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Crafts & Cider

were sold in downtown Clarkston during the Historical Society's weekend festival. Here, Esther Hoffman displays handpainted Christmas ornaments.



NOVEC: Has Lots to Offer

The following is the first in a series of articles about the Northwest Oakland Vocational Education Center, better known as NOVEC. In the weeks ahead some 8-10 articles will be written covering the 17 programs offered by NOVEC.

by Carol Balzarini

If, as the old cliché goes, first impressions are all important, NOVEC scored a plus immediately. It was so clean and quiet with none of the tumult so often associated with public high schools.

Clarkston's NOVEC is one of four located in quadrants of Oakland County, with sites selected geographically and not according to population. It serves the school districts of Clarkston, Brandon, Waterford and Holly. Qualified private school students are also eligible to attend. They must be students enrolled full-time in high school and juniors or seniors to attend a vocational school.

Programs offered by NOVEC were determined by a "needs assessment" - job openings and job demands - as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor statistics and by student interest. Some programs vary among the four schools in the county. Not all courses are offered by all schools.

The Northwest Center has approximately 820 students in the first two sessions of the day, about 160 are enrolled in the late afternoon-evening programs. In addition a 6-week summer session offered six programs this year.

About 180 "special needs" students are integrated into the program; special needs covering physical, mental, and social problems. They are placed in programs suited to their abilities and must have the potential to succeed. They receive more individual attention and additional support.

Vocational students are brought by bus for half-day sessions at NOVEC with the other half spent in their own

high schools. Whether students come by bus or drive their own cars is determined by the individual school systems.

NOVEC is basically divided into four areas: administration, student services, instruction and custodial.

The administrative area includes Principal Dan Manthei, Assistant Principal Alberta Donlin, a secretary, a bookkeeper, and two secretaries in student services.

Student services, headed by Mrs. Donlin, consist of job placement and counseling, and special needs.

Instruction and learning reinforcement is the third area dealing with students and teachers. Here, teacher aides and para-professionals work with the instructor. A para-professional has to have at least two years experience in the field in which he is involved at NOVEC. Aides are usually familiar with it.

A strictly vocational library is maintained; no fiction, no non-fiction, just material related to the seventeen programs offered. Much of the vocational material is furnished by the state with the acronym MOIS-Michigan Occupational Information System. A dictionary of occupations lists sixteen minimum performance objectives as determined by the state. Students are required to have these employment skills for the occupation they have selected.

The four county vocational centers receive one-half mill from the county in funds similar to county park funding. Other funding is received from the federal government as channeled through state and county education departments. The centers are under strict state controls and are continually monitored and audited. School funding is also tied to job demand as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Although NOVEC is a public high school like many others, it is different in at least on apparent aspect - there seems to be a greater sense of purpose among the students.

Two Face Preliminary Exam in Timbrooks Murder Case

by Kathy Greenfield

Two men charged with the murder of a Clarkston woman face a preliminary examination Thursday, September 29, at Waterford District Court.

Clarkston resident Irene Timbrooks, 30, of Dartmouth Road was shot and killed September 19 at Arts and Gems Gallery, 83 N. Telegraph Road, Waterford Township. She was manager of the gallery.

Owner Ted Terentiac, 61, of Waterford Township, is being treated at a Pontiac hospital for gunshot wounds to the head.

Gary Duane Wolfe, 23, of Pontiac, and Augustine Cemellio Conte, 44, of Waterford Township, will appear before Waterford District Court Judge Robert Anderson at 9 a.m.

They will be charged with six counts ranging from murder in the first degree to armed robbery.

Both men have had "previous police contacts" according to Oakland County's Chief Assistant Prosecutor, Richard Thompson.

The preliminary examination is a "hearing that is provided in all felony cases," Thompson said. "The prosecutor has to present evidence of a felony, evidence that the felony was committed, and probable cause."

If there is enough evidence presented to prosecute, the case will be bound over to circuit court.

Thompson confirmed reports that the prosecuting attorney's office is exploring the possibility of a connection between Timbrook's death and the July third murder of Barbara Lunsford.

Lunsford was killed behind Howe's Lanes, 6697 Dixie Highway, Clarkston. She was the key witness in a murder trial which was postponed after her death.

Thompson refused to comment further on the case.

Visitors Marvel at Davisburg Bonsai Garden Paradise

by Joan Allen

In a world of micro-wave ovens, television, telephones and jet planes, it isn't too difficult to adjust to a Japanese garden on the Davisburg Road in Springfield Township. A "Japanese" gardener with the name of Ralph O'Reilly, however, is something else again.

This particular O'Reilly is not Japanese of course, nor has he made a trip to that country. Even so, a stroll in the serenity and the artistry of the garden that he and his partner, Ralph Stallings, have created, attests to the fact that a touching of the minds and hearts of the Japanese people has been achieved.

The entryway into the garden is typically Japanese. The naturally weathered wood that covers and frames the entryway allows only faint sounds of a waterfall, and Japanese music, to pass to the yard beyond.

As our guide, Ralph O'Reilly, informs us, "In a

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Miss Michigan

"The Only Way to Go" is an account of two South Africans who decide to hitchhike across the continental U.S. Read about their adventures on page 10.

Miss Michigan of 1977 will make an appearance in Holly this weekend. Page 2 tells more.

What's Inside

Expect an early winter says Clarkston meteorologist Robert Davis. For a detailed forecast check page 19.

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Miss Michigan Comes to Holly

Holly Ann Schmidt, Miss Michigan of 1977, will be appearing at Hamilton's of Holly from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 1.

The following is a short autobiography of Miss

Schmidt's life, and how she came to be chosen Miss Michigan.

"As a child growing up in Saginaw, I encountered many wonderful and exciting things to do. At age eight, one of my favorite pastimes was plunking away at an ancient piano in the basement. The only problem was that I could not read a note of music, and even if I could, the keys stuck!

Both problems, however were soon relieved. I began to take piano lessons, and one day, much to my surprise, a baby grand was delivered to our door.

One of the biggest events in my young life was moving, at age twelve, to Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. More than a few tears fell because of the seemingly traumatic upheaval. I soon enjoyed Delaware tremendously. I made many lasting friendships during my 3½ years there.

Because my father is employed by Vlasic Pickles Incorporated, transfers were to be expected. Happily, the next transfer was back to Michigan. I was ecstatic - and we soon moved to a wonderful community called Farmington.

Before my last year of high school, I entered the Miss Farmington Scholarship Pageant, and won. Needless to say, I was thrilled to death!

One year after that exciting event, I found myself competing for the crown of Miss Michigan. That week, I met twenty seven warm and wonderful girls and truly enjoyed it. Then, on that night of June 25th, I was selected to represent Michigan. I feel it is a true honor, and I will do my best to respect it, and meet its many challenges."



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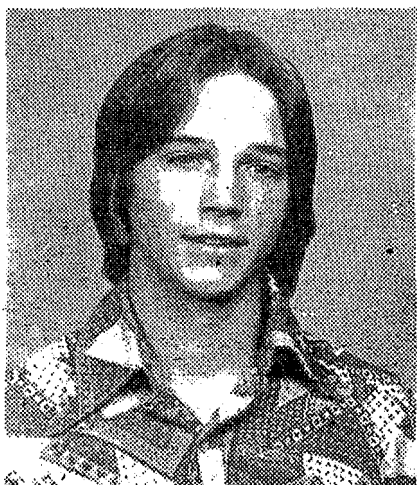
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Emergency fuel assistance is available to low-income senior citizens aged 60 years of age or older through the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency Project Warmth offices in Oakland and Livingston counties.

The assistance, grants of up to \$160, is available to seniors whose incomes range from \$2970 for a family of one to \$5850 for a family of four. The grants can also be used for furnace repair.

When applying for assistance the following forms are needed: proof of income, shut-off, discontinuation or past due notice, in need of fuel oil, coal or wood and, severe medical constraints such as heart trouble, hypertension, diabetes.

Application forms can be filled out at any of the OLHSA nutrition sites and multi-purpose centers. For the location of the one nearest you, call the Oakland County Project Warmth office at 334-9547.



Clark Cook to Attend National Conference

Clark M. Cook will be attending the National 4-H Dairy Conference and World Dairy Expo and Sale in Madison, Wisconsin, October 4-8, as a result of two honors he received this summer.

Clark attended the Michigan Milk Producers Milk Marketing Tour in July for a two day workshop session with sixty other state delegates. At the end of the workshop, a written examination was given and the fourteen high scorers were then interviewed personally and seven were selected to attend the National Conference as a state delegation.

Clark was also the state dairy demonstration winner at Michigan State University at State Dairy Days in August and received the same trip as a reward from Michigan Farm Bureau.

Clark is the son of John and Sally Cook of Seymour Lake Road.

Immunization Clinic

There will be a free immunization clinic held at the Independence Center, 5331 Maybee Road, Clarkston, on October 6, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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The title role of Bullshot, a suave British detective, is to be played by Dennis Moffet. When Professor Fenton mysteriously disappears, Rosemary (Linda Kage), his daughter, hires the detective to find her father. Bullshot's arch enemy, the German detective, Otto Von Bruno, is played by Verne Vackaro.

With the aid of his slinky mistress, played by Maureen Bertrand, Von Bruno attempts to steal a secret formula from Professor Fenton, played by Brian Taylor. Taylor, an apprentice theatre member, accepts the challenge of playing six roles in this hilarious comedy.

The cast is working under the direction of Randy Bulla. Margie Greenfield is producing the play.

Davisburg Busy Bees

The last official 1977 meeting of the Davisburg Busy Bees rabbit division, The Thumpers, was held on September 1. Trophies for perfect attendance were awarded to Erik Blomgren and David Gordon.

A Halloween costume party was discussed, and planned for Saturday, October 29, at 8:00 p.m. Lisa Laster and Tammy Vergin volunteered for the game committee for the party, and Erik Blomgren volunteered to do refreshments for it.

A guest of the Vergin family, Mami Matsuda, a foreign exchange student from Osaka, Japan visited the club.

A showmanship class will be held on October 6, and will be instructed by David Gordon. Each member of the group is asked to bring a rabbit to that meeting.

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by Joan Allen

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To live more efficiently, we all need a quiet time to "clean out the closets" of our minds and toss out old ideas and habits that are no longer useful. To accomplish that job, however, we have to take time to examine and reexamine a lot of "old favorites" and make a clean break with them. That isn't always easy, of course, but it makes lots of room for new ideas, attitudes, and methods that can improve the quality of our lives.

