



Siren tested

The tornado siren will be tested on Saturday, April 8, at 12 noon in the city of St. Johns. The siren will then be tested on the first Saturday of every month at noon through September.

No skateboards

St. Johns Police Chief Lyle French is issuing a warning to parents to keep their children off city streets with skateboards. It causes a dangerous situation and there is a city ordinance prohibiting this.

PROFILE

Ernie Carter

retires as clerk

Ernie Carter reflects on his many years as a public official in county government. See Page 7.



Art and science fair

Waldron Elementary and Fowler Middle School will combine talents for an art and science fair slated for April 11 in the elementary school. A parent open house is scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m., with art exhibits to be located in the library and science exhibits to be in the cafeteria.

Fish supper

Wacousta Masonic Lodge No. 359 is having a family style fish supper on Friday, April 14. Serving will be from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Leydorf retires

Frank Leydorf, Elba Township Clerk for almost 57 years, has retired. Eighty-five year old Frank resigned his position which started in 1921. The board appointed Maxine Leydorf to fill the vacancy left by the retirement. Frank will assist with the duties of the office and thus still be involved while training the new clerk.

Liaison visits

DeWitt Township Congressman Garry Brown's representative, James Mandrell visits DeWitt Township Hall on the second Wednesday of every month from 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. to answer citizen's questions and help them with problems. He will be at the Township Hall again April 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Homes remodeled with HUD funding

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer

Bath Township

It's tear down, fix-up, paint-up time in Bath Township.

For the past three years the township has been busy trying to rehabilitate homes in the area using Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds.

During the first year the program was in existence, \$54,000 was used for housing rehabilitation, code enforcement, administration, and planning and management. In the second year, HUD monies were used for the previous year's projects plus demolition and street paving. Funds totalled \$192,000.

The present program is just starting. Ten homes are under rehabilitation currently. There are hopes to demolish eight hazardous structures, and build a sidewalk along Clark Road leading to the high school.

"Originally we had planned to rehabilitate 24 houses but with prices going higher and higher this doesn't seem possible," Margaret Anderson, administrator of the projects said. She is working with \$160,000 funds this year.

Bath is not stopping there, however. They have bigger and better expectations for the future. Ms. Anderson is currently working on a program for \$160,000 to be used for various projects throughout the township.

An informational meeting is being held tonight, April 5, at 7 p.m. in order to obtain citizen input. Residents may

share their views and ideas on community development, housing needs and priorities, review tentative activity proposals and to receive their proposals on activities and programs for a pre-application.

Ms. Anderson noted before the citizens input council was established this year, little interest or curiosity was shown for the projects. In fact, she still has people call her up and say they never heard of the programs or want to know how they can become involved.

"This is what's frustrating," she commented.

In the first two years of the program 33 houses have been rehabilitated. These improvements have prompted neighboring home owners to make improvements, also, according to township officials.

During the second year program 15 unoccupied safety and health hazard structures were razed.

For many years some roads within the Bath Village and Park Lake areas went unpaved, make traveling on the roads almost impossible during the wet seasons. Through funds from the second year program 2,903 tons of asphalt were laid.

Twenty-four roads were paved such as High Street, Vine, Dumont, Josephine Case Circle and Temple. Webster Road was also extended.

The administrator is working on a pre-application which will be turned in to the federal government within the next 60 days.

The \$600,000 for which the township is applying, is a comprehensive grant which covers a lot more areas of improvement. This is the maximum amount any one municipality can receive.

"HUD doesn't go on how often you get grants," Ms. Anderson explained. "They go a lot on past performance and the ability to show need. There is a definite need in Bath Township."

A performance report has also got to be done which includes such items as how many houses need rehabilitation, the number of new homes built in the area, and the types of improvements needed or already done.

The newly formed Citizens Advisory Council consists of seven members. It has two meetings before it applies for the grant and then holds two public hearings. "They tell us what they think is necessary for the community," she said.

There is a lot of red tape which has to be gone through before the money reaches Bath Township hands. The first step is Tri-County Regional Planning, the State Clearing House, and they in turn give it to their committees and then to HUD.

HUD determines at this point if the township can apply for a full application. This is due in July. Approval for funding comes in October.

The township has adopted the Boca Code which is the minimum requirement as far as code regulations go.

"When people apply for us for the funding, our inspector goes out and writes down everything in violation of the code," Ms. Anderson explained. "After that we check to see if they financially qualify."

There are some houses in the township which are so far gone they just can't be renovated.

With the comprehensive grant however, they hope to be able to relocate people into adequate housing and tear down existing deteriorated building.

In some cases if people can borrow some money, the township through HUD funds can supplement a home improvement loan.

A variety of people have applied for the monies from people on social security, to female heads of households, to small families, to single people. The township has received some referrals, and received some calls. Township officials have not, however, approached too many home owners.

Work on the homes is done by a general contractor and two bids per home are submitted. A set amount is determined for each project.

After the work is completed the

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Bids too high on waste water project

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

St. Johns

When bids for the waste water treatment expansion project in St. Johns were opened March 22, St. Johns city officials discovered the difference between their estimate of the project's cost and the project's cost as revealed in the bids were approximately \$1.4 million.

The project was estimated to cost \$6 million and the lowest of nine bids opened was \$7,460,000. The highest bid was \$8,275,000.

In a special meeting of the St. Johns

City Commission April 3, city officials met with bonding attorneys and engineers to come up with a means of financing the difference. The city's share of the \$1.4 million difference is about \$400,000, according to City Clerk Bruce Wood.

The Commission took no action at the Monday night meeting, but it is expected to decide what type of financing it will seek at their next meeting slated for April 10.

The total cost of the waste water treatment expansion for St. Johns residents has risen from \$1.3 million to \$1.7 million, including the \$400,000 which was not anticipated in the original estimate of the project.



Clown face

Lori Strickland is being a clown for a day. Marsha Greenwood a local 4-H Clown showed Girl Scout troops 432 and 133 the art of clowning. Lori ended up with blue eyes, green cheeks,

and yellow outlines. The Girl Scouts used this demonstration as part of their Dramatic Badge work. (Photo by Sue Kiley)

Bath voters face road millage

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer

Bath Twp.

Voters in Bath Township are going to decide if they want to spend two mills over five years for overall road improvement at the August primary.

The additional two mills would give the Township an extra \$46,000 to \$50,000 for the improvements a year.

"We have several stretches of roads which are perfect for blacktopping," Trustee Robert Sober commented. "We can't do it right now because we don't have the money. If we could get the people to go along with it, we'd save a lot of money in the long run."

Township Supervisor, Thomas Woodruff commented at Monday night's meeting, if taxpayers are being assessed \$15,000, this additional millage would cost \$30 per year.

"That wouldn't even pay for a muffler," he added.

Woodruff also noted there are \$280,000 worth of road projects which could be done, but they only have about \$60,000 a year to work with.

"The total taxes in the township is \$104,000 and of this almost 75 per cent has been spent on road improvement," he said.

Daniel Carleton, trustee, brought up to the group, the police equipment purchases.

"I don't want to see this thing snowball," Sober commented. "We want two mills for the roads and now another mill for police and fire? We've always taken care of them (police and fire) in the past, haven't we?"

Trustee James Cronk said, "Before we do anything I would like to see five-year plans by both departments."

Before the issue was tabled, it was mentioned the present police car has 120,000 miles on it.

Trustees of the Bath Township Board unanimously approved not to pay an

additional \$1,600 for work done on some area roads by the Clinton County Road Commission.

A contract was signed for Bath to pay \$5,386 for improvements but were billed for \$6,951. The added cost was for the curbs and gutters which was not covered federally.

"We agreed on that price," Woodruff said. "The agreement doesn't say anything about an estimated cost. It just says the township's share...I wouldn't pay for anything we hadn't agreed upon."

Roads were the main topic of discussion at the meeting, including the rebuilding of three roads in the township.

The township approved to undertake rebuilding Coleman Road from Park Lake to Center Street at a cost of \$40,000. This does not include blacktopping. The second project is Hunter road from Upton to Herbison. "This has got to be the narrowest road in the township," Woodruff said. The cost of the project is \$14,000.

Upon the approval from the railroad Webster Road will be extended over the tracks for a cost of \$5,175 which includes blacktopping.

Woodruff explained the township will be footing most of the bill for the projects, saying the Road Commission will pay 50 per cent of the cost up to \$3,500. The township has averaged about \$80,000 over the past five years.

"I bottomed out three times on Center Street," Trustee Elon Pardee said. "It seems we are getting awfully poor service for what we are paying."

Supervisor Woodruff noted, "We are getting 100 per cent better service than in the past." Continuing he said, "I can remember five years ago when this Board room was filled with angry residents on Peacock Road who had to walk two miles for six weeks because of the roads. It's never happened again."

Dr building considered

St. Johns

A special meeting of the Clinton Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees and the Clinton Memorial Hospital Association has been called for Wednesday, April 5, to consider action relative to the construction of a physician office building to be located adjacent to the hospital.

It is being proposed that the Clinton

Memorial Hospital Association enter into a lease agreement with Don Dodge and Ralph Pietkow, a limited partnership, to lease land from the hospital in order to erect a physician office building.

A complete description of the proposal will be presented to the trustees at this meeting, according to Paul E. McNamara, hospital administrator.



A new island

No this house is not located on lake front property. Believe it or not this home on Clark Road in Bath actually has a front yard under all that water that

came with the spring thaw. The only thing missing to complete the scene was ducks. (Photo by Sue Kiley)

Head-on collision injures Ovid man

Clinton County Sheriff deputies investigated two accidents involving injuries during the past week, showing a sizeable decrease. The department also handled eight minor accidents on county roads.

Cars driven by Ralph B. Cornell, 415 N. East, Ovid, and Stanley E. Vaught, Grand Rapids, collided on M-21 as Cornell was attempting to pass another auto.

A head-on collision occurred with Cornell being seriously injured and taken to Clinton Memorial Hospital for treatment.

Cornell was also cited by deputies for improper passing. The accident happened on March 23 at 6:45 p.m.

A car driven by Donald H. Walker, Owosso, told offi-

cers he was westbound when another vehicle ran a stop sign in front of him. He stated he applied the brakes and swerved to avoid hitting the vehicle. The car jumped the curb and struck a utility pole.

Walker was injured and sought his own treatment. The incident happened on March 27 at 12:23 p.m.

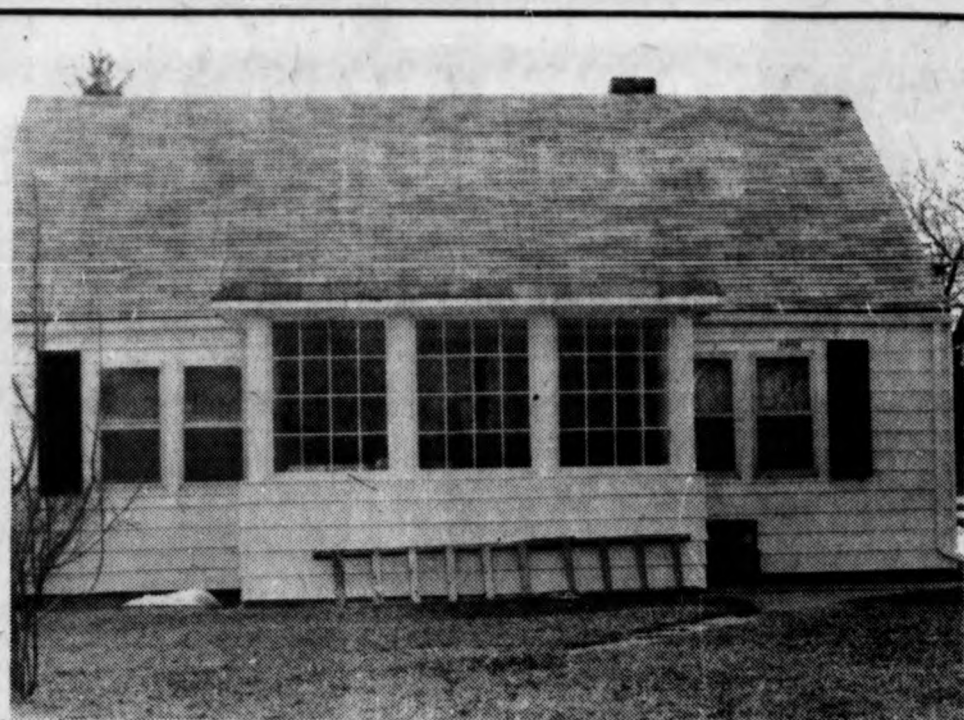
Area Happening

April 15—Methodist Men of Pilgrim United Methodist Church located on the corner of Parks and DeWitt Roads will host a fish supper at the church beginning at 5:30 p.m.



Before...

This is a house on Park Lake Road which is planned for rehabilitation through Housing and Urban Development monies.



and after

This home also on Park Lake Road in Bath has taken on a new look since work has been done with HUD monies. (Photos by Sue Kiley)

Beware of child molesting

By Sue Kiley Staff Writer

Clinton County Parents warn your children.

There haven't been any cases of child molesting in Clinton County this year, and that's the way local police agencies want to keep it. Shiawassee County hasn't been as lucky. A case of child molesting was reported last week in Owosso.

Deputy John Criswell of the Crime Prevention Unit associated with the Clinton County Sheriff's Department listed several topics parents should discuss with their children concerning the subject.

These are:
1) Never accept candy, gifts, or rides from strangers, which is any person the

child does not know.

2) Never let a stranger walk with them; they should try to run to the nearest house for help.

3) If a stranger asks your child for directions instruct the child to tell the person to go to the police station or a service station for help.

4) Tell the children never to go near a stranger's car.
5) Have a direct route for the child to take to and from school, no short cuts. They might not always be the safest way.

6) Instruct your children to stay away from public restrooms, rest areas, gravel pits, vacant lots, or buildings under construction.

7) They should also come straight home from school and tell you where they are going.

Criswell noted the child should be told when answering the phone never to say parents are not at home. They should also keep the doors locked at all times.

"A child molester can be anyone, man or woman," the deputy said. "Looks can be very deceiving."

Criswell suggests parents tell children if they are attacked by a stranger to kick, scream, bite and do anything to attract attention. "Children are often very afraid to tell their parents they have been attacked," he said. "Parents should make it very clear they will not be mad at the child."

Parents should go into public restrooms with their children. They should also know their babysitters very well.

"Have your kids bring

their friends home and be willing to meet their parents," Criswell suggests. "Listen to what you child is talking about. Sometimes they might be talking about a friend but in reality it is one of them."

The Crime Prevention Unit has been making a big push to visit area elementary schools. Anyone wishing to find out more about the programs can call the Sheriff's Department or their local police agency.

Taking the time for these precautions might save a child from going through a very bad experience.

It was exactly 175 years ago on Feb. 14, 1803, that Moses Coats, a mechanic of Downingtown, Pa., received a patent for an apple parer.

★ Homes remodeled

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township building supervisor inspects the home again to make sure it is up to code. The contractor in turn has to prove he paid the subcontractor.

So far demolition has only been to unoccupied dwelling and is done by the township's own crew.

One aspect about the project is some residents seem to think these services

and improvements are owed to them by the township.

"It's not only discouraging but also disgusting to hear people talk this way," Ms. Anderson commented. "Some of the people you help just think they should get more and more."

Besides getting their home improved

upon residents who live in the home for two years after it has been rehabilitated don't have to pay anything back to the township or government.

Bath Township homes are on the way to recovery and if everything goes alright more improvements to the community are in sight.

Water Quality plan approved

The Tri-County Region's Water Quality Management Plan got the state's seal of approval when the Governor certified the plan last week.

It's the first water quality plan to receive state certification in Federal Region V which covers Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. And nationwide, it's the fifth.

With the state's okay, the water quality plan now goes to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) which has 120 days to take action. Coordinated by the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, the water clean-up plan is the product of a two and a half year effort which required exten-

sive cooperation between local governments. The plan details the technical and management solutions that will be used to clean up the region's waterways to meet the 1972 U.S. Water Pollution Control Act's goal of fishable and swimmable water by 1983.

With the State's certification, actual implementation can begin. The cost of the water quality plan may go as high as \$258 million. About \$202 million will go toward the construction of waste treatment facilities.

Advisory committees will be established during the spring to guide the region's ongoing water quality

planning activities.

As part of the plan's implementation process, Tri-County was awarded a

\$106,500 grant from EPA for a water sampling and ground-water recharge identification project.

P-W sets round-up

Pewamo-Westphalia The Kindergarten round-up for the parents of those children beginning kindergarten in September will be held April 6 at the Pewamo-Westphalia High School at 7 p.m.

In order for a child to be eligible to attend school, he or she must be five years of age before Dec. 1. Also, a student must attend school if

he or she turns six before Dec. 1, 1978.

It is extremely important that the parents of eligible youngsters attend because registration materials, readiness inventory schedules, hearing and vision testing schedules as well as inoculation information will be distributed at this meeting.

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Koenigsknecht to run for House

Fowler Jim W. Koenigsknecht, 34, of Fowler has announced his candidacy for the 88th District House Seat presently held by Stanley Powell who is retiring at the end of his term. Jim has had

many experiences working with and serving people. He served the Michigan Jaycees on a state level for three years and at that time, developed leadership training and organization in working with people.

He also serves on the Fowler Village Council and works with township government, giving him the experience he needs in working with municipalities.

Koenigsknecht is a member of the Clinton County Republican Party and serves on the executive committee. Jim has also represented the Clinton County Young Republicans at a leadership seminar in Washington D.C.

