

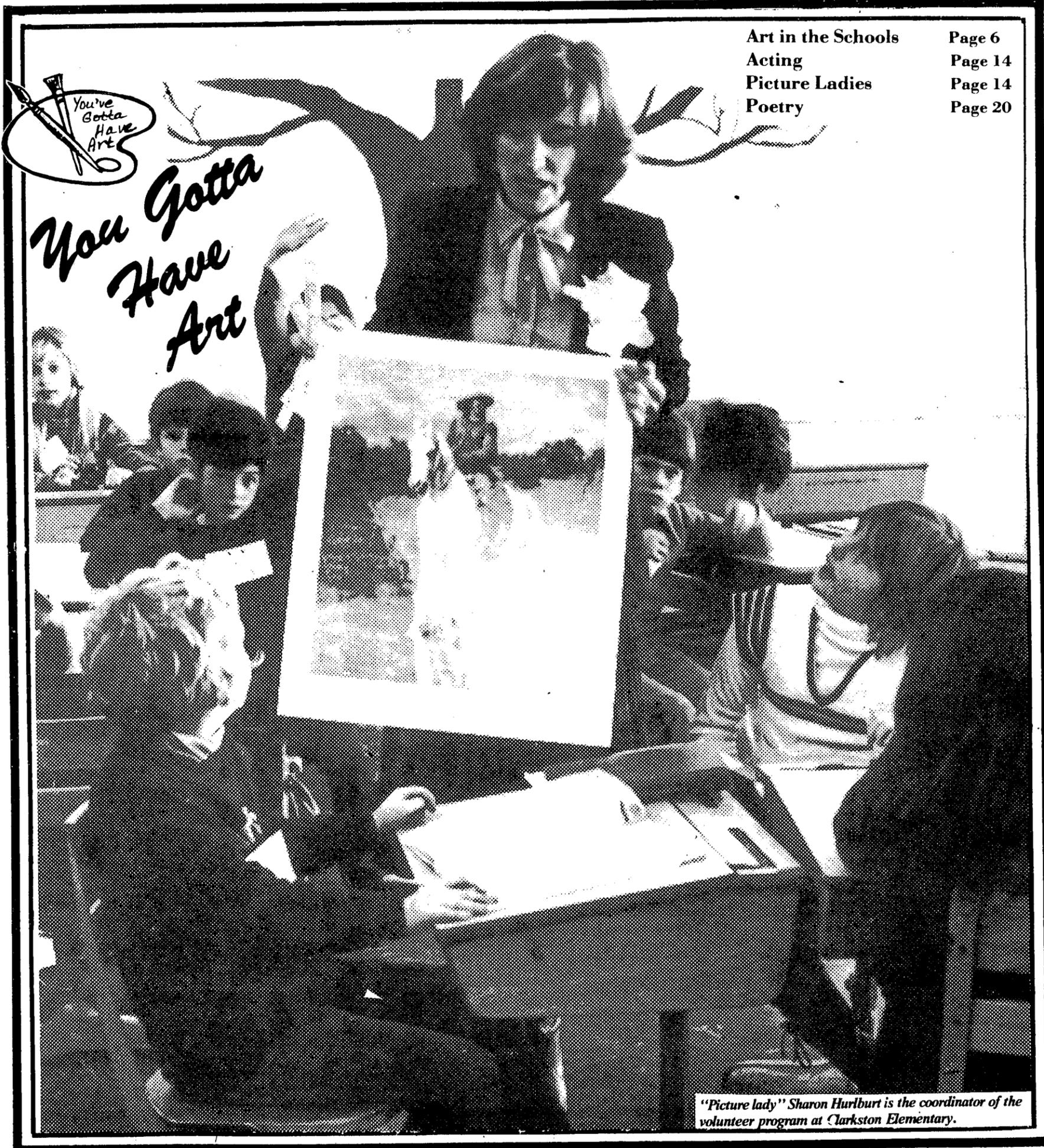
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Students Find Applying for Jobs Isn't Easy at Career Day

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"Did you get a job offer? Weren't you terrified? I think I did okay!" were commonly heard expressions as Clarkston Junior High School ninth graders were interviewed recently by area business people during a Career Day project.

Career Day interviews were planned by Kate Germuska, English teacher, and Dave Bihl, social science, who combined their teaching efforts during a nine-week career education unit. While Bihl concentrated on career investigation and job research skills, Germuska focused on the practical skills needed to land a job.

"Interviewing, reading want ads and filling out applications are real life skills each student must have," Germuska said. "Practicing interviews will give these kids a tremendous advantage when they begin looking for jobs."

Six area business people were contacted and volunteered to act as interviewers, Tom Rademacher from Rademacher Chevrolet, Julius Dael from Country Value Hardware, Martha Wheeler from Pontiac State Bank, David McNiven from Coach's Corner, and John Grover and Gorham Giles from McDonald's. Assistant principal Doug Pierson and counselor Marge Dever were also resource people.

Career Day activities allowed students two-hour breaks in which to participate in question-and-answer periods, short interviews with the resource people, and to play an employment simulation game called "The Job Hunt." In the game students role-played employers, state employment counselors, and job hunters.

Germuska's 110 English students, all members of the ninth grade interdisciplinary team, had been preparing for nearly two weeks for Career Day by discussing filmstrips showing good and bad interviews, role-playing and critiquing interviews, discussing interview etiquette, body language and persuasive techniques.

When the big day arrived, the students were ready with completed application forms and appropriate job-hunting attire. If they were deemed competent for



Dave McNiven of Coach's Corner interviews a prospective employee.

employment after being interviewed, they were given job offers.

Ninth grader Martin Arpoika said, "I've been interviewed before but no one took time to explain what I had done right or wrong. This really helped."

"Mrs. Wheeler helped us with our applications," said Jayne Sheehy. "She said to be really positive about ourselves."

Nola Carline decided it was "scary but I feel more confident now."



A simulation game was just one part of Career Day activities. Shown here interviewing each other are ninth graders Lisa George (left), Colleen Humphrey, Greg McMichael, Jill Nowicki and Tim Dobson.

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editor's note

Do You Have a Heart Warming Story to Tell?

"You Gotta Have Art"--the theme of this week's
 Reminder may well read "You Gotta Have Heart" if we
 can get enough readers to submit their "heart
 warming" stories to The Reminder this week.

Just like the artist who spends a great deal of time
 creating for the pleasure of others, the person "with
 heart" gives his time and energy willingly to help better
 his community. A person "with heart" may be the
 friendly neighbor who shovels your walk or he may be
 the guy who drives your children to school functions
 occasionally. Maybe she's the lady that spends most of
 her time working with volunteer civic organizations...or
 just maybe it's the guy who's spent two decades as a
 public official.

The Reminder would like to hear about each and

everyone of these people. If you got a friend, neighbor or
 someone you'd like to publicly recognize for their good
 achievements please write The Reminder (in 100 words or
 less) and tell us about that person.

Next week's Reminder, which will be published on
 Valentine's Day, will include many of the heartwarming
 stories we receive. From those published, we will select
 two or three that we feel are the best tributes and award
 those unselfish "People with heart" free passes to an
 area theatre.

So if you got someone in mind that you'd like to pay
 tribute to, jot down your story on a piece of paper and
 send it to The Reminder, 260 M-15, Ortonville 48462.
 And please hurry--all stories must be received by
 Saturday, February 10.

Mike Wilcox

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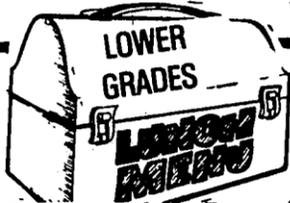
May I express my appreciation for the copy of the
 story and editorial comment on the YWCA Domestic
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 regarding the historical development as well as our
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Cordially,
 Mary Ellen Wasserberger
 Executive Director
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Dear Carol,

I want to sincerely thank you for your fine coverage in
 The Reminder February 1, 1979 of the Davisburg
 Jaycette activities. Especially the coverage of the Baby
 Photo Contest and the Story Time for the library. We
 appreciate Carol coming out to the Springfield Township
 Library and covering the puppets donated. We enjoyed
 meeting you.

