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Schools face deficit budget for 1978-79

The Walled Lake School District is facing its second consecutive deficit budget in the 1978-79 school year.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Harry Carlson told the Walled Lake School Board at a special budget hearing Monday that projected expenditures of approximately \$19.7 million will exceed projected revenues of \$19.2 million by almost \$500,000.

If the budget projections hold true, it will mark the second consecutive year in which expenditures have exceeded revenues in the Walled Lake School District.

Although figures have not yet been finalized, the school district is expecting a deficit of approximately \$118,500 for the 1977-78 school year which officially ends June 30.

Deficit budgets are prohibited in Michigan, but the Walled Lake Schools technically are not operating "in the red" because of a fund equity of approximately \$1.1 million left over from the 1976-77 school year.

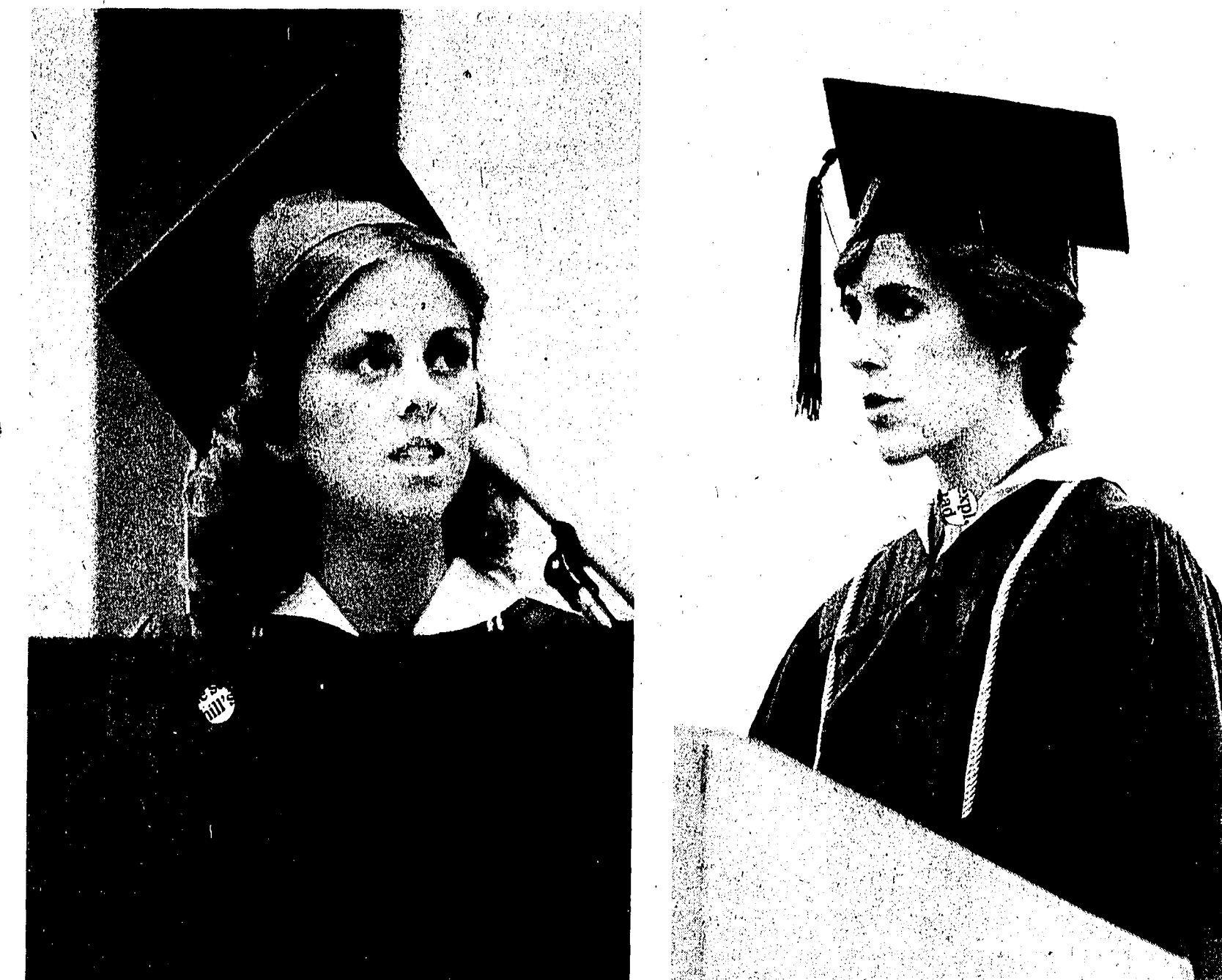
Nevertheless, Carlson cautioned the board that serious consideration must be given to the future of school financing in the Walled Lake District.

"The fund equity will cover our deficits in 1977-78 and 1978-79, but we'll be down to only about \$500,000 in fund equity after the 1978-79 school year," he stated.

"I think we're going to have to start asking some very serious questions as to what we're going to do in 1979-80," he continued. "Do we curtail programs? What impact will the tax limitation proposal that appears headed for the November ballot have on our finances? Will we have to ask the voters to approve additional millage?"

Superintendent Dr. Don Sheldon reported that the document presented.

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'Pomp and Circumstance'

More than 700 graduating seniors from Walled Lake Western and Walled Lake Central high schools received diplomas in commencement exercises last week. And as the traditional procession suggests there were equal part of "pomp" and "circumstance." "Pomp" was provided by Western valedictorian Dena Payne (left) and Central valedictorian Julie

DeConinck in their valedictory addresses. Among those who contributed to "circumstance" were Central's Jeff Weiland (below) who came to commencement exercises wearing his best pair of tennis shoes and who could not resist the temptation to mug a little for our photographer. (Staff photos by Dave Turnley).



Residents in the Walled Lake School District may well be faced with a request for a millage increase sometime within the next 12 months.

That would appear to be the clear-cut implication of a report released by Assistant Superintendent for Business Harry Carlson at a special board meeting last Monday.

The school district finished the 1976-77 fiscal year in a solid financial position with a fund equity of approximately \$1.1 million.

But since that time things have gone steadily downhill.

The district anticipates a deficit of approximately \$218,000 for 1977-78 and the tentative budget for the 1978-79 school year projects an additional deficit of some \$447,000.

Carlson noted that the fund equity can be expected to cover the projected deficits in both 1977-78 and 1978-79 and still permit the district to be in "fairly good financial position" with a fund equity of approximately \$500,000.

Carlson went on to say, however, that with the fund equity down to \$500,000 "it appears as if our financial position in 1979-80 will be in jeopardy."

The two obvious solutions to a shortage of school funding are either a curtailment of programs or an increase in millage.

Carlson also presented a report on budget projections for the next four school years (through 1982-83) which indicated that the school district will continue to operate in the red unless some major changes in either programs or millage are made.

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State reviews cityhood

The State Boundary Commission will meet in Lansing next Wednesday (June 28) to rule on the validity of petitions calling for an election on the proposed incorporation of Commerce Township, Wolverine Lake Village and a West Bloomfield Township Subdivision into a new city.

According to Bob Terry, criteria analyst for the commission, the state agency probably will set a date for the election at next week's meeting.

He added, however, that the commission has requested a legal opinion from the Attorney General's office on a new law that protects the boundaries of unincorporated areas from annexation to another city or village.

"I don't expect (the opinion) for five or six months," Terry said. "We will coordinate (possible election) dates with the local offices."

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Village Council proceeds with lake project

The Wolverine Lake Village Council has decided to proceed with its application for a 50-percent federal grant to help pay for the proposed \$600,000 lake restoration project.

Village President John McLellan said that 15 copies of the lake restoration engineering report, prepared by the Snell Environmental Group of Lansing, were delivered to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Inland Lakes Management Unit on Monday to be forwarded to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) which will decide whether to approve the grant.

Approval of the federal grant may be made by late this fall, McLellan said, at which time a portion of the funds — up to 10 percent, — may be made available to the village to prepare an environmental assessment of the project.

The assessment, which will be reviewed in-house by the DNR, and a final engineering report should be ready by next spring, the village president added, with actual work on the restoration slated to begin in August or September of 1978.

Under the proposal, Wolverine Lake will be drawn down for winter freeze, to be followed by the removal of tree stumps and an average of four inches of muck and, finally aeration.

According to McLellan, a special committee that was appointed by the council in April to review alternatives to the full-scale restoration project, recommended that the village should go ahead with the renovation.

One option studied by the committee was to pull out of the grant program and proceed with a partial restoration project, he added.

Without the drawdown and freeze, the project would have cost about one-third less, McLellan explained. However, the committee questioned whether the stump removal program would be successful.

The panel decided to recommend the full-scale lake clean-up, though, because of a "change of attitude on the lake project by the DNR over the last

couple of weeks," McLellan said.

The village president and Administrator Bill O'Brien met with the DNR two weeks ago to discuss the requirement for an environmental assessment.

The state agency indicated that because of the controversy over the project, it would require the assessment, after the EPA decided whether to fund the restoration. The DNR granted conditional approval to the lake project, but said that no more than 10 percent of the federal funds should be released until the assessment has been prepared.

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Novi eyes candidates for Orchard Hills post

Ten candidates are still under consideration to assume duties this fall as principal of the Orchard Hills Elementary School in Novi.

The position is being vacated by present Principal Ester McDonough, who is retiring.

One of the ten candidates still under consideration is middle school assistant principal Paul LePae. Nearly all of the candidates still in the running are presently elementary or middle school principals in other parts of the state.

The ten candidates will be narrowed to three sometime this week by a committee comprised of Assistant Superintendent William Barr, school board members Joan Daley and Sharon Pelchat, elementary school principals

Roy Williams and David Brown and Novi High School Principal Helen Ditzky.

Superintendent Gerald Kratz will make the final selection from the three. The principal will be paid about \$25,000 a year.

The way that the principal is selected was determined by the Novi School Board at a meeting in April. Superintendent Kratz had recommended that the district utilize an internship program whereby a teacher within the system could be trained to take over the job.

The school board, opted, however to open the job up to all qualified applicants, thus reducing the chances that a Novi teacher would win the job.



Jaycee President Brad Mathers, Project Chairman Bruce Rautiola and Directors Dave Wallen and Mike Slivko try out a Gala Days ride

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Novi Gala Days are biggest ever

Novi's Jaycees are gearing up for the biggest Gala Days ever.

The annual summer festival sponsored by the Jaycees gets underway today (Wednesday) and runs through Sunday. The five-day festival will be held on the north side of Ten Mile, just east of Novi Road.

Activities run from 6 p.m. through 11 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Gala Days will open at 10 a.m. and close at 11 p.m. on Saturday. Gates will open at 10 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. on Sunday.

Featured during the festivities will be a large midway, live entertainment at the beer tent sponsored by the Novi Lions Club, a chicken barbecue sponsored by the Jaycees, a flea market on Saturday and Sunday, a free pancake breakfast on Sunday, and two large fireworks displays.

Special attractions include an Oddball Olympics in which local residents will attempt to add their names to the Guinness Book of World Records and an "Almost Anything Goes" competition between various local clubs, organizations, and homeowners' associations.

"It ought to be a heckuva good time for just about everybody," commented Gala Days Chairman Bruce Rautiola who has been working on plans for the last eight months.

"There are so many special activities that something will be going on just about all the time," he added.

In addition to the special activities, Gala Days will offer all the standard features: a games tent sponsored by local clubs and organizations, a merchants' tent in which local businessmen present displays, a dunk tank sponsored by the Novi Little League, a pizza trailer sponsored by the Novi Rotary Club, a car smash with a sledge hammer, and a midway that has been expanded to be bigger and better than ever.

Here's the schedule of Gala Day activities.

Wednesday, June 21

Gala Days opens at 6 p.m. Activities will be kicked off with a fireworks display at dusk. The fireworks have been donated by Pace Fireworks.

Thursday, June 22

Gala Day activities begin at 6 p.m. The first series of events in the Oddball Olympics will run from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. as local residents attempt to place their names in the Guinness Book of World Records. Oddball Olympic events include potato chip stacking, lemon eating, and hopping on one leg.

Friday, June 23

Gala Days opens at 6 p.m. The second series of events in the Oddball Olympics will run from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The first elimination round in the "Almost Anything Goes" competition will run from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Various local teams will be competing for top honors in the event.

The Ban-Joes, featuring the music of 30 banjo players, will perform in the Lions Beer tent from 9 p.m. until midnight.

Residents are invited to buy, sell, and swap at the flea market from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Limited space in the flea market is still available and interested individuals should contact the Jaycees at the Gala Days command post trailer on the grounds.

Residents can have their blood pressure checked at the Novi Chamber of Commerce booth from 2-6 p.m. Blood pressures will be checked by staff from the Novi Medical Center.

The Novi Jaycees' chicken barbecue will begin at 5 p.m. and run through 8 p.m. The Jaycees are planning a delicious menu and have promised a tasty meal for the whole family at reasonable prices.

Another round in the "Almost Anything Goes" competition will run from 6-8 p.m. A special team of radio personalities from WCAR will test their skills against teams of local residents. A country-western band is slated to perform in the Lions Beer tent from 9 p.m. to midnight.

A giant fireworks display, sponsored by the Jaycees, will begin at 11 p.m.

Saturday, June 24

Gala Days opens at 9 a.m. Residents are invited to buy, sell, and swap at the flea market from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Limited space in the flea market is still available and interested individuals should contact the Jaycees at the Gala Days command post trailer on the grounds.

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Sunday, June 25

Gala Days opens at 10 a.m. The second day of the flea market will get underway when gates open and last throughout the day until Gala Days closes at 7 p.m.

In appreciation of community support, the Jaycees will host a free pancake breakfast from 10 a.m. until noon. Food has been donated by various local merchants and the Jaycees are prepared to serve up breakfast to more than 1,000 hungry residents.

Finals in the "Almost Anything Goes" competition will begin at 5 p.m. The 1978 champion is slated to be crowned at approximately 6:30 p.m. The 1978 Gala Days will officially close at approximately 7 p.m.

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Second vote in two years

Commerce sets M-275 referendum for August ballot

For the second time in two years, Commerce Township voters, including residents of Wolverine Lake Village, will be asked to ballot on an advisory question relating to the M-275 freeway.

Township Board members last week decided to ask the voters at the August 8 primary: "Do you favor the construction of a north-south state trunkline road approximately along the original proposed M-275 route, to be constructed with state and federal funds? Yes or No."

The board, in its motion, also indicated that another advisory question, dealing with the type of facility — a freeway or parkway — that Lakes Area residents would prefer, may be placed on the November general election ballot, based on the results of the first vote on the alignment.

An amendment to the motion also

urged other west Oakland County communities to place the advisory question on the primary ballot.

While the amendment was unanimously approved, the main motion was stayed on a 6-1 vote with Trustee John Jack dissenting.

Jack had moved for adjournment of the meeting when Supervisor Robert Long brought up the subject of the advisory vote and later moved that a letter from the Novi City Council, which has approved the same ballot wording, should be received and filed, but both attempts died for lack of support.

Referring to an advisory vote that was held in Commerce at the 1976 primary, when township voters rejected the original freeway plans by a margin of 57 to 43 percent, Jack asked how many times the voters would be asked to ballot on a question regarding

M-275, which was cancelled by the Michigan State Highway Commission in January, 1977, or one of the alternatives still under study by the state highway department.

Trustee Ken Hausauer said he was opposed to another vote at the time of the "freeway option," and added that the effects of a freeway on Commerce, especially the impacts of noise levels that would be generated by the new road.

Hausauer said he would stand by his vote to endorse a four-lane, divided, limited access, landscaped parkway along the original M-275 alignment as recommended by the township's Road Study Committee.

Clerk Robert McGee, who originally proposed wording similar to the advisory question approved by the board

last week, has said that the advisory vote two years ago left several questions unanswered.

It is unclear, he said, whether the voters opposed the construction of a freeway or the proposed alignment. Long added that three routes for M-275 were under study at the time of the vote, possibly prompting some voters to oppose the freeway because they didn't know the exact alignment.

Trustee Edward Holmes criticized Hausauer for saying that the voters probably don't understand the effects of a freeway, and added that he knows several persons who voted against M-275 two years ago but have changed their opinions since then because the alternatives to the freeway "appear to be worse than the freeway itself."

Stephen Rosman, chairman of the Citizens in Opposition to M-275 which

led the campaign against the freeway and now a Democratic candidate for state representative from the 24th district, questioned whether the advisory proposal would be of any benefit since state highway department engineers have told him that a freeway alignment or corridor could be several miles wide.

The Citizens in Opposition have proposed one of the alternatives to M-275, a four-lane, divided, limited access scenic drive, that follows Haggerty Road from Eight Mile Road to Richardson and then north along Union Lake Road, finally connecting with Williams

Lake Road to M-59. The other alternative, proposed by Oakland County Commissioner Robert A. McConnell, calls for a four-lane, divided, limited access boulevard along Haggerty from I-96 to about Pontiac Trail where it would veer northwesterly along the original freeway route to M-59.

Long replied that the advisory question refers to a north-south state trunkline instead of a freeway, and added, "No one seems to know what alignment means."

Rosman said he thought the ballot proposal should be more specific.

Rosman revises M-275 alternative

The Citizens in Opposition to M-275 have proposed several revisions to its scenic drive alternative to the cancelled freeway project.

According to Stephen Rosman, chairman of the group, the revisions call for construction of a four-lane divided boulevard along 14 Mile Road, from Haggerty to the Northwestern Highway; dropping that portion of Haggerty south of 12 Mile Road from the original proposal; providing curb cuts for land-locked businesses along the new state trunkline; and state acquisition of vacant land along the route to provide a greenbelt.

Rosman said he discussed the changes with Mike Flagle, head of the Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation's M-275 study team, by telephone on Monday,

and added that he has mailed a copy of the proposed revisions to Flagle.

The citizens' group chairman said he also has discussed the proposed changes with a coalition of organizations that have opposed the extension of Northwestern from its present terminus at Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield to Commerce Township, where it would have intersected with M-275.

Meanwhile, Flagle said yesterday that the study team will make a progress report on the M-275 alternatives to the State Highway Commission at its meeting next Wednesday (June 28) at 10 a.m. in the Warren City Hall, 25500 Van Dyke Road.

The study team will report on its recent meetings with the Citizens in Opposition group and local officials who

have endorsed an alternative proposed by Oakland County Commissioner Robert McConnell.

Preliminary drawings of the alternatives were presented to the groups at the meetings in May, Flagle said.

"We'll also be updating the commission on the (change of) direction of the Rosman proposal," he added.

The study team is ready to develop an environmental assessment of McConnell's plan, which calls for the construction of a four-lane, divided, limited access, landscaped parkway along Haggerty from I-96 in Novi to about Pontiac Trail where it would veer northwesterly over the original M-275 alignment to M-59 in White Lake Township.

In addition, the team is ready to begin work on estimating engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction costs for the McConnell plan.

However, the proposed revisions to the Citizens in Opposition plan would send the team "back to ground zero," Flagle said. "We're going to have to get some more aerial photos of the area."

The proposed changes, he said, are "quite a deviation" from the group's original plans and could take four months to "get us up to date."

Flagle said the study team probably will wait until it has completed its review of the Citizens in Opposition

plan before sending the environmental assessments of both alternatives to the Michigan Environmental Review Board (MERB) for a recommendation to the commission.

Rosman said that the Citizens in Opposition are not attempting to delay the study of the alternatives, and, instead, blamed the highway department.

After the study team received "specific direction" from the commission in January to review the two alternatives, Rosman said the panel "took our criteria and on their own came up with some drawings that used Haggerty as a service road."

"That was not in our proposal and we want them to put the alignment back on the Haggerty, Union Lake, Williams Lake (roads) corridor," he said.

"What we're seeing now is a delaying tactic by the department to use the impending plebiscite on whether Lakes Area residents want a north-south state trunkline approximately along the M-275 corridor" as leverage against both alternatives," Rosman added.

The citizens' group leader said the alternatives study delays are "by the design of the department."

"We're extremely upset that the department is not following the direction given to them by the commission and next week we will seek strong direction from the commission to correct this problem," he said.

Garbage contractor promises improvement

Wolverine Lake Village's garbage contractor has hired a sub-contractor to help remove bulk items and assist with regular collections due to a "major breakdown" of its equipment, according to Village Administrator Bill O'Brien.

The administrator said that Watkins Disposal hired the sub-contractor last week to help with the bulk items, such as stoves and refrigerators, and called in the same firm this week to make regular rubbish pick-ups.

Village residents have complained recently that the large appliances were not being picked up as provided for in Wolverine Lake's contract with Watkins.

Council President John McLellan said last week that Attorney Gary Allen has notified the contractor that his regular collections due to a "major breakdown" of its equipment, according to Village Administrator Bill O'Brien.

"We told him to shape up or we'll find someone else," McLellan added.

O'Brien said yesterday that Watkins, which was hired earlier this year after the council fired its second contractor a year, has promised to "have the village 100-percent cleaned-up by July 1."

Village officials plan to send a letter to residents, outlining the rules and regulations included in the garbage contract, O'Brien said.

Residents bypass hearing on road

Nobody came to a public hearing to express opinions about the proposed improvements at the intersection of Pontiac Trail and Welch Road in Commerce Township.

"We have to assume there were no objections, but experience with similar public hearings is that even supporters are sometimes helpful by making relevant suggestions," commented John

Gnau, Jr., chairman of the Board of Oakland County Road Commission.

The Pontiac Trail-Welch Road project calls for widening all legs of the intersection for protected left turn lanes and signalization. The tentative schedule is to let construction bids in August, begin construction in September, and complete the project in the fall.

