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Trim Campaigns to Raise Drinking Age

by Elaine Thornton

When Representative Claude Trim of Clarkston was elected to the Michigan legislature, one of his major concerns was to get the legal drinking age back to 21. "After hearing complaints from parents, administrators and teachers in my own school district, I discovered the drinking problem of teenagers was more inflated than I had realized."

Trim has been working closely with the Michigan Council on Alcohol Problems (MICAP) and the Highway Safety Research Institute who are in support of the petition for amendment to the Michigan Constitution to get the drinking age back to 21. MICAP initiated the statewide petition drive through Coalition for 21 to gather 400,000 signatures in order to qualify a ballot proposal for the November 1978 general election. Coalition for 21 is a broad based group of Michigan citizens who have organized for the purpose of raising the state's legal drinking age to 21.

Who wants to raise the drinking age to 21?

Police officers have backed the drive because of their concern for the increased traffic fatalities among teenagers. From January 1, 1972 to the end of 1976, there has been a 132% increase in 18-20 year old

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Murphy Stresses Energy Conservation State of County Address

Oakland County Government's energy conservation program saved more than \$235,000 in 1977, it was announced by Daniel T. Murphy during his annual State of the County address to the Board of Commissioners.

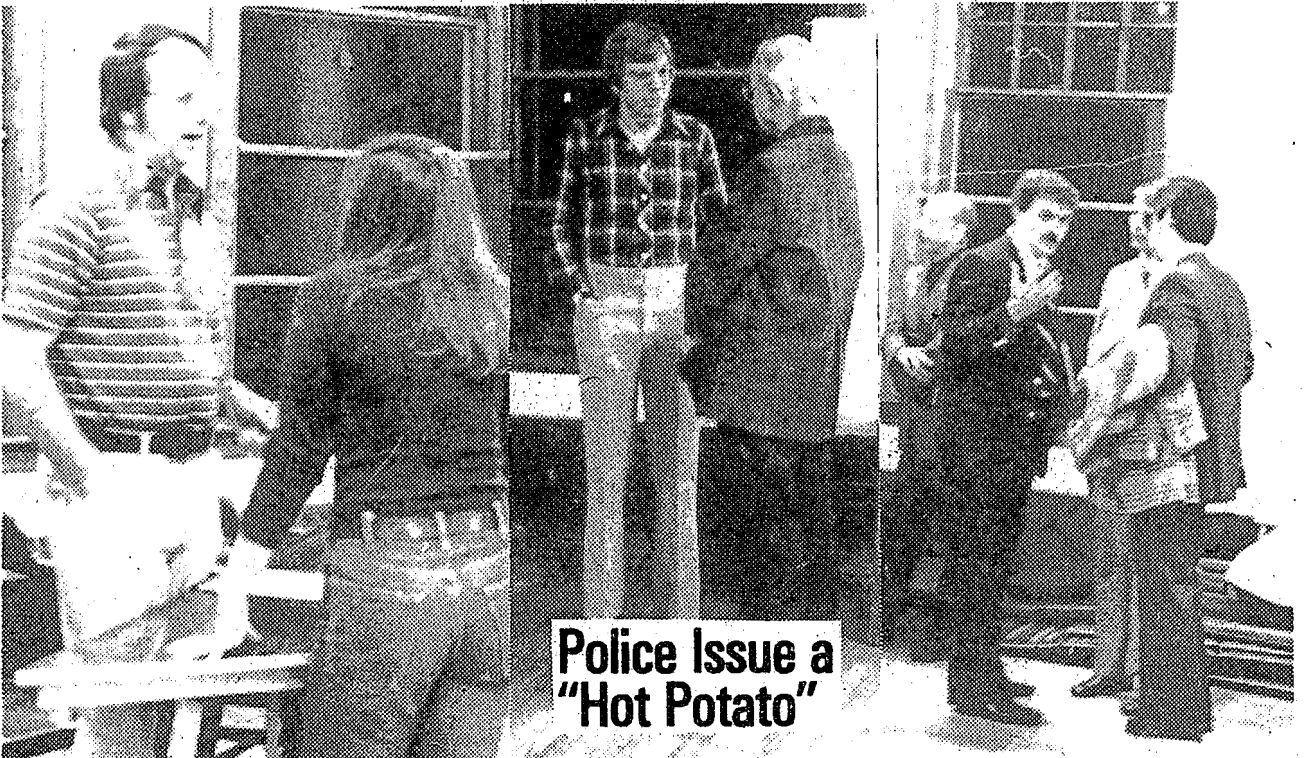
The savings resulted from reducing the amount of natural gas, fuel oil, and electricity used to heat, cool, and light the government's 37 buildings.

Figures released by the County Executive office showed a 24 percent decrease in natural gas consumption last year, a 28 percent decrease in fuel oil, and a 6 percent decrease in electricity usage. Gasoline, the other major energy commodity used by the county, showed an increase of 3 percent.

Murphy also announced an intensification of the county's energy conservation effort, with the goal of reducing total consumption by an additional 2 to 5 percent in 1978.

The intensification effort is called "Energy

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Jerry E. Powell, Independence Township Trustee explains his position to a constituent

Fred Ritter, Independence Township Trustee, listens intently to a citizen in attendance.

At left Jack McCall, Director of Police Services, talks with two citizens.

Independence Board Hears From Residents Enid Cooper Case Goes to Court

by Carol Balzarini

A preliminary hearing before Judge Frederick Ziem is scheduled for Wednesday, January 25, to consider the arbitration award given teacher Enid Cooper and challenged by the Clarkston Community Schools Administration.

Technically, the issue is based upon certain statements made in the award by the arbitrator, Professor James Dunne, which say, in part:

As has already been stated there was much testimony and numerous exhibits respecting lesson plans which the arbitrator will not review here except to say that it is clear that Cooper did not meet Wiar's (Pine Knob Elementary Principal) requirements in this respect and only marginally improved after Wiar made clear to Cooper that she expected such improvement. Grievant testified she was not sure what it was Wiar wanted. This

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by Kathy Greenfield

"I've been on the Township Board for going on six years," Trustee Jerry Powell said, "and never before have we had this much emotionalism before this board."

Indeed, the Sheriff's Department issue drew a crowd at the Independence Township Board meeting last week.

About 125 people attended the meeting. After the question of whether to cancel the Sheriff's contract was discussed, there was a mass exodus. Only about 10 people remained for the finish of the meeting which lasted nearly three hours.

Supervisor Floyd Tower and Treasurer Betty Hallman were absent and Trustee Fred Ritter led the meeting.

"Because of the magnitude of this decision, I'm not prepared to deal with it until the other board members are present," Ritter said, adding that the issue could be discussed, but would be tabled until the February 7 meeting.

As expected, the crowd included heavy representation by the Sheriff's Department including several of the around 30 deputies who live in Independence Township. Director of Police Services Jack McCall and Fire Chief

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"IT'S A HAIR RAISING JOB," NOTES KAY BLISS, AS SHE EXPLAINS THE EVERYDAY TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF A MAIL CARRIER. THEIR STORY BEGINS ON PAGE 2.

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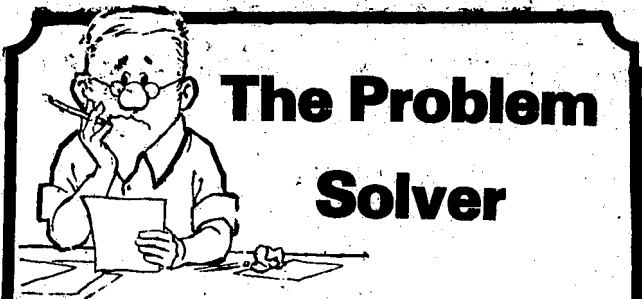
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Life of a Mail Carrier

by Kathy Greenfield

Drifting snow, ice and attacking dogs are all part of the winter scene for mail carriers.

"It's a hair raising job," Kay Bliss, supervisor at Clarkston's post office said. She has worked at the post office 17 years starting out as a rural carrier.

The post office serves about 6,000 homes plus businesses in the area. The 12 carriers deliver about 33,000 letters a day.

Mailboxes blocked by snow present a constant problem this time of year.

"It's up to the resident to keep the approach to the box cleared," she said. If the carrier can't get to the box, mail is not delivered.

The serious hazards to mail carriers, though, are dogs and ice.

Even rural carriers have to get out of the mail jeeps to deliver packages and get signatures for registered mail. Many have slipped and fallen on the ice.

Although they carry a spray repellent that, if sprayed in a dog's face, makes it turn away, they have a terrible time with dogs.

"They usually get you before you see them," she explained.

But "sometimes I think the dogs are out more in the winter time," she said. "It's too cold to keep the dogs tied up. People are afraid they'll freeze."

In spite of all the snow this winter, the mail jeeps seldom get stuck.

"Most carriers know the vehicles and how to get them out," she said, "or a passerby or resident will help push them out."

Only a few calls to Morgan's Service for help have been made this winter, she said. Another call came that morning.

On her way out, mail carrier Terry Schultz said, "Hey, let those people know that we don't have 4-wheel drives."

She ended up in a ditch on Clarkston-Orion Road and Morgan's Service had to pull her out.

"I haven't been stuck all year," Schultz said, explaining that the ice along the road's edge "just grabs you and you can't stop."

Keeping warm on the job is also a constant struggle. Even in the jeeps, the heat isn't adequate, Bliss said. "When it snows, the snow blows in on them (through the open window) and they come in wet and cold."

Mail carriers start work at 7:30 a.m. They sort all the first class mail and leave to do their routes when they finish, around 9:30 a.m.

Third class, or "junk mail," is sorted throughout the day by clerks. There are three clerks who work full-time. A total of about 12 hours a day is spent sorting mail and one clerk works full-time forwarding mail to people who have moved.

There are some good things about the job. All the carriers enjoy "getting to know their customers," Bliss said.

As a group, they are the kinds of people who like to be outside "not shut up in a building," she added.

Bliss calls the rapid growth of Clarkston "unreal."

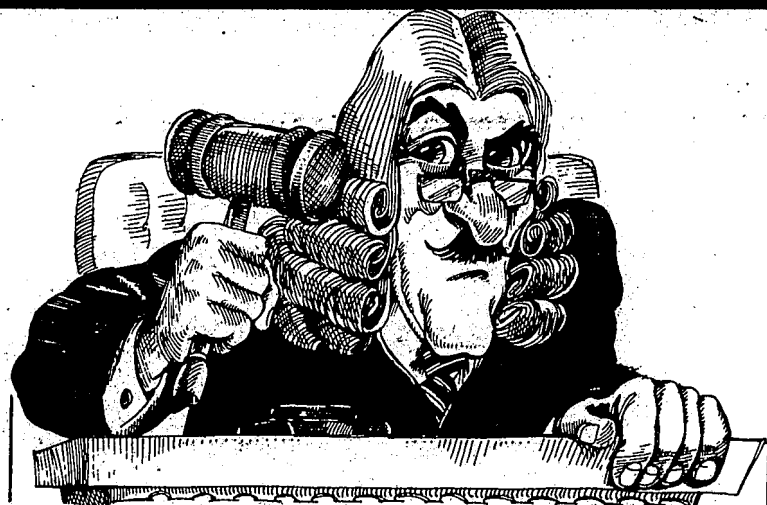
When she first came here, "people didn't have to have a house number on the mail," she said. "Just the name was sufficient in most cases."

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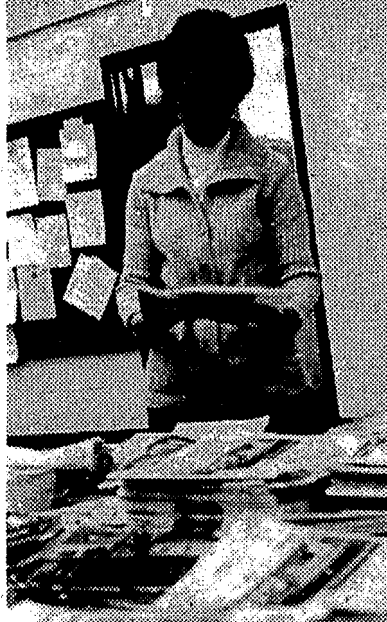
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Terry Schultz lands in ditch along Clarkston-Orion Road

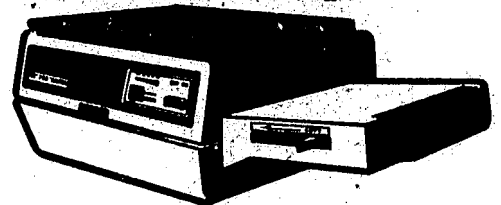


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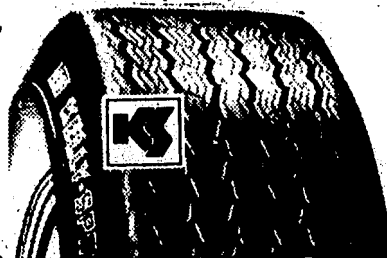
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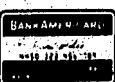
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THOUGHTS 'N THINGS

by Joan Allen



One of the new magazines my daughters have introduced me to is "New Woman." I am used to looking through magazines, and finding them all directed to the young woman, so I hadn't bothered to glance inside that one. Finding it on the coffee table at home, and noting that there were articles directed to those of us who are over forty, I decided to read further, however.