Sincerely,
 Ina Golden
 Pat Pfenning
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February 12-Mini Submarine Sandwich or Spaghetti &
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February 13-Egg & Cheese Sandwich or Pizzaburgers,
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February 14-Beef Stew with Homemade Roll & Butter or
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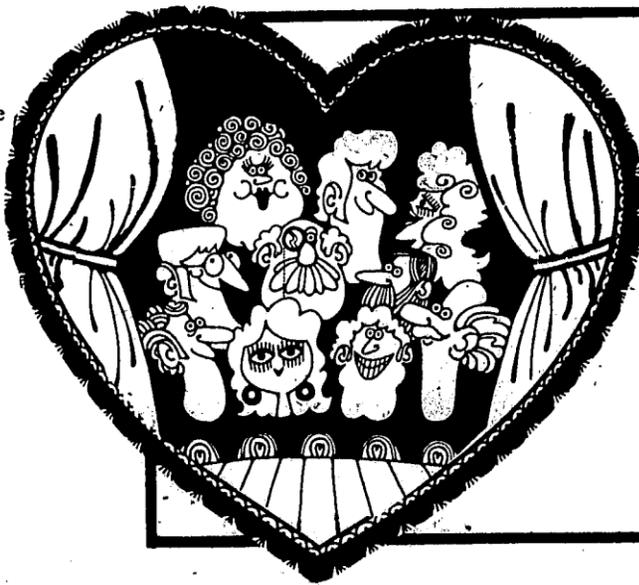
February 8-Beef Stew, Tacos, green beans, beets, fruit
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February 9-B.B.Q. Hot Dogs, Fishwich, tater tots,
 spinach, variety of fruit, milk.

February 12-Sloppy Joes, Hamburgers, tater tots, peas,
 peach halves, pear halves, milk.

February 13-Pin Wheels, Hot Dogs, corn, beets,
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February 14-Monterey Jack Sandwich, Pizzaburger,
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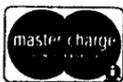
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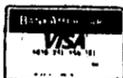
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Anonymous Gourmets

in Suburbia or

**"Can I substitute Minute
Rice for Wild Rice?"**

by Carol Balzarini

There is at least one gourmet cooking group in the Clarkston area, the members of which shall remain anonymous for reasons that may become obvious. The members are ten couples, some new to the community, some not so new. It was started by some of the newcomers to become better acquainted with their neighbors and, presumably, to show off their culinary skills.

When one thinks of gourmet cooking one thinks of the famous school in Paris, turning out chefs whose skill in the kitchen would delight even the fussiest eater. Naturally one would assume members of this group would have similar skills, otherwise why call it "gourmet?"

The initial gathering last fall was a cocktail party, each woman bringing her favorite hors d'oeuvre. One AG bit into a hot cheddar ball with an olive in the middle and exclaimed, "Good grief, I'm allergic to olives!" Another AG took the term "cocktail" party literally and dressed for the occasion only to find a variety of very casual attire. Such was the beginning of the gourmet cooking club.

Since the group was so large it was decided to have two hostesses for each dinner dividing the AGs in half for cocktails and dinner but reassembling to one home for dessert and coffee. Gourmet dinners were scheduled for every six weeks. Hostesses were responsible for planning the menu, gathering the necessary recipes, and passing out the completed menus to the rest of the gourmet cooks.

The first dinner had a holiday harvest theme with a stuffed pork roast, fruit salad, squash, corn chowder and pecan pie. The menu-planners had included, unfortunately, a squash recipe theretofore untested. One AG, however, was delighted to be given that recipe having a garage full of squash grown that summer in her garden.

She cut and peeled numerous butternuts and, after measuring the cooked squash, discovered she was four cups short. Since time was also short, she ran to the freezer and took out two more containers of previously cooked squash. When the final ingredients were added, she was instructed to put them in a 2-quart casserole. She ended up having to use a 4-quart instead and still had a large bowl left over making her children, who hate squash, very unhappy. So much for untested recipes.

When the two groups assembled after dinner in one home, it was discovered the other AG had overlooked her squash recipe completely forcing her hostess to open a couple cans of green beans---really a gourmet treat! The forgetful cook took a lot of teasing and will read her menu more carefully next time.

The second dinner, held only last week, centered around a wild game theme---pheasant, rabbit, venison, and salmon---because two of the husbands were wild game hunters and fishermen and sometimes even brought some home. While still in the planning stages about half of the AGs were more than a little hesitant about some of these unfamiliar foods prompting the hostesses to promise to have a goodly supply of gourmet peanut butter and jelly on hand, just in case.

The rest of the menu included sweet and sour red cabbage, carrot soup, stuffed mushrooms, sherry and lime pies, and wild rice. The rice brought a phone call from one nervous AG wanting to know how cooking wild rice compared with cooking minute rice or the kind that came in little plastic boiling bags. Her experience with rice was obviously somewhat limited.

For some foolish reason it had been decided beforehand to meet at just one house, if only to simplify the serving of the varied meat course. That decision necessitated borrowing an extra table and some chairs from the church, carefully counting out dishes and silverware, and causing a minor panic over the shortage of soup bowls.

Aside from problems experienced in preparation, the wild game dinner was great fun. Even the most hesitant gourmet gamely tried a little bit of everything. The one exception was that an AG named Bunny refused to try the rabbit. There seemed to be something significant about that.

The Reminder forum

a page designed to stimulate opinion

THOUGHTS 'N THINGS

Two or three weekends ago, our family invited another family over for dinner. It snowed that morning, so we told them to bring their cross-country skis, and come early. What used to be railroad tracks behind our condominium has become a marvelous area for walkers, runners, snowmobilers and cross-country ski enthusiasts, so they accepted our invitation with pleasure.

We skied, then had dinner, and because it was still early, decided to play some pinocle. At that point, my husband decided to play some background music. He has always been one of Bob's favorites. This time, however, we were offered a surprise treat by one of our guests.

I was familiar with the music, as it is, I believe, the third recording we have owned of the 1812 Overture. It has always been one of Bob's favorites. This time, however, we were offered a surprise treat by one of our guests.

A surgeon, a Catholic educated by Jesuit priests, half asleep after the skiing and the meal we'd just eaten, our friend Pete suddenly "came to life" again. Both hands were in the air, directing an imaginary orchestra with great enthusiasm. As he directed, he gave us a blow by blow account of the war which was the background of the music. It was as if we were seeing what Tchaikovsky saw when he composed it--on a giant television screen. The drama and the music ended, and we all sat around the table and sighed. It was a marvelous experience for us and our children.

Naturally, I asked Pete how he had learned all that Russian history. He said he had learned it in music appreciation courses. Now this man is wealthy, thanks to

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Joan Allen

Feature Editor

some hard working ancestors, but he is a doctor because he likes people. (He even makes house-calls for the senior citizens he operates on.) He travels a lot, and he and his wife have a busy social life. In other words, he has a nice life, and is generally a hard working, but content man. On the other hand, I have never seen him quite so enthused, happy, content, or excited as he was during the playing of that record.

As it happens, I received some records for Christmas too. "The Poems of Thomas Hardy" read by Richard Burton; a record of poetry and prose by Kipling, read by Boris Karloff, Nigel Davenport, and other marvelous voices; a record of poetry of Robert Browning, read by James Mason; and another of A.E. Housman's poetry read by James Mason.

I happen to be one of those unfortunate people who grew up thinking that the best way to relieve the pains and aches of strain and tension was to pop a "goodie" in the mouth, or smoke a cigarette. I had been an adult for quite some time before people began saying that neither of those things was good. (I wonder if our kids realize that there was a time that people thought smoking was bad for kids, but not for adults!) A nice layer of fat was once thought to be the sign of health, and most of us enjoyed being healthy. But, that was in the good old days. Suddenly, the guilt I began to feel over my means of reducing tension were causing greater tension! Heaven forbid! It was about that time that I realized that there were "goodies" that didn't have any tar, nicotine, or calories in them.

In short, I found that if I listened to good music or my poetry records, and I worked on some needlework or crocheted at the same time, that tension left me. That gave me a lot to think about.

Now our surgeon friend and my husband and I have something in common. We grew up in a society that knew how important beauty was to man. We were given music and art appreciation courses in elementary school. We were taken on field trips to museums and concerts and plays. We were exposed to a variety of the fine arts, and we were taught that a person wasn't educated unless he or she appreciated and understood all about man's creativity. Man's search for beauty and structure, and the proof that man could find near-perfect states of being, even for a short while, were a promise to us, that we too might attain a high state. In other words, we were taught that there were the rewards of beauty awaiting us, if we were willing to be patient and keep trying.

How different it is in the "real" world. Those who make money their "God" become disillusioned and despairing. Achieving a top position means increased tension and concern over the changes of losing what has been gained!

We have a choice of the way in which we use the years of our lives. The study of beauty in all the forms that man has worked with; the appreciation and understanding of man's creative needs and abilities; the joy of seeing and hearing the order and structures of our universe as interpreted by artist's, musicians, dancers, and poets; the development of one's ability to love and live life to the fullest, is one choice.

Living the life of "reduced" man; denying the value and worth of the creative forces; denying the pleasure of beauty and man's attempts to perfection, while pointing out the flaws in his nature. Cursing the darkness while overlooking the candles of beauty that can light up our existence; that is the other choice.

Even more importantly--are we giving our children a choice?

or in the not-too-distant future.

Mrs. Stanley is proud of the 'pretty big things' accomplished by an organization as small as the Springfield Historical Society, and they're hoping to organize some project for the spring, but exactly what the project will be hasn't been set so far.

Bulletin Board

"Love Songs" to Benefit CVP

The problem of what to give your Valentine on February 14 has been solved by Miriam Parr and Lawrence Bate, soprano and tenor respectively, who will serenade your loved one with appropriate musical selections.