To give a simple example of clinging to old favorites in ideas, take the case of a child who tends to be too adventurous near water. The parent or parents who worry for the safety of the child will warn of the dangers of that water. They will also exhibit fear for the safety of the child. It isn't difficult to understand how the child might make the connection between water and danger. However, when the child is an adult, and is still afraid of the water, the connection must be made, in order to free the adult from an idea which is no longer useful. The idea must be reexamined.

Most of us have read enough psychology by now to understand that concept. On a larger scale, however, we are guilty of carrying on programs, and repeating procedures, that are no longer relative to our needs. Though change does not come quickly or easily on some levels, we must reexamine our reasons, our problems, and our solutions, and we must make changes that are needed.

One of the worst examples of "living in the dark ages" exists in our educational institutions. That is the emphasis on physical activity, and the neglect of the mental and emotional health of the student. The indignation of the community when sports programs are threatened by a millage defeat, coupled with the lack of interest and concern about mental health programs, is a national disgrace.

The truth we must all face is that a human being can be paralyzed from the neck down, and still be of great service to humanity through positive mental and emotional achievement. On the other hand, a perfect physical specimen of a man or woman, coupled with mental and/or emotional imbalance is a threat to the self, as well as to society.

It is true that the pride of the nation are those who are well-balanced in all respects. I am not for the abolishment of physical activity, or the neglect of sports programs. It is simply that our reasons for establishing our physical education programs are no longer relative, and neither are our reasons for avoiding mental and emotional health programs.



Congressman
Broomfield

Reports From Washington

Death, taxes, and inflation - with the last two continually rising - seem to be certainties of middle class American life for the next 23 years unless there are major economic policy changes, according to a recent study done by the Congressional Research Service (CRS), a branch of the Library of Congress.

In discussing the results of the study, Congressman William S. Broomfield (R-19th Dist.) explained that without a change in policies and programs, the total of the major federal, state, and local taxes paid by the average middle class family is projected to increase from 18.4 percent of its 1977 income to 24.4 percent of its average income by the year 2000.

"These tax estimates were computed by the Congressional Research Service without including a major overhaul of the welfare system, repair of the social security trust fund, or a possible national health insurance program. With the inclusion of these and other major spending programs, the tax burden may be far heavier.

"Even without including these programs, CRS estimates that the government sector of the economy will grow from 30.8 percent of the 1975 Gross National Product to close to 38 percent by the year 2000.

"This is a gloomy picture of more government

At a time when children did the work of men and women, and were confined in factories, (and used as slave labor by "Simon Legree" factory owners), the lack of fresh air and exercise threatened to destroy their health at an early age. Making school mandatory, and allowing school time for recreation was meant to insure good physical health for our young people.

When wars were fought face-to-face with the enemy, physical fitness was of major importance, too. The physically superior could win over the enemy. Our national defense depended on it.

Are those two reasons valid now? Or are reasons for stressing physical superiority based on economic reasons? Do we stress team sports because they are money makers for our schools? Do parents stress athletic prowess in hopes of their children gaining college scholarships through athletics? Are those good reasons for the time and money that is spent on physical education programs? Perhaps it is time we thought about such things.

On the other hand, an examination of our reasons for avoiding such subjects as emotional and mental health as much as possible, are from the "dark ages" too.

When people thought that such disturbances were inherited, and feared ostracism by society, self-preservation necessitated secrecy if someone showed signs of "imbalance." The mentally ill were often kept locked in attics, so the neighbors wouldn't know such deep, dark secrets.

Coupled with fear and superstition was ignorance, and the belief that it was "bliss." What we didn't know wouldn't hurt us, was a popular idea too, along with "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing." People really believed that what you didn't admit to would "go away." Not many of us believe that anymore.

The truth is, that we must begin to define the difference between religion and philosophy, so that a discussion of philosophy in general, becomes part of education, not something that parents can ignore at will. A purpose in life, a reason for life, thoughts about life, are all a basis for education. Truths will stand by themselves. The fear that an introduction to the broad spectrum of ideas and philosophies of man will somehow "indoctrinate" our children with evil ideas is ridiculous. The truth has always set man free. Our children should be encouraged to pursue truth, and accept life in terms of all of its possibilities. We adults should not let our fears and limitations cripple our children.

In short, we must provide more "fresh air" for children's minds and emotions, and concern ourselves with their mental and emotional health and happiness, from Kindergarten through the 12th grade. They must be taught to exercise the muscles of their brains and emotions, as well as their bodies. Then they will be equipped to exist in today's world - not yesterday's.

entering our lives unless we take a stand to cut out the fat and weigh any increase against what it will do to our personal and economic freedom," Broomfield said.

The CRS study also had some seemingly good news in that the median family income will rise from a 1975 figure of \$13,719.00 to \$77,687.40 in 2000. Broomfield points out, however, that the \$77,000 figures also reflects the degree of inflation that is projected. With the correction of these figures to 1975 dollars, the actual increase would be \$25,690.30.

"The CRS study gives us an ominous warning that unless Congress gets its spending under control, we will all be faced with far heavier taxes and inflation that will make our \$10 bill nearly worthless.

"The Republican Party has advocated changing our economic policy by cutting back government spending and providing a stimulative atmosphere that will encourage the productive, private sector without fostering inflation.

"Part of the Republican program that has been offered and defeated by the majority party on several occasions calls for permanent, across-the-board tax cuts and incentives to people and businesses to produce, save and invest. Instead of taking away their rewards through taxes, we will be letting the people keep it to use as they wish.

"This type of tax cut has been used before, and it has produced far more revenue than the amount lost through the actual cut. The results of previous major tax cuts have been a stimulated economy, greater employment, and less inflation," Broomfield said.

"The Administration will soon be presenting its major tax reform package to Congress. In drawing up its program, I hope it will consider the message of the CRS study.



WE THE PEOPLE

by Joan Allen

Floyd J. (Whitey) Tower, Independence Township Supervisor, was born in Ortonville, and moved to Clarkston when he was in the 3rd grade. He began working at an early age, with a paper route, and by the age of thirteen, he was delivering papers, and working part-time as a car-hop and dishwasher at the Dixie Spot.

Because he didn't get out of work until midnight some nights, he applied for a job at Terry's grocery, but was told he had to have working papers, so he couldn't work there until he was fourteen. He was almost fourteen, so Mr. Terry told him he could have the job then. Deciding to take a vacation while he was waiting, he and his brother set out to hitchhike to visit their sisters. One brother-in-law was at Camp Atterbury, so they visited there. Next, they hitchhiked to Washington, D.C. to see another, and spent two weeks there. When they returned, he went to work for Mr. Terry, says Tower.

What seems funny now," he says, "is that I have a thirteen year old son who goes to school right here in town, and if he stays around after school, I have to go pick him up. We're more overly protective now, I guess, but maybe we have to be."

Tower worked at Terry's while he attended school, and after he graduated.

He had been married for two years to a girl he'd gone to school with since the 9th grade (Dawn Coleman) when he enlisted in the service. It was during the Korean conflict. "I guess, being married, I could have stayed out," he says, "but I volunteered."

"I guess generation-wise and my age-wise, I wanted to go in. I guess, I had the feeling that somewhere along the way, everyone had to serve. I wouldn't go to college just to get out of the service," he says, "though it was suggested to me, that I do that."

He spent two years in California with the Marines, though he volunteered twice to go to Korea. "They claimed we were protecting the west coast," he says. His wife joined him in California, and they felt that it was a good experience to be on their own because they both came from large families.

"Now I'm involved with the Veteran's organization, and the Legion, and I really enjoy it," he says, "and at least you have the feeling that you volunteered and you did your part. It's a lot different today. It would probably be awfully tough for me today if they had another Viet Nam, even being a serviceman -- to get into it without a little more reasoning."

When he returned from service, Mr. Terry offered him his job back, but he said he wouldn't "bump the kid who had held it for two years," so he went to work for the A & P, and signed up for an electrical apprenticeship, and served that for four years, at Detroit Trade School.

When he finished that, he went into construction, and worked at that for 22 years. He also worked part-time in the electrical department of the Township. At that time, he says, he went on the Village Council. He was asked to fill in as a Trustee, but declined, and then got interested, and attended some meetings.

It was at one of those meetings that he was asked to serve on the Planning Commission. He also filled in for the Electrical Inspector, and served in that capacity (with the aid of two part-time helpers) for five years.

Tower was involved with the church, and with the Legion, first in a local way, then in the county and the state, though he was working two jobs.

Finally, they eliminated the Inspector's job, and "they did me a favor," he states, "because I decided that I had more time to do what I wanted to do." Somebody said, "Why don't you run for office? So I did."

The Tower family has been very much a part of Clarkston, "though not socially," says Tower. Their six children have been raised in this Village. Lynn, now married, has one child and Beth works in the police

department here. Judy is working for a lawyer and Gail is working in an insurance agency, according to their father. Mike, their only boy, is 13, and still in school, and Amy, who is four, is still too young for school, but attends nursery school.

He is thoughtful when he discusses politics.

"I've enjoyed politics," he states, "but I never really got into it until I ran this time. On the Village Council, you didn't have to run. You were just asked, more like it's on the basis of it being your turn," he adds.

"It's sometimes hard to be in politics because everything you say and do can be picked up and come out as bad news, but I don't think it is something to fear."

In fact, some people are afraid of being connected with politics and I think that the fear of politics is ridiculous. A candidate can ask for support, not money, but just a recommendation, and people will say, "I've known you all your life, and I know you're active in the church. I know you wired my house for nothing, and you did a great job, but I just can't get involved in politics." People won't even sign a nominating petition so candidates can get on the ballot. They think they have to vote for them then."

"Whitey" thinks that things have changed. He remembers that "Pete Terry could almost read a kid's mind, and if a kid worked for him, he looked after him. If you got in trouble at school, he'd go to the Principal to talk for you, and if you got in trouble somewhere else, he'd go to your mother." (Tower's parents were divorced.)

"The other men in town were like that too," he says. "Jerry O'Dell at the drugstore didn't hire the kids from his neighborhood, but hired kids who needed the money, and Bob Jones at the bank, and Ron Walter, a lawyer, would take the poorest kids in town to a Rotary Father and Son dinner, even if they had to buy them shirts."

"Between those people, a pattern was set that maybe isn't set today," he says.

"Speaking of success, Tower says that "between hard work, and a little honesty and integrity, they go a long way. I think that's helped me. I don't have any education to brag to, but I think a lot of people accept that. They accept that you've been there, and they know what you've done."

