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Soil tab included

Clinton County Soil Conservation District's annual meeting is set for Saturday, Feb. 4, and in preparation for the annual meeting, a 32-page soil conservation tabloid section has been prepared and included in this week's County News. Included are tips on conservation, as well as local features on this year's Farmer of the Year, the new soil conservation district head and the retired district conservationist.

Needs discussed

Three groups of juniors at Fowler High School will hear from a senior citizen, Wally Watt concerning the needs of senior citizens on Thursday when Wally speaks to the student CCD class at Holy Trinity.

Ovid-Florida

The Ovid-Florida 11th annual reunion will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Bradenton, Fla. beginning at noon on Monday, Feb. 20. A potluck dinner will be included.

Fulton library open extra hours

Beginning Feb. 2, and continuing to the close of the semester, Fulton High School will open its library one night a week for community use. Adults or young adults who wish to use the magazine, reference or general collection are cordially invited to come any Thursday evening. Hours of operation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. The school librarian will be present to assist in selection or to answer any questions.

Snow storm caught in photos

Located on the back page of this week's County News is a collage of photos taken of the winter storm of '78 which dumped about 18 inches of snow on Clinton County.

PROFILE

Active senior citizen



Ruth Delo is a senior citizen helping other senior citizens. She helped organize a senior citizen bowling league, works for Community Services and says she loves her life. Activity makes Mrs. Delo happy.

P-W players slate show

The Pewamo-Westphalia Community Players are proud to present a Variety Show, at the Pewamo Elementary Gym on West Main Street. Performances are on February 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. For reservations please call 593-2265.

History repeats itself

Blizzard whips county to a halt

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

Clinton County

One of the worst winter storms in Clinton County history began last Wednesday night, Jan. 25, and before it subsided on Friday, the storm had left

about 18 inches of new snow in its path, according to the Lansing National Weather Service office.

Area residents woke up Thursday morning to see their automobiles artfully covered with snow which also barricaded doors, plugged all Clinton County roads and left the county at a

virtual standstill.

Fierce winds gusting up to 50 miles per hour whipped the light, new snow into drifts which were in excess of six feet tall in some places. Meanwhile, area residents were told to stay home and wait until the blizzard abated.

For many Clinton residents,

however, the Snow Storm of '78 was a repeat of another storm which hit the county almost 11 years ago, to the day.

According to the Feb. 2 issue of the Clinton County News, a similar storm designated "The Big Snow of '67" began 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, and left 24 inches of fresh snow in its wake.

"The world was white, and it was a mess," reported Lowell G. Rinker, Editor of the County News at that time. Clinton County now has 24 inches of snow on the ground, as a six-inch base was already built before the '78 storm hit.

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Clinton Avenue divided

As snow was stacked in the center of Clinton Avenue, creating a divided highway of sorts, the Clinton Theatre ironically displayed on its marquee an announcement that the film,

"Across the Great Divide", was showing. During the blizzard 11 years ago, the marquee on the Clinton Theatre read, "Paradise, Hawaiian Style." However, the film "Paradise,

Hawaiian Style" failed to make its viewing in St. Johns, as it was never delivered due to impassible roads. (Photo by Don Valentine)

Clinton proves it can conquer storm

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer

Clinton County

Clinton County handled the "Blizzard of '78" better than anyone expected... which was a surprise to a lot of people.

Law enforcement officials were pleased with the cooperation and the amount of people who volunteered everything from homes, snowmobiles, and time. Lansing Red Cross personnel termed St. Johns people as, "admirable and able to take care of themselves."

The Clinton County Sheriff's Department set up two command posts, one in St. Johns at the jail and the other in the southern end of the county in DeWitt, manned by Lloyd Berkimer and Sergeant Ray Graham.

According to John Criswell, with the Crime Prevention Unit of the CCSD, the local Community Radio Watch Volunteers handled 144 calls, but by the time all the reports are in, the total number of call should be anywhere from 200-250.

Sheriff Anthony Hufnagel said they knew in the wee hours of Thursday the area was in for a big storm.

"There weren't a lot of accidents," Sheriff Hufnagel commented, "Everything just became snowbound."

Sheriff's Department officials noted Clinton County was not in a red alert during the storm. A red alert means complete closure of all the roads, which

was not entirely the case.

"The Road Commission did a remarkable job," Hufnagel said. "They were fighting a losing battle."

At 11:17 a.m. Thursday, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, Roger Overway, acknowledged the county was in a disaster situation and signed a declaration to this effect. The declaration, in turn, went to Governor Milliken. The governor then had the power to call out the National Guard. President Carter also signed a bill declaring Michigan a disaster area which qualified the state for federal aid and assistance.

Clinton County received the aid of two guardsmen for two and a half days (they arrived Thursday night) and one, two-and-a-half four-wheel drive vehicle.

Many people throughout the county called the Sheriff's Department offering their help, vehicles, food, shelter, and fuel.

Sheriff Department officials noted of the 1,700 miles of roads in Clinton County, 1,532 miles of the roads still hadn't been touched as of Saturday night.

The Road Commission clerk commented by Monday morning 90 per cent of the roads were open, although it might have only been one lane of traffic. As of Monday night only eight miles of county roads weren't open and these areas needed to be cleared with front end loaders.

Road Commission officials commented they are still computing how much overtime crews put in as a result of the storm.

The first two days of the storm the road crews' main concern was keeping the state highways open. Friday afternoon they attempted to open the main primary roads, and by Saturday they were working on all the county roads. Sunday and Monday was also spent clearing out the country roads.

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O-E students don headphones

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

Elsie

"This is WOES located at 91.3 on your FM dial."

In a couple weeks, a new sound will fill the air waves around the Ovid-Elsie area, a new sound being generated by a new radio station—WOES.

A product of Ovid-Elsie High School, the radio station is entirely staffed by O-E students and managed by teachers in the O-E school system. And, during the school year providing school is in session, WOES will be operating out of a newly created studio in Ovid-Elsie High School between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m.

"Superintendent Donald Kenney indicated to a number of people when he came to O-E, he was interested in getting a radio station started," says George Bishop, a librarian, audiovisual director and adult education teacher at O-E High who took Kenney's idea and made it a reality.

Bishop, along with mass media, English and journalism teacher Mary Ann Lewis, have got the ball rolling at O-E and are now anxiously waiting to hear the first broadcast of WOES.

The students are also anticipating the day when WOES will be heard for about

a six to eight-mile radius around the high school.

Working in the studio and acting as disc jockeys for WOES will be six students who have successfully completed a course in radio and have obtained their Third Class license from the Federal Communication Commission (FCC), after taking an exam in the Federal Building in Detroit.

John Bensinger will come in second hour during his study hall and call local authorities such as the fire chiefs, police departments, sheriff's department, village clerks and the Lansing weather service.

Then, third hour Bob Conner, Ray Delaney and Dave Kadolph will finish the phone calling, call for the farm market report at the Ovid Roller Mills, and write the stories which will be given to the radio station student secretary, Sharla Kimmell.

Doug White and Ken Delaney complete the radio team. They will do last-minute preparations.

Only two students will be on the air each day, though all students will be involved in the preparation of the radio programs.

Three different formats will be used during the programs, including two days of easy listening music, one day of classical music and two days of rock

music. Approximately 65 per cent of each day's programming will consist of music.

The other 35 per cent will include the weather, local news reports, taped interviews, local sports results, government and consumer reports, a 10-

minute serial mystery entitled "Tower of Inverness" and several public service announcements. There will be no paid advertising on the radio station which is only a 10-watt educational station.

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Soil conservation district meeting set for Saturday

Clinton County

Dr. Russell Frazier, a research agronomist for the Michigan Dry Edible Bean Production Research Advisory Board, will be the guest speaker at the Clinton County Soil Conservation District annual meeting set for Saturday, Feb. 4, at Ovid-Elsie High School.

Frazier who has an international background as a research agronomist will speak on "Agriculture over the world" and he will present a corresponding slide show.

The dinner is expected to begin at noon and this will be followed by election of officers, entertainment by the Clinton County Clowns which is a 4-H group, and Dr. Frazier's presentation. The meeting is expected to conclude around 3 p.m.

All area residents are invited to attend this annual meeting, according to Jim Squires, district conservationist.

A special 32-page tabloid section is included in this week's Clinton County News pertaining to the Clinton County Soil Conservation District.



WOES staff readies for show

Ken Delaney simulates a radio program on WOES, Clinton County's newest and only educational radio station. The 10-watt station will be heard in a six to eight mile radius

around Ovid-Elsie High School between 2 and 4 p.m. while school is in session. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

Tilles resigns from Senator Crim's office

St. Johns
Bobby Crim, Speaker of the House of Representatives announced last week that Roger Tilles of St. Johns

is resigning from his position as Majority Executive Secretary of the House of Representatives effective Feb. 10.

"Roger Tilles has been a loyal and trusted employee and friend," said Speaker Crim. "His commitment to

public service has been a great asset to me and to the citizens of Michigan. His resignation will be a great loss to me but I'm certain he will be even more useful to the people in our state in the coming months and years." Tilles, a former member of the Michigan State Board of Education, said his decision to resign as Majority Executive Secretary came after a year's exploration of a

possible candidacy in the 10th Congressional District. For the past two months Tilles has been on an unpaid leave of absence from the House of Representatives. Last fall he announced that he would be taking the unpaid leave to "test the waters" on a full-time basis. Tilles said he will make a further announcement of his future political plans by early March.

Volunteers help county make it through the storm

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer

Volunteers... there were plenty of them. And some of Clinton County's residents were found doing the most unusual jobs while contending with the worst snow storm in years.

Mayor of St. Johns, John Arehart, was found making coffee at the Red Cross shelter at the Municipal Building leaving his traditional role as grade school principal.

The city manager, Roger Van Dyk was found plowing city streets with the aid of his young son. Mayor Arehart was also on hand to help with snow removal, along with City Clerk, Bruce Wood.

Sgt. Bob Ott of the Traffic Division, became head chef cooking meals for stranded motorists and volunteers.

Ted Lewis put in over 30 hours in the communications room of the Sheriff's Department. And Roy Spicer, in-

involved with maintenance at the courthouse, was found doing everything from plowing to helping out the police department.

The Red Cross shelter housed 13 stranded motorists, including a Pellston resident.

Volunteer firemen stayed at the shelter just in case there was a fire, knowing they would have a hard time getting to the fire hall if they didn't.

A lot of truck drivers were stranded and one trucker left his rig running all night long so he wouldn't have to worry about it starting in the morning.

It took an hour and 20 minutes for shelter manager, Ernest McCaslin, to come to St. Johns from Lansing. Most of the other managers were snowed in and couldn't get to a shelter. "We had a convoy coming up here," McCaslin said.

Nurses volunteering their time were Lucille Whittier,

Mary Hutton, Gertrude Buehler and Roberta O'Conner.

The shelter was open from Thursday afternoon to Saturday afternoon.

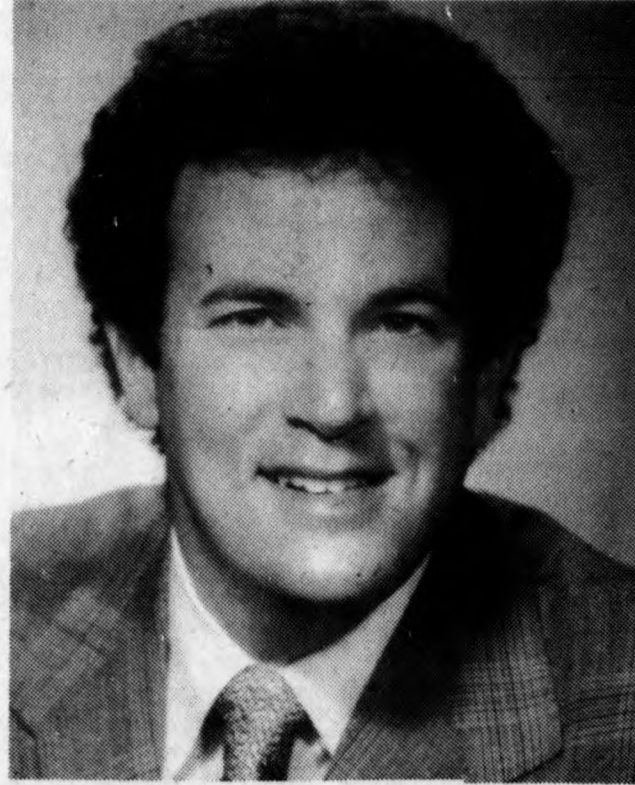
The local radio station, WRBJ, was instrumental in informing the public about the weather, roads, cancellations and getting volunteers.

Frank Rowell left his role as coordinator of special education services for the Intermediate District and became the shelter's ham radio operator. Bill Russell, St. Johns PD night dispatcher also operated the radio.

Even the stranded people got in the act and helped with kitchen detail.

The Colonial Restaurant donated extra pots and pans and even heated up Sgt. Ott's homemade soup. The library brought books for the stranded people and volunteers to read, enabling them

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Roger Tilles

Deputies handle accidents few injuries result

Clinton County

Clinton County Sheriff's deputies reported few accidents over the weekend with few of those resulting in injuries.

Cars driven by Wayne J. Gray, 7326 W. Jason Rd., St. Johns, and Thomas E. Dwyer, 8842 Francis Rd., DeWitt, collided at the intersection of Francis and Howe Roads. There were no injuries.

A car driven by Marian J. Kurzynski, 8250 N. DeWitt Rd., stated he was northbound on US-27, near Chadwick Road, when he hit some ice and lost control. The car ended up off the roadway about 100 feet to the east of the road. There were no injuries in the accident which occurred at 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 20.

Gary R. Roach, Westphalia, was rounding the corner onto Elm Street at the intersection of Chestnut Street. Roach cut the corner too close and struck a parked car which in turn struck another parked car upon impact. There were no injuries in the accident which happened on Jan. 21 at 6:45 a.m.

Cars driven by Sandra M. Sutter, Owosso, and Linda J. Bard, Ovid, collided on Main Street on Jan. 21 at 1:45 a.m. There were no injuries.

Cars driven by Raymond C. Gibbons, Tallman Road, Fowler, and Walter G. Nobis, Colony Road, collided on Wright Road near the intersection of Walker Road. There were no injuries in the accident which happened on Jan. 22 at 11 p.m.

Steven J. Wood, Breckenridge, was southbound on Hollister Road, near the intersection of the Gratiot County Line Road when he told deputies he hit a patch of ice, lost control and rolled over. The accident happened on Jan. 24 with no injuries resulting.

Cars driven by Eric B. Brockmyre, 401 S. Oakland, St. Johns and Jeffrey S. Williams, Laingsburg collided on Hollister Road near the intersection of Parker Road. There were no injuries in the accident which happened on Jan. 23 at 10:25 a.m.

A snowmobile driven by Todd J. Scott, 8489 Loomis Road, DeWitt, crossed Price Road and was struck by a car driven by Glenn Fifield, 108 E. Sturgis, St. Johns at the intersection of Price and County Farm Roads. There were no injuries in the accident which occurred on Jan. 23 at 3:45 a.m.

Receive warrant for man's arrest

Clinton County

Members of the Clinton County Investigative Squad have received a warrant for the arrest of Shawn J. Purcell, 1304 Alpine, DeWitt, for larceny from a building.

The larceny occurred at McNally's Standard Station located at 15890 North East Street. Taken was two one channel mobile radio and one base station.

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WOES to air soon

The staff of WOES goes over their plans for the first broadcast while advisors George Bishop (left, standing) and Mary Ann Lewis (standing) watch the decision-making

process. WOES, the educational radio station located at Ovid-Elsie High School, is expected to air its first two-hour show in the near future. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

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Some concern was expressed that two miles of I-69 in Clinton County were not plowed, while the remainder of I-69 was possible, causing the road to be closed during the storm. A Road Commission official said the county is not responsible for the portion of I-69 and the plowing of the road is contracted by the state.

During the first two days of the blizzard, all emergency runs by the Sheriff's Department were made by snowmobile.

In a sampling of calls local law enforcement officials listed, Emergency Medical Technicians were dispatched in DeWitt to help a woman with chest pains.

A county deputy radioed to dispatch that Watson and Shepardville Roads were barely passable although county crews had plowed the roads 20 minutes before.

At 9:08 a.m. Thursday Clinton Memorial Hospital called the department saying they needed help for their Meals on Wheels program.

Other calls included attempting to search for a diabetic who left his home and hadn't returned. Four deputies on snowmobiles were dispatched on the call but had to turn back because conditions were too bad.

An Emergency Operations Center was set up in Fowler at 9:20 a.m. manned by three deputies who live in the area. At 9:35 a.m. the Road Commission advised the Sheriff's Department their trucks were heating up as they were plowing US-27 and M-21.

Thursday and Friday at the height of the storm a substation was set up in DeWitt with two deputies and four special deputies with snowmobiles. The DeWitt Fire Department was on call and answered 50 runs by snowmobile delivering medicine, food, fuel and transporting people to the hospital.

"The phones were ringing constantly," Sheriff Hufnagel said. There were 10 phone lines, with four of the lines ringing non-stop. The other lines were for fire departments and other police agencies.

The sheriff also noted a lot of calls were from people asking about road conditions. He stressed residents should not be calling the Sheriff's Department with those kinds of questions tying up phone lines when a life or death call may be

trying to get through. Normally one person with a relief person answers the phones in the communications room at the department. However, during the blizzard four men manned the telephones and they still couldn't keep up. By Friday another phone was installed at the jail.

During the four days of adverse weather conditions, deputies put in 185½ hours of overtime. Fifteen people were housed in the department including Road Commission employees, the National Guard, and their own employees.

Red Cross shelters were set up in St. Johns, DeWitt Township and DeWitt City. Three deaths due to heart attacks were listed as storm related deaths.

Hufnagel said, "There weren't a lot of accidents. Many cars were stranded along the roadways, though and many were in the ditches. By Friday they were starting to haul cars away so the roads could be plowed."

Laingsburg Emergency Services handled two pregnancies, delivering one baby.

A search was set up for a local man who had left his Parks Road home to get milk for a baby. His wife waited 12 hours before calling police officials. The Sheriff's Department called out the CRW and the National Guard.

These people searched the back roads and the fields for the man with the search continuing into Saturday night. A call was received Sunday that the man was located and held up in Lansing.

The National Guard made three medicine runs, one search, transported one deputy to an accident and they also acted as second men in cars looking for stranded motorists and abandoned vehicles on M-21 and US-27.

The Sheriff's Department recommends when people hear a storm is approaching they should make sure they have at least a 10-day supply of fuel and food and make sure they have enough medication.

"We strongly urge people don't misuse the phones and only make emergency calls," Hufnagel stated. He also commented because the phones were in constant use the terminals began over-

heating. "Asking for road conditions is not an emergency," he continued.

Other situations to be concerned with are not over-exerting yourselves when shoveling snow and to be extremely careful of potential fire hazards.

The Road Commission has a specific plan to first clear M-21 and US-27 and emergency roads leading to the hospital.

The Army Corp of Engineers had not arrived as of Monday night and it is expected that by the time they do get to Clinton County, most of the county will have been dug out.

HOW THEY HANDLED THE BLIZZARD DEWITT TOWNSHIP

Police Chief Michael Ferrance reported the volunteer fire department was stationed at the fire barn and additional police officers were brought in. Their activities were coordinated with the Sheriff's Department.

The volunteers made medication runs, and transported doctors and nurses to the various hospitals.

"A lot of people called in and volunteered their homes, and four-wheel drive vehicles," the chief said.

About half a dozen people were stranded and housed overnight.

Ferrance commented Thursday three volunteers on snowmobiles and one officer covered the entire area looking for stranded motorists and cars, taking about 10 hours to do.

Residents in the township also brought in food and the Red Cross brought in cots and blankets.

"The big problem we are going to have now is people taking more chances on the roads while driving, and a lot of accidents are going to occur," Chief Ferrance said.

DEWITT CITY

Emergency facilities were set up at city hall and volunteers on snowmobiles made a large number of grocery and drug store runs. Farmers were hired with tractors to plow out city streets and almost all of them were open by Monday.

The city didn't have any people stranded overnight, but did have a family of seven stay for a couple of hours until they could get home.

City offices were closed during the two days but Chief Wendell Myers and dis-

patcher Marjean Pelkey rode snowmobiles to work. They also used a lot of partime officers.

"The phone just rang constantly," Mrs. Pelkey commented.

BATH TOWNSHIP

Police Chief Gene Reno commented they ran snowmobiles through most of the storm and their big problem was running short of milk for babies.

"We couldn't even use four-wheel drive," he said. "The only way we could get through was on snowmobile." The township also had three crews of volunteers on standby.

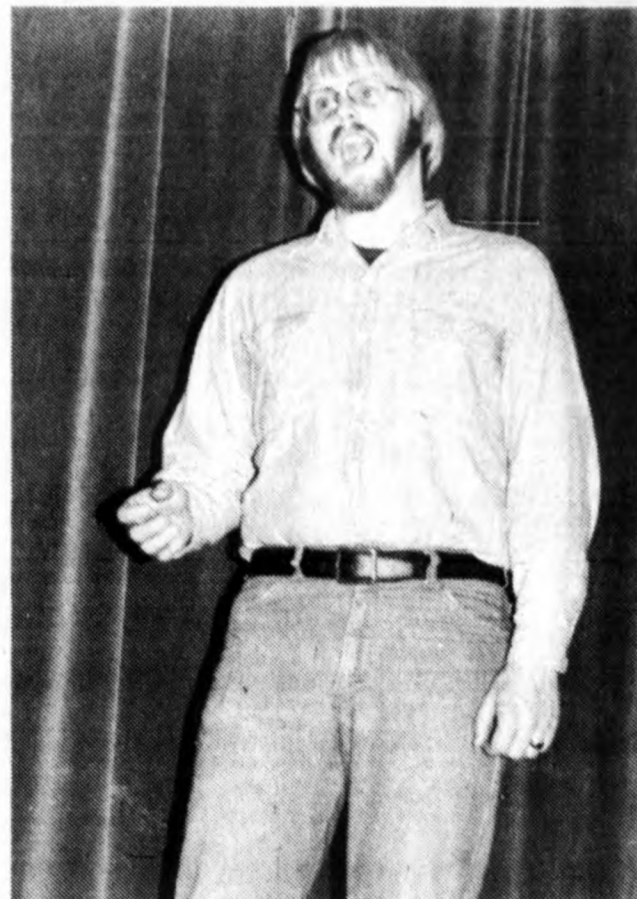
Another problem the township had was when the factory got out and the people on the night shift were coming home. "We had a hard time locating these people because they would leave their cars, start walking and then stop at a nearby house for help," Reno said.

ST. JOHNS

Police Chief Lyle Ferrance commented, "The cooperation was terrific. We had all kinds of volunteers and it was handled a lot better than we expected."

St. Johns was aided by snowmobiles and the squad cars were used although they did get stuck frequently.

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P-W players prepare show

Pewamo-Westphalia Community Players are preparing for their Variety Show slated for Feb. 11 at noon and 8 p.m. in the Pewamo Elementary Gymnasium. Singer Tom Webb and dancer Jerry Wohlfert are just two of the many acts to be featured in the show. The Fowler Four, a barbershop quartet, the P-W High School jazz band, the Westphalia string band and Al Buchalski's banjo and vocal acts are just a beginning. Also performing will be

Brent Pohl on the piano, Tom Meyers who does impersonations, comedian Steve Stump, vocalist Kathy Russell, a female trio from Grand Ledge which sounds like the Andrews Sisters with the sounds of the 1940's, Marian Greg who sings and dances, Lesley Doman who is in the trio and is a vocalist, and the duo of Scott and Denise Johnson who sing and accompany themselves on the guitar. Kim Vandecastel will also be joining Wohlfert on the dance floor. Photos by Sue Kiley

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Jim and his wife Barbara live on Lakeside Dr. on Rainbow Lake. They have 5 children: Susan, a sophomore at C.M.U.; Bob, senior at Fulton High; Don, sophomore at Fulton; Dale and Karen, 8th and 6th graders in Fulton schools.

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Storms bring out the best in all of us

By Patrice Hornak

Snow storms have a way of bringing out the best in everybody.

As the snow lies peacefully in front of your door in a seven-foot drift, you decide to remain inside for a while. It is not very often that you have a good excuse to just stay home and relax or catch up on those needed chores or enjoy a hobby. Snow storms are good for keeping tranquility and sanity in a fast-paced, on-the-go society that really does enjoy taking life easy but hasn't found the time to do this.

Then, snow storms are also good for uniting neighbors. You help Joe shovel his driveway and he helps you. A neighbor who is going to town on a snowmobile calls and asks if you need anything from the store. A few hands of cards rekindles friendships as the snow howls and whips around a cozy house.

Snow storms can also be thanked for its occasion to care for others. The volunteer fireman spends the night in the firehouse on a cot just in case someone needs his assistance. His own street is barricaded in the white

crystals, and he knows that it would take him a good half hour to get to the fire station should the fire horn sound.

The nurses are escorted to the hospital by snowmobile and four-wheel drive vehicles; the Sheriff's Department looks out for emergencies as the town lies dormant and unable to cope with an urgent cry for help.

We can also thank the snow storm for providing us with memories: "Remember the snow storm of 1978—we were snowed in for four days!" "You'll never believe me, Mom, when I say that the snow has completely buried by car. All I can see is my CB antenna." And, relatives living in the sunny south will be astounded when you send them pictures of your house the day after the blizzard.

Thank the snow storm for a mini-vacation, too. Though the work piled up at the office and it will be tough catching up, wasn't it nice to have an unexpected holiday? Every winter should have a wonderful blizzard.