Billed as "Love Songs: Here and There, Now and Then," the pair will begin with love songs of the early English Renaissance, blend in some classical pieces, musically skip along to folk songs and pop numbers, and manage to include Broadway show tunes in the hour and a half presentation.

The day, of course, is Valentine's Day, Wednesday, February 14. The place is the Depot Theatre on White Lake Road and the time is 7:30 p.m. While enjoying an evening of love songs, romantics in the audience will also be "sweethearts" of the Clarkston Village Players who are sponsoring this musical evening with all proceeds going to the CVP building fund. Refreshments are planned during the brief intermission.

Parr and Bate will be accompanied by pianist Edward Ballon, percussionist James (Santiago) Sanchez, and guitarist Terry Ross. Tickets for the benefit are available at Tierra Arts and Design, from any Village Player or at the Depot Theatre.

Two Area Youths Win Air Force Nominations

Congressman William S. Broomfield (R-Birmingham) today announced that he has nominated two area youths to compete for 1979 appointments to the United States Air Force Academy.

Gordon E. Sanders is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary W. Sanders of 26 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. He will graduate from Clarkston High School in June.

Matthew J. Grice is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon J.

Grice of 10506 Big Lake Road, Davisburg. He will also graduate from Clarkston High School in June.

Sanders and Grice will be competing with eight other nominees from the 19th Congressional District of Michigan for one vacancy at the academy.

Congressman Broomfield explained that candidates are selected on a competitive basis strictly on their own merits. The final appointment will be made by a selection board at the academy.

Congressman Broomfield urges youths interested in attending service academies next year to contact him before November at 2306 Rayburn House Office Building, Washing, D.C. 20515.

Square Dance at St. Daniels

A Fun Level Square Dance will be held in St. Daniel's Social Hall, 7007 Holcomb Street, Clarkston, February 10, 8-11 p.m.

Called will be Ed Farr. For more information call 394-0577.

Sheep Association to Meet

Tri-County Sheep Association will be meeting on February 8, at 7:30 at the Cooperative Extension Service Office located at G-4215 W. Pasadena, Flint. They will have a video tape on sheep management. For more information call 625-2665 or 625-3202.

Historical Society Needs Members

The Springfield Historical Society needs new members to sustain it and keep it working.

The problem, according to member Nancy Stanley, is that "we've got the same people doing the same things and they're getting tired of it and leaving the Society to do other things."

So, in order to get the Society back on the right track, a drive to bring new members into the organization is being discussed and is most probable, either right now

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by Carol Balzarini

A number of years ago, the Joint Legislative Committee on the Arts published a report entitled "The Status of the Arts in Michigan." The 215-page report covered such topics as public radio and television, the Michigan Council for the Arts, colleges, universities, and community colleges, and the results of a 1974 survey of Michigan public schools.

The report read, in part, "...the value of children to the arts is self-evident; any cultural element in our civilization must have their eventual support to sustain vitality. Because children are the hope of all things future, however, their value to the arts is not nearly as important as the value of the arts to them."

The report also cited a study presented at the White House Conference on Children which asserted that our educational system is "blunting the natural creativity of children by isolating them from the arts."

It goes on to quote the National Art Education Association, "Every elementary schoolchild should receive regularly scheduled art instruction from a certified teacher in a specially equipped art room for a minimum of 180 minutes per week." Yet the subsequent Michigan survey showed that 25 percent of the schools in the state offered no art program at all and, if they did exist, they were taught by the classroom teacher.

It showed further many schools have no art rooms and insufficient library facilities, resource materials, and equipment to carry on an adequate program. The survey, also found, not surprisingly, that in the majority of cases art programs would be cut back before the major curriculum areas in times of budgetary cutbacks; art programs were a "low priority" item.

According to the survey, music programs faced a similar situation particularly general music. Instrumental and vocal music fared better, on the whole, with special teachers and/or rooms. But again they fared poorly in times of budgetary cutbacks.

Dance programs are virtually non-existent in Michigan schools and are usually part of physical education if they do exist in some form. Drama programs share the same "precarious existence," according to the survey, with 100 percent of the schools reporting that classroom teachers handled whatever drama there was.

Overall, elementary arts programs appear to suffer due to two major problems: limited funding and low priority. The report concluded that "financial support for the arts must be the concern of local school systems, the State Board of Education, and the State Legislature."

As far as the intermediate schools, grades 5-9 in the survey, were concerned, the outlook was brighter; 95 percent of the schools in Michigan offered elective visual arts programs. The report concluded, however, that due to limited elementary exposure to the arts there was

little or no motivation to choose these classes.

Aside from that problem, there was definite improvement with special teachers, special rooms, and equipment in intermediate schools offering arts programs. On the negative side, all programs were again low priority items and most apt to suffer budget cuts.

Although the high schools provided the most developed arts programs, they experienced problems meeting the needs of students who lack experience and motivation. Class experience in fine arts is rarely a requirement for graduation although an average 90 percent of Michigan students receive at least one year of instruction in English, math, science and physical education. An average of only 50 percent of the students receive this much instruction in all of the music disciplines combined, 30 percent in visual arts, 20 percent in drama, and 11 percent in dance.

For reasons not specifically explained, the survey showed the intermediate level to be generally better equipped for art, and vocal and instrumental music programs than the other levels.

In its conclusion, the legislative report stated, "The Committee believes that the goal of arts education in Michigan's elementary, middle and secondary schools should be the exposure of all children to all the arts and that the arts should be a part of general education...the arts should be integrated into the educational substance of other subjects."

The first step taken toward that goal was the appropriation of \$25,000 for two conferences on the arts in education to take place in the spring and fall of 1975.

According to Superintendent of Schools Milford Mason, grants at the state or federal level to further the arts in education have not progressed very much to his knowledge. He did say, however, that the 1974 survey was about to be updated by Senator Jack Faxon's committee because Mason received a letter last fall requesting an update on the status of the arts in the Clarkston Schools.

Mason said the system presently has three elementary vocal music teachers and one parttime instrumental teacher. There are six full time music teachers on the secondary level, one instrumental and one vocal in each building. The junior high instrumental music teachers also work with the elementary schools.

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year. There is also an elective drama class. Drama in the junior high schools is not curricular, occurring only occasionally. Mason said Clarkston Junior would be more apt to have some drama if only because of the stage in the gym. On the elementary level, it is up to the individual teacher but dramatic activity is there.

Again art on the elementary level is up to the classroom teacher although the "picture lady" program, begun three years ago at Pine Knob, is continuing to grow. That program relies on volunteers, is funded by the PTA/PTO, and varies from school to school. (See related article in this week's edition.)

On the junior high level, there is one fulltime art teacher at Clarkston and a fulltime and a halftime teacher at Sashabaw. In addition each school offers a semester course in handicrafts.

The high school has two fulltime art teachers with classes covering a wide range of media including pottery, sculpture, jewelry, and painting and sketching. The year's activities culminate in a student art show in the spring.

Two programs many parents would like to see incorporated in the system's fine arts program are stringed music and formal art instruction in the elementary schools.

The possibility of either, Mason said, is "not very realistic." The problem, he said, is one of money.

"We're not able to add without tossing something out or asking for more money." For the two programs to be added, two things must happen. The Board would have to decide there was a "strong need" for them and the resources would have to be found to fund them.

Mason estimated to establish an elementary art program would take about \$100,000 just to get it started. That figure broken down would allow about \$80,000 in salary and fringe benefits for five fulltime professional art teachers, one for each building, and \$20,000 for supplies.

Clarkston's Kathy Ruhala Sings and Dances With Slavik Ensemble

by Joan Allen

The Meadowbrook Theater and Music programs of Oakland University offer Oakland County residents frequent opportunities to see and hear a wide variety of professional performances. Less well publicized, but equally enjoyable, according to appreciative audiences, are some of the student productions in the fine arts area.

Kathy Ruhala of Clarkston has been active in one of the better known groups that has come out of the University. She is a member of the Slavik Folk Ensemble; a group which has traveled as far away as Poland to perform their songs and dances.

This group is made up of forty-some young people who share an interest in the folklore and music, as well as the language and the dance of the Slavik countries. It

was begun in 1961, as a club for students majoring in Russian studies at the University. A Fine Arts Festival was held, during which, language students were to show off their skills with skits and poetry readings. Since Russian was so different, from any other language, however, the Russian group decided to sing and dance. They proved to be so popular, that they began to accept outside engagements. Soon, Moldavian, Polish and Serbian sets were added to the Russian and Ukrainian dances. It was named the Slavik Folk Ensemble in 1970, and by that time, represented 11 groups of people in song and dance.

Not all of the members of the group have a Slavik background like Kathy (her grandparents are from Czechoslovakia), or are they involved in Slavik studies. They are simply interested in the activities of the group and enjoy participating in them.