"Some people say that politics changes you," he says, "but I think that if you can't do a job, and at least do it honestly, I don't think you can live with it. I'd rather go back to electrical work, and say 'Baloney - you don't need it.' Sure, you have to change some of your attitudes and methods, because it's a different line of work, but changing the ideals you have is a little bit dumb."

According to him, "The Tower family enjoy the community, and they especially enjoy camping, whenever we can get away, and the job isn't taking ten hours a day, but it often does."

Somehow, he doesn't sound as if he minds.



Judd Perkins

Michigan Week Chairman

Judd Perkins, Muskegon utility executive, will be general chairman for Michigan Week 1978, as the observance reaches its 25-year milestone.

The announcement comes today from Paul C. Souder, president of Michigan National Bank, Lansing, and president of the Greater Michigan Foundation which sponsors Michigan Week. Perkins, a member of the foundation's board of governors, is director of public affairs for General Telephone Company of Michigan.

As Michigan Week general chairman, Perkins will direct efforts of some 15,000 volunteers, who lead the yearly campaign to advance Michigan's interests. Dates of the 25th annual Michigan Week are May 20-27, 1978.

Independence Parks and Rec Looking For Soccer Players

The Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department is looking for soccer players. It is still not too late to sign up for Midget (grades 4-6) or Junior (grades 7-9) soccer on Wednesday afternoon from 5:00-6:15 or 6:15-7:30. An Adult Soccer Club (18 and over) is also being formed for residents of North Oakland County.

According to Timothy Doyle, Independence Township Parks and Recreation Director, soccer's appeal is based on its simplicity, it's easy to understand rules, and it's inexpensive equipment. But probably the major reason for soccer's universal popularity is that it is a game anyone can play regardless of size and shape."

For more information call 625-8223.

Rains Cause Road Problems

Unseasonably heavy and constant rains have frustrated the Oakland County Road Commission's attempts to improve gravel roads, announced John L. Grubba, Road Commission Managing Director.

"We don't blame the people for calling us about rough gravel roads, we only ask them to be patient," he said. "We need several days of sunshine to dry the roads out so they can be properly graded."

Although the normal amount of rainfall for the entire month of September is 1.6 inches, we had 3.5 inches in a period of seven days between September 11 and September 19, said Grubba.

Independence Center Sponsoring Children's Theatre

In an attempt to broaden the scope of the Independence Center to that of a true community center, the Independence Center Board is sponsoring Children's Theatre. Chris Rose, Director of the first play feels that the plays will be a good experience for the parents and the children. "It's a great opportunity for kids to have fun and also gain exposure to theatre they can relate to," explains Rose.

The first production, held on October 1 will be the one-act play "Prince of a Frog." Frog is played by Jerry Bennett, a young actor from Flint. Bennett is donating his time to get the program started.

Supporting roles are played by Cindy Inman as Fly and June Rose as Dog. Both of these women are from the Clarkston area.

Plays will be presented the first Saturday of every month. "Prince of a Frog" will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Independence Center on 5331 Maybee Road in Clarkston. Admission is 5 cents.

"Everything for this theatre program, from props to time, has been donated. We only hope the parents and grandparents of Springfield, Independence and Brandon townships will take advantage of this community service," says Rose.

Money has been donated by the Clarkston Area Jaycettes for stage makeup.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do you shop in Clarkston or do you find that it doesn't have everything you need? A Reminder reporter recently asked residents of Clarkston this question.

Mrs. Luella Lougheed replied, "My groceries I get in the area. But I'd have to say no on the clothing. There are just not too many places for clothing out here."

Sally Lindeman said, "I shop mostly out." She goes toward Detroit, shopping at the Oakland Mall, in Rochester and sometimes in Birmingham.

Mrs. Jay Eveley has lived in Clarkston since 1962. "No. I never have shopped in Clarkston." She explained that she does her food shopping in the area but as toward Pontiac most of the time. As for clothing, she likes to go to different malls.

"No. I usually do my shopping over in Drayton Plains," said Catherine Esselink.

"A lot of stuff we can't find in Clarkston, so we have to go out," replied William French.

Sharon Frantz has lived in Clarkston for nine years. "I shop all over. In and out of Clarkston," replied Sharon. She hopes that the Hawke's Cove mall will get some good clothes stores for both men and women.

Jean Loranger says she shops in Clarkston. "I go to the Oakland Mall once in a while," she added.

"Most of the time I shop in Clarkston," replied Mary Jo Longair. Mary Jo has lived in Clarkston most of her life.

"It's about 50-50," said Mrs. Ronald Loup, a seventeen year resident of Birdland. Although she noted that Clarkston doesn't have everything, she stressed the fact that it is improving. "Clarkston is growing. It's becoming a very popular place."

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One of Those Days

Seems as though a local matron had one of those days when nothing went right. One of the kids forgot a band instrument and she had to rush over to school with it. When she got back, the laundry room floor was flooded because a sock blocked the drain where the water should have gone. A phone call made her late for an appointment at the beauty parlor, and she had to wait until she could be worked in at a later time, and she just made it to the restaurant where she had a date with her husband. He was there first, and wondered how anyone with "nothing to do all day," could look so distraught as his wife did when she arrived. With a breathless "order me a drink," she dashed for the powder room, and left hubby to bury himself in the oversized menu until her return.

She came out of the powder room looking more composed, and slid into the booth, and launched into a description of her day to the back of the menu.

All of a sudden, a strange man's face appeared from behind the menu. He looked startled, to say the least, claims our heroine. At the same time, that embarrassed lady caught sight of friend hubby over the stranger's shoulder, doubled up with laughter. In her haste, she'd slid into the wrong booth. Friends say she is still not speaking to her husband, in spite of his apologies. It seems he just can't resist telling the story.

Blood Pressure Clinic

The Oakland County Heart Information Center of the Michigan Heart Association will conduct a free blood pressure clinic October 4 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Independence Center, 5331 Maybee Road, Clarkston, 673-1219. This clinic is free and for all ages. Everyone is welcome.

CPR Classes Announced

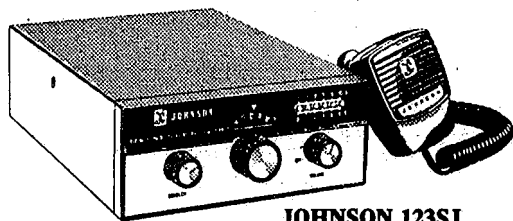
The Holly Community Education Center will be offering the Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation Class during the day on October 12 from 9:00 a.m. until Noon, and during the evening on October 13, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

This class will teach the lay person to do mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and external heart massage. Learn to save the life of a person who has stopped breathing and/or heart has ceased to function due to heart attack, drowning, electrocution or other accident. The instructor, Kathy Whipple, is certified with the Michigan Heart Association and the American Red Cross, by which this class is sponsored.

There is no charge for the class which will be held at the Holly Community Education Center, 111 College Street, Holly.

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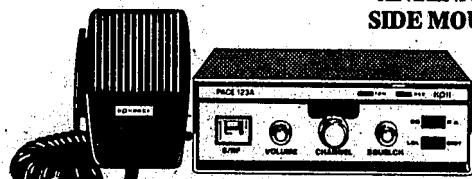
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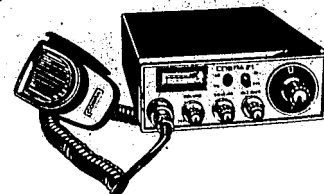


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by Robert Cecil.

Cranbrook Faculty to Present Friday Recital

Cranbrook Schools music faculty will prove they really can play and sing during a free recital at 8:00 p.m. Friday, September 30, in Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills.

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Claudia Jakus, proprietress of the new Clarkston Travel Bureau, is ready to be of service to friends, neighbors and fellow travelers.

Mrs. Jakus has twelve years of experience in the travel business. She has worked in travel agencies in Streator, Illinois; Peoria, Illinois and at the Pontiac Travel Bureau of Pontiac, Michigan.

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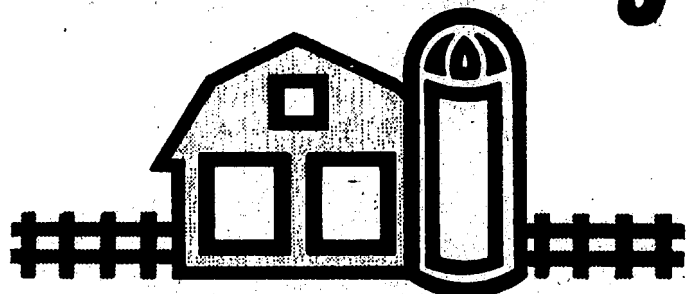
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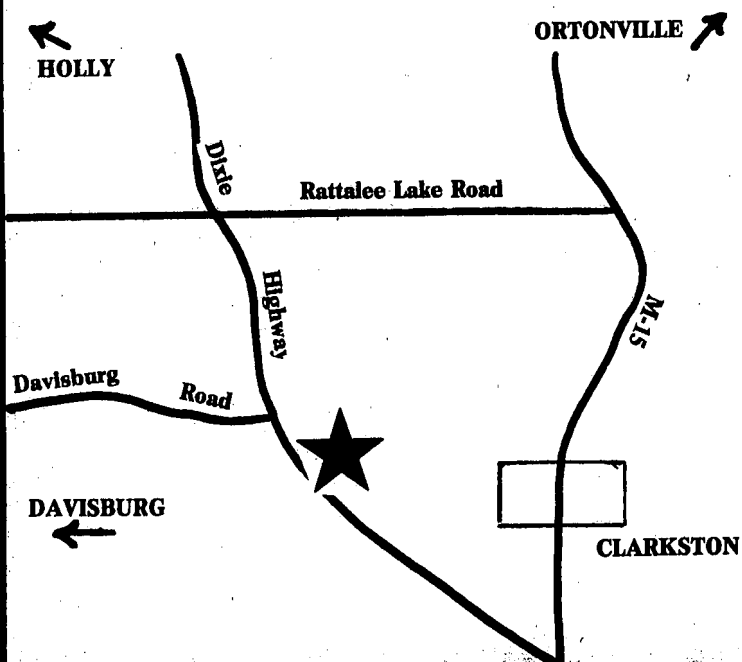



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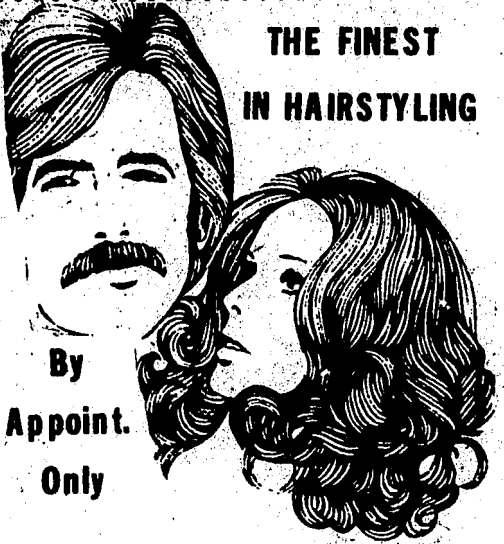
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Township Board Meeting

Synopsis of Actions Taken at the Independence Township Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order September 20 at 7:30 p.m. Roll: Hallman, Powell, Rose, Tower, present. Absent: Ritter.