"THEN IT'S AGREED—WE'LL PROPOSE A PROGRAM FOR GROWING SLOW-BURNING WOOD AND ADOPT A WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE!"



I could have simply said I was snowed in. However, to be more precise, I decided to use

graphics instead. It must be true: one picture is worth a thousand words.



by Tom Nowak

Snow storm should have been an inconvenience, but it wasn't

I, like everyone else, was inconvenienced by the great blizzard of 1978. But I feel sort of guilty. I've been hearing stories about people being drifted into their homes, others who haven't been able to get out to their cars for days, and still others who have had to survive without bread, milk, heat or toilet paper.

But none of those hardships touched me. The closest I came to a crisis was having a Saturday night date snowed out, and not being able to get in to work (more of a blessing than a crisis). Somehow, I just can't imagine telling my grandchildren, "Yes, I remember the great blizzard of 1978, I didn't go to class for two days and my paycheck was late. You kids really got it easy now."

The main reason I came through the storm relatively unscathed was my lifestyle. First, I'm a student, and live in an on-campus apartment at MSU. That alone is enough to cause anyone to lose touch with the real world.

While college can be intellectually stimulating, and all of that, it seems to operate most efficiently as a playground. What is a crises west of Frandor is seen by those living South of Grand River Avenue, as a different way to have fun.

A natural disaster has a way of bringing out the playfulness in students. I've been lucky enough to be at MSU during its greatest moments of foul weather and without fail somebody managed to turn them into a party.

During the great flood of 1975, for example, hundreds of Lansing's residents were evacuated and 1,000's of dollars of property damage was done. But at MSU, the flood was a once in a lifetime opportunity to paddle across the baseball field in a rubber raft or canoe across the parking lot of the mens intramural building. Even spectators could stand on the bridges and watch the daring young men in their rubber kayaks sink, running into a lamp post.

Last Spring, when a tornado ripped through the area, a couple of brave souls were perched on top of the stadium hoping to get a good view of the funnel as it came over the horizon, presumably before it leveled Holden Hall.

I suspect that somewhere there is someone disappointed because, he didn't get a chance to fly his kite in a tornado. If East Lansing were the

target for a nuclear bomb, some freshmen would be out in the middle of the radiation zone to see if gamma rays would cook a frozen pizza.

The Great Blizzard was no different, as it spawned parties, cross country skiers and at least one streaker who was featured on the front page of the campus paper. While area police agencies were telling residents how to get emergency medical service, or advising them on traffic conditions, the East Lansing police chief had to go on the radio to warn students that jumping into snowbanks from second or third floor balconies could result in broken limbs. Beer sales boomed, (a keg was nowhere to be had) and an East Lansing bank had to open just to provide the bars with change for their thirsty customers.

While my weekend was not nearly as expensive as that, I hardly suffered

through the storm. My first reaction to the blizzard was relief. Since I knew that an oral history report due that afternoon would be put off for a week, giving me a chance to read the book I was suppose to report on. Then, like everyone else, I called most of my friends to talk about the weather. "How are things out there?" I'd ask, as if conditions would be drastically different across campus.

Cabin fever was no problem, either. I live close enough to a bus route so it was no great task to get out. By 1 o'clock Thursday, I went out to survey the situation.

I decided to walk to the grocery store about four blocks away. I was surprised to see that I wasn't the only one out there, not by a long shot. Harrison and Trowbridge Roads normally occupied by cars, buses and trains were narrow walkways with six to eight foot banks of

snow on each side.

Whats more, the road was filled with pedestrians, wrapped in scarves, and buried in ski parkas and furry hoods. I felt like I was in Doctor Zhivago, mingling with the refugees from the revolution.

Once at the store, I thought I'd better stock up on groceries since there might be a run on essential goods. I'm sure the officials who told people to keep off the streets unless absolutely necessary, would be pleased to see me walking out of the store with Doritos, a bottle of wine, a green pepper and mozzarella cheese.

And I was not alone. You couldn't get near the liquor counter, the potato chips were gone, and beer was going. People were carting party supplies on sleds. Regardless of what happened on the outside, it was obvious that there was no state of emergency at MSU.

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HOW IT ALL BEGAN

The story of WOES actually began in June of 1976 when Ovid-Elsie High School applied for a FCC license. However, it wasn't until July of 1977 that the license was approved.

In between June of 1976 and July of 1977, the O-E School Board agreed to go ahead with the construction of a radio station in the high school. If the license was denied, the broadcasts would just be simulated, they reasoned.

The radio studio, which was once an individualized science lab complete with sinks, gas jets and air jets, was remodeled by industrial education instructor Bill Fuerstenau who was hired by the Board of Education to revamp the room.

The sinks were ripped out, gold carpeting was installed on the floor and the walls as a sound-proofing device, and two studios were created, each a mirror image of the other.

There is Studio A and Studio B, one to be used for broadcasting and one to be used for production. While one student is on the air, another can be preparing for the next show in the other studio.

There is also a reception area which acts as a buffer between both studios and the school hallway. A large confer-

ence table dominates the reception room and it is at this table where the students and their instructors log each of their programs and discuss ideas.

A daily log of songs and subject matter must be submitted to the FCC and Bishop warns his six students that they are "subject to having their license taken away if they really screw up."

Bishop isn't anticipating that occurring, however, and says of the six students, "We have very capable people. They all have good radio voices and I have no doubt they could go on successfully (in the radio profession)."

Credit for the establishment of WOES must also go to a number of other people and firms. First, the station's paid broadcast engineer, Jim Dorman who lives in Lansing but is a former Elsie resident, is responsible for insuring that the transmitter is operating on frequency and the equipment is maintained in working order. Dorman has a first Class FCC license. He has also set up the radio equipment in the studio, running about 3,000 feet of audio wire in the small, but comfortable station.

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Putting first things first
 By Richard L. Milliman

Never accuse state legislators of neglecting the important things in life. Like down in Alabama, for example.

The Alabama state legislature had adopted a joint resolution that selected the University of Alabama football team as the No. 1 team in the nation. The resolution was adopted unanimously, we hear.

The action was in response to the more normal national polls, conducted by the two major wire services, that ranked Notre Dame as the top football team in the nation, and relegated the Crimson Tide of Alabama as only No. 2.

The whole grid supremacy question was scrambled, of course, by the New Year's Day bowl games. Going into the Bowl season, Texas was undefeated and unanimously No. 1. All the other big schools, including Notre Dame and Alabama, had lost at least one game.

Then on Bowl Day, Notre Dame crushed Texas...but Alabama also created a tough Ohio State team, and both laid claim to being top dog. Arkansas also made a bid, after defeating No. 2 Oklahoma and ending up with a single loss, just like the Irish and Alabama.

But the coaches and the sports reporters, who vote for AP and UPI, all picked Notre Dame, which caused the on-their-toes Alabama lawmakers to rush into action.

Not only did the Alabama lawmakers pick Alabama as No. 1, they also picked the rest of the Top Ten, magnanimously selecting Notre Dame as No. 2 and putting Arkansas in No. 3 spot.

That wasn't enough, either. The Alabama House created a special committee, which will rate football

teams after every season. It's composed of three members each from the Alabama House and Senate, the speaker of the Alabama House and the Alabama lieutenant governor. None can be a graduate of Notre Dame.

Big college football is not provincial, of course. It has significance in Washington as well as in Montgomery and Little Rock.

Sen. Birch Bayh—who comes from Indiana, incidentally—offered a resolution in the U.S. Senate honoring the Notre Dame football team as the best in the country. Up jumped a couple of dissenters. "I would certainly disagree with the content of the resolution," objected Sen. James Allen of Alabama. "In a large portion of the South, Alabama is considered the No. 1 team."

"It was the Arkansas Razorbacks who were the Cinderella team," contended Sen. Dale Bumpers of Arkansas. "The people of my state would force a recall petition if this resolution went through."

And so it goes, with lawmakers in Montgomery and Washington—and probably Little Rock and Indianapolis, too, although I didn't see similar reports from those capitols.

Now that the important things are out of the way, maybe they can concentrate on such things as the economy, and energy conservation, and the environment, and other incidental questions.

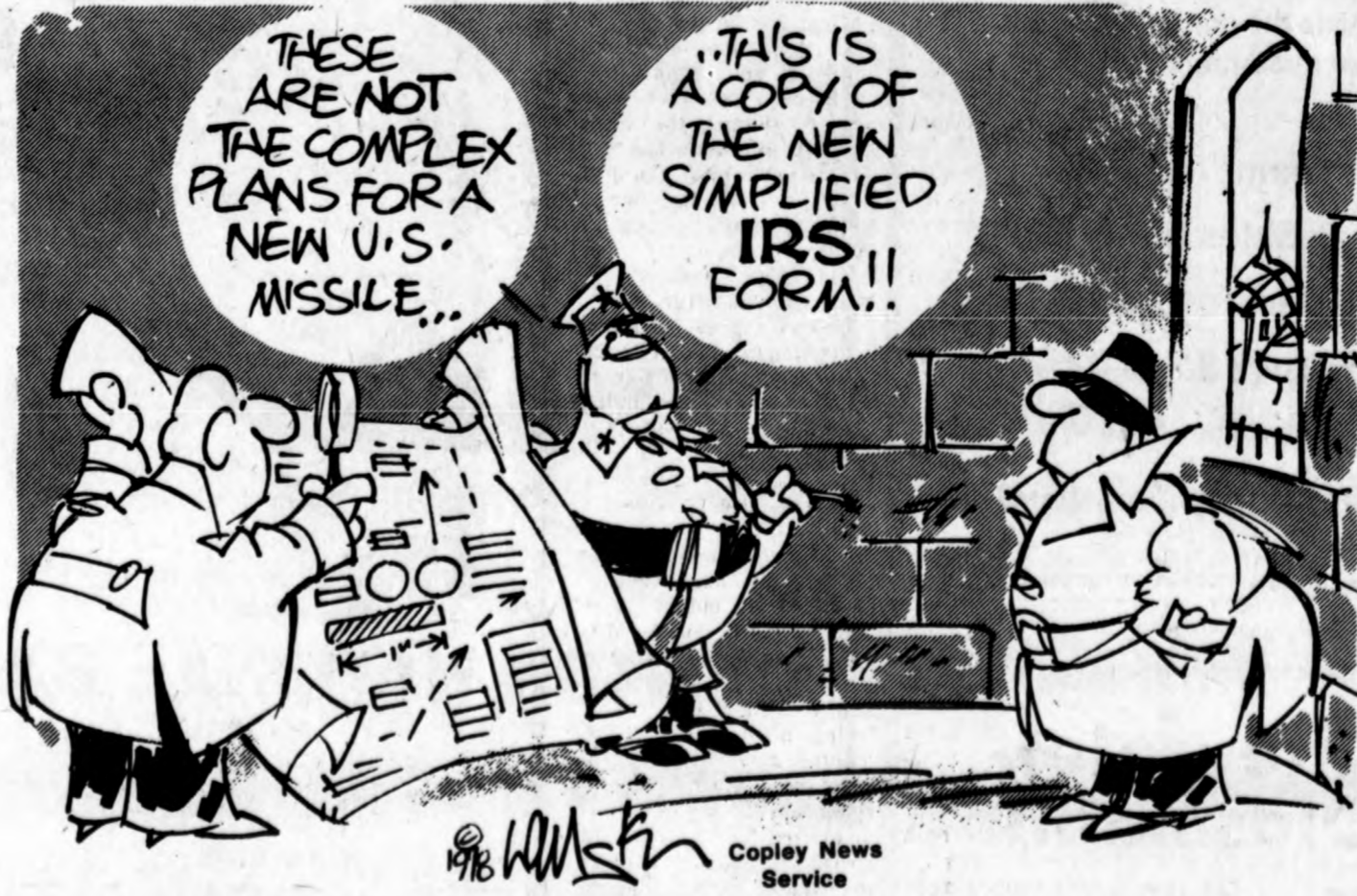
Some closing Nuts and Jolts from Hod Shewell:

—During most snowstorms around these parts, Carrier would have trouble finding Ives.

—A born loser is a guy who has a joint driveway, and after a 6-inch snowfall, has to go to work an hour before his neighbor.

—A major surgery is when it's on you, and minor surgery is when it's on the other guy.

—There's one thing to be said about taking the one-horse sleigh over the river and through the woods...you never got stuck.



PERSONALITY PROFILE

Senior citizen dedicates life to helping

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer

Ruth Delo is happy with her life. She is constantly doing for other people and is actively involved in community affairs, which makes her the happiest.

"I wake up in the morning feeling so happy and good," she commented. "There's so much to look forward to in a day."

It wasn't always this way for Mrs. Delo, however. She explained after she retired from General Telephone after 27 years she didn't have anything to do. She was bored and found herself staying at home quite a bit and not being involved in anything.

"I couldn't stand it," she said. "I knew I had to start doing something with my life again."

The first step Ruth took was to go to the hospital and sign up as a Red Cross volunteer and she also got on a bowling team.

This however, was only the start of what Mrs. Delo was eventually going to get herself involved with.

She became quite involved with the Red Cross at Clinton Memorial Hospital and then became chairman of the organization. Afterwards, she decided she wanted to do more and took a job with the Senior Citizen Program associated with Capital Area Community Services.

"I really like it," she said, referring to her job. "I get to meet so many people this way."

Ruth explained she just loves it when she can help senior citizens.

"Even if it's just a ride to the doctor's or the grocery store," she commented. "They really make you feel like you are needed."

There is also a program she is involved with where senior citizens are called on everyday to make sure they are alright. If there is no answer at the person's home, the police are called to check it out.

"I really like talking to these little old ladies who have problems which are big to them and just need someone to talk to," Mrs. Delo, a senior citizen herself, commented.

At her job with Community Services, Mrs. Delo works 25 hours during the three days she is there. Although she is no

longer chairman of the Red Cross organization she still works three hours a week plus pulls Sunday duty occasionally.

For the Christmas baskets Community Services delivers to people in the county, she crocheted countless hats and mittens for this cause.

Her "baby" as she refers to it is the Senior Citizen bowling league. Ruth pushed and pushed using every method and resource person she could think of to get this bowling league started. It took her a couple of years to finally get it operational and working the way she wanted it, too. She is really proud of the fact there are 20 seniors actively involved in the Thursday afternoon bowling fun.

She enjoys working with the Red Cross not only knowing she is helping the patients who are in the hospital but also relieving the nursing staff by doing the little chores.

At one time Mrs. Delo worked in the gift shop, also a hospital project which is strictly volunteer.

Mrs. Delo explained she had a lot of friends both young and old.

In her spare time she writes poetry, plays cards with her peers and bakes for her grandchildren.

"You might think this is funny," she began, "But sometimes you can find me baking at 2 a.m. especially if I am upset or nervous about something. The funny part is I can't eat anything I bake because I am a diabetic."

One of her most favorite pastimes is driving her car. "It is my solace for everything," she said. "I can forget whatever is bothering me when I drive. I don't know what I would do without my car."

Ruth also lends a helping hand at a local restaurant, pitching in during the busy times when there isn't enough regular help doing everything from playing hostess, to running errands. "The only part I won't do is the dishes," she said with a grin.

She was married to the late Kenneth Delo and the couple had three children, Richard, Ronald, and Gordon.

She is a member of RSVP, an organization for senior citizens to help other senior citizens. Mostly she is used for transportation.

In closing she said, "I love my life."



Thelma Jones

Ruth Delo

'78 storm joins list of worst blizzards

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

Clinton County

The winter storm of 1978 was certainly one of the worst the county has experienced, though other storms will long be remembered, also.

Eleven years ago, Old Man Winter dumped 24 inches of new snow on Clinton County and immobilized the county.

Then, there was the big storm of 1951. The Dec. 20 issue of the Republican News reported a four-inch snowfall the previous Friday, with temperatures below zero persisting and a low of minus 10 degrees occurring Dec. 19.

Another four inches fell that Monday and Tuesday and on Wednesday evening three to five inches were added.

By the next issue of the paper, a total of 20 inches of snow covered Clinton County.

A local resident called the County News office Monday morning, Jan. 30, and reminisced about the storm of 1930. He said the severe storm hit in January and someone put a sign on a tall snowpile in downtown St. Johns which read: Yukon, Alaska.

The St. Johns man said snow was piled up in the center of Clinton Avenue and as a result, center parking

was initiated in Downtown St. Johns.

The Jan. 17, 1918, issue of Clinton County Republican News called the big storm of 1918 the worst storm ever known. Traffic in the county was tied up for three full days, and only one train came into the city between Friday night and late Monday night.

Wind of gale force created drifts up to 10 feet on county roads, and temperatures slid to 18 degrees on Jan. 12.

"The Grand Trunk attempted to hire men and boys hanging around the pool hall. Some wanted 80 cents

per hour; other balked at \$2.50 a day offered by the Grand Trunk; then wanted \$3.50 or \$4 per day plus board," reported the Republican News.

The story went on to say:

"The Michigan Railroad electric car left Lansing at 6 a.m. Saturday and arrived in St. Johns at 2:30 p.m. They started back at 4:30 p.m. and got three miles south and tried to return, they arrived back in St. Johns Sunday night. Eleven men and two women remained in the car overnight. They got fuel by breaking up fences along the line."

Letters to the editor

To the Editor:

The entire staff at Clinton Memorial Hospital appreciates the efforts of those who assisted during the snowstorm on Thursday and Friday.

Peter Vanderlin and George Purvis, using a 4-wheel drive vehicle, drove to the hospital several doctors, a surgical nurse and several of the housekeeping staff. They took home other employees who had worked all night.

Meals on Wheels were delivered Thursday on snowmobiles by Clarence Lambert and Duane Grams, members of the Community Radio Watch, coordinated by Jerry Reha.

Red Cross Volunteers, Pearl Haught and Roma Hamer, and Junior Hospital Volunteers, Mary Smith, Shelly Little, Robin Sample, Vicky Salters, Barbara Kerr and Cindy Terpening walked through the deep snow and spent most of the day aiding the nursing and dietary personnel.

Joan Radina and Connie Phelps came in and worked much of the day. Several others called and offered to come if they were needed.

Unlike most other facilities, Clinton Memorial can't "close" during a blizzard. Many CMH employees related the various methods of transportation provided by friends or neighbors and expressed their appreciation.

With the cooperation of these volunteers, the Clinton County Sheriff's Department and the St. Johns Police Department, the Hospital was able to provide quality patient care during the severe weather and the aftermath.

Thank you—all who helped.

Sincerely,
Romaine DeCamp
Community Relations
Coordinator

City officials given thanks

We wish to congratulate the city officials and their maintenance crew for the tremendous job they did in clearing the snow from the city streets after our paralyzing snowstorm of last week. It was indeed a superb job.

Also, we of the St. Johns

Cemetery Association, wish to thank the city officials for coming to our rescue by clearing the road in Mt. Rest Cemetery in order that we could take care of the two burials on Monday.

The families of the deceased are also most

appreciative of the city's help.

Therefore, thanks again, city officials, for being so thoughtful. We are proud we live in St. Johns.

Anthony Kuntz, President
of St. Johns Cemetery
Association

Back Through the Years

Feb. 1, 1968

10 Years Ago

The Viet Nam War claimed another Clinton County life Monday when Spec 4 John F. Ruiz, 20 of DeWitt was killed in action while returning from a night ambush patrol. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Domingo T. Ruiz of 11400 US-27, DeWitt, received word of his death Tuesday.

Mrs. Flora Sperry Knapp died Jan. 24 in a New Port Richey, Fla., hospital. She had been in the hospital four weeks.

Reading in bed can be a pleasant pastime at home, and the new Friends of the Bement Public Library are about to instigate a plan unique at Clinton Memorial Hospital to provide patients there with a wide range of reading material. Volunteer members of the four-month-old library group have been working for the past couple of weeks to prepare a selection of about 200 books at the Bement Public Library for use at the hospital.

Jan. 30, 1958

20 Years Ago

Between 300 and 400 parakeets, finches and canaries valued at more than \$2000, suffocated in a fire Monday night in a bird house owned by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zacharias, two miles north of St.

Johns on US-27.

The new 1958 president of the Michigan Press Association is Robert S. Marshall, editor and publisher of the Ogemaw County Herald in West Branch. He succeeds Almon W. McCall editor and co-publisher of the Grand Haven Tribune.

Stuart H. Perry, former publisher of the St. Johns News, the Adrian Telegram and vice president of the Monroe Evening News, was admitted to the Michigan Newspaper Hall of Fame, it was announced at the 90th annual convention of the Michigan Press Association.

Feb. 5, 1948

30 Years Ago

"March of Dimes" donations began to roll in in considerable volume from Clinton County schools this week. The initial counting of school money revealed a total of \$761.88 has been received to date.

William England, of Eagle, who was burned about the face and hands while rescuing his two children from a flash fire at his home Monday night, is reported to be recovering at a friend's residence.

Michael Torok, 22-year-old Fenton youth who was involved in the burglarizing of Bartek's Garage in Elsie last

November, was sentenced to from 3 to 15 years in Jackson prison when he pleaded guilty before Judge Paul R. Cash in circuit court here Tuesday.

Wheat was quoted at \$2.62 in St. Johns this morning—down 20 cents from last week—as a result of Wednesday's slump in the Chicago grain market. Oats are bringing \$1.17 here, a drop of 13 cents from last week. Beans remain steady at \$13.25.

Feb. 3, 1938

40 Years Ago

There's a great variation in the amount of delinquency on the 2948 pieces of Clinton county property listed in the tax sale descriptions published this week in the Republican-News. One property owner owes 36 cents and another \$13.409.

Illness continued to plague pupils of St. Johns schools. Over 100 are out of school with measles, reports Miss Maude Herron, school nurse.

Continued unemployment and the increased cost of living during the winter months have combined to boost the number of welfare relief cases in Clinton County up toward the 550 mark. The cost of ERA exceeded \$10,000 in Clinton County during January.

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Toleson, Simon wed in DeWitt rites

Wedding vows were exchanged by Marjorie Lou Toleson, and Mark Lee Simon on Nov. 5 at 2 p.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church in DeWitt with the Father-Stenbur officiating at the double ring ceremony.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father to an altar decorated with yellow and rust color mums and red glads in the foreground.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. William Toleson, Orleans and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Simon, 10301 DeWitt Rd., DeWitt.

Sarah Smith played the song, "A Time For Us" on

the organ.

For her wedding the bride chose an ivory color gown with long sleeves, empire waist made of sheer crepe with an overlay applique insert on the front of the skirt. The dress featured a cape type long train with lace trim.

The waist length veil was trimmed with the matching lace.

She carried a cascade of rust mums mixed with gold and yellow daisies trimmed with wheat.

Maid of honor for her sister was Anne Toleson, Orleans. Bridesmaids were Judy Van Belkum and Carol

Martin, both of St. Johns. Flower girl was Kimmy Anderson and Ring bearer was Mark Panasiewicz.

The attendants wore long empire waist halter style gowns in rust colors with an attached short cape. They carried round baby rust mums with baby's breath and a rust ribbon.

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Toleson wore a floor length blue dress with a

white panel, long sleeves and silver trim.

The groom's mother wore an aqua green dress with a sash.

They wore corsages of white carnations with red rose buds.

Best man was Kurt Simon, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Joe Anderson and Denny Morrow. Ushers were Bill Toleson, Mike Toleson, and Lee Shavey.

A reception for the couple was held at Smith Hall following the wedding.

Serving at the reception was Beverly Sosebee, Rowley Rewerts, and Caroline Jakus.

Special guest were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Crofoot, grandparents of the bride; and Mrs. Francis Bissell, grandmother of the groom.

The bride was a 1971 graduate of Ionia High School and a 1973 graduate of Montcalm Community College. The groom is a 1970 graduate of St. Johns High School and also attended Lansing Community College.

The couple took a wedding trip to Petoskey and Frankenth.

They are making their new home in St. Johns.



Diane Theis Perry Cook

They're engaged



Sharon Glomski

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Surdenik, 1644 E. Taft Road, St. Johns announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Ann. To Mark Edwin Glomski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Glomski, Alpena.

The bride-elect is a St. Johns High School graduate and attended Sparrow x-ray training center in Lansing. She is employed at Alpena General Hospital.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Al-

pena High School and is employed at Huron Cement Corporation.

The couple is planning an April wedding date.



Shawnee Mach

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Mach, Ashley, announce the engagement of their daughter, Shawnee Susan, to Joseph Wassa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Wassa, Bannister.

The bride-elect is a 1974

graduate of Fulton High School in Middleton. She is employed at Brown's Nursing Home.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1972 graduate of

Ovid-Elsie High School and is employed at Charles Gilbert and Son, Inc.

The couple is planning a spring wedding.



Mr. and Mrs. Ronald L. Drake, Portland, became the parents of a daughter, Rebecca Lynn at Sparrow Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Karek, 400 E. McConnell, St. Johns, became the parents of a son, Todd Michael, on Jan. 17 at Sparrow Hospital. The mother is the former, Patricia Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Leston E. Schwartz, 810 E. McConnell, St. Johns, became the parents of a son, Brian Edward, on Jan. 19 at Sparrow Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald L.

Parish, 304 Harris, Lansing, became the parents of a son, Brian Ronald, at Sparrow Hospital on Jan. 21. The mother is the former, Patricia Wilcox.

A girl, Kaylene Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gearhart of 2525 W. Price Rd., St. Johns on Jan. 21, 1978 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. She weighed 10lbs. 7-oz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Waltz and Mr. and Mrs. William Gearhart. The mother is the former Dianne Waltz.

A boy, Jason Kristopher, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis LeVeck of 309 N. Morton on Jan. 18 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 8lbs. 7oz. The mother is the former Suzanne Horcha.

Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Theis of Fowler, announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane Jean to Perry N. Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cook, Pewamo.

