was unemployed more often than not. They were finally forced to move into an abandoned log house which was rent-free. ("Not even the poorest sharecropper would have paid to live there," Tammy notes. "There were huge cracks between the logs, so we froze in winter and melted in summer. I 'insulated' the rooms with cardboard boxes I ripped up and nailed to the walls.")

Fed up with poverty and worn out from the drudgery of her life, Tammy borrowed enough money from her mother to enroll in beauty school in nearby Tupelo.

After becoming a beautician, Tammy moved to Birmingham, Alabama, where she gave birth to

number one and within three short years, Tammy had won her first Grammy and twice been named Female Vocalist of the Year by the CMA.

A brief marriage to songwriter Don Chapel ended in an annulment. She married her idol, George Jones, in 1968, a union that captured the imagination of country music fans like no other couple before them. It lasted six years and they had one child, Tamela Georgette, born in 1970.

Ironically, it wasn't until after her divorce from Jones that Tammy emerged as an exciting, commanding performer in her own right. "When we were married, I depended on George to carry the ball onstage," she admits, "because he was more at ease fooling around with the audience. I only felt comfortable when I was singing. Many months passed before I was able to relax enough to have fun with my audiences. Now I feel at home with them and I use my music to share intimacies I would have been afraid to share a few years ago."

**Tammy Wynette brings her country music shows show to
Oxford Junior High School Fri., Jan. 22 - 8 p.m. Call 628-7394 for tickets**

a third daughter. Her shaky marriage crumbled, and while getting a divorce she worked 10 hours a day as a hairdresser, after getting up at 5 a.m. each morning to sing on the local Country Boy Eddie TV Show. During this time she made trips to Nashville whenever she could arrange time off from work to see producers about getting a recording contract. After months of rejections, she made the daring decision to move to Nashville anyway, determined to make an all-out, do-or-die effort to break into the business.

Billy Sherrill, the young, innovative boss of Epic, had only to hear Tammy sing three songs before he agreed to record her. He still regards Tammy as his greatest discovery, and the day she walked into his office as one of the luckiest in his career.

Her first single, "Apt. No. 9," was released within weeks, hitting the charts almost as soon as it hit the record racks. Her next 11 singles went to

It is this ability to open the door to her innermost feelings in song that makes a Tammy Wynette show unique and inimitable.

By far the most sophisticated performer among country music's female stars, Tammy is equally comfortable on network TV, on a Las Vegas stage or doing a benefit back home in Itawamba County.

A romantic, family-oriented woman, who fervently believes in love and marriage, Tammy has suffered through four marital failures (her six week marriage to Nashville businessman, Michael Tomlin, ended in divorce in 1977) but surprisingly she has not become cynical or embittered.

Tammy married her long-time friend, George Richey, at her Florida home on July 6, 1978. Richey is a well-known producer and songwriter who's co-written several of Tammy's hits. Prior to their marriage he was musical director for the hit TV series "Hee Haw."