Motion by Powell that the minutes of the September 6th meeting be approved as presented. Hallman supported. Motion carried unanimously. Written communications to the Board were presented by Tower and Rose.

OLD BUSINESS

Public Hearing on Federal Revenue Sharing Funds - There was a Public Hearing held concerning the proposed use of the township's share of Federal Revenue Sharing funds. Rose moved to hold the next regular meeting of the township board at the township library for the purposes of holding a budget hearing on the Federal Revenue Sharing funds. Powell supported. Motion carried unanimously.

Antirecession Fiscal Assistance Funds - Tower moved that before October 12 that \$3,368 be transferred from Antirecession into the Police Account to cover the fees to Oakland County. Powell supported. Motion carried unanimously.

Adult Foster Care Facility - Tower moved to approve the request as presented with clarification of the capacity and the exact address. Rose supported. Ayes: Rose, Tower; Nay: Hallman, Powell; Absent: Ritter. Motion failed.

Powell moved that the Board recommend denial because it does not comply with local zoning ordinances. Hallman supported. Ayes: Hallman, Powell, Rose, Tower; Absent: Ritter.

Certification of the Tax Rolls - Hallman moved to amend the figures for delinquent water usage bills to be put on the tax roll to the amount of \$308.25. Tower supported. Motion carried unanimously.

Hallman moved to amend the figure for the delinquent sewer usage bills to be put on the tax roll to the amount of \$4,635.79. Powell supported. Motion carried unanimously.

Tower moved to add the \$154,778.06 to the tax roll for delinquent sewer special assessment. Powell supported. Motion carried unanimously.

Hallman moved to certify the delinquent mill pond assessment to the tax roll in the amount of \$286.43. Tower supported. Motion carried unanimously.

Senior Citizens Property - The progress on the acquisition of a site for a Senior Citizen Center was discussed.



Sale of Fire Trucks - The sealed bids were opened and the high bidders were announced. Tower moved to accept the highest bidders for the fire trucks noted. Hallman supported. Motion carried unanimously.

Deer Lake Boating Regulations - The boating regulations for Deer Lake were discussed with regard to enforcement of existing rules and motor size rules.

Bills totaling \$291,415.59 were presented. Powell moved that the bills be paid in the amount of \$291,415.59. Hallman supported. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

The Problem Solver

The dead bear--not a very appetizing site.

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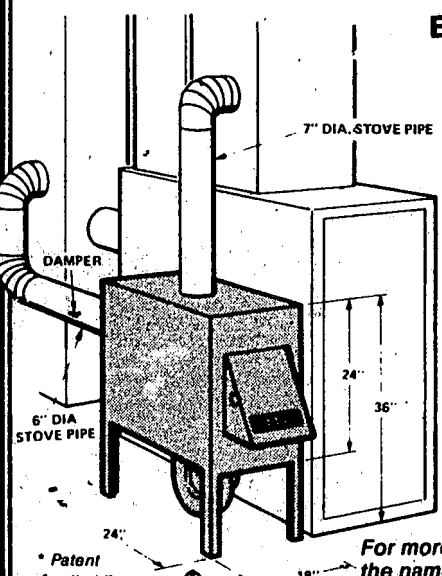
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TOWNSHIP BOARD CONT.

Tentative Preliminary Plat Approval - Park View Ridge - Powell moved that the tentative preliminary plat be approved for Park View Ridge. Tower supported. Motion carried unanimously.

Township Fire Prevention Code - Tower moved to table this item. Hallman supported. Motion carried unanimously.

Hunting Control Committee Report - Powell moved to adopt the resolution with the clarification of the land description. Tower supported. Ayes: Hallman, Powell, Tower; Nay: Rose.

Township Vehicles - It was explained that two vehicles were needed and had become available. Hallman moved to waive the bid procedure for these vehicles. Tower supported. Motion carried unanimously.

Rose moved to purchase the vehicle presented at \$5,000 for the Police Department to be used for animal control and the vehicle presented at \$6,658 for Department of Public Works. Hallman supported. Motion carried unanimously.

Police-School Contract - Tower moved to approve the School Contract as presented. Hallman supported. Motion carried unanimously.

State Code Commission - Tower moved to adopt the 20 rules by ordinance as will be presented to the State of Michigan, as presented. (related to the 1975 National Electric Code). Powell supported. Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Collection Fee - Hallman moved to waive the tax collection fee for the 1977 tax rolls. Tower supported. Motion carried unanimously.

Record Access Forms - Tower moved to initiate this type of form with the township attorney to adjust the form to our situation. Rose supported. Ayes: Rose, Tower; Nay: Hallman, Powell; Absent: Ritter. Motion failed.

Record Retention - Tower moved to allow the Clerk to pay for the microfilming of records as approved in the April Revenue Sharing Budget. Hallman supported. Motion carried unanimously.

Township Copying Machine - Powell moved that the three full-time elected officials meet and discuss the needs of the township and act accordingly. Hallman supported. Motion carried unanimously.

Liquor License Transfer - Tower moved to approve the transfer as presented, conditional upon approval of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. Powell supported. Tower moved to amend his motion to include that the Building and Fire Departments must make their inspections before it opens under new ownership. Powell supported. Vote on amendment carried unanimously. Motion as amended carried unanimously.

Statements by Citizens - There were two citizens who offered comments to the Board.

Tower moved to adjourn into executive session for a short time. Hallman supported. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was closed for a short time.

Tower moved to waive the 90 day probation period for the Recreation employee and employ her as a file clerk at \$3.00/hr., effective September 26. Powell supported. Motion carried unanimously.

Powell moved to hire Susan Holmes as Assistant Assessor at 40 hours per week at \$6.15/hr. for the 90 day probation period, then \$6.65/hr. Hallman supported.

Motion carried unanimously.

Rose moved to authorize the Senior Citizen Land Committee to purchase the property when the funds become available. Powell supported. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Independence Township Board will be October 4 at the Independence Township Library. Citizens are urged to attend. One of the agenda items will be a Public Hearing on the Federal Revenue Sharing Budget.

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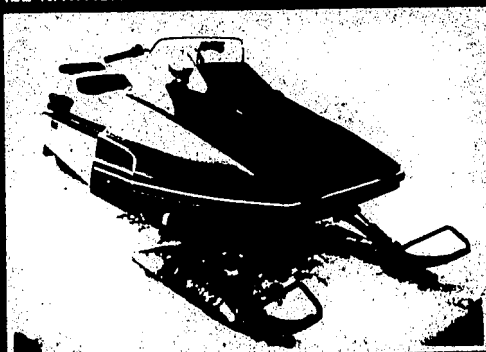
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The Only Way to Go

Nick Holmes of Johannesburg, South Africa has been staying in this area, the last three months. He is the brother of Marcus, who was an AFS exchange student here six years ago. Nick graduated from Cambridge University, England, Law School last June and decided to tour the U.S. before he returned to South Africa. He spent two months working as a carpenter's helper and on road crews to earn a little money for travel.

At the end of two months of work, his friend, Penny Human, who was also a South African and had been attending the University in England, joined him to travel around the U.S. Penny had earned her travel money as serving as a counselor in a camp in Maine this summer. The following is their impressions and experiences.

The Only Way To Go

If you have ever doubted the friendliness and kindness of your fellow citizens, in particular those from different backgrounds to yourself, take heart.

After traveling through sixteen states, in as many days, and meeting Americans from many states and many walks of life, we cannot fault the genuineness or the generosity of the people we encountered. We also have to agree with he who said, shortly before we left on our whirlwind trip out west: "Hitchhiking is the only way to go."

After receiving so much discouragement from people around us (few of whom, however, had hitchhiked themselves) concerning the "types" we would meet and the dangers we would encounter, it was heartening to find that the trust we had placed in the average citizen was justified.

After making a lightening journey to Los Angeles in four days in a car attained through a local auto transport company and spending a few days in that sprawling city, we took to the on ramp of the nearest freeway with our bags and a printed sign reading "101 North" in hopes of catching some traffic headed, at least part way, to San Francisco.

We rode into San Francisco on the back of an old GMC pickup on an old mattress, looking up at the stars, at 9 o'clock in the evening, feeling that we were ten years late and should have had flowers in our hair.

During our stay in San Francisco we found, on at least one occasion, honesty that we have doubted existed. Discovering three hours later, that we had left a shoulder bag containing camera, travelers checks and passports in Chinatown, we ran back several city blocks up and down the steep streets that give San Francisco some of its character, arrived breathless at the shop and were handed our belongings intact and untouched by the number of people that must have had the chance to lift them.

When it was time to leave we took BART (the San Francisco subway - very plush, very efficient) out to Berkeley and walked down University Avenue towards the freeway. It seems that everyone trying to hitchhike out of San Francisco starts there. The first we encountered was sitting with his eyes closed, back against a pole holding a sign on his knees that read "With the wind." Deciding to be slightly more specific ourselves, we penned out "East" and waited. Two hours later we got a ride leaving behind us all those but one that had been there when we arrived and several more who had arrived later.

It took us the whole of the first day to travel the first 250 miles to Reno passing through the Sierra Nevada in the fading light and being hit in the face by the near billboards that advertise the casinos of brash, garish Reno. (Spare us from Las Vegas).

The side of the freeway in the middle of Nevada must be one of the loveliest spots in America. As cars pass every now and then on Interstate 80 occupied by middle class America on the way home from Reno, where they have probably squandered their vacation money at the casino tables, they are the people least likely to pick one up. They have themselves for company, a back seat hung with their clothes and tales of hitchhikers who have beaten up people, on their minds.

