

Out of THE PAST

FIVE YEARS AGO... Another Northville landmark gave way to progress as the fish hatchery was closed by the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries. The city immediately expressed interest in obtaining the site along Fairbrook off Seven Mile.

Atchison succeeded Mrs. Fred Van Atta as president of Northville Woman's Club. Harold H. Blackett was named Eminent Commander of Northville Commandery No. 39, Knights Templar to succeed Alexander Wood and Don Severance was elected president of Northville Optimists Club.

Supervisor Carl D. Pursell, Northville representative, of Plymouth, will represent the County Board of Supervisors in deliberations on the feasibility of transferring the Wayne County Child Development Center to the State.

The Child Development Center, the only county-operated residential school for mentally retarded children in the nation, is located on a rolling campus near Northville. It lies within the 26th Supervisor's District, represented by Pursell.

Pursell and representatives of the Board of Auditors and the Child Development Center administrative board will meet with State officials to explore the feasibility, and possible terms and conditions, of such a transfer.

Pursell was designated to represent the Board of Supervisors by the Child Development Center subcommittee of the Supervisors' Health, Education and Welfare Committee. First District Supervisor Michael J. Novak, of Detroit, is subcommittee chairman.

Novi Man Gets State Police Rank

A Novi man was one of 51 Michigan State Police candidates to become probationary troopers in graduation ceremonies Wednesday afternoon for the 74th recruit school in East Lansing.

He is Trooper James R. Patterson, who lives with his wife and their three children at 4415 Grand River. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl H. Patterson, are residents of Plymouth.

State Senator John F. Toepp of Cadillac was the principal speaker for the occasion. Governor William G. Milliken, originally scheduled to appear, was unable to attend.

Colonel Fredrick E. Davids of Plymouth, department director, administered the oath of office to the troopers, presented their badges and also spoke to the group.

The graduation, second this year, brings the department's enlisted strength to 1,755, the highest it has reached at a public meeting.

War news headlined The Record as usual in this World War II issue. Waste paper and tin can pickups were scheduled for four Northville youths were leaving for service, Red Cross quota was topped, three more Northville servicemen were listed as American heroes.

Leaving for service were William E. Rose Jr., Robert J. Beasley and Wesley J. Moore to the Army and Herman J. Krauzer to the Navy.

Honored as heroes were Robert L. String (Marine Corps), Lawrence Whipple (Navy) and Andrew Torok (Army).

Donna Jean Schnute received a different kind of honor when she won the school spelling bee for the second consecutive year. The eleven-year-old sixth grader was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schnute of Grandview Avenue.

A spring high school band concert was scheduled at the auditorium with a later concert set for the Boy Scout Court of Honor with an entirely different program.

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WWJ-TV to Salute Wixom

WWJ Radio's "Suburban Salute" will honor Wixom on Monday at 7:05 P.M. Wixom will be spotlighted as a well-planned suburban city on the weekly WWJ program which acquaints listeners with communities in the Metropolitan Detroit area.

Wixom's many advantages will be explored and interesting facts about the city will be aired throughout the day on various WWJ programs. Among the many WWJ personalities who will salute Wixom on April 14, are: Morris Carlson, 5:30 to 9 A.M.; Bob Allison, 9:15 to Noon; Mary McNeely, 12:30 to 5 P.M.; and Tom Hemingway, 7 to 11:30 P.M.

WWJ-TV also plans to salute Wixom with a special film report on Channel 4's 90-Minute News, 6 to 7:30 P.M., on April 14. WWJ listeners will learn about Wixom's long evolution from a pioneer settlement to a growing suburban city. The first settlement was known as Sibley's Corners. After the Flint and Pere Marquette Railroad was built through the area, the settlers moved the village closer to the railroad and named it "Wixom" after Aljah Wixom, one of the original settlers.

To highlight modern development, WWJ personality Shelby Newhouse will appear on "Suburban Salute" with Wixom representatives. Mayor Wesley McAttee will receive a WWJ citation.

