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Photos by Kathy Greenfield

When April gives you snow, enjoy it with some sledding. That optimistic outlook belongs to a group of children who live near the I-75 overpass on Clarkston-Orion Road in Independence Township. They were out in force Sunday, barreling down the hill created by the expressway. Above, Tim Warner (left) and Jim Simson smile through a minor crash. At right, the crew lines up for a sledding train as Stephanie Nurme (left) watches. Forming the train are (from left) Kory Camp, Matt Smith, Scott Donnelly, Tim Warner and Jim Simonson.



## Contract approval predicted

By Kathy Greenfield

The tentative Clarkston teachers' contract is not quite official, but negotiators are predicting approval of the pact by the teachers and the school board.

The about 290 teachers in the Clarkston Education Association (CEA) are expected to vote on the two-year contract Monday, April 25.

They have worked without a contract since August 1982.

Included in the tentative agreement is a salary freeze for the 1982-83 school year and a raise for the 1983-84 year, said Conrad Bruce, chief negotiator for the Clarkston school district.

"The important thing is we got a freeze for this school year," he said. "I think it's very important for the school district."

"The public is expecting a pay freeze for the employees this school year because so many of the citizens, no matter where they work, have had to accept pay freezes. They're taxpayers and they think what's good for the goose."

CEA President Allen Bartlett called the contract "acceptable."

"You can tell by the tone of my voice I'm not jumping up and down," he said. "It's not everything

we would have liked, but it's something we could agree upon, both sides."

The salary dispute was settled Wednesday, April 13, after a special hour-long school board meeting was called at 12:15 in the morning.

The negotiating teams met again Wednesday afternoon to put the finishing touches on the tentative contract, including details like the school calendar.

The next step involves a vote of the teaching staff. The tentative contract must be in their hands for 48 hours before a vote is taken, and on Tuesday the document was still being prepared for distribution.

Bartlett said he expects the contract to be accepted.

"I can only project," he said. "We will have a fairly large 'no' vote, perhaps larger than what we had in the past. I hope they ratify it. If they don't we're in trouble—back to square one."

Following standard procedure in the district, the school board will then vote on the contract, Bruce said, and he expects the board to approve it.

At that time, details of the pact will be made public.

## Springfield boosts firefighters' income

By Dan Vandenhemel

When Springfield Township firefighters respond to a fire, township residents will be paying more money.

The firefighters are divided into five classifications based on training.

The firefighters with the most training in Class 1 will receive \$10 an hour per call with one hour guaranteed, an increase of \$2 an hour.

Class 2 firefighters went up to \$9, an increase of \$1.

The Springfield Township Board approved the motion for the increase at the regular meeting April 13.

"The idea of different classes for more training started a couple of years ago," said Supervisor Collin Walls. "Now we are finally paying people who have

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# -Sheriff's log-

Wednesday, thieves stole a well pump and pipes from a home on Deer Hill Drive, Independence Township.

Wednesday, thieves broke into a house on Rockcroft Road, Independence Township, and stole furniture, clothing and a television.

Thursday, thieves broke into a storage area on Oakhill Road, Independence Township. Nothing was disturbed or taken.

Thursday, two shoplifters stole a case of beer from the Sunshine Foods store on Dixie Highway in Springfield Township.

Saturday, vandals caused \$50 in damages when they smashed a fence at Sashabaw Junior High School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane, Independence Township.

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

# -Correction-

A boy was incorrectly identified in a photograph taken during play practice at Davisburg Elementary School that appeared in the April 6 edition of The Clarkston News.

The boy taking out a notebook while holding a balloon is Phillip Willard.

# Trip prompts meeting date change

Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls is going out of town next month.

His destination is the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisconsin, on May 12-13 for a conference on effective zoning administration.

The trip is on the Thursday following Springfield's regular board meeting.

At the April 13 meeting, Walls asked if May's meeting could be switched to another date.

The board voted to move the meeting to Tuesday,

May 10, at 8 p.m.

The rest of the year's meetings are scheduled on the second Wednesday of each month.

"I have gone to this conference before," Walls said. "I missed it last year, and wanted to go this year."

"I've never missed a board meeting since I've been here and wouldn't have for the conference."

The conference is to provide information on the legal framework of zoning ordinances, recent developments in zoning and how to enforce zoning laws.

"About half of the program will be on zoning in areas that are not really rural and not really urban," Walls said.

"I consider northern Oakland County to fall in there. I haven't been able to find any information on something like that before."

Walls said the cost of the entire trip including the conference and airflight will be around \$400.

"We'll take that money out of the contingency fund," he said.

# Firefighters' pay based on training

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the more extensive training."

Firefighters in the first two classes were the only ones to get the raises.

People in Class 3 receive \$8 an hour, Class 4 gets \$6 and Class 5 brings in \$5.

Walls said one reason the raises came into effect is because there are more firefighters.

"With the opening of the new fire station, there is a wider spreading out of the training in the department," he said.

"This is really the proper way of paying them, by their training, not their seniority. Some of them may have put a lot of time in the department, but some others put more time in training."

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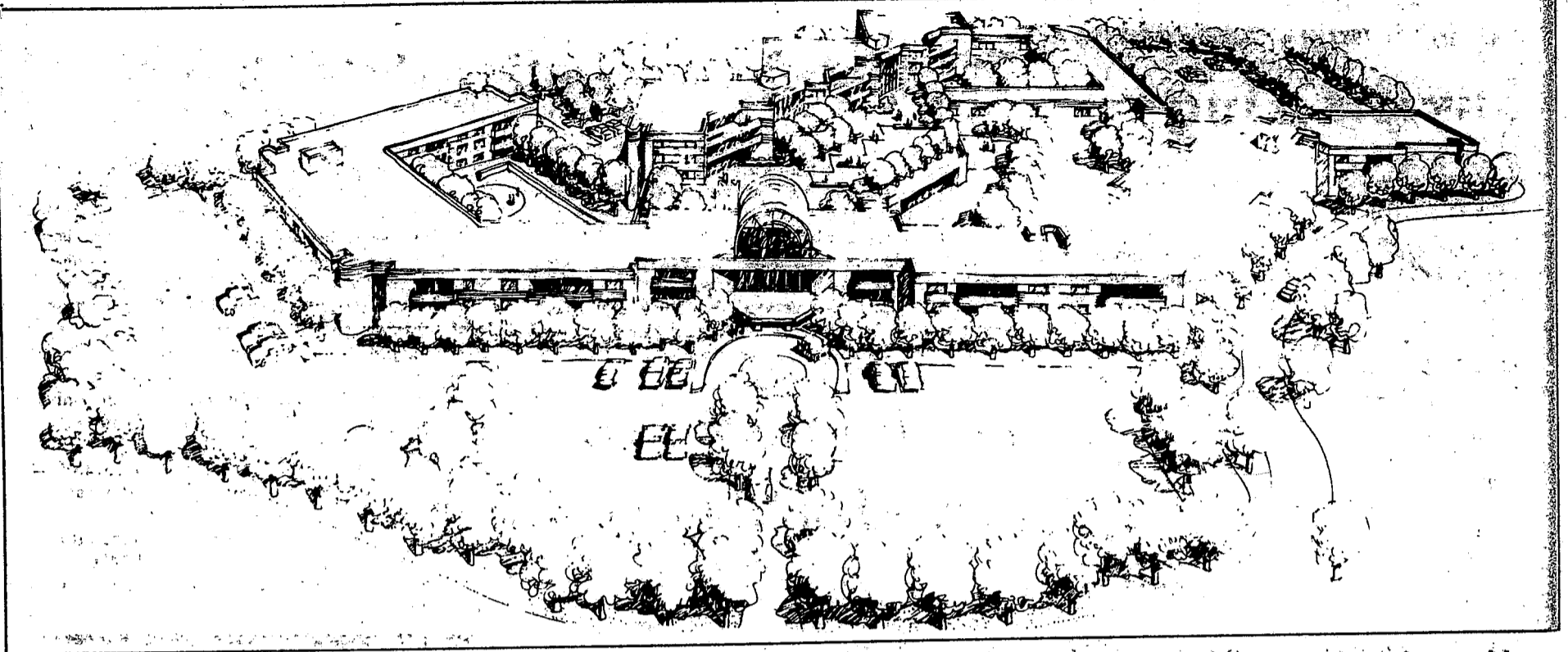
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# BORDINE'S Better Blooms



A pen and ink sketch provided by the architectural firm of Tomblinson, Harburn, Yurk & Associates of Flint shows a portion of

Clarkston Place. The apartments, housing units for the elderly and nursing home would be located in the Springfield Township half of the

proposed 28-acre development. One- and two-bedroom cottages would be built on 14 acres located in Independence Township.

# Clarkston Place:

## St. Joseph Health Systems-Flint surfaces as likely manager for owner of Independence, Springfield retirement village

By Kathy Greenfield

The vision of Clarkston Place, a retirement community with about 750 residents, prompted Independence Township Planning Commission Chairman Neil Wallace to say this:

"We're recreating the Village of Clarkston."

Wallace was among representatives from Independence and Springfield townships who met April 12 with Clarkston Place developer Hugh Garner, St. Joseph Health Systems-Flint officials and architect James Tomblinson.

Calling the meeting "a little out of the ordinary" and "unofficial," Wallace stressed it was designed to allow the townships to react to preliminary plans.

The 28-acre development spans both townships, with about half the acreage in each.

The property is located northwest of Deer Lake and plans include housing for four distinct lifestyles—small homes built in clusters of two to four with attached garages, apartments, housing for people who require day care and a nursing home.

While plans for the development have included linking the services with a non-profit organization, the connection with St. Joseph Health Services Inc. was made public for the first time.

The firm has been working many months on the plan and, once studies are completed, the project will be presented to the board of directors, said Kenneth Trester, vice president of marketing for St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Flint.

"We're as committed as we can be without signing on the dotted line," he said. "We're very serious about our involvement. The exact nature should be made very clear within the next 60 days."

The question whether the health services group would manage the site or own it is also yet to be determined, he said.

St. Joseph Health Systems presently owns and operates several facilities in Genesee County including a nursing home, day-care center for adults, clinics, and hospitals including Wheelock Memorial in Goodrich and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Flint.

Preliminary plans for Clarkston Place include the following:

- Sixty-four cottages with one or two bedrooms and options including a den, basement and fireplace. The units would be built around the southeastern perimeter of the project on tree-lined streets to blend with the surrounding residential area. Pre-construction prices range from \$79,000 to \$90,000.

- About 200 apartment units ranging from two to three stories designed for independent living, but with easy access to dining areas and other facilities. There is a rental or purchase plan, with prices ranging from \$31,000 for a studio apartment to \$64,000 for two bedrooms.

- Sixty-four units in housing for the elderly in three- and four-story buildings. Similar to hotel living, each unit would include a two beds, with meals in a common dining room. On each floor, lounges would serve 12 to 15 people. Cost is projected at \$750 to \$900 a month.

- A 120-bed nursing home for people who need continuous care. The cost would be up to \$55 a day for private pay.

A single-story commons area, available for all residents, would include a health club, indoor swimming pool, library, meeting rooms, game area, lounge, restaurant, reading room, arts and crafts room, beauty and barber shop, laundry, clinic, party room, chapel and a motel for guests.

With the exception of the cottages, the commons area would interconnect with all other buildings so residents would not be required to go outside to use services offered.

Also planned are outdoor recreation areas, including lighted walkways.

Public access to the site was questioned.

"It's basically oriented to the people who live there and their guests," said Michael Elliot, executive vice president of St. Joseph Health Systems, responding to questions about public use of such facilities as the clinic and the restaurant.

The need for security was also discussed.

"We feel one of the attributes people will feel about a facility like this in Clarkston, Mich., is we won't need an iron gate," Trester said.

Other concerns included the two different township zoning ordinances which limit density, parking and building heights. All buildings over two stories high would be located in Springfield Township.

The use of only one main entrance off Deerhill Place, just east of Dixie Highway, was also discussed, as well as Deer Lake access for residents.

Developer Garner said residents would not have access to Deer Lake other than through the township beach, as with other Independence Township residents.

The committee members suggested taking zoning

variations to the zonings boards of appeals as soon as possible so plans could continue with the knowledge of whether or not the variances would be granted.

"It's not fair for us to say the concept looks really good, but, but, but, but, but. And when you're through with the but, you have to take out half your complex," said Springfield Township Supervisor Colin Walls.

Wallace noted that the officials at the meeting had no problem with the concept, but attention needs to be paid to details.

Garner said groundbreaking for model homes in the cottage section is planned in June.

"We're still shooting for this year for some occupancy in the cottages," he said, adding that occupancy in the other facilities will probably not occur for at least one year.

"We do have about 100 people on our list who have indicated interest," he said, and about five have made deposits.

## Schools push for early retirement

A \$5,000 incentive for early retirement is available for Clarkston school district teachers.

"We think we have some people at the age they may accept this plan for next year," said administrative assistant Conrad Bruce at Monday night's school board meeting.

Board member Carolyn Place asked about the amount of the retirement bonus.

She said a nearby district offers \$10,000.

With the additional payment of \$25 a day for sick days not used, those eligible for early retirement could receive up to \$7,500, Bruce said.

The bonus is available to those in the upper three steps of the 12-step pay schedule for teachers, said Superintendent Milford Mason following the meeting.

Early retirements save the district money, he said, because if a replacement teacher is recalled from the layoff list, unemployment benefits are no longer paid and most are at a lower pay level.

The same incentive was used during the 1982-83 school year.



Seventeen-year-old Julie McClellan quietly sits while she is announced as one of two to receive Outstanding Youth Service awards from Clarkston Area Youth Assistance.



Tony Morrow smiles as he hears his name called for an award at the dinner. He is among the 26 area youths to receive awards for their volunteer service.

# CAYA honors local kids

By Dan Vandenhemel

The night seemed fitting for the 26 Clarkston Area youths.

They had given their time and efforts to a variety of activities without asking for anything in return.

Last Thursday at the Clarkston United Methodist Church on Waldon Road, 24 of the 26 received framed certificates for their services from the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance Committee.

The other two, 13-year-old Jon Sampson of Paramus Road and 17-year-old Julie McClellan of Hillcrest Drive, were awarded plaques for their outstanding volunteer work.

McClellan, a senior at Clarkston High School, volunteered time at the dental clinic in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac.

Sampson, a seventh-grader at Clarkston Junior High, is working with the United Scleroderma Foundation. His grandmother died from the disease that hardens and thickens the skin.

"I didn't do the work for the award," Sampson said. "I did it to give scleroderma some publicity. It was a nice surprise when I got it, though."

McClellan plans to attend Oakland University next fall and to eventually become a dentist.

"She worked the front desk and did just about everything a dental hygienist would do," said her

mother, Connie. "After she got a job, she went to the hospital on her days off. She really likes it there."

All of the youths honored were nominated by people they worked with and had to live within the Clarkston school district.