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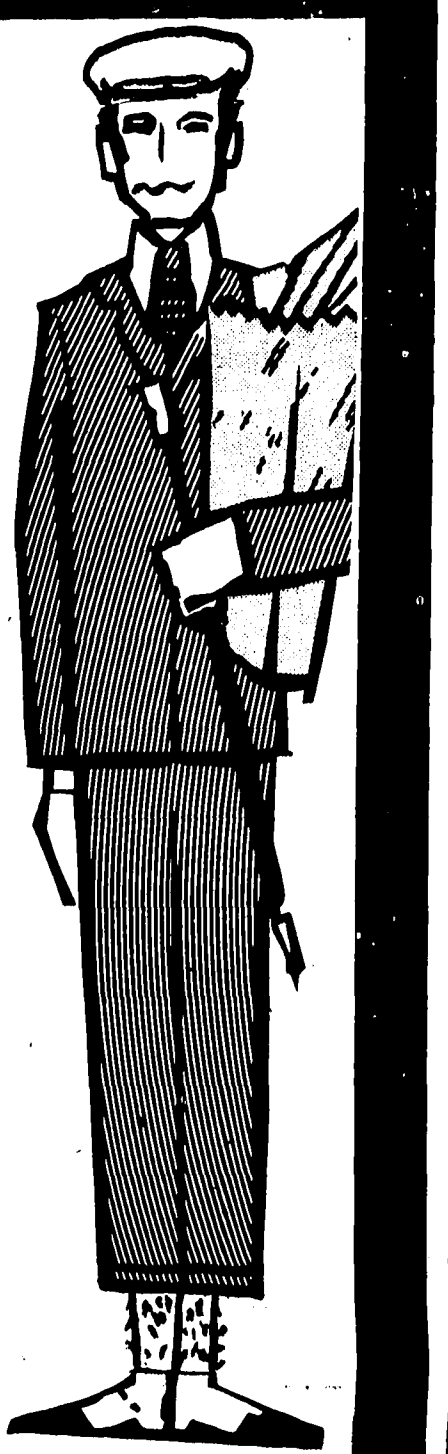
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Board debates athletic field proposal

A compromise agreement to seek bids on some, but not all, of the improvements tentatively planned for the \$450,000 Novi High School athletic facility was approved by the school board June 15.

After a lengthy debate, the board voted to see bids for a bituminous track, six tennis courts and the moving of existing bleachers at the present football field behind the old high school to the new facility.

Postponed was any action on the proposed \$125,000 concession-storage-press box facility, the purchase of an additional 2,000 bleacher seats and the purchase and construction of football field and tennis courts lights.

Some board members thought the money slated for the facility could be better spent on the construction of schools which will be needed in the future.

The money for the athletic field cannot be used for operating fund expenditures, however, since it was approved by voters for use for the acquisition of capital.

Superintendent Gerald Kratz contended that the district would have enough funds, saying he expected to realize enough money from the sale of the old Novi Elementary School on Novi Road off of the expressway to construct an elementary school.

The 11.1 acre site, Kratz says the land will be the first piece of land immediately accessible off the expressway once the interchange work is completed.

The athletic field dispute has been brewing for the past three years, but it got its kick-off last Thursday from member-elect Bob Schram who read the board a statement asking that the board delay their decision until more citizen input can be received.

"This matter was passed by you 16 months ago, but was put in the closet to gather dust because of great voter resentment to spending nearly half a million dollars on something that is by comparison low in priority when tax

dollars are hard to come by," Schram stated.

"The athletic field was again set for action by you prior to the March election, but was postponed because of possible adverse reaction by the voters at that March millage election. Now we have narrowly passed a millage and the administration won't even let the dust settle before slapping the voters in the face."

Schram said he wasn't necessarily opposed to the construction of the facility, but objected to the way the matter had been handled.

Superintendent Kratz noted the district delayed the decision until a legal opinion was given on whether construction on the field could begin before the other capital improvements were completed. The bonding attorney answered in the affirmative.

Murphy said he didn't think it was the mood of the community to construct a football field that would only be used about 12 hours a year.

Another comment questioning the need for the facility came from member Joan Daley, who said she didn't think the district could afford it at this time.

A member of the audience, Connie Webster, a member of the Village Oaks VOICE organization, was vehemently opposed to the construction of the facility.

"If you go with this large a thing, you're going to have a taxpayers' revolt in Novi," she said. "They're not going to go along with the board spending this kind of money when they know the schools will be overcrowded in two years."

Murphy made a motion to reconsider the question, seconded by retiring board member Bob Wilkins.

After taking a five-minute break, board members agreed to a proposal by Wilkins that bids go out on the bituminous track, drainage, six tennis courts and the moving of existing bleachers.



Tollgate Farm manager Ernie Morris takes a little time out to puff on his pipe while atop his Allis-Chalmers

Farm resists developers' green

By STEVE BELL

Life moves at a different pace at the Tollgate Farm, a showplace of sorts situated just north of the Twelve Oaks Mall.

A pair of horses, unconcerned with the hustling-bustling activity taking place at the fancy shopping center a few hundred yards away, saunter near one of the several great green barns at the farm. On the walk leading up to a stately old home, a white cat stretches out and squints in the sunlight. A tanned, lanky man emerges from the shadows of the largest of the barns.

"Nice day," he proclaims. "Sunny enough, but it could be a little warmer for the crops."

The man is farm manager Ernie Morris and the farm is something of an oddity in a city overrun with development. All around it, concrete and bricks are transforming the City of Novi from an out-of-the-way burg into another slice of suburbia. Developers have pleaded with the owner of the farm, Farmington millionaire Adolph Meyer, to sell out like the rest of his neighbors.

But he has refused. And, he says, he will continue to refuse.

If Meyer has his way, the farm will remain a farm forever.

Meyer, at age 88, has decided that perhaps it is time to consider what to do with the farm should he pass away. Negotiations are underway with Michigan State University to transfer ownership of the farm. Meyer is requesting that the university preserve the farm in its present

condition — the same condition the farm has been in for the past 130 years.

"We're working on it," Morris says, "but we don't have anything decided yet."

The farm is one of the first to be built in the area. John Bassett bought the property nearly 150 years ago. The farm stayed in the Bassett family until Meyer purchased it some 22 years ago.

Meyer, the owner of American Screw Products in Farmington, lives in Birmingham, but makes frequent visits to the farm. Morris says the old man planned to move to the Novi location, but the years have passed by and now it appears he will never do so.

For several years, he raised prize-winning German Shepherds at the farm. Morris says a pair of Shepherds died of old age recently.

Although Meyer has steadfastly maintained he has no interest in selling the property, which would go for millions, he has been unable to convince developers of the sincerity of his convictions.

Manager Morris says developers are still very much interested, "but we won't talk to them."

Morris laughs, remembering the antics of some of the developers who tried to convince Meyer to sell. He says Farmington developer Max Sheldon was the most persistent.

"We practically had to kick him out of here," he says. "When he found out this would be a good place to build, he'd come to our place on Sunday morning, looking his horn and waking up the dogs. Finally we told him not to come

around anymore, that we were not interested in selling."

"Then he found out Mr. Meyer worked in Farmington and he went over there to where he worked. I guess they just about had to throw him out of there."

Morris, for his part, has no greater goal than to continue working at the farm. He and his wife, Betty, have raised eight children at the farm. Most of the children are gone now, but they still have a son, Dave, and two daughters, Cathy and Debbie living at home.

Ernie and Betty Morris are not happy with the skyrocketing growth they see around them, but they realize there is little they can do about it.

Betty Morris is especially concerned with the 1,200 unit apartment complex slated for development across the street. She recalls another farm in West Bloomfield that was plagued by nearby subdivision residents who would climb the fences and plunder the fruit trees.

"We kind of think they will do the same thing here, Mrs. Morris says. "They'll come right over the fence to come to the lake."

But, for the present, Morris can still do his work without too much interruption. The mail may as well be a thousand miles away as a thousand yards.

"We want to keep it the same way it is now," Morris says as he loads some chlorine into his spreader. He lifts himself up to the tractor and fires up the roaring motor.

Neither the horses or the cat seem to mind.

City faces layoff of 12 employees

The City of Novi faces the loss of 12 of its Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) employees unless the county chooses soon to extend funding.

Oakland County Commissioners are slated to meet June 22 and city officials are hopeful a favorable decision will be reached toward the CETA program.

About 25 percent of Novi personnel are comprised of CETA employees.

The CETA program is federally financed, but allocated through the county.

Novi Assistant Manager Alex Allie told the City Council June 19 that the 12 employees, all employed under the CETA Title 6 program, would be laid off June 23 unless some word was received from the county. The 12, most of whom are employed with the Department of Public Works and Parks and Recreation, would be reinstated whenever the county votes to extend the funding.

"It will hurt us pretty bad," Parks and Recreation Director Barry Smink said June 20. "I'd cut me in half."

Three of the nine employees at the Parks and Recreation Department are employed under the Title 6 program, which is in danger of losing its funding.

Allie said the city would still likely retain 20 of the 32 CETA employees now with the city. Novi employs a total of about 120 people at this time.

According to staff assistant Joy Dene, the city has scheduled a meeting to be held June 21 between DPW Director Ed Smiladac, Parks and Recreation Director Barry Smink, Police Chief Lee

BeGole and Allie.

"Any way we can keep them on board, we will," Ms. Davis said.

She said the county may be able to transfer the Title 6 people to another project, thus extending their funding period through August.

The Title 6 Special Projects Program began June 23, 1977 and runs until June 23, 1978.

Those employed under the program are: (DPW) Craig Caskey, Jeff Nothnagel, Randy Johnson, Don Beckley, Jeff Shott, Rich LaPrete, Ralph Gensler; (Parks and Recreation) Tom Shillito, Pat Miller, Jack Lewis; (Police Department) Tony Swope and Ruth Doyle.

Some of the employees could continue in their jobs should the city choose to continue their funding out of the general fund.

Allie was told by the county this spring when he was preparing the city budget that the special project monies would be forthcoming. But the county has fallen behind in performing the necessary paperwork and the delay has resulted.

Another possible hold-up is the uncertain status of Congressional approval of the CETA program. The House and Senate are still quite a ways apart, Allie said, and the Title 6 program appears to be in the most danger of being discontinued.

Dennis Murphy, 24th District County Commissioner, has told Novi officials he will seek a resolution to the problem this week.

Resident, City Manager exchange criticisms

In response to persistent criticism from Meadowbrook Lake resident Garry Kidd, Commerce Township Assessor Wynn Berry has been hired to pass judgment on the quality of assessing in Novi.

Berry, who also serves as assessor for the City of Westland, was asked questions raised by Kidd in an indictment of the performance of Novi Assessor John Merrifield.

Kidd has long complained that the assessing methods used in the city are unfair. Kidd maintains that the Meadowbrook Lake subdivision is assessed at a lower rate than the Village Oaks subdivision.

Kidd has appealed this year's assessment on his home to the State Tax Tribunal.

Kidd has been critical of the method of assessing which gives identical hikes to entire subdivisions, rather than individual homes.

Merrifield has contended all along that he is merely assessing property the way that is prescribed by the state.

At the June 19 Novi City Council meeting, City Manager Ed Kriewall presented a report that answered some of the charges made by Kidd.

In his report, Kriewall stated "...the secret to tax reform is to answer the continued inflation demands faced by government. This seems to be very elusive. Why is government inflationary? Let us look at the cost of police cars over the past years. XYZ auto union demands significant economic increases."

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Favor decentralized plan

By DAVID RAY

While most of the local officials of Oakland County Communities that are still included in super sewer have indicated support for the controversial interceptor and wastewater treatment plant project, two conservation organizations have taken a stand against the regional plan.

Both groups — the East Michigan Environmental Action Council (EMEAC) and the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) — have come out in favor of an alternative for a decentralized approach to wastewater treatment.

According to John Spurr of EMEAC, his organization opposes super sewer because it could lead to "unreasonable over-sewering of areas where it's not required, based on unrealistic population projections."

Specifically, Spurr said that super sewer would be environmentally harmful because it crosses the Huron and Rouge river watershed lines and would have "serious impacts in those watershed areas and Lake Erie." In addition to the "enormous cost" of the project.

While the cost of super sewer was estimated at some \$147-million two years ago, the EMEAC spokesman said the expense probably is now in the "hundreds and hundreds of million dollars. It is certainly costlier than it has to be since much of the cost is for pipe and not for treatment."

Spurr, who is studying the Saginaw Bay area on a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Cranbrook Institute of Science, said much of the opposition to super sewer has originated in the downriver Detroit area.

"The farther away (from the proposed treatment plant), there is less opposition because the problems aren't as visible," he said.

A major concern of those who oppose the project is its impact on Lake Erie, Spurr explained.

"There are times when treatment just won't be accomplished because of the size of this project," he said. "The people down here relate to Lake Erie and the Huron River. They've seen what comes down the Detroit River and they don't want to grossly pollute Lake Erie."

And, since storm water runoff could mix with sanitary sewage in the interceptor line, Spurr said the project would have a disastrous effect on river levels.

"Storm water is necessary to maintain the river levels," he said, "and the rivers will dry up if they don't get that runoff. (Super sewer) would drastically affect water flow in the rivers."

Of the five alternatives for super sewer now being studied by the EPA and Wapora, Incorporated, its Chicago-based consulting firm, Spurr said one plan calls for more local control of treatment facilities.

"EMEAC is in favor of the decentralized program and we'd like to see a watershed type approach," he added.

While some opponents of super sewer have cited urban sprawl as an argument against the project, Spurr said that growth is not really an issue "except that the population projections they are using are unrealistic."

Meanwhile, MUCC Executive Director Thomas L. Washington, in a May, 1977 letter to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), stated his organization's opposition to super sewer.

While the MUCC has recognized that wastewater treatment in the Huron River Valley area is a problem and must be solved, Washington said that the decentralized alternative is the only one that "adequately protects the environment and satisfies the objections of the (federal clean water act)."

That plan, he continued, "is the only proposal that significantly benefits Lake Erie," which, under the clean water act, has "shown considerable improvement and is again regaining its reputation as a great lake rather than an open sewer."

The decentralized alternative "assures the continued improvement of Lake Erie," Washington said, while the regional proposals "assure a halt to the lake's recovery."

Further, the MUCC executive director said, the decentralized alternative "concentrates on the problem of wastewater treatment — while the other alternatives rely on bigger sewers and sewage pumps."

The regional approach, he said, endorses the principle "out of sight, out of mind," and added that, under that ap-

proach, "the water quality of Lake Erie will continue to suffer."

Also, he said, under the regional plans, one "super plant" would be built to provide secondary treatment of effluent, while the decentralized plan calls for "upgrading six existing wastewater plants to tertiary treatment levels."

Recent EPA studies indicate that "secondary plants" treat only 85 percent of the wastewater, while the upgraded facilities would have a higher capacity.

Washington noted that, "considering the rate of technological change and improved techniques in wastewater treatment in the past few years, it makes more sense to upgrade existing plants rather than abandoning a large capital investment and committing ourselves to another even larger capital investment that will require extensive upgrading in the future as more stringent effluent standards become necessary."

Those costs would be incurred, if the super plant is to be converted to tertiary treatment capabilities to meet new federal standards, he said.

The MUCC executive director also noted that the decentralized plan would augment the flow of the Huron River to help correct a problem of the effects of low flow. The increased flow would "promote wildlife and (reduce) pollution of Lake Erie." The regional plans, he said, would decrease the already low flow.

Further, Washington said that the decentralized plan is the "most energy efficient," since the annual savings over the regional plans was estimated at some \$12,000 annually a year ago, in addition to the possibility that rapidly increasing energy costs will "become significant over the life of the project, and may offset the increased costs of operation and maintenance of the upgraded existing plants."

The decentralized alternative "provides the greatest benefit to the water quality of both Lake Erie and the Huron Valley," Washington said.

"To agree to the implementation of any other alternative proposed is to sanction the continued pollution of Lake Erie and is a violation of the spirit and intent of the International Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement," he added.

EPA to explain super sewer plan

THE U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plans to schedule a meeting with representatives of several Oakland and northern Wayne county communities to discuss an alternative to super sewer that calls for dropping Oakland County from the controversial interceptor and wastewater treatment facilities project.

According to Doug Ehorn, EPA project officer, no date has been set for the meeting.

Ehorn said he would contact Commerce Township Supervisor Robert Long, who has attempted to request the session ever since the EPA last month outlined the alternative to eliminate Oakland County from super sewer at a public meeting.

Commerce, Walled Lake and Novi will be included in the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) that is being prepared on the project by Wapora, a Chicago-based consulting firm. Ehorn said, adding that the federal agency also plans to contact officials from Wolverine Lake Village and White Lake Township.

Village and White Lake officials voted in early 1977 not to participate in phase two (engineering) of the super sewer facilities, citing the high cost of the project. However, the EPA and Wapora have gathered data on those communities for inclusion in the EIS, Ehorn said.

"Maybe (Wolverine and White Lake) should not be included in the EIS," the project officer said, "but we want them to be aware of the alternatives that they should look at."

Ehorn explained that two of the five alternatives to super sewer are based on the original plans for the project, while two other proposals call for regional or subregional treatment facilities. The fifth alternative is designed for expansion or up-grading of the six existing plants that serve the Huron River area.

Officials from several communities apparently felt the May public meeting with some "wrong fears," Ehorn said.

The meeting with the local officials would be intended to explain the five alternatives, he added.

One concern expressed by the EPA project officer was that several communities, including Novi, Northville and Plymouth, could "pay twice" for treatment facilities because they are included in the Detroit wastewater treatment system and the super sewer project area.

The draft EIS on super sewer is expected to be published in "The Federal Register" on August 4, Ehorn said, and a public hearing on the statement has been tentatively scheduled for September 7.

At the May meeting, Ehorn said the EPA's summary of alternatives was in-

tended to "signal a warning that the Oakland County communities are in an environmentally sensitive area," especially in regard to high ground water and recreational potential.

"All we're saying is that these areas merit special consideration and maybe they shouldn't be included in super sewer, although another alternative may meet their needs," he added.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Township Board last week adopted a resolution addressed to the EPA to "affirm its concerns" about the proposed elimination of Oakland County from super sewer and asking that the township should be included in the project.

Long said the EPA's reasons for dropping Oakland from the facilities caused him "concern and alarm."

"We bought capacity in super sewer as insurance against pollution," the supervisor said. "We have already had some indications from Oakland County Health Department that there are some problems areas."

Clerk Robert McGee added: "Some of the very reasons they gave us (for dropping Oakland from super sewer) are the same reasons we gave them for wanting to be included."

Long also noted that Commerce does not need super sewer because of a rapidly expanding growth rate similar to Novi, but because "we have to protect our lakes and streams. Those are our main assets."

In response to questions from several Oakland County College students, Long said that the township's share of

super sewer costs would be the equivalent of one mill (or \$1 for each \$1,000 of state equalized valuation), and added that, with the delays, the facilities probably would not become available for another five to 10 years.

The board unanimously adopted the resolution of concern.

The Novi City Council also has adopted a resolution that demands full consideration of the city in the EIS "regarding the character of our community and the investments we have made in planning and the installation of public improvements."

The council said it "deplored" the connotations of stifled growth in light of utility plan approvals by Oakland County, the City of Detroit, the state Health Department and federal funding of our existing interceptor system, which were all sized for significant growth."

Further, the Novi council said its "needs for sanitary sewer capacity should be very evident and we, therefore, insist that the (EPA) consider the opinions of our locally elected officials, media, and the opinion of our legislators in Lansing and Washington regarding our needs for sanitary sewers."

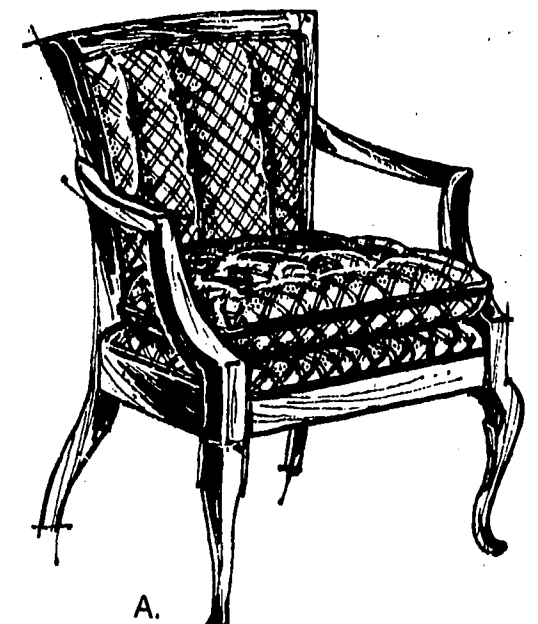
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Council okays open space concept

Novi will apparently retain the "open space" option as an integral part of its planning for residential development.

And it appears as if the city council will make a substantial commitment to promoting "open space" development in its single family residential areas.

The "open space" option has been the topic of considerable debate among city council members in recent months with Councilman Robert Schmidt leading the

opposition to the concept.

In essence, the "open space" option permits a developer to reduce lot widths within certain specifications provided that the amount of property shaved off each individual lot is returned to the overall development in the form of parks, or open space.

City Planning Consultant Charles Cairns of Villac-Leman told the council at a special study session last week that the "open space" concept was in-

tiated in the Eastern United States and has gradually spread to the west.

The concept has proven beneficial to developers in that a large portion of development costs are directly related to the miles of streets and utility lines that must be provided. Since "open space" development permits homes to be "pushed together," to the degree permitted by the ordinance, the developer saves money because the amount of roads and utility lines are reduced.

By the same token, certain cities have found the concept desirable in that it tends to create open park land around residential development.

The concept is also advantageous in helping to preserve natural amenities such as streams or significant stands of trees.

