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Seated on his throne with the spotlight on him, Norm Hant waits patiently for the hair cutting ceremony to begin. Hunt stars as the king in the Clarkston High Sci ool production of the "King and I", running March 10,11,12,17 and 18 at the high school.



# Springfield Township Votes to Reconsider Liquor License Application

In an effort to placate those Springield Township residents opposed to a liquor license transfer to the clubhouse at Springfield Oaks County Park and avoid a court battle with those desiring the license, the township board on a vote of 4-1, agreed to reconsider the application, made by E.A. Fuller, park concessionaire. The reconsideration carries certain conditions that must be met by both Fuller and the county before another application can be made for the license transfer.

Within the next thirty days, the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission, headed by Lew Wint, must become the licensee or the co-licensee. In the event that the agreement between the Oaks Corporation and the county is cancelled or not renewed, that license will revert to the commission for use only by an approved concessionaire.

Other conditions of the agreement include cancellation of the SDM (takeout) and dance portions of the license and a contract between the two parties involved, the county and the concessionaire, further limiting use of the license.

The terms also include regulation of hours liquor may be served and under what conditions and a stipulation that liquor may not be advertised.

Prior to the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the township board, a public hearing was held at the Youth Activities Center on Andersonville in an effort to give all interested persons an opportunity to make their feelings known on the matter. Opinions of those present were pretty evenly divided both for an against ultimate

## New Secretary of State Office Opens in Clarkston

A local branch of the Secretary of State's office opened two weeks ago in Independence Township.

Staffed by manager Lois Marx, assisted by Lucy Lang, the office is located at 7150 Dixie Highway in a building housing Forrest E. Milzow Builder, Deer Lake Travel and a planned insurance agency.

The Secretary of State's office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., closed Saturday. Deadline for license plates for passenger cars is March 31.

# Little League Sign-Up Time

The Davisburg Little League Sign Up will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. at the Davisburg Elementary IMC approval of the license.

In his opening remarks, Supervisor Collin Walls stated that he respected the opinions of those opposed for "personal or religious" reasons but that the arguemnt could not be used at this time in this particular situation.

Concessionaire Ted Fuller cited the fact that he was losing both golf leagues and money every year and could not continue to serve the public without that license.

"There seems to be a question of credibility of the County Parks and Recreation Commission," said county parks and recreation director Eric Reickel. He then proceeded to outline cooperative efforts between his department and the township, including free use of the YAC by some groups, use by others at reduced rates, preservation of the Davis home and the township's lease of the mill pond park at a rate of \$1 per year, all "good neighbor attempts" on the part of the county.

Golfers, both drinkers and non-drinkers and resident and non-resident, urged the township board to reconsider its original decision. Those opposed, mainly township residents, were opposed to liquor in general and a liquor license in the hands of the county, particular.

Former supervisor, Donald Rogers, closest resident to the entrance of the facility, said his major concerns were with the possibility of carry-out liquor, enforcement of those provisions, and a possible court battle.

In reference to legal problems, Rogers added, "We all pay as both Springfield Township and Oakland County taxpayers."

Ralph O'Reilly, a 32 year resident of the township, said, "I'm no drinker but I recommend approval of the license."

Frank Quinlan of Big Lake Road stated, "We've spent tax dollars to develop this facility...it should be a full-fiedged facility to serve all the taxpayers."

Wanda Rothermel, owner of the Old House Inn, stated her opposition on the grounds that "consideration should be given to all taxpaers and businessmen".

Roger Horton of Eaton Road urged a no vote saying, "We don't need any more liquor licenses in the township. We may acquire another with the new census anyway."

Valdon Garrison, representing the Baptist Church, cited alcoholism as the nation's number one illness and drunks as its number one killer.

The public hearing ended with a statement from Lew Wint of appreciation for "citizen input", reconsideration of the board, and the opinions of those opposed. But, he added "We must think of the good of the total county

Rod Beckett of the House of Style assisted by Ann Grandchamp agreed to turn high school student Norm Hunt into a Siamese king. The shaving was done to accompanying strains of "The Stripper" by the jazz band before a little theatre full of students and teachers. ichichida y hvic.

Eligible for the League are boys and girls age 7.15. Fees are \$9.00 for one, \$12.00 for two and \$15.00 for three or more players from one family.

Fourteen and fifteen year olds are eligible to play in the senior division and registration will be held at the same time. and not just the immediate area."

The hearing concluded as planned at 7:45 with a statement and an assurance from Walls that the pressure to reconsider had come from Springfield Township residents only who had not had enough chance to express their opinions previously.

Low-calorie cocktails for the dieter that still wants to socialize, see page 6 The winter of '76 by Carol Balzarini on page 8 Damage causing insects are covered by Bonnie Hale on page 10

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### Director of **Consumer and Urban Affairs**

Brenda L. Schneider, a resident of Clarkston has joined Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit as director of consumer and urban affairs. Ms. Schneider brings to the Bank broad experience in budget management and consumer education. Previously she was with Credit Counseling Centers of Southfield as consumer education specialist.

Ms. Schneider is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin. She has served as a resource person for universities local school districts, businesses, labor unions, and government agencies. She appears regularly on "This Morning," a daily talk show on television Channel 4, the NBS affiliated station in Detroit.

Ms. Schneider is in her second term as secretary for Consumer Educators of Michigan and serves as Money Mangement Training Director for Family Focus, Birmingham. She also serves as an advisory member to the Bloomfield Hills School District.

Mr. and Mrs. Schneider have a daughter, Jennifer (6).

# Spiritual Growth Retreat

Spiritual Growth Retreat for Flint District United Methodist Women will be Friday and Saturday, March 17 and 18 at Colombiere Conference Center, Clarkston.

Guest leader will be Dr. Timothy R. Hickey, Pastor of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Rochester.

The theme is "How to Say Yes in a World of No's." Registration is due by March 10th. Methodist women may get details from their unit president of the local church.

# **Just One of Those Days**

It was time for Parent-Teacher conference, but the 1st grader's mother was not only busy with little sister, but she was expecting another baby that was due any day. She begged off on the conference, but the child was so upset, that her lawyer father agreed to go in mother's place.

Since he decided to take the whole day off, dad didn't ' dress up for the conference, but wore a sportshirt, levis and loafers instead of his usual "uniform" of a suit and tie. Even so, he didn't expect the teacher to talk down to

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him, but she did. The poor man was confused by the teacher's conversation, and there were several times when he felt like reminding her that he had more education than she had, but he cut the conference as short as possible, and headed for home.

By the time he arrived home, the lawyer had figured out that the teacher thought he was a farmer, and because of his answers to her questions, not a very bright one at that.

The confusion was cleared up when daughter was questioned. It seemed that the land on which the family had built its home had originally been part of a farm, and the total property was often referred to as "the farm" so, when the teacher had recently asked the class how many of them lived on a farm, daughter had raised her hand. Daddy was heard mumbling to himself 'crazywomen'' off and on all day. "It was just one of those days" that he could have lived without and the last parent-teacher conference he ever attended.

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# **Clarkston Village Council**

Minutes of regular meeting--February 27, 1978., Village Hall, 375 Depot, Clarkston

Meeting called to order by President Hallman at 7:30 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Roll: Present-ApMadoc, Basinger, Byers, Sage,

Schultz, Weber. Absent-none.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The council discussed the possibility of enacting additional Traffic Control Orders for village streets and applying for Community Development funds to be used for a traffic study on residential streets.