Others to receive awards were: Robert Bennett of East Washington Street; Laura Brown of Wealthy; Dawn Colling of Hummingbird Lane; Susan Colwell of Princess Lane; Marilyn Decker of Flemings Lake Road; Jeff Donnelly of Clarkston Road; Marcy Frantz of East Church Street; Mark Heil of South Main Street; Jodi Irwin of Laurelton; Trisha Johnson of Glenburnie; Debbie and Steve Kent of Mary Sue; Beth Moshier of Hillman; Tony Morrow of Warbler; Ellen Pitcher of Snowapple Drive; John Planck of Kootmia; Alec Puskas of Edgewood Drive; Glen Schreitmueller of Deer Hill Drive; Rana Scutt of South Eston; Amy Selvala of Rattalee Lake Road; Karen Simunovic of Deer Hill Drive; Michelle Stanley of Nathan Oscar Road; Mike Trester of Tuscarora; and Kris Zimmerman of Hillsboro Road.

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## Letter to editor

# Use our millage as intended, say firefighters

In reference to the editorial in the April 14 edition of The Clarkston News, we as the full-time, paid firefighters of Independence Township couldn't agree with you more.

In 1980, the members of the fire department went to the voters of Independence Township, with no support from the township board, asking for a millage increase for upgrading the antiquated and deteriorating buildings and equipment then in use within the fire department.

The voters of the township saw the need for these improvements and passed that millage.

As of today, these same buildings and equipment are still in use.

As the full-time firefighters in Independence Township, we would like to make it well-known to the citizens who supported the millage that Chief Ronk has sent proposal after proposal to the township board for the improvements this money was voted for, and each time the township board finds an excuse for not spending this voted millage.

The township board's roadblocks for improving the fire department facilities seem to stem from a financial bind the fire department was in prior to the approval of this last millage.

Today there is no financial bind. In fact, there is a large carryover from previous budget years.

This money was not voted for, nor collected for a bank account. It was collected to be spent upgrading the fire department.

Each budget year since the approval of the millage, Chief Ronk has proposed improvements within the fire department only to have them axed by the township board for one reason or another.

Their latest tactic is their so-called policy of not financing capital improvements, but waiting until cash is in hand for these expenditures.

This is ludicrous when talking hundreds of thousands of dollars for a major building program and equipment replacement.

By the time this large quantity of money is saved for these expenditures, the cost of the item has increased.

This fact was proved with the latest purchase of a large-gallage tanker.

The tanker was requested by the chief four years ago and not ordered because the cash was not on hand, yet it was to be collected in the next three years.

The township board made the citizens of In-

dependence wait for this added protection, and the cost increased by \$30,000 due to inflation.

This increase greatly outweighed any cost of financing that same tanker four years ago.

We strongly feel they should spend their bankroll and finance major capital improvements with the fire department now, not years from now when not only the costs will have increased but the quality of fire safety within Independence will have decreased.

Much-needed improvements existing within the fire department today include: Replacement of two rapidly deteriorating stations which no longer serve the needs of the department; and replacement of fire and EMS vehicles, some of which are 14 years old and still serve as first-response vehicles.

These are major expenditures which could be servicing the public while being paid for, instead of being

sacrificed while they increase their bank account.

Any shortcomings in buildings or equipment within the fire department are solely due to the township board's lack of responsibility to provide them, not because the fire chief hasn't requested them.

This political sour grapes over a millage they did not openly support must stop and they must start acting in the best interest of the citizens of Independence Township and provide them with the best fire department possible with the money earmarked for that purpose.

We are by no means talking deficit spending, only spending what is being collected instead of saving it.

Yours in Fire Safety,  
Independence Professional Firefighters

## Fight to keep good public education

by Kathy Greenfield



I can't remember when anything has upset me as much as something that happened at last week's school board meeting.

We've all heard about the large numbers of Michiganders who have been laid off from their jobs, so 28 doesn't sound like much.

But when the 28 Clarkston school district teachers destined to receive pink slips and their colleagues stood up while their names were read to the school board, it gave me the creeps.

Enrollment has been projected to drop about 260 pupils, causing the need for about 10.5 layoffs.

Money problems have created the need for the remaining job losses, according to school officials.

The decrease in staff will mean larger class sizes, more split classes in the elementary schools, less music, less art, less home economics and fewer sections of social studies on the high school level.

I have always believed strongly in public education.

The reason is uncomplicated.

Those with money will not suffer the ill effects of reduced programs. Private lessons in the fine arts will be at their disposal. Or, the children

can attend private schools.

It has a lot to do with Democracy and with the obligation of our society to see that every child has an opportunity to receive a well-rounded education.

I don't want my feelings to be misunderstood, for I believe the administration of the Clarkston school district agrees with me wholeheartedly, as well as the teachers.

But I see something going on that needs to be corrected by the people who live in the Clarkston school district.

Clarkston Education Association President Allen Bartlett said it precisely, so I'll quote him. "We have to insist on good schools."

People tired of paying school taxes or disgruntled with the school system seem to be quite verbal.

The people of the community who see the need for public education must speak out.

They need to insist that all the taxes that can be levied are, vote to approve the 5-mill tax renewal for Clarkston schools on the June ballot and push for methods that will keep our schools operating at an acceptable level.

Good public education is one of the things around us worth fighting to keep.

## Bouquet Thanks

The family of Bradley Miller wishes to thank all the friends and neighbors for their many kind deeds, the memorials, cards, letters and phone calls; the Rev. James Balfour; and Norma, Harold and Terry Goyette for their help.

Hazel Miller and Family

## Jim's Jottings

# 'Holy mackerel Andy!'

by Jim Sherman



Here's a note in a Bill Myers column that got my attention.

Since 1949 . . . average . . .

Wages are up 470 percent.

Income tax is up 570 percent.

Social Security taxes are up 6,480 percent.

'Holy Mackerel Andy,' as Kingfish (Amos) used to say to his sidekick. For you readers under 35, Amos and Andy was a very popular radio show in the 1930's-40's.

However, and also, 35-year-olds, all these percent climbs came in your lifetime, too.

Then there was this Myers note. Twenty five percent of American workers pay more in Social Security taxes than they do in income taxes. Which brings us to President Reagan's third-

year, 10 percent cut in income taxes . . . across the board.

This tax reduction, which Tip O'Neill and his majority in Congress are trying to cut, was the same for everyone. Big income or small, the cuts in 1981 and 1982 were the same percent for all.

TV newsmen and Tip would have us believe the tax cuts were unfair to the little fellow. It's a fair, even cut of exact percentage to each.

Trouble is, big or small, the 10 percent cut a year in the resolution didn't really amount to 10 percent. Because of the time in the year it took effect, the first year the net reduction was only 1.25 percent because it was in effect only 3 months.

The second year we had 5 percent reduction for 6 months and 10 percent for 6 months.

Hopefully, Congress will keep their hands and votes off the repeal route and we get the entire 10 percent in 1983.

When you met the April 15, 1983 income tax deadline your tax rate was 10 percent less than under President Carter. That's something, anyway.

But, if you're in a higher tax bracket now you probably won't notice Reagan's generosity.

You surely don't have much more income, regardless of raises. With gasoline up 5 cents federal and going 2 cents Michigan our spending power has diminished.

About the gas tax increase, Len Barnes of Triple A said, 'What the Arab Sheiks couldn't do, our lawmakers have done.'

## More letters

# Gravel pit will stunt future township growth

How often do you hear remarks such as "I remember when this was a cornfield" or "What happened to all the farmland we used to see?"

Much has gone as communities have developed,

either in an orderly manner or as a hodge-podge of zoning and non-conforming use.

Since there are vast amounts of land open in Independence Township, within the next decade promoters will try to pocket large amounts of land and create various developments.

We must address this problem now, not only for present residents but for the other people who will be coming to share our community in the future.

Much has been said about the gravel pit operation off Sashabaw Road that has given us all a lot to think about.

But one of the ramifications that has not been addressed is the effect this will have on other property

surround the gravel project.

Because of the increase in traffic and noise levels on Sashabaw Road, it is entirely feasible that other developments will be held back for 20 years or more until the gravel project is completed.

Housing, retail or service businesses are not likely to occur on adjoining parcels.

It would be foolish to expect this area to remain undeveloped; every area must have its growth. But it is important to decide how we want our township to grow.

There are many examples of proper planning in other areas—none of them have gravel pits!

Vincent D. Rizzo

## Send thanks

Thank you, Governor Blanchard!

Now that most Michigan residents have had the privilege of seeing their first paycheck with the new Democratic Party State Income Tax deduction, I urge each of you to join me in mailing Gov. Blanchard and his Democratic steam-rolling team a "Thank You" card.

After all, if it weren't for the Democratic Michigan legislature, we might be cutting spending or something silly like that.

Oh, by the way, since our grand Democratic leaders made the tax increase retroactive to Jan. 1, 1983, we will all get a surprise at year end when we discover how much tax we still owe.

I don't know about you, but I can't wait to see what the Democratic power team will do to us next.

Dale A. Stuart

Independence Township Board Member

## Say 'no' to the tax increase

Thank God for the group forming CAUSE (Citizens Against Unnecessary State Expenditures).

Somebody has to do something when so gross a mistake has been made by the people for voting Mastin (our "representative") and James (Jobs, Jobs!) Blanchard into office.

I was totally astonished at the audacity of James (Jobs!) Blanchard the night of his "Victory" celebration. How dare he laugh and raise his fist in celebration of the fact that he has raised our taxes! The fact that we now have higher taxes because of him is bad enough, but to laugh about it in front of the entire state of devastated Michigan is outrageous!

I demand an apology, or at least an explanation of this insulting act. I am getting angry, I hope WE ALL are getting angry.

I will gladly join this group (CAUSE), and hope more and more people will raise their voices against this idiocy of taxes-more-taxes. Look at Massachusetts. I seem to remember that when they voted for the Tisch-type amendment, sentiment was that the entire state would fall flat. Well, look at Massachusetts now, booming!

Is Michigan going to wake up? Thank you for allowing me to make my noise to help it do so.

Pat Emerson

## News 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.

## Layoffs mean loss of talent

There are 28 talented and professional teachers pink slipped.

The children of this district will be deprived of their expertise, enthusiasm, caring and dedication.

It is very difficult to single out one teacher of those 28, but I would like to do that now.

My students and I have had the privilege of working with Mrs. Janis Madden, in music, for the past two years.

Janis is a truly gifted teacher.

She directs the children with such enthusiasm and such tremendous knowledge that they learn more

than music.

The children put forth efforts and professionalism that I have not seen before in an elementary music concert.

I encourage the community and the school board to attend Janis Madden's last Clarkston Elementary School concert on Wednesday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Clarkston High School Little Theatre.

You will come away with the same feeling I have.

There will be a void if we cannot retain our present music program.

Rosemary Lewis

## 'If it Fitz...

# Color BC-BS tainted

by Jim Fitzgerald



A few weeks ago, I had fun kidding Blue Cross-Blue Shield and Joe Muer's seafood restaurant about their joint appearance in newspaper ads. At the time, I didn't realize how really funny the advertising was.

Also a few weeks ago, 87-year-old Howard Reed of Flint was shocked to learn from a physician's lab that Blue Cross-Blue Shield refused to pay his medical fees because it had canceled his policy five months earlier without his knowledge. That wasn't funny.

Reed's daughter, Barbara Reed Palmer, immediately phoned Blues headquarters and was told it is company policy to *not* notify customers when their policies are automatically canceled by some warmhearted computer. Honest to God.

Reed's policy was canceled because his premium payment was overdue. He insists he never received the bill. Even if he had, it seemed reasonable to expect a second billing or some sort of warning about the impending cancellation.

But the Blues spokeswoman said it is company policy for customers to first learn they were canceled when the Blues refuse to pay a bill submitted by their doctor or other provider.

When Palmer offered to immediately send a check, so the policy could be quickly reinstated, she was told such outlandish efficiency was impossible. Instead, a "Board of Review" had to rule on the ap-

plication for reinstatement. That could take two weeks, and Reed could be refused.

I PLEADED Howard Reed's case to Richard Femmel, the Blues' vice-president for corporate communications. He confirmed that, to save money, customers are no longer notified of impending cancellations. And Femmel pointed out that many customers don't notify *them* when they intend to cancel, they just stop paying their premiums. So there, too.

Up until a year ago, according to Femmel, second notices were sent warning of possible cancellation. But most customers didn't respond to these, so they were eliminated to save money. Each customer was informed of the policy change.

Only 12 customers have complained to the Blues about the no-warning cancellations, Femmel said. But he also said the new policy "is still undergoing review," indicating a switchback is possible, which would be nice for customers who might not know how to complain with the intense thoroughness demonstrated by Barbara Reed Palmer.

Howard Reed's insurance policy was reinstated two days after his daughter mailed a strong letter to the Blues and sent copies to two newspapers, two congressmen, two ministers, the Michigan Insurance Commission, the Better Business Bureau and the prosecuting attorney. She received the good news in a

phone call from a Blues spokeswoman, who admitted she'd been contacted by the Free Press.

Did the Reed case get special handling not readily available to the Blues' less-sophisticated customers? You can answer that for yourself.

AS FOR THE FUNNY advertising, the Blues recently ran full-page newspaper ads with a headline quoting Joe Muer, head of the restaurant, as saying: "You can't beat the value of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan." You had to read the small print to discover that only Muer's handful of "corporate staff executives are insured by the Blues. The several dozen employes who prepare and serve that great food are not.

A laughing Muer waiter soon told me that, shortly before the ad appeared, most employes dropped the Blues in favor of cheaper coverage recommended by their union.

Femmel explained: "We had already developed the Muer print ad. . . Rather than scrap the ad, we simply changed the wording to indicate that Joe's testimonial included only his management personnel."

So it was to save money, the same reason Howard Reed was cut off without warning, that the Blues ran rather misleading advertising — and now look a little silly. Too bad.

# - Editorial -

## Allow vote on SEMTA transit

*Too many flaws in the \$32 million plan*

It was with much whoopido that the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority board voted to ask \$32 million in federal funds for a new mass transit system study.

These funds would pay for engineering studies. The transit officials estimate the total cost of the light rail system linking Pontiac and Detroit at \$1.6 billion.

The mayor of Detroit, Wayne county executive, and officials of Macomb and Oakland Counties support the plan. One or the other has been disagreeing with other plans since 1979.

When completed in 1990, a rail line is expected to run to Mt. Clemens from Detroit, and there'll be a subway from the Detroit River to Grand Boulevard (New Center area).

Many more dollars for the proposed project will be sought from federal and state sources, such as the new gasoline tax.

However, some \$40 million has to be raised in the tri-county area.

Oakland county officials, to their credit, insist that the tax question go to the voters before construction begins.

Others in the SEMTA block want to start spending the \$32 million now. Added jobs is their reasoning. We think that's a flaw.

Without assurance the balance of the \$1.6 billion is coming, why spend \$32 million?

Possibly the thinking is that SEMTA believes voters are more likely to approve a tax if the project is underway.

They may be thinking of some school districts that have built new schools without operating funds. Eventually, the schools are used. Eventually, light rail would be approved.

We support the Oakland representatives who want the vote up front. Let's let the people check their ballots before spending \$32 million of our money.

Whether the federal money went to Washington before coming to southeast Michigan or not...it's still our money.

It should not be spent for a study that might not be used. We've all seen too many of them. Let the voters give the money up front if that's their desire.

There is one other risk in starting the project without voted financial assurance of completion. Given the opening, SEMTA may find a way to force the project and added tax on us.