Opposition to the concept of the open space concept on the Novi City Council

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For second straight week

Novi delays Brittany rezoning

After a lengthy discussion and an inconclusive vote, the Novi City Council has once more postponed any final decision on the rezoning of a 40-acre parcel on the west side of Meadowbrook Road, south of Nine Mile, from R-1 (one-acre lots) to R-3 (lots with minimum 90-foot widths).

With Mayor Romaine Roethel absent, the council took a vote on a proposal to reject the rezoning request, made by the Brittany Building Company, but the vote was 3-3 and council members decided to put the matter off another week until everyone on the council was in attendance.

The matter was originally slated to come before the council June 12, but Brittany officials asked it to be postponed to June 19.

Mayor Roethel was attending the Mayor's Conference in Cincinnati. The planning board had voted last week to reject the rezoning request by a 6-3 vote.

Norman Gallant, representing Brittany Building, noted that he had made

an earlier request to rezone the property to an R-4 status, but was rejected. Gallant stated that, due to the narrow configuration of the parcel, it would be difficult to develop under an R-1 zoning. Gallant noted that the parcel was almost surrounded by other parcels of R-3 and R-4 zoning.

"I believe the character of the entire area has already been determined at this time," Gallant said.

Gallant also noted that the development proposed by Brittany Building would actually be closer to R-2 density, rather than R-3. He said the density was 2.1 lots per acre — 84 in the 40-acre parcel.

A number of residents were in attendance at the hearing to register their opposition to the proposed rezoning.

W. B. Chase, who owns about 200 acres of property zoned R-1 surrounding the proposed rezoning, said "Novi has always presented to the public a refined and dignified residential area. I hope the city will continue with that tradition."

Chase said the rezoning would serve only to lower the entire neighborhood's property values.

Jerome Howie, another landowner in the area, said this was the third time in the past year that developers had tried to come in and downgrade the zoning in the area and he hoped the council would act as it did in the previous two requests and reject the rezoning.

Council member Bob Schmid made a motion to reject the rezoning. The motion was seconded by Guy Smith.

Schmid said the land had a natural border of Nine Mile and Meadowbrook roads and the land could certainly be developed in R-1.

Council member Jim Shaw said he feared that the parcel could eventually be zoned with a much tighter density should the council reject the request.

"Without the R-3 zoning, it may not develop and you may see at a later date increasing pressure to see the parcel put into more intense use," Shaw said. Shaw said he had heard that some planning board members had even talk-

ed of the possibility of the land being zoned commercial.

Speaking in favor of the rezoning was council member Pat Karevich.

She said she thought it was a very narrow strip to be developed in R-1 and that 90-foot lots didn't look bad to her on that spot.

Seeking a compromise on the rezoning was council member Ron Watson, who stated that the not-yet-approved R-2-A zoning — somewhere in between R-2 and R-3 — might be a better alternative.

Mayor Pro-tem Martha Hoyer commented that the R-2-A was not yet approved and therefore could not be used. Voting for the rezoning were Shaw, Karevich and Hoyer. Opposed were Schmid, Smith and Watson.

Council member Pat Karevich then made a motion to adjourn the matter until the full council was present. All council members voted to accept Mrs. Karevich's motion except Schmid.

The hearing date will be advertised to allow residents to know when the matter will be discussed again.

Buy alarms

A contract for the purchase of a sewage pump station alarm system has been awarded to the Waste Water Treatment Company of Novi by the Novi City Council.

Approval of the contract was given by the city council at its June 12 meeting. The sewage pump station alarm system will cost the city \$11,500.

The Waste Water Treatment Company is owned by Novi resident Brent Canup.

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Northville nears 'super' selection

The Northville board of education was prepared last night to offer a superintendent's contract to Dr. Garth Errington, a man who says he brought stability to the Albion School District during his three years as superintendent there.

Errington, 44, was to meet with the board last night (Tuesday) in an open meeting at the Hillside Inn in Plymouth.

If the two parties reach an agree-

ment, Errington will follow Raymond Spear who resigned as superintendent in March.

The contract he will be offered was hammered out in an executive session Monday night attended by Northville's seven board members.

Prior to the closed meeting, an audience of five watched as the board selected Errington in favor of the other finalist, Dr. Elvin Peets, superintendent of the East Jackson school district.

Both candidates drew high praise from all board members but Errington's experience in a larger school system appeared to be the turning point in his favor.

"It was a tough decision. I think either man would be a good superintendent," said Secretary Christopher Johnson, the only board member who was on both subcommittees that visited the finalists' home districts.

"It is evident that there is a greater breadth and depth of background" in Errington's past, said Treasurer Karen Wilkinson.

But, she added, "There has been no indication from either group that they were dissatisfied with either one of them."

The board agreed that if Errington turned its offer down, Peets would be offered the job.

Errington has already rejected the superintendent's job at Warren Woods and is a candidate in other school districts.

Ironically, both Errington and Peets were candidates for the superintendent's job at Van Buren, which offered the position to Peets.

Errington taught for seven years before beginning a 14-year administrative career in which he was principal of Pontiac Central High School and assistant superintendent in

Battle Creek before coming to Albion in 1975.

Prior to his arrival in Albion, Errington said the district had gone through four superintendents in seven years and eight high school principals in nine years.

In his May 30 interview with the Northville school board, Errington said he had brought "stability" to the administrative staff and the school district.

The board members who went to Albion — Johnson, Vice President Douglas Whitaker and Marjorie Silger — said they received positive reports about Errington from his staff and from conversations with citizens.

"One thing that I was very impressed with was the motivation of the staff. It was just incredible," said Johnson.

Staff motivation was given a high priority by the Northville board when it rated the characteristics it sought in a new superintendent.

Errington's extensive experience in larger school districts — such as Pontiac and Battle Creek — helped to sway the board's decision.

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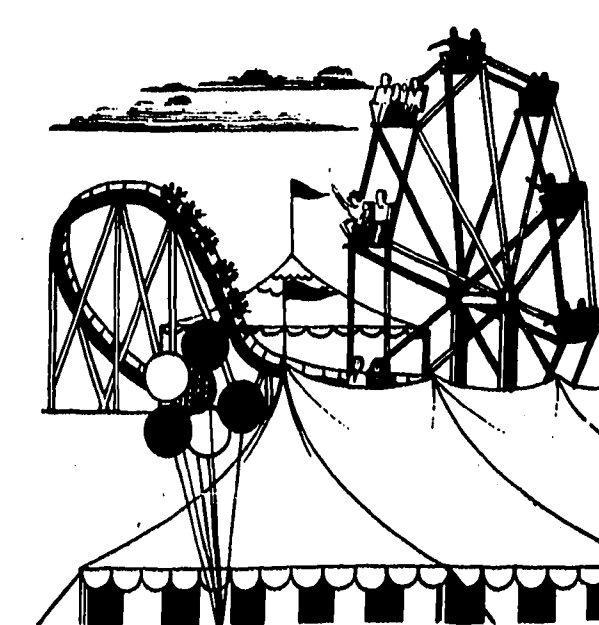
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Planners divided on Decker width

Walled Lake's Plan Commission failed to come up with a recommendation on a proposal to rescind the city's proposed reduction of the Decker Road right-of-way from 120 to 86 feet after two hours of discussion last week.

The plan commission defeated motions both to keep the right-of-way at 120 feet and to reduce the right-of-way to 86 feet and finally voted to table consideration of the question until a future date.

The city council is currently debating the issue of the Decker Road right-of-way.

The council passed a resolution last August to reduce the right-of-way on Decker from 120 to 86 feet and reaffirm its intent to reduce the right-of-way to 86 feet.

"Since that time, however, the city has learned that it may well lose the possibility of federal funding for road improvements because of that action."

As a result, the council has referred the question back to the plan commission for a recommendation on whether or not to keep the Decker Road right-of-way at 120 feet or reduce it to 86 feet.

Brian Blasing, environmental committee coordinator with the Oakland County Road Commission, told the planners last week that Decker Road will be removed from its federal urban

aid system project list if the right-of-way is reduced to 86 feet. Blasing stated further that the county will have to designate another north-south road, possible East Walled Lake Drive, as a primary road to provide continuity of the regional road network if Decker Road is removed from the list.

Blasing emphasized that the county has no jurisdiction over Decker Road and that any decision to widen the road would have to be made solely by the City of Walled Lake. If the 120-foot right-of-way is maintained and the road remains on the federal urban aid system project list, the city will be eligible to apply for federal funding for improvements on the road.

Decker was designated as a primary road in a 1969 Inter-county Highway Commission Master Plan and qualified for the 70 percent federal funding of the improvements, which are now under way, under the urban aid program.

Blasing also told the planners that he believed Decker Road was a better choice for the Inter-county Highway Commission Master Plan than East Walled Lake Drive would be.

"Decker Road would serve as a by-pass to alleviate traffic congestion in your downtown area," he said, particularly if Novi follows through with plans to extend Decker to 13 Mile Road

with its federal community development funds.

He also suggested that East Walled Lake Drive should not become part of the Inter-county Highway Commission Master Plan because of traffic congestion, recreational uses, and environmental concerns.

Blasing said the 86-foot right-of-way proposed for Decker would still permit construction of a five-lane road. The 120-foot right-of-way would facilitate the location of easements and such amenities as bicycle paths and sidewalks, he said.

Blasing also said that he did not think the city needed to worry about Decker Road becoming five lanes "in this century."

"The county can not mandate the width of the road," said Blasing. "The number of lanes on that road will be determined by the city. All we're asking is that you plan ahead for the future."

If the city ever decides that five lanes are needed on Decker Road, you won't have to worry about getting the right-of-way and you will also be eligible to apply for federal funding if you keep the right-of-way at 120 feet.

City Planning Consultant Tod Kilroy urged the planners to retain the 120 foot right-of-way on Decker Road.

"We're rapidly becoming an urban

community," he said. "As people move out here, they need roads. You're the public and you create the need for roads. That's why Maple Road is now three lanes and why you're paving portions of Decker Road."

The planners were unable to come up with a specific recommendation on the issue, however.

Commissioners Mickey New, Phillip Rundell, and Tucker supported the 120 foot right-of-way, while Commissioners Richard Drews, Jerry Poston, and Ladwain Weaver supported the reduction of the right-of-way to 86 feet.

A motion to recommend the 120-foot right-of-way failed by a 4-3 vote as Commissioner Viola Owsnik cast her vote with Drews, Poston, and Weaver.

A subsequently motion to support the 86-foot right-of-way also failed by a 4-3 margin as Mrs. Owsnik voted with New, Rundell, and Tucker.

Another motion to recommend the 120-foot right-of-way also failed by a 4-3 margin as Mrs. Owsnik this time voted with Drews, Poston, and Weaver. She stated that her vote on the third motion was because the entire length of Decker had been specified as a 120-foot right-of-way.

Having reached an impasse, the planners voted unanimously to table consideration of the matter.

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Commerce firemen seek emergency responsibilities

The Commerce Township Firefighters' Union has asked the Township Board to consider approval of an advanced life support (ALS) program for the Fire Department instead of entering into a contract with the West Ambulance Service for a similar service.

Union members in a recent letter to the board said that, while they recognized the need for an ALS program, they do not feel that township "tax dollars should be used to provide a profit for a private company such as would be done if a contract was entered into with Fleet Ambulance."

Instead, the firefighters said, the funds should be "channeled into the Fire Department so that we can continue providing a full return on the taxpayers' money."

If the board decides to contract with Fleet for the service, the union members suggested that we can continue to be established to "look at the possibility of putting the ALS into the Fire Department" and that the township should continue to assist any firefighter who wishes to continue training toward emergency medical technician (EMT) status.

Courses such as basic EMT and advanced first aid "would benefit the

citizens of Commerce immensely," the union added.

The proposed ALS study committee should include Fire Chief Clarence Kutkuk, Township Board members and members of the union and Commerce Volunteer Firefighters' Association, as well as citizens-in-interest, the firemen said.

The union also listed 19 "benefits and considerations" for the board to study in its review of a contract with Fleet.

The Pontiac-based ambulance company last year proposed a contract with Commerce, Walled Lake and Wolverine Lake Village for the ALS service. Wixom officials also have expressed an interest in the program.

Under the ALS setup, a fully-equipped emergency medical vehicle and at least two paramedics would be assigned to the Lakes Area around the clock. Commerce officials have indicated that Fire Station Number Two, located to Township Hall, may be used as the ALS headquarters.

Fleet President Skip Miles has said that the service often means the difference between life and death. The paramedics relay the patient's vital signs to a physician at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital who, in turn, prescribes emergency treatment to stabilize the patient's condition for the

trip to an area hospital.

Governing bodies in Commerce, Walled Lake and Wolverine Lake have appointed representatives to meet with each other to discuss a proposed two- or three-year contract with Fleet, and decide how a \$40,000 subsidy requested by the firm will be divided.

Several funding formulas were discussed at a recent meeting in Walled Lake, and Commerce Supervisor Robert Long last week indicated that the representatives favored a cost

breakdown based 50-50 on population and state equalized valuation.

Under that formula, Long said, Commerce would have to pay some \$21,000 to \$23,000 a year, although the board budgeted only \$20,000 for the ALS service. Walled Lake included \$12,000 for the program in its spending plan for the coming year.

The village did not include ALS funds in its budget, according to Administrator Bill O'Brien, because the officials weren't sure of the final funding plan.

O'Brien has added that much study is still needed on the ALS proposal. He also has said that, unless Wixom decides to join the group, the other communities may not be able to afford the service.

Miles has said that the \$40,000 subsidy, along with some \$95,000 in patients' fees, will be needed to operate the ALS system. The local funds are required, he added, because of the limited demand for the service in the Lakes

Area which would not make the program economically feasible without the subsidy.

Savey, five percent of the revenues in excess of the \$135,000 operating expense will be credited to the communities, the Fleet president said.

Fleet now operates similar programs in Waterford, the Pontiac area and Milford, Miles has said. Back-up service for the Lakes Area unit would be provided by the Waterford and Milford ALS teams, he added.

Carey seeks approval for Walled Lake sub

A request for final preliminary plat approval for the proposed Lakeland Hills Subdivision has been accepted for filing by the Walled Lake Plan Commission.

The 103-lot development is slated for construction on a 40-acre parcel southwest of the Decker-Maple Road intersection and immediately east of the Tri-A Subdivision.

Tentative preliminary plat approval for the proposed subdivision was given by the Walled Lake City Council in January.

Developer Robert Carey of The Carey Company told the plan commission last week that he was eager to secure final approval for the subdivision so construction can be started this year.

"Time is money in this business," commented Carey. "We've been working on this particular plan for more than a year and we're eager to get started."

In submitting plans for final preliminary plat approval, Carey reported that several revisions have been made in the original plans in order to comply with recommendations for storm water drainage from city engineers.

Carey also submitted two proposed alternatives to the site plan for the subdivision. The first alternative concerned the Decker Road right-of-way, while the second alternative concerned the proposed stub street into the Tri-A Subdivision.

Carey told the planners that he could develop the subdivision regardless of the Decker Road right-of-way. A 120-foot right-of-way is presently proposed for Decker Road, although the right-of-way on Decker may be reduced to 86 feet.

The city council has previously indicated its intent to reduce the right-of-way on Decker Road to 86 feet, but that decision is currently under reconsideration.

Carey told the planners last week that

he has never believed the right-of-way on Decker was tentatively changed to accommodate his development.

Carey stated further, however, that he was flexible on the decision of the right-of-way and would do whatever the city asked him to do.

"If you go with the 120-foot right-of-way, we will have to drop two \$50,000 houses from our subdivision and the city will lose some \$100,000 in tax base," he stated. "But we are willing to do what the city wants us to do."

The second alternative submitted by the developer involved a change in a stub street that would link the Lakeland Hills and Tri-A subdivisions.

The subdivisions are required to be linked by the city's zoning ordinance, but Tri-A subdivision residents have expressed opposition to the proposal on the grounds that it will generate more traffic on Omega Street.

In presenting the second alternative to the planners, Carey noted that he was required by ordinance to provide a street into the Tri-A Subdivision.

He added, however, that the link could also be closed off by a cul-de-sac. "We believe it is better to have a hook-up between the two subdivisions, but it really doesn't make much difference to us," he said. "We'll do whatever the city wants to do."

City Planning Consultant Tod Kilroy told the developer that he should plan for a 120-foot right-of-way on Decker Road since the right-of-way has never been officially changed back to 86 feet.

Members of the plan commission also told Carey that they would prefer to see the Lakeland Hills and Tri-A subdivisions connected by a road. They indicated that the connection is required by ordinance and would also facilitate access to both subdivisions by emergency vehicles.

The planners subsequently voted 7-0 in favor of Carey's request for final preliminary plat approval pending receipt of the engineering report.

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Commerce recommends zoning bid

A request for the rezoning of a 1.3-acre site, located at 3355 Pontiac Trail, has been recommended for approval by the Commerce Township Planning Commission.

Henry E. Stanton, owner of the property, asked for the change from R-1A (single-family residential) to C-2 (commercial) in order to open a business specializing in paintings and hand-drawn, according to his attorney, Harold Bulgarelli.

A building on the site is currently being used as a home, he said.

In a letter to the commission, Planning Consultant Steve Lehoczy recommended approval of the request because it is "in harmony with the goals and objectives" of the township's master plan, the master plan shows that site and abutting property

designated for non-residential purposes; and property in West Bloomfield Township, east of Haggerty Road, also is shown for non-residential.

The Commerce planners unanimously voted to recommend approval of the rezoning, which now must be reviewed by the Oakland County Zoning Coordinating Committee and approved by the Township Board.

Commission Chairperson Lynn Gouge also noted that Stanton needs site plan review and must comply with parking and barrier free design requirements before the shop can open.

In other business Monday night, the commission:

- approved site plan review for a 4,000-square-foot addition to the Zelda Restaurant, 2175 West Maple Road, subject to confirmation that the

county coordinating committee has approved the rezoning of the 16-acre site from M-2 (heavy industrial) to M-1 (light industrial). The Township Board last week approved the rezoning, also subject to the county's favorable review;

- okayed a tentative preliminary plan approval for Welch Manor, a five-unit subdivision on 4.6 acres located at Welch Road and south of Oakley Park Road;
- conditionally approved engineering review for the Walder Manor Subdivisions One and Two, 37-lots located west of Welch between Pontiac Trail and West Maple roads, subject to several corrections recommended by Johnson and Anderson, the township's consulting engineers;
- approved until June 26 tentative preliminary plat approval for the 27-

lot Proud Lake Estates Subdivision, located on 115 acres south of Gentry and Wixom roads, for further information on cul-de-sac variances, retention and drainage facilities, vegetation on the site and easements;

—postponed indefinitely a recommendation on engineering review of the 14-lot, 27-lot subdivision, located north of Glen Iris Drive; and

—scheduled two special meetings to discuss the up-date of the township zoning ordinance and master plan. The commercial and industrial plan and zoning ordinance language, along with a review of the concept of zero lot line, will be discussed at a meeting on June 28, while the Oakland County Road Commission has been invited to a July 19 session on the thoroughfare plan to the master plan review. Both meetings will start at 7 p.m.

—okayed payment of its annual dues for the Michigan Townships' Association in the amount of \$1,350, plus \$135 for the association's legal defense fund;

—applied to the Oakland County Road Commission for permission to allow the Union Lake Jaycees to hold the annual Paul Bunyan Days bike and parade and grand march on July 27 and 28, respectively. The grand march will be on the Highland Lakes campus of Oakland Community College on Cooley Lake Road to Morgan's Golf Club on Union Lake Road, while the bike and parade will be along Martin Road to the festival site at Oakley Park and Haggerty roads. Paul Bunyan Days runs from July 27-30; and

—authorized Johnson and Anderson, the township's consulting engineers, to review the subdivisions control ordinance and recommend changes in the measure. The engineers have estimated the maximum cost of the review at \$200.

—approved a fireworks permit for Wilson's Fourth of July celebration at 10 p.m. in City Park, which is located in Commerce;

—waived collection fees and/or penalties on taxes paid before February 14, 1979, but authorized Treasurer Patrick Dobany to collect the fees and penalties from that date until March 1, for persons exempted by state law;

—approved a permit for the installation of backstops and maintaining the baseball

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Township okays lease of parkland

A \$1-a-year lease for 102 acres of Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) park land has been approved by the Commerce Township Board for use by the Lakes Athletic Association's baseball program.

Supervisor Robert Long said the site is located at Benstein and Gentry roads.

Approval of the lease agreement was made subject to review by the township attorney.

Commerce has another lease agreement with HCMA for a 60-acre site on

Glengary Road, also for use by the Lakes Athletic Association.

The Walled Lake City Council recently voted to enter into a similar arrangement with the HCMA land between Pontiac Trail and South Commerce Road for the Inter-Lakes Pigeon League, and Wolverine Lake Village also has an agreement with the regional park authority for property southeast of Benstein and Gentry.

Under the lease arrangement, the leagues are responsible for installing backstops and maintaining the baseball

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

CHANGE IN MEETING DATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Council scheduled for Monday, July 3, 1978, has been rescheduled to Monday, July 10, 1978. The meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. EDT, at the Novi Public Library, 45245 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan.

Gerardine Slip, City Clerk

Publish: June 21, 1978

PROPERTY FOR SALE

The City of Northville will receive sealed bid proposals for the purchase of the following described property:

North 250 feet except the west 30 feet of Lot 639, Assessor's Plat No. 6, City of Northville, Wayne County, Michigan, comprising approx. 3.01 acres with 535 feet of frontage on Baseline Road.

Proposal form: proposals must meet the requirements outlined in the Sale Information Packet which may be reviewed at the Office of the City Clerk, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Mich. 48167, or obtained in person or by mail for a fee of \$3.00.