My eye was caught by an article on a "new" way to diet, and since I read all the diet articles, but never lose weight, I was going to pass it up. I'm glad my curiosity got the better of me, though, as I got a message that the author had not pin-pointed. It made me believe that the pendulum is swinging the other way, finally.

The point of this "diet" is that you make your mind work for you. You don't avoid thoughts of "goodies" but you eat them - in your mind. The idea is to think long and lovingly about hot fudge sundaes with whipping cream and a cherry on top, (or whatever your weakness is). You close your eyes, and picture yourself at your favorite treat shop. You include how you look, how the other patrons look, what the place looks and sounds and smells like. You picture yourself sitting down, ordering, and enjoying, whatever it is that your heart desires. Then you imagine the taste, and the enjoyment, and how you feel after finishing your "goodie." In other words, you live the experience in your mind, but you don't have to deal with the calories, or the guilt.

Now, I've been talking about "thinking things through" for years, and never applied what I knew to losing weight; but I believe the suggested process would work, because it works for other things. A lot of things we do in life and are sorry for later, are the result of sneaking past our conscience when it's "not looking."

Most of us, when we think things through, make wise choices and decisions. When we "want to get away with something" we simply do it quickly, and without thinking. That results in a lot of sneaky nibbling of "goodies" right after we have decided to go on a diet. It also results in saying a lot of things "in the heat of anger" that we know would be better left unsaid. Even worse, is the growing number of people who claim to have committed crimes "in the passion of the moment." "Temporary insanity" whether it is directed at a hot fudge sundae, or a criminal act, is an admission of lack of forethought, or lack of control. It is the result of an "existentialistic" attitude towards life and the self. It is wide-spread today because we have passed through (hopefully) the age of the "reduction of man."

The "age of science" brought about a belief that the way to find out the "truth" of something was to reduce it to its simplest form, and then study its evolution to the present form. Naturally, since science could only "prove" what it could study by the physical senses, when it came to man, he too had to be reduced to the physical.

Now, scientists didn't really state that that was all there was to man, but it was all that was studied, so all the research dealt with the physical truth of man. We, therefore, began to see man reduced to an animal, and all of his ills were blamed on civilization. The solution to man's problems seemed simple, based on the findings of science. Do away with civilization, and you do away with the problems. Unfortunately, one set of problems have simply been replaced with another set, and society is left to wonder why man has regressed morally and philosophically.

Now, at last, we are up to the stage in man's development when the mind has proven to be more than a mere physical computer. It may be that in the future, we will again hold man responsible for self-control, and conscience. Of course, it isn't going to be easy to accept all that responsibility for choices after we've become so used to "forgiving" ourselves for all our failings, both great and small!

If we can, indeed, satisfy our cravings for goodies in our minds, by thinking the experience through, right to the results of over-eating, who can we blame for the "accident" of fat? If hoodlums and thieves are held responsible for thinking their actions through, how can we sympathize with them for being "brutalized" and thrown in jail when they're caught? To return to a life where "free will" is taken seriously, might make us a nation of hard-nosed, unsympathetic, and uncompassionate people. People who refused to work would starve to death, and those who committed crimes would be punished. It is rather frightening to think about the outcome of a wave of responsibility. If manufacturers make products that lasted, what would happen to repairmen, and the people who make all the gadgets to replace the faulty ones that prevent things from

working? Our whole economic system might break down without "built-in" obsolescence.

I believe that the cry to "get back to the basics" of education is a popular one, not because we are so worried about "Johnny's" ability to read and write, but because that is something we can "handle." What we want, and need, is a return to "basic" structure and simplicity of life itself.

Some of us are more fortunate than others. We have anchors on which we tie our values, and we can always return to them when things get too confusing. Whenever I get a case of the "wants" for the things that money buys, I remember the time and place that I was most content in my childhood. Though we had many more of the "comforts" of society, it was the cottage in the north woods of Michigan that we loved most. Outdoor plumbing, and running water that came through a pump several cottages away, were part of the "fun." It was the people, the water, the woods, and our pets, that made life wonderful there. There were people with large, fancy boats, and people with large, fancy cottages, on the lake. We never envied them, though. Being free to enjoy what nature offered was all that mattered. Fires in a fireplace when the weather was chilly, food cooked on a kerosene stove, group singing, and "all family" card games, made for happiness.

There is something about depending on yourselves for fun and existence that gives life meaning. To "have" to chop wood for warmth, or to carry the water for drinking, or to pick berries, or catch fish, for dinner, teaches the pleasure of purposeful "doing." What we do today often leaves us feeling ineffective. We are robbed of our creativity, and our feeling of control over life and problems.

Perhaps we have gone too far in the physical world to turn back, or perhaps our energy problems will force us back to the "basics" of living eventually. Time will tell. In the meantime, however, there may be much we can do mentally and emotionally, to simplify our inner world.

That, too, has suffered by progress that robs us of time to think, to imagine, to daydream. It is no wonder that we schedule sports into our lives. If they are non-competitive, we are free to do a little inner living, without being anti-social - and the pleasure to be gained from that is great.

WE THE PEOPLE

by Joan Allen

The Honorable William John Beer, Senior presiding Judge of the Circuit Court of Oakland County, is a lifelong resident of Michigan; and except for three years he spent in northern Michigan, and some time that he lived in Detroit, as a child, is a lifelong resident of Oakland County.

He was born on February 17, 1909 ("actually in Detroit. Mother wanted to be where there was professional help," he said). His family home was north of Clawson, and his first years were spent in the country, going to country schools. "My parents moved into the city, like so many people did, upon the advent of World War I, and I remember well, being in Detroit, and going to the very fine and very wonderful Detroit schools." After the war, the family moved back to an area north of Clawson, and Judge Beer finished up in country school.

"There was some doubt about the ability of country schools to train students, so I had to take a written exam before I could go into high school," he said. "I went into Birmingham, and took a one-day written examination. I passed the examination, and then a high school had to be selected. The nearest one I could reach, by walking about a mile and a quarter to the Rochester inter-urban line was Royal Oak high school, so I started there in my freshman year."

My mother and father, having consideration for myself and my brothers, thought it was too much, and in

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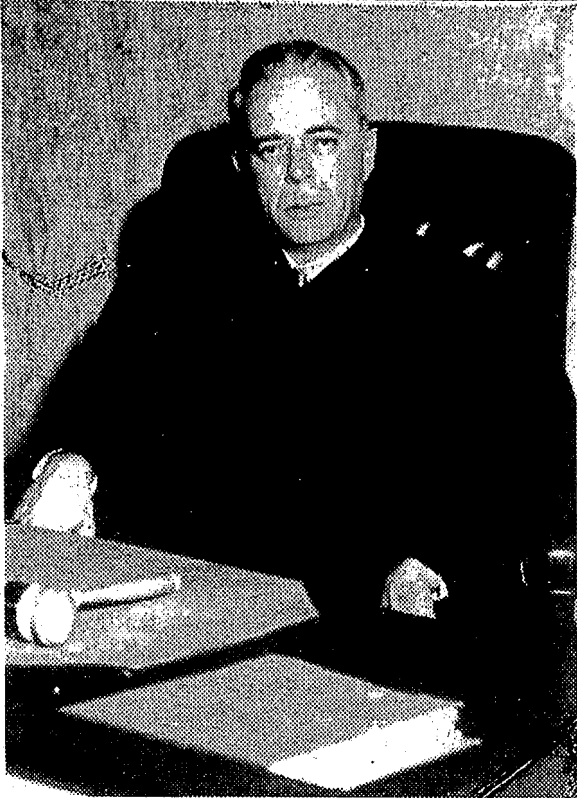
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The Honorable William John Beer

about a year, they bought a very pleasant home on Baldwin Avenue in Royal Oak."

The Beer family lived on Baldwin until he was through high school, and he graduated from Royal Oak high school, where he played football on the varsity team in his Junior and Senior years.

While he was in college, he took pre-med courses for the first year and a half, but a friend who was taking pre-law persuaded him to switch to pre-law instead.

After graduation, Beer got a position as a law clerk for the Hill Law Firm in Detroit, and attended Wayne University law school in the evening. He eventually joined the Hill Law Firm and remained there for six years. "I learned more about the law from being a law clerk and in the law firm, than I ever did in school," he said.

Beer went from the law firm in Detroit into private practice in Royal Oak where he did very well, but when Pearl Harbor was bombed in 1941, he enlisted in the United States Navy. He was a gunnery officer, and had duty afloat, especially in the North Atlantic. Doing convoy duty, they had to deal with German submarines.

When he returned from the armed services, he was disillusioned with a number of things, and decided that he would prefer practicing law in northern Michigan. He practiced in Marquette and Rogers City for three years, until a lawbook salesman convinced him that it was time to return to the metropolitan area.

"We were sitting around talking in my office in Marquette, when Roy Pero, this lawbook salesman said, 'Bill Beer, it's time for you to go back to the metropolitan area...your kind of kindred soul, and the numbers of them, aren't here. You spent too many years working for that Detroit law firm, and other things. The things like concerts and opera, and baseball and football games...sure, you enjoy a little hunting, but this is just not your way of life.' Well, I thought about his remarks, and I thought, 'this is it.'"

When he returned to Oakland County, Beer decided to settle at the county seat, so he found an office half a block from the Courthouse in Pontiac. Though he had been a Republican in his earlier years, he decided that he felt "more at home" with the Democratic party. He was not overly active in the party, but when he was approached to become Treasurer of it (because they said they needed a very honest person for the job), he accepted.

In 1958, Circuit Court Judge Hartrick died, and Governor G. Mennen Williams appointed Beer to the bench, where he has been ever since.

Judge Beer gives credit to his parents for setting an example for him, and his two brothers, and teaching them, almost from birth, "the importance of obeying the law, and integrity, industry...everything."

"My father was born in Yorkshire, England," he said, "and my mother was born here in the United States. My father was one of five brothers and two sisters, and outside of the youngest son and the eldest daughter, they (as they called it in those days) went out into the empire.

"My father had been trained in music - well trained in music, and he was a singer in vaudeville with the Keath Circuit for a good many years. Like all young Englishmen of his time, my father also had to learn a trade, as well as an art. He was a cabinet maker of considerable ability, too.

"My mother was also educated in music. She had a

good education. She even went back into Detroit as a young girl to get a business-school education, which was somewhat unusual in those days. She was also one of the first women to work as a typist or stenographer in an important business...a winery business in Detroit.

"My father happened to meet my mother in Detroit, just by crossing the river on a ferryboat, at a church social. They had a common bond in their music. That meeting ripened into romance and they became married.

"I think my father had a profound influence upon me because he believed in the law, and certainly, so did my mother, as an agricultural person, coming in here from Oakland County," he said.

Judge Beer was married at the age of 20 in 1929, and has been married ever since. The Beers are the parents of three sons.

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Just One of Those Days

The trip to Maryland had been planned for some time. He had promised his sister that he would deliver some furniture that she had purchased on a flying trip to Michigan. He rented the covered trailer the night before, and had attached it that night. He left the loading for the next morning.

When he got up, the snow was falling fast - a little more like rain than snow, and he got soaked to the skin when he loaded the furniture. He also soaked the furniture and had to take the time to dry it all, once it was loaded.

He was about five miles from home when he realized that his wife had forgotten to turn off the electric coffee pot, and someone had left the light on in the basement.

One hundred miles away from home, wife noticed the thump, thump, first. The tire had to be changed. The weather was still wet. Then on to the garage, to get the tire fixed, and to change into dry clothes.

He remained cool and calm, though a couple of hours behind his planned travel schedule. He didn't admit to himself, or his wife, that he was having "just one of those days" until he was startled by the sight of a covered trailer passing him as he went downhill on a steep incline. The only thing that saved the day was that it came to rest safely, and the furniture was undamaged. He thanked the "powers that be" for small favors. His wife knows he muttered something else, but she missed it, because she had blocked her ears!