J.A.S.



I just want to share this letter I recently received. So much is published about some of our students who cause problems, I feel we need to let people know that this more accurately represents our students and how they behave.

Those pupils who visited the Kelsey Museum of Ancient and Mediaeval Archeology at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, were members of the Clarkston Academically Talented program.

**William Potvin, Principal**  
Clarkston Elementary School

Dear Sir:

I write to commend a group of students from your school system (Pine Knob, Clarkston Elementary and Sashabaw) who I have just have the privilege of seeing in the museum here.

In contrast of many groups of similar age, your students were well behaved, interested, articulate and prepared, and I want you to know how much we appreciate having visitors like this.

They did have the advantage of a pretty good guide, to be sure, but this should not detract from their high level of conduct and I congratulate you and the teachers concerned.

**John Griffiths Pedley**  
Director and Professor



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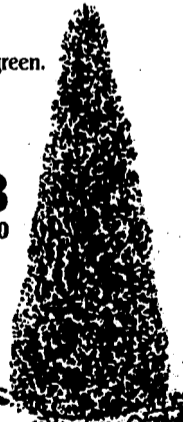
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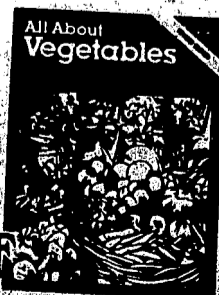


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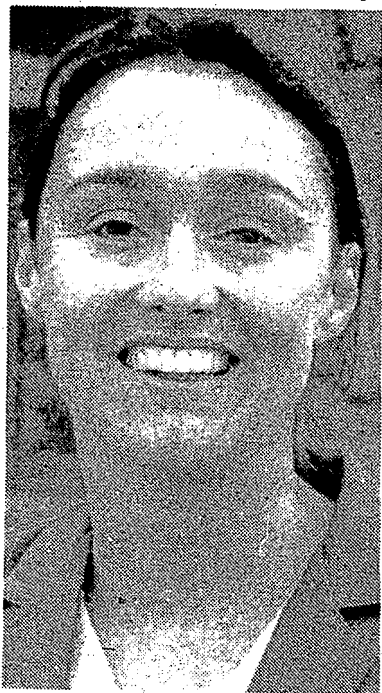
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"I would travel. I'd invest about \$250,000 of it and live off that. I would build a garden and donate it to the community."—Kate Germuska, Clarkston High School teacher, of Shaffer Road, Springfield Township.



"I would travel around the world and invest \$500,000 and become a millionaire for life."—Janice Loughman, Clarkston High School student, of Reese Road, Independence Township.

## Control cancer

April is Cancer Control Month and, once again, Clarkston area residents will visit their neighbors with life-saving information about cancer while asking for contributions to assist in the control of the disease.

Beverly MacDonald, community chairperson, will coordinate the efforts of 348 volunteers.

The goal is to raise \$5,601 in the area. Last year volunteers raised \$4,788.

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## Village council makes committee appointments

New Clarkston Village Council trustees Jon Gaskell and Fontie ApMadoc received the committee appointments that go along with their jobs.

Gaskell was named to four committees—the legislative and planning committee, the Community Development and Revenue Sharing committee, the cable television committee and the M-15 committee.

ApMadoc is on the finance committee, Michigan Municipal League, the Clinton River Water Shed Council, hydrology committee and is in charge of beautification.

Ted Thomson, who did not seek re-appointment to the planning commission because of personal reasons, is still a member of the zoning board of appeals. His term expires in 1986.

## CHS vocalists earn competition praise

First-rate singing was displayed by members of the Clarkston High School vocal music department at the State Solo & Ensemble Festival.

That's what the judges said.

Each of the soloists, the duet and the Madrigal Singers all received I Ratings, the highest possible, said Grayce Warren, CHS vocal music department director.

The participants all received I Ratings at the District Solo & Ensemble Festival in February, making them eligible for the state festival held April 16 at the University of Michigan-Flint Campus.

The students had to perform two selections of contrasting nature and sight-read a line of music, a

capella, demonstrating their knowledge of pitch, melody and rhythm.

Soloists were Cory Goodrich, Marc Hewko and Karen Simunovic.

Performing a duet were Inger and Marget Nelson.

Members of the Madrigal Singers are sopranos Dawn Colling, Cory Goodrich, Jodi McAlister and Joy Schmidgall; altos Martha Huttenlocher, Kim Koerber, Dawn Lamberton and Marget Nelson; tenors Greg Bailey, Marc Hewko, Paul King and Jay Smith; and basses Jeff Blagg, Blair Collins, Bill Mosher and Alec Puskas.

## K-screening

Children and their parents who missed the Clarkston school district kindergarten screening last week can attend the make-up session planned Wednesday, April 27.

Parents should bring their child's birth certificate and immunization records to enroll the kindergartner-to-be for the fall of 1983.

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# - Scoreboard -

## Baseball

### Clarkston High School Varsity Wolves 4, Milford 0

April 12—Senior Shawn Mosele pitches a no-hitter in the Wolves' opening game of the season. He strikes out 11 and walks only one in his seven innings of work. Second baseman Bob Ruelle leads the hitting attack with two hits, a double and a triple. Left fielder Jeff Swan and shortstop Dale Hesse each add a double.



### Clarkston High School Junior Varsity Wolves 11, Milford 2

April 12—Scott Leach has a bases-loaded-triple in the fifth inning to put the game out of reach for the Wolves. Todd Olsen strikes out five and allows only two hits to the Redskins. He also contributes four RBI's in the season opener.

## Track

### Clarkston Wolves Boys' Track Waterford Kettering 76, Wolves 56

April 13—The Wolves drop their record to 1-1 with the loss to Kettering. The score is close most of the meet until Kettering outruns the Wolves in the relays. Here are the top finishers for Clarkston:

First places: 120-yard high hurdles, Craig Esslink; 100-yard dash, Rusty Bennett; discus, Willie Williams; running long jump and high jump, Paul King.

Second places: 120-yard high hurdles, Mike Suran; 880-yard relay, Esslink, Bennett, Steve Morse, Dave Lippincot; 440-yard relay, Burt Skelton, Lipincott, Esslink, Bennett; 440-yard dash, Scott Alsup; 330-yard low hurdles, Brad Moshier; 880-yard run, John Selent; 2-mile run, Paul Burch; shot put, Williams; pole vault, Matt Doulin; high jump, Joe Powe.

Third places: 120-yard high hurdles, Dave MacLennan; 330-yard low hurdles, Esslink; 220-yard dash, Bennett; 2-mile run, Jeff Richardson; discus, Chad Snover; running long jump and high jump, Alsup.

### Wolves 67, Royal Oak Kimball 64

April 15—The Wolves edge Royal Oak for their second victory of the season. Clarkston wins seven of the 15 events. Here are the top finishers:

First places: 100-yard and 220-yard dash, Bennett; 1-mile run, Burch; 440-yard relay, Skelton, Esslink, Lippincot, Bennett; shot put and discus, Williams; pole vault, Doolin.

Second places: 120-yard high hurdles, Suran; 100-yard dash, Skelton; 1-mile run and 2-mile run, Richardson; 440-yard dash, Alsup; 330-yard low hurdles, Moshier; 880-yard run, Selent; high jump, Powe; long jump, King.

Third places: 330-yard low hurdles, Martin; 880-yard run, Tim Pike; 2-mile run, Burch; discus, Snover; high jump, King.

### Clarkston Wolves Girls' Track Wolves 114, Waterford Kettering 9

April 13—The Wolves dominate this match and raise their record to 2-0 for the season. Here are the top finishers for Clarkston:

First places: 880-yard run, Amy Stark; 110-yard low hurdles and 220-yard low hurdles, Julie Beamer; 100-yard dash, Kim Ottman; 1-mile run, Trisha Johnson; 880-yard relay, Beamer, Ottman, Paula Ziolkowski, Michelle Trzynski; 440-yard dash, Pam Stoecklin; 440-yard relay, Ronnie Barnard, Tammy Putsey, Marina Hamlett, Ottman; 220-yard dash, Bridget Kilcline; 2-mile run, Kris Baert; 1-mile relay, Sandy Craig, Wendy Learmont,

Wendy Hunt, Barnard; shot put, Putsey; discus, Jamie Howenstine; running long jump, Denise Giroux; high jump, Kelley Craig.

Second places: 110-yard low hurdles, K. Craig, Dawn Hayward tie; 100-yard dash, Barnard; 1-mile run and 880-yard run, Alleen Collins; 220-yard low hurdles, Hayward; 220-yard dash, Trzynski; 2-mile run, Stoecklin; shot put and discus, Hamlett; high jump, Kilcline.

Third places: 100-yard dash, Deanna Gwisdala; 440-yard dash and running long jump, Learmont; 220-yard low hurdles, Kathleen Ward; 880-yard run, Debbie Stingley; 220-yard dash, Hunt; 2-mile run, Johnson; high jump, S. Craig.

### Wolves 90, Royal Oak Kimball 33

April 15—The Wolves ease their way to their third win this season. Here

are the top winners:

First place: shot put, Putsey; discus, Howenstine; long jump, Giroux; high jump, K. Craig; 110-yard low hurdles and 330-yard low hurdles, Beamer; 880-yard relay, Beamer, Ottman, Kilcline, Barnard; 1-mile run, Stoecklin; 440-yard dash, Kilcline; 220-yard dash, Barnard; 440-yard relay, Barnard, Trzynski, Gwisdala, Ottman; 2-mile run, Baert; mile relay, Kilcline, Barnard, Learmont, Beamer.

Second places: shot put, Hamlett; high jump, Kilcline; 100-yard dash, Ottman; 330-yard low hurdles, K. Craig; 880-yard run, Stoecklin.

Third places: long jump and 880-yard run, Stark; discus, Hamlett; high jump, S. Craig; 110-yard low hurdles, K. Craig; 100-yard dash, Trzynski; 1-mile run, Baert; 440-yard dash, Learmont; 220-yard dash, Ottman; 2-mile run, Johnson.



## Happy landings

Denise Giroux comes in for a landing as she picks up a first place finish in the long jump. The

Clarkston Wolves girls' team ran past Waterford Kettering 114-9 April 13.

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Scott Alsup (right) tries desperately to catch Kettering's Tony Dudley in the 440-yard dash.

Alsup finished just seven-tenths of a second behind first-place Dudley. The Wolves boys' team fell short of the Captains 76-56 in the first home meet for the Wolves.

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# Sports

## Weather no trouble for Wolves

By Dan Vandenhemel

Cold and windy weather conditions during last week's track meets for Clarkston High School didn't slow down the boys' or girls' teams.

Last Wednesday was the warmest of the two days. The temperature was close to 45 degrees during the meet with Waterford Kettering.

But on Friday, against Royal Oak Kimball, brisk winds plus a 38-degree reading, had both teams wondering why the meet was held.

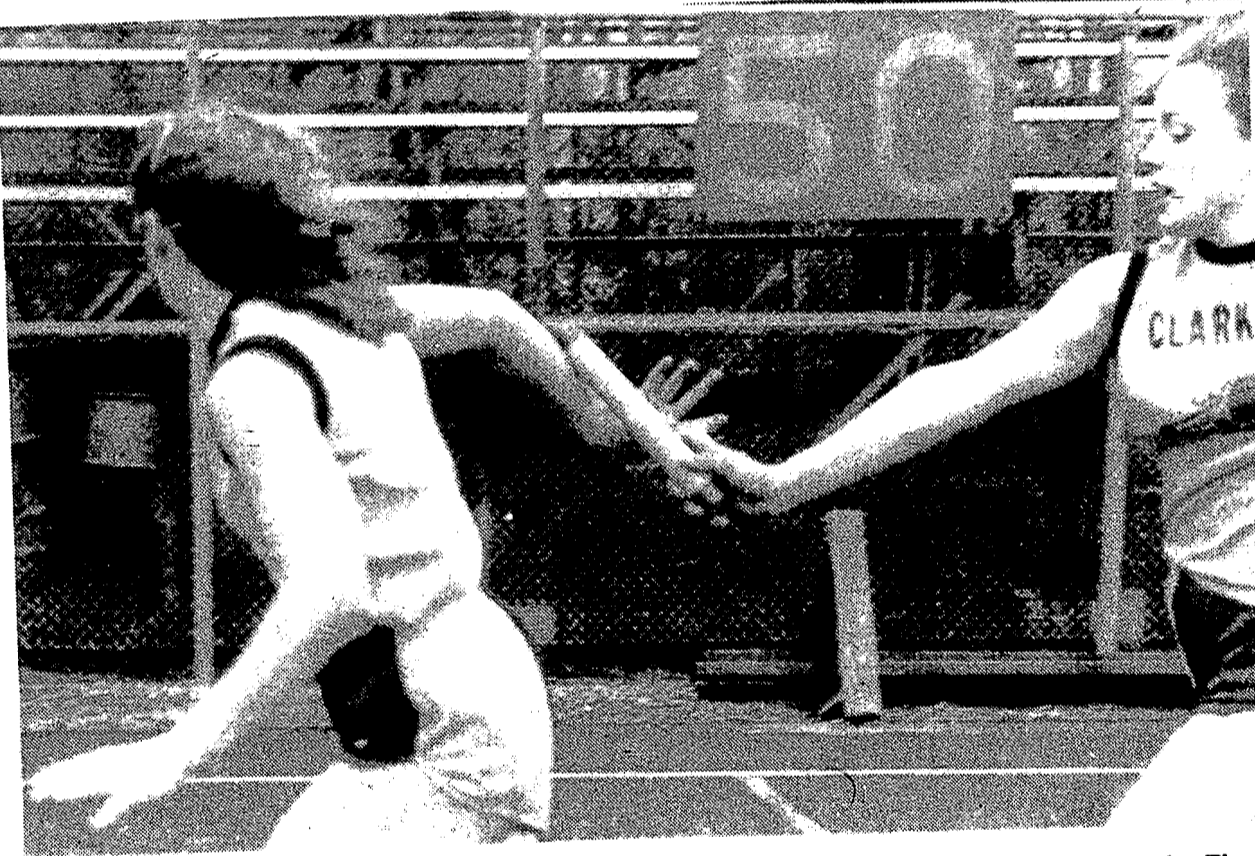
The meet was originally scheduled at Royal Oak, but their track was still under water from Thursday's heavy rains.

Despite the weather, the girls' team trounced Waterford Kettering 114-9 Wednesday and Royal Oak Kimball 90-33 on Friday to raise their record to 3-0.

The boys lost to Kettering 76-56, but came back to edge Kimball 67-64.

In the girls' meet against Kettering, the Wolves placed first in all 15 events, allowing only two second-place finishes and three thirds to the Captains.

"I don't think this match helped anyone personally," said girls' coach Gordy Richardson. "I moved the kids around a lot to give them experience in dif-



Paula Ziolojski takes the hand off from Michelle Tryzynski as the girls' 880-yard relay

team beat the Captains by nine seconds. The Wolves placed first in all 15 events of the meet.

ferent events. I wasn't interested in a big score. I just overestimated how good Kettering is."

The boys' meet against Kettering was closer than the score indicates.