The proposal must include a signed offer to purchase, a 5% good-faith deposit, and a preliminary site plan for the proposed development with a starting-date commitment to be not later than June 1, 1979.

Basils for award of sale: The City expects to receive offers in excess of \$115,000.00, but will award the sale to the purchaser whose proposal offers the best combination of purchase price and addition to the tax base. The City will pay a realtor's fee of 5% to a realtor whose proposal is accepted.

Deadline for proposals: any proposal must be submitted to the City Clerk in a sealed envelope marked "LAND SALE" no later than 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 26, 1978, at which time the proposals will be opened and read in public.

Joan G. McAllister, City Clerk

Publish: 6/14 & 6/21/78

Permit discussed

Attorneys for Commerce Township and Commerce Recreation have been asked to resolve a disagreement over whether the firm needs a permit to operate.

Paul Valentino, attorney for Janice Pigeon, owner of the business located at 114 Commerce Road, said Commerce Recreation already has a valid license and a vested right to continue its operation, and added that, under a grandfather clause in the state law regulating recreation laws, a permit isn't required.

Valentino also charged that the township requirement for the permit has constituted 15 years of harassment against Commerce Recreation.

Mrs. Pigeon, before her attorney arrived at last week's meeting, told the board that she already has a license and had been advised by her attorney that she did not have to apply for a new permit.

After hearing Mrs. Pigeon and Valentino, Supervisor Robert Long referred the matter to Township Attorney Douglas Chantant.

The board last approved a license for Commerce Recreation in December, 1976. At that time, Mrs. Pigeon reported that the business had eight pinball machines, and six pool tables and six "foosball" tables.

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Country Cousin resident suffers heart attack

George Kripchak, a resident in one of the two homes at the Country Cousin Mobile Home Park that will have to be moved to create more recreation space, suffered a heart attack June 16.

The 65-year old Kripchak was still in the intensive care unit at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital Sunday. He was listed in stable condition.

His son, Jim, said his father had never had a history of heart trouble before.

Kripchak and his wife were one of two

couples who will have to move their mobile homes to make more recreation space in the park. Attorney Phil Goodman is working with park owner Russ Button to find other spaces for the two couples in the park.

The Novi City Council voted to give Button 60 days to work out an agreement with Button concerning the homes and then an additional 90 days to move the homes out of their present spaces.

Goodman expressed hope that the couples would be able to be placed in other homes in the park.

Obituary

Nonagenarian dies

MARY SEWARD

Services for Mary Seward, 91, of 2084 East Glen Haven in Novi and Whitehall Nursing Home, will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Rose B. Northrop and Son Funeral Home in Northville.

The Reverend Victor F. Halboth of Grace Lutheran Church will officiate with interment to be in Woodland Cemetery in Jackson.

A homemaker and widow of George Seward who died in 1944, Mrs. Seward died June 19 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

She was the mother of Allen of Northville and Bruce of Fort Charlotte, Florida, as well as of the late Richard Seward. She leaves nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was born in 1886 in Stockbridge to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dorson.

NOTICE OF MEETING OF

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission will be held at 7:30 P.M. on the 27th day of June, 1978 in the Club House at the Glen Oaks Golf and Country Club, located at 36500 West 12 Mile Road, Farmington, Michigan.

The purpose of the meeting is to hold a Public Hearing on the question of whether the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission should acquire the Glen Oaks Golf and Country Club and two (2) additional parcels of land, all totaling 17.6 acres.

BETTY J. FORTINO, Secretary
Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission

Dated: June 13, 1978

Publish: June 13 and 22, 1978

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As We See It

Keep Decker Road on regional plans

Walled Lake's City Council can take a positive step toward sound planning for the future by rescinding a previous action and maintaining a 120-foot right-of-way on Decker Road.

City officials stated their intent to reduce the right-of-way on Decker Road to 86-feet last summer at the request of B. H. Carey, a local developer who plans to build a subdivision on the west side of Decker Road, south of Maple. The narrower right-of-way facilitates property setback requirements for the proposed subdivision.

New information has come to light, however, which indicates that it would be advantageous to the city to maintain the 120-foot right-of-way on Decker Road.

Brian Blaesing, an environmental concerns coordinator with the Oakland County Road Commission, reported that Decker Road was designated as a primary road in a 1969 Inter-county Highway Commission Master Plan to provide continuity of the regional road network. As long as Decker is included as a part of that network, the city is eligible to apply for up to 72 percent federal funding for road improvements.

If the right-of-way on Decker is reduced from 120-feet, it will no longer be considered a part of the network and the city will no longer be eligible for federal funding.

Blaesing also reported that if the Decker Road right-of-way is reduced beneath the 120-foot standard, the county would have to designate another north-south road through Walled Lake as a primary road to provide regional road network continuity.

The only other north-south road that could be designated, stated Blaesing, would be East Walled Lake Drive.

Armed with this information, it would seem that the most logical choice facing the city would be to maintain the right-of-way on Decker Road at 120 feet.

The two most prominent reasons for such a conclusion are readily apparent.

First, the city cannot afford to pass up the opportunity of federal monies for road construction. Related to this concern is the fact that the city has already received federal funds to offset the cost of improvements currently being made on Decker. As Mayor Gaspare Larmarca correctly pointed out, the city would place itself in a tenuous position with federal funding by accepting money and then backing out of a commitment.

The second obvious reason relates to the likelihood that East Walled Lake Drive would be designated as a primary road if Decker is dropped from the inter-county master plan.

East Walled Lake Drive is already badly over-congested and is not suitable for handling an increased traffic load. Furthermore, any attempts to widen the road would result in considerable

right-of-way acquisition costs to the city as well as hardships to existing property owners.

Although it is true that there are a number of undesirable homes along the road, it is also true that there are many fine homes along the road and that many property owners have invested time and expense in upgrading their homes.

There appear to be two primary objections to maintaining the 120-foot right-of-way on Decker.

Some officials are concerned that a 120-foot road would lead directly to construction of a five-lane road. Blaesing stated unequivocally, however, that Decker will remain a city road and that any changes to the actual road width would have to be approved by the city.

The need for additional lanes on the road will be mandated by the amount of traffic. If the traffic load does not materialize, there will be no need whatsoever for Decker to become anything more than a two-lane road. If the traffic volume increases to the point that additional lanes are required, the city will be in a good position to react to the need with the assistance of federal dollars.

The point is that Decker will never become any more than a two-lane road unless the city decides that it should be more than a two-lane road.

The second objection is that the 120-foot right-of-way will cause hardships to certain existing property owners. Although the point is undoubtedly true, it is also true that a far greater number of residents will be inconvenienced if East Walled Lake Drive is designated as a primary road.

In addition, it makes much more sense to firmly establish the 120-foot right-of-way on Decker now before more development takes place along the road. By providing proper setbacks at the present time, the city can ensure that relatively few homeowners would be inconvenienced if the need to expand the width of the road ever develops.

The City of Walled Lake will commence with a road study by professional consultants within the next few weeks. We strongly suspect that one of the primary recommendations of that report will be that the city needs some sort of by-pass to relieve traffic congestion in the central business district. Decker Road could conceivably serve such a purpose, particularly if Novi follows through with plans to extend Decker to 13 Mile.

The city's professional consultants are virtually unanimous in their recommendation that the 120-foot right-of-way be maintained on Decker Road.

It is sound advice. As planning consultant Tod Kilroy stated last week, the city has a responsibility to provide for the needs of future residents, as well as present residents.

Letters welcome

This newspaper welcomes Letters to the Editor. We ask, however, that they be limited to 500 words and that they contain the signature, address and telephone number of the writer. Deadline for submission is noon Monday. Names will be withheld upon request. We reserve the right to edit letters for brevity, clarity and libel.

. . . A page for your expressions and ours

Speaking for Myself



SID RESNER

YES . . .

Legislation creating mandatory compliance to require smoke detectors is the only solution to present day complacency.

It is unfortunate that the general public assumes that tragedies only happen to other people, but it is a fact repeated constantly that indifference, particularly on the part of the parents, contributes to such a great extent to children needlessly becoming a statistic.

Individuals involved in dwelling fires are generally unconscious from the effects of smoke before becoming a fatality from the fire itself. The thing that amazes me is the total indifference on the part of a great many people in relation to fires. How many children have been taught emergency routes from a dwelling and other pertinent instructions to minimize panic and lessen the possibility of needless fatalities?

It is inconceivable considering the competitive low cost of smoke alarms and the ease of installation that anyone would consider this lifesaving device beyond their means or a major installing project.

To state that compliance is mandatory and to create an enforceable ordinance becomes an extremely frustrating situation. I agree that compulsory approval from the homeowner to inspect the smoke detector would be considered by many as an invasion of privacy, but to what extent could you expect voluntary cooperation to comply?

I would suggest that failure to cooperate with a qualified inspector would become a matter of record and assumption on the part of the inspector that no smoke detector was installed. In the event that a fire occurred in the dwelling without a smoke detector, whether personal injury was involved or not, the homeowner would be subject to a fine in an amount to discourage any further non-compliance.

Sid Resner
Wixom City Councilman

ROBERT MCGEE

NO . . .

Smoke detectors are perhaps the single greatest device yet devised to save lives in the home. This is true as long as the smoke detectors are properly installed and maintained, and assumes that they are of the type which has been determined to be safe for use around people.

The problem with mandating the use of smoke detectors in private homes is in the enforcement. Enforcements are relatively straightforward with new construction. It is a simple matter for a building inspector to check the smoke detector installation at the same time the final inspection is made.

It is a different story in existing homes. Either some means must be developed requiring the installation of smoke detectors at the time of improvements to the house or when the house is sold to a new owner or a flat requirement imposed that all houses must be equipped with smoke detectors by some predetermined date.

The requirement of adding smoke detectors at the time of home improvements or at the time of the sale of the house would also be relatively straightforward by means of an automatic inspection.

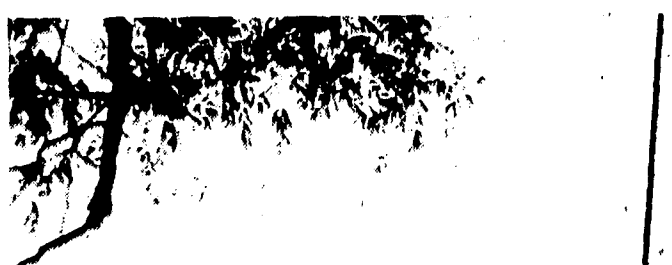
Verifying the installation of smoke detectors by a predetermined date is impractical if not impossible for at least two reasons: (1) the cost in manpower and time makes it prohibitive, and (2) without invading everyone's privacy or through voluntary invitations to the inspector, verification could not be made.

The installation of smoke detectors in new construction is already mandatory through the building codes, but installation in existing home should remain on a voluntary basis.

Robert McGee
Commerce Township Clerk

Photographic Sketches . . .

By JIM GALBRAITH

JACK W.
HOFFMAN'S
COLUMN

Time and places change but memories, muted, live on.

They came flooding back as I read The Flint Journal's recollection of the tornado that destroyed my native town.

One hundred and sixteen killed. Many hundreds more injured, many seriously. Three hundred homes demolished. Two hundred and fifty houses damaged. Whole neighborhoods where I spend my teens stuck up in an instant and scattered across a scarred landscape.

A quarter century has passed since the twister struck the Beecher area at the northern boundary of Flint in June of 1953.

Fortunately, I was spared a first-hand experience and my parents, brother and sister and our home escaped. The indistinguishable funnel, which resembled a boiling, earth-hugging cloud swept east along Coldwater Road, between former Northville mayor Mike Allen's monument business on the south and our home on the north.

It plowed through the gas station at Clio Road but spared the next door dairy where I had scooped ice cream, then hopped-scotched along the road on its easterly path.

It bent and uprooted giant trees in the woods behind our home, where my parent watched in horror from a basement window, and then began its devastating attack on houses and occupants and frightened motorists as it approached Saginaw Street — the main artery into Flint.

In its brief but stunning existence, the tornado took the lives of several personal friends, injured dozens of others, and all but destroyed the high school where three years earlier Edgar Guest challenged my graduating class not to fear the future but rather to shape it.

A few tried reshaping Beecher following the tragedy, but most of the survivors moved away. One member of the class who heard Guest's challenge came back to become pri-

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Random Sample

By Steve Bell

Sometimes things get a little hectic at Novi City Council meetings with standing room only crowds and much wailing and gnashing of teeth. But, for the most part, the meetings are filled with rather mundane topics, appealing only to governmental trivia buffs or insomniacs.

Even at the most exciting meetings, only a few members of the audience remain after the early moments of controversy, which usually occur early in the evening. Some stay for another hour or so, but soon grow bored and trudge home.

As midnight creeps by and the discussion reaches sewage alarm telemetering systems and primordial drainage basins, the room is empty — save for the council-members themselves, a couple of weary reporters and Bill Gladden.

Bill Gladden is a real estate man in Novi who has a better attendance at the meetings than do many members of the council. You may have seen his headquarters — the little Headliner Real Estate office along Grand River near Haggerty.

He strikes the sort of figure a movie director might cast as the "man behind the scenes," running the town with an iron fist from his unassuming little office. Gladden has the perfect features for the part — slim, with an angular face, wearing his

hair combed straight back and his sport coats worn just a year or two out of style.

But that is apparently not the case. Although it is true that the little office does not properly reflect the amount of business that goes through its doors.

"It doesn't hold the money, it just holds the people," he says. Gladden is struggling to make it as a real estate man in Novi without the resources of a Kaufman-Broad or Pulte. And one way to get that, he says, is to know more about the town you're serving than anyone else. And that is why he often makes up an audience of one in the wee hours of the council meetings.

"If I can get a little edge to make me better at my job, well, I'll do it," Gladden says. "That's my business. And Novi is my specialty. We'll buy anywhere in Michigan, but if I can get to know Novi, maybe the word will get out that I know the area."

Although Gladden's constant attendance at the meetings is plainly baffling to some councilmembers — after all, the other seats are full of Novi real estate agents who aren't there — others seem to appreciate his interest.

When Mayor Romaine Roethel first took office, she would sharply rebuke Gladden when he would

try and offer a comment without first being recognized by the chair. The persistent Gladden kept at it, however, and now even Mrs. Roethel appears to ignore the parliamentary rulebook sometimes when Gladden utters his opinions.

His attendance has gained him some points that may otherwise have been lost, some observers say. For example, Gladden is in the process of developing a small parcel of land for a subdivision in west Novi. When he first made application, he was told he would have to place half the cost of paving the road in front of the subdivision in escrow.

After several discussions on the matter, the council decided that no money would be placed in escrow, since there was no guarantee the road would be paved in the near future.

But usually Gladden just sits quietly by and takes notes whenever it strikes his fancy. In addition to City Council meetings, Gladden is a regular visitor to Novi Planning Board meetings.

"Someone told me once they did not think selling real estate was a profession — not like doctors or attorneys — that they were rated somewhere below a used car salesman."

And, perhaps, the Novi City Council is a weekly seminar.

Walled Lake schools face deficit

Continued from Walled Lake, 1

Monday was only a tentative budget and should not be construed as the final budget for the 1978-79 school year.

The board must state the final budget for public hearing before it can be approved. That hearing will probably be scheduled in July.

The final budget will in all probability, however, bear a strong resemblance to the budget presented to the school board at Monday night's hearing unless the board decides to make major revisions.

Both Carlson and Sheldon indicated that the administration has attempted to "hold the line" on expenditures in the 1978-79 fiscal year.

Carlson noted that staffing remains virtually unchanged with the addition of just 8½ additional personnel: three learning disabilities teachers, three learning disabilities teacher aides, and 2½ custodians to care for the addition to Walled Lake Central High School which is slated to become operational in September.

Sheldon told the board that the proposed budget is "woefully short" in the area of equipment replacement and that building maintenance and capital outlay are "under-budgeted."

"We've made no provision for the re-instatement of department chairman at the secondary level for the third or fourth consecutive year," added the superintendent. "There were a lot of things that were requested that haven't been incorporated in the proposed budget because we just don't have the funds."

Sheldon reiterated Carlson's statements, saying that the school board will have to make some serious decisions a year from now — either to cut programs or go after additional funds.

In his budget report, Carlson stated that the district will receive revenue from three major sources: local, state, and county.

Local revenue sources are expected to generate some \$13.23 million. The largest portion of local revenue is provided by property taxes which are projected at approximately \$12.8 million.

State revenue sources are expected to generate some \$15.5 million to the general fund. Walled Lake Schools anticipate the receipt of some \$1.78 million in state aid. Other major areas of state funding are \$467,000 for transportation and \$411,000 for special education.

County revenue sources are expected to generate some \$156,000 for the general fund. Carlson projected the receipt of \$123,000 for special education and \$33,000 for vocational education from the county.

Instructional costs represent better than 50 percent of the projected expenditures of \$19.7 million.

According to the tentative budget figures, some \$10.5 million will go to instructional expenditures. Cost of support services was pegged at \$9 million, while the cost of the community education program was estimated at \$223,000.

Instruction expenditures were broken down as follows: \$4.7 million for elementary instruction, \$1.5 million for middle school instruction, and \$3.3 million for high school instruction. Special education was pegged at \$894,000, vocational education was pegged at \$140,000, adult education expenditures were estimated at \$122,000, and summer school expenditures were placed at \$5,200.

The major area of expenditure under support services was plant operation and maintenance which was pegged at \$2.5 million.

Other major areas under support services expenditures were \$1.89 million for fringe benefits, \$993,000 for administration, and \$993,000 for transportation.

Additional expenditure projections for support service areas were \$385,000 for guidance, \$255,000 for libraries, \$244,000 for athletics, \$232,000 for other business services (insurance and interest on short term loans), \$218,000 for instructional staff directors, and \$203,000 for fiscal services.

Additional millage may be needed

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by \$316,000.

In his report on budget projections, Carlson noted that they were based on information at the present time and obviously would be subject to change. He added that he felt his projections of expenditures had been conservative and that they could very well be in excess of his figures.

Carlson added that some of his concerns regarding revenues and expenditures during the 1979-80 school year were as follows:

—The State Aid Act might be such that it will not produce the anticipated revenues as it has in the past. The economic climate of the State of Michigan will not necessarily be as

good as what the State of Michigan has incurred recently.

—I question the economic impact of the tax proposal which will probably be on the ballot in November. To what extent will this curtail spending, and to what effect will it have on educational programs in the State of Michigan?

—I have estimated an increase in our State Equalized Valuation at a growth rate of 12½ percent. I question whether the money market will support this as well as some of the reassessment practices in the State of Michigan.

—The total State Aid and property tax revenues have been computed at \$12.2 percent. I question whether the State Aid Act for 1979-80 will be able to support it to that extent. We still do not have a State Aid Act for 1978-79.

However, negotiations are drawing to a close in the State Legislature and should be somewhat near to what is projected in Senate Bill 1455.

—I have concerns about the amount I have allocated for salaries for our professional and non-certificated staff for 1979-80. I do suspect that if area (regional) bargaining is in effect, that more pressure will be brought upon school districts and the public for higher salaries and more fringe benefits than what we have encountered in the past.

—I have some extreme concerns regarding the cost of fringe benefits in our school district. They are continually rising because of inflation and increased benefits being provided for our employees. In the past we have experienced increases in cost of health insurance alone from eight percent to 30 percent per year. I have projected the cost for 1979-80 at 10 percent which is very speculative. I sure hope I am correct.

Cityhood reviewed

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Unless petitions of disagreement are filed with McGee by late July.

So far, no one has asked for information on the petitions of disagreement, the clerk said.

Under the new charter township law, which was passed by the legislature in May and signed by Governor Milliken on Monday, a township that meets certain criteria generally associated with unincorporated areas may adopt a standard state charter to protect its boundaries.

Commerce apparently would meet all of the criteria which include: a state equalized valuation of at least \$25-

million; a minimum population density of 150 persons per square mile; police and fire protection services; a comprehensive zoning or master plan; solid waste disposal services; and water and sewer services.

Township residents in 1971 sought to incorporate as a city in order to protect its boundaries from annexation to Walled Lake. Wolverine Lake Village also filed for cityhood and later amended its request to include a portion of the township.

In 1972, however, the commission ordered Commerce, the village and Peninsular Park Subdivision in West Bloomfield, which juts into Union Lake from Union Lake Road, to become one city.

The village filed suit in Oakland County Circuit Court, which ruled in 1976 that the state agency had the authority to commute the incorporation petitions. The State Court of Appeals last October upheld the ruling and the Michigan Supreme Court in January refused to grant leave for a further appeal.

Village residents then collected enough signatures to force an election on the cityhood issue.

Before the new charter township law cleared the legislature, Long said he would favor cityhood rather than take a chance that Walled Lake's annexation petitions for land generally south of the Grand Trunk Western Railroad tracks would be approved.

Wolverine Lake officials said they would oppose incorporation because the village provides more municipal services than the township and its identification with the lake.

Since Commerce can now protect its boundaries by adopting the charter form of government, township officials are expected to oppose cityhood.

Open space

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has been led by Schmid who suggests that it is more advantageous to the developer than it is to the city or future residents.

Schmid argues that the open space only benefits those property owners whose lots directly abut the open space.

In spite of Schmid's objections, the council voted 5-1 last week to retain the open space option in the city's zoning ordinance.

According to a proposal submitted by Councilman James Shaw, the city will permit developers of certain residential zoning districts to reduce lot sizes up to 25 percent.

Shaw's directive stated, however, that the open space option could only be applied in the larger residential zoning districts and could not be applied in the city's R-4 zoning district.

Readers Speak

Spreen responds

to funding plan

To the Editor:

The controversy over the Role Definition Bill 1517 has escalated now to the point where the Michigan State Police, local police, many local politicians, and some of the media have joined in an unfortunate attack on all of the Sheriffs in Michigan through the use of misstatements and untruths.