Moved by Basinger, seconded by Schultz to attempt to hire a person to help on research of historical buildings in the village, if the funds are available under CETA Special Projects Funds. The council then discussed whether this help towards making us registered as a historical district is necessary for our future protection, or if we should wait for further information from the historical society and Bob Waters, our CETA Director. Roll: Ayes-ApMadoc, Basinger, Schultz. Nays-Byers, Sage, Weber. The tie vote was broken by President Hallman, who voted nay, defeating the motion.

Gar Wilson reported that he is interested in purchasing a smaller truck with a front snow blade and selling one of the tractors. He is studying several alternatives. This will be taken up by the budget committee in March.

Correspondence from John Steckling, Village Attorney, was read, concerning his opinion that Lot No. 16, Harry Radcliff's property on N. Main, could be rezoned for the portion that he desires, but that this could make developing the remainder of the lot for commercial purposes difficult. Mr. Radcliff stated that he already has money invested in a screen house and fence because of a building permit wrongly issued there and would like to rezone that portion of the lot so that he

can proceed with this project. Moved by Basinger, seconded by Sage to refer Mr. Radcliff's request to rezone a portion of Lot No. 16 from B-1 to R-2 to the planning commission, upon receipt by the clerk of the complete application for rezoning as called for by the zoning ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

The Oakland County Resolution on solid waste disposal facilities was discussed. The council decided to

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not act on the resolution as it does not apply to us and would not be advantageous to the village at this time.

President Hallman reported that we would not be reimbursed by federal funds for snow removal from the recent severe snow storm since we did this ourselves rather than contracting the job out.

Moved by Sage, seconded by Weber to approve the salaries and meal expenses for the election workers at the Feb. 20th Primary Election, in the amount of \$105.32. Roll: Ayes-ApMadoc, Basinger, Byers, Sage, Schultz, Weber. Nays-none. Motion carried.

Moved by ApMadoc, seconded by Sage to hold the March council meetings on March 14th and March 20th. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Sage, seconded by Byers to designate Independence Twp: Police Services as the agent to enforce our Animal Control Ordinance and the Independence Twp. Treasurer as our agent to collect the fees for the sale of licenses. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Weber, seconded by Sage to contact the Independence Twp. Clerk to notify him that license fees collected may be kept by the township but that a designated portion of parking fines should be returned to the village. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Weber, seconded by ApMadoc to sign the letter of intent from Janz & Knight, the firm that audits our funds, engaging their services for next year. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence from President Hallman to the Oakland County Road Commission was read, stating the village's request to have them participate in the Depot-Holcomb-White Lake Rd. project at one third of the cost, up to a maximum of \$11,000, for the estimated total cost of \$33,000 for the project.

Correspondence from President Hallman was read, stating that he will now be employed by Marc Alan of Clarkston Mills, formerly known as the Hawke's Cove project, as a self-employed marketing consultant. He feels that he would not be put into a position that would violate the public trust, but would resign his job as Village President if there were reservations regarding this arrangement.

Moved by Sage, seconded by Weber to adjourn at 10:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Rogers, Village Clerk





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I may be overly optomistic, but I think of March as the beginning of the end of the dreary season. Needless to say, February is my least favorite month of the year -though cross-country skiing has taken a little of the nastiness out of it.

People are affected by the weather, and the seasons, more than they think. When I was in the schools, I

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noticed that teachers and students alike, became more difficult to get along with. Petty differences seemed to crop up even between the best of friends.

I discovered the same thing when working in offices. If there were going to be difficult times, they would come in February. I noticed the same thing when I was home all the time.

People need space, and time to be alone. Inner growth depends on time to just do nothing, and let learning take place. In the winter, most people spend their time inside, together. They intrude on each other's space and time, and togetherness causes strain.

The days become especially long for housewives, pre-school children, and retired people. Being closed in, especially when snow and ice make it dangerous to venture out for even the shortest walk, can make life pretty dull. The only people to escape it are those with enough money to fly away from it all, and those who have the imagination to escape it through creativity.

Creativity can become so engrossing that one is apt to forget the dreary weather, and it doesn't depend on a healthy bank-account for success. It only requires a "if someone else can do it, so can I" attitude.

The trouble is, that so many of us get in the habit of saying "I can't" instead of "I won't". We begin to believe that we are incapable of doing things simply because we have never tried them. There is no age limit for learning to paint, sew, build furniture, or play the piano. We place those artificial limitations on ourselves. This slow time of year is the time to begin to grow in different directions.

I was not an "eager learner" when I was young. I much preferred to observe and day-dream, and I resented the demands on my time and attention that were imposed on me in school. I resisted learning the things that seemed boring, and that were forced on me. I had my own interests, and my curiosity went in different directions than math and science and history. English, of course, was a different matter altogether. I loved reading and writing. My grades reflected my interest. They ranged from A to D, though I never resisted enough to fail any course outright.

By the time I had children of my own, I had satisfied some of my curiosity, and often got involved in helping them with their homework. It was then that I discovered that it had not been true that "I couldn't" do math, couldn't "remember dates and names and places, nor "couldn't" understand science. The truth was that I "wouldn't" concentrate on those things as a child. As an adult, I could learn those same things easily.

That was when I decided to return to college. At first, I though I "couldn't" do it. I thought I wouldn't be accepted in the first place. I thought I was too old in the second place. I thought the house would fall down around us if I left it -- that my children would suffer if I put myself first. There were all sorts of reasons why I "couldn't but my family insisted that I could, but that I"wouldn't", so finally I did.

What I began with fear and trepidation, I finished with regret. The years while I was finishing my college education, were very rich. I looked forward to going to class, and the thought s and ideas that filled my mind were like food for a starving person. I felt guilty about studying because I enjoyed it so much; and graduated with honors, as did many of the other "older" women who had returned to the classroom when I did. Many of us thought we had been accomplishing nothing for ouselves while we had been home doing housework, and taking care of small children. Life is a learning process in itself, however, and we had learned to organize and plan, and we were far ahead in our self-control and our ability to concentrate on "first things first". The younger students admired our ability to accomplish a great deal, in spite of confusion, noise, and distraction. 'We, in turn, enjoyed pitting our experience against their idealism Since that time. I have become increasingly aware of the difference between "I can't" and "I won't". We all, of course, have the right to choose not to do something. "I won't" is fine, if we remain aware that we are choosing not to do something. It is only when we are unaware that we have made a choice, and really believe that we "can't" that we run into trouble.

# by Joan Allen

smoking or another habit which we regard as "bad" learning something new, or improving skills, "I can't" is a negative one.

When we substitute "I won't" for "I can't" we gain control of ourselves and the situation. We recognize then, that we have the ability and power to do something about ourselves and our condition. If we choose not to do something then, it is because we are willing to accept the consequences of our decisions. "I can't" makes up victims of unacknowledged circumstances.

We all build up a lot of "I can't" situations in a lifetime. Children look at other children and adults as mirrors of themselves. They become dependant on other's opinions of themselves, and they believe that they are what they see reflected in other's attitudes. They do not have the experience to deal with value judgements. As a result, though many ugly ducklings live to discover that they are actually beautiful swans, a great number believe they are ducklings all of their lives.