The bride-elect is a 1977 graduate of Pewamo-Westphalia High School. She is

employed with the State of Michigan.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1976 graduate of Pewamo-Westphalia High School and is employed with Devereaux's Sawmill.

A May 13 wedding date has been set by the couple.

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Auxiliary tours new unit, readies for Heart Ball

St. Johns Clinton Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Board met Jan. 18, with 31 members present. The highlight of the meeting was a visit to the new Special Care Unit. Romaine DeCamp explained some of the functions of the various mechanisms. The members were impressed with these modern facilities. It is expected the unit will be in operation the first week in February.

The hospital will sponsor an Open House Feb. 5 from 2-5 p.m. for public viewing of the unit.

The members pledged \$25,000 toward the cost of the monitoring system in the Special Care Unit.

Mrs. McQueen reported on Meals-on-Wheels. She said 16 meals were delivered on weekdays and eight on Sundays. Those receiving meals have high praise for the service.

Dot Koger, corresponding secretary, sent thank you notes to the Pewamo-Westphalia and Riley Schools for tray favors. Several cards were sent to members who were ill.

Helen Fitzpatrick's committee members worked 112 hours and made 86 articles from salvaged material. They greatly miss Mrs. Robinson who had been a member of the sewing committee for several years.

The television rentals netted \$492. The volunteers amassed a total of 63 working hours.

Mrs. Montague displayed one of the very attractive puppets that her committee members had made. Ninety-five have been delivered to the hospital and given to children confined there.

The Gift Shop netted \$491.15. Volunteers are needed to work in the Gift Shop. Anyone interested in giving a few hours of service each week to the hospital contact Esther Tiedt.

Wanda Humphrey reported that plans for the dinner dance at Highland Hills Country Club Feb. 4 are being finalized. For tickets, contact Mrs. Walter Cole, Mrs. Sam Serrell or Mrs. Virgil Zeeb.

A theater party is planned for March 5. The play is a comedy entitled "California Suite". The cost will be \$20 per person which includes bus fare and theater tickets. For reservations call Barbara MacKinnon or Irene Zeeb.

The members voted to pay \$1791 to complete the purchase of needed curtains for the hospital.

Inge Grost said the new doctors were impressed with the many activities of the Auxiliary and the staunch financial support it gives the hospital.

Elsie news

For Mrs. Helen Wiltsee of Elsie, December was a very special month. Mrs. Wiltsee who taught English and Spanish for 41 years became 80 years old in December. The last thirty-seven years of her teaching career were spent in Roseville, a suburb of Detroit. The first four years were in Puerto Rico and Hammond, Ind.

Some of Mrs. Wiltsee's ex-students still living in Roseville decided that she should have a birthday card shower. Mr. Maury Vincent, editor of the Macomb Daily, Mt. Clemens, thought so too, so an announcement was carried on the front page of his paper.

On the first of December and for several days there arrived bundles of greeting cards. They came from eight different states. Also, there were telephone calls from Florida, California, New York and many from the Detroit area. About two hundred people responded. Also, there were many flowers and plants.

Mrs. Wiltsee says: "Happiness was in reading the messages in those letters... news about marriages, children and grandchildren... news about jobs, interest in church and community affairs."

Joy was mine when I learned that some are glad because I required them to memorize many passages from great literature. One girl wrote that she had learned, and that I had made learning fun for her. Remarks like this make a teacher feel rewarded and bring a few tears of emotion." Mrs. Wiltsee said.

Mrs. Wiltsee retired to

Elsie in 1963 and shortly after began substitute teaching in Clinton, Gratiot, Shiawassee and Ingham Counties. She substituted for seven years in grade schools and the high schools and says that she enjoyed this kind of teaching very, very much. Many new friends were thus acquired.

Mrs. Wiltsee resides at 146 W. Pine St., Elsie, MI 48831.

There were 85 people who attended the Birthday Party Thursday, evening, Jan. 18 in the Fellowship Hall of the Elsie United Methodist Church.

Twelve tables were decorated in the theme suitable to each of the 12 months by a hostess who also presided at her own table and furnished the decorations and the birthday cake.

Three long tables of pot-luck foods were served buffet style and each person present dropped a penny for every year of her or his age in "the kitty".

Mrs. Milford Clark, as general chairman, also appointed one person at each table to introduce the part of the program for which she was responsible.

Among the entertainment were poems, readings, a flower contest, a vocal solo, a piano solo a large collection of pictures photographed by Mrs. Marylyn Miles and a contest by the Rev. David Miles.

Shepardsville

Mr. Carl Rinckey is recuperating from a heart attack at his winter home in Florida. His address is 2181 Kanner Highway, Stuart, Fla. 33494.



Mr. and Mrs. Earl Walker

Open house

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Walker were guests of honor at a 40th wedding anniversary party held on Jan. 15.

Over 100 guests attended the celebration at the home of Douglas Walker, Bennington Road, Laingsburg. Co-hostess were their children, Erlene Grenawalt, Charlotte, Ronda Lee, Duane and Donald Walker of Laingsburg.

Cake and ice cream was served on a buffet table decorated in red and white. The cake was decorated with

red roses and white sugar bells and was served by their grandchildren, Carrie Grenawalt and Jene Walker.

Gifts were placed beside a money tree made by Ronda Lee. Many of the guests came from the surrounding areas. Among the guests present was Harriet Henry, Elsie.

Imogene Bancroft and Earl Walker were married at the Colony Parsonage in Elsie on Jan. 11, 1938 by the Rev. Fisher.

North Victor

Wedding vows were exchanged by David and Chinsuk Staples at the Grove Bible Church on Friday evening, Dec. 30. They were first united in marriage in January of 1977 in Korea by his Army Captain.

Attending the couple at the church ceremony were matron of honor, Mandy Staples and Rick Staples as best man.

Music was furnished with guitar and singing by Mandy Staples and brother Russel.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her father-in-law, William Staples. She wore a traditional white wedding gown with train and carried a corsage of pink and white rose buds and baby's breath.

The altar was decorated with poinsettias and the church was decorated throughout with greens and tinsel in keeping with Christmas.

After spending nearly three

weeks with David's family, the couple left Jan. 4 to return to his Army Camp in California.

A reception for the couple was held at the Veterans Hall in Elsie, following the wedding ceremony, by Rev. Robert Prange.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Curtis are spending the winter in St. Cloud, Fla.

Word has been received of the serious illness of Mrs. Gertrude Exelby Berlin following a stroke and she is in intensive care in a Florida hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Maag are spending several weeks with relatives in Florida.

Mrs. Eva Cortright spent several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Russel Sage and family in Lansing.

Plans are being made by the Price U.M. Mens Club for the annual fish supper to be held at the church on Saturday evening, Jan. 28.

Marriage licenses

Billie Del Cutter, 21, 9644 Mead Road, Elsie; Pamela Mae Weishaupt, 19, 9644 Mead Road, Elsie.

Steven Leslie Decker, 27, 15466 Outer Drive, Bath; Flossie Ann Flewelling, 30, 6550 Richardson Ct., East Lansing.

Phillip Tiedt, 37, R. 2, St. Johns; Pamela S. Rossow, 24, R. 2, St. Johns.

Marion Jackson Johnston, 60, 107 N. Jefferson, Mason; Gladys Sillman, 58, 11194 W. Ionia, Fowler.

Lewis Arthur Bell, 42, 13920 Main, Bath; Jean Yvonne Barke, 43, 222 Dunbar, Pottsville.

Kenneth William Slosser, 20, 505 W. Parks, St. Johns; Coral Edith Lamb, 25, 505 W. Parks, St. Johns.

Steven Jan Henning, 20, 669 N. Morton Street, Lot 27, St. Johns; Karen Lynn Johnston, 17, 8455 N. DeWitt Rd., St. Johns.

Clyde Emory Kelley, 27, 3730 N. East Street, Lansing;

Carolyn Sue Atkins, 31, 3730 N. East Street, Lansing.

Mike Wilson Upton, 21, R. 1, Maple Rapids Rd., St. Johns; Debra Lynn Lobsinger, 18, Route 1 Island Road, St. Johns.

Randy Jay Hall, 18, 6550 Clark Road, Bath; Kelly Sue Huntley, 17, 6550 Clark Road, Bath.

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Obituaries

Millie Vanacek

ELSIE—Funeral services for Millie Vanacek, 57, an Ashley-area resident most of her life were held Wednesday morning, Jan. 25, 1978, at St. Cyril's Catholic Church, Bannister followed by burial in Ford Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Carter Funeral Home in Elsie.

Becky Proctor

Miss Rebecca Lynn Proctor, 30, 609 N. Morton, died Friday, Jan. 27, 1978, while visiting her mother in Florida. Miss Proctor was born in Ionia County on Dec. 2, 1947. She was employed as a legal secretary for the district court in St. Johns. She was a graduate of Ferris State College and a member of the Legal Secretaries Association for Grant and Clinton Counties. Surviving Miss Proctor is

Home, Ashley and died at Carson City Hospital Monday morning, Jan. 23, after a one-week illness. She was born Oct. 15, 1920 in New Lothrop to John and Stef Vanacek and belonged to St. Cyril's Catholic Church. She is survived by a brother, Frank, of Imlay City, and several nieces and nephews.

her mother, Mrs. Gartha Mae Proctor, Carson City; two sisters, Mrs. Jeanine Bolderer, Gaylord; and Mrs. Jill Akin, Carson City; one brother, Timothy, of St. Johns; her grandparents, Mrs. Anna Proctor, Carson City, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Goodell, Carson City. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Feb. 1, at the Schnepf Funeral Home with Judge Frederick M. Lewis. Interment was held at the Carson City Cemetery.

Helen Salters

Funeral services for Mrs. Helen Salters, 68, of Route 1, Harrison, a former St. Johns resident, were held Monday, Jan. 30, 1978, at the Osgood Funeral Home at 1:30 p.m. Rev. Brian Sheen officiated and interment was in Mt. Rest Cemetery. Mrs. Salters passed away Wednesday, Jan. 25, at the Ingham Medical Hospital. She was born in Bradenton, Pa., on March 15, 1909 to Michael and Suzanne (Mizzer) Galvach. She lived most of her adult life in Clinton County and had lived

Christy Jo Hart

Christy Jo Hart, 17 months, of McCrumb Road, Eagle, died in Sparrow Hospital Jan. 19, 1978. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hart Sr.; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Secor of Greenville, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hart; and one brother,

the last 12 years in Harrison. Surviving are her husband, Jim Salters; two brothers, Michael Galvach of Harrison and Andy Galvach of Oakmont, Pa.; four sisters, Mrs. Bertha Androsko of Ohio, Mrs. Mary Sabo of Ohio, Mrs. Ann Hulbert of Harrison and Mrs. Veronica Boettger of St. Johns; two granddaughters, Kathy Brya and Peggy Pattison, both of St. Johns; and five great grandchildren. Mrs. Salters was a former restaurant owner.

Anna Belen

Mrs. Anna M. Belen, 87, of Oak Street, Westphalia, passed away Monday, Jan. 30, 1978, at a Lansing Hospital. She was born May 10, 1890 to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Genslerblum. She was a member of the Christian Mothers, the Fowler VFW Auxiliary and St. Mary's Church in Westphalia. Surviving are three sons and five daughters including John Belen of Holt, Robert Belen of Lansing, Julius Belen of Munising, Mrs. Robert (Loretta) Taylor of Englewood, Fla., Mrs. Wayne (Cornelia) Elliot of Grand Ledge, Mrs. Irene Peacock of Lansing, Mrs. Samuel (Rose) Marvin of Portland and Mrs. Ted (Bonnie) Rademacher of Westphalia. Also surviving are 36 grandchildren, 37 great grandchildren and one great grandchild. Rosary services were slated for Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in the St. Mary's Chapel and a funeral mass will be said Thursday, Feb. 2, at 11 a.m. in St. Mary's Church. Rev. Father James Schmitt will officiate and interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Westphalia.

Glenn Johnson, Jr

Glenn B. Johnson, Jr., 46, of 526 Circle Drive, Harrison, passed away on Jan. 20, 1978, at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. He was born on July 10, 1931, in Lansing, the son of Glenn and Vera (Scutt) Johnson. Glenn served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a captain of the Dodge City Fire Department and a constable of Hamilton Township. He moved to the Harrison area from Lansing in 1975. Surviving are his wife, Anna Mae; his mother, Mrs. Vera McComber of DeWitt; his father, Glen of Ashley; one son, Dennis of Lansing; four daughters, Wanna Lee

Carl Bozung

Carl J. Bozung, 69, of 304 E. Main St., Pewamo, passed away Jan. 17, 1978 at his residence. He was born Nov. 18, 1908 in Westphalia to Alex and Anna (Kramer) Bozung. Surviving are two half-sons, William Kramer of Westphalia and John Kramer of Fowler; three sisters, Mrs. Helen Schaaphok of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Rose

Mary O'Connell

Mrs. Mary E. O'Connell, 78, of rural Carson City passed away Saturday, Jan. 21, 1978 at Carson City Hospital. She was born Sept. 16, 1899 in Wagner, S.D., to Patrick and Margaret O'Connor. She came to Michigan in her early 20's and she married Dennis O'Connell in 1923 and he survives his wife. She was a member of St. Mary's Altar Society and a member of St. Mary's Church in Carson City. Surviving besides her husband Dennis is a daughter, Mrs. Rosemary Davarn of Pewamo; three sons, Matthew O'Connell of Edmore, Patrick O'Connell of Detroit

Area Happening

Feb. 11—The DeWitt Merry Mixers square dance club will have a Valentine Dance Feb. 11 at the DeWitt Middle School on Herbison Road from 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Refreshments furnished. Guests are always welcome. The club will have a guest caller for this dance. Cost is \$3 a couple.

William Friel

William H. Friel, 59, of 15910 Florence St., Lansing, passed away Jan. 25, 1978 at Houghton Lake. Mr. Friel lived most of his life in the Lansing area, and was born in Wardell, Mo. on Oct. 30, 1918 to Ross and Clary (Mosley) Friel. He was married to Ester L. Bradley in Lansing on Feb. 29, 1952. Mr. Friel was a member of the DeWitt Masonic Lodge, the Oldsmobile Quarter Century Club, VFW Post 701 in Lansing, the Houghton Lake Association and the Oldsmobile Outdoor Club. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 1 p.m. from Coker Funeral Home, Inc., Harrison, with the Rev. Paul Lehner officiating. Interment was in the Hamilton Township Cemetery, Harrison.

Frederick Rogers

Frederick Dean Rogers, 50, of 509 W. Baldwin St., St. Johns, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 25, 1978, at his home. Funeral services were held at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Monday, Jan. 30, at 10 a.m. with Rev. Father William Hanker officiating. Interment was in Mt. Rest Cemetery. Also, a scripture service was held at 8 p.m. Sunday evening. Mr. Rogers was born in St. Johns on Sept. 11, 1927 to Peter and Mary (Baloz) Rogers and resided all his life in St. Johns. On Sept. 25, 1954 in St. Johns he married Josephine VanElls and she survives her husband. Also surviving are two daughters, Monica Klaver of St. Johns and Nancy Rogers who lives at home; a son, Mark who lives at home; and a sister, Agnes Cicalo of Saginaw. Mr. Rogers was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church and the American Legion. He was employed by Federal Mogul.

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DeWITT OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DESIGNATION OF PROJECT AREA AND PROJECT DISTRICT AREA TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DeWITT BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF CLINTON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Act 338 of the Pub Acts of 1974, as amended, The Economic Development Corporation the County of Clinton has designated the following described project area to the Township Board for its approval:

As May Be Amended From Time To Time In Minor Respects
 Legal Description (M&B): Commencing at the SE cor., Section 9, T5N, R2W, DeWitt Township, Clinton County, Michigan, thence N 00 deg 53' 00" W 570.0' along East Sec. line (centerline US-27) to point of beginning; thence S 89 deg 24' 20" W 303.8' ±, thence S 00 deg 53' 00" E 536.5' ± to a point 33' from centerline of Herbison Rd., thence S 89 deg 24' 20" W 541.0' ± along R.O.W. line, thence N 00 deg 53' 00" W 376.0' ±, thence N 89 deg 24' 20" E 201.5' ±, thence N 00 deg 53' 00" W 34.0' ±, thence N 89 deg 24' 20" E 294.5' ±, thence N 00 deg 53' 00" W 246.0' ±, thence N 89 deg 24' 20" E 348.5' ± to a point on the East Sec. line, Sec. 9, 690.0' North of the SE cor., Sec. 9, T5N, R2W, thence S 00 deg 53' 00" E 120.0' along the East Sec. line, Sec. 9 to the point of beginning; excepting an area 27.0' wide along the Herbison Road R.O.W., containing 5.5 acres more or less.

The Economic Development Corporation of the County of Clinton has been incorporated and has the power to acquire, finance and lease commercial and industrial enterprises. The designation of a project area specifies that land area which will be acquired by the implementation of a project.

It is also now necessary to consider the establishment project district area boundaries. Project district area is described as that area of the County including the project area and surrounding territory as may be significantly affected by the project. The determination of the project district area boundaries is necessary in order to determine the necessity of establishing a project citizens district council and, if necessary, determining the eligibility of its members. The project district area is proposed to be as follows:

All of the E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Sec 9-T5N-R2W, S of Webb Rd. exc Rose Subd., also exc a parc beg 851.25 ft W of SE cor of Sec 9, th W 520', N 535', E 520', th S 535' to pt of beg. 82 acres more or less.

Corn at a pt 250' S 0 deg 05' E and 90' N 89 deg 44' W of NE cor of Sec 16-T5N-R2W, th W 200', N 200', th E 132.78', th SE 110', th S 112' to pt of beg.

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 16, DeWitt Township, T5N, R2W, Clinton County, Michigan, S 0 deg 5' E 250 feet along Section line, thence N 89 deg 44' W 519.5 feet to point of beginning, thence N 0 deg 05' W 250 feet, thence S 89 deg 44' E 156.25 feet, thence S 0 deg 05' E 250 feet, thence N 89 deg 44' W 156.25 feet to point of beginning.

MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS:

That part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 16, T5N, R2W, DeWitt Township, Clinton County, Michigan, the boundary of which has been surveyed and is hereby described by Michigan R.L.S. 16053 as beginning on the North Section line at a point N 89 deg 44' W 363.25 feet from the Northeast Corner of said Section 16, thence S 0 deg 02' 20" E 250.0 feet parallel with the East Section line, thence N 89 deg 44' W 156.25 feet parallel with the North Section line, thence parallel with the said East Section line N 0 deg 02' 20" W 250.0 feet to the North Section line, thence S 89 deg 44' E 156.25 feet to the point of beginning, subject to the right of way of Herbison Road and any other rights of way or easements of records, containing 0.897 acres of land, more or less.

Walnut Estates No. 1, a subd of part of the E 1/2 of Section 16, T5N-R2W, Lot 4
 Walnut Estates No. 1, a subd of part of the E 1/2 of Section 16, T5N-R2W, Lot 1
 Walnut Estates No. 1, a subd of part of the E 1/2 of Section 16, T5N-R2W, Lot 3
 Walnut Estates No. 1, a subd of part of the E 1/2 of Section 16, T5N-R2W, Lot 5
 Walnut Estates No. 1, a subd of part of the E 1/2 of Section 16, T5N-R2W, Lot 2

Corn on the sec ln at a pt 841.25 ft W of SE cor of Sec 9-T5N-R2W, th W 520 ft on sec ln, N 535 ft, E 520 ft, S 535 ft to pt of beg.

The Township Board will meet at 7 o'clock p.m., Monday, the 13 day of February, 1978, at the Township Hall located at 780 E Wieland Road, Lansing, Michigan, and will conduct a public hearing on the advisability of approving by resolution the aforesaid project designations.

Said Act 338 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1974, as amended, provides that an Economic Development Corporation may be incorporated and that such corporations have the power to acquire, finance and lease commercial and industrial enterprises and the designation of the project area specifies that land area which will be acquired in the implementation of a project.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Sections 8 and 17 of Act 338, Public Acts of Michigan, 1974, as amended. Further information concerning the matters set out in this notice may be secured from the County Clerk's office or the Township Clerk's office.

Constance Whitney
 Deputy Clerk
 Township of DeWitt

★ Clinton

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Assisting the police were the National Guard and the CRW. Volunteer firefighters also helped out with some calls. As of Tuesday morning total labor and equipment costs for overtime for the County Road Commission was listed as slightly over \$45,000. Of this amount \$10,000 was for state highways and \$35,000 will be chargeable to the county. County road crews are continuing to widen roads to make them two lanes. It was also reported the north and south country roads were beginning to drift again. Clinton County may not have seen the last of the effects the Blizzard of '78 will bring.

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Jim's Column

By Jim Pelham
Extension Director

20 years of dairy progress

Few segments of agriculture and certainly none typical of Clinton County have scored the remarkable technological success of the dairy industry. Cow numbers and dairymen become fewer and fewer while production goes up and up!

In reviewing the 1957 DHIA Report for this county, we find the average cow on test produced 10,608 pounds of milk. In 1977 the average had climbed to 15,986. In 1957 T.J. Thornton had the highest herd in the county with 21 registered holsteins averaging 13,984 pounds of the vitamin and protein rich food, while in 1977 Jerry Spitzley was high with 48 cows averaging 19,098 pounds of milk.

Highest individual cow was a senior three-year-old owned by F. Angell and Son, with a mature equivalent of 19,647 pounds of milk. In 1977 a cow in the same age bracket owned by Green Meadows had a mature equivalent of 31,026 pounds.

In 1957 the high lifetime cow was owned by Robert Borton, who continues to operate a successful dairy farm with his son Mike out in Watertown Township where

farms are now becoming few and far between as suburbia of Lansing spreads out. Their champion had a phenomenal 138,896 pounds of milk in eight lactations and no other cow in the county even came close to equaling her record. In 1977, Jerry Spitzley's Champ had 182,703 pounds to her credit and Don Swagart had a cow with 170,442 pounds.

As to herd size, Walter Nobis and sons Paul, Walter (Bud) and Carl had 49 grade holsteins milking nicely over the county average with 10,915 pounds of milk. Last year the largest herd was Green Meadows with 1,475 cows averaging 16,966.

We seemed to have reached a plateau in field crops production. Yield increases with the exception of corn and wheat don't come close to paralleling these achievements.

Last week Dr. Harold

Hafs, Chairman of the Dairy Department at Michigan State University, along with the well-known dairy researcher, Dr. William Thomas, accompanied this agent on visits to four Clinton County dairies.

One question asked at each stop got almost identical responses from all of the dairymen. The question was, "What will be your average production in 10 years?" The answer came back, "I don't know about 10 years but in three or four years we are going to have a 20,000 pound herd average!"

How have the dairymen scored this phenomenal success and how are they going to continue the upward spiral? Next week's column will discuss how the successful dairyman has come this far and some promising and revolutionary technology for the future.

Extension calendar

Feb. 1 Soybean Producers Cultural Practices
Feb. 2 Dairy Building and Supply Contractors Seminar,

Pine River Country Club, Alma
Feb. 4 Second Photography Workshop, St. Johns HS. 1-3 p.m. (use front door)
Feb. 4 Clinton County Soil Conservation District Annual Meeting, Ovid-Elsie High School, noon.

Feb. 6 M.A.E.H. County Council, Central National Bank, 9:30 a.m.

Feb. 6 4-H Horse Leader Meeting-7:30 p.m.-Smith Hall

Feb. 6 Family Living Program, "Building Self-Esteem in Families," Smith Hall, 1 p.m.—FREE BABY-SITTING.

Feb. 7 Swine Producers Seminar, Valley View Inn, Shepherd, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Feb. 7 Dairy Leaders Meeting—planning session, Smith Hall, 8 p.m.

Feb. 9 Family Living Area Day Planning Committee, Central National Bank, St. Johns, 9:30 a.m.

Feb. 11 Michigan Milk Producers Annual Meeting, Smith Hall, 12 noon

Feb. 18 "Personal Appearance Puts it All Together", workshop, Smith Hall, St. Johns, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Feb. 18 4-H Teen Club Valentine's Dance, Smith Hall, St. Johns, 8-12 p.m.

Feb. 22 Michigan Livestock Exchange District Meeting at Smith Hall—8 p.m.

Feb. 25 CLINTON COUNTY AWARENESS DAY, St. Johns High School—The greatest effort ever made to bring the ideas of all Clinton County together.

Addition

Linda Lindner, ninth grade girls' physical education teacher in St. Johns was inadvertently left out of the story on student roller skating class which appeared in the Jan. 18 issue of the County News. Ms. Lindner is also one of the instructors of the class.

Elsie News

Card party cancelled

The card party scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 26 by the Elsie Chapter No. 69, Order of Eastern Star was canceled because of impassable roads. It has been re-scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Elsie Masonic Temple. Progressive pedro will be played, and prizes and refreshments will close the evening. There will also be tickets available at the door.

OES and Masons busy

The January schedule for the Elsie Chapter No. 69, Order of Eastern Star and Masonic Lodge 238 F&A.M. was well filled but due to the weather conditions the past week's events were canceled. Both organizations had their regular monthly meetings.

Elsie Chapter No. 69 OES was represented at the School of Instruction in Ashley, Jan. 6; installation of officers of Bethel No. 36 International Order of Job's Daughters in Ovid Jan. 7; initiatory degrees at West Side Masonic Temple in Bay City, when Sid Keys served as associate patron, Jan. 18; and initiation of candidates Harold and Amelia Hinkley

of Lansing at Elsie Chapter No. 69 OES, Jan. 19.