Leading by three midway through the meet, the Wolves literally ran into trouble in the relays.

Clarkston lost all three relays, and that proved to be the margin of victory for Kettering.

"It was close until the end," said coach Walt Wyniemko. "If we got a few breaks it would have been different."

The boys' meet against Kimball Friday came down to the wire, or maybe bar would be more appropriate.

The Wolves led by only four points going into the final two events, the mile relay and the high jump.

"The key to victory was the high jump," said Wyniemko. "We lost the mile relay, so it was important that we hold our own in the high jump. With Joe Powe and Paul King taking second and third, Kimball wasn't able to get the points needed to win the meet."

"We only won one of the three relays, and gave up the other two. Relays are very important and the team can't continue to lose relays. (The Wolves lost all three against Kettering.) Improving on those will be something we will be working on..."

Other key people in the boys' meet with Kimball were Rusty Bennett and Willie Williams.

Bennett won the 100- and the 220-yard dashes while Williams won the shot put and the discus.

In the girls' other meet, Julie Beamer had four more first-place finishes to bring her total for the week to seven.

Individually, she won the 110-yard low hurdles twice and the 330-yard low hurdles twice.

She combined with Kim Ottman, Bridget Kilcline and Ronnie Barnard to win the 880-yard relay and teamed with Kilcline, Barnard and Wendy Learmont to win the mile relay against Kimball.

Against Kettering, the 880-yard relay team with Beamer, Michelle Trzcinski, Paula Ziolkowski and Ottman also won.

(The Scoreboard has the complete listings of the boys' and girls' top finishers.)

# Up My Alley

## April showers



By Dan Vandenhemel

- Choose the most appropriate:
- Rain, rain go away, come again another day.
  - April showers bring May flowers.
  - With this weather, this must be Michigan.
  - All of the above.

Strange weather during the spring is becoming more common in Michigan every year.

The first part of last week, we had nice warm temperatures, just right for outdoor sports.

Mid-way through the week Michigan was hit with monsoons. And now this weekend we got more of the snow we missed this winter.

Besides throwing everybody out of any kind of routine, the weather also delays, postpones and dampens most of the sporting events in the area.

Spring is time for baseball, softball, track, golf and tennis in the Clarkston school district.

But so far this season, seven baseball games, two softball games and three tennis matches have been washed or snowed out.

The only reason more softball or golf matches weren't canceled was because they hadn't started yet.

One high school track meet had to be switched to

Clarkston from Royal Oak because the track was under water.

Most of these athletes don't want to sit around and wait until the middle of summer to play their sports.

Mother Nature is sure messing everyone up with seasonal changes every two days.

Doesn't she know there are hundreds of school kids in the Clarkston area alone that are sitting at home (sure they are!) waiting for the rain to stop?

Nobody wants to be inside in the middle of April. There are bikes to ride, baseballs and softballs to catch, tennis and golf balls to hit, not to mention a few Frisbees to throw around.

Everyone knows it's April. April means spring and spring means warm weather.

Maybe somebody should tell Mother Nature what month this is.

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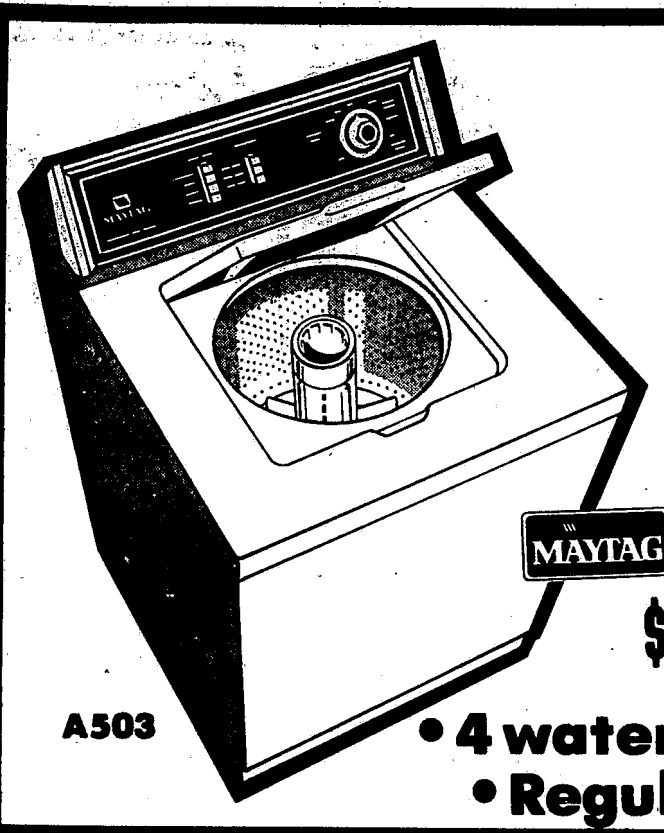
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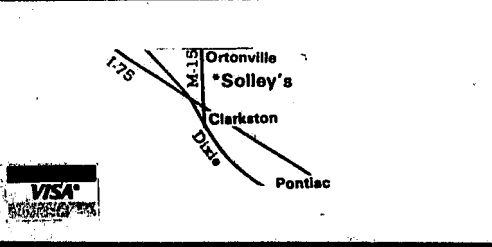
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# Shooters give boosters lift

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Participants gathered pledges for each free throw they made out of 100 attempts.

The 39 students and adults at the Clarkston High School gym Saturday helped raise money for the booster club's general fund.

"This is the first time we've had a shoot-a-thon in Clarkston," said Arden Collier, chairman. "Next year we'll probably have it in November."

Matt Scharl, a seventh-grader at Clarkston Junior High, received the most pledges of \$156.52. Clarkston senior Ray Kubani made the most free throws, 91 out of 100, and raised \$101.92.

The booster club raised an additional \$30 with a batting cage in the gym, charging 50 cents for 12 pitches or \$1 for 25 in baseball or fast-pitch softball.

"The batting cage was just something extra for the people," Collier said. "For the first time, I'd have to say this was very successful."



Clarkston sophomore Steve Mayer takes aim on one of his free-throw attempts during the booster club shoot-a-thon on Saturday. The boosters raised over \$2,000.

# No-hitter blanks Milford; Wolves win 4-0

By Dan Vandembemel

A better opening game couldn't have happened for the Clarkston Wolves varsity baseball team.

The Wolves beat Milford 4-0 April 12 behind senior pitcher Shawn Mosele's no-hitter.

Mosele struck out 11 and walked one as he wasted little time showing coach Roy Warner what kind of pitcher he is.

"I knew he had it in him," Warner said. "But what impressed me is fact he was still strong at the end of the game."

Mosele was hurt in mid-season last year and hasn't pitched a game for the Wolves since.

Richie Schrader started the scoring for Clarkston in the first inning when he ran home from second on Dale Hesse's double. Schrader led off with a walk, then moved into scoring position with a stolen base.

Hesse also came home on his double on a two-base throwing error by Milford.

The Wolves increased their lead to 3-0 in the

fourth when Jeff Swan doubled home Chris Bruce from first base.

The scoring ended for Clarkston in the sixth inning.

Bob Ruelle led off the inning with his second hit of the game, a triple, and scored when Milford threw the ball away on the relay home.

Two errors helped Milford mount its only scoring threat of the game in the first inning.

With two outs, Ruelle dropped a pop-up at second base and catcher Rob Mortimore let a third strike get past him to put two runners on for the Redskins. But Mosele got out of any further trouble by

striking out the next batter.

"This was a nice start but we still have to work hard out there," Warner said. "We got an excellent pitching performance out there. I hope this will help them, but we are still going to try to play every game perfectly."

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Awards are to be given to the top three finishers in each of the age groups: 0-13, 14-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40 and over, and wheelchair.

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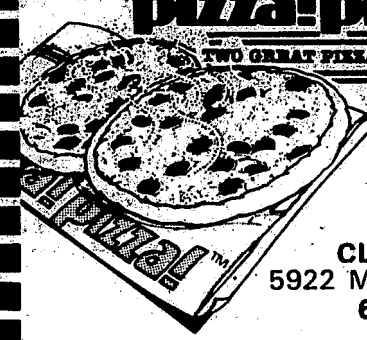
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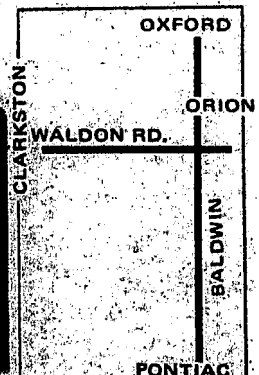
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Then relaxing in a canyon

# If you like old movies you'll love Old Tucson

Note: The number of mining towns, Old Tucson, and a pontoon boat ride on Canyon Lake were among the pleasant experiences in Arizona. Travelling via van with Marsha and Jerry Olrich of Oxford, we took backroads that were the thinnest blue lines on the map.

By Jim Sherman

Publisher of The Clarkston News

It was another fine day as we re-packed the van and headed out of El Paso, crossing the Rio Grande into New Mexico on State 28.

The Rio Grande is a grand irrigation supplier. Cement trenches have been built to direct the brown water onto farm lands along its route.

We bordered the river north and started noticing more than the usual number of pecan trees. As we continued a few miles through a forest of nut trees, the pecan loving Olriches could stand no more.

Jerry followed a pecan carrying truck into a processing plant and found a man to ask where to buy the nuts. 'At the company store,' he said. This store, near Santo Tomas is more than a nut stand. It's a full market.

We learned the trees we'd seen were part of the Stahmann's Pecan Farm, 3,800 acres, the largest in the world. Harvest was 2 months late this year because of wet weather.

We meandered on through Hachita, Animas and Rodeo to Douglas. We walked across the Mexican border at Douglas where 3 blocks of souvenir shops await.

We found it a lot tougher to bargain for wares in Douglas than Juarez, Mexico.

The American guard told us the high fences at the crossing point were mostly show. There are no fences a half mile down the river.

We reached Tombstone, Arizona in early evening. Shops were closing, thankfully. We stayed at the Best Western Motel overlooking famed Boot Hill Grave Yard.

A lighted, yellow plastic sign denotes the place. Bad. We looked over the fence at what appeared to be a tourist cemetery, then drove the 1/2 mile downtown. One walk along the board walks is enough, but we did enjoy a spare rib dinner at the Lucky Cuss Saloon.

We would have had more time to be bored with Tombstone had we not been attracted to a copper mine and the town of Bisbee, south of Tombstone.

Bisbee was built 1902-1905 for the most part, though silver mining started in the 1870's, and continues with a leaching process today. A high fence keep cars from jumping the curb and falling a few hundred feet to the bottom of the mine.

Several turn-of-the-century buildings have been kept in great shape in this hillside town that boast of having two streets too steep for mail delivery. It's a fascinating place.

In Tucson driver Jerry soon tired of my not being able to read the map and we headed southwest toward Old Tucson. I really like that place. I like places and things I can relate to, and I can relate to old movies.

Old Tucson was built by Columbia Pictures for



Bits and pieces of hundreds of movies and tv shows have been shot in Old Tucson.

"Arizona", a film starring Jean Arthur and William Holden in 1939. It lay dormant 20 years before it was brought back to life by Columbia.

Pieces of many, many films have been shot here including the back end of the train for the tv show, Wild, Wild West.

We watched a shoot out at the OK Corral, from the movie of the same name, saw the ranch home of High Chaparral, the depot/school for Father Murphy, the Golden Nugget saloon where parts of El Dorado and Rio Bravo were shot, the mission where Bing Crosby made Bells of St. Mary, and the whole bit. Ah, nostalgia.

Leaving old Tucson we stopped in the Papago Indian Reservation to ask about the several crosses along the roadside. An Indian lady wouldn't talk to us, but the store keeper said the crosses marked spots where Indian people were killed.

Some are more shrines than crosses.

The desert was in bloom enroute north. The yellow daisies, poppies, and cactus, and blue lupine lightened our trip through the reservation wasteland.

There is only one grade of gasoline on the Papago Indian Reseration and it's \$1.25 a gallon. Litres aren't mentioned.

Enroute north to Mesa we stopped at Casa Grande Ruins near Coolidge. This was a 4-story prehistoric apartment building built centuries before Columbus. It's worth a stop.

We met the Gene and Jean Suras in Mesa. They lived in Lake Orion several years. He was a school administrator, she edited the Clarkston News for us for a spell.

Now retired they play golf, play golf and play golf. Between which they entertain. We golfed at Rio Verde and spent four very delightful hours on a pontoon boat on Canyon Lake between Morman Flat Dam and Horse Mesa Dam.

We ate fried chicken in the quiet of a crack in the rock border of the canyon. It was probably the most relaxing part of the trip. Pontoon boats can be rented for \$50 for 6 hours.

Then on to Roosevelt Dam, some 50 miles from Mesa and 22 miles from Canyon Lake. It's a real white knuckle trip, especially with a driver who doesn't mind looking straight down.

The dam was built in 1902-05 and needs work. I don't trust it.

It's amazing the number of mining towns we saw on our 22 day trip. Not the least of these were Miami and Globe some 30 miles east of Superstition Moun-

tains. The waste from mining silver and copper almost overwhelms Miami.

Mesa, Ariz. must have a million mobile homes, practically all along Apache Trail. If they aren't in parks they fill sales lots. By contrast, neighboring Scottsdale must have a million expensive single family houses, all of unusual design and all sticking out from a rock.

While we were there a developer proposed another (they have several) \$465 million complex for Scottsdale. Complex is a good word for the entire metropolitan Phoenix area . . . sprawling complex.

Come with us next to Sedona, Grand Canyon and Indian country.

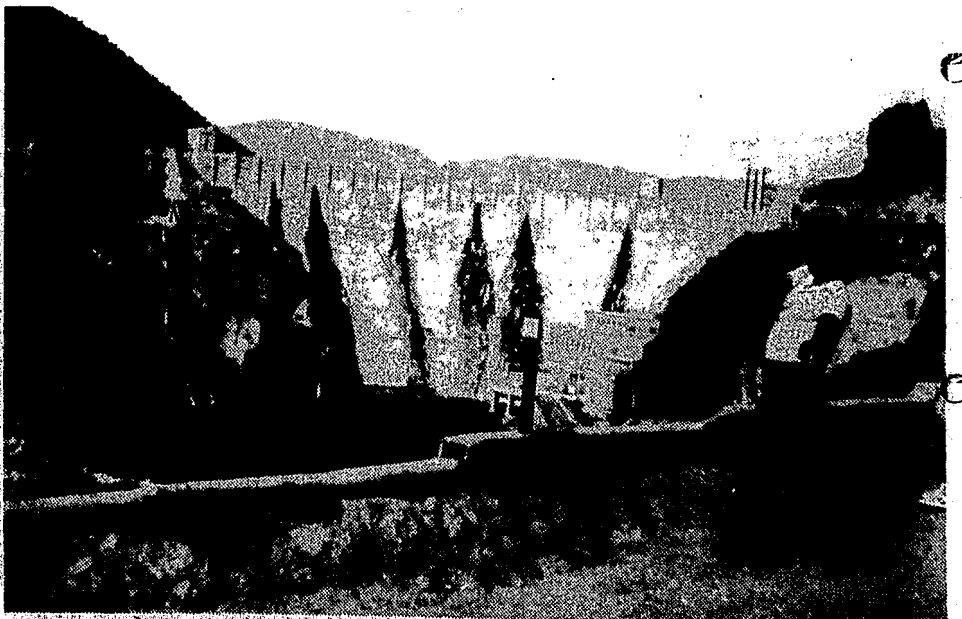


This mined out cavern is this close to the road in Bisbee, Ariz.