The poles and guard rails by the side of the on ramp and the freeway tell the hitchhikers' tales of woe. Any spot frequented by transient hitchhikers will give some indication of how long it will take to get a ride. The more discarded cigarette packets, Pepsi cans and scrawled messages on every available surface the longer one can expect to wait. The more eloquent the message the more disheartening:

"Our thumbs are up
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Be up our ---(!)"
tells its own tale.

Often a driver will tell you he will drop you off at a good spot where there are always people hitchhiking. Far from being good, those spots are often the worst - the reason people are always seen thumbing a ride there is because on one picks them up.

Generally for the best chance of a ride the spot should be:

1. On an uphill gradient, or a curve, after a traffic light or some sure place where traffic is traveling at its slowest: People want to see who they are picking up and be able to stop in good time. *Appearance is extremely important and a friendly smile can help. No one wants to pick up someone who doesn't really look as though he wants a lift, so, keep standing and look alive.

2. One where a driver can easily pull over out of the mainstream of traffic - no one is going to stop, however much as they might like to, if someone is going to run into their back.

3. By a gas station and phone, for those essentials that keep you going during a long wait and in case of an emergency or lull. A spot can be obtained if one knows the route and/or is prepared to be set down early from the previous ride and not take it all the way through. *Bad weather or darkness will also lessen chances of getting a ride for the same reason.

But, to return to Nevada: Our misgivings were correct and even after walking 2 1/2 miles to a better exit, it was still 2 1/2 hours before we were picked up by a driver in need of company....because he saw us doing star jumps beside the road and thought we'd be fun to travel with. That ride, which took us 500 miles through Nevada and Utah and into Wyoming, involved us in several "Controversial" conversations about equal rights, U.S. Government, women's lib, etc.

After a good ride one always expects the worst. So it was with our next ride, we thought. About to refuse the ride because the little man at the wheel appeared drunk, we discovered he'd stopped for us because he wanted someone to drive him to his destination. Happily the rider climbed into the driver's seat and set off. He turned out to be the nicest guy one could expect to meet. Away from a home and a wife who wouldn't let him drink, he was only making up for lost time. As he swigged his beer, he had advice for us young - "Whatever you do, be the best at it."

At his destination he insisted on buying us lunch before setting us on the road again and complained that we hadn't ordered a large enough meal.

A little farther along the road, we had hardly had time to set down our bags, hang up the Union Jack and hold out our sign when a young couple from Florida stopped. They had passed us on the road earlier but had not stopped, as the day before a rider they had picked up had been caught shoplifting a cowboy hat from a supermarket.

The second time they passed us, however, the skies looked as if they were going to break and they gave in. We were somewhat of a novelty to them, being the first Englishmen they had met and so they decided to show us a "good time," though they said this was not the only reason; they were just nice and would have done the same for anyone.

Reaching Cheyenne that evening, we were asked if we minded if they took us out to dinner. That not being enough generosity, they paid for our motel room and took us downtown for a few drinks and dancing at the local nightspot. Just as we were a novelty to them, they were to us being the first southerners we had met. On extended vacation touring the states, he was only now, getting his life straight after his experiences in Viet Nam and serious injury and coming home to his girl from Alabama, who had nearly married someone else while he was away.

The next day we continued on to North Platte, Nebraska where they turned South, and we set up our bags 50 yards down the on ramp from two guys who had traveled from San Francisco by freight train. Discovering they were locked in their empty railroad car, they had to spend the whole of that morning breaking out.

Within minutes we had another ride - our first in the cab of a semi. Without a load on the back, we were in for a bumpy ride, but who could complain when he said he'd take us all the way to Chicago?

We drove til 10 p.m., stopped for dinner and set off again taking turns to keep him company and sleep. At 2:30 he pulled in at a truck stop for a cup of coffee. Thinking he had disappeared forever, he reappeared at 7:30 having fallen asleep in the truckers lounge with his cup of coffee.

A grandfather of 55, he had recently married a 25 year old girl and in addition to his truck driving and antique car business, was now involved in a hair-care and make-up business with his new wife. He was particularly glad of our company as he had blown up his CB radio a few days before. That also meant he had to keep an eye on the trucks ahead in order to evade the Smokeys who, particularly in Nebraska, seemed to be taking a pretty tough line on speedsters.

After stealing our bill for breakfast and taking care of it, he drove us on into Indiana, bought us something to drink, found a piece of cardboard for our next sign, posed with his truck for a snapshot and set us down for the last leg of our journey. With Michigan just a few miles away, our journey was almost over. A few more shorter rides and night in Ann Arbor, where we had to compete with some of the 100,000 U of M football fans for accommodations, we were set down at the front door from which we had set out two weeks before.

Though they will probably not reach them, our thanks to Steve, Steve, Jeff and Elisabeth, Bob, Al, Mickey and Pammy, (?) Cliff and all the others for showing us America.

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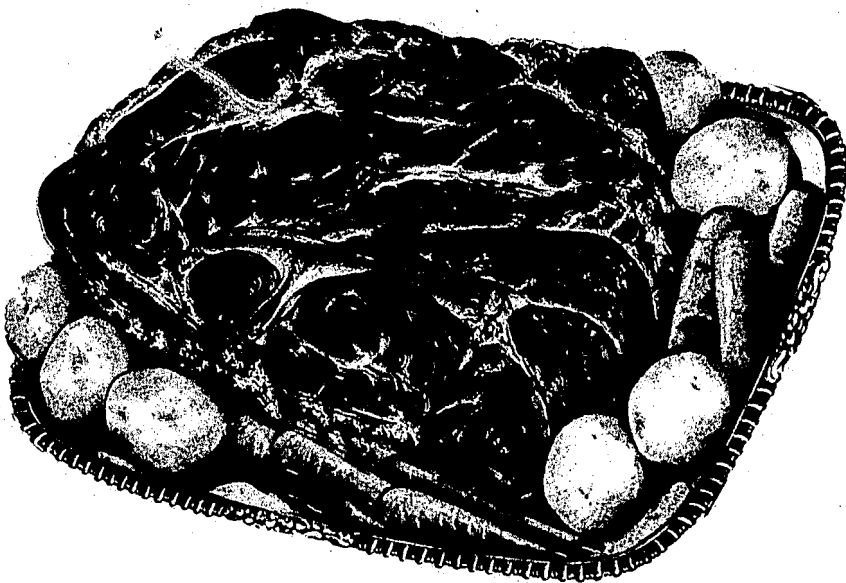
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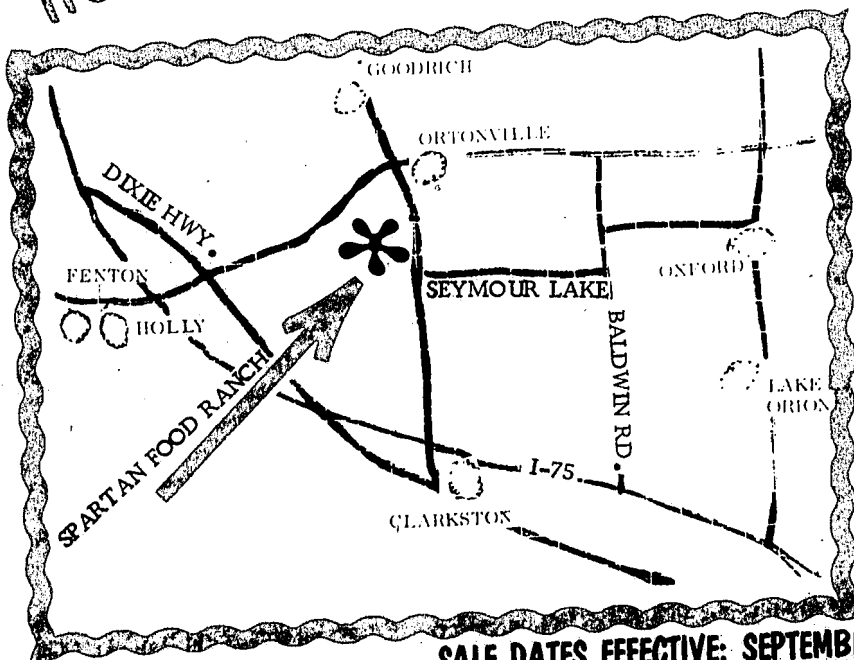
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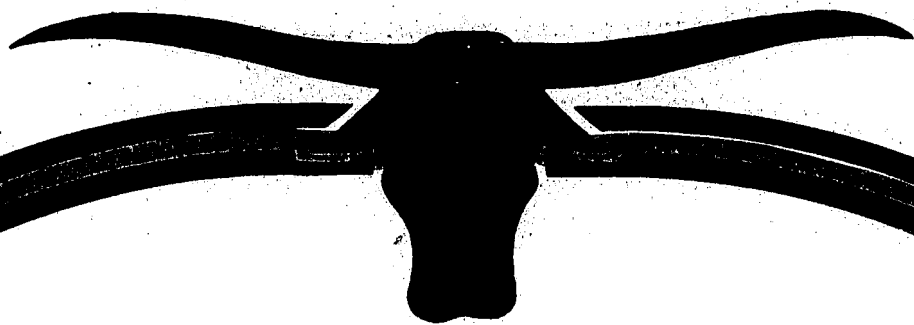
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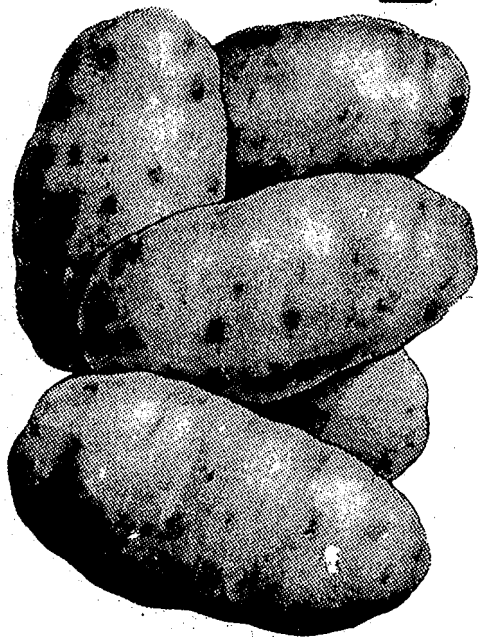


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Davisburg Elementary opened its doors to a total of 758 students to start off the 1977-78 school year.

The school is served by 15 busses this year. The administration asks older students not to go to individual classrooms to pick up their younger brothers and sisters, for the younger students seem to be having no difficulty in finding their busses at the present time. Also, bus garage employees cannot send numbers of children on a bus other than their own for such things as scouts, 4-H meetings, birthday parties, etc.