To throw off such judgements, it is only necessary to acknowledge the fact that "I can't" is in fact a decision 3] based on limited knowledge. No one can know us as we know ourselves. No one can judge our abilities as we ourselves can. No one can judge our possibilities as we can. We, ourselves, are the ones who determine whether we win or lose in the game of life.





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Whether it is a matter of losing weight, giving up

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Tears are therapeutic in more ways than many of realize. They give us an emotional outlet, providing us with specific physical action we can perform. At the realization that the loved one is gone, tears may come easily for both adult and child -- and this is good! Children may even be encouraged to let out their feelings of grief by crying. Most do not need extra encourgement since it is so natural to weep in sorrow. It is not unmasculine to cry at the death of a loved one or a dear friend. It's a misconception that "big boys shouldn't cry." This is all a part of the early 20th Century training in the old school of the "stiff upper lip" and "grin and bear it." If there is an emotional hurt, then the pain should be recognized, acknowledged, and expressed -- in this case, through tears.

Your questions and comments on this and other subjects are welcome -- in private or publicly through this column.

### SAY YOU SAW IT IN THE REMINDER TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1978 PAGE FIVE

# Letter to the Editor

Mrs. Carol Balzarini The Reminder

Dear Carol:

On behalf of the staff, students and administration of the Center, I would like to express our appreciation for the excellent coverage you gave us on our recent OPen House.

It is through support like this that we are able to educate the public in the area of Vocational Education and its availability to the youths and adults in our service area.

Sincerely, Alberta Donlin, Assistant Principal

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U.F.O.'s

Somewhere out in space, there's a master race. Flying all around, for Earth they're bound.

Landing here and there, tearing through the air. Doing stunts and tricks for fun and for kicks.

Under the ocean, they fly slow motion But through the blue sky, they can really fly.

Will we ever know, our foriegn foe, Will they really land, and hold out their hand?

Mike Most

Love, A wonderful feeling. Love. A time of beginning Love. A sense of expectations Love. With no imitations.

All this, and more. Is love to me. Why don't you try it, You'll begin to see, The feeling poets write, And critics rave, Lovers have, And actors crave.

This is love, and so much more, I hope you try it, You can't deny it, Love. Andi Cooper

#### GOD

Our Almighty GOD is forever good, An ideal VISION of brotherhood That inspires peace, hope and mirth And goodwill throughout the earth. GOD is AUTHOR of the Bible's story Of faith, truth, love and glory, HE is the aged FATHER OF TIME -**RECORDER** of each moment's chime. Great DESIGNER of vale and mountain, Desert, plain and gushing fountain. An ARTIST - the MASTER of features, And colors for plants and creatures. A MUSICIAN of whispering breeze, Murmuring brooks and rustling trees. BUSY FARMER OF FIGHTEOUS SE That ripen into golden deeds. So magnificent is our LORD, Managing Nature with one accord. PROVIDER of HIS peoples' need, WATCHER of our thoughtless greed, Gives man what he cannot do without And even more when we look about And see how well HE has blessed, Fed and clothed us with HIS best. Sacred TEACHER of a holy school That practices the Golden Rule. The only EXPLORER who can find Satisfaction for the human mind. A skilled MAGICIAN who enchants Every sinner and all the saints. Eternal KING of HEAVEN is HE -DIRECTOR of things that are to be. HIS presence strengthens our belief; HE's a COMFORTER in time of grief. No limit to the care HE sends,

Undying love among true friends. Valiant WARRIOR of unknown might Conquers always with the right. Divine DOCTOR with special degrees, HE knows the cure for each disease. All virtues are in GOD, combined -Greatest BENEFACTOR of mankind. GOD is perfect - nothing left undone, A CREATOR, and the only one. So real that angels proclaim Praises in HIS HOLY NAME. Wonderful GIVER of life and soul And salvation for the human's goal. GOD'S best gift to us is HIS SON, Our REDEEMER when life is done.

- Maude Elizabeth Huff

#### CLARKSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS JR. HIGH AND ELEMENTARY MENU MARCH 6-10

March 6 - Beef BBQ on Bun, corn, sweet potatoes, fruit juice and milk.

March 7 - Hot dog in blanket, baked beans, stewed tomatoes, peaches and milk.

March 8 - Pizzaburger, green beans, tossed salad, cranberry fluff and milk.

March 9 - Lasagna, bread and butter, peas, cabbage apple salad, pears and milk.

March 10 - Fishwich, potatoes, vergetable salad, fruit and milk.

### Thirty From Oakland Compete in Special Olympics

Thirty special athletes from Oakland County competed in the second Michigan Regional Winter Special Olympics. These winter games were held at Schuss Mountain and Shanty Creek Lodge on February 22-24. More than 800 mentally impaired athletes from Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and Ontario will participate in the three days of clinics, training, and competitive events.

All of the participants from Oakland County competed in the Oakland County Winter Games held on February 4 at Independence Oaks County Park in Clarkston.

During the REgional Games the Special Olympians competed for medals in alpine and cross-country skiing, figure and speed skating, snow shoeing, tobogganing, snow sculpturing, and inner tubing. One of the highlight of the event was the Wheelchair Downhill Run on a device especially designed for Special Olympians confined to wheelchairs.

The Special Olympics program in Oakland County is sponsored and coordinated by the Oakland County Association for Retarded Citizens. Anyone interested in being involved in the program should contact Mary Ann Rickens at the OCARC office, 335-1190.



#### Dear Mandy.

I have an acquaintance who is much shorter than I am, but has worn the same size that I do for years. As you might guess, she has been overweight. She has very expensive clothes, but they never really looked their best on her, and I really envied her such beautiful things! Well, she finally is losing weight, and has lost twenty-five pounds already and says she simply has to buy some new clothes because hers look silly on her. I would love to ask her for her "cast offs". Do you think she'd be insulted? I never mentioned that I knew we wore the same size.

### Clarkston Residents to Participate in Horse-A-Rama

Debbie Hicks of Clarkston fell in love at age seven. Not the kind of love people talk about most of the time, though. Her "love" has led her to an unofficial title of Michigan's leading horsewoman.

"I fell in love with them really when I first could tell a horse from a dog," Debbie, now 23, said. "I was about seven and my uncle had a farm in Clarkston. I'd go out there and milk the cows and feed the chickens just to get to ride for 25 minutes or so."

Debbie will be in the field of leading contenders in the upcoming Midwest Horse-A-Rama March 12 at the Pontiac Silverdome. The combination horse and western show is coupled with the March 11 "Superdrive," the first truck pull at the Dome.

Unlike most others in the horse business, Debbie is involved in both show and race horses.

"I rode the county fair circuit, but instead of riding race horses, I've decided to go for an assistant trainer's license and progress to becoming a trainer," she said.

Debbie, who works with the thoroughbreds at Hazel Park, said that "exercising isn't enough. It's not even considered horsemanship.

"I get a lot out of showing because there's a lot involved with horse and rider," she added. "If I had the choice between racing and showing, I'd probably take showing and jumping."

Debbie will be aboard Cricket in the Horse-A-Rama's ladies competition. She competes in all kinds of events, with all breeds.

"It's a little confusing to be around me," she said, laughing. "I have an Appaloosa, quarter horse and a hunter-jumper."