"Watch for dips" signs are prominent in Arizona. A dip can mean water like this truck is going

through . . . only sometimes the flow washes cars and cows away.



The dark areas on the Roosevelt dam look like leaks to me. That's Jerry Olrich trying to hit the lake below with a stone.

Thursday, April 21

# Spring Jazz Concert is free

Celebrate spring with the Clarkston High School Jazz Ensemble.

The sixth annual Spring Jazz Concert is free. It is to begin at 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, in the Clarkston High School auditorium.

The concert will feature a wide variety of jazz styles from Count Basie's "Big Band" swing to the contemporary styles of Maynard Ferguson, Stan Kenton and Chick Corea, said band director Clifford Chapman.

Student soloists include: Greg Wagner, Michelle Reid, Eric Schnabel, Dave Carpenter, Greg Bailey, Chris Wollerman, Brad Banker and Bill Mosher.

The high school is located at 6595 Middle Lake, Independence Township.

## Obituary

### Ira D. (Tom) Brake

Funeral service for Ira D. (Tom) Brake of Brandon Township was held April 19 at the Lewis E. Wint Funeral Home with the Rev. Leo C. Ahonen officiating.

Brake, 54, died April 16. He was a heavy equipment operator, a member of the National Rifle Association and a veteran of the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife, Wanda; children, Mrs. Timothy (Paula) Stevens of Long Beach, Calif., Donald of Drayton Plains, Mrs. Jeffrey (Shelly) Schrah of Flint and Matthew, at home; two grandsons, Jeffrey and Tom; and brother, Leo Brake of Muskegon.

Following the service, burial took place in Seymour Lake Cemetery, Brandon Township.

The family suggests memorials to the Neo-Natal Unit at Pontiac General Hospital.

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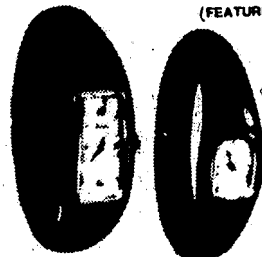
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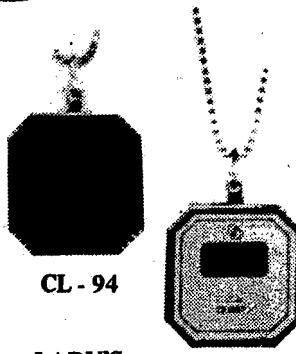


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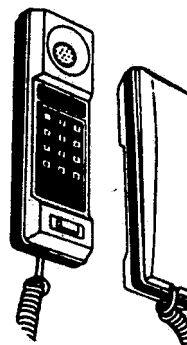
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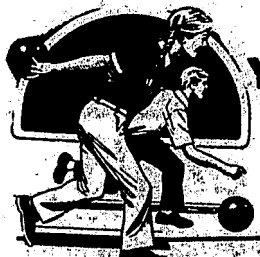
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**Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 21, 22 and 23**—Used book sale by the Independence Township Friends of the Library; 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday; Clarkston Mills Mall, 20 W. Washington, Clarkston. (625-2212)

**Friday, April 22**—CAI annual Spring Rummage Sale; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; over 75 tables of bargains to choose from; CAI Building, 5640 Williams Lake, Waterford Township. (674-4881)

**Friday, April 22**—Pancake Supper, all-you-can-eat; 6-8 p.m.; \$2.75 for adults, \$2.50 for senior citizens, \$1.75 children under 10; Clarkston Eagles, 5640 Maybee, Independence Township.

**Friday, April 22**—Senior citizens age 60 and over can have their photos taken and laminated into plastic identification cards that can be used to receive discounts of 4 to 50 percent from participating merchants; no charge for I.D. card; 65 cents for directory of businesses offering discounts available at the senior center; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Independence Township Senior Citizen Center, 5980 Clarkston-Orion, Independence Township. (625-8231)

**Friday, April 22**—Open House at Sunbeam Day Care and Elementary School; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.; classes will be in session to observe; materials and curriculum on display; 6300 Clarkston-Orion, Independence Township. (625-1324)

**Friday, April 22**—Brunch in the Northwest Inn staffed by students enrolled in the food service program at the Northwest Oakland Vocational Education Center; 10 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; \$3.95; price includes french toast, scrambled eggs, delmonico potatoes, sauteed tenderloin beef tips, carved ham, pastries, beverages and juice; no reservations required; 8211 Big Lake, Springfield Township. (625-5202)

**Saturday, April 23**—Tiptoe Through the Trilliums at Indian Springs Metropark in Springfield Township; 10:30 a.m.; the search for spring flowers will be led by naturalist Karen Blake; bring a camera if available; free with vehicle park entry fee of \$2; pre-registration required. (625-2781)

**Saturday, April 23**—A Wildlife Serenade, a family nature walk, at Indian Springs Metropark in Springfield Township; 7:30 p.m.; park naturalist Julie Cerbus will lead the 1½-hour walk to listen to spring serenade of frogs and toads; brief slide program before the walk in the Nature Center; free with vehicle park entry fee of \$2; pre-registration required. (625-2781)

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**Monday, April 25**—Clarkston Athletic Boosters meeting; 7:30 p.m.; the non-profit group works to support all athletics in Clarkston schools; new members welcome; Clarkston High School Library, 6595 Middle Lake, Independence Township. (625-3166)

**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 25-27**—Paperback Book Fair at the Clarkston Junior High School Media Center; 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; public and parents invited; 6300 Church, Independence Township. (625-5361, ext. 9)

## AREA CHURCHES AND THEIR WORSHIP HOUR

<b>SASHABAW UNITED PRESBYTERIAN</b> 5300 Maybee Road, Clarkston Church School 9:30 Worship 11:00 Co-pastors: Jenny H. & William C. Schram Phone 673-3101	<b>CLINTONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 4479 Dixie Hwy., Drayton Plains 9:45 Sunday School 11 Morning Worship 6 p.m. Evening Worship 7 p.m. Prayer Worship	<b>PINE KNOB COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> 3041 Reeder Road off Clintonville Pontiac, Michigan Ken Hauser Worship 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m.	<b>WATERFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Airport Road at Olympic Parkway Minister of C.E. Russell G. Jeandell Minister of Youth, Dair Hileman Sunday School 9:30 Morning Worship 10:45 Evening Service 6:00 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 Rev. Philip Whisenhunt, Pastor	<b>OPEN BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Meeting at Lincoln Elementary School 131 Hillside, Pontiac Sunday School 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study & Prayer Time 7:30 p.m. Marc Cooper, Pastor, 623-1298
<b>CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 6600 Waldon Road Rev. James R. Balfour Worship & Church School 10 a.m.	<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DAVISBURG</b> 12881 Andersonville Road, Davisburg Rev. Robert R. Hazen, Pastor Phone 634-9225 Sunday: Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 8:30 & 11:00 Evening Gospel Hour 6 p.m. Wednesday: Family night program 7:30 p.m. Awana clubs 6:30 p.m.	<b>NEW HOPE BIBLE CHURCH</b> 5311 Sunnyside Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7 p.m. Rev. A.T.B. Phillips 674-1112	<b>MT. BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Jossman and Bald Eagle Lake Rds. Pastor, David L. Davenport Church Worship 10:00 a.m. School 11:15 a.m. Phone: 793-2291	<b>SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN, Clarkston</b> 5401 Oak Park, off Maybee Rd. Rev. Beryl Hinz - 623-1074 Sunday Evening Worship 7 p.m. Silver Tea last Sat. of each mo. at 2 p.m.
<b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 1950 Baldwin, Lake Orion, MI 48035 391-1170 Family Worship 9:30 Pastor James H. Van Dellen	<b>ST. DANIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Holcomb at Miller Rd. Father Charles E. Cushing Sunday Masses: 9, 10:30 and 12:00 Sat. 5 p.m. & 7 p.m.	<b>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH INDEPENDENT NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH</b> Gena Paul, Minister 3248 Lapeer Rd. (M-24 near I-75) Bible School 8:45; Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00	<b>FIRST CHURCH OF GOD</b> 6300 Clarkston Road Clarkston 625-1323 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Mid-week Service Wed. 7:30 p.m. Dr. Eddie Downey	<b>TEMPLE OF LIGHT SPIRITUAL CENTER</b> for Healing, Learning & Worship Pastor, Rev. John Wilson 9644 Susin Lane off Davisburg Road 625-4294 Sunday Service 1:00 p.m.
<b>ANDERSONVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> 10350 Andersonville Rev. Wallace Duncan Worship 11:00 a.m.	<b>FIRST BAPTIST</b> 5972 Paramus Rev. Clarence Bell Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Service 11 a.m. Primary Church thru 4th grade Evening Service 7 p.m.	<b>ST. TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 7925 Sashabaw Road 625-4644 Sunday School 9:45 Worship Service 8:30 & 11:00 Nursery 11:00 Rev. Craig Schultz	<b>ST. ANDREW EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> 5301 Hatchery Rd. Drayton Plains The Rev. William Evans Worship Services: 9 a.m. July & August only 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Sept thru June The New Prayer Book	<b>TRINITY UNITED METHODIST</b> 6440 Maceday Dr., Waterford Rev. T.K. Foo 623-6860 or 623-7084 Sunday School 9 a.m. - all ages Worship 10:30 a.m. Jr. Church & Nursery
<b>MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 5790 Flemings Lake Road Rev. Philip W. Somers Worship 11:00 a.m.	<b>DRAYTON HEIGHTS FREE METHODIST CHURCH</b> Corner of Winnell and Maybee Rd. Rev. Clancy J. Thompson 9:45 Sunday School 11 Worship Hour - 6:00 Vespers Wednesday: 7 p.m. Family Night	<b>PENTACOSTAL TABERNACLE</b> 9880 Ortonville Rd. Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Thurs. Nite Prayer 7 p.m. Pastor, David McMurray Singing Last Saturday of Month	<b>COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH</b> 1888 Crescent Lake Rd. Pontiac Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m. Evening Service 6 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Myron Gaul	<b>COMMUNITY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> Sashabaw Rd. at Monroe St. (2 blocks north of Dixie Hwy.) Drayton Plains Phone 673-7805 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Babies thru adults Worship 11 a.m. Nursery provided
<b>OLD FASHIONED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH</b> Rev. Omer Brewer 5785 Clarkston Rd. Sunday School 10:30 Sunday Evening Service 7:00	<b>FIRST MISSIONARY CHURCH</b> 4832 Clintonville Rd. Phone 673-3638 Services - Sunday Sunday School Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Hour 11 a.m. Youth Hour 5 p.m. Gospel Hour 6 p.m. Wednesday, Hour of Prayer 7 p.m.	<b>CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 6805 Bluegrass Drive Rev. Robert D. Walters, D. Min. Fall Service starts Sept. 12th Services 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Sun., Church School 9:15 to 10:15 Nursery with Each Service	<b>CLARKSTON GOOD SHEPHERD ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> 6051 Sashabaw Rd. near Maybee Rd. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship 7 p.m. Mid-Week Worship Wed. 7:00 p.m. Pastor, Don De Mars - 673-8718	<b>SEYMOUR LAKE UNITED METHODIST</b> Sashabaw at Seymour Lake Rd. Rev. Douglas Paterson Worship Service 10:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.
<b>CLARKSTON CHURCH OF GOD</b> 54 South Main Sunday School 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer, Bible & Youth 7 p.m. Pastor, Charles Lunsford	<b>EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION</b> 6490 Clarkston Road Rev. Alexander Stewart Worship 8 a.m.; 10 a.m. Church & Nursery Using 1928 Prayer Book	<b>LAKE LOUISE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> M-15 at W. Seymour Lake Rd., Ortonville 9:45 Sunday School 10:50 The Hour of Worship 6:15 p.m. Youth and Bible Study 7:00 Evening Service Wed. 7 p.m. Family Prayer & Bible Study		
<b>MT. ZION TEMPLE</b> 4451 Clintonville Rd. 673-2050 Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m. Evening Service 6 p.m. Mid-week Service 7:30 p.m. Pastor Loren Covarrubias - 674-1415				

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# -Business briefs-

## Bank name transition goes smoothly

The transition created by their name change has been smooth, according to Elizabeth Bunker, assistant vice president and Clarkston branch manager of First Federal Savings Bank.

"Probably because we did notify (our customers), most people were well-informed about our change," she said. "Most of them were pleased because it does expand the services we give them."

In March, First Federal Savings of Oakland took on the new name along with becoming a full-service bank.

That means in addition to basic mortgages, home improvement loans and savings accounts, bank

customers can apply for personal, vacation, student, automobile, boat and airplane loans.

Other services include trust services, commercial loans, letters of credit and commercial checking accounts.

"This has been quite a change for the staff to go through and yet it's very challenging," Bunker said. "It will be nice not to send (customers) down the street, to say, 'Yes, we have car loans, sit down and let's talk.'"

The bank has 37 branches including the one at 5799 M-15 in Independence Township.

While changes have been made in the name and services, the board of directors and management are the same, Bunker said.

The bank continues to operate under the rules and regulations of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, with deposits fully insured to \$100,000 by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp.

## Solar lecture

Joe Duran will be on the Solar Energy Round Table on Wednesday, April 27, at Oakland Community College, Auburn Hills Campus.

Duran is the owner of Energy Craft Homes of Waterford Township.

He'll be one of four speakers talking about solar heating, solar home construction, solar electricity and wind energy.

Working displays, slides, film tapes and a question-and-answer period are to be included.

The session is to begin at 7 p.m. in Building F-199 at the campus located on Featherstone Road between I-75 and Squirrel Road in Auburn Heights.

It's free, but pre-registration is required. Phone 348-0990.

## Eye care talk

"You and Your Eyes" is the topic of a free lecture by Saul Rubenstein, M.D., an ophthalmologist who practices in Independence Township.

Rubenstein will discuss eye care and answer questions on Monday, April 25, at 12:30 p.m. in the Waterford Senior Citizen Drop In Center, 3101 W. Walton Blvd., Waterford Township.

The program is sponsored by St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Pontiac, where Rubenstein is on staff.

For more information, call 332-0745.



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### CLARKSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting - April 11, 1983

#### Synopsis

1. Approved minutes of the March 14, regular meeting.
2. Approved expenditures of \$72,810.
3. Approved resolution to accept the bid of Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit for the purchase of \$1,920,000 Tax Anticipation Notes.
4. Approved an early retirement bonus plan incentive for teachers in the amount of \$5,000.
5. Approved resolution stating the annual school election will be held on Monday, June 13, 1983.
6. Granted teacher tenure to Mary Madden.
7. Approved administration recommendation to notify 28 teachers that they will not be employed for the 1983-84 school year.
8. Adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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### SYNOPSIS OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL April 11, 1983

President Byers swear in the new trustees and the clerk. Trustees - ApMadoc, Eberhardt, Schultz, Raup. Clerk - Norma Goyette.