Also, on Jan. 9, the Senior Past Master, Harry Crell, 89, of the local Masonic Lodge No. 238 F&A.M. was buried at Elsie's Riverside Cemetery. Pallbearers were Masonic Brothers John Hall, Charles Kridner, Lawrence Hess, Leonard Tillotson, Sidney Keys and Murray Cole.

Please watch the news items for futures dates of

these activities that were canceled.

United Methodist Church News Items
The Re-siding project for the parsonage of the Elsie United Methodist Church has been completed and has greatly improved the church property.

A confirmation class will begin Feb. 22 through Mar. 15 on Wednesday evenings 7-8 p.m. The Rev. David Miles will be leading this

class for junior high, youths and parents at the United Methodist Church.

The District United Methodist Men's Rally will be held at the Clare UMC, Feb. 5 with Red Salisbury as speaker at 3 p.m. for all laymen, women and youth.

"What is Red Bird Mission?" If you wish to learn about it, bring a potluck lunch to the Elsie United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall to hear first

hand about the missions to the Cumberlands in Kentucky.

Douglas Webb, Hospital Administrator of Red Bird Hospital will be the informal speaker over lunch on Monday, Feb. 6, at noon.

There will be a mission convocation Feb. 12 from 3-8 p.m. at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church. The theme will be, "Home Missions—Know Thy Neighbor."

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Schools were closed Friday, Monday and Tuesday back in 1967, but this time around school children were treated to four days of winter vacation, with students dismissed on both sides of the weekend, beginning Thursday and concluding Tuesday in most cases.

"County roads were plugged tightly, making it impossible for school buses to get around," says the 1967 paper. Such was the case in 1978. And, though most roads were plowed for at least one lane of traffic by Sunday, it took road crews a couple extra days to make the roads passable for long school buses. Also, area residents were given time to shovel their sidewalks so children could walk to school.

Mail delivery curtailed

Like many other services, mail delivery was curtailed during the storm of '78, with no mail delivered Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

According to St. Johns Postmaster Keith Mishler, mail was delivered as normal on Wednesday and out-going mail went out Wednesday evening as scheduled.

However, no mail was received into the St. Johns post office until Sunday afternoon when a special trip was made to St. Johns by the U.S. Postal Service.

Postmaster Mishler said the custodian, three of the seven city carriers, three clerks and himself reported to work on Thursday and only the custodian and Mishler came to the office on Friday. Though mail delivery was impossible on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the office was kept open.

Monday morning the seven rural and seven city carriers were out delivering a hoard of mail, which Mishler described as being "more than any day during the Christmas rush—half again as much."

Postal customers are urged to shovel paths leading to their mail boxes. If a postal carrier can not reach a mailbox, he or she will return the mail to the post office.

Mishler said the St. Johns post office received over 100 phone calls Monday morning, as area residents asked the carriers to hold their mail until they are plowed out.

DeWitt Superintendent of Postal Operations, Al Wickerham, reported the DeWitt office received mail Wednesday evening but then waited until Monday morning to receive another shipment. "There was nothing in between," said Wickerham. DeWitt has five rural carriers and city residents have boxes.

Monday's influx of mail "was just like Christmas," Wickerham said. During the storm of 1967, mail delivery was discontinued for two days.

Bannister News

Alyce Bashore returned home Jan. 21 from University Hospital in Ann Arbor. The doctors who had been in consultation on her case decided against surgery and released her for the time being.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Swanson left Jan. 21 for Florida to join friends in Zephyrhills. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Peck had preceded them by a couple of weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Scott, Alice Casler and Mary Stacker left Jan. 16 and arrived Jan. 20 after battling the southern storms that hit the nation. They all arrived tired but well.

Janet Swanson was hostess Thursday morning, Jan. 19, to the Country Wise and Country Neighbors Extension Clubs. Special guest for the morning was Beth Dutcher of Perry who gave a very informative talk on first aid hints as well as CPR. Coffee cake and coffee were served by the hostess prior to the talk.

Betty Mitchell was in Carson City Hospital last week.

Over 20 from the Bannister United Methodist Church attended the Mini-school of Missions held at St. Louis Sunday evening, Jan. 22. The missions groups met at 5:30 p.m. with a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. A worship service closed the evening's activities.

Several couples surprised the Gale Bensing family Saturday evening, Jan. 21, at their new home by arriving in a group with snacks. Sue and Gale recently purchased their home in Elsie which gave rise to the occasion. A time of visiting was enjoyed by all prior to the lunch. Rev. Emmett Kadwell offered special prayer for the family and their future. Sympathy of the community goes to the Frank Liber-

tin family in the loss of her mother.

The Ashley ladies were guests of the Bannister United Methodist Women Wednesday evening, Jan. 18, for the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial.

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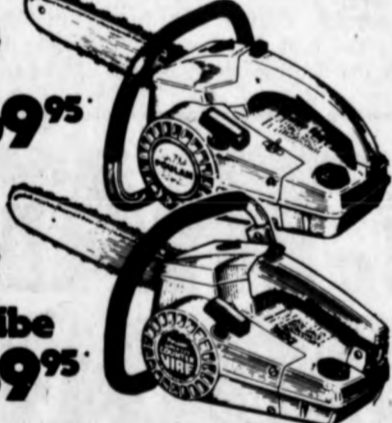
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Clinton County Sports

Wrestling teams head for districts

East Lansing
Area wrestling teams will be scattered about four different sites for the district tournaments to be held Feb. 4 and Feb. 11, the Michigan High School Athletic Association announced last week.

In the Class B districts Saturday, St. Johns travels to Alma. The Redwings will be joined there by Mid-Michigan B rivals Alma, Hemlock and Swan Valley, along with 11 other teams, mostly from the Saginaw area.

Ovid-Elsie will be at the

Linden district Saturday, along with conference opponent Corunna and 13 other teams from the Flint area.

DeWitt High School hosts a Class C district on Feb. 11, a week after the Class B tournament begins. Bath, DeWitt and Pewamo-Westphalia are the county teams represented, while Haslett and Maple Valley, both rated in the Class C top ten along with DeWitt, will also compete. Bellevue, Fowlerville, Lansing Catholic, Leslie, Middleville, Olivet, Perry, Port

land, Springport, Stockbridge and Williamston round out the field.

Fulton travels to Ithaca for the district, and the Pirates should see stiff competition from Lakeview and Shepherd, both rated.

The top four finishers in each weight class will advance to regional competition the following week, while the top four finishers at regionals will go on to the state finals.

All district competition will begin at noon.



A Bath volleyball teammate gets ready for the block, but the DeWitt girls' went ahead and defeated the Bath girls 15-13 and 15-13 in last Monday night's contest. (Photo by Bob Donner)

Snow botches up sports slate

St. Johns
Last week's blizzard wiped out a full three days of high school sports activity, and area athletic directors are still trying to reschedule some of the snowed out events.

Steve Bakita of St. Johns said the Redwings' basketball game with Hemlock would be rescheduled for Feb. 21, and that the MMB wrestling meet scheduled for last Saturday would be held Thursday at Chesaning.

The freshmen basketball game against Ovid-Elsie and the varsity wrestling against Mason will not be rescheduled, he said, and the gymnastics meets scheduled for the weekend have not yet been rescheduled.

The St. Johns-Ovid-Elsie wrestling match will be held Feb. 8, while the Marauders will meet Corunna in a makeup game Feb. 25. Athletic Director Bob Foreback said.

George Noch, athletic director for DeWitt, announced that last Friday's game against Lansing Catholic Central has been moved to Feb. 21, while Tuesday's game against Howell will be played Feb. 24. The Capital Circuit wrestling tournament will be Thursday, and other events have yet to be rescheduled.

CMAC events will be rescheduled according to a plan to be drawn up by the league's athletic directors.

Bath defeats P-W

Bath
Bath needed three Pewamo-Westphalia forfeits to get past the Pirates 33-27 in a non-conference match last Tuesday.

Steve Hicks and Jim Soris each took forfeits for the Bees, and then Mike Bridinger got P-W on the board with a pin against Kyle Kelly at 5:01.

Tom Dumond of Bath decided Brad Kilcherman 6-3 at 1:19, and P-W forfeited 1:26.

At 132 pounds Randy Wills of Bath took a 6-2 decision over Jeff Martin, and in a battle of two top-notch wrestlers Andy Beachnau de-

cisioned P-W's Tom Schafer 4-1.

At 145 Jeff Raines of the Pirates pinned R. V. Allen at 3:04, and Chuck Hill picked up another win for P-W with a pin against Tim Horna at 3:28.

Al Droste of P-W took an 8-6 decision over Kevin Shirey at 1:65, and Barry Brown of Bath defeated Frank Heckman with a second-period fall. Both teams forfeited at 1:91, and Brian Miller closed the match for P-W with a pin against Craig Cullimore at 5:12.

Saturday the Bath Boosters Club will sponsor the Bath Booster Invitation-

al, and eight-team varsity and junior varsity tournament. About 175 wrestlers will compete.

All varsity wrestlers will receive a patch, and the top three finishers will get medals. The winner of each weight class in the junior varsity division will get a medal.

The Coach and assistant coach of the winning varsity team will receive a plaque in addition to the team trophy.

The field consists of Bath, DeWitt, Pewamo-Westphalia, Ithaca, Byron, Haslett, Portland and Perry. Wrestling begins at 10 a.m., and the finals start at 7 p.m.

Fulton comes alive to down Laingsburg

Middleton
After playing a lackadaisical first half, the Fulton Pirates came alive in the second half to down Laingsburg 81-71 Tuesday.

"We came out flat," Pirate Coach Kim Lathwell said. "We just didn't play real good basketball."

But the Wolfpack did start strong, shooting 55 per cent from the field in the first half to take a 16-12 first quarter lead and a 36-34 lead at the half.

But then Fulton switched to a man-to-man defense, and the Pirates' full-court pressure caused Laingsburg turnovers. Fulton regained control, and in the third quarter Fulton gained the

lead for good.

The Pirates were hurt in the second quarter when forward Randy Troub was fouled out of the bench midway through the period. Troub fouled out five minutes left in the game, scoring only 10 points.

That left it to Kelvin Drake and Terry Hnetyka to pick up the scoring slack. Drake was high with 22, while Hnetyka had 16.

Joe Collins led the rebounding with 12, while Jeff Cooper pulled down 10. Fulton had a 45-36 edge on the boards.

Fulton has a chance to tie for the CMAC lead Friday when it plays league-leading Pewamo-Westphalia at P-W.

St. Johns boxers win

Lansing
St. Johns fighters won five of seven bouts as the Golden Gloves competition continued last Wednesday.

Tim Marshall, novice at 132 pounds, beat Joe Powers of Ionia when the referee stopped the contest in the first round. Charles Britton Jr. of Lansing could only go one round against Tim Beaufore in the 147-pound novice bout, and the referee declared Robert Gregory of St. Johns a winner in the novice heavyweight match two minutes into the first round.

Ben Rodriguez lost a 125-pound open bout against Mark Benbow of Portland when the referee stopped the bout in the third round.

Also in the open division, Rich Gregory of St. Johns stopped Charles Abraham of Lansing 42 seconds into the first round, while Frank Benavidez defeated Steve McAllister of Dimondale at :57 of the second round.

The only St. Johns fighter in the sub-novice class, Terry Churches, lost to Shawn Cronk of Ionia.

winning ways which not only won the bouts but the hearts of the crowd. The fans loved to watch the St. Johns fighters floor their opponents, he said, and they obliged as the five won fights without going the distance.

Seven St. Johns boxers will fight in the semi-finals held tonight at the Lansing Civic Center, and trainer Dick Padgett hopes that his fighters can continue their

SJ takes third win

St. Johns
The St. Johns volleyball team ran its record to 3-0 last week with a pair of conference victories.

The Redwings downed Bullock Creek Monday 15-3, 15-8 at Midland, then Wednesday St. Johns beat Hemlock 15-6, 15-13.

Earlier the Redwings downed Lansing Catholic Central 15-3, 15-1 in a non-conference match.

St. Johns, coached by Beth Swears, is at Chesaning Monday.

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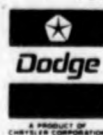
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Don Zimmerman receives Eagle award

St. Johns
Donald Mark Zimmerman of Boy Scout Troop 103, Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming, who has relatives in the St. Johns area, was elevated to the rank of Eagle at a National Court of Honor held at Chapel Two on Thursday evening, Nov. 10.

Don, a sophomore at Cheyenne Central High School, is the 14-year-old son of Chaplain, Capt. and Mrs. Donald Zimmerman of Warren Air Force Base; the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilbur, of St. Johns; and the great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bates of St. Johns.

Earning 24 merit badges, completing a service project, and successfully passing the Cheyenne District and National Boards of Review were required to be considered an Eagle candidate. Don's service project was enlisting, training, and supervising the work of other youth in volunteer service at the Cheyenne Veterans Administration Hospital.

At the 1977 National Scout Jamboree held at Moraine State Park, Pennsylvania Don served as Assistant Patrol Leader of the Antelope Patrol of Longs Peak Troop 2. He was the Wyoming Eagle hometown reporter for the jamboree.

Don is a member of the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's honor camper society. He is also the First Sergeant of the Falcon Cadet Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol.

During the Court of Honor service, Don's Sunday school teacher, Lt. Col. Bruce Harger, presented him with the Eagle medal after delivering a few remarks.

Don presented his mother with a miniature Eagle pin and his father with an Eagle tie bar. After receiving the traditional "Eagle kiss", Mrs. Zimmerman presented Don with a framed Eagle medal which she had made in needlepoint.

Don's father read the certificate and letter of congratulations from the Chief Scout

Executive. He then presented Don with the two drawings Don had drawn of himself when he was nine years old portraying himself as a Cub Scout Webelo and an Eagle Scout.

Eagle Scout and Institutional Representative from the Geodetic Survey Squadron. Navy LCDR Herb Colomb then delivered the Eagle Scout charge to the

candidate. Don rededicated himself to the principles of Scouting by repeating the Eagle Scout pledge. Commander Colomb then pronounced Don an Eagle Scout.



Promoted to Eagle Scout

Major Bruce Harger presents Donald Mark Zimmerman with his Eagle Scout award while Chaplain Capt. Donald Zimmerman, Don's father, looks on.

O-E wrestlers fall to Haslett

Haslett
Ovid-Elsie's wrestlers took highly rated Haslett down the line last Tuesday but still fell to the Vikings 39-30.

Carl Thornton started the O-E scoring with a third-period pin at 105, and Dave Toth scored a fall at 3:51 in the 119-pound match to put the Marauders up 12-9.

O-E didn't win again until

Lee Pumford took a forfeit at 145, making the score 22-18. Kevin Wilson won for O-E two matches later with a third-period fall to narrow the gap to three, but Haslett took the 178-pound match.

Richard Ackels scored a fall in the second period of the 191 pound match, but Haslett scored a fall in the heavyweight contest to take

the non-conference victory.

The O-E-St. Johns match scheduled for last Thursday at St. Johns was moved to Wednesday, Feb. 8, so the next action for the Marauders will be Thursday when they go to Chesaning for the Mid-Michigan B tournament, also moved back because of last week's blizzard.

P-W creams Portland 83-64

Portland
Pewamo-Westphalia used a 48-point second half to race past Portland 83-64 in a non-league game Tuesday.

Portland played well the first half, according to P-W Coach Joe Ghiardi, and were within three at the intermission. But the Pirates took charge in the second half and took their 11th straight win.

Dave Belen led a balanced

scoring attack with 28 points. Joe O'Brien added 21, while Warren Hengesbach had 16 and Mike Belen 10.

Hengesbach, O'Brien and Steve Miller all had seven rebounds against the Raiders.

P-W faces a tough test when it faces a tough Fulton squad at home Friday, and the Pirates go to Saranac Tuesday.

Fowler breaks into win column

Fowler
The Fowler volleyball team won its first match of the season Wednesday, defeating Pewamo-Westphalia 15-3, 15-5 in the CMAC matchup.

P-W's junior varsity won the preliminary match, defeating the Eagles 15-10,

15-10. Pirate Coach Davine Ball said Geraelyn Schafer and Shirley Simon served well, and she credited Shelly Schneider and Kathy Platte with good all-around performances.

P-W hosts Fulton tonight and Olivet Tuesday, while Fowler entertains Webberville Thursday.

Cerny wins again

Grand Ledge
For the third straight meet, Denise Cerny swept all four events Wednesday to lead the St. Johns girls' gymnastics team to a 73.95-67.85 victory over Grand

Ledge.

Cerny set a school record with her score of 7.45 in the floor exercise, breaking her own record set in 1977. The floor exercise was the most

productive event of the night for St. Johns, accounting for 20.95 points, and the Redwings' team total was their highest of the season.

St. Johns had two of the top three finishers in every event except the vault, in which Cerny was the only place winner with a first-place score of 7.4.

Cerny took the uneven parallel bars with a score of 6.95, while Sharon Law was third with 4.95.

On the balance beam, Cerny led with 7.25, while Kathy Pifer was third at 5.3. Law followed Cerny in the floor exercise with a second-place score of 6.9.

Also scoring but not placing were Michelle Rehmann in the vault, Cindy Steavens on the bars and Michelle Gill on the beam.

Tonight the Redwing girls are at Perry, while Saturday the boys host the St. Johns Invitational.

Panthers avenge Mason team

By Mark Szalajeski
Correspondent

Mason
The DeWitt Panthers rode into Mason looking to avenge a 67-65 overtime loss to the Bulldogs only four days earlier, and that's exactly what they did, taking a 76-70 decision.

Mason jumped quickly to a 17-14 lead at the end of the first quarter and held a two-point advantage, 36-34, at halftime, despite Dave Wilson's 16 first-half points for DeWitt.

In the second half, the Panthers went to work and

Eagles lose tough one

Olivet
Olivet High School gained a measure of revenge against Fowler last Tuesday, defeating the Eagles in a rematch 73-61.

Fowler, which had won the first meeting in overtime, trailed by two at the half and five after three quarters before Olivet took a 27-20 scoring advantage in the final period to take the CMAC win.

Randy Morrison led the Olivet attack with a game-high 29 points, while center Jim Theis led Fowler with 25 points. Mark Schrauben was also in double figures with 11, but they couldn't make up for the sub-par night of Don Schrauben, who finished with just six points.

Fowler travels to Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart Friday for a non-league game.

BANNISTER

Approximately 100 friends and relatives attended the open house held in honor of Frank Leydorf's 85th birthday Sunday afternoon, Jan. 22, at the Bannister United Methodist Church.

Kathy Leydorf attended the guest book and had arranged the table full of cards received prior to the celebration. Many more were received from those attending. An interesting array of pictures were displayed and included those from Frank's younger days and several enlarged close-ups taken recently by his grandson Jeffrey.

A special cake was made and decorated by Janet Swanson. It covered his work with the railroad, his time as a farmer and the many years of service as township clerk. Her husband, Ken, presently serves as Township Supervisor and works with Frank on the Township Board.

Also assisting at the refreshment table were Margaret Moore at the punch bowl and Wanda Randolph at the coffee service. Doris Valentine kept the refills coming from the kitchen. The afternoon was a reunion time for many old friends.

Hosting the affair were Frank's son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Leydorf and his grandson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Leydorf. Another grandson, Michael and his family complete the family circle. Michael is presently serving with the Air Force in England and lives there with his wife and son, Scott, great-grandson to Frank.

Birth

A girl, Jessica Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Blaine L. Stevens of 406 S. Mead St., St. Johns on Jan. 29, 1978 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. She weighed 6lbs. 9ozs. The baby has one brother. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kissane and Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Stevens. The mother is the former Christine Kissane.

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Cabin fever...no way

Cabin fever didn't get the better of these high schoolers as they got together for a friendly song fest Thursday evening in the home of Maridell Nelson on South Lansing

Street in St. Johns. Enjoying their mini-vacation from school were (from left) Brenda Bancroft, Keith Parsons, Alan Nelson and Dennis Petersen. Photo by Sue Kiley

DeWitt High School hosting first Class C and D swim meet

DeWitt's high school will hold a unique class C and D swimming invitational Saturday beginning at 1 p.m. in the DeWitt natatorium.

All 22 Michigan C and D schools sponsoring swimming are invited and 9 will participate. It is the first meet ever held just for the smaller schools.

"We are hoping that this

meet will further plans for a Class C and D state meet separating from the Class B schools in the State of Michigan," DeWitt Coach Mike Keevan said.

Presently Classes C and D compete against Class B schools in state finals.

Teams competing are DeWitt, Dundee, Erie-

Mason, Forest Hills Northern, Grandville Calvin Christian, Haslett, Detroit Country Day, Flint Academy and Middleville.

The invitational being run by Matt Mann III and Chuck Geggie of Lansing Sexton and admission will be \$1.50 at the door.

Last week the young

DeWitt swimmers went down to the last relay before falling to Grand Ledge 89-83.

Outstanding individual performers for DeWitt were Ron Lovejoy, who won the diving with a school record 146.3 points and Mike DeFoe who had personal best time in the 50 yard and 100 yard freestyle. Other winners for the Panthers were Matt Hokanson, 200 yard freestyle, and Bill Backus 100 yard breast stroke. Backus currently holds the third fastest time in the area for that event.

Taking seconds were John Kirchen, 200 yard freestyle; Backus, 200 yard individual medley; Defoe, 50 yard freestyle and 100 yard freestyle; Lovejoy, 100 yard butterfly; Greg Gladstone, 500 yard freestyle; and Hokanson, 100 yard backstroke.

Panthers defeat Bath Bees

DeWitt

The DeWitt volleyball team came back from large deficits in both games to edge Bath 15-13, 15-13, last Monday.

Panther coach Tom Mauro said "Debbie Lusty was the top server while

Nancy Garland and Beth Willard played well around all." He also credited Cindy White and Shari Lusk with good hustle against the Bee's.

Wednesday DeWitt lost to Mason 16-14, 15-10. White had some good spiking for DeWitt, while Debbie Lusty

was top server.

"The team played well. Mason played better," Coach Mauro said.

Bath also lost to Pinckney Wednesday but no details were available.

★ Volunteers

Continued from page 2A

to pass the time better. McCaslin commented everyone was working shoulder-to-shoulder and everything went smoothly. It would be too hard to mention everyone who volunteered time, food and services, but it just goes to show when there is an emergency, Clinton County knows how to take care of themselves.

★ O-E

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Secondly, WHFB, a radio station in Benton Harbor, must receive acknowledgement for their donation of approximately \$13,000 worth of equipment and supplies ranging from double-paneled glass, sound-proof doors, patch panels, stereo cart machine, two stay-level amplifiers and a host of records from the 1930's, 40's and 50's. In all, they gave WOES about 10,000 records.

Ovid-Elsie High wrote a letter for every Michigan Radio station asking for donations of any sort. WHFB was one of the stations which replied.

Another station which responded to the letter was a 50,000-watt Detroit black station which gave WOES about \$6,000 in equipment including a stereo control board which WOES will probably use in remote broadcasts.

A federal grant of about \$13,000 was used to purchase microphones, turntables and other equipment; and, the Ovid-Elsie Board of Education also gave the radio station a good deal of monetary support.

Now, all WOES needs is a transmitter which has been shipped but is taking its time in reaching Ovid-Elsie High School.

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Liaison to visit county

Clinton County Congressman Elford A. Cederberg's liaison, Doratha Stolz, will be visiting Clinton County in order to offer the citizens of the Tenth District an opportunity to bring difficulties they might have with the Federal government to his attention.

Mrs. Stolz will be at the

courthouse in St. Johns on Monday, Feb. 6 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

SJ swim team wins

Lansing

St. Johns won eight events Tuesday to take a 93-79 swimming victory over Class A Lansing Hill.

Winning first place for the Redwings, Tim Grost, Rod Lounds, Kirk Goins, and Ron Moon, 200 yard medly relay with a school record tying time of 1:49.3; Goins, 100 yard butterfly; Eugene Pierce, 200 yard freestyle and 500 yard freestyle; Moon 100 yard freestyle; Grost, 100 yard backstroke; Lounds, 100 yard breast stroke, and Steve Baxter, Al Nelson, Ben Manring, and Pierce 400 yard freestyle relay.

Area Happening

Feb. 3—The Michigan Mid-South Health Systems Agency, Inc. (MMSHA) is holding a public meeting to announce its intention to apply to the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare for a grant to serve as the designated Health Systems Agency for the Counties of Clinton, Eaton, Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, and Lenawee at 1:30 p.m., at the MMSHA office located at 411 North Cedar Road, in Mason.

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Elsie News

A special meeting of Elsie Chapter 69, OES, was held Thursday, Jan. 9, at the

Masonic Temple for the purpose of conferring initiatory degrees upon candidates, Harold and Amelia Hinkley of Lansing.

W.M. Jeanne Temple and W.P. Sid Keys presided for the ceremonies. Due to illness and vacation, several substitutes were volunteers: Mrs. Calista Reed of Ovid as Martha; Elisabeth and Dale Levey as associate matron and associate patron; and Mrs. Dortha Platner as treasurer.

There were visitors from Morningstar Chapter, Ovid, who were welcomed.

W.M. Jeanne Temple and W.P. Sid Keys presented the exemplification of the degrees with Mrs. Evelyn Porubsky and Mrs. Pat White as conductresses.

The newly initiated Harold and Amelia Hinkley of Lansing were welcomed by their sisters and brothers and enjoyed a reception served by Mr. and Mrs. Neil White, Mrs. Jennie Loznak, and Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Hinkley.

Max Karrer of Owosso, Joe Bartek and Sid Keys of Elsie attended the Detroit Automobile Show Sunday at Cobo Hall.