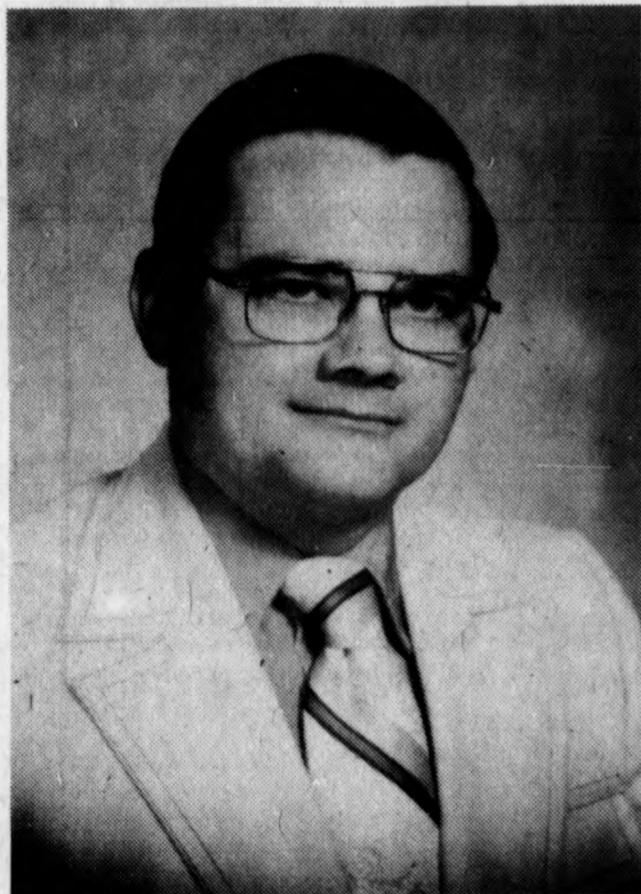
He served as a representative of the 5th Congressional District and in the past, has worked with Gerald R. Ford, Hal Sawyer and Stanley Powell's campaigns.

Being born and raised in a farming community and then working in small business for the past 15 years, Jim feels he can relate to the people and the problems of the 88th district.

He believes there is a need to overhaul the tax structure, and he will work to control tax and spending policies. He believes taxes must be reduced because the people have a right to keep more of the money they earn.

Koenigsknecht is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Lions club and the Fowler Jaycees. He is a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church and at the present time is employed by Shaheen Chevrolet in Lansing. Jim and his wife, Brenda, reside in Fowler.

He believes that politics is dealing with people and in serving the 88th district, he could work with and get the people from his district even more involved in their own government.



Jim Koenigsknecht



A mere beginning

Clinton County broke ground for the new Road Commission garage which is under construction off of US-27 just south of St. Johns. The project is being federally funded. On hand for the ceremonies which were held Tuesday afternoon on the site were: Tom O'Connell, Elten Engineering; B.E. Gardner,

Elten Engineering; Virgil Zeeb, and Paul Nobis, of the Road Commission; Elford Cederberg, representative; Cleo Friend, Road Commission chairman; Leon Clark, La-Franco, contractor; and Joseph Hanses, former Road Commission member. (Photo by Tom Nowak)

Bath carnival slated for Saturday

Bath There will be movies, a magic show, prizes and fun at the annual Bath High School Carnival sponsored by the Student Council, on Saturday, April 8, from 4 to 9 p.m.

A chicken dinner will be offered from 3 to 6 p.m. Advance ticket sales are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children 12 and under; or \$3.50 for adults at the door and \$2 for children.

Raffle tickets are being sold with the top prize being a side of beef. Second prize is a stereo, third is a 10-speed bike and fourth is a three-speed bike. There are also a number of smaller prizes.

Proceeds from the carnival will go toward the Student Council. The football program will receive profits from the chicken dinner, according to Gary Grady, Bath High School Student Council advisor and football coach.

Band dance scheduled

The Perry High School Band is sponsoring a dance for all area high school bands. The dance is going to be April 14, from 8 p.m. to midnight at Perry High School.

The dance features Dan Caruso from WVIC. The price is \$1 for singles and \$1.50 for couples.

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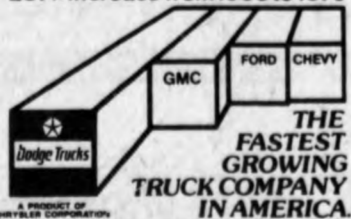


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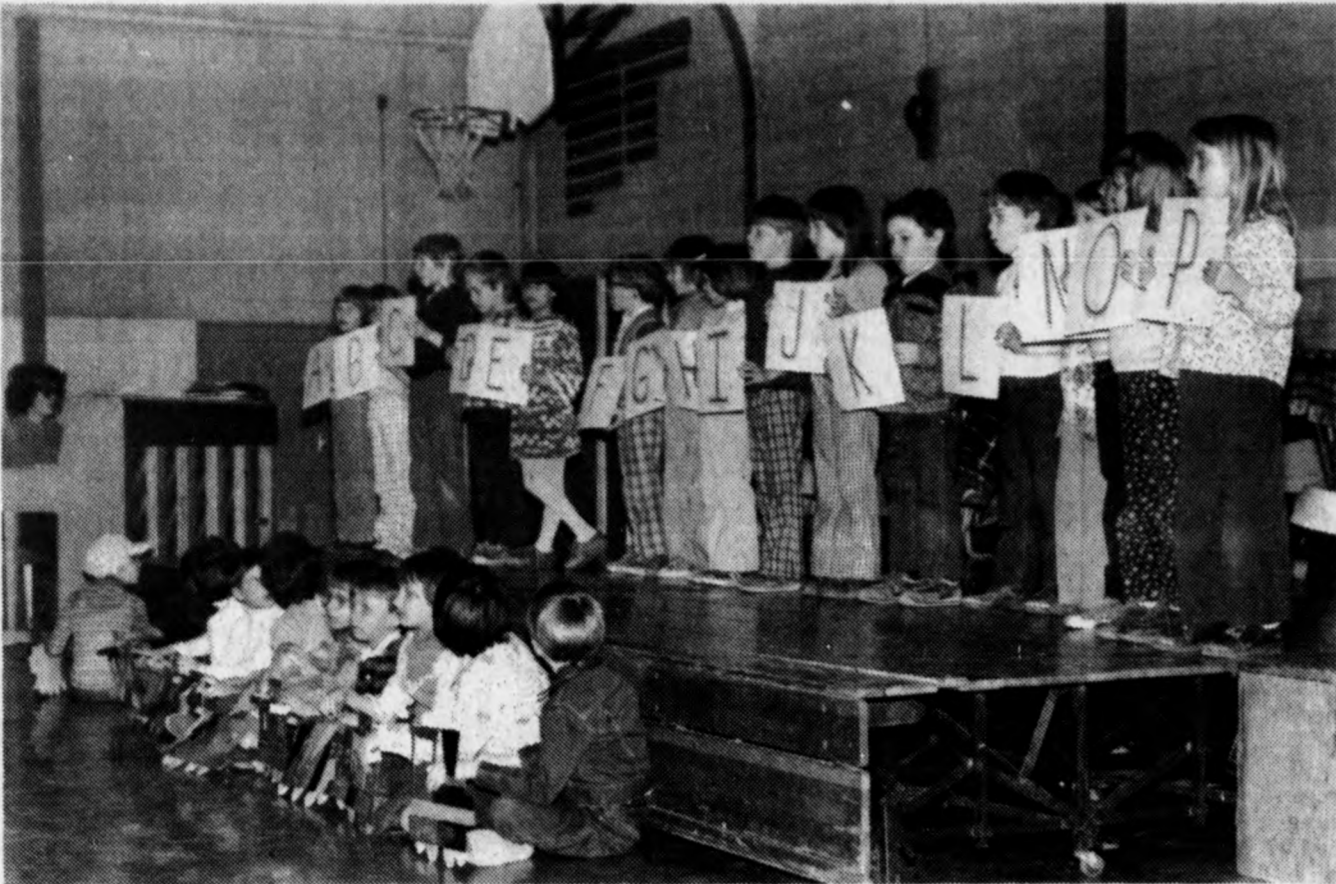


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'Peter Pan' performed

Waldron Elementary students presented the musical "Peter Pan" Friday evening, March 31, in the Fowler High School gymnasium. Starring in the play were Scott Braun as Peter Pan, Gwen Schafer as Wendy, Dale Epkey as Captain Hook, Matt Braun as Michael, Dave Thelen as John, Jim Schmitz as Dead Eye,

Steve Simon as Schmee, Keith Gibbons as Mr. Darling and Nancy Sillman as Mrs. Darling. All kindergarten through fourth grade students participated in the play under the direction of Barb Hildreth and assistant Janet Coffing. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

Beckoning spring is accompanied by potholes

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

Clinton County

With the warmer temperatures, spring coats, kites, jump ropes and the return of the robin, come those ever familiar and much dreaded POTHOLES.

They sneak up on you when you least suspect them, as you cruise along, enjoying the scene of fading snowbanks and large to medium-sized mud puddles. But, they are a part of each transition from winter to spring, and can't be eliminated.

St. Johns residents may think they have never seen so many potholes as this spring, but Department of Public Works head, Wendell Waggoner, says this year's crop of potholes are "not too bad this year."

"Within two weeks, we will know whether it is going to bust up more," he added, explaining the frost should be out of the ground within two weeks and the creation of potholes will be at its peak.

Potholes are caused by moisture

from rain, snow and ice that seeps under the pavement. The freezing and thawing process, or constant heaving and expanding, causes the pavement to buckle, leaving a hole under the roadway when the ice melts and the water runs into the ground.

If this occurs for four or five days in succession, a lot of damage can occur when the buckled area is hit by a car or truck tire.

Last fall, the St. Johns DPW started using Dura-Patch which Waggoner explained is "like a blacktop but stays firmer. When a car drives over the Dura-Patch, it helps to pack it down." He said the Cold-Patch which the city used previously, was often picked up by passing tires.

The St. Johns DPW has been out repairing potholes for the past couple of weeks. If you don't get the little ones, they will grow into big ones," says Waggoner.

DeWitt's DPW head, Floyd Fowler, says his area is experiencing "a shade more (potholes) than last year." He

explained his crew has gone through 30 tons of Cold-Patch this spring, alone.

Fowler said Cold-Patch runs about \$15.95 per ton and Dura-Patch runs about \$40 per ton.

He ended by saying, "I am looking for this stuff (snow and mud) to disappear."

Hitting chuckholes can injure tires, cause a sudden tire failure, break rims, throw tires out of balance, misalign wheels and front ends, knock off hub caps and do various other kinds of damage to motor vehicles.

Drivers are advised to take the following three steps as advised by the Tire Industry Safety Council.

1. Make sure the tires are properly inflated. Improperly inflated tires increase the chance of failure when hitting a pothole with sufficient force.
2. Slow down. The force of impact of tires with potholes increases sharply with speed.
3. Avoid hitting potholes if possible, but watch for other motorists when leaving your lane or swerving to miss damaged place in the pavement.

JC Penney wins President's Cup

St. Johns JC Penney store in St. Johns has been selected as a group winner for the JC Penney President's Cup Contest, District Manager J. G. Henderson of Saginaw has announced.

The local store was se-

lected on the basis of its operational improvements above last year. Store appearance plus service to the customer and the community also play an important part in the selection.

The local store will next compete against winners in 12 other contest groups of the

J. C. Penney Company President Walter J. Neppi in May.

Mary I. Madsen, former manager, was selected as a group winner. She has been transferred as a store manager to Owosso. The new store manager is G. L. Reickert.

Central Region to determine a regional winner. Managers and their spouses from the five stores in the nation picked as regional winners will travel to New York for announcement of the overall winner for the company. The award will be presented by

The March meeting of Chapter 88 Blue Star Mothers was held at the Congregational Church March 28 with 13 members present.

The chapter voted to donate \$5 to the State President's gift at Convention.

The 1977 President, Mary Masarik, gave her yearly report.

Hospital Chairman Rose Randolph reported she would be taking lap robes to the Veterans facility for the Chapter. These were made by Grace Ormsby.

A vote was approved to present the family of a deceased mother member with \$10 and \$5 for the hus-

band of a mother as an expression of the Chapter's sympathy.

Three cards were signed for ill members, Vianna Bond, Jean Primm and Jane Garcia.

Frances Eastman has announced her district card party is at Belding April 21. All members are invited to attend.

The Past Presidents club will meet April 11 at the Civic Building in Lansing with the Chapter 12 as hosts. Meeting at 10 a.m. with pot luck dinner. Members are asked to bring white elephant gifts for Bingo. St. Johns Chapter will host the county meeting April 10

at 6:30 p.m. with pot luck supper and bingo. Mrs. Ruth Barrett, president, asks all members to bring a white elephant gift for the bingo. Rose Wilkie won the

mystery prize. Refreshments were served by Fannie Wier and Alberta Brock. The committee for April is Chairman Jessie Finch and Pauline Burke.

Deadline nears for board nominations

Clinton County All candidates for school board positions must submit their nominating petitions to the respective school superintendents' offices by 4 p.m. on Monday, April 10, to be included in the annual June school board election. There are 16 vacancies on

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Six jailed for drinking and driving

St. Johns
Drinking and driving landed six persons in jail during the week of March 27, according to St. Johns City Police reports.
There were eight accidents with one of those involving minor injuries.
Other incidents handled by police included one malicious destruction of property, two larcenies from autos, one driving while license suspended, one vandalism, one reported runaway and officers made one warrant pick-up.

Circus is Scout theme

St. Johns
"Going To The Circus" was the March theme of St. Johns Cub Scout Pack 512. Highlight of the month was the Cubs and leaders attending the Hospitaler Circus in Lansing.
The Cubs will be busy in April constructing kite kits for a kite flying contest April 29 at 10 a.m. on the high school parking lot.
In award ceremonies March 27, Brian Messer was the newest Bobcat taken into Pack 512. Steven Eckert and Steven Carroll were promoted to Webelos.
Cubs receiving award badges were: Michael Robinson, Wolf Gold Arrow; Craig Barrett, Wolf; Steven Eckert, Bear Silver Arrow; Todd Perry, Wolf Silver Arrow; Randy Van Deuren, Bear; Bob Sanderson, Scholar and Sportsman; Dave Reed, Citizen; Scott Rudy, Athlete; Paul Wood, Athlete; Dale Good, Outdoorsman; Steven Ceasar, Artist; Ron Wycoff, Outdoorsman and Sportsman; Richard Kirby, Sportsman and Webelos; Rich Eldridge, Athlete; and Stanley Kioski, Artist, Citizen, Engineer, Outdoorsman, and Sportsman.

Two St. Johns residents received recognition in a musical composition contest recently sponsored by the Junior Music Club of Lansing Matinee Musicale.
Melissa Martis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Martis of 311 S. Clinton Ave., received honorable mention for her original composition, "Olga's Theme," in the junior high division.
Lisa Sabo's composition

Two receive music recognition

entitled "A Little Bit of Everything" received honorable mention in the elementary division. Lisa lives at 303 Lindy Lane, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sabo.
The girls performed their compositions at the Center For The Arts in Lansing, and received certificates of Merit. They are piano students of Mrs. Maurice Witteveen.



No, you don't

Alfred Doolittle played by Brian Cook, gets ready to clobber Eliza Doolittle portrayed by Annette Jandernoa but Colonel Pickering, Steven Stump, steps in between the two in the production of "Pygmalion". (Photo by Patricia Hornak)

Maranatha Singers to perform

St. Johns
The Maranatha Singers, from Central Michigan University will present the musical "Festival of Praise" at First United Methodist Church, 200 E. State, April 9 at 7 p.m. The public is invited.
The Singers recently returned from a four-week tour of the eastern United States. During this time, the Singers shared their musical witness from Detroit to New Orleans and Boston.

The tour group consists of about 40 students who, each semester, practice and plan for 15 concert experiences. The group began in the spring of 1970 and changes occur each year as new faces appear and some graduate to go on to other opportunities.
Membership in the

Maranatha Singers is open to all students at Central Michigan University, and most church denominations have been represented in the group. The Presbyterian Church of Mt. Pleasant sponsors the group which is under the direction of Marilu VanDam.

P-W High presents classic satire, 'Pygmalion' this weekend

Pewamo-Westphalia
The Pewamo-Westphalia Performing Arts Company of Pewamo-Westphalia High School is finishing preparation for George Bernard Shaw's classic satire, "Pygmalion," to be presented each evening of April 6, 7, and 8 at 8 p.m. at the Pewamo Elementary gymnasium.
Tickets are available at the door or by reservation by calling 593-2050 or 587-3281 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., or 593-2265 anytime.
"Pygmalion", Shaw's tale of the ragged Cockney flower girl transformed into a lady became the basis for the popular Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, "My Fair Lady."
Professor Higgins, the self-centered language expert who retrains Eliza is played by Charles Hill of the Pewamo area; Col. Pickering, his warm and blustery cohort is played by Steven Stump of Pewamo. The delightful Eliza Doolittle sparkles in an interpretation by Annette Jandernoa, also of Pewamo.