Kathy, who graduated from Oakland University in December, is Costume Director of the Ensemble. A major in History, with emphasis in Slavik Studies, Kathy has researched and planned the group's costumes, and even sewn them, though she says everyone pitches in and helps.

She is the daughter of Joseph D. and March Ruhala of Amy Drive, and has lived in Clarkston since she was in the fourth grade. In March she will be leaving for a new job in Washington D.C., where she will do research for a U.S. Government agency.

(For those interested in joining the Slavik Ensemble,

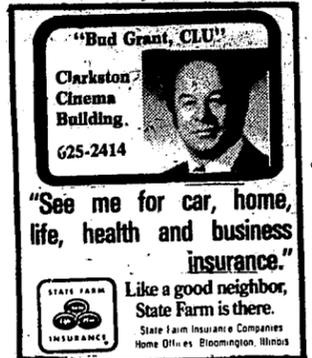


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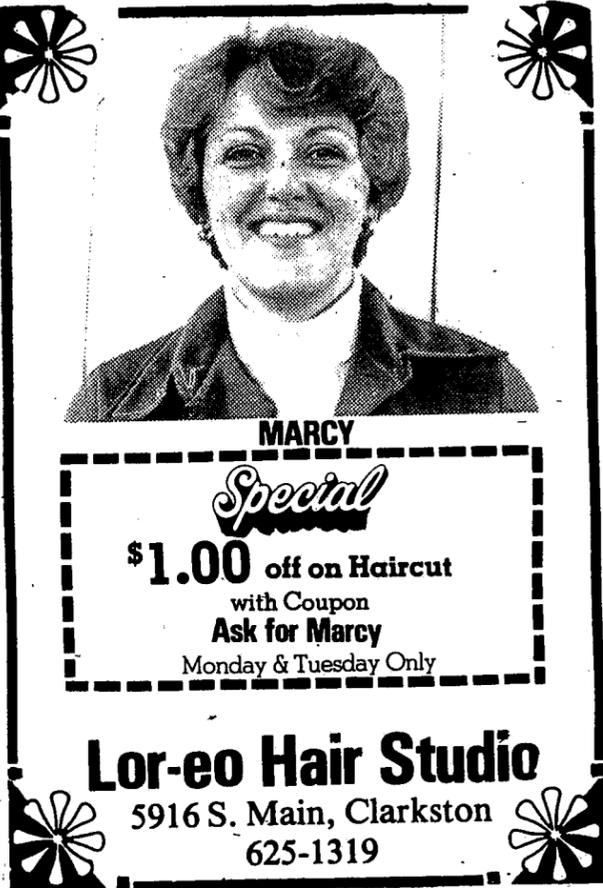
or attending one of its productions, Kathy suggests contacting the Modern Language Department of Oakland University. No experience is necessary for participants--members of the group will happily share their knowledge and skill.)

To see the Ensemble in a demonstration of dances, songs and instrumentals of Slavik Countries, order your tickets now for the March 24th and 25th program at Varner Hall on the campus. Phone 377-2000 for time and ticket information.

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Clarkston Test Scores Down in 1978; But Still Rate High Statewide

by Sharon Springborn

The scores for the Clarkston School District in the Michigan Educational Assessment Test have been made public by the Clarkston School District. The scores measure the reading and mathematics abilities of the students. The test, which is given to pupils in grades 4 and 7, is administered in late September or early October to measure what the students have learned in the previous 3 school years.

Scores are figured by dividing the total 100% of the students into the following categories: (1) the percentage who knew .00 to .24 of the answers, (2) the percentage who could answer .25 to .49 of the questions, (3) the percentage who knew .50 to .74 of the answers and (4) the percentage who could answer .75 to 1.00 of the questions. The last total is the number of students who are considered to have a grasp of much of the subject matter presented.

In all of the schools where the 4th grade test was given, the students in the Clarkston area obtained a higher score than the students, as an average, registered statewide. While the students in the area schools did better in both the math and reading portions of the test, the average for the district was relatively high in some schools while they were lower in others.

These are the scores for the 5 elementary schools in question, along with both the district wide and state wide averages:

(Reading)	.00-.24	.25-.49	.50-.74	.75-1.00
Andersonville	14.9	8.5	8.5	68.1
Bailey Lake	3.8	2.8	16.0	77.4
Clarkston Elem.	1.1	1.1	9.0	88.8
North Sashabaw	1.9	5.7	18.1	74.3
Pine Knob	5.8	7.7	15.4	71.2
District Wide Av	5.4	5.2	13.7	75.7
State Wide Av.	14.0	10.2	15.4	60.5

(Math)				
Andersonville	1.1	5.3	13.8	79.8
Bailey Lake	2.8	2.8	9.4	84.9
Clarkston Elem.	0.0	1.1	3.4	95.5
North Sashabaw	0.0	1.9	9.5	88.6
Pine Knob	1.0	4.8	5.8	88.5
District Wide Av	1.0	3.2	8.4	87.3
State Wide A	4.1	6.6	12.5	76.8

As the chart shows, Bailey Lake School and Clarkston Elementary School registered a higher score than the district average in reading, while Clarkston Elementary, North Sashabaw and Pine Knob Schools scored higher in mathematics.

In the total number of pupils who got passing scores on the test, the Clarkston 4th grade is doing better in some schools, while doing worse in others.

The Andersonville school has gotten a worse score in both reading and math. The reading score only fell 1%, but the math score dropped almost 10%.

The Bailey Lake School has done about 2.5% better in reading in 1978 than in 1977, while doing 5.5% worse in mathematics. At the same time, Clarkston Elementary did

6% better in reading and 2.6% better in math in 1978 than in 1977. Two schools who did worse in both test areas were Pine Knob School and North Sashabaw. Pine Knob fell 4.7% in reading and 2.6% in math, while North Sashabaw's

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Acting School Involves Hard Work, Patience

by Joan Allen - Feature Editor

We have these three daughters, see, and two of them love learning. The oldest one is a first year law school student, and the youngest one is just about certain that her ambition is to be a Supreme Court Justice. Worthy ambitions indeed! We shall never have a moments worry about either of them! If they study hard and work hard, they shall be rewarded with money and prestige and an honored place in the community!

And then, there is the middle child, who at three, saw the cover of a Playboy Magazine, and announced, "When I grow up, I want to be one of those pretty ladies, and have my picture on magazines like that!"

"Don't worry," said her grandmother, "you talked like that too, and you outgrew it."

Our middle daughter is almost twenty. She never outgrew the dream. I wonder if I am responsible for that. Her tests and grades show that she could manage the study of law, just as her sister has.

Everyone she meets says, "And what are you planning to do with your life?" She answers, "I'm going to be an actress." And they look surprised, and say, "Oh, but there's so much competition!" or "Oh, that's not practical." Or "so does everybody else, but some of us have better sense than to waste our time on such foolishness."

Is it a waste of time? Is it foolishness? Is it impractical? She feels that she has to know -- Now!

We have sent her away to college to pursue a more practical course of studies, suggesting theater as an extra-curricular sort of thing. She goes for a year, and then rebels! "It is not what I want. I am going off in the wrong direction. I am wasting time and you are wasting money," she says.

Her mother finally gets the message. Her mother believes in education and training, and not just "trusting to luck." Her mother searches for something that she and her daughter can agree on. Her mother finds it in the yellow pages!

It is the Weist-Barron school of television commercial acting, and it is in Southfield, Michigan. It is within commuting distance of North Oakland County, and one can attend it while working or pursuing a college education at the same time.

Mother calls the school and asks for information. An appointment is made with the school for an interview and screen-test. Mother goes with daughter. Mother wants to sign up too! Daughter says "we can't afford it." Daughter is tested, interviewed and accepted.

The Weist-Barron TV Commercial school is named after its founders. Dwight Weist, for many years the President of the New York Screen Actors Guild, is a nationally known TV and Radio announcer. His experience includes newscasting for NBC and WOR, narration for commercials, newsreels, feature films, short subjects and industrials, plus years of leads on radio soap operas, Orson Wells Mercury Theatre of the Air, We The People, and The March of Time. He holds an A.B. Degree from Ohio Wesleyan University, and is currently the announcer on "Search for Tomorrow."

Bob Barron is a member of Directors Guild of America, and has won many awards for directing and writing commercials and business films. He has been a Senior Producer/Director at N.W. Ayer and Son; a Writer-Director at H.G. Peters and Co. (now Production Associates) in Philadelphia, and he headed the Radio and Television Publicity and Production Section of the American Bankers Association). In New York and Hollywood, he directed stars like Frederic March, Shari Lewis, Eddie Bracken, Herb Shriner, and others. He has a BA from Columbia University, an M. Div. in Religious Radio and TV Production from Union Theological Seminary and studied for his MA in Drama at Columbia University.

The school itself began in 1958 when Bob Barron discovered that most talent showing up for commercial casting didn't know what they were doing. Even worse, when an actor lost an audition, he or she had no way of knowing what they had done wrong. He began helping a small group of actors, and they began to win spots. Shortly after that, while directing a series of spots for Breck Shampoo, he met Dwight Weist whom he felt was a fine and versatile announcer. Conversations about the need of actors for help in the field resulted in the partnership and the Weist-Barron School.