Part of the school playground has been excavated and is now seeded. That area has been fenced off and will not be in use for the remainder of the school year. Blacktop has been added along the building at the edge of the playground, and was funded by the Davisburg Parent-Teacher Organization. At the present time there is no playground equipment set up, but the equipment is hoped to be up and in use in the near future.

It is asked that hot lunch and milk be paid for by the students for the week. Money should be brought to the teacher Monday mornings. Hot lunch or milk is not sold by the day.

The 1977-78 Student-Parent Handbook should have been brought home by each student. The handbooks were printed at the Oakland Intermediate Schools and the administration says they are very proud of this year's edition.

A tentative calendar of events has been set as follows:

October 4-Meet the Staff and Open House 7:30 p.m.

October 29 - Fifth Annual School Fair

November 4-14 - Sweatshirt Sale

December 10 - Christmas Shoppe

February 6 - General Parent-Teacher Organization Meeting.

March 16 - Art, Book and Science Fair

April - Arbor Day Planting, last part of the month.

May 27 - Olympic Day

May 30 - PTO Board Meeting

June 6 - PTO General Meeting and election of officers
These dates may be subject to change.

A Cub Scout sign-up night was held at the school on September 20 for boys ages 8-10. Their first pack meeting will be held at the 4-H Activities Center on September 27 at 7:00 p.m. For further information call Darrell Anderson, Cubmaster at 887-9067.

Clarkston Organizations

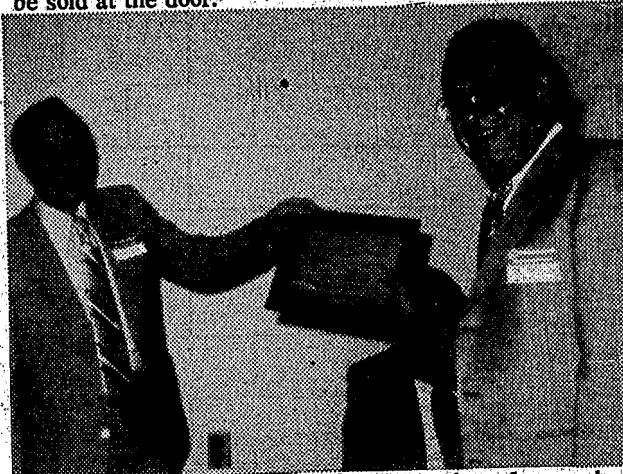
Sponsor Art Auction

The Clarkston Rotary Club, in conjunction with the Clarkston Youth Assistance Committee announces an art auction to be held at Rademacher Chevrolet on Sunday, October 16, beginning at 1:00 p.m. with free refreshments.

The auction will feature more than 250 paintings,

lithographs, sculptures and other exciting and unusual object d' art. Harry Weinsaft, well-known curator at "The Gallery" in Kingsly Inn, will conduct the auction which will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets and other information can be obtained from any member of the Clarkston Rotary or members of the Clarkston Youth Assistance Committee. Tickets will also be sold at the door.



Dr. Bullard, right, holds up the plaque he received for serving two years as Chief of Staff at Wheelock Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Bullard Honored

Wheelock Memorial Hospital Board of Directors honored Dr. Rockwood W. Bullard, Jr. at the hospital's Annual Membership Meeting Wednesday, September 21, for his service as Chief of Staff for the years of 1975 and 1976.

Harold Coffee, President of the Board, presented a special plaque to Dr. Bullard and Mrs. Norma J. Murphy, Chief Executive Officer of Wheelock, read the board's letter of appreciation to Dr. Bullard.

A board resolution was unanimously passed in recognition of the Wheelock Memorial Hospital Auxiliary who so actively contribute their time and activities in support of the hospital.

The hospital's department directors were introduced to the members and Board of Directors at the meeting. They participated in conducting a tour of the hospital facility after the general meeting.

Holly G.E.D. Test Dates Set

Registrations are now being taken at the Holly Community Education Center from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the G.E.D. Test. Test dates are October 11, 12, and 13, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Testing will take place at the Holly Community Education Center, 111 College Street, Holly.

The test will cover English, Social Studies, Science, Literature, and Mathematics.

Every Wednesday evening, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the

Holly Community Education Center, there will be an open instruction class to help prepare persons interested in taking the G.E.D. Tests. There is no charge for the classes but a \$5.00 deposit is asked for the book. There will be no preparation class on October 12.

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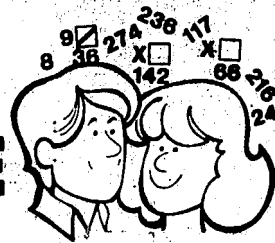
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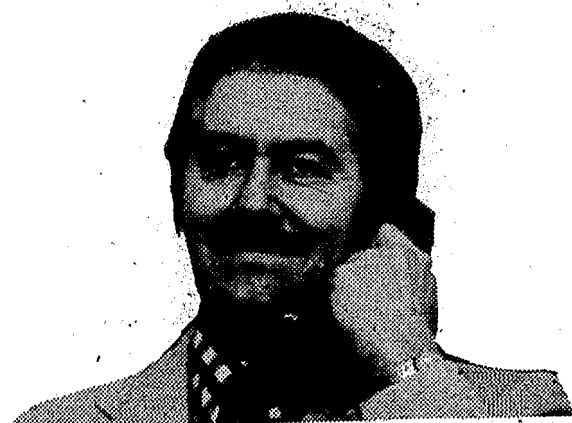
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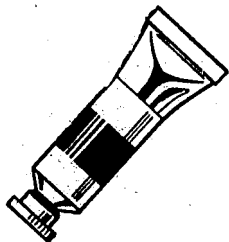
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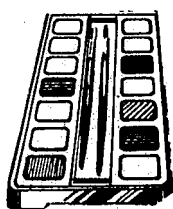
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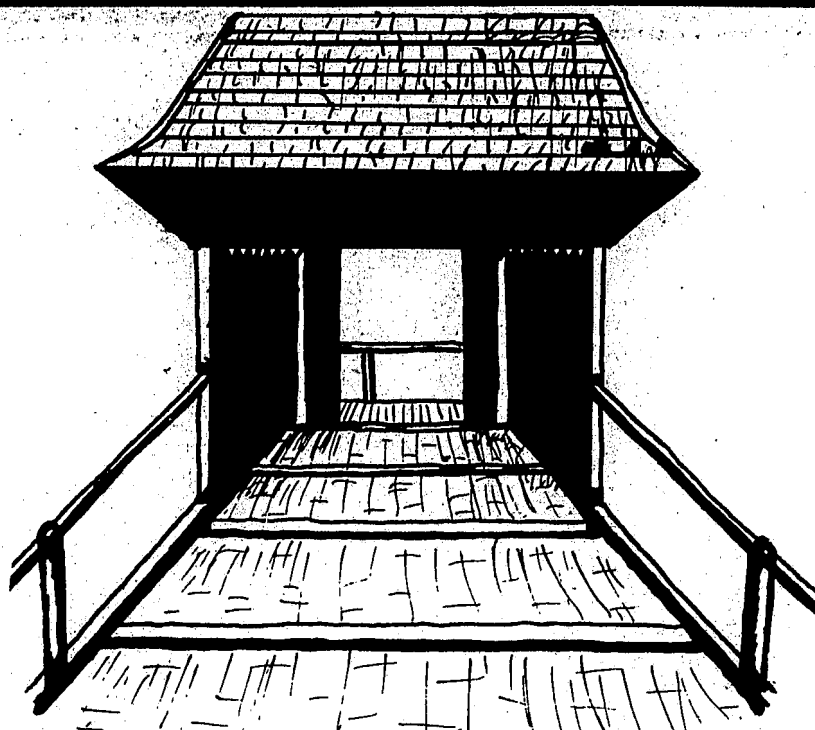
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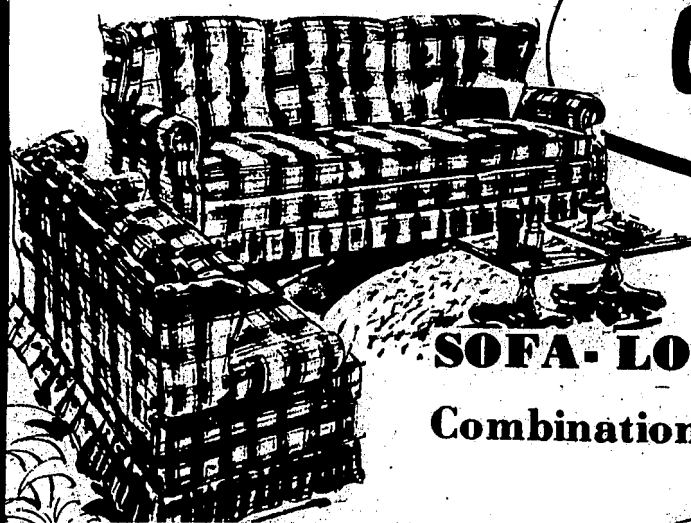
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Bonsai Garden Cont. from Page 1

Japanese garden there are no vistas when you come in the gate, and where you see everything in avenues in front of you, like the Versailles. The Japanese believe in little sections, one at a time, because you can't absorb the whole thing at one time. It's like dinner served one course at a time. You appreciate the fish. You appreciate the meat. You appreciate the vegetables. It's not like Thanksgiving when you don't know what to look at next."

He is right. Around each corner of the garden is a surprise, awaiting the sight of an appreciative eye. It is not until we have gone past a grouping, and look back, that we see the happy, grinning face of a stone Ho-Tei. The Chinese household God of Happiness, according to our guide, is often found in Japanese gardens. "All Japanese culture derives from Chinese, and is developed and refined, and comes out a Japanese culture," he informs us.

As we wander through the garden, the contrasts of sizes and shapes, and the finer distinction of forms and variety impress us. There is a surprise at every turn, and each must be experienced by the mind as well as the eye.

A clump of yellow mums at the base of some greenery catches the eye. It stands alone, and we are told that there are few flowers in a Japanese garden. Beds of flowers are never used, because the beauty of the flower is often bypassed by the eye that is overwhelmed by sheer numbers of them. They are used as accents instead, much as one uses a colorful pillow or two, to brighten an area.