This Bill was based on the recommendations of two special committees appointed by the governor in order to end some of the confusion concerning the role of Sheriff's Departments in patrolling secondary roads.

This Bill will not decrease the size of the State Police or force them to cut any of their services. In fact, their new budget will be increased by \$29 million this year to a total of \$120 million.

If the State Police are so concerned about patrolling the freeway system in the state, then why did they pull out of the metropolitan area in 1974 and tell all of the local departments that if an expressway system ran through the local jurisdiction, then that local police department would be responsible for handling that portion of the expressway?

The Sheriffs of this state are not out to empire build, but are attempting to serve the citizens of their counties to the fullest extent. In 1976, the majority of fatal accidents occurred on secondary roads in those areas patrolled by the Sheriffs' Departments and local police. The 83 Sheriffs in Michigan are the only

Opponents of the Sheriffs' Departments claim that this bill will further fragment law enforcement. To the contrary — this Bill, for the first time, defines the roles of the State Police and the Sheriffs' Departments and gives the primary responsibility for patrol of the freeway system to the State Police, and the primary duty for patrol of the secondary county roads to the Sheriffs' Departments. It will eliminate duplication of effort and the waste of taxpayers' money for the duplication. Actually, it will alleviate some of the horrendous law enforcement problems used by fragmentation.

Johannes F. Spreen
Oakland County Sheriff

Opposes amendment

To the Editor:

New Novi Law Will Hurt Acreage Owners.

Upon the owners of acreage parcels strongly object to a proposed ordinance change, they will be faced with a severe restriction regarding selling off parts of their land.

The new ordinance would require newly split-off parcels to be no larger than three times its width. For instance, an owner of a standard 10-acre parcel (330 by 1,320) would not be allowed to sell off part of his property (regardless of how high taxes go). This same limitation will affect acreage parcels and, in my opinion, will seriously deter future development of land in the vast areas of the city where sewers are not expected for 10 to 20 years.

Bill Gladden

Novi's Wilkins retires

A plaque was presented to retiring Novi School Board Trustee Robert Wilkins at the June 15 meeting.

Wilkins, who served nine years on the board, will be replaced by Bob Schram, who was elected in the June 12 election.

"Certainly, over nine years, Bob is one of the school board members who has made it what it is today," Superintendent Gerald Kratz said of Wilkins.

Also present at the meeting was former Novi Mayor Gil Henderson, who served with Wilkins on the board several years ago.

Henderson praised Wilkins for his great concern for the quality of education in Novi and applauded his willingness to listen to the wishes of all the citizens in the community.

Henderson noted Wilkins had been active in the pursuit of the bond issue which brought the new high school building to the district.

Wilkins said it had been a pleasure for him to serve for nine years on the board and mentioned the fact that, while there had been strong disagreements on the board, there had never been polarization of one faction against another.

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Area Police Blotters

Fireworks suspect caught napping

In Wixom

A "man with a gun" call netted Wixom Police with a confused man carrying a pellet pistol, a large amount of cash and a car trunk loaded with fireworks.

The suspected fireworks dealer was found at 7:30 a.m. Saturday in his car on Pontiac Trail at the railroad tracks. When police responded, the man appeared to be either sleeping or in an unconscious state. In his lap was lying a pellet pistol, police said.

The car, with engine running, was blocking traffic at the busy intersection. After transferring the man to a patrol unit, police reportedly discovered a quantity of fireworks in the trunk of the car.

Included in the confiscated items were over 300 M-80's, and a variety of rockets, thunderbombs, roman candles and bottle rockets. Several boxes of lesser fireworks were also contained in the trunk, according to reports.

The man was arrested as a disorderly person and bonded out on cash bond of \$100. Additional warrants on other pending charges are currently being sought.

A three car collision apparently caused by a motorist attempting to pass another tied up traffic on Pontiac Trail east of Wixom Road Friday afternoon. Rumbled fenders and tempers, but only minor injuries, resulted from the pile-up.

The accident occurred as Robert Smith of Milford attempted to pass a car driven by Norma Vickery of Walled Lake, according to police. The Vickery vehicle was stopped prior to making a left turn into a business parking lot. Both cars were in the eastbound lane.

Smith reportedly pulled into the westbound lane to pass, but was forced back by oncoming traffic. Striking the rear of the Vickery car, the collision sent the vehicle into a front yard.

Glancing off the Vickery car, Smith veered into traffic sidestepping another car driven by Frank Saputo of Walled Lake.

Jack Hoffman

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cial of the rebuilt high school and remains there yet.

Beecher was never a particularly attractive community and today, despite the new housing that went up following the tornado, it still isn't much to look at. In fact, for those who come back to visit, it's rather depressing.

But mercifully, memories have a tendency to emphasize pleasant while minimizing the unattractive. And while time cannot erase a tragedy, it reduces it to an abstract painting.

It even allows us to laugh now in recollection of the conversations between two victims of the 1953 tornado:

"Say," shouted one man at another digging in the rubble, "did you see anything of my house?"

"What color was it?"

"White," came the reply.

"Several white ones went that way."



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In Novi

Five men driving along 13 Mile Road near Paramount June 14 stopped their car when a rock flew through the window. No one was seriously injured.

The men stopped the car and asked some children nearby if they had seen who had thrown the rock. The children pointed to a pair of teenagers running through a field north of 13 Mile Road.

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Sports ... in The News



Steve Weber rounds third during a six-run third-inning rally

Little Leaguer throws 'perfect' perfect game



BRENT KISH

Caesars hand Colonels first open league loss

The Union Lake Colonels, runaway leaders of the Inde-Water Open League, suffered their first league defeat of the season last week at the hand of Waterford's Little Caesars, 29-21.

The loss came in the second game of last Wednesday's doubleheader, but, added to the Colonels' 20 league wins, still leaves the local squad alone in first place.

"Somebody finally got us," said Colonel manager Max Burt. "We've had some close ones, and now we've been knocked off."

The initial loss came in a wide open sea-saw battle that saw the Colonels suffer 12 hits in the bottom of the sixth to wipe out a 20-17 Colonel lead. The Colonels only managed one run in the seventh to take the loss.

The Colonels almost escaped the deluge but fell victim to their own errors in the fateful inning. With two outs and only one run in, the Colonels committed three miscues, allowing 11 more Caesars' to cross the plate.

In the opening game it was a different story, as the Colonels blasted 11 home runs in an 18-6 victory. Jeff Moon, Sam Antonazzo, Doug Gaines, and Buff Martin all collected a pair, while John Varvari, Marv Gross and Paul Demming each had one. Varvari and Gross each had three hits in the first game.

In Monday night's action the Colonels resumed their winning ways with a couple of close wins over Schram's Auto Parts, 10-9 and 9-7.

The Colonels trailed Schram's in the first five innings of the opener, before picking up four big runs in the bottom of the sixth and holding on for the win.

Outfielder Bob Masson had the game's winning hit with an RBI double with two outs in the sixth, while first baseman Ray Koenig contributed a perfect three-for-three and a walk.

In the nightcap, the Colonels picked up five runs on five hits in the opening inning and Schram's were never quite able to catch them. Ray Koenig and Dave Burt tripled and Sam Antonazzo doubled for the big blows of the inning.

The Colonels' 20-1 record is good for a four game lead over the second place Caesars in the Inde-Water League.

Overall, the Colonels take their 25-5 record into this weekend's tournament at Davison.

Two Walled Lake Western youths came home with ribbons after competing in the annual Jaycee Junior Champs track meet in Northville last Saturday.

Butch Grove and Steve Sutherland placed 1-2 in the pole vault while Sutherland added a first-place finish in the two mile run.

Competing at the 15-16 age level, Grove cleared 9'7" and Sutherland 9'4" in the pole vault. Sutherland's time in the two mile was 11:19.

Doubleheader sweep!

Novi legion team opens premier season in style

Novi's American Legion baseball team opened its first-ever season as if it had been playing together for years Sunday afternoon.

Made up of players from this spring's Novi and South Lyon High School varsity clubs, the local Legion squad exploded early and ran off with 6-4 and 10-0 victories over Southfield in a doubleheader held in Novi.

Novi, coached by Tom O'Branovic and Tom Shillito of the local Parks and Recreation department, stormed to a 5-0 lead in the first three innings of the first game. Rick Faulkner cracked a two-run double in the opening frame for a quick 2-0 lead.

Two innings later Steve Weber, Faulkner, Keith Crosslin, Bill Bishop and Woody Stidham put together back-to-back singles to up the margin to five.

Southfield, however, bounced back with four runs on six straight hits, all with two outs, in the top of the fourth to chase Faulkner, who'd started the game for Novi, from the mound.

Stidham then came on in relief and held the visitors scoreless over the last three innings while Novi added an insurance run in the fifth.

The second game, unlike the first, was never in doubt. After a scoreless first two innings Novi erupted for six runs in the third, highlighted by Crosslin's two-run triple up the alley in left center.

And pitcher Jeff Laverly did the rest.

Laverly, who won just one game with the Novi High varsity this spring, was almost flawless on the mound for the Legion squad. He went the distance and allowed just one hit, a third-inning single, while striking out five.

The only other two Southfield batters to reach first base got there on walks, and all three runners were erased on double plays before they ever had a chance to reach second.

Novi, meanwhile, added another run in the fourth on an RBI single by Randy Lewis, then closed the scoring with a three-run outburst in the fifth highlighted by Brad Oyster's two-run single.

The winners picked up 10 hits in the game, with Lewis and Crosslin getting two apiece to lead the attack.

Novi's next game takes place tonight when they travel to Waterford for a single contest. Friday they play another single game at Milford, then host Berkley in a game starting at 6 p.m. next Monday at the local high school diamond.

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Keith Crosslin slides into third in a cloud of dust

Golf tourney slated

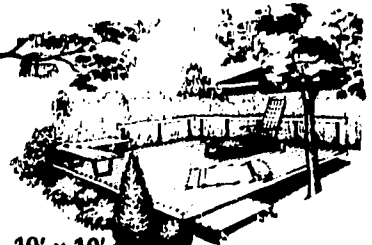
The Walled Lake Recreation Department is looking for all golfers interested in participating in its sixth annual open golf tournament this summer.

Saturday, July 8, is the day of competition in medal play at White Lake Oaks golf club on Williams Lake Road in Union Lake. Competition is arranged in age and sex categories, broken down to the following groups; boys 12-17; girls 12-17; men 18 and over; and women 18 and over.

Men and women will play 18 holes, while the youth divisions will play nine. The top five men and women medalists in the open will represent Walled Lake Schools in the five-member team Michigan Recreation Parks Association State Tournament this fall. Incidentally, the Walled Lake Schools are hosting that tournament at Dunham Hills on Saturday, September 23.

The entry fee for the qualifying open on July 8 is \$11 for men and women, and \$6 for youth. The entry fee includes green fees. Tee times must be reserved in advance of the tournament at 624-0202. Trophies will be awarded to the top two golfers in each division. Any further questions on the open tournament should be directed to Randy Kibloski at 624-0202.

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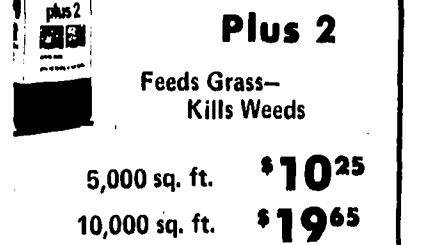
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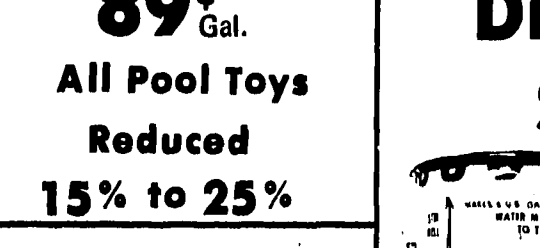
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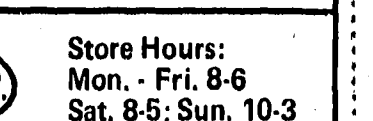


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A ringer every time for area horseshoe pitchers

By AL SCHULTZ

If you ever get the urge to throw some horseshoes, drive out to Clara Miller Park in Wixom on a Wednesday night, but watch out who you get in a game with.

Some of the meanest horseshoe throwers around hang out there, and they're none other than members of the Lakes Area Horseshoe League.

Ed Klavitter and Ron Vandersys, who can both throw with the best of them, organized the league a few years ago and report membership is still growing.

"It's just something we do on Wednesday nights," said Klavitter. "Most of the guys have played quite a bit of horseshoes and it turns into a friendly rivalry."

Aurel Murg of Wixom is probably the oldest and most experienced of the Lakes Area horseshoe players. Murg is eighty years old, but he's only been throwing for 40 of those years. Murg has been the Wixom champion so many times he isn't sure, and he's been the state fair champion three times that he knows of.

"I used to play doubles with a guy named Smiley," he says. "And one year at the state championship Smiley threw two ringers and the guy against

him threw two ringers right on top of his. I had a throw a ringer to win it, and I sure did."

Murg then proceeded to show the group just how he'd done it, and missed four throws.

"Don't let that guy kid you," said Klavitter. "He can throw a ringer anytime he wants. We were beating him pretty bad once and he just decided that it was time to throw ringers. And he beat us too; he came right back and beat us. He can throw ringers anytime he wants to."

Murg, Klavitter and Vandersys are just three members of the Lakes Area Horseshoe League, which totals over 20 Wednesday night competitors.

On this particular Wednesday, the group was short a few players and needed this reporter to fill in a doubles match. It proved, however, that Murg and the reporter were no match for Klavitter and Don Krik, as Krik tossed four consecutive ringers to make the match a rout.

"That's the guy you should be watching about," said Murg. The Lakes league competitors are a loosely structured group of men who throw horseshoes from 7 p.m. until sundown. And it was near sundown when this reporter left, and they were still throwing.



Wixom's Aurel Murg in championship form

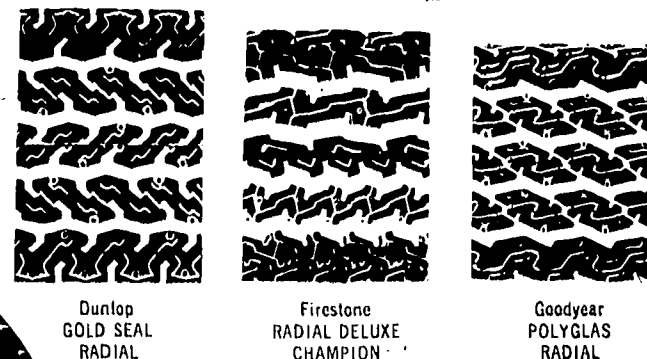


Ed Klavitter rakes a horseshoe pit

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Novi great-grandma is golf champ

She's probably the top woman golfer in the area, but Novi's Julia Cova would much rather talk about her husband and great-grandchildren than her golf game.

"I've got two lovely great-grandchildren," she says as she produces a photo of the young girls. "and I've got a wonderful husband. He's the one that made me what I am today. Golf is just something I play for fun."

Julia and her husband Midge Cova, are the owners of Bob-O-Link golf course in Novi. Julia generally runs the clubhouse and restaurant, while Midge works as the course pro. The Covas also reside at Bob-O-Link.

So, with the constant golf surroundings, it is only likely that Julia gets in a lot of practice. But that isn't the case, as Julia will be the first to admit that she's played only four times this year.

And she won three of them. Competing as a member of the 90-member Women's Metropolitan Golf Association, Julia plays golf only on Wednesdays. The WMGA is a traveling group of women golfers who compete at Detroit area courses. Every Wednesday the women play at different courses in the extended metro area that includes Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti.

Cova was the first week's winner at Tyrone Hills in Fenton, finished third the next time out, won at Bob-O-Link two weeks ago, and was the medalist at Salem last week. And that's not bad for a great-grandmother.

"They all try to beat the great-grandma," she says, "and it's been fun. We're all amateurs and we play for gift certificates, not prize money."

Cova, who barely looks old enough to be a grandma, has been a member of the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association for over 30 years.

"When was the first Bell Telephone strike?" she asks. "That's the year I joined up."

She is one of only a handful of competitors who have been with the organization that long, and though she's been the big winner in recent years, it hasn't always been that way.

Julia began golfing as a hobby after 10 years of marriage.

"The neighbors asked me if I was married," she explained. "They'd never seen my husband because he left the house before they got up. That's when I decided to take up the game."

Was she talented from the start?

"I was lucky," she said. "I got a 99 for nine holes in my first game at Palmer Park in Detroit. I think I got a 142 on my first 18-hole game, but I kept it."

Cova joined the association her first year in the game and has been with the organization that long, and though she's been the big winner in recent years, it hasn't always been that way.

Julia and her husband Midge, the Bob-O-Link pro, are as familiar to area golfers as the Bob-O-Link course itself.

The couple began their work with the golf course in 1959 as managers, and now own it. Midge was primarily responsible for adding an additional nine holes on the course, and planted over 700 trees on the property. He also built the current clubhouse.

"We've done a lot of this place," says Julia, "but it's still work. We have to get up at five in the morning and work 14 to 16 hours a day."

"But golf is a good game, and it's a good sportsmanship game," she adds.

When asked about the women's professional golf tour, she smiled and said, "I love it. I think it's great for those women, but I was never good enough and I was married. It's definitely not for me. I've got my husband and my great-grandchildren and that's what's important to me."

Julia Cova, minus her husband and her great-grandchildren, will join the women's group today (Wednesday) for their weekly golf outing at the University of Michigan course.

She'll keep playing she says, until she can shoot a round with her great-grandkids, and then some.



Novi's Julia Cova poses with a trophy and her dog

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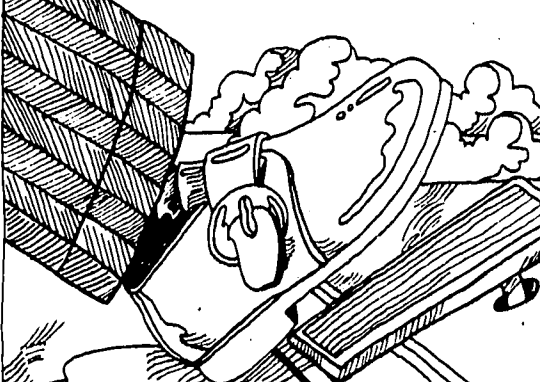
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Novi's Louie Balogh poses with his championship trophy and 1972 Camaro

In first stock car race ever

Balogh captures bracket trophy

By MIKE LASH

On a Saturday afternoon late last April Louis Balogh raced his sleek 1972 Camaro down Milan Dragway's

quarter-mile strip, crossed the finish line a fraction of a second ahead of another car, and took home a championship trophy. Balogh's car was far from being the

fastest among the hundreds of dragsters racing that day. It was, in fact, probably one of the slower ones. But Balogh, who'll be a senior at Novi High this fall, wasn't attempting to set any speed records. Instead he was aiming for consistency — and that's the name of the game in bracket racing.

Bracket racing takes place every weekend at Milan and other area drag strips prior to the professional dragsters' competition. Amateur racers are encouraged to soup up their cars a little and race against the clock. The idea of bracket racing is to come as close to a pre-arranged speed limit (actually a time limit) as possible without going faster.

Before actual competition gets under way each driver is required to run a time trial and, on the basis of his speed on that run, sets a minimum time limit for himself that determines what bracket he'll drive in. All drivers then compete in a series of single elimination races within their brackets. Only two cars race at a time, and the winner of each heat — the driver who comes closest to his minimum time limit without going under it — advances to the next round of competition. Drivers finishing under the time limit are automatically disqualified.

In Balogh's case the minimum time limit was 20 seconds. He was competing in the first annual MoTech Bracket Nationals Day for high schoolers at Milan's drag strip, sponsored by the MoTech Auto Education Center in Livonia. The event attracted over 400 high school students from all over Southeastern Michigan and northern Ohio last April 29.

And, in his first attempt at the sport, Balogh won the Bracket 8 (the slowest of eight brackets) championship, exceeding the 20-second limit in eight consecutive races. For his efforts he won \$25 in cash plus a jacket, a trophy, five quarts of racing oil and a variety of other prizes.

"I like it a lot," he says of the sport — so much that he intends on trying it a few more times this summer. He first heard about the MoTech race (which was open to high school students only, although on most other racing days it's open to all comers) in his high school shop class.

But he credits quite another source for giving him the initiative to try his own hand at it. "My dad's the only one that really got me interested in cars in the first place," Balogh says. "He constantly works on them himself and likes teaching me."

Last summer, in fact, his father was responsible for getting him involved in go-kart racing at Flat Rock Speedway, just south of Detroit. "I got a lot of trophies there, but I never really won anything," Balogh recalls.

This year, with his father's backing, Balogh modified his Camaro's 307-cubic-inch engine a bit, filled it up with premium gas and headed for Milan. His winning effort in the finals was 20.56 seconds — or about 44 miles per hour.

Balogh, who's also active in other sports and played varsity basketball at Novi this year, plans on running his car this weekend at Milan. If all goes well, Gates open at the strip at 10 a.m. Sunday, with the bracket races slated to get under way soon afterwards. Professional drag racing starts at 8 p.m.

Wolverine Lake youngster hauls in largemouth bass

Thirteen-year-old Frank Hunt has been living on Wolverine Lake all his life, but he's never had a better fish story to tell than this one. Fishing from the family boat on Thursday, June 8, young Frank landed a giant 20-inch, 4½ pound largemouth

bass from Wolverine Lake. He was using a jitterbug when he made the catch about 8:45 p.m. Frank was fishing with his father, and his monster was their only catch of the night.



Frank Hunt displays his largemouth bass

Tennis tourney

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be structured among sexes. The tournament begins July 10 and will run until July 14, with trophies awarded to first and second place winners in each division. All matches will be played at Walled Lake Western High School.