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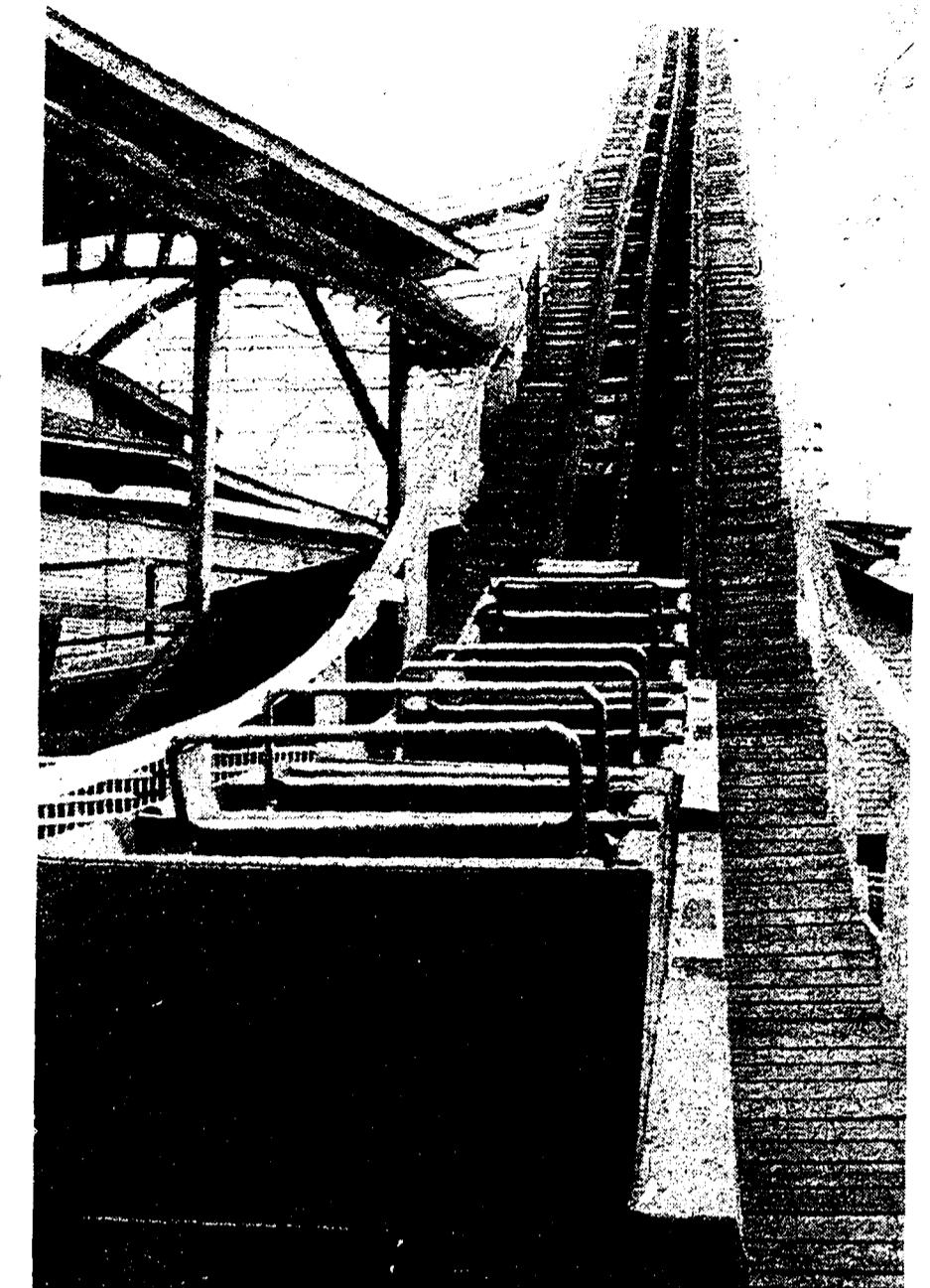
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GHOST OF THE PAST - Walled Lake Amusement Park, playground for millions over the years, is but a ghost of its past this spring. Closed permanently at the close of last year's season, the park grounds are strangely quiet, slated eventually for housing development.