The Weist-Barron school makes no promises of "quick and easy" success or money. The answer to "Will you



Lea Allen - Commercial Acting Student and Frank Mallory - Dir. of Instruction, Detroit's Weist-Barron School. Students practice before a real camera and see themselves live-on TV.

help me get a job after I finish your course?" is, "No. We teach you to help yourself!"

On-Camera Commercial Technique and Practice Workshops for Adults; Children's classes in Commercials and Drama (for ages 8-11 and 12-16 year olds); and Voice Over Commercial Techniques, are part of the curriculum. Students are given training in voice-work, stance; handling props; camera delivery; and just about everything else that a beginning television student could want to learn, as well as help for the professional actor or actress.

Frank Mallory, Director of Education of the Detroit school has been in acting for 30 years. He worked mostly in New York for 20 years, though many Detroiters would remember his voice from The Lone Ranger series, as well as other radio shows and commercials. He became Director of Instruction for Weist-Barron two and a half years ago, when the Detroit school was opened. (All Weist-Barron staff are highly qualified professionals who are active in very phase of theatre, film, radio and television. They have all undergone extensive training in the Weist-Barron method, so that students in the Detroit school receive the same training that they would get at the New York school. Both Mr. Weist and Mr. Barron have a hand in the training of Detroit students too, via tapes and films that are a part of the classroom program.

Additional classes, planned for the future, are Executive Speech Training, and Soap Opera Acting Technique.

The good news is that young people don't have to go to New York, or Chicago, or California, to pursue a career in the arts. (For the doubter, remember that two of the biggest commercial makers are here in Michigan - the automobile companies, and the breakfast cereal companies!)

The "bad" news is that success in the arts depends on the same old stuff that success in anything else depends on -- hard work, patience, and practice. But, if you're working in the field that you love, that's a small price to pay!

Cultural Calendar

SPECIAL PROGRAM TO BE PRESENTED AT
OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

MUSIC:

Yuri Egorov, a 25 year old Russian pianist. [Egorov, winner of international competitions, defected from the Soviet Union two year ago.] He will appear at Varner Recital Hall on February 9th.

St. Louis Jazz Quartet with Jeanne Trevor - March 31st. Varner Recital Hall.

A Multi Media Concert - Featuring a one-act opera and a Mime Ensemble - March 18th.

Peter Hurford - All Bach Program - An organ concert - March 11.

THEATER:

Studio Theatre production of The Rivals-February 15-18, 22-25th. [Matinees and evening performances.]

Student Enterprise Theatre - The Barn Theatre - Jesus Christ Superstar - March 16-18, 23-25, 30, 31, April 1. [Matinees March 25 and April 1.]

DANCE:

Dance Concert - Jazz, Modern, Ballet - April 6, 7 and Matinee on the 8th.

Call 377-2000 for more information on all programs.

Prize-winning pianist Cynthia Raim will present a free public concert February 7 at 1 p.m. in Varner Recital Hall at Oakland University. For additional information call 377-4450.

Henry VIII, a monarch whose love affairs were both very fiery and very final, will be saluted February 14 at the 8th annual Valentine's Day concert at Oakland University.

The Renaissance Ensemble will feature songs written by or for the English king in a concert entitled "A Salute to Henry VIII."

The single performance will be at 8 p.m. in Varner Recital Hall. The artistically inclined will be admitted for one homemade valentine.

For ticket information call 377-2000.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS TO BE PRESENTED AT
CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

Cranbrook Institute of Science's Saturday film program continues February 10 with two short natural history films.

"After the Glaciers" describes how glacial ice reshaped much of Europe, Asia and the United State. "Aging of Lakes" explains the geological factors of normal lake aging and how man is speeding the process.

Films, shown in the museum's auditorium at 2, 3 and 4 p.m., are free with museum admission.

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Saturday museum hours are 1 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 645-3210.

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February 11th Pastiche Wind Quintette - Susan Ivers Barna, flute/Gary Caperton, bassoon/Kathy Caesar, oboe/Elizabeth Watson, French horn/Badley Wong, clarinet.

February 18th Boris Maximovich, Concert Pianist.

February 25th Barna Duo.

Cooking Classes Offered in Chinese Gastronomy-- Thursday morning; February 8 - 15 - 22, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.-followed by lunch. Pre-registration required. Class limited to 20. For more information, call Somerset Mall 643-6565.

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Pontiac Creative Arts Center - Current show running through February 16, 1979.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS SOLO ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL

Springfield and Independence area junior high and high school musicians, along with secondary students from all over Oakland and Macomb counties, have been tuning their instruments and practicing long hours in preparation for the annual Solo Ensemble Festival, sponsored by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association.

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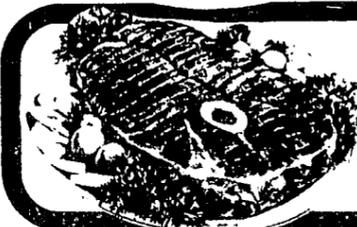


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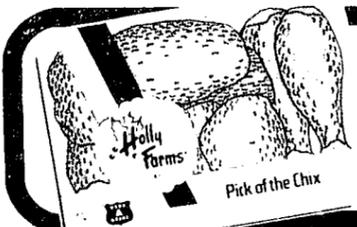
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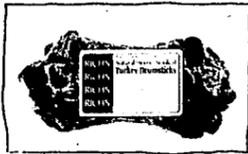
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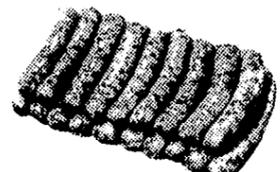
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"Picture Ladies" Bring Art Appreciation to Elementaries

by Carol Balzarini

The term "picture lady" is one that may be familiar to many people but unfamiliar to others. In simplest terms, a picture lady is a volunteer who is interested in promoting art appreciation in young children and who is part of a nation-wide program of bringing art to elementary schools. They are responsible for selecting artists and examples of their work, researching the lives of those artists, becoming familiar with their style and techniques, and attempting to instill an appreciation of art in children. They are most apt to be found in school systems, such as Clarkston, where elementary arts is virtually non-existent on a formal basis.

The picture lady program in the Clarkston Schools was started three years ago by Nancy Woodruff at Pine Knob Elementary and since then has spread to the rest of the elementary schools in the district with varying degrees of involvement on the part of its volunteers.

Woodruff had first heard about the volunteer program from her sister in Kansas City, where the program is not only going strong but was begun in the first place. She and several other members of the Waterford Chapter of the American Association of University Women started a two-year program in one of that community's elementary schools hoping to have parent volunteers take over after that. She took the program to Pine Knob when her son began attending school there.

Since that time the program has grown. There are now seven volunteers working with grades 1-4. They have a new set of pictures every year with the PTO buying the prints the volunteers paid for themselves the first year.

The coordinator for the program at Bailey Lake is Geri Allison who was familiar with a similar project in the Plymouth schools. She has a total of 14 volunteers who are assigned two classrooms each, visiting them once a month with a new picture each time. Early in the school year, each volunteer selected her favorite artists and/or pictures and did all the necessary research thereby assembling a portfolio to be used throughout the year.

There are twelve volunteers at Clarkston Elementary coordinated this year by Sharon Hurlburt. The picture ladies rotate among the classrooms from kindergarten through the sixth grade keeping the same pictures and artists with them during the school year.

Andersonville began the program last year, but coordinators Kristy Rice and Gale Wright are having a hard time rounding up volunteers this year; many of last year's mothers are now working. They are anxious to recruit more picture ladies. At Sashabaw, Elaine Schultz is in the process of organizing a similar program.

Rice, Wright and Schultz will be using a three-year program purchased recently on an experimental basis. The program has been used successfully in the Los Angeles City Schools for the past few years and is now being marketed for use by other systems. The package includes color reproductions of art, all of the background material about each artist and follow-up art activities for the children. These three women are hoping that a ready-made program will encourage more volunteers because all of the research work has already been done and that teachers will appreciate suggestions for related activities.

Andersonville and Sashabaw will each have one of the year's programs while the material for the third will be tested by assorted picture ladies in the other schools. If the response is favorable, the volunteers may try to convince the school system to purchase the program to be used system-wide.

Pontiac Mall Features Art Show

The 17th Annual Oakland County Art Show will be hosted at Pontiac Mall Shopping Center, Waterford Township, February 8 through 18.

Over 400 Oakland County artists will exhibit their creative talents in oil, acrylic, watercolor, charcoal, pastel, textile, metal and clay entries. The judged exhibition of fine arts goes on public view weekdays and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Admission is free to the art show where selected paintings, weavings, sculptures, and collages will be for sale. Periodic art demonstrations will highlight the show.