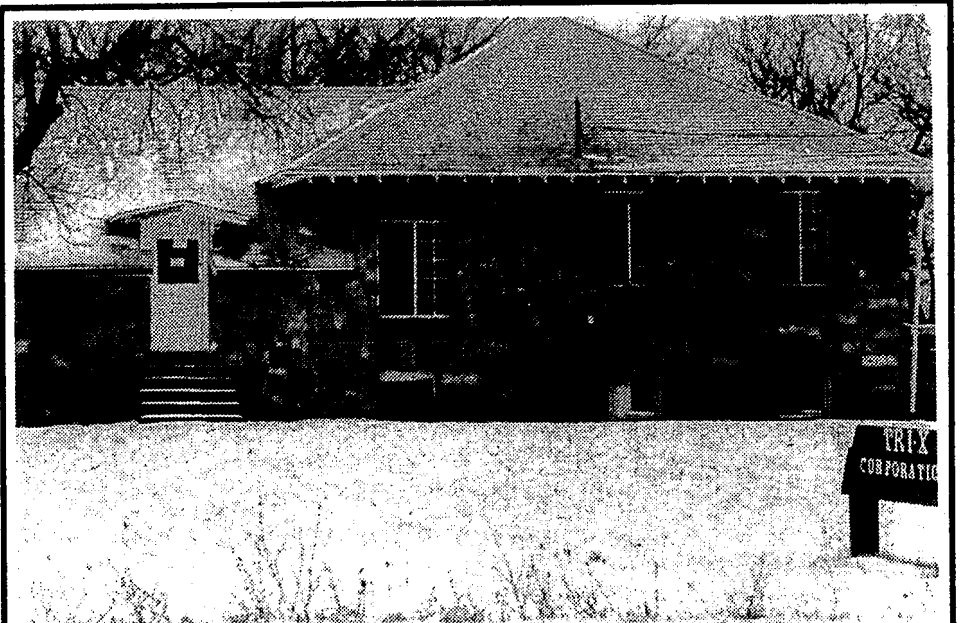


People listened

When Brace Beemer talked, people listened. His voice was heard by more Americans than anyone else in his day. It is right that his home town should remember him, and we join in this recognition and salute the community effort.

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Coming of age

1982 is the year Oxford will remember as the beginning of an unending statue tribute to Brace Beemer, the radio Lone Ranger. 1982 is the year we at Tri-X will remember for reaching the age of majority. It's our 21st year in the community, and we're proud to be in a town with such great company.

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Lionel Hampton:

Vibes President of the USA

Lionel Hampton is entering his 45th year as a musical performer, and if there is any clue that the entertainer is about to ease up, it is not discernable to the eye—or ear.

Not even personal setbacks have diminished his enthusiasm to remain active playing the vibes, or the drums in front of his big band. He has come back from major surgery a little more than a year ago to perform with the same zest as always. He is traveling as much as ever, and touring the jazz capitals of Europe and the Far East much more.

And, he is looking into new musical areas and show business traditions to invade.

Lionel Hampton has invented, innovated, and instilled music to a great many people and places since he started taking drum lessons at Chicago's Holy Rosary Academy.

He says it took a little bit of luck and nerve to get on with the late, great Louis Armstrong in 1930. Armstrong asked if anyone in a Hollywood studio band could play the vibes. Hampton said, later in an interview, he knew the keyboard so he

volunteered to play.

That first "Memories of You" number spurred Hampton to form his own band in 1934. It was while leading this band in 1936 Benny Goodman stopped by.

This led to a jam session, which led to recordings of Hampton, Goodman, Gene Krupa and Teddy Wilson. That was the Benny Goodman

Drums." Hamp has won the "vibes" seat in Playboy's Annual All-Star jazz and Pop Poll ever since its inception 18 years ago.

Hamp has also toured the world dozens of times for the State Department and is an avid politician. During one of his musical romps through the Far East he was joined on stage by an accomplished musician in his own right and Hamp