WHAT IS A "FRIEND?"

A friend is someone to tell things to;
A friend is someone who listens to you;
But some friends are easily found,
Especially when there's gossip goin' round.

Some friends listen to confidences,
Filling in the end of your sentences.

The last secret I told wasn't so funny,
But somehow it cost me money!
I still don't know how that came about,
My next secret I might as well shout.

Ask your friend how everyone knows
All about your private woes.
Ask your friend and see if I'm right...
That they're only your friend when you're in plain sight.

Now, you don't have to listen to me;
It might not be long before you may see.

It's really too bad every friend doesn't take part
In listening to secrets with only their heart.

If you listened close to my advice,
Maybe you won't pick the same kind of friend twice.

But most important of all for you to remember,
Be the kind of friend that's honest and tender.

Toni McAbee



Bother Me!

by Mandy Mitts

Dear Mandy,

I was at a friend's house last week and left my purse on a chair in the living room while we had coffee in the kitchen. Her son came home (he's 12) while I was there, but I didn't pay any attention to him. After I came home, I found a five dollar bill missing from my purse. I'm certain that my friend's son stole it. I've been getting madder and madder ever since. Should I confront the boy directly, or tell my friend about it? It isn't the money, but the idea of that sneaky kid that makes me mad. I want to see him punished!

Gert

Dear Gert,

If there's any possibility that you are wrong, forget about it, unless you want to lose your friend. If her son has always been honest, she'll probably believe it was a mistake on your part and resent your accusation. If he is not honest and is a problem, she'll be embarrassed and you may get your money back, but lose her. If the boy is a thief, he'll be caught red-handed one of these times by someone with proof. You have none. May I suggest that you don't leave your purse lying around from now on? If you are careless about it, someone else may have taken the money, or it may have fallen out.

Mandy

Dear Mandy,

My mother has moved in with us and it is creating problems for me. My teenage daughter fancies herself very liberated, and of the now generation. She doesn't intend to marry or have children, but plans on having a career and an apartment. I admit that I have encouraged her attitudes because my husband and I were divorced when she was young and I have told her the truth - that her father was a no-good bum. Since I am an only child, and my mother has been widowed recently, it seemed a good solution for her to move in here, but she always felt her marriage was made in heaven, and marriage is the only possible happiness for a woman. She is outraged at my daughter's views, and I know she blames me for them. She doesn't say anything directly to me, but I can feel her blame when she tries to persuade my daughter that she is wrong. I don't want her to cause trouble with my daughter and me, but I don't know how to tell her to leave now that she has moved in. Up to now, my girl and I have been very close and I don't want this kind of disruption making her unhappy. Would you write something in your column that we can all read?

In-between

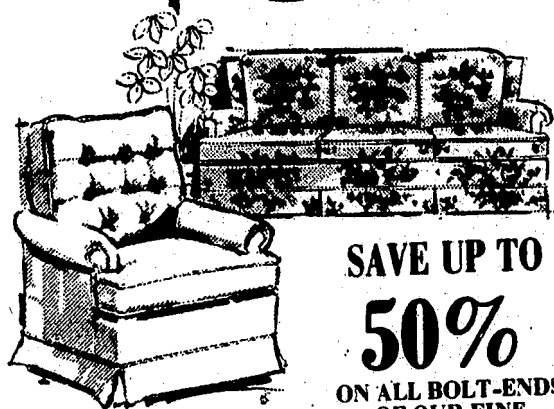
Dear In-between,

I don't think that your situation is one that can't be straightened out so that you can all live amiably under one roof. There are several things that you should all sit down and discuss together. Discussion, not argument is the key to open minds and new learning experiences. All three of you have grown up in different times, and under different circumstances. If you discuss what life was like when grandmother was a girl, what life was like when you were a girl, and what life is like now, you'll understand that there are many other differences in the three of you that are not personal ones. Rather than being a cause for dissension, it may help you all realize that you all have something to offer to each other. Make it a rule that no one is to push someone to change their views or attitudes, but only to explain them. I am sure that you want your daughter's happiness, as your mother wished for yours. Your daughter may change her mind about marrying someday. In order to remain close to her, you should make certain that she knows she is not remaining single for your sake, or she is no more liberated than the girl who marries for her mother's sake. Encourage her to listen to her grandmother's story of her marriage. She should realize that not all husbands are "no-good bums" even if yours was. Good luck to all of you.

Mandy

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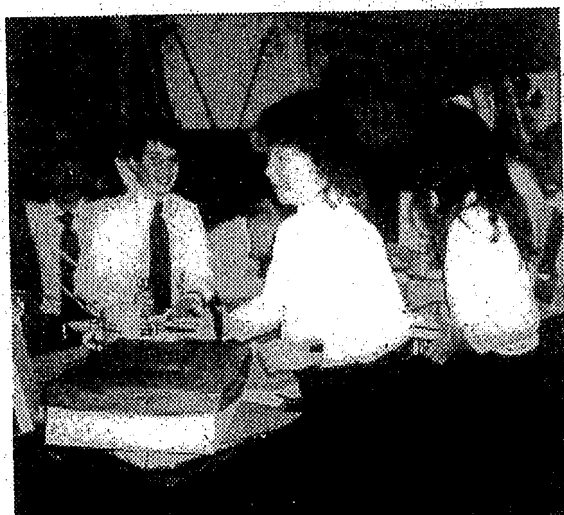
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Education Comes From God

by Elaine Thornton

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

Indianwood Bible Institute is an academic as well as a spiritual education center. The facility, located on Baldwin Road in Oxford, houses preschool through 12th grade. Now in its third year of operation, the school has 86 full time students of all denominations. Operating funds are obtained through tuition, private donations and from the congregation of the Baptist Church.

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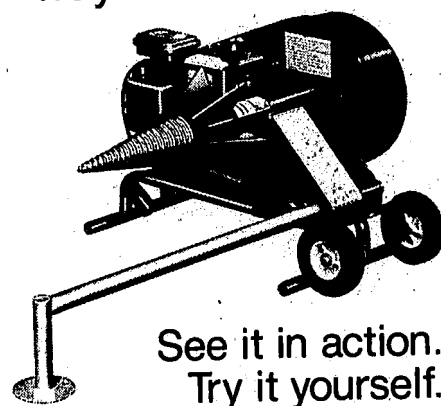
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Indianwood incorporates a motivational technique to create greater student incentive to excel academically to the next level. The more work a student completes the more he can participate in special activities. These rewards include field trips, a longer recess period or other remunerations appropriate at that time.

The school year coincides with the public systems extending from September into June, five days a week from 8:30 to 3:30. Students wear uniforms of red, white and navy in a patriotic as well as spiritual theme. The school day begins with the pledge of allegiance, patriotic and spiritual songs and a scripture reading. A student memorizes one scripture a month and is rewarded for this accomplishment with a special privilege. 5 1/2 hours of the school day is spent in total quiet class time.

There are sports for boys and girls included in each day. The students may participate in soccer, volleyball, basketball, football, softball or ping pong depending on the season of the year.

Indianwood operates on a system of discipline and correction. When a student is disobedient be it behavioral or academic, he receives a demerit for each occurrence. Demerits can lead to detention and for gross insubordination a student may be expelled.

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

Three years ago, Brother Bruce Montgomery received his calling from God to become director of Indianwood Bible Institute. A year prior to his calling he was introduced to Pastor Robert Hollis of Indianwood Baptist Church through a mutual friend who was the architect of the church/school complex. At that time, Brother Bruce was a teacher in the Highland School system where he was in his seventh year on the staff. Some unusual circumstances occurred and one year later he contacted Pastor Hollis. Subsequently he and his family moved to the Clarkston area.

Brother Montgomery is a native of Hinsdale, Illinois, a western suburb of Chicago. He received his Bachelor of Science from Michigan State and completed his Masters program in General and Secondary Education from Wayne State.

He teaches grades 7 through 12 and is principal of Indianwood. His staff includes Mrs. Susan DeBruin, kindergarten and first grade; Mrs. Sylvia Kyle, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade; and Mrs. Janet Jasso, 4th, 5th and 6th grade. There are also several volunteer teacher aides from the church congregation.

In talking with Brother Montgomery, one becomes entranced with his enthusiasm and spiritual character. His personality radiates with generosity, love and kindness.

His philosophy at Indianwood is "to bring the church, school and home as close together as possible. Education here at Indianwood comes from God. The Bible is our main textbook. All the PACE books are based on the Bible's teachings. Our lives are guided by the basic teachings of the Bible."

Brother Montgomery is completely dedicated to his profession and his love for God and his people. He is the fair-haired gentleman who can be found quietly but dynamically educating his students or playing a game of touch football on the snow covered fields outside Indianwood School.

Know-It-All, Grow-It-All

THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT
by Bonnie Hale

The importance of photoperiodism, light and dark periods, was first discovered in 1920 by two U.S. Department of Agriculturists who were investigating the flowering of tobacco plants. In their discovery it was found that the length of day affects plant growth but the period of darkness which follows is more important. Plants must have a period of darkness to grow well and to trigger flowering. Some plants must grow to a certain stage before reproduction. And for many plants the regulating factor is the length of days and nights. For instance, the number of hours of interrupted darkness in a 24-hour cycle determines when some plants bloom, how the seed germinates, and tuber and bulb formation. A good example of photoperiodism can be seen with the soybean where one minute of light after dark can prevent normal flowering.

There are three general classes of plants; short day-long night plants, long night-short day plants and indeterminate or day-neutral plants.

Short day plants need 10-13 hours of light. Some of the common plants being chrysanthemums, gardenias, Christmas begonia, holiday cacti (Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas), kalanchoe, and the poinsettia.

Long day plants need 14 to 18 hours of light to flower. Examples are China asters, pocketbook or slipperwort, dahlias and many other annuals.

Indeterminate or day-neutral plants, the third classification, are plants that have no preference like roses, carnations, and many houseplants including African violets, gloxinias, begonia and geraniums.

Temperature also plays a very important role for some short day plants. The Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas cacti and the kalanchoe can become day-neutral plants when given temperatures of 50 degrees. The lower temperature will cause all of the above plants to set bloom at any time of the year.

There is still lots of experimenting to be done in the field of photoperiodism as there is still a lot to be learned. Briefly, if you consider where the plant grows naturally you can tell what classification it belongs in:

Plants which originate in the tropics are exposed to approximately equal lengths of daylight and darkness. Therefore it can safely be assumed that these plants require fairly long nights.

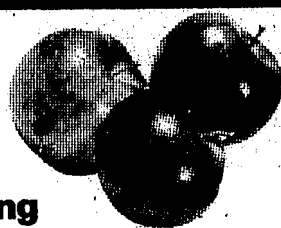
Plants which originate in the temperate zones have considerable variation between the length of daylight and night at different times of the year.

In the circumpolar regions there are fewer hours of daylight in the winter months and longer days of daylight in the summer months. Therefore, it can be assumed that plants from the temperate and circumpolar zones may need artificial lights to form buds.

The topic of photoperiodism can be summed up by saying that if you have a plant which depends upon day-night length to blossom you will have to use artificial means to bring the plant into bloom. Long day-short night plants can be brought into bloom by the use of artificial lighting. To bring short day-long night plants into bloom is more complicated as it means covering the plant with black material (a garbage bag slipped over the plant works well) until buds begin to form. Both of these methods are used by large commercial greenhouses for production of out-of-season plants.

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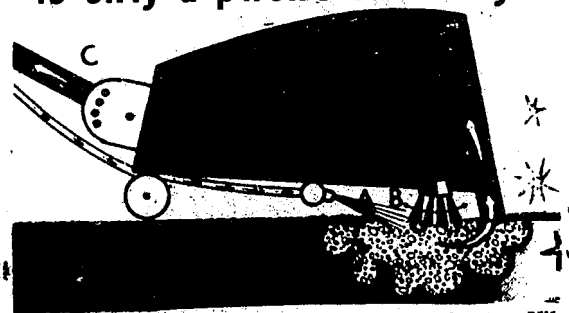
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- 1 16-ounce can German potato salad
- 4 tomato slices
- 4 onion slices, separated in rings
- 2 slices American cheese, halved diagonally

Combine ground chuck, mushrooms, wine, salt, and dash pepper. Shape into 4 patties ¾ inch thick, place on one end of broiler pan. Halve large peppers lengthwise; seed (or scoop out insides from top of small peppers). Stir pimento into potato salad; spoon into pepper shells; place on broiler pan.