The adults will play after 5 p.m., while the 18-and-under groups will play from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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Failure rate high

By HOWARD RONTAL

To the small businessperson, with a newly opened store, a ready smile on his face, and shelves full of goods, the whole world can seem as if it is conspiring in a plot to either keep him from opening or drive him out of his mind.

Take the case of the Sunflower Hut a natural foods store in South Lyon. The Oakland County Public Health Department told owner Betty Lou Mitchell she needed another hot water heater which met the license requirements for a "food store". Mitchell's place is only a few square feet larger than a walk-in closet.

She uses so little of the hot water her oversized unit produces that it comes out "black," from stagnating in the storage tank, she said. This bit of bureaucratic aggravation cost her about \$150 before she sold her first roasted soy bean.

Fellow small businesses are often no help either. Greg Tigani, the owner of Speedy Printing Center in Brighton, said his opening was delayed four weeks — two weeks as he waited for installation of his furnaces and two more weeks for an electrician to hook the shop up.

That hurts, said Tigani. Everyday he was unable to open represents income that is lost forever. Just when he needs it most, Tigani's is a franchise operation for which he spent \$12,000 just for the name and a little training from the parent company. Add in the cost of the copying machines, printing machines, and inventory and Tigani was in the unenviable position of watching an investment crawl further and further out on a limb as each day passed.

But the small businessperson's worst enemy may be himself.

In fact, the head of the Michigan office of the Small Business Administration (SBA), Ray Harshman, is quite positive that he is. Sixty percent of all small businesses fail in their first five years and of that, 93 percent go under because of managerial inexperience or downright incompetence, he said.

Harshman said this second figure from a 1975 Dun and Bradstreet analysis of 11,430 business failures. The study determined that 16.9 percent of the failures lacked experience, and 21.1 percent knew one aspect of the business for instance, manufacturing, but sank like a stone when it came to another aspect, like sales. A staggering 41.2 percent were incompetent regardless of what experience they had.

The reasons why people start a business for which they have little aptitude and/or knowledge is either a mystery or as varied as the number of businesses that fail. Whatever the reasons, Harshman is continually amazed at the number of people who come to the SBA for a loan, and, when asked what kind of business they want to start, answer, "What's a good business to get into?"

To hear the owner tell a tale of woe after he has invested and lost his shirt, you'd think the banks were out to get him, said Harshman. "I was undercapitalized," say the disgruntled owners.

No lender loans too little money, claims Harshman. "If somebody goes to a bank for a loan, the lender evaluates the loan. If they determine that the proposition is too risky they won't make the loan."

Going broke isn't the real problem in a business failure, Harshman said, it's merely the symptom of the real problem, managerial inexperience or incompetence.

To overcome these potential problems, the SBA performs a number of services for its client companies besides underwriting their bank loan. (The Michigan SBA has arranged for \$100 million in loans this year.)

Under the heading of management assistance, the SBA provides pre-business workshops, sponsors courses on small business operation in community colleges, has a corps of retired company executives who advise the new businessperson, and published 250 titles relating the small business management.

Harshman said that the pre-business workshops are valuable both when they help educate the prospective business person and when such a person realizes that "it's not for me."

On a national basis, the SBA monitors the spending of the federal dollar and tried to make sure that at least some of the government's \$60-\$70 billion in purchases go to small businesses.

But the SBA isn't always right either. An SBA-backed market study of the South Lyon area done for Mitchell and her Sunflower Hut concluded that the area lacked a population large enough to support the store. Move, the SBA said.

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It should be potted in a standard houseplant potting mix with provisions for good drainage and

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Candidates cashing in on incumbency power

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peal and the issues are available for incumbent legislators to take back to their districts to show their people what they are doing in the all important taxation area.

Senator Patrick McCollough (D-Dearborn), chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, has been pumping out of his committee numerous tax relief bills which look great on paper, but have no chance of clearing the Legislature this year and may not be affordable by the state.

Incidentally, McCollough before agreeing to take over the chairmanship of his committee demanded the committee be renamed Finance instead of Taxation to eliminate any bad connotation with his chairmanship.

Another crime fighter is Senator Daniel Cooper (D-Oak Park) who won Senate approval of two bills appropriating \$50 million for local units of government for increased lighting and police patrols in high crime areas.

Another good mark on which to campaign in a district where formidable opposition is appearing.

Senator John Hertel (D-Harper Woods), whose district has a great number of senior citizens, is campaigning with legislation to prohibit public utilities from advertising anything but for safety explanations or the mechanics of doing business with the utility.

Hertel's bill, which is being pushed out of his own committee on energy, will naturally appeal to senior citizens who can easily be convinced such ads do nothing but increase their utility rates cutting deeply into their fixed incomes.

A permanent program of tax credits for home heating has been approved by a House committee.

The \$1 million program, reducing the income tax load for low income persons with high heating bills compared to income, would replace the annual direct subsidy to elderly, low income persons for heating cost.

It can grow in a teacup

Small enough to grow comfortably in a teacup, the miniature sinningia (Sinningia speciosa).

These tiny relatives of the African violet rarely grow more than two inches tall. Michigan State University horticulturists suggest that they are ideal flowering plants for terrariums and mini-gardens.

The flowers of the miniature sinningias look like tiny, pastel-colored cornucopias rearing above the small mound of dark green leaves.

Put these plants in a humus soil made of equal parts peat moss and houseplant potting soil. Or use a prepared mixture for African violets. Water whenever the soil surface begins to feel dry to keep the soil around the roots moderately moist, but not soaking wet at all times. Fertilize every one or two months when the plants are actively growing.

Place sinningias where they will be exposed to humid air and bright, indirect light. Though they will survive in partial shade, they require bright light to flower.

After flowering, continue to water and fertilize to maintain growth.



Garden beds

Talk to most any gardener who has built frames to enclose raised beds for vegetables and flowers and you'll get an enthusiastic recommendation. Raised beds are so effective that you'll kick yourself for not building them sooner. Raised beds, according to those who use them, mean soil draining faster and warms up more quickly, producing earlier vegetables; labor in weeding, watering and harvesting is reduced; water soaks in rather than running off; earthworms thrive in the

moist environment; and gardens look neater. Raised beds need not be expensive. Frames can be built of used or rough lumber, painted or dipped in copper naphthenate, a wood preservative that is not toxic to plants. Do not use creosote, "Dipentol" or copper sulphate, however. They can kill plants. Frames should be at least six inches deep and should not be more than four to five feet wide so vegetables can be harvested without stepping into the bed and compacting the soil.

Rural life: look before that leap

Ah, country life! Fresh air, room for a garden sweeping vistas, nature at your doorstep. A return to the "simple life" and a retreat from noise, pollution and city crowds.

That's how many Michiganders view a move to the country. Though their goals can be attained, there are some hard realities to be explored before making the move.

A new bulletin, "Getting Into Country Living," E-1140, published by Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service, lists points to consider before making a move to the country. It is available from local county Extension offices for \$1.

The authors are: Elizabeth B. Mowery-Daly, Clare Brown, John Constock, Eckhart Dersch, Leo Dorr, Peter Gladhart, Larry Libby and Wayne Nieman, members of the MSU Department of Resource Development and/or MSU Extension Service.

The bulletin's four chapters — Michigan Moves to the Country; Considering the Move; Choosing Your Place; Living in the Country — provide some insights into the advantages and disadvantages of country life, relates Barbara A. Voth, MSU Extension specialist in community resource development.

The following are some of the points raised by the bulletin. The simple life can become complicated as you try to build or remodel your dream home amidst a tangle of building codes and restrictions. You may find after you've bought your country place that local ordinances prohibit doing the things you planned on: owning a horse, building a compost pile for the garden or running a home-based business.

A move from the city to the country involves some trade-offs — some things you must give up to get other things. Making your getaway to the peace and quiet and wide open spaces of country life usually means spending more time and money — to commute to work. Shopping, heating, restaurants, after-school activities and old friends are also no longer as close as they used to be.

Country life isn't free of many of the problems that plague city dwellers. Contrary to popular myth, crime and other emergencies do exist in rural areas. It may take the local county sheriff — as well as the fire department and ambulance — longer to respond to your call than it would in the city. As a result, your insurance may cost you more in the country.

Other costs may be higher, too. Utilities are likely to be higher in rural areas. Natural gas is not readily available, and many rural homes are heated with oil or bottled gas, which is more expensive. Initial hook-ups of electricity and telephone may require that new poles be set and wire strung for some distance, which can make hook-ups costly.

To avoid unpleasant surprises later, find out everything you can about the property you're considering before you buy. First, look into the legal land status of the property. Its current assessed value, special assessments pending and long-term land use plans for the area. Learn what county and township the property is located in and find out how that government unit regulates land ownership and use through zoning ordinances and building restrictions and requirements.

Examine the physical characteristics of the property. Find out whether the geology of the area will interfere with or prohibit building a house foundation or drilling a well.

Does the property have a reliable source of safe water? What are your options in sanitary waste disposal? Can the land handle a septic tank system? Is the area in a flood plain or high risk erosion area? Is the soil suitable for whatever you intend to do with your land? What about the weather and climate? How cold does it get in winter? How much does it snow?

Dear Plant Doctor: I suspect your problem is being caused by cabbage maggots tunneling in the root system of your plants. This destructive insect also attacks cabbage, brassica sprouts and cauliflower. Carefully dig out one of your plants and inspect the root system. If maggots are the culprits, you will find small, white worm like insects in the roots. Transplants should be treated with Diazinon (Spectracide) to prevent this problem; however, there is little that can be done now. You can still have broccoli this season by seeding directly into the garden in late June for a fall harvest. Be sure to thin the plants to stand two feet apart in rows three feet apart. These plants will produce late in the fall. Do not forget the insecticide treatment.

Dear Plant Doctor: I have noticed that the leaves of our oak trees are misshapen by clusters of round swellings. What malady has struck our trees? B.V. Dear B.V.:

The condition you described is called oak gall. The galls are caused when a small wasp like insect stings the leaves and lays eggs. The galls are more unsightly than they are destructive and nothing can be done now to eliminate them. Chemical controls are seldom required, but you can reduce the problem by spraying with Lindane when the leaves are emerging. Nearly one hundred different galls have been found on oaks.

Dear Plant Doctor: Nearly all our broccoli plants are wilting and dying. Watering doesn't help so what can we do? N.H. Dear N.H.:

An established healthy asparagus bed can be cut for 6 to 8 weeks. After this time, stop cutting and allow the ferns to develop which will produce stored food for the crowns to use next spring. In the spring, apply 30 lbs. of 5-10-5 fertilizer per 1,000 sq. ft.

'Friendship' is rugged

Hybrid tea rose is '79 All-American



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PARADISE

It's a rugged, strong growing, bushy hybrid tea rose.

And it's the 1979 All-American Rose with the name "Friendship."

Friendship was hybridized by the well-known rose breeder, Robert V. Lindquist, Sr. of Hemet, California, who began hybridizing in 1948 and, prior to Friendship, already had three All-American winners to his credit — Granada, Tiffany and Command Performance.

According to the experts, it appears Friendship will be a "very hardy variety," as it came through last winter's severe weather in our more northern test gardens without loss.

Friendship makes a tall bush, producing a great profusion of very large blooms throughout the season, which is somewhat surprising because rose varieties bearing large flowers usually bloom sparingly.

The blossoms are held on long, tall stems, most suitable for cutting. The color descriptions of Friendship vary from coral rose, salmon pink inner petals, coral-rose, to flesh, and any one of them could be right, depending upon when you happen to look at the four to five-inch blooms.

The buds, long-ovoid and deep coral color, deepen to a rich coral pink as the

petals role back and open into the large, fully double flower.

The form of both bud and bloom is excellent and while the color varies with each observer, it is always attractive, particularly when a light flush of salmon-red appears at the edge of each petal.

Blooms have a good petal substance and last for a long time, both in the garden and when used as a cut flower. In addition, they possess the added virtue of a strong, sweet fragrance.

SUNDOWNER

A very vigorous 1979 grandiflora award winner, the Sundowner has medium to large gleaming-orange blossoms borne on very long stems.

When first opening this rose has such an intense coloring that it actually seems fluorescent.

The 40 petal flowers are slightly ruffled, with excellent form and substance. As the bloom approaches maturity, salmon tints appear on the outer edges of the petals, giving the flower an apricot cast, which gradually fades to a soft pink as the petals drop.

The brilliant blooms exude a delightfully spicy fragrance and a fresh cut bouquet will fill a room with the perfume.

Early in the season the roses are borne singly on long, strong stems, with the typical grandiflora blossom clusters appearing in the late summer.

This rose has shown itself to have considerable resistance to rose diseases, and as far as can be told in this early period of its existence, it is at least as hardy as the ordinary tea and grandiflora roses.

Sundowner was developed by Sam McGredy IV, No. 6 of New Zealand.

PARADISE

In the opinion of the All-American judges, the award winning 1979 Paradise "is one of the most distinctive and novel hybrid tea roses ever produced."

It has a most unusual color combination, while at the same time presenting a rose of striking beauty.

Hybridized by Ollie Weeks of Ontario, California, it is expected to attract world-wide attention and admiration.

From the long, pointed, deep ruby buds, to the fully double four-inch quickly formed open blossom, many shades of lavender, purple, bright pink and rich ruby red come and go during the various stages of flower opening.

As each bud opens its center becomes

silvery lavender, with each petal brushed at the edges with a vivid, bright pink, presenting a rose in an entirely new and unique color combination.

As the flower ages, or in cool weather, the silver-lavender deepens and the pink becomes a bright, ruby red, which appears literally poured around each petal margin, from which it gradually spreads over the flower.

The variety attracted the attention of the AARS judges and the public as well, as it came into bloom in the test gardens, and for the first time in the 38-year history of AARS awards, the entire rose jury elected it as an award winner by acclamation without a formal vote being taken.

The plant of the Paradise is vigorous and bushy, well covered with large, deep glossy green foliage, which forms an excellent background for displaying the most fascinating rose that has been produced in many years.

The flower petals have good substance and hold up well as cut flowers, or on the bush. Black spot will not be a problem with this rose with the spray or dust protection ordinarily given in a rose garden.

According to AARS judges, "We have only the two-year's severe winter in some gardens where other varieties were killed."

You cannot see those nematodes; but they're at root of crop harm

The person who coined the old saying "What you can't see won't hurt you" didn't know about nematodes.

Nematodes are microscopic roundworms. In Michigan, these tiny creatures cause some of the most serious problems in plant roots. They can do millions of dollars' worth of damage to crops each

year. They can also be a serious pest in the home garden, lawn and landscape.

"One reason nematode damage is often so serious is that the symptoms of an infestation look like those of many other problems," observes Bobbi Lawrence, Washtenaw County Horticultural Agent.

"Stunting, wilting, yellowing, reduced yields, and root galls and lesions can be caused by nematodes, other plant pests, disease organisms, too much or too little water, and too much or too little fertilizer. By the time the other

possibilities have been eliminated and nematodes are the prime suspect, the damage may be done."

It usually takes a laboratory analysis of soil and root tissue to confirm a nematode problem. "If you can see something in the soil, it's not a nematode," Lawrence says. "Plant-parasitic nematodes are much too small to be seen with the unaided eye."

In the home garden, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, strawberries, lettuce and cabbage are frequently the targets of the northern root-knot nematode. Swellings on the roots of these plants are a symptom of the pest.

Because the nematodes' feeding interferes with the plants' ability to take up water and nutrients from the soil, plants are stunted and may wilt no matter how much water is available. Yields and

quality of produce are low. The homeowner with a nematode problem doesn't have many options, Lawrence says.

There are no chemical controls for nematodes registered for use in the home garden. Cultural practices can help — like crop rotation to follow

nematode-susceptible crops like tomatoes with more resistant crops like onions and radishes — but they are not cures.

What can you do if you suspect nematodes are at the root of your plant problem? Contact your county Cooperative Extension Service office, Lawrence advises.

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Gerri and Bus Marshall of Wixom examine a frame loaded with honey bees in their apiary

Beekeeping keeps Wixom couple buzzing

By NANCY DINGELDEY

Say the word "bee" to the average person and the automatic response is "sting." The second thought is usually "honey."

To Gerri and Merritt (Bus) Marshall of Wixom, the word "bee" automatically means "apiary," the place where bees are kept. The beehive, Gerri and Bus are just two of thousands of apiculturists, those people who tend hives for the production of honey.

The Marshalls, who have 100 hives in their apiary this year, expect to harvest 8,000 pounds of honey by the end of the season. Last year, Marshall indicated he had one hive that produced 57 pounds of honey in seven days.

That is a phenomenal amount considering a normal worker bee, during its short four to six-week lifespan, produces only one-twelfth of a teaspoon of honey and about one-thirtieth of a teaspoon of beeswax.

Add to that one bee some 60 to 80,000 workers all living in a single hive, and it is easy to see why the scant teaspoons add up to pounds. "It's really a beautiful system," says Marshall, who has been tending bees for years. He added that beekeeping "keeps you learning."

A trip into an apiary is an experience. Not to be done without guidance, one first dons heavy khaki clothes or coveralls. A woven fiber helmet with a good-sized brim covered with a veil tied securely around the neck and gloves with full-length sleeves complete the outfit. Bulky looking and slightly uncomfortable on a warm spring or summer day, the outfit is protection against the sting of a disturbed bee.

The apiculturist will also carry a "smoker," a metal can with a nozzle equipped with a small bellows at the handle. A bit of smoldering kindling produces the smoke used to subdue the bees and send them running into their cells to eat.

Other paraphernalia includes a hive tool, a small crowbar-type tool used to pry the individual frames from inside the hive.

The Marshalls chose a bright sunny day to visit their apiary. Their actions were slow and quiet to interfere as little as possible with their busy friends, most of whom were out gathering nectar and pollen.

A puff of smoke from the "smoker" at the entrance to the hive and a few more over the top of the frames, enabled Marshall to remove the cover and extract the frames for examination.

Each frame contains a comb covered with a multitude of bees. Easily observing the bees at work, some of the cells of the comb were sealed honey and pollen cells. There were cells filled with tiny eggs or half-grown larvae. Young bees could be seen just emerging from their capped cells to begin work.

The queen, identifiable by her larger size, was set to the business of laying eggs. She was surrounded by worker bees tending her. Others were mixing pollen and honey for the growing larvae; and there were even a few lazy drones busy doing nothing.

A colony of bees, says Marshall, is a little "air-conditioned" city all its own that is kept spotlessly clean. No matter how hot the weather, the inside of the hive is kept at a constant temperature by the bees fanning the air with their wings.

The bee system of dividing up the jobs without supervision, claims Marshall, is the best in the world. There is only one queen to each hive and her only duty is to lay eggs — up to 2,000 per day. She can be the mother of a possible 75,000 workers or undeveloped females, in one hive alone.

The role of the worker is just that. In a few weeks of intense activity during the honey-gathering season, the worker is likely to wear its wings to shreds and die of exhaustion. Workers gather water, pollen, nectar, clean and guard the hive. They feed and groom the queen and care for the growing brood.

The drone, or male bee, has only dreams of mating with the queen but once he does, he dies. If his dream is not fulfilled, he is driven from the hive by the worker bees at the end of the honey-gathering season to save boarding him

over the winter. Without the workers to feed him, he then meets his demise.

The Marshall hives, like most others, are multi-storied affairs. The lower chambers are known as the brood chambers where the baby bees are raised. Frames inside the chambers are equipped with sheets of beeswax, foundation called combs.

During the winter the bees cluster on the combs to eat the stored honey and to keep warm. As spring approaches, the queen again begins to lay eggs and the worker bees begin to replenish the supplies of nectar and pollen. As the colony continues to grow, more chambers are filled.

Bees tend to work upwards as the season progresses. They are also equipped with frames of beeswax combs. The bees ripen the nectar into honey and cap the cells in the upper chambers. At the end of the nectar flow, the Marshalls remove the "supers" or containers of surplus honey, extract it and bottle it for the market.

A bee will only gather the nectar and pollen from one type of flower or vegetation during a single flight. That trip could cover a distance of up to a mile and a half. On returning to the hive, the bees communicate in a twisting dance-like motion indicating the direction and distance of the nectar find.

Because of this knowledge, beekeepers can indicate what kind of honey their bees produce. The Marshalls produce only sweet clover and star thistle honey.

It has been estimated that to make one pound of honey, a single bee would have to travel a distance equal to more

than three times around the globe, or 80,000 miles.

Honey is produced by the bees gathering the nectar of flowers which is similar to sweetened water. It is evaporated and modified by the bees. Chemically the same as cane sugar, nectar when stored in the combs and sealed over, is converted into real honey. It contains levulose and dextrose in equal parts which means it can be absorbed without change in the human system. It is also the bee "protein" on which they live and feed their young.

In addition to producing honey, the Marshalls pointed out that most fruit crops and many vegetables are dependent on bees and other insects for pollination. Since the bees have the same unique characteristic of only gathering nectar from the same type flower, they are used by growers to pollinate plants that are self-sterile and in need of cross-pollination.

"If it were not for the bee," said Marshall, "many of our flowers and food crops would vanish from the earth."

During the spring and early summer honey flow, a colony of bees may swarm. A natural method used by bees to increase the size of the hive, a crowded brood nest is the most frequent cause of a swarm.

When bees swarm, they usually direct themselves to the woods and settle high in the trees. Should this cluster or swarm be seen, the Marshalls suggest a telephone call in their direction. Usually unsetting to the onlooker but not a particularly dangerous situation, the Marshalls will collect the swarm, provide the queen and establish a new hive.

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Beethoven probably never heard of them either, but the gut bucket and downspout elbow are musical instruments, nonetheless.