Show Coordinators Really "Have Art"

by Betty Good

"You Gotta Have Art", the Detroit Institute of Arts' paraphrase on a familiar old refrain, has been hummed by scores of local artists as they prepared their entries for the 17th annual Oakland County Art Show which opened February 8th at the Pontiac Mall.

When Co-Chairwomen Bonnie Brede and Roberta Bennett sing it, there's much more than a catchy title involved--it represents the end result of a lot of hard work, love of the arts, and family love and teamwork. You see, Bonnie and Roberta are sisters and both practicing artists for many years. This is the 17th consecutive Mall Art Show Bonnie has entered; Roberta has participated for that long, as well. It is their second year as Co-Chairwomen.

Encouraged to develop their artistic talents at an early age by their mother, Averil Bray, who is also an artist entered in this year's show, Bonnie and Roberta together and independently have studied various aspects of art. Painting, drawing, sculpture, design, printing and textiles represent some of their fields of study.

Both have families--admitting to a third generation of "creative children"--and both are active in the Pontiac Society of Artists. Roberta is President; Bonnie, one of its Vice-presidents.

Asked to describe her favorite media, Bonnie replied, "Whatever I'm working in at the present time. I'm currently, for the most part, into water color and textiles." Roberta's answer to the same question was: "I'm working in acrylics. But I am also known as 'The Puppet Lady'. I design and make finger, hand, and rod puppets."

Bonnie and Roberta prefer to exhibit locally and often



enter the several shows a year held by the Pontiac Society of Artists. "Part of the enjoyment of art is exhibiting--especially with other artists," Bonnie explained. Roberta continued: "Artists need contact with other artists--because we learn from and help one another."

Not all of their activities are art-related, however. Bonnie enjoys sailing and teaches Sunday School at Oakland Avenue United Presbyterian Church. She teaches another adult class in "Stress and Anxiety"--coping attitudes and exercises. Roberta attends classes at Oakland Community College and is now working full-time as Assistant Manager of Fingers', at The Pontiac Mall.

Through her job, Roberta constantly gets exposed to new materials; she looks forward to working with the new automatic drawing pens--in color. She is, also, experimenting with the air brush. Bonnie agrees that artists are continually trying new materials... "to keep from getting stale." The new media she plans to explore are stained glass and batik.

As talented with words as they are with a paintbrush, Bonnie and Roberta entered eagerly into a discussion of "point of view." "Artists express what is happening in the world. They are usually ahead of their time," said Roberta. Bonnie continued, "Artists are acute observers--they express what they perceive...sometimes it is beautiful; sometimes it is not." She felt "art is an expression of the mind of man;" to which Roberta added, "Art is an expression of feeling...it bares one's soul."

Both sisters agreed that The Pontiac Mall represents "the crossroads of life" for exhibiting; and they are enthusiastic about this year's art show, both for the artists represented and those who come to view their work.



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 Can we not accept our brother, as we travel this life
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Why should we be burdened, by things they call
 mistakes
 Can we not accept another's smile, just for friendship
 sake?

Is there a need to worry 'bout, "hurts" and "foolish
 pride,"
 The color of another's skin, or in what make of car we
 ride?
 Will it matter much to-morrow, if to-day the hair is long
 Or if by chance the words have changed, to old familiar
 songs?

Must we be on guard each moment, and be afraid to
 swear,
 Or look at friends with loving eyes, thinking the world
 will care?
 Should we hide behind "a bushel", while time goes
 swiftly by
 Is it worth the fears and worries, to miss a baby's sigh?

Should we lose the art of praying, loving, giving and
 forgive,
 Of thanking those about us, and those with whom we
 live?
 How can we spread "good news", if we wear a mask of
 hate
 Would not by being "just ourselves", make the world a
 sweeter place?

These are my thoughts - I've said them
 perhaps I'll not again,
 Because you see, I'm me my Friend
 I'll be me until the end!

I will smile at the morning sunshine, and folks along the
 way,
 You'll take me as I am because, you see I was born this
 way.
 I'll greet life the way I want to - so what, if I'll never be
 The prim and sedate lady - the whole world wants to see!

I'll ride in my old jalopy, and attend the Church at hand,
 OH YES! I know they're different, they kneel instead of
 stand.
 I'll wear my hair the way I please, and also all my clothes
 My best Friend's skin is different, but I love him
 goodness knows!

My ways are not pretentious, sometimes I even swear
 But I'm myself and being so, relieved of worldly cares.
 I'm me - and how I love it! today I kissed the dew,
 And walked the street in my two bare feet,
 Though it's not the thing to do.

But thank God I'm very happy
 Happy without a doubt,
 You see I've let the whole world in,
 LOVE will never shut me out!!!!

Vi Carlsen

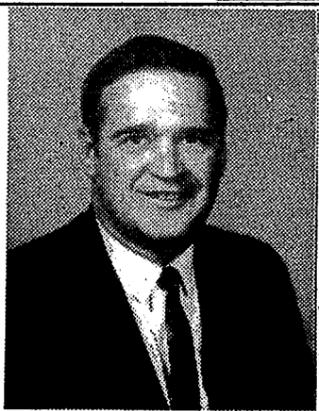
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I think of my beauty,
In which I have shown
Silence!
Can you hear my Winter,
Be still!
Can you see my Winter,
Don't touch!
For it is my
Winter

Rebecca Blackburn
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TODAY

I watch you closely, and with joy,
Seeing the way you move and walk.
I watch your hair,
Your hands,
Your eyes,
The whole of you.

I watch you now because a day might come
When I look for you
And you will not be there.

Then I'll have need of memories.

So now I watch you,
Memorizing,
Learning your loveliness,

Storing away the precious things
I'll need so deeply to Remember.

William B. Thompson

A TREE

Started only by a wish from God
It pushed its way up thru the black dirt.
And as it reached up to the beautiful sky
No one even clapped.

by Matt
My son in 4th grade
Now 18 years old.

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A little boy whose name is Brian
Lived with me for a short time
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And he can count up to four
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by Ruth Bowman

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NWOVEC Open House February 11

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The purpose of this national observation is to bring attention to the merits and accomplishments of

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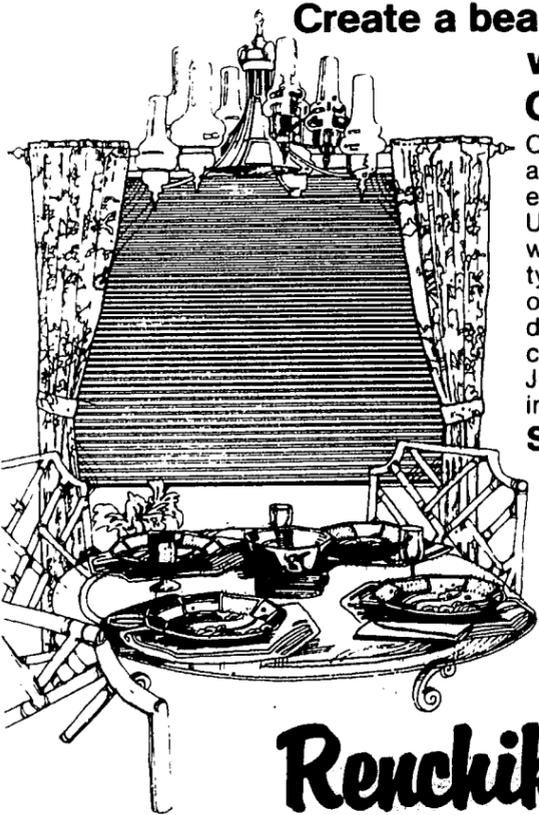
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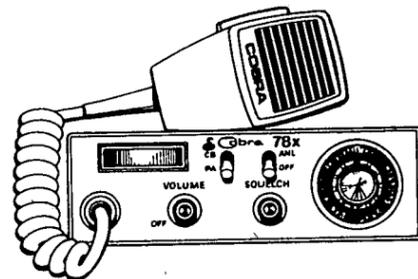


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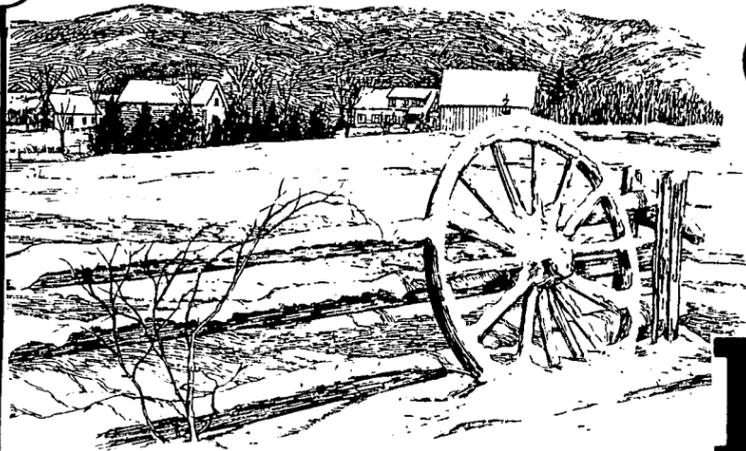
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Twp. Library 11:45 - 12:30
- February 10**
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- February 14**
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Holly School Board Goes Into Executive Session to Discuss Davisburg Playground Injuries

by Steve Dice

The Holly School Board recently met in executive session to discuss the possibility that a lack of school supervision and/or discipline may be posing a threat to the safety of Holly school children. The board met at the request of a Davisburg couple whose daughter has come home on two different occasions with injuries requiring a doctor's care.