Broil 3 inches from heat for 6 minutes. Turn patties and broil 4 minutes or until done. Top each patty with a tomato slice, then several onion rings. Broil 1 to 2 minutes. Top with cheese triangle. Return to broiler until cheese melts. Serves 4.

BROILED CHICKEN SUPPER

- 2 2-pound broiler-fryer chickens, quartered
- ½ cup Italian dressing
- 1 16-ounce can tiny whole potatoes, drained
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
- 4 peach halves
- ¼ cup cranberry-orange relish
- 1 tablespoon snipped parsley

Brush chickens with some Italian dressing; sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place skin side down at one end of broiler pan (no rack). Broil 5 to 7 inches from heat, about 20 minutes or until lightly browned, brushing occasionally with more Italian dressing.

Meanwhile, roll potatoes in butter; place on foil with edges turned up on broiler pan. Sprinkle potatoes with paprika. Place peaches, hollow side up, in pan with potatoes.

Turn chicken pieces. Broil 20 minutes longer or until drumstick moves easily in socket. Mound a spoonful of cranberry-orange relish in each peach half. Return to broiler to heat relish. Sprinkle parsley over potatoes. Serves 4.

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YESTERDAY
 by J. Allen

Sometimes I miss
 the wash
 hanging outside
 on a windy day.
 Or watching my grandmother
 kneel to pray,
 in the morning
 and the evening.

Sometimes I miss
 the iceman's truck
 and the blocks of ice
 buried in sawdust.
 He was nice
 and shared his wealth
 with children
 on hot afternoons.

Sometimes I miss
 front porches
 and neighbors calling
 from yard to yard,
 and roller skating
 and sometimes falling
 when streetlights shone
 in the evening.

And being pulled
 On a sled
 on a snowy night
 by father
 while mother,
 bundled up tight,
 walked beside him
 her hand on his arm.
 We were very warm
 though snow was falling.

The milkman's wagon
 drawn by a horse
 clop-clopped in the street -
 and my girlfriend's momma
 floury but neat
 baked hot bread
 and gave me a loaf.

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 childhood
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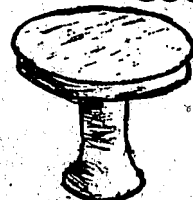
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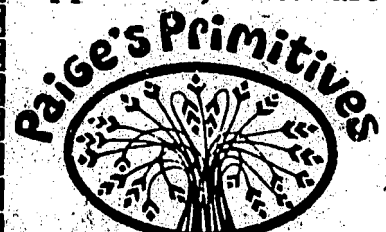


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Michael Farrell, Adjunct Educational Curator of the Detroit Institute of Arts, will present the lecture and slides on the development of the work of Matisse and the evolution of his cut-outs, considered by some scholars to be the best works of his career.

The lecture is free, but due to the limited seating capacity, those interested in attending are urged to make reservations by calling the cultural council office at 858-0415 between 1:30 and 5 p.m. Deadline for reservations is Thursday, January 26.

"The Tempest" at Meadow Brook

Shakespeare's comedy-drama, "The Tempest," will open a four-week run at the Meadow Brook Theatre on Thursday, January 26 at 8:30 p.m. on the campus of Oakland University near Rochester.

Said to be the poet's own farewell to his life in the theatre, "The Tempest" begins with a shipwreck on a desolate island inhabited by the former Duke of Milan and his young daughter who share their enforced exile with a magic spirit and a monster. The former Duke has spent his years of isolation learning the art of magic and so saves the passengers and crew of the doomed vessel.

Opening week performances are scheduled at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 2 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, and 6:30 p.m. on Sunday. The following three weeks will offer performances at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 6 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Saturdays, 6:30 p.m. on Sundays and 2 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Tickets for the preview performance on Wednesday, January 25 at 8:30 p.m. are also available. The theatre is dark on Mondays.

Tickets for all performances may be purchased at Hudson's or by calling the Meadow Brook Theatre box office at 377-3300.



Brandon Stage Presents "Play It Again Sam"

Brandon Stage will present "Play It Again, Sam," a romantic comedy by Woody Allen, at the Brandon Middle School on Varsity Drive in Ortonville.

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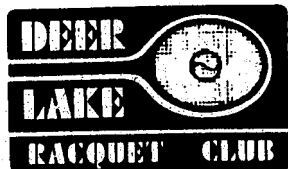
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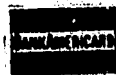


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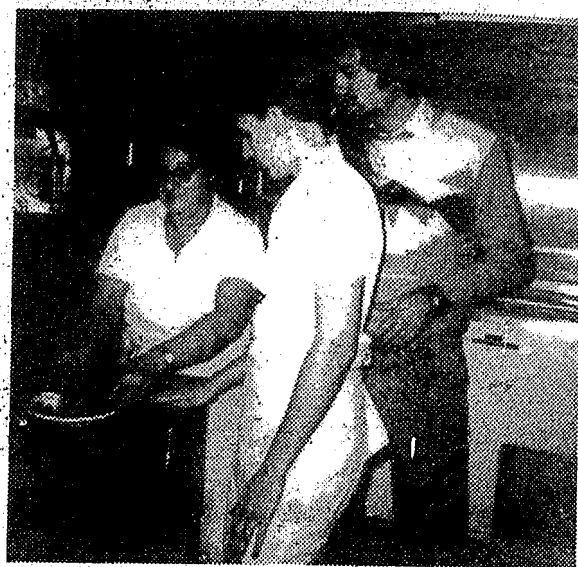
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L to R - Kathy LaFever, Marge Garrison, Uli Bereschwenger, Darlene Malloy

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The atmosphere at Rip's restaurant at 998 W. Huron in Waterford is conducive to quiet relaxed dining. The warmth of the wood and rich deep cordovan leather appointments generate a "homey," friendly climate.

John and Bruce Humphries, father and son, manage the 150 seat bar and restaurant which opened its doors at the Huron location in 1941. Bruce handles the day time transactions and John takes over at night. The family owned and operated business dates back to the early 1900's when the Humphries' located a tobacco and pipe store in downtown Pontiac in a lovely old building which has since met with the wrecking crew. Rip Humphries entrepreneured with Bob's Chicken House. He then relocated in 1930 to Sylvan Lake gradually adding German dining specialties and finally moving to its present location where it has become famous for "the best baby spareribs anywhere."

Aside from the ribs, Rip's features white fish, fresh daily from New England and a favorite with its regular clientele is the German plate of Bratwurst, German Sour Kraut and German potato salad. Rip's prides itself on its homemade quality and goodness. Everything is prepared from scratch in their own kitchen, including all their soups, a different selection daily, and breaded onion rings. The best veal cutlet to be found in the country is used in the Weiner Schnitzel and the Ribburger Steak is a mouthwatering treat. Rip's has a wine list to fit the most discriminating connoisseur to complement their Wednesday through Saturday dining specials of prime rib and Long Island roast ducking with orange sauce on weekends.

For a pleasant dining background, there is entertainment by the Wallace Brothers nightly with pianist Vivian Scott on Wednesday evenings. Opera dinner theatre is every Tuesday with two shows nightly.

Tuesday noon lunches can enjoy a ladies' fashion display by area merchants while sipping a cup of steaming tomato cheddar cheese soup.

Rip's also features daily happy hour hors d'oeuvres from 4 p.m.-7 p.m. - 5 spareribs, 5 giant shrimp or 5 oysters on the half sheet for \$1.00.

This restaurant with too many dining club endorsements to mention employs 45-50 people. Marge Garrison and Kathy La Fever are the chief cooks.

Marge has been delighting Rip's customers with her cooking for nine years and is responsible for the delicious array of soups. She is of German decent, having spent her early life in Pennsylvania Dutch country. Marge says, "Everyone here works together like a family."

Kathy began as a salad girl six years ago, and graduated to cooking 3½ years ago. She is from the Wyandotte area and grew up cooking German and Dutch foods, but says, "I've really learned a lot about good cooking here."

A Clarkston native, Darlene Malloy, is the produce manager, in addition to being salad girl. She works 5-6 days a week and has been with Rip's for nine years.

"I enjoy the people I work with, especially the Humphries. I've learned an immense amount about nutrition and what ingredients are in various dishes."

The pleasant attractive lady who greets Rip's customers upon arrival is the German hostess, Uli Bereschwenger. She is also an excellent cook and her recipes are used in preparing Rip's German Sauerkraut and German Potato Salad. She and her family emigrated to the U.S. from Germany 12 years ago and has been an asset to Rip's for seven years. She worked as a civilian for the U.S. Air Force in her hometown of Wiesbaden, where the U.S. Air Force has its European headquarters.

For affordable dining at its finest, consider an evening meal or a luncheon snack at Rip's. Take notice of the pencil caricatures framed and displayed above the bar. These are various customers that John Humphries has captured at their best. You could become one of those "famous" faces!

GERMAN SAUERKRAUT by Uli Bereschwenger

- 1 15½ oz. can sauerkraut
- 2 sour apples
- 6 slices bacon
- ¼ cup chopped onion
- 1 small potato

Put sauerkraut onions and apples diced in pan, cover kraut with water. Chop bacon, fry until crisp and add to kraut. Cook until apple is almost done. Add shredded potatoes and simmer until done.

GERMAN POTATO SALAD by Uli Bereschwenger

- 2 lbs. cooked potatoes
- ¾ cup chopped onions
- ½ lb. bacon, chopped
- 2 oz. wine vinegar
- 3 oz. beef broth, hot
- Clove of garlic, chopped
- Salt and pepper to taste

Slice potatoes in large pan. Add onion, vinegar, beef broth and garlic. Season to taste. Fry bacon until crisp. Add to potatoes and stir well.

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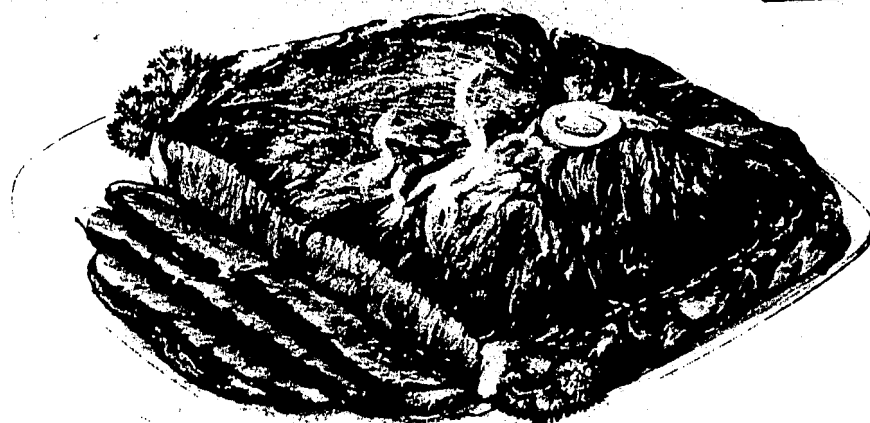
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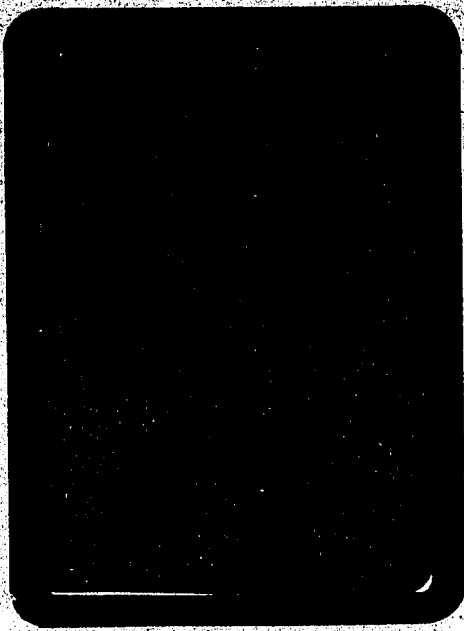