Brian Cook, another Pewamo resident, is Alfred Doolittle, Eliza's not-too-honest father. Professor Higgins' society mother is Maridell Martin, from Westphalia.
Freddy Eynsford-Hill, the young gentleman who falls in love with the new Eliza is Gary Platte, also of Westphalia. Elaine Spitzley, of Pewamo, and Kathy Pung, of Westphalia play Freddy's mother and sister.
Others in the cast include Donna Harmon, Sue Hill, Carol Schafer, Paul Jandernoa, Glenn Fink, Maryann Thelen, Eileen Theis, Ruth Pung, Patricia Spencer, Leah Hill, Debbie Smith, Kathy Cook, Steve Kimball.
Also assisting with the play are LeAnn Klein, Bev Schmitt, Amy Simon, Julie Platte, Nancy Smith, Denise Fedewa, Cathy Sanders, Elaine Wieber, Jackie Lucas, Gina Vance, Frank Freund, Dan Miller, Ellen Nurenburg, and Sue Cook.
Dennis Pilmore, Drama Director from PWSHS said, "We are most grate-

ful for all the support and assistance we've received this year from the Pewamo-Westphalia Community Players. Their technical expertise is adding much to this play. The enthusiasm of the young people is infectious for all of us."
PWCP members who are assisting Pilmore are Carol Harmon of Matheron, Barbara Spencer of Westphalia, Alice Stump and Kaye Pilmore of Pewamo.
Jerry Wohlfert, president of the Pewamo-Westphalia Community Players, recently announced that the PWCP have nominated the three young people who co-incidentally have the lead roles in "Pygmalion," Steven Stump, Annette Jandernoa, and Charles Hill, for a Community Theater Association of Michigan drama scholarship.
Results of the CTAM Scholarship Competition are expected to be available early in June.

John Wesley recruiter to visit

St. Johns
St. Johns High School and two area churches will get the attention of a mobile recruiting team of John Wesley College, of Owosso, April 6 and 9.
The JWC recruiters will be at the high school at 9:30 a.m. April 6, at St. Johns Congregational Church at 9:30 a.m. April 9, and at Pilgrim United Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. April 9.
Programs in all three locations will consist of information students need to know about financial assistance programs, admissions requirements, how to choose a college, facts about large universities and small colleges, the people and programs of JWC and a special multi-media presentation entitled "What's In a Name?"

The St. Johns area focus is part of a "block recruiting" program that is taking the JWC team throughout the state in the months ahead.
Coordinator of the JWC recruiting program is Jim David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Davis, 2141 W. Centerline Road. Davis is a 1971 graduate of St. Johns High School, where he was a member of the National Honor Society and president of the Student Council.
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Editorial Page

Where did all this garbage come from?

As the snow has melted and the spring "floods" have subsided, one question comes directly to mind: How did all this garbage get scattered about our community?

Are we really the slob on highways and street shoulders really make us out to be? Who threw out all of these bottles, papers and debris?

Spring can be the most beautiful season of the year. The bright green buds, accompanied by the lime grass and soft apple blossoms, complement the blue sky filled with an occasional wispy cloud. Ah, the scene is breathtaking as it floats in my mind.

But, on a dull spring day with the grey clouds forecasting an impending shower, the debris thrown about seems to be a bit breathtaking, too.

The number of returnable bottles along the highways has diminished, somewhat, since the redemption value on the bottles increased for a dime. However, the cans have taken their place, and in some cases, even the cardboard containers for the beer cans are left beside the road.

I suppose the person who dropped the 12-pack thought he was leaving his mark upon society—certainly his (or her) accomplishment was more impressive (or depressing) than a single, solitary can left every 10 miles.

The litter in the form of paper bags, gum wrappers, sales slips, old newspapers, etc. has also taken its toll on our environment. Why can't we see how one little gum wrapper can ruin the beauty of a still pond on a sunny day?

I don't believe people are naturally litterbugs. We don't go about trying to clutter the paths with garbage. No, that would be too much work and if we had



By Patrice Hornak

to classify litterbugs, we would have to tag them with the label, "LAZY."

This is spring—finally—and I think we should all try to do our part to clean up. And, once we have our community clean, why don't we keep it that way?

As in housework, it is a lot easier (and less depressing) to pick up every day than to spend an entire day doing nothing but cleaning.

Pick up. Clean up. Take a look around you... and enjoy.



"IF THEY MAKE AN OFFER — SELL!"

Rollerskating causes panic



by Sue Kiley

you know what you're getting yourself into?"

With all the minor details attended to except a signed life insurance policy, I was ready for the rink. The question was, "Was it ready for me?"

My first statement was, "Don't let go of me."

"We're still on the carpet, Sue. We aren't even on the floor yet," Joe laughed.

"Oh," was all I said as I opened my eyes.

Once out on that wooden floor I thought I was seeing my life pass before me. Here were all these little kids, and a few big kids whizzing by me on those things and I was just barely able to stand up with help.

Again I said, "Why me?"

After a few trips around the course, I felt a little more confident. It was short lived, however, because with confidence comes a little bit too much self assurance, which, in return, delivers DISASTER.

I thought I knew enough to make it around the rink once on my own. (There's the confidence showing). So, Teacher Joe let me go.

The straight-a-way was no problem and I was zipping right along in fine style. However, I had to turn sometime, and it came sooner than I expected. It was now or never, and I hadn't learned how to negotiate those stupid wheels around corners yet.

"Never" arrived and I found myself practically kissing the wall. On the brighter side, it could have been a

window and then I would have found myself on the outside looking inside.

My other major downfall was (is) little kids who happen to wipe out right in front of me. Besides not being able to turn corners, I also found out I didn't know how to stop either.

All I could think of was killing some little kid as I tried to stop and did so by using them. Luckily that never happened, because the kids wised up.

When they saw me approaching they got out of the way and quick. Word spread like wildfire and pretty soon it was heard throughout the roller rink.

"Look out for that lady (lady, c'mon I'm just a kid at heart) she's dangerous." Or, for those youngsters not to have seen me in action (I should have been a speed skater the way my arms fly back and forth) the cry was, "Get out of the way, dummy, she'll cream ya."

Now I've got the hang of skating sorta, and Joe decided it was time to skate to the beat of the music.

"You've got to be joking," I laughed. "I'm going to skate to 'Rock You?' No way."

Get me out on a regular dance floor and I can boogie with the best of them, but on skates, never. We did skate to music but it was to a lot slower beat. Is this one of the beginning signs of growing old?

During the two hours of skating, off and on there were numerous close calls of almost falling. But this isn't horseshoes or hand grenades so it doesn't count.

Anyway, I guess it wasn't all that bad except when I took off those shoes with wheels, I was walking funny. I can't imagine why.

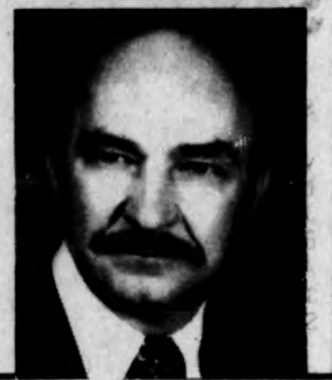
Next week I'm going to try going backwards, but I think Joe's 13 and 15-year-old sons, Mike and Mark, are going to have to help, too... and anyone else for that matter.

Who knows, by this summer I might even attempt skateboarding.

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Secret trials pose dangers

By Richard L. Milliman



Concern mounts in this and some other corners over what seems to be a growing tendency for judges to slam the doors on their courtrooms and to conduct criminal trials in private.

Several examples of closed-door court sessions have emerged in Michigan in recent months. One case involved an Oakland County priest and sex with a young boy; another centered on a woman teacher charged with sexual adventures with one of her male students; a third involved a Wayne County school administrator and yet another young male student.

In each of these cases, the judge shut out the public—and the press—on the basic premise that justice would be served better by privacy.

The orders for secrecy generally followed such reasoning as this: Publicity would lead to unwanted and unwarranted sensationalism. The age of some of the principals dictated privacy. Young witnesses would be scarred by testimony in open court. The defendant's right to a fair trial would be endangered by scorn and ridicule which open court would produce.

In one case, the judge decided that open court might encourage unwarranted accusations from other students which might well be untrue and unfounded, but could be viciously damaging to the defendant once made.

A couple of larger Michigan newspapers went into court to seek to keep the trials open, and wound up by fighting for the principles involved. The Michigan Press Association, in one specific case, also entered the controversy on the side of openness.

I can't really argue with the truth of any of the judicial reasoning cited here for closing the courtroom. Sex cases are damaging to just about everyone

involved, regardless of the guilt or innocence of the defendants. The victims of sexual offenses suffer the most, of course; but so do the accusers, and the witnesses, and the defendants, as well. All the relatives of those involved are hurt, too.

In each of the cases cited above, unusual sex was involved; in Michigan, judges have the discretion, under certain circumstances, to close the courtroom upon the request of certain of the principals.

The press is naturally interested in seeing that courtroom proceedings are open, and I join in that concern. It's not for the oft-cited reason that "sex sells newspapers" either. That's not why the press is fighting the closed court; sensationalism and pandering to the baser tastes of the reader are deplorable anyway, in my book.

The real problem is that once the theory of secrecy in the court system is accepted, it can lead to an erosion of the protection the court system is supposed to provide for the individual.

The Constitution of the United States sets some very rigid standards demanding open government—"Congress shall make no law... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press..." That includes courtrooms.

In my view, this same Constitutional guarantee carries with it some fundamental obligations for the press to respect; one of these obligations is the duty to defend the freedoms the Constitution provides.

The primary point in all this discussion centers on the ultimate protection of the rights of the accused; this ultimate protection should not be compromised by the immediate fear of the damage public disclosure might inflict.

If the court embraces the right to close doors, then the guarantee of a fair trial is jeopardized. The concept of the open trial is central to the concept of legal equity and fairness. If the people can watch what's going on in court, as in other public arenas, then the chances of fair treatment are much more secure.

Consider a hypothetical case: You are accused by a public prosecutor of a crime. You can't afford your own attorney, so the public judge appoints your counsel. This same judge then conducts your trial, without a jury, and behind closed doors. It could happen here.

That's just the type of "justice" we read about in totalitarian countries.

Or consider the current case of Sami Esmail, the Michigan State University student tried in Israel as a suspected terrorist. One of the greatest fears expressed by Esmail's backers was the closed courtroom—secrecy during the trial.

When the court closes its doors—in Israel or in this country—the chances for a railroad job are much, much greater.

Open court sessions frequently bring undue hardship and dangers to those involved, especially in the sensational atmosphere generated by sexually oriented trials. The individuals involved can be damaged greatly, and this fact is deplorable.

However, closed court sessions can be misused to cause much greater hardship, and the dangers that secrecy in the judicial process pose are of much more severe consequence.

That's why courtroom secrecy should be regarded as a cancer that threatens the health of the general public.

Fulton sets kindergarten round-up

The Kindergarten Round-up for the Fulton Schools has been set for the week of April 10.

Enrollment packets have been

mailed to the parents. Parents of kindergartners for next year who do not receive a packet by April 1 may call the Perrinton School 236-7232 Ext. 14 and one will be mailed to them.

The packet includes the health forms as well as a list of what is needed before a child can enroll in school. It will also include the date and time for the child's registration at the School.

Geraldine Workman honored

A special meeting of Radiant Chapter No. 79, Order of the Eastern Star, St. Johns was called for a dinner and reception honoring Geraldine Workman, Fraternal Sunshine Committee member and The Meinhart-Malacos Grand Family of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Michigan, on Thursday, March 16, at the St. Johns Masonic Temple.

Chapter was opened at 5 p.m. with 28 members present and recessed for a reception, registration and

6:30 p.m. dinner. It reconvened at 8 p.m. There were about 190 members registered for the initiatory work and around 165 for the dinner, which was prepared by Elsie Dickinson and her committee. The tables were decorated in colors of apple green and gold (Worthy Grand Matron's colors) and small centerpieces of red rose buds, a caterpillar (to worm a way into our hearts) and a plant chart, donated by Clinton National Bank, served as table favors.

Following the dinner, there was a program with Helen Lewis as Mistress of ceremonies. Worthy Matron Betty Burk gave the welcome, and the Worthy Grand Patron, Anthony Malacos, the responses. The Grand Chapter plate was presented by the Worthy Grand Matron, Erma Meinhart, to committee member, Geraldine Workman. A solo was sung by Grand Soloist, Anna Shindorf in her honor. Radiant Chapter presented her with a gift. Chapter guests were intro-

duced. There were members present from all over the state, some as far as St. Ignace, Newberry, Port Huron and Detroit.

The Grand Officers performed the initiatory work and had as candidates William Purchase and James Wetmore, who became the two new members.

Honary membership was given by the Chapter to Worthy Grand Matron, Erma Meinhart and husband, Mike, and Worthy Grand Patron, Anthony Malacos, and his wife, Mary.



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PERSONALITY PROFILE

Clerk retires after years of service

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer

Injuries got Clinton County clerk, Ernie Carter where he is today... in a round about sort of way.

While attending Eastern Michigan University, Carter was injured playing football. From there he moved onto the farm where a fall caused another injury to his back. He was told he couldn't farm too much anymore and that brought him into politics, almost.

Ernie was appointed supervisor of Watertown Township in 1958 to fill a resignation. Prior to that time he was a director of a country school.

"I told them I would fill out the vacancy, but I wouldn't run," he commented. "After 10 years at the post I asked myself, 'What are you doing here?'"

Sitting in his office at the county courthouse, Carter reflected on the last 10 years of his life as County clerk. Ernie submitted his resignation and retires on April 30.

"I'm not a politician," Carter explained. "I guess I never was. I'd prefer to think of myself as a public servant."

Carter noted the reason for staying in office as long as he has wasn't for monetary reasons because in the first year as supervisor in 1958, he only made \$1,000. After 10 years of service he was making the sum of \$4,000.

"I found out the job was interesting," he said. "It just gets into your blood."

By being a supervisor of a township in those days, one was automatically a member of the Clinton County Board of supervisors. At that time Judge Corkin was chairman of the board.

The supervisors met above the garage of the jail for sessions, a situation the man did not like.

There just wasn't any room for visitors and that's important," Carter asserted.

He later pushed for more space for the meetings although he claims it was quite a battle.

Ernie took over the clerk's position in 1968 when Paul

Wakefield died. "I didn't push for the job," Carter said. "In fact, at first I didn't even want it."

Laughing Carter continued, "I told the Judge at that time I wasn't a bookkeeper."

He later found out the clerk has more than 3,000 functions to perform. "I just couldn't believe it when I was told that," he said. "Now I can."

He further explained some jobs only occur every 10 years such as reapportionment.

The role of clerk carries a great deal of responsibility, according to Carter. He noted the clerk is the third ranking officer of the county board of commissioners, something few people realize.

One of the biggest tasks associated with the job is elections. Carter has been a big advocate of local government.

"There has been some erosion particularly in the townships," he commented. "It's unfortunate we've lost a lot of the township representatives with the change from a Board of Supervisors to County Commissioners."

Changes... well he's seen plenty.

"We have to accept changes, after all they aren't all bad, but it gets a little harder once you're older," he said. "Changes just aren't made for changes sake."

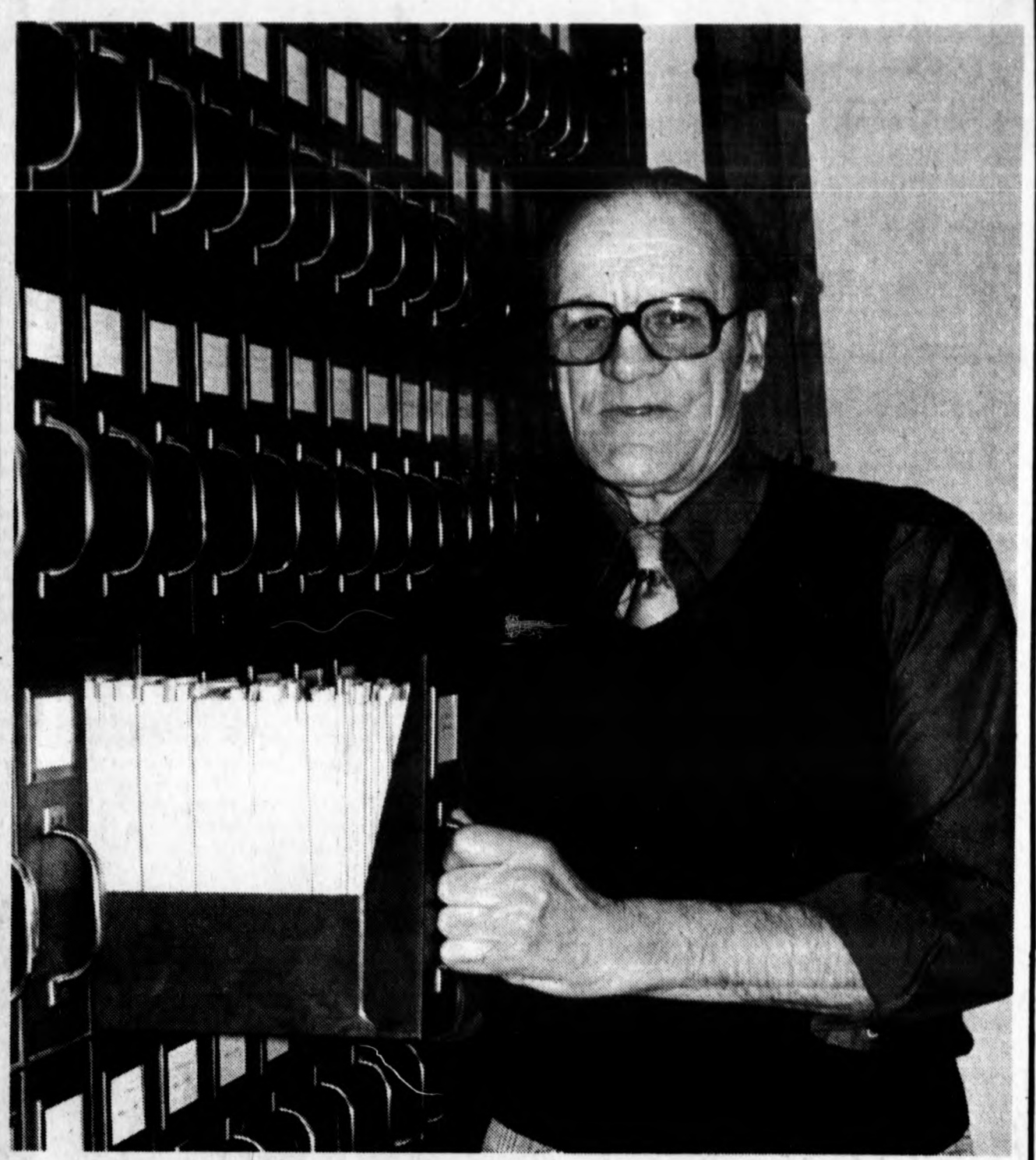
In commenting about the job, Carter said he liked it all. However, if he had to do it over, he would have liked to have become involved with the law aspect of the courts.