She explained the competition, which features 18 events and exhibitions staged by the State-Wide Speed Horse Association.

"If a horse is trained properly, he enjoys it because he's trained to do it," she said. "He has to be trained to stop and turn when you want him to.

"They really start to get good at age 11 or 12. They grow up and mature and stop being afraid of papers blowing around, cars honking and things like that.

"It takes a horse six or seven years to gain this maturity. They're fully developed at the age of four -they won't get any taller -- but you can't train them properly then."

Events at the Horse-A-Rama include speed horse contesting, cattle cutting reining horses, Paso Finas, trick horses, racking horse exhibitions, pleasure, Appaloosa stump racing, trick riding and high jumpers, plus exhibitions by the Allegan, Manistee County Sheriff's, Shiawassee County Sheriff's and Oakland County Sheriff's Posses and the Detroit Mounted Police. In addition, the Blazing Saddles 4-H Club of Clarkston

will stage an exhibition.

The contestants will be chasing a \$5,000 purse in the show. Warmup period is 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. March 12 and the Grand Parade is scheduled at 1:30 p.m.

For further ticket information, call 335-4421.

Dear Mandy,

At what age should young people be allowed to date? Our son is sixteen, and we think he is less than responsible about doing chores around the house, getting his school work done, and caring for the family pets. He thinks he is more responsible than most of the kids he knows. Anyway, the question has come up-is he old enough to date? He wants to ask a girl out, and he wants an increase in his allowance so he can afford to take a girl out, and he wants to use the car to take one out. My husband says no. He feels he's too young and irresponsible, and might get her in a family way because he's not responsible about anything else. What do you

#### Dear L.,

If your friend has already lost twenty-five pounds, she is apt to enjoy bragging about how much she used to weigh --and what size she used to take. You might offer to buy some of her used clothing, and see how she reacts. I would leave it up to her to raise the question of "giving?" you the clothes though. She may have a relative or charity that she feels is needier than you are. Mandy

think?

#### Dear Mixed-up,

A sixteen year old boy is old enough to date, and probably will with or without your consent. Unless he is failing in school, or skipping all the time, or involved in drugs, or drinking, etc., I think he should be given the opportunity to earn extra money, and the right to borrow the family car. I do not think that a slight case of laziness about yard work, etc. means your son would be lax in his character or beharior towards another human being, so your fears are groundless on that count. You have either taught your son how to behave toward girls, or not, at the age of sixteen. It is a little late to worry about it now. Don't be overly critical of this boy. Sometimes praise and encouragement are all that's needed to make the difference between "so-so" and superior. Try giving him doses of both!

Mandy

Mixed-up

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SOMEONE'S IN THE KITCHEN The most difficult time to stay on a diet, for most people, is the pre-dinner snack-time, often referred to as the "cocktail hour." Even the dieter can socialize that time of day, however, if a thoughtful hostess will provide a couple of these low-calorie treats. Pink and Yellow Cocktail 2 cups chilled pineapple juice 2 cups chilled tomato juice Into each glass, pour 1/3 cup pineapple juice; tip glass and slowly pour 1/3 cup tomato juice down side of glass. Decorate with lemon slice or watercress. Drinks may be prepared ahead and kept stored in refrigerator up to one hour before serving. Serves 6.

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## **Trip to Alaska**

The 22nd annual trip to Alaska will be made by Edward J. Kuhn and boys who have saved at least <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> of the cost of the trip. The purpose of the all-expense trip is to teach boys to save for worthwhile things and give area boys the chance to make this an unforgettable journey.

The three-week journey covers 8,000 miles, with side trips to Lake Louise, Seattle, Portland and Mt. Hood.

The cost is \$995 for boys under 12 years of age, and \$1095 for boys 12 years of age or older. It is necessary to reserve a berth for the trip in advance, so \$100 must be turned in with each reservation, with the balance of the payment made at least 30 days before departure.

If there are any questions, call or write to Mr. Edward J. Kuhn: his phone number is Orlando 3-9123, Pontiac, and his home address is 2295 N. Lake Angelus, Pontiac, 48055.

# Springfield Township

The Springfield Township board, during the regular monthly meeting, held the first of two public hearings concerning distribution of revenue sharing funds. Total amount involved is \$38,602, with \$25,602 coming from Entitlement Period 9 and an estimated \$13,000 coming from period 10. Last year's funds had been divided equally between parks and recreation and the library.

Suggestions for this year's funds ranged from \$18,000 for the library which, according to Ralph O'Reilly, will

budget that amount although that budget is, as yet, incomplete to financial support for endeavors of the parks and recreation commission as urged by its chairman Bob Peters.

Other suggestions included general road improvement, sidewalks in town, bike paths and work on the dam before the situation becomes critical.

In other township business the rezoning of Holly Greens was approved, as requested.

Holly Greens was originally zoned PUD (planned unit development). The rezoning as individual parcels would enable it to be developed one parcel at a time not possible under present zoning. The original PUD zoning is a complicated arrangement.

Approval of the rezoning was recommended by the township planner, the planning commission, and the county planning commission.

The new zoning would include some multiple, some commercial (present clubhouse), some recreational (present golf course), and old R-3 and R-4 zoning would be upgraded to R-2, larger lots.

The board unanimously approved the 1978 contract with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. The



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terms are identical to last year's but the current figure is \$29,979 per deputy as opposed to last year's figure of \$26,535.

Approval was also given to the request of Kieft Engineering for tentative preliminary plat approval for Lake Maria Woods, some 60 acres in size with 40 in Springfield Township and the remainder in Independence. The plat consists of a total of 36 11/2 acre lots, 23 of them in Springfiled.

Approval of the tentative plat includes concerns of a waiver of certain requirements because it is a large lot plat not previously considered in the township ordinance concerning subdivision development and because it is also in two townships.

Michelle Peters of Weber Road, Holly, was appointed to fill the remainder of a term on the board of review replacing a member who resigned. Mrs. Peters is an accountant for Elias Brothers.

The annual township settlement meeting will be held Tuesday, March 21 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. The annual meeting for the electorate of Springfield Township will be held Saturday, April 1 at 1 p.m. at the township hall.

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of friends with power to make the rounds begging for water without becoming a huisance. Not only had people-washing and dish-washing become a problem but so had watering the horse, the dozen chickens, the two rabbits, the two dogs and the three cats. Hauling water for six people is one thing but for that menagerie, it was ridiculous.

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On Friday, the "Little House on the Prairie" syndrome had become a problem. Ma cried on the doorstep of a friend who finally let her in to take a bath, too embarassed to do otherwise. What would the neighbors think if she left that pathetic soul standing on the doorstep.

By that night little Mary, in danger of frostbite, was farmed out to another good friend. Grandma and Grandpa had bid a tearful farewell, and little Willie had been taken in by a warm (pardon the pun), sympathetic family.

That same family entertained a total of sixteen people that night---all refugees from the storm. Dinner consisted of partridge, venison, pheasant, and an assortment of other things that had not survived in the freezer. Pa had had a successful hunting season!) The pingpong table in the basement was the only one large enough for all of us.

On Sunday, Ma became hysterical being the type of person who believes that cold only belongs inside a refrigerator and that you only go outside in the winter if your house is on fire.

Fortunately, that was the day that the power was restored. And just as Scarlett O'Hara vowed never to be poor again, Ma, after the winter of '76 vowed never to be cold again!