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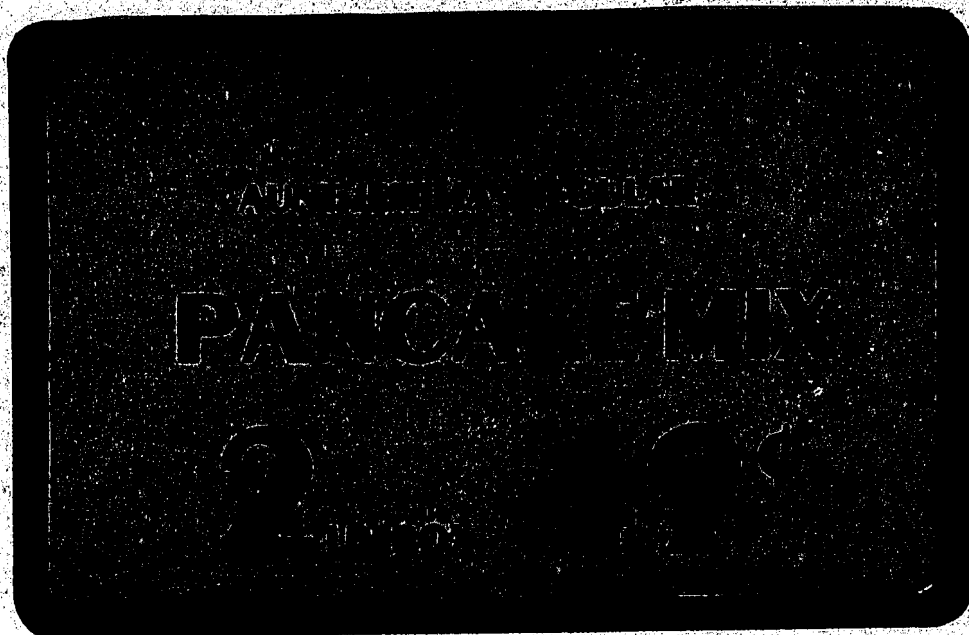
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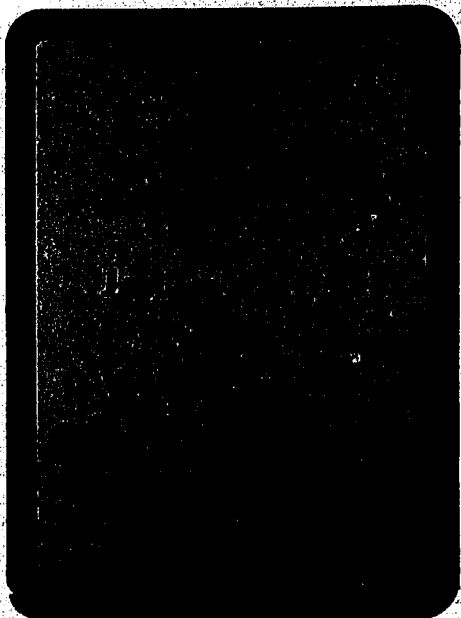
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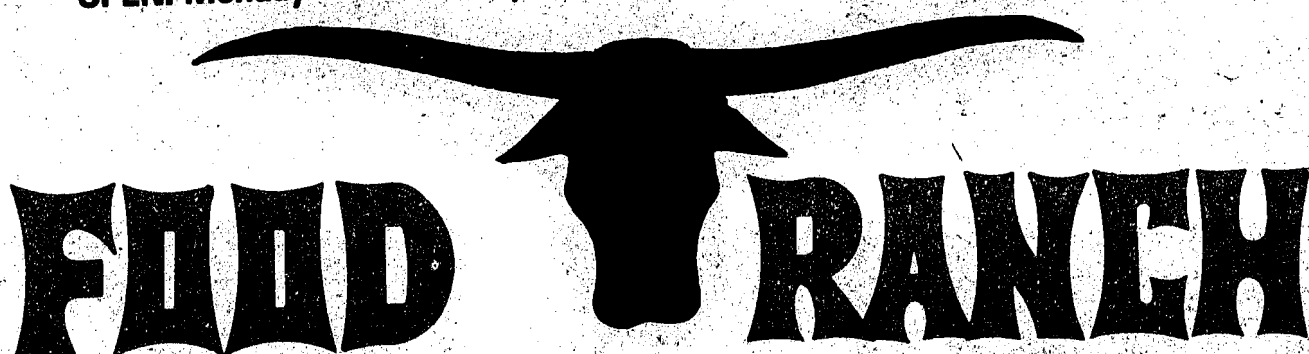
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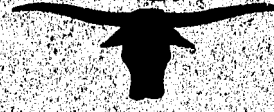
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CJH Wins Basketball Rivalry Over Sashabaw

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Clarkston's Jerry Tatus [52] goes up for the tip off with Sashabaw's Greg Wilson [33]. Waiting for the ball are Brad Beattie [22], Craig Schnabel [12]



Basketball fans are very serious when it comes to the traditional junior high rivalry.



Sometimes those plays just don't seem to work out the way they were planned.

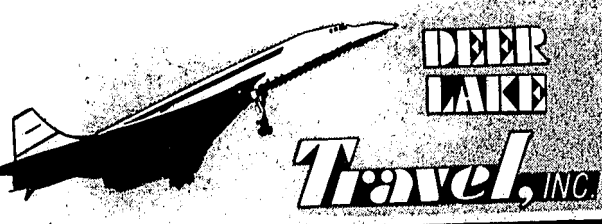
Wolves' basketball coach Gary Nustad was scouting not only ninth graders but Tim McCormick's youngest brother Kevin as well. Mrs. Nustad seemed to enjoy the encounter.



That ball's gotta come down sometime.



You've got to be kidding ref! seems to be the attitude of Sashabaw coach, Tim Kaul.



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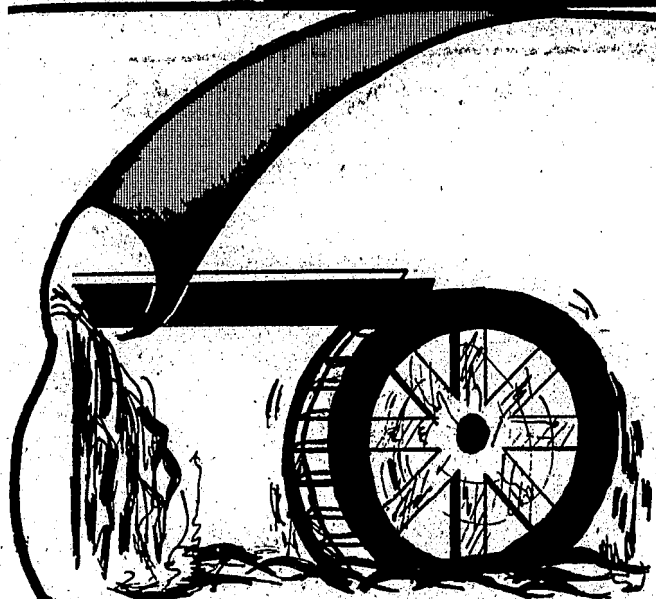
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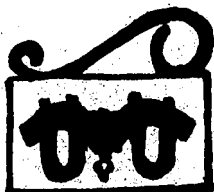
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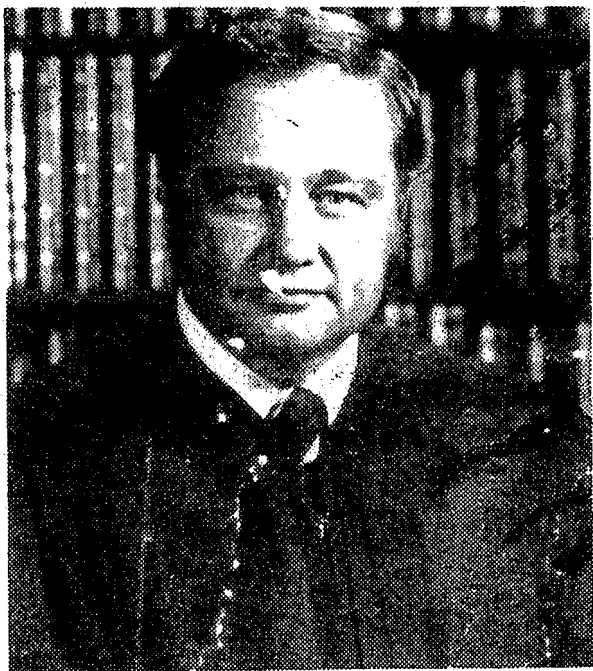
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Davisburg Little League Managers to Meet

On Monday, January 30, the Davisburg Little League will hold a managers' meeting in the IMC at the Big D. Anyone interested in managing or helping the Little League is invited to attend this meeting. Tickets will also be distributed for the dance to be held April 8. If you have any further questions call Jim Stack at 634-4909.



Appointed Chief Judge

District Judge Gene Schnelz assumed the duties of Chief Judge for the 52nd District Court on January 1. The 52nd District Court includes the following townships and municipalities:

The townships of Rose, Highland, White Lake, Milford, Commerce, Lyon, Groveland, Holly, Springfield, Brandon, Independence, Oxford, Addison, Orion, Oakland, Pontiac and Avon; and the municipalities of Wixom, Walled Lake, Wolverine Lake, Milford, South Lyon, Novi, Holly, Clarkston, Ortonville, Oxford, Lake Orion, Rochester and Leonard, presently have five Judges. The Court will be expanded in November of 1978 by three judges with the addition of the cities of Troy and Clawson.

As Chief Judge, Judge Schnelz will be the official spokesman for the 52nd District Court which will ultimately comprise approximately 75 percent of Oakland County. Judge Schnelz will be responsible for representing the Court in all official functions and in contact with the Michigan Legislature and the Oakland County Board of Commissioners as well as the Michigan Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals.

Judge Schnelz was a practicing attorney for seventeen years prior to his election to the Bench in November of 1974. He has served two years as Alternated Chief Judge. He is a long time Oakland County resident, graduate of Hazel Park High School, Alma College and Detroit College of Law. He is a past President of the Oakland County Bar Association, and is currently serving as Commissioner of the State Bar of Michigan. He is a member of the Oakland County Bar Association, Michigan State Bar Association, the Women's Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.

Junior Named Queen

Nancy Folwell, a junior at Clarkston Senior High was installed as Honored Queen of Walled Lake Bethel #28 International Order of Job's Daughters on Saturday evening, January 7.

Nancy's sister Lori handed out programs, and her other sister Michelle was flower girl. Her brother Jim along with five other De Molay escorted the girls in to be installed into their office.

Nancy's grandmother, Mrs. Helen Frisch of Tawas City and Mrs. Iris Henson of Drayton Plains were among the guests that attended. A party was held at the Queen's house following.

Named I.C. Chairman

Lois Schnabel was elected the new chairman of the board of directors of Independence Center at the annual meeting held Sunday, January 15.

Assisting her as vice chairman will be Mike Luchenbach, treasurer is Chris Rose, and the secretary is, as yet, unnamed.

Also serving on the board of directors are Jim Butzine, Billie Crowley, Nancy Davis, Martin Durlacher, Leona Stelmack, Robert Vandermark, and Brian Schnabel, a student at Clarkston High School.

The nominating committee had set a goal of thirteen board members but were unable to fill that quota. All that membership entails is attendance of monthly meetings and help on the various fund-raisers.

Ski-A-Thon Scheduled for Pine Knob

Pine Knob has donated their facilities to the Tri-County Easter Seal Societies for a ski-a-thon "Super Ski Weekend." Saturday, January 28 and Sunday, January 29 skiers will be heading down the slopes for pledges and the chance to win a week's round trip for two to Big Sky of Montana resort for the most collected pledges. Boyne USA Resorts has donated this trip to the Easter Seal Society as an incentive to skiers to ski for the organization. The grand prize trip includes transportation, room and lift tickets for six days.

Skiing will begin on Saturday, January 28 at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 11:00 p.m. The ski patrol, totaling almost 100 in number will be on the slopes at all times to punch ski cards as runs are completed and assist in the other ski activities scheduled for the weekend. Determined skiers will return on Sunday to add to their list of runs between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Other special events scheduled for the weekend will be the Mark Whittaker production "Ski-a-thon '78" featuring five national freestyle champions, free ballet clinic, theatre on the hill, vans and displays and paratroopers will drop in to join the festivities on Saturday afternoon. Saturday's events will culminate in a torch light parade at 11:00 p.m.

Celebrities will be in attendance during the two day weekend including Bill Ratliff, WWJ-TV; Tom Shannon, CKLW; Gene Elzy, WJR; Dave Wittman, WWJ-TV; Rob Kress, WXYZ-TV; Diana Lewis, WXYZ-TV; and Vic Caputo, WJBK-TV.

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING February 21, 1978

Notice is hereby given that the following Public Hearing will be held by the Springfield Township Planning Commission on Tuesday, February 21, 1978 beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway Street, Davisburg, Michigan for comments related to the following:

1. Request by John D. McGaffey, 765 South Van Road, Holly, Michigan to rezone the following described property:

8.74 acres in section 5 of Springfield Township SW# 07-05-226-004, which is located on the North side of East Holly Road between Tindall Road and I-75.