Present - ApMadoc, Eberhardt, Gaskell, Raup, Schultz, Sinclair.

Absent - None.

Motion to pay the village bills of \$7,073.49.

ApMadoc told about the Beautification of the village and how much it will cost.

Motion to accept the Budget for 82-83 also 83-84 budget. Motion carried.

Motion to order name plates for the council members. Roll - Schultz, no; Eberhardt, yes; Sinclair, yes; Raup, yes; Gaskell, yes; ApMadoc, yes. Motion carried.

Motion to transfer the \$834.00 SEMTA Funds to the Township to help with the upkeep of the Senior Citizen van.

Motion to pay the dues of \$59.08 to the Clinton River Water Shed for the Village.

Motion to apply to Pontiac Federation Musical Trust Fund for money for the band concerts in the Village Park for the 83 Summer.

Motion that the Village Council Appoint the Clarkston Business Assoc. to be the Agent for the Village to produce and administer the Village Concert Series for the Summer of 83. The Village will not be liable for any expenses or losses associated with the program.

Motion to adjourn at 10:15 p.m.

All votes unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Norma Goyette  
Village Clerk

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ESTATE OF Mark Joseph Fetter, Deceased. NOTICE OF HEARING

Date of Death: 4-2-83. Resident of Clarkston, Michigan, Social Security 386-01-6524.

TAKE NOTICE: On the 12th day of April, 1983 at 8:30 a.m. in the Probate Courtroom, Oakland County Courthouse, Pontiac Michigan, before the Honorable Barry M. Grant, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the petition of Michael C. Fetter for the appointment of Michael C. Fetter as Personal Representative of the estate.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate must be presented said Michael C. Fetter at 4200 Stockemer, Davisburg, Michigan 48019 and proof thereof with copies of the claims filed with the Court on or before July 12, 1983. Notice is further given that a determination of heirs will be made on same date at 8:30 a.m.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned to the persons appearing of record entitled thereto.

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## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, May 4, 1983 at the Independence Annex Meeting Hall, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan, 48016 to hear the following cases:

CASE #1215 - Gordon Mason, APPLICANT REQUESTS BUILDING PERMIT ON NON-CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD. Drayton Rd. Lot 57, Drayton Heights Subdivision, 08-34-128-005.

CASE #1216 - Barney Boose, APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO ALLOW A 960 Sq. Ft. POLE BARN ON PROPERTY. ALSO REQUESTS SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 40'. Clarkston Rd. between Sashabaw & Pine Knob Rds. Non-Conforming R1R Zone, 08-15-401-004.

CASE #1217 - Ernest D. Newport, APPLICANT REQUESTS BUILDING PERMIT ON NON-CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD. Ennismore - Lot 28 & Part of 207, 08-34-352-022.

CASE #1218 - Richard J. Powers, APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO ADD TO A NON-CONFORMITY. Lake Lane - Lots 22 & 21 & 1/2 of 20 - R1A Zone, 08-31-479-020.

CASE #1219, David M. Warner, APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO ALLOW ABOVE GROUND POOL ON NON-CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD. Woodcreek Trail, Lot 71, Lake Oakland Woods Sub., 08-34-276-020.

CASE #1220 - Sylvester Bachor, Jr., APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO ALLOW ALREADY CONSTRUCTED BARN ON PROPERTY. BARN SIZE - 1737 Sq. Ft. and 17' High. Stickney Rd. west of Michigamme Rd. R1R Zone, 08-11-401-002

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed variances may be examined at the Independence Township Building Department during regular hours each day Monday thru Friday until the date of the Public Hearing.

Respectfully submitted  
**CHRISTOPHER L. ROSE, CLERK**  
Beverly A. McElmeel,  
Secretary to the Building Official

# Keyboards: Mockingbirds of music industry

The theme from "Chariots of Fire" was done completely on a keyboard.

"The really interesting thing is one person is doing it," says Terry Stanley, manager of Evola Music. "One person can be a symphony."

Professional electronic keyboards in a semi-soundproofed room of their own are the latest addition to the store located at 4977 Dixie Highway, Waterford Township.

Completed last week, the carpeted-everywhere room holds the latest in synthesizers, modern keyboards and electronic pianos.

The idea, says Stanley, is that people can come in and try them out.

"Because of what's going on electronically, the trend, as we see it, is going toward the keyboard," he says.

"My personal feeling is before the end of the

1980s, the keyboard is going to be the most pervasive instrument on the market because of what it can do."

He can demonstrate the capabilities. With a touch of buttons, sounds change from brass to string to clarinet.

Or, musicians can choose flute, oboe, french horn, electronic piano, guitar, bass guitar and more.

He compares the keyboard revolution to the changes in computers in recent years, from enormous-size down to pocket-size.

In 1969, rock stars needed a truck to carry syn-



Terry Stanley, manager of Evola Music, demonstrates a keyboard in the new semi-

soundproofed room at the store on Dixie Highway in Waterford Township.

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thesizers. A forklift was needed to put them on stage. The cost for equipment was about \$300,000. A typical synthesizer measured 7-by-80 feet.

Stanley lifts what he calls a comparable keyboard.

It weighs about 24.5 pounds, includes over 70 pre-programmed sounds available with a few button pushes, and costs around \$2,000.

Keyboards, says Stanley, will save the music industry, because not only do they produce a range of sounds, but they're fun.

Children fascinated by video games and television, he says, just might be able to get into discovering the wonderful things a keyboard can do.

"Sitting down to a piano is not exciting. A keyboard is exciting," he says.

"Even two years ago, the only person who would buy a synthesizer would be a professional. Now I sell a lot of these little \$250 synthesizers to people just for use in their own homes."

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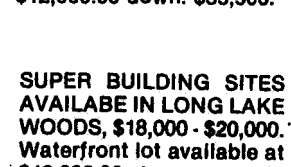
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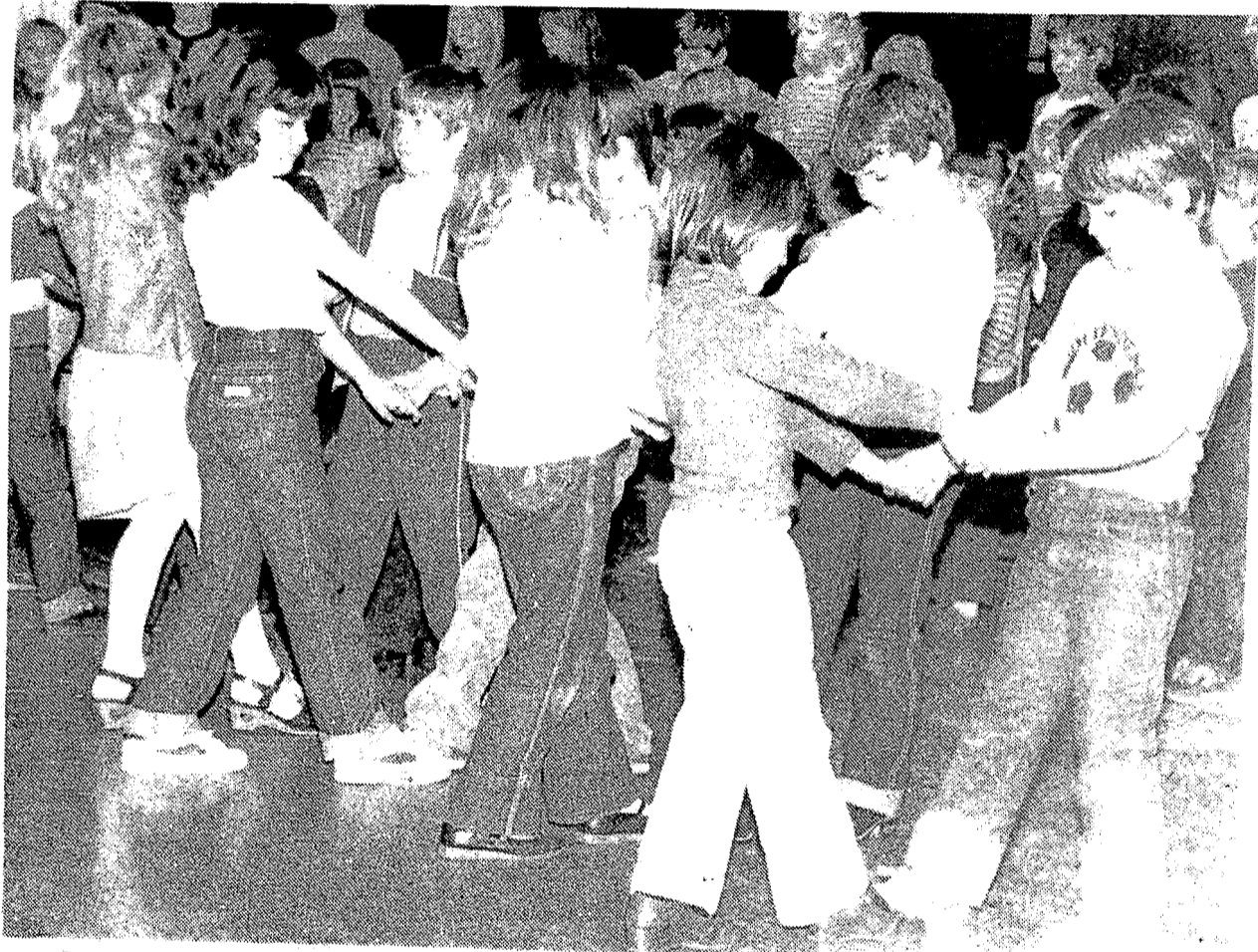




The rhythm band of the Pine Knob Elementary School practice their musical talents for their

concert, "Music, Music, Music." The concert was held Monday in the Clarkston High School

Little Theatre. The performance illustrated the importance of music in everyone's life.



Practice makes perfect for the Hansel and Gretel dancers in the Pine Knob Elementary

concert. Besides the dancing, the pupils sang and played musical instruments.

Photos by Dan Vandenhemel

## Sounds of music

Pine Knob Elementary School kindergarten through third-graders showed their musical talents at their spring concert, "Music, Music, Music."

The free concert was held Monday at the Clarkston High School Little Theatre.

Music director Janis Madden said the 35-minute concert showed how music affects everyone.

"Music is in every part of our lives," she said. "The concert has a little of everything in it—music, dancing, vocals, instrumentals. Every part of music is important."

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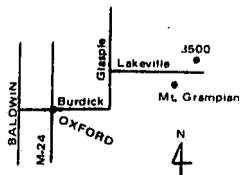
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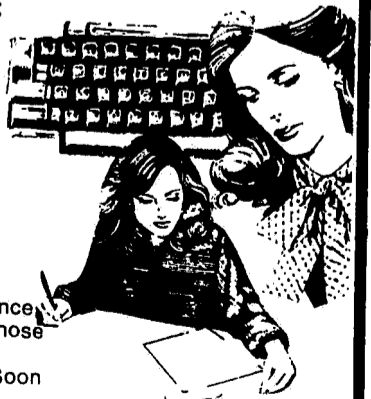
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Wednesday, April 6

10:30am—Firefighters extinguished a vehicle fire at Depot and Main streets. Damages were about \$150.

10:54pm—Emergency Medical Services (EMS) responded to a residence on Paramus Road on a medical emergency. The man was treated at the scene and transported to the hospital by Riverside Ambulance.

Thursday, April 7

5:13pm—Firefighters responded to a report of a brush fire behind Sashabaw Junior High School. It turned out to be a controlled-burn brush pile with permit.

Friday, April 8

12:36pm—Firefighters extinguished a grass fire on Dixie Highway at Waterford Hill. Cause unknown.  
4:39pm—Firefighters responded to Clontonville Road, south of Fay, on a report of an Edison pole on fire. An auto had hit the pole, causing damage

to the insulator.

5:19pm—Firefighters responded to a residence on Balmoral Terrace on an odor investigation.

7:54pm—Firefighters doused a sofa on fire in a barn on Pine Knob Road.

Saturday, April 9

11:41pm—EMS responded to a residence on Cecelia Ann on a medical emergency. The woman was treated at the scene.

Monday, April 11

8:33am—Firefighters and EMS responded to Dixie and Parview on a report of a possible personal injury accident. The Oakland County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) and Riverside Ambulance were at the scene.

8:23pm—Firefighters and EMS responded to Main and Miller on a report of a truck rolled over on its side. The driver was transported to the hospital by Riverside Ambulance. OCSD was at the scene.

Tuesday, April 12

5:52am—EMS responded to a medical emergency at a residence on Waldon Road. The person was treated at the scene and transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, by Fleet Ambulance.

7:57am—EMS responded to apartments on North Main Street for a medical emergency. The subject was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, by Fleet. OCSD was at the scene.

Thursday, April 14

9:55am—Firefighters put out a dryer fire at a residence on Dixie Highway.

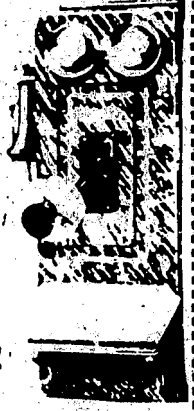
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The four state winners cluster in the immediate area around the tall red, gold and black trophy while the second team from Clarkston schools fills the sidelines. Eight students from Clarkston, Bailey Lake and North Sashabaw

elementaries brainstormed in Ann Arbor last weekend, with one team taking the top spot in the mind-bending competition. Teachers Joette Kunse and Sue Banworth said the victory was

"an honor for the district." From left are Rachel Woody, Kristen Martin, Tami Haines, Ross Rosenthal, Ben Huffman, Peggy Agar, Kellee Duty and Leanne Stevens.

## Clarkston grasps mind-game prize

By Marilyn Trumper

For weeks, two handfuls of fifth- and sixth-graders from three Clarkston elementary schools waded through over 25 bibliographies to learn all they could about computers and finance.

Undaunted by the heady jargon in magazines like "Fortune," "Forbes," "Physics Today" and the "New York Times," the two fearless foursomes wracked their brains, spending hours pouring over information and brainstorming to develop 20 hypothetical problems and solutions to a situation they'd yet to have posed.

Gathered around a table at the University of Michigan, Saturday, April 16, with only a blank pad of paper and sharpened pencils, the teams had two hours to develop problems and solutions for a computerized world at the turn of the century.

The scenario showed a world where money had become obsolete and everyone banked with plastic

cards, transferring funds from one account to another.

Eight of the 114 C.A.T. kids, (Clarkston's Academically Talented) volunteered for the state competition on "Future Problem Solving" against 32 teams from all over the state.

One Clarkston team walked away with first place.

"First they announced the fourth-place winner, then the third, then the second," recounted 11-year-old Peggy Agar. "We sat and listened, and I didn't think we had a chance with 32 teams competing."

"Then," broke in 11-year-old Kellee Duty, "my dad said, 'Get ready to jump up!' They announced us in our code and none of us heard it."

"Then, I screamed" Peggy said, ending the tale.

The winning team, comprised of Peggy, Kellee, Leanne Stevens, 10, and Ben Huffman, 11, eyed the yardstick-high gold, black and red trophy centered on

the table.

The second team of strong competitors—Ross Rosenthal, 11, Tami Haines, 11, Kristen Martin, 11, and Rachel Woody, 12—took pride in their peers' victory.