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### **New Unemployment Compensation** Legislation Could Cost **Oakland County** Over \*500,000

In testimony before an ad hoc committee of the Michigan Legislature, County Executive Daniel T. Murphy said the state's new unemployment compensation legislation could increase county costs for unemployment from \$13,000 last year to \$559,000 in 1978

Murphy said the enormous increase presents local government with the "serious practical problem of obtaining substantial amounts of new money," which inevitably leads to higher taxes.

The Major change being looked into by the committee is the controversial "voluntary quit" provision, which provides unemployment compensation to persons who simply quit their jobs.

Past practice has been to compensate, primarily, those who were laid off through no fault of their own. Murphy said, "Michigan is the only major industrial state in the nation which pays tax moneys to those who

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Murphy pointed out, it would have cost the county an estimated \$260,000.

Murphy said our priorities for helping people have become "disarranged". He cited figures used by Clifton Wharton, Jr., former president of Michigan State University, to show that Michigan's expenditures for higher education have dropped from 21 to 17 percent of the general fund in the last 10 years, while the social services outlay has grown from 13 to 35 percent.



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Know-It-All, Grow-It-All

DAMAGE CAUSING INSECTS

#### By Bonnie Hale

Where do insects come from, you ask? The biggest majority are found on newly purchased plants. If you have evergreens around the foundation of your home watch for spider mites as they nest in the evergreens. Keep in mind that they are small enough to get through screening when the windows are opened in the summer. A lot of them are quite common outside and can be brought inside on everyday things. The eggs and or insects can be found in bags of potting soil. I have found produce in the store that was next to an insect infested



plant display that had insects on them.

The main thing is to aquaint yourself with all the 1) different insects and watch for them. And most important of all is to buy all your plants from a reputable source.

When you receive a new plant, quarantine it for two weeks and check it daily so you don't risk infesting any of your other plants. Also avoid any plants that have a molted, speckled or distorted leaves as this is a sure sign that the plant has had insects at one time or another and ' it could contain eggs.

SPIDER MITES - the most common and destructive of all insects. They have eight legs and are usually red, brown or greenish in color. The two spotted mite is a whitish color and has two dark spots on both sides of their back. Both kinds of mites are approximately 1/100 of an inch long and are barely visible to the naked eye unless you know what you are looking for. Because of () their minute size, they usually aren't even noticed until the webbing is present and then it is much too late for the plant. Once the webbing appears it is best to get rid of the plant immediately as they spread like a burning fire and will contaminate any other plants you have.

Unfortunately insecticides are rarely helpful unless you are very persistent because they don't kill the eggs. One egg left on a leaf will hatch and 200 more will be laid a few days later. In otherwords one mite left behind could start a major epidemic in one month's time.

When any method of control is used it should be administered every couple of days for about 10-15 days so you are sure of getting the eggs after they hatch and before they have time to lay more eggs. Small white dots clustered together on the backs of leaves indicate y mites. Mites have been responsible for wiping out entire greenhouses and they are truly a houseplant lover's nightmare. They have preferences as far as plants go, but will attack anything if their favorites are not available. Spider mite damage is noticeable by the distorted shape of the leaves and speckling and discoloration of the leaves.

WHITE FLY - looks like bits of paper that flutters iaround when the plant is disturbed. They are white and have wedge-shaped wings. The young are cream colored and cannot fly and are found on the undersides of the leaves. Weekly spraying for many weeks is necessary as they fly off as soon as a spray is applied.

MEALY BUGS- have oval soft bodies about 1/4 of an inch long. They are slow moving and white to pinkish in color. The egg masses look like bits of cotton and are usually found in the leaf axils. Methods of control should take place every ten days.

SCALE-adults are about 1/8 of an inch long. They are reddish brown in color and are flat with an oval hard shell. They move very little and are easily mistaken as being nothing at all.

THRIPS-are thin and barely visible to the eye. They are tan or brown with lighter streakings. When thrips 7 are present, the leaves fall and the flowers are distorted.

SPRINGTAILS-these white or black insects are usually found when watering your plants. They are so named because of the way they hop around when the soil is



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watered. Springtails are harmless to the plants and are usually found in potting soil which is high in organic content which they help break down.

FUNGUS GNATS-are about 1/8 of an inch long and are gray to black in color. These are the insects that swarm around rotting fruit and vegetables. The gnat itself is harmless but the 1/4 inch white maggot that they lay is what does the damage by feeding on the roots.

The variety of insects found in soil is too numerous to be named here but they do tremendous amounts of



I had a neighbor who had a walnut tree and cut it down. He sold it to someone for thousands of dollars. I have one too, and plan to cut it down. I'd like to sell mine, but I don't know how to start looking for someone to buy it. Can you find out about it for me?

Our first call was to the Artistic Furniture Co. in Detroit. The answer we got there was rather disappointing. We were told that in order for your tree to be worth anything besides firewood, it would have to be perfectly straight, and about 50 feet tall, and several feet in diameter. Secondly, it would have to have a lot of crotches to be of interest to a woodcarver, and the tree would have to be cut down and milled and debarked before anyone would be interested in it, and then you would have to contact several people who would only be interested in a few boards.

We didn't give up however, but called Pine Lumber Co. on Highland, in Drayton Plains. They referred us to Accurate Woodworking, also on Highland, in Drayton Plains.

The Spokesperson from Accurate told us that green walnut sells at 50 cents a board foot. The price is better if the wood has been kiln dried though Accurate does their own drying. He also said that if your walnut tree was cut into boards that he would be happy to buy some of them from you, and thought you would find other buyers in the area. He said you would have to cut it down and take it to the sawmill, however.

We then called the Davis Sawmill in Novi, Michigan. We were told there, that you could arrange to have them cut the rough boards for you. They would take your longest logs and cut them, and the board length would depend on how much of the wood was clear and straight. The small end of any log would have to be at least 6 or 8 inches in diameter, and all boards would have to be at least  $7\frac{1}{2}$  feet long.

It seems that your best bet is to cut it down, and have the long pieces cut into boards, and attempt to sell them to lumber yards, furniture makers, etc. Then you could contact individual wood-workers, and sell the crotches to them. We were also informed that except for do-it-yourselfers, most good wood is used only for veneer today.

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damage without your knowledge by feeding on the roots. When a plant dies most people just throw it out without ever questioning that it could have been something in the soil. Take a fork and sitr up the soil and if you see something moving (look very closely) take steps to rid the soil of whatever it was that you saw.



### Congressman **Broomfield Reports From** Washington

The adage that "you can't judge a book by its cover," would certainly apply to the recently defeated consumer protection agency bill, according to Congressman William S. Broomfield (R-19th Dist.).

'Words like 'reorganization,' 'consumer protection,' or 'consumer representation' sound great when you first hear them. However, when you examine the administration-sponsored consumer protection bill, this time called the Office of Consumer Representation Reorganization Act, it becomes clear that the last person to be helped is the consumer.

"This bill would have created a costly new layer of government and more cost-adding red tape that we neither want nor need.

"At a time when people are already objecting to the size of government and its intrusiveness, we do not need to create another agency to regulate the existing regulatory agencies.

'What we need is to strip away some of the layers of bureaucracy and red tape. We need to use some common sense and make those agencies already created do the work intended for them.