Lionel Hampton and his orchestra come to

Oxford Saturday, January 23 for a dinner-dance. Call 628-7394 for tickets

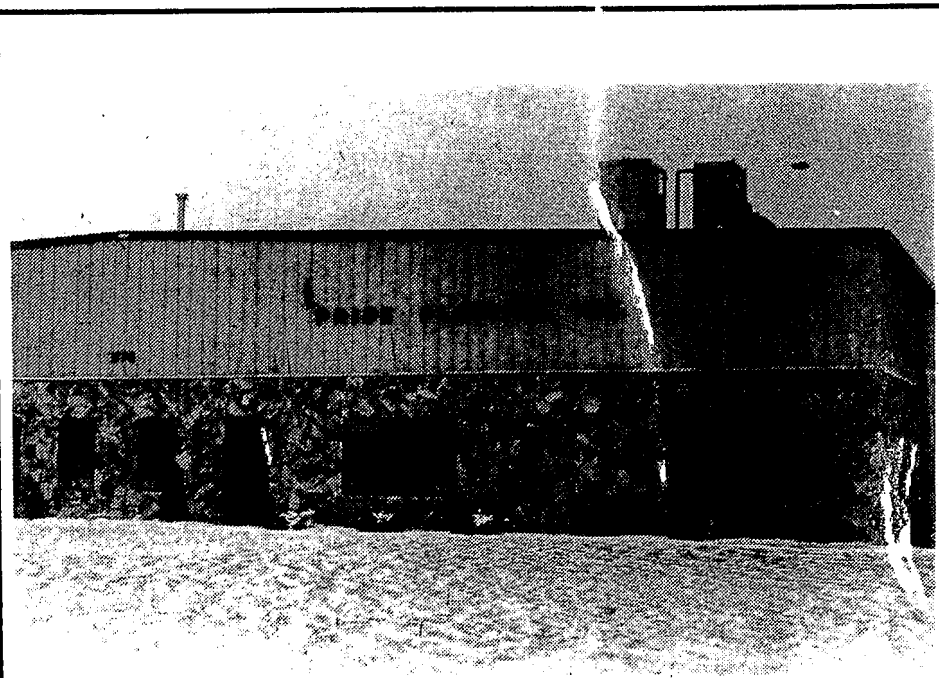
quartet. They were joined by female singer Peggy Lee. They stayed together until 1940.

The jazz great's musical contributions to the world have become legendary. He has a host of awards and honors and even composed a major symphonic work, "King David Suite." Known widely as "King of the Vibes" and "Master of the

couldn't resist a jam session. After all it was King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand.

As a prominent member of the Republican party and a veteran campaigner, Hamp has touched elbows with some of the most powerful politicians of our times, including Presidents. On many occasions, Hamp has hit the campaign trail with the likes of George Bush, a long-time friend and for rallies for such people as former Vice President Nelson Rockefeller.

Hampton's professionalism and ability as a musician-performer-entertainer is proven by the fact that the Hampton band, without a benefit of a hit record in the last few years, still manages to work approximately fifty weeks a year.



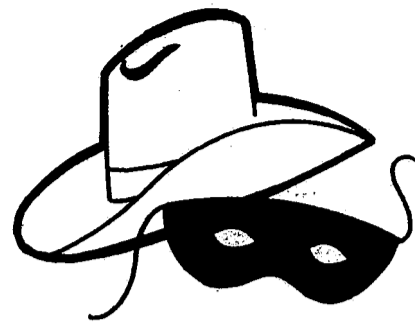
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Brace Beemer trivia



Brace Beemer's 300 acre farm on West Drahner road was called "Paint Creek Acres".

Silver's Pride was Brace Beemer's favorite Silver. There were five other "Silvers" including Silver, Apache and Sir King. Silver's Pride stood 16½ hands high and was an albino Arabian stallion.

Brace Beemer's first public appearance as The Lone Ranger was at a children's circus for Detroit Parks and Recreation in 1933. It stopped the circus. At the time, however, Brace Beemer was not the radio Lone Ranger, but station manager for WXYZ.

Brace Beemer said he was the only person at the time to be allowed to wear guns on the White House lawn. And, they had blanks.

He was a sharp shooter, and when asked to shoot on the FBI gun range, astounded agents with his accuracy with a machine gun.

Under contract with show owner George Trendle, Brace Beemer had to wear his mask whenever in public or presence of more than 3 people.

Brace Beemer had his own advertising agency in 1935-36, performed as the Wandering Vagabond, and read poetry. He refused to sing on the Bing Crosby show because it wasn't the Ranger image.