Traveling is one of the major items on the agenda for the Carters after Ernie retires. Last year he went to Alaska to moose hunt, saying it was one of the most thrilling and satisfying experiences he ever had.

Even then he couldn't get away from Clinton County or the people. While in Alaska he met a Crosby from the St. Johns area. His next trip is hopefully to Australia where he has some relatives.

"I'm leaving with a good feeling," Carter commented.

Ernie and his wife, Georgia, are the parents of four grown children with families of their own.



Ernie Carter

St. Joseph's buffet dinner slated

St. Johns
Several quilts and afghans will be among the prizes to be raffled off at the St. Joseph annual parish buffet dinner slated for Sunday, April 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the St. Joseph School gymnasium.

The ham and swiss steak dinner featuring a smorgasbord dessert is being sponsored by the St. Joseph Parish Altar Society.

Raffle tickets may be purchased for three for \$1 from Lambert's Body Shop and Altar Society members.

To be raffled off are two afghans, a quilt, a baby quilt with matching pillow and two hair permanents.



Raffling off

Annabel Faivor, St. Joseph Parish Altar Society president, (left) Marilyn McQueen, buffet dinner chairman, (seated) and Leona Thayer who is the dining room chairman, show some of the homemade needlework to be raffled off at the annual ham and swiss steak dinner on April 9.

Area happening

April 28-30—For the 20th consecutive year the folks of Shepherd, south of Mount Pleasant, will celebrate springtime with their annual Maple Syrup Festival. The festival features lots of activities for young and old including the traditional pancake and sausage dinner; they served in excess of 10,000 dinners a year ago. State coach and helicopter rides, teen dance, bon-fire, talent show and tractor pulls will entertain visitors during the three-day festival.

Back Through the Years

April 4, 1968
10 Years Ago
Two area welfare agencies are benefiting from Clinton County NFO's current meat holding action. The NFO last week gave a total of a ton and a quarter of pork to the City Rescue Mission of Lansing and the Clinton County Department of Social Welfare in what county NFO President Paul Love said was a way of demonstrating against low farm prices.

Gordon Luther, printer at the Clinton County News for more than half a century, died unexpectedly at St. Lawrence Hospital Friday morning. He was 64 years old. Death was attributed to an acute coronary, apparently unrelated to surgery he had undergone a week previous to his death.

DeWitt School District voters will have two big decisions to make June 10 in addition to electing a couple of members to the school board. The school board is asking for approval of a \$2.7 million bond issue and a proposal to increase operational millage by 8.5 mills. The extra millage amounts to about 50 per cent increase.

April 3, 1958
20 Years Ago
Real and personal property in the city of St. Johns has increased \$335,000 in assessed value during the past year, according to figures presented to the St. Johns city commission Tuesday night by City Assessor Kenneth Greer.

The Kroger Company will operate a new super market to be erected in St. Johns at the corner of E. Sturgis St. and South U.S. 27, according to an announcement this week from John Bone, vice-president of the company's Grand Rapids division.

Members of the St. Johns Masonic organizations will participate in special events commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of St. Johns Lodge No. 105, F and AM, during the week beginning Monday, April 14. Co-chairman of the week-long observances are Mark Eaton and Delbert Conklin, both past masters of the lodge.

An application for a radio station in St. Johns has been tendered to the federal communications commission (FCC) by Justin F. Martzke, who operates the

Good Housekeeping Shop of years.

April 8, 1948
30 Years Ago
Dale Ackles, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ackles of near Ovid, was one of the four young men who died late Thursday evening when a truck and car crashed and burst into flames on US-131, a mile north of Plainwell. Witnesses said Ackles was trapped under the cab of his truck as it overturned and "didn't have a chance" when flames enveloped the wrecked vehicles. He was driving for the Interstate Trucking Co. and was the only occupant of the truck.

The James De Rose and Son store, which has been operated by members of the De Rose family in St. Johns since 1914, has been sold to Joseph and Alfred Bozzo, of Chesaning. Final details of the sale cannot be worked out until the Michigan Liquor Control Commission has approved transfer of the SDD and SDM licenses held by the store. The new proprietors are nephews of John De Rose, present manager of the store. Their family has operated a store in Chesaning similar to the DeRose establishment for a number

April 7, 1938
40 Years Ago
Frank Minne, 60, former well known St. Johns businessman, died Sunday morning, April 3, after a protracted illness at his home in Marshall, where he had resided for the past ten years.

Snow plows and shovels, stored away for the season during the shirtsleeve weather in March, snapped back into action this week when winter made an unexpected return and blanketed roads, streets and sidewalks with five inches of snow.

Fishing proved a dangerous pastime for Ferdinand Pline of Westphalia, on a trip to Webber dam Thursday. He walked out on a dip net standard and stepped on a loose plank that flew up, striking him full in the face. The blow broke his upper jaw and loosened five teeth. Ferd was knocked unconscious and was taken home by the other members of the party. Dr. Bruno Cook treated his jaw and later his teeth were removed. He failed to get any fish.

Literary Club offering two scholarships

Elsie
The Elsie Literary Club will again this year grant two scholarships to Ovid-Elsie High School Seniors. Any senior who has been accepted for further education in a university, college, business school, nursing school, trade school, or apprentice program is eligible for the \$250 scholarship.

Recent O-E graduates may also apply. Selection of the winners will be based upon financial need, participation in school

and community activities, and demonstrated scholarship.

The scholarship committee members are: Ms. Joanne Kellermann, chair-

man, Mrs. Elaine Sturgis, and Mrs. Ruby Dunham. Applications are available at the guidance office of the Ovid-Elsie High School. The completed application and

typewritten letters relating the applicant's qualifications should be submitted at the O-E guidance office no later than May 5.

PCS schedules public hearing

The Public Service Commission-Department of Commerce has scheduled a public hearing April 13 on an application by Tri-County Electric Cooperative of Portland to revise its rules and regulations.

Tri-County Electric serves more than 14,000 customers

in Barry, Clare, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Isabella, Jackson, Mecosta, Montcalm, Oscoda, and Saginaw counties.

The utility says that adoption of the rules will not increase its revenues from the sale of electricity but will change and establish certain

other charges and establish a method of applying construction policies and charges.

The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 13, in the offices of the Commission, 6545 Mercantile Way, Lansing.

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GENERAL TELEPHONE

Society This Week

Harris, Ashley wed during double ring ceremony



Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Ashley

Wedding vows were exchanged by Tamra Jo Harris and Theodore L. Ashley on Dec. 3 at 4 p.m. at the Pilgrim United Methodist Church. Rev. Brian K. Sheen officiated at the double ring wedding.

Pink carnations and red roses trimmed the unity candle.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father to the double ring ceremony with the mothers being escorted by the groom.

Organist for the candle-light ceremony was Shirley Wyrick with soloist Bill Rolfe playing the guitar and singing the "Wedding Song", and "Annie's Song."

For her wedding the bride chose a white empire waist gown with lace trimmed ruffle and a long train. The gown featured long softly ruffled lace sleeves with a small stand up collar and a hand beaded cameo bodice.

She wore a fingertip length white veil with lace trimming the blusher. The bride carried a bouquet of pink carnations, silk red rose buds with baby's breath entwined with ivy cascading down from the bouquet.

Matron of honor was Bernadette Barks, of St. Johns. Attendants were Andrea Harris, sister of the bride from St. Johns, and sisters of the groom, Mary and Lois Ashley.

The bridesmaids wore burgundy polyester knit hooded coats over gowns styled with an empire waist

and flared skirt. The hoods of the long sleeved jacket were worn up as they walked down the aisle. They carried bouquets of pink carnations, baby's breath and silk red rose buds with pink and burgundy streamers.

The mother of the bride wore a raspberry color floor length gown with an empire waist and a pink lined hooded jacket. The mother of the groom wore a mint green floor length gown with a matching lace jacket. They wore corsages of pink carnations.

Best man was Erron Barks, of St. Johns. Groomsmen were Chris Chant, Kenneth Harris, III; and Lynne Warner, all of St. Johns.

Ushers were Kirk Harris and David Wyrick.

A reception for the couple was held at Smith Hall with 400 guests attending.

Host and hostess for the event was Mr. and Mrs. Earl T. Barks, St. Johns.

Others serving at the reception were: Mr. and

Mrs. Bruce Irish, Sr.; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Irish, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Neller; Mr. and Mrs. John Pouch; Vanessa Warner; Mellessia Foland; and Ruth, Joan, and Dorothy Ashley.

Special guest attending the wedding included: Mrs. Harold Traver, and Mary-

Jean; Mary Ashley; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Eaton, Sr.; and Mildred Ashley.

The bride is a 1976 graduate of St. Johns High School and is currently attending Lansing Community College.

The groom is a 1973 graduate of SJHS and is currently farming with his father.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth D. Harris, Jr. 4551 Chandler; and Mr. and Mrs. William T. Ashley, Sr., 4707 Price Rd., all of St. Johns.

The couple took a wedding trip to Florida and are making their home at 4251 E. Price Rd. in St. Johns.

Morning Musicale listen to songs from motion pictures

St. Johns Members and guests of St. Johns Morning Musicale met at the home of Mrs. Paul

Martis on Thursday, March 30, to attend "An Evening at the Movies."

During the business meeting conducted by president Mrs. Lawrence Fish, members were reminded about the scholarship auditions on April 27. High School students in Clinton County studying piano and voice are urged to call Mrs. Winchell Brown at 224-3737 by April 10, to enter the competition.

Mrs. Dennis Pilmore ushered the group through a series of motion pictures, whose music has become a part of a list of standards. Shirley Temple movies were among the earliest to include musical numbers, but it wasn't until "The Wizard of Oz", with Judy Garland cast as young Dorothy, that a song from films reached stardom.

Mrs. Harry Kitchen sang "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," accompanied on accordion by Miss Julia Silvestri.

In 1948, Walt Disney achieved fame with his film "So Dear To My Heart," starring Burl Ives and Beulah Bondy. One of the best loved tunes from that movie was "Lavender Blue, Dilly Dilly."

Soon after that film, "The Ballad of Davy Crockett" achieved success—not only in this country but abroad as well. This number, as well as "The Ugly Bug Ball," written by Richard and Robert Sherman for the movie Summer Magic were among those sung by the entire group.

Leslie Daman sang another Sherman brothers song from Mary Poppins entitled "Stay Awake"—the beautiful but lesser known song from the film that had so many long lasting hits including "A Spoonful of Sugar" and "Chim Chim Cher-ee."

Looking at films not necessarily intended for children, but whose music is loved by children of all ages were Music Man, Oliver, and Sound of Music. Melissa Martis and Ellen Witteveen

combined their talents to play a medley of "16 Going On 17," "Edelweiss," and "Do Re Mi" as a piano duet.

Group singing was accompanied by Barbara Spencer.

Refreshments were served by Frances Peterson and Mariam Patton. The next

meeting of morning Musicale, a member of the Michigan Federation of Music Clubs, will be Wednesday, April 12, when William Tennant will discuss teaching beginning strings and woodwinds, with special emphasis on the Suzuki method.



Mr. and Mrs. Clare Dilts

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Dilts, 608 W. Walker St., St. Johns, will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, with a buffet open house at Smith Hall in St. Johns City Park, on April 16 from 2 to 5 p.m. Hosting the event are their

children Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dilts, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin (Phyllis) Rhynard and Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Alice) Cole.

The couple was married January 31, 1928 at Perrinton. They request no gifts.

Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Fain Nickel of Belding announce the engagement of their daughter, Mickey Renay to Dr. L. John Osborn of Rainbow Lake. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Osborn of Midland.

Miss Nickel is employed as an L.P.N. at the Carson City Hospital. Dr. Osborn is practising at the Fowler Clinic P.C.

A July 28 wedding is being planned.



Mickey Nickel

Birth

A girl, Wendy Sue, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Dudash of 8044 N. Carland Rd., Elsie on March 28, 1978 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7lbs. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Dudash of Elsie and Duane L. Beeman of Ovid and Susan Hagy of S. Carolina. The mother is the former Bonna Moseley.

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO VACATE STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY

Commissioner Roesner offered the following Resolution and moved the adoption thereof, which Resolution was supported by Commissioner Brockmyre.

The City Commission, as legislative body of the City of St. Johns, Michigan, pursuant to Section 21, Page 5 of the City Charter for the City of St. Johns, and pursuant to MSA 5, 1808, hereby declares its intention to vacate and permanently close a portion of Railroad Street within the City Limits of the City of St. Johns.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the City Commission hereby declares its intention to vacate a portion of Railroad Street right-of-way, being more particularly described as follows:

A portion of Railroad Street right-of-way, being the North 16 1/2 feet of Railroad Street right-of-way, commencing at Mead Street and running thence Westerly 600 feet, City of St. Johns, Clinton County, Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager be directed, pursuant to Section 21, Page 5 of the City Charter, to cause notice of this Resolution of Intention to be served upon interested parties as therein provided.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a public hearing shall be held on said vacation proceedings on Monday, April 24, 1978, at 7:45 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers of the Municipal Building, City of St. Johns.

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Nancy Luft becomes bride in Texas

Miss Nancy Ellen Luft became the bride of Paul Evan Vermeer on Saturday, March 18 in Dallas, Texas. The morning wedding was held in the parlor of the Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church. The Reverend Jerold D. Shetler officiated at the double ring ceremony. Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Luft

of Dallas, Texas. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Loyd W. Vermeer of Sioux Center, Iowa.

The bride's dress was candlelight silk with lace edged collar and cuffs and a crystal pleated skirt. She wore stephanotis blossoms in her hair. Her bouquet was a small cascade, centered by a white orchid which was

surrounded by stephanotis and ivy leaves.

Mrs. Ronald L. Grigsby, Dallas, Texas, attended the bride as matron of honor. Her dress was of apricot silk with a scarf neckline. She carried an arrangement of peach baby carnations, yellow sweetheart roses and smilax. Brian Vermeer of Sioux Center, served his

brother as best man.

Following the ceremony, a luncheon was held for the wedding party and guests at the Prestonwood Country Club.

The bride is a graduate of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas where she was a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority. She is the granddaughter of

Mrs. Beulah Sowle Ballantine of St. Johns, who attended the wedding as an honored guest. The groom graduated from Northwestern College in Iowa.

When they return from their wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Vermeer will reside in Dallas, Texas.



Mrs. Paul Vermeer

They're engaged

Fox-Kret

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Fox, Fowler, announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann to Terry Kret, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kret, Wyandotte.



Elizabeth Fox

Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hodge, 310 E. McConnell, St. Johns, announce the engagement of their daughter, Shirley A. Douglas, to Harold Dockham, son of Lueza Dockham, of Ionia.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Rodney B. Wilson High School and Lansing Business University. She is employed with US Postal Service in Lansing.

The prospective bridegroom is employed at Lansing Electric Motors.

The couple is planning a June 24, wedding date.



Shirley Douglas

The bride-elect is a graduate of Michigan State University and is employed at Shillito's in Cincinnati, Ohio. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Central Michigan University and is employed as a teacher in Wyandotte.

The couple is planning a June 24, wedding date.

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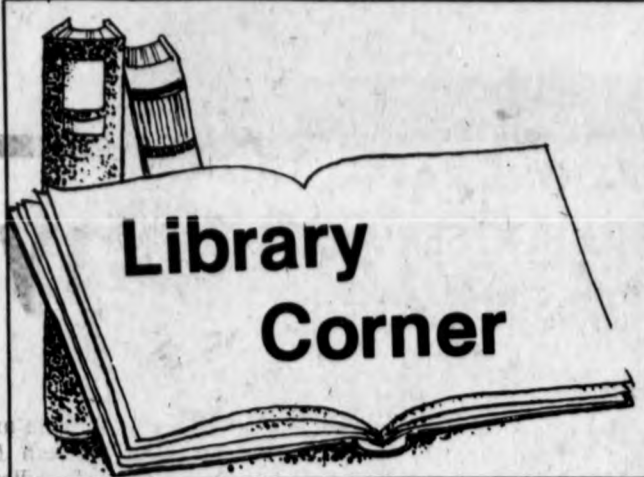
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Library Corner

By Jean Bartholomew

IT'S NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK, APRIL 2-8. Of course we at Bement Public Library feel that every week of the year is Library Week. Circulating books, filling requests and answering questions is an intangible, fascinating business. To find just that special piece of material for that specific request is a challenge and a satisfying part of our job. Our circulation has doubled in a year, so we must be doing something right.