Over Township Dispute City Forced into Court

While Novi City Attorney Howard Bund prepares to enter litigation against Novi Township for division of assets per instructions of Novi's City Council, Novi Township Attorney Emery Jacques maintains it should not be necessary.

Jacques claims that all Novi would have had to do to "have allowed" the Michigan Supreme Court to immediately consider the township case before the cityhood election and the problem might not have occurred.

The township attorney maintains that "the village made their bed, now the city doesn't like sleeping in it."

Kidnap Suspect Faces Trial Today

Arraignment of Kenneth W. Owens, 17, Ionia, an escapee from the boys training school near Whitmore Lake, will take place today in Oakland County Circuit Court.

Owens and a 16-year old Detroit juvenile were charged with the February 20 kidnaping of Mrs. Ottilia H. Thompson, Novi, a retired substitute teacher in the Walled Lake school system.

Percy Dale Farero, 424 1/2 Yerkes St., is awaiting sentencing April 27 on a charge of check fraud. He was charged February 25, 1968, in Novi on a complaint issued by Novi Auto Parts, where he passed a bad check in December, 1967. Arrest was not made until February of this year.

Fat Increase in SEV Expected

Fat increases in state equalized valuations of area communities are predicted this week as county taxing officials audit local assessment figures. A nearly 50-percent increase is likely in Novi where City Manager Harold Ackley estimates a total state equalized valuation of approximately \$53 million — up from about \$35 million last year.

Novi School Superintendent Thomas Dale predicts an increase of more than \$10 million in just the school district portion of Novi. In Northville Township where Supervisor Gunnar Stromberg has already received Wayne County's preliminary report, the new equalized valuation of the township is put at \$30,549,130 — or \$4,438,590 over the previous valuation.

How close these estimated increases stack up with actual equalized values will depend upon the county's findings in auditing local assessment figures that are to be submitted to county boards of supervisors for approval in May.

Homeowners Meet Tuesday Evening

Orchard Hills Homeowners Association will meet Tuesday, April 22, in Orchard Hills Elementary School beginning at 8 a.m. Officials, in urging attendance of members, said the membership will vote on subdivision rules and regulations.

Bond, on the other hand, maintains that "none" of this costly action is necessary and that the township had to do was admit that their action was intended solely for harassment and had no basis in fact and it would have been resolved long ago.

Bond, following city instructions to get the ball rolling, has presented a case to an as yet undetermined court asking three specific decisions be rendered: 1) Determine for Novi whom to deal with in the township.

2) Injoin the township to restrain its post officers from making any disbursements or disposing of any assets and 3) Begin division of assets as provided by law.

Bond filed the last minute prior to the election; which would have forced postponement and other election problems. Jacques went on to add that his case is not costing the taxpayers a cent as the most recent action was filed by Charles Goers, with help from Glenn Salow. This was the quo warranto "leave to do" which Circuit Court Judge Ziem threw out last week.

Cottrell told this newspaper the Local Affairs Committee of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors has heard its case and that Commerce Township has until April 21 to present its case to the committee.

Following the Commerce presentation, the village has two weeks to prepare an answer. Cottrell believes the village will be able to respond in half that time, however, and tentatively points for a hearing on April 28.

The dinner will be served from 5 to 6:30 p.m. with booths to be operating from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Surprise entertainment is planned for 8 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

In Walled Lake School Opening Tied to 'Yes' Vote

Approval of the millage proposition at the April 29 special election is vital if the Walled Lake School District is to maintain its present program, say school officials. "A recent questionnaire distributed by the Board of Education indicated that approximately 70 percent of the residents of the district felt that the schools were providing a good educational program for their children," said Roland J. Langerman, assistant superintendent. "If we are to continue to do so, we need the one-mill renewal plus the five-mill increase that is being requested."

Basically, the money, officials point out, is needed for five major purposes: 1. To open the new Walled Lake Western High School. 2. To provide for increased enrollments at both the elementary and the secondary level. 3. To establish a community schools program.

"Failure of the millage," said Langerman, "would mean a reduction of our program at both the elementary and secondary levels, a setback in our staff and, because we would be unable to open the new high school, half-days for all 9-12 graders in our district."