On one occasion the third grader came home with what was eventually diagnosed as a concussion and kidney complications. Two third grade boys unexpectedly jumped her at recess, beat her and banged her head against the sidewalk.

On the second occasion the Davisburg couple's daughter received a jammed and bruised shoulder during an inside recess.

Both of those injuries, as well as at least four other less serious injuries to other students on different occasions, occurred during recess periods at Davisburg Elementary.

Parents and school employees report that as many as six classes have recess at the same time, under the supervision of as few as two teachers. When recess is spend inside, the students remain in their individual rooms while the two supervising teachers go from room to room. In the latter situation, students may be left unattended in their classroom for as long as fifteen minutes.

Jim Kelly, principal at Davisburg Elementary, said he is naturally concerned when injuries go unreported and unattended. He attributes the injuries to horseplay that

got out of hand, and cites third graders as especially problematical.

According to Kelly, students-especially third graders-band together into what the students call "teams" or gangs of six or so and tease each other and so on. Sometimes this teasing turns into rough housing and sometimes an injury may result.

Kelly states that he has begun to deal with the problem by having the students enter into performance contracts when they are repeatedly in trouble. The student signs the contract stating that he or she will give up recess or other privileges if they continue to cause problems.

Kelly is also trying more organized and goal oriented activities to channel the students energies into more constructive activities.

The school board itself is contacting other schools to determine the extent and cause of this situation. They are also looking into the possibility of volunteer parent groups to help supervise students during recess.

Lonie to Speak at Davisburg Baptist February 11

Don Lonie, a nationally known school assembly specialist will be speaking at the Davisburg Baptist Church, Sunday, February 11th at 9:45 a.m., 11:00 and 6:00 p.m. Lonie is from Farmington. He conducts special school assembly programs all across the nation.

The church is located at 12881 Andersonville Road in Davisburg. For further information, call 634-9225.

Smith Graduates From Air Force

Airman James O. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester J. Smith of 10649 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, has graduated at Lackland AFB, Texas, from Air Force basic training.

The airman, who is remaining at Lackland for specialized training in the security police field, studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations. Completion of this training earned the individual credits towards an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

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Philosophy Dictates Way of Life



by Carol Balzarini

Sandy Webster is one person whose life is run according to her philosophy and that is "don't buy anything if you can make it yourself." And that is just

what she does. If she needs a pillow, she weaves it. If she has a large bare space on the wall to be filled, she appliques a wall hanging depicting downtown Davisburg. If a bed needs covering, she makes a quilt. If some particular piece of furniture is needed, however, she gets her husband Lee to make that.

Sandy claims she's not really an artist because she does too many things to be good at any one thing and that she's more crafty than arty.

"I love doing things," she laughed. "Anybody can do anything. It doesn't have to be museum quality. I'll try anything." And she has.

Her most recent project, one she may never try again, involved painting murals for a home on Andersonville Road. She had done it for fun before but this time she did it for profit. One boy's room depicted a waterfall scene with trees and a stream. Before she was finished, she had added a grizzly bear and other appropriate animals not in the original plans. In the other bedroom, she did a desert scene complete with hovering vultures. It took her three weeks, but Sandy claims she spent more time worrying than she did painting.

Still another project recently undertaken is teaching basket weaving for the Holly Community Education program, to the women at the Candle Factory, and in her home. She claims this craft is taking up most of her time now.

Sandy is also involved in organizing the Northwest Oakland County Council for the Arts along with other Davisburg peopel such as Ralph O'Reilly and Irma Guthrie, music teacher at Davisburg Elementary. The fledgling council will represent Springfield, Rose, Holly, and Groveland Townships. Marlowe Belanger, chairman of the Oakland County Cultural Council will meet with them this month to assist in setting up a membership drive and by-laws for the group.

Many of Sandy's creative endeavors have been temporarily shelved while she serves on both the advisory board and the program committee for the Fall Festival of Women's work to be held the middle of October at Springfield Oaks. The festival will take an historical look at what women have done creatively from candle-making to sculpture, and basket-weaving to photography.

Sandy also serves as a resource representative for Davisburg and Springfield to the Oakland County Cultural Council. Representatives are primarily liaisons between their community and the county as far as cultural activities are concerned and meet on a quarterly basis in Pontiac.

Sandy wanted it known that in her "spare" time she jogs a mile a day every day all year around.

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Lake Oakland Woods Prompts Special Meeting

by Carol Balzarini

A special meeting was held in February to once again discuss Lake Oakland Woods, this time in reference to a letter received by developer Edward Rose and Sons from the state platting department. Also present at the meeting were township attorney Richard Campbell and two representatives of the state treasurer's office.

Supervisor Floyd Tower announced the meeting with the attorney with the possibility of the meeting being closed to the public but that it would take a two-thirds majority vote to do so. Treasurer Fred Ritter said that if possible litigation was involved, the meeting should be closed. Clerk Chris Rose reminded the board that a two-thirds vote could also add items to the agenda.

Campbell stated a matter of threatened litigation would be discussed in addition to matters currently in litigation with Rose Builders. He referred to the letter from the state treasurer's office and briefly reviewed the situation.

The original agreement with the developers involved a cluster option allowing smaller lots but with the density remaining the same over the total acreage. (The cluster option is used in an effort to preserve natural areas such as wetlands or woods.)

After plat approval, Rose Builders wanted to build Lake Oakland Woods in phases and was permitted by the township to do so. The last phase (III) was to contain all of the remaining lots.

However, Campbell continued, a "certain open space" was not included in that plat. He reviewed the plat and decided it lacked its "original integrity" as required. Rose, in the meantime, contacted the state looking for a possible solution; the state believed a compromise was possible.

Campbell stated he has reviewed the Plat Act, the township plat ordinance and the zoning ordinance leaving him to conclude there is "no doubt that open

space must be part of the plat." He further expressed concern that the platting of phase III would not necessarily lead to the platting of IV (the open space) as suggested by the state. Campbell stated the two must be platted simultaneously to insure inclusion of the acreage on Lake Oakland. He stressed that a number of times.

To further underscore his point, Campbell said that once the developer had completed the lots in III, he would not be "motivated" to plat IV. He added the outlet (open space) was used originally to compute overall density.

Trustee Bill Vandermark pointed out another "discrepancy" in addition to the omission of the acreage on Lake Oakland, that of a new road alignment and questioned why the two plats would differ. In phase III, Old Cover Road dips along the western boundary of the development behind existing homes on Sashabaw Road leaving a strip of land some five feet wide and 300 feet long.

Gene Komarynski, representing the developers, attributed the realignment to the Oakland County Road Commission. When the OCRC was contacted later in the week, however, Dennis Pajot stated the commission does not change roads. If a change is recommended, the plat is returned and the builder's engineers make the necessary changes.

Residents of Lake Oakland Woods present at the meeting wanted some assurance the unplatted acreage not become the site of any multiple dwellings or a possible marina on the lake. They also indicated they felt

the road realignment could lead to an access road from Sashabaw in the future.

Tower asked about possible township control of the outlet or possible scenic easement granted to the Independence Land Conservancy. Campbell recommended it be dedicated to the homeowners and restricted to open spaces. Township control, he felt, could lead to township-wide use, something not in the best interests of the people of Lake Oakland Woods. He said he was sure it was the original intent of the Zoning Board of Appeals that it merely remain in the "public domain."

Ritter asked if any action, under the circumstances, by the board was necessary. Campbell said the plat presently stood rejected and recommended the board do nothing.

Tower said he just felt the developers were entitled to further opinion and that he had originally requested a closed hearing to get the attorney's opinion.

Ritter moved to have the supervisor direct the attorney to draft a letter to Rose Builders directing them to develop the outlet as phase IV, with III and IV to be approved simultaneously. Vandermark, after open discussion, amended the motion to include the small strip of land on Old Cove Road as open space to protect "ingress and egress from adjacent property" and to protect the residents from "an unknown factor." Campbell agreed this was a reasonable requirement.

The vote on the amendment was 5-2, Lozano and Powell dissenting, but unanimous on the main motion.

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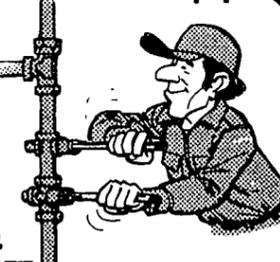
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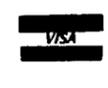

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Wolfpack Slips by Kettering 63-62

By Bill Grobbel

Wow! What a game! This past Friday, the Wolfpack traveled to Waterford Kettering to meet the Kettering Captains. After an extremely tight game Clarkston triumphed, 63-62.