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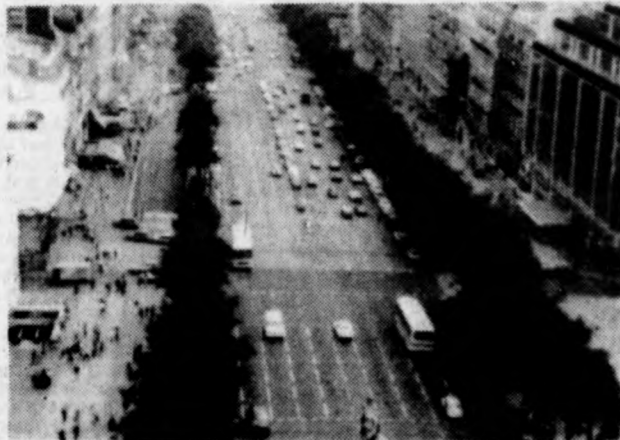
Edinburgh, Paris and home

by Teresa Milliman

Conclusion



Gargoyles atop the Cathedral of Notre Dame.



The Champs Elysee



Edinburgh Castle, Edinburgh.

London was not the only major city I visited during my European travels. I also spent some time in Edinburgh, Scotland, and in Paris. Although these two shared some of the more common features of large cities, each had a character all its own.

Take Edinburgh, for instance, (pronounced "Ed-in-burr-ah"). The single most dominant feature of that coastal city located six hours north of London, by train is Edinburgh Castle, perched on a high rocky cliff right in the center of town. In fact, the view of the castle is best from Princes Street, Edinburgh's main "shopping drag." That symbolizes Edinburgh—a lovely mixture of the new and the old.

By "the old," I mean the older portions of town, the most famous of which is the Royal Mile. This narrow, cobblestone street winds its way from Edinburgh Castle at one end to the Palace of Holyrood House at the other. The Palace is where Britain's Royal family stays whenever they visit Edinburgh.

The Royal Mile is lined with small woolen shops and tiny antique shops, not to mention the many old pubs

and restaurants. Also along the Royal Mile are several large gray churches, including St. Giles Cathedral, who's large steeple is shaped like a crown. It was easy for me to spend an entire day just wandering down one side of the street and up the other, plus I had to make a last-minute stop there before leaving to buy some souvenirs.

"The new" is the other part of Edinburgh—bustling and always filled with people. But no matter where I was in the city, the Castle, symbolizing a completely different world, was never far away.

Of course, the old, traditional Scotland was also in evidence, just as I'd hoped it would be. Uniformed guards, dressed in kilts, were stationed throughout the Castle, and the Scottish accent was just as difficult to understand as I thought it would be, if not worse.

While in Edinburgh, my companion and I stayed in a "bed and breakfast" which is a small hotel, usually family-run, where breakfast and a room are included in one reasonable price. These hotels are abundant

throughout Britain.

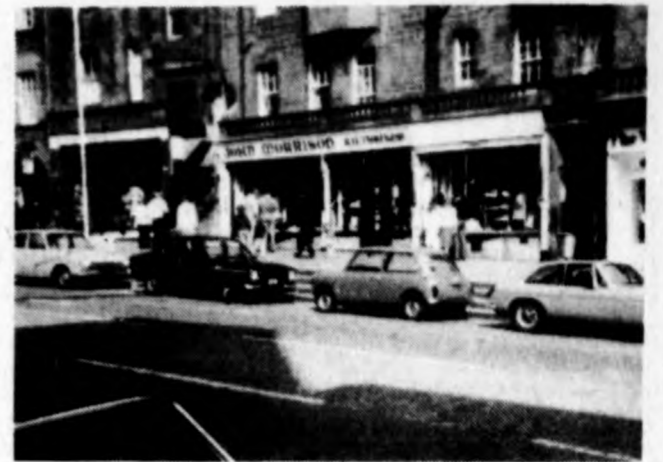
At The Ashlyn Hotel, where we stayed, the breakfasts were fantastic. The husband and wife who ran the hotel also cooked and served the meal to guests in a pleasant dining room. Each morning, we got cereal (either "krispies" or "corn flakes"), juice, coffee or tea, eggs and bacon, and toast with marmalade. And it was available on an "all-you-can-eat" basis. That was enough to get me through a good part of the day.

One thing I especially loved about Edinburgh was the flowers. They were beautiful everywhere. Each house seemed to have a bright, colorful garden, and every square in town was filled with rainbow colors. Even the weather didn't seem to daunt the blooms. When I was in Edinburgh in July, they were suffering through "sizzling, stifling weather," as one newspaper reported. Why, the temperature got as high as 70 degrees! I'm glad I wasn't there during of the cooler months!

In Paris, however, the weather was perfect every day—75 degrees, sunny, and not too humid—sightseer's dream! And there were so many things to see.

On our first day of touring, we visited Notre Dame and L'Arc de Triomphe. In both places, I climbed up more than 350 steps to obtain a "panoramic view" of the city. Later, I realized that most buildings seemed to offer a "panoramic view," but after those two exhausting treks up and down staircases, I decided I had had enough panorama for one city.

I had been anxiously looking forward to visiting Paris, mainly to try out my high school and college French, to see if the language really worked. To my amazement, most French people seemed delighted that I was at least attempting to communicate with them in their official language. On more than one occasion, I was startled to see American tourists trying to pay for a scarf or an ash tray in dollars. I can imagine what sort of reaction a Frenchman would get if he tried to pay for a souvenir here in



Kilt shop on the Royal Mile.

America with francs!

Being in a completely French environment, I picked up many new words, some more quickly than others. After the first day, for instance I learned the words for "no vacancy," "shower," "chewing gum," "exit," "tickets," and "forbidden," just to name a few.

Getting around in Paris seemed relatively easy, compared to London. Paris' subway system is known as the Metro. Instead of purchasing individual tickets for each different trip, as in London, I was able to buy a whole book of tickets, and turned in one each time I rode. In fact, I could ride anywhere in the city for the same price, no matter how far I went. There was one drawback to the Metro, however. It didn't have many direct lines, as London's Underground did which made it necessary to change trains three or four times during the course of a trip across the city.

I must have seen every monument there was to see in Paris. One thing I am still impressed by as I think back is the Louvre. I spent an entire day there, and I didn't even begin to see all the treasures contained in that vast museum. I still can't believe that I saw the real Mona Lisa or Venus de Milo. But it was even more awe-inspiring to walk along a wall full of old paintings and read names like daVinci, Michaelangelo, Rodin, and Van Gogh, to name but a few. Despite the fact that I was exhausted at the end of the day, I will remember that visit to the Louvre.

My last day in France was August 15, which is the Catholic feast of the Assumption. In France, the Assumption ranks right up there with other national holidays—many places were "open every day except

Christmas, Easter, and August 15." I decided it would be a perfect opportunity to attend a service in Notre Dame, a few blocks from my hotel.

The huge old cathedral was filled to capacity, and the service was a beautiful combination of the most reverent and holy of all the Catholic traditions. Everything except the camera-toting tourists, that is. Vacationers were allowed to wander up and down the main aisles of the church during the ceremony, snapping flash photos and panning the interior with home movie cameras. I had expected the church to be closed to all except worshippers during the service, and I found their presence distracting.

Life flows differently in Paris than it does anywhere I've seen. It's hard to pinpoint exactly why, but I could feel the difference. After six sunny but exhausting days of examining old churches and modern stores, and of munching crepes and sipping orange drink in a city park, I was ready to come home.

But I don't regret my travels at all, and I wouldn't give up the experiences I had for anything. Except maybe another trip, someday.



St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh

NOTICE OF BID

The Board of Clinton County Road Commissioners will receive sealed bids at 701 West State Street, St. Johns, Michigan until 10:30 A.M. Monday, February 20, 1978 for the following item:

SUPPLYING 22A GRAVEL ON COUNTY ROADS

Specifications may be obtained at the Road Commission office.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept the bid that is, in their opinion, in the best interest of the Commission.

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CLINTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Feb. 7, 1978

The next regular meeting of the Clinton County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 1978 in the Board of Commissioner's room, Courthouse, St. Johns, Michigan. At 11:00 a.m. the following recommendation from the Clinton County Zoning Commission will be heard.

ZC-19-77 - Eagle Township

An application for a special use permit has been filed by Mr. Mike Brunton 388 Saginaw Highway, Grand Ledge, Michigan to permit the operation of a recreational vehicle race tract in an A-1, Agricultural zoned district pursuant to Section 8.40 special uses on the following described parcel of land:

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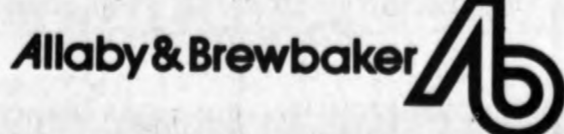
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that the Clinton County Zoning Commission will conduct a Public Hearing on February 23, 1978 at 8:00 P.M. in the Clinton County Court House, St. Johns, Michigan. The following case will be acted upon at that time:

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Mortgagee having elected, under the terms of said mortgage to declare the entire principal and accrued interest thereon due, which election it does hereby exercise, pursuant to which there is claimed to be due and unpaid on said mortgage on the date of this notice for principal and interest, the sum of TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO AND 29/100 (\$27,262.29) DOLLARS and no civil suit or action or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

Case ZC-278

The subject of the Public Hearing will be the consideration of a new County Zoning Ordinance.

The proposed Ordinance No. OR-178 which is a new Ordinance and deviates from the previous ordinance (the 1971 Clinton County Zoning Ordinance) in the manner generally summarized below.

HELP WANTED-LEGAL SECRETARY for County of Clinton. Experience in legal terminology and procedures necessary. 12 months prior experience preferred. Apply at Administrative Services Office Courthouse Building, St. Johns.

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Card of Thanks 30

HEREBY GIVEN that on the 23rd day of February, 1978, at 10:00 a.m. in the forenoon, at the North Main entrance of the Clinton County Courthouse, in the City of St. Johns, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court within the said County) said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due as aforesaid, and any sum which may be paid by the undersigned at or before said sale for taxes and/or insurance on said premises, and all other sums paid by the undersigned, with interest thereon, pursuant to law and to the terms of said mortgage, and all legal costs and expenses, including the attorney's fees allowed by law, which premises are described as follows:

The entire text has been reorganized. The text has been divided into Nineteen Articles replacing the Fifteen Chapter designations.

The intent and purpose of each zone district has been explained in paragraph form as a heading.

All Boards and Commissions will be required to draft Findings of Fact in support of their decisions on all cases.

A new article entitled Site Plan Review has been instituted for projects which require the addition of fifty (50) parking spaces or more, to allow the coordinated extensive review of the plans by technically qualified representatives from various Governmental Agencies for conformance with existing adopted Rules and Regulations.

All parcels of property five (5) acres or under will require a survey or mortgage certificate prior to the issuance of a building permit for a new primary structure.

A new Article entitled Environmental Buffer Strips has been instituted in order to ensure proper buffering between certain uses.

The duties of the Department of Development Control and the Zoning Commission have been clarified.

The time period for petition submission prior to a Zoning Commission Public Hearing has been decreased from sixty (60) to forty-five (45) days on amendments.

Charts, graphs and drawing have been added when necessary to clarify a Section.

Regulations concerning Uses Authorized by Special Use Permits have been expanded.

All petitions for amendment or applications for Special Use Permit which are opposed by the Township concerned shall require a 3/5 vote of the Board of Commissioners for approval of the amendment or Special Use Permit.

Uses Permitted by Right, by Special Conditions and by Special Use Permit have been altered in some of the districts.

Dimensional requirements have been altered in some of the zone districts.

The Proposed Zoning Ordinance is available for public inspection in the Department of Development Control-Zoning Office, 100 South Ottawa Street, St. Johns, Michigan, during the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Interested persons are requested to appear and voice their opinions thereto.

Further information may be obtained by calling the Zoning Office, 224-6761, Ext. 221.

J. Anthony Nelson, Zoning Administrator 5-17-1

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IN LOVING MEMORY of our mother and grandmother Alice Orweller who passed away one year ago Feb. 3, 1977.

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DATED: January 20, 1978 RANDY L. TAHVONEN, P.C. Attorney for Mortgagee 103 East State Street St. Johns, Michigan 48979

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Legal news

State of Michigan The Probate Court for the County of Clinton, Estate of Marian Sturgis, Deceased. File No. 19765.

NOTICE: On April 12, 1978, at 10:00 A.M. in the Probate Courtroom, Courthouse, St. Johns, Michigan, before the Hon. Timothy M. Green, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held at which all claims against said estate will be heard. Creditors must file sworn claims with the court and serve a copy on Leslie T. Sturgis and Richard R. Sturgis, Co-administrators, at 220 W. Maple, Elsie, MI 48831, prior to said hearing.

Dated: January 25, 1978 Attorney for Petitioner: James A. Moore 117 E. Walker St. Johns, Mich. 48879 Phone 517-224-3241

Petitioner Co-administrators: Leslie T. Sturgis and Richard R. Sturgis, Elsie, Michigan 48831

State of Michigan The Probate Court for the County of Clinton, Estate of Dora Schafer, Deceased. File No. 19871.

TAKE NOTICE: On Wednesday, April 12, 1978, at 10:00 a.m., in the Probate Courtroom, Courthouse, St. Johns, Michigan, before the Hon. Timothy M. Green, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on claims at which time all creditors of said deceased are required to prove their claims. Creditors must file sworn claims with the Court and serve a copy thereof upon Anthony N. Schafer, Route 2, Fowler, Michigan, 48835, Executor, prior to said hearing.

Dated: January 24, 1978 Attorney for Petitioner: MAPLES & WOOD Paul A. Maples 306 North Clinton Avenue St. Johns, Mich. 48879 Phone (517) 224-3238

Petitioner Anthony N. Schafer Route 2 Fowler, Michigan 48835 5-1

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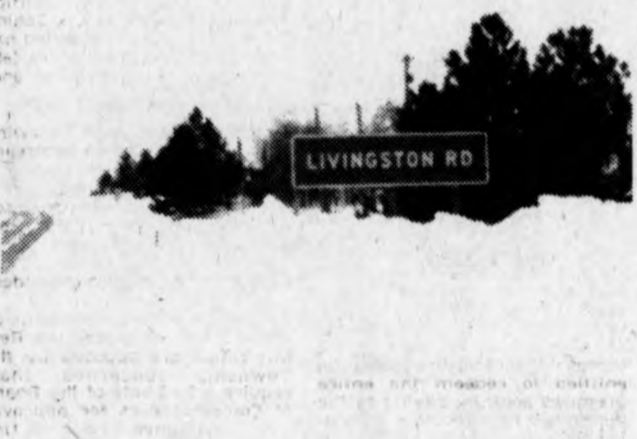
Jeff Myers, a high school sophomore commented it was a drag having to shovel snow, but there wasn't anything else to do. Although he was doing it the hard way.

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Photos by **Sue Kiley and Patrice Hornak**

Kelly Sue Purchase, 11, must have been wishing for spring, as she surveyed the swings at Central School playground Friday afternoon. It looks like she and Digger, the dog, are going to have a long wait.

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Notice of Public Meeting

A public hearing on a proposal by the Bath Community School District to operate a program under the Indian Education Act, Part A of Title IV, will be held Thursday, February 2, 1978 in the Bath High School library, 6175 East Clark Road, Bath, Michigan beginning at 7:00 p.m. Members and officers of the Indian Parent Council will be selected at this meeting. All parents of Indian children enrolled in the schools of the Bath Community School District and all Indian secondary school pupils are eligible to attend and participate in the business of this meeting.

Area happenings

Feb. 7 and 9—Auditions for dancers to perform in Lansing Community College's Lansing Ballet Company will be held at 5:30 p.m. in 118 AOF Building, located at 315 N. Grand, in Lansing. Production of the company's April concert, under the direction of Stanley Godfrey, already has begun. For more information, call LCC's Dance Program at 373-7233 or 373-7095.

Feb. 6.—Kathryn Crosby, recent widow of famed actor-singer Bing Crosby, will still star in the romantic comedy "Same Time, Next Year" to be presented at Michigan State University. An actress with more than 15 films to her credit before and after she married Bing, the 44-year-old former Texas beauty queen will appear at 8:15 p.m. on the University Auditorium stage. She will play opposite actor Tony Russell in a two-character comedy by Bernard Slade about two happily married people (each to other partners) who meet clandestinely one weekend a year for 25 years.

Tickets to the show at MSU are \$7.50, \$6.50 and \$5 to the public, half-price to MSU students, at the MSU Union Building Ticket Office, 355-3361.

Feb. 10—Wacousta Masonic Lodge No. 359 is sponsoring a family-style fish supper, with serving from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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Volunteers, help area in storm

Blizzard of '78 photographed



Snowmobiles and four-wheel drive trucks with snow plows attached were the most dependable mode of transportation during the blizzard.



Candy Strippers Cindy Terpening (left) and Shelly Little spent time with Scott Smith in Clinton Memorial Hospital Friday when there was suspicion that Scott's parents would not be able to get to the hospital to see him. The girls walked through the blizzard to the hospital.



Clinton Avenue took on the appearance of a divided highway after the city crews cleared both north and southbound lanes of the street leading to the county courthouse.

Photos by Sue Kiley Patrice Hornak and Don Valentine



Chef Bob Ott and Marlene Cornwell were upstairs in the St. Johns city hall preparing food for the Red Cross station set up in the city hall.



St. Johns Mayor John Arehart manned a snow plow during the blizzard and aided in the street clean-up. St. Johns City Manager Roger Van Dyk and City Clerk Bruce Wood also were driving the snow plows at the height of the storm.



Once the snow had fallen, the task of moving the snow to a more convenient location was initiated, much to the dismay of those who hate to shovel snow.

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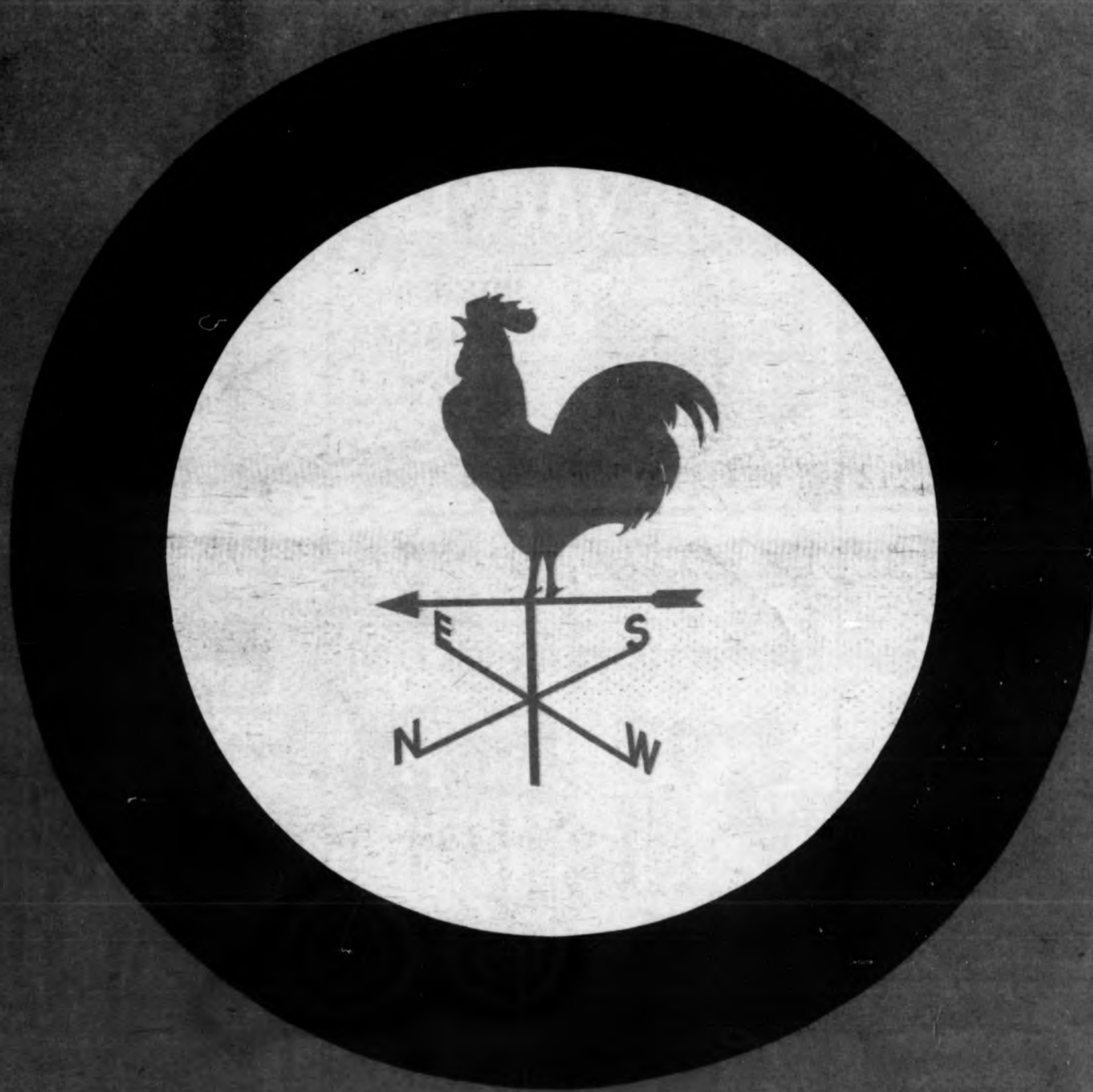
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Section B

The Clinton County News

SOIL CONSERVATION



Annual District Report

February 1, 1978

Squires named district conservationist

By Patrice Hornak
Editor
St. Johns

As of October, Jim Squires has assumed duties as Clinton County's newest member of the Soil Conservation District as the district conservationist, replacing Lloyd Campbell, a 25-year veteran with the Soil Conservation District.

ton position, Squires was a soil conservationist in the Crawford-Roscommon District, a position he took in 1975.

He also has a background as a soil conservationist in Oceana County, a civil engineering technician with the Watershed and River Basin Planning staff of the Soil Conservation Service, and was a soil conservation tech-

nician for the Soil Conservation Service in Kent County.

Squires received a degree in agriculture in 1960 from Michigan State University.

Explaining his new position, Squires said, "We work with land owners or land users in conservation planning "we are a tool to implement conservation practices."

"We will help any land

user with any soil or water-related problem, he added." Assistance in wildlife management, drainage, woodland management, erosion control, creating windbreaks and tillage methods are all offered by his office.

Squires and his wife have three daughters and are planning to move to the Clinton area after selling their house in Roscommon.



Jim Squires



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Dr. Russel Frazier is guest speaker

Dr. Russel P. Frazier will be the guest speaker at the Clinton County Soil Conservation District Annual Meeting this year.

Dr. Russell Frazier will speak on the topic, "Agriculture Over the World." His experience includes three years as Work Unit Conservationist at the Gratiot County Soil Conservation District in Ithaca, from 1953 through 1956. He has a MS and Ph. D. from Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.

His international background is as follows: 1. Two years as agronomist at a Purdue-Brazil Project in Minas Gerais, Brazil, where their project was to help to initiate a research service and graduate education in an agricultural university which has become one of the leaders in South America.

2. A study and report trip for Ohio State University, where the team evaluated a rice growing and marketing effort in Laos in 1968. The effort was to introduce the new miracle rices into a peasant-type agriculture, and to initiate the use of modern production practices and technology.

3. In 1971, Dr. Frazier joined the University of Missouri-Panta project, which

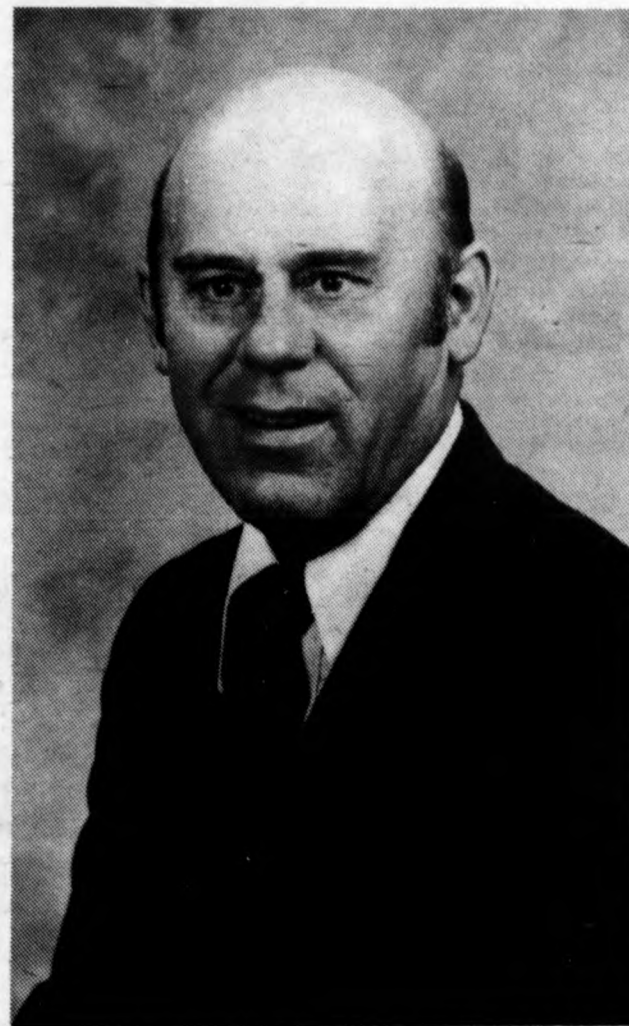
was an effort to increase the use of fertilizer and improved practices in rice and other crop production in the state of Bihar, India. This area is one of the poorest and most highly populated in India.

4. In 1973, he joined the Purdue-Brazil Corn and Sor-

ghum Project, which is working to upgrade the research capability of the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture research stations by improving facilities as well as programs, together with advanced training for the staff.