Notice is further given that the tentative text and any maps of the Zoning Ordinance to be amended may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 650 Broadway Street, Davisburg, Michigan during regular office hours each day Monday through Friday until the date of the Public hearing.

J. Calvin Walters
Springfield Township Clerk

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP ESTABLISHING PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATES FOR 1978

Moved by: Betty Hecker
Seconded by: Dave Field

WHEREAS, the By-Laws of the Springfield Township Planning Commission provided for the scheduling of the regular Planning Commission meeting on the third Tuesday of each month, and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has adopted the Open Meetings Law which requires the specific designation of the dates, time and places of all regular meetings of the Planning Commission, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Springfield Township Planning Commission to conduct all of its business in an open forum, in compliance with said Open Meetings Act.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Springfield Township Planning Commission will hold its regular meeting on the third Tuesday of each month of the calendar year beginning January 17, 1978 and ending on December 19, 1978.

The following are the dates of the regularly scheduled meetings for 1978 which will begin at 8:00 p.m. and will be held at the Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg: Michigan 48019.

January 17	July 18
February 21	August 15
March 21	September 19
April 18	October 17
May 16	November 21
June 20	December 19

And, Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this notice of meeting dates be published in the Herald Advertiser and the Clarkston News and be posted at the Township Hall.

Ayes: Vermilye, Hecker, Swanson, Field and Losh.
Nays: None.

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Independence Board Hears from Citizens

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Tink Ronk were also present.

Over 30 citizens expressed opinions as Ritter directed the comments to come from individuals row by row.

Phil Vandermark was one of the first citizens who spoke. "I came here a little upset, maybe angry," he said. "It seems to me it came up very suddenly without a great deal of input from the taxpayers and citizens who will certainly foot the bill for the cost of all this."

"I personally am very strongly against cancelling the Sheriff's Department contract," he continued.

Noting that other areas of "similar character and similar population" pay a great deal more for their police departments than McCall's proposed budget of \$225,000, he listed the following: Pontiac Township, population 15,000, \$624,000; White Lake Township, population 16,000, \$413,000; West Bloomfield, population 30 to 35,000, \$729,000.

In contrast, Commerce Township contracts with the Sheriff's Department for \$159,000, he said.

"Unless we're magic and much smarter than everybody in the county," he said, "I don't see how we can do it (with the proposed budget)."

"The biggest problem is the ability of the people involved to get along with each other," he continued. "I don't feel the taxpayers are under any obligation to solve that problem with their dollars."

Vandermark's comments were met with applause from the crowd as were the statements of several others.

Among them was Jack Gardner who said, "Let's put it up for a vote. Renew the Sheriff's contract for another

year and let the people decide."

Veterinarian Bruce Harlton whose offices are located along the strip on M-15 where litter and vandalism has been a problem was also applauded for his comments.

"Finally I called on the Oakland County Sheriff's Department," he said. "These men made the problem a lot more tolerable...I'd hate to lose them."

Jim Smith said, "I think both of the groups have done an excellent job." He asked for a citizen's panel to study the issue and present their findings to the people and the board.

Bob Olsen represented the Business Association of Independence Township. He said they oppose cancellation of the Sheriff's contract "without first asking the people of the township what they want to do."

Milford Mason, Clarkston Schools' Superintendent said, "The service that we get as a school district is heavily in favor of the Independence Police Services."

Three officials also spoke before the group.

In a speech lasting about 25 minutes, Lt. Carl Metheny, Oakland County Sheriff Johannes Spreen's official representative at the meeting discussed the issue. Some of his comments were as follows:

"The President's Crime Commission indicated that any departments with 10 men or less should be abolished," he said. "They're a waste of money."

The people need to decide if they are getting the service they need, he said. "I'm really pleased to see this group regardless of which way you want to go on this. You should have a say in this matter."

"If this contract is terminated, I'm going to be very upset," he continued, "because five of our men are going to be out of a job."

"And who are they being replaced with and why are they being replaced?" he asked.

"I'm not knocking your own police department," he said. "I don't understand it, but I'm not knocking it. That's not my job."

"If you keep your Sheriff's Department contract, your taxes may have to go up to pay for it," he said. "I guarantee that if you start your own department, your taxes will go up and will go up handily. Policemen are not cheap."

Chief Ronk also spoke before the crowd explaining that his fire department is rapidly going into medical service.

"It's a very costly program," he said, "and it has to be worked in conjunction with the police."

Ronk called himself "the number one bad guy in this whole thing" because of a letter he wrote "chastising four or five (Sheriff's) deputies."

"My guys don't speak to them. They don't speak to me. We don't wave when we go down the street," he said, explaining his relationship with the Sheriff's Department.

Noting that there are good and bad employees in the Sheriff's Department as there are on his own staff, Ronk said, "You people would do well if you're going to either decide on a Sheriff's contract or your own force to forget what you read in the paper and go and see the people involved for yourself."

"If you're going to have your citizens' committee, study the whole thing," Ronk continued. "Because if you have an accident on I-75 or a heart attack and we're not called because they don't want the confusion and you die, then it bothers me."

Jack McCall also spoke to the crowd.

"I'm trying to serve the community the best I can with the resources we have available," he said. "My job is to work as liaison with the services we have available to include the Sheriff's Department, State Police, school system and surrounding problems and recurring things that we have every year."

It was originally his idea to contract with the Sheriff's

department and the Independence substation was one of the first in the county, he said.

As the area grew, more services were needed like animal control, a Township ordinance enforcement officer and supplemental road patrols, he said. His department was able to get CETA funding and Township support for the needed programs.

"I agree it would probably be the best answer for everyone that's here tonight to have a citizens' committee," he said, "to make sure that the information concerned in all areas of importance be given to the newspaper or forwarded to each one of us."

"But I think we have to look at all the services that are necessary," he said, "and decide what dollar amounts we have to spend for the community and get on with it."

Wrapping up the discussion, Ritter then said he felt the best plan was to proceed with the Sheriff's contract and form a citizen's committee to look at the issue.

"Everybody says, 'let's do what the citizens want,'" Ritter said. "If anyone has any specific ideas about how to make up a committee, I would appreciate a call at home."

In other action, the Board:

- Transferred a liquor license from northern Michigan to The Lion's Den, 7504 Dixie Highway. The tavern will not open until some clean-up work and minor changes are made and the fire inspection is completed.

- Tabled until the February 7 meeting a decision on a petition from residents of Hillview Estates #1 to halt construction of Hillview Estates #2.

- Authorized Chief Ronk to award a bid for a fire department vehicle to replace the old car. The specifications are a 1978 station wagon with large engine, heavy-duty suspension and shocks, and red paint.

- Tabled a motion until Supervisor Tower returns to reinstate Darlene Bringard as Senior Citizens' Coordinator after she resigned earlier this month.

- Scheduled a public hearing for purposes of distributing Community Development Act (CDA) funds totaling approximately \$92,000 for Friday, January 27 at 5 p.m. at Township Hall.

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING January 17

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m. F. Ritter appointed moderator.

Roll: Powell, Ritter, Rose, present; absent: Hallman, Tower.

Approved liquor license transfer.

Paid bills totaling \$46,648.78.

Read and discussed a petition from the Hillview Estates No. 1 homeowners.

Received comments and tabled action on the renewal of the Oakland County Sheriff's Contract.

Opened bids for fire department vehicle; authorized Fire Chief to purchase from low bidder.

Tabled action on the hiring of a senior citizen coordinator. Adopted a rezoning request in Section 35.

Set January 27, 1978 at 5:00 p.m. to hold public hearing on the township's CDA application.

The next regular meeting of the Independence Township Board will be held February 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Independence Township Hall. Some tentative agenda items include Oakland County Sheriff's Contract and expansion of a mobile home park.

There will be a special meeting of the Township Board held January 27 to discuss the township's CDA application and the township's senior citizen coordinator. All citizens are urged to attend.

Christopher L. Rose, Clerk

OBITUARY Clara Pruitt

Pruitt, Clara Mann; January 18, of Davisburg, age 83; mother of Helen Hooper of Davisburg, Charles Mann of Oxford, George Mann of Germany, Kenneth Mann of Oxford, Donald Mann of Clarkston and Mildred Curtis of California; 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; sister of Jessie Webber of Pontiac and Bernice Shiels of Davisburg. Funeral service Friday, January 20, 1 p.m. from Goyette Funeral Home, Clarkston, Rev. Jon Clapp officiating. Interment Seymour Lake Cemetery.

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The Anatomy of Law Enforcement Independence Style

Part IV of our continuing series on the state of law enforcement in Independence Township looks at the cost question for a local police department.

Written by Kathy Greenfield with contributions from Mike Wilcox and Joan Allen

The Independence Township Board has yet to decide whether to keep the Sheriff's Department contract, go with a local police department, or keep both services. They will again tackle the issue at the February 7 meeting.

Several Board members have said they think the township will keep both services.

But, as Director of Police Services Jack McCall said, "There are five politicians who have to make some sort of decision as to what kind of services they want. When they make that decision, then we'll all know."

Cost of a local police department has been a major question throughout the debate.

McCall has submitted a budget to the Board for \$225,000 to cover the cost of a local department.

The figure covers the fiscal year of 1978-79. One reason it is so low compared to other areas is that it does not include CETA paid employees. There would be seven of them and the federal funds would total approximately an additional \$91,000.

Including the CETA paid employees, the local department would employ 16 people. The cost includes "everything that Jack thinks he's going to need to operate a department for the year," said Chris Rose, Independence Township clerk.

And the cost is less by at least \$18,000 than it would be to contract the Sheriff's Department and pay for local police services.

Rose said he thinks McCall could do it and stay close to the budget.

The problems would come in the future - insurance and officers' salaries are to increase.

As Supervisor Floyd Tower said, "The problem being we're sitting here paying \$10,600 and \$11,000 for patrolmen. Pontiac Township just signed an agreement at \$21,000 for patrolmen."

Many officials have expressed the feeling that local police officers would soon demand higher wages and form a union to negotiate for the increase.

"If we ran away from a county contract and had to start picking up our pay to entice people in here, it's going to be union," Tower said. "It might get by the first year, but..."

In an interview with Oakland County Sheriff Johannes Spreen, he agreed that higher salaries are inevitable.

"This is what the township will eventually find with their own police department," Spreen said. "They will ask for more money and then they will become a union."

The other cost factor is insurance. Officials on both sides say insurance rates can only increase.

"They claim now that police insurance is almost as high or higher than medical insurance, the malpractice suits," said Oakland County Sheriff's Department Chief of Patrol Jim Curtis. "Everybody is suing in the world."

The township has a quote from an insurance company to provide insurance for around \$13,000. That figure is an estimate subject to inspections and the actual offering of a final contract.

The problems of increases and possible law suits must also be considered.

"As of last year, Pontiac Township went from a \$10,000 liability premium to, I think, \$18,000," Tower said, "and they reduced their coverage in half."

At the Independence Township Board meeting last week, Oakland County Sheriff's Department Lt. Carl Metheny brought up another factor using White Lake Township's own police department as an example.

White Lake has several law suits pending, Lt. Metheny said. "If they lose any of these suits, they'll probably be uninsurable."

Lt. Metheny also said insurance is a problem for the county, but because of the size of the department, they'll always be able to get insurance.

Insurance and police salaries are a constant concern for any police department.

"It's a serious problem all the way around," said Oakland County Management and Budget Director Jim Brennan. "No matter which way the township goes, the costs are going to continue to increase."

Township Trustee Jerry Powell also commented on cost at the Board meeting last week. "It's not going to be cheaper either way we go," Powell said. "The board and the community have to decide what level of service they want."

What County Taxes Provide

Closely linked to the cost factor of a Township police department is the question of services lost from the county Sheriff's Department if the contract is dropped.

According to Oakland County Budget Director Jim Brennan, 17 percent of the taxes paid go to the county for law enforcement and justice.

This tax money entitles any township, whether they contract Oakland County Sheriff's patrol deputies or not, to the following police service Brennan said: The Oakland County jail facility, crime lab, detectives, serving papers, helicopters, marine safety division and snowmobile units.

Independence Township Director of Police Services Jack McCall said he's read in three newspapers that these services would be discontinued if the county contract was not renewed.

"I don't think it's fair that the public is whitewashed into thinking that without the contract, they won't get any of these services," McCall said. "It's just not true."

The question remains, though, whether the Sheriff's Department would be able to respond in an emergency situation. They have indicated that townships with contracts would be served first.