However, there is a problem, people. Someone has removed one of the antique bookends from our rental shelf. These have been in use for many years and we'd like it back. No questions asked. It's very discouraging to add homelike touches and special displays only to find them missing. It's your library and removing these things only ruins the possibility for a next time.

The new film list is in for April to June. Lots of new full-length and short selections. All are 16mm sound, some in black and white and some in color. If you're interested, stop and browse. Any of the staff will be pleased to help with your choices.

Mrs. Desprez and I would like to publicly thank Mrs. Ron Dietz' Girls Scout Troop for the lovely plants. It was a delightful surprise, girls, and we appreciate your thoughtfulness. We're more than willing to work with the Scouts, (Boy, Girl, Brownie or Cub) to earn their badges. Just phone ahead so we can be properly prepared for your visit.

Partial List of new books:

- Bloodlines, Sheldon
- Complete Book of Preserving, Cameron
- ABC's of Fishing, Zwirz
- Spanish-Mexican Cooking, Royal Silver Jubilee, Montague
- Blood Relations, Dillon
- Center Door Fancy, Blondell
- Herbs Identifier and Handbook, Gabriel
- County Chronicle, Taber
- Halfhyde to the Narrows, McCutchen
- Blubber, Blume
- The Plague Dogs, Adams
- Annerton Pit, Dickson
- Sun Dust, Zumwalt
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- Shipwrecks of Michigan, 4 vol. Stonehouse

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Obituaries

Bernard Gaffney

Bernard F. Gaffney, 81, of 824 Locher Rd., DeWitt, died early March 29, 1978, at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing where he had been a patient for two weeks.

Mr. Gaffney was a former principal and superintendent in the Portage Township Schools, Houghton, Mich. from 1928 until his retirement in 1966. His wife, Lora, preceded him in death in 1976. Mr. Gaffney has made his home with his son John in DeWitt since that time.

Survivors are two sons, John L. of DeWitt and Edward J. of Pewaukee, Wis.; one brother, Lawrence F. of Saginaw; 11 grand children (including David J. Gaffney of St. Johns and James M. Gaffney of DeWitt); and two great grandsons.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Gaffney Scholarship Fund at Suomi College, Hancock, Michigan 49930.

Mr. Gaffney was currently a member of St. Mary's Cathedral Parish in Lansing. Arrangements were made by the Plowe Funeral Home and funeral services were conducted this past Saturday in Houghton.

Norman Fredericks

Norman Fredericks, 74, of 702 N. Clinton Ave., St. Johns, passed away Wednesday, March 29, 1978, at his residence after a short illness.

Funeral services were held at Osgood Funeral Home in St. Johns on Saturday, April 1, at 1 p.m. Rev. David Lord officiated and interment was in Collier Cemetery.

Mr. Fredericks was born in Detroit Dec. 8, 1903 and on Sept. 4, 1964, he married Ruth Cole in St. Johns. He was a member of the Congregational Church and was a retired gas station attendant.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth; a daughter, Mrs. Marian Reed of Colorado; two grandchildren; a brother, Eddie Fredericks of Detroit; a sister, Mrs. Dorothy Boughner of Canada; two step-sons, Don Matice of St. Johns and Ted Matice of Lansing; four step-daughters, Mrs. Betty Burk of St. Johns, Mrs. Evalyn Gage of Owosso, Mrs. Geraldine Woodbury of California and Mrs. Micky Livingston of Owosso; 25 step-grandchildren; and several great step-grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Esther; one son, Jack, of Lansing; eight daughters, Mrs. Francis (Patricia) Leik of Lansing, Janice Maxwell of Bryan, Mrs. Dennis (Betty) Bengry of Lansing, Mr. Gary (Nancy) Schrauben of Portland, Susan Bedenbender of Lansing, Mrs. Steve (Debra) Aldrich of Weidman, Mrs. Russell (Sheila) Thelen of Grand Ledge, and Mrs. Herbert (Esther) Thelen of Westphalia; and six grandchildren.

Scripture service was held Saturday, March 25, at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Church. Funeral Mass was held Monday, March 27 at St. Mary's Church with the Rev. Fr. James Schmitt officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

He was a member of the St. Joseph Society and the Catholic Order of Foresters. Pall bearers were Eugene Schuller, Joseph, Gerald, and Dennis Nurenberg, and Donald and Justin Thelen. Funeral arrangements were made by Neller Funeral Home.

Scott Seelhoff

Funeral services for Scott D. Seelhoff, 8, of 605 S. Main St., Fowler, who passed away Thursday, March 30, 1978 at St. Lawrence Hospital were held at the Church of the Nazarene in St. Johns Monday, April 3, at 1:30 p.m.

Scott was born in Carson City Jan. 19, 1970 to Sharon (Salisbury) and Norman

Seelhoff. He attended Fowler public schools.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Sharon Cobb of Fowler and his father, Norman Seelhoff of Ovid; two brothers, Robert Seelhoff and Benjamin Cobb; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Salisbury of Ovid and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Seelhoff of Ovid.

Louis Bedenbender

Louis Bedenbender, 62, of Rt. 1, Pewamo, died March 21, 1978, in Lansing.

He was born April 26, 1915 in Ionia County, the son of John Bedenbender and Aurelia Plaine.

He was an area farmer. Survivors include his wife, Esther; one son, Jack, of Lansing; eight daughters, Mrs. Francis (Patricia) Leik of Lansing, Janice Maxwell of Bryan, Mrs. Dennis (Betty) Bengry of Lansing, Mr. Gary (Nancy) Schrauben of Portland, Susan Bedenbender of Lansing, Mrs. Steve (Debra) Aldrich of Weidman, Mrs. Russell (Sheila) Thelen of Grand Ledge, and Mrs. Herbert (Esther) Thelen of Westphalia; and six grandchildren.

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George DeWitt

George L. DeWitt of 3945 N. Watson Rd., Rte. 6, St. Johns, passed away Monday, April 3, 1978, at Clinton

Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

Funeral services will be held at Osgood Funeral Homes Inc. of St. Johns Thursday, April 6, at 1:30 p.m. Rev. David Miles of the Elsie United Methodist Church will officiate and interment will be in Middlebury Cemetery.

Mr. DeWitt was a veteran of World War I and he was a member of the Duplain United Methodist Church. He was formerly employed as a steam engineer for Baldwin Rubber Company in Pontiac.

He was born in Shiawassee County to Theodore and Lila (Hall) DeWitt and he attended Middlebury Rural School. He resided in Shiawassee County before moving to Pontiac for a number of years. He then moved back to the Watson

Road farm home in 1946.

He married Phyllis Treat in Pontiac May 12, 1944 and she survives her husband.

Liaison to visit

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 County Courthouse in St. Johns on Monday, April 10 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

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Witt named FB president; Pohl resigns

Donald Witt, Riley Township farmer, was unanimously named to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of David Pohl as county Farm Bureau president. The change was effective March 28, the date of the March board meeting.

Pohl was elected president in October replacing Bill Kissane. In February he announced his candidacy for 88th District Representative, the seat presently held by Stanley Powell. Powell is not a candidate for re-election. Pohl stated he could not carry out his duties as president of Farm Bureau while actively campaigning.

Witt is a dairy, hog and cash crop farmer and has

long been active in Farm Bureau affairs. He is serving the first year of a second, three-year term on the county Farm Bureau Board. He represents the Bengal-

Riley District.

Before being named president, he held the office of vice-president. Witt and his wife, Ella Mae, have one son, Doug, who is in partnership

with them on the farm. They also have a daughter, Mrs. Donna Mae Feldpausch. They milk 55 cows and raise 400-600 hogs annually. Roger Lerg, was named

vice president of the Board and Jack Anderson was elected to the position of third member, filling Lerg's vacancy.

Third annual Affairs Day set

Members of the Clinton Board of Commissioners, Clinton County Prosecuting Attorney Jon Newman and the newly appointed Energy Coordinator, Steve Sandstedt, will be guests of the Clinton County Farm Bureau on April 11 at a county F.B. sponsored Local Affairs Day.

Farm Bureau members participating will be members of the county Board of Directors, community group discussion leaders, and members of the local, state and national affairs committees.

The Farm Bureau leaders will attend the morning session of the Commissioners at the court house. A noon luncheon will be served to the group at the county Farm Bureau facility. In the afternoon a discussion will be held on issues affecting farmers and how the Farm

Bureau can assist the Commissioners in resolving these issues. The prosecutor and energy director will then explain their duties and answer questions from the group.

This is the third such meet-

ing in as many years and it is felt that much is gained by the two groups discussing problems of mutual concern together.

Two representatives of Farm Bureau are scheduled

to attend a Commission meeting each month throughout the year. Fran Motz, local affairs committee chairman, is in charge of coordinating the program and planning Local Affairs day.

FB leaders go to D.C.

Eight FB members from Clinton County are part of a group of over 150 from Michigan who are participating in Michigan Farm Bureau's annual legislative seminar.

The purpose of this seminar is for leaders selected by county and state Farm Bureaus in Michigan to meet personally with their Congressmen in Washington to discuss FB policies and key

issues before congress.

Representing Clinton are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kissane, Larry Nobis, Don Witt, Denis Rademacher, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rivest and Tom Irrer.

Included in the week's schedule of activities are two breakfasts, one with the Democratic members of Congress and one with the Republican members; a visit to the Department of Agriculture; and visits with

Congressmen in their own offices.

The group has been made aware of key issues and will be voicing their opinions to their elected lawmakers. The Washington Seminar has been an annual event, enabling leaders to meet face to face with their representatives and senators at least once each year for over 15 years.

Clinton FB reaches goal for 10th executive year

Robert Kissane, 1978 membership chairman, reported FB reached its goal in the county on March 10.

There were 1,550 families who joined the organization as of this date. Workers were honored at a victory party in early March and singled out for special awards were Neil Barnhart, Jack Anderson, Bill Kissane, Leonard Puetz,

Lewis Lonier, David Pohl and Frank Rivest.

However, Kissane stressed that once again this was a team effort and that credit for success could only be given to the entire membership team of over 50 workers.

One-hundred new members have been signed and \$1,450 families have renewed so far. By fiscal year end,

this year could set a new record membership wise.

New members will be entertained at a buffet dinner April 10 at which time they will meet the county FB officers and representatives from the affiliated companies and receive an overview of Farm Bureau, its philosophy and purpose.

FB women visit Frankenmuth

On May 2 the FB county Women's Committee and other interested Farm

Bureau women will travel by chartered bus to Frankenmuth where they will spend

the day shopping in the many unique gift shops, visit Bronners, a store world-famous for Christmas decorations, and enjoy a famous Frankenmuth chicken dinner.

Farm Bureau members wanting more information regarding the tour may call the county office.

The regular monthly meeting of the Clinton Women's Committee will take place in joint session with the Ionia County committee on April 12. District V spring rally will take place at the Hilton Inn in Lansing on April 17.

Pohl named March Young Farmer

The Young Farmer Committee has named Jerome Pohl, of Fowler, as the Outstanding Young Farmer of the month for March, according to Young Farmer Committee Chairman Mike Pettigrew.

Pohl farms in partnership with his father, Norbert, on a 400-acre dairy farm. He and his wife, Ann, have one daughter. He has been active in Farm Bureau Young Farmer activities and is a member of the Wednesday Night Warriors Community Group.

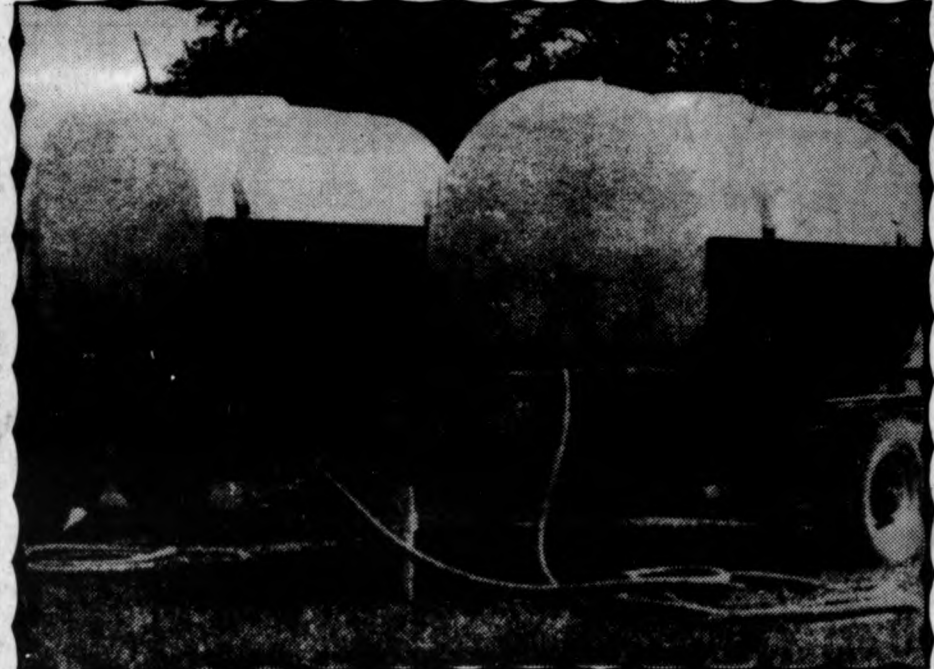
Pettigrew also announced a Farm Credit meeting set for April 14 at the Farm Bureau office at 8 p.m. The

meeting is open to all interested persons and will feature representatives from all local lending institutions who will form a panel to discuss the availability of farm credit, with special emphasis on the young farmer.



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number of dealers, the other being in Fowler, Gas & Oil, with Ken Hungerford as manager.

Both concerns are planning an open house at their place of business on Friday, April 14. Hub Tire is located on N. US-27 in St. Johns. Fowler Gas and Oil is one block east of the stoplight in Fowler. Farm Bureau members are encouraged to drop by and visit these dealers. Persons purchasing Safemark products must be Farm Bureau members.

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St. Johns John and Linda Fitch of Fitch Photographic Studio, active members of the Professional Photographers of Michigan, Inc. (PPM), attended the associations 37th annual convention and trade show. The four-day event, which opened March 11, was held at the Pantlind Hotel in Grand Rapids. The convocation, which yearly enables the 420 state members to update their knowledge in the field, provides professional instruction by a staff of international photographic notables.

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Jim's Column

By Jim Pelham
Extension Director

Farmland, Open Space Act

Everywhere we go we hear people complain about rising property taxes yet, it's surprising how few people take advantage of Public Act 116 which assures participating landowners they will pay no more than seven per cent of their household income (net farm income plus husband and wife income from other sources) into property taxes.

Leon Thelen and I will be working with Watertown Supervisor Herman Openlander in explaining the Act at the Watertown Hall (old Wacousta School located in the village) on April 12, at 8 p.m.

Time and again we have explained what the act will do for people, but find people to be extremely suspicious of the act. We think we have done one of the better jobs in explaining it in meetings located all around the county, and since Clinton has one of the highest sign up rates in the state, we probably should think we are successful! However, total acreage enrolled represents only a little more than 10 per cent of eligible acreage.

After telling people so many times what it will do for them, maybe a new

approach would be to cover some of the things it doesn't prohibit or demand. Let's try listing a few.

1. It doesn't stop a landowner from selling his farm or giving it away, while it is enrolled in the Act. Nor does it fine or penalize him when he transfers the farm, so long as the new owner abides by the agreement.

2. It doesn't stop the owner from getting a loan in the property at any of the credit agencies we know about. This was a problem for awhile, but I think it's been all worked out.

3. It doesn't stop the landowner from building more farm buildings, including a tenant house, so long as the buildings are connected with the farm operation.

4. It doesn't penalize the farmer for not living up to his agreement of not developing the land in the case of a highway or power line forcing its way through his property. This covers the highway or power line or similar development only, and, of course, doesn't give a license for further development.

5. It doesn't charge interest on the seven-year pay-

back of benefits that can occur after the act expires, providing the landowner has lived up to his agreement.

6. It's not a bad deal for most Clinton County farmers—but it's not for everyone.

During its first two years of the Act's existence, Clinton County led the state in participation. But during the last six months, the act has caught on like wildfire in

other counties. Latest tabulation of the top five counties and number of acres enrolled are:

1. Tuscola—69,000
2. Huron—59,000
3. Saginaw—44,000
4. Clinton—37,000
5. Ingham—32,000

If you would like to know more about P.A. 116, plan to be in Wacousta at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 12.

Extension calendar

April 5 Clinton County Dairy Tour, starts at 8:45 a.m., Golden Knob Farm.

April 5 4-H Yankee Springs Camp Counselors meeting, 7 p.m.

April 8 State Holstein Sale, Adrian, Michigan

April 12 Farmland and Open Space Act educational meeting, Watertown Twp. Hall, in Wacousta, 8 p.m.

April 12 Michigan Extension Homemakers' Spring Area Day, Smith Hall 9:30 a.m.

April 13 Feed dealer's seminar sponsored by Cooperative Extension—10 a.m., Pines Restaurant, Corunna.

April 13 4-H roller skating, Ranch Roller Rink, 7 to 10 p.m.