In 1974, he became Re-

search Agronomist for the Michigan Dry Edible Bean Production Research Advisory Board. He is involved with a broad range of bean research over Michigan, conducted independently as well as in collaboration with and funding through Michigan State University.



Dr. Russel Frazier

Tickets for Feb. 4 annual meeting on sale for \$3.25

The annual meeting this year is Feb. 4 at Ovid-Elsie High School. Dinner tickets are \$3.25 and they may be purchased from the district directors, Stanly Baird, David Conklin, Kenneth Loudenbeck, Robert Moore, and Gerald Becker.

They may also be obtained from the district office at 100 S. Ottawa St., St. Johns. Call 224-4318 to reserve tickets. The district office must know by Feb. 2 how many will be attending the meeting.

The guest speaker is Dr. Russel D. Frazier, Research

Agronomist, with the Michigan Dry Edible Bean Production Research Advisory

Board. He will show slides on "Agriculture Around the World."

Directors to be elected at annual meeting

Directors election will be held at the annual meeting Feb. 4. Stanley Baird and Robert Moore's directorship terms end this year.

Candidates up for the elec-

tion are Stanley Baird, Carl Huhn, Robert Moore, and Doug Brook.

All landowners or operators and their wives will be eligible to vote at the election.



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Considering an irrigation system?

By Robert Moore,
Vice Chairman
Clinton County Soil
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Watering crops sounds simple—until you try it. Too much water will raise the water table, drown plants, erode the land, and deposit silt on fields. Too little water and the entire effort is wasted.

Although irrigation is by far the biggest single use of water in the United States—

accounting for more than 100 billion gallons daily—setting up such a system requires many factors which must be taken into account.

Irrigation is a relatively expensive practice compared with most farm operations. On many farms, delivering water to the field requires more energy than all other farm operations combined. For this reason irrigation should be undertaken only after evaluating all fac-

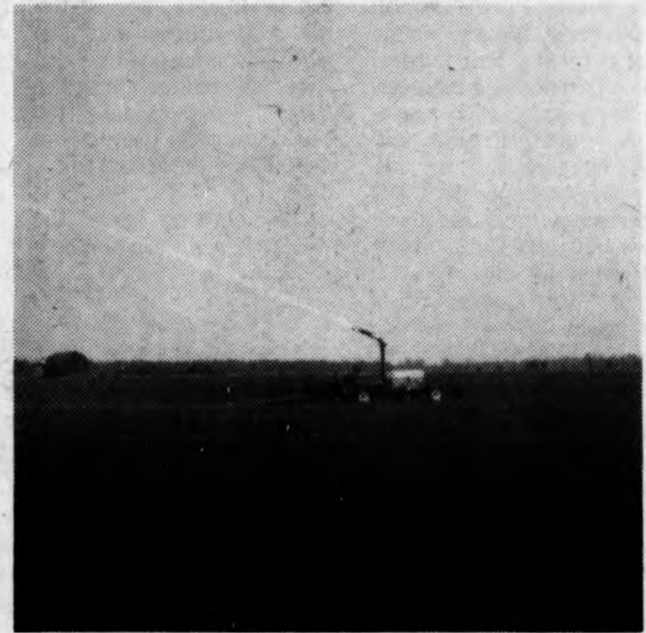
tors relating to costs and returns.

Irrigation requires large amounts of water. Where the water supply is from a source developed on the farm, the landowner should assure himself that the supply is: 1) adequate for the crop requirements on the acreage to be irrigated, 2) economically accessible, 3) of suitable quality, and 4) legally available.

It takes 26,928 gallons to cover one acre with one inch

of water. An irrigation system which delivers 500 gallons per minute for one hour will cover about 1.1 acres.

Other factors being equal, the greatest increase in crop yields may be expected when the most productive land is irrigated. For this reason, irrigation should be confined to those soils that are known to be capable of producing sustained high yields of adapted crops when properly treated and managed.



Moving water

A traveling irrigation system waters the crops.

Adequate surface and sub-surface drainage must be maintained. The needs for drainage and irrigation are not necessarily alike. On some soils, for example, it might be desirable to apply irrigation water by ponding methods, such as by the use of level boarders, but such a practice might not be compatible with the drainage requirement for the removal of excess storm water.

The soils which farmers plan to irrigate must be known by the designer of the system and by the person who is going to manage the irrigation. This soil information is available from the Soil Conservation District office, and can be obtained by stopping in and requesting it.

Additional factors which must be taken into account in order to individually tailor an optimum system to a specific farm include: the flow rate of the water supply, the water intake rate, the water holding capacity of the soil, the slope of the land, and the root depth and daily water consumption of the crops to be irrigated.

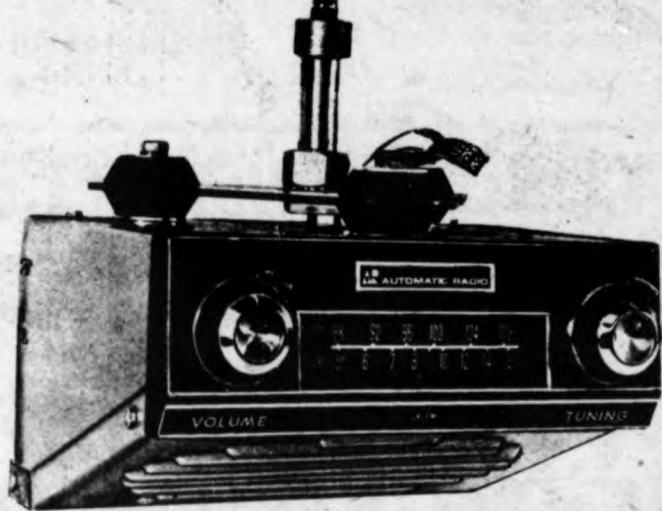
Oftentimes, other conservation measures must be brought in to counteract changes due to irrigation. Surface irrigation systems, for example, often produce excess water run-off. Tail-water recovery systems catch this run-off and pump it back over the crops. Cen-

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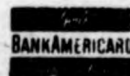
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Conservation practices lauded

Washburn Farmer of the Year

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

J.D. Washburn of Harmon Road, St. Johns was named the Farmer of the Year by the Soil Conservation District office for his conservation practices.

J.D. and his sons Dan and Kam operate Washburn Farms, a 1,050-acre crop farming operation. J.D. started farming part-time

since 1956 and has been farming full-time since 1966.

Pertaining to soil and water conservation, J.D. says he normally sows rye or wheat on the bare fields and then plows it down or sows mammoth clover in the spring along with his wheat.

He also says he chops and discs corn stalks to create humus in soil, or leaves many fields with corn stalks

standing over the winter to prevent wind and soil erosion.

In addition, he says he tries not to plow gulleys and tries to create grass waterways whenever he can. He doesn't plow the steep slopes on his property, either, so that the water doesn't wash down the slopes and erode the soil.

For the 1978 planting, J.D. plans to get in 469 acres of

corn; 352 acres of dry beans including dark red kidney beans, black turtle beans and a few navy beans; 166 acres of soybeans; and 61 acres of hay which is already planted.

However, if the American Agriculture movement asks farmers to cut back on their production, Washburn says he will comply with the cutbacks in support of the farm protest.



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Labor, food prices continue to rise

Labor costs will continue to push food prices up, according to Howard Hjort, director of USDA's Economic Policy Analysis and Budget Group.

Hjort told Congress that "inflationary pressure from rising wages of food processing and marketing employees, and various inputs purchased by food marketing firms are

expected to continue their upward pressure on prices for most foods" through 1978.

Since 1973, grocery store prices have advanced 27 per cent, with 90 per cent of this

increase attributable to increased marketing costs and higher prices of imported foods and fish. Average returns to farmers for U.S. produced foods were down

substantially in 1977.

Looking to 1978, Hjort forecasts the average increase in grocery store prices will range from 3 to 6 per cent above those in 1977. The overall food category, however, will be up somewhat more because away-from-home food prices are expected to increase at a greater rate than grocery store prices.

Consumers are eating more vegetables than they ate 20-

30 years ago, but, while consumption of canned and frozen vegetables has soared—now accounting for 54.4 per cent of the total (canned, 45.5 per cent, and 102.4 pounds-per-capita; frozen, 9.0 per cent and 20.5 pounds per capita), consumption of fresh vegetables has dropped sharply—from 120.4 pounds during 1947-49 to 120.4 pounds last year.

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I believe that by my toil I am giving more to the world than I am taking from it, an honor that does not come to all men.

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Michigan farmers set world record

by Dr. Lynn "Bus" Robertson
Soil Scientist, MSU

A second miracle involving corn has happened in Michigan. Twice, good farmers who were trying to break world corn yield records have been successful.

While they were fortunate, it must be recognized that producing world records represents good management because there has never been a 300 bushel corn crop produced by someone who is trying only for good yields.

The philosophy of Roy Lynn,

Jr., is right—"If you don't think 400 and push 400, you're never going to get 400."

Each record holder analyzed his situation and reacted accordingly. The first had a relatively heavy soil and stressed this point. On several occasions he told how careful he was about not packing the soil.

The new record holder had relatively sandy soil and stressed how little water that soil held as well as how low in nutrients it was. He thus used fertilizer in his irrigation

water. Both record holders stressed good weed, insect and disease control as well as adequate populations.

Neither man depended upon some new miracle pro-

duct and both demonstrated that they understood well the definition of management which, in this case, can be interpreted as the human factor within the corn produc-

tion process which defines problems, establishes yield goals and accumulates and analyzes information pertinent to the solution of the problems, acts on those deci-

sions and finally bears the responsibility for those actions.

How glorious it must be to bear the responsibility for a new world record.

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ter pivot systems, which normally irrigate 125 acres at a time with a single self propelled unit may require the relocation of windbreaks.

With all these "complications" one might wonder whether or not the whole thing is worthwhile.

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Open ditches provide farm drainage

By Dave Conklin
Treasurer of Clinton
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Clinton County has many miles of open ditches which provide surface drainage for farm lands as well as reduce seasonal flooding and provide outlets for tile drainage. There are approximately 869 miles of legal county drains, which drain some 571 square miles, and many more of miles of private drain.

These drainage ways need a certain amount of maintenance. Many times individual landowners do not main-

tain the drains which flow through their own lands. Some of the maintenance is the type which can be done with little or no expense.

For example, trees which fall into a ditch will slow the flow of water and trap sediment and other material which flows through the ditch. Water will start to flow around such obstructions and create a ditch bank erosion problem.

Tree and brush clogged ditches slow the flow of water by about one-half compared to a clear ditch of equal grade, size, slope, etc. Obstructions allow the sedi-

ment carried in the water to settle out and deposit on the ditch bottom. Soon the depth and capacity required for good drainage will be lost.

In the past year the Clinton County Drain Commission has cleaned out or otherwise completed maintenance on 33 miles of county drains at a cost of \$754,000.

This includes 20 miles of clean-out, and 13 miles of brush, tree and stump removal. The Clinton County Soil Conservation District supports the program that

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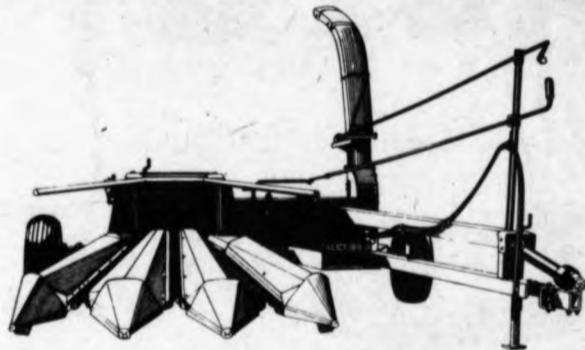


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ASCS disperses drought assistance funds to Clinton

by Peter LoDico
County Executive Director
Clinton County ASCS

Clinton County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service here dispersed \$179,000 in Drought Conservation Assistance to farmers in the county.

Some of the practices completed were developing livestock water, constructing or restoring diversions, establishing permanent vegetative cover, restoring or maintaining windbreaks, conservation tillage, interim cover, and emergency irrigation water for cropland.

Under the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) \$79,000 has been dispersed to county farmers. These practices included, establishing permanent vegetative cover, planting trees, improving stand of trees, water impoundment reservoirs, diversions, erosion control structures, water runoff control measure, windbreaks or shelterbelts, application of liming materials, ditches, tile, interim cover and animal waste storage and diversion facilities.

The combination of these two programs has generated

conservation on the land in this county. Cost-sharing with farmers from 30 per cent to 80 per cent, depending on priority, has been a good investment of government funds to get this kind of conservation.

For 1978 there will be no drought conservation program, but ACP will return in a

new form, with about the same amount of funds as in 1977.

The objectives of the reshaped ACP are to help assure a continued supply of food and fiber necessary for a strong and healthy people and economy, facilitate sound resource management systems through soil and water conser-

vation, control erosion and sedimentation from agricultural land, control pollution from animal wastes, encourage voluntary compliance by agricultural producers with state and federal requirements to solve point and non-point sources of pollution.

Improving water quality, help achieve national priori-

ties in the National Environmental Policy Act, and to reflect other Congressional and Administrative action is applicable are other objectives.

Greater emphasis will be placed on coordinating ACP cost-sharing with problems identified under Section 208 plans. Whenever possible, vol-

untary compliance with requirements will be assisted through ACP cost-sharing for needed practices to control point and non-point sources of pollution from farming operations.

The 1978 ACP will not have tiling as a single practice; but

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Five Clinton farming operations receive special recognition

REV. HERMAN E. ROSSOW

Rev. Rossow became a cooperator on Nov. 15, 1967. His basic conservation plan was complete on March 17, 1973. He owns 80 acres in Bengal Township and his accomplishments are:

60 acres—conservation cropping system, 13 acres—crop residue management, 13 acres—minimum tillage, 30,060 feet—tile drains, one acre—farmstead and feed lot windbreak and 50 acres—crop land adequately treated.

NOBIS FARMS

Paul Nobis and Walter Nobis became cooperators Jan. 10, 1957. Their basic conservation plan was com-

pleted in March of 1959. It was revised in 1961 and 1967.

They own 734 acres in Essex, Bengal and Lebanon Townships. Nobis Farms accomplishments are:

105 acres—conservation cropping system, 515 acres—row, cover crop, row cover crop, 50 acres—cover crop, 436 acres—minimum tillage, 610 acres—crop residue use, 173,936 feet—drainage and 75 acres—livestock exclusion from woodland.

VAUGHN VONDRASEK

Vondrasek became a cooperator on Oct. 29, 1974. His basic conservation plan was complete Dec. 12, 1974. Vondrasek owns 161 acres in Bath and DeWitt Townships and his accomplishments are:

131 acres—conservation cropping system, 35 acres—cover crop, 26 acres—minimum tillage, 131 acres—crop residue management, seven acres—wildlife habitat provisions and one each—Wildlife Pond.

HOUSKA DAIRY FARMS

Joe Houska, Sr. and John Houska both became cooperators Aug. 13, 1973. Their basic conservation plan was complete Feb. of 1974.

Joe Houska Sr. owns 176 acres and John Houska owns 120 acres.

Joe Houska Sr.'s accomplishments are: 149 acres—

conservation cropping system, 52 acres—crop residue management, 52 acres—minimum tillage, 74,380 feet—subsurface drain, 17 acres—wildlife upland habitat management and 138 acre—land adequately treated.

John Houska's accomplishments are: 104 acres—conservation cropping system, 35 acres—crop residue management, 35 acres—minimum tillage, 48,535 feet—subsurface drain, 10 acres—wildlife upland habitat management, one each—rec. ent. of non-com. use and 49 acres—land adequately treated.

JAMES P. WRIGHT AND MICHAEL K. WRIGHT

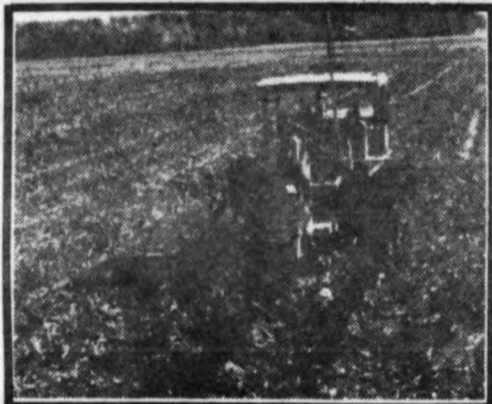
Between James and Michael, they own 341 acres, in Lebanon Township. Their accomplishments are:

251 acres—conservation cropping systems, 251 acres—minimum tillage, 251 acres—crop residue, one each—Farm Pond, one each—fish-pond management, three acres—critical area planting, one each—rec. ent. for non-commercial use, 53,812 feet—tile drains, one each—agriculture waste management system and one each—agriculture waste storage system.

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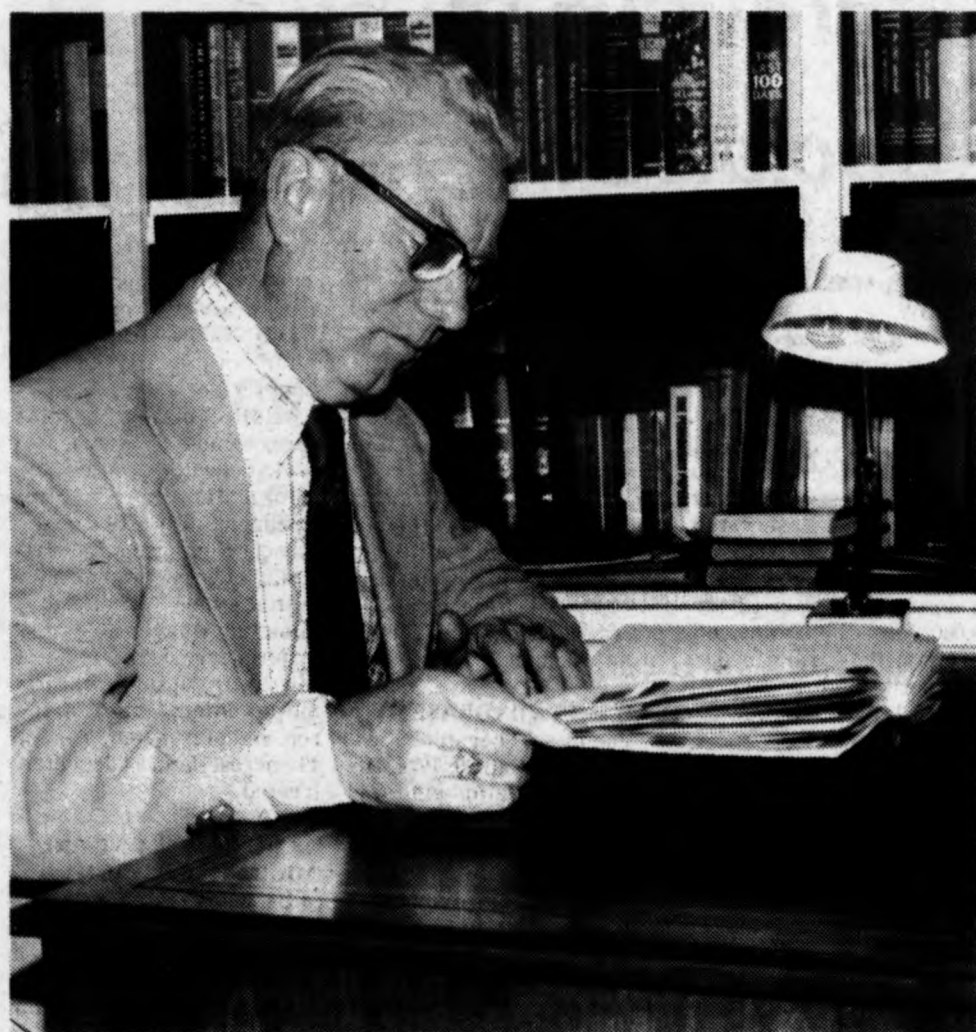
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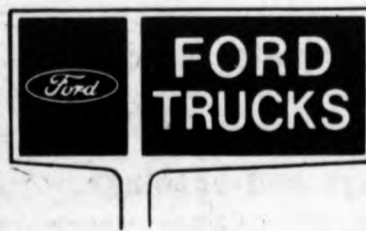
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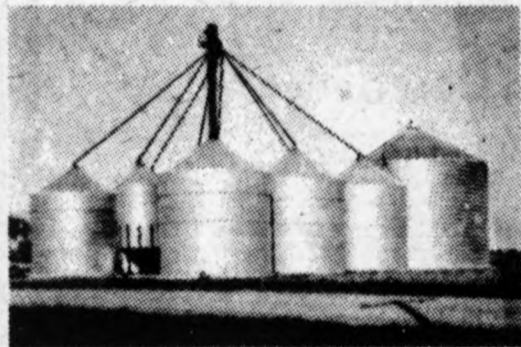
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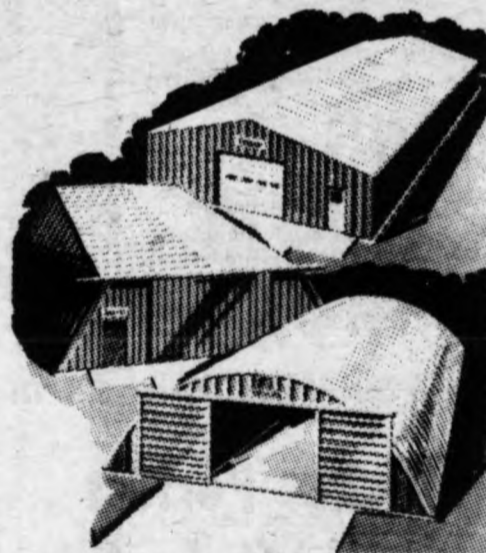
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MSU soil scientist gives fertilizer tips for various soils

By Dr. Lynn "Bus" Robertson
MSU SOILSCIENTIST

Marking fertilizer recommendations on the basis of kinds of soil, soil survey information or on a soil type basis has been suggested and are used today in some areas of Michigan.

Some say that this is a new idea but this was the procedure used in the late 1920's and early 1930's before soil testing became of age. Therefore, this concept is not new.

Information on recommending fertilizer on the basis of kinds of soil, to the best of our knowledge, first appeared in Michigan Agricultural College Circular Bulletin No. 53 (1928).

This procedure was logical and valid before very much fertilizer or manure was used, but today fertility levels reflect soil treatments as much or more than the natural soil characteristics.

The success of the method is based on the assumption that there is likely to be no great difference in soil test levels within a given soil type. In other words, using a more modern concept, that of soil testing, it is assumed that soil test levels do not vary greatly within a given soil type.

This could be a logical assumption within a limited area representing new soil or where very similar farming methods had been used, but certainly not on a state or county basis.

The data in MSU Research

Report 281 (1975), serves as a basis for evaluating the proposal. The soils in the 2.5 textural group are relatively well buffered, but the range in soil test levels is great.

For example, the range in pH levels of the 2.5a Soil Management Group in this study was 5.5 to 7.7. For the 2.5b and 2.5c groups, the ranges were 5.6 to 8.3 and 7.0 to 8.0, respectively. Thus, the pH range suggests a varying need for lime while an average value suggest that there is no need to lime.

Tests for available P ranged between 3 and 192, 3 and 177, and 4 and 128 pounds per acre, respectively, for the 3 previously mentioned groups. Exchangeable K levels varied as greatly from 71 to 373, 70 to 686, and 80 to 526 pounds per acre.

It could be argued that using soil management groups represents a wider range in properties than occurs within a soil type or a soil series.

Unfortunately, there is little data to prove or refute this idea. However, there are some who suggest that variation within a soil type is as great as within a soil management group.

Consider the following soil test levels from adjacent fields in Monroe County. Notice the extreme range. These differences are caused by farmer made treatments. The soil in each field was identified by a professional soil classification man was Pewamo clay loam.

Fertilizer Recommendations Based on Kinds of Soil

	Field No. 1	Field No. 2	Average Test
pH	7.5	8.1	7.8
P	172.0	3.0	87.0
K	549.0	200.0	375.0

Now consider the phosphate and potash recommendation that would be made from the above tests.

	Field No. 1	Field No. 2	Average Test
Lime	0	0	0
P ₂ O ₅	0-25	125	25
K ₂ O	0	100	0

Averaging soil test levels, at best, represents the poorest of the best and at least the best of the poorest recommendations. Thus, considering

averages is not what is needed today, and making fertilizer recommendations on the basis of kinds of soil represents a backward step, 50 years long.

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driving the tractor and one riding on the planter, placing the tree in the ground.

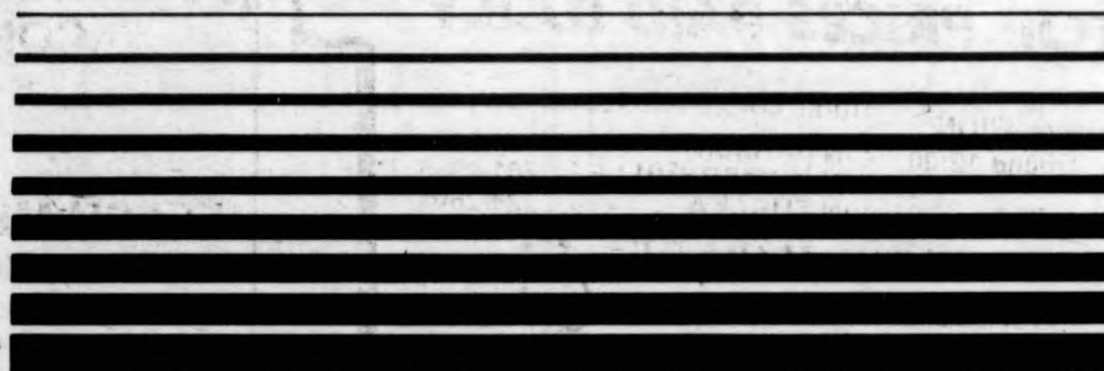
The planter plows a furrow and makes an opening in the ground on which the tree is

placed. The opening is then closed and the compaction wheels press the soil firmly around the tree.