"We have anti-trust laws to protect us from price fixing. We have a 'sunshine' law to give people greater access to the decision-making process, and the Freedom of Information Act to give them access to government records. We do need a 'sunset' law to have better Congressional oversight of the agencies and their work, but we do not need another federal agency," Broomfield said.

The Carter consumer protection bill proved to be another legislative setback for the Administration. Since 1971, a consumer protection bill has been voted upon in each Congress. The first bill, which was much stronger than the present version, was passed in the House by a vote of 344 to 44. Since then support has been steadily eroding. In 1975, the vote had been 208 to 199, and the present bill was defeated by a vote of 182 to 227. Under the Administration proposal, the agency would have had the power to represent the consumer in proceedings before other departments and regulatory agencies, whenever the agency thought that the interests of consumers were substantially affected. It would also have had the right to appeal agency actions or decisions to the court. "One of the basic problems with this proposal is that it assumes the consumer's interests are unified and quite clear. This agency would be saying that it alone knows what consumers want and need. "The reality is that there are many consumer interests that must be balanced on every issue. People have different priorities on environmental concern, price, durability, safety, aesthetics, reliability, and service. A federal consumer protection agency would have had to do the impossible and represent ALL consumers.

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Precipitation in our four townships and surrounding area for February consisted totally of snowfall, as temperatures failed to break the freezing barrier. Precipitation totals based on the melted equivalent of snowfall ranged from a low of 0.35 of an inch at Waterford/Eagle Lake to a high of only 0.67 of an inch at Pontiac/Elizabeth Lake. The northern Clarkston station reported 0.48 of an inch and the eastern Clarkston station reported 0.59 of an inch for the month. Precipitation totals in our area averaged about an inch below normal in February.

After being buried in snow during January, our monthly snowfall totals returned to near normal figures in February. Based on data from the eastern Clarkston station, our area received about 8 inches of snowfall during the month. That brings our seasonal snowfall total now to about 59 inches through the end of February. Although the calendar says that spring is just around the corner, I would say that we can expect at least one more heavy snowfall before spring officially arrives.

Temperatures during February were well below normal in our area, and were reminiscent of the bitter cold temperatures that we experienced during January of last year. Our mean (average) temperature during February was just under 15 degrees in the Clarkston area. The normal mean temperature for February is ROBERT C. DAVIS

# FORECAST:

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

about 25 degrees, so don't be shocked by a higher than normal home heating bill for the month. The highest temperature recorded in the Clarkston area during February was 32 degrees on the 24th and 25th, while the lowest temperature recorded was a bone-chilling 13 degrees below zero on the morning of the 4th. Our morning low temperatures were zero degrees or below on 12 mornings during the month, and were below 10 degrees on 22 of the first 23 days in February.

Our snow cover persisted throughout the entire month of February, ranging from 12 to 16 inches at the eastern Clarkston station. One year ago at this time, we were enjoying temperatures in the 50's and 60's and had lost all of our snowcover. This year the signs are pointing towards a late spring, but maybe with a little positive thinking we can get rid of all this snow by Easter.

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# Home Fire in Springfield

The Springfield Township Fire Department responded to a house fire at 9016 Sherwood Drive, March 2. A nearby neighbor called in the alarm at 1:48 a.m. after being awakened by a barking dog.

The home, owned by John Farrier of Pontiac, was undergoing extensive remodeling. Fire damage, roughly estimated at \$20,000 by Assistant Chief Elwyn Hillman, was generally confined to the center of the building. There was, however, smoke and heat damage throughout the entire building.

Cause of the fire is presently unknown and is still under investigation.







The house, itself, was built in the 1860's, but this photograph was taken in 1901. From the left are Gideon

and Ruth Ann Voorheis Gates, the hired girl with a cat and John G. Gates with his job.



The former Gates home, now belonging to the Buckmaster family, as it appears today, shows the

changes made as the house passed from family to family each adapting it to its own personal needs.

# **Historic Home has Modern Problems**

#### by Carol Balzarini

Gerald and Roberta Buckmaster are discovering firsthand that the past and the present do not always blend harmoniously. They live on Maybee Road in a home with an historic past surrounded by Oakland Woods, a development that certainly epitomizes the present.

When the couple purchased the house in 1974, it had been vacant for a year. The windows were broken and the light fixtures had been stolen. It wasn't until Buckmaster was satisfied with the condition of the plumbing and the furnace that a bid was made on the house.

He explained that it had been a trade-in and called it "the house nobody wanted." Even so it took eight months of negotiating with the realtor to agree on a price. Because of the condition of the house they could only get a loan for half its price. But the Buckmasters were willing to make sacrifices because they really wanted that house.

Interested in its history, they decided to research the house. They had been told at one time that the house had been built in 1910, but one look at the hand-hewn beams and the stone foundation indicated otherwise.

After some digging, the name Gates came up and not just any Gates, but the family who started the Gates

In 1909 the house and remaining property were sold to the Osmun family. The Buckmaster are still researching subsequent owners. They hope to find photographs or recollections of the structural changes made in the house.

While delving into the past and trying to "unmodernize" their old home, the Buckmasters are constantly reminded of the present. They had known about Oakland Woods when they purchased the house, but never expected it to become so intrusive so soon.

Pheasant Run, the road providing access to the development from Maybee Road, parallels their eastern boundary. According to Buckmaster, construction of the entrance flair, required by the state highway department, dug up their front yard and knocked down the mailbox curtailing mail delivery for two weeks. The mess created was never regraded and Buckmaster nearly ruined his small tractor trying to do the job himself.

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The family said they have never been too happy with the condition of the entranceway citing also the developer's refusal to keep the area, particularly that adjacent to their yard, mowed and litter-free during the summer months.

Unhappiness with the developer does not end there, according to the Buckmasters. They feel that he is not living up to his agreement with the township for cluster housing on smaller lots to preserve the open spaces.

Rubber Company in Denver, Colorado.

Mrs. Buckmaster wrote to the company and discovered to her delight that not only was the family cooperative but they also had a sense of history, keeping anecdotes, records and photographs which they shared with her.

The property on which their house is situated was once part of a whole section owned by Adam Fisher. It has since been reduced in size to 230' x 210', ironically, with Oakland Woods being developed on the rest of it. Fisher, who built the original portion of the house, was the maternal great-grandfather of Ruth Ann Voorheis, daughter of Peter and Mary Fisher Voorheis. She married Gideon Gates in 1877. Their sons John G. and Charles C. went on to found the rubber company in Denver but spent their early years in the house on Maybee Road.

Records of the Registery of Deed Office for the county show that Adam Fisher gave an acre of land on the east side of the cemetery to the First Presbyterian Church of Independence in 1855. The family also donated the land for the cemetery itself and for the Sashabaw School.

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They cited such examples as water running down the road for a number of weeks last summer indicating to them, the draining of ponds and the cutting of many existing trees in the so-called "open areas." They also . claimed that one pond had been filled with leftover building materials.

Tim Palulian of the Independence Township building department confirmed that the developers did, indeed, have a cluster option granted by the township to prevent the leveling of the area to facilitate building. He said that the density (number of houses) remains the same but some of the lots are smaller than those normally required.

"It's a good development, believe me," he said, entirely satisfied that the open spaces were being maintained and that any cutting or filling was being done in those areas designated for homes. He also said that he believed the water to be standing water in low-lying areas rather than actual ponds.