April 13 Feed dealers seminar sponsored by Cooperative Extension is postponed to a latter date.

April 14 Dairy farm business analysis for Telfarmers and others with good record-keeping systems. Participants should bring record-keeper and records, Smith Hall, 1:15 p.m.

April 18 Extension Homemakers Holiday Workshop Committee, 9:30 a.m. Central National Bank.

April 19 4-H spring leaders meeting, 8 p.m., Smith Hall, St. Johns.

American Agriculture notes

By Sue Heinlen

The Clinton AAM held its weekly meeting April 3, at the VFW hall in St. Johns.

There was a very large number of the group gone again this week to Washington D.C. as this is the week Congress reconvenes after Easter recess. It is a vital week for the organization, as the bill that it is backing is to be acted on this week. So it is hoped that by the end of the week the AAM will have some new farm legislation in their favor.

The state rally is to be held April 4, at the Lansing Civic Center. The guest speaker is Gene Schroeder, a farmer and one of the founders of this organization from Colorado.

Another coming meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 7, when Congressman Elford Cederberg will meet with farmers at the Wheel Inn Restaurant in St. Johns. He will be there from 9-11 a.m. and all area farmers are invited to come and meet with him to discuss the problems facing agriculture today.

The AAM had a guest on Monday night, Woody Shattuck, a professional singer and a dairy farmer from the Alma area. He brought with

him a song which he wrote and sings for the American Agriculture Movement titled "Nation Take Heed." He had a few words to say about working at the state strike office in Coldwater. He was there the day the delegates were locked in the USDA office in Washington.

The group talked about having a dance in the near future as a fund raising event, but didn't make a final decision because of so many being gone.

Jim Becker and Ray Heinlen will be going to Cedar Springs next Tuesday night to show that group the Jerry Litton film. The group is just getting started in that area. Some of them were present at the Clinton meeting this week.

Ron Miller and his family just returned from a three-week vacation on which they visited other states active in the Movement. He told the group about some of the things they saw and did.

The next AAM meeting will be held April 10. The group will hear about this week's activities in Washington D.C., and should know where it stands concerning the new bill. Everyone is

welcome to attend. Visit the strike office at

8875 E. M-21 in Ovid, or phone them at 834-5563.

Students to get job experience

St. Johns

Senior business students at St. Johns High School will have an experience a day-on-the-job Tuesday, April 11, during the first Work Experience Day.

The 36 students who are either aspiring clerk-typists, secretary-stenographers or accountant-clerks, will visit 30 different businesses in St. Johns and Lansing, according to their instructors, Mrs. Jerry Beaufore and Mrs. Vicki Lade.

"We want them to become aware of a full day's work" says Mrs. Beaufore. "This will show them how it all pulls together," she said in reference to techniques they have learned in the classroom.

Students wrote letters to the businesses they wished to visit, did a follow-up phone call, and then will be going a report on their day-on-the-job after April 11.

Students will be reporting on the duties, equipment, advancement, salary, reasons for being dismissed and dress codes on the job, as well as a number of other areas.

Area Happening

April 18—At 7:30 p.m. a regular meeting of the Fowler PTO will be held in the Waldron Elementary School. There will be a performance of high school choir.

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DeWitt VFW, Auxiliary honor V of D winners

The DeWitt Veterans' of Foreign Wars Post and Ladies Auxiliary No. 671 held an "Awards Dinner" on Thursday, March 30, at their Post Home. Greeting the guests were Commander Michael Mullins and President Wanda Mullins.

The guests included: Department of Michigan Representatives and District No. 9 Voice of Democracy Co-Chairmen Robert and Phyllis Goossen; Ninth District Commander, Fred Thayer and his wife Brownie; Ninth District Sr. Vic Commander, Norbert Emmendorfer; and Ninth District President Pat Devereaux.

The Voice of Democracy essay awards were pre-

sented first. This year 23 students entered the contest. The top three winners and their parents were among those honored.

Citations were presented to Ralph White, Michael Mullins, and Mary Weston for judging the essays. Fred Gores, principal at the High School received a citation for his support in promoting the contest. He also accepted a citation for Lynn Brummett, one of the teachers.

The third place winner, Debbie Lusty, received a check for \$15; the second place winner, DeDe Wilson, received a \$25 savings bond. Kurt Hofmeister, the first place winner, received a \$50 savings bond.

Each of the winners also received a citation and shoulder patch. All the entrants received a wallet-sized card saying they had

participated in the essay contest.

The Auxiliary also presented two life savings citations to area men for their acts of bravery. These citations were given for two separate accidents. Leslie Florida of California (formerly of Laingsburg), saved the life of a motorcyclist in May, 1977. In his absence, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Florida, accepted the citation.

In the other accident (September, 1977) three young men were trapped in an overturned vehicle. Dale Pung and William Thelen, both of Fowler, CRW volunteers, took the quick action needed to help them to safety. Richard Symonds, of Lansing, also received a citation for his continued help and support of Auxiliary programs.

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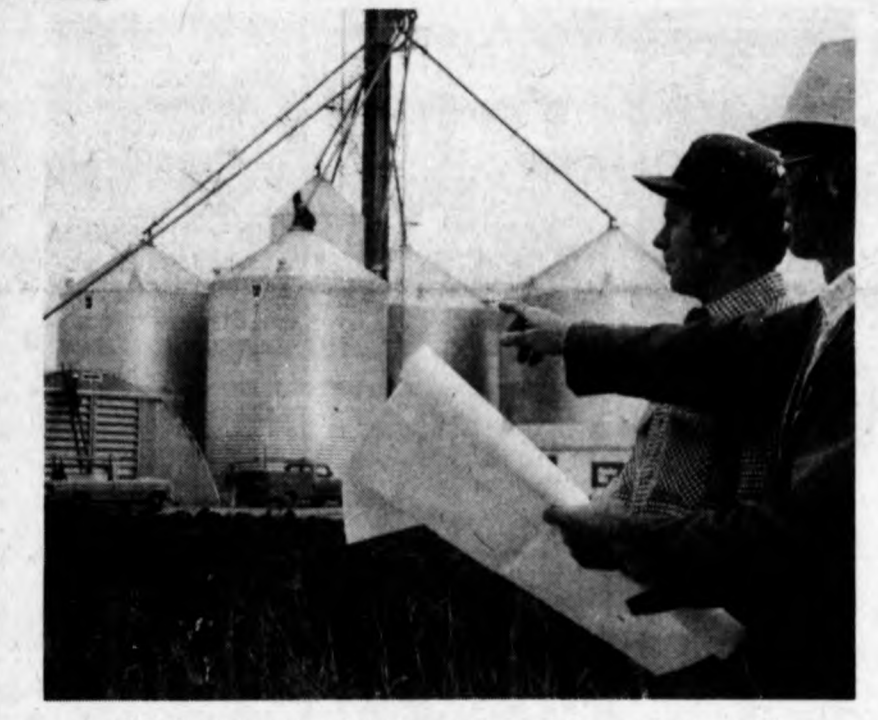
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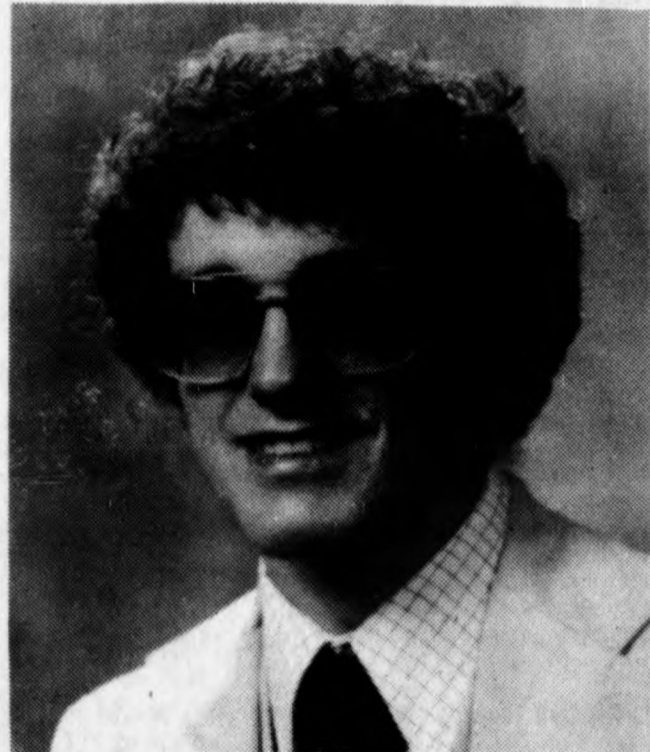
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Hugh Bates

Bates wrestles against Russians

DeWitt It hasn't taken Hugh Bates long to hit the big time.

After winning a Class C state championship last month, the DeWitt senior will wrestle in two prestigious events this week.

Tonight at Michigan State University, Bates will wrestle at 105.5 pounds for the United States national team when the Americans meet the Soviet national team, which won the World Cup championship last weekend.

Then Friday, Bates along with DeWitt Coach Randy Smith, will travel to Pittsburgh, where Bates will compete in the Old Newsboys' Schoolboy Classic. He will represent the United States All-Star team against an all-star team from Pennsylvania. The Class is probably the foremost national high school wrestling competi-

tion. Bates, who is filling in tonight because of an injury to the regular U.S. 105-pounder, was selected by U.S. and MSU Coach Stan Dziedzic, who judged him the top area wrestler in that weight class.

Coach Smith said he did not know who Bates' opponent from the Soviet Union would be but anticipated the Russian would be an Olympic or world championship contender.

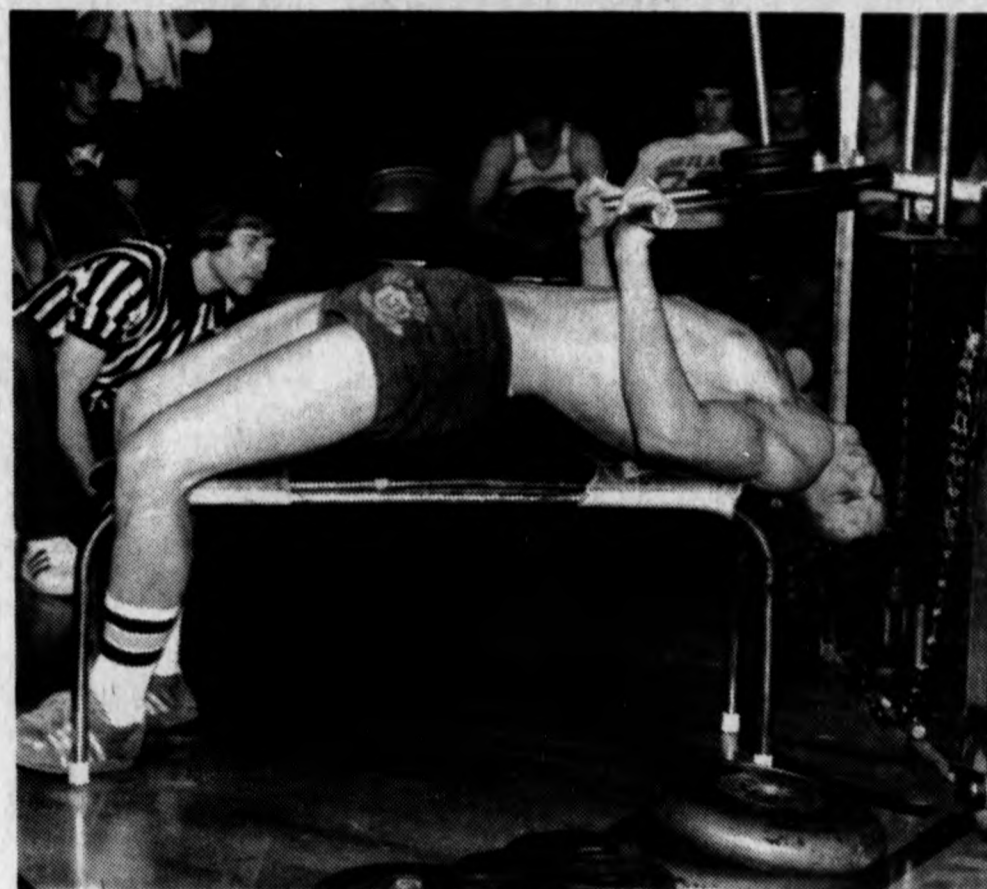
Bates was one of two Michigan wrestlers originally nominated for the schoolboy classic, which showcases some of the top high school wrestlers in the country and which will be watched closely by college recruiters. A panel of experts from the Pittsburgh Press then selected Bates to the all-star team which will meet the Pennsylvania all-stars.

The U.S.-U.S.S.R. meet 7:00 tonight at MSU's Jenison Fieldhouse, will feature five present or former NCAA champions: Pat Milkovich, MSU; Mark Churella, Michigan; Wade Schalles, Clarion State; Nick Gallo, Hofstra; and Jimmy Jackson, a Grand Rapids native and a three-time NCAA champion from Oklahoma State.

The Americans will be coached by Dziedzic and 1972 Olympic gold medalist Dan Gable.

The Russians will have a complement of Olympic and world champions on their roster.

Tickets are \$6 for reserved seats, \$5 for general admission and \$3 for students. They can be purchased today at Julie K or the St. Johns Furniture Store, or at Jenison Fieldhouse tonight.



Trying hard

Kevin Wilson of Ovid-Elsie summons up all his strength on the bench press to win the 140-pound division of the Maple River News Weightlifting Tournament. O-E also won the team title. (Photo by Tom Nowak)

St. Johns boxers take second place

By Felix Z. Medina

Lansing The third and final round of the Michigan AAU boxing championships at Lansing Community College came to an end Saturday with St. Johns fighters taking second-place trophies in three divisions.

Fred SanMiguel, 119-pound novice, lost a decision to Kelvin Thomas of Kalamazoo in a championship bout Saturday. Benjamin Rodriguez, 125-pound novice, also dropped a decision in the finals, losing to Ramsey Brown of Grand Rapids.

The best championship bout of the evening and the only fight to get a standing ovation was between Timothy Beaufore of St. Johns and Shane Hoose of Dimondale. When the slug-

fest was over, Beaufore lost a close decision, even though many fans disagreed. Beaufore received a trophy as runner-up in the 147-pound novice division.

Friday evening, in the 139-pound novice class, Roy Ortiz lost to DuJuan Johnson of Detroit when the referee

stopped the contest in the third round. Johnson, ranked fifth in the nation, went on to knock out Ralph Twing of Muskegon in the second round for the title.

Mike SanMiguel, scheduled to box Willie McIntosh of Grand Rapids Friday, was disqualified for entering the ring improperly equipped.

O-E sweeps weight-lifting competition with 40 pts

Elsie Ovid-Elsie picked up medals in every weight class, including six first-place finishes, to win the first Maple River News Weightlifting Invitational tournament. O-E had 40 points, while

Ionia was runnerup with 22. Lakeview had 12, Chippewa Hills 10 and Portland six.

Competition was divided into 10 weight classes, with the total of the military press and bench press counting as a final score.

Winning first places for O-E were Bruce Davis, 120-pound class, 345 pounds total lift; Rick Bancroft, 130-pound class, 400 pounds total lift; Kevin Wilson, 140-pound class, 400 pounds total lift; Cary Bashore, 170-pound class, 435 pounds total lift; Lyle Huntoon, 180-pound class, 485 pounds total lift; and Richard Ackels, 200-pound class, 450 pounds total lift.

Finishing second were Jeff George, 160-pound class, 460 pounds total lift; Ryan Ackles, 150-pound class, 420 pounds total lift; and Don Cilla, heavyweight, 405 pounds total lift.

Winning third place for O-E was Matt Fabus, 190-pound class, with 405 pounds total lift. Meet administrator Tony Nastase was happy with the O-E weightlifting club's victory, saying he thought "the kids did a heck of a job lifting."

He added that planning is underway for a similar meet next year, as Chesaning, Bullock Creek and Owosso all have expressed interest in participating.

14 advance to regional event

Lansing Out of 17 DeWitt Wrestlers competing in the United States Wrestling Federation Kids' District Tournament

held at Lansing Eastern High School last weekend, 14 will advance to regional competition at Holt Saturday.

DeWitt Place winners who will wrestle Saturday are: Ages eight and under: Scott Lamacchio, 52 pounds,

fourth place; Chad Daggy, 61 pounds, fourth place.

Ages nine-10: Tom Jacobi, 65 pounds, third place; Sam Dalman, 80 pounds, second place; Tom Henning, 90 pounds, first place; Phil Lennemann, 90 pounds, fourth place; and Joel Myszak, 85 pounds, third place.

Ages 13-14: John Craig, 70 pounds, first place; Steve Myszak, 105 pounds, fifth place; Tim Willis, 120 pounds, fourth place; Craig Hummell, 130 pounds, third place; Troy Fooand, 135 pounds, first place; and Bill Cassell, 135 pounds, second place.