"The Sheriff's Department will respond in case of serious disturbance if they can," Oakland County Sheriff Johannes Spreen said, "but in the last five years, they

have been down quite a few men on the road patrol."

Mentioning manpower shortages created by sickness and training time, Spreen added, "We would respond if we could, but I'm afraid it's getting to the point where we can't."

In any event, State Police services would still be available. And they have detectives, a crime lab and support units in case of serious disturbances.

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Trim Campaigns to Raise Drinking Age

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drinking drivers involved in fatal accidents. The number of 18-20 year old drivers increased by only 9%.

- Alcohol counselors have supported a return to 21 as the legal drinking age because of the increasing numbers of teenagers who have been admitted for treatment of alcoholism or other drinking problems. Alcoholism treatment centers reported counseling teenagers as young as 13.

- Teachers and school administrators want the drinking age raised to 21 because of the increasing number of alcohol problems not only among 18 year olds, but among younger students which have come as a

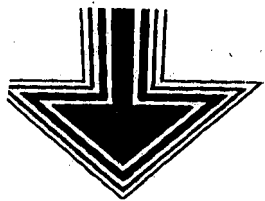
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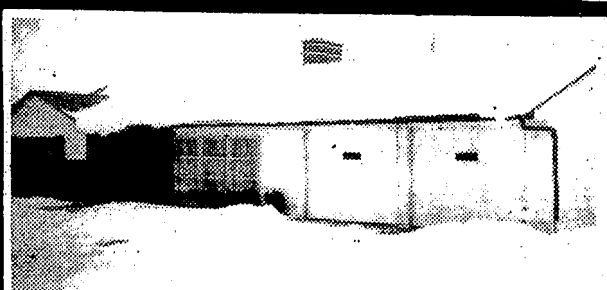
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result of the more liberal law. Recently, the Lansing State Journal carried a front page story of how a group of teenagers from East Lansing High School decided to test the enforcement of Michigan's law which forbids the sale of liquor to persons under 18. The underage buyers were able to make illegal purchase of alcoholic beverages in eight out of 10 stores they visited. In all 8 liquor stores, nobody even bothered to ask their age.

- Insurance companies have urged a higher drinking age because of the increased cost of premiums which have resulted from teenage drinking-driving accidents since the drinking age became 18 in Michigan. Since 1971 there has been a 217% increase in 18-20 year old drinking drivers who were involved in personal injury and property damage accidents. For drivers 21 and older the increase was only 11%.

Who is opposed to raising the drinking age?

Aside from those who do not favor the change for personal reasons, the only organized opposition in Michigan has come from two powerful and influential special interest groups: The Distilled Spirits Council of the U.S. (DISCUS) and the Michigan Licensed Beverage Association (MLBA). DISCUS represents those who manufacture whiskey and other types of hard liquor throughout the nation, while the MLBA represents bar and tavern owners in Michigan. The basis for this organized opposition is economic. According to Ed Till, former president of MLBA, 20% of the bar business now comes from 18-20 year olds.

Representative Trim commented, "Even though many of my constituents in the Michigan legislature have been lobbying to get the drinking age back to 21, we have been unsuccessful in doing so. We feel the Constitutional Amendment is necessary to insure that no future change can be made without returning the issue to Michigan voters."

Never before have Michigan voters had the opportunity of deciding the legal drinking age. However, in 1966 and 1970 state voters soundly defeated proposals to allow 18 year olds to vote in state elections.

In spite of this clear indication of voter sentiment, state law makers in 1971 extended not only voting privileges to 18 year olds, but drinking privileges as well.

Again in 1976, Michigan voters did ballot on a related issue, whether to permit 18 year olds to run for the legislature. This measure was soundly defeated, yet lawmakers have continued to resist all efforts to return the legal drinking age from 18 to 21.

Michigan is presently out of step with the majority of states. There are now 33 states with a drinking age higher than Michigan's, with 24 of these states maintaining 21 as the legal age for purchase and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Before 1970, only two states permitted drinking at 18. Over a three-year period, as a part of approving a lower age of majority law, 18 states lowered their legal drinking age to 18. By 1973, the trend reversed. Since then no state has lowered its drinking age. Two have raised their drinking age. At the present time more than a dozen states are considering a raise in their drinking age.

Perry Bullard, Representative from Ann Arbor, is

Committee Chairman and must present the drinking age bill at committee session. He is getting a lot of pressure from students at U of M. He has held a hearing on the raising of the legal drinking age in the House Chambers and would push the drinking age bill if he could move the marijuana bill.

Representative Trim feels that the drinking age bill will pass through the House and Senate, but speculates that there will be modifications, either raising the age to only 20 or 19.

Petitions to raise the legal drinking age are available by calling Representative Trim's District office, 625-5516, or his state office in Lansing, 517-373-0827, or by calling Coalition for 21, 517-484-0016.

Over 100,000 signatures on petitions have been solicited to date. 265,702 valid signatures are necessary. However, the goal for the Coalition for 21 is 400,000 names. This will provide a margin of safety for any signatures which might be ruled invalid and will also help in educating the general public on the issue. Any registered voter in the State of Michigan may circulate petitions.

I.C. Art Auction Set for April 18

An art auction slated for April 9 to benefit Independence Center is currently in the planning stages.

Working with Classic Studios in Utica, who provide everything except the tickets, are Don Place as publicity chairman and Leona Stelmack as ticket chairman. They are in need of people to assist them on these two committees.

Anyone interested in working on this fund-raiser may contact the chairmen or the center.

Artrain Meeting January 26

A meeting will be held Thursday, January 26 for all people interested in getting Artrain on the track in June. The place is the Village Hall on Depot Road, and the time is 8:00 p.m.

On the agenda is a general discussion of what is involved in the train's visit. There will also be a sign-up for committee work.

Anyone interested in the project but unable to attend this meeting may contact Joan Kopietz at Tierra Arts and Design.

State of the County

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Conservation - Phase III" and began on January 1.

"Phase III centers on the compilation of a monthly audit of our energy use," Murphy said. "The Energy Audit will provide the County Executive and the Board of Commissioners with the information needed to make hard decisions in the energy field. It will enable management to respond quickly and decisively to any changes in the national picture, such as the steep increases in natural gas prices that are expected later this year."

The theme of Murphy's speech was the need to prepare now for the decade of the 1980's. He listed five specific "first principles" for the Board of Commissioners to act on as part of this process.

Murphy asked that a freeze be put on salaries, classifications, and positions for the first six months of the year.

He also suggested that the Board of Commissioners formally adopt spending limits for the remaining years of the 1970's.

His third "first principle" calls for establishment of methods to better measure and to improve employee productivity.

Fourth, he strongly urged the Board to help with passage of the fixed millage proposal that will be on the ballot next November.

"Fixed millage was defeated at the polls once before in this county, and it will be defeated again unless we all put our shoulders to the task of inspiring its passage," he said. "By November of this year, every citizen should know that fixed millage is the first step in the direction of property tax reform. Most importantly, the voters should understand that fixed millage would mean that, for the first time, we would have the power to cut taxes and pass the savings along to taxpayers."

Fifth, he asked the Board to press the Michigan Legislature for power to establish a county "rainy day fund."

"Such a fund would allow us to build an adequate reserve so that temporary downturns in the economy could be weathered without tax increases or deficit spending."

Pointing out that there are only 713 days left in this decade, Murphy said, "If we do nothing else in the next 713 days but adopt these five first principles, we will have done much more to prepare for a coming decade than has ever been accomplished before."



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Enid Cooper Case

Goes to Court

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is a fairly technical area into which the arbitrator frankly does not feel qualified to go by way of assessment. However, it does seem that the matter was important and that Wiar was explicit enough that Cooper should have been able to understand what was required if indeed she was able and willing to comply.

The underlying issue is whether or not a school administration has the right to evaluate its teachers and to expect compliance with certain standards of performance.

In the summer of 1976, David Westlund, citing health problems, resigned his position as principal of Pine Knob Elementary and returned to the classroom. Cecilia Wiar was hired as the new principal. At that same time the Clarkston school system was under new leadership due to the retirement of Superintendent Dr. Leslie Green and the promotion of Milford Mason to that position. Administrative reorganization also resulted in the appointment of William Neff as the new elementary coordinator.

Before the beginning of the school year in September, Mrs. Wiar, in her testimony, reported receiving nine calls from parents asking that their prospective kindergarteners not be placed in Enid Cooper's room. School principals are responsible for student placement and Mrs. Wiar complied with those requests.

Mrs. Wiar and Mrs. Cooper met the latter part of August to discuss the situation. That same day a faculty meeting was held to acquaint the teachers with not only Mrs. Wiar but her expectations as a principal, particularly in relation to evaluation procedures which would now include both pre- and post-evaluations, plus a self-evaluation.

Throughout the following months Mrs. Wiar had occasion to observe Mrs. Cooper's classrooms, both officially and unofficially. Her first official visit was September 21, an observation report followed, signed by both principal and teacher. A conference was held September 30 with Wiar making recommendations for improvement, according to testimony.

The second and last formal observation was held November 11, noting attempts at improvement, according to Wiar's evaluation provided the arbitrator, but stating that her "techniques are more readily associated with a child at a latter stage of development..."

The past-conference of this observation followed on December 2. Wiar testified that she had met with William Neff about these observations and that he agreed with her conclusions. Neff never evaluated Cooper because, according to Superintendent Mason, it was not his province to evaluate teachers, it was the principal's.

On December 10, Wiar and Cooper met once more to review her evaluation. According to information provided the arbitrator, it was signed "without protest."

Three days later Wiar again met with Cooper, informing her of the transfer to a fourth-grade effective

January 3. She received official notification December 17.

The January 3 date coincided with the beginning of the maternity leave of the present fourth grade teacher. The open kindergarten position would be filled by a newly-hired teacher who was geared to the early grades.

A grievance followed. At a meeting with the School Board, Cooper presented her rebuttal to Wiar's evaluation, dated February 14, 1977, in which she stated that "an honest and sincere attempt" was made to evaluate herself objectively. She, then, disagreed with Wiar's evaluation of her performance as a kindergarten teacher.

Her final comments were: "I believe that I am much more experienced than Mrs. Wiar in meeting the needs of kindergarten students. Over the years I have found that routine and structure are necessary for children to feel secure in their first home away from home. Equating firm, fair discipline with warmth and creativity is almost too amateurish to comment on."

She further commented: "I feel strongly that Mrs. Wiar, through limited observations over too short a time, shows a lack of insight into my methods as well as my relationships with students, parents and staff. After many years and many different evaluations by experienced evaluators, I find it most difficult to be involuntarily transferred on the basis of two formal observations over a three-month period by a new and inexperienced principal."

During the processing of the grievance, negotiations were held in an attempt to avoid arbitration and to solve the matter within the system, according to Ed Meissner, executive secretary of the North Oakland County Association (NOCA) representing Clarkston teachers, among others.

When the school board denied the grievance, the case automatically went to arbitration. Under the terms of the contract, however, disagreement with the arbitrators decision allows the case to be taken to "a court of competent jurisdiction."

Board member Vince Luzi, originally unhappy about the case because of the lack of due process involved, voted with the rest of the school board members to take the matter to court.

"I did speak against the board action, but voted with them to get it resolved through the court," Luzi stated.

Not wanting to debate with the administration over Enid Cooper's qualifications, he said, "I'm in no position to judge her as a teacher, I've never been in her classroom. It's an unfortunate thing for the district and for Mrs. Cooper."

Meissner, too, was unhappy with the situation for a number of reasons stating that Wiar's "main concerns were the appearance of the room and the lesson plans."

"I consider those cosmetic items," he said, "And not a true picture of what is going on in the classroom."

He summed up his feelings about the situation saying, "It's a new administration interpreting the contract in a new way. With Dr. Green, there never would have been this problem."

Whatever the outcome in Circuit Court, some good will have resulted from the Enid Cooper case. At her

insistence, there has been a change in the contract language to prevent future situations of this kind.

The reasons now for involuntary transfer of teachers are performance and to meet instructional requirements.

When performance is involved, the teacher must be given advance notice, the right to confer and ninety days to improve and be reevaluated.

Involuntary transfer to meet instructional requirements involves such things as unexpected leaves, the opening of a new building, enrollment shifts, death of a staff member, and physical plant damage.