The elbow is a section of a downspout attached to a mouthpiece. The sound this "instrument" makes is even more peculiar than its looks.

The gut bucket is a home-made version of a bass stringed instrument. The base of this bass is a washtub with a pole and string attached to it that is played with a dextrous finger.

The grammas and grandpas in this unique rhythm band will play anything that makes a sound — and do a good job of it, too. Tea pots, scrub boards, plumbings, tin pans — you name it, they'll play it.

The 33-member rhythm band meets twice a month for rehearsals and gives dozens of performances each year to school groups, retirement homes, local functions and anywhere else people will gather to have a good time listening to these fun-loving seniors.

Most of these over-65 band members like their music making so much they they never miss a rehearsal or performance.

It that isn't enough, for the band members and approximately 225 others in the Walled Lake Schools' senior citizen club, retirement does not mean sitting around and watching life pass by.

Retirement means traveling, dancing, attending plays, and having some of the best times of their lives.

A sampling of the upcoming summer schedule includes a trip to the Flint Crossroads Village, Huckleberry Railroad, the Vermont Red Cricket Lodge, Western Canada, and much more.

The seniors meet at four area centers in the Walled Lake School District, Shepherd of the Lake Church, the Dublin Community Center, and St. Mark's Church, according to Fran Sarto, director of senior citizen programs. In addition to the frequent activities, seniors in the Walled Lake area may attend any school function free of charge and are offered discounts by local merchants.

"They've been taxpayers and supported the community all their lives," noted Mrs. Sarto. "Now it's our turn to give them something in return."



Triplets Scott, Cheryl, and Kevin Rikkers keep their parents hopping as they celebrate their first birthday

Triplets mark birthday

Rikkers enjoy 'triple' duties

One year ago, Diane and Jim Rikkers were awaiting the birth of their first child with normal anticipation. Then, just weeks before a nearly one month early arrival, the Rikkers learned that one really meant three.

One year later the triplets, all weighing four pounds, two ounces at birth, are happy, exuberant, and growing.

First-born Scott and his brother, Kevin, are both closing in on 22 pounds, Sister Cheryl, according to her dad, "is a little girl" at only 17 pounds. Their prematurity behind them, the threesome has changed the Rikker household in Union Lake.

Surrounded by their proud parents

and grandparents, the first family bir-day party was held Sunday for the ready-made group. Birthday cakes, candles and pictures marked the occasion.

"Diapers, of course," remarked their dad, "are still in great demand and an extra set of arms is always helpful and welcome. Our house is like a big playpen," he added, "and the noise is just multiplied by three."

Looking back on the first year, the parents commented that the children have continued to develop their own individual personalities. Each appears to react in different ways to different situations.

"But, they seem to have that special

something that draws them together. And they do keep an eye on each other," Rikkers said.

"It's remarkable how they learn from each other, too. One will get an idea and within a short period of time the others follow suit," Rikkers pointed out that Scott was the first to crawl. Watching closely, his brother and sister soon joined in the new game.

Kevin was the first to stand. Within a day, all were on their feet making their first tottering steps.

Three car seats lined up in the family station wagon bought soon after their birth and "interesting" meal times are also a part of raising triplets. Neighborhood walks require at least two people.

Three also makes it a little hard to

find baby sitters for rare evenings out. Unless the children are in bed for the evening, there is just too much for any young person to handle, say the Rikkers.

Three from a child's point of view means fun. There's always someone to play with, "a sort of built-in entertainment," said father. "They'll wake in the morning and spend some time giggling and talking. They take cues from each other and are growing very close."

There are trying days of course but the Rikkers say it hasn't been too bad. They laughingly look toward the day when the threesome begin feeding themselves. "That ought to be a real mess."

Besides the normal "mama" and "dada" echoed three times, the children are great imitators. Cheryl's favorite sound is that of an owl while Kevin's is the duck. Both hoot and quack at the merest suggestion.

"The children seem to be developing patience and understanding, probably more so than a single child," added the Walled Lake Western assistant principal. "And they're usually so good about everything...a special plus for us."

Continuing to grow and fill the household with just a little more noise than usual, Rikkers chortled, "Thank goodness we've only had one teething baby at a time. Could you imagine three at once?"

With one year behind them, the Rikkers attitude on raising triplets is simple...it's just raising one multiplied by three.

Couple says vows in rose garden

A rose garden in full bloom under azure summer skies marked the setting for the June 10 wedding ceremony uniting Carole Jo-anne Monsma and Gary Wilson Sheikh.

Given in marriage by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Monsma, the 11 a.m. vows were said before the Reverend David Drew in the garden of the Unity Chapel in the Pines, Grand Rapids.

Providing background and selected wedding music was the Calvin College String Quartet. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sheikh of Hopkins Drive, Wixom. Small white roses and flowers

cascaded down the long blonde hair of the bride as she approached the altar. Her Grecian-style gown was of draped white tulle with long sleeves. She and her attendants carried armloads of shaded pink peonies from the Monsma gardens.

Honor attendant was Mrs. Frederick Monsma with Deborah Monsma acting as bridesmaid. Both were identically gowned in simply designed long deep coral dresses. Matching floral arrangements were pinned in their hair.

A friend of the groom, Richard Pahl of Lawrence, Michigan, served as best man with brothers of the groom, Mark and Paul Sheikh serving as

groomsmen. Ushers were Robert Spickie of Montague and nephews of the bride, Scott and Rick Monsma.

After a reception at Byisma's, Grand Rapids, the young couple departed on a Canadian honeymoon. They will make their home in the Grand Rapids area.

The bride is a graduate of Calvin College and the University of Michigan. She is a teacher with the Grand Rapids school system.

A graduate of the Florida School of Forestry and Western Michigan University and a former VISTA volunteer in New Mexico, he is a librarian with the Montague Schools.

Announce engagement



JILL POTVIN

The engagement of their daughter, Jill Claire, to James Burton Bower is announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Potvin of Appleford Street, Walled Lake.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bower of Gibraltar, Michigan.

A 1976 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School, Jill serves on the staff of the Walled Lake Public Library.

The future groom graduated in the same year from Gibraltar High School and is employed by H.N.L. Industries, Farmington.

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After reading my sad tales of woe last week under the title of "a black cloud is hanging over my head," several readers called to tell of their several mishaps.

Conversations usually began, "You won't believe this, but..." Most of the callers were chuckling over their lists of groaners, although all admitted they weren't the least bit funny when they occurred.

Penny Sutton's tale of woe began with a broken swimming pool filter. It decided to get incurably ill during a warm weekend, cutting short any ideas of poolside splashing. Naturally, the repair bill made an un-planned dent in the family budget.

The filter incident was followed by the family Dachshound digging a hole under the yard fence. The dog, however, did not dig the hole deep enough and got himself firmly wedged under the fence.

The injured dog suffering a few minor gashes during the ordeal, was also diagnosed as incurring a strained back. Add a vet's bill to the family budget.

A relaxing shower and shampoo, decided upon to sooth a few frayed nerves, later ended in near disaster for Penny.

While blow-drying her hair, Penny said the dryer literally exploded, spewing flame-like sparks everywhere. Automatic response found Penny dropping the dryer in her lap. Chalk up burned robe and undergarments and a singed tummy.

The final note... she grabbed the dryer from her lap and "just tossed the beast." Still sparking, the end result was a hole burned in the bedroom carpeting.

Danish choir to perform in Novi

A touring Danish choir will give two performances in Novi on June 24 and 25. The choir is sponsored by the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Twin Lakes and the St. Agatha Sock 'n Buskin Club.

The 44-voice Haslev Choir will perform on Friday, June 23, in the Center Court at the Twelve Oaks Mall at 2:30 p.m. and on Saturday, June 24, at the new Novi High School at 7:30 p.m. All concerts are open to the public free of charge.

The choir, directed by Hans Krarup, is on a two-week tour of Michigan in conjunction with the Blue Lake International Exchange Program.

Members of the group are from the Haslev Senior High School in Denmark which specializes in music. The group has travelled abroad since 1972, including trips to Russia and Poland. The choir also has performed on Danish television.

While on tour in the area, the choir members will have the opportunity to stay in homes with more than 20 Redford and Novi area families. The Haslev Choir hosted a touring group from Blue Lake in Denmark last summer.

The choir's program of primarily secular music will include Danish folk dancers in national costumes, Danish hymns, motets and selections by such composers as Giuseppe Verdi and Carl Nielsen.

The International Program of Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, located 15 miles

north of Muskegon, has hosted 38 foreign cultural groups since 1972. The Haslev Choir is one of eight groups of young musicians Blue Lake will host this year.

Blue Lake hosts the groups annually as part of its cultural exchange program through which it sends groups on European tours. This summer the camp is sponsoring four-week tours for four performing groups — the 1978 Blue International Concert Band, Choir, Youth Symphony Orchestra, and Jazz Band. A total of 250 student musicians from the Midwest will be participating in the tours this summer.

Novi Presbyterians set to worship in park

Members of Novi's Faith Community United Presbyterian Church will hold their annual "church in the park" services this Sunday, June 25.

All interested individuals should meet at the church at the Village Oaks Elementary School at 9:30 a.m. Cars will leave for Kensington Metropark promptly at 10 a.m.

Participants should dress casually and bring their own picnic lunch.

The regular Sunday morning worship service will be held at a spot by the lake. The younger children will be present for the first part of the service and then leave on a nature hike in conjunction with their Sunday School lesson.

A family picnic will immediately

follow the worship service. Following the picnic, there will be planned activities which include games for the youngsters and a softball game between the adults and senior high school students.

The Reverend Richard Henderson said that the outdoor service gives members of the church an opportunity to "get out and be in God's world while we're worshipping."

Reverend Henderson stated that all interested individuals are invited to participate in the activities regardless of church affiliation.

In the event of inclement weather, services will be held in the church at Village Oaks Elementary School as usual.

Eight local residents earn Michigan State degrees

Two Novi residents and six Union Lake residents received degrees from Michigan State University (MSU) in spring commencement ceremonies recently.

Two of the local graduates received master's degrees, while the other six received bachelor's degrees.

Daniel Dueweke of

Union Lake received a master's degree in geography. Patricia Beach of Union Lake received a Master of Social Work Degree.

Cynthia Clark of Novi received a BA degree in telecommunication, and William Matti of Novi received a BS degree in agriculture and natural

resources education. Patricia Jones of Union Lake received a BA degree in social work, Jeffrey Krumm of Union Lake received a BS degree in horticulture, Colleen Lange of Union Lake received a BS degree in medical technology, and William Matti of Union Lake received a BS degree in criminal justice.

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Community Notes

St. Williams slates Golden Jubilee celebration

In preparation for their golden jubilee celebration, a special choir and handbell concert will be held at St. Williams' Upper Zeph Hall, Walled Lake, on Wednesday, June 21, at 7:30 p.m.

The special concert is open to the public. Refreshments will be served following the musical event.

At 1 p.m. Sunday, June 25, the Walled Lake parish will join at a special Jubilee Mass celebrated by John Cardinale, Archbishop of Detroit. The occasion, held on the Feast of St. William marks the passage of a half-century of the church in Walled Lake.

A catered dinner for the parish will be served immediately following the service in Zeph Hall.

Boat Parade

Wolverine Lake Village residents are reminded that it is time to start preparing their boat for the annual July 4th boat parade. The parade will be held Tuesday, July 4, at 4 p.m.

Trophies and ribbons will be awarded for first, second, and third place as well as honorable mention. There will be separate classes for pontoon boats and small crafts.

Individuals who are interested in entering should notify Village offices at 624-1710 or call Howard Phillips at 624-3157 or Reva Klavitter at 624-3157.

Love Leaves

On Sunday, June 25 the First Baptist Church of Walled Lake will participate in a crusade against hunger and malnutrition. Some 100 families in the church have been saving their loose coins in small containers shaped like leaves of bread for the past month.

At the 11 a.m. services, the "love leaves" will be collected, the breads broken and the proceeds sent to feed the needy. The church hopes to gather enough funds to feed 5000 people.

Sixty percent of the money has been designated to the American Baptist One Great Hour of Sharing with the remain-

ing 40 percent to World Vision, the supplier of the "love leaves."

Guest speaker at the 11 a.m. service is Mrs. Rose Burnett, a member of the local congregation. Presently active in Cantata Academy Singers of Detroit and former member of the Michigan Opera Theatre, Mrs. Burnett has served in both children's work and the music department of the church.

Mrs. Burnett has served as Conference Speaker for the Baptist Business and Professional Women in Hillsdale and has provided leadership for various missionary meetings and women's Bible Study groups.

She has also served as the church representative to the Cranbrook Advanced Pastoral Studies to promote "Pastor-People-Partnership" in her local church.

The public is cordially invited to attend the worship services.

Field Trips

The Walled Lake Community Education Department will once again offer a series of field trips designed for junior and senior high school students. Held each Wednesday for five consecutive weeks, the program is in its sixth year.

Using funds made available by the City of Wixom and the Village of Wolverine Lake held over from last year, cost of one-half the admission fees and salary of the bus driver will be absorbed. The Walled Lake School District is making available the necessary school buses to transport the children.

Students in the Walled Lake District are offered a trip to the Detroit Zoo on June 28; a baseball game pitting the Tigers against Cleveland on July 5; a Bob-Lo excursion on July 15; Greenfield Village on July 19 and an outing at Camp Dearborn on July 26.

Registration for each trip is required by calling the Community Education office each Monday prior to the Wednesday field trip. Those reservations must be made between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Contact the office at 624-0202.

Bible School

The First Baptist Church of Novi will hold its annual vacation Bible school beginning Monday, June 26 continuing through Friday, June 30. The school will be held at the church located on Taft Road near Eleven Mile.

Conducted by Reverend Hubert Karl of Rural Bible Mission, Inc., Bible stories, crafts, and scripture memory competitions will be included in the week-long event. The school is designed for children in kindergarten through sixth grade.

Bus transportation is available by calling the church office at 349-3477.

Fireworks

The Walled Lake Area Jaycees will again present a Fourth of July fireworks display. The colorful event will begin at sunset at Walled Lake Western High School on Beck Road.

Support from businessmen and individuals help each year to defray the cost of the celebration. Anyone wishing to contribute to the event may send their donation to the Walled Lake Jaycees, P.O. Box 335, Walled Lake 48088. All donations are tax deductible.

Family Singers

Hosting the Turney Family Singers, who share the gospel in song, is the Orchard Hills Baptist Church on Saturday, June 24 at 7 p.m. The church is located at 23455 Novi Road between Nine and Ten Mile.

The Turney Family Singers have built their ministry around music with each member of the Columbus, Ohio, group singing as well as sharing their testimonies.

Included in their ministry are three weekly television shows as well as recordings, tapes and guest appearances. The family spends approximately 40 weeks a year in revivals, concerts, areawide crusades, vacation Bible schools, school programs and prison ministries.

The community is invited to attend the concert. There is no admission charge. A love offering will be taken during the concert.

In addition, the Orchard Hills Baptist Church will hold its Vacation Bible School beginning Monday, June 26 through Friday, June 30. The school will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children through the eighth grade are welcome.

For more information, contact the church office at 349-5665 or the pastor's home at 437-6970.

Senior Celebration

Area senior citizens are invited to join the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency second annual Senior Celebration Day. The celebration is planned for Tuesday, June 27 from 10:30-3 p.m. in the Novi High School on Taft Road near Ten Mile.

Lunch will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker, Ms. Elizabeth Ferguson, state director of the Office of Services to the Aging, will talk at 12:30 p.m.

There will be an ethnic theme to the event with senior invited to dress up or loan their costumes for a display.

The Senior Celebration Day is OLHSA's way of honoring the senior citizens, providing an enjoyable social day and saying "thank you" to the community for the services it helps to provide the seniors.

Camelot

Walled Lake's Dave Swiatek will appear as King Pellinor in the romance and pageantry filled musical, "Camelot." It is staged by the Macomb Summer Theater.

Scheduled for June 23, 25 and 30 and July 1-2, the production will be held in the Dakota High School auditorium in Warren. Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Dakota High School, the new home of the former community college Barn-theater Group, is located south of M-39

at 19 Mile at Romeo Plank Road.

Annual Reunion

All former students and faculty of all schools in the Novi School District are cordially invited to attend the annual 38th Novi schools reunion on Saturday, June 24.

Held in the cafeteria of the Novi High School at Taft Road and Ten Mile, the event is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Those attending are asked to bring a potluck dish and a place setting. Meat, coffee and tea will be furnished.

Senior ID Cards

Senior citizens aged 60 years and older may have their photographs taken for ID cards at the Commerce

Nutrition Site and the Lakes Area Multi-Purpose Center in Novi during June.

Pictures will be taken at the Commerce Nutrition site tomorrow (Thursday, June 22) from 10 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. The Commerce Nutrition Site is located in the Commerce Township Hall.

Pictures will be taken at the Lakes Area Multi-Purpose Center in the old Novi Elementary School on Monday (June 26) from 1-4 p.m.

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BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH 36300 W. Eight Mile Farmington Hills Eino M. Tuori, Pastor Church 474-6500 Home 474-2579 Sunday School 10:30 a.m. L.C.A.	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 217 N. Wing Dr. James H. Luther, Pastor Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 8:30 p.m. Wed.: 7:30 p.m. Sunday School 9:45
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 8 Mile & Taft Road Rev. Guenther Bransinger, Minister Worship Services and Church School 10:00 a.m.	NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 41671 Ten Mile at Meadowbrook Summer Hours Worship & Nursery 10:00 a.m. Karl L. Zeigler, Pastor
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH (Assemblies of God) 41555 Six Mile Rd., Northville Rev. Irving M. Mitchell, 348-9030 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sun. Worship, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Wed.: "Body Life" Serv. 7 p.m.	FREEDOM LUTHERAN CHURCH Meets at Novi Woods Elementary School Taft Rd. between 10 & 11 Mile Worship: 10 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Pastor T. Scherger—478-9265 English Synod—A.E.C.C.
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, NOVI 45301 11 Mile at Taft Rd. Home of Novi Christian School Sun. School 8:45 Worship 11 a.m., 7 p.m. Prayer meeting, Wed. 7:30 p.m. Richard S. Burgess, Pastor 349-3477 349-3547	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WIXOM Wixom & W. Maple Rds. "A Fundamental Baptist Church" Family Bible School, 8:45 a.m. Family Worship, 10:45 a.m. & 8 p.m. Family Night Program (Wed.), 7 p.m. 624-3823 624-5434 Robert V. Warren, Pastor
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TODAY, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

Choir and handbell concert, 7:30 p.m., St. Williams Upper Zeph Hall, Walled Lake
Novi Planning Commission, 8 p.m., Novi School Board offices
Inter-Lakes Chapter Sweet Adelines, 7:30 p.m., Union Lake Elementary School
Novi Gala Days begins, dusk, Novi Road and Ten Mile

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

Novi Rebekah Lodge No. 482, 8 p.m., Old Novi Elementary School
Wixom Senior Citizens, 11-3, Wixom Community Building
Novi Business and Professional Women's Club installation dinner, 6:30 p.m., Holiday Inn, Farmington
Walled Lake Library Board, 8 p.m., Walled Lake Library
Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Walled Lake United Methodist Church
Novi Rotary, noon, Novi United Methodist Church
Wixom Historical Society Workshop, noon-3, Wixom City Hall

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

Walled Lake Senior Citizen Drop-In Center, 10-2, Shepherd of the Lakes Church

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

Novi Schools Reunion, 1 p.m., Novi High School Cafeteria

Haslev Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m., Novi High School Fuerst Auditorium

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

Golden Jubilee Liturgical Mass, 1 p.m., St. William's Catholic Church, Walled Lake

MONDAY, JUNE 26

North Lakes Senior Citizens, 11 a.m., Dublin Community Center
Walled Lake Rotary, 6:30 p.m., Walled Lake United Methodist Church
Novi Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m., Orchard Hills Elementary School

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

Senior Celebration Day, 10:30-3, Novi High School
West Lakes Senior Citizens, 11 a.m., Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church
Wixom City Council, 8 p.m., Wixom City Hall
Novi-Northville Parents Without Partners, 8 p.m., Park Haus Restaurant, Northville
Novi Jaycettes Auxiliary, 8 p.m., Novi Woods Elementary School
Novi Senior Citizens business meeting, 7:30 p.m., Novi Community Building
Novi Community Band, 7-9 p.m., Novi High band room
Choralaires Rehearsal, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Novi Middle School
Farmington Hills Sweet Adelines, 7:30 p.m., University Hills Church
Novi Weight Watchers, 7 p.m., Living Lord Lutheran Church, Novi
Diet Centers, 6:45-8:45 p.m., Novi High School



Presbyterian picnic

Courtenay and Carter DuBois of Novi look on anxiously as their mother, Mrs. Keith DuBois begins preparation of a special picnic lunch for the annual worship service in the park of the Faith Community United Presbyterian Church this Sunday. Members of the church will gather at Village Oaks School in Novi at 9:30 a.m. this Sunday and leave for a site at

Kensington Metropark promptly at 10 a.m. The Reverend Richard Henderson will present the morning service at a lakefront setting and members of the congregation will then enjoy an afternoon filled with a picnic lunch, fellowship, and planned activities. Families should bring their own picnic lunches.

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The Village Women's Club of Bloomfield Hills recently donated \$1,000 to the program and is subsidizing a year's meals for three homebound senior citizens, according to Cheryl MacQueen, director of the program.

The Elderly Nutrition Program is funded under Title VII of the Older Americans Act. Under state law, only 15 percent of the total monthly meal cost may be offered to the homebound. At present OLHSA is serving 2,100 meals daily in the two counties.

Meals are served at noon to seniors aged 60 years of age or older or the spouse of someone aged

60 or older in 33 congregate sites where other supportive services such as nutrition education, socialization, information and referral, and counseling are also offered.