Lording it over the garden are a few examples of nature's artistry. Apple trees, left over from the orchard that was originally there, stretch out limbs that hang heavy with fruit. Some of the lower branches are held up by weathered boards. The use of the boards is not unusual in the Japanese garden. Old limbs are often supported in this manner. The lack of paint is typically Japanese, says O'Reilly. When you do see touches of paint, it is the Chinese touch, not the Japanese. The Chinese love color - red, gold, blue and green, but the Japanese prefer the natural aging process of the wood, according to him. "The scrawny irregularity of the apple trees made it a perfect setting for the garden," he says.

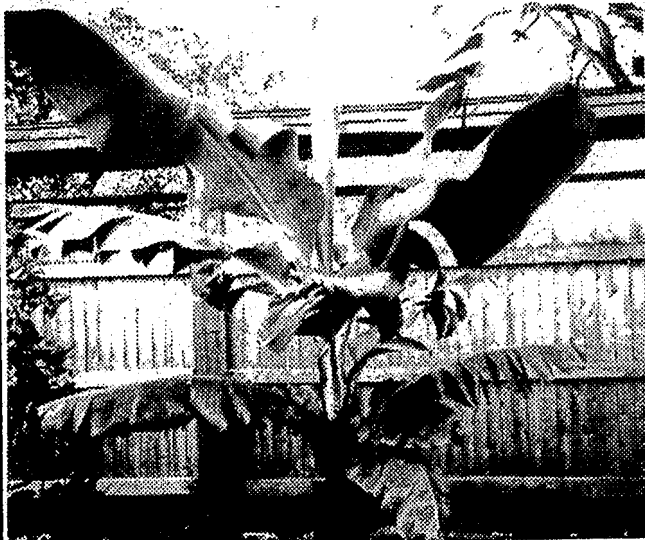
In contrast to the stately old trees are the miniature's, the beautiful result of the Japanese ancient art of Bonsai. These tiny replicas of their naturally grown stock have been potted, wired, pruned and trained, until they have become works of art.

"A successful Bonsai," says O'Reilly, "looks like a miniature tree. You try to get a dwarf image of a huge old tree growing on a hillside." There are three rules for successful Bonsai, according to him. They concern the constant care of the plant or tree. One third of the art is the trimming of the top. One third is the limitation of the

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American Bonsai-A miniature maple tree growing in a pot.



This banana tree was donated to the Vocational School.

Airman Steve Granter Graduates with Honors

Airman Stephen P. Grantner, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Steve Grantner of 14088 Iroquois Woods, Holly, has graduated with honors at Lowry AFB, Colorado, from the U.S. Air Force technical training course for weapons control systems mechanics.

Airman Grantner is now a specialist in the maintenance and repair of aircraft weapons control systems and will serve at George AFB, California. Completion of the course earned the individual credits towards an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

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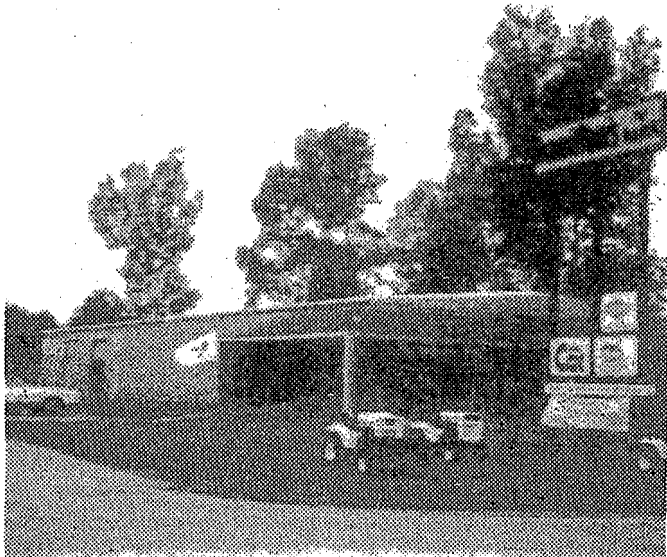
Hamilton's is owned and operated by Ike and Mert Hamilton, a Holly couple who, along with their children Laurie, Kerry and Greg, recently celebrated their 20th anniversary on July 1. Ike first came to Holly from Michigan State University in 1957.

The new Hamilton's of Holly building, which opened August 15, is built on three acres and takes up 6,000 square feet - 2,400 square feet for the showroom and 1,200 square feet each for the storage area, the repair area, and parts and office area. There is also 7,000 square feet of blacktop.

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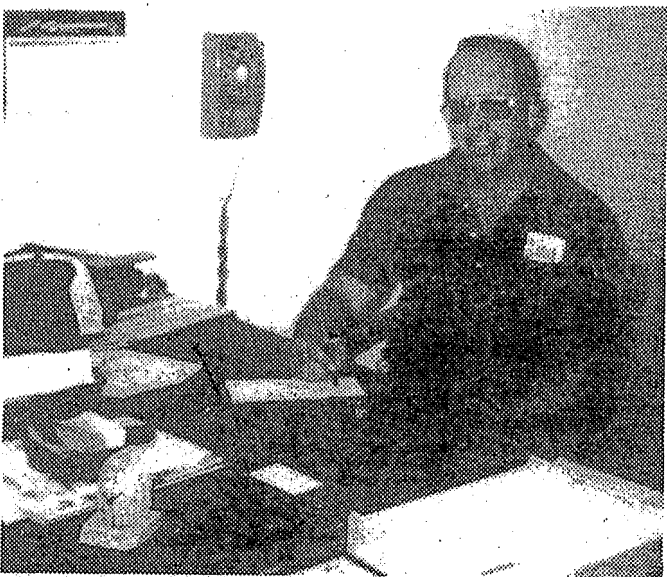
Miss Michigan, Holly Ann Schmidt will also make an appearance at Hamilton's on October 1 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.



A look at the outside



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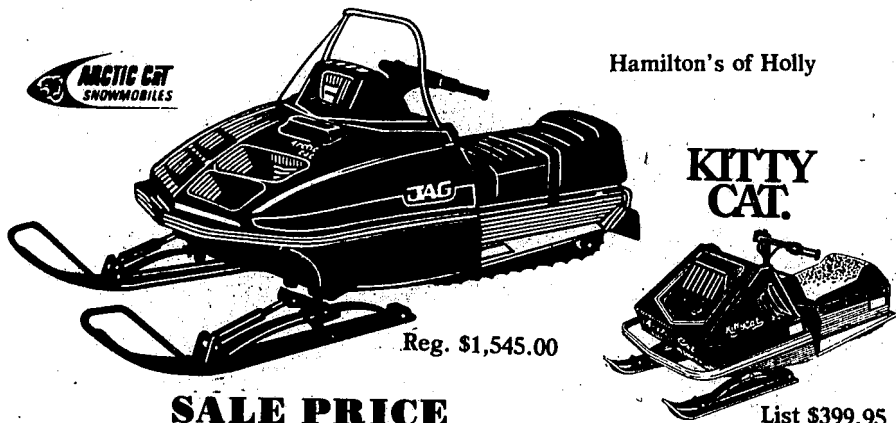
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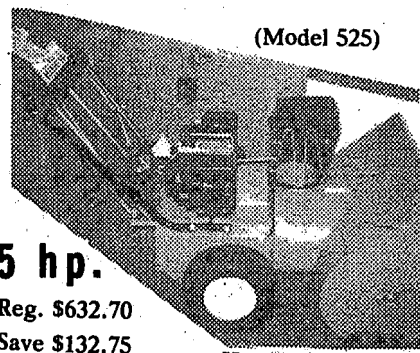
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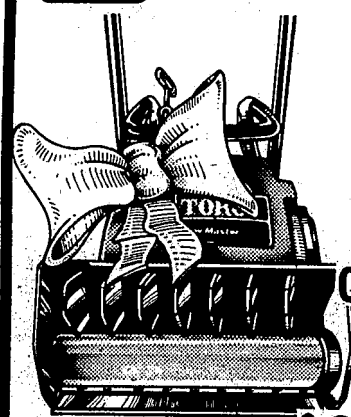
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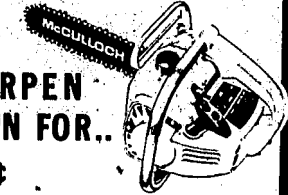
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FORECAST:

by Robert C. Davis

Our weatherman is Robert C. Davis. Bob, an Ohio State graduate in Geology, makes meteorology (the study of the earth's atmosphere, especially weather conditions) an almost full-time hobby. Bob has generously agreed to share his knowledge with Reminder readers, so watch this column for the latest FORECAST.

Last year it was the middle of October when early fall suddenly turned into one of the coldest winters in our history. This year some signs are pointing towards another early winter. The leaves are turning color weeks ahead of normal, and many areas in the northern Lower Peninsula received a killing frost in August, about two weeks before normal.

The first frost occurred on August 20, when Mio reported 24 degrees. Five days later, much of the northern Lower Peninsula suffered an early killing frost. Since some areas received a late spring frost on June 6, it was a very short growing season in some portions of the northern Lower Peninsula.

We have been more fortunate, however. Our last frost was on April 29, and as of this writing (September 18), we have not yet received our first fall frost. Based on data from the Michigan Weather Service, our area has a 50 percent chance of experiencing its first frost by about

Another Early Winter

October 11.

For those home gardeners trying to harvest as much as possible for as long as possible, there is a 90 percent chance that we will have received our first killing frost by October 27.

Looking more closely at the temperature trends of the past month, the much cooler-than-normal temperatures that we experienced towards the end of August have changed to a trend of slightly warmer temperatures than normal for the first half of September. For the sake of all of our heating bills, let's hope that this trend continues into the winter.

One thing to keep in mind when you listen to radio and television broadcasters is that they give statistics for Detroit Metropolitan Airport (the location of the official National Weather Service offices for Detroit). Since their location is generally one of the warmest areas of the state, their readings are not always representative of our area here in northwestern Oakland County.

Our area tends to be, on the average, about 3 or 4 degrees cooler than Detroit Metropolitan Airport. And obviously rainfall or snowfall totals at a weather station more than 30 miles away will not be indicative of the totals in our area. In upcoming editions, I will try to keep you informed on our local area weather.

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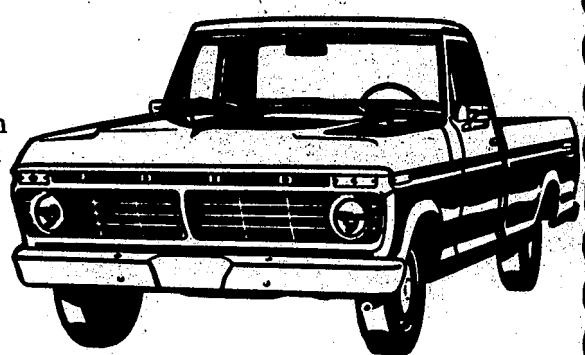
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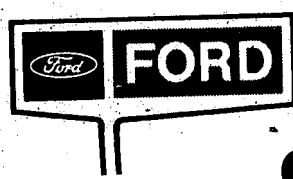
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Bonsai Garden Cont. from Page 17

growing space (Bonsai means pot culture). The remaining third is the artistic arrangement of the roots when repotting.