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Bowling report



Receiving the first-place women's pool league trophy were (from left) Mary Gallagher, Cecilia Skopek (sponsor), Elva Jersey, Dora Behl, Sybil Parkinson, Pam Kellogg, Elaine Becker and Captain Marilyn Weber. Missing from the picture is Marcia Simmon. (Billiards photos by Patrice Hornak)

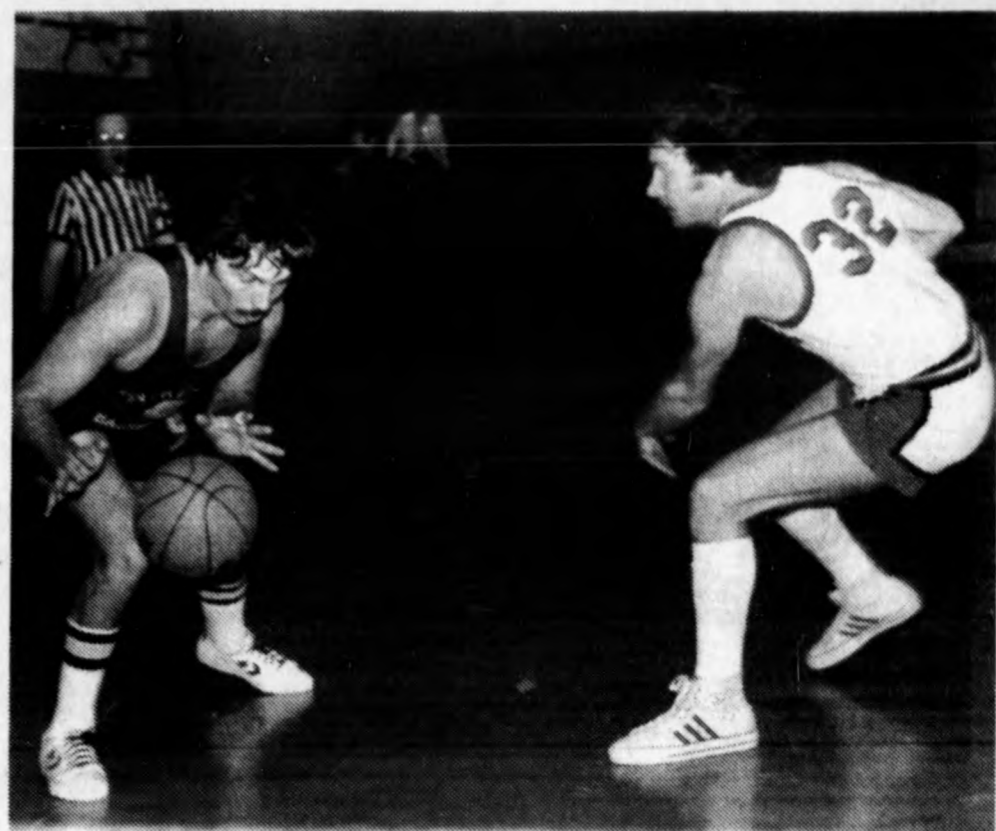


Second-place women's pool league champions included (from left) Sponsor Jack Watkins, Lynn Steppig, Judy Parks, Alice Walke, Marjorie Thompson and Judy Thompson. Missing from the photo are Debbie Feneis, RoseAnne Rossow and Loretta Horvath.



The third-place women's team consisted of (from left) Judy Smith, Jeanne Sillman, Annette Court, Jan Schneider, Shirley Halfman and Captain Sandy Sain.

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Coaches battle

It's hot! Ovid-Elsie football coach Tony Nastase seems to be saying as he loses control of the ball during the annual Coaches Game held Friday night. St. Johns player Lannie Fisher, (32) stands ready to take the basketball from the Ovid-Elsie team. O-E won the contest by a 10 point margin. The score was 69-59. (Photo by Sue Kiley)

Earns letter

St. Johns
James Lancaster of Clinton earned a varsity letter in golf at Olivet College last fall.

Lancaster is a senior at Olivet majoring in history and minoring in sociology. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Lancaster of 101 S. Church St., St. Johns.

Players honored

Five county players were honored on the United Press International all-state team released last week.

Brian Byrnes, an Ovid-Elsie senior, was the only

one to make the all-state first team, as he was named to the Class B list. Dave Belen, Pewamo-Westphalia, Randy Troub, Fulton, and Don Schrauben, Fowler, all were given honorable mention.

B Ball tourney set Sat

Pewamo
A 16-team men's basketball tournament will be held at Pewamo-Westphalia High School this weekend, with games beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The tournament, which includes men's recreation teams from all of central

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Pool winners presented trophies



With the first-place men's pool league trophy are (from left) the team sponsor, Thomas Sawyer, Captain Harvey Bell, Roger Durbin, Bob Miller, Kirt Ferden, Gary Cressman and Fred Moore. Missing from the photo are Denny Sawyer and Terry Crestman.



Ron Campbell, the sponsor of the second-place men's pool league team, holds the trophy for the team consisting of (from left) Captain Rex Ward, Jon Newman, Lyle Onstott, Jerry Snitgen, Leonard Kentfield, Dewey Custer, Richard Crowell and Sam Pardee. Missing from the picture is Tom Ebert.

Sportsmen's guide now ready for distributing

The second annual edition of the "East Michigan Sportsmen's Guide" is now ready for distribution, according to the East Michigan Tourist Association office in Bay City.

tains detailed information on fishing, boating, camping, hunting and hiking in the 28 counties of eastern and central Michigan served by the tourist group.

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Third-place men's team winners were (from left) Henry Skopek, Ed Young, Bob Votta, Duane Groves, Kris Mable and Wayne Weber.

Hainer celebrates 91st birthday

St. Johns

George W. Hainer of 828 N. Clinton Ave., St. Johns celebrated his 91st birthday on Thursday, March 23. Having lived in the St. Johns-Elsie communities most of these years, he has watched the two cities grow from the horse and buggy, gas-light years to the thriving cities of today.

Youngest of three children, George was born in 1887 to Nehemiah and Alice Hainer in a cabin home on the Mead Road west of Elsie. George's father cut the three-quarter mile trail through the woods where he built a small cabin home and began clearing the land for farming. A few years later, as the family grew, the family home was erected.

George Hainer married Frances Baldwin of Port Huron on New Year's Day, 1920. Except for a few years, they have made their home in Elsie and St. Johns. For several years their home

bakery supplied satisfied, eager customers with bread and rolls.

In 1941 when George's father needed someone to care for him and the farm, the family moved from St. Johns to the farm home where they lived until 1973. In October of that year they moved back into town to their present location.

Their children, Marvin and Elizabeth, attended grade school in Elsie and St. Johns. Both graduated from high school at Adelphian Academy in Holly and from college at Andrews University in Berrien Springs. Son Marvin and his wife live today at Coloma where he is on the staff of Saluto Pizza in Benton Harbor.

A granddaughter, Vicki and her husband, live in Benton Harbor. Beth is a secretary at Southwestern Adventist College in Keene, Tex. and husband Morris Lowry is a professor of history and government.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE TAXPAYERS OF THE COUNTY OF CLINTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN, and all interested persons, that at the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Clinton, State of Michigan, scheduled to be held at nine o'clock a.m., Eastern Standard Time, on Tuesday, the 11th day of April, 1978, in the Clinton County Building, St. Johns, Michigan, there will be submitted to the Clinton County Board of Commissioners a Bond Resolution which, if adopted, will provide for the issuance of bonds by the County of Clinton in the aggregate amount of \$2,150,000. The bond proceeds will be used to pay part of the cost of acquiring sanitary sewage interceptors, sewers, forcemains, lift stations, and a wastewater treatment plant for the Clinton County Sanitary Sewage Treatment And Disposal District No. 7 comprised of the City of DeWitt, the Township of DeWitt, Watertown Charter Township, and Bath Charter Township, and to pay the costs of issuing the bonds. The total estimated cost of acquiring the sanitary sewage interceptors, sewers, forcemains, lift stations and wastewater treatment plant and issuance of the bonds, including capitalized interest, is \$11,859,189, of which it is estimated \$9,192,667 will be paid by federal and state grants and the balance will be paid by bond proceeds and funds on hand. The bonds will be issued in anticipation of the payment by the City of DeWitt, the township of DeWitt, and Watertown Charter Township pursuant to a Clinton County Sanitary Sewage Treatment And Disposal System Contract dated as of March 1, 1978 of proportionate amounts sufficient, in the aggregate, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, and the County of Clinton will pledge its full faith and credit to the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the Bond Resolution, if adopted, will authorize the issuance of bonds of the County of Clinton in the principal amount of \$2,150,000 to pay part of the cost of acquiring sanitary sewage interceptors, sewers, forcemains, lift stations and a wastewater treatment plant and to pay the cost of issuance of the bonds.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the Bond Resolution, if adopted, will pledge the full faith and credit of the County of Clinton for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds and by reason of such pledge Clinton County may be required to levy taxes upon all taxable property in Clinton County without limitation as to rate or amount if the payments made by the City of DeWitt, the Township of DeWitt, and Watertown Charter Township are insufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds when due.

Dated: March 24, 1978

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YMCA forming softball league

The Lansing YMCA is taking applications for the YMCA Softball League which begins play in June.

For more information on how to register your team, call the Lansing YMCA, 489-6501, ext. 55. The deadline for entries is May 12.

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April night skies display earthshine

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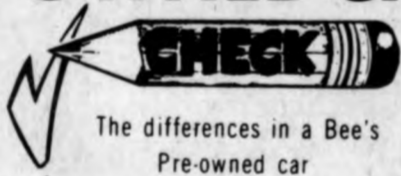
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Antique 'Car Club in process of reorganizing

By Sue Kiley Staff Writer

Clinton County You don't have to be an antique car owner to belong. What you do need is a love of cars and the desire to learn more about them.

According to Bill Clark who is trying to revitalize the dying Hub Antique Car Club, a person who goes to the meetings will eventually buy a car in most cases.

A meeting was held last October, but attendance fell off after that and people just lost interest.

"There's a lot of people who own antique cars in the area and they bring these cars to a lot of different places, but not to St. Johns," Clark asserted. "What we're trying to do is see if we can renew the interest and hopefully have meetings on a monthly basis."

The reorganizational meeting is set for April 11 at 8 p.m. in the basement of Central National Bank.

Clark explained any car over 25 years old is considered an antique.

"It's an expensive hobby," the owner of the 1949 Cadillac Convertible commented. "You can buy a car for \$5,000 and then put another \$5,000 in it to get it in running order and looking nice."

He also noted the cars increase in value about \$1,000 per year. For example, a 1936 Packard sold for \$400 three years ago. The price after 18 months jumped to \$4,500.

Clark is a newcomer to antique car circles, as he has only been involved with them for five or six years. His

father-in-law was the one who got him started in this hobby.

"It's getting harder and harder for the little guy to keep the hobby," he said. "The trend now is for two or three families to jointly purchase a car. A couple of years later they sell it and use the profit to purchase another car."

Clark added some people make a living just buying and selling cars. "Their main purpose is to make a profit."

Another aspect which is forcing people out of the hobby is that the car can only be driven three or four times a year. Also it can only be used for Club activities or tours through the countryside.

Antique plates must be purchased for the car, although it is only bought once for between \$12 and \$15. However, when the car is sold the license is given back to the state.

The cars also have to be stored in the wintertime because the elements would do a lot of damage to the auto.

Although Clark does some tinkering with the engines of his three cars he noted the body work should be done by and a professional. There are a number of these people in the Troy and Farmington areas and across the country.

Antique cars are found in the most unusual places and how Clark found one of his autos is a story in itself.

"I found this Cadillac in a barn and bought it three years ago," he began. "It had four flat tires, chickens flying in and out of the hole in the roof, and it hadn't been driven in about 15 years. I told the guy if he could start it I would buy it."

The former owner started the auto, filled the tires, Clark paid him \$800 for the car and drove it home. Looking at the car today, no one would ever suspect what it had gone through previously.

"I really like the fellowship you get by having a club," Clark commented. "Also you can get a lot of help when you need parts. After all you just can't walk into a store and pick out what you want."

In explaining why people want these cars they can't drive and that are very expensive to keep, he said, "Having cars is prestigious. It's not uncommon at all to own anywhere from six to 12 cars."

Clark himself has gone through six cars.

"You just keep upgrading what you buy," he said.

"You work your way up." The young man has always had a love for cars and in his teenage years it was Hot Rod just like everyone else. "I never really knew about the antique cars until much

later," he mentioned. Depending on what happens at the meeting next

week, the organizer said there is hope to have a couple of parades this summer to

show off the prized possessions. There are also plans formulating for a couple of

tours. Tours are 10 or 12 cars forming a caravan touring the countryside and

traveling to places like Traverse city and Muskegon.

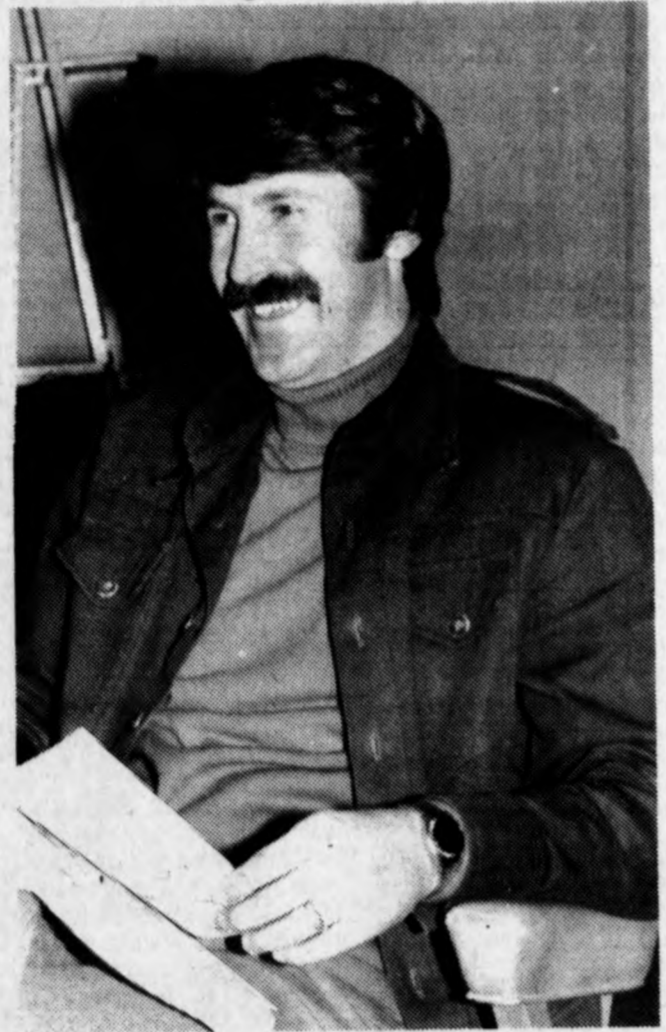
"We take the scenic routes because our cars don't go very fast," he said. "The older cars only go about 35 or

40 miles an hour and it would tend to cause a traffic jam."

Another problem with traveling on the main roads is gawkers. "They see the old cars and point and look," he said. "They can run you

off the road and cause problems."

Clark added he knows of one pick-up where its top speed is 16 mph. "Cars are a part of our history and they should be preserved," he concluded.



Bill Clark discusses Antique Cars and the upcoming meeting which is being planned for April 11 in St. Johns. (Photo by Sue Kiley)

Child Study Club elects new officers

St. Johns

The St. Johns Child Study Club held their March meeting at the home of Mrs. MaryAnn Welch.

Officers were elected for the 1978-79 year. They are: President—Mrs. Mary Hutton Vice President—Mrs. Marilyn Newman Recording Secretary—Mrs. Mary Redman Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Betty Webster Treasurer—Mrs. Madelyn Tomczyk

The Syllabus Committee presented their work on the unit "Family Togetherness" to the Club. They defined a family as people who are physically, emotionally and financially dependent on each other.

Other discussion topics were intergenerational activities, responsibility sharing

and recreational activities.

Co-hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Mary Redman and Mrs. Pat Koenigs-knecht.

Coming event

April 14—The Community Mental Health Board of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties will sponsor a seminar on "Short Term Therapy with Children and Families" from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Hilton Inn in Lansing. Any one wishing to register for the seminar may do so by contacting Consultation and Education Services, Ingham Community Mental Health Center, 407 W. Greenlawn, Lansing, Phone 374-8000. There is a \$10 registration fee which includes lunch.

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Legal News

Bannister News

We would like to thank all the people who were so kind to us in our loss of our Mother, Fr. Hanked for his kindness, The Osgoods and all the staff, for all the masses, spiritual bouquets, flowers, cards, food and all the other thoughtfulness shown us. The St. Rita Guild for the dinner served. Also Reuben Eirschele for the use of the K.C. hall and all the others who showed compassion to us in any way.

The family of Antonia Marek 14-1-p-30

The family of Aloys Schafer wishes to thank relatives, friends and neighbors for their visits, prayers and acts of kindness during our sad loss. A special thanks to those who were so helpful the evening of his death. We also wish to thank Frs. Schmitt, Beahan and Hanked and Osgood Funeral Home.

Philomena Schafer Mr. & Mrs. John Schafer Mr. & Mrs. Paul Henning Joanne Schafer Mr. & Mrs. Jim Heibeck 14-1-p-30

I wish to thank Dr. Grosz and the 3rd. floor nursing staff of Clinton Memorial Hospital, also Dr. Karakitsos and the 6th floor doctors and nursing staff at Sparrow for my excellent care while at both hospitals. A special thanks also to Fr. Hanked, Sr. Sheila and Sr. Catherine, family and friends for their prayers, gifts, cards and visits.

Albert Hufnagel 14-1-p-30

Riley and Olive News

The Friendly Farmers Community Farm Bureau Group met with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fedewa March 8 with five families answering roll call. The discussion was led by leader, Dave Conklin, on Michigan Water Policy and Water Rights. After adjournment, refreshments were served by host and hostess.

The April meeting will be hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Howe.