For reforestation, it is generally recommended to plant approximately 625 trees per

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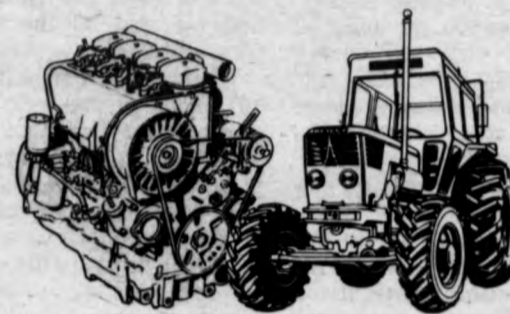
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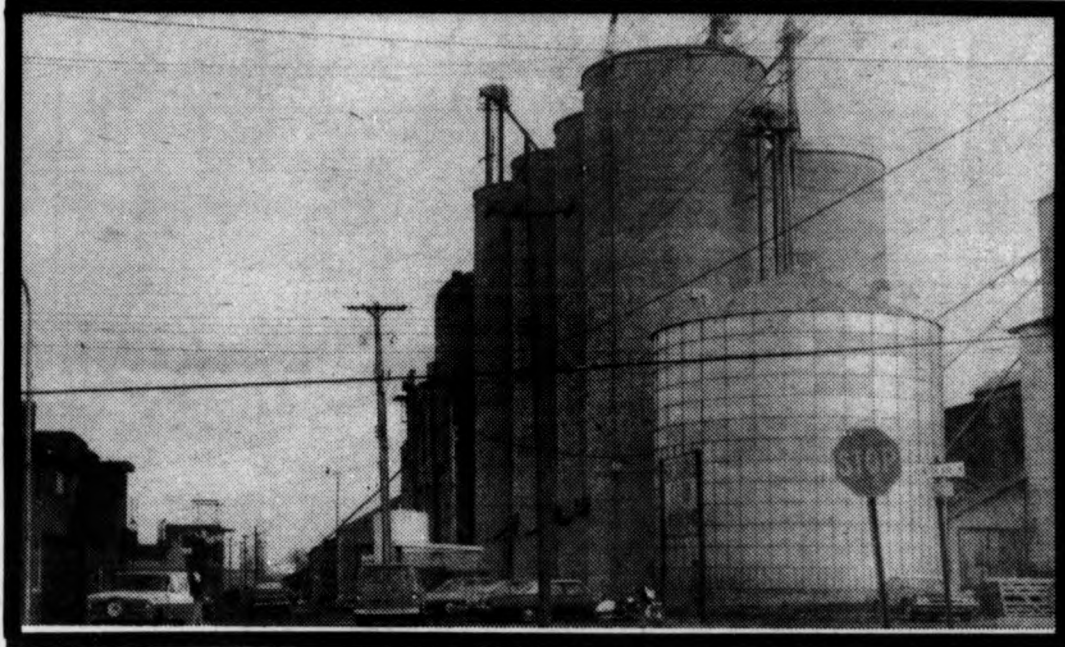
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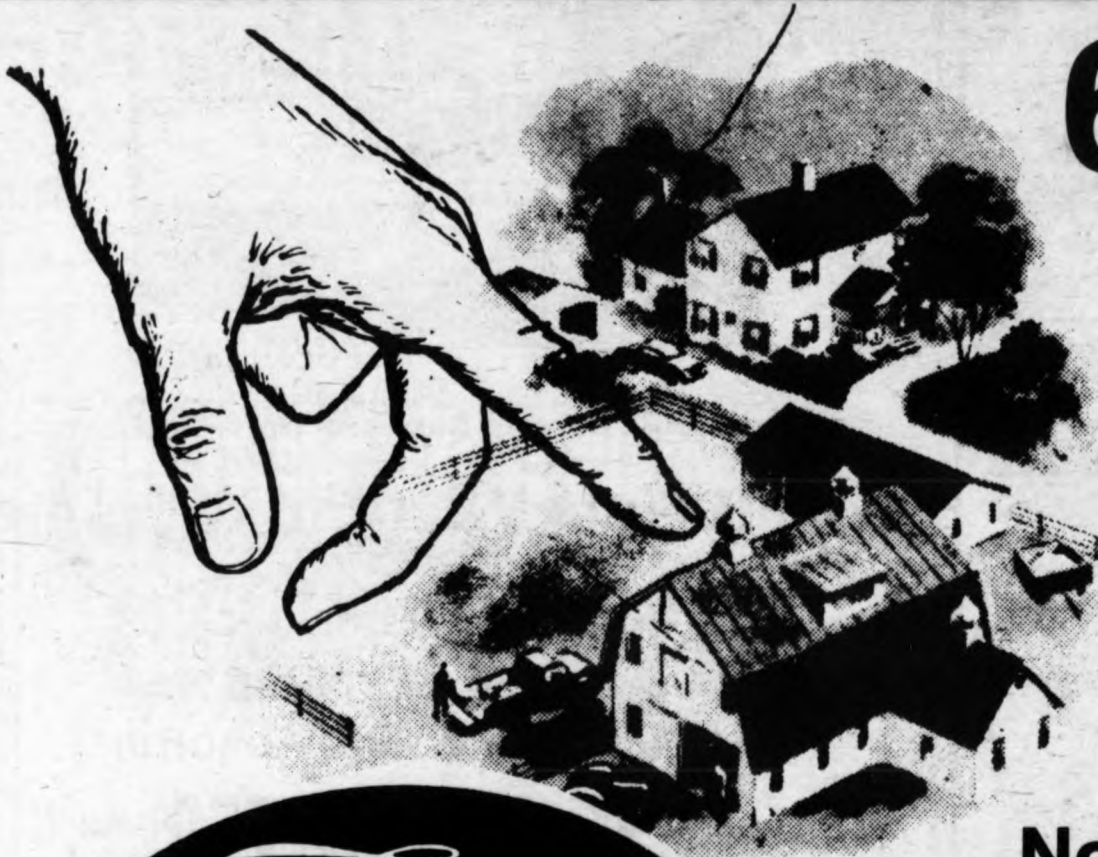


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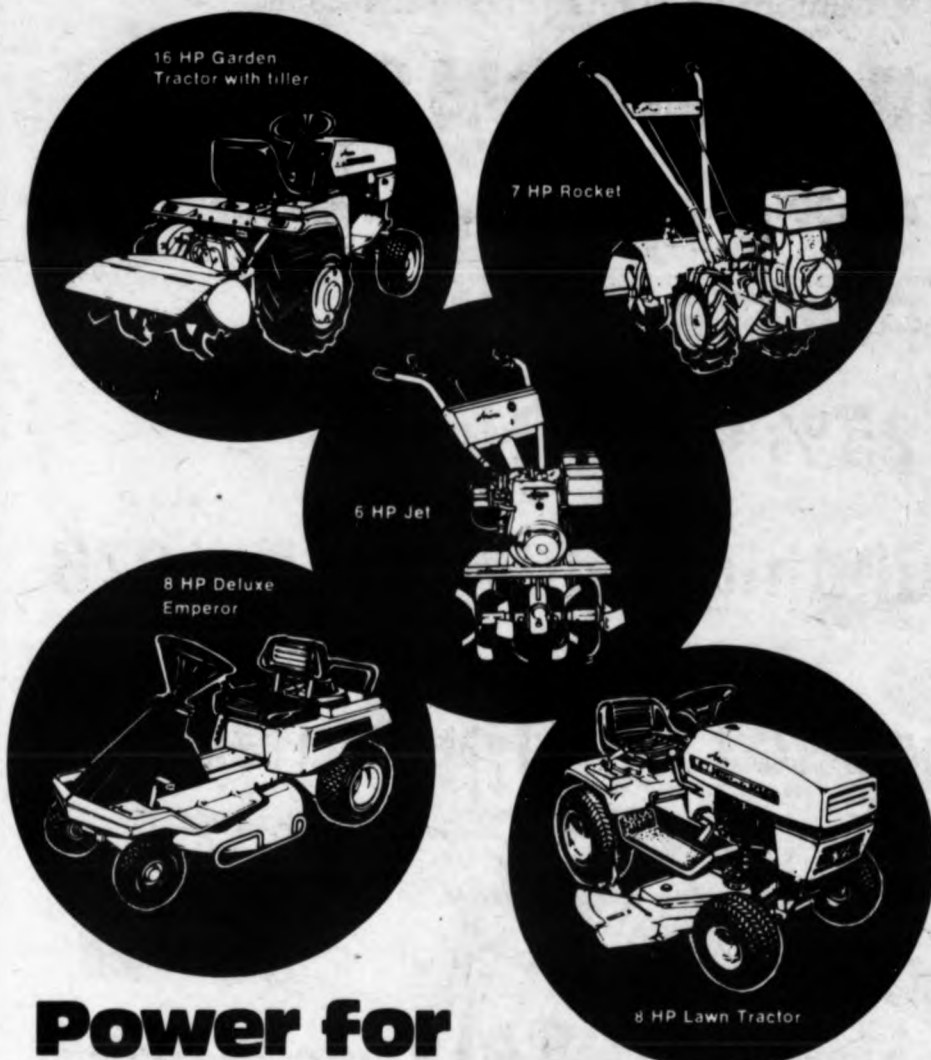
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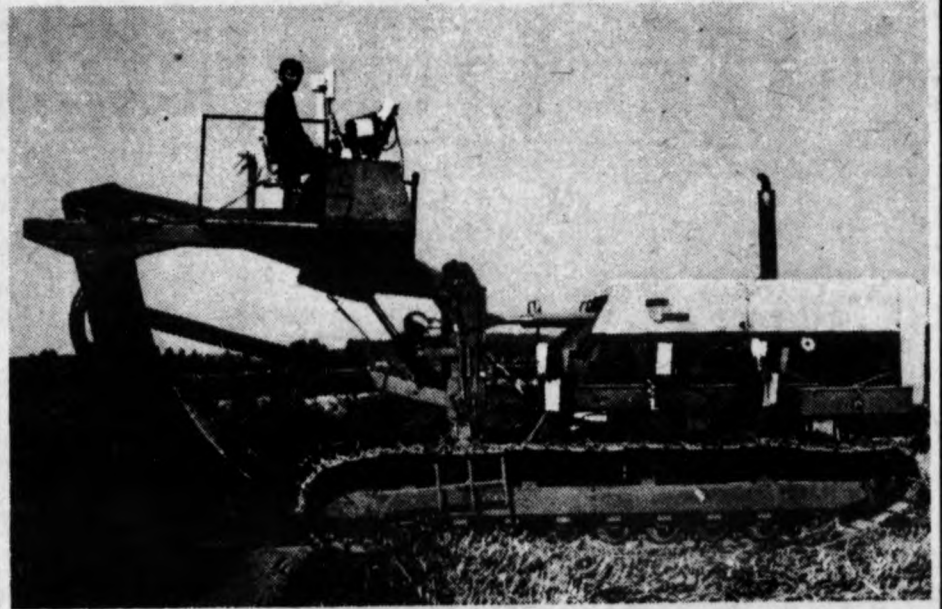
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What's life for 8 inches of top soil?

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Heavy rains washed tons of topsoil into nearby streams and created a gully which cost a landowner to repair.

What's life for eight inches of top soil?

An issue of National Geographic answered that question... and shed some light on the benefits of no-tillage while doing it.

Here's how researchers came up with the answer on how long eight inches of topsoil can last in a fairly rolling field:

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per year of nutrients lost because of soil erosion.

(2.) If your wind and water erosion problems were more severe and you are losing five tons of soil per year (about the thickness of a thin sheet of metal), you could be losing as much as 12 pounds nitrates, 20 pounds phosphate, 150 pounds of potash, and 200 to 250 pounds of organic matter.

Using the same values used previously, this could mean you are losing as much as \$42 worth of nutrients per year. Again, if you are farming 150 acres, this could represent a loss of over \$6,000 annually because of soil erosion.

These nutrient losses can be offset by commercial fertil-

izers, but the loss of productivity over several years CANNOT. Research studies indicate that each inch of topsoil lost can be related to approximately a seven per cent reduction in the yield capacity of the soil.

Once people have recognized the economic importance of soil erosion losses being experienced, it is apparent that they need to determine what soil conservation management practices need to be applied to protect the land.

This is where the Clinton Soil Conservation District and the technical assistance it provides comes into the picture. For more than 25

years the Conservation District has been assisting landowners control wind and water erosion.

It has been providing assistance and advice to farmers on methods of managing crop residue; planting windbreaks; engineering construction of waterway erosion control structures; diversions; drainage systems; and vegetating of critical areas to control and prevent erosion.

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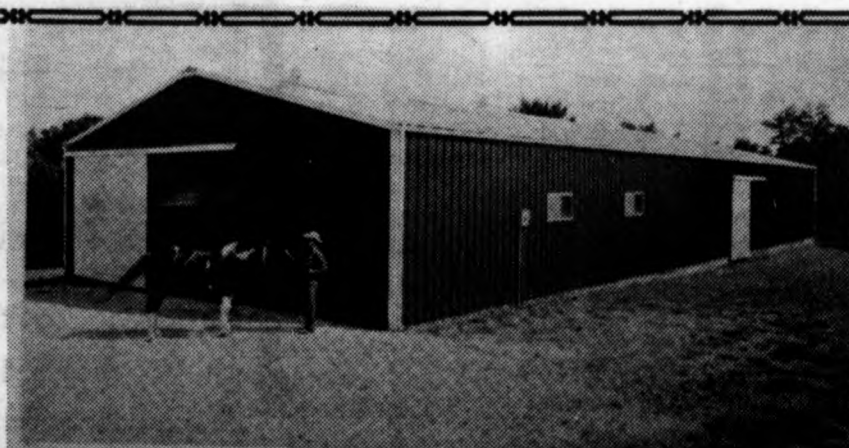
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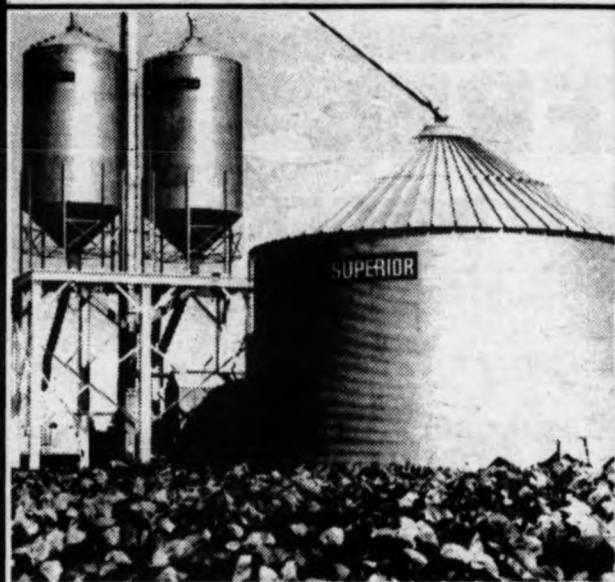
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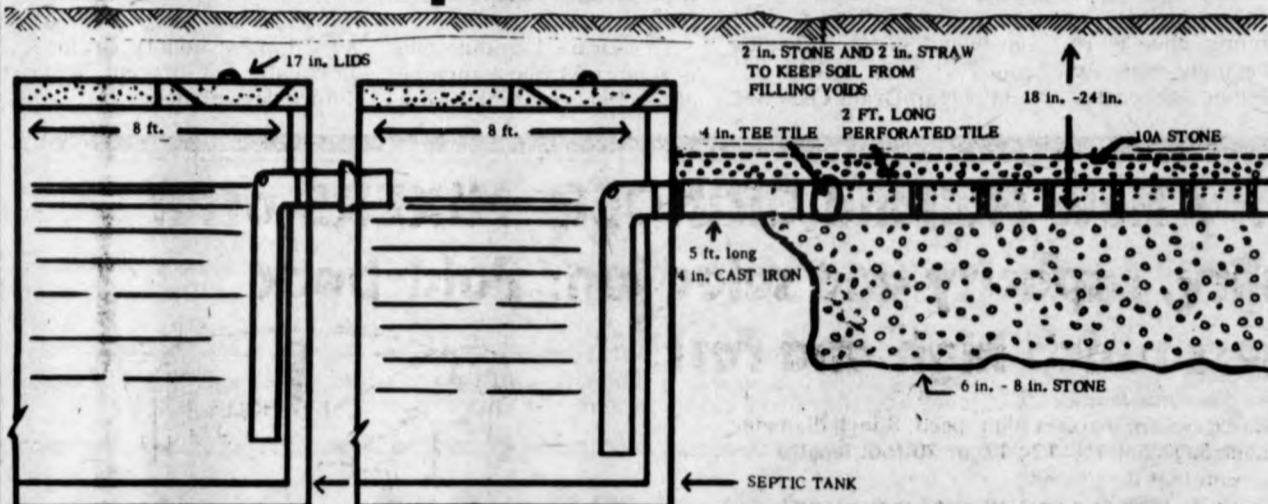
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Drain Commission responsibilities outlined

The Drain Commission is a legal authorized body and carries out his responsibilities according to the Michigan Drain Code of 1956 as amended.

The Drain Commissioner has many responsibilities for the future growth of Clinton County and Drain maintenance on established County Drains. With two new highways, I-69 and US-27, crossing different areas of Clinton County, the drainage will be very important as hard surface areas contribute more runoff from heavy rains and

spring thaws. Existing drainage in these areas will need to be enlarged or updated. Also existing closed drains will need to be re-routed to provide an adequate outlet for farm land and urban areas.

The Clinton County Board of Commissioners has worked very closely with the Drain Commissioner in promoting the final clean up of approximately 47 miles of drains in Clinton County for the year 1977. Of the \$754,714, total cost of work performed, Clinton County at large absorbed \$92,165.

Other duties include working with the Clinton County Zoning Commission, headed by Jack Nelson. This requires the Drain Commissioner to review all zoning request changes to insure that the drainage is adequate for the proposed site. The Drain Commissioner is required to comply with Act 288 of the Public Acts of 1967,

known as the Subdivision Act of 1967, Item No. 2.

Another responsibility requires the Drain Commissioner to carry out the rules under Act 347, Public Acts of 1972, Soil Erosion, adopted under the Clinton County Drain Commissioner Standards and Specifications for construction activities.

Michigan Drain Code Sec.

280.423 requires the Commission to act accordingly to control pollution in existing County Drains. He also has the responsibility of assessing municipalities, and land owners who receive benefits from county drains within their districts.

The Drain Commissioner is required to be a member of the Dept. of Public works

which involves sewer projects within the county.

The Clinton County Soil Conservation District, County Road Commission, Michigan State Highway and other agencies do leave a very good working relation with the ultimate goal to keep Clinton County Drains adequate for present and future development.

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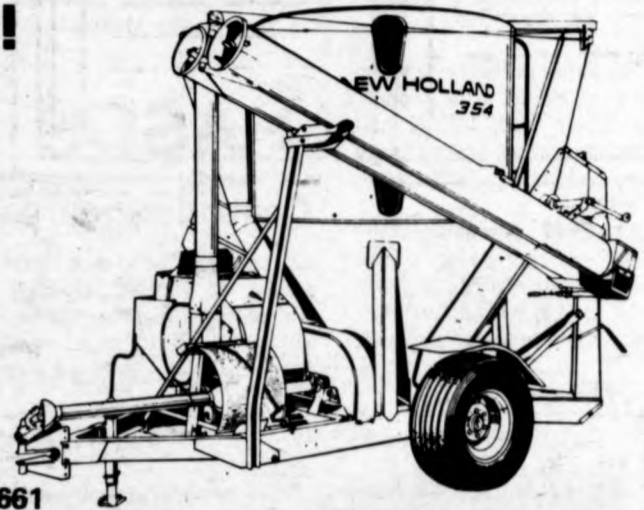
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Lloyd Campbell retires after 25 years as conservationist

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

St. Johns

It was 1952 when Lloyd Campbell first accepted a position as a soil conservationist and after two years in Mt. Clemens and five years in Bad Axe, he was transferred to St. Johns where he remained until his retirement in October of last year.

A 1939 graduate of Michigan State University, Campbell taught vocational agriculture for the deaf in Yale and in Romeo before beginning his soil conservation career.

Speaking of the time when he first came to St. Johns, Campbell said, "They had 239 cooperators when I came here and they had 1,150 when I left."

The District Board won the Goodyear contest two times, during Campbell's 25 years in St. Johns with a five-year time-span between awards.

The Goodyear contest cites the outstanding district in the state.

Besides administering the Clinton County Soil Conservation District, Campbell has also been active with his church, the Episcopal Church, being on the church's camp board for 10 years, and being a lay reader.

He was also a member of the college work committee at MSU for the Episcopal Church, is a Romeo Free and Accepted Mason, received the 32nd degree Mason Scot-

tish Rite Cathedral in Bay City and is a member of the Shriners in Saginaw.

He is also a member of the Royal Arch Masons in St. Johns and a member of the Capitol Caravan Club out of Lansing.

Approximately 65 persons attended the retirement dinner honoring Campbell.

Campbell and his wife, Carolyn, have three children and four grandchildren.

In his spare time he enjoys stamp collecting, wood working, fishing, canoeing and tennis.

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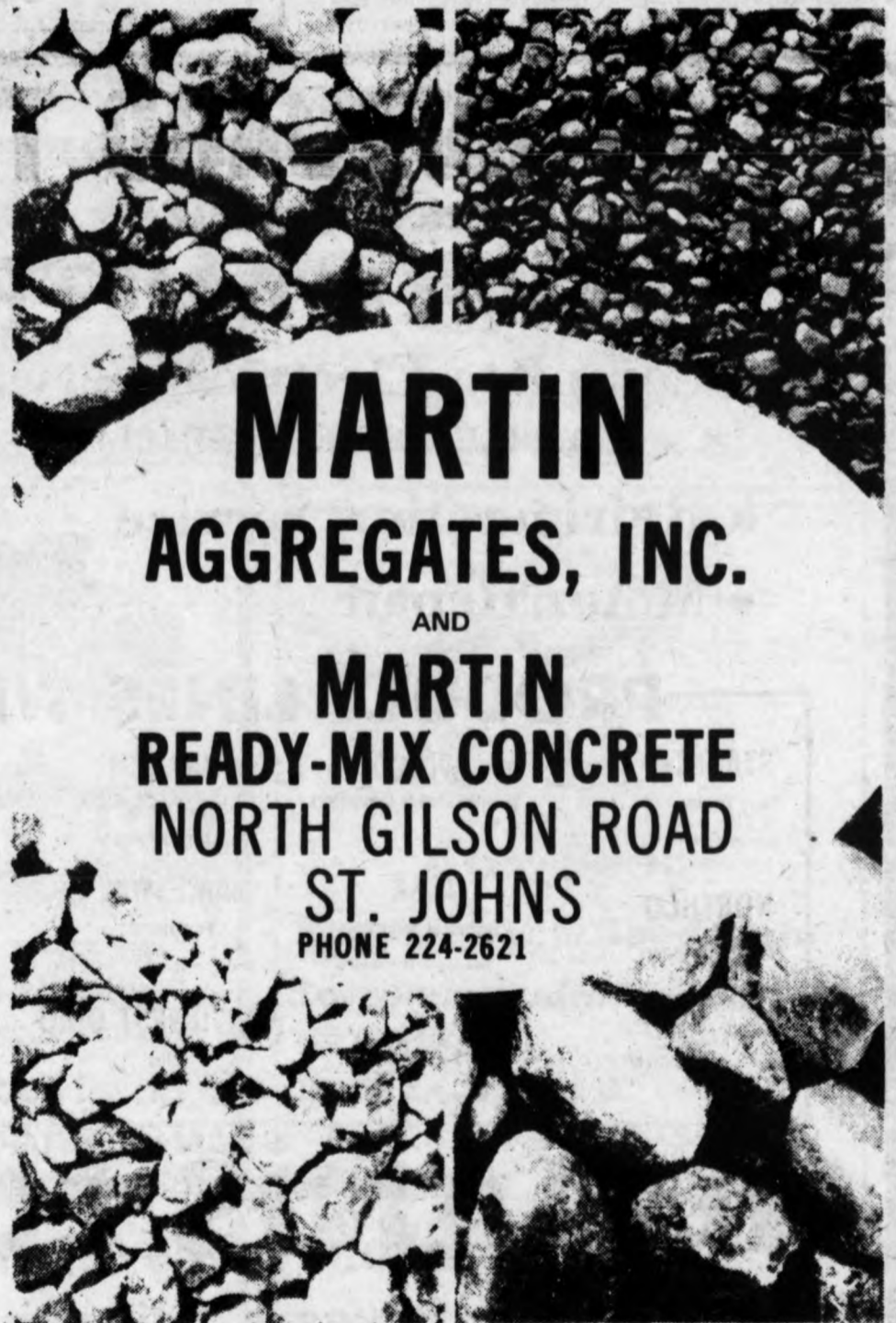
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Grain drying expert comments on corn mold

by Professor Robert Maddex
Michigan State
University
Ag. Engineer

Editor's note: Professor Maddex was Michigan's greatest authority on grain drying. He died suddenly while presenting a program shortly before Christmas.

The molds that infect corn are present everywhere. Eliminating them is virtually impossible, without chemical fungicides in extreme high temperatures. You can control them however, through good sanitation practices, careful harvesting and proper management of drying, holding and storage processes.