When the winning team sequestered itself behind closed doors and first tackled the problem, Leanne says the scenario stumped the group by painting the picture of a world without currency.

"We weren't ready for that. In all we'd read and talked about, we didn't talk about that. We talked about how robots replace human jobs and what that means."

The groups has its work cut out for the national competition May 30 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where the scenerio will be one around *nuclear war*.

The bibliographies are stacked and ready for scrutiny.

"And we're going to win!" said Kellee.

## Boys net balloon in frog hunt

Four boys running through a field toward a swamp for a frog hunting adventure found, instead, a patch of blue.

In the lead were Eddie White of Oakhill Road, Independence Township, and his friend, Matt Falk of Royal Oak.

They discovered a deflated blue balloon.

"It looked like somebody had taken a knife to it and sliced it," said Eddie, a Bailey Lake Elementary School sixth-grader.

Upon closer inspection, they found a note attached.

Part of the Weekly Reader's Writing Pals Balloon Contest, it was set adrift from Raisinville Elementary School in Monroe.

"I've been there once or twice and I remember it's a long drive," said Eddie.

As the crow flies, it's about 55 miles to the town located on the southeastern border of Michigan on Lake Erie.

Included in the attached note was this suggestion: "Tell your local newspaper that you heard from me."

That prompted the call to The Clarkston News, Eddie said.

Another request attached to the balloon was from Matt J. Cramer, a second-grader at Raisinville Elementary. "Please write," it said.

"I sort of set it on the table and ignored it for Easter vacation," said Eddie, who added that he plans to write, but he doesn't know when.

"Between having to write a story for English, going to the eye doctor and doing my average chores, it kind of makes it hard," he said.

When he does, a marker will go on a bulletin board in the Monroe school's hallway.

A cluster of five balloons were found at the tip of Michigan's thumb on a Lake Huron beach in Burtont, said Dorothy Hile, Raisinville Elementary's secretary.

They traveled the farthest so far, about 170 miles after the St. Patrick's Day release. Of the 504 sent, about 40 have been acknowledged with letters, she said.

Along on the balloon discovering adventure was Eddie's younger brother Danny, a fourth-grader at Bailey Lake.

Danny said he and his friend Mike, who's Matt's younger brother, found something too.

A beer can from Iowa, worth 5 cents if he could only get it there.

—Kathy Greenfield

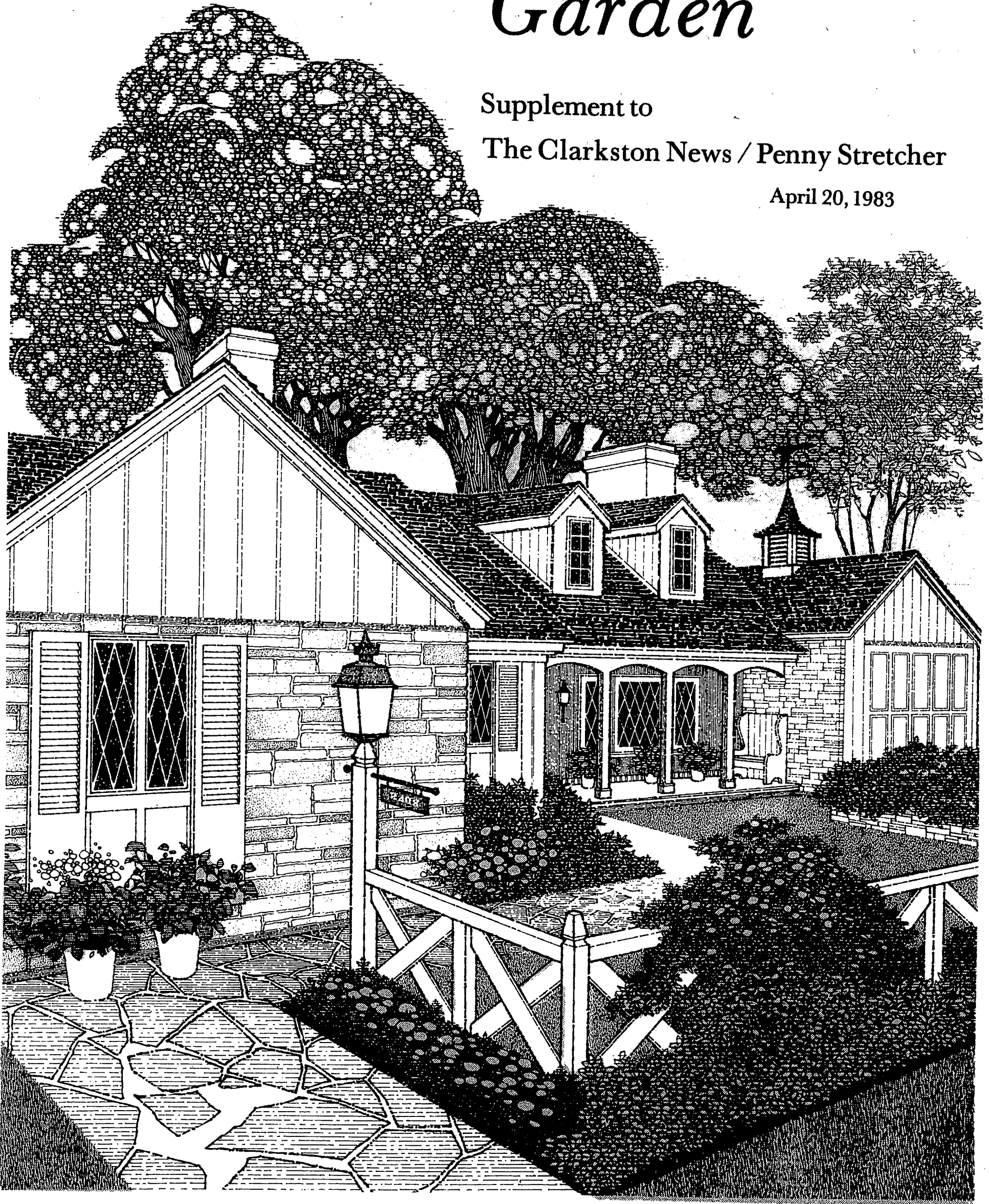


Eddie White holds up the note found attached to a patch of blue in a field behind his Oakhill Road home.

# Home, Lawn & Garden

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# The plant doctor

by Gregory Patchan

**Editor's note:** Gregory Patchan is the horticultural agent for the Cooperative Extension Service sponsored by Michigan State University, the United States Department of Agriculture and Oakland County.

**Q—** We use a crabgrass preventive every spring, but we still have weedy grasses. What's the problem?  
**A—** Pre-emergent crabgrass controls will only

control annual grassy weeds such as crabgrass, foxtail and goose grass.

These grasses grow from seed in late spring and are killed by frost in the fall.

Dacthal, Balan, Tetasan and Tupersan are all effective in controlling annual grasses if they are applied before germination.

About the third week in April is usually a satisfactory application time.

If the soil is cultivated, the chemical barrier is broken and germination may occur.

If the grassy weeds are present at this time, they are perennial grasses, which can not be controlled with pre-emergent chemicals.

Unfortunately the only control for such grasses as quackgrass, bent and tall fescue is to either dig out the spots or to treat them with a non-selective vegetation killer such as Amitrol-T or Dalapon.

**Q—** Last summer, my Austrian pines developed a lot of brown tips that were quite unsightly.

I let it go at the time, thinking that maybe the dry weather had something to do with it, but now I'm wondering if it might have been some disease instead.

Is there something I should be doing now to prevent it from happening again?

**A—** It sounds like diplodia tip blight. This is a fungus disease that attacks Austrian pine and kills the tips of the branches.

Spores liberated in the spring attack the growing buds. The disease continues to infect the trees as long as there is growing-tissue present.

Browning of the tips usually doesn't show up until late June or July, by which time it's too late to do anything about the disease.

It can be controlled in the spring with two sprays of Bordeaux mixture (4-4-50), one applied as soon as the buds begin to swell and another 10 days later.

This treatment prevents the spores from infecting the buds.

The later you wait to spray, the less effective the control.

**Q—** Can you tell me what dormant sprays are used for?

**A—** A dormant spray is a material applied to control overwintering insects and, in some cases, diseases.

To avoid damaging the foliage, plants are sprayed when they are dormant, but when the temperatures are warm enough so that the spray will dry rather than freeze.

The two types of dormant sprays widely used today are lime-sulphur and dormant oil, commonly available as Volck Oil or Scalecide.

As with all pesticides, thorough coverage is important to obtain satisfactory control.

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# Thomsons strive for natural look

By Dan Vandenhemel

A closely manicured yard does more than just look good.

The trees and shrubs are placed to stop erosion on hills or to create shade.

Edward and Barbara Thomson of Clarkston planted trees in front of their Main Street home to block noise from passing vehicles.

"We like the natural look in a yard," Barb said. "The trees are as much a pleasure as they are there to screen the traffic."

"Around the house, we like the shade of the trees plus the shrubs. But it's hard to put flowers around the house because of the shrubs."

The Thomsons have lived in Clarkston 32 years. For the last 20 years, they have done practically all the maintenance on the one-acre yard.

"Pretty soon it will be warm enough to get outside and do some work," Barb said. "We can get out and start our vegetable garden. At first, the work is spasmodic. After the heavy weeding is done, we can relax until it's time to harvest."

As is the case in most everything, technology has improved equipment and made work easier for the home landscaper.

"We started out with one of those push mowers," Barb said. "About one season was enough of that."

"To maintain a yard this size, it is especially important to have motorized equipment. I think every bit of the motorized equipment is easier to use rather than the old-fashioned way of doing it by hand. It's easier physically and it takes up less time."

Barb believes there is a growing pride in property owners to make their yards look presentable.

"A nice-looking lawn enhances the value of the home," she said. "But if you are just starting to landscape, I think it's a good idea to go and talk to an expert, like at a nursery."

"People like that have a feel for what type and what size of tree should go where. They want you to think five or 10 years ahead to see how the tree will

look.

"If it is planted too close to the house, then it would have to be trimmed and that will make it lose some of its natural beauty."

One way of staying away from problems such as insects or disease is to regularly have the trees sprayed.

"We don't have many problems here," she said. "Once in a while we get moles or voles under the turf. We have one of the lawn services to come for weed control and the trees are sprayed periodically."

"I think it's better to have it done that way rather than buying all the equipment and doing it yourselves."



Barbara Thomson stands in front of oak tree behind her home. The tree is a home to the Thomson's "pet" squirrel, Red. "Red doesn't let anyone come near the tree at all," she said.

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# Asparagus

## Helen's an expert

By Marilyn Trumper

Sweet, light green, tender-tipped asparagus spears are among the lowest-in-calorie vegetables there are.

"But they haven't done much for me," laughs Helen Austin, a rounded asparagus farmer of "plus-60 years."

Seated in her family's 130-year-old home Helen crosses her arms and leans into the kitchen table, flashing smile lines that run from her alert eyes to her chin.

Outside, a misty day offers little light into the room through wide-band venetian blinds.

Helen pushes aside her lunch and announces young asparagus spears should be forcing their heads up through the ground shortly.

"Then I'll be out there in the morning before it gets too hot, snapping off the spears. First I put them into a plastic bucket, then dump them in the wheelbarrow and then I hose them off. Then I rubber band them in bunches."

For six years, Helen's familiar form has been seen bending between the six-foot rows growing on the quarter-acre asparagus patch at the Kier Road farm.

"(A whole spear) will grow on a good, hot humid day. Out in the western part of the state where they have big asparagus farms, you'll see people laying on tractor platforms. They drive up and down the rows with knives in their hands and cut them off," she said.

"I snap (the spears) off rather than cut them off because cutting makes them tough."

With a corner on the asparagus commodity, Helen offers her bunches of one-pound delicacies at the Oakland County Farmers Market.

"They'll probably go for about \$1 a pound this year," she guesses. "I don't think that's too much. After all, they are kind of gourmet."

With repeated unsuccessful attempts to transplant asparagus roots, Helen gambled and and won with seed instead.

It takes four years from planting before the first harvest, she said.

Because of that, asparagus farmers jealously guard their plants.

"After failing so many times and losing my investment, it became a challenge to me. I was determined to do it," Helen said, her blue eyes flashing.

Over the years she's collected numerous asparagus recipes.



Helen Austin scans a cookbook she recently purchased at a white elephant sale at her church. Because of the cold weather, her asparagus won't be ready until around May 1.

Her favorite: Chicken with asparagus. "It's very tasty."

"And one day I hope to write a book on vegetables and include the recipes."

But the best way to eat the tender shoot, says Helen, "is to pick them in the morning and steam them for lunch."

And that from a veteran asparagus farmer.

## -Recipes shared-

### ASPARAGUS

Many people overcook asparagus, says Helen, and she offers her method of cooking the green spears to perfection:

Asparagus is most delicious when cut in thin slices (1/4 inch thick) and cooked 7 or 8 minutes until just tender and still bright green.

If possible, select thick stalks and cut diagonally. Use a wide-bottom pan with a tight cover, add 3 or 4 tablespoons water, salt and butter to taste.

Heat quickly, then turn heat low and shake frequently to prevent scorching.

For variety, thin slices of processed cheese may be added 2 minutes before serving, allowing the cheese to melt over the asparagus.

Or melt 2 tablespoons butter in a small frying pan. Add 1/2 cup crushed wheat flakes. Cook until crispy and sprinkle over the asparagus in the serving dish.

### ASPARAGUS HAM CASSEROLE

This is one of Helen's favorite recipes:

- 4 c asparagus
- 1 c diced, cooked ham
- 2 T butter
- 1 c milk
- 2 1/2 T instant flour
- 1/3 c diced processed cheese
- 1/2 t Accent
- Cracker crumbs

Cut asparagus in 1-inch pieces, leaving the tips longer. Cook in salted water about 8 minutes until barely tender. Drain.

Add ham, butter, milk and flour. Let boil to thicken. Add diced processed cheese and Accent. Stir to blend.

Pour in buttered casserole. Cover with cracker crumbs. Bake 35 minutes at 350 degrees.

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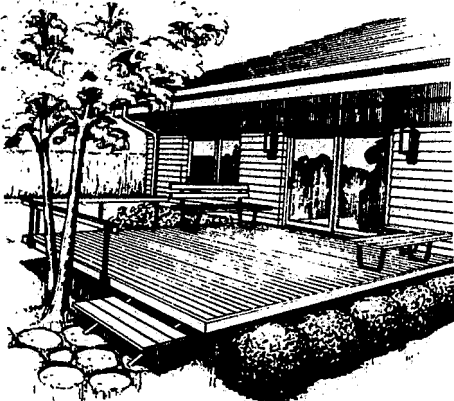
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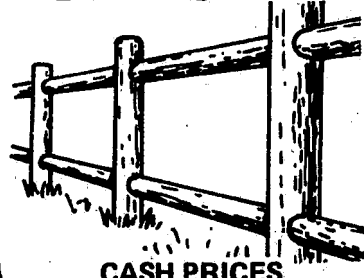
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# Life on the farm

## It's been home to five generations of Vergins

By Kathy Greenfield

Homes hold memories, but few go back as far as those of Lloyd and Helen Vergin of Springfield Township.