"We have to move our ninth-graders in with grades 10-12 in order to reduce overcrowding in our junior highs. If Western does not open the community schools program, the remaining one and one-half mills are needed to take care of increased enrollments, increased costs due to inflation, and maintaining competitive teacher salaries."

Approximately three of the additional five mills are slated for operation of the new high school. Another half-mill will be used to set up the community schools program. The remaining one and one-half mills are needed to take care of increased enrollments, increased costs due to inflation, and maintaining competitive teacher salaries.

The proposed five-mill increase will raise property taxes by \$5 per \$1000 of equalized valuation.

Spaghetti, Games To Top Spring Fling

A spaghetti dinner and a variety of booths, games and rides will be part of the "Spring Fling" at Orchard Hills school next Friday, April 25. The school fair is being sponsored by the Orchard Hills Boosters' Club.

Name for the event was chosen by Orchard Hills student Martha O'Neal in a school contest. The dinner will be served from 5 to 6:30 p.m. with booths to be operating from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Other features of the fair, which the Boosters say will be "very big," are pony rides, cake walk, spook house, cotton candy and popcorn stands, gourmet foods, a crazy cosmetics booth, a greenhouse, jewelry and gift shops, toy and book room, record shop, a psychedelic coffee and sweet shop. Six rooms will be used for games-with-prizes, including a new spinorama. There also is to be a sock-it-to-me and a puppet show.

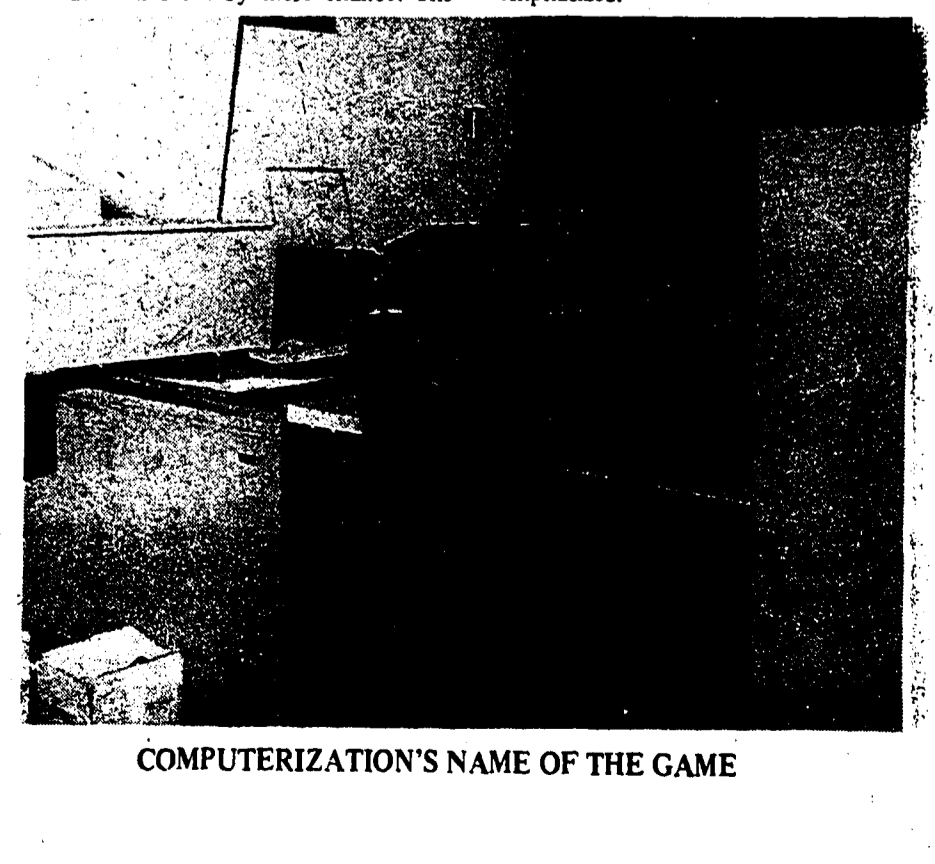
Dale became ill several weeks ago, was given a short leave of absence, but had returned to work apparently in good health. He described his illness, at a board meeting two weeks ago, as a nervous breakdown. He is at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

Computers Put Kick in Gulf Tanks Here

Computerization is the name of the game in many industries today, but probably to no greater extent than that which is practiced at the Gulf Oil Terminal on Grand River in Novi.