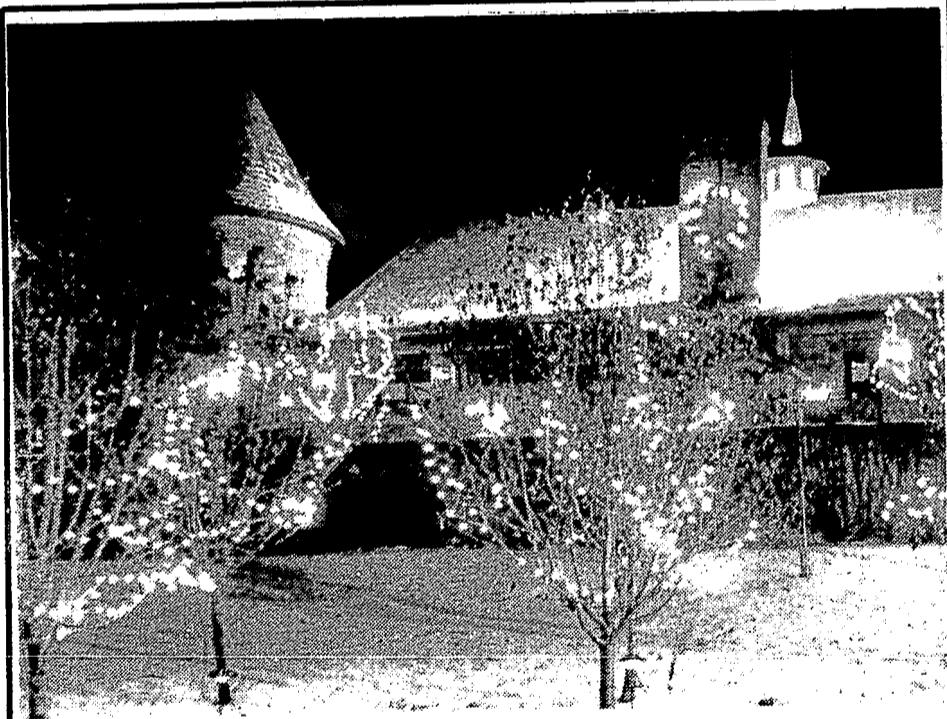
He was named honorary Chief of several Indian tribes, even went through the wrist cutting-blood changing in one ceremony.

Personally, Brace Beemer was a man's man, 6'3", 200 pounds, outdoorsman, dog lover, horse trainer and thoroughbred raiser.

Brace Beemer did over 2,000 radio shows as the Lone Ranger. The shows were carried on 129 stations nation wide.

He toured the nation selling War Bonds in WWII, visited numerous children's hospitals, and performed in rodeos, fairs, circuses, football games, and roundups.

Program director Charles Livingston said of Brace Beemer: He was a man physically, he was a man mentally and he was the Lone Ranger in his heart.



A toast to you, Oxford

Brace Beemer is quoted as saying, "Never cheat the public, never fake an act." We didn't say it, but we believe it and practice it. Congratulations to the Oxford Community for remembering one of their own.

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OXFORD'S LEGENDARY HERO

BRACE BEEMER

The Radio Lone Ranger

As we celebrate Oxford's Super Week, let us recall with pride his contribution to our nation. The heritage of integrity, justice and fair play are important in our personal and business lives today as they were in yesteryear. The Oxford Chamber of Commerce supports these ideals and the Oxford Super Week goal.

Oxford Chamber of Commerce

Why this section?

The Oxford community has chosen Super Bowl Week to stage a multi-faceted celebration. Calling it Oxford Super Week, citizens of northeast Oakland county have brought in two internationally famous musical stars, planned two giant parties, come up with several give-aways, and prompted a town-wide sale.

There is a goal to all this, of course. Primarily the object is to erect a memorial to Brace Beemer, the radio Lone Ranger. The story and pictures in this section tell you about him and why he is being memorialized.

Stories on the two stars, Lionel Hampton and Tammy Wynette, are

also in this edition.

What hasn't been included, until now, are the other events in the Week. It is these events that prompt this section, which it is hoped will bring people to the Oxford community to help pay for the Beemer memorial.

To begin the week, the Oxford United Methodist Church will host the second annual Unity Sunday at 4 p.m.

All week, Jan. 18 to 23 Oxford merchants will have Silver Bullet Specials. In The Book Place, Dick Osgood, former WXYZ radio personality and writer of a recent book on the radio station, with much about Brace Beemer, will be

signing autographs in his book, Jan. 23.