Kettering scored first, and took an early lead 8-2 in the first period amidst taunts from the Kettering bench and highly disputable calls by the referees, the Wolfpack started slow.

Early in the second period the Wolfpack was fighting back from a 16-14 first quarter deficit, when a Kettering player pulled down a rebound and took the ball down the court. Ed Haddad was covering him, the player charged directly at Haddad and knocked him onto the floor. The call was "offensive charging," right? Wrong! "Personal foul" against Ed Haddad, who was injured when he fell.

He was helped from the floor by his coach and a teammate. He sat out the second half, but is expect to play next week.

Later in the second period, however, they did finally tie the score, on a tip-in by the big guy, Tim McCormick, at 21-21. But Kettering took the lead again, and Clarkston tied it again with 2 free throws again by Tim McCormick. Then on the very next play, John Sheldon sank a free throw to give Clarkston their first lead of the night. They went into the lockerroom with a 32-29 lead.

Early in the second half the Wolves expanded their lead to 8 points on a free throw by McCormick, 38-30. Then Kettering started an amazing comeback, scoring 12 points in less than 3 minutes to tie the score at 42-42.

By then, the crowd was going wild. Mid-way through the third period the officials had to stop the game because the fans, in their over-enthusiasm, were throwing things on the court. The third period ended 48-48.

Then came the see-saw. Clarkston would score, Kettering would score. Clarkston would score again, Kettering would score again, etc., etc.

With 2 minutes left to play, the score was tied 62-62. Kettering got the ball and did absolutely nothing with it for 1:30 minutes. Finally, with :22 seconds left, Clarkston got the ball, dribbled down court, foul! With

:08 seconds remaining, Greg Robertson fired in a free throw to give the Wolfpack a 63-62 lead. Then, another foul to Robertson, he misses, Kettering grabs the ball, :05 seconds left, they race down the court, shoot, it's in! They win! *Oh no, they didn't!* The basket was ruled no good by the officials, because of an offensive foul to Reubon Hutchons. Then the game was over, right? Wrong; there were still 3 seconds left, even though the clock had run out. It was still Kettering's ball at half-court. They bring the ball inbounds, shoot, miss and this time, it's really over. Clarkston wins by the skin of their teeth, 63-62.

After all the commotion had settled down Coach Nustad had some comments on the game: "Kettering is a tough, good team, with good coaching, but we kept our poise. I'm proud of the kids. They played in a very tense game and came out on top. We knew what Kettering was going to do, and we responded to it. They played very, very well."

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Three years ago, the Big Lake Quality Waters Association was established. But, the Association had no legal "clout", and no needed bonding power to finance studies of the lake to decide in which ways to improve Big Lake.

Prior to the weeds growing up in the lake and the bottom becoming mucky, the lake was used as a recreational spot by swimmers, boaters and others. Then, the weeds grew so thickly that boats were unable to navigate the waters, and the swimmers didn't like

swimming in a lake with such a muddy bottom, and left to swim elsewhere.

One solution to the problem, as seen by Bernard "Skip" Wendt, is to dredge the lake to keep weeds from growing back for quite a number of years.

"It'll be an expensive project. The only feasible way is to get government matching funds and to do this, we had to establish the board," said Wendt.

When the board is fully set up, there will be four members on it. Aside from Wendt, the other 3 members will be representatives of the County Commission, the County Drain Commission and someone from the township.

According to Wendt, the lake isn't dying because of any new subdivisions on its shores. All of the buildings have been on the lake for sometime, but some home's sanitary systems may have to be changed to keep pollution out of the lake.

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Clarkston started fast but the momentum quickly changed hands and Kettering led 12 to 10 at the end of the first period. But the momentum changed again, this time to Clarkston, where it stayed for the remainder of the game.

In the third period they enlarged their lead even more to 19, leading 51-32 at the end. In the second and third periods, Clarkston outscored Kettering 41-20. That was the difference in the game. Kettering never really recovered, though they did manage a brief rally late in the fourth period. But the final score was Clarkston 67, Kettering 54.

Scorers for the Wolves were Scott McKoin with 38 points, Brad Sheldon, 10 points; Doug Hagyard, 9 points; Jerry Tater, 4 points; and Jeff VanPelt, Brad Beattie and Craig Schnabel each with 2 points.

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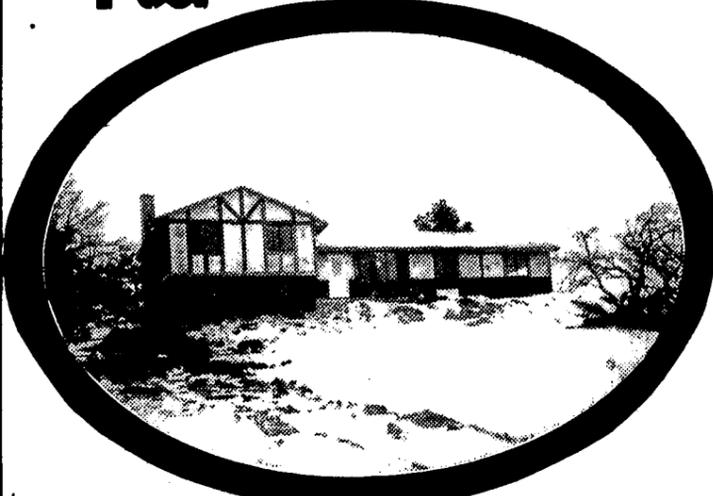
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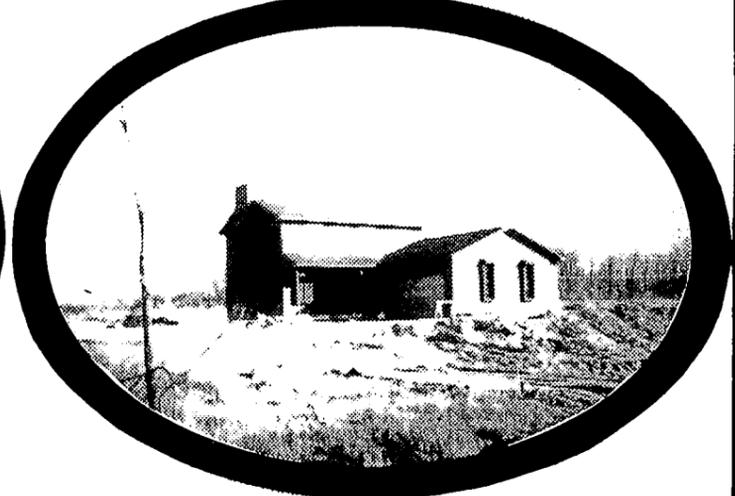


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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP**

The Springfield Township Board of Appeals will hold
a meeting Thursday, February 15, 1979, 8:00 p.m. at
the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway,
Davisburg, Michigan to hear the appeal of:

1. Henry M. Williams, 5180 Hillsboro, Clarkston for a
variance to build a home 12 feet from the west property
line instead of 35 feet as required, said property is
located on Andersonville Road, SW #07-21-151-015,
across from 12030 Andersonville Road.
2. Gary Stempien, 10075 Gibbs Road, Clarkston, for a
variance to split a parcel of property 165 feet x 384 feet
from a 10-acre parcel 330 feet x 1337 feet leaving a
parcel with frontage of 165 extending back 384 feet to a
width of 330 feet extending to a total depth of 1337 feet,
which does not conform to the 4 to 1 ratio. SW
#07-02-151-004.
3. Ed Wolan, 9945 Gibbs Road, Clarkston, for a
variance to split a parcel of property 120 feet x 480 feet
from a 10 plus acre parcel 313 feet x 1331 feet, leaving a
parcel with frontage of 198 feet extending back 480 feet
to a width of 313 feet extending to a total depth of 1331
plus feet which does not conform to the 4 to 1 ratio. SW
#07-02-151-005.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed
variance and any maps may be examined at the
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J. Calvin Walters
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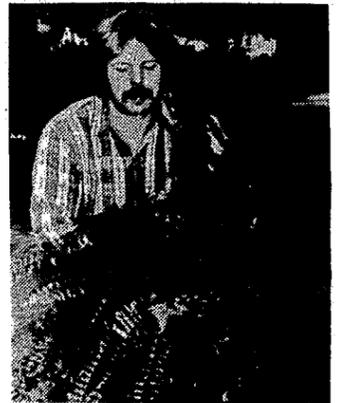
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MACRAME PLANT HANGERS

February 20 February 22

MACRAME ANIMALS

February 27 March 1

SOFT SCULPTURE ON RINGS (Woven Tree)

March 6 March 8

PILLOW (Weaving)

March 13 March 15

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March 20 March 22

February 17
John Schwartz
Seed Starting Indoors With Artificial Lighting
 February 24
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