Members of the Vergin family have lived in their home since 1878.

Their daughters, Tammy, 21, and Cyndy, 19, are the fifth generation raised in the yellow farmhouse on Scott Road.

Like John, his great-grandfather; Benjamin, his grandfather; and Floyd, his father, Lloyd is a farmer.

With a herd of about 40 milking cows, the Vergin farm is one of only three left in Springfield Township that is the major support of a family, and all of them are located within a triangle.

The Vergins raise all the feed for the cows on the 125-acre farm and the additional 200 acres they rent.

"It's a 14-hour, seven-day-a-week job," Lloyd says. "You don't have much time to do anything else."

"That's what I can't figure out. My grandfather, he didn't have the work to do. He only had six to eight cows and that supplied the family and kept him going."

"Dad, he had a lot of time off, too. Six to eight cows in those days was enough. The tools and everything else you buy are higher now."

There are more memories to share than just a comparison of work.

Lloyd's eyes sparkle when he's asked if he remembers when electricity was first available in the house in the 1930s.

"When they turned it on in the house in the daytime, it was really amazing, the difference," he says.

On the overcast, rainy day, the flip of a switch illustrates his point, for chandelier in the living room lights up the house, making it bright and cheerful.

He remembers water pumped by a windmill, and community members setting their own poles in the fields and stringing the wires when telephones became common.

"That's just the way it was done in those days," he says.

The Vergins still use water collected in a cistern built by Lloyd's father in the '30s. Used solely for laundry, the system has its own water heater.

"A cistern itself can be useful for something else," Lloyd says. "I recall a fire here a while back and they formed a bucket brigade from the cistern to help put it out."

That happened in the '50s, he says.

Their records include an abstract of owners of the land back to 1836.

And there's a tax bill from 1898 that totals \$17.01.

Lloyd has also kept track of equipment expenses. Tractors that once cost less than \$1,000 now cost \$50,000, he says.

While he admits they're more sophisticated with power breaks and power steering, the tractors still perform the same function.

Milk products have also increased in value, but the contrast is striking. In the '50s, he received 4 cents a gallon. Now he receives 13 cents.

He shakes his head, noting that's only three times higher while things like taxes and tractors have increased up to 200 times.

Some things have changed for the better.

Lloyd uses a motorcycle to round up the cows.

Their home has been made more practical with the addition of a utility room, closets and an attached garage.

Wallpaper has been stripped with new applied throughout the house. The wooden trim was refinish-



Married 25 years, Lloyd and Helen Vergin celebrated their silver wedding anniversary

with a trip to Hawaii. Farming keeps them busy—it was only their fifth vacation.

ed. Two small bedrooms were made into one master bedroom. The house was raised to make it level.

"You could put a marble at one end and it would go zoom, right to the other end," says Helen.

For the 25 years they've been married, the Vergins have lived on the farm property, although they purchased the family farmhouse in the 1970s, a tradition, of sorts, explains Helen because each son has bought the house from his parents.

For 10 years, Helen worked side-by-side with Lloyd on the farm, driving tractors, haying and participating in all types of work.

"Those good days are gone, because I had heart problems," she says.

But she keeps busy with community work, church work and her own business.

Several activities have been particularly rewarding, like the Davisburg Christmas Craft Fest that drew 7,500 people last December in its second year. It was started by 12 women, members of the Davisburg Scotties.

Another positive activity she's involved in is Neighbor for Neighbor, a food distribution program that now serves 140 families from Springfield and Rose townships every 10 days. Norris Walls coor-

dinates the program.

"He said he figures we're probably dispensing over a ton of food a week," says Helen, her pride showing.

Helen's business is selling Sasco Aloe Vera cosmetic products that uses direct-sales techniques similar to Amway.

"The reason I like to sell is because it gives me an excuse to go visit my neighbors," she says. "Both Lloyd and I like to neighbor."

They are members of the Davisburg Methodist Church and the Springfield Township Historical Society.

For their 25th wedding anniversary, the Vergins went to Hawaii.

The trip was only the fifth vacation they've taken since they were married, says Helen.

"I've been pushing him to retire for the past five years," she says, "but I can't get him away from the farm."

Eventually they'd like to see their daughters own the family farm.

"He'd like to sell the whole kit and kaboodle, and I said no," says Helen. "There are just too many memories."

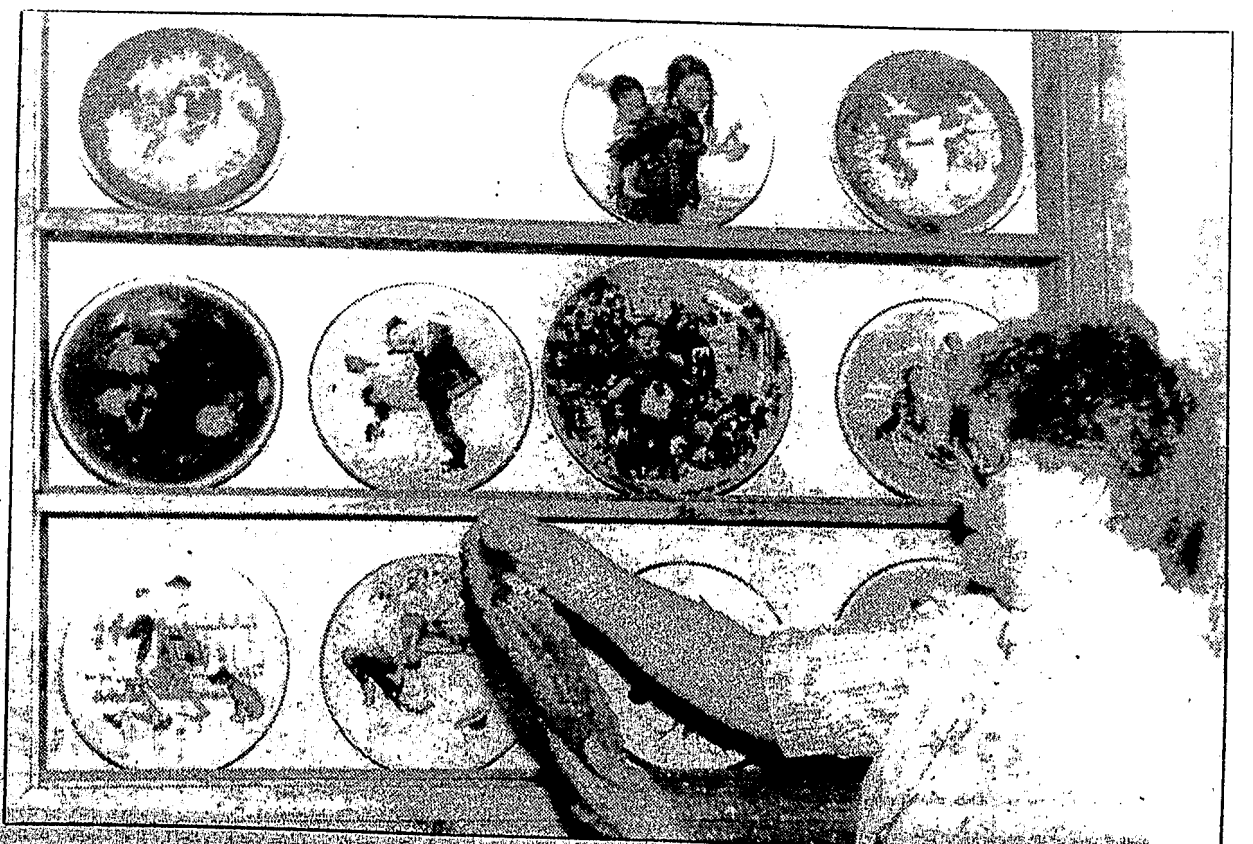


Plate collecting is a hobby that Helen plans to pass on to her daughters. One she's especially proud of is a blue glass plate from her mother's collection, a commemorative to U. S. Grant.



The original farmhouse was much smaller than the present version. Over the years, the front porch was added, a dormer, a utility room, sauna and attached garage.



The Vergins found the old school teacher's desk in the farmhouse attic and refinished for use in their living room. Above it hangs pastel portraits of their daughters drawn by Helen's cousin, Ruth Niensted of Pontiac, when the girls were 3 years old. Also a keepsake, the antique frame came from Helen's aunt.



Their kitchen is heated solely with a wood-burning stove. Above hangs a rack made from an antique wheelbarrow wheel found in an old garage. The kitchen has been remodeled several times.



# -More answers from the plant doctor-

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**Q—** When we transplanted our Iris last fall we found that many of the plants were damaged by a worm-like insect. How can we stop this problem?

**A—** The insect you described is the Iris borer. I suggest you spray weekly with Cygon starting when growth first starts and continuing through early June.

**Q—** Our rhododendrons are no longer a dark green color. The leaves have slowly turned yellow, but the veins are still green. What happened?

**A—** Your rhododendrons are suffering from iron chlorosis, that is, a lack of iron.

We have sweet (alkaline) soils in this area and rhododendrons require acid soils. Complex chemical reactions in sweet soil make the iron unavailable to the plant.

I suggest you treat your plants with an iron compound (Sequestrene) and also try to acidify the soil.

You can do this by applying two pounds of sulfur per 100 square feet. In addition, mulch with peat moss and only fertilize with acid-type fertilizers.

**Q—** Last year our birch tree had something attacking the leaves. Sections of the leaves turned brown and papery and we noticed a small worm inside the leaves.

**A—** The insect that caused your problem was the birch leaf miner. You can eliminate this insect by spraying the Lindane about mid-May.

The most destructive insect to attack birches, however, is the bronze birch borer. The larvae of this insect tunnels in the wood and eventually kills the tree.

You can control this insect by again spraying the Lindane on June 7 and again 10 days later. Be sure to spray the trunk and major limbs.

**Q—** I have been told that shade trees should be fertilized periodically. How do I do this?

**A—** Large shade trees should be fertilized every two or three years, either in the spring or late fall.

Do not fertilize in the summer or use a weed-and-feed-type fertilizer.

Trees over 6 inches in diameter at chest height require 3 pounds of a 10 percent nitrogen fertilizer such as 10-6-4 per inch of diameter or 1½ pounds of a 20 percent nitrogen fertilizer such as 20-10-10.

For example, a 10-inch oak would require 30 pounds of 10-6-4.

This fertilizer could be spread on the soil surface over the root zone area, but this method probably

would burn the lawn.

A better method is to punch or bore holes about 18 inches deep and 3 feet apart in the root zone.

The root zone can be considered to start about at the outermost spread of the branches and proceed toward the trunk about half the total distance.

Place about ½ cup of fertilizer in each hole. If you fill the holes to the top, you will burn the lawn around each hole.

Other methods for fertilizing trees such as root feeders or tree spikes can be used, but be sure to follow the directions.

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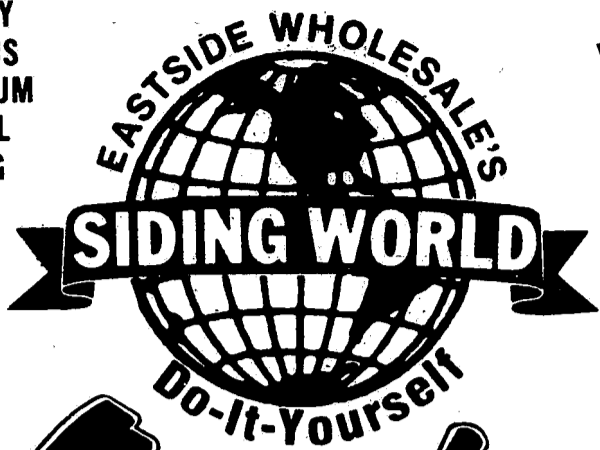


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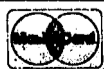
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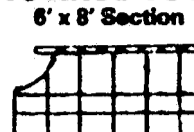
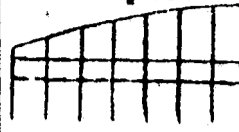
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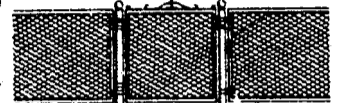
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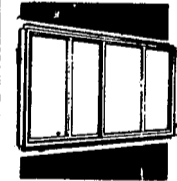
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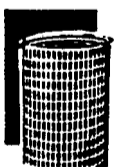


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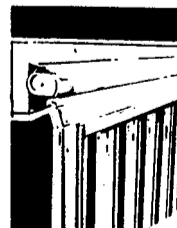
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Getting off to a good start is important in practically every aspect of life. Growing your first outdoor garden is no exception.

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Start preparing for your first gardening efforts at the ground floor. Actually, you must go even lower than that in order to care for the fragile root system of your plants.

From woody shrubs to succulent annuals, root

development is the key ingredient for the good fortune of outdoor foliage. When roots do not grow rapidly enough, the rest of the plant will most likely suffer an untimely demise.

Agronomists have found that phosphorus is an effective stimulus for root growth and the overall vigor of new plants.

Studies have also determined that during the spring, when most planting is initiated each year, the level of phosphorus in the ground is at its lowest.

This means that new plants must receive additional phosphorus or they most likely will not develop to their full potential.

Application of root stimulators is simple. Most can be poured directly into the planting hole and then over the soil once the roots have been covered.

These products are also effective with bulbs. You should use caution with bulbs, however.

A thin layer of soil is required between the seed and the fertilizer in order to prevent root burn.

Once your plants have begun their journey skyward through the soil, it doesn't mean that they have had enough fertilizer. Remember, plants need food as much as humans, and it is a good idea to consult your local garden supply dealer for advice regarding plant feeding and care.

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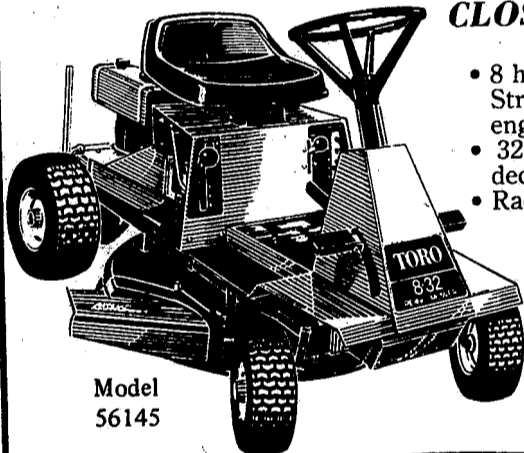
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<p>R57 24" Spring Back <b>LAWN RAKE</b> Sale Price <b>\$3.49</b> LR 22" TT Lawn &amp; Leaf Rake Sale Price <b>\$4.99</b></p>	<p>1042 D Long Handle <b>ROUND PT SHOVEL</b> Sale Price <b>\$4.99</b> SLRTT Long Handle <b>DIRT SHOVEL</b> Sale Price <b>\$6.99</b></p>	<p>SB 14 TT <b>GARDEN BOW RAKE</b> Sale Price <b>\$5.99</b></p>	<p>SG 6TT Rugged <b>GARDEN HOE</b> Sale Price <b>\$4.99</b></p>	<p>DR 52426 Deluxe <b>BAMBOO RAKE</b> Sale Price <b>\$2.99</b></p>
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