Eighty-five therapeutic meals are served daily through Pontiac General Hospital, Oakland County Medical Facility Center, and Farmington Hills Mercy Center. There are 40 persons on the waiting list and it is these 40 plus others that OLHSA is looking for assistance in serving.

Mrs. MacQueen defined a homebound person as one "who is genuinely incapacitated by illness or age and is unable to move out of his or her home to participate in the program at one of the sites.

To qualify such a person must have a doctor's, VNA, or hospital note for regular or special diet, she said.

More information may be obtained from Mrs. MacQueen at 658-5192.

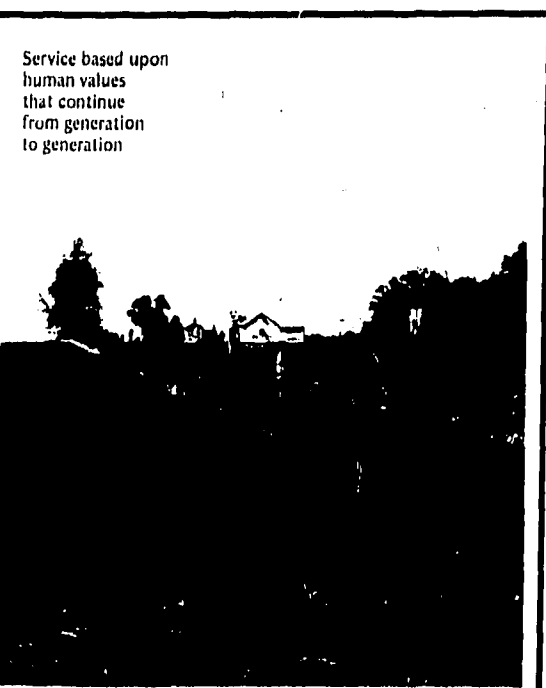
Madonna cites local students

Two Wixom residents and a Walled Lake resident have been named to the dean's list at Madonna College in Livonia for high academic achievement during the winter term.

Named to the dean's list were freshmen Charles Cassavoy and Gregory Beauchemin of Wixom and Judy Bryant of Walled Lake.

Cassavoy and Beauchemin both majored in emergency medical technology. Ms. Bryant is an art major.

Dean's list students at Madonna College must earn a grade point average of 3.25 or better. Madonna is a co-educational liberal arts college.



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Novi Highlights

Jaycettes slate chicken barbeque

By JEANNE CLARKE
624-0173

Novi's Jaycettes will host a watermelon booth and a chicken barbeque at Gala Days this weekend. The chicken barbeque will be held Saturday from 4-8 p.m.

The next general membership meeting will be held Tuesday, June 27, at the home of Karen Jones on Parkforest in Village Oaks.

If you're planning to go on vacation and don't want to invest in the expense of a car seat for your infant, the Jaycettes will rent a car seat for \$12 with a refundable deposit of \$5. Call 349-3918 for more details.

The Jaycette cookbook is slated to make its appearance shortly. The book will be available at a cost of \$2.75 and orders may be placed by calling 349-3918.

Persons

Mrs. Thomas Delany of Stonehenge has returned from Annapolis where she attended the graduation of her grandson, William J. Terry, from the U.S. Naval Academy. President Jimmy Carter was the keynote speaker at commencement exercises. Ensign Terry returned to Michigan with his grandmother to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Terry, in Traverse City before leaving for Charleston, South Carolina, where he will be stationed.

Susan Stayman Reznick received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Oakland University recently. Her parents, the Marvin Staymans of Twelve Mile, entertained her at a cocktail on June 3.

Mr. and Mrs. John Richter of Taft Road and Gloria Homes Cogar of South Lyon visited Mrs. Richter's sister, Florence Kirk of Cadillac, over the weekend.

Alice Tank, Alvinia Kraft, Ann Wilson, Millie McHale and Cathy Sidel spent a day in Windsor last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Peterson of Shadow Pine Way have returned from a two-week vacation in Europe which featured a tour of Yugoslavia.

Approximately 100 guests attended an open house for Marie Pietron recently. Her mother, Barbara Pietron, had also just graduated from adult education courses in climate control from Hazel Park High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Skellis of Marston, local members of the "Good Sam" organization, have returned from the Caseville area where their ac-

tivities included fishing from a chartered boat.

Novi area residents are invited to a benefit at the Farmington Community Center on Tuesday, June 27, at 9 a.m. Guest speaker Irene McKinnon will tell how to "Look Thin by Optical Illusion." Irene is an experienced seamstress and will be available for questions. Cost is \$1 for coffee and program or \$2 for a Weight Watcher breakfast and program. Call 477-6044 for more information.

Community Band

The band is continuing to rehearse during the summer on Tuesday nights at the high school. The band is presently rehearsing for an appearance at the Ode Orchard Condominium family picnic on Sunday, July 23.

Several college students home for the summer have joined the ranks of the band and others are invited to participate. Call 349-7055 for information on band activities.

Blue Star Mothers

Helen Burnstrum, Jerry Kent, Lucy Needham, Dottie Alegenani, and Marie Tripp sponsored a bingo party and served refreshments for some 60 patients at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor recently.

Anyone wishing to donate used men's clothing in good condition to the veterans at the hospital should call President Winnie Dobek at 349-1981.

The ladies assisted the VFW recently in entertaining children from the VFW Home in Eaton Rapids recently. The children, ranging in age from five years through teenagers, stopped off in Novi after a Tiger balm game and enjoyed Winnie Dobek's cooking.

VOICE

Village Oaks teachers and volunteer mothers who participate in the bucket brigade and teacher aide programs were honored at a breakfast sponsored by VOICE recently.

Kathy Roman has been elected president of VOICE for the coming year.

Other new officers are Vice-president Connie Webster, Secretary Wanda Meach, and Treasurer June Franks. Serving on the board of directors are Tina Talbot, Marsha Toth, and Linda Dunce.

The group is interested in receiving suggestions from parents about ideas for programs for the coming year. VOICE is presently discussing

changes in the safety patrol system brought about by the transfer of fifth and sixth graders from the school. Information will be provided to parents after details are worked out with the school administration.

Chamber of Commerce

Michael Love of the National Council on Alcoholism Labor Management Task Force gave a slide presentation on problems faced by businessmen with alcoholic employees at the last meeting.

Reports on the Novi Community brochure were presented. Ideas about the brochure should be forwarded to John Brogan.

The Chamber is planning to offer free blood pressure tests at their booth at Gala Days on Saturday, June 24. Workers are needed to man the booth. Contact Byron Schimpff if you can help.

VFW Post 1519

The Post and Auxiliary hosted 36 children and nine adults from the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids at a Tiger balm game recently. The Blue Star Mothers assisted in preparation of a dinner for the youngsters on the way back to Eaton Rapids.

Sally Urbanik is the new president of the Auxiliary. Other new officers are Senior Vice-president Jeanne Snyder, Junior Vice-president Rose Mary Burlew, Treasurer Betty Roe, Chaplain Mathilda Tibble, and Conductor Joan Douglas. Winnie Durham was elected a three-year trustee.

Several members of the Post and Auxiliary will attend the State VFW Convention in Southfield this weekend.

Novi Lions

The Lions Club will be in charge of the beer tent at Gala Days and have lined up some live entertainment. The Michigan Ban-Joes will be featured on Friday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. A country-western group will perform from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturday.

Deputy District Governor Paul Nicholas will preside over installation ceremonies at the Farmington Country Club on Thursday, June 29. This is a ladies night activity so all wives and/or girlfriends are invited to attend. Activities get underway at 7 p.m. with school net slated for 8 p.m. Call Donna at 349-1200 for reservations.

Parents Without Partners

There are plans for a family day trip to the Detroit Zoo on Sunday, June 25. Entrance fees are free for children under six, 50 cents for children 6-12, and \$1.50 for individuals 13 years old and older. Parking is \$1 per car. The area will be a roped-off area for the group so

come between 9-10 a.m. and plan to spend the day.

The next general meeting is slated for Tuesday, June 27, at the Park Haus. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will start at 8 p.m. Kathy Gibson of the Oakland County 4-H will discuss programs available to youngsters and adults.

Bicycle enthusiasts are asked to meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28, for a ride through Kines Park. There will be "An Evening to Remember" on Friday, June 30, when the group treks to Greenfield Village to see a production entitled "Under the Gaslight." Call 349-0657 for ticket reservations.

The topic of the discussion group on Thursday, June 29, will be "Aloneness and How to Deal with It." Call 349-0108 for details.

Senior Citizens

Some 45 senior citizens enjoyed the picnic hosted by Nat Adams at the Multi-Lakes Conservation Club in Commerce Township recently.

Hostesses for the last business meeting on Tuesday, June 27, will be Dolly Alegenani and Hildred Hunt.

Plan now to take the trip to the Cheesecake Showboat on July 11. The group will leave at 3 p.m. Because the group will return from this outing at a late hour, the regularly scheduled covered dish luncheon will be postponed until July 19 at the regular time. Two hostesses are still needed so call Mr. Butler at 477-6873 if you can help.

Novi BPW

Marlene Danol, a state officer from Northville, will preside over installation ceremonies at the Farmington Holiday Inn on Thursday, June 22. Contact Jan Frenkel at 349-0090 or 477-6922 for more details. This will be the last meeting of the group until fall.

Employment is the only requirement for membership so plan now to go out to dinner with a friend from work, meet the new officers, and hear their plans for the upcoming year.

Novi School Reunion

The 38th annual Novi School Reunion will be held at Novi High School on Saturday, June 24. Doors open at 11 p.m. and there will be a potluck dinner at 2 p.m. Meat, coffee, and tea will be furnished. Bring your own table setting and a dish to pass.

The committee will award prizes for the oldest student or faculty, the most recent student or faculty, and for the shortest and longest distance traveled. The committee asks that you locate a former student or faculty member and bring them along.

15 local students honored by OCC

Fifteen local area students at the Highland Lakes Campus of Oakland Community College were honored at the second annual Graduate Honors Ceremony recently.

Graduates earn this high honor by maintaining a 3.4 or better grade point average for all college courses taken toward the degree or certificate.

Summa Cum Laude were Gordon Hays of Novi, Janet Union Lake, Gregory Allard of Walled Lake, Barbara Caldwell of Union Lake, Elizabeth Duschinski of Union Lake, and Cynthia Fraser of Union Lake, Mary King of Union Lake, Diane O'Connor of Union Lake, Patricia Peace of Union Lake, Kathy Smith of Union Lake, and Sandra Smith of Union Lake.

Magna Cum Laude graduates were Linda Casenhiser of Wixom and Katherine Rolph of Union Lake, and Shirley Tuck of Wixom.

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Army Corps of Engineers studies black spruce bog

By DAVID RAY

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is expected to announce July 1 whether it will assume jurisdiction over the controversial black spruce bog located at West Maple and Haggerty roads in Commerce Township.

A spokesperson for the corps said last week that the East Michigan Environmental Council (EMEC) requested the review of the bog area on April 12 because of a proposed multiple-family development that was planned for the area bounded by West Maple, Haggerty and 14 Mile roads.

If the corps decides to assume

jurisdiction of the bog, more stringent requirements for a filling permit for the property could be imposed under Army regulations on wetland areas that were published last July in "The Federal Register."

The corps spokesperson said no mention of the now-cancelled M-275 freeway project was made in reference to the request.

A number of environmental groups opposed the freeway plans, which were cancelled in January, 1977 by the Michigan State Highway Commission, citing the need to preserve the bog which has been drained as part of a peat-mining operation. The environmentalists had said that black spruce

bogs are unusual this far south in Michigan, but the state Department of Natural Resources later determined that the wetland was impacted by high-tension Detroit Edison power lines that cross the bog.

The News has learned, however, that the corps and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) visited the area on March 31 and may have been to the site as early as January or February.

Corps officials were unavailable for comment on the apparent discrepancy between the March 31 trip to the bog and EMEAC's request which was dated almost two weeks later.

Stephen Rosman, chairperson of the Citizens in Opposition to M-275, which worked with EMEAC against the freeway project, and now a candidate for the Democratic nomination for state representative in the 24th District, also told The News that he had asked the corps what, if any, jurisdiction it had over the bog in a March 27 letter.

Rosman also said he made the request because of concerns over the effect of the proposed development on wetlands in the area.

Standard Industries, a Detroit-based company, did not present its plans for the multiple-family development to Commerce officials until March 1, and the bog area later was added to the proposal when Standard and the Haggerty Investment Company of Walled Lake submitted plans for the entire 400-acre area.

Daniel Lublin, Standard president, has submitted new plans to the township that designate the 105-acre bog as "preserved lands," although Commerce officials have been asked to zone the property for multiple family in order to gain the density required for a 1,000-unit senior citizens' apartment building that would be built on an adjacent 42-acre parcel.

The corps spokesperson admitted that the Army had been contacted before on M-275, but added that the latest request for the survey was "brought to our attention this spring on another matter." The other matter was the proposed Standard Industries development, the spokesperson added.

Nick Nicolson, of the corps' environmental resources division, said the Army had been asked to evaluate the bog to determine its value as a wetland that ought to be preserved.

Under the year-old regulations, he said, the corps is responsible for determining the effects of proposed discharges, dredging or filling in navigable waters of the U.S. and adjacent wetlands and later was given the

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TWENTY-FIVE CENTS

Residents to petition to repeal EDC law

A petition drive aimed at the repeal of recently enacted Walled Lake ordinance that created an economic development corporation (EDC) will be launched by the end of this week, according to a city resident.

Mrs. Judy Hamilton said yesterday that the referendum petitions will call for the repeal of the EDC ordinance that was unanimously adopted by the City Council June 20 on second reading.

Under the City Charter, the signatures of not more than 25 percent of Walled Lake's registered voters at the last city election must be obtained on the documents "within 21 days before the date of filing the petition with the clerk."

Client Ruby Lewandowski said there are approximately 1,900 registered voters in the city, meaning the petitions would have to contain about 475 valid signatures.

Once the petition is filed, the clerk has 15 days in which to validate the signatures, and the documents must be presented to the council at its next meeting, if there are sufficient signatures.

The council then has the option within 30 days to repeal the ordinance or decide to submit the proposal to city voters.

Mrs. Hamilton said that, while there recall drive against council members who favored the EDC, a final decision is "still up in the air."

Although some 40 residents attended a June 6 public hearing on the EDC proposal, with several citizens opposing

the ordinance, no one addressed the council on the measure at last week's meeting.

At the earlier session, a number of residents said that the Walled Lake Commons Kmart shopping center,

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Council approves EDC

An ordinance to establish an economic development corporation (EDC) for Walled Lake was adopted when about 40 city residents attended a public hearing on the EDC proposal, there were no citizen comments at last week's session. Several residents who attended the hearing had complained that the new Kmart would create more traffic problems and could increase the costs of government services.

The ordinance was unanimously approved with virtually no debate, except for Councilman Thomas Brookover's motion to decline Frankel's offer for the \$50,000.

Frankel brought the EDC concept to the attention of the council in May, and has indicated that his firm will apply

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For new building

Ex-Cell-O eyes tax break

The Ex-Cell-O Corporation has asked the Walled Lake City Council to create an industrial development district so the company may apply for a 50 percent reduction in property taxes on a proposed \$2-million administration building.

Thomas J. Stuart, assistant corporate controller of the Troy-based firm, said the new structure is needed to centralize administrative personnel as a result of the recent merger between Ex-Cell-O and the McCord Corporation.

"We feel a need to bring our management people in the Detroit area together in one building," Stuart said, adding that Walled Lake was the firm's first choice for the headquarters facility. He said the corporation's executive offices would remain in Troy.

The council voted to hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, on the proposal to designate Ex-Cell-O's

44-acre site at West Maple and Ladd roads as an industrial development district.

If the council votes to create the district after the public hearing, the company then may apply for an industrial facilities exemption certificate with the city clerk.

After a public hearing on the application, the council may approve or disapprove a resolution on the request, which is then forwarded to the State Tax Commission and the Michigan Department of Commerce for processing.

According to Stuart and Charles E. Bays, of the Lambrecht Realty Company of Detroit which represents the firm, approval of the certificate would entitle Ex-Cell-O to a 50-percent reduction in its property taxes on the new facility for a period of 12 years.

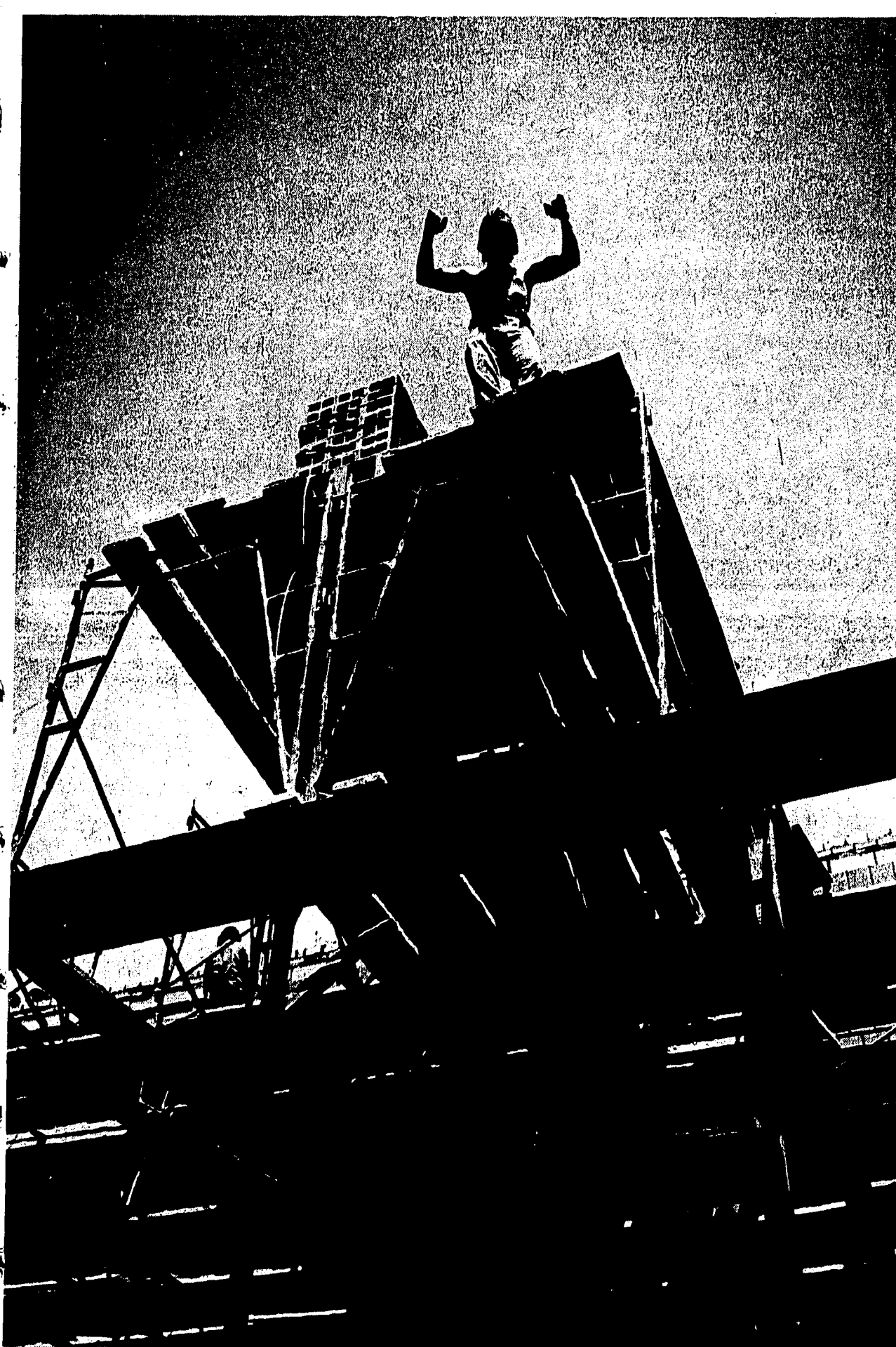
Based on the city's current levy of 22.4 mills, or \$22.40 for each \$1,000 of state equalized valuation (SEV), and the estimated \$3-million cost of the headquarters, Stuart said the city would receive some \$15,500 in new taxes, while the company would save a similar amount. The tax reduction would apply to any increase in the property assessment over the 12-year period, he added.

The tax break also would apply to school, county and Oakland Community College levies which, with the city rate, amount to 67.15 mills.

Stuart and Bays said that the exemption certificate provision, which was included in the 1974 state Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development Districts Act, was intended to stimulate economic development and provide a more favorable business climate to keep Michigan corporations from moving to other states, especially those in the Sun Belt.

Since the law took effect four years ago, Bays said, 637 certificates have been approved in 109 cities, 98 townships and 28 villages in 60 counties. So far this year, 143 applications for tax breaks have been filed with the tax commission, Bays added.

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Construction worker Kim Camack at Central High

Work on Central addition continues after delay

A two-week walkout by pipefitters and the frequent rain this spring also hampered workers, often forcing stoppages.

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Morrill said he talked yesterday to

Styles. "The big thing is the cost of living and they (the union contractors) wouldn't budge the last time. At the present time I don't see anything changing. I'm hoping, but I'm not expecting anything."

The pipefitters returned to work last week after their brief walkout. Members of the pipefitters Local 686 met Sunday to vote whether to turn over a tentative agreement to their contract representative.

Ken Wright, a spokesperson for J. A. Construction Company, the contractor for the project, said it was difficult to figure out exactly how far behind schedule his firm was, although he said "working around" the strike and weather problems had kept delays to a minimum.

Wright added that he expected the sheet metal workers to be back on the job this week.

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