According to O'Reilly, when the tree needs repotting, it is raised higher in the same pot, and more dirt is added. The raising exposes some of the top roots, and gives the appearance of the very old tree with gnarled roots exposed above the ground.]

"There have been Bonsai fads, where people have tried other forms, but many of them have been grotesque. Bonsai should look natural," he says.

All of the Bonsai is not in miniature pots, however. Throughout the garden are larger shrubs and trees which have come under the touch of the artist. There is a large tree, an evergreen which boasts of being 48 years old. It is called Dai Bonsai, which means that it takes two Japanese to carry it.

O'Reilly says that any tree or plant can be trained to give the miniature illusion, or dwarf image. However, trees which have been pruned in a manner similar to the Bonsai training, but grow in the ground, are more apt to

the Topiary, a European art.

There are no special seeds or plants to grow the miniature Bonsai. Ordinary seeds, nursery stock, even trees which have originally been planted in the woods but have had little chance to develop normally (from crowding or lack of sun; can be used. O'Reilly has several that have begun that way. Evergreens, and a maple, and fruit trees which will bear normal sized blossoms and fruit, but have miniature leaves, live side by side in the garden.

There is one example of Bonsai which appears older than the rest, and some of the older branches have not been pruned, to make it appear younger. We are told that this one shows the ancient look. "The style would be much appreciated by the Japanese," says O'Reilly, "because it reflects their way of thinking. It shows the struggle to overcome adversity. They think the young tree has no character, though it is young and pretty, until it has some age to it, it has no character. So when something dies, like a branch, they don't hurry to cut it off like it was never there. They don't try to hide the fact (of age) - they emphasize it."

There are many styles of Bonsai, according to O'Reilly, but they all have philosophical ideas behind them, and they all have a "viewing side" to them. The miniatures should be viewed at eye level, and preferably, seen against a plain background. They must be turned often to keep the proper balance that has been achieved.

Other interesting touches in the garden include a Japanese stone lantern that is often found in Japanese gardens and temples. Used for illumination, the lantern is always paired with a fern, and has a kneeling stone in front of it, "so the lady who comes to light it in the evening has a place to kneel," says our guide.

Miniature pansies, and a small violet "tree" are a couple of the tiniest attractions. There are some really tiny plants which are used as companion pieces when the Bonsai is brought in the house for use as a decoration, but many of them must spend most of their lives outside -- like the evergreens.

When the tour of the garden is done, the visitor must make a trip to the greenhouse, where some of the more tender plants are stored. Here there are tropical plants and a number of orchids. A banana tree which is growing in the garden, we are told, will not be brought back in this year, for lack of room. It has been donated to the Vocational School. It is expected to bear fruit this year.

O'Reilly tells us that the garden is simply an example of a hobby that got out of hand. "I've always been a naturalist at heart, and Bonsai is such a successful thing at capturing nature in miniature -- where you have a feeling of wilderness. Here's a tree, and you're holding it in your hand, and it carries your mind hundreds of miles away to some wilderness area. That got me."

He first was attracted to the art when he saw a collection of Bonsai masterpieces, borrowed from Harvard University, which were displayed at an automobile show. "To this day," he says, "I can't remember what a single car looked like, but I can remember each piece of Bonsai."

"You can have a piece of forest in your own backyard (with Bonsai). Everything about their culture, (the Japanese) at least the artistic side, the gardens and everything, seems just right. It's all understated. You

try to capture the great in the small." That is what has been accomplished at the Ozawa Bonsai Garden on Davisburg Road.

Many of the works of art will be put away in storage for the winter soon, but the business will be open when the garden has been winterized. Materials and plants will still be sold, and literature on the art of Bonsai can be obtained there, as well as pots, etc.

There are several Bonsai clubs, and over a hundred books on the subject now, and interested people can get information through O'Reilly and Stallings. O'Reilly has said, "The more civilized and civilized we get, the more we crave some connection with nature. The more plastic our society becomes, the more our basic yearning to get back and touch nature somewhere, comes out. Bonsai is the perfect answer."

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By Lorie Wilcox

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Many of the participants are already familiar with the mechanics of the game and simply require practice with the utilization of a rail. This rail placed on each side of the lanes aids the bowler in his approach to the pins.

For those less familiar with the sport, a class is offered by the BRS that provides the basic necessary instruction for those bowling without sight. There is no charge for the instructional program. The blind also have their games paid for by area businesses and organizations.

Sighted volunteers bowl with the blind and competition is enhanced by a 100 percent handicap awarded to the latter. The volunteers also provide assistance by transporting the blind, providing encouragement and keeping peace. They also call out the remaining number of pins after the initial ball to inform the blind how to place their next throw.

The blind league accepts challenges from area community groups. Recently they were victorious over the Pontiac Police. The sighted challengers are requested to bowl blindfolded in alternate frames to keep the competition keen.

Although the primary purpose of the BRS is to promote blind bowling, other activities are also sponsored. This past summer blind bike riding and T-Ball were held at Independence Oaks.

The blind are also encouraged by BRS director Vickie Williams to drop in at the Center in Pontiac to socialize - sometimes over a game of cards.

The society itself is self-supporting and operates on funds it receives from its frequent rummage sales and



Linda Johnson has near perfect form with the aid of a rail.

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If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or challenging the league contact Linda Johnson at BRS, 334-6313.

Rita Lange's ball is in good position as it slowly moves toward the head pin.



"Night Watch"

Clarkston Village Players to Present Benefit for Independence Center

The Clarkston Village Players will present its first offering of the season, "Night Watch" September 30, October 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8.

The play has been written by Lucille Fletcher, who also wrote the radio suspense drama "Sorry, Wrong Number."

Elaine Wheeler, the neurotic heiress, who is the central figure of the drama will be played by Tammy Hughson.

Why is she the only member of her household to see the dead bodies in the window of the tenement across the way? Are they really there or are they products of Elaine's overwrought imagination? These are the questions left for the audience of "Night Watch" to answer.

Elaine's rather unsympathetic husband, John, will be played by Alan Rose. The Wheelers' friend and recent house guest, Blanche, will be played by Cheri Broome. Judy Rood will portray the German housekeeper who is always peering around corners, and the role of the neighborhood busybody, Curtis Appleby, will be enacted by Pete Rose.

The part of the renowned psychiatrist will be filled by Cindy Inman, while Neil Braun and Denny LaLone act as a police lieutenant and policeman respectively. The friendly delicatessen dealer will be played by Al Bartlett.

The players of "Night Watch" are being directed by Russ Inman who also designed the set of Elaine's elegant sitting room.

Tickets are available at Tierra Arts on Main Street in Clarkston, at the door, or by calling 625-5716. A benefit performance for Independence Center will be given Thursday, October 6. For tickets for the benefit and for information call 673-2244 or 625-8533.

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Holly Area Schools New Superintendent is Impressed with Area

By Kathy Greenfield

Holly area school's new superintendent describes himself as a "straightforward, honest person who is not afraid to work hard."

Dr. Richard Hendra, 42, has been on the job since July 1. He works 50 to 60 hours a week and doesn't see shorter hours in the near future.

"I have too much to learn and too much to examine," he said.

Parents and staff are encouraged to share any concerns with him. "The school district belongs to the Holly area people," he said.

He greets you with a smile and a friendly, "Hi, I'm Dick Hendra." His dark neatly-trimmed hair is streaked with gray. You notice his blue eyes behind his dark-rimmed glasses.

His large desk is covered with papers. He apologizes for the "mess" and then moves from behind the imposing desk to talk with you.

He received his doctorate in Administration in Higher Education from M.S.U. in 1970. Before coming to Holly, he was Superintendent of Schools at Comstock Park in suburban Grand Rapids.

Dr. Hendra decided to come to Holly for several reasons.

One factor was size. "The population is large enough," he said, "to provide better educational opportunities for young people than the district from which I came." An example is being able to offer calculus for high school students.

Another reason was "the district is in good shape." Students' test scores were good. State studies show Holly High School graduates successful in vocational and technical schools, in jobs, and in college, he said.

A "bright spot" for Dr. Hendra is a study being conducted by University of Michigan's Bureau of School Services. "They are going to examine curriculum, where we should improve, a financial analysis, and projected growth," he said.

"Parents and non-parents" make up a citizen's committee which will study the report. Their job is to "question, challenge, and scrutinize" the Bureau's findings, he said.

The report should be submitted to the School Board by February 1978. "But there is no push for deadline at sacrifice of quality," he said.

The study "will provide a platform from which to start making responsible instructions," he said. "The challenge is to build upon (the district's) strengths and to make improvements where possible."

The Holly school district is in five townships. It covers about 110 square miles. Present enrollment is 4432 students.

"Our enrollment is causing us some concern," Dr. Hendra said.

The total number is about the same. But there are more students "at grade levels that already have high student-teacher ratios," he said.

"We cannot justify educationally having 38 students in one class," he said, "and 27 in another."

The result is that about 20 elementary students will be transferred to other schools.

"Some parents are upset," he said.

He hopes that the population growth studies will reduce future problems.

Dr. Hendra has "only one concern greater than Holly area schools," he said, "and that's my family."

He describes his wife, Ruth, as a "super person." Ricky, 6, is a first grader at Patterson Elementary School.

"He's having a wonderful year," Dr. Hendra said. "I'm very impressed with his first few weeks at school."

Ronald, 3, has discovered the Township Library. He's enjoying story hours and checking out books.

Free time centers around "family kinds of things," he said.

They have built a tree house, go on picnics and Sunday drives in their 1929 Ford pickup. "You don't go far in two hours," he said, "but we have fun."

The Hendras grew up in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. They enjoy the "semi-rural, semi-suburban" atmosphere of Holly. "We've found the people very easy to adjust to," he said.

"I'm impressed with our village," he said. "I think it's neat." He likes the turn of the century feeling and "good, wholesome family activities" like the recent Carry Nation Festival.

Dr. Hendra feels young people deserve recognition for the good things they do. He suggests spending time in local schools and appreciating students as aware and concerned people.

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