But the Buckmasters' problems don't end there.

The utility companies have also contributed their share of annoyances.

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Mr. Buckmaster says one power company buried their lines six feet into the property. A settlement was eventually made but nonetheless the hassle was there. While working another utility company apparently cut the power lines to their house, an accident but still another annoyance.

Buckmaster says the biggest shock came when the telephone company announced its intention to purchase a right-of-way to bury their lines across the center of the front yard. Workmen explained they had to be that far off the road so as not to present a problem when Maybee Road was widened to four lanes according to the 1968 master highway right-of-way plan.

Dennis Pajot, a spokesman for the county road commission, assured the Reminder that it was a plan only and that implementation of that plan was far from being a reality. Floyd Tower, Independence Township supervisor, also gave assurances that there were no such plans locally either.

At any rate, Buckmaster, angered by this final infringement, said he refused to give the right-of-way as a matter of principal and settled instead for overhead lines and two telephone poles.

"But," he added, "I'm going to the county and find, out what right-of-way they do have....I don't know what rights I have. Somebody like me doesn't carry much weight compared with 250 homes."

And so the Buckmasters will continue their efforts to restore their home little by little as time and money permit while Oakland Woods continues to grow around them like mushrooms in the spring.



### Letter to the Editor

The Holly Area School Administrative Association (HASAA) would appreciate your assistance, if possible, in making the Holly community aware of what has been a two year project to get a contract.

The last three years have seen the building principals, assistant principals, and directors of Holly Area Schools living on fixed salaries.

This condition was brought about not by choice but by circumstances. Three years ago, salaries wre frozen by the Holly Board of Education for the above mentioned administrators. All other employee groups of the school district, as well as the superintendent and assistant superintendent, have received raises during the years.

Contract negotiations between the Holly Area Schools Administrative Association and the Board of Education have been going on for more than two years. A fact finder has been sought through Michigan Employment Relations Commissions to assist in bringing the quest for a master contract into reality.

In the meantime, administrators continue to be frustrated trying to stretch their fixed salary to encompass the cost of living increases of the last three years.

Frank Lukowski, President

Holly Area Schools Administrative Assoc.

local "character", sheriff, dogcatcher, undertaker, cab driver, etc. Pete has a knack for delivering comic lines and Vern had a lot of them.

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Betty Richard as the much-married designer, Bob Cook as her latest selection, Tammy Hughson as the local real estate agent, and Bob Arend as the amnesia victim were all able members of the cast. In his brief appearance as Crane Hammond's husband, Keith Conklin looked just a bit too boyish.

The play is full of wit and just the right amount of suspense. It's worth seeing for the third act alone when the entire cast plays musical doors in the dark all looking for hidden diamonds:

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### CVP Does it Again! By Carol Balzarini

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Chalk up another plus for the Clarkston Village Players. "Exit the Body" is one of the funniest plays to be seen in a long time.

Credit should be given to those responsible for the selection of the script. I don't know what else Fred Carmichael has written but this reviewer is partial to his kind of humor.

Credit must also be given to director Marlene Sewick and her assistant Janelle Jacobson for putting it all together.

Pat Thomas as the wise-cracking secretary Kate Bixley nearly steals the show. As a city girl coerced into a rural vacation by her employer, she refers to the great numbers of birds saying. "If they ever find a leader, we're in trouble." Her verbal battle with the country maid Jenny, played by Sandy Sanford, delighted the audience.

Pete Rose was appropriately cast as Vern Cookley, the

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### SAY YOU SAW IT IN THE REMINDER TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1978 PAGE EIGHTEEN



This home at 25 S. Holcomb has many elements of Italian Villa architecture: a hipped roof, wide eaves supported by brackets and backed by vertical siding, and iron work on the roof. The latter was common especially in larger, more elaborate homes. The enclosed vestibule on the front seems to be a later addition.



by Carol Balzarini and Sue Basinger

This week's photographs show the intermingling of styles and the effects of changes made through the years. Three of the houses are simple Italian Villa style perhaps difficult to identify because of the attempts to make older homes either more practical or more fashionable.

As was seen with the Gothic Revival trend, and seen here in the Washington Street house, an attempt to update a home often resulted in the grafting of elements of present fashionable styles to older homes.

Although there is no example presented here, one of the most common Italian Villa elements added to older homes was the front porch. The desire for "verandas" necessitated their inclusion in many ensuing styles.





This house at 8 E. Washington [circa 1850] has a gable roof typical of Greek Revival with a simple wide entablature and short returns. However, the bay window is a later Italian Villa addition. The bay is characteristically capped with a low pitched roof supported by brackets under the eaves. The proportion of the bay windows is more elongated than that of the windows in the body of the house, still another Italian

Cast iron, an important element of many Italian Villa homes, seen in somewhat limited use in this area. became a widely used building material in the second half of the 19th century. Taking the place of hand wrought iron, cast products were mass-produced in

popularity that everything from furniture to entire building facades flourished. Many buildings with entire ironwork fronts were built in the Northeast although we now think of such architecture as being synonymous

architecture, cast iron became an increasingly used structural material, one which hailed the advent of

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Located at 738 Davisburg Road, this is one of four neighboring houses of Italian Villa style. The brackets which occur in pairs support the wide eaves of the hipped roof and are original. The wood clapboard siding which would have been original has been covered with asbestos shingles.



Another simple cube farmhouse, here on the Dixie Highway, retains the same main Italian Villa elements as the house on Davisburg Road. The pairs of brackets, however, are backed by vertical siding in this case.

### Parents Without Partners

Single parents are invited to 'attend the general membership meeting of Parents Without Partners Orion-Oxford Chapter, Tuesday, March 7, 1978 at 8:00 p.m. Meetings are now being held at the Clear Lake Elementary School, west on Drahner Road, off M-24, Oxford.

Speaker for the evening will be Dr. Art Jalkenan, psychologist from Oakland Community College speaking on "Second Marriage".

For more information call 628-1047 or 628-3923.

### **Oakland County Closes Books on 1977**

### with \*1,275,215 Surplus

In a report to the Finance Committee of the Board of Commissioners, Murphy said the 1977 books are closed with an operating surplus of \$1,275,215, and that \$700,000 has already been included in the estimated revenues for the 1978 budget. Murphy recommended that the balance, \$575,217, be placed in the contingency fund.

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"Most of this surplus can be attributed to improved revenues during 1977 due to a more active economy," Murphy said. "We also benefited from such things as greater collections of our appointed attorneys, an extension of the 25 percent level of reimbursement from the Friend of the Court, and increased revenues from contractural services provided by the Sheriff's Department to various townships."

Oakland County government has shown a surplus in every year since the County Executive form was established in 1974. The 1975 surplus was \$21,000 and in 1976 it reached \$2 million.

SAY YOU SAW IT IN THE REMINDER TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1978 PAGE NINETEEN



Despite the efforts of Steve Evans [50], Craig Czinder [24] and Tim McCormick, the Clarkston Wolves were defeated by Pontiac Northern 44-61 in tournament play last week.

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Wolves' high scorer was Sophomore Tim McCormick with 19 points in the CHS-Northern match.

# **Huskies Growl** Past Wolves, 61-44

The Clarkston Wolves met with defeat in semi-final basketball tourney play against the Pontiac Northern Huskies, Wednesday, March 1.