The Men's Club of Hope Lutheran Church, DeWitt, sponsored a pancake supper at the Church March 10 with a good attendance. The Arnold Blizzards, the

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

DEFAULT having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by KENNETH E. JOHNSTON, INC., a Michigan corporation, Mortgagor to LANSING LUMBER COMPANY, a Michigan corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 16, 1977, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Clinton and State of Michigan, on March 25, 1977, in Liber 290 of Mortgages, on page 374, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Seven Thousand, Fourteen (\$7,014.00) Dollars, and an attorney fee of Seventy-five (\$75.00) Dollars, allowed by law, as provided in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceeding having been instituted to recover the monies now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, where by the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the North entrance of the Clinton County Court House in the City of St. Johns, and County of Clinton, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Friday, the 7th day of April, 1978, at 10:00 o'clock Eastern Standard Time in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with six (6) per cent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Lot 26 of Summerlane Subdivision Number 1, a subdivision on part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 16, T3N, R3W, according to the recorded Plat thereof in Plat Book 4, page 26, Clinton County Records, subject to restrictions and easements of record. ALSO, an undivided 1/2th interest in Outlot A of Summer Lane No. 3, according to the recorded plat thereof. The length of the redemption period as provided by law is six

(6) months from the time of said sale. Dated: February 28, 1978 DOOD AND BOS John J. Dood Attorneys for Mortgagee 712 Michigan Nat'l Tower Lansing, Michigan 48933 LANSING LUMBER COMPANY Mortgagee 11-4

State of Michigan The Probate Court for the County of Clinton, Estate of Jesse E. Bartholomew, Deceased, File No. 19906.

TAKE NOTICE: On March 16, 1978, in the Probate Courtroom, Courthouse, St. Johns, Michigan, before the Hon. Timothy M. Green, Judge of Probate, a hearing was held on the petition of Jean Bartholomew, the will of the deceased dated December 2, 1976 was admitted to Probate and administration of the estate was granted to Ruby Stage-meier.

TAKE NOTICE: On June 14, 1978 at 9:30 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 against said estate will be heard. Creditors must file sworn claims with the Court and serve a copy on Ruby Stage-meier, 2642 Bow Street, Jackson, MI 49203 prior to said hearing.

NOTICE is further given that the estate will be thereupon assigned to persons appearing of record entitled thereto. Dated: March 31, 1978 Attorney for Petitioner: Walker & Moore By: Jack Walker 117 E. Walker Street St. Johns, Mich. 48879 Phone (517) 224-3241

Ruby Stage-meier 2642 Bow Street Jackson, MI 49203 14-1

State of Michigan The Probate Court for the County of Clinton, Estate of Michael C. Wesner, Deceased, File No. 19955.

TAKE NOTICE: On Wednesday May 3rd, 1978, at 9:30 a.m., in the Probate Courtroom, in the Courthouse in St. Johns, Michigan, before the Hon. Timothy M. Green, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the petition of Betty J. Hicks, Administratrix W/W A for License to Sell Real Estate of said deceased. Persons interested in said estate are directed to appear at said hearing to show cause why such license should not be granted.

Dated: March 27, 1978 Attorney for Petitioner: Robert H. Wood Maples and Wood 306 N. Clinton St. Johns, Mich. 48879 Petitioner: Betty J. Hicks 5154 W. Parks Road R.F.D. 2 St. Johns, Michigan 48879 14-1

State of Michigan The Probate Court for the County of Clinton, Estate of Harold A. Palmer, Deceased, File No. 19695.

TAKE NOTICE: On Wednesday, June 14, 1978, at 9:30 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 against said estate will be heard. Creditors must file sworn claims with the Court and serve a copy on Delcena Myers, Executrix, 108 West Gibbs Street, St. Johns, Michigan, 48879, prior to said hearing.

Dated: March 27, 1978 Attorney for Petitioner: Maples & Wood Paul A. Maples 306 North Clinton Avenue St. Johns, Mich. 48879 Phone (517) 224-3238

Petitioner: Delcena Myers 108 W. Gibbs St. St. Johns, Mich. 48879 14-1

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CLINTON, ORDER TO ANSWER FILE NO. 6083 DM GCR. 120.5. DIANA MARY MUELLER plaintiff vs. DUANE KEITH MUELLER defendant.

On January 12, 1978, an action was filed by Plaintiff, in this Court to obtain a decree of absolute divorce.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendant, DUANE KEITH MUELLER, shall answer or take such other action in this Court as may be permitted by law on or before June 12, 1978. Failure to comply with this Order will result in a Judgment by Default against such Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the fees or costs of publication by said by Clinton County, Honorable Timothy M. Green Probate Judge acting Circuit Judge

Dolores Hiller Deputy Clerk GREATER LANSING LEGAL AID BUREAU

By: Philip E. Hodgman 300 North Washington Ave. Lansing, Mich. 48933 14-4

State of Michigan The Probate Court for the County of Clinton, Estate of Essie Mae Blake, File No. 19911.

TAKE NOTICE: On April 19, 1978, at 10:00 a.m., in the Probate Courtroom, St. Johns, Michigan before the Hon. Timothy M. Green, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the Petition of Raymond J. Blake for probate of a purported will of the deceased dated July 31, 1973, for granting of administration to him as Executor named therein, or some other suitable person and for a determination of heirs.

Creditors of the Deceased are notified that all claims against the estate must be presented to said Raymond J. Blake at 3222 Timber Driver, Lansing, Michigan 48917 and proof thereof with copies of the claims filed with the court on or before 9:30 a.m. on June 7, 1978. Notice is further given that the estate will thereafter be assigned to persons appearing of record entitled thereto.

Dated: March 30, 1978 Randy L. Tahvonen, P.C. Attorney for Petitioner 103 East State Street St. Johns, Michigan 48879 Phone: (517) 224-3228 14-1

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The Easter season brought several families together for vacation time and weekend visiting. Pat and Doug Graham of Mio spent the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Dunay. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ensign and children of Kansas City, Mo. visited with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ensign. Vicki and Dennis Van Allsburg of Grand Rapids were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Valentine.

Returning home for Easter was the Jim Bearup family. Kitty and Jim had spent the past two weeks in Florida vacationing with their children. Jim Stewart returned home with his wife, Carol, Wednesday after meeting her at Metropolitan Airport in Detroit. She had been visiting her parents in Zephyrhills, Fla.

Rev. Emmett Kadwell returned home from Lansing General Hospital Tuesday and was in the pulpit for Easter services on Sunday morning. He also held Maundy Thursday services which included communion on Thursday evening. He was assisted Sunday morning in the pulpit by Elmer Leydorf. Serving as greeters for the morning were Ken Swanson and Walt Miller. All three choirs, Cherub, Junior

and Senior, participated in the services. An Easter brunch with home-made coffee cakes and beverages was served following the service in Wesley Center.

The annual Lenten Breakfast held in Alma at the United Methodist Church was attended by some of the area ladies. The complete morning is observed in silence. The program this year was a drama, "The Christus". Those attending from here were Gayle Green, Ruby Stewart, Twila Swanson, Bina Oberlin and Mary Kadwell.

Margaret Moore entered Carson City Hospital Wednesday after noon for observation and treatment. Lenten Devotions Tuesday morning were held at the home of Bob & Wilmina Fike. Bina Oberlin gave the lesson for the day with group discussion following. Ruby Stewart was honored for the day with everyone singing Happy Birthday to her.

Several from Bannister attended the Lenten Breakfast held at the Ovid United Church Wednesday morning.

Carol Gilley of Midland was the missionary speaker for the morning and told of her experiences with the Zulus in South Africa. She also had slides for added description. Those attending from Bannister were Wilmina Fike, Rose Santrucek, Bina Oberlin, Janet Swanson, Lillian Terrell, Gertrude Hofferbert, Edna Nowling, Mildred Bradley, Romona Bradley, Gayle Green, Mary Kadwell, Dawn Moore and Margaret Moore.

Mary Ann Schlarf has returned home following minor surgery at Carson City Hospital.

Ann Luznak returned home after a three-week stay at Carson City Hospital for observation and treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bradley are proud parents of a new daughter born at Memorial Hospital in Owosso Monday morning, March 13. Mother and daughter are both reported as doing fine. Daddy, brother, sister, Grandma Mildred and Aunt Romona also are doing well.

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS OF The Township of DeWitt Clinton County, Michigan

Notice is hereby given that at a special meeting of the Township Board to be held on Monday April 10, 1978, 7 o'clock p.m., it will be proposed that the Township of DeWitt enter into a contract with the County of Clinton, Watertown Charter Township, Bath Charter Township, the City of DeWitt, and the Southern Clinton County Sanitary Sewer Authority in which the full faith and credit of the Township of DeWitt will be pledged.

A proposed contract provides for the acquisition, construction, operation and maintenance of interceptors, sewers, forcemains, lift stations and a waste water treatment plant by the County of Clinton at an estimated total project cost of \$11,859,189 including capitalized interest on bonds to be issued, of which approximately \$9,192,667 will be paid by Federal and State of Michigan grants and of which the local share is approximately \$2,666,522. The interceptors, sewers, forcemains, lift stations and wastewater treatment plant are to be used by the Township of DeWitt, Bath Charter Township, Watertown Charter Township, and the City of DeWitt in accordance with the terms of the proposed contract. The proposed contract provides that the Township of DeWitt will pay the County of Clinton its share of the cost of operation and maintenance of the facilities to be acquired and an amount equal to the installments of principal and interest on \$1,400,000 of bonds to be issued by the County of Clinton to pay part of the local share of the cost of the interceptors, sewers, forcemains, lift stations, and wastewater treatment plant, such installation payments to the County of Clinton to be made at least thirty days prior to the time the installments of principal and interest on the bonds become due. The Township of DeWitt will be obligated under the proposed contract to impose rates and charges or levy taxes or impose rates and charges and levy taxes sufficient to meet its obligations under the proposed contract; however, should the Township of DeWitt default in payment of amounts sufficient to pay the principal and interest and bond service charges on bonds issued by the County to pay part of the cost of acquiring the interceptors, sewers, forcemains, lift stations and wastewater treatment plant pursuant to the proposed contract, the Township of DeWitt will be obligated to levy a tax, without limitation as to rate or amount, on all taxable property in the Township of DeWitt sufficient to raise the funds necessary to meet such obligations under the proposed contract.

A copy of the proposed contract may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk. Dated: March 31, 1978 THE TOWNSHIP OF DEWITT By Judy M. Hazelo Township Clerk

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Not too bad

Gordon Vandemark (left) looks over a checklist of bus inspections with Sergeant Glenn Tucker of the State Police. Every year school buses must be inspected by the State Police. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

SJEA names teacher negotiating team

The St. Johns Education Association announced the members of this year's teacher negotiating team. The SJEA is representative of the district's 175 teachers. Contract talks with the Board of Education will begin soon.

The Chief Negotiator for the teachers will be Douglas Parker who teaches mathematics at St. Johns High School. Parker has taught in the St. Johns school system for five years, and prior to coming here taught in Three Rivers and Marlette. He has 10 years of teaching experience, and brings a solid educational and bargaining background to the negotiations table.

Another member of the team is Michael Muehlenbeck, third grade teacher at Teresa Merrill. He has

taught eight years: six in St. Johns, and two years in Cass City. He has previous bargaining experience.

The two teachers who complete the team are Lee Ormsby, junior high mathematics teacher, and Bill Tennant, who teaches instrumental music at all levels. Ormsby has taught for nine years, and Tennant for 11.5.

The prime objectives for this year's negotiations will be to obtain a fair package, and upgrade the overall school program, especially at the elementary level. The team will seek improvement in salaries and fringe benefits.

The teachers are currently completing the second year of a two-year agreement which will expire Aug. 31.

Three die in Clinton County accidents

Clinton County has seen its share of fatalities during the past week and a half. Two fatal accidents were reported last week and three persons lost their lives in Clinton County March 30, as a result of two auto accidents and one domestic accident.

Eight-year-old Scott Seelhoff died at St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing after he ran out onto Wright Road and was struck by a car driven by James L. Fox, 37, also of Fowler.

Fox told deputies he was traveling southbound on Wright Road and saw children on the West side of the road. He moved his car towards the center of the street as he neared the children. When he came about even with the youngsters one of them ran across the street, apparently not seeing the Fox auto. The child was struck by the right front wheel.

The incident happened about 3:45 p.m. No charges are being brought against Fox.

Linda K. Proctor, 21, N. Logan Street, Lansing, was pronounced dead at the

scene after her auto struck a parked auto on Airport Road.

Proctor was traveling southbound on Airport Road when she struck a parked car owned by James Eiseler, of Airport Road on March 30 at 11:40 p.m.

Upon impact with the Eiseler auto, Proctor lost control of her vehicle, crossed the centerline and struck a tree. Investigations are continuing in the matter.

A young DeWitt Township child accidentally hung himself while playing in the yard of his grandfather on Wieland Road.

David Martinez, 3, was playing on a picnic table with an improvised swing and got his head wedged in the triangle of the swing.

Police are unsure if the child fell or jumped from the table. He died of strangulation.

Several efforts were made to save the boy's life. With relatives attempting CPR, along with the DeWitt Township EMT's and Lansing Mercy Hospital ambulance personnel. The boy was pronounced dead at 2:33 p.m. at Sparrow Hospital.

Bus maintenance better; still room for improvement

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

Clinton County

Last year after State Policemen from the Safety and Traffic Division inspected St. Johns school buses, there were only 13 of 45 buses which passed inspection and St. Johns had to borrow buses from Ovid-Elsie schools in order to complete their daily rounds.

This year the figures have reversed for St. Johns, with only 15 receiving rejection slips, including four which were taken off the road until repairs were made.

"It took us a while to get there last year and it will take us a while to get back up," says Gordon Vandemark, administrative assistant in charge of transportation for St. Johns.

State Policemen Sergeant Glenn Tucker of the Safety and Traffic Division and Trooper James Adams of the Capitol Post completed their yearly inspections of Clinton County schools last Friday, March 31.

As required by law, all school buses must be inspected once a year. Inspections are based upon the Motor Vehicle Code, regulations and specifications set by the Department of Education as well as federal regulations.

Adams and Tucker are responsible for an eight-county area and began their inspections last October, covering 60 school districts. Fowler was their last school district for the school year.

St. Johns to host circus

St. Johns

The St. Johns Knights of Columbus Council 3281 has contracted for the circus to appear under their auspices in St. Johns on Wednesday, June 21.

The local Council of the Knights of Columbus feel that the circus provides good, clean family entertainment and it has been some years since a circus has played in the area under the Big Top.

Advance tickets at discount prices will be offered and it is hoped by the Knights Circus Committee that many will take advantage of this and provide special children's admission tickets for youngsters from the area.

The local Council will be making available reduced price tickets for senior citizens and various special groups.

So—get ready, the circus is coming to town. Profits will aid mental retardation, Boysville, senior citizens and youth groups.

DeWitt bank slated for construction

DeWitt Township

Michigan National Bank has received approval from the Comptroller of the Currency to establish a new branch office to be located in the proposed DeWitt Town Plaza, a shopping center and residential complex on an 80-acre tract between Herbison and Webb Roads west of and adjacent to US-27 in DeWitt Township.

William M. Walworth, Senior Vice President of Michigan National Bank said present plans are to complete a permanent full service banking facility by late 1978.

The new DeWitt Branch will provide increased service and convenience to Michigan National Bank customers living in the St. Johns, Bath, and DeWitt areas.

In addition to the very latest in drive-in window facilities to speed banking, area customers will be offered a full range of business and personal checking account services, continuously compounded interest on regular savings, long term certificates of deposit for larger amounts, complete trust services, two world-wide charge cards—Michigan Bankard Visa and Mastercharge, and a large selection of safe deposit boxes.

The new DeWitt location is the 19th Michigan National banking office serving the Greater Lansing area.

Fowler as well as DeWitt both passed the inspections with flying colors. Roy Ellsworth, Fowler superintendent, said all 10 buses passed for the third year in a row. DeWitt's 17 buses passed in their mid-February inspection.

Bath schools also had a perfect inspection, with 13 buses being passed last November. Another bus, which was in for repairs during the first inspection, received a passing grade after it came from the garage.

Of Ovid-Elsie's bus fleet numbering 35, only two were rejected and none were taken off the road. One rejected bus had a cracked windshield and the other bus had a burnt out light bulb. This was the first time in recent years that

the O-E bus fleet did not receive a 100 per cent passing grade.

Pewamo-Westphalia had six of their 20 buses yellow-slipped and three taken off the road, according to Superintendent Roy Thelen. "We had more off the road this year than before," he said, but he also said all buses passed the second inspection.

When buses go through inspection, they are given either a red sticker on the front windshield saying the bus passed inspection; a yellow sticker saying the bus has defects but is driveable; or a red sticker saying the bus cannot be driven due to defects.

"One man goes inside to check for any damage to the floor, seats, doors, gauges and safety equipment," says

Tucker. The other inspector goes underneath to look for loose body clamps, frayed gas lines, defective exhaust systems, faulty tires or loose steering. "Anything that is out of place," says Tucker.

"We look for anything with an unsafe nature or any defect that may be harmful to a child," he confirms. Some school systems have a 100 per cent passing rate; others have half of their buses rejected. It all depends on maintenance.

If buses don't pass on the first inspection, a second inspection is slated in a few weeks. If the buses receiving yellow tags on the first inspection fail to pass the second inspection, they are taken off the road until they are fixed.

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