The amazing thing about the accounting program which eventually reaches the Houston main terminal is that human hands need never touch the process whether the tankers are filled in Novi or in any of the other three Michigan stations. One of the most interesting features of the Novi operation does not involve Gulf directly. All fuels are piped to Novi through an eight-inch line owned and operated by the Buckeye Pipeline. The same line services other oil companies as well.

Thus, through the same line passes not only fuels for Gulf and other oil companies but the various grades of fuels offered by these firms.



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Township Ignores Novi Taxpayers

Although citizens of Novi voted to incorporate their community as a city and dissolve the township, officials of the defunct township believe it is incumbent upon themselves to continue to oppose the will of the people on behalf of the people.
Repeatedly slapped down by the courts, the township struggle goes on in a fairy-tale hope that someday, somewhere city incorporation will be upset.
Adamant in their conviction that incorporation is illegal, township officials believe they owe it to the people to fight until the last dog is dead.

A LOOSE LEAF

"Faces," John Cassavetes' newest film which received three Academy Award nominations, isn't a pretty picture by any stretch of the imagination, but artistically it's a moving story of lost lives.
What makes "Faces" unsettling is its frank look at life in black and white and specifically, the break-up of a marriage.
There is no softening of its blunt message. The camera focuses on faces and people, showing hair follicles, moles and false eyelashes.

SPEAKING for The Record

By BILL SLIGER

A document like the Bill of Rights might have difficulty in winning legislative approval today. State Attorney General Frank J. Kelley told an inter-faith audience of men's club members at the First Presbyterian church here last week.
The smooth-speaking attorney general had a double-barrel message. While emphasizing the moral crisis and the impact of organized crime on our modern society, he warned against over-reaction in the name of restoring law and order.

He had a few unkind words for the communications field, particularly television. He said that the news media were helping to "tear down our confidence in one another" and he blamed TV and the newspapers for causing people to think that the majority of college students were in revolt, "when really it's only one per cent."

Editorials... a page for expressions...yours and ours



Readers Speak Paid to be Killed?

The Northville Police Association, concerned by the negative thinking of so many people pertaining to the work of their policemen, was impressed with an article written by Martha Hart for the Detroit Police Association's newspaper, TUEBOR, in memory of the slain officer Stanley Rapaski.
We would like to share parts of it with you:
"Policemen are paid to take chances and be killed."
These are the words of a top city official - spoken to me in an interview two years ago. My reply was simple, "They're not paid enough to take the chances you suggest to me. Try telling a widow that her husband was paid well to get killed!"

Michigan Mirror 'Transplant' Bill Survives Surgery

LANSING - Without major surgery, the state Senate has passed a bill to eliminate the legal-medical maze over human organ transplants in Michigan.
The measure sailed through the Upper Chamber in much the same form it was introduced three months ago by Sen. N. Lorraine Beebe, Dearborn Republican.

and into the department of transportation ran nearly 10 to 1 in favor of Eastern Zone.
November decided against going on DST. That means that Michigan, instead of being in time-tune with New York, will be in step with Chicago.
With Volpe's ruling, however, most of the U.P. will move its clocks forward one hour to line up with the Lower Peninsula.
A bill has been introduced in the Michigan House to give cities 80 per cent of the \$100 million recreation bond money, and outstate areas 20 per cent.

Roger Babson National Emphasis Switches From Industry to Services

BABSON'S REPORTS, Wellesley Hills, Mass. - When this country was first founded was an agrarian society, meaning that most of our production and employment was in agriculture. In the late 1800's and early 1900's we changed over to an industrial society. Now, during the 1960's, we have become the world's first service economy. This is with reservations, however. For, while more than half of our work force is employed by the service segment of our economy, with production as the standard, we are still an industrial society.