In handling your corn, consider these facts developed from Table 1:

(1) At any given temperature, you can hold corn having 15 per cent moisture nearly 10 times as long as 20 per cent corn, about 27 times as long as 25 per cent corn, and roughly 45 times as long as 30 per cent corn.

(2) You can hold or store corn of any given moisture content at 35 degrees Fahrenheit nearly two and one-half times as long at 50 degrees Fahrenheit, over four times as long as at 60 degrees Fahrenheit, and nearly 10 times as long as at 75 degrees Fahrenheit.

(3) You can hold corn that has not been physically damaged two and a half times as long as field-shelled corn regardless of the moisture and temperature.

TABLE 1. Maximum Time for Storage of Shelled Corn at Various Corn Moisture and Air Temperatures ¹

Storage Air Temperature (Fahrenheit)	CORN MOISTURE CONTENT			
	15%	20%	25%	30%
75°	116 days	12.1 days	4.3 days	2.6 days
70°	155	16.1	5.8	3.5
65°	207	21.5	7.8	4.6
60°	259	27.0	9.6	5.8
55°	337	35.0	12.5	7.5
50°	466	48.0	17.0	10.0
45°	725	75.0	27.0	16.0
40°	906	94.0	34.0	20.0
35°	1,140	118.0	42.0	25.0

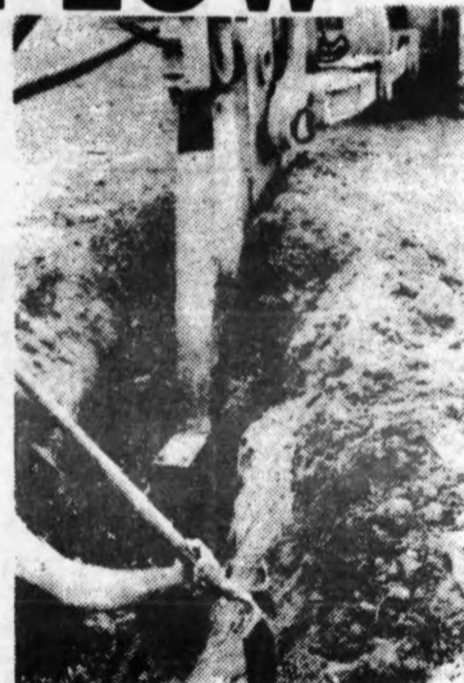
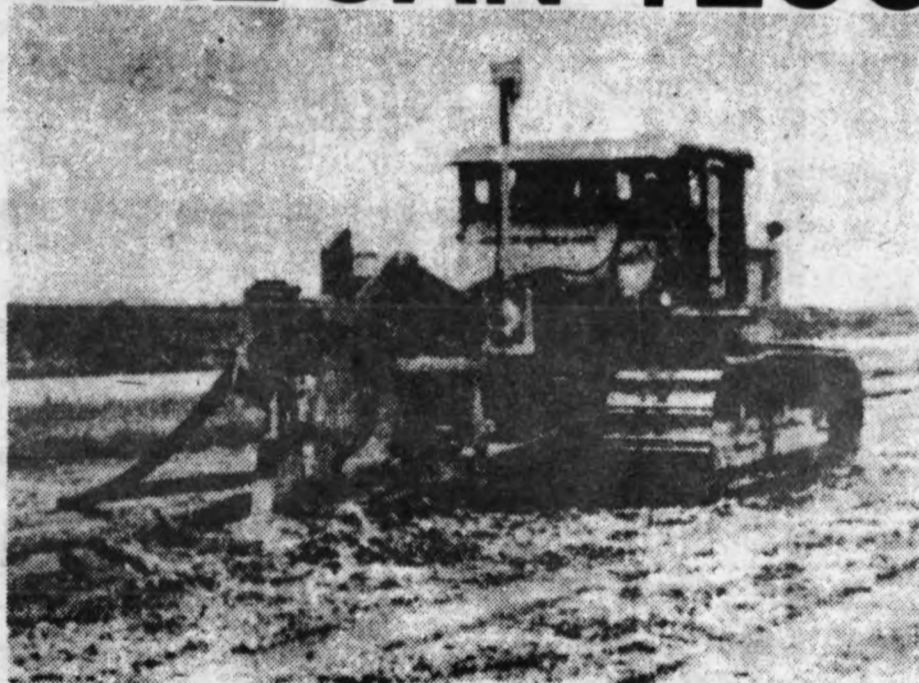
¹ The times given are those above which mold growth will cause enough loss in corn quality to bring about a lowering of grade.

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What can you do to reduce

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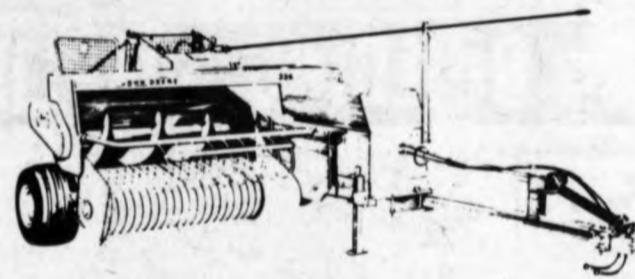
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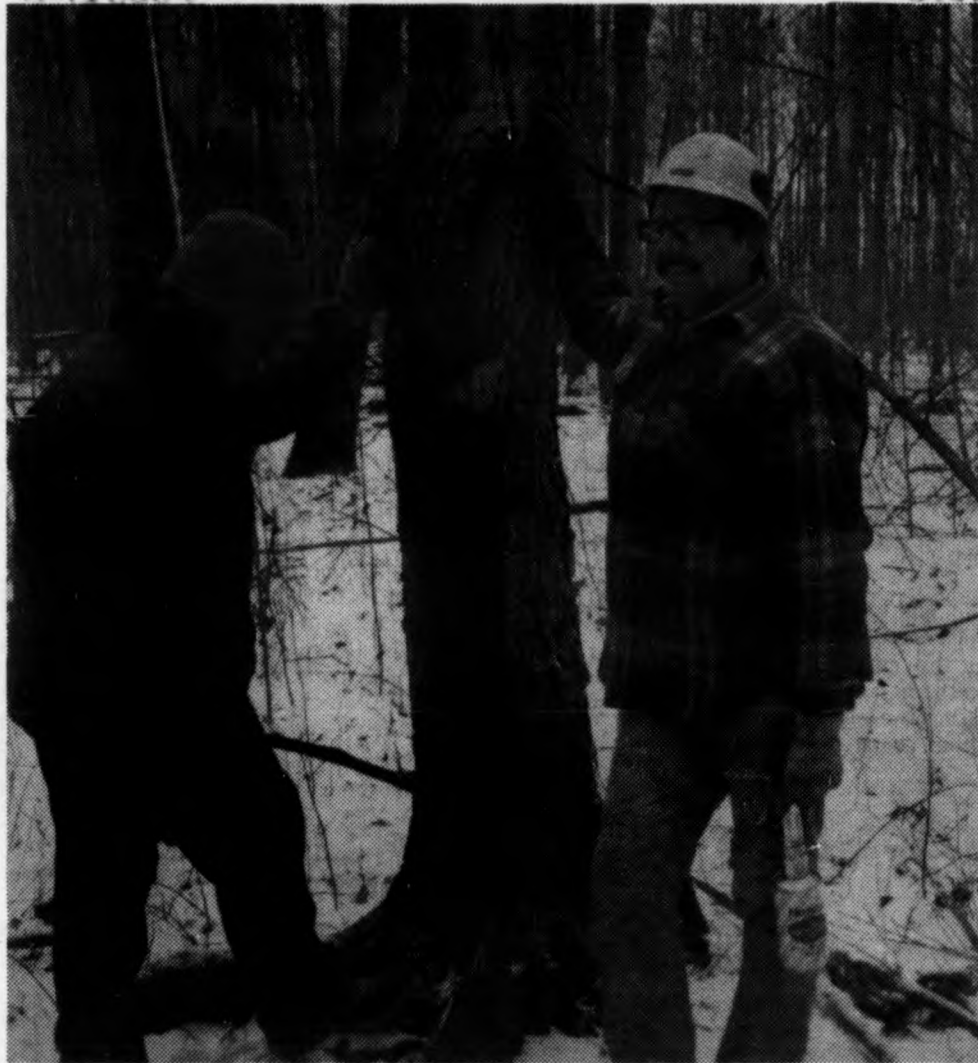
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D.N.R. Forester Fred Wuerthele, shows a landowner which trees to remove for firewood and at the same time improve his woodlot.

Choose the proper kind of firewood for burning

By Fred G. Wuerthele
Area Forester

Most wood species will not burn if freshly cut, so the wood you purchase should be reasonably dry, or "Seasoned". The surest way of having dry wood is to cut or purchase it several months prior to using it. Splitting logs hastens drying.

Drying is fastest at the beginning; after six months of drying, wood is often called "seasoned". Firewood will generally be very close to as

dry as it can get after two years of seasoning.

Dry wood when burnt with abundant oxygen produces carbon dioxide, water, and a small amount of residual ash—all of which are easily recycled by green plants.

Burning green or wet or highly resinous wood results in increase production of wood tars and several associated "smoke" products. These tars and the wood extracts may coat the chimney flue and could result in a chimney fire if ignited.

The top of the pile should be covered as the wood dries but the sides should be left open for free air flow. If possible, wood should be stored a foot or more above the ground.

Choosing a kind of firewood to burn in your fireplace is much like selecting a favorite wine or cheese, since each wood species can offer something different in aroma or heat value. Softwoods like pine, spruce, fir, are easy to ignite because they

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Advice given by forester

Use power chain saws with safety

by Fred Wuerthele
Area Forester

With the talk about the energy shortage and as the cost of nonrenewable energy sources go higher and higher, more people are going back to using an "old" fuel—wood.

This is a renewable resource because more wood can and is being grown to replace that which is harvested for lumber, paper, firewood and many other uses. Poor trees may be cut on your woodlots for firewood and at the same time benefit the remaining trees.

For assistance on woodlot management, contact Fred Wuerthele, Area Forester, Department of Natural Resources, 8562 E. Stoll Rd., East Lansing, Mich. 48823, or the local Soil Conservation Office.

If anyone doubts that more fireplace wood is being cut and used, look in the paper for the numerous ads for firewood or woodstoves or look at the many vehicles with firewood in them as you drive.

With the increased chain saw operation, the limbs that

are being cut are not only tree limbs, but human limbs as well. Emergency rooms see many of the chain saw victims with cut fingers, hands, toes, legs or worse.

An "accident" normally takes only a few seconds or even a fraction of a second. They can happen to the beginner or the expert. Most could be avoided by common sense, knowledge of cutting methods, and a continued respect for the chain saw.

Following are some of the things that one should know about chain saw operation and for those who know them, a quick review and brush up.

Use and Care of the Saw

(1) Follow the saw manufacturer's instructions for the use and care of the saw.

(2) Start the saw on the ground or a stump, not on a knee.

(3) Be sure the cutting teeth on the chain run toward the motor to pull the saw against the tree.

(4) Make sure the chain is not touching anything before you start the motor.

(5) Never walk with the power saw running.

(6) Walk with the saw stopped and the guide bar pointed to the rear.

(7) Make sure the idling control is adjusted so that the chain stops when the motor idles.

(8) Keep both hands on the saw all the time it is being operated.

(9) Start the cut with the motor end of the chain and then swing the saw evenly into the cut.

(10) Always stand at the end of the saw when cutting,

never at the side.

(11) Avoid using the tip of the saw for cutting.

(12) Don't use the saw for stripping bark or cutting loose bark.

(13) Don't cut brush with the power saw without a proper blade.

(14) Safety in the operation of chain saws depends greatly upon the care and service given them.

(15) Nothing is more important than keeping saws sharp.

Sharp saws reduce maintenance cost, result in faster, safer, easier cutting.

(16) Maintain the proper tension on the chain.

(17) Refuel the saw before it runs out of gasoline to avoid a "bound saw" which is difficult to refuel and start.

(18) Wipe off any spilled gasoline from the saw and remove the saw from the refueling site to reduce the chance of fire.

(19) Never make cuts with the saw between the legs or straddle the limb to be cut.

Proper Equipment for the Operator

(1) Wear warm, comfortable trim-fitting clothing that allows easy movement.

(2) Wear light nonslip gloves and good gripping boots or shoes.

(3) Safety goggles or eye glasses with safety lens help prevent possible eye injury.

(4) A safety hardhat should be worn especially if felling trees.

(5) Ear plugs or acoustic muffs are essential because of the saw's high noise level.

Congressman Bob Carr

1977 saw the passage by Congress of one of the most important and far-reaching laws in many years relating to soil conservation: The Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act of 1977.

The basic purpose of the new law is to establish a mechanism for making long-range policy for the use and conservation of the nation's soil and water resources.

The importance of this legislation is that it shows a recognition of the need to look into the future soil and water needs, and provides a means for planning for those future needs.

The law, Public Law 95-192, requires the Secretary of Agriculture to take a detailed look at where soil and water resources now stand, where the US is heading, and where it should be directing its efforts. Specifically, the law:

—Requires the Secretary of Agriculture to appraise the

state of the nation's soil and water resources by 1979 and each five years after 1979;

—Requires the Secretary to develop a National Soil and Water Conservation program each five years which is to define the direction of future soil and water conservation efforts, as well as analyze current programs at the federal, state and local levels and possible changes that might be necessary in these programs;

—Requires the submission by the Department of Agriculture of a report each five years appraising the national program and detailing policy regarding soil and water conservation programs.

Thus, the law's effect will be to set up definite timetables and requirements for looking to the future of soil and water conservation.

President Carter signed this bill into law on Nov. 18, 1977.

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are resinous. They burn rapidly with a hot flame but the fire will burn out quickly. It needs frequent attention.

For a long lasting fire, it is best to use the heavier hardwoods such as ash, beech, birch, maple, and oak. Oak gives the most uniform and shortest flames and produces steady, glowing coals.

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Despite bad weather

Record crop yields reported

by Prof. Milt Erdmann
Farm Crops Dept., MSU

Was the weather for the 1977 crop year abnormal? Most of us would answer this with an emphatic "YES!"

It has been said that we never have a "normal" season in Michigan as far as weather is concerned.

In 1977, we had a drier and warmer than normal May and June, a near normal July, a cool August with above average rainfall, and a wet September.

Was the weather for the 1977 season adverse for crop production? In certain aspects, yes, but in total - no!

Consider this—three new yield records, in terms of state averages, were established and a tie with a previous yield

record attained by Michigan field crop producers in 1977. This is based on yield data released in the November Field Crop Report of the Michigan Crop Reporting Service.

The record per acre yields reported are 85 bushels per acre for corn, 27 bushels per acre for soybeans, and 256 hundred-weight per acre for potatoes. The wheat yield of 40 bushels per acre tied the record yield previously attained in 1974.

We all recognize that weather is a major factor affecting crop yields. Record yields are not attained without reasonably favorable weather conditions.

But other factors contributing to increased yields, to list just some, include: more

effective use of fertilizer—based on soil tests, better weed control with herbicides and herbicide combinations, an increase in tile drained land, improved varieties, better insect and disease control, and more timely operations.

Many of the production practices resulting in increased yields are the result of research conducted by the Michigan and other state experiment stations—with the results of the research disseminated to producers by the Michigan Cooperative Extension Service.

The real credit must go to the Michigan crop producers who effectively use improved practices and good crop management to attain yields for Michigan.

Soil district lists accomplishments

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	This Year		To Date	
	Number	Acres	Number	Acres
District Cooperators	23	2,471	1,174	180,071
Conservation Plan Prepared	9	1,382	1,091	161,247
Conservation Plan Revised	6	2,262		
Soil Survey	Clinton County Completed			
Minimum Tillage		2,447		65,390
Critical Area Planting		12		252
No-Till		120		
Grass-Waterways		4		98
Tile Drains		1,249,883 Ft.		16,948,599 Ft.
Field Windbreaks		30,800 Ft.		202,708 Ft.
Ponds	10		194	
Tree Planting		285		1,521
Woodland Management		24		2,596
Wildlife Habitat Management		510		4,293
Open Field Ditches		12,460 Ft.		550,192 Ft.
Grade Stabilization Structure	3		227	
Land Adequately Treated		4,742		133,856

In addition to these accomplishments, the staff has serviced 125 technical service referrals from the ASCS office on cost-share practices. And has assisted 187 cooperators of the District with planning and layout of conservation practices. The Soil Conservation Service has completed the final draft of the Clinton County Soil Survey and this publication has been sent to the government printing office. This will be available in about another month for distribution.

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Soil district releases financial report

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Clinton County Soil Conservation District
July 1, 1976 - June 30, 1977

BALANCE ON HAND JULY 1, 1976	\$ 977.28
RECEIPTS:	
District Administrative Funds (State of Michigan)	1,540.00
Conservation District Aide Funds (State of Michigan)	5,313.00
State and Regional Meeting Expense Funds	39.55
County Board of Commissioners	3,850.00
Sale of Tree and Shrub Planting Stock	8,274.55
Machinery Rentals	22.50
Annual Meeting Receipts	246.00
Educational Materials	15.00
Newsletter	100.00
Marking Flags	17.00
Crownvetch	5.00
Misc.	.52
TOTAL RECEIPTS	19,423.72
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	20,401.00

DISBURSEMENTS:	
Office Supplies and Service	207.18
Directors Mileage and Expense	524.96
Fees, Dues, Etc.	350.00
Employees' Expense	
Gross Salary	8,078.72
Social Security (District's Share)	470.72
Bond, Workmen's Compensation and other benefits	862.87
Trees	5,907.50
Annual Meetings	506.20
Publications	255.85
Educational Materials	127.31
Insurance on Equipment & Robbery	59.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	17,397.14
BALANCE OF CASH AVAILABLE -JUNE 30, 1977	3,003.86

Snowmobile traffic may affect forage stands

by Dr. Zane Helsel
Agronomist, MSU

The pleasant (or perhaps unpleasant) sounds of snowmobiles racing across the Michigan countryside are being heard once again following the recent snowfall.

Research in other states has demonstrated the potential for decreased yields of hay or pasture crops by the pre-

vious winter's snowmobile traffic.

The percentage of legumes (alfalfa, red clover, or birds-foot trefoil) in mixed stands with grasses tends to be reduced when snowmobile traffic is heavy. This reduction in legume stand can result in weed infestation.

The research suggests that compacted snow from the snowmobile traffic resulted in

colder soil temperatures and deeper frost penetration under these areas. Ice can also be formed in the tracks and this can cause smothering of the crops below.

Although infrequent snowmobile traffic may not injure forage stands, prohibiting snowmobiles from perennial crop land will eliminate any potential damage.

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Wm. E. Laher, Ass't Chief
Soil and Water Conservation

Good land management means protection of the land to control erosion. This implies management of surface water and runoff, thereby protecting the water quality of our rivers and streams.

Soil Conservation Districts have been concerned with water quality for 40 years. Their conservation programs and practices are aimed at controlling soil erosion and the resulting problems.

Also they have been concerned with the quality of the

water leaving the land and going into our rivers and streams. Soil Conservation District practices of grass waterways, diversions, strip cropping, buffer strips, conservation tillage and others are all aimed at reducing soil erosion and improving water quality.

Over the years, these and other conservation practices applied to the land have solved a water quality problem. Now maintenance and continuation of the practice will continue to control erosion and keep and improve water quality.

Soil Conservation Districts may not have water quality in their name but what they have done and are doing indicates their awareness and concern

for water quality.

The problem of potential water pollution is always with us. Let's not forget the job we

need to do to maintain the water quality we have and improve it for the future. Proper land management is an excellent tool for quality

water.

Soil Conservation Districts are prime movers in the field of both soil conservation and water quality.

Farm tractor sales fall 15%

Taken from the December 16, 1977, issue of the Federal Reserve Bank "Agricultural Newsletter"

Farm tractor sales fell 15 per cent below the year-ago level during the July-October period. The accelerated decline of recent months accentuates the downtrend experienced during the first half and brings year-to-date unit sales seven per cent below the corresponding year-earlier period.

According to the Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute, slack sales have also been reported for most other major machinery and equipment items.

Through October, unit sales of cornheads, balers, and mower conditioners were down 20, three and two per cent, respectively. Combine sales have also been sluggish during 1977—down five per cent during the January-October period.

The reduced sales have been accompanied by a build-up in inventories, prompting speculation that trade concessions may be in the offing as manufacturers and dealers strive to reduce burdensome inventories.

Nevertheless, current farm earnings prospects portend a continuation of this year's weekend demand for farm machinery extending well into

1978.

Purchases in recent months lag year-ago levels for most size categories of farm tractors. During the July-October period, unit sales of tractors with less than 50 horsepower were down six per cent from the corresponding 1976 period. Sales of tractors with 50 to 100 horsepower declined 11 percent, while those with 100 to 140 horsepower declined 21 percent.

A drop in sales of 24 per cent was recorded for tractors

with 140 or more horsepower, although much of the decline was due to the 38 per-cent drop in sales of four-wheeled drive tractors. In general, unit sales of the larger tractors are relatively more depressed than are the sales of the smaller tractors this year.

Sharply lower commodity prices and the subsequent decline in farm earnings no doubt explain the bulk of the weakened demand for farm machinery and equipment this year.

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Michigan ag director speaks on soil district

by B. Dale Ball, Director
Michigan Department of
Agriculture

The Michigan Department of Agriculture is responsible by law for providing administrative and program coordination to the state's 84 soil conservation districts. We are proud to be part of the soil and water conservation programs of Michigan.

Districts, which are governed by locally elected volunteer directors, are entities of state government responsible for conducting programs of soil and water conservation throughout the state.

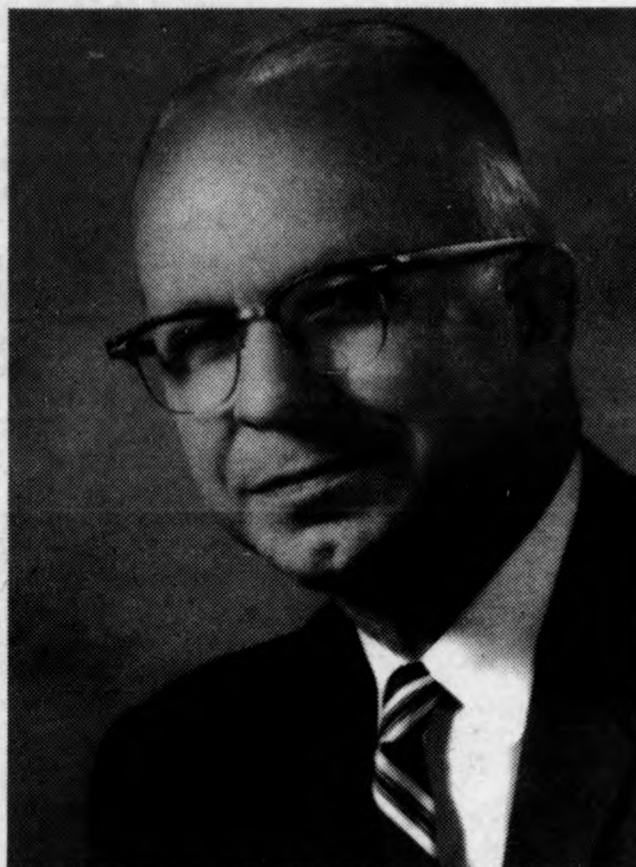
Michigan's first soil conservation efforts began, on an organized basis, back in 1938. Each district has as its goal "to assist land owners so that each acre of land is used within its capability so as to produce an economic or social return on a sustained basis." In short, soil conservation

districts have been and are concerned with sound land use management.

Clinton County SCD has been very actively involved with the land use planning program of the County Planning Commission. In addition, it has presented land use planning information for agriculture and conducted discussions with numerous Farm Bureau groups in the county.

The district has conducted nine meetings in the past year to explain county soil maps and how they are used. Directors were instrumental in development of a public meeting dealing with minimum tillage and no-till concept crop planting, and have worked closely with development of the 208 Water Quality Program for non-profit pollution control planning.

Through combined efforts of Clinton County SCD and the other soil conservation districts, programs have been conducted to provide land-



B. Dale Ball

user assistance to more than 66,000 individuals, commercial institutions and government agencies at no direct cost to the users.

More than 21,000 information requests were serviced. Districts participated in over 2,000 information meetings, designed to assist the general public in acquiring a better understanding of our land and related resources, their prudent use and management.

The planting of more than 10,000 acres of trees and shrubs on private and public land through district pro-

grams has contributed significantly to the state's ecology by controlling soil erosion, helping to maintain the quality of our lakes and streams, and protecting crops, building sites and livestock from winds. The plantings will also provide for future fiber and lumber and will establish and improve wildlife habitat.

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Wind erosion is problem

Dwight Quisenberry
Conservation Agronomist
Soil Conservation Service
East Lansing, Michigan

Wind erosion damage is a recurring problem on wind erodible soils in Michigan. It is another source of sediment pollution. Fine particles of soil are removed from the soil surface and carried by wind. This can result in severe crop damage, soil loss, air pollution and undesirable soil deposits.

High winds can result in loss of top soil, loss of nutrients, deposits of soil and also crop damage to some of the more susceptible crops. Sugar beets are especially effected.

There are several wind erosion control practices that can provide protection against erosion. Rye or oat cover crops planted last fall, leaving last years crop residue on the surface over winter, reduced fall plowing, using no-till, plowing cross-wise to prevailing winds, strip cropping, and tree or shrub wind breaks can reduce erosion.

Michigan ranks fourth in the nation in total acreage of sandy soils, fifth in the nation for sandy cultivated lands, second in the nation for organic soils.

The potential is great for terrific wind erosion problems in Michigan.

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