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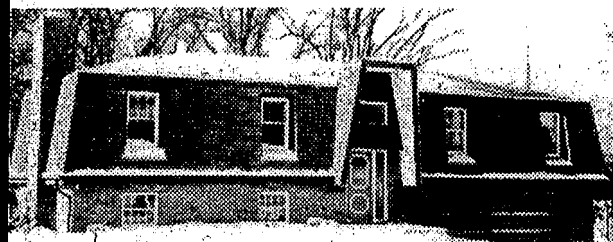


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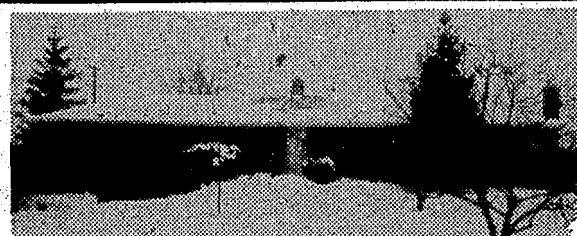
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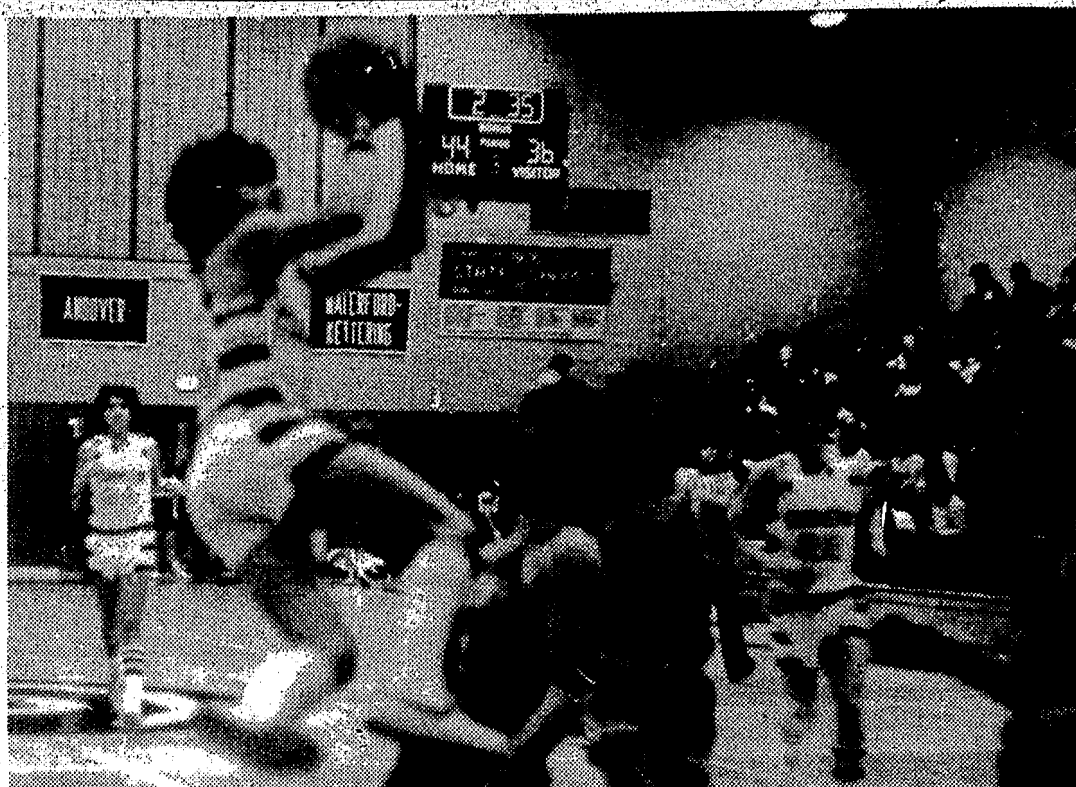
CLARKSTON STAYS ONE STEP AHEAD OF TROY

Clarkston improved its overall record Tuesday, January 17 with their victory over Troy Athens. They are 8-3 overall and 4-1 in the Greater Oakland league.

Troy Athens was so fired up after the first half to get back on the court after trailing Clarkston 34-24, that they bounded onto the floor before the halftime show was finished. Troy was told to go back to the locker room and again mis-timed their second appearance. The clock showed 1:42 to warm up, which Athens assistant coach Joe Clinton felt wasn't enough time. Usually three minutes is allocated for warm-up. The coach requested delaying the start of the quarter but was refused.

Troy came on strong in the 3rd quarter, outscoring Clarkston 18-16. The Red Hawks managed on another occasion in the second half to close within 6 points of Clarkston, but couldn't capture the lead and lost the game 70-59.

Clarkston Coach Nustad complained, "We had several opportunities to put the ballgame in our pocket, but backed off. We need the killer instinct." The



Wolves show great poise on the floor, but lack aggressiveness.

Steve Evans showed great drive in scoring 18 points with Rubin Hutchins not far behind with 14. Another double figure scorer was Kit Pappas with 12. Craig Czinder shot for 9 points, Tim Birtsas had 8, Greg Robertson had 4 with Skip Kulazewski, 4 and Matt Wenzel, 2.

ROCHESTER TOO QUICK FOR CLARKSTON

Clarkston Coach Linda Denstadet complained that the volleyball match with Rochester Wednesday, January 18, was "very disappointing. We weren't moving right. We were slow and didn't respond offensively or defensively. We were really weak on our serves."

Rochester took the match in two games, 4-15 and 9-15. They showed expertise in their A-serves and kill spikes.

Seniors on the Clarkston team are Jane Tatu, Jayne Lafnear, Anne Vaara, Ann Rathsburg, Pat Killian, Deanna Murphy; juniors are Liisa Varra and Jeannie Odell; Sophomores are Kath Conway and Dawn Reis.

Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department

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Schram's Auto Parts	4-0
Rob's Bar	4-0
Acutus Industries	4-1
404 Bar-Chiefs	3-2
Howes Lanes	2-3
Clarkston Real Estate	2-3
Clarkston Little Chef	2-3
Jean's Coney Island	1-4
Tierra Arts and Design	1-4
Hiller's Men's Store	1-4
S & Q Maintenance	0-5

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Standings as of January 16

Northside Builders	3-0
Ben Powell Disposal	2-1
Systematic Heating	2-1
Enterprize Die	2-1
Brookside Apartments	0-3
Armstrong Screw Products	0-3

130 Attend MCA Workshop

A workshop in grantsmanship, conducted by the Michigan Council for the Arts with the cooperation of the Oakland County Cultural Council, was held Thursday, January 19 in the Board of Commissioners Auditorium and attended by some 150 people representing individual artists, cultural councils, educators and representatives of parks and recreation departments.

Introductory remarks and welcoming speeches were made by County Executive Daniel Murphy, Lillian Moffitt, vice chairman of both the cultural council and

the Board of Commissioners, and Wallace Gabler, chairman of the Board of Commissioners, and Marlowe Belanger, chairman of the cultural council.

Materials and guidelines on grants available through the MCA were distributed and covered one by one to better acquaint those present with what funds are there for a variety of cultural programs.

The MCA is a state agency, funded by the government, with a limited budget. Even so, Michigan ranks seventh in per capita expenditures on the arts. And Oakland County is the first county government to appropriate money for the arts.



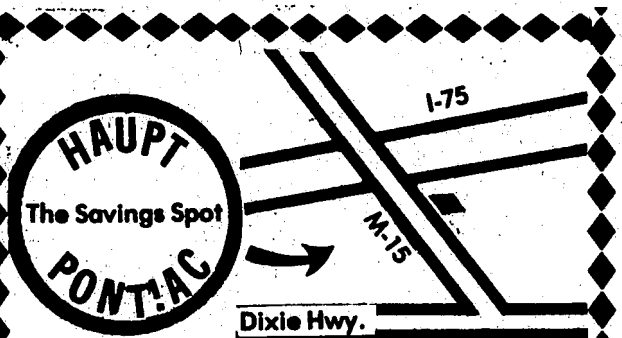
The "Drop Chords" L to R standing - Dick Johnson, lead singer; Al Maier, bass; Rawley Hallman, Baritone. Center front - Jack Smith, tenor

"Drop Chords" Featured at February Show

The SPEBSQSA of Pontiac will present a Barber Shop Quartet show on Saturday, February 11 at 8:00 at the Pontiac Northern High School auditorium. The 35th annual "Holiday of Harmony" will feature a local quartet which calls itself the "Drop Chords."

Also featured on the program will be the "Pieces of Eight," a quartet made up from two international championship quartets of Chicago and Detroit. Other groups which will appear are the Sweet Adeline champs, "Bass-ically Four," of Flint, Downriver and South Oakland County; the Comedy Clowns, The new "Harmony Hounds" of Battle Creek; and the new Pontiac "Motormen Chorus," with director Dick Liddicoatt.

Tickets are available at Grinnell's of the Pontiac Mall, and Hallman's Apothecary of Clarkston, or John Givens of Drayton Plains. He may be reached at 673-7698.



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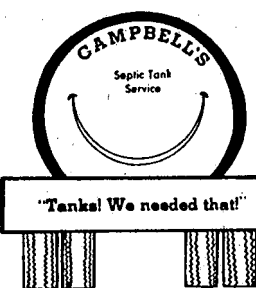
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Lincoln Day Banquet

The 89th annual Lincoln Day Banquet will be held on Thursday, February 2 at the Raleigh House in Southfield. The Oakland County Lincoln Club (whose purpose it is to revere and perpetuate the memory of the Great Emancipator, Abraham Lincoln) will present as their speaker the Honorable William Brock, Chairman, Republican National Committee.

Among those many public officials attending the banquet will be Lt. Governor James J. Dammon; Honorable William Broomfield; and William McLaughlin, Chairman of the Michigan State Republican Committee. Highlights of the evening will include announcement of the winners of the 1978 Lincoln Essay Contest. This contest is sponsored by the Lincoln Club as a means of making the life of Abraham Lincoln meaningful to young citizens, and is open to all Oakland County High School Seniors.

For ticket information please contact the Oakland County Republican Headquarters at 644-8414; Mr. Mike Batchik at 698-1027; or Ms. Sally Dixon at 547-7897.

REACT Honors Banquet

Oakland County REACT held their first annual Honors and Awards Banquet on January 14 at Bonanza in Pontiac. A plaque and pin were awarded to Hugh Carroll bestowing Lifetime Membership on him. Hugh was one of the co-founders of Oakland County REACT in 1964. He has worked long and hard for the organization since its inception. Hugh is presently residing in Davisburg.

The Outstanding Member Award for 1977 was presented to Marilyn Wilson for her work in the organization during the year. Chris Acheson, Bill Bigger, Hazel Dana, Ed Krzeminski, Jim Olerich, Wiley Revell, and Chuck Sullins were awarded REACT pins for ticket sales.

The next meeting will be held on February 1 at 7 p.m. in the Disaster Control Room in the basement of the Oakland County Law Enforcement Complex, 1201 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. A speaker from the American Red Cross will be there to explain the Blood Bank. Any interested persons are invited to attend. For further information on Oakland County REACT, call 666-3700.

Preserving Our Past

by Carol Balzarini and Sue Basinger

Preservation, according to the dictionary, is the act of keeping something in existence, keeping it safe from harm, retaining and maintaining it. This is, essentially, what is involved in a current movement here in Clarkston, but one is which is by no means unique to this community alone.

People are gradually becoming to realize that progress does not necessarily mean "new" regardless of any other considerations. They are learning that it can be less expensive, and more desirable to renovate or restore old buildings than to replace them with new ones.

At one time buildings, such as Mount Vernon, were preserved because of an important person or event connected with it. The newer view is that those buildings once considered less important provide a setting for the more outstanding ones.

It is true that a building designed by a well-known architect, or lived in by a prominent citizen, is important, but those built by local craftsmen, or lived in by "ordinary" citizens, are just as important.

Single important events connected with a building are historic, but the process itself is also history, how all of those buildings evolved and were related to each other.

The old philosophy of only valuing the most outstanding structures and believing that new is better has resulted in the reproduction of older styles while the original is destroyed. New parks with their quaint Early American villages are, indeed, delightful, but no more than that.

Places such as Williamsburg or Greenfield Village are to be commended for preserving our heritage, but those same building styles seen in Dearborn for a price can also be seen right here in Clarkston, Davisburg or Holly in their original settings.

Clarkston is a wealth of historic buildings. It has more to qualify it for historical designation than most existing Michigan communities including Franklin.

It is the purpose of this series to show what is valuable although it may not now be recognized as such. It is to encourage the preservation of an environment that worked and still works, was and still is liveable.

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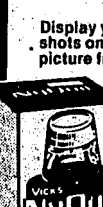
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