But MICHIGAN voters last degree in the future. But we will still be an industrial economy when production is the basis for comparison.
EMPLOYMENT and income in a service economy are quite different than in an industrial economy. Employment in the former is relatively stable when compared to that of the industrial worker throughout the business cycle. The consumer can put off buying a new automobile indefinitely, but cannot react the same way when he needs a doctor. In the future, the fluctuation of total unemployment will be milder due to the growth of the service economy.

State Repairs I-96

Westbound traffic on a short section of Interstate 96 just west of Wixom will be restricted for about three weeks so repairs can be made to a bridge carrying Old Plank Road over the freeway.
Traffic will be reduced from three to two lanes from 8 to 10 a.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m., and to one lane from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

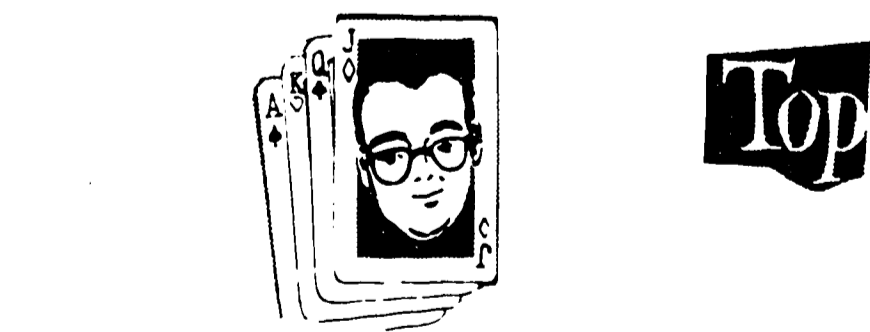
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orderly meeting, so who cares", Kelley asked.
But the attorney general saved his big guns for the crime syndicates.
"Organized crime is so treacherous that no one would ever believe it," he exclaimed. In one year, Kelley noted, illegal gambling did a business of \$7 billion. The same year General Motors was grossing \$1.6 billion.
If this illegal gambling activity were taxed, the nation could afford a 10 per cent income tax reduction."
He said the best way to fight organized crime is not to be one of its customers.
"Don't buy the football or basketball pool tickets. The people who sell them couldn't exist without supporting organized crime," Kelley emphasized.



Top of the Deck by JACK W. HOFFMAN

Spring's really here at last. I know because my wife's been sniffing mothballs and I've got this feeling that there's a snake lurking in the folds of our family room couch.
All of which is pretty ordinary stuff around our place.
Anyway, last week to satisfy my wife I checked my son's menagerie. The tadpoles, turtles, kangaroo rat, and the garter snake were tucked safely in the cages, bottles and boxes lined up next to their bed.

"They only had the one garter snake."
"Not anymore. Joey brought home a big one today," she explained. "He was playing with it on the couch and it got loose."
Just as a trifle worried, I looked up our youngest animal trainer - the one with wet shoes and muddy pants - and asked, Did you find another snake? "Yup." Was it a big one? "Yup." What kind? "A brown-ringed crawler." You mean a garter snake, don't you? "Nope. A brown-ringed crawler." It didn't have rattles on its tail, did it? "Nope. Just brown rings." How long was it? "This long," he answered holding his two grubby fists about two feet apart.

some more, and I started getting one of those television headaches.
"Okay, fellows, this is it," I said authoritatively. "I want that snake captured - dead or alive. And if you don't get 'em, out goes everything - turtles, rats, snakes, everything!"
"Why don't you put the boys out, too," chipped in our in-between daughter who doesn't like brothers.
"Does that go for the dog?" asked another daughter.
"Everything and everybody," I shouted.
"The baby, too?"
And from behind the birch plywood, where Glen Campbell continually blabbers about a Texas town, a militant voice said, "Not me. Never. I've got homework."
During the ensuing safari I recuperated on the upstairs couch, occasionally taking in the kindly words between brothers and sisters downstairs, while my wife continued to sniff mothballs. Suddenly the noise was gone and in its place came whispering. In a house with six kids quiet means trouble. So I bounced down the stairs and demanded, "Okay, where's the snake?"

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