It was a tough contest for both teams -----for Clarkston because of the novelty of making it to the semi-finals (This was first time in six years.) and for Northern because they'd never seen the Wolves on the court.

At the start of the game, it looked like Clarkston was going to carry the game when center Steve Evans scored the first two points with a hook shot, but Northern charged in and rolled in 13 consecutive points. The Wolves managed to get under the basket a few more times in the first period, but Northern's Andrew Ewing poured on the steam tossing in 11 points in the eight minutes ending the first period in the lead 18-7.

Coach Nustad's netters had a tough go of it in the second period, able to score only 8 points but holding Northern to a mere nine points. Even at that Northern led by 12 at the half,  $27-\overline{15}$ .

The Huskies could have made it a wider margin, but their percentage at the foul line was their downfall, hitting only 5 of 12 attempts.

Clarkston's sophomore 6'7" Tim McCormick was finely tuned in the third period, scoring nine of his 19 point game total as the Wolves tried to get back in the contest.

They were only able to cut the deficit to 11 before Northern pulled away in the fourth period, ending the game, 61-44.

Clarkston outshined Northern in turnovers and assists showing the crowd a bit more sophistication than Northern expected from the small town GOAL Co-champs.

Tim McCormick led the Wolves in total points with 19. Steve Evans followed with 8. Senior forward Tim Birtsas rolled in 6 with Matt Wenzel adding 3. Skip Kulaszewski, Craig Czinder, Kit Pappas and Rubin Hutchons each had 2 points.



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# **Twins Born February 15**

Twin girls, Jennifer Jean and Sara Rene were born to Kathy and Bobby Sophiea of Grand Blanc, February 15, 1978. Bobby is a Goodrich area businessman as part owner of the CJ& B-A-Ba Wood & Wax.

Maternal grandparents are Gerry and Ruby Darby of Grand Blanc, Bill and Darlene Denam of Grand Blanc. Paternal grandparents are Bill and Norma Sophiea of Clarkston.



Jennifer Jean Sophiea

### Horses and 4-Wheel Drives Move In Mar. 11, 12

The weekend following the Tractor Pull and the "Grand Ole Opry Stars on Tour" Show, the Pontiac Silverdome will be humming again...this time as the site of the Four-Wheel Drive-A-Rama (Mar. 11) and the first annual Midwest Horse-A-Rama (Mar. 12). Both shows will feature commercial exhibits.





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The two truck pulls will be different shows, with stock and modified classes competing in the afternoon and the open division chasing the evening purse after a special "celebrity pull" starts the evening program.

The Midwest Horse-A-Rama, sanctioned by the State-wide Speed Horse Association, will feature double running horse relays, lady speed horse racing, national cattle cutting finals and horse versatility exhibitions. Also performing will be King and Wendy Miller, Michigan's top trick horse act.

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To further demonstrate the versatility of the horse — the theme of the show — the Chuck Grant Horse-capades will perform a square dance routine on horseback.

In addition, the Detroit Police Mounted Drill Team is also scheduled to perform in the afternoon event.

The Allegan and Shiawassee Sheriff's Posse contingents will appear in the Grand Parade.

Many varied demonstrations of the use of horses have been scheduled. These include pleasure and horsemanship, reining horses, walking horses, fine driving horses, trick horses, Appaloosa stump runners, trick riders, Arabian ladies costume, jumping, dessage and American saddle breeds, Paso Finas, Tennessee walkers and Morgan Fine Harness.

Tickets for the 4-Wheel Drive-A-Rama are \$3 for the afternoon event and \$5 for the evening show. Admission to the Midwest Horse-A-Rama is \$5. Children 12 years and under are admitted for \$1 for each show. All are available at J. L. Hudson's ticket offices and the Pontiac Silverdome box office.

### SAY YOU SAW IT IN THE REMINDER TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1978 PAGE TWENTY ONE



\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Marilyn Bridgeman

# WHAT'S HAPPENING \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

I love new experiences. They help round out your life and make you a more interesting person. The "new experience" I had last weekend also made me hard of hearing.

My family and I attended "The World's Largest Tractor Pull" at the Silverdome. My tractor vocabulary until this time was made up of the obscene terms my husband uses to describe our little lawn tractor which never runs.

The machinery present at the Silverdome no more resembled my conception of tractors than my compact car resembles a limo. Other than that they all had 2 immense rear tires, the tractors looked like everything from dragsters to giant golf carts.

The stadium floor had a 300 foot track down the center of it on which dirt moving equipment moved constantly to keep it packed and smooth. The competing tractors were lined up around the perimeter of the track.

The competition took place three different times involving three weight divisions. We watched the 9,000 lb. Hot Rod Division. 9,000 lb. is the tractor weight each competitor must pull a 50,000 lb. sled called the "Eliminator" down the dirt track.

When the first tractor began its pull, the noise was deafening. Now I understood why the three kids sitting in front of us wore ear muffs.

The audience wasn't nearly as loud as the tractors, and the announcer kept telling them when to applaud. But when 18 yr. old David Rursch of Taylor Ridge,

Illinois completed a Full Pull (300 ft.) the crowd responded enthusiastically. This was Rursch's 2nd pull. The first time he only went 66 ft. The crowd appreciated the difference.

It was fascinating to observe the power the tractors generated. Smoke and fire belched from their exhaust pipes and many times the weight of the eliminator pulled

the tractor's front end off the ground. I'm told that's called a "wheelie".

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The drivers all have cute names for their tractors i.e. "The Streaker", "Hog Wild", "Big Bad Wolf" and the "Black Knight".

Brandon STAGE (Ortonville's answer for Community Theater) is getting ready for auditions of its next production Lil' Abner.

The Brandon STAGE's board of directors selected D. Lozier to produce Abner, Duane Frick for director and Doug Hostettler for musical director. These three people will run the auditions which are scheduled for March 21, 22, 23 in the Brandon High School band room at 7:00 p.m.

Lil Abner is a musical which involves 46 characters. It takes place in Dogpatch, USA and is based on the comic strip by Al Capp.

Ms, Lozier commented "With a cast of this size and the amount of work that must go into a musical, I hope many people will come to auditions to try our and sign up for other production duties."

She continued by saying, "Musicians, especially a pianist are also needed." (Not to mention a tall. dark. handsome, muscular man who can sing and act. Lil Abner, where are you?)

For further information contact Ms. Lozier at 634-9645.





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My favorite was driven by a young fellow from Saline, Michigan (who also made a Full Pull) called "My Father's Nightmare No. 2".

The closest thing I can compare this exhibition to is a drag race. All the tractors have pit crews and are custom designed. One tractor had a Rolls Royce engine, three had Allison Aircraft engines, and one twin-turbine engines. They ranged from 700-4,000 horse power.

Milton Bergman from Ft. Recovery, Ohio pulled 25 tons with a 6 engine tractor that cost \$8,000 just to modify for competition. I just can't imagine Milt's tractor plowing the back 40.

Just before we left, William Newton from Prophetstown, Illinois competed. His machine looked more like what you'd expect a tractor to look like. The length of his pull was 269 ft. 9 in., just short of a Full Pull. Mr. Newton has pulled for 25 years and is 71 years of age. If he's not deaf by now, I guess I'll survive.







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