Monday evening, 6:30, at Oxford Twin Cinema a drawing begins for 25 prizes. Super Bowl tickets are among the 25.

Friday evening Tammy Wynette is at Oxford Junior High at 8 p.m. with her country show. Prices are \$10 and \$12.50.

Saturday evening, beginning at 6:30, there'll be a dinner-dance at Golling Pontiac with a Pontiac T-1000 to be given away. Lionel Hampton will be playing for 4 hours. It costs \$125 a couple.

Also on Saturday, at 1 p.m. a site will be dedicated for a memorial to Brace Beemer, ceremonies in the village park downtown Oxford.

The Week will climax with a

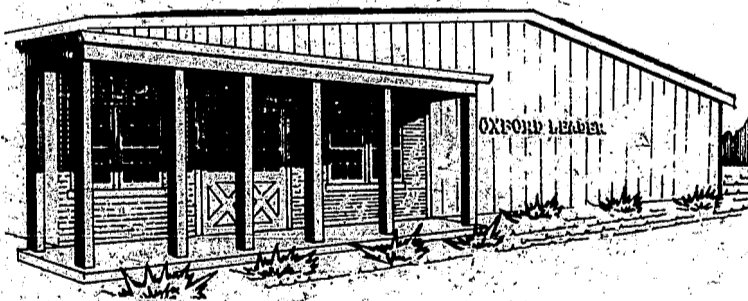
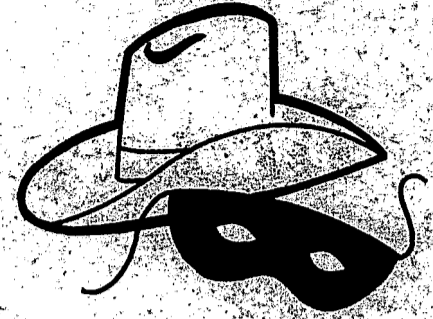
Tailgate Party at the Long Branch Saloon starting at 3 p.m. It's an all-you-can-eat buffet for \$15 a person.

The Super Week committee has numerous souvenirs, some free, mostly paid. Silver bullets are offered free all over Oxford. There are paper weights with silver bullets imbedded, masks and hats.

A special commemorative Lone Ranger coin is on sale for \$25. Its being offered here, one year before the 50th anniversary of the first Lone Ranger radio show.

Silver bullet pencils are on sale for 50 cents.

Information on any or all these tokens and events are available from 628-7394.



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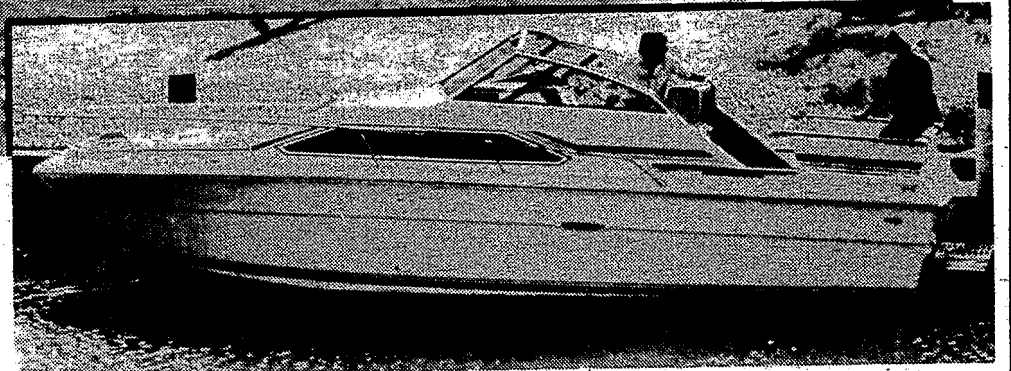
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*And, Oxford is 'daring and resourceful' in drawing
on Super Week to remember their hometown hero.
We wish the community well